

# Topological Machine Learning and Its Applications

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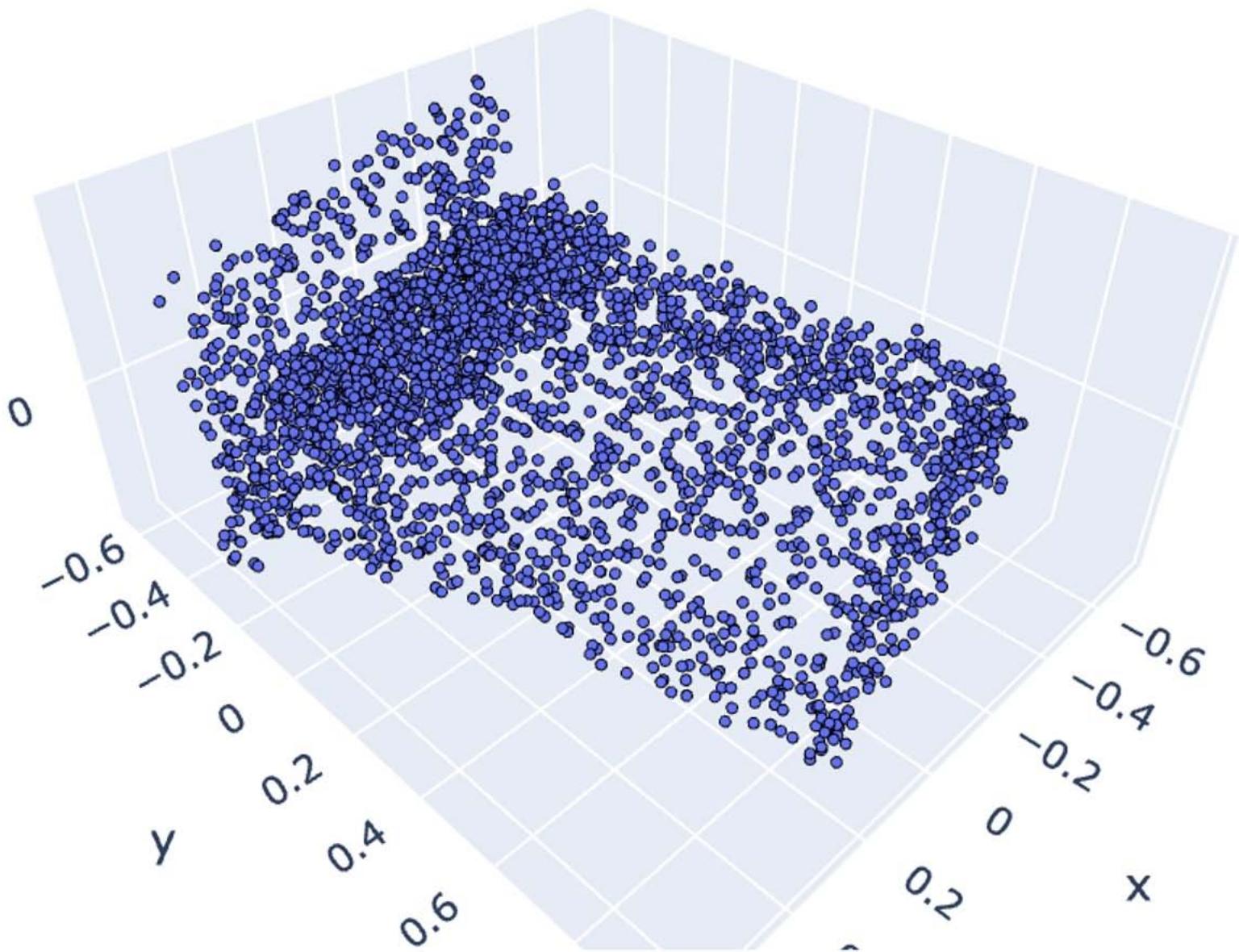
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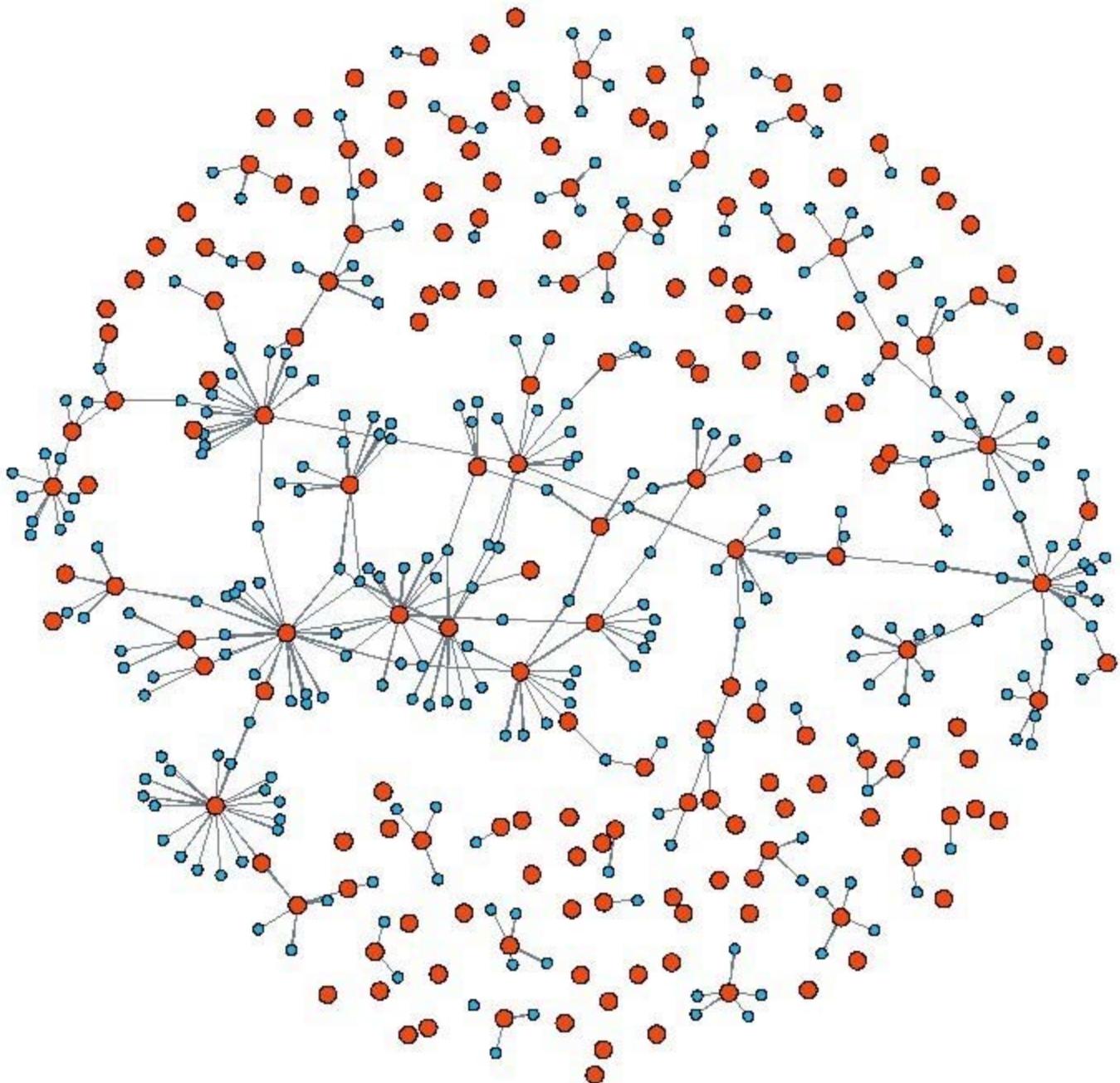
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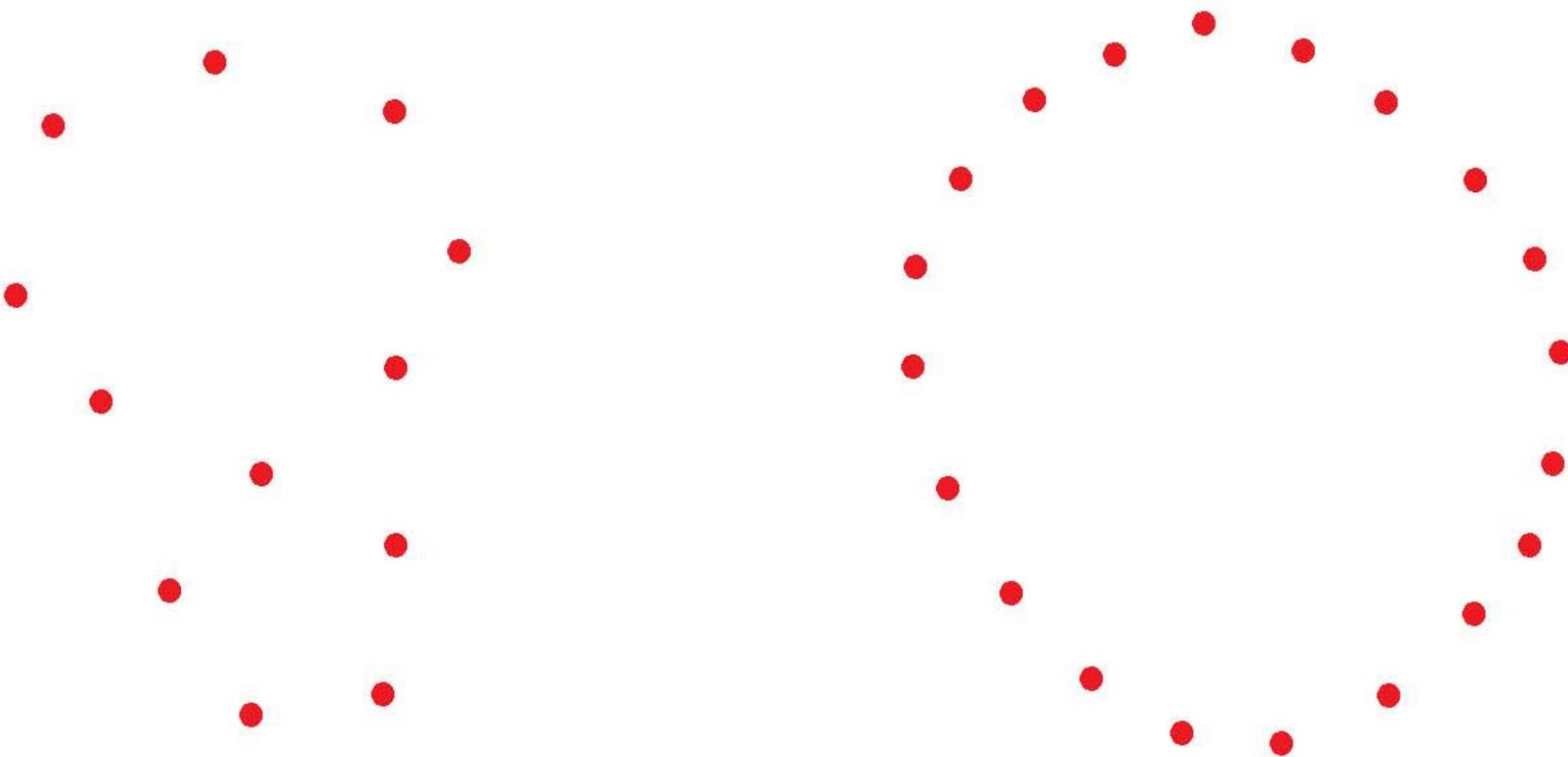
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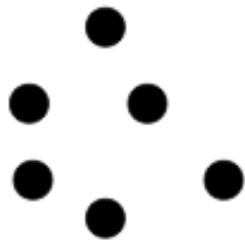
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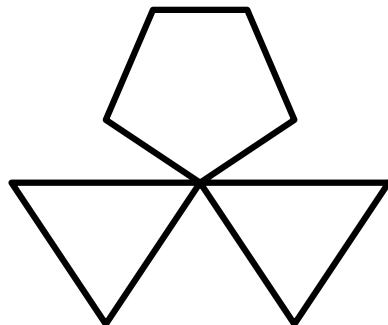
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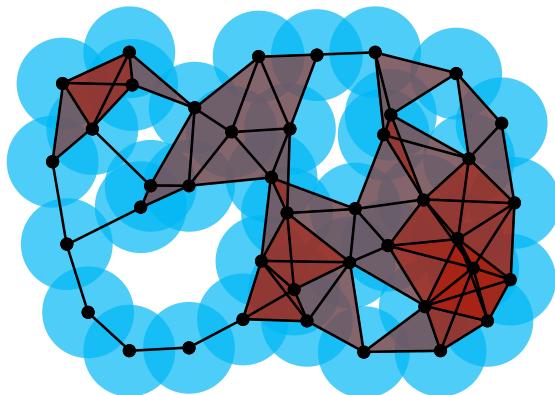
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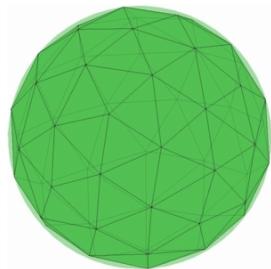
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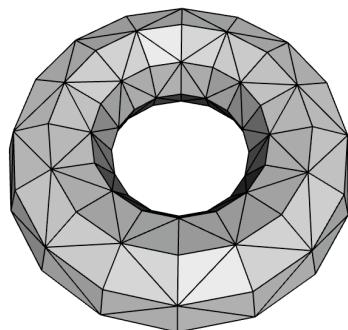
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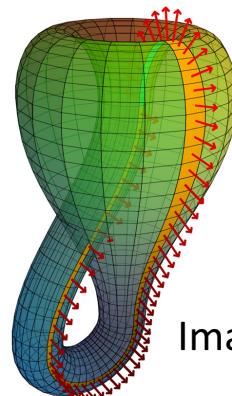
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Be careful! (Same as torus over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ )

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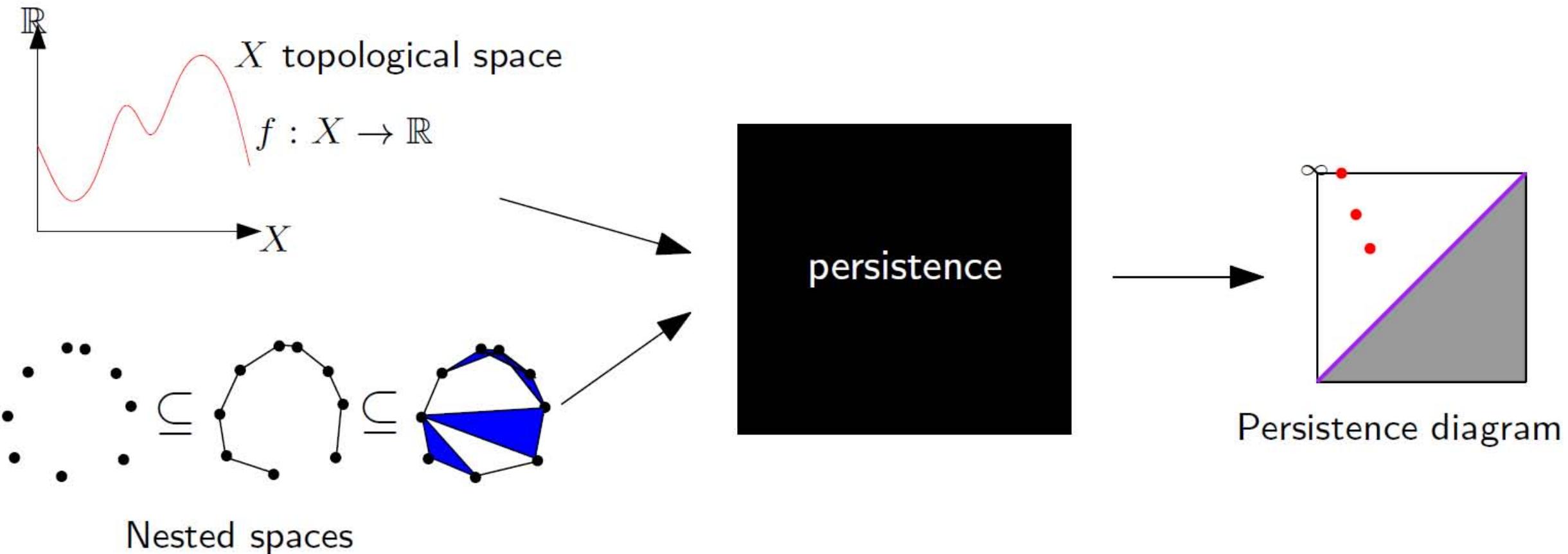
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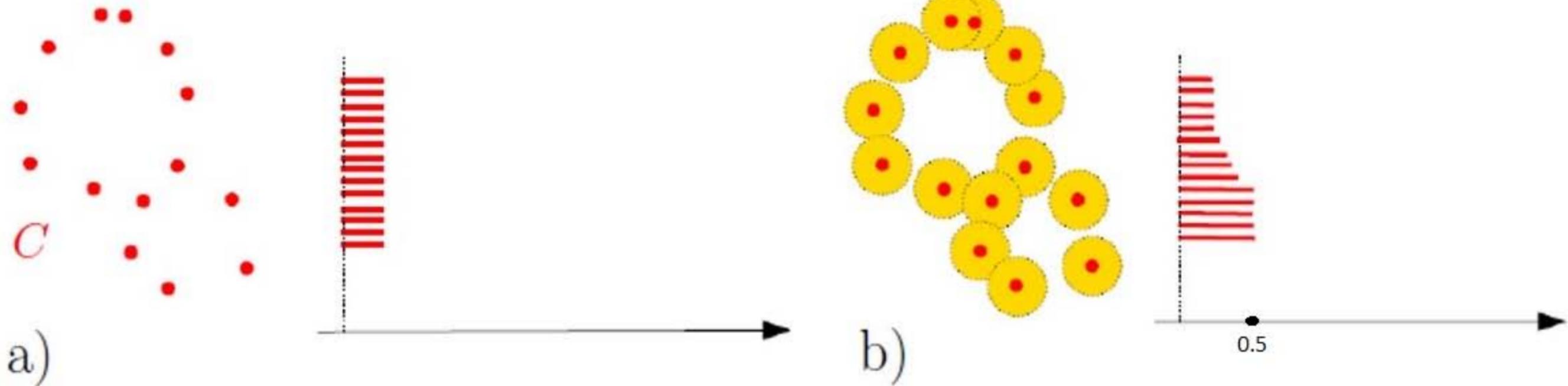
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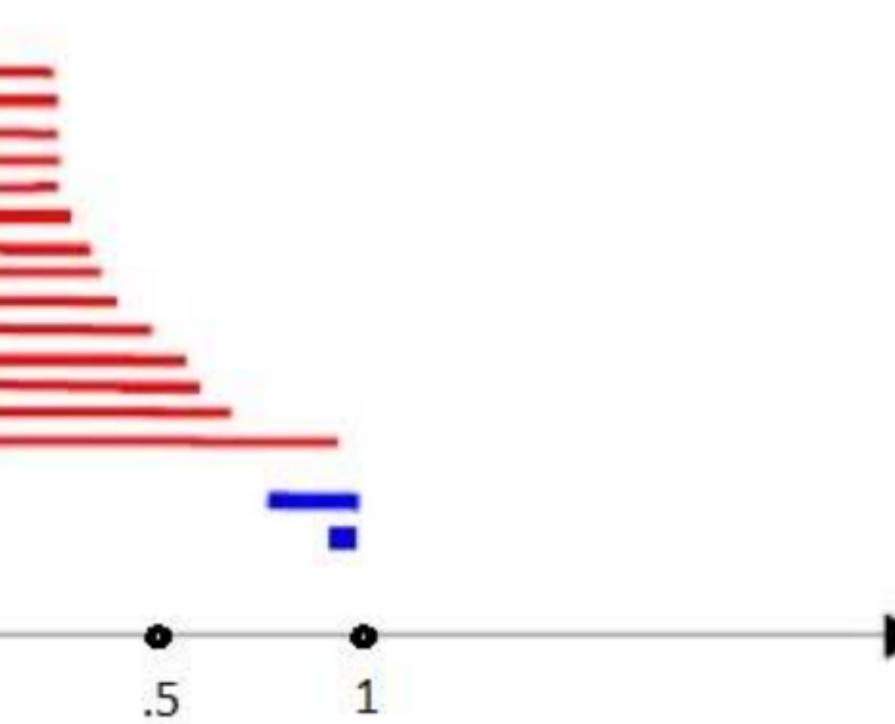
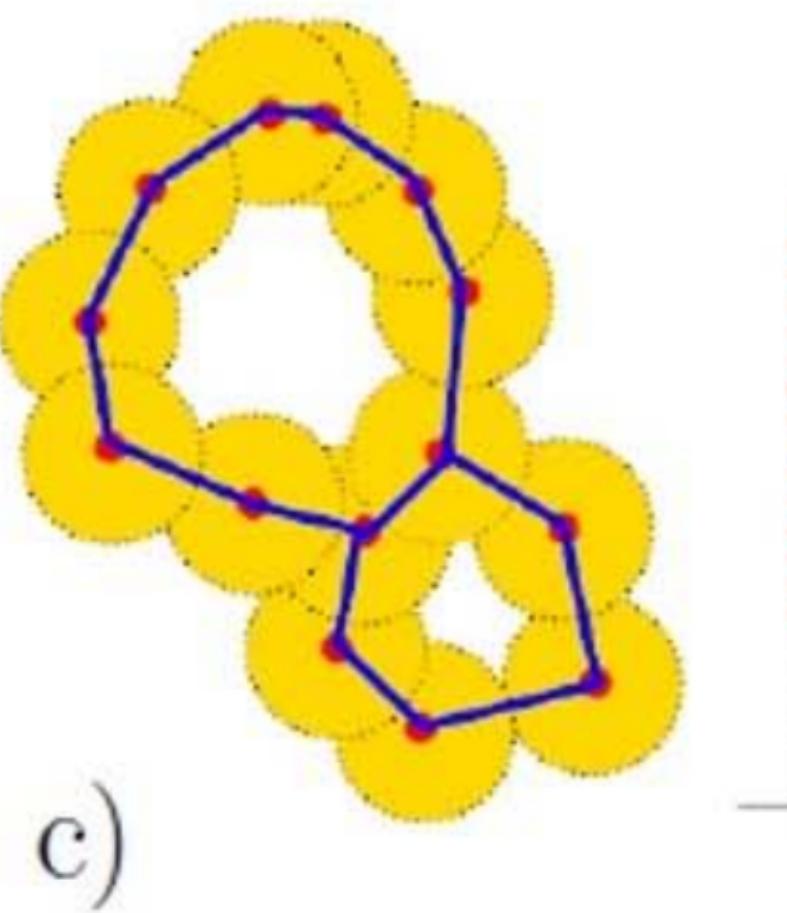
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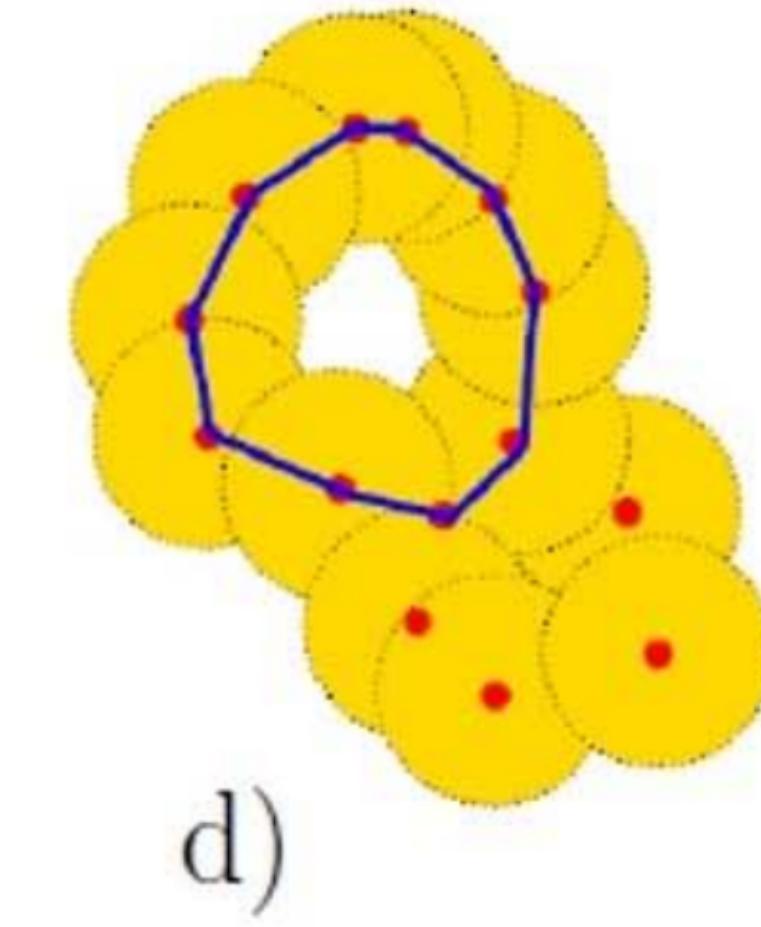
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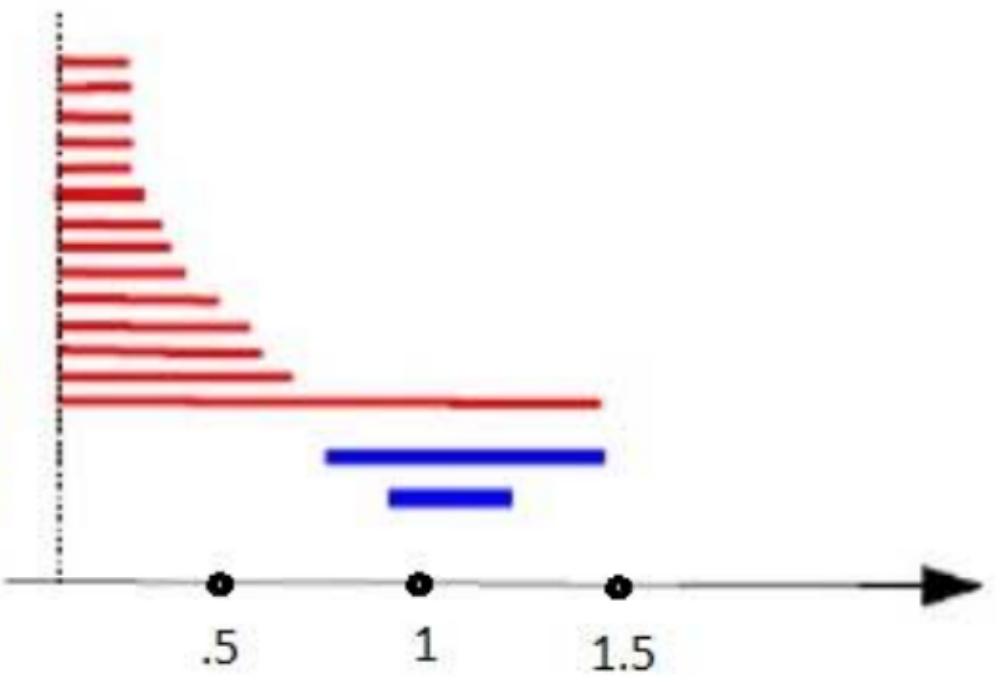


