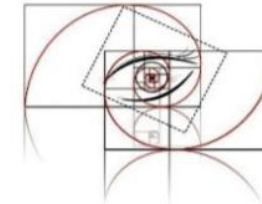




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# Decal-Lenses: Interactive Lenses on Surfaces for Multivariate Visualization

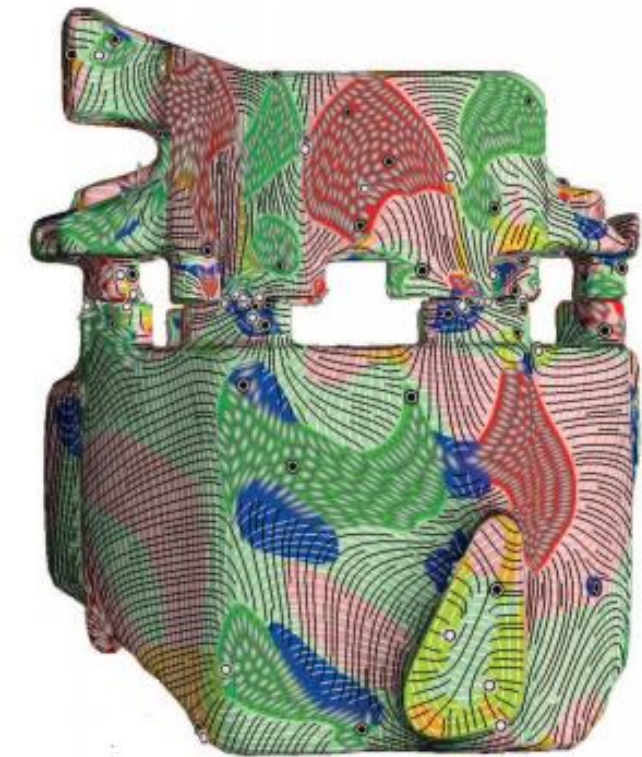
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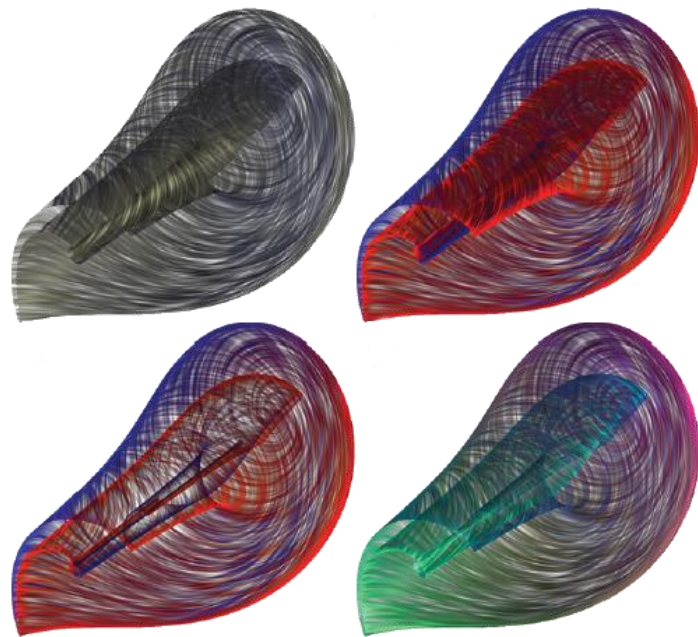
- Multivariate Surface Data
  - Common in several domains: Medicine, Geology, Engineering
  - Experts require to **interpret** and **correlate multiple attributes**
- Problem of *how to* visualize multivariate data

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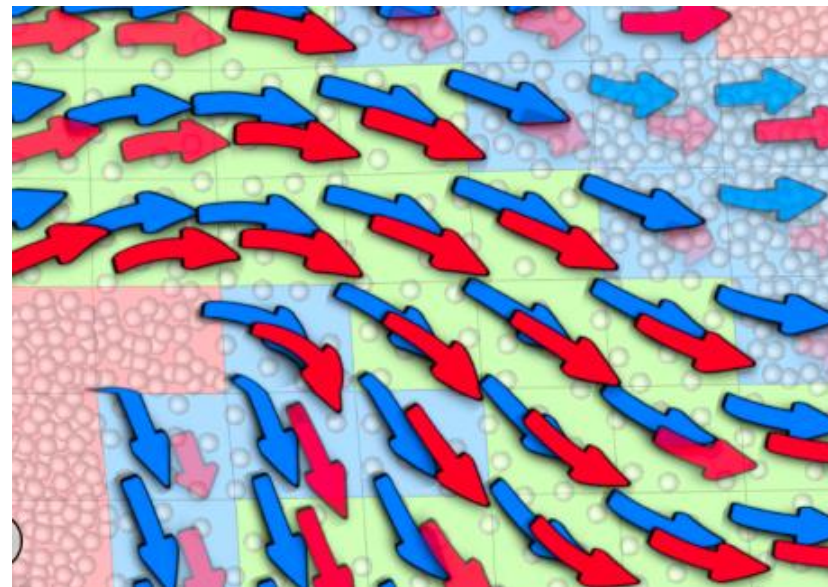
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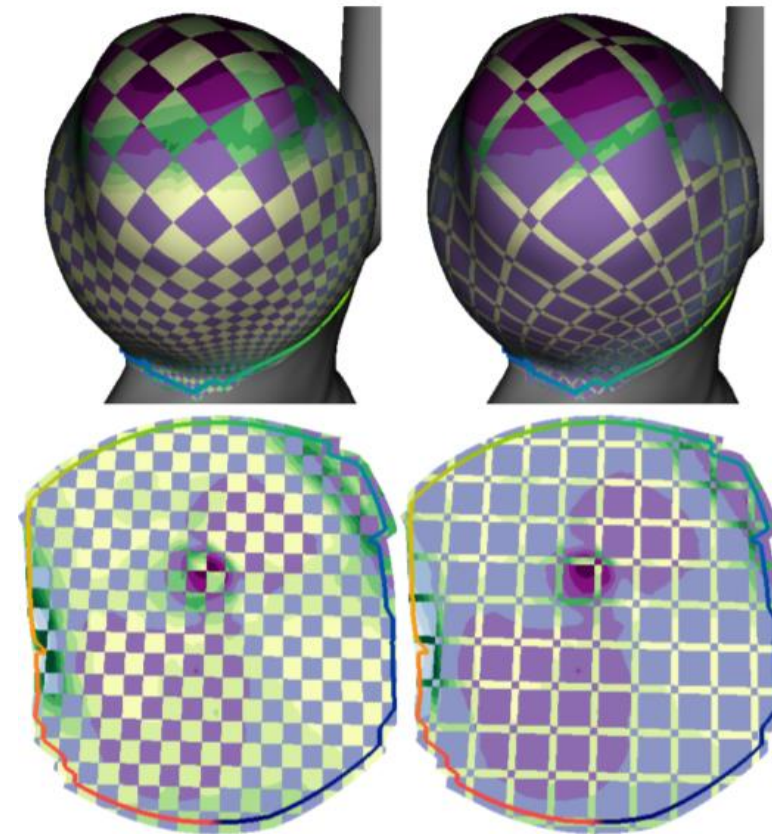
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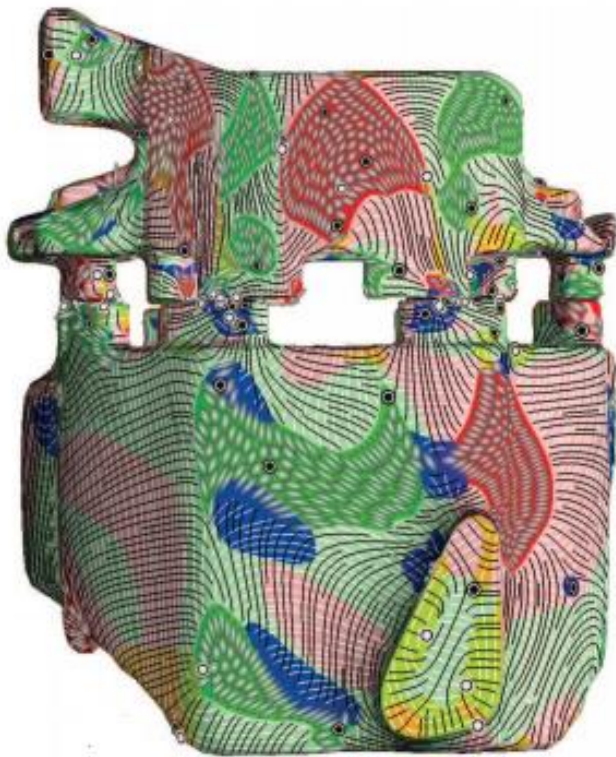


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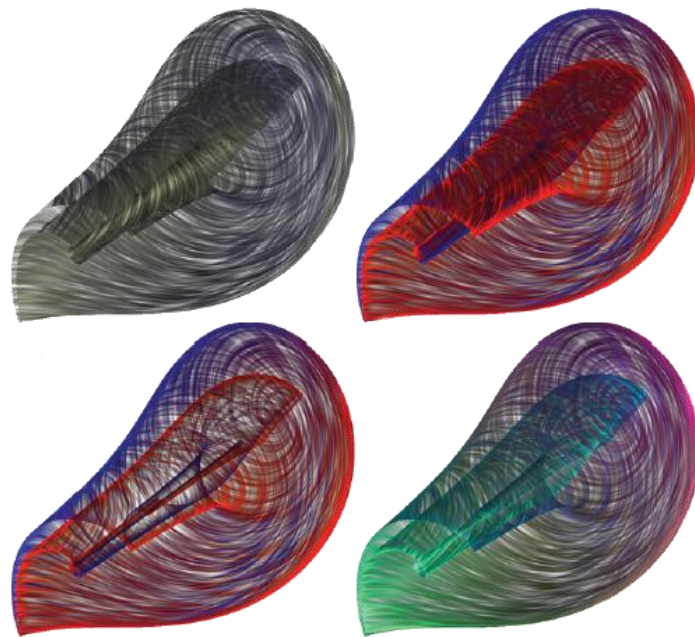
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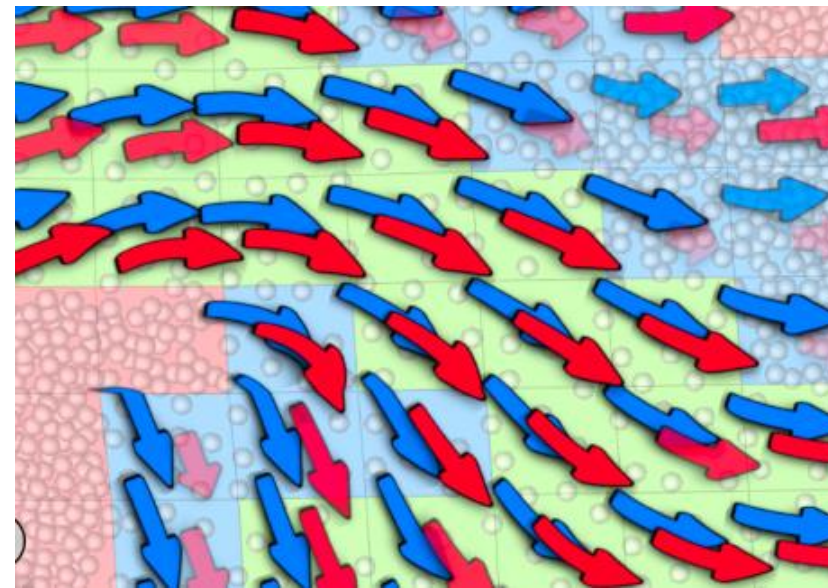
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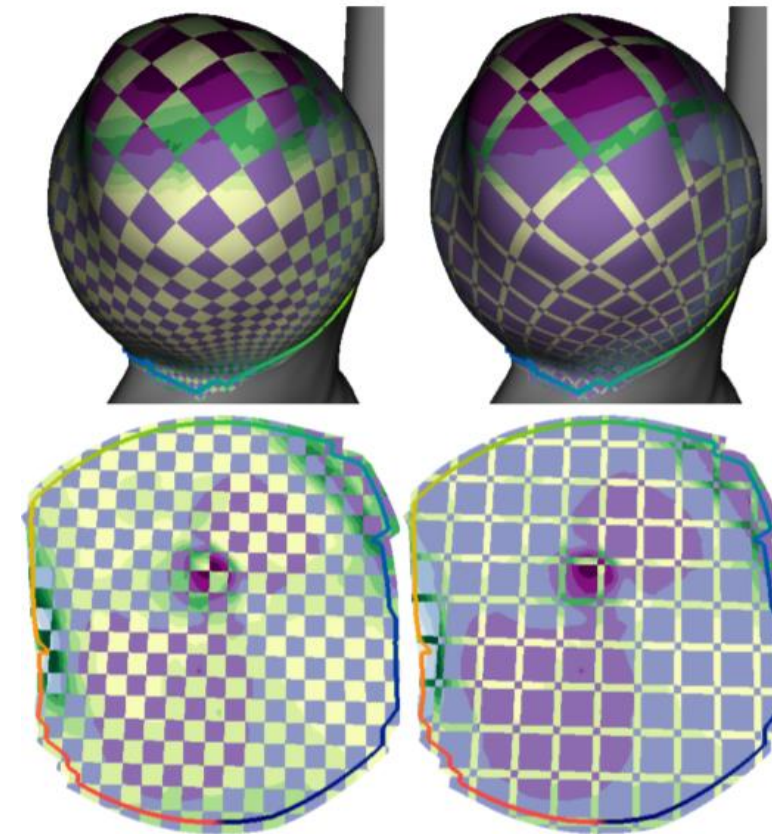
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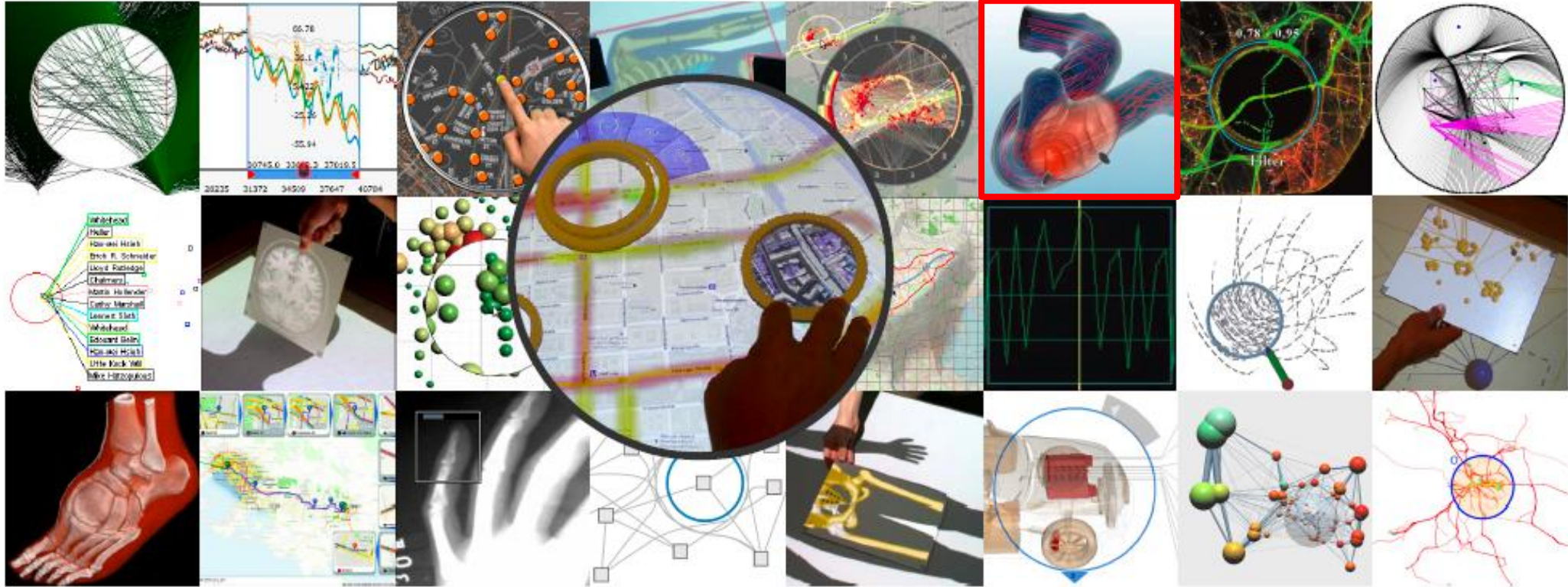
How to **augment** and **manage** multivariate visualizations on surfaces?

