



Depth-Dependent Halos: Illustrative Rendering of Dense Line Data

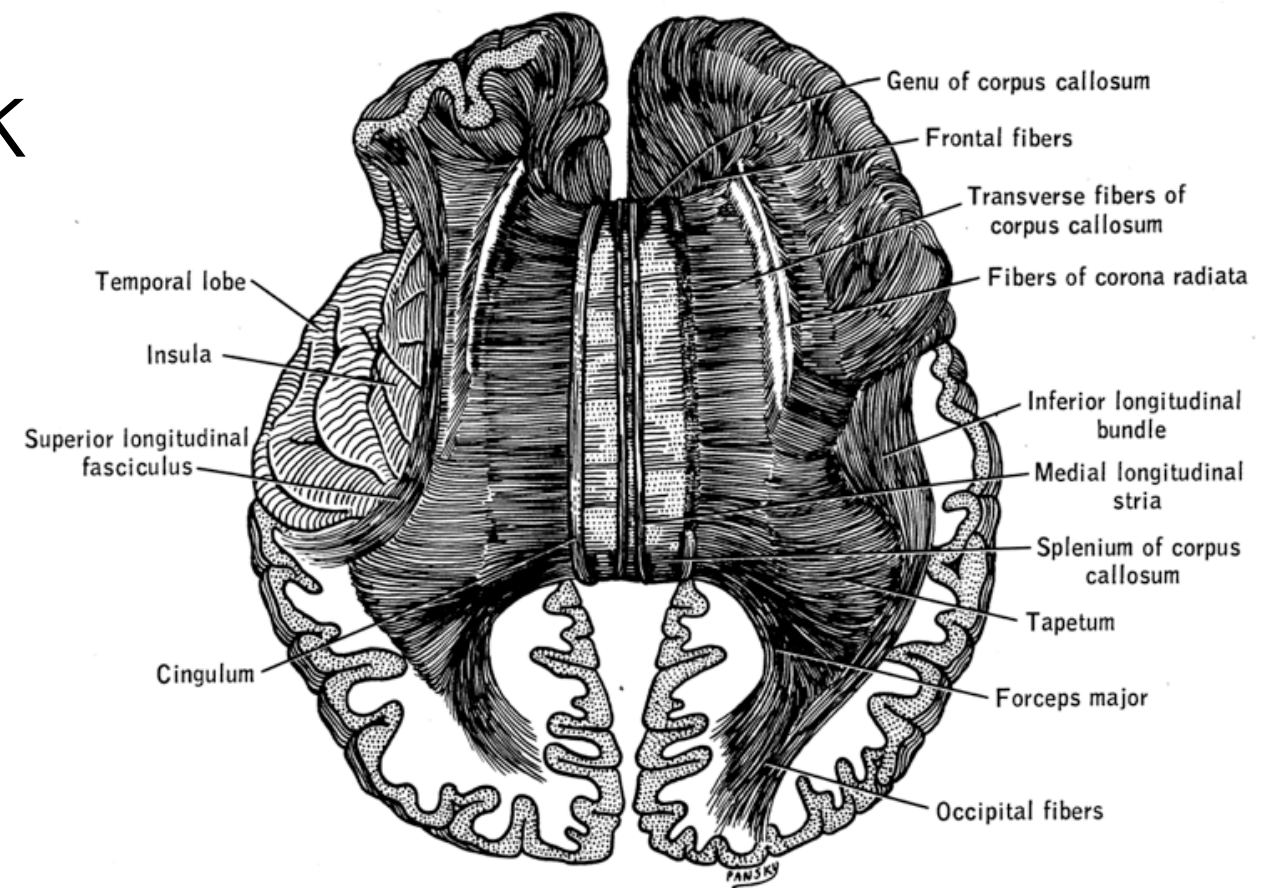
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