

2d & 3d structures

Spatial Data

Scientific

Visualization

Assumes:

*discrete sampling of
continuous spatial
data*

*Challenge:
virtual (screen)
is not reality*

Advantage:
humans are good at
interpreting spatial
data

Advantage:

*SciVis can go beyond
"realism"*

*You control:
lighting, contrast,
resolution, density, and
other data parameters.*

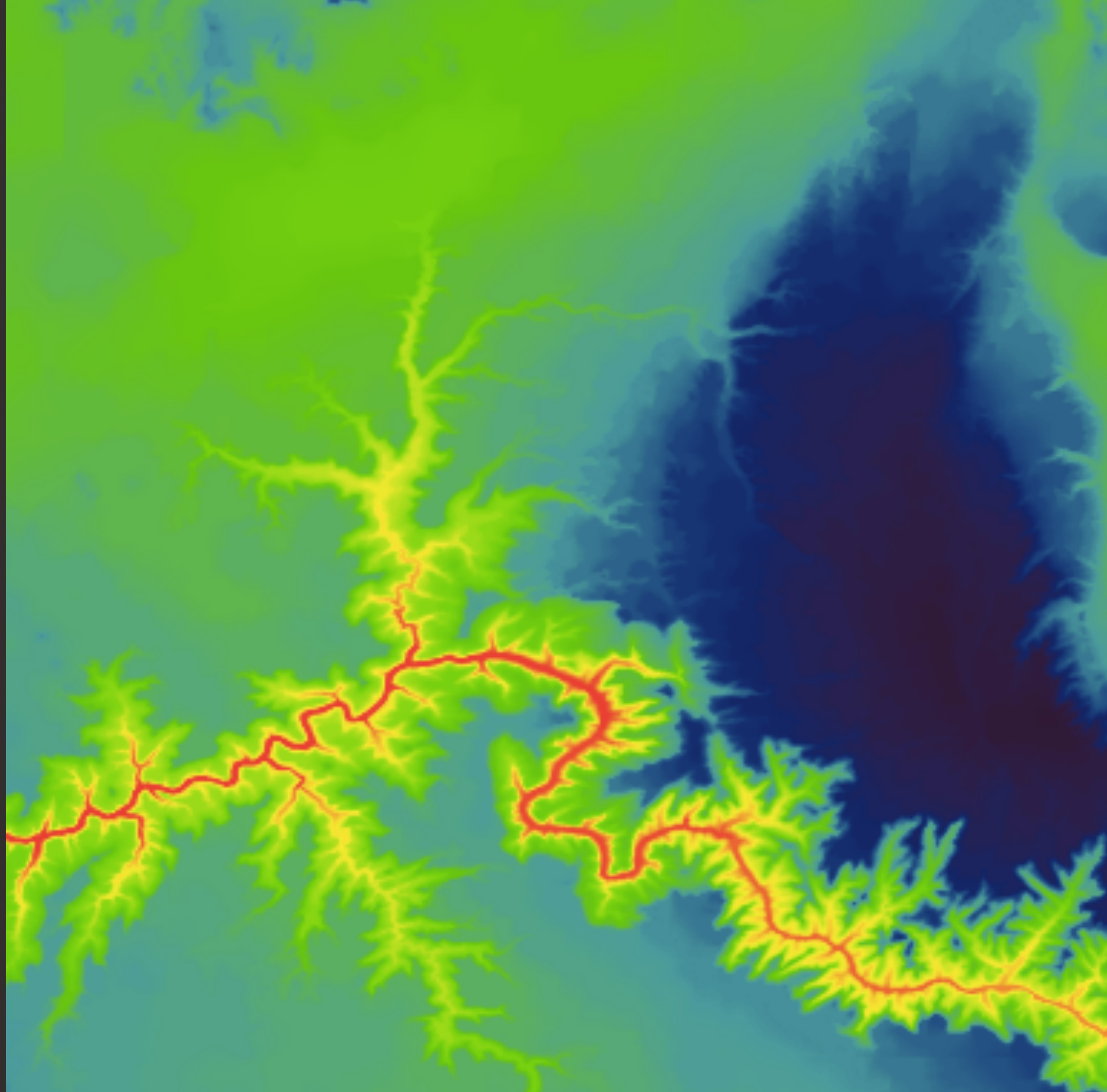
1d

bar, line, heatmap, area

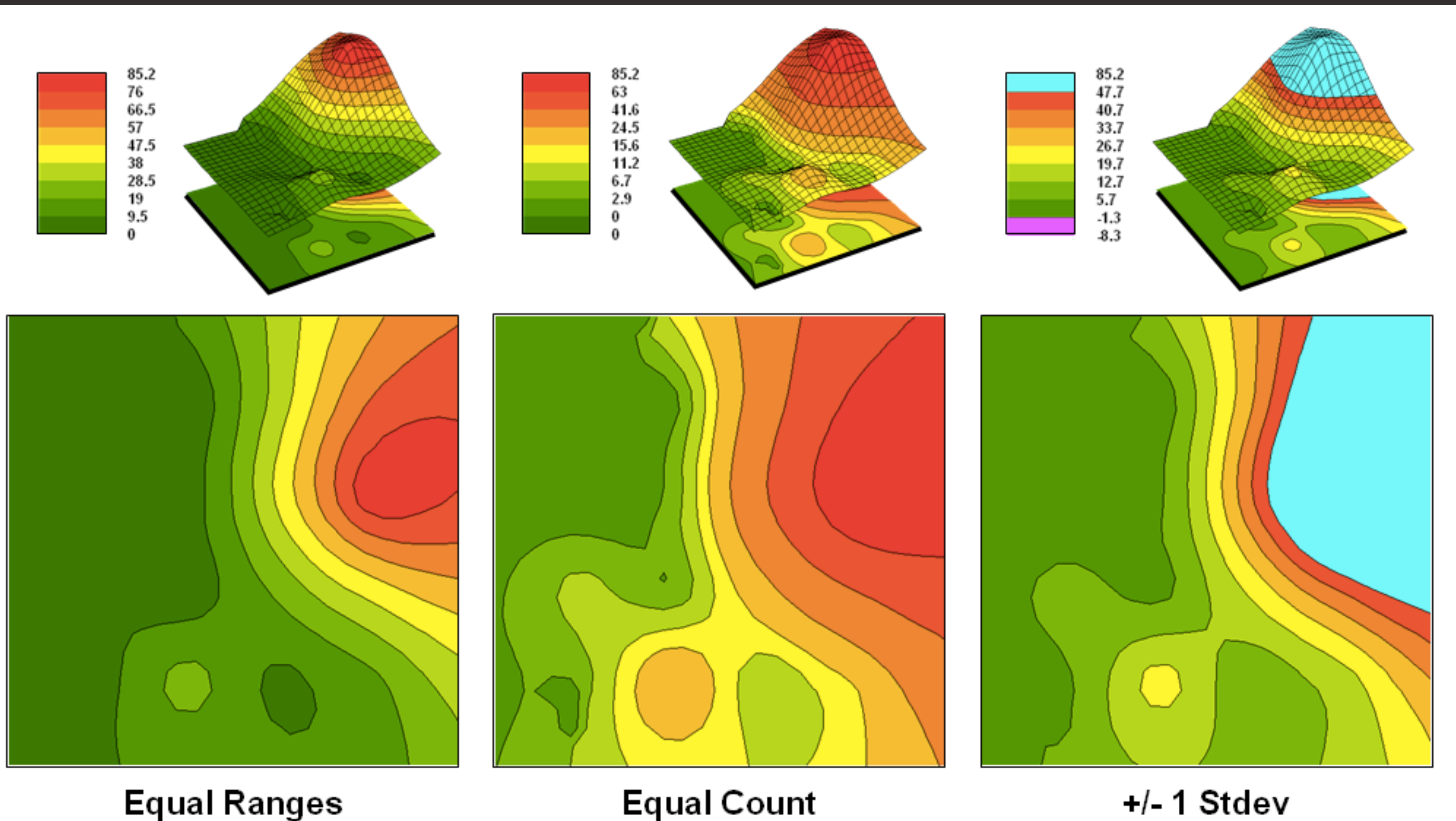
*form the basis for SciVis
techniques for abstract
data*

2d

Grids



Concept: contours



3d

Continuous

v.