**Interaction Techniques**

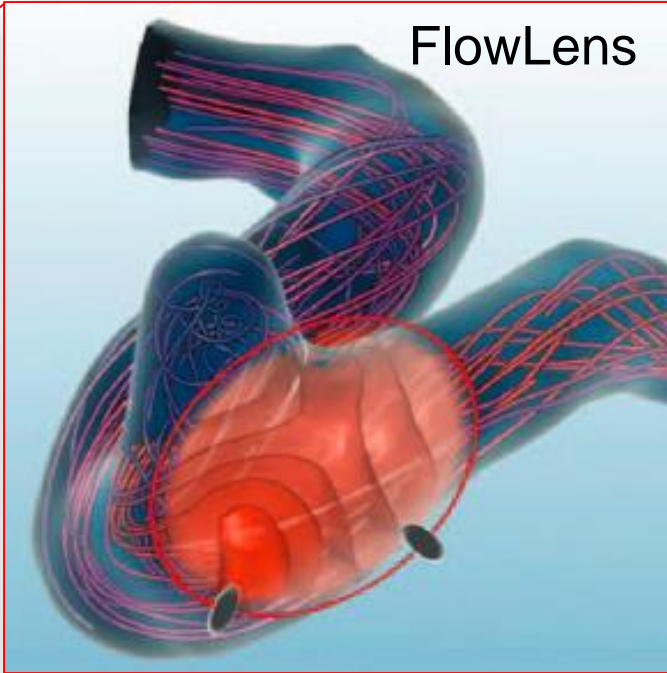


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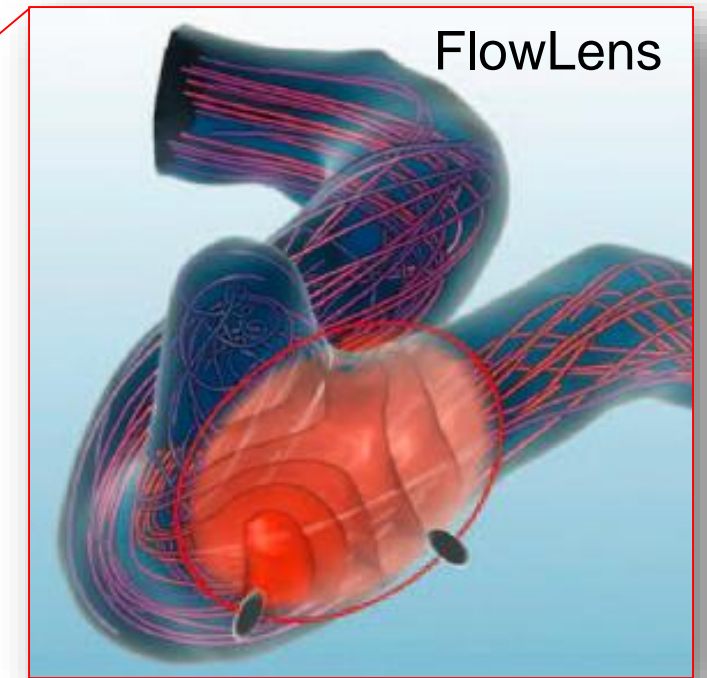
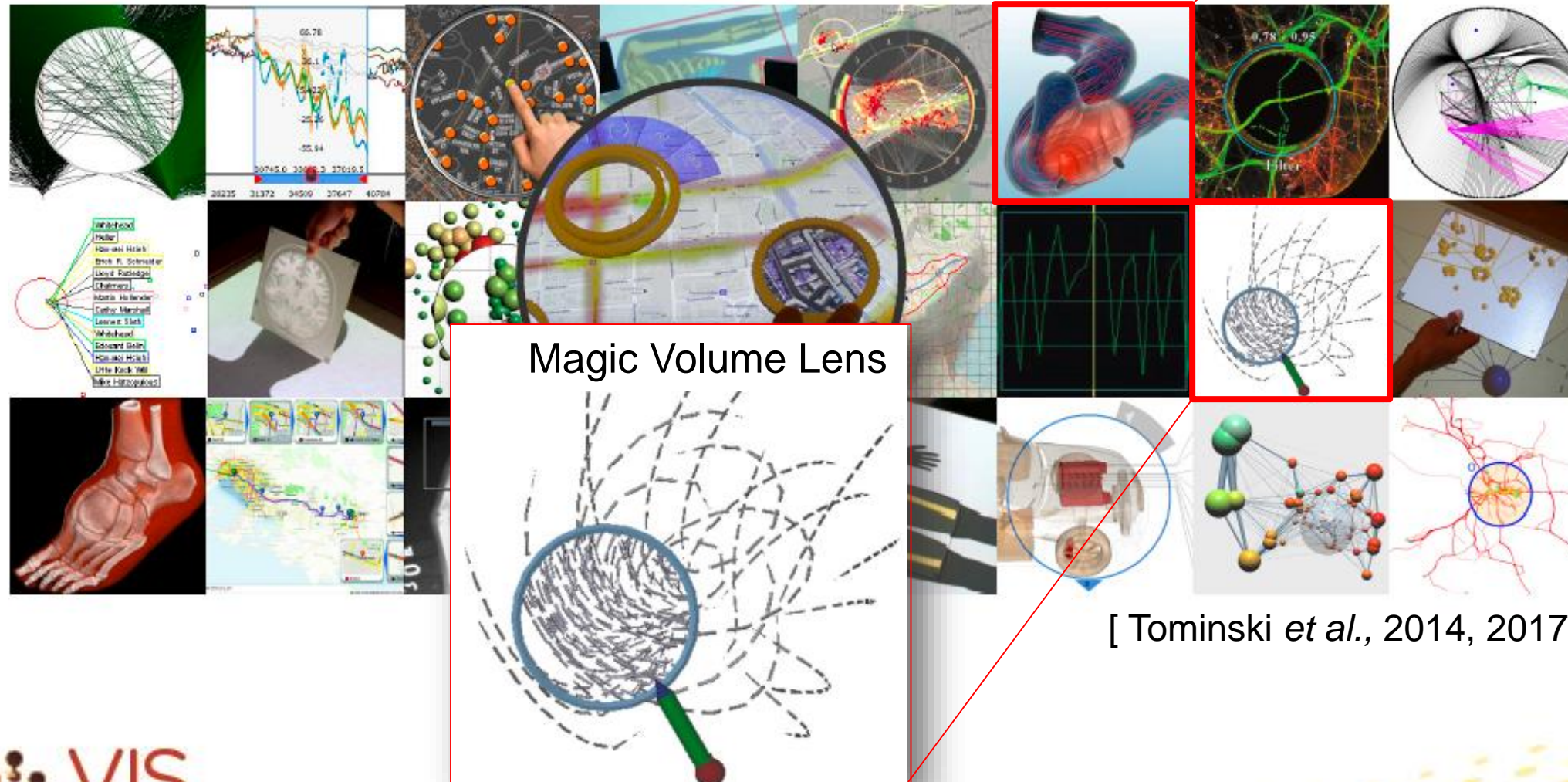
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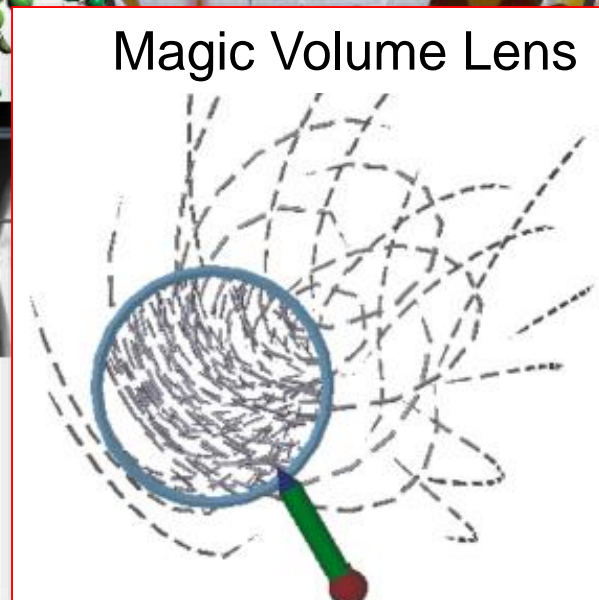
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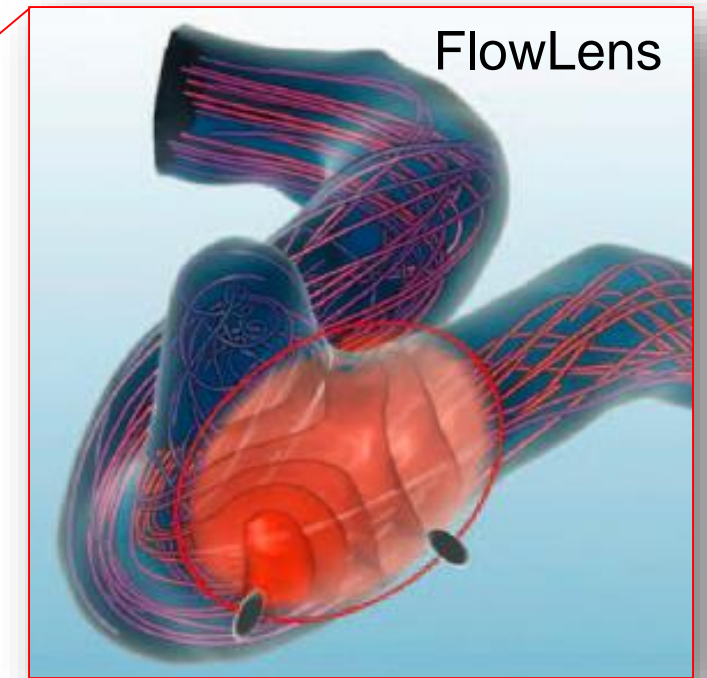
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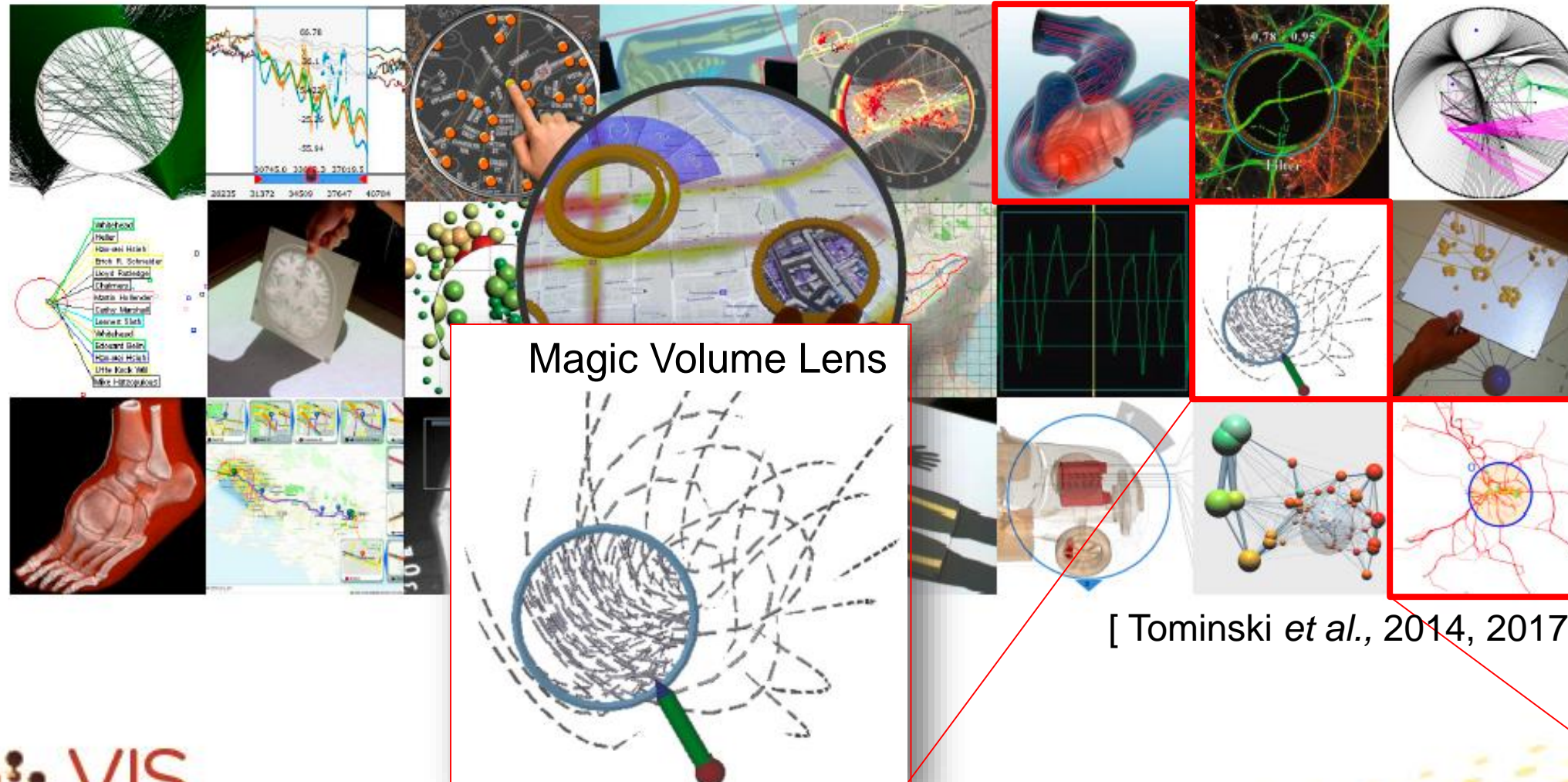
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FlowLens