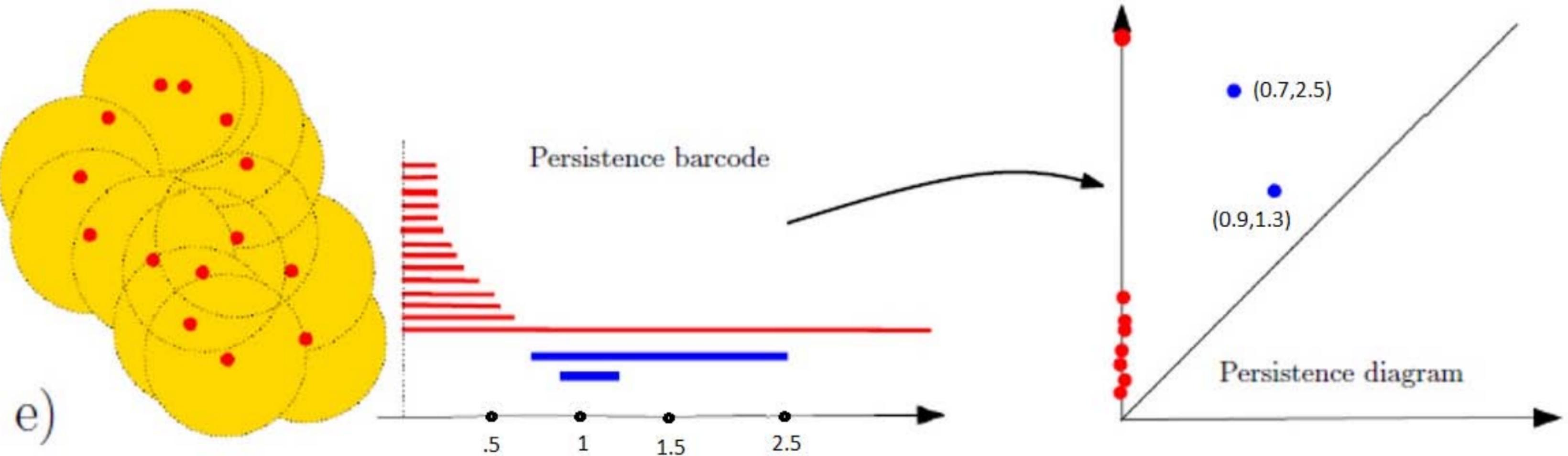


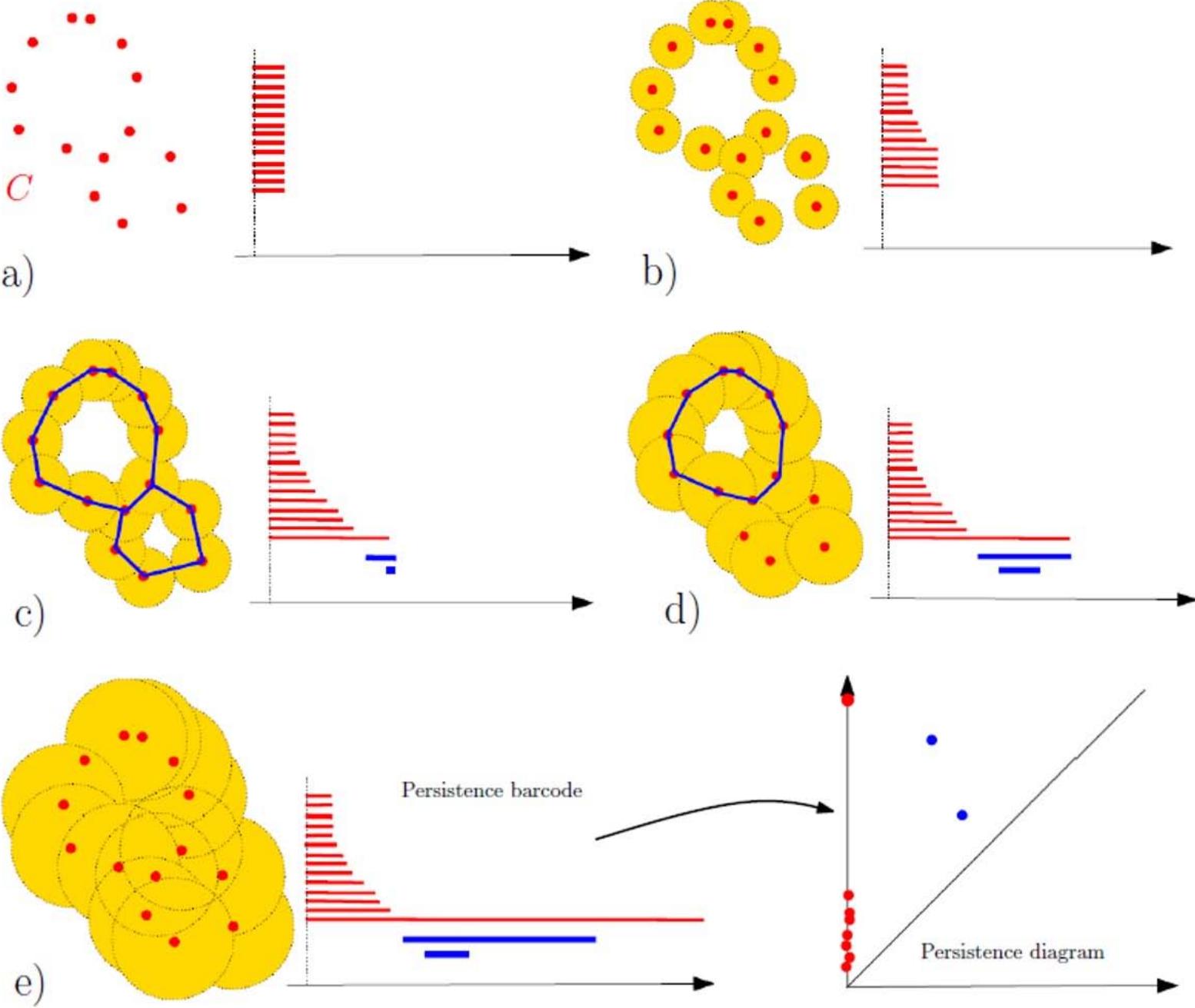
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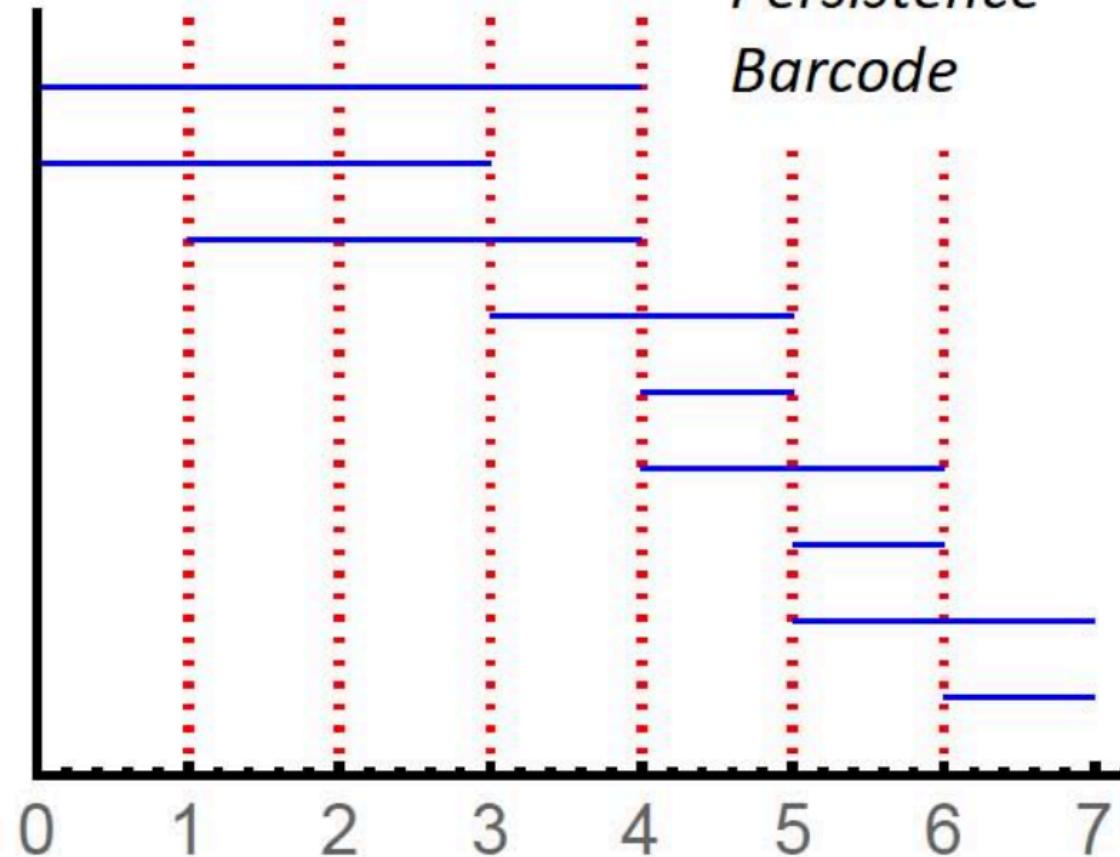




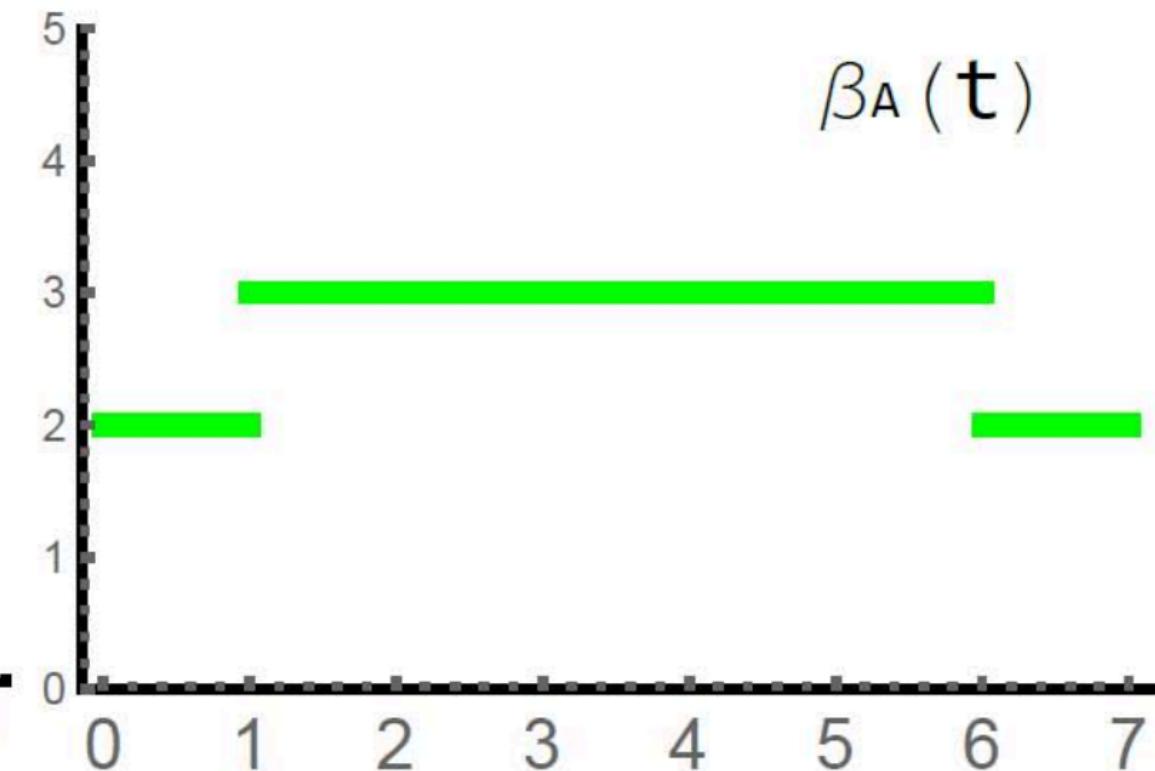
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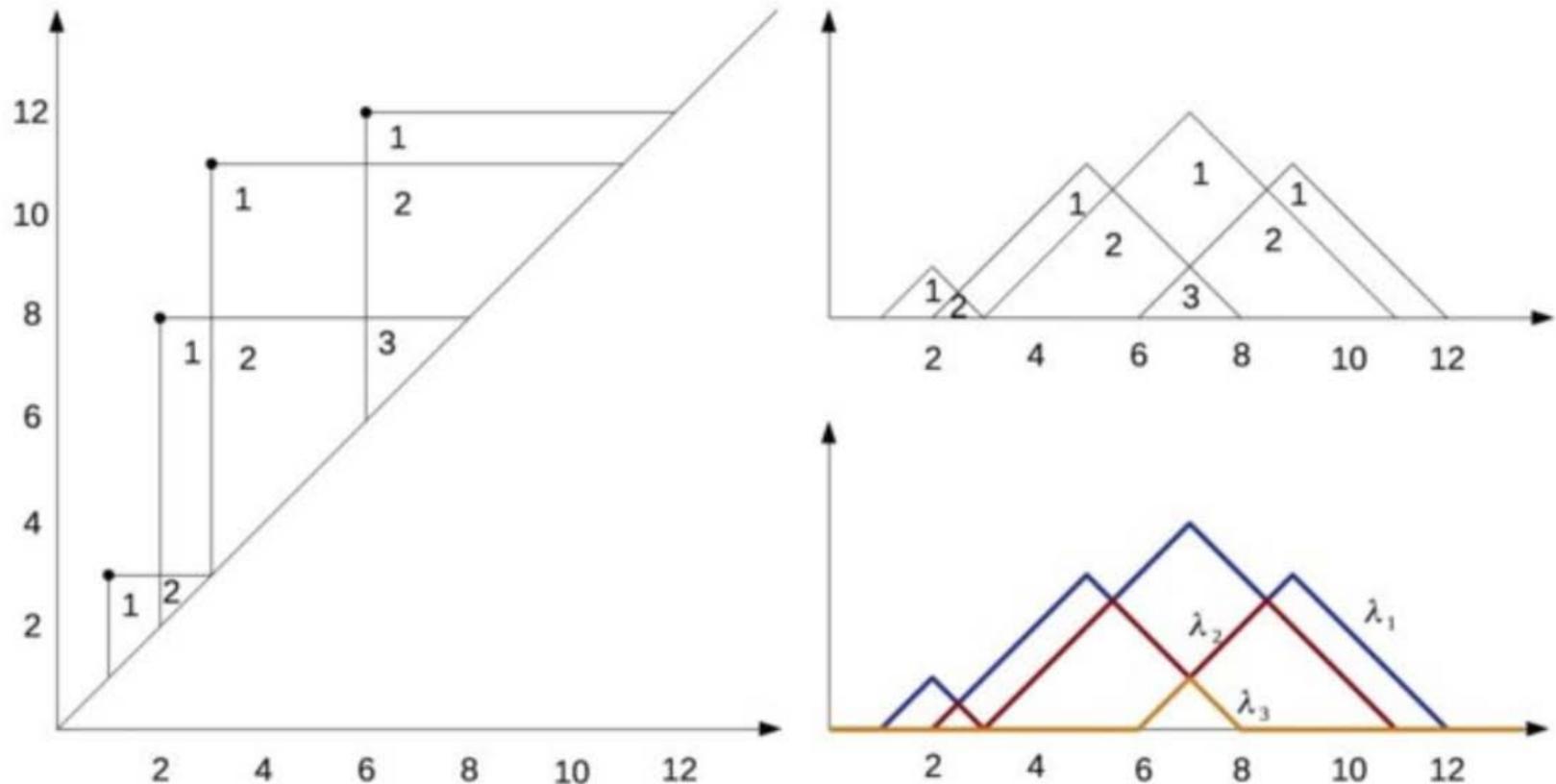
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*Persistence  
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*Betti Function*