Discrete

Continuous

v.

Discrete

Explicit

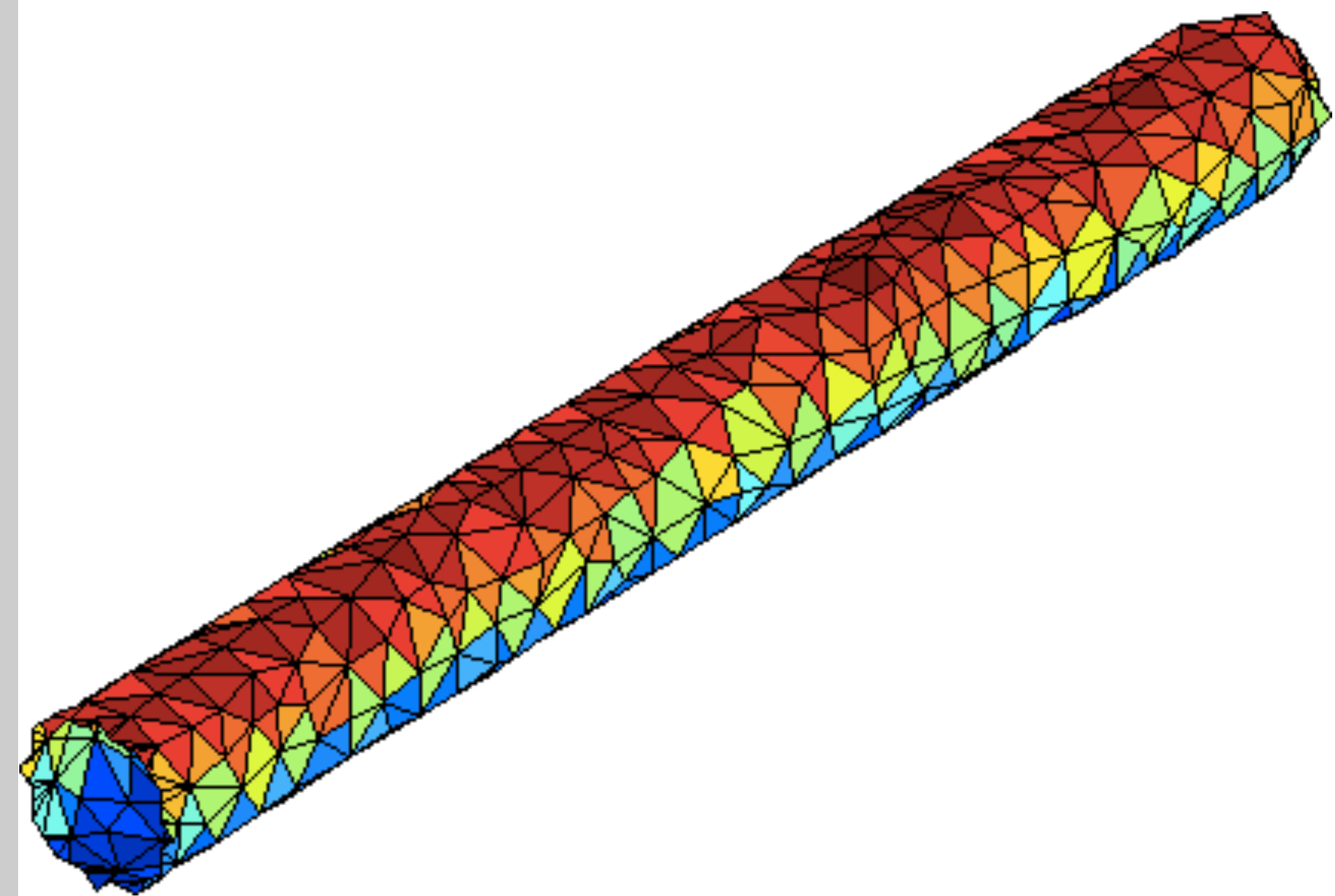
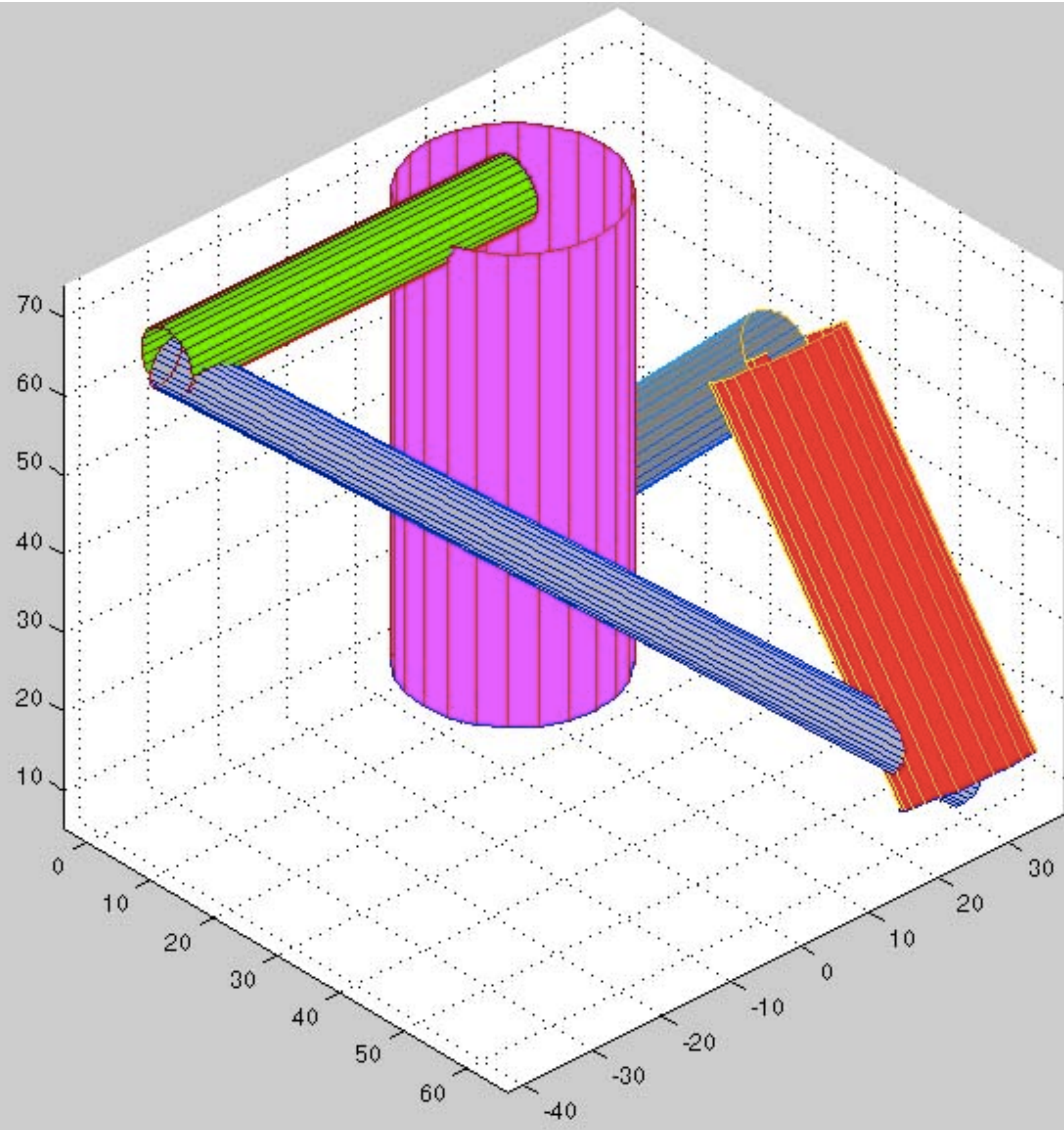
v.