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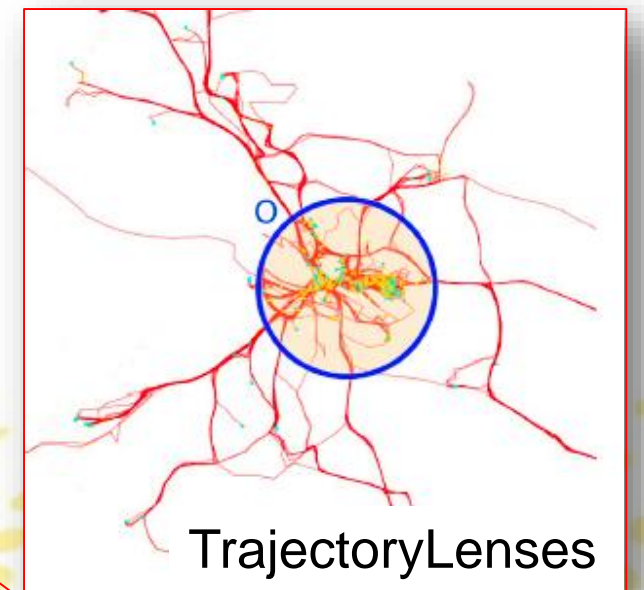


Magic Volume Lens

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TrajectoryLenses

# Interactive Lenses for Surface Data

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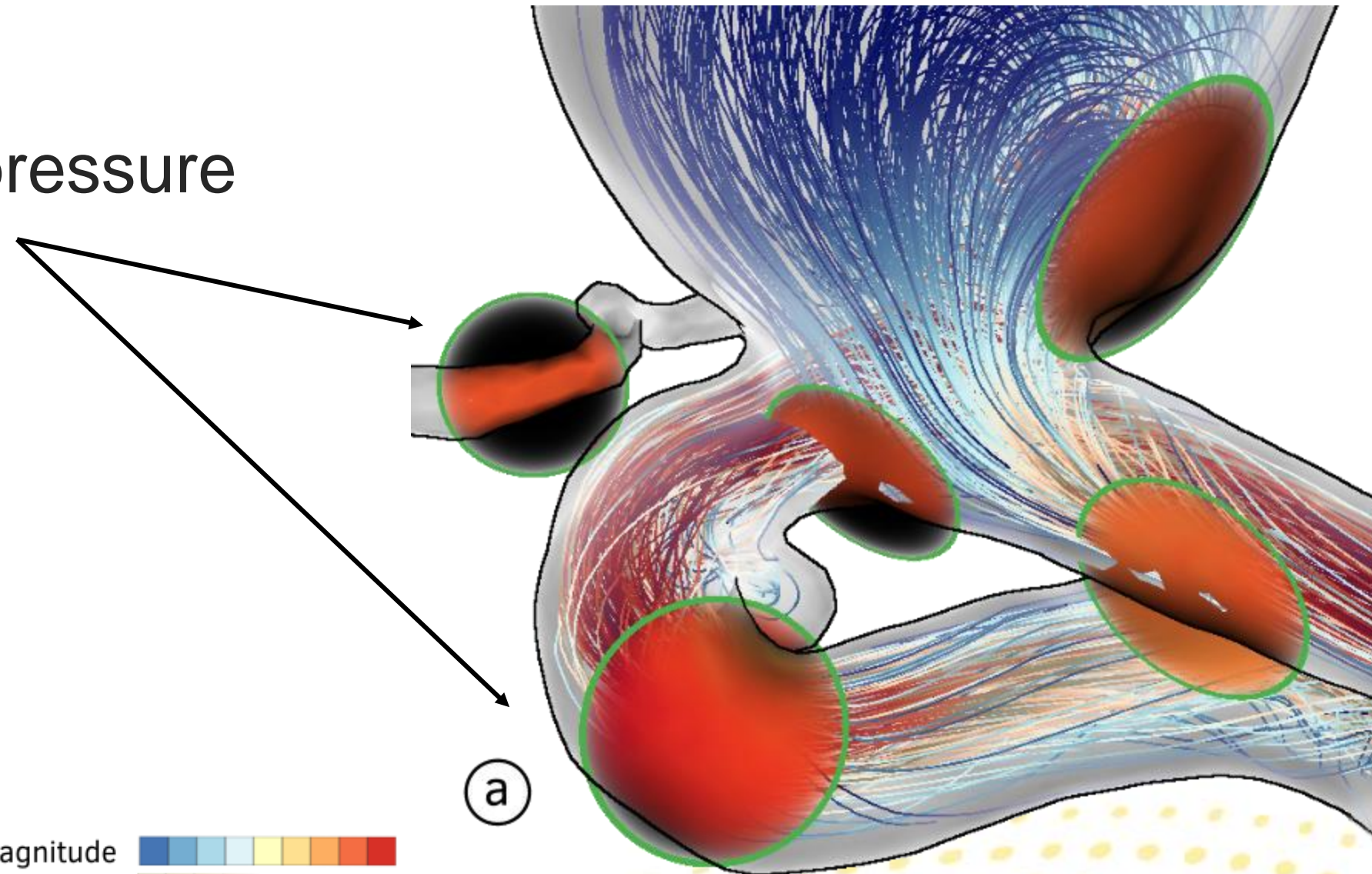
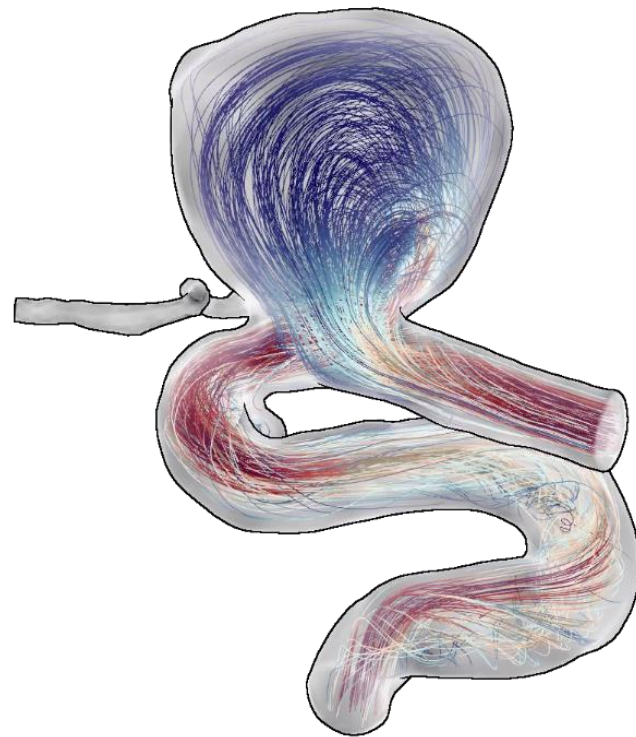
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    - **Require a high interaction effort**
      - proper placement and
      - alignment within the 3D object
    - **Do not allow for compositing operations**

# Interactive Lenses for Surface Data

- Example: Aneurysm Data
  - 2.5D Lenses displaying pressure





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# Our approach

# Design Goals

- **DG1** – *Consider spatial correlation*
- **DG2** – *Facilitate placement*
- **DG3** – *Support scalability*
- **DG4** – *Provide fluid interaction*
- **DG5** – *Consider depth disambiguation cues*

# Decal-Lenses Concept

Patches of 2D manifolds built to attach smoothly to non-flat surfaces.

- Resemble 2D decals drawn over a surface
- Fundamentally different
  - Decals – textures stamped onto surfaces
  - Decal-Lenses – **F+C interaction technique**



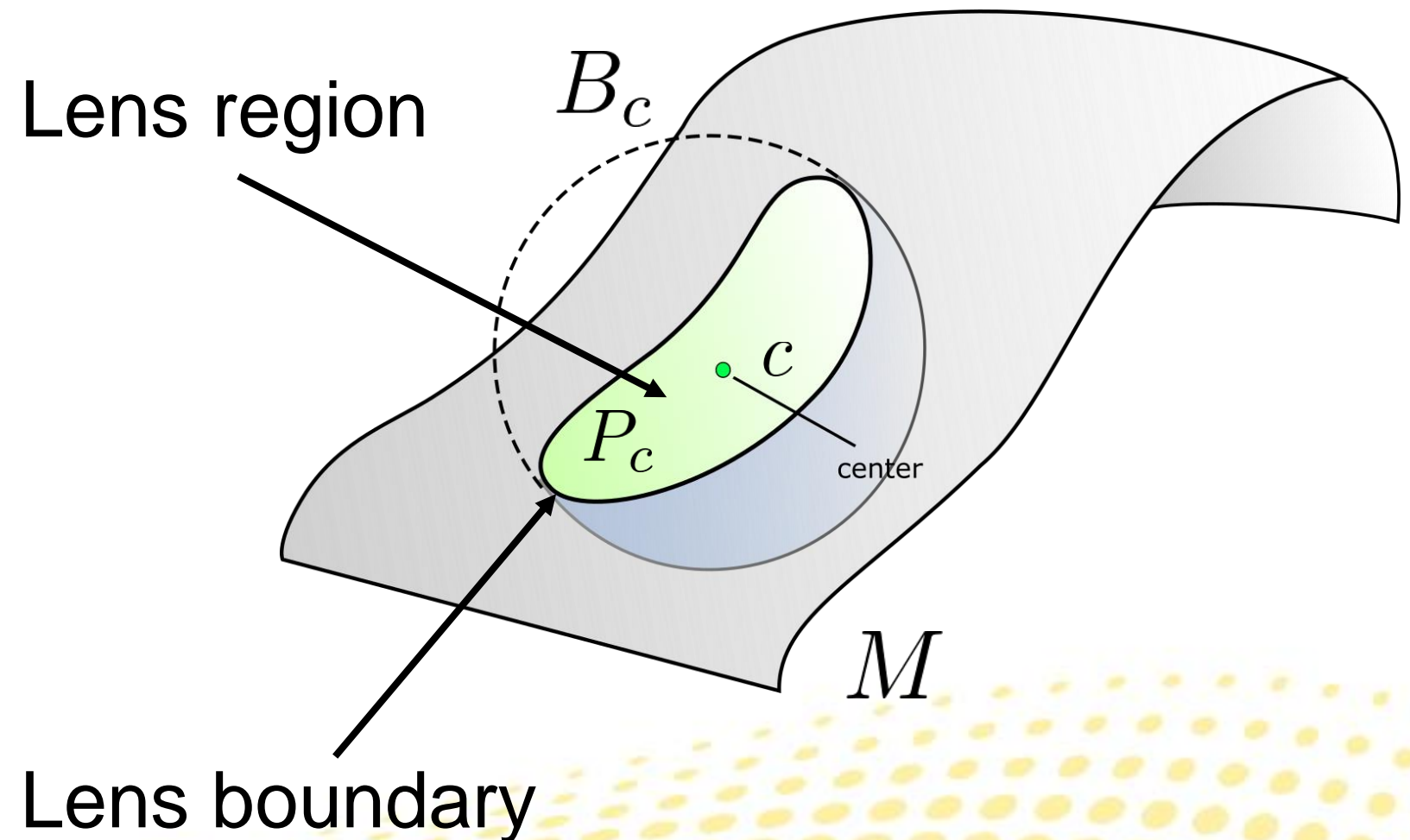
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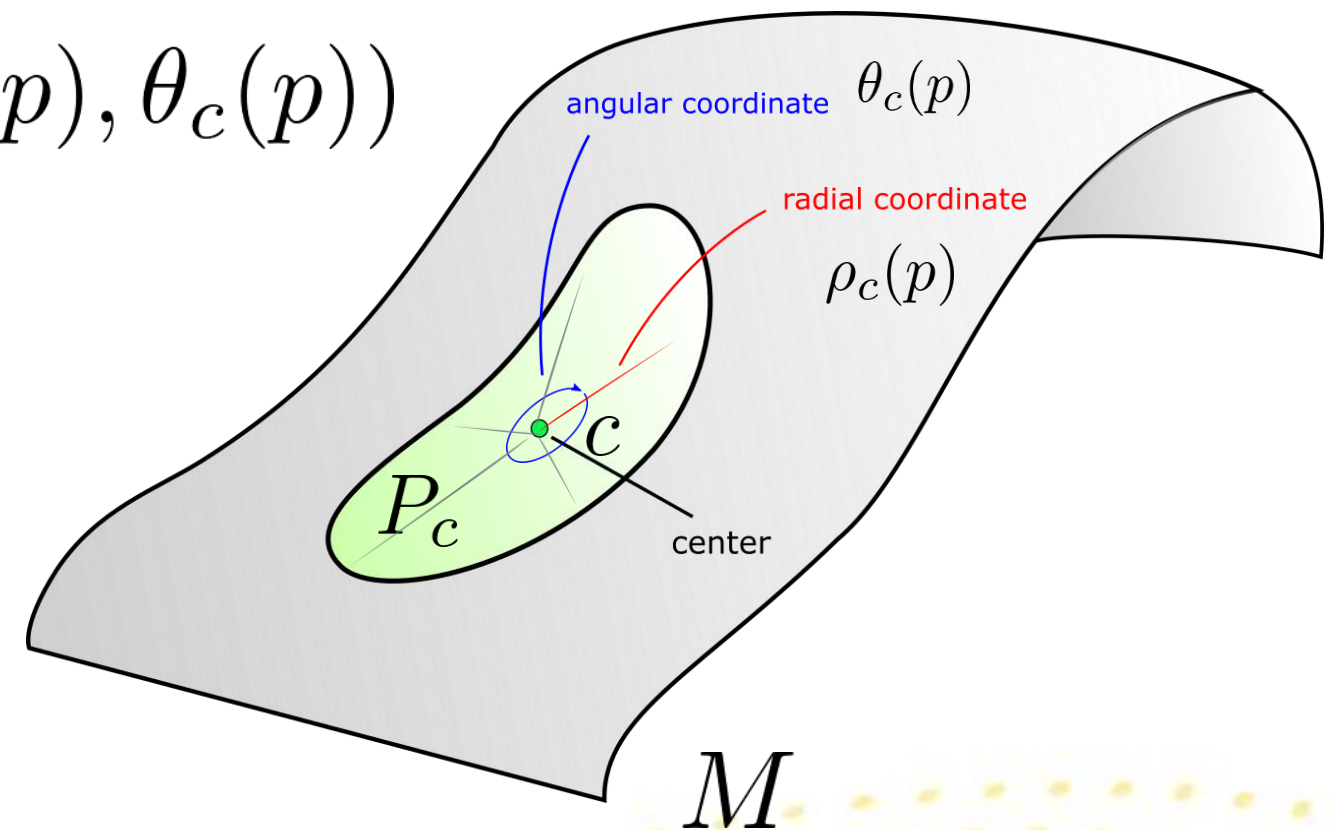
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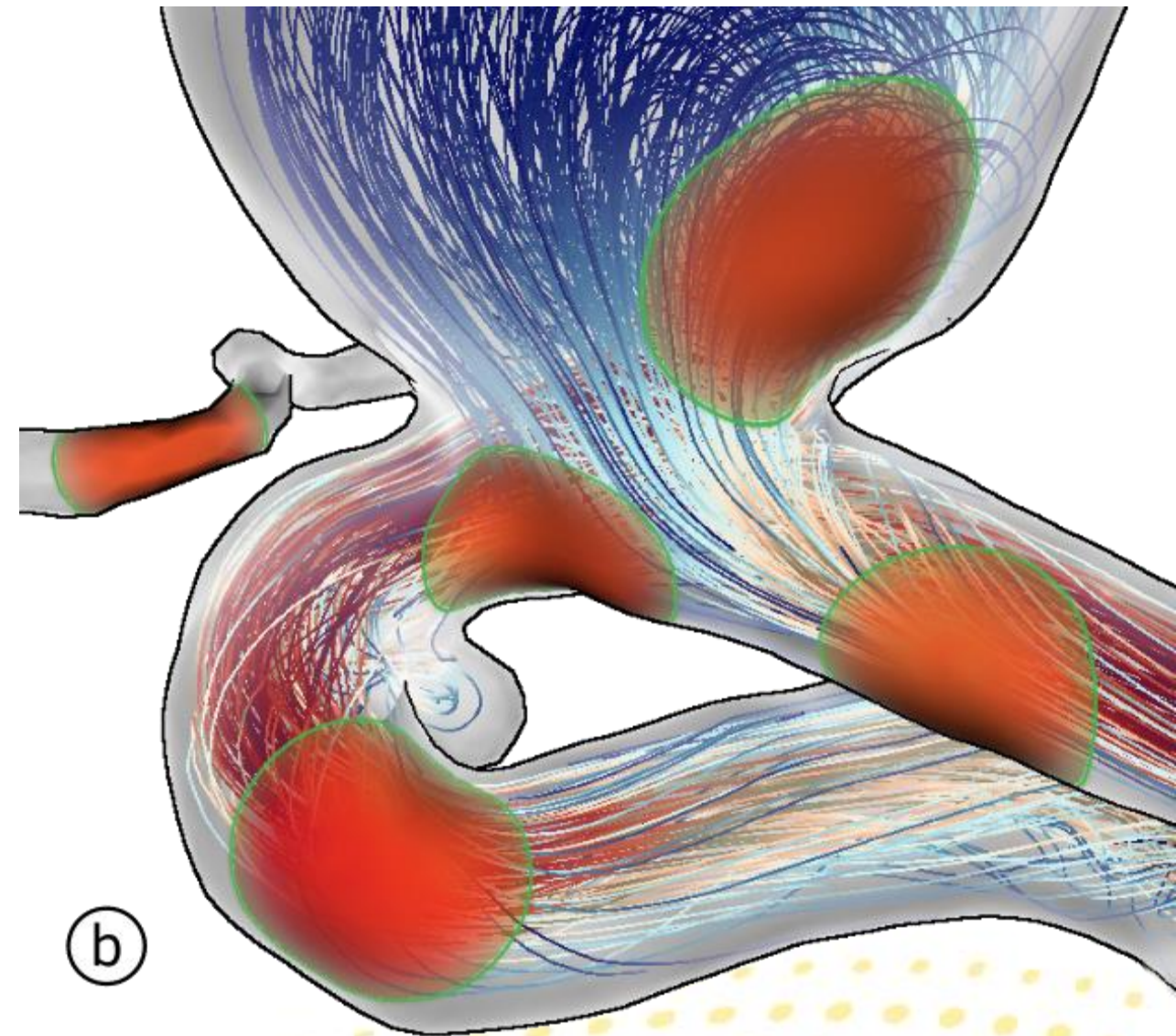
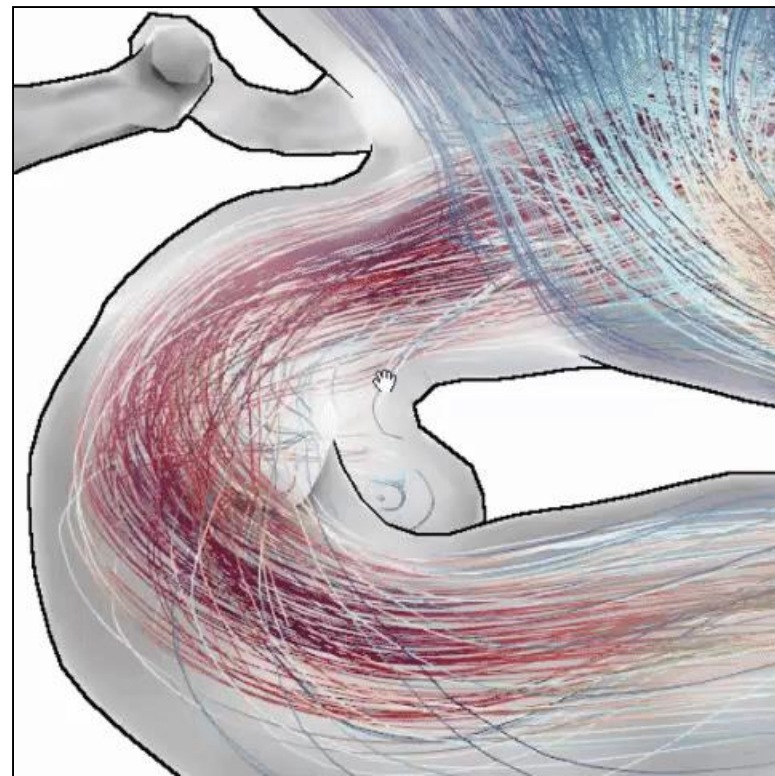
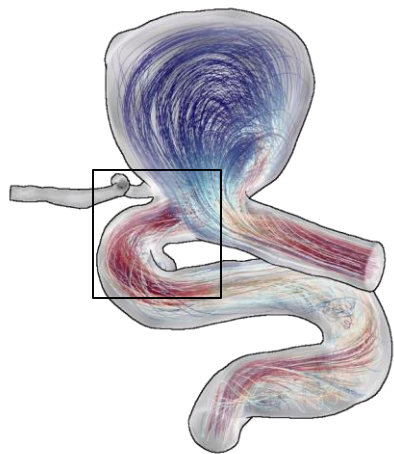
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# Demonstration Example