Persistence Landscape

# Input Data

Function

Point cloud

Digital images

Matrix

Network



## Simplicial complex

Vietoris-Rips  
complex

Alpha complex

Morse complex

Cech complex

Clique complex

Cubical  
complex



## Barcode/ Persistent Diagram generation

JavaPlex

Perseus

Dionysus

Phat

Dipha

Gudhi

Ripser

R-TDA

JHole



Persistent Betti  
number

Persistent  
Landscapes

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Wasserstein distance  
Bottleneck distance

Persistent Kernels



## Unsupervised learning & supervised learning

Clustering & Dimensionality Reduction (PCA, Isomap,  
Diffusion map, K-means, Spectral clustering, etc)

SVM, CNN, Random Forest, KNN, Naive-Bayes, etc

*Image credit - Pun, Xia, Lee. TDA Survey (2018)*

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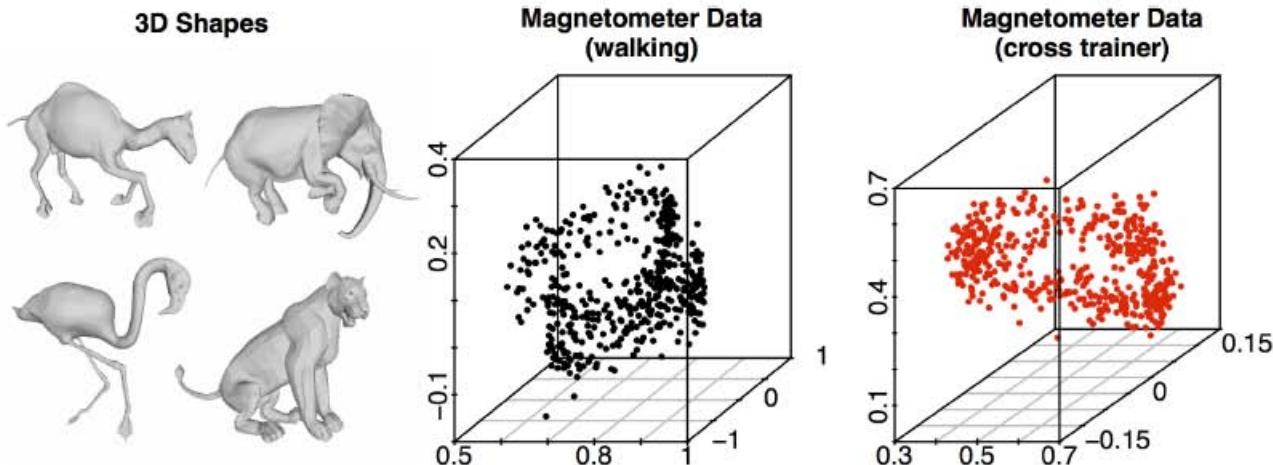


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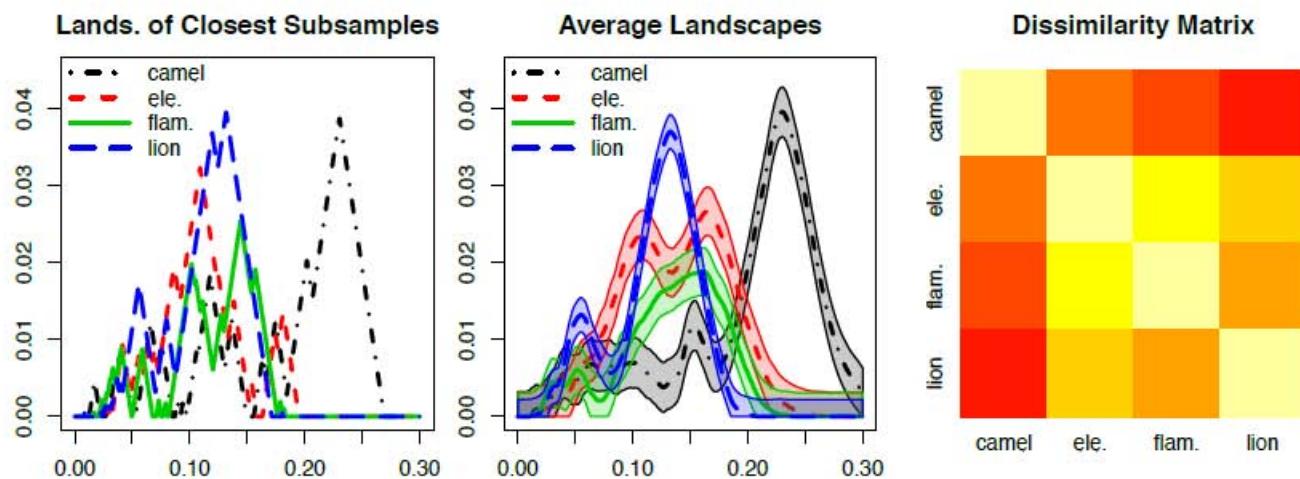


Figure 5. Subsampling methods applied to 3D shapes. For  $n = 100$  subsamples of size  $m = 300$ , for each shape, we constructed the landscapes of the closest subsample (left), the average landscape with 95% confidence band (middle) and the dissimilarity matrix of the pairwise  $\ell_\infty$  distance between average landscapes.

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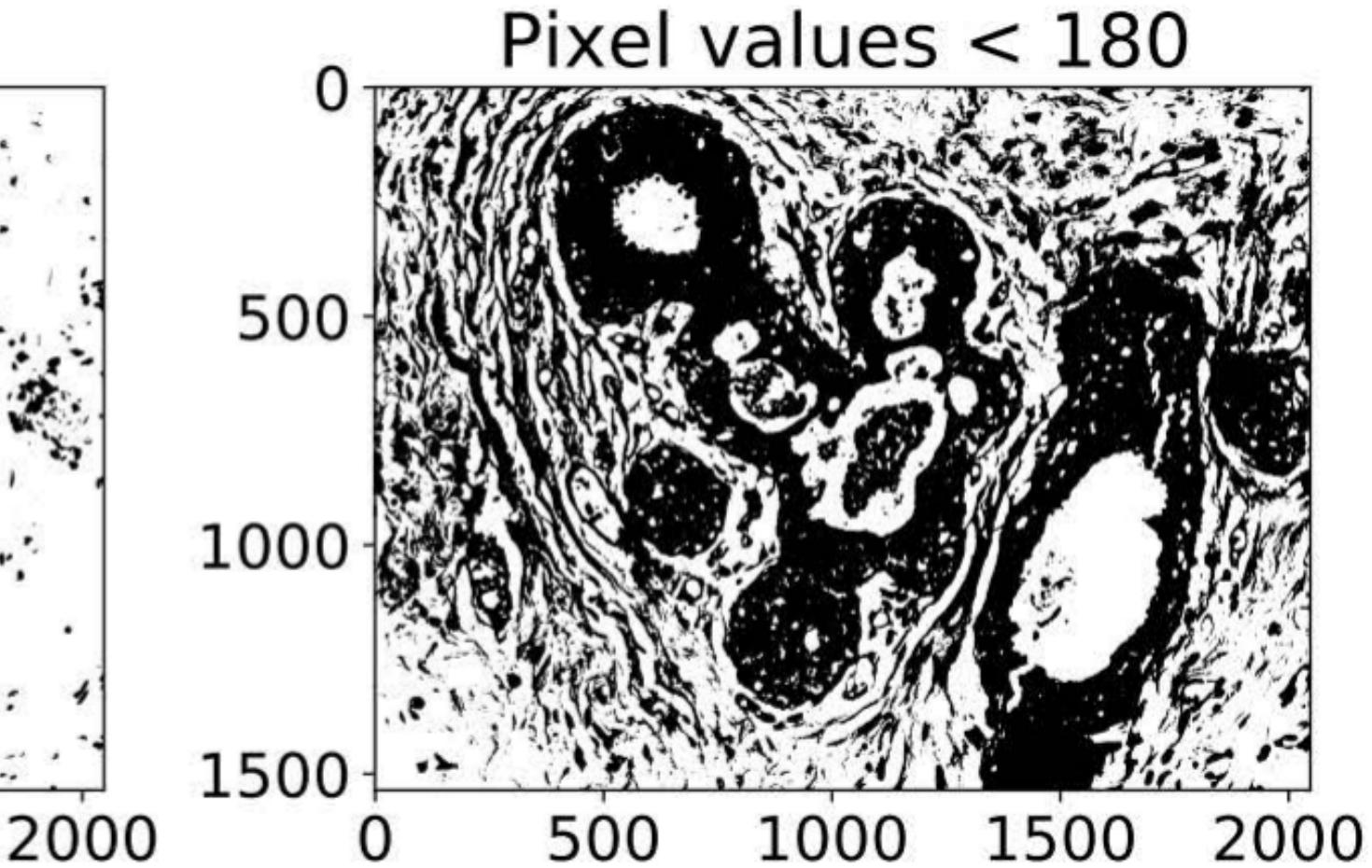
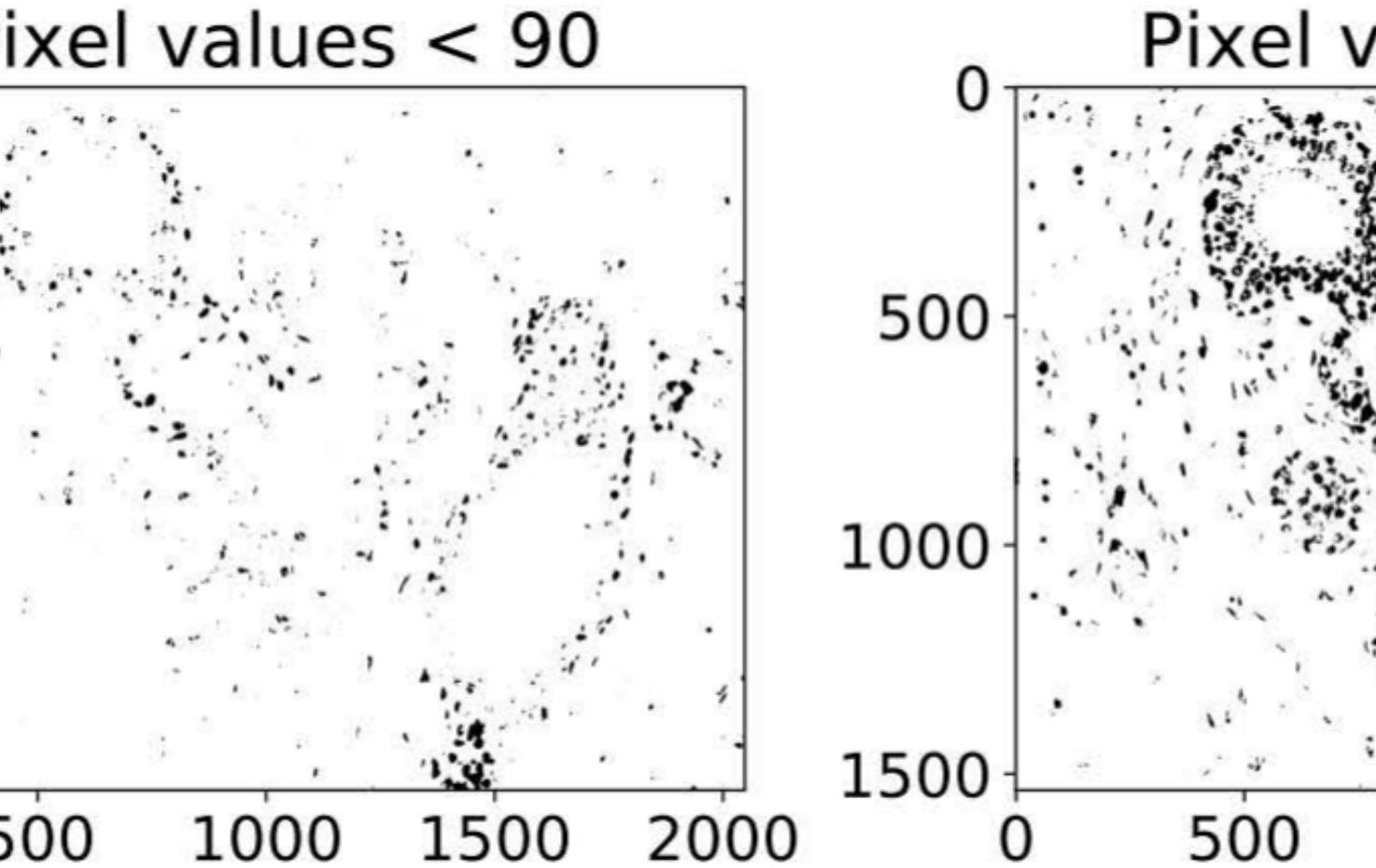
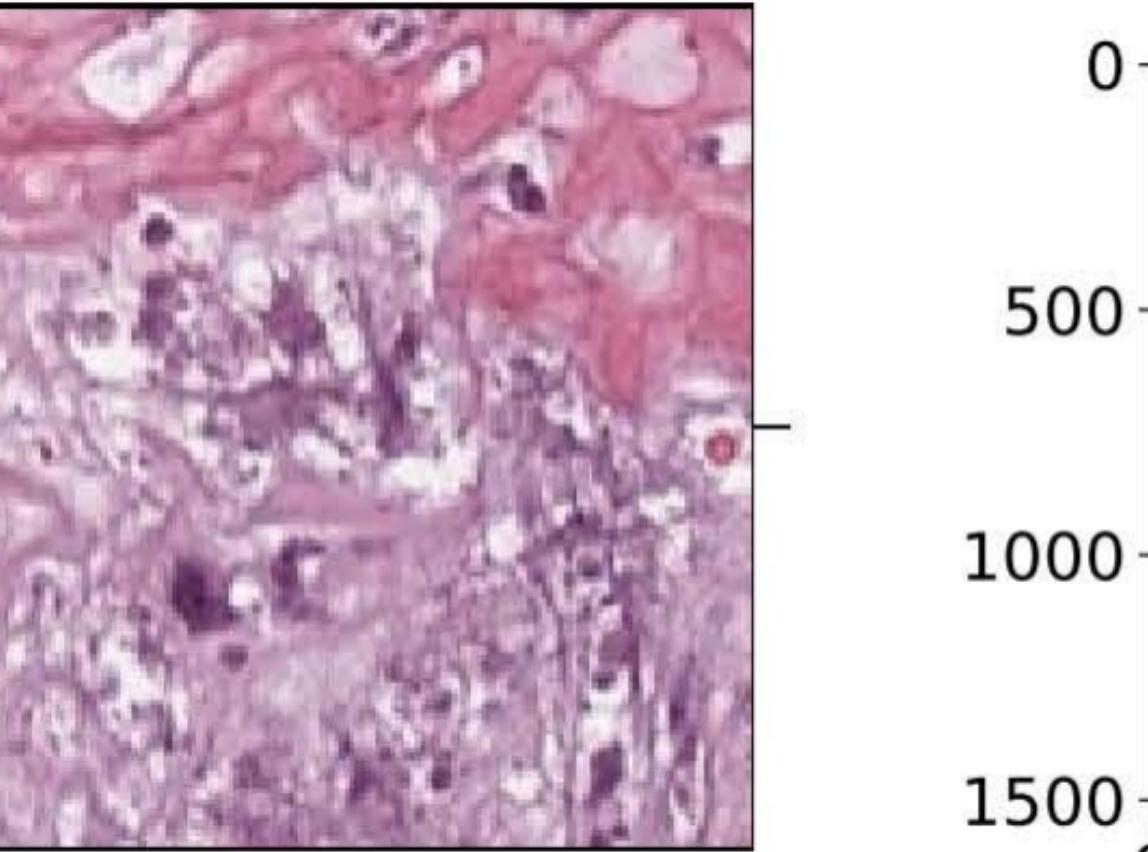
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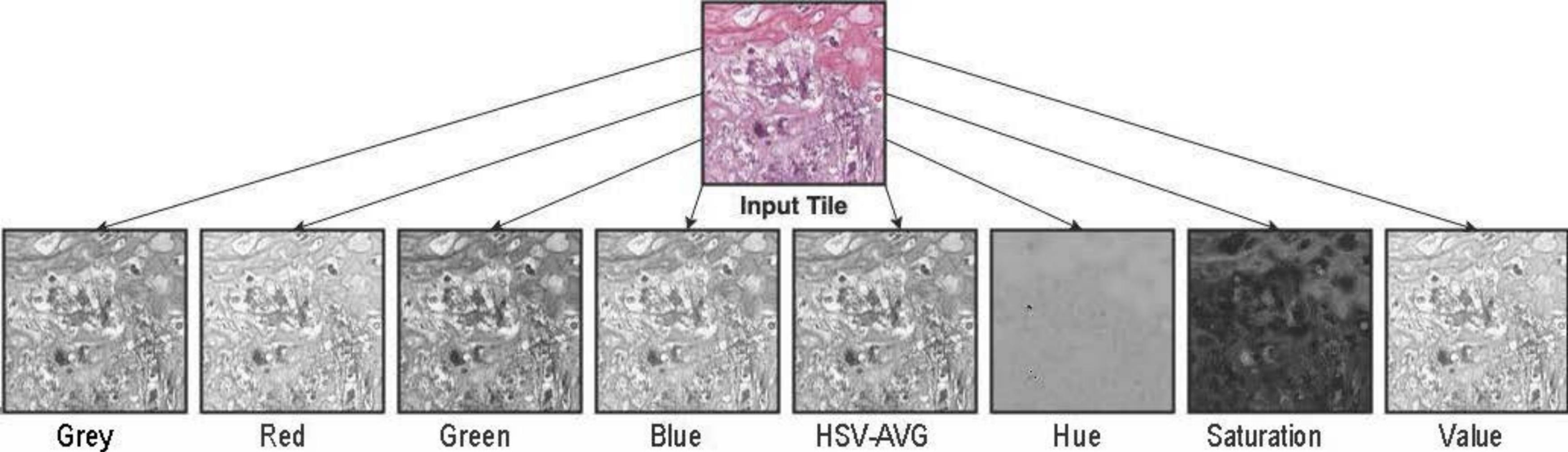
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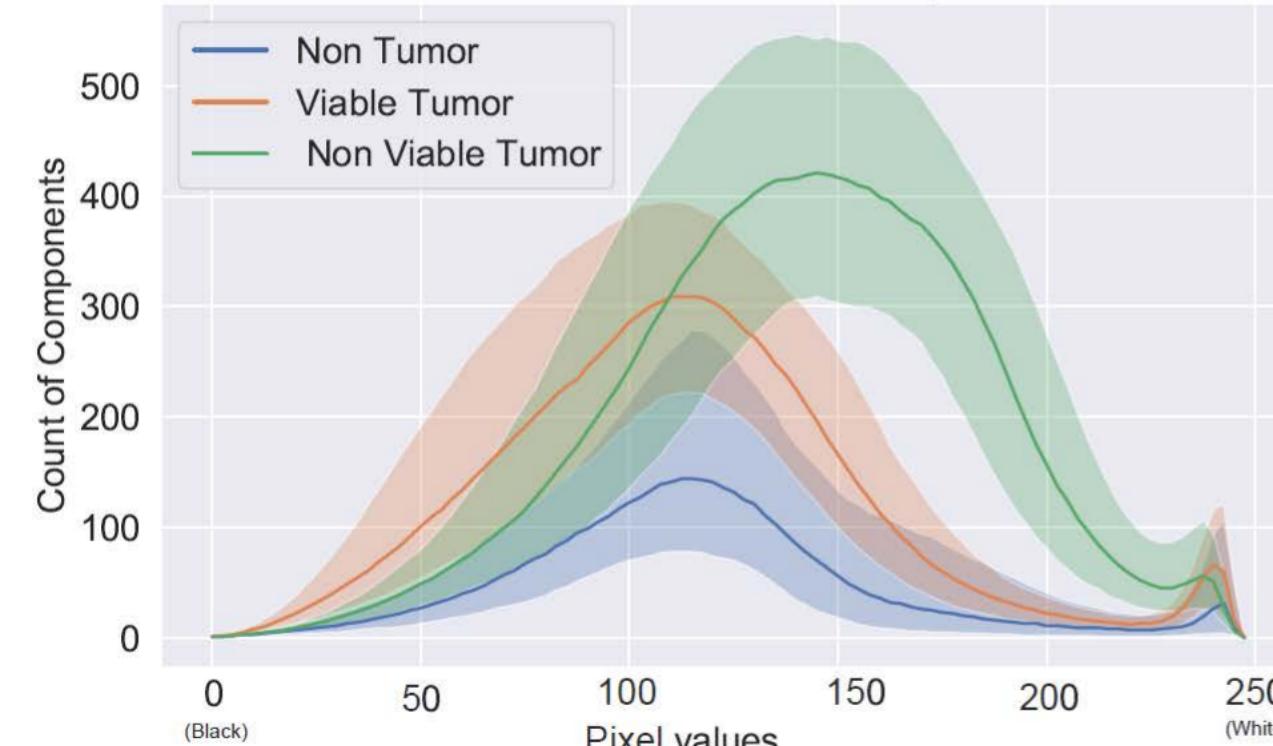
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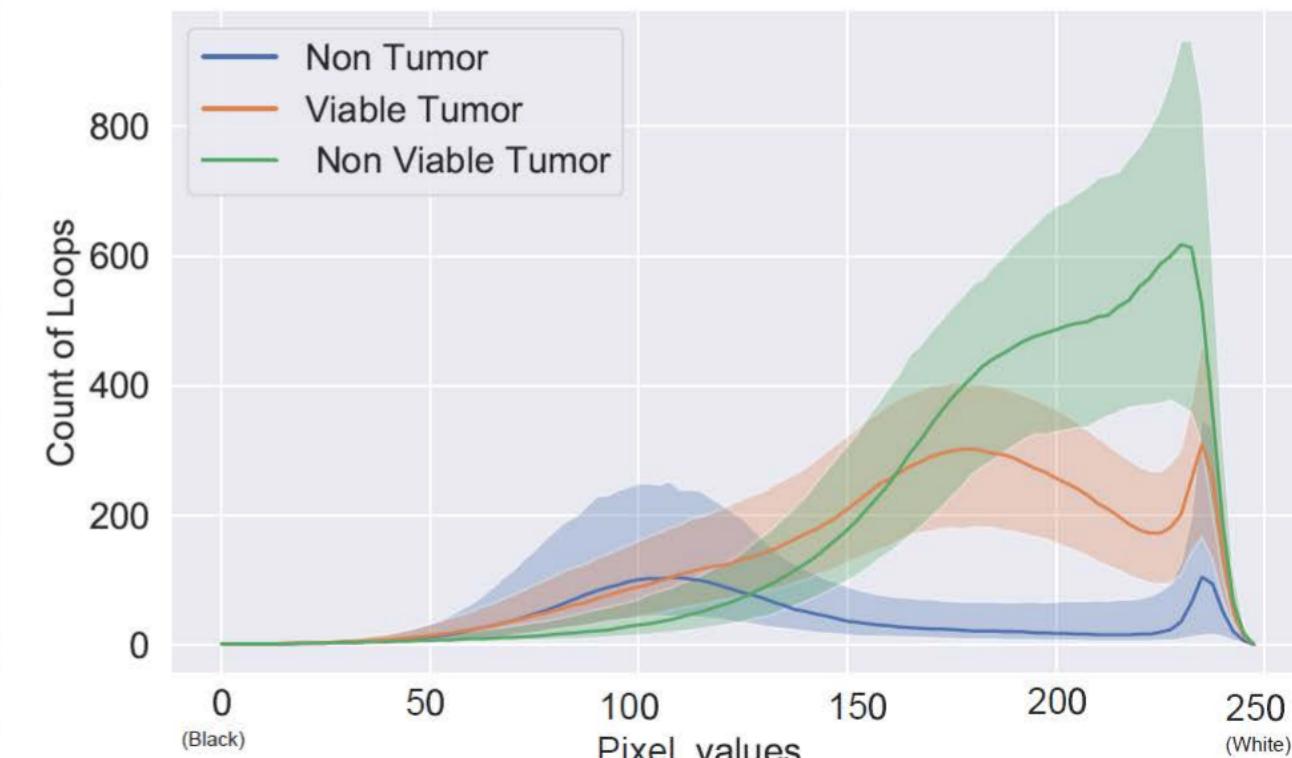
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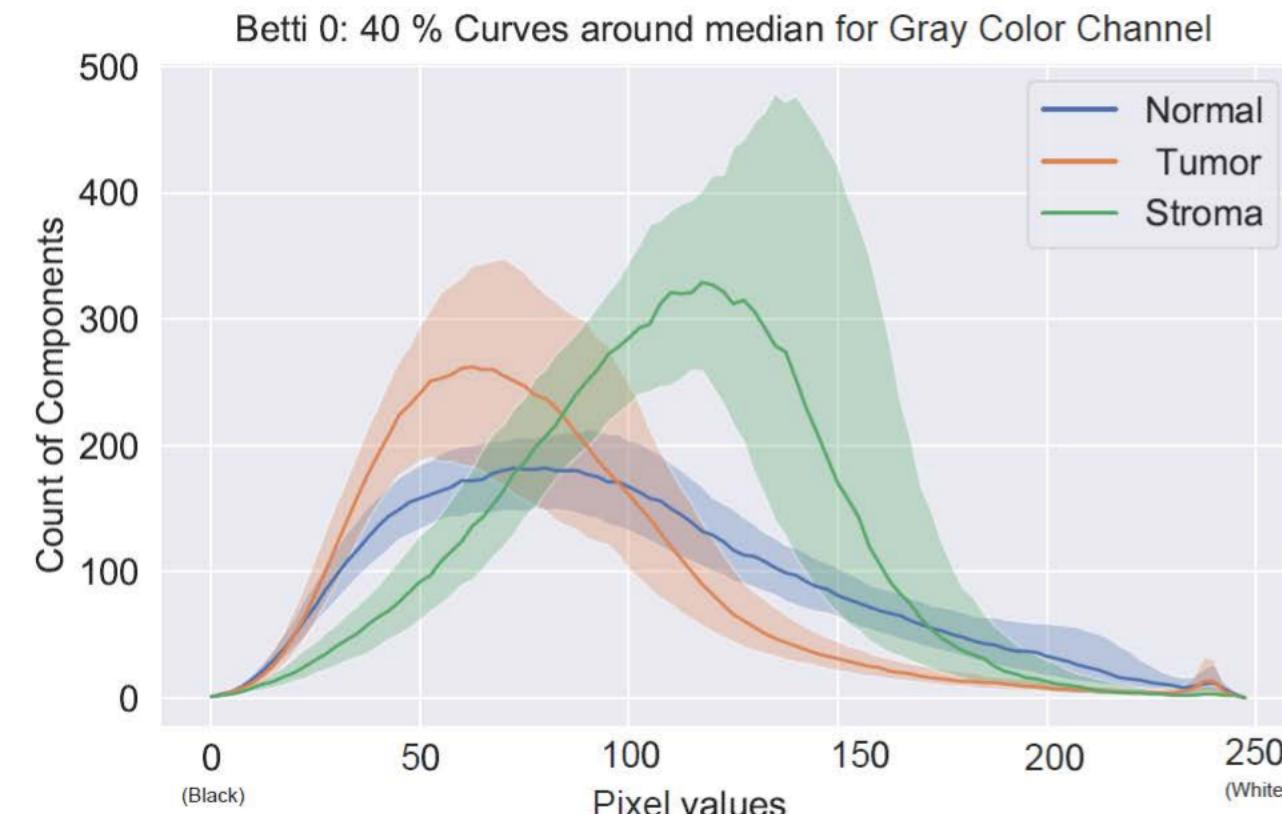


