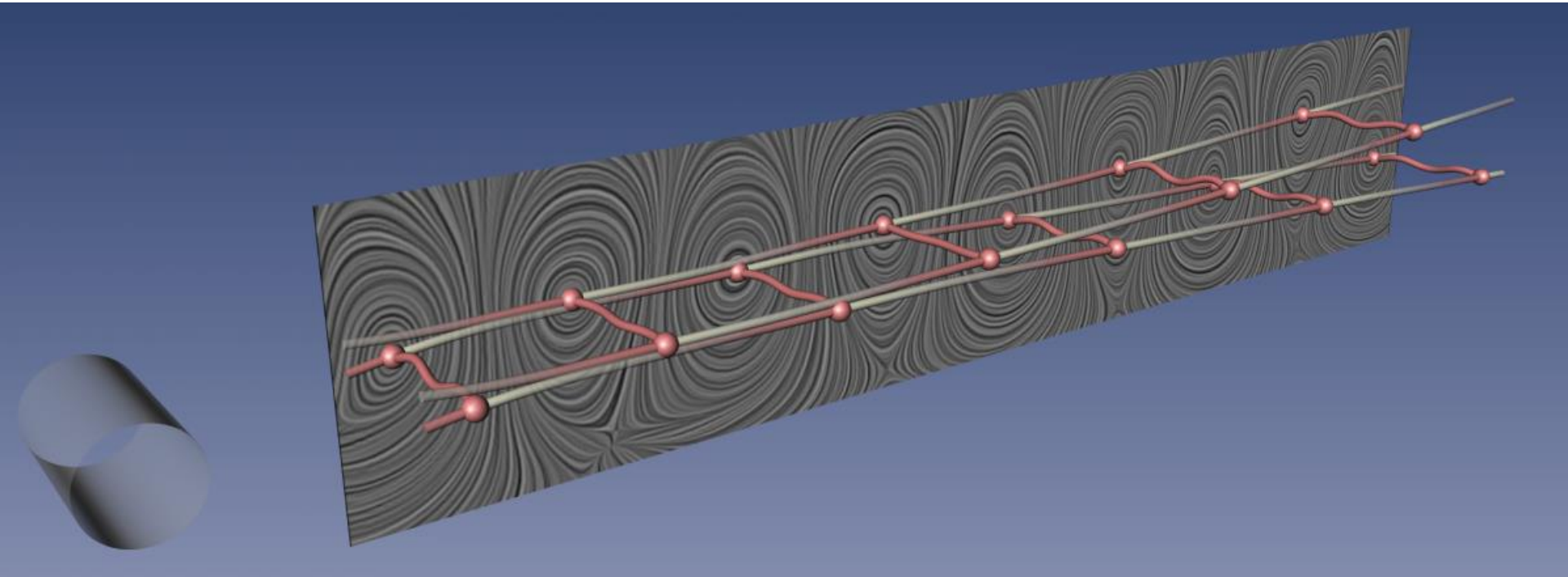


Spatio-temporal Flow Analysis



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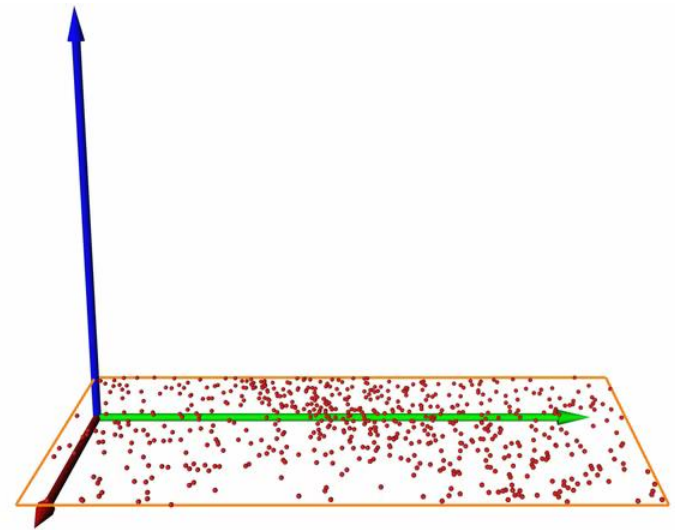
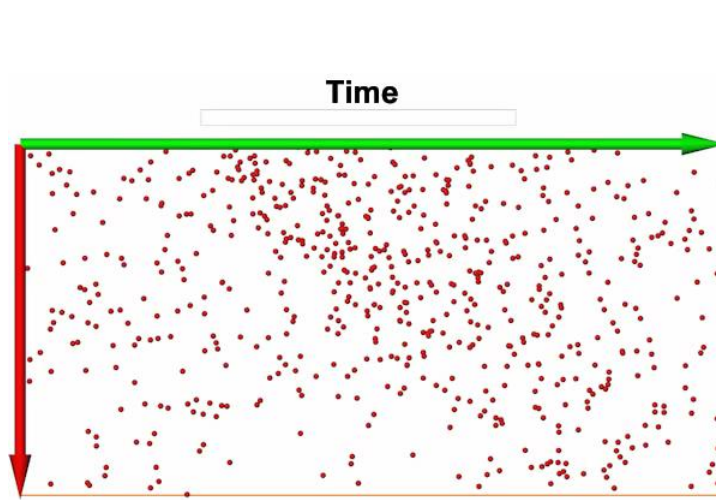
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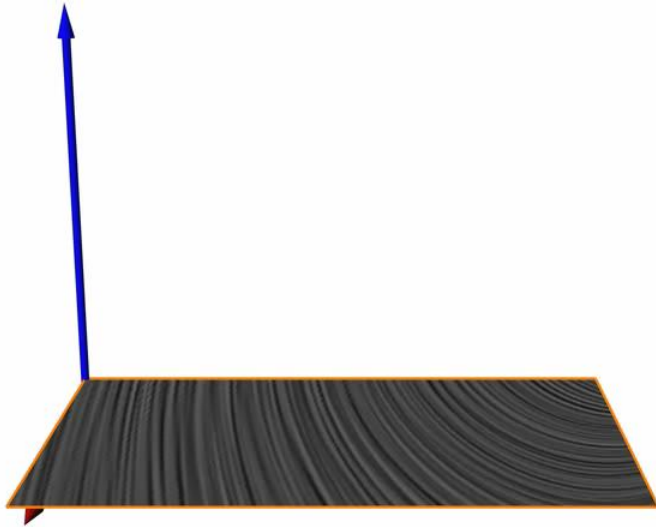
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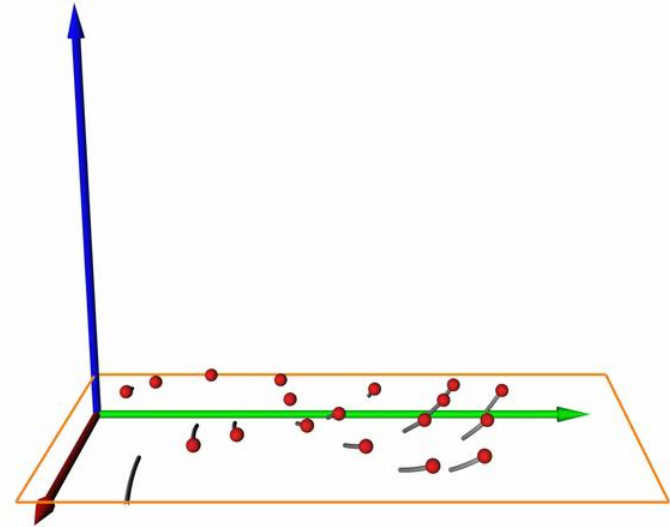
2D time-dependent vector field
particle visualization



stream lines

curve parallel to the vector field in
each point for a **fixed time**

describes motion of a massless
particle in an **steady** flow field



path lines

curve parallel to the vector field in
each point **over time**

describes motion of a massless
particle in an **unsteady** flow field

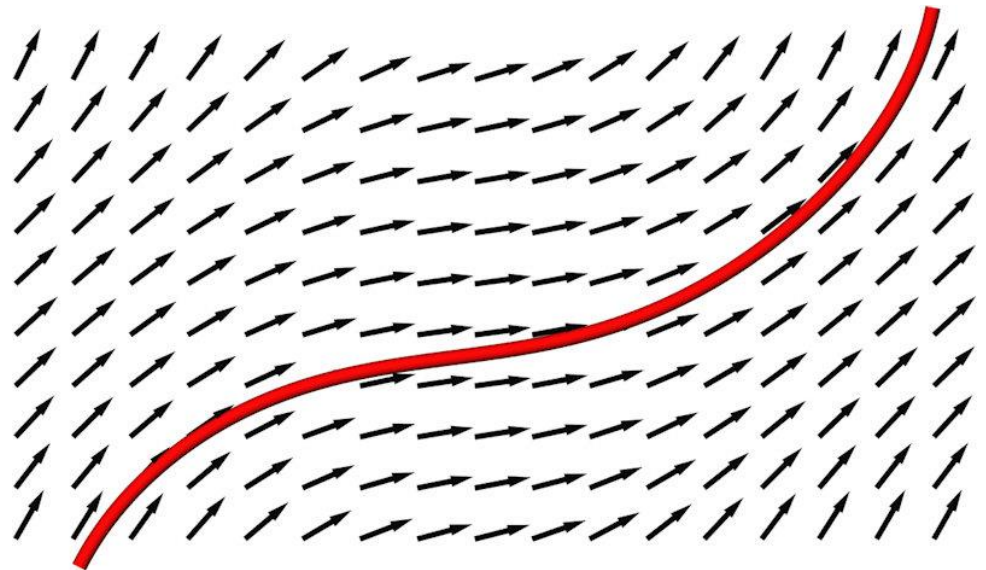
- A **tangent curve** $\mathbf{s}(t)$ of the vector field \mathbf{v} is a curve in $E^{2/3}$ with the property:

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}}(t) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{s}(t))$$

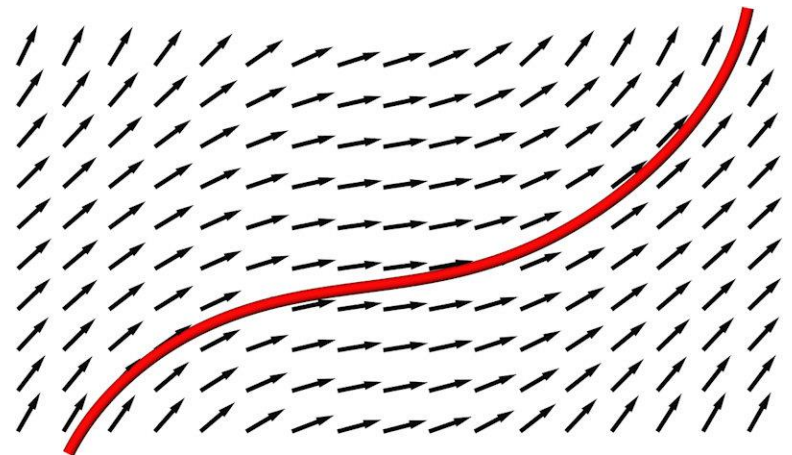
denotes the tangent vectors of $\mathbf{s}(t)$

for any t of the domain of \mathbf{s} .

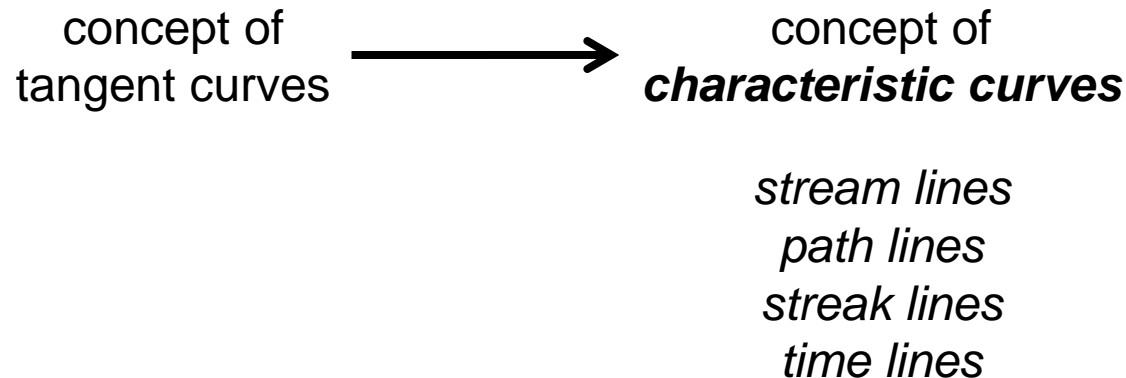
- Interpretation: path of a massless particle in a flow described by \mathbf{v}



- **Properties of tangent curves:**
- Tangent curves do not intersect each other (except for critical points of \mathbf{v}) .
- Given a point in the vector field \mathbf{v} , there is one and only one tangent curve through it (except for critical points of \mathbf{v})
- A parametric description of stream lines is usually not possible → numerical integration schemes (Runge Kutta)



- Based on tangent curves, we define 4 types of ***characteristic curves*** of a vector field



steady vector field

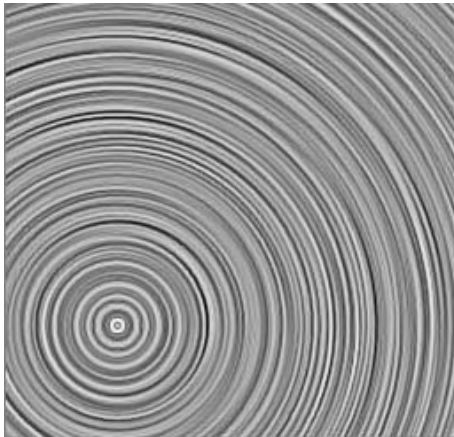
$$\mathbf{v}(x, y)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(\tau))$$

with $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$



unsteady vector field

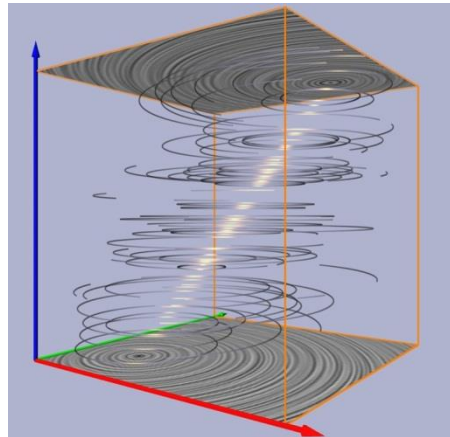
$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(\tau), t_0)$$

with $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{s}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

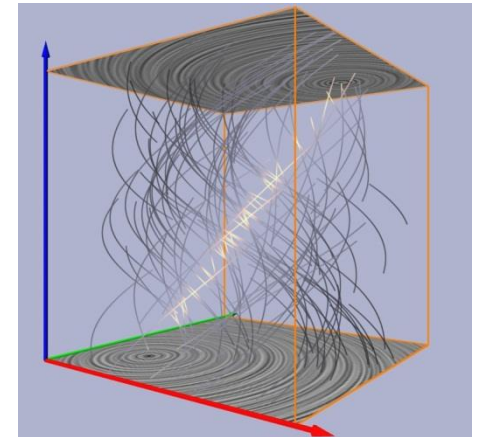


$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$$

with $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

path lines

$$\mathbf{p}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



steady vector field

unsteady vector field

2D

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

3D

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z) \\ v(x, y, z) \\ w(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix}$$

n D unsteady vector field
 $\rightarrow (n+1)$ D steady vector field

$$\mathbf{s}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z, t) \\ v(x, y, z, t) \\ w(x, y, z, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z, t) \\ v(x, y, z, t) \\ w(x, y, z, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

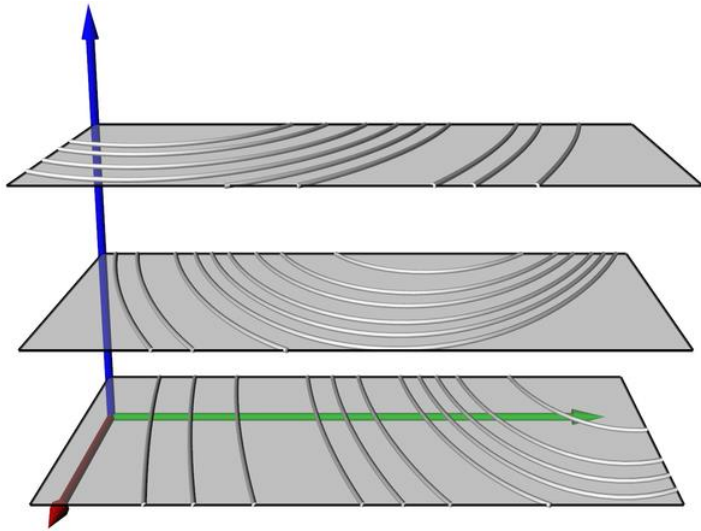


Time

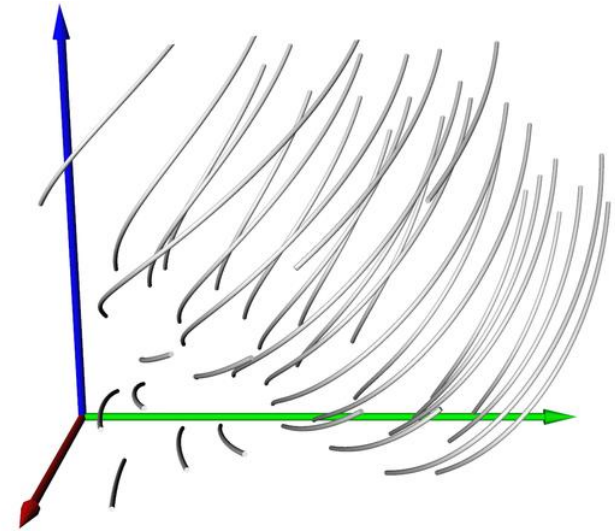


streak line

location of all particles set out at a fixed point at different times

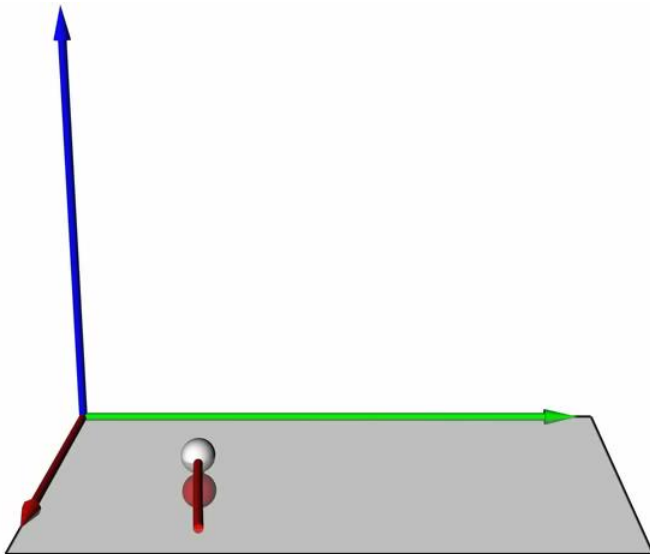


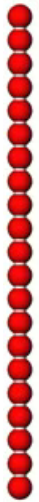
stream lines



path lines

streak lines



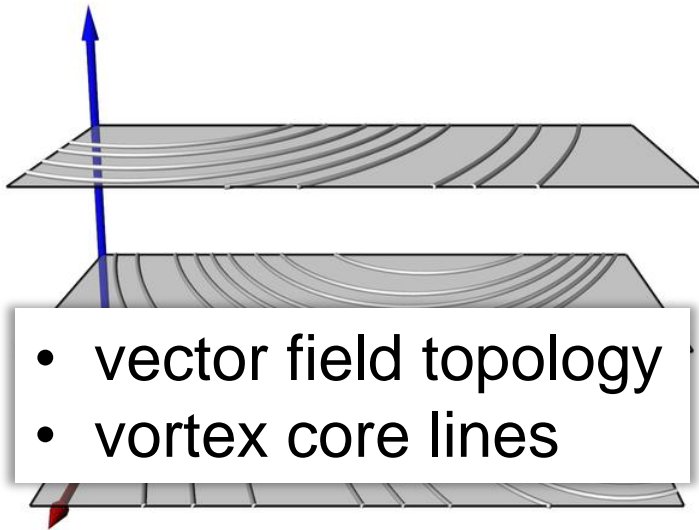


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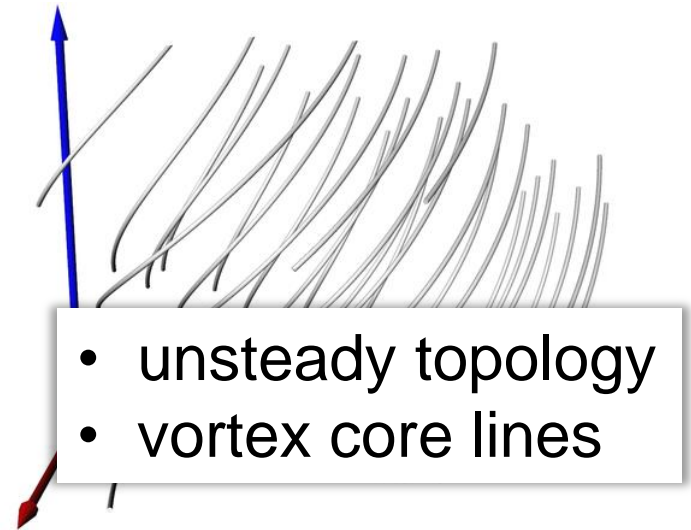


time line

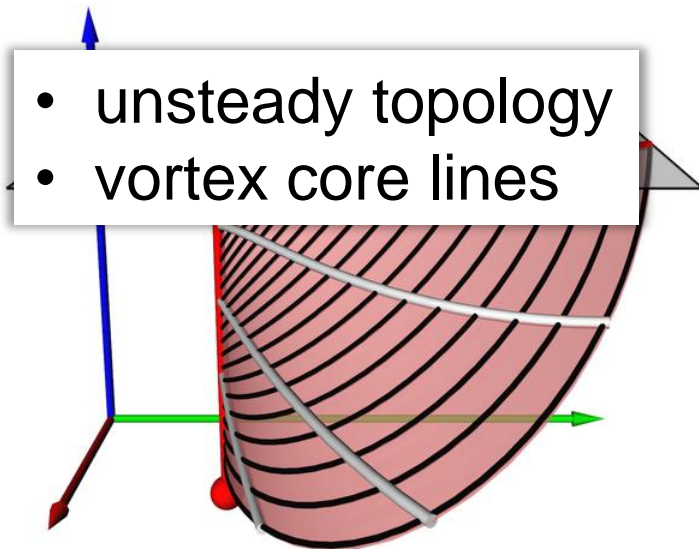
location of all particles set out on a certain line at a fixed time



stream lines

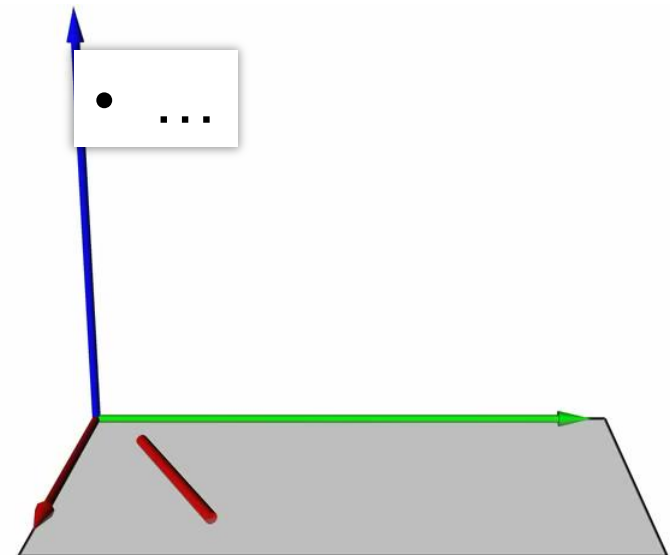


path lines



streak lines

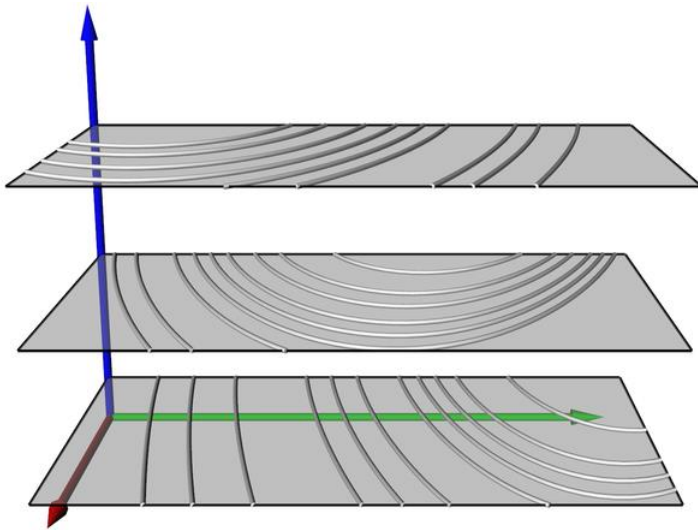
time lines



tangent curves in a time-**independent** vector field $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$: $\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(\tau))$
with $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

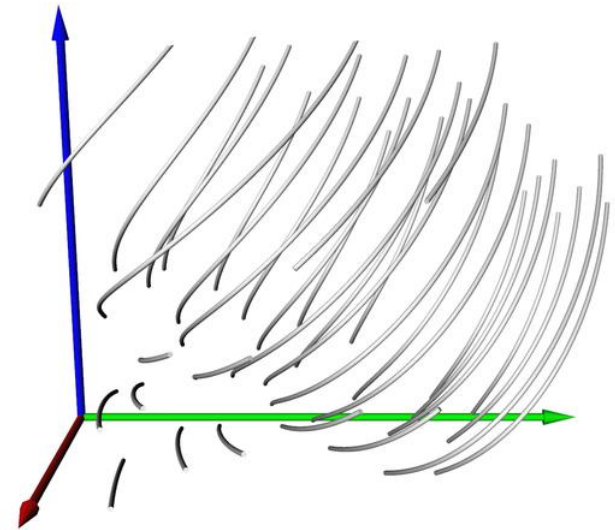
time-**dependent** vector field
 $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$

stream lines



$$\bar{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

path lines



$$\bar{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{s}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

← tangent curves
of a derived vector field →

$$\bar{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Feature extraction and analysis methods:

stream lines

path lines

$$\bar{\mathbf{s}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{stream lines} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{tangent curves of a derived vector field}} \quad \text{path lines} \quad \bar{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Feature extraction and analysis methods:

Vector field topology

[Helman and Hesselink, IEEE Comp. 1989]

Topology simplification

[Tricoche et al., Vis 2000 & 2001]

Feature Flow Fields

[Theisel and Seidel, VisSym 2003]

Topological vector field construction

[Weinkauff et al., EG 2004]

Critical point tracking 3D

[Garth et al., Vis 2004]

Curvature-based seeding

[Weinkauff and Theisel, WSCG 2002]

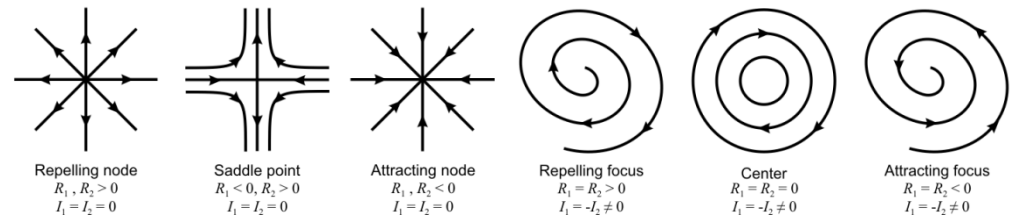
Path line attributes

[Shi et al., TopoInVis 2007]

Topological Methods

Critical point: $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

Type of critical point: $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{v})$



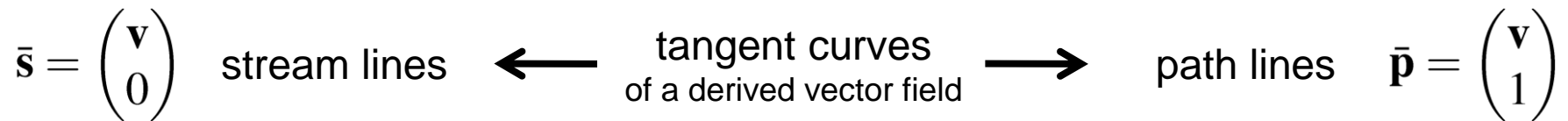
Helman & Hesselink, 1989

Unsteady PV criteria

[Fuchs et al., TVCG 2008]

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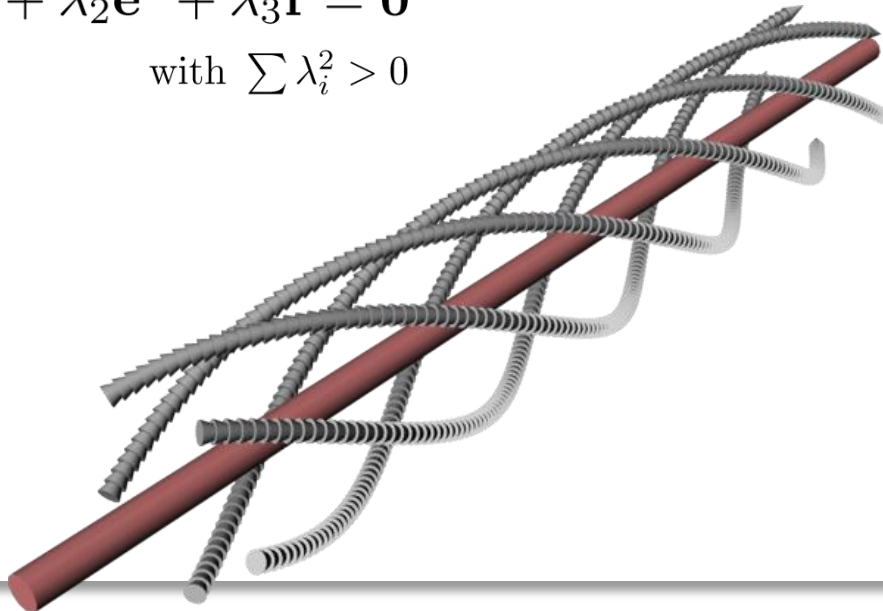
Vortex core lines

Center of swirling stream/path lines

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) \parallel \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\lambda_1 \bar{\mathbf{p}} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}^s + \lambda_3 \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{with } \sum \lambda_i^2 > 0$$



Eigenvector method

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Parallel Vectors operator

[Peikert and Roth, Vis 1999]

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Parallel Vectors meet FFF

[Theisel et al., Vis 2005]

Swirling Particle Cores

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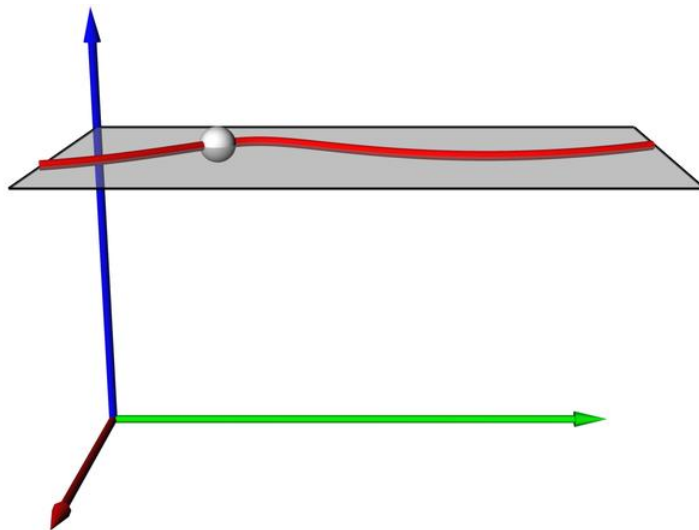
[Schindler et al., Vis 2009]

Weinkauf and Theisel

Streak Lines as Tangent Curves of a Derived Vector Field
Best Paper at IEEE Visualization 2010

$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Streak Line Vector Field



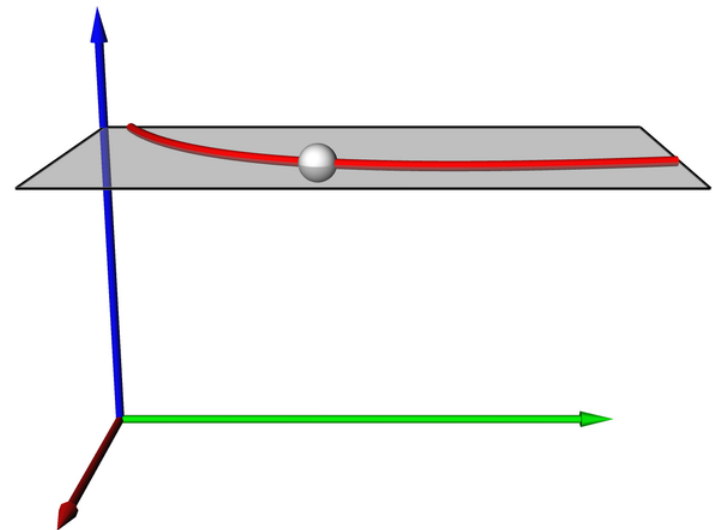
streak lines

Weinkauf, Hege, Theisel

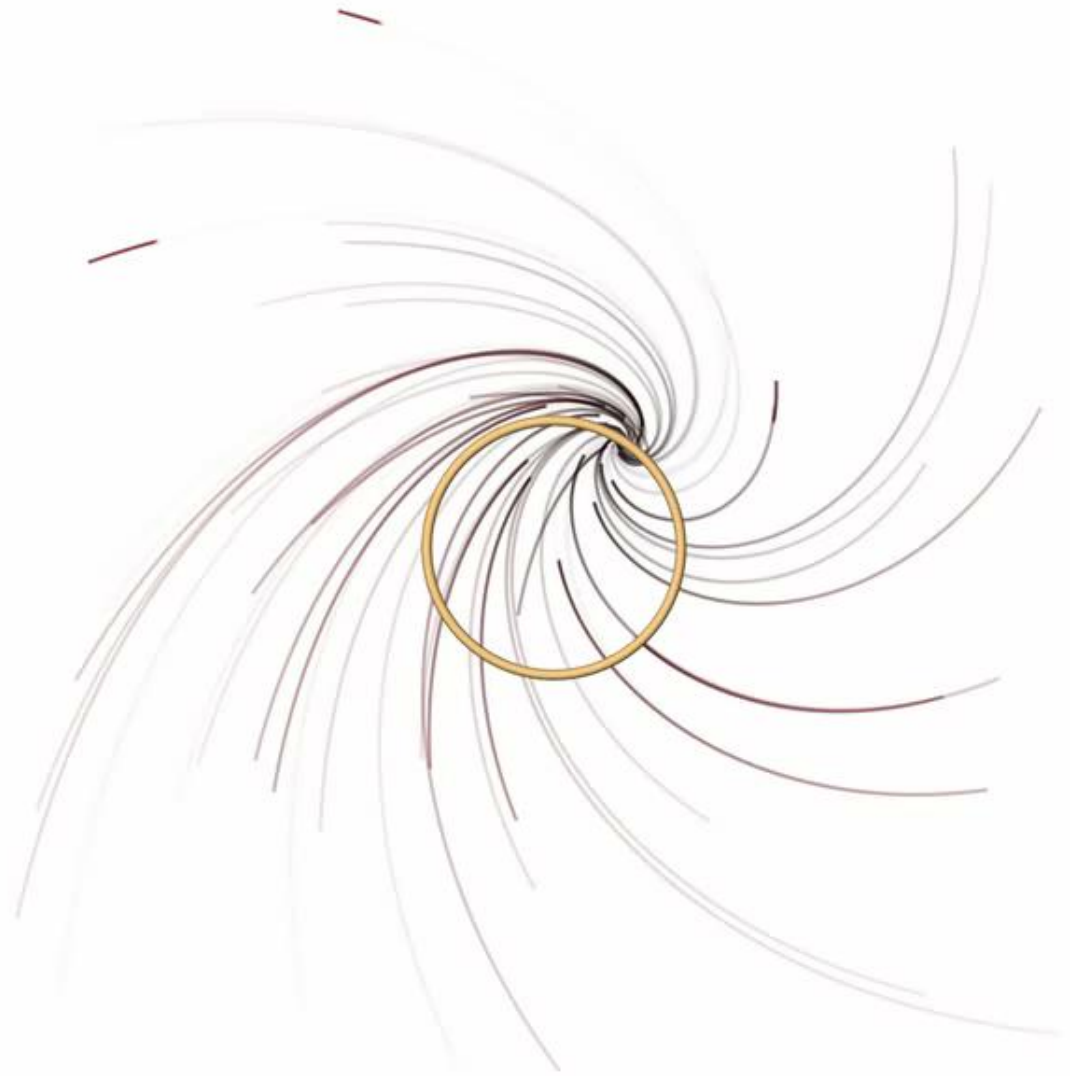
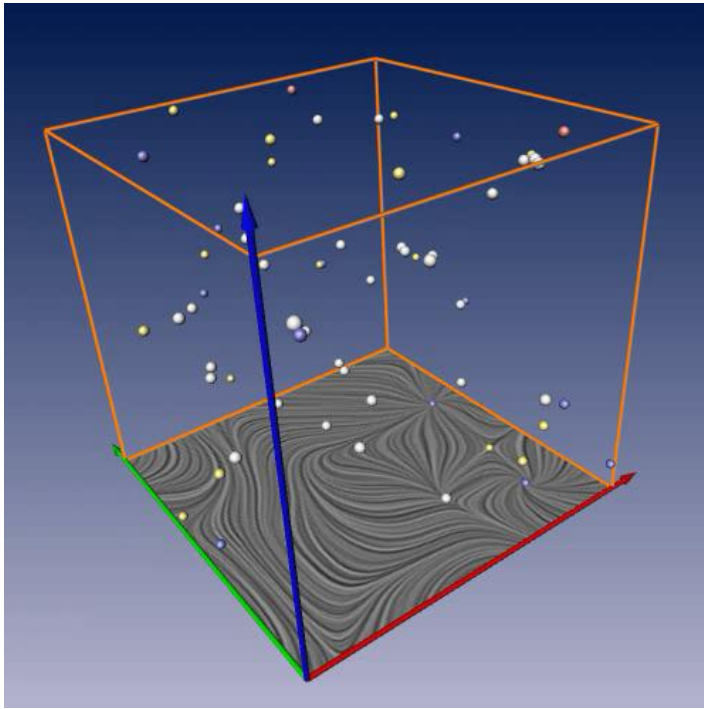
*Advected Tangent Curves: A General Scheme for
Characteristic Curves of Flow Fields*
Eurographics 2012

$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla \phi)^{-1} \cdot \left(\mathbf{a}(\bar{\phi}) - g(\bar{\phi}) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) - g(\bar{\phi}) \cdot \mathbf{w} \\ 0 \\ g(\bar{\phi}) \end{pmatrix}$$

***Advected Tangent Curves
Vector Field***

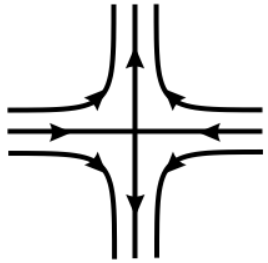


time lines

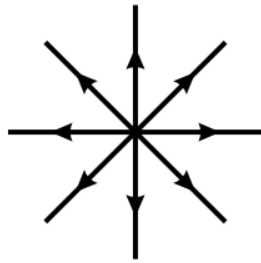


Coffee Break

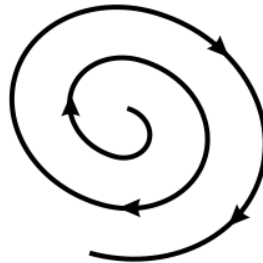
$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_0 \pm \epsilon) \neq \mathbf{0}$$



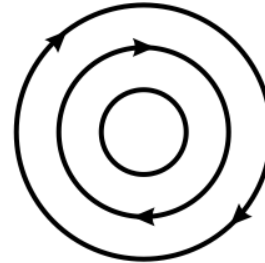
Saddle point
 $R_1 < 0, R_2 > 0$
 $I_1 = I_2 = 0$



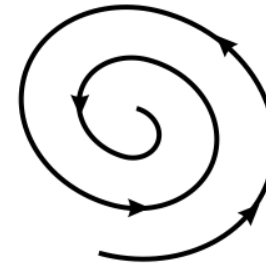
Repelling node
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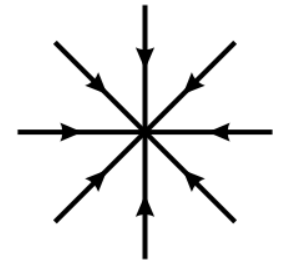
Repelling focus
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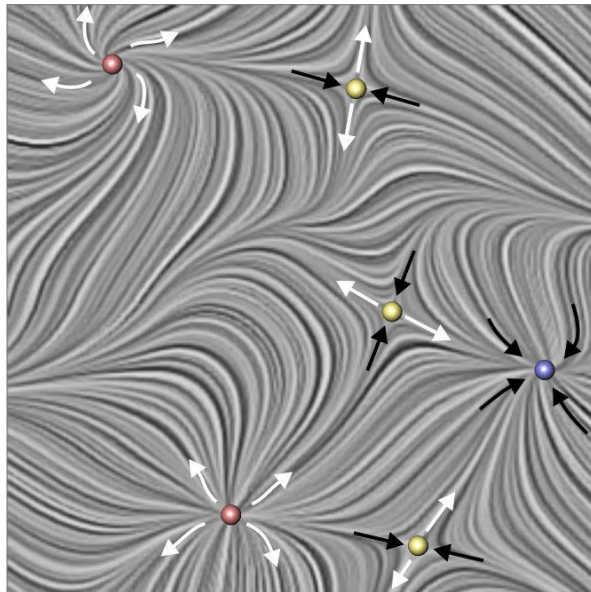
Center
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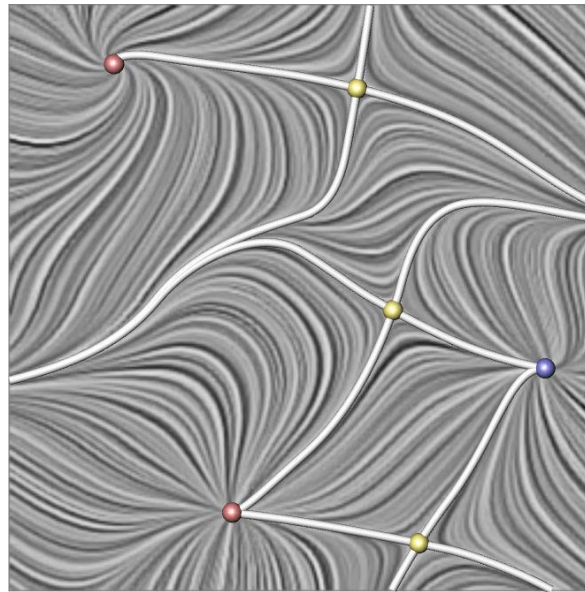
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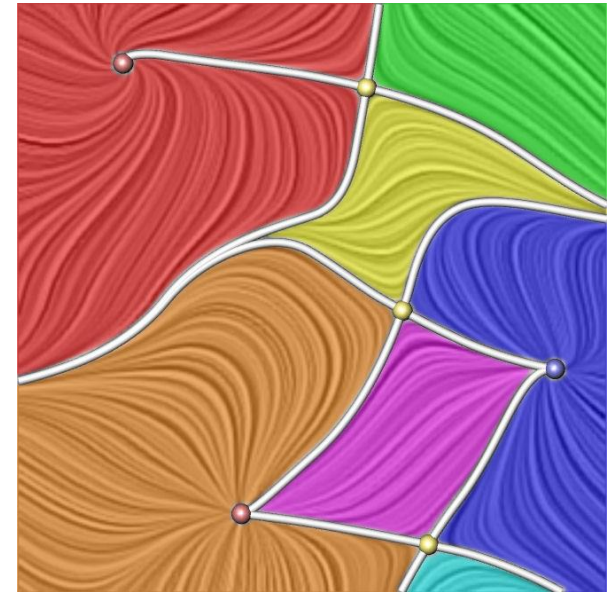
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critical points



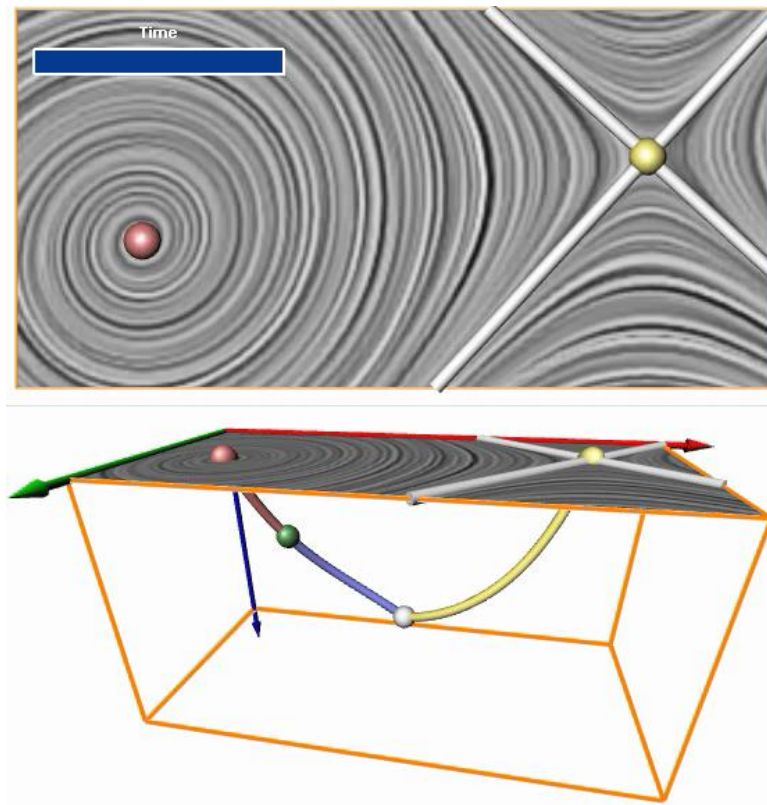
separation lines



sectors of different
flow behavior

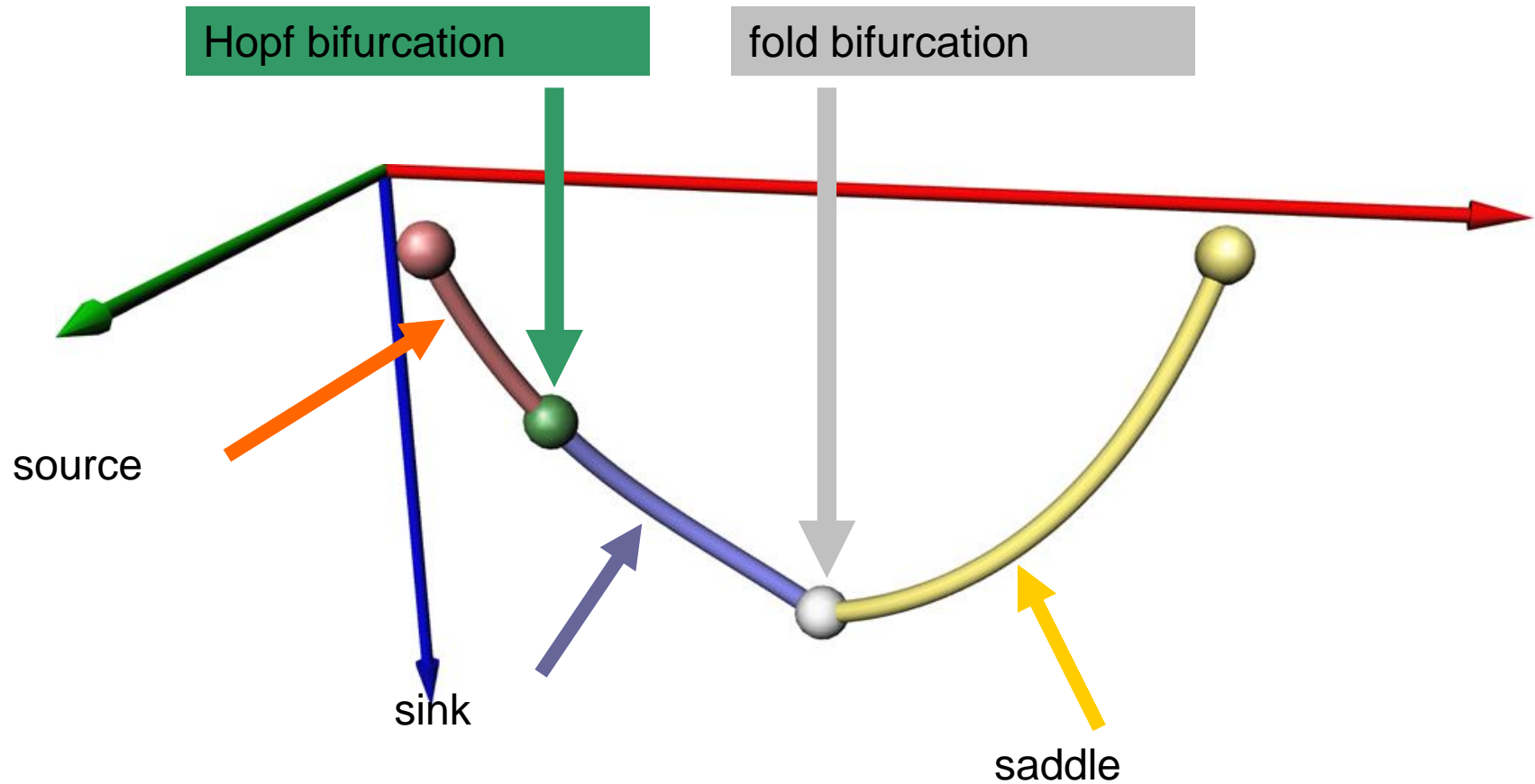
Topological Structures

unsteady vector field



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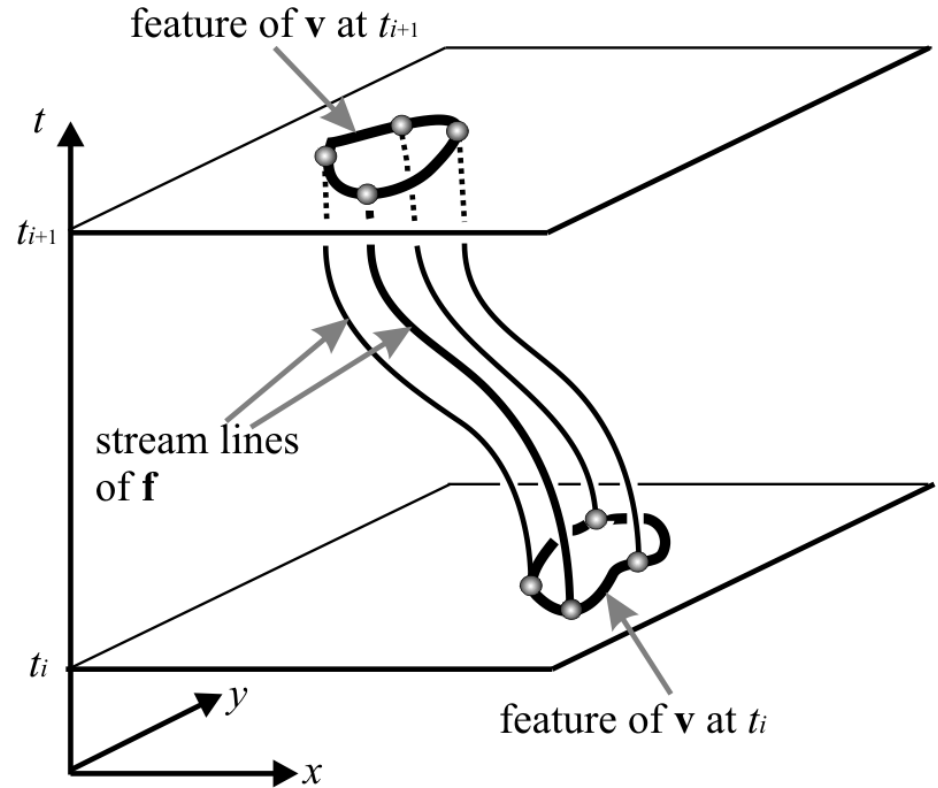


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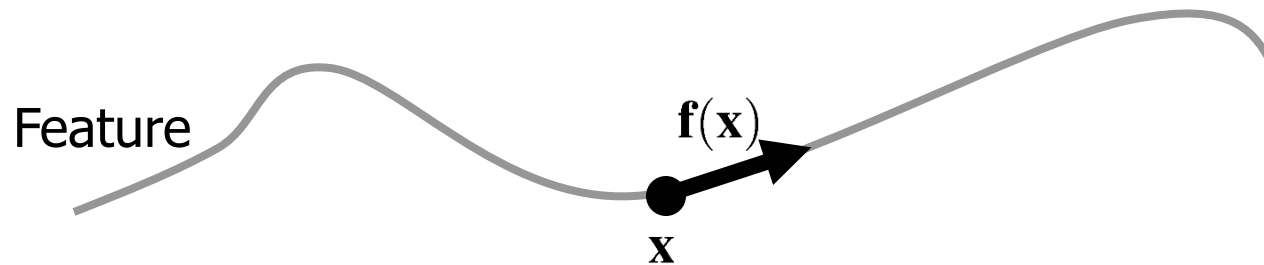
$$\mathbf{f}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y, t) \\ g(x, y, t) \\ h(x, y, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Feature Flow Field (FFF)



H. Theisel and H.-P. Seidel
Feature Flow Fields, VisSym 2003

- Feature Flow Field: vector field \mathbf{f} at \mathbf{x} pointing into direction where the feature continues



- Numerical stream line/surface integration is well-understood
- Stream object integration independent of underlying grid
- FFF gives theoretical tool for classifying local bifurcations

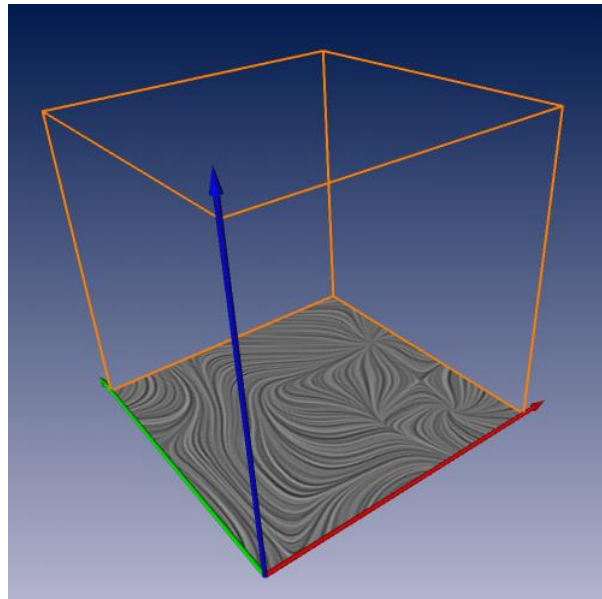
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Stable Feature Flow Fields, TVCG 2011
- **C. Pagot, D. Osmari, F. Sadlo, D. Weiskopf, T. Ertl, J. Comba**
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1. Find all seeds

2. Integrate

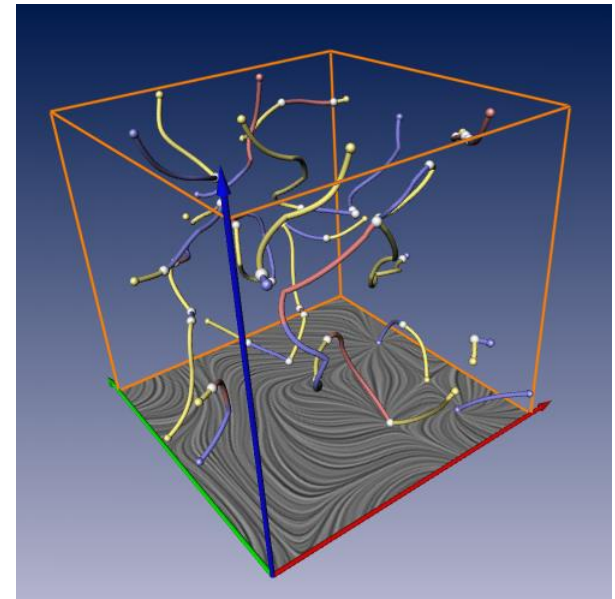
unsteady vector field

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**FFF-based
Tracking**

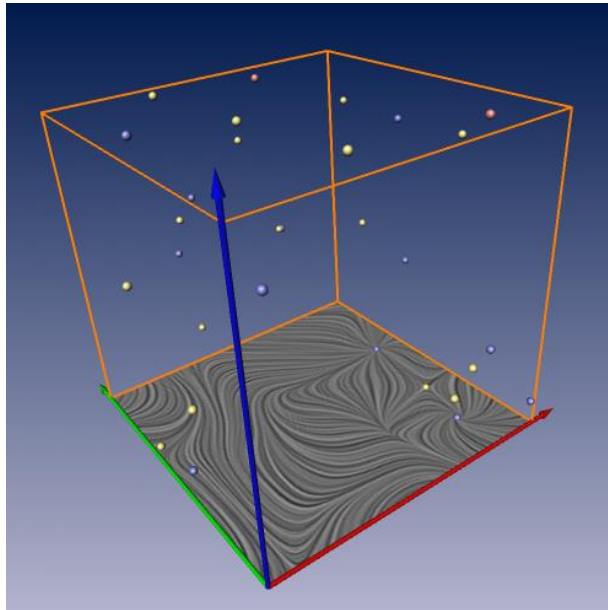
tracked critical points



1. Find all seeds

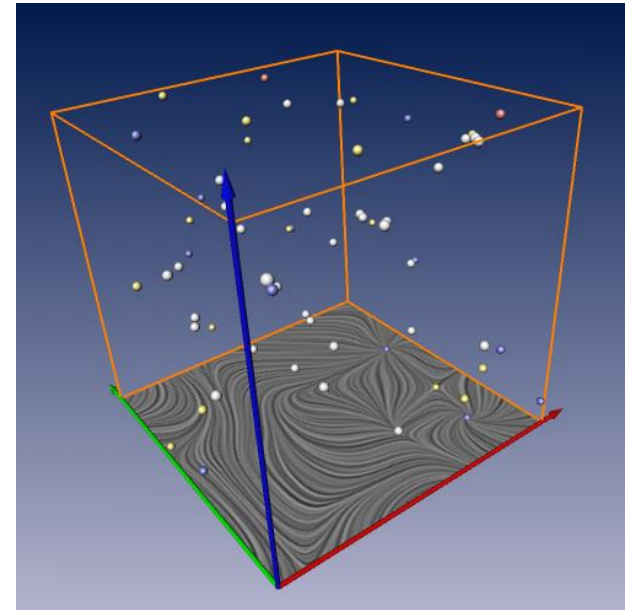
Finding Zeros

2. Integrate



Domain boundaries

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(x, y, t_{min}) &= (0, 0)^T \text{ and } \mathbf{v}(x, y, t_{max}) = (0, 0)^T : \\ \mathbf{v}(x, y_{min}, t) &= (0, 0)^T \text{ and } \mathbf{v}(x, y_{max}, t) = (0, 0)^T \\ \mathbf{v}(x_{min}, y, t) &= (0, 0)^T \text{ and } \mathbf{v}(x_{max}, y, t) = (0, 0)^T \end{aligned}$$



Fold bifurcations

$$[\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = (0, 0)^T, \quad \det(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x})) = 0]$$

1. Find all seeds

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{f}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \det(\mathbf{v}_y, \mathbf{v}_t) \\ \det(\mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{v}_x) \\ \det(\mathbf{v}_x, \mathbf{v}_y) \end{pmatrix}$$

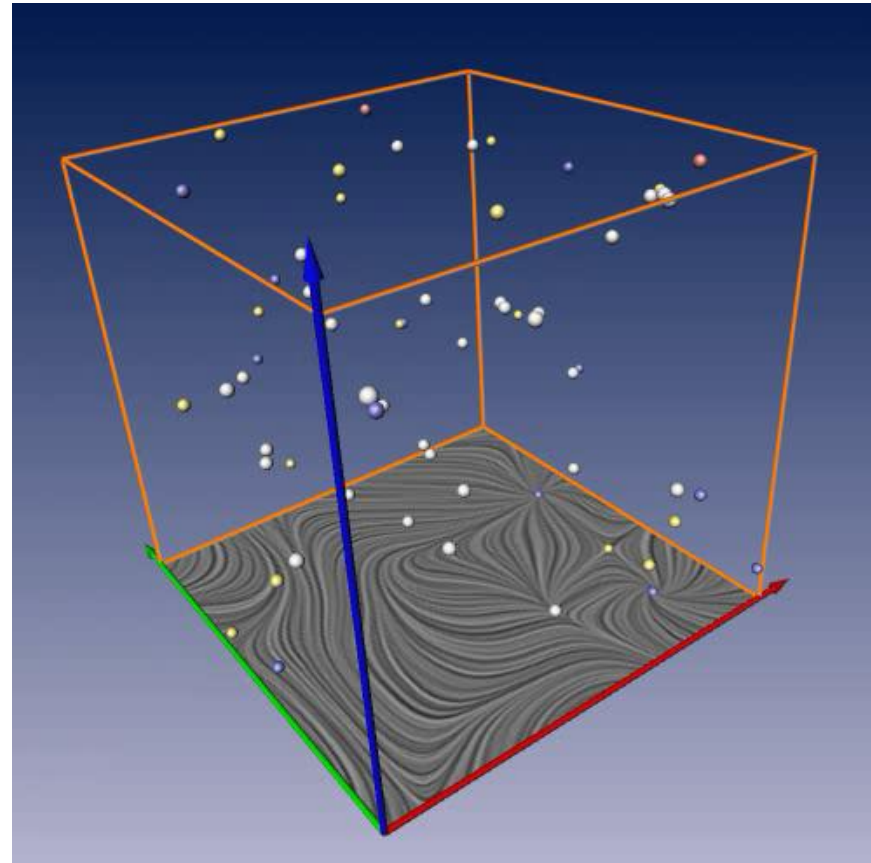
[Theisel and Seidel; VisSym 2003]

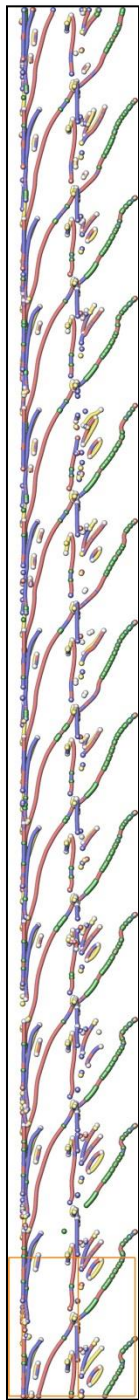
Extensions:

- Large data (out-of-core)
TopolnVis 2007
- Stability
TVCG 2011
- Combinatorial equivalent
TVCG 2012

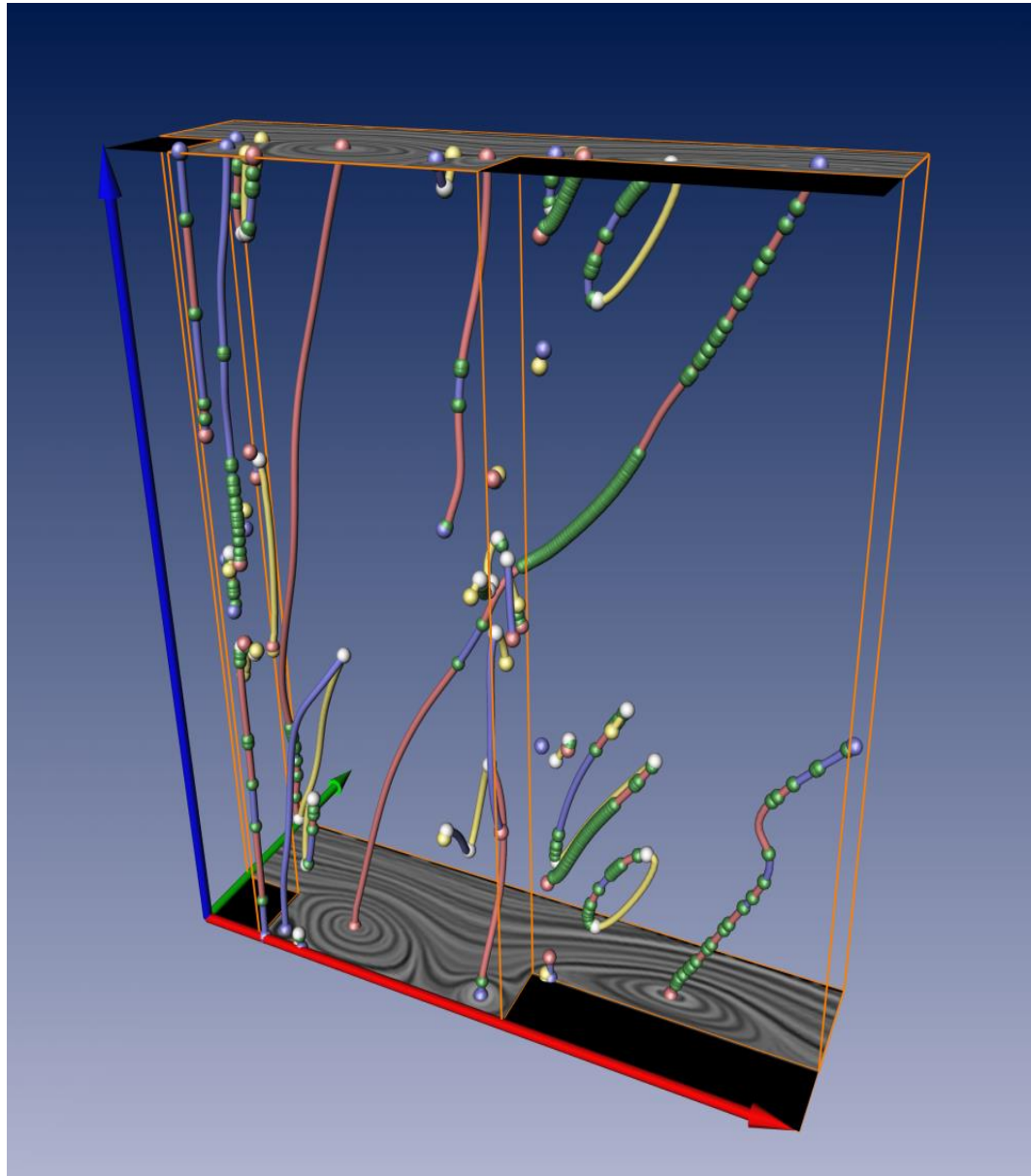
2. Integrate

Integrating Stream Objects

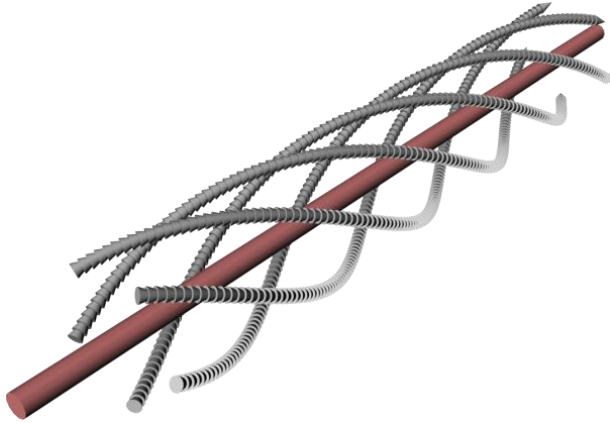




1000 time steps



Flow around a 2D Cavity. Data courtesy of Samimy, Noack.



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stream lines



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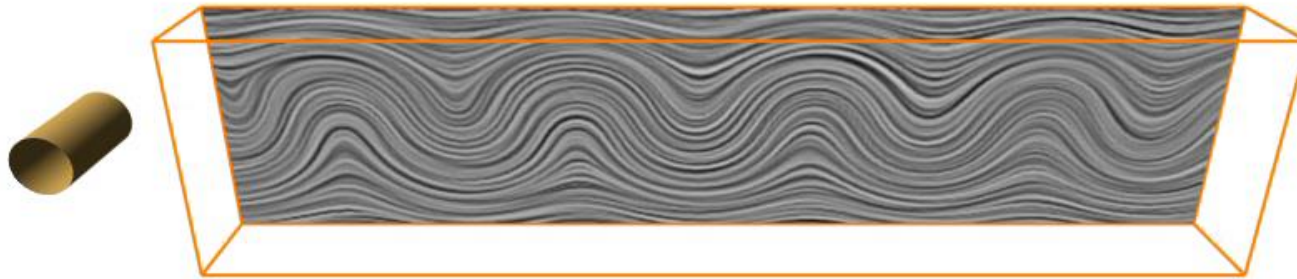
Swirling Motion Cores
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Vortex Cores of Inertial Particles
[Günther and Theisel, Vis 2014]

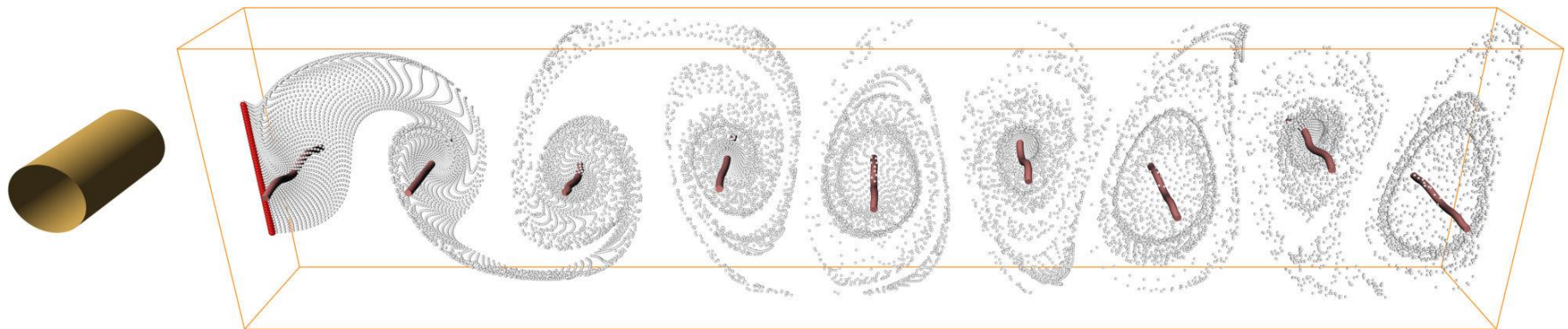
**path lines, streak lines,
other curves, inertial particles**



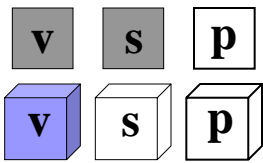
stream lines



path lines



cores of swirling particle motion



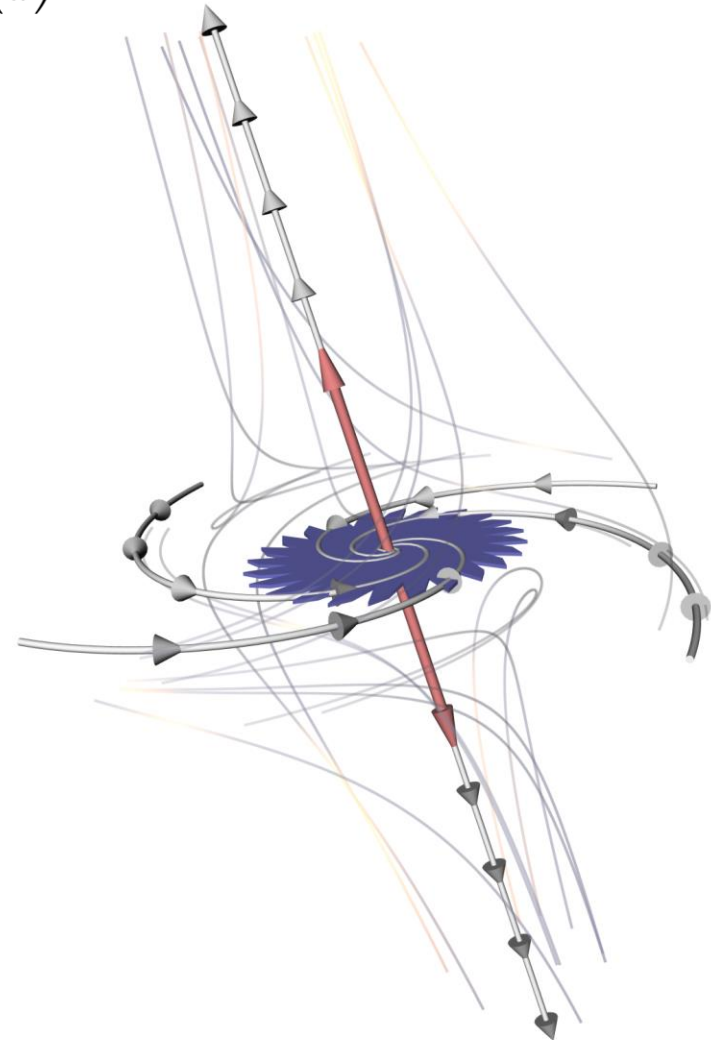
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Eigenvector method
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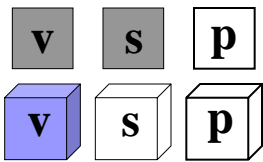
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reduced velocity



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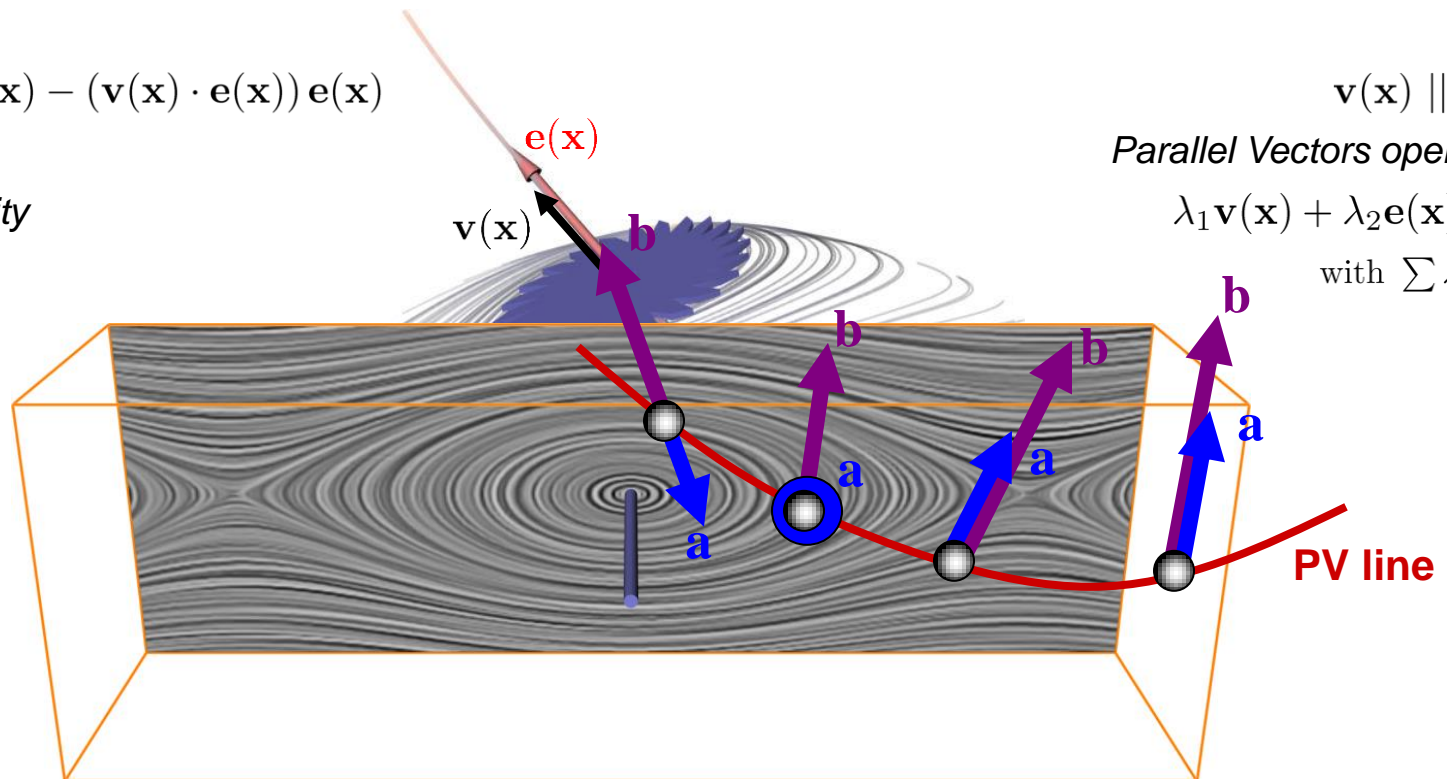
Parallel Vectors operator
[Peikert and Roth, Vis 1999]

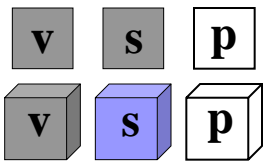
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Parallel Vectors operator

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with $\sum \lambda_i^2 > 0$



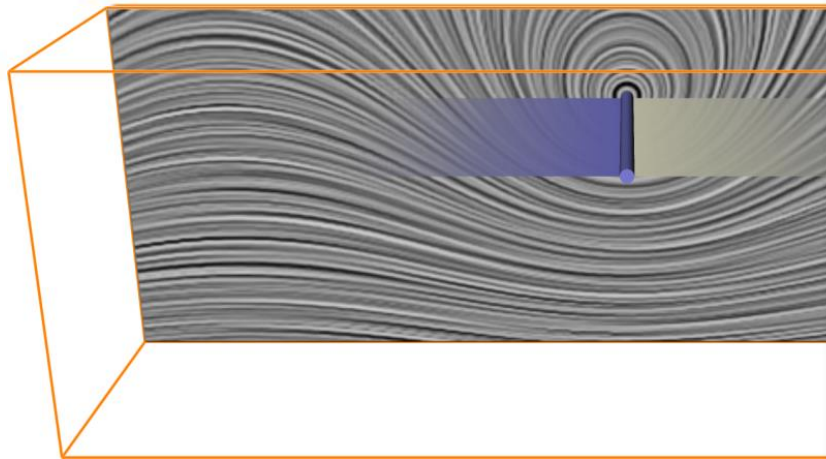


Swirling motion of stream lines – 3D unsteady

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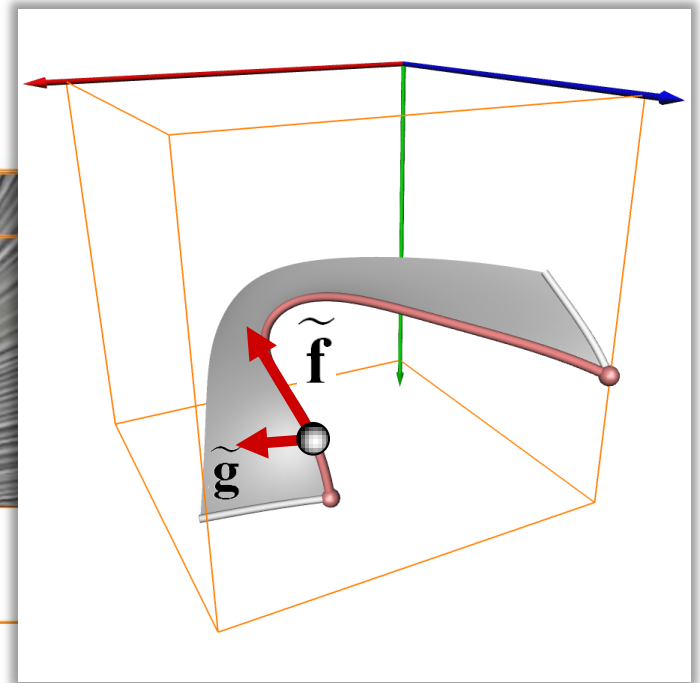
Tracking in scale space
[Bauer and Peikert, VisSym 2002]

4D marching cubes like method



Parallel Vector surfaces
[Theisel et al., Vis 2005]

based on Feature Flow Fields



steady vector field

critical points

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

unsteady vector field

tracked critical points

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

swirling particle cores

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2D

stream lines

stream lines

path lines

3D

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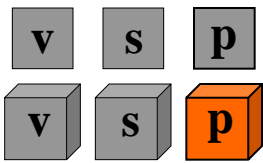
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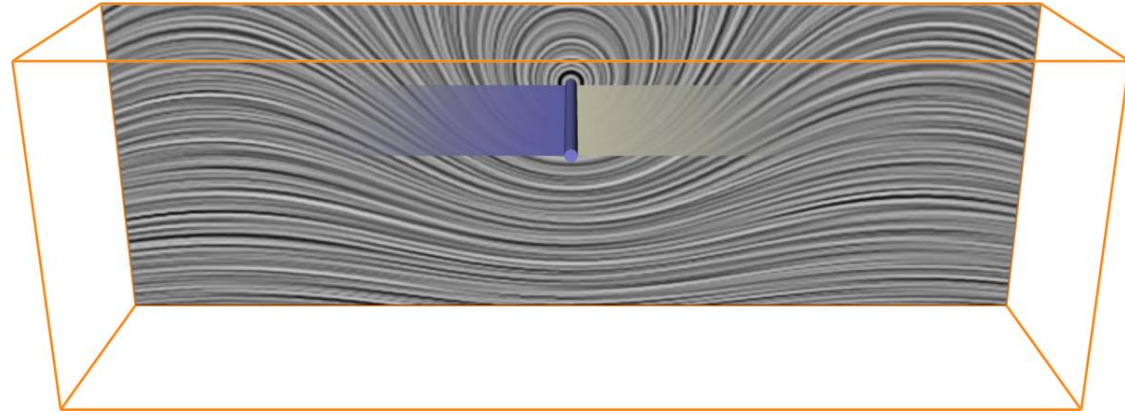
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Swirling motion of path lines – 3D unsteady

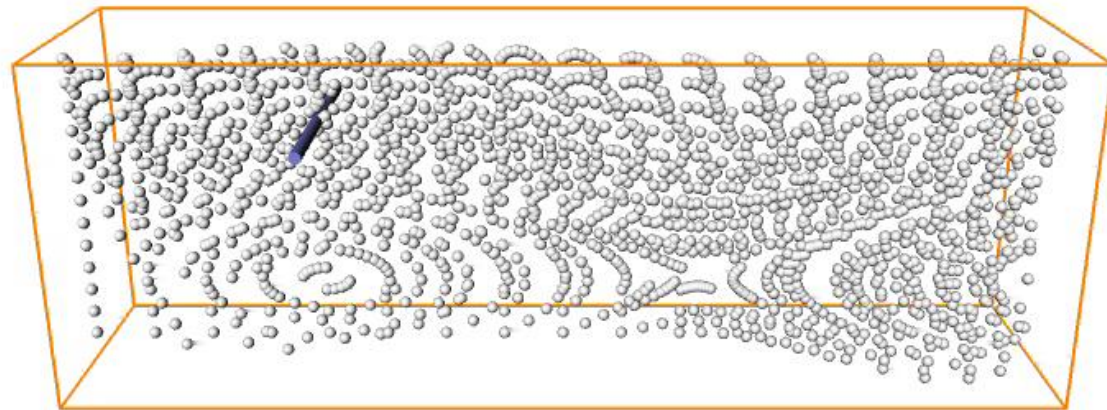
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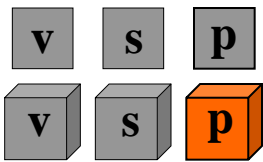
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path lines
particles





Swirling motion of path lines – 3D unsteady

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

path lines
of a 3D unsteady flow

→ *no existing method*

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z & u_t \\ v_x & v_y & v_z & v_t \\ w_x & w_y & w_z & w_t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ eigenvalues

e_1	e_2	e_3	0
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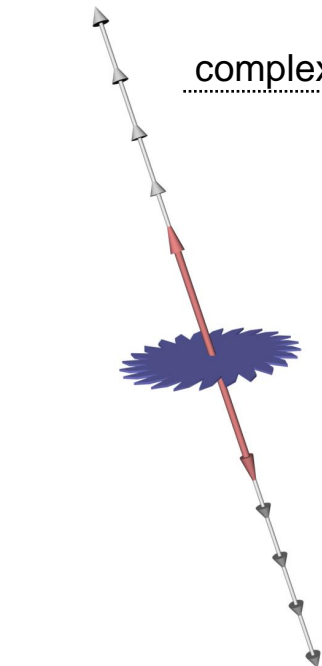
complex (necessary condition)

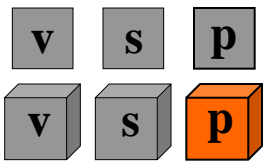
two real eigenvectors \mathbf{e}^s \mathbf{f}

→ $\lambda_1 \mathbf{p} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}^s + \lambda_3 \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$
with $\sum \lambda_i^2 > 0$

Coplanarity of
three 4D vectors

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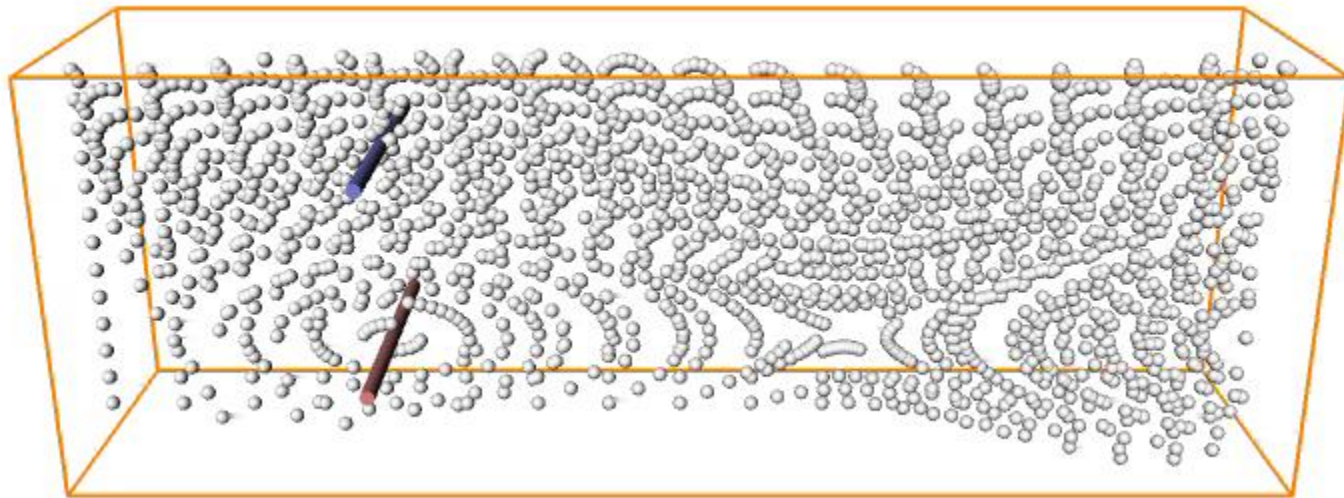
Swirling motion of path lines – 3D unsteady

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path lines
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no existing method



$$\lambda_3 \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{with } \sum \lambda_i^2 > 0$$

steady vector field

critical points

$$\lambda \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Critical Point finder

unsteady vector field

tracked critical points

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{s} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}^s = \mathbf{0}$$

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Parallel Vectors operator

swirling particle cores

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swirling stream line cores

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Coplanar Vectors operator

tracked stream line cores

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unified notation of swirling motion cores

2D

3D

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swirling stream line cores

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Streak Line Vector Field

$$\bar{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenanalysis of the gradient of the streak line vector field

$$\nabla \bar{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial \tau} \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

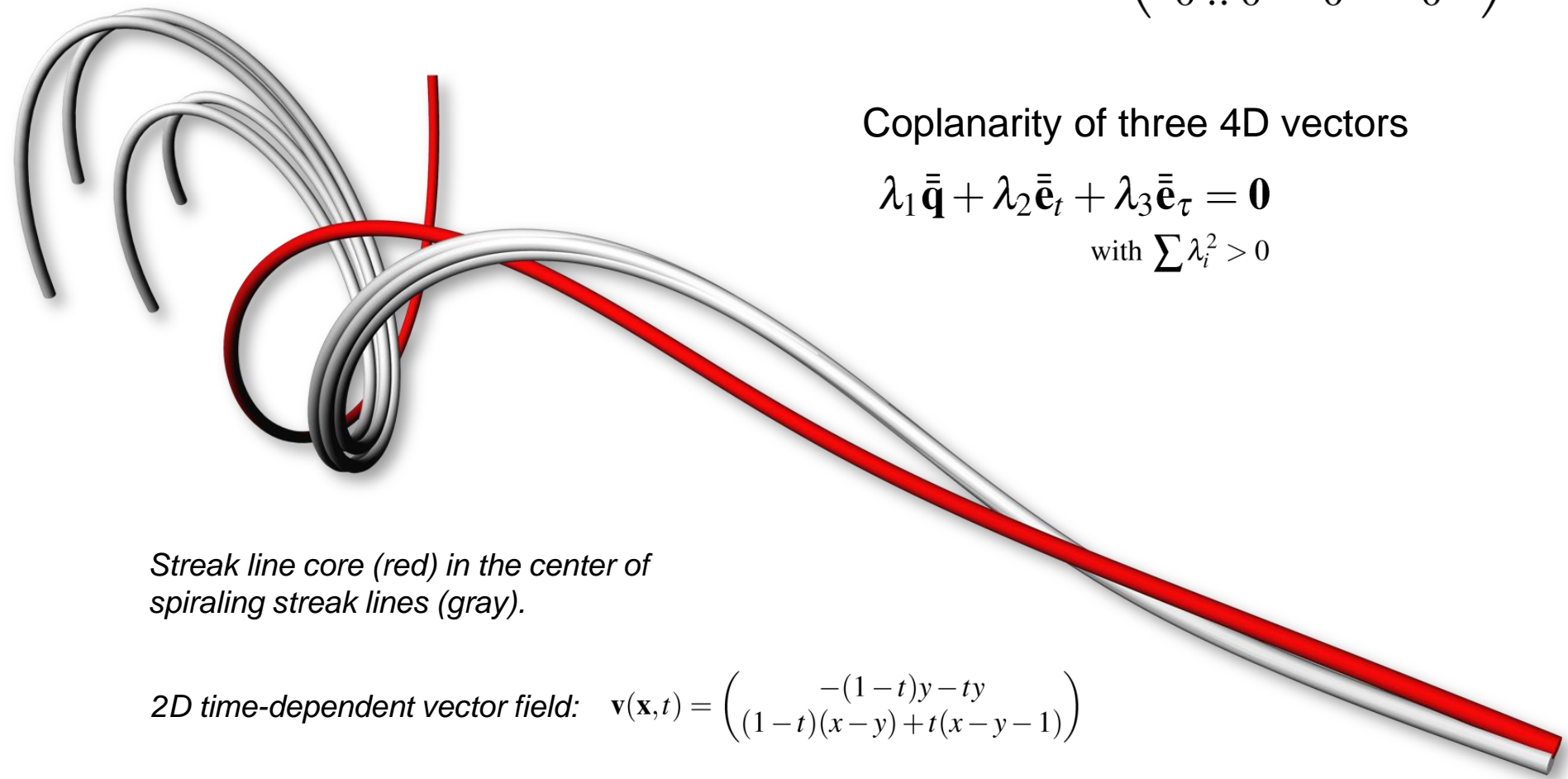
Coplanarity of three 4D vectors

$$\lambda_1 \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \lambda_2 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_t + \lambda_3 \bar{\mathbf{e}}_\tau = \mathbf{0}$$

with $\sum \lambda_i^2 > 0$

Streak line core (red) in the center of spiraling streak lines (gray).

2D time-dependent vector field: $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} -(1-t)y - ty \\ (1-t)(x-y) + t(x-y-1) \end{pmatrix}$



Beads Problem flow

reported by Wiebel et al., TopoInVis 2009

*attractor in the flow not detectable
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or feature extraction methods*

~~Line-Integral Convolution~~

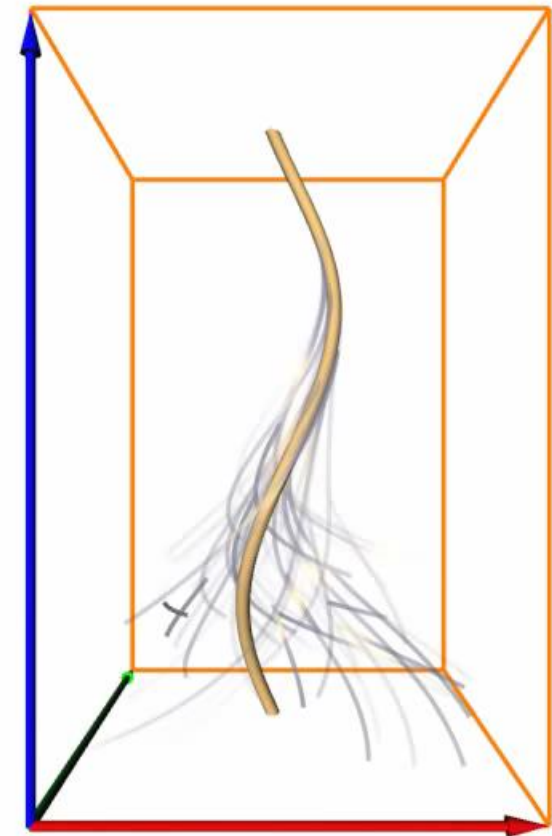
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here analytic version (Ronny Peikert)
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*Path lines approaching the
attractor (yellow curve).*

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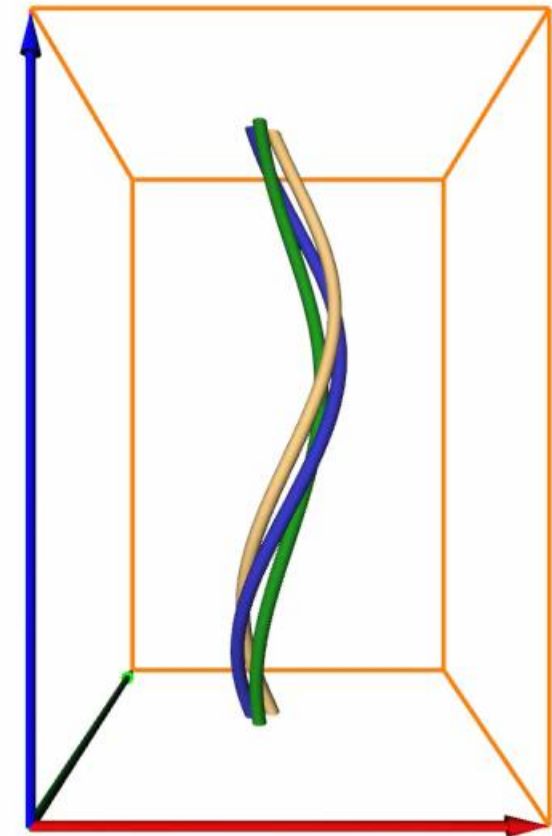
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*Critical points (green)
and path line cores (blue)
do not match the attractor.*

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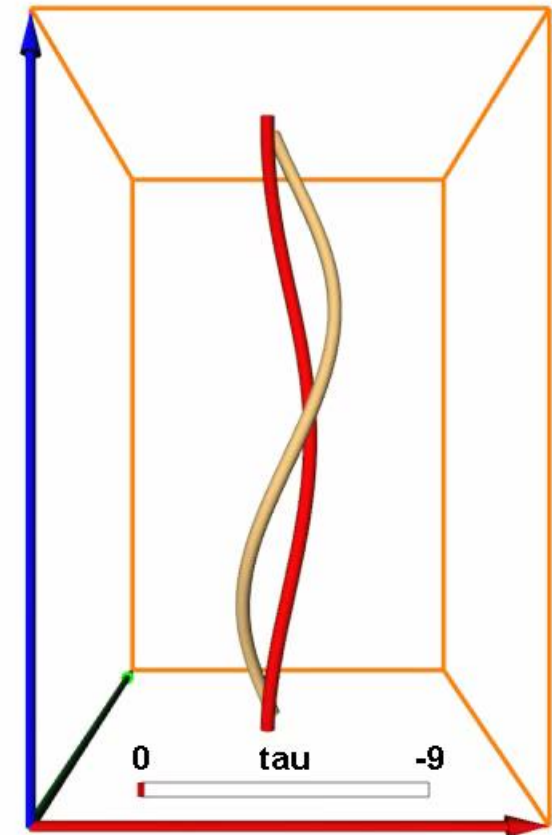
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*Streak line core (red)
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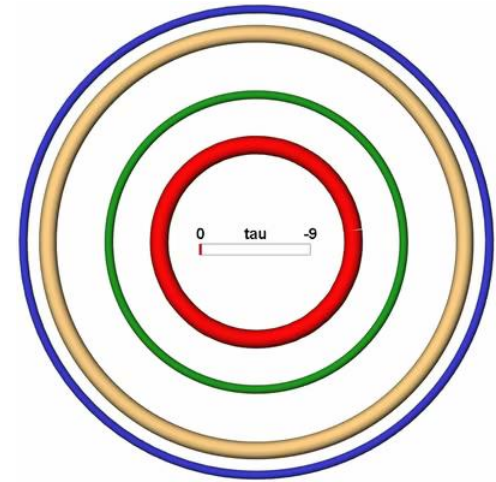
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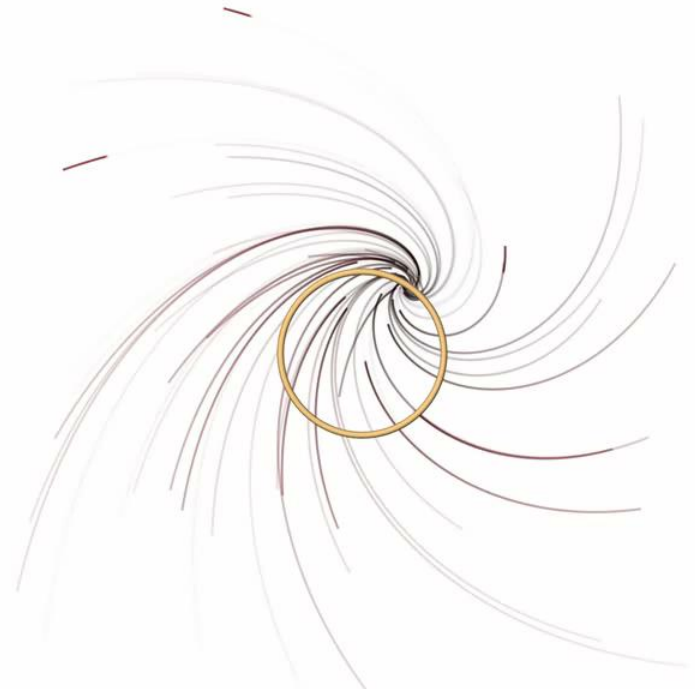
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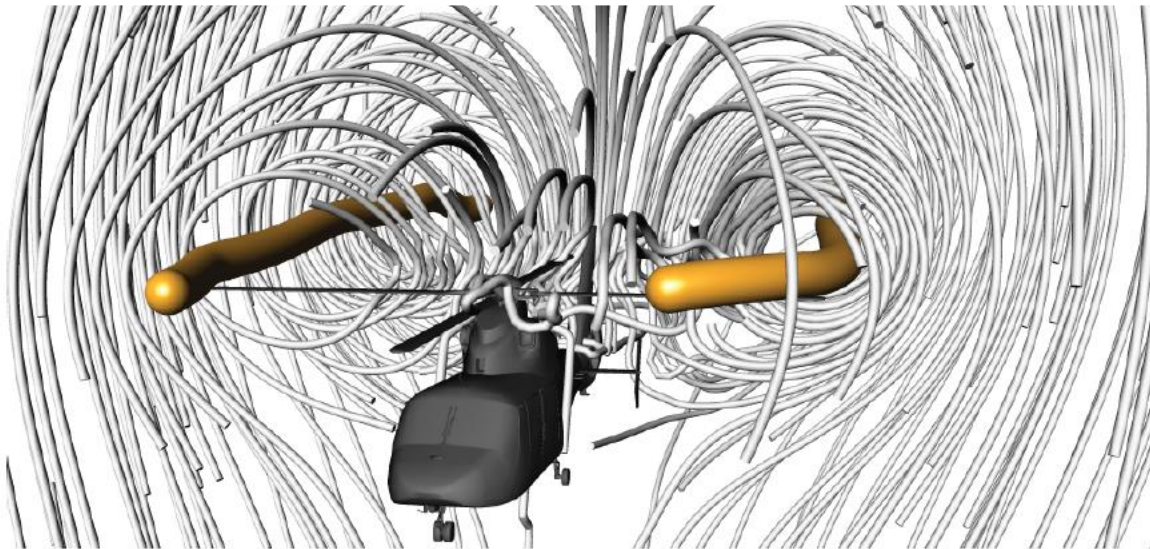
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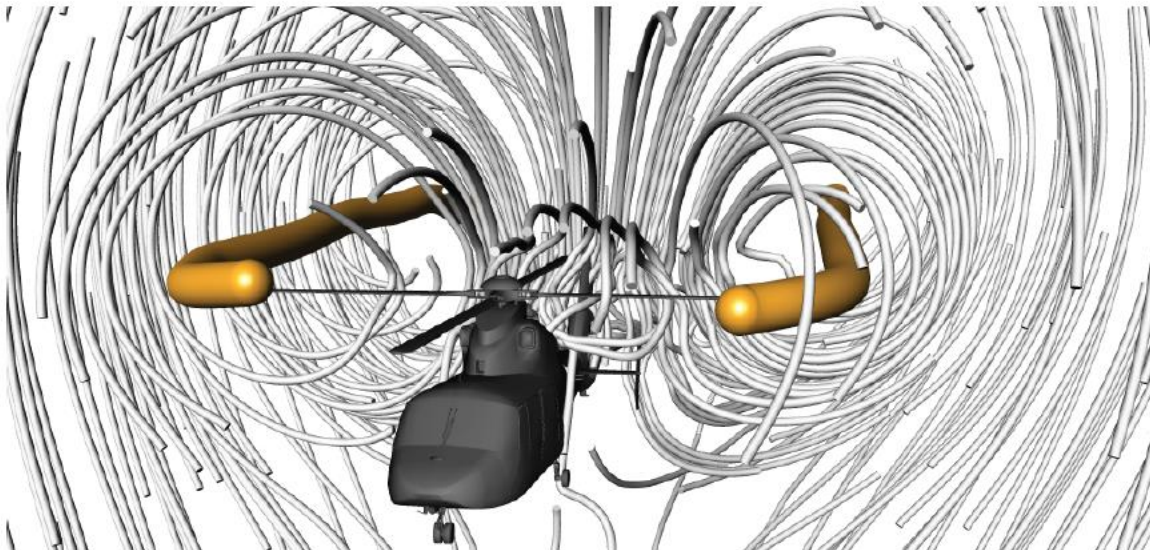


View from top.





massless



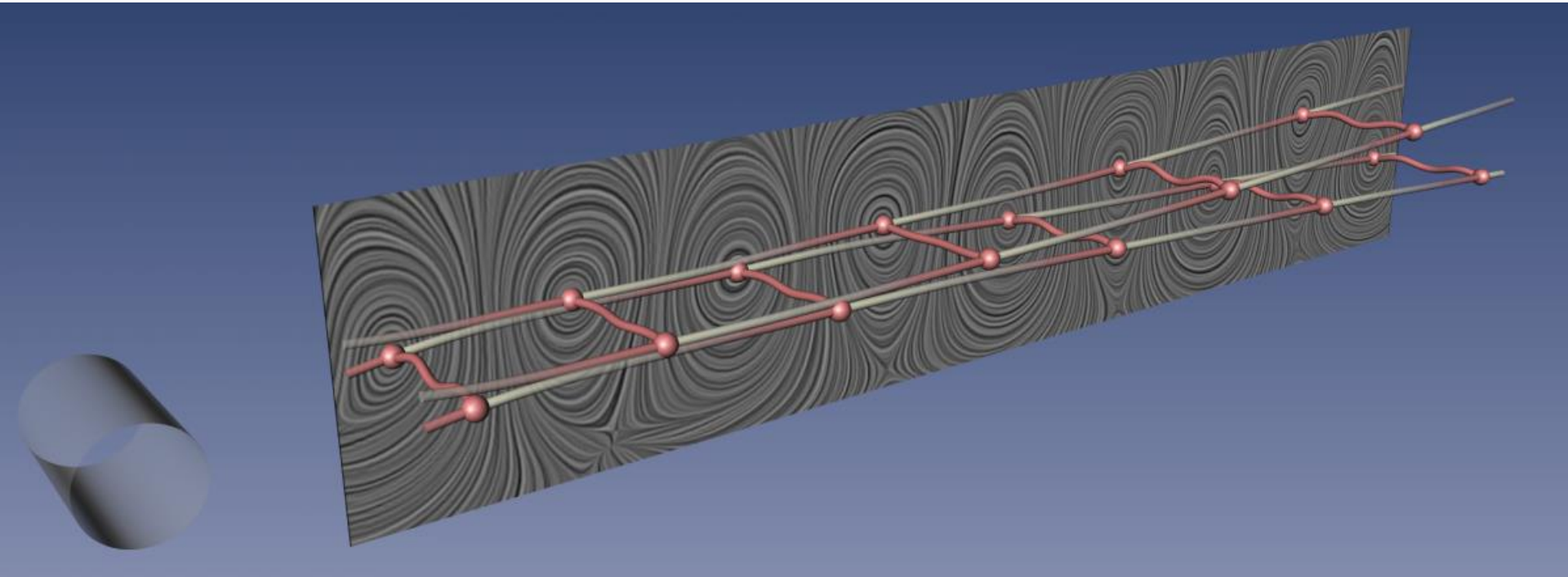
with mass

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{v} \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \frac{\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t) - \mathbf{v}}{r} + \mathbf{g} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{v} \\ t \end{pmatrix} (0) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{v}_0 \\ t_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vortex Cores of Inertial Particles
[Günther and Theisel, Vis 2014]

Spatio-temporal Flow Analysis



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