Implicit

Explicit Surfaces

Characteristics:

- topology (vertices, edges)*
- polygons*
- parametric eqs*



Volume Data

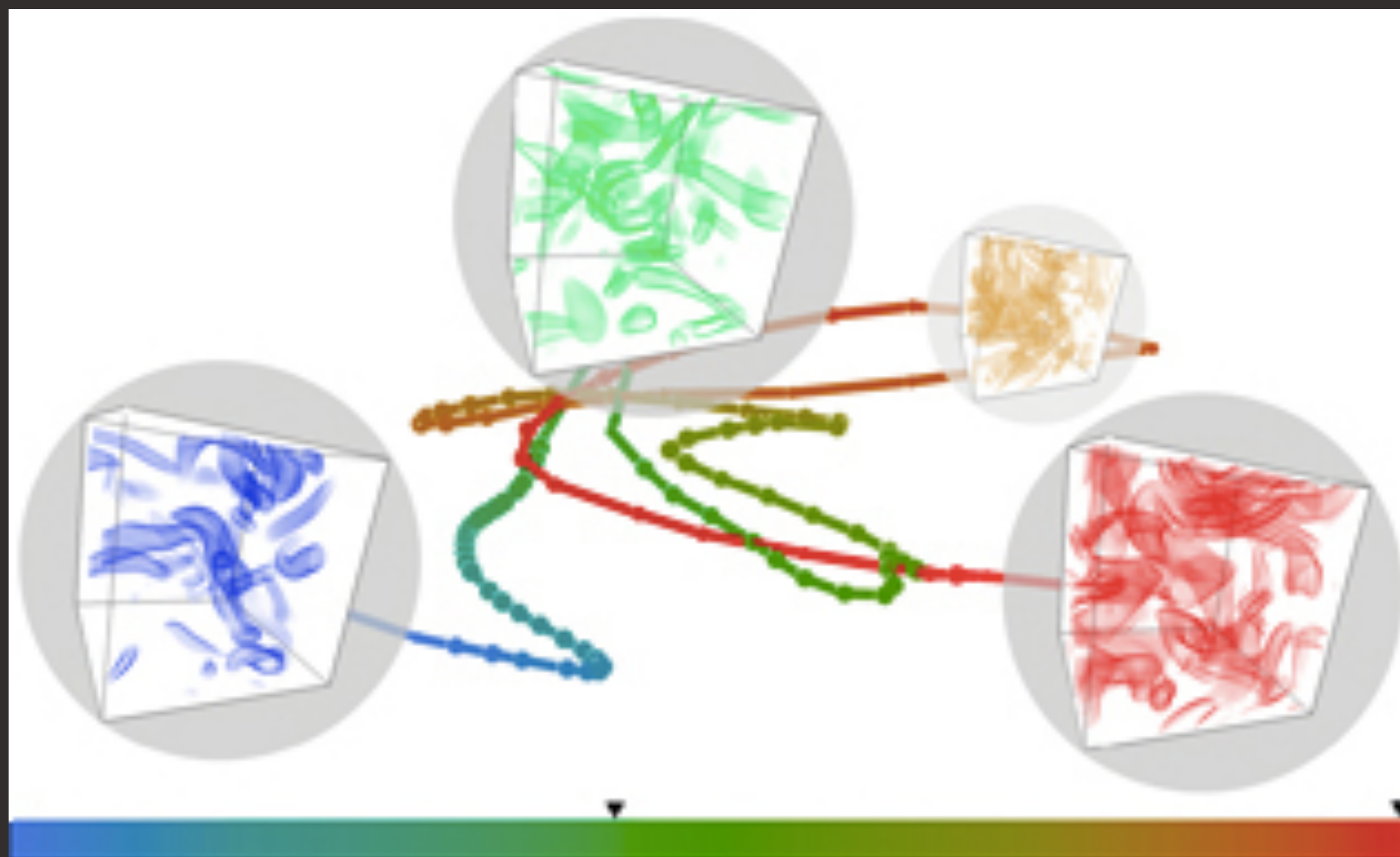
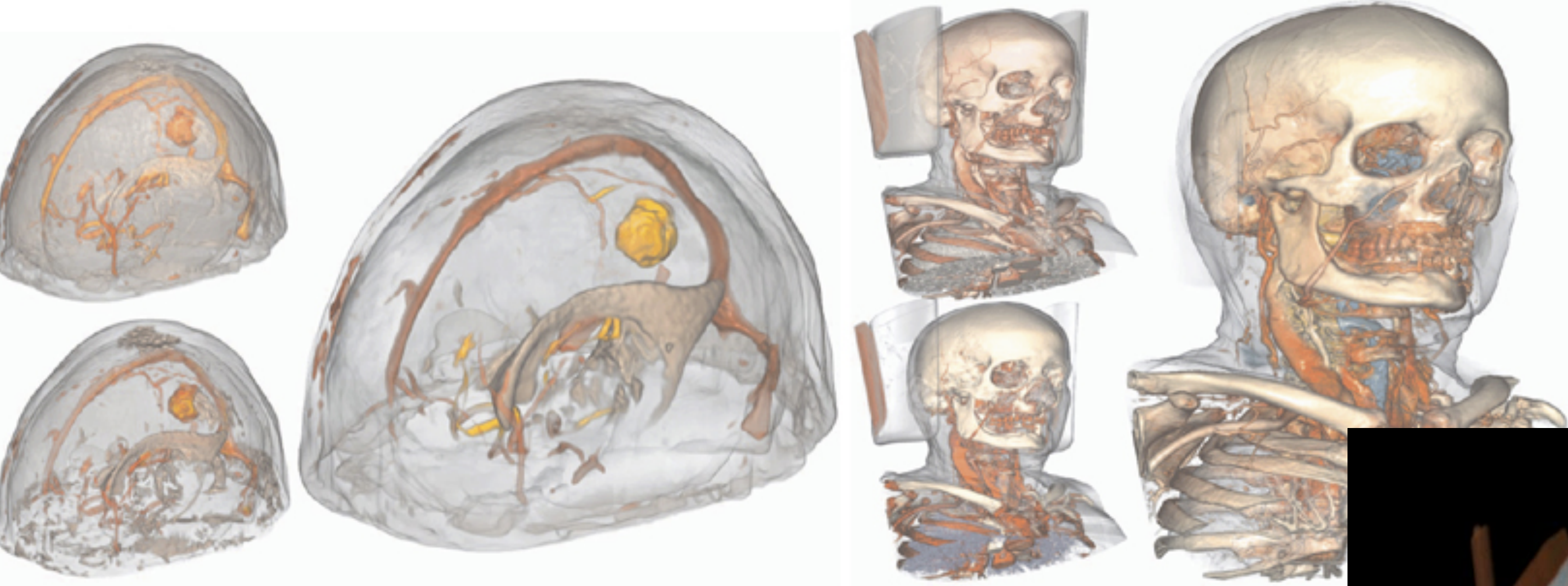
Voxel (3d pixel)

Sources:

- sensors*
- interpolation*
- simulation*

Techniques:

- Slicing*
- Isosurface*
- Direct rendering*



Concept: re-sampling

Slicing

Orthogonal
or
Arbitrary?