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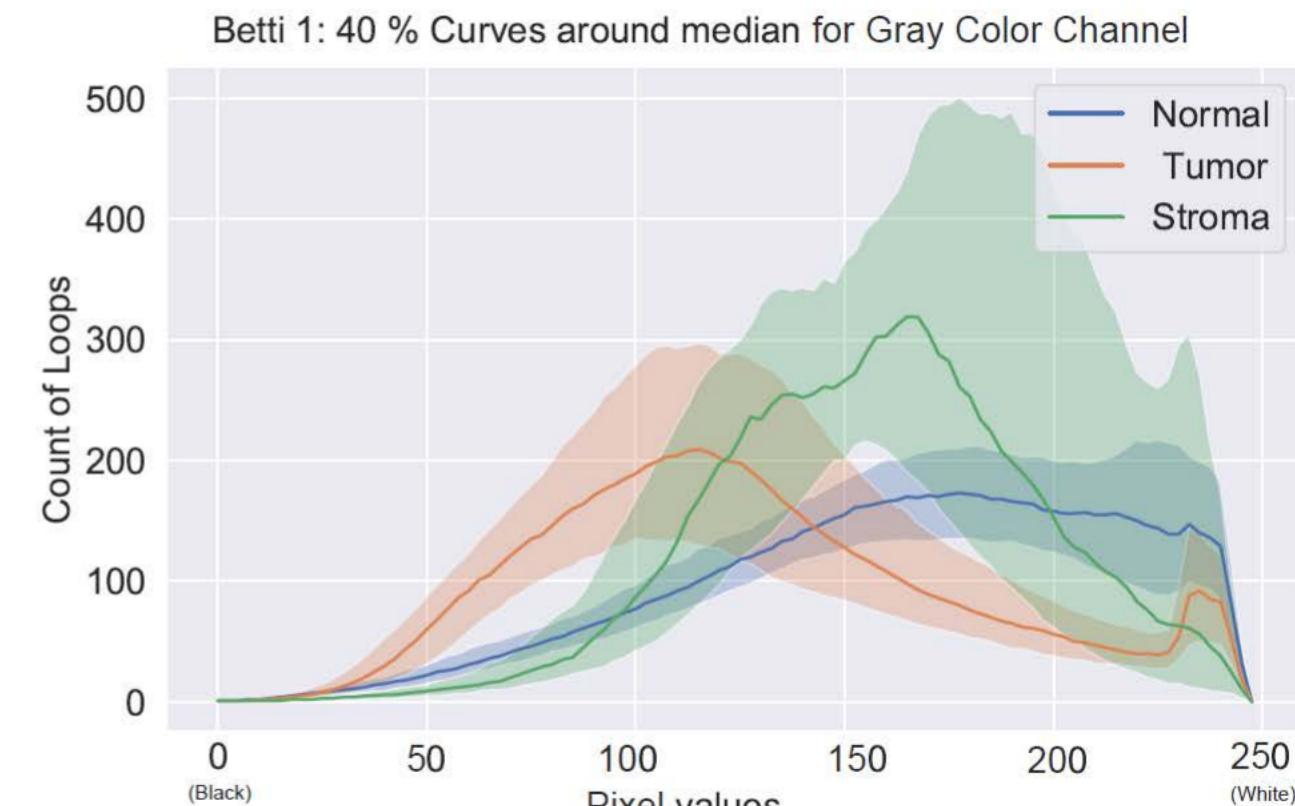
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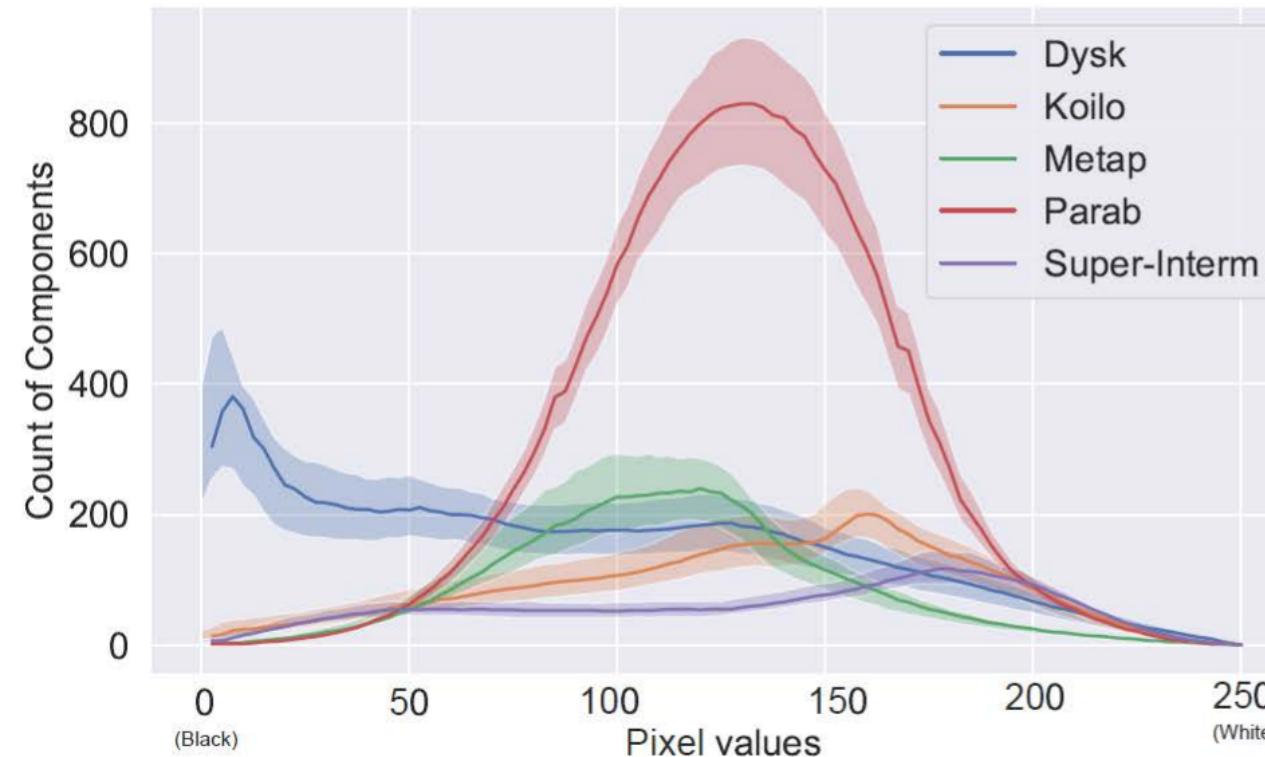
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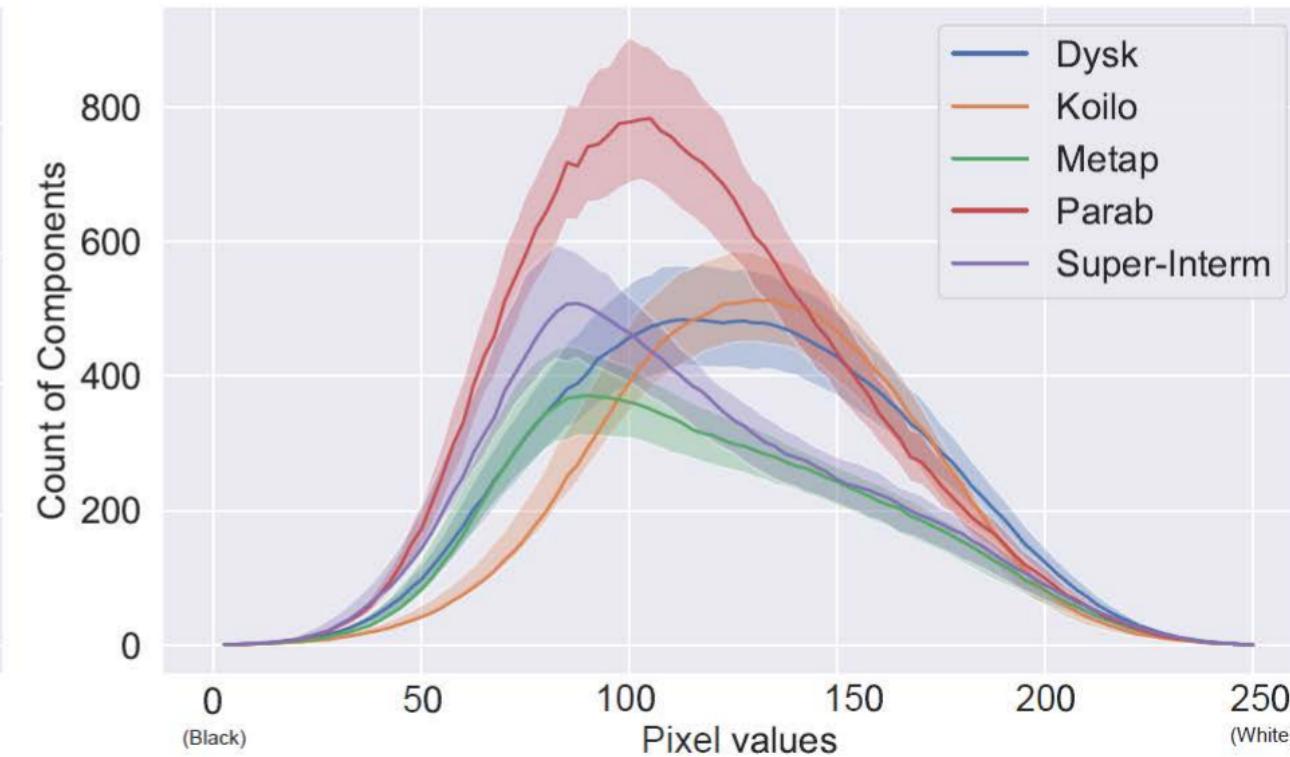
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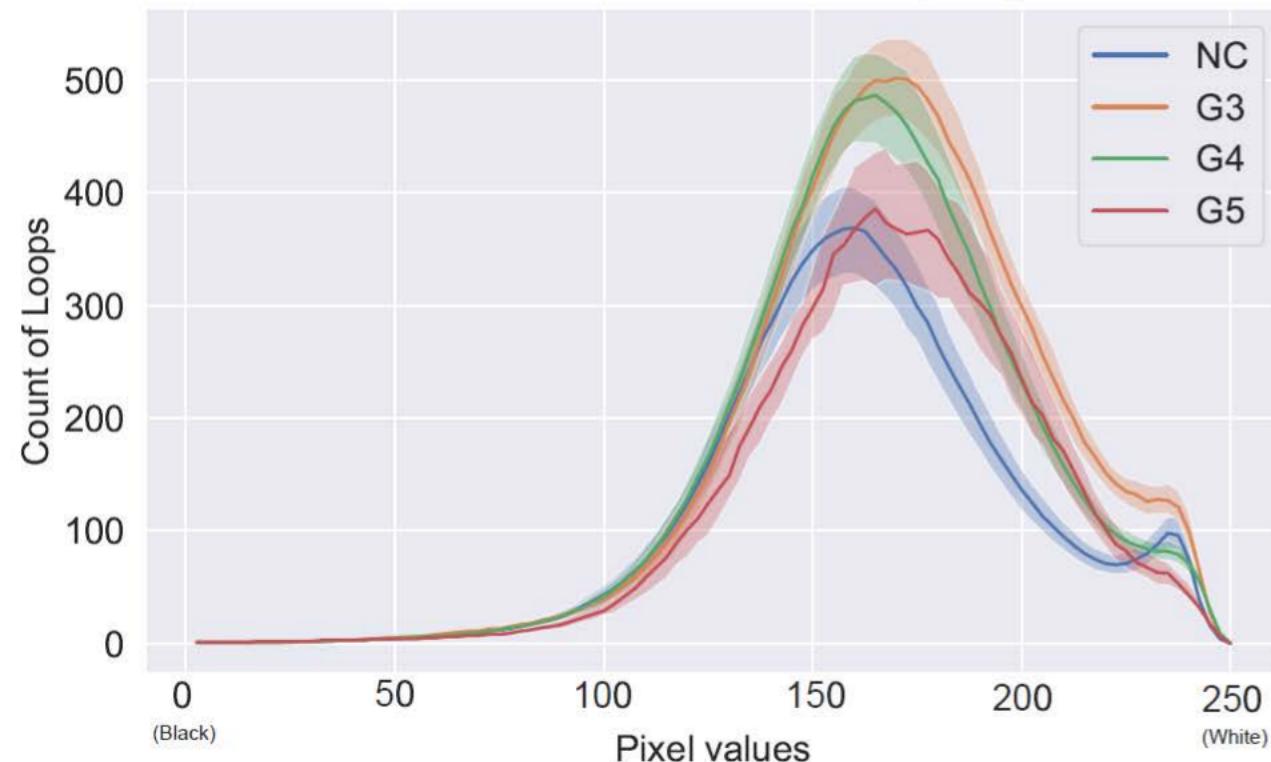
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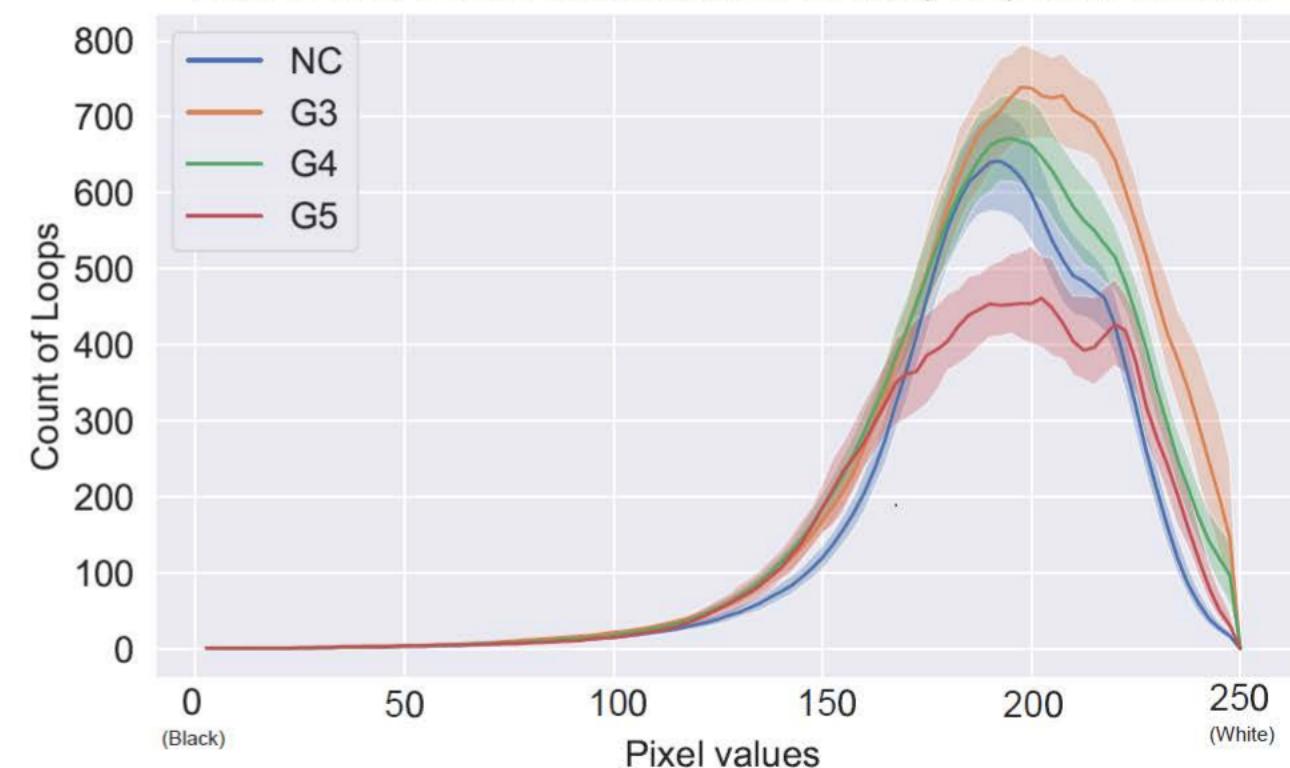
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Betti 1: 40 % Curves around median for Hue(HSV) Color Channel