- Aneurysm Data
  - **Decal-Lenses** displaying pressure



Lens comparison: 2.5D Lens vs Decal-Lens

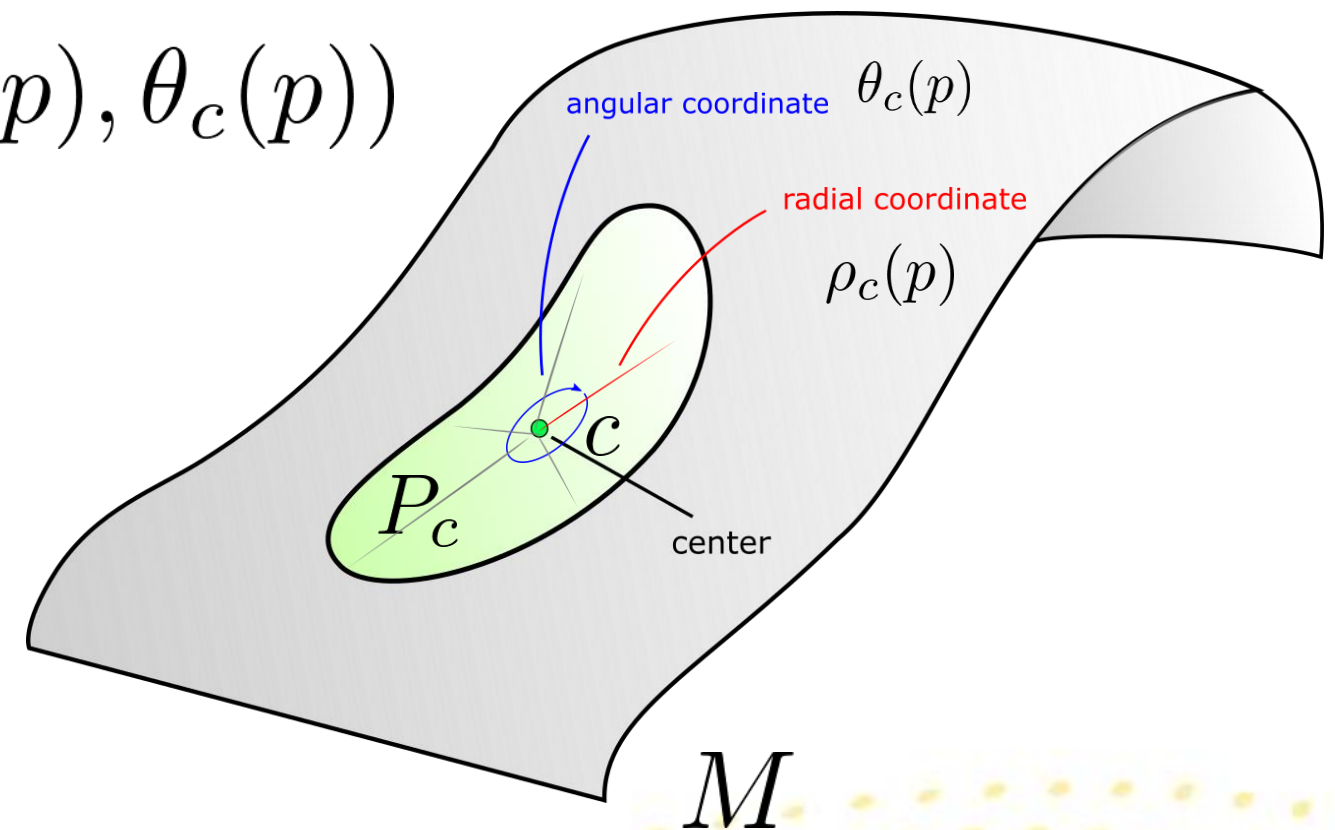
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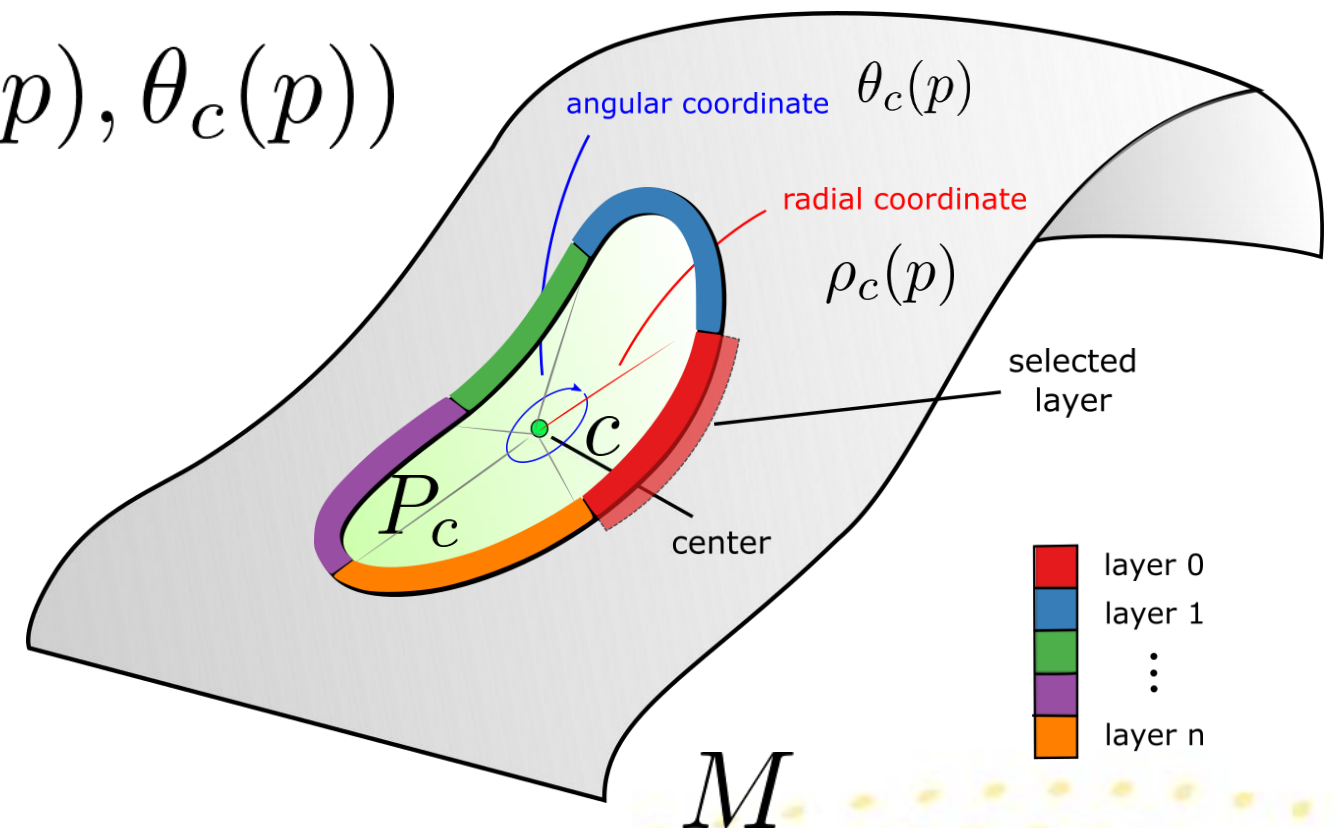
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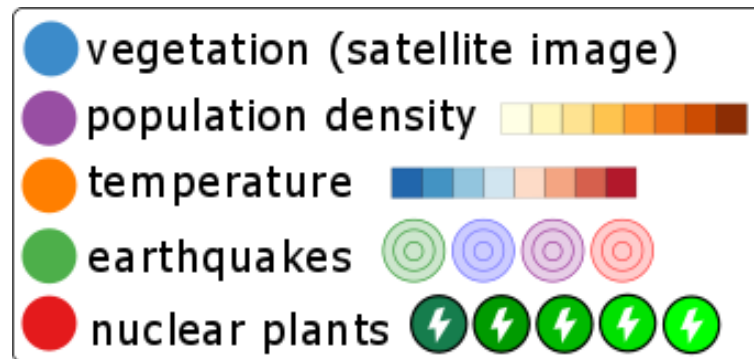
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- **Widgets: *Wheel***



# Decal-Lenses

- Earth Data
- Sphere
  - $p = (\rho_c(p), \theta_c(p))$ 
    - computed exactly
- Attributes





# Operations over Multiple Decal-Lenses

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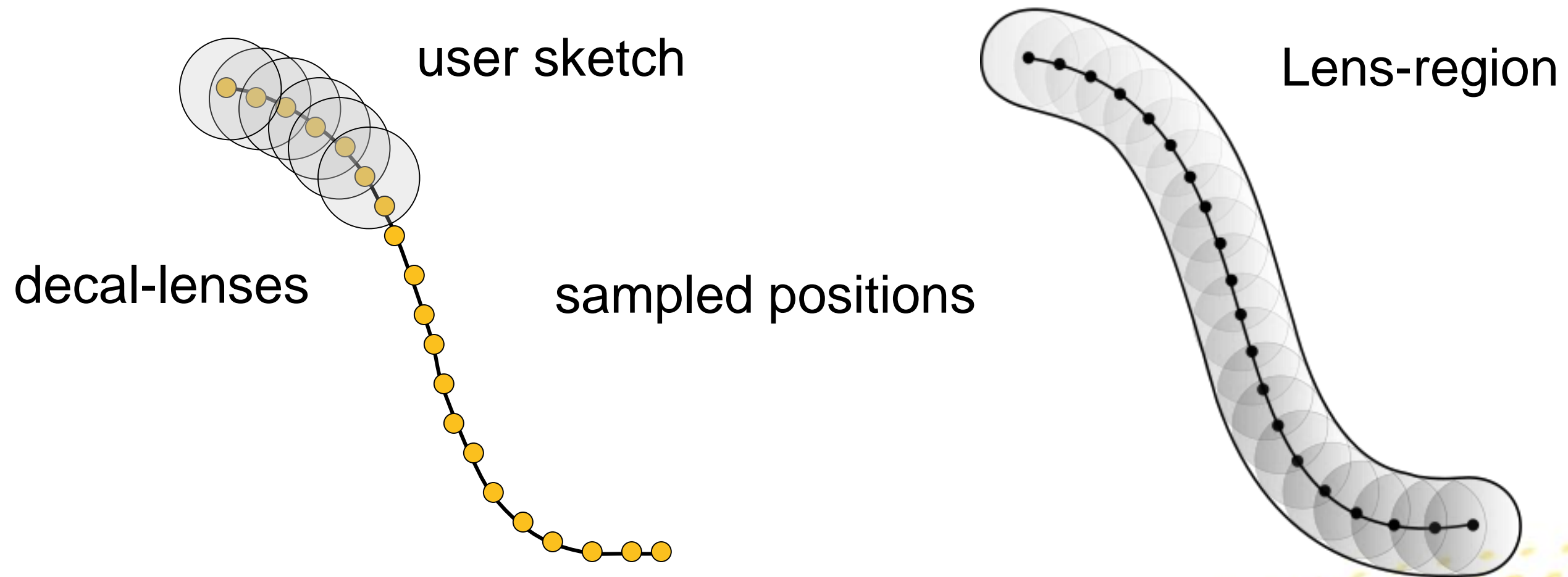
**Lens-regions** of arbitrary shapes

- Operations
  - Brushing
  - Lassoing
  - Other operations could be defined
- Decal-lenses are **amenable to composition**



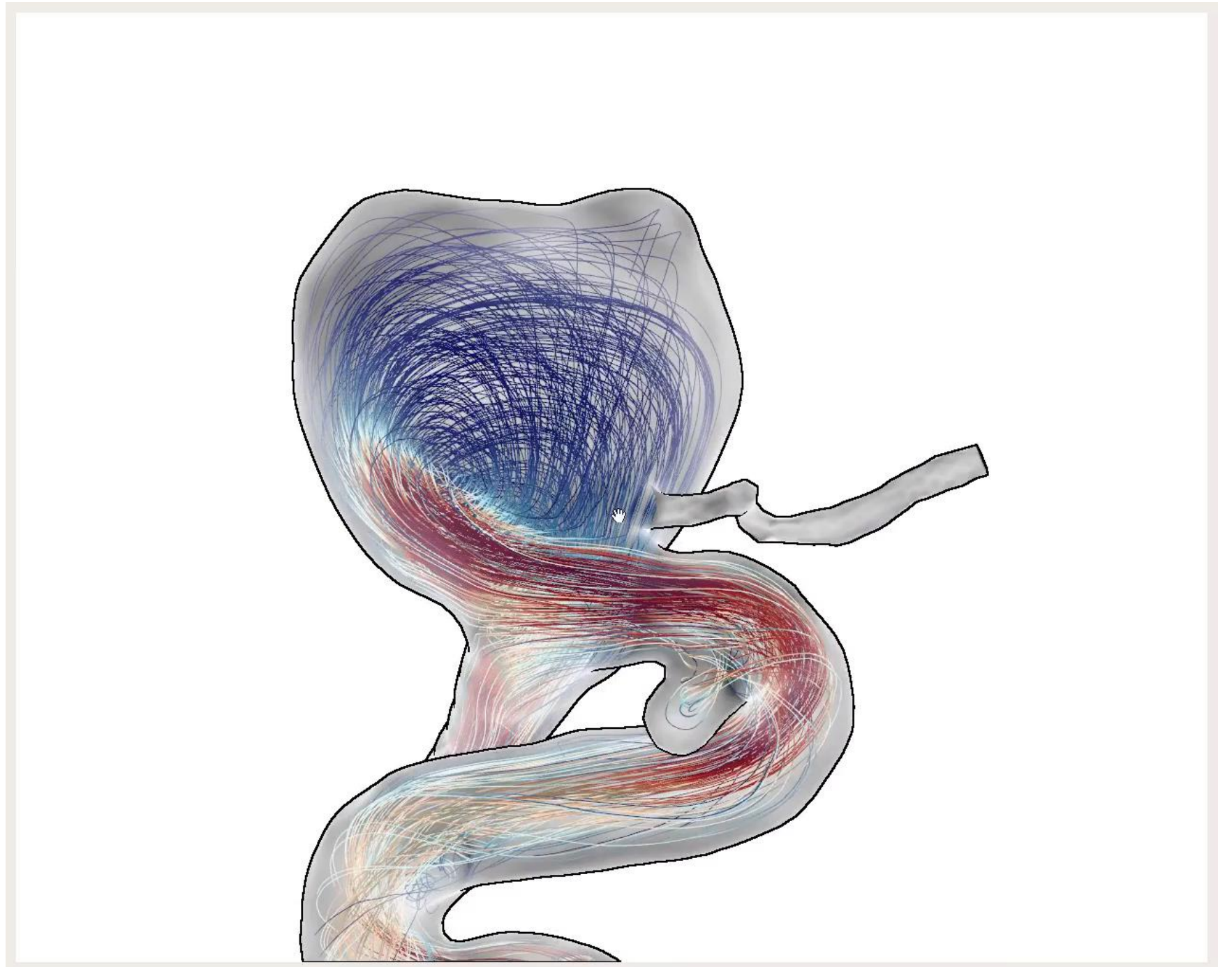
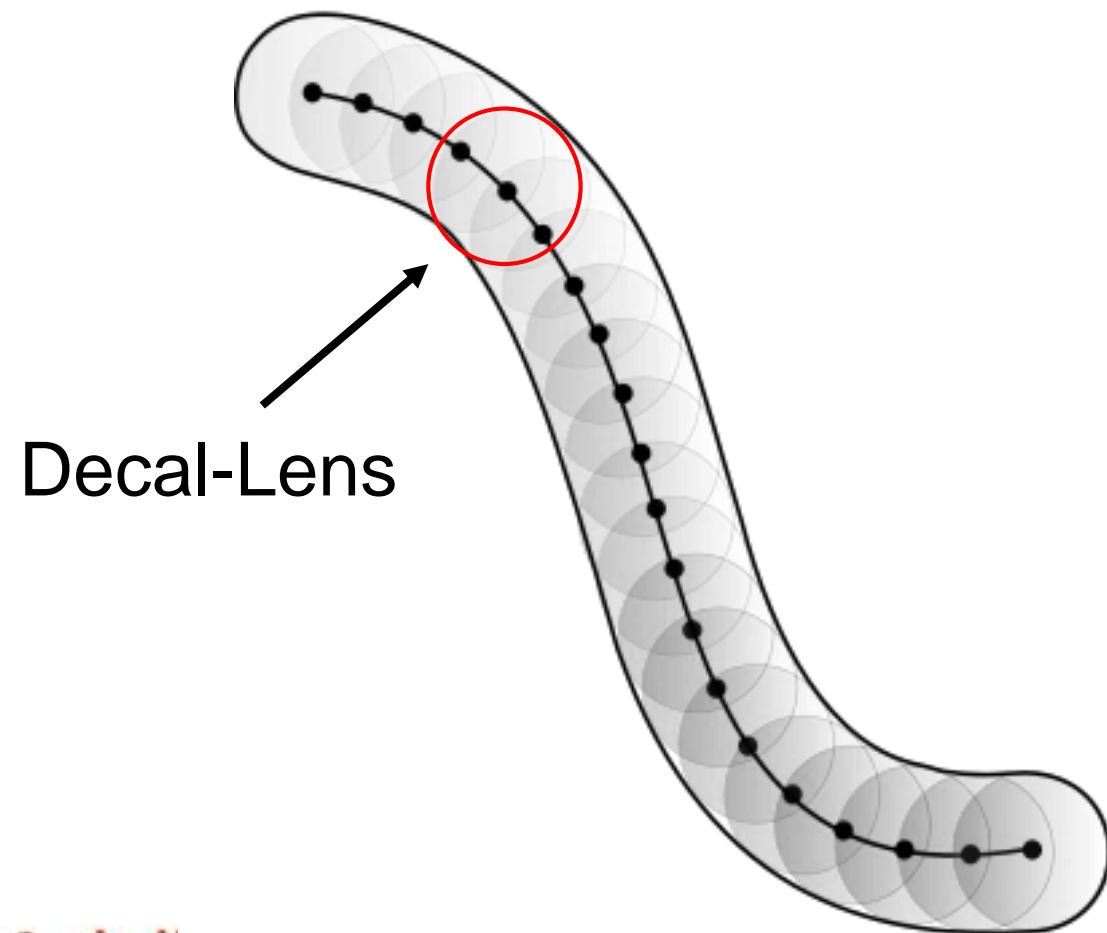
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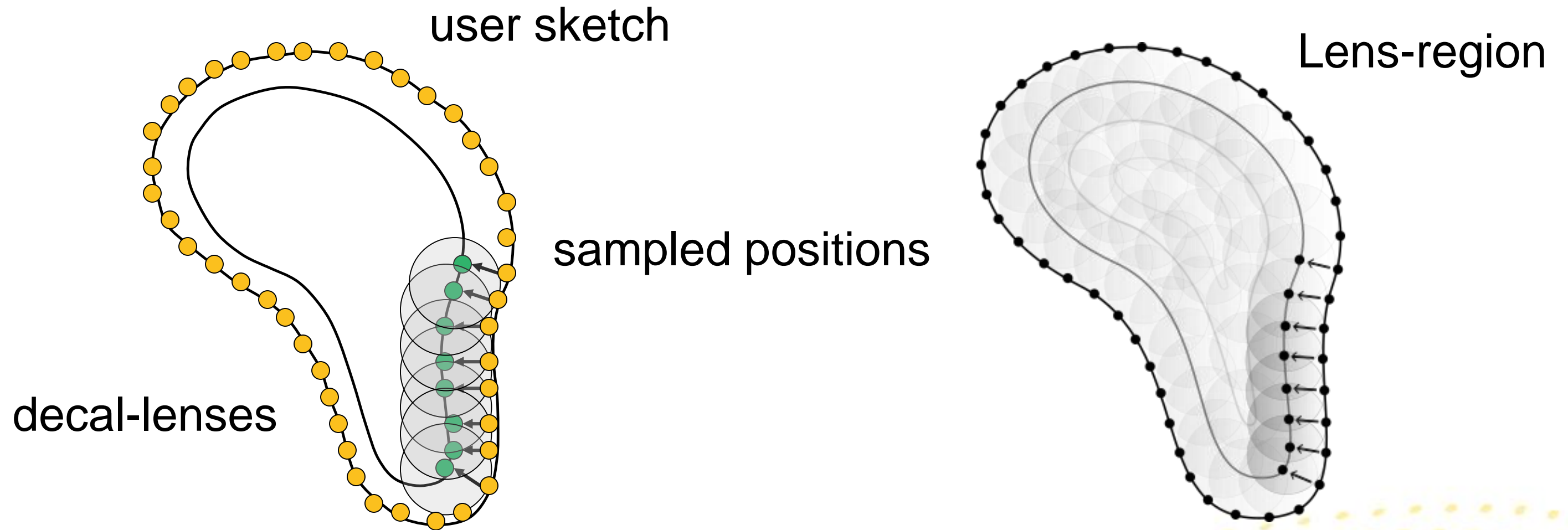
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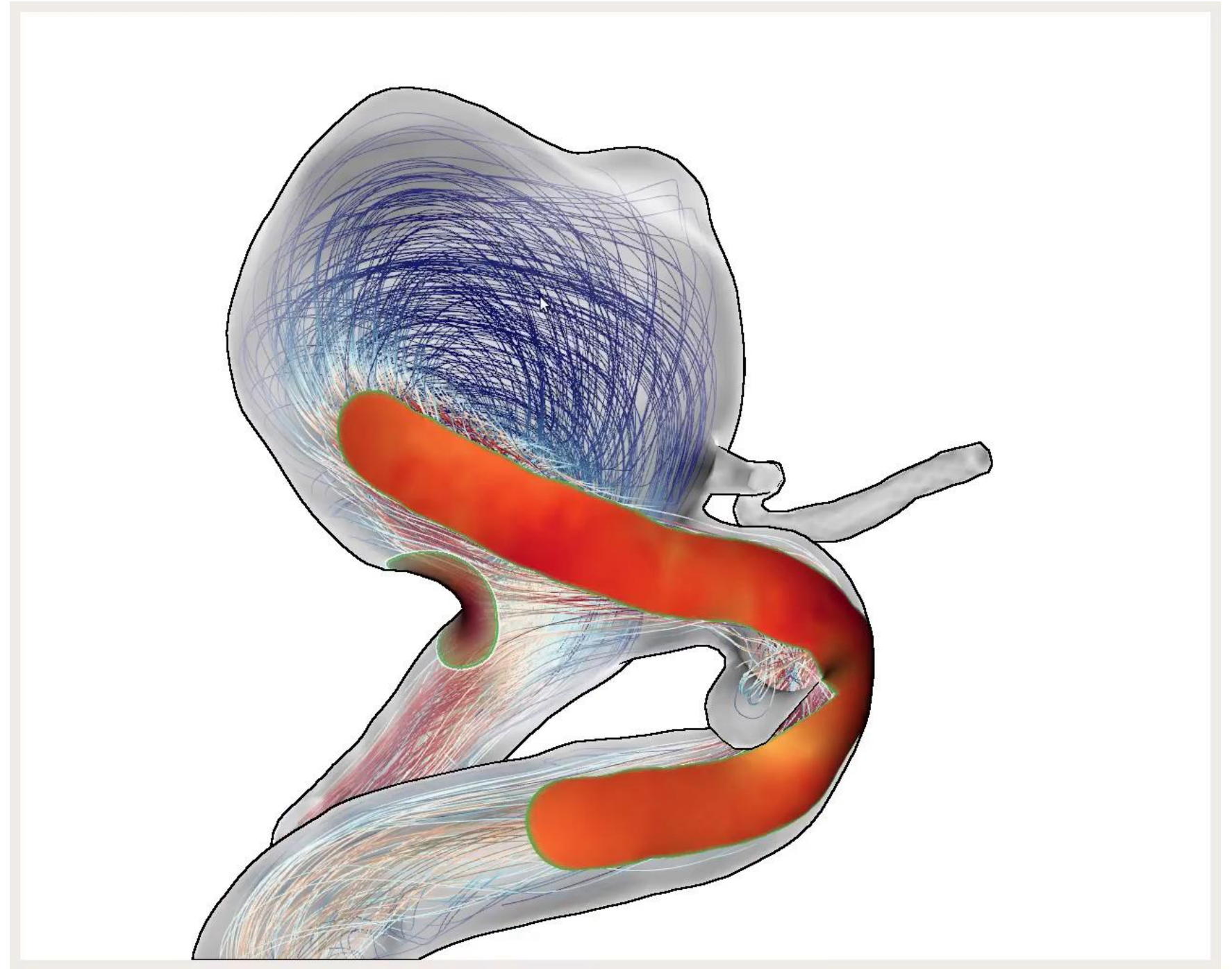
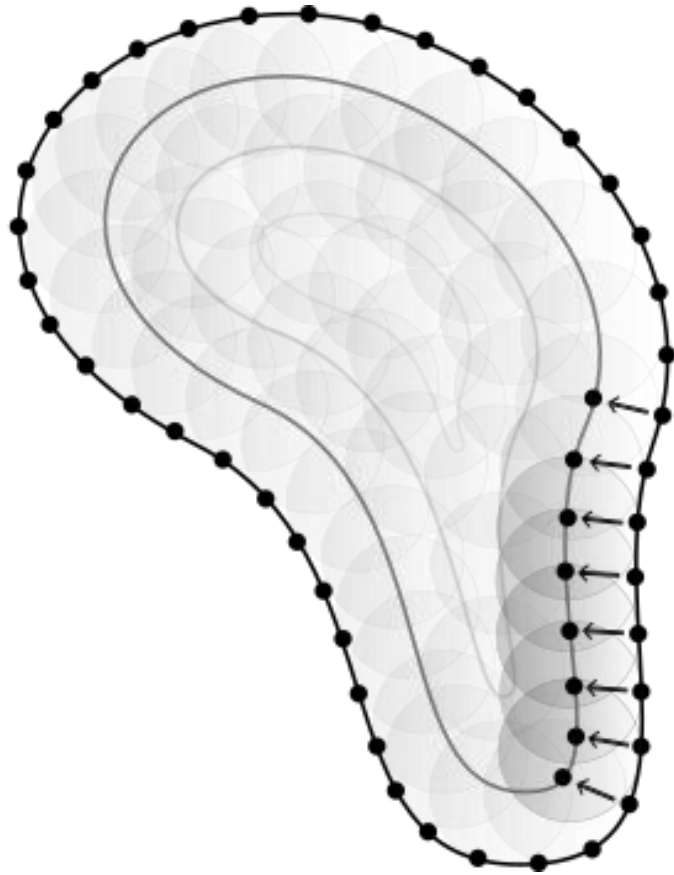
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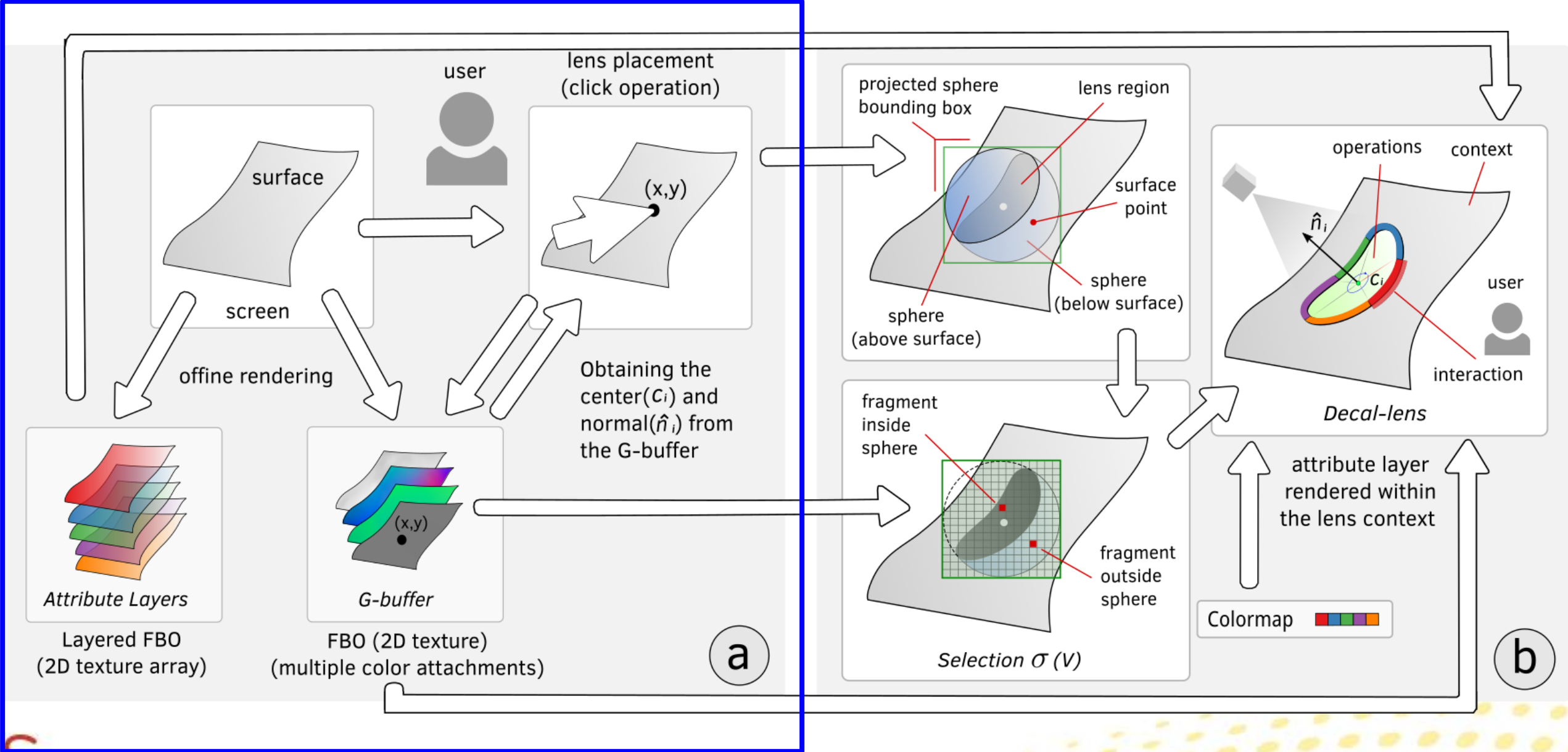
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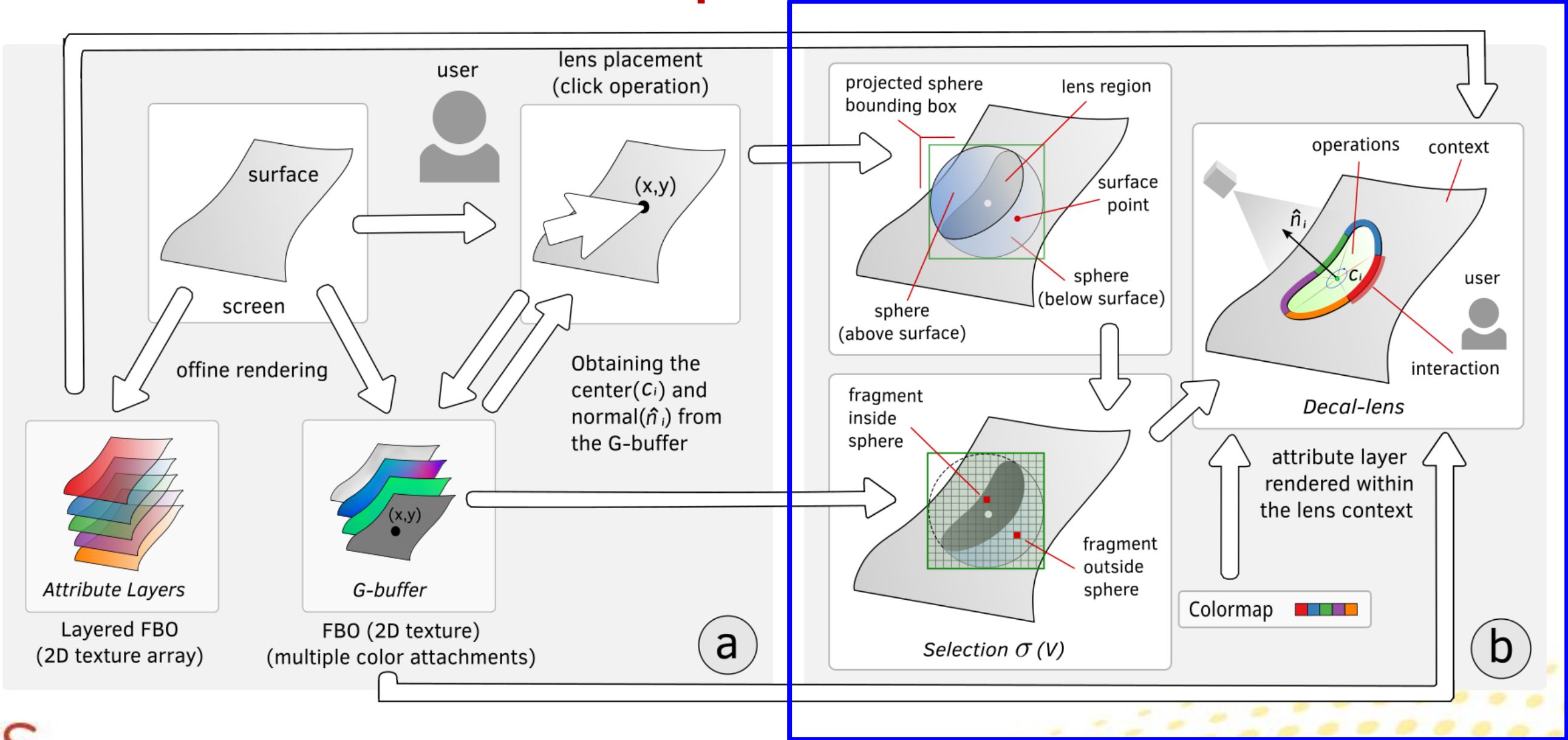


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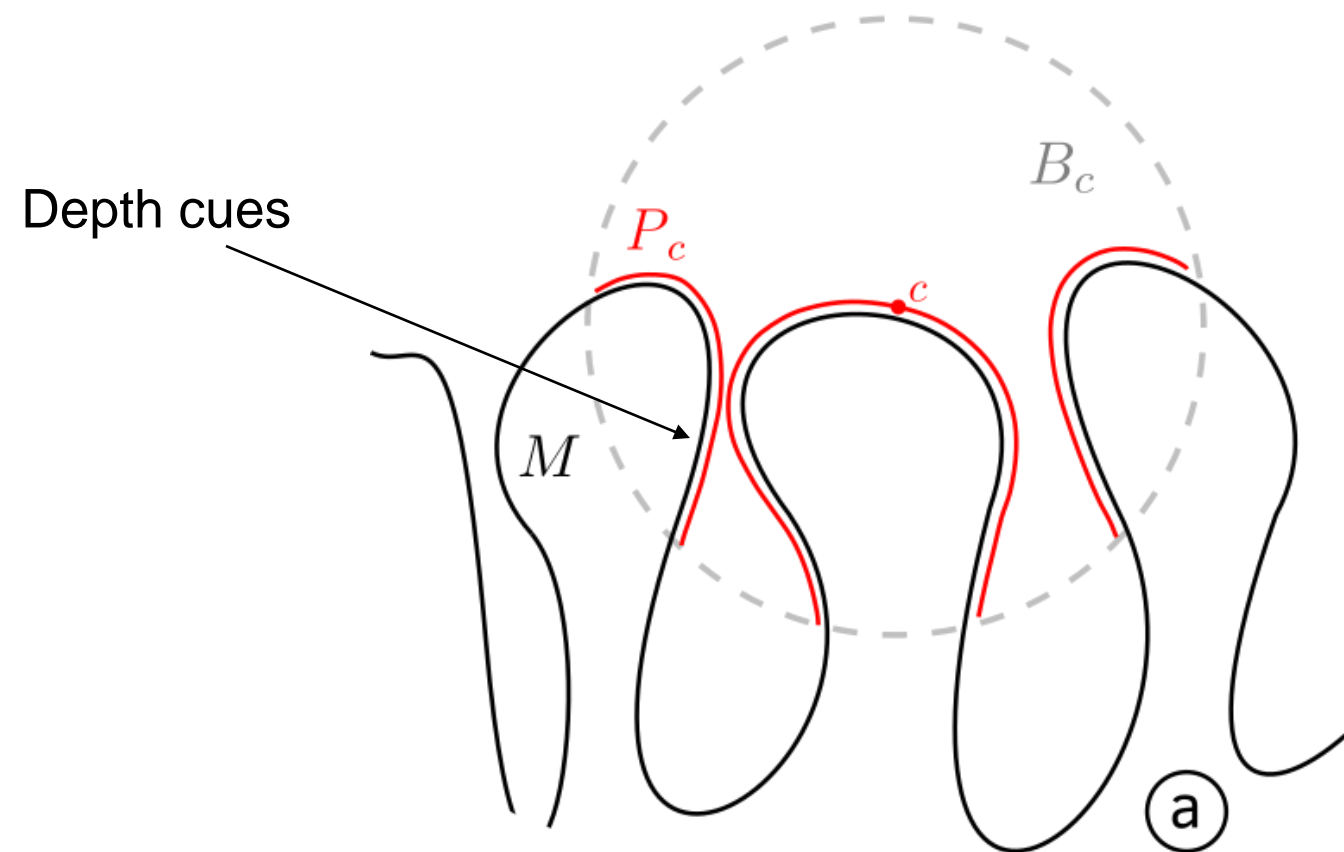




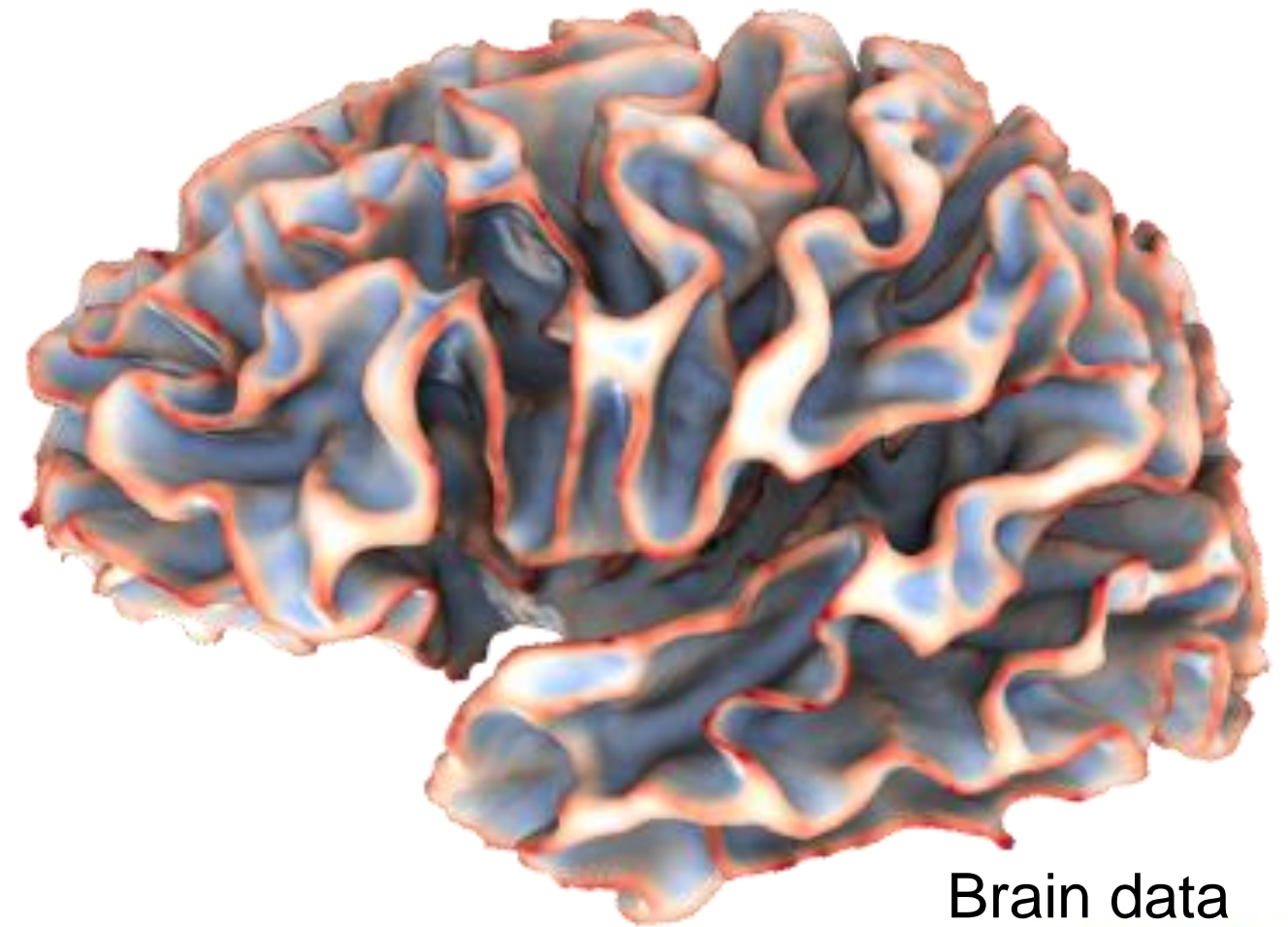
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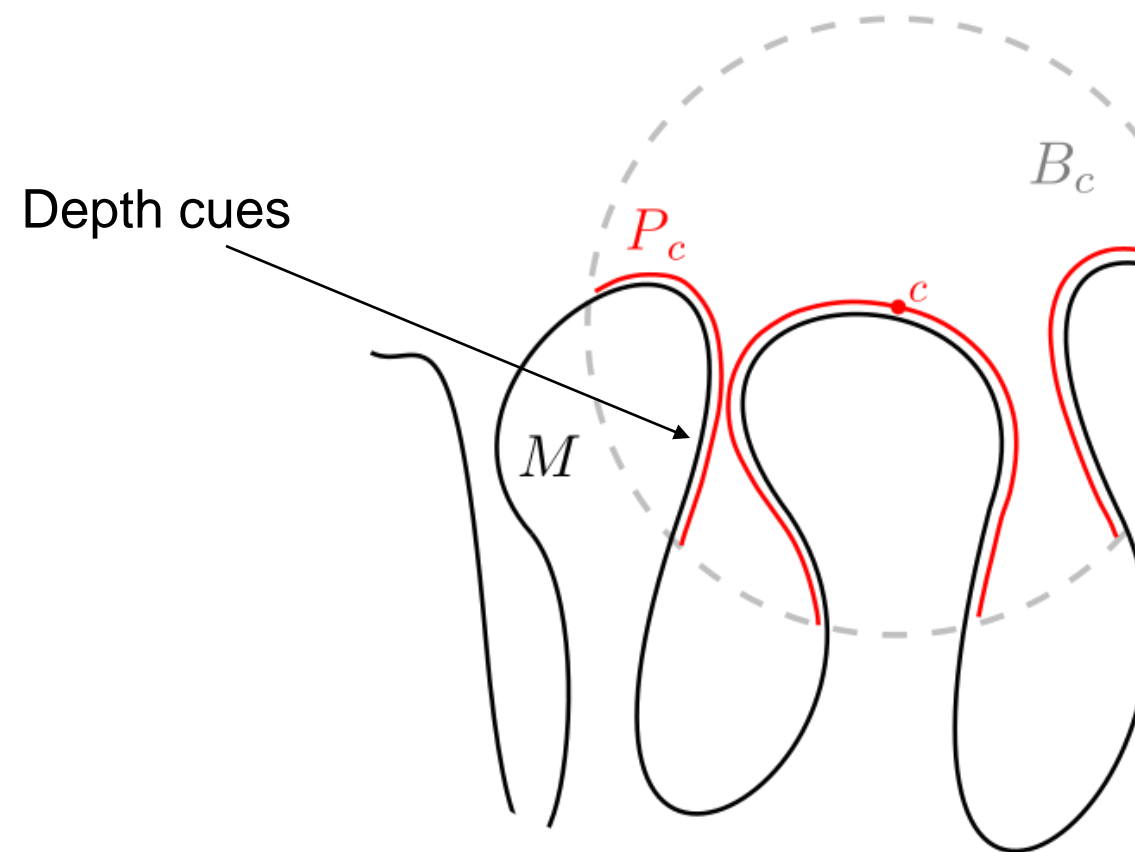
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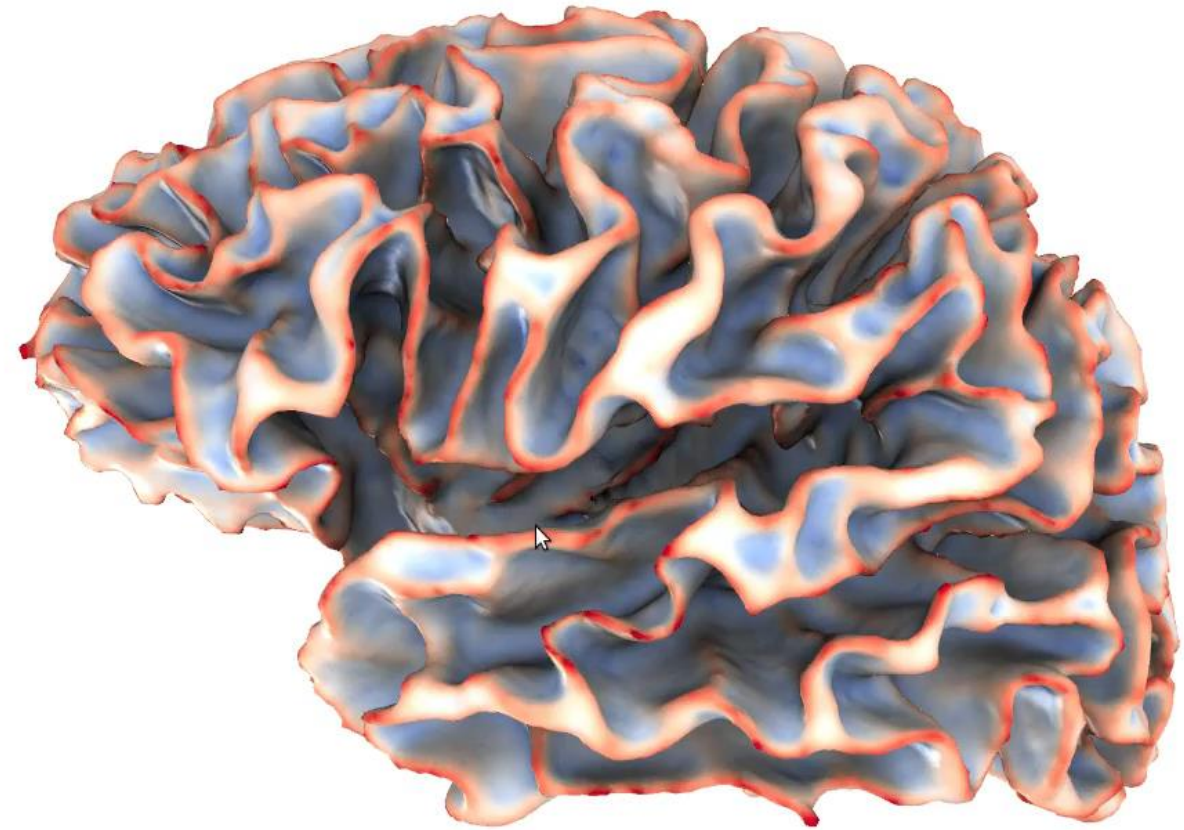
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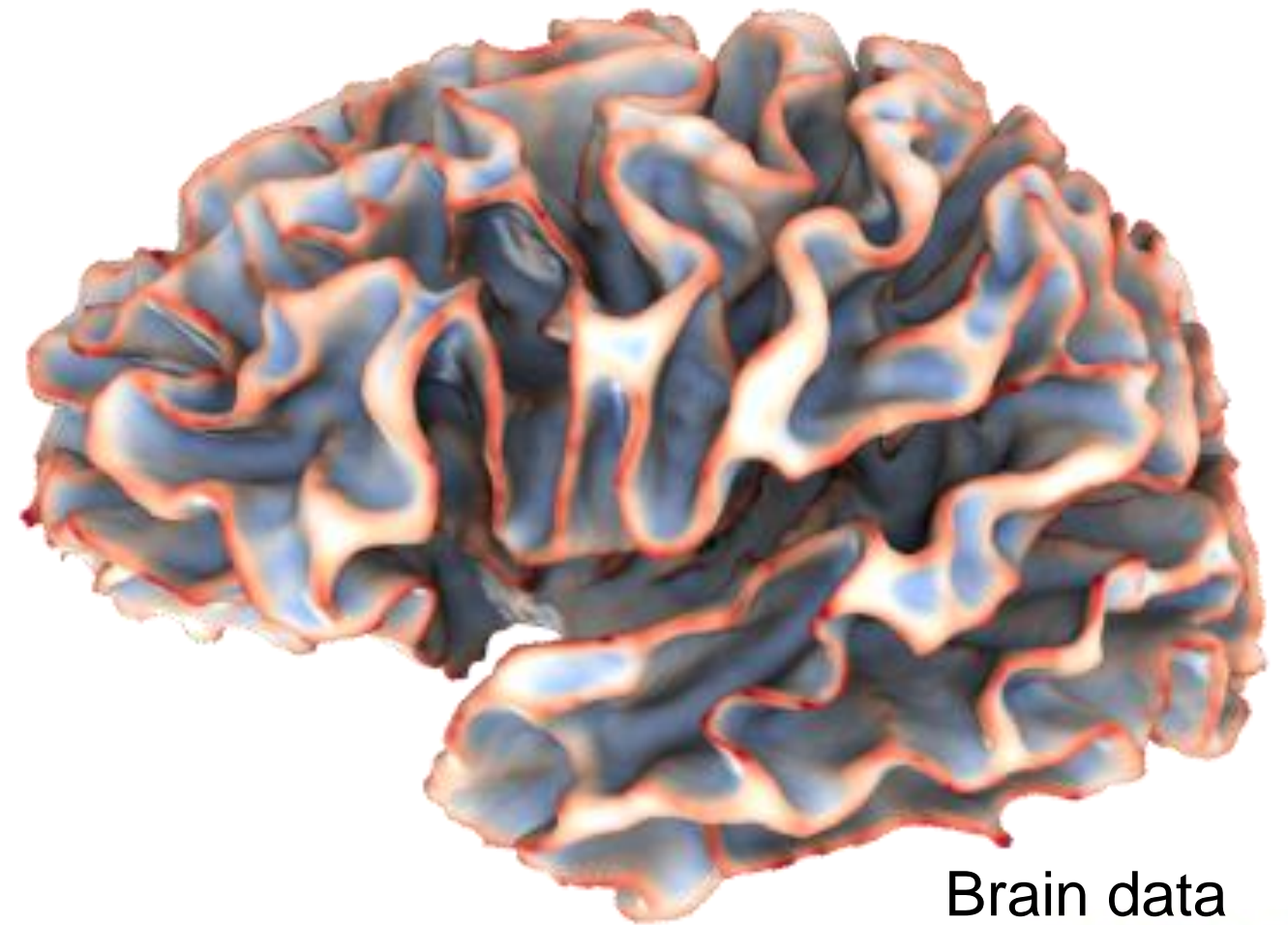
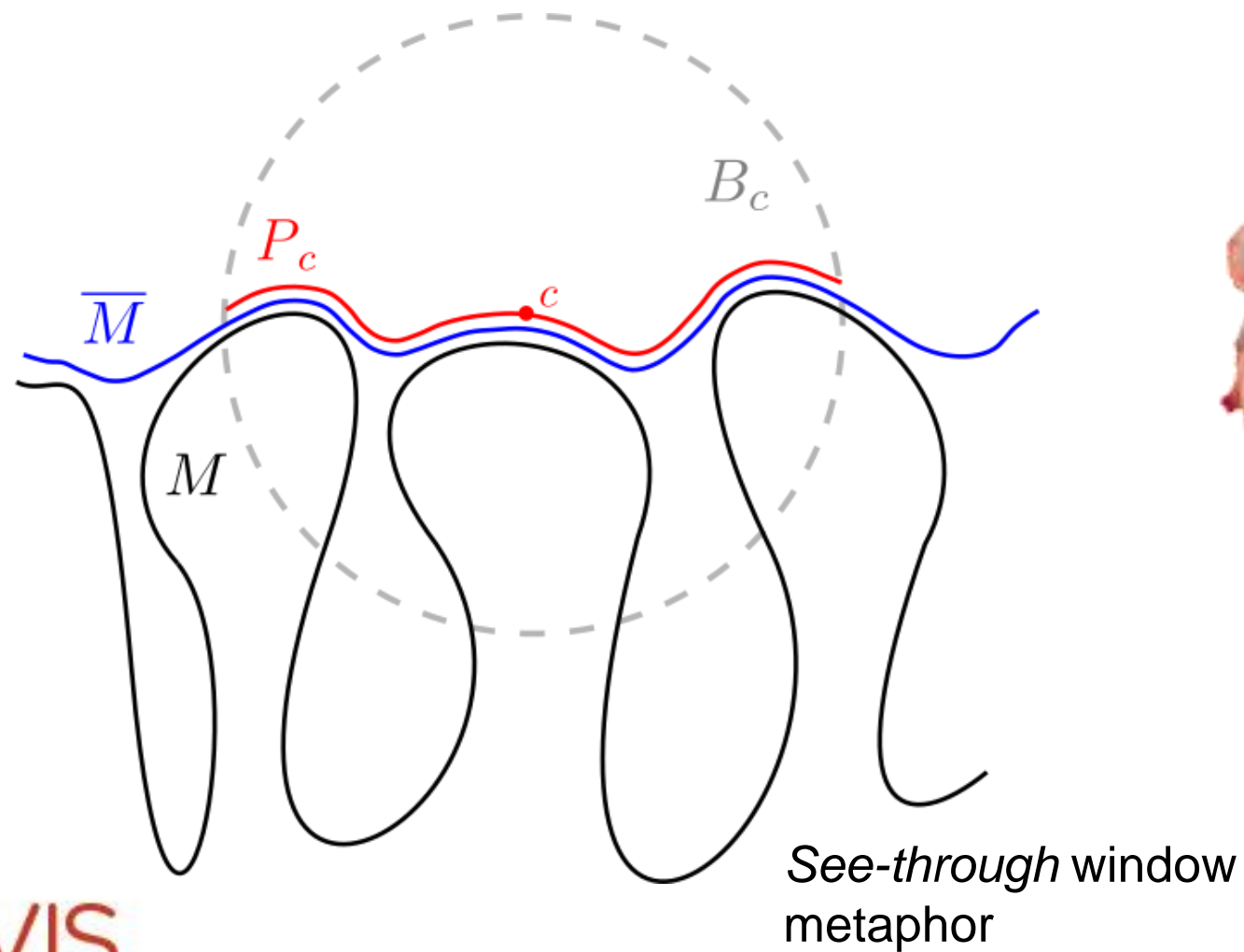


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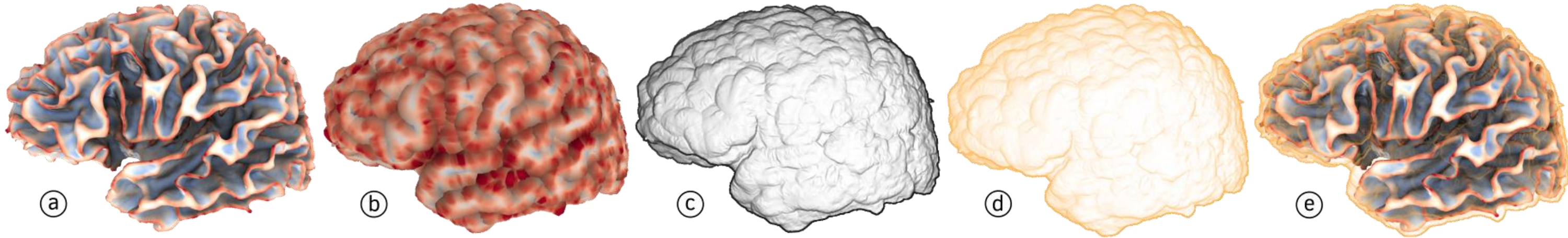
## Support Surface



# Support Surfaces

- Several ways to define such surfaces
- Related work
  - Outer envelopes [Cohen, et al. 2006]
  - Text scaffolds [Cipriano & Gleicher, 2008]
  - Bounding proxies [Calderon & Boubekeur, 2017]
- Our approach focuses on *support surfaces* for interaction

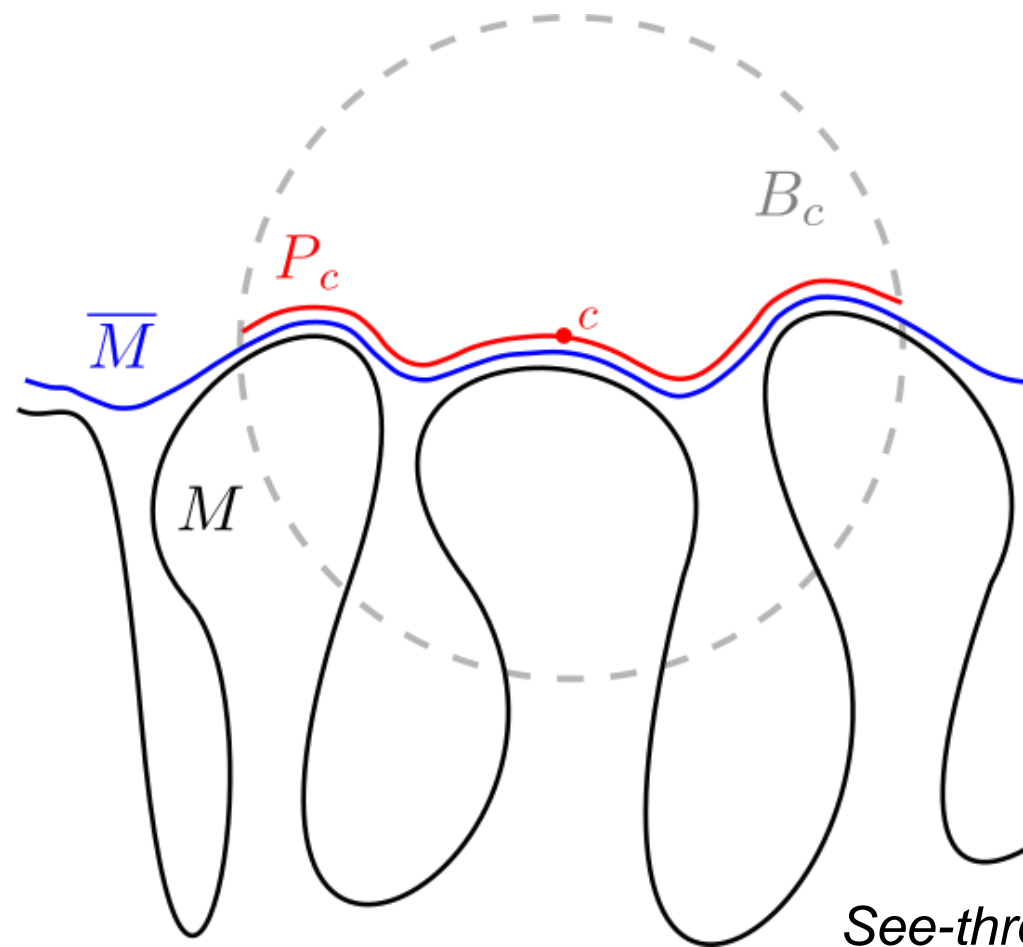
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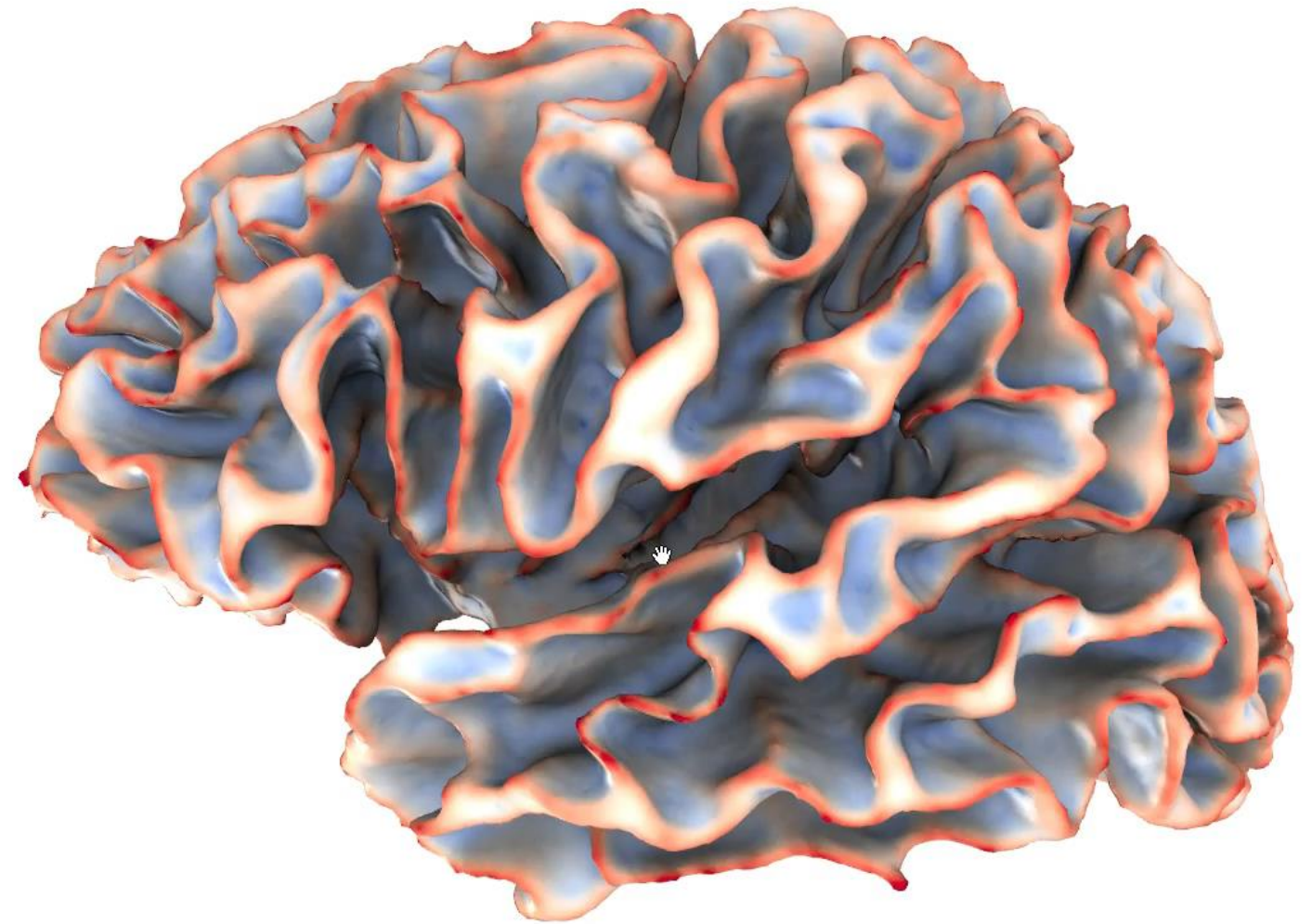
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# Decal-Lenses on Co

## Support Surface



See-through window  
metaphor





Conclusions

# Remarks

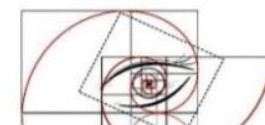
Survey on Interactive Lenses [Tominski et al. 2016]

- Emphasize the need to develop lens techniques
  - Simple placement, interaction, and parametrization
  - Flexibility of combining lenses
  - Reuse of lenses for other datasets in other domains
- Decal-Lenses address the aforementioned requirements



# Contributions

- Decal-Lenses, a new category of lenses for multivariate visualization
- Possibility to create *lens-regions* by operating over multiple lenses
- Simple GPU implementation
- Concept of support surfaces for designing interaction techniques



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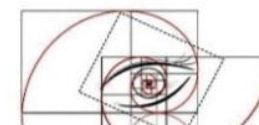
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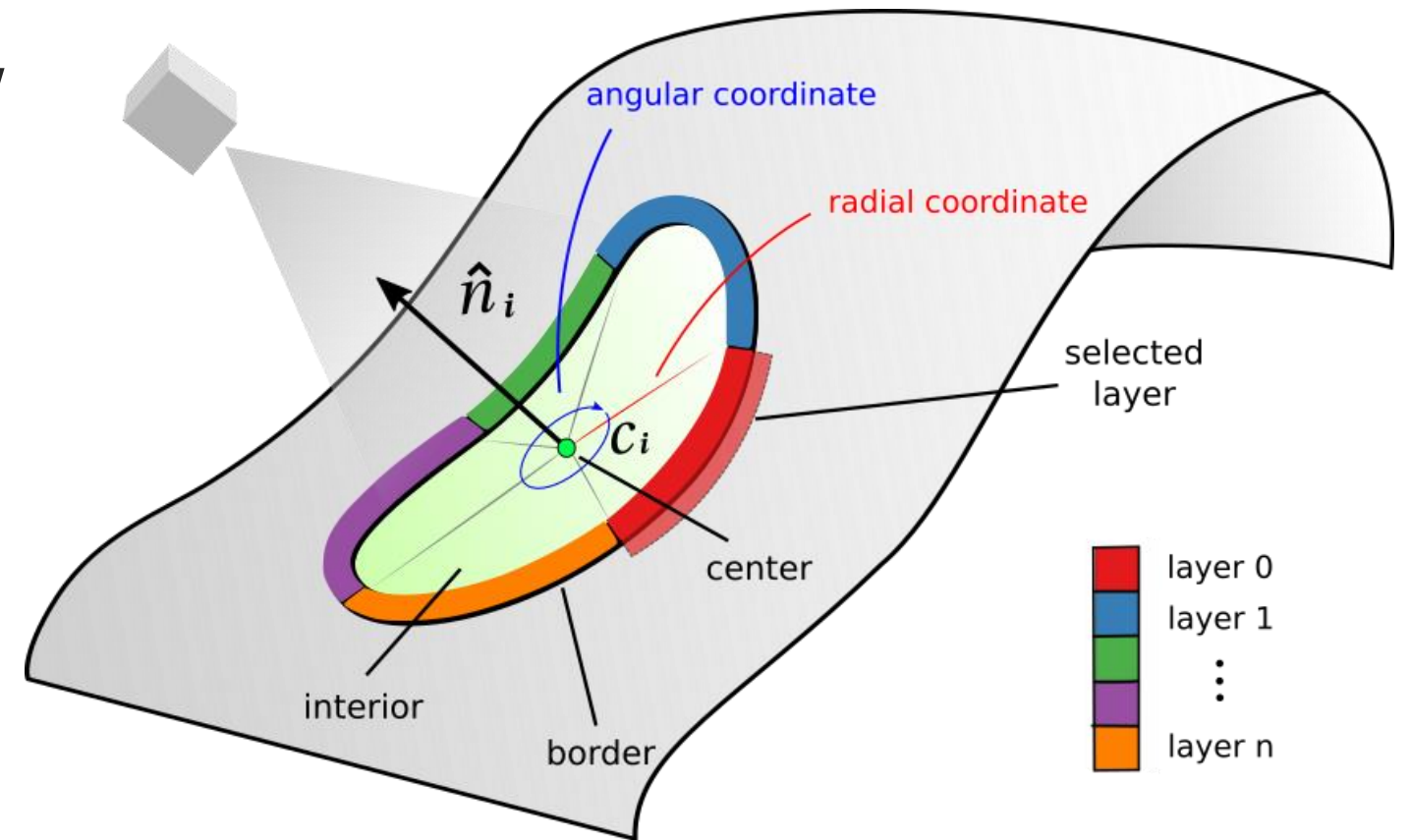
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# Performance

- Real-time
  - Test up to 5000 lenses
- Limitations
  - Multiple rendering calls (one for each decal-lens)

# Decal-Lenses

- Local Cameras
  - Visualize multiple points of view
  - Facilitate data comparison/correlation



# Evaluation

- Qualitative