Variations:

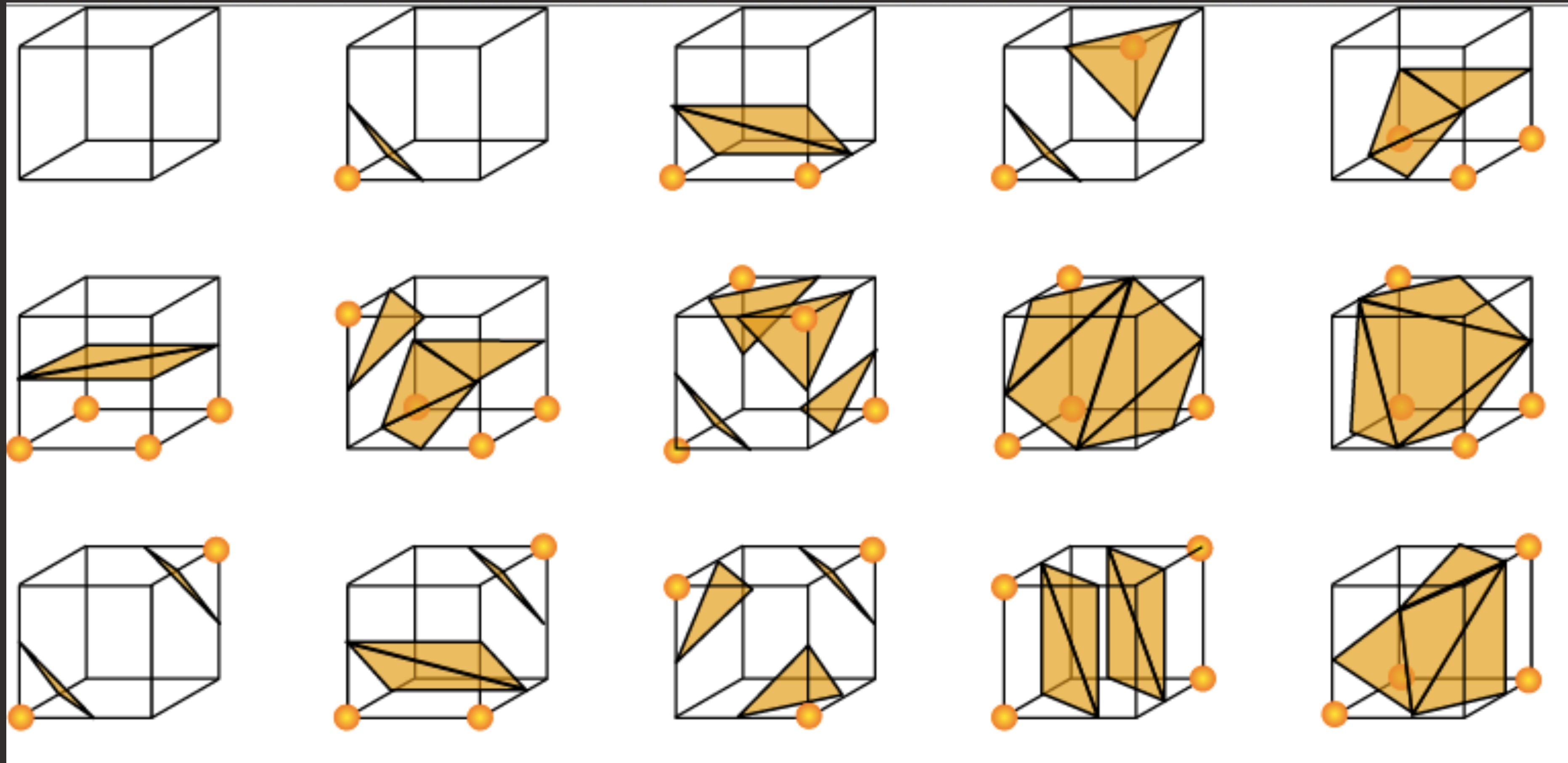
- non-planar*

- multiple*

(to remove data)

Isosurfaces

Marching Cubes



Direct Volume Rendering

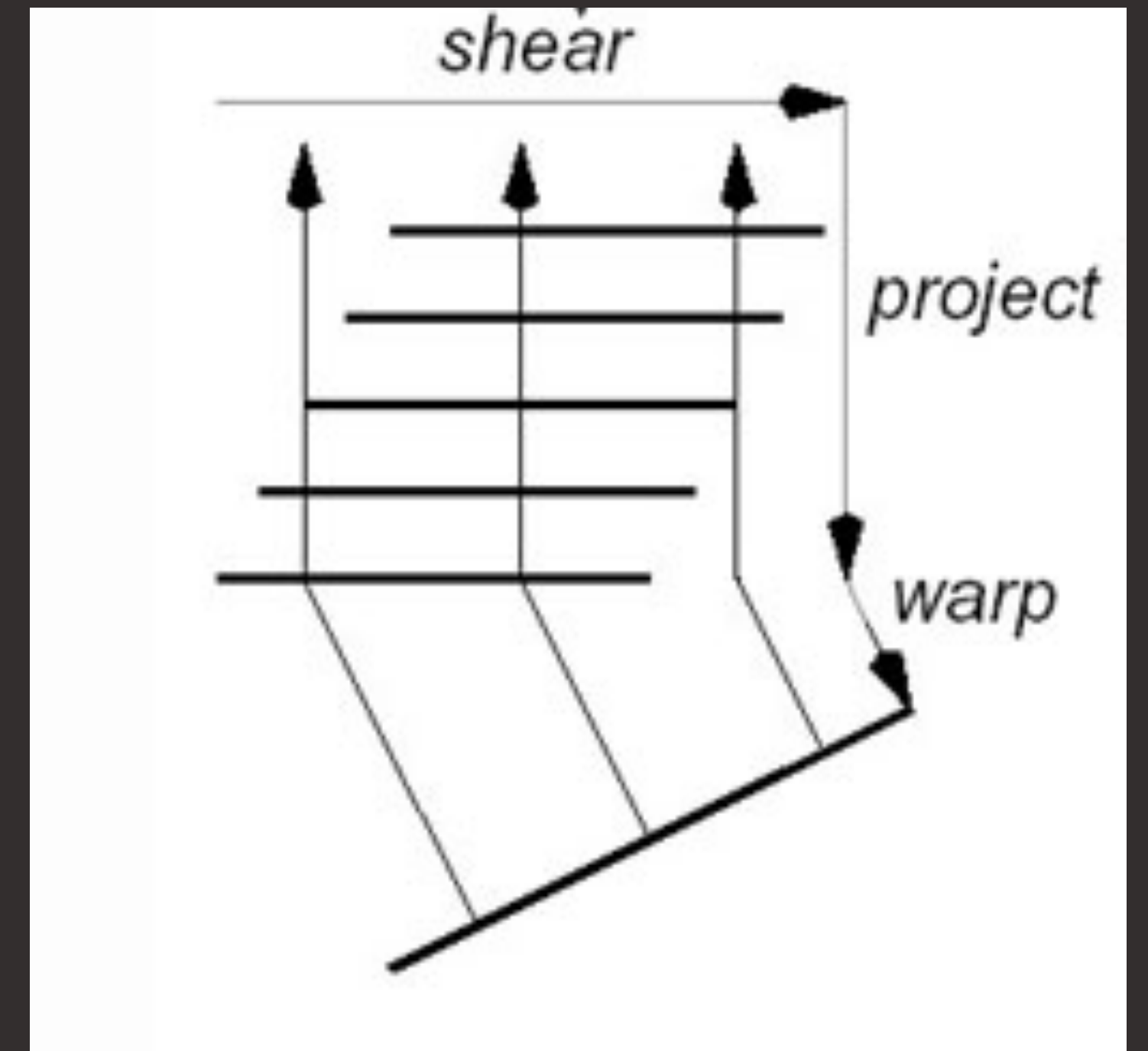
*Idea: make views
without surfaces*

*Voxels -> Viewing
coordinates*

Two approaches:
forward mapping
inverse mapping

Forward:

- *voxel ->*
projection
plane ->
pixel



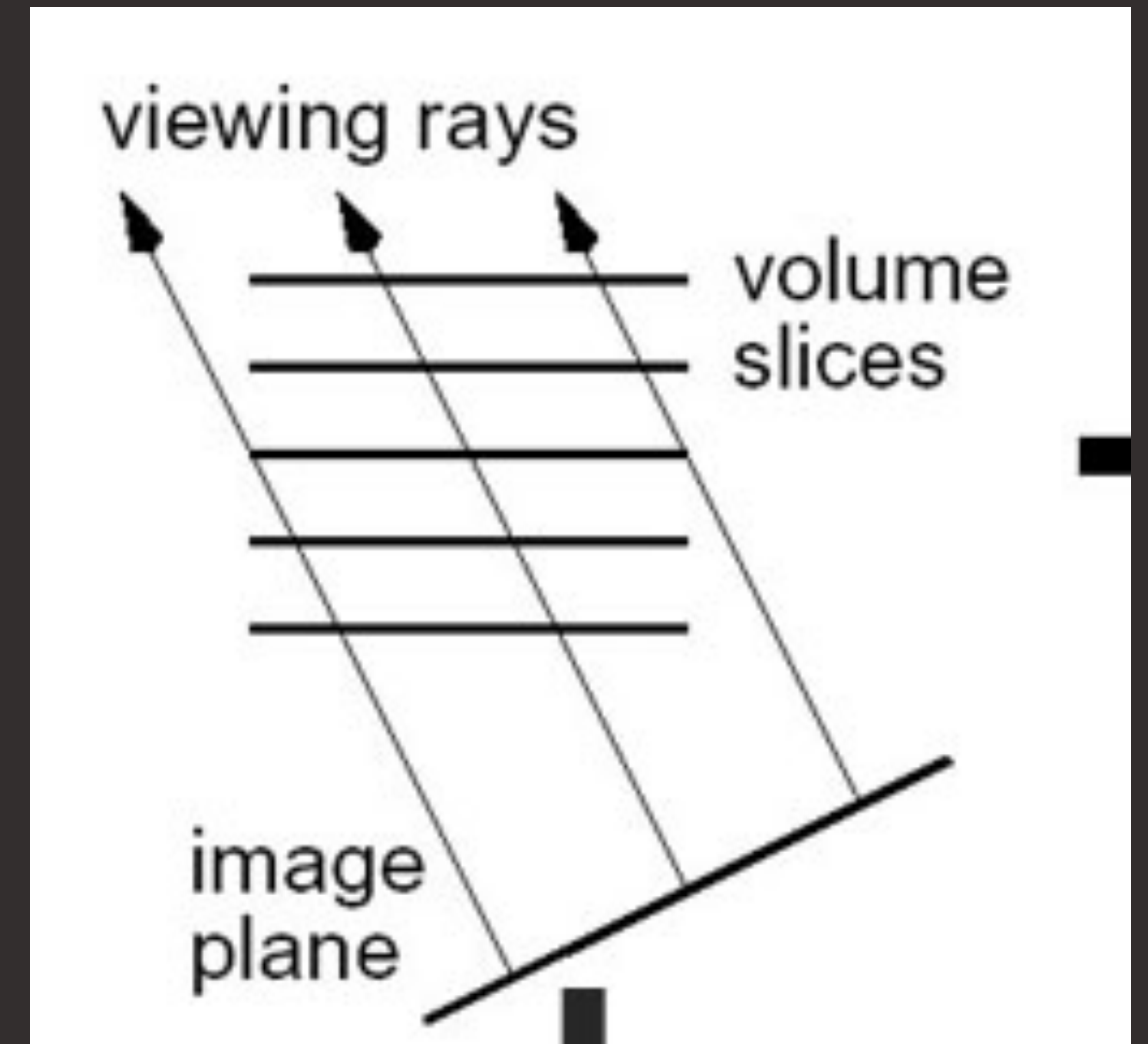
Inverse:

- *pixel ->*

ray ->

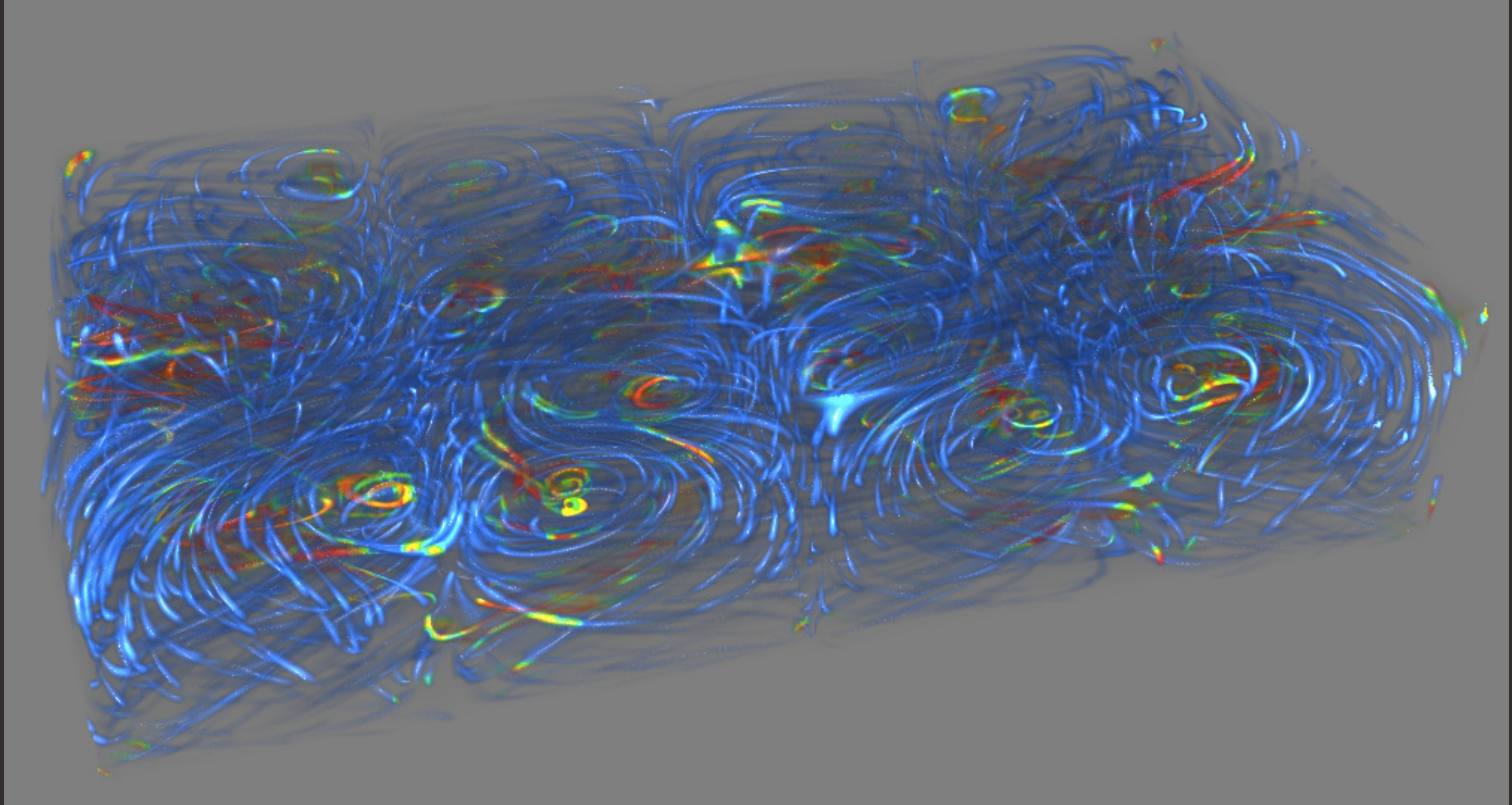
voxels

(sampling)