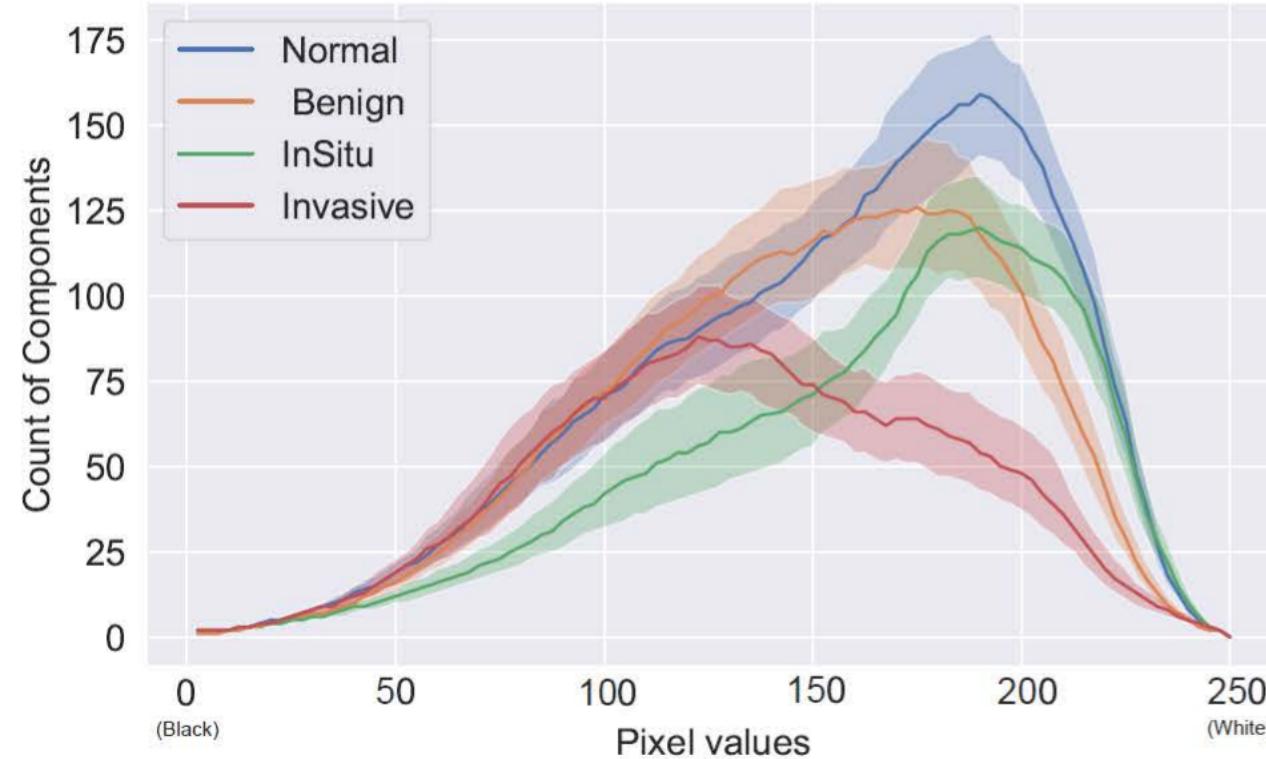
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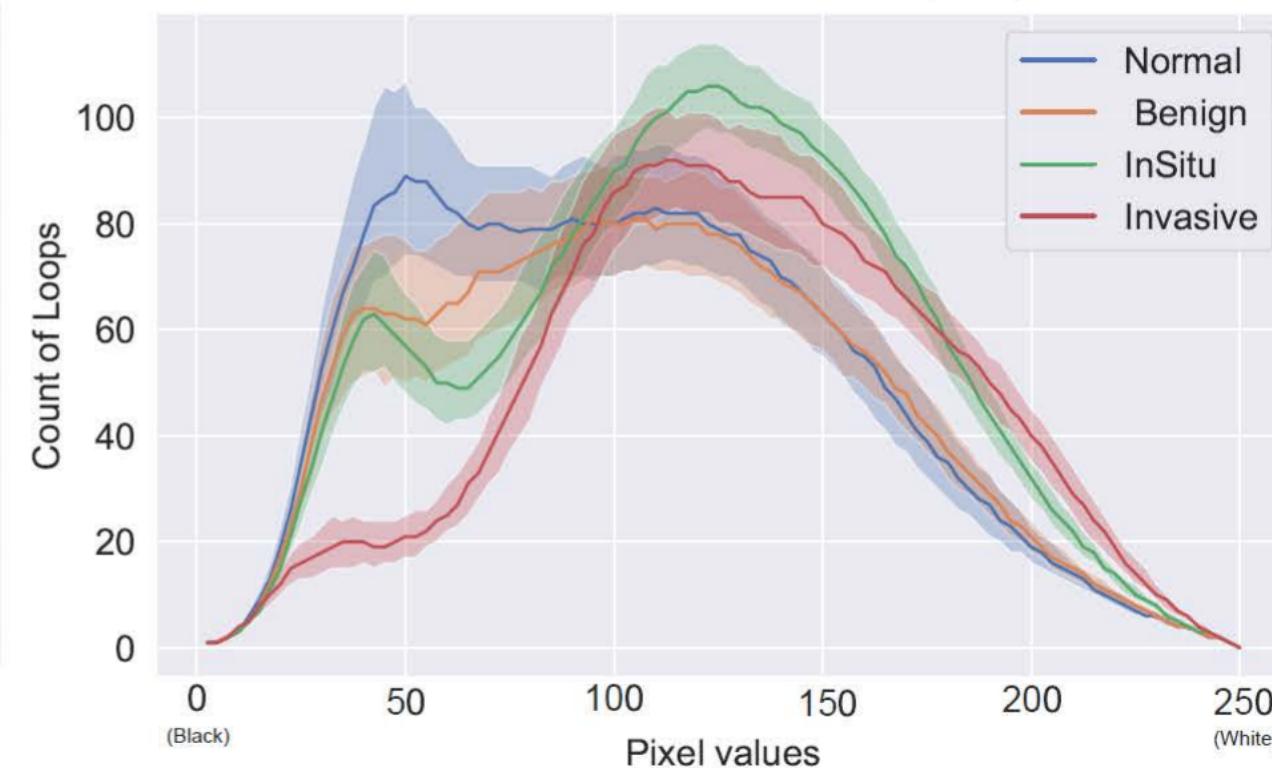
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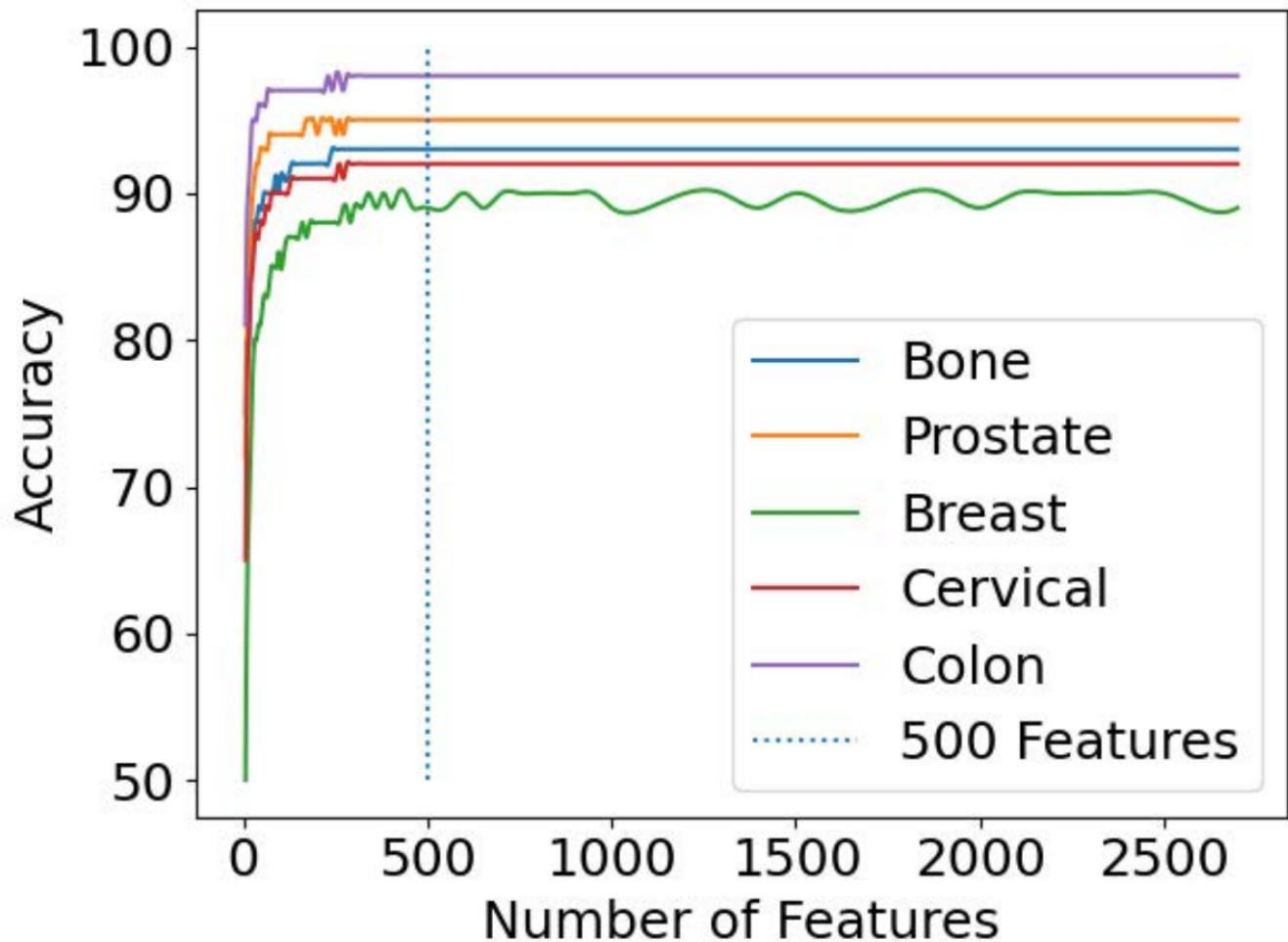
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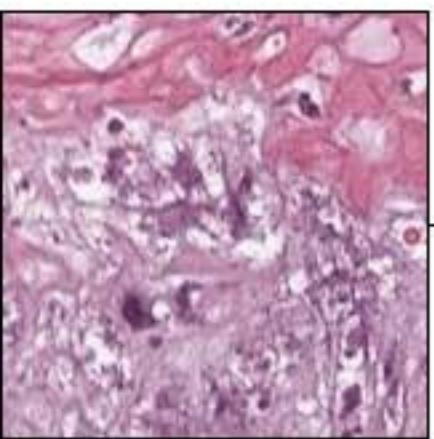
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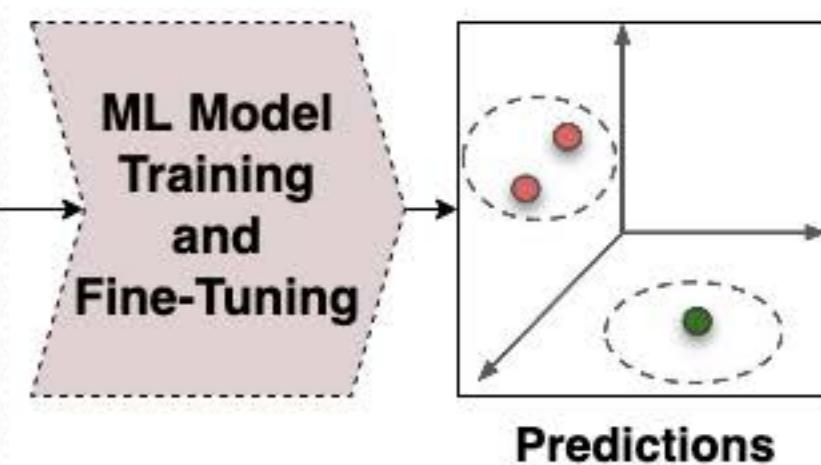
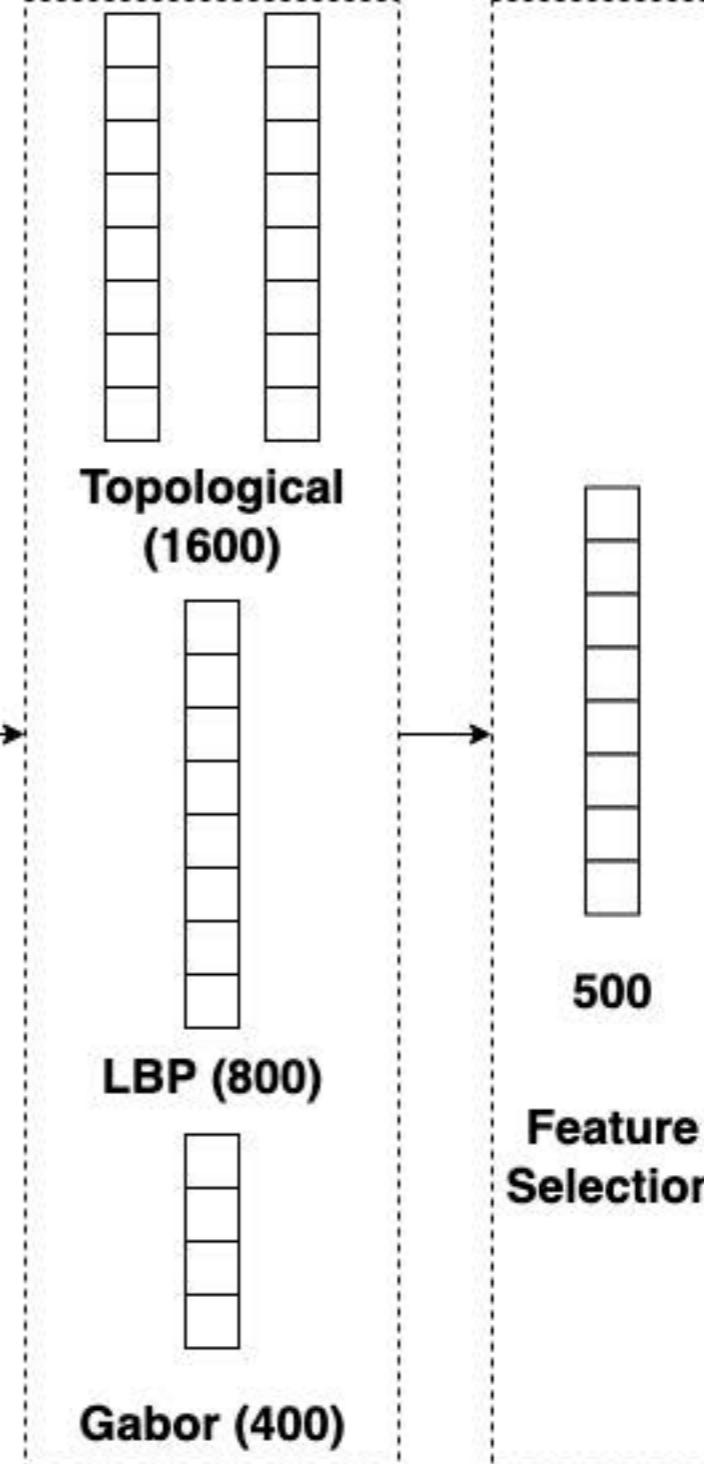
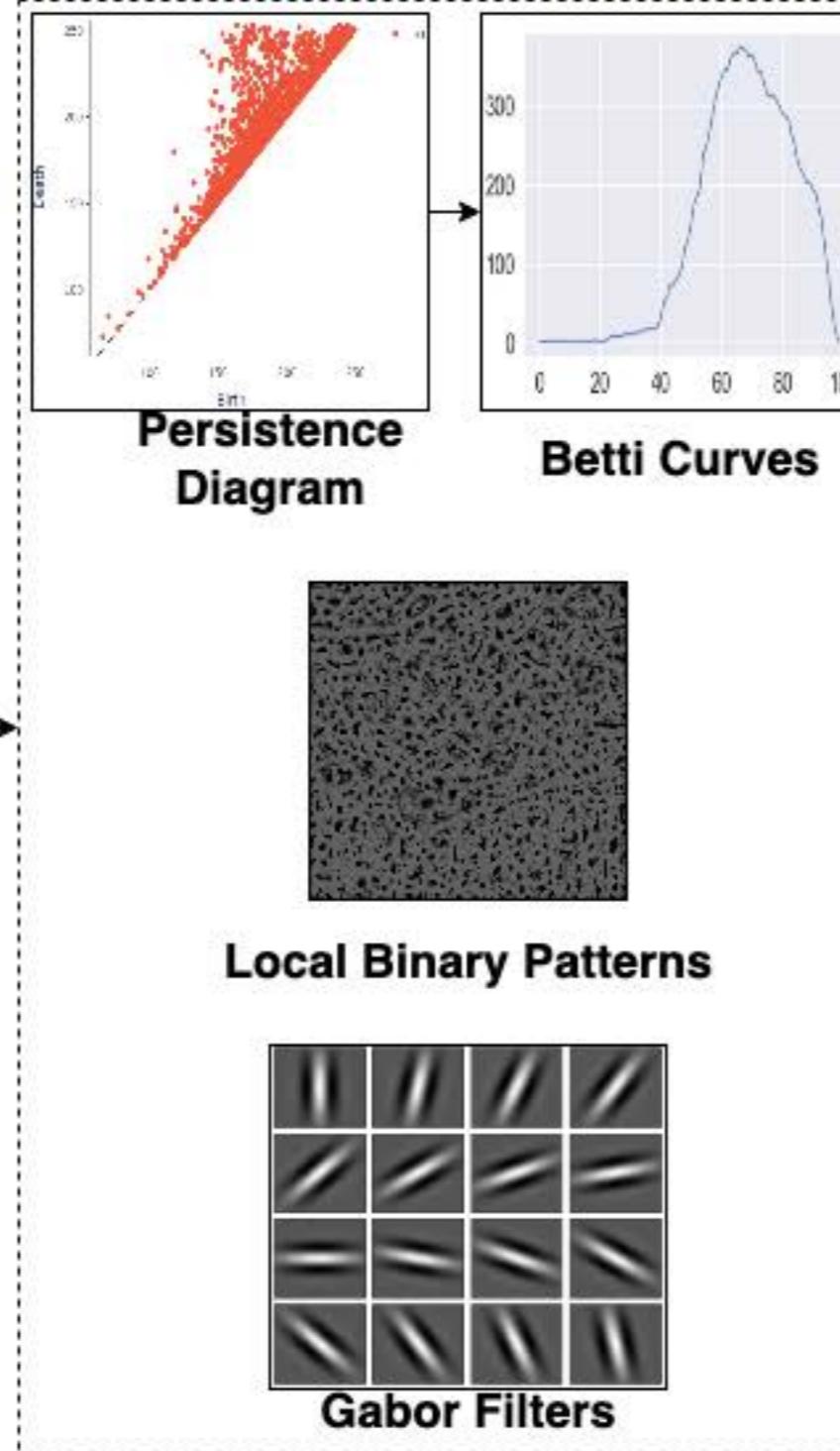
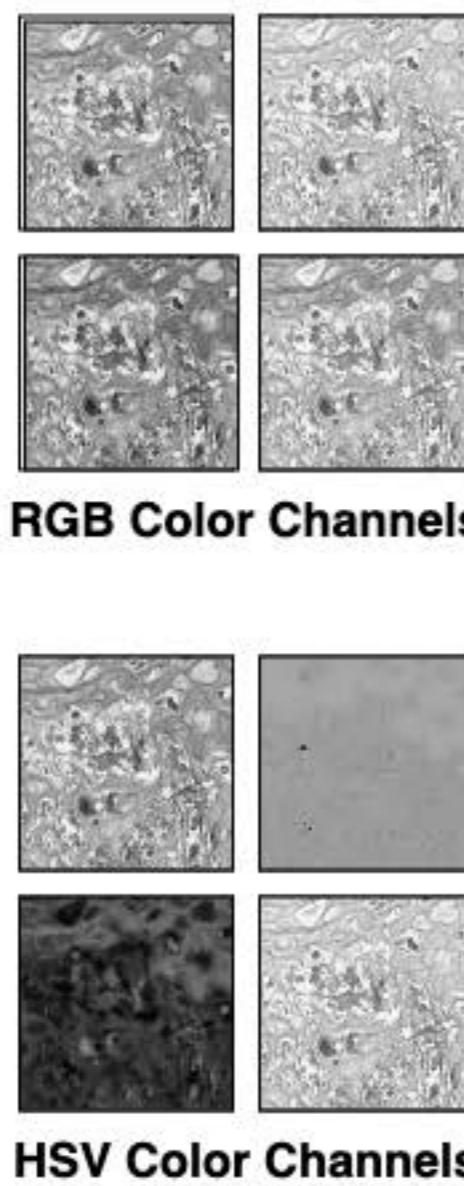


# Topological Machine Learning Model

- For each histopathological image, we extract:
  - ▶ 1600-dimensional topological features
  - ▶ 800-dimensional Local Binary Pattern features
  - ▶ 400-dimensional Gabor Filter features
- We then use feature selection algorithm to choose the most important 500 features out of 2800 features.
- Finally, we feed these features into our ML classifier.