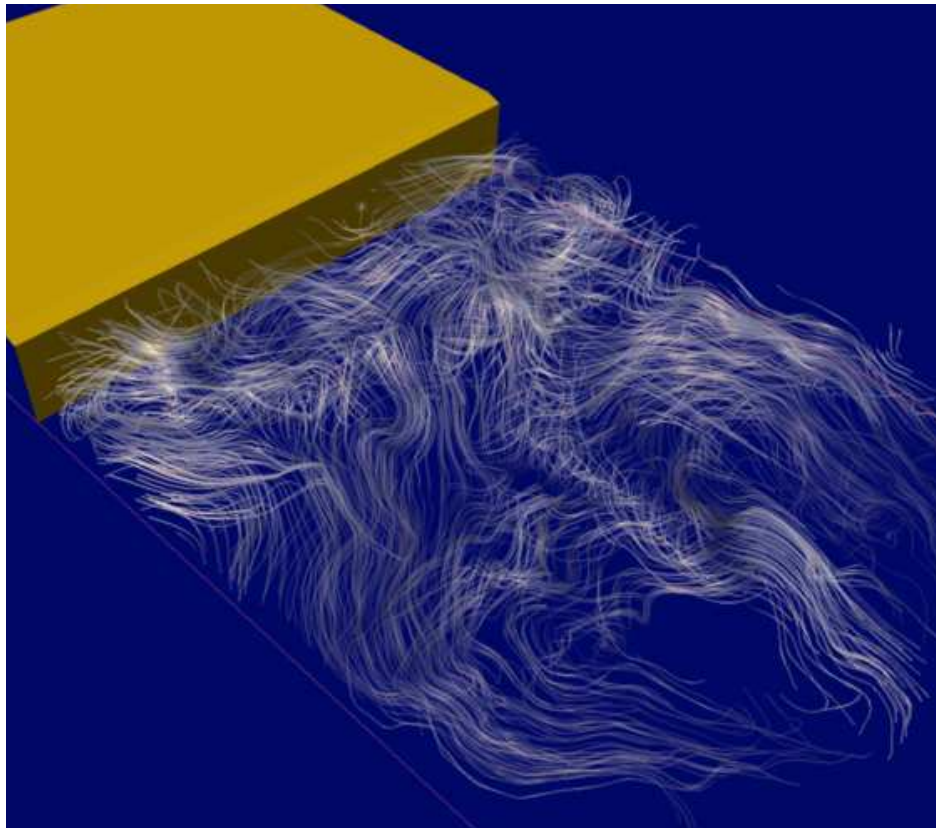


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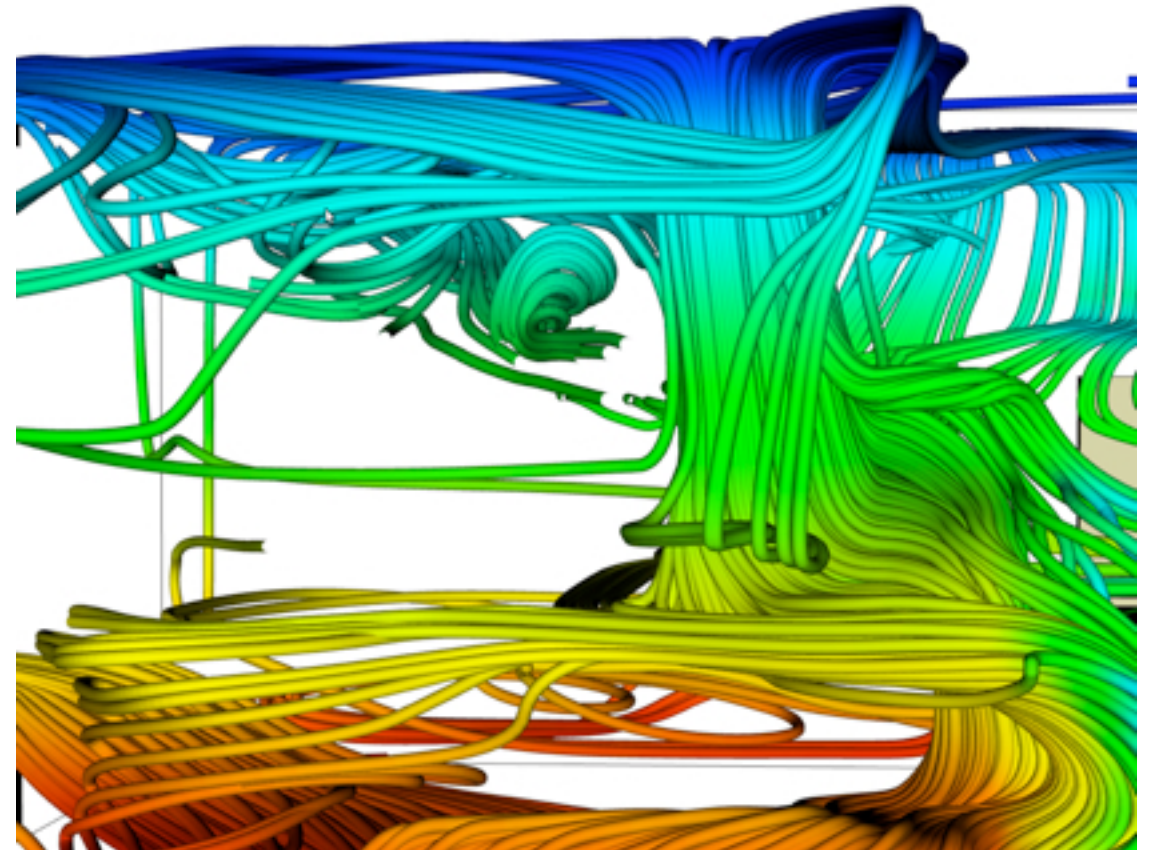