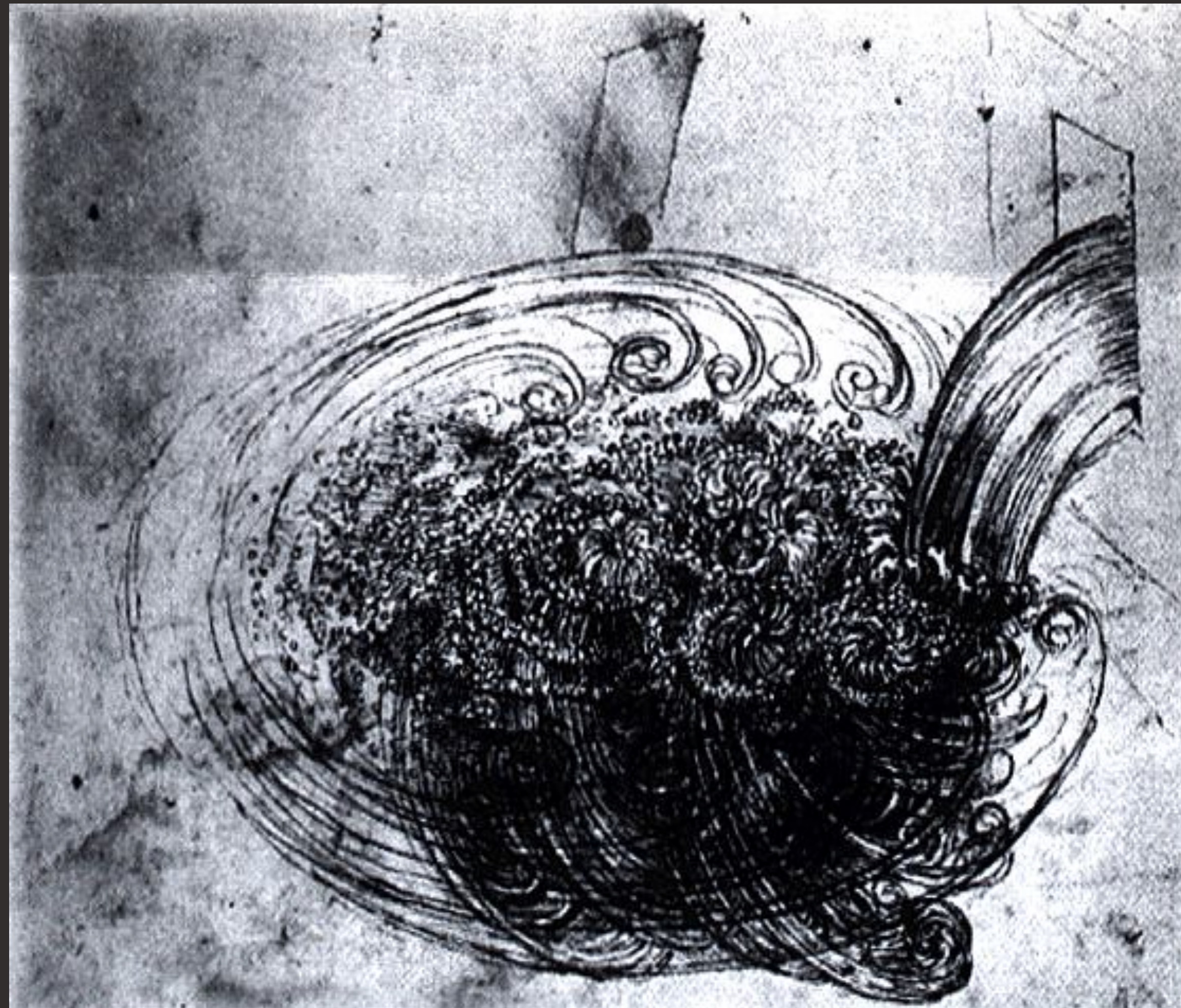


Dynamic Data

“Flow” vis



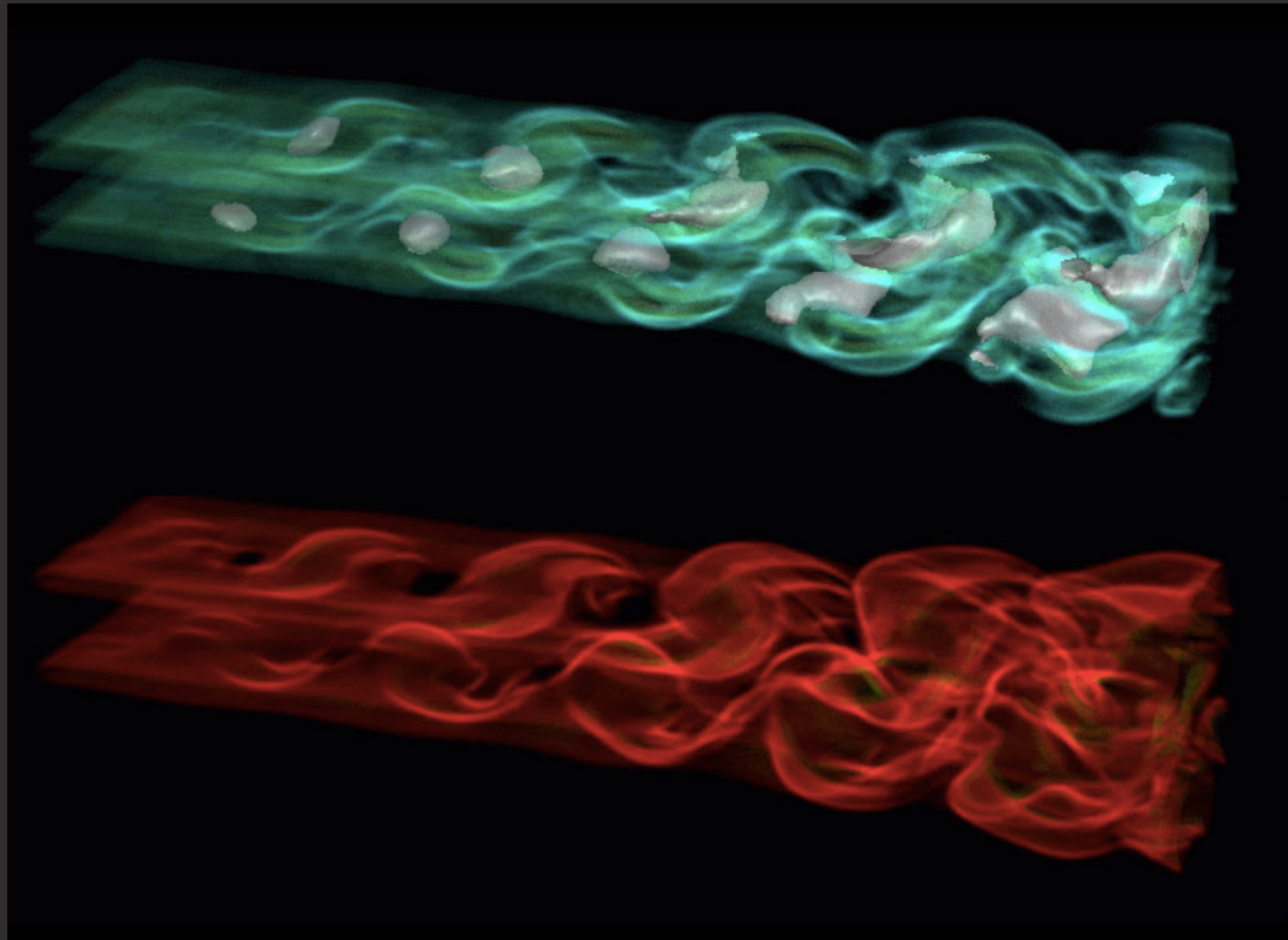
Leonardo da Vinci



*Structure: 2d or 3d grid
of velocity vectors*

*Common goals: analyze
saddle points,
turbulence, vortices*

3d + time