Input RGB Tile



# Experiments

- Datasets

TABLE VII: **Dataset Details.** Information about classes, base images and generated tiles for the experiments.

<i>Dataset</i>	# Classes	Images	Tile Size	Train Tiles	Test Tiles	Total Tiles
ICIAR2018 (Breast)	4	400	256x256	15078	3769	18848
SipakMed (Cervical)	5	966	256x256	51324	12831	64155
Sicapv2 (Prostate)	4	9959	256x256	27466	6866	34333
CRC100K (Colon)	3	33526	256x256	26820	6705	33526
UT-OSteo. (Bone)	3	1144	256x256	15587	6721	22308

# Experiments

- Datasets
- Results for 5 Cancer types

TABLE I: Performance of our model in 5 cancer types

<i>Cancer</i>	<i>Dataset</i>	<i># Image</i>	<i># Class</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>AUC</i>
Breast	ICIAR2018	400	4	91.6	0.98
Prostate	Sicapv2	9959	4	95.2	0.99
Colon	CRC100K	33526	3	98.7	0.99
Bone	UT-Osteo.	1144	3	94.2	0.99
Cervical	SipakMed	966	5	94.2	0.99

## Comparison Table for Breast Cancer

Method	Train:Test	# Class	Accuracy
Kwok [33]	75:25	4	79.00
Nawaz [39]	80:20	4	81.25
Rakhlin [26]	80:20	4	87.20
Vang [62]	75:25	4	87.50
DCNN [31]	75:25	4	<b>92.50</b>
<b>Our Model</b>	80:20	4	<u>91.64</u>

## Comparison Table for Bone Cancer

Method	Train:Test	# Class	Accuracy
Mishra-CNN [8]	70:30	3	93.30
Mishra-SVM [8]	70:30	3	89.90
VGG19 [6]	70:30	3	<u>93.91</u>
<b>Our Model</b>	70:30	3	<b>94.20</b>

## Comparison Table for Cervical Cancer

Method	Train:Test	# Class	Accuracy
Hayranto [29]	5 fold CV	5	87.32
ResNet [61]	5 fold CV	5	<u>94.86</u>
Fuzzy [36]	5 fold CV	5	<b>95.43</b>
<b>Our Model</b>	5 fold CV	5	94.21

## Comparison Table for Prostate Cancer

Method	Train:Test	# Class	Accuracy
Arvaniti [9]	80:20	4	58.61
Gerytch [21]	80:20	4	51.36
FSConv+GMP [53]	80:20	4	83.50
Res-CAE [58]	80:20	4	<u>85.00</u>
<b>Our Model</b>	80:20	4	<b>95.20</b>

Cancer	Classes	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC
Breast	Normal	0.8994	0.9652	0.8994	0.8935	0.8965	
	Benign	0.8911	0.9702	0.8911	0.9122	0.9015	
	InSitu	0.9195	0.9683	0.9195	0.9034	0.9114	
	Invasive	0.9560	0.9850	0.9560	0.9557	0.9558	
	Average	0.9166	0.9722	0.9166	0.9164	0.9164	0.9894
Cervical	im_Dyskeratotic	0.9272	0.9795	0.9272	0.9358	0.9315	
	im_Koil.	0.9280	0.9737	0.9280	0.9165	0.9222	
	im_Meta.	0.9517	0.9786	0.9517	0.9428	0.9472	
	im_Para.	0.9810	0.9983	0.9810	0.9880	0.9845	
	im_Sup.-Int.	0.9402	0.9941	0.9402	0.9582	0.9491	
	Average	0.9421	0.9819	0.9421	0.9421	0.9421	0.9960
Prostate	NC	0.9740	0.9975	0.9740	0.9964	0.9850	
	G3	0.9281	0.9791	0.9281	0.9012	0.9145	
	G4	0.9465	0.9731	0.9465	0.9512	0.9488	
	G5	0.9640	0.9913	0.9640	0.8845	0.9226	
	Average	0.9554	0.9852	0.9554	0.9553	0.9551	0.9916
Colon	Normal	0.9804	0.9936	0.9804	0.9820	0.9812	
	Stroma	0.9928	0.9958	0.9928	0.9906	0.9917	
	Tumor	0.9868	0.9906	0.9868	0.9874	0.9871	
	Average	0.9870	0.9930	0.9870	0.9870	0.9870	0.9995
Bone	VT	0.9498	0.9701	0.9498	0.9432	0.9465	
	NVT	0.9340	0.9771	0.9340	0.9366	0.9353	
	NT	0.9405	0.9646	0.9405	0.9445	0.9425	
	Average	0.9420	0.9698	0.9420	0.9420	0.9420	0.9553

# Experiments

- Datasets
- Results for 5 Cancer types
- Ablation Study

**TABLE VI: Ablation Study.** Accuracy results of XGBoost model on different features.

Model	Bone	Breast	Prostate	Cervical	Colon
<b>TDA (Grayscale)</b>	85.2	69.1	92.1	54.9	95.7
<b>TDA (All colors)</b>	91.2	83.0	94.6	85.8	97.9
<b>LBP</b>	92.1	84.7	94.4	89.6	97.3
<b>Gabor</b>	88.1	70.7	92.7	84.9	94.9
<b>Gabor+LBP</b>	<b>93.7</b>	87.5	95.0	92.1	98.0
<b>TDA+LBP</b>	93.4	88.1	95.2	91.1	98.4
<b>TDA+LBP+Gabor</b>	93.1	<b>89.8</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>98.5</b>

Model	Bone		Breast		Prostate		Cervical		Colon	
	RF	XG	RF	XG	RF	XG	RF	XG	RF	XG
Gray (200)	84.0	84.6	69.6	68.8	92.3	91.1	53.7	54.6	94.5	95.9
G-RGB (800)	86.8	89.4	77.6	80.0	92.8	93.2	73.9	77.5	96.4	97.5
HSV AVG (200)	82.0	82.3	60.9	60.8	88.3	84.5	59.9	60.7	87.2	88.0
HSV AVG+HSV(800)	88.0	90.1	76.3	78.7	92.4	93.0	82.2	82.7	95.9	97.5
All Betti Features (1600)	87.9	90.8	79.4	82.8	92.8	93.9	82.2	85.5	96.5	97.8
All Features (2800)	90.7	93.7	85.4	88.4	93.8	94.7	90.5	92.6	97.1	98.5
Feature Selection	-	94.2	-	91.6	-	95.2	-	91.4	-	98.4

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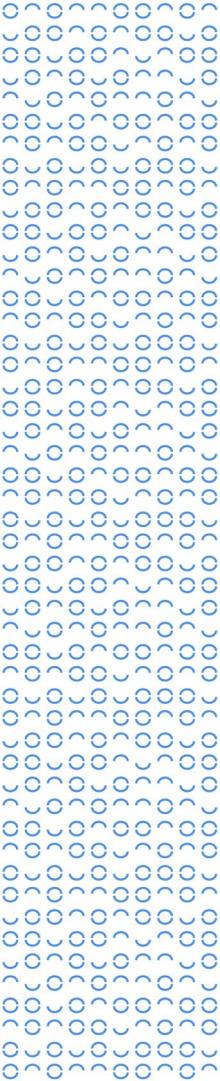
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- Thank you for your attention!



# **DRUG DISCOVERY with TOPOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS**

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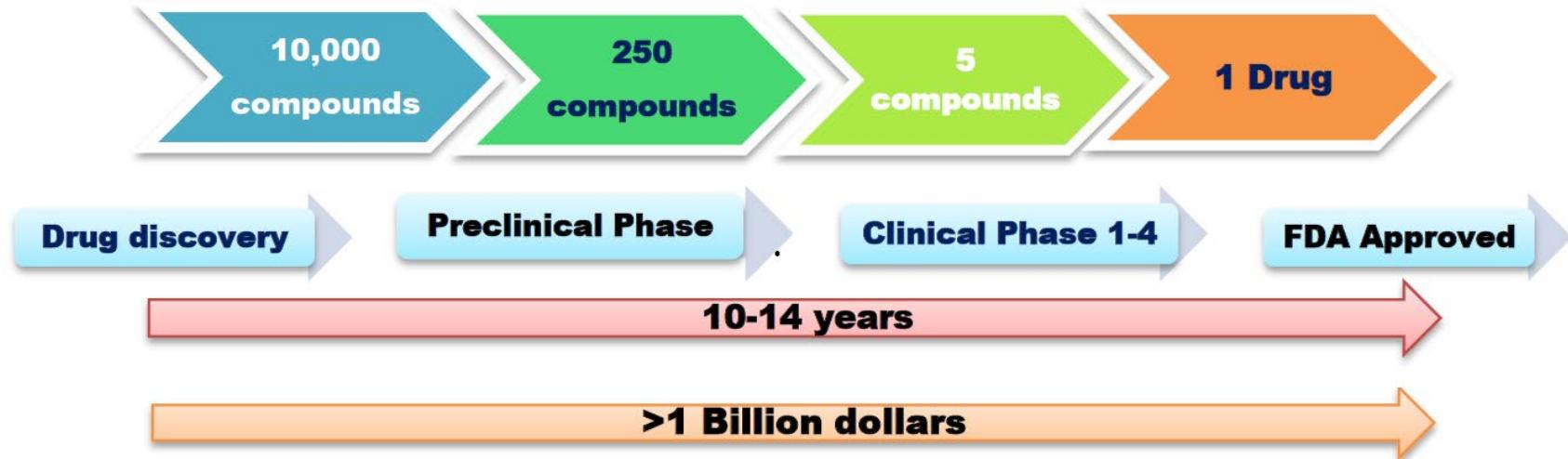
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# Drug Discovery Process



**Figure 1: Traditional process of drug discovery and development.**

Image Credit: Surabhi et al, Computer Aided Drug Design: An Overview, JDDT 2018

# VIRTUAL SCREENING METHODS FOR HIT IDENTIFICATION



## Structure-based methods

1. Molecular docking approach models the interaction between a small molecule and a drug target at the atomic level.
2. It requires:
  - **Knowledge of the binding site** before docking process.
  - Prediction of the **ligand conformation** as well as its position and orientation in binding site.

### LOCK & KEY APPROACH

## Ligand-based methods

1. We know a set of **active ligands** that can inhibit a drug target.
2. There is little or no structural information available for those drug targets.
3. Drug candidates are compared against a library of dozens/hundreds of active ligands and thousands of decoys (inactive ligands).

### SIMILARITY BASED APPROACH

(Our method)

## Structure (Docking) Based Virtual Screening

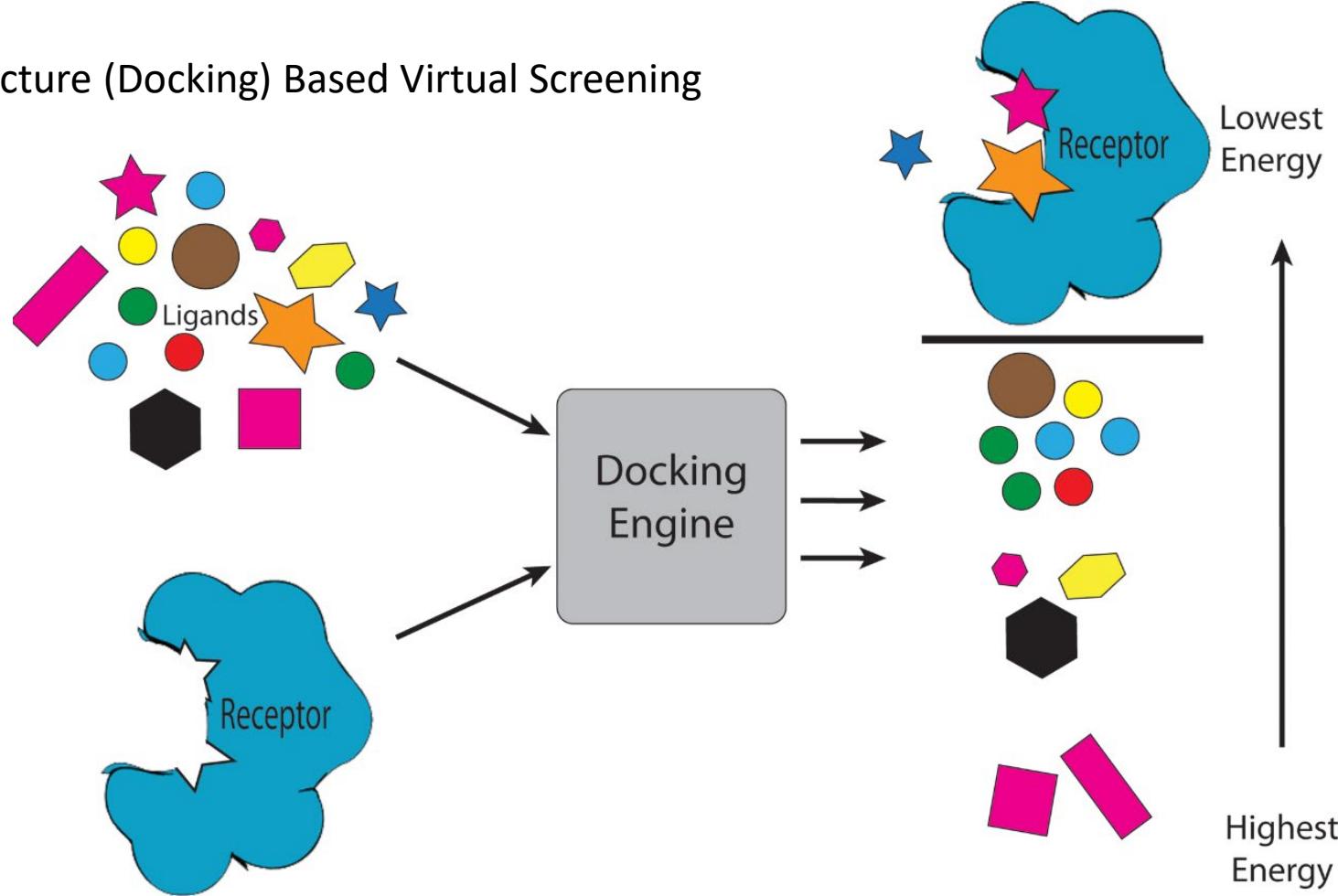


Image Credit: Jacob et al, Accessible HTVS Mol. Docking Software, PLOS 2012

# RELATED WORK



- Most Ligand Based Models use an approach called **Fingerprinting**
- **Main idea is to convert/summarize the structure information into a suitable form to be used with ML algorithms**

## Two Examples:

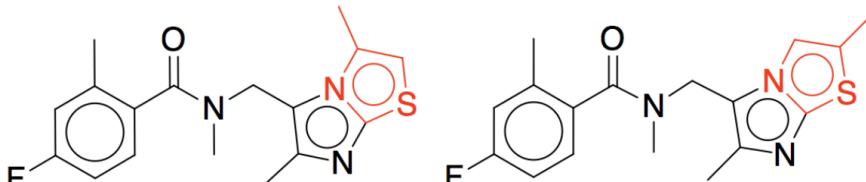
### 1. Morgan Fingerprints: ECFP (Extended Connectivity Fingerprints)

- By using an hashing function, encode 0, 1, 2 neighborhoods of each atom as hash values. Similar to Weisfeiler-Lehman algorithm.
- By using 1024 dimensional bit-vector, summarize obtained hash values. Nonreversible.

# RELATED WORK



## 2. SMILES METHOD

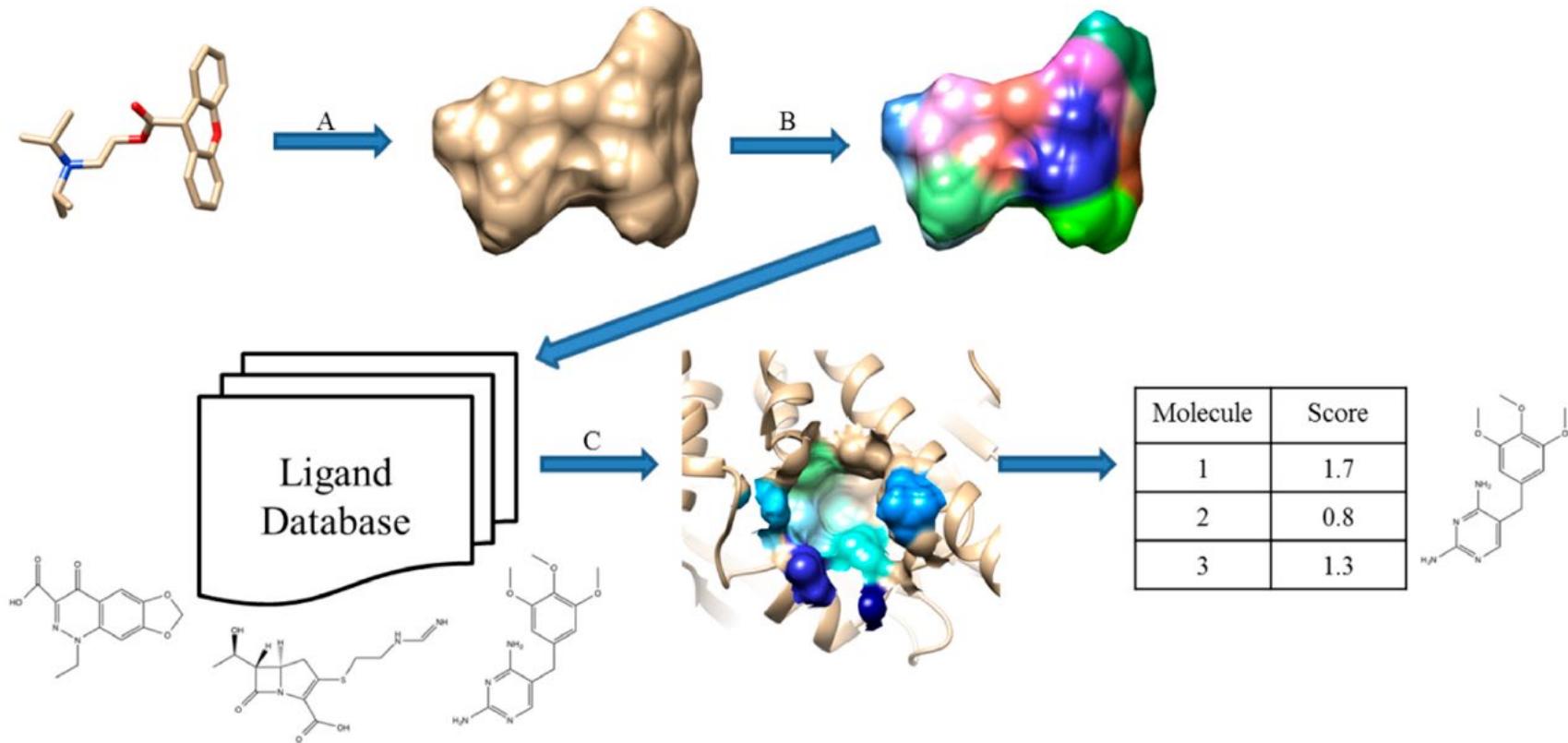


Cc1cn2c(CN(C)C(=O)c3ccc(F)cc3C)c(C)nc2s1  
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Figure 1. Two almost identical molecules with markedly different canonical SMILES in RDKit. The edit distance between two strings is 22 (50.5% of the whole sequence).

- Another popular technique **SMILES** formulated the compound fingerprinting task as string generation problem.
- SMILES strings are reversible i.e., they can be translated into graphs.
- However, SMILES has 2 limitations:
  1. Two molecules with similar chemical structures may be encoded into markedly different SMILES strings.
  2. Essential chemical properties such as molecule validity are easier to express on graphs rather than linear SMILES representations.