Motivation & Related Work



Visualization of dense line data

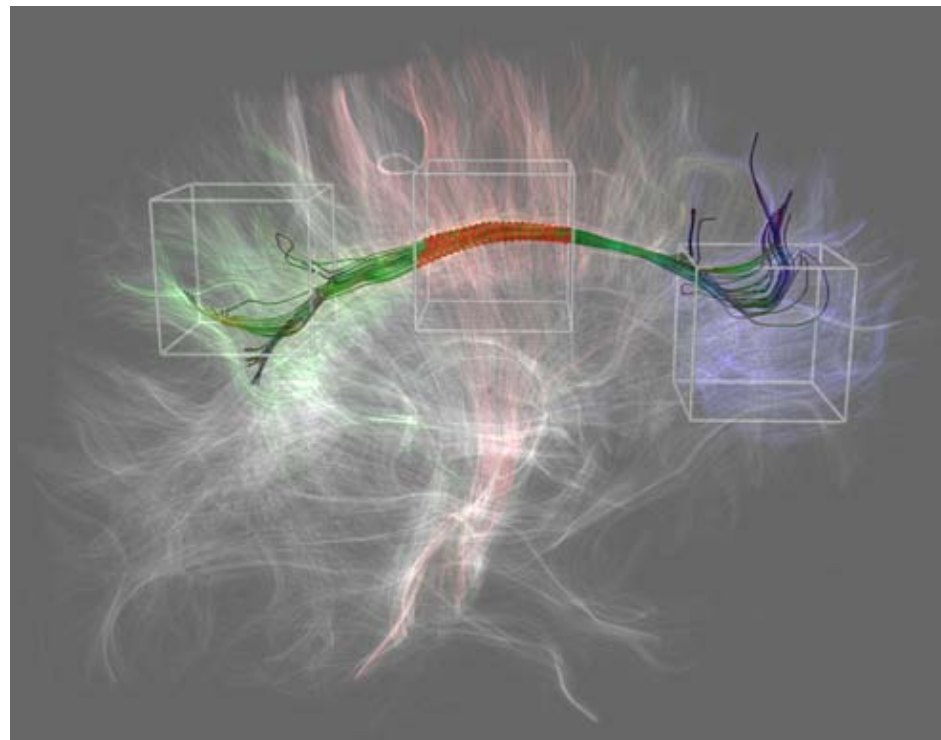


[Zöckler et al., 2007]

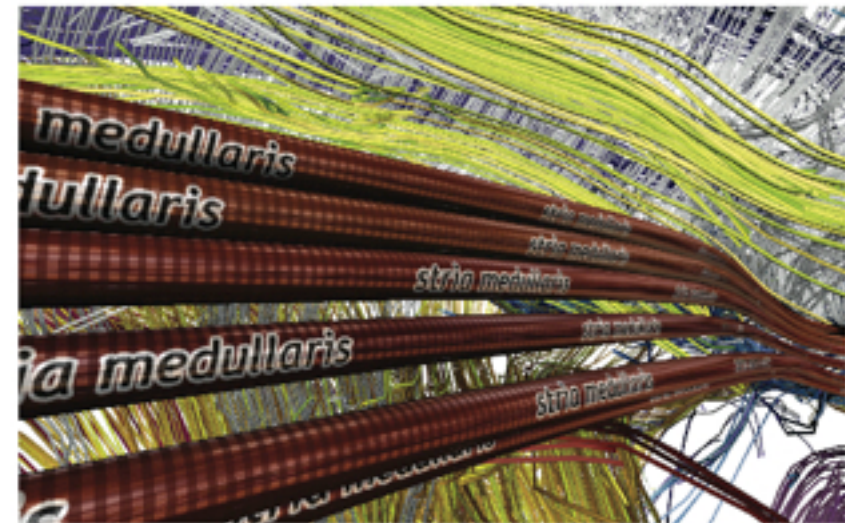