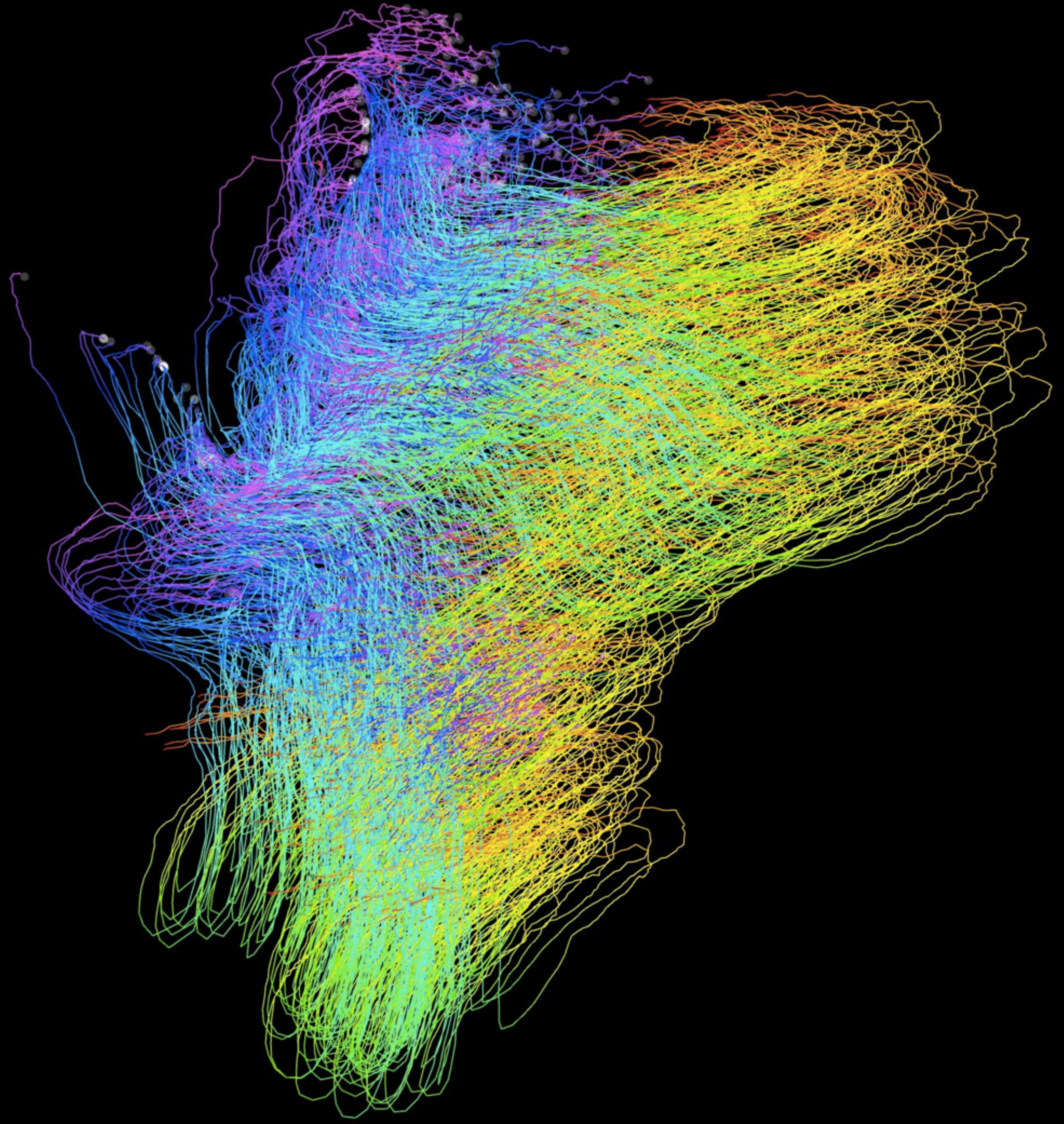


Lines:

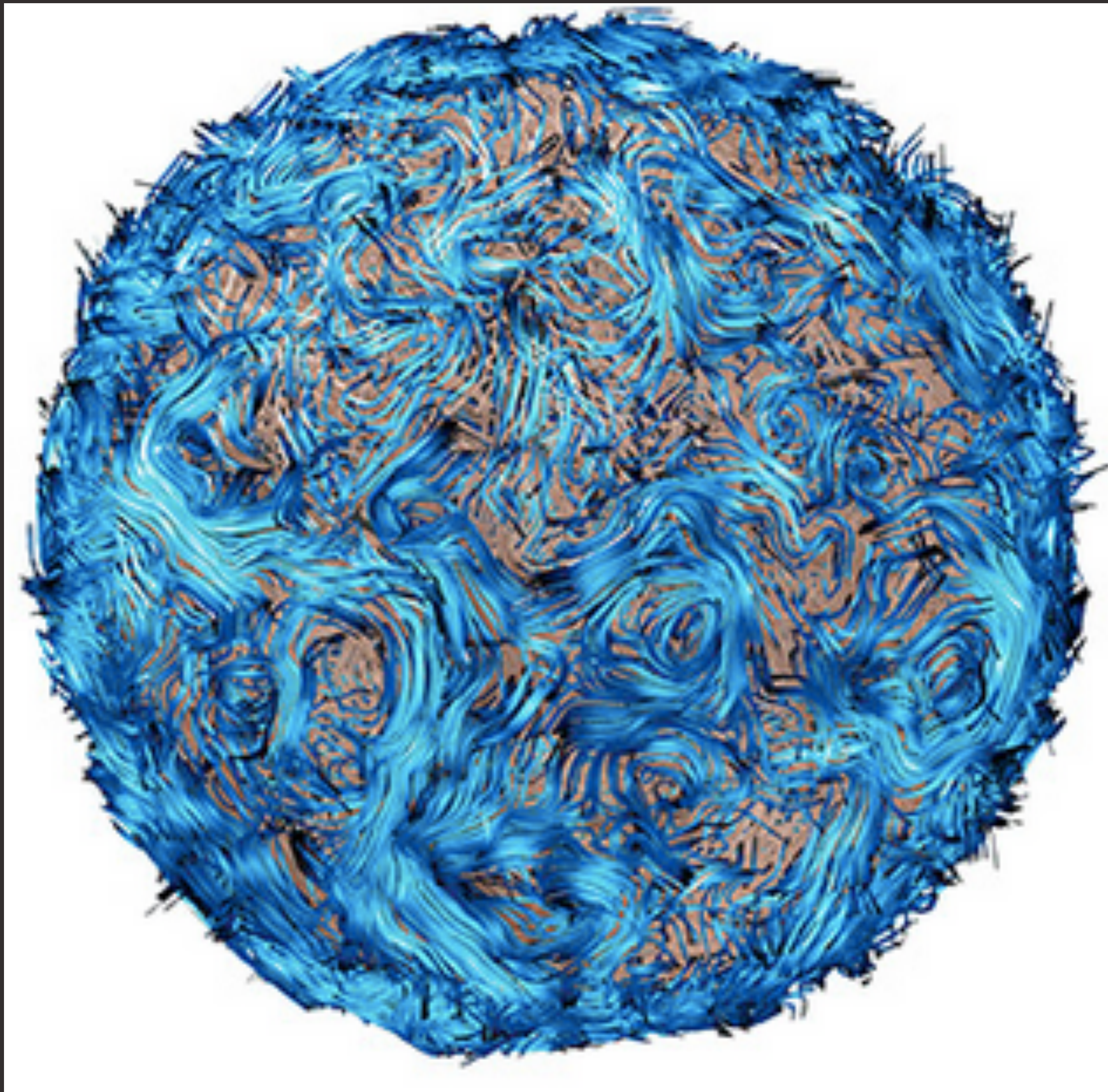
path-, streak-, stream-,

time-

Pathline



Streamline



Illustrative rendering



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time-varying



better than real?