# RELATED WORK

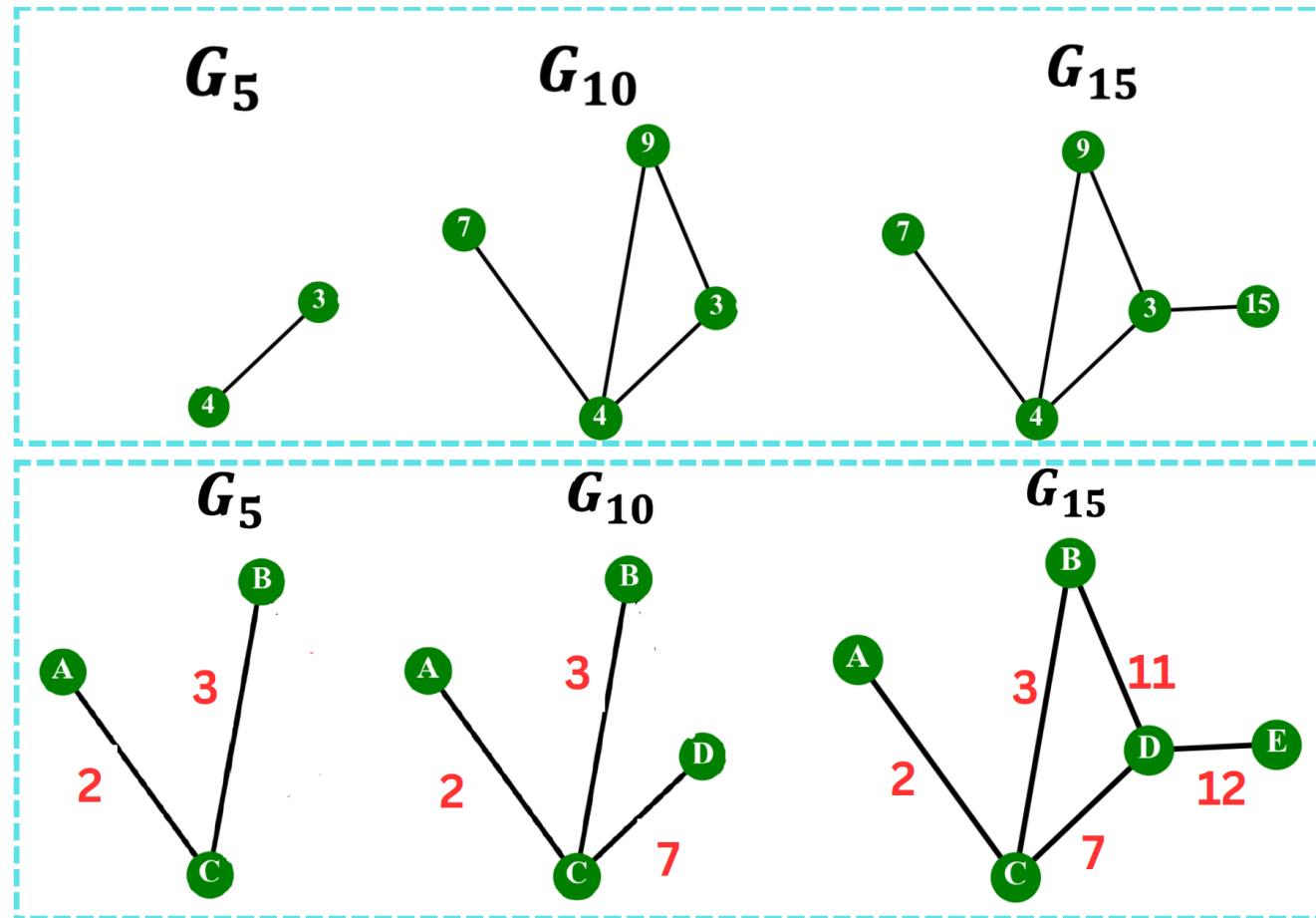
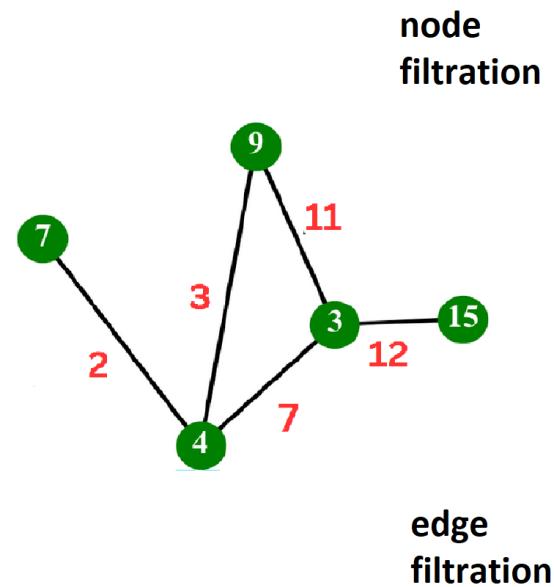


# BACKGROUND - PERSISTENT HOMOLOGY



- A novel feature extraction method by using topology.
- Captures and summarizes the shape patterns developed in the data.
- 3-step Process:
  1. **Filtration:** For a given dataset, induce a meaningful sequence of topological spaces.
  2. **Persistence Diagram:** Record the evolution of topological features in this sequence.
  3. **Vectorization:** Convert PDs into suitable functions/vectors for ML methods.

# FILTRATION FOR GRAPHS



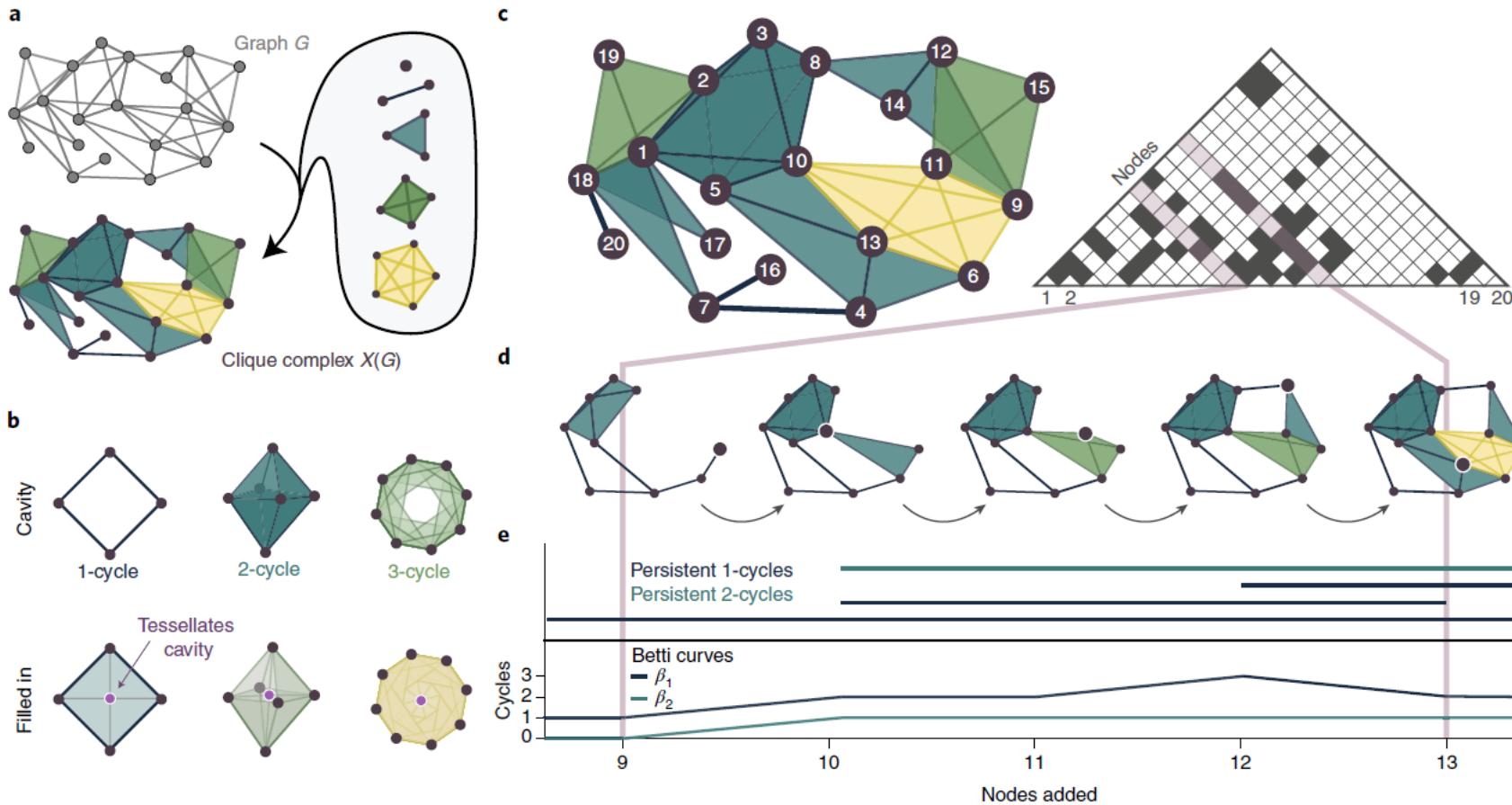
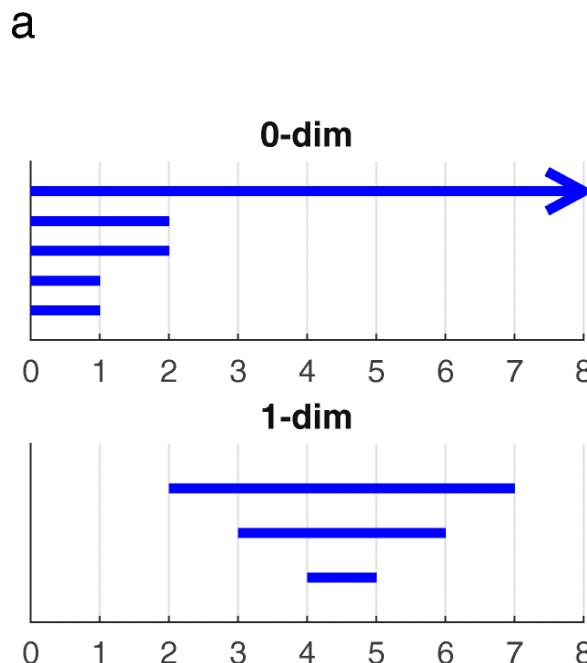
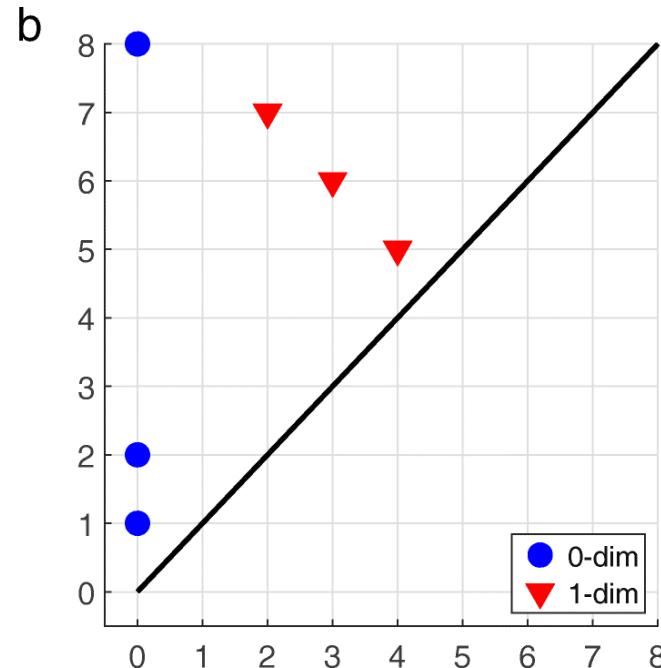


Image Credit: Sizemore et al, Knowledge gaps in the early growth of semantic feature networks, Nature Human Behavior, 2018

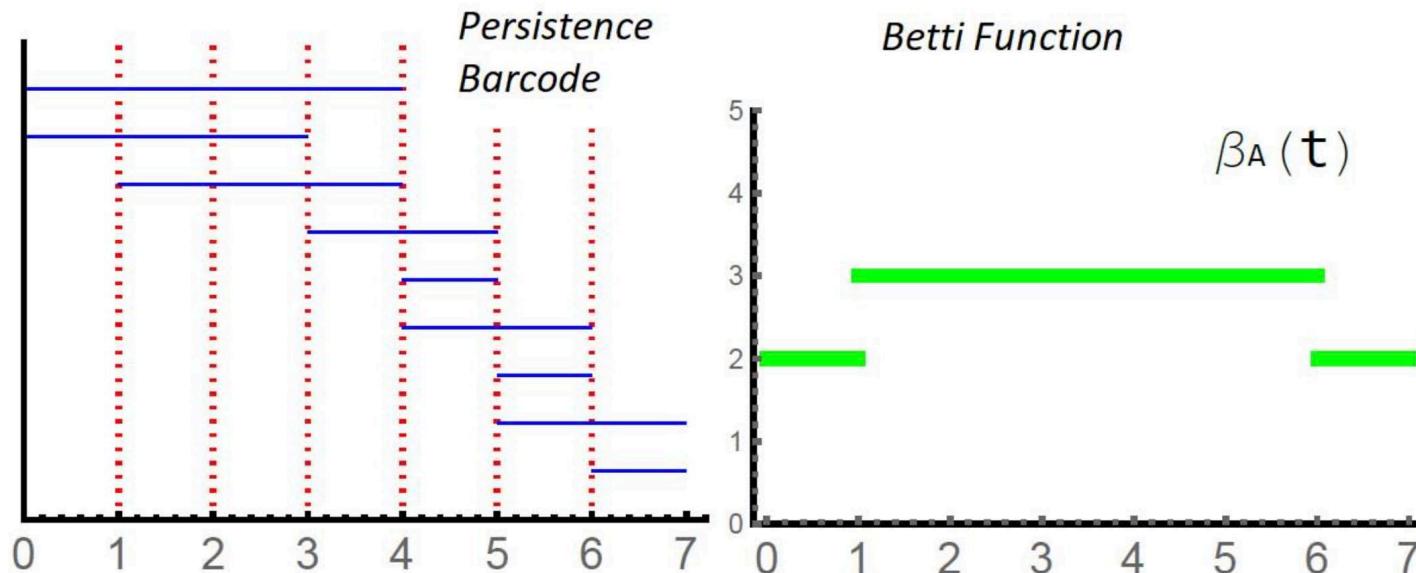
Persistence barcode



Persistence Diagram



## Vectorization of Persistence Diagrams (Barcode)



# MULTIPARAMETER PERSISTENCE



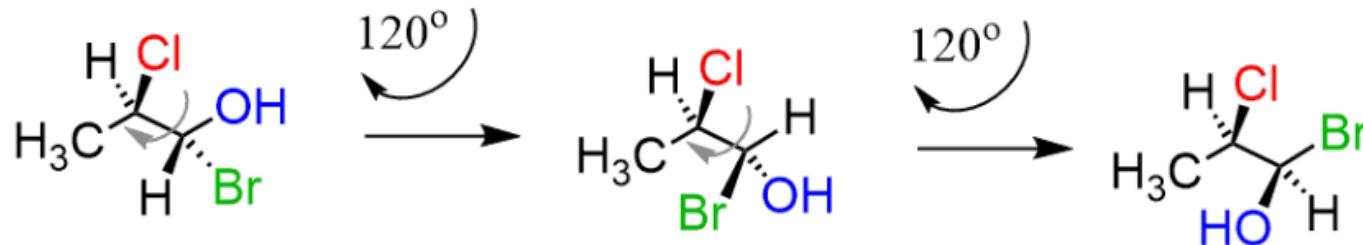
- While single parameter persistence tracks the topological changes in 1-parameter sequence, multiparameter persistence aims to do it for 2 or more parameters.
- Serious mathematical problems make multiparameter approach infeasible in general.
- There are remedial methods to bypass these serious problems.
- We propose and apply one of these approaches in this work.

# 2D VS. 3D MODELS

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## Conformation Problem

Conformation also referred to as conformers or conformational isomers, are different arrangements of atoms that occur as a **result of rotation about single bonds**. For example, in the following molecule, we can have a different arrangement of atoms by rotating around the middle  $\sigma$  bond:



Different conformers = conformational isomers

# DRUG DISCOVERY WITH TDA



- We define a new fingerprinting method for compounds by using persistent homology.
- **Topological Fingerprints of Compounds:**
  1. Realize a compound as a **graph** (Atoms → Nodes, Bonds → Edges)
  2. Use important chemical quantities as **node and edge functions**.
  3. Obtain a **bifiltration** decomposing the compound into substructures (subgraphs  $G_{ij}$ )
  4. **Extract a vector** ( $mxn$  matrix) from bifiltration (multipersistence module)  
summarizing topology of  $G_{ij}$

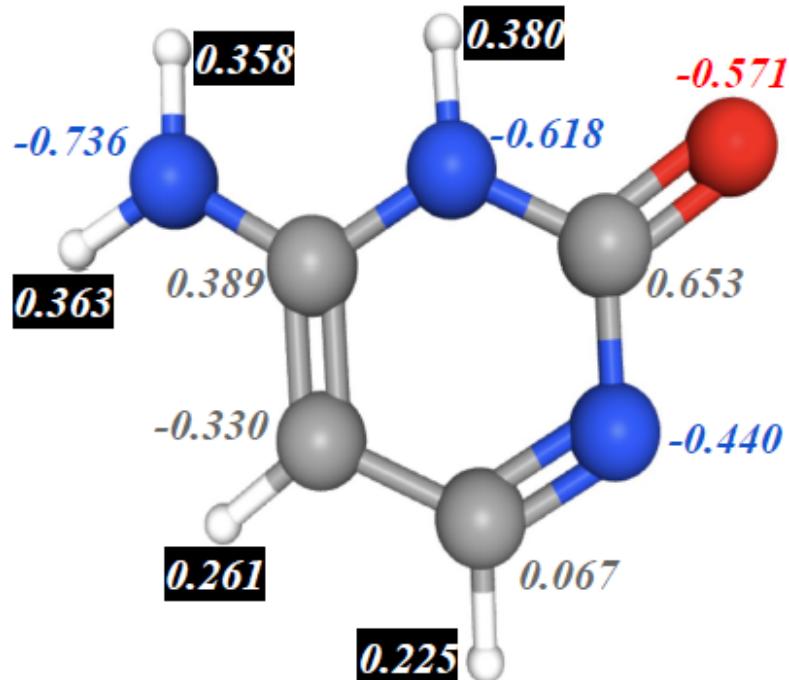


Figure 2: Cytosine. Atom types are coded by their color: White=Hydrogen, Gray=Carbon, Blue=Nitrogen, and Red=Oxygen. The decimal numbers next to atoms represent their partial charges.

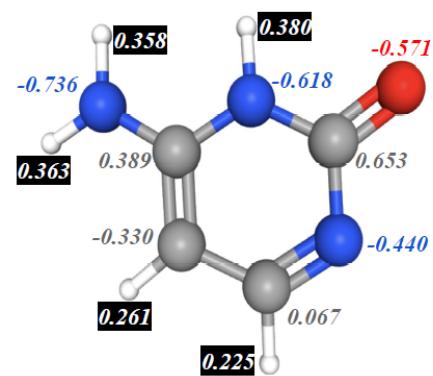
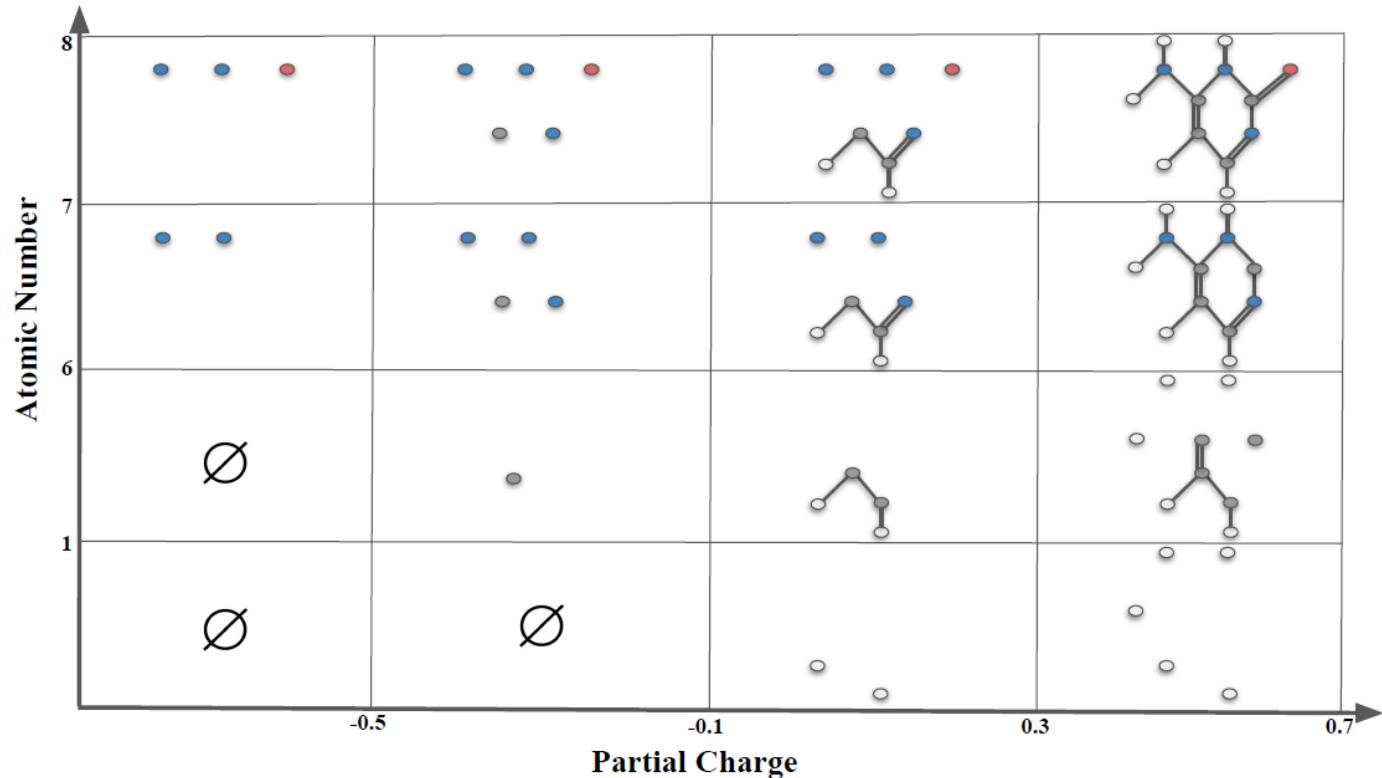
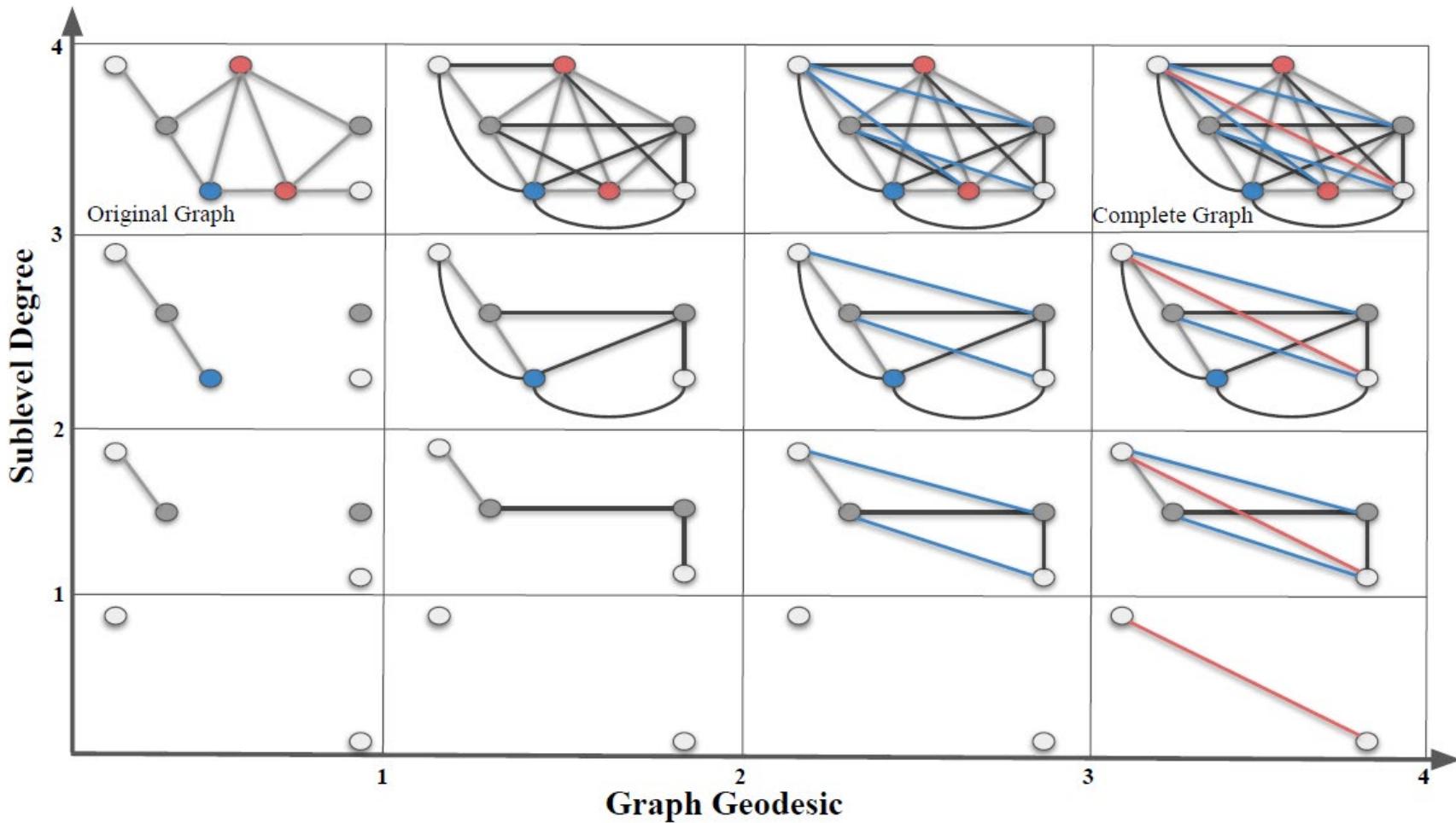