created with VTK

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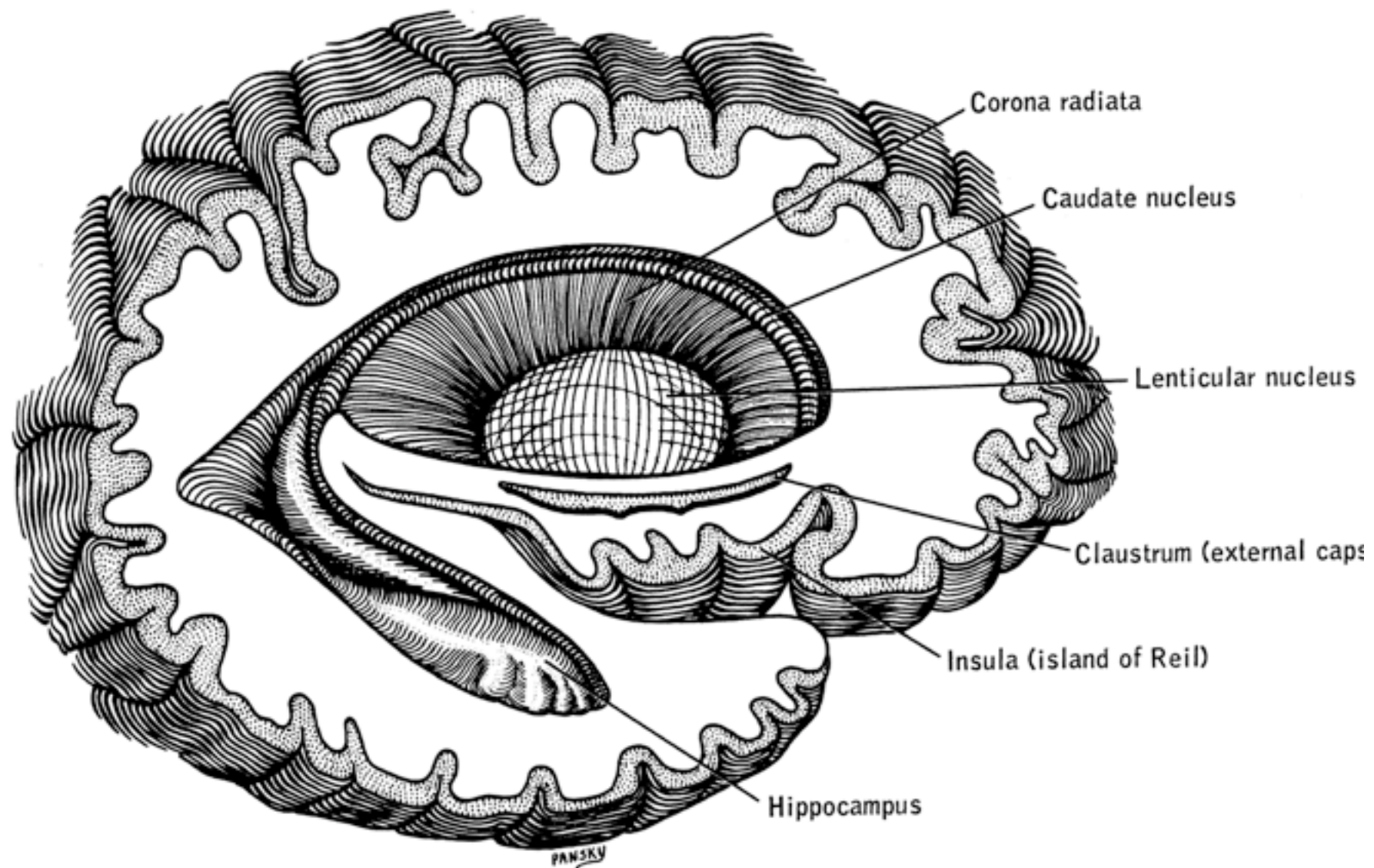


[Blaas et al., 2005]