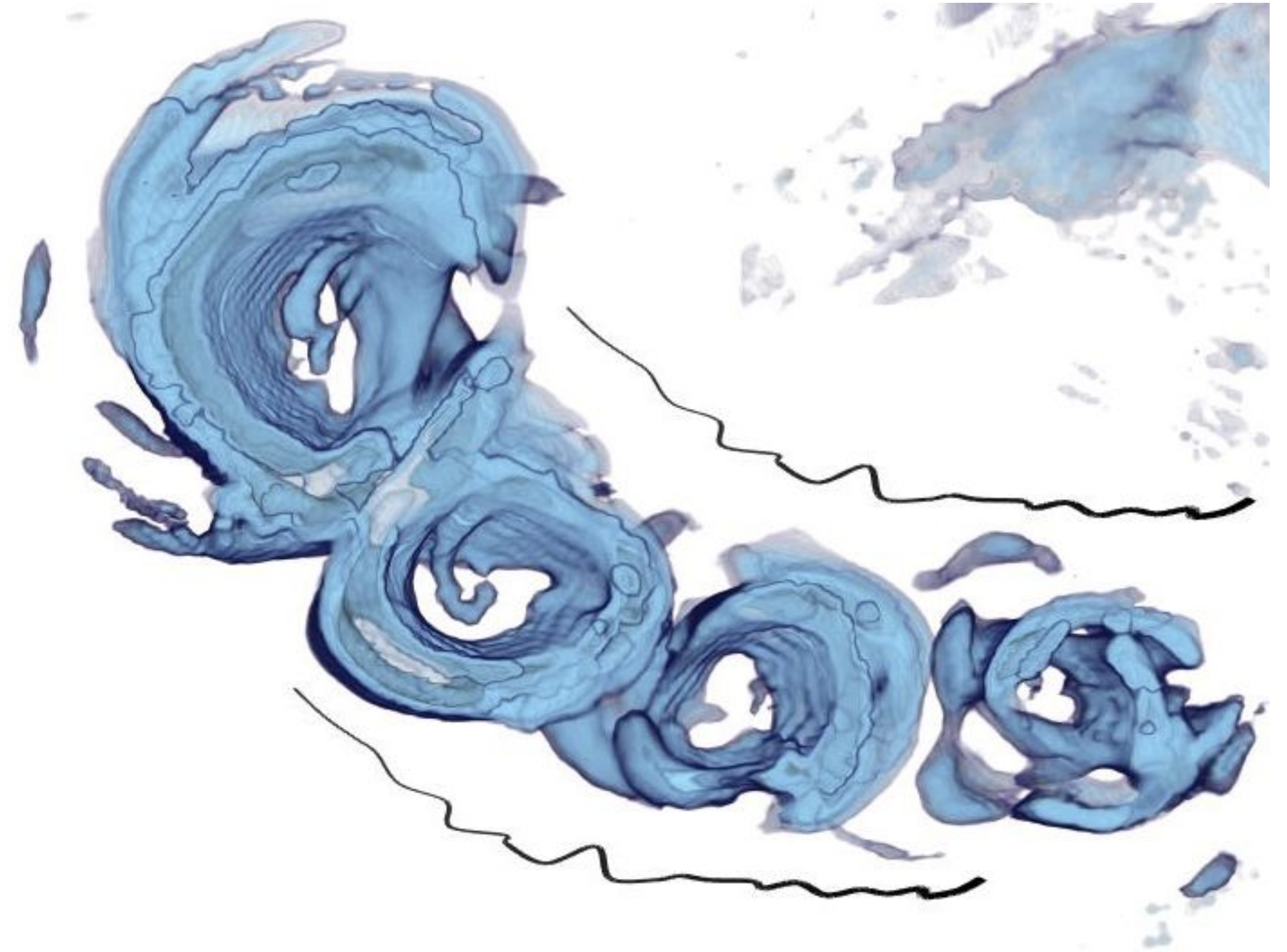
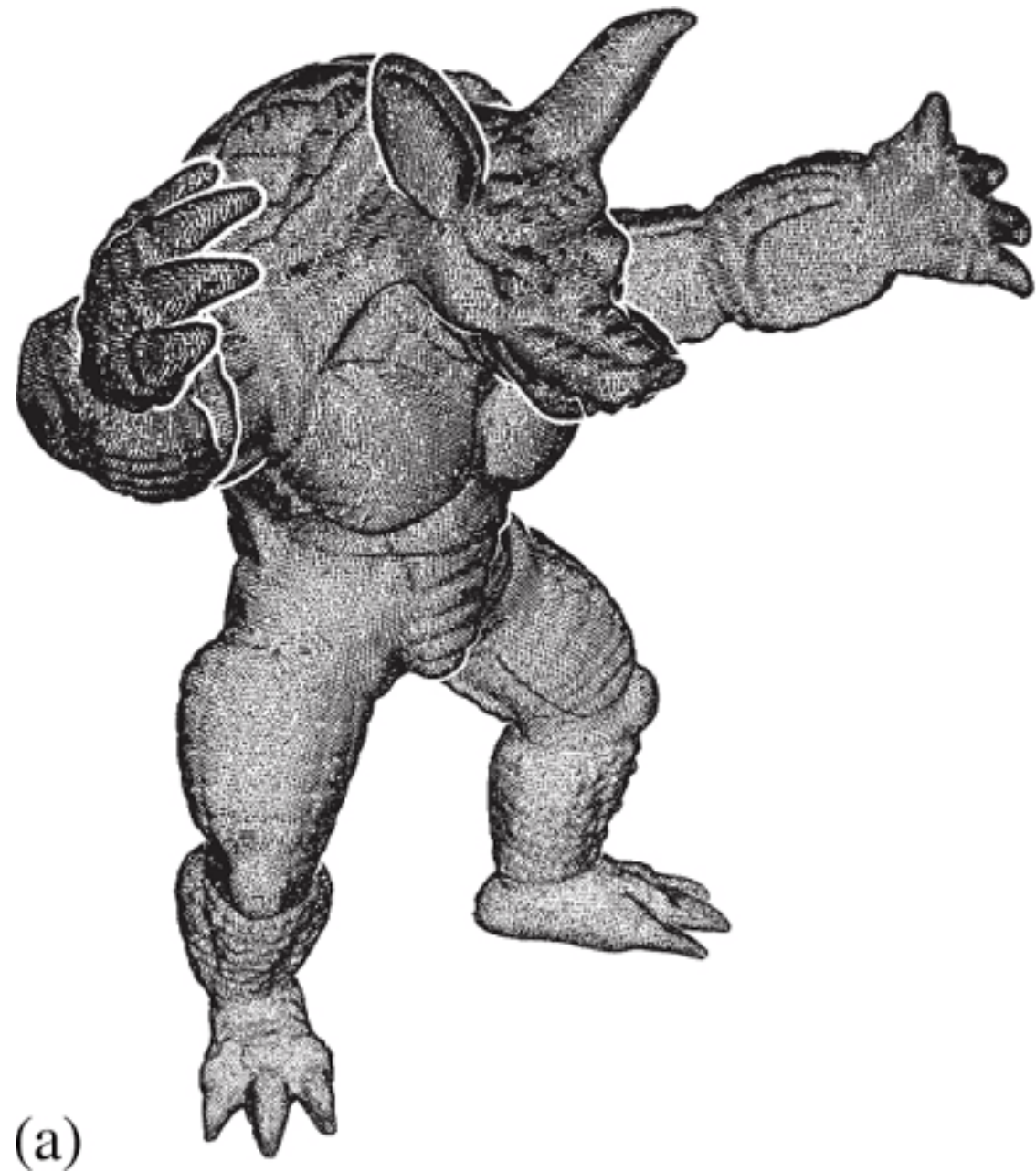


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