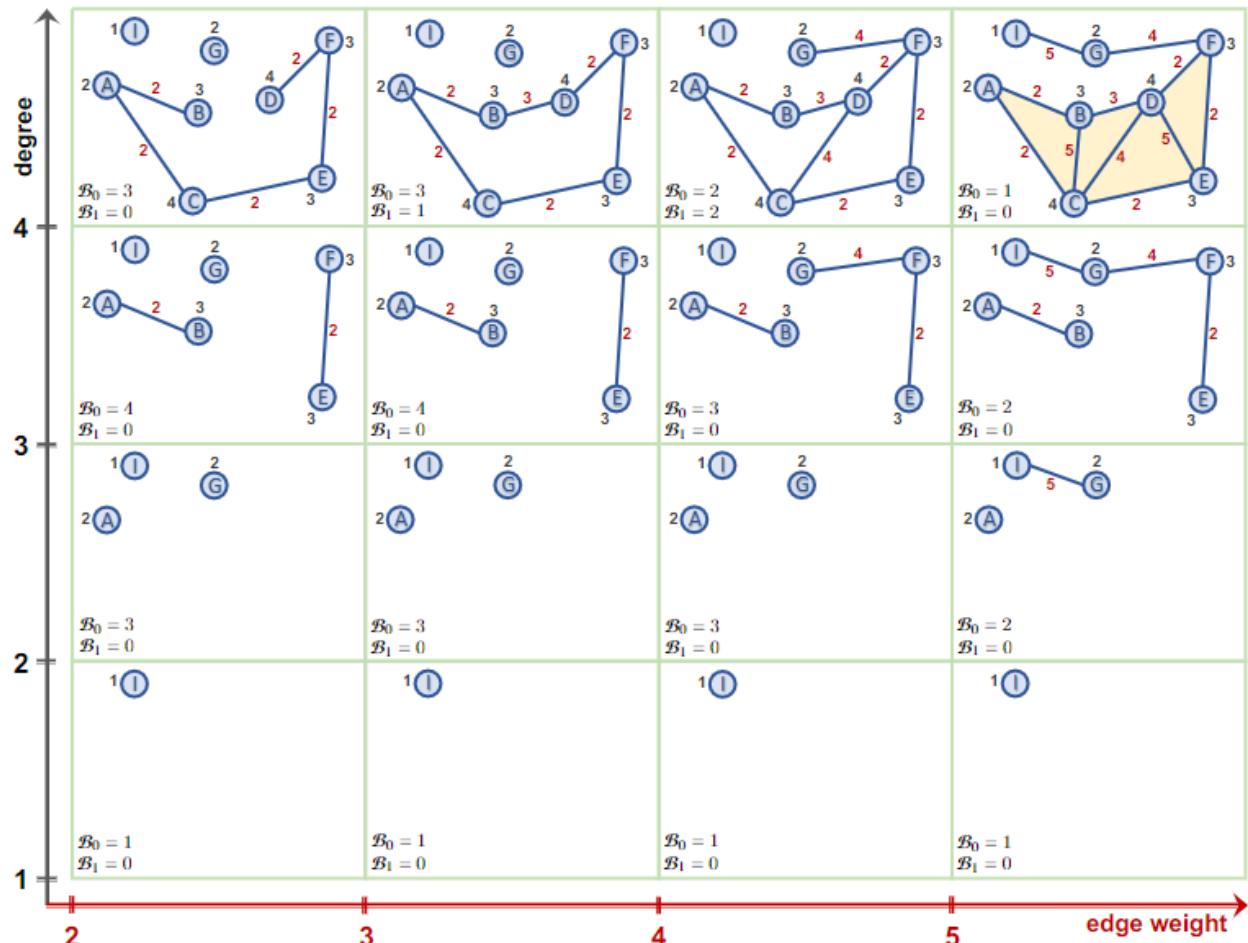
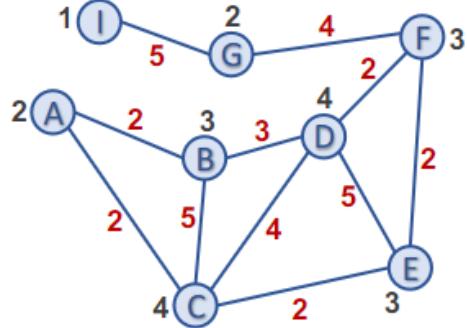
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## Atomic Number + Partial Charge Sublevel Bifiltration



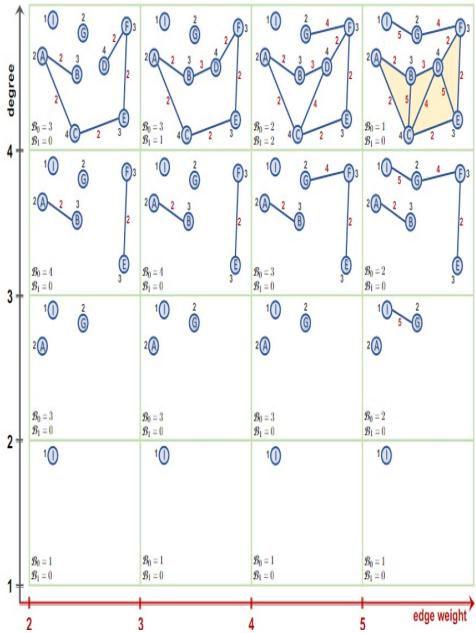
Degree + Vietoris-Rips Filtration



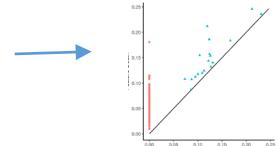
Degree + Edge Weight Filtration

# TOPOLOGICAL COMPOUND FINGERPRINTING

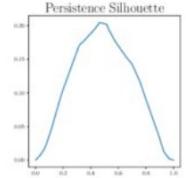
- $m \times n$  bifiltration
- horizontal slicing



- $m$  single persistence diagram

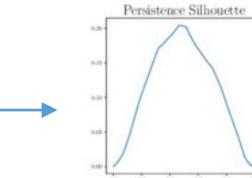
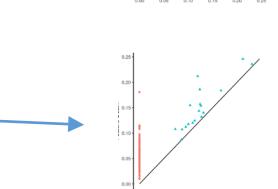
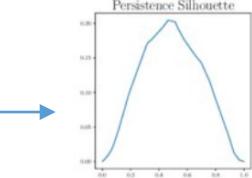
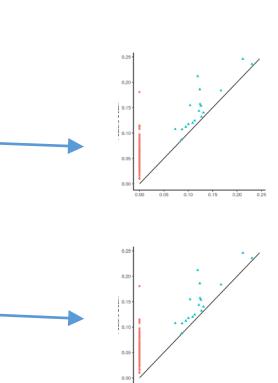


- $m$  vectorization  
(Betti, Silhouette)



- $m \times n$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$



# EXPERIMENTS - DATASETS



Table 3: Summary statistics of the Cleves-Jain dataset.

Target	# Training Samples	# Test Samples
a	3	6
b	3	22
c	2	13
d	3	6
e	2	5
f	2	4
g	2	5
h	2	5
i	2	5
j	3	14
k	3	14
l	3	10
m	3	9
n	2	10
o	3	30
p	3	23
q	3	11
r	2	14
s	3	15
t	2	5
u	3	9
v	3	7
<b>Decoy</b>	0	850

Table 4: Summary statistics of the DUD-E Diverse dataset.

Target	Description	# Active	# Decoy
AMPC	beta-lactamase	62	2902
CXCR4	C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4	122	3414
KIF11	kinesin-like protein 1	197	6912
CP3A4	cytochrome P450 3A4	363	11940
GCR	glucocorticoid receptor	563	15185
AKT1	serine/threonine-protein kinase Akt-1	423	16576
HIVRT	HIV type 1 reverse transcriptase	639	19134
HIVPR	HIV type 1 protease	1395	36278

# PERFORMANCE METRIC



- **Enrichment Factor (EF)** is the most common performance evaluation metric for Virtual Screening methods.
- Let  $N$  be the total number of ligands in the dataset,  $A_\phi$  be the number of true positives (i.e., correctly predicted active ligands) in the first  $\alpha\%$  of all ligands and  $N_{actives}$  be the number of active ligands in the whole dataset. Then,

$$EF_{\alpha\%} = \frac{A_\phi / N_{total,\alpha\%}}{N_{actives} / N_{total}} = \frac{A_\phi}{N_{actives} \cdot \alpha\%}$$

- Notice that the **maximum score** for  $EF_{\alpha\%}$  is  $\frac{100}{\alpha}$ , i.e., 100 for  $EF_{1\%}$  and 20 for  $EF_{5\%}$ .
- **Example:**  $N=1000, N_{actives}=40, \alpha=5, A_\phi=18 \Rightarrow EF_{5\%}=9 \quad \text{max } EF_{5\%}=20.$

# RESULTS



Table 1: Comparison of EF 2%, 5%, 10% and AUC values between ToDD and other virtual screening methods on the Cleves-Jain dataset.

Model	EF 2% (max. 50)	EF 5% (max. 20)	EF 10% (max. 10)	AUC
USR [7]	10.0	6.2	4.1	0.76
GZD [83]	13.4	8.0	5.3	0.81
PS [42]	10.7	6.6	4.9	0.78
ROCS [36]	20.1	10.7	6.2	<u>0.83</u>
USR + GZD [75]	13.7	7.7	4.7	0.81
USR + PS [75]	13.1	7.9	5.0	0.80
USR + ROCS [75]	17.1	9.1	5.4	<u>0.83</u>
GZD + PS [75]	16.0	9.1	5.9	0.82
PH_VS [48]	18.6	NA	NA	NA
GZD + ROCS [75]	20.3	<u>10.8</u>	5.3	<u>0.83</u>
PS + ROCS [75]	<u>20.5</u>	10.7	<u>6.4</u>	<u>0.83</u>
<b>ToDD-RF</b>	$35.2 \pm 2.3$	$15.6 \pm 1.0$	$8.1 \pm 0.4$	<b><math>0.94 \pm 0.02</math></b>
<b>ToDD-ViT</b>	<b><math>39.6 \pm 1.4</math></b>	<b><math>18.6 \pm 0.4</math></b>	<b><math>9.9 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$0.90 \pm 0.01$
Relative gains	92.9%	83.7%	54.1%	13.3%

Relative gains are relative to the next best performing model.

Mean and standard deviation of EF scores evaluated by 5-fold cross-validation.

# RESULTS



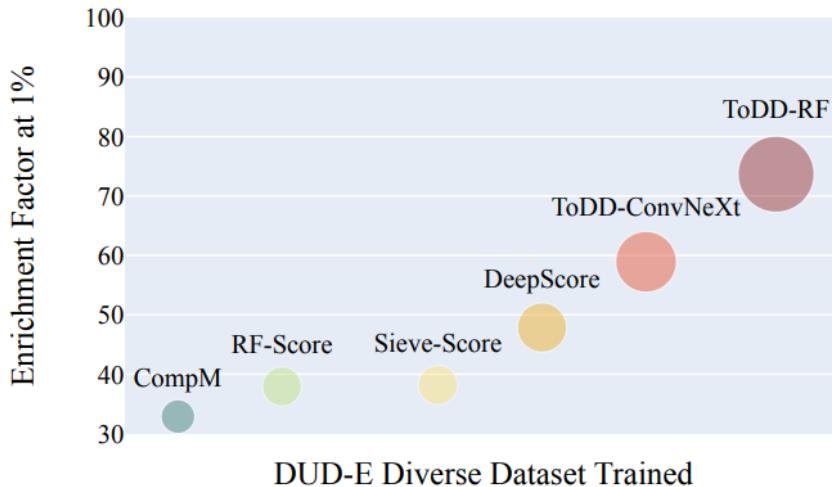
**Table 2:** Comparison of EF 1% (max. 100) between ToDD and other virtual screening methods on 8 targets of the DUD-E Diverse subset.

Model	AMPC	CXCR4	KIF11	CP3A4	GCR	AKT1	HIVRT	HIVPR	Avg.
Findsite [90]	0.0	0.0	0.9	21.7	34.2	39.0	1.2	34.7	16.5
Fragsite [91]	4.2	42.5	0.0	32.9	29.1	47.1	2.4	48.7	25.9
Gnina [78]	2.1	15.0	38.0	1.2	39.0	4.1	11.0	28.0	17.3
GOLD-EATL [87]	25.8	20.0	33.5	17.9	34.6	29.2	28.7	23.4	26.6
Glide-EATL [87]	35.5	20.8	30.5	15.1	24.0	31.6	29.0	22.0	26.1
CompM [87]	32.3	25.0	35.5	33.6	37.1	44.2	30.2	25.0	32.9
CompScore [66]	<u>39.6</u>	51.6	51.3	14.0	27.1	37.6	21.8	18.2	32.7
CNN [68]	2.1	5.0	11.2	28.7	12.8	84.6	12.2	9.9	20.8
DenseFS [44]	14.6	5.0	4.3	<u>44.3</u>	20.9	<u>89.4</u>	12.8	8.4	25.0
SIEVE-Score [88]	30.7	<u>61.1</u>	53.4	<u>6.7</u>	33.3	42.1	39.8	38.3	38.2
DeepScore [85]	28.1	56.8	<u>54.3</u>	37.1	<u>40.9</u>	59.0	<u>43.8</u>	62.8	<u>47.9</u>
RF-Score-VSv3 [88]	32.3	60.9	4.5	25.9	32.5	41.9	39.8	<u>65.7</u>	37.9
<b>ToDD-RF</b>	$42.9 \pm 4.5$	<b><math>92.3 \pm 3.2</math></b>	<b><math>75.0 \pm 5.0</math></b>	<b><math>67.6 \pm 3.4</math></b>	<b><math>78.9 \pm 4.0</math></b>	<b><math>90.7 \pm 1.3</math></b>	<b><math>64.1 \pm 2.3</math></b>	<b><math>92.1 \pm 1.5</math></b>	<b><math>73.7</math></b>
<b>ToDD-ConvNeXt</b>	<b><math>46.2 \pm 3.6</math></b>	$84.6 \pm 2.8$	$72.5 \pm 3.6$	$28.8 \pm 2.8$	$46.0 \pm 2.0$	$81.2 \pm 2.5$	$37.5 \pm 3.6$	$74.6 \pm 1.0$	58.9
Relative gains	16.7%	51.1%	38.1%	52.6%	92.9%	1.5%	46.3%	40.2%	53.9%

Relative gains are relative to the next best performing model.

Mean and standard deviation of EF scores evaluated by 5-fold cross-validation.

# RESULTS SUMMARY



**Figure 1: Comparison of virtual screening performance.** Each bubble's diameter is proportional to its EF score. ToDD offers significant gain regardless of the choice of classification model such as random forests (RF), vision transformer (ViT) or a modernized ResNet architecture ConvNeXt. The standard performance metric  $EF_{\alpha\%}$  is defined as  $\frac{100}{\alpha}$ , and therefore the maximum attainable value is 50 for  $EF_{2\%}$ , and 100 for  $EF_{1\%}$ .

# COMPARISON OF FILTRATIONS



Table 5: EF 2% values and ROC-AUC scores across different modalities on Cleves-Jain dataset using **ToDD-RF**.

Target	Atomic Mass	Partial Charge	Bond Type	Atomic Mass & Partial Charge	All Modalities
a	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	41.7
b	25.0	29.5	31.8	27.3	25.0
c	19.2	7.7	15.4	26.9	34.6
d	33.3	33.3	41.7	50.0	50.0
e	30.0	30.0	30.0	40.0	40.0
f	25.0	50.0	37.5	50.0	37.5
g	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	40.0
h	40.0	50.0	30.0	50.0	50.0
i	40.0	40.0	30.0	40.0	40.0
j	17.9	39.3	35.7	28.6	28.6
k	21.4	21.4	17.9	35.7	32.1
l	15.0	15.0	15.0	30.0	25.0
m	44.4	50.0	33.3	50.0	38.9
n	15.0	25.0	10.0	25.0	10.0
o	21.7	20.0	25.0	23.3	23.3
p	10.9	8.7	13.0	17.4	26.1
q	45.5	27.3	22.7	40.9	40.9
r	42.9	42.9	42.9	39.3	32.1
s	26.7	16.7	20.0	20.0	30.0
t	30.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
u	33.3	38.9	27.8	38.9	50.0
v	21.4	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6
Mean	28.3	31.3	28.3	35.2	35.2
ROC-AUC	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.94	0.93

# KEY TAKEAWAYS



1. **Novelty:** We developed a new compound fingerprinting method by facilitating multiparameter persistence approach.
2. **Performance:** We develop and benchmark ML approaches; and outperform the SOTA by a wide and statistically significant margin: **93% gain** for Cleves-Jain and **54% gain** for DUD-E Diverse dataset.
3. **Small data sets:** effective **few-shot classification** (only 2-3 active ligands per drug target for training)
4. **ML integration:** features suited for SoTA Neural Networks, as well as traditional ML methods
5. **Computational efficiency:** Full training + analysis on a laptop **~7 minutes** (for a library of 1100 compounds, distributed across the 8 cores of an Intel Core i7 CPU (100GB RAM))

# POTENTIAL FUTURE WORK



1. Testing the performance of ToDD on **ultra-large Virtual Screening datasets** with millions of compounds such as MUV, DUD-E and custom datasets of Novartis.
2. Trying other MP vectorization methods, e.g., MP Image - vineyards (Carriere-Blumberg), MP Landscapes (Vipond).
3. Using transfer learning to adapt state-of-the-art convolutional and transformer based computer vision models to extract complex chemical properties of compounds, specifically for **few-shot learning problems**.
4. There are other subdomains in chemistry that ToDD can be benchmarked and tested such as: **molecular property prediction**, e.g. solubility, polarization, binding affinity.