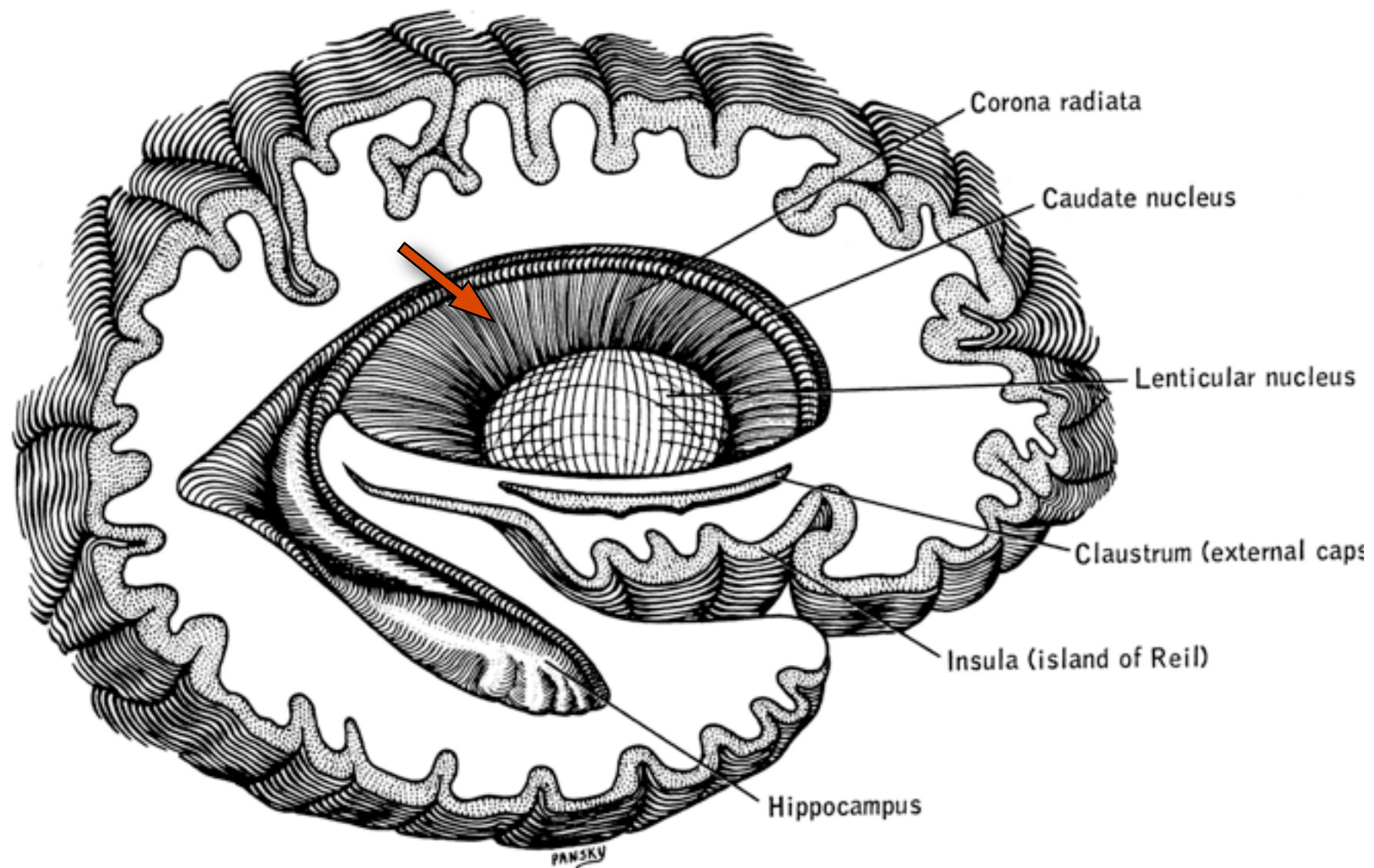
[Petrovic et al., 2007]

Hand-drawn black-and-white illustrations



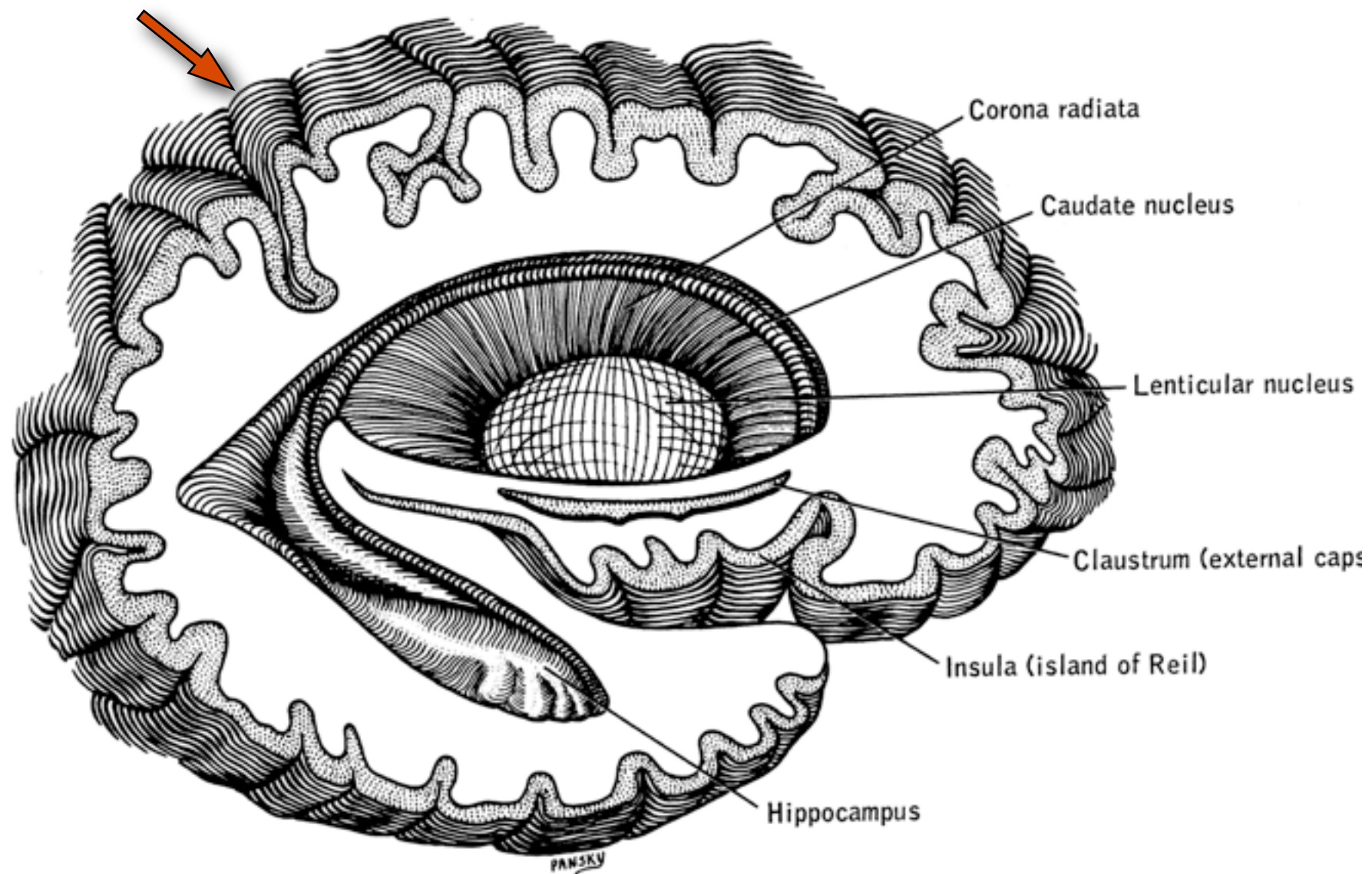
[House and Pansky, 1960]

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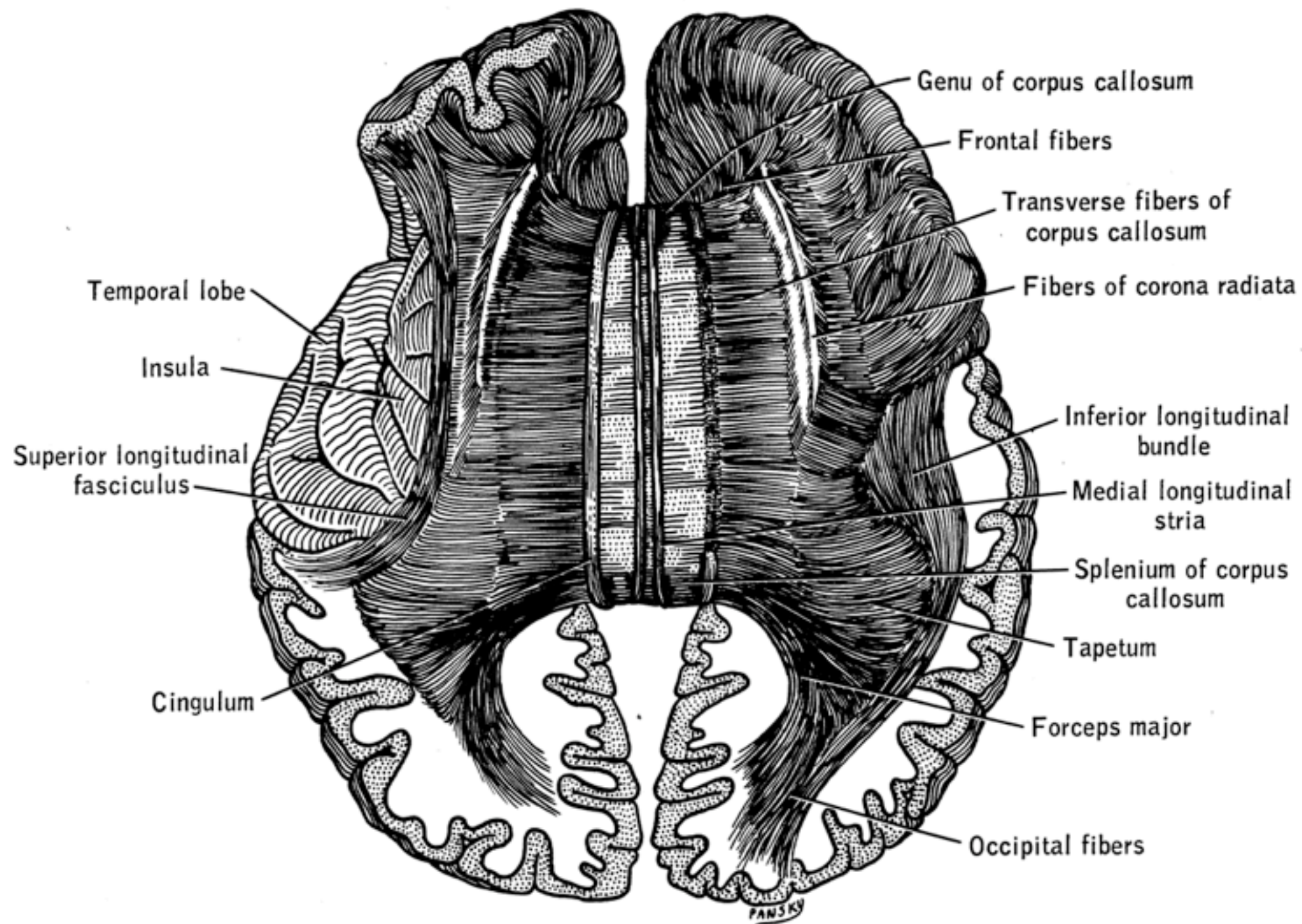
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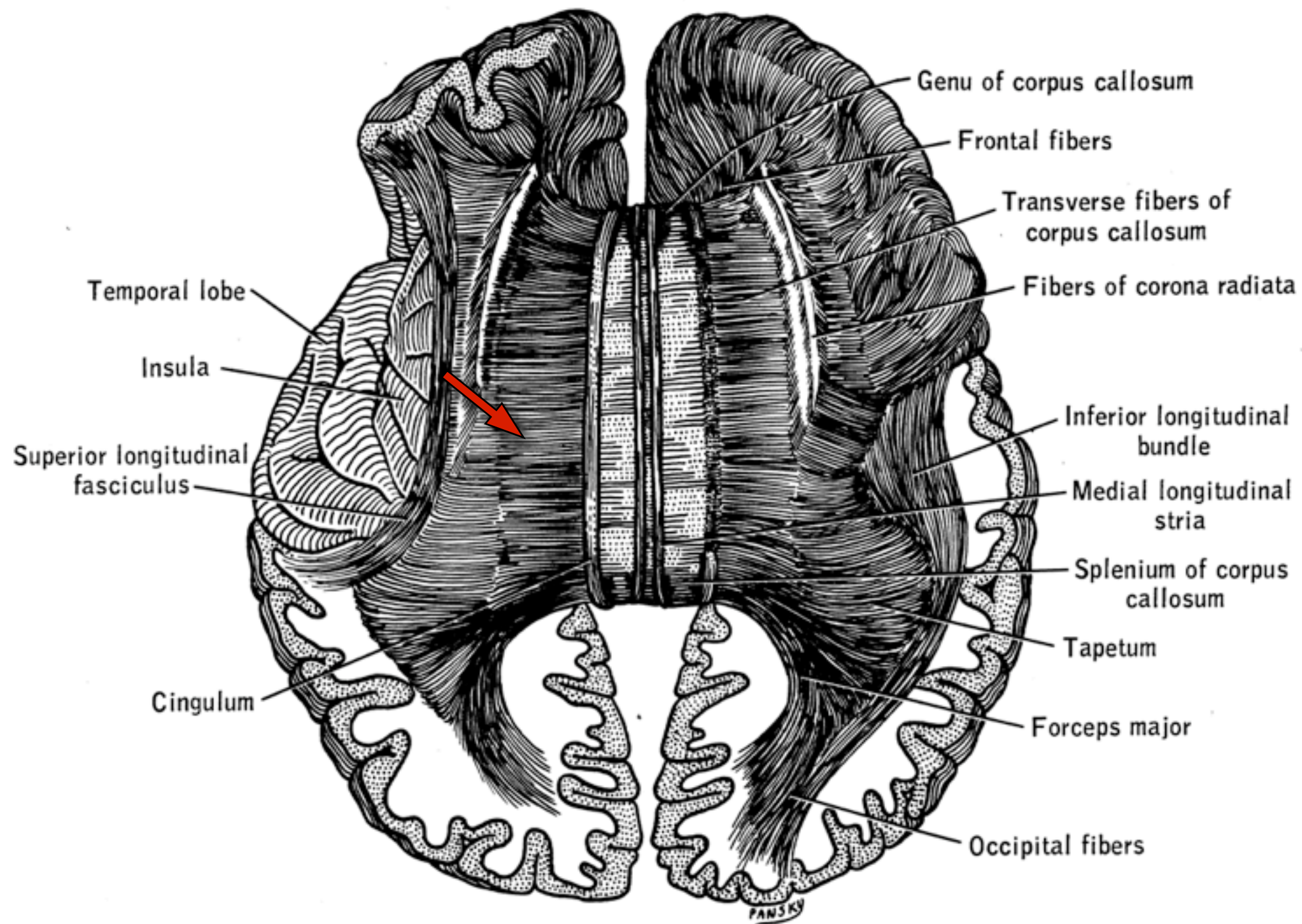
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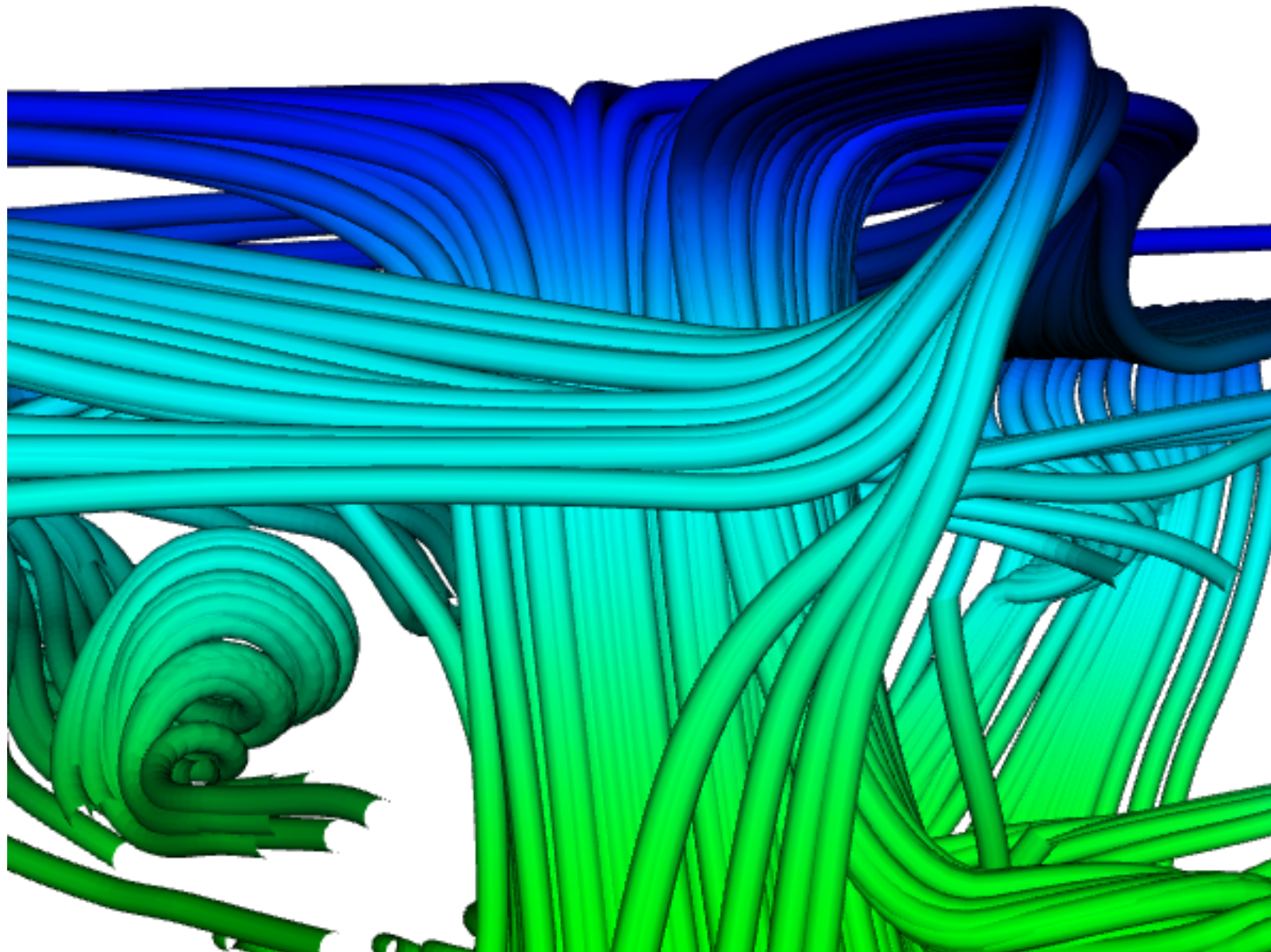
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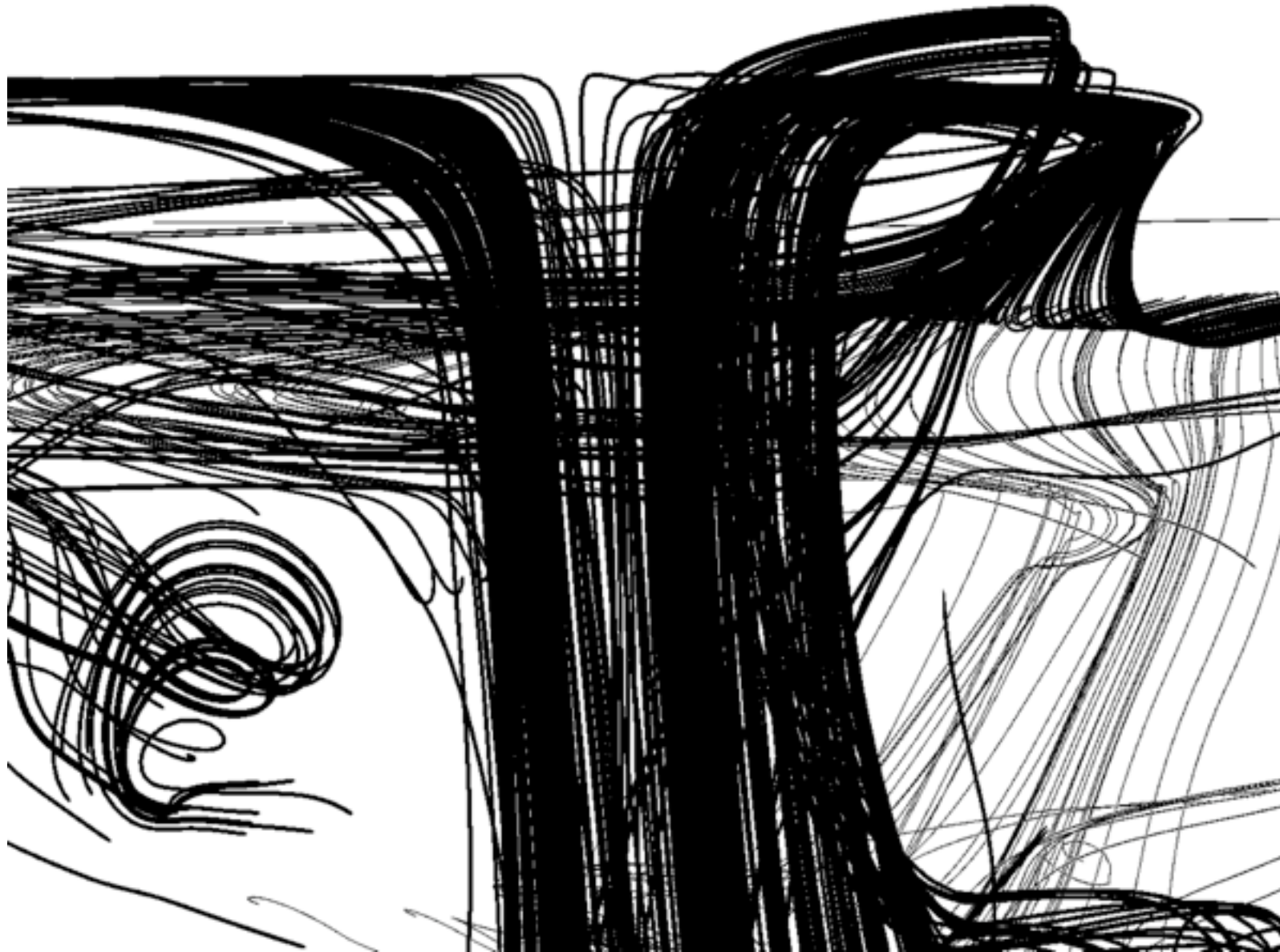
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From tubes to depth-dependent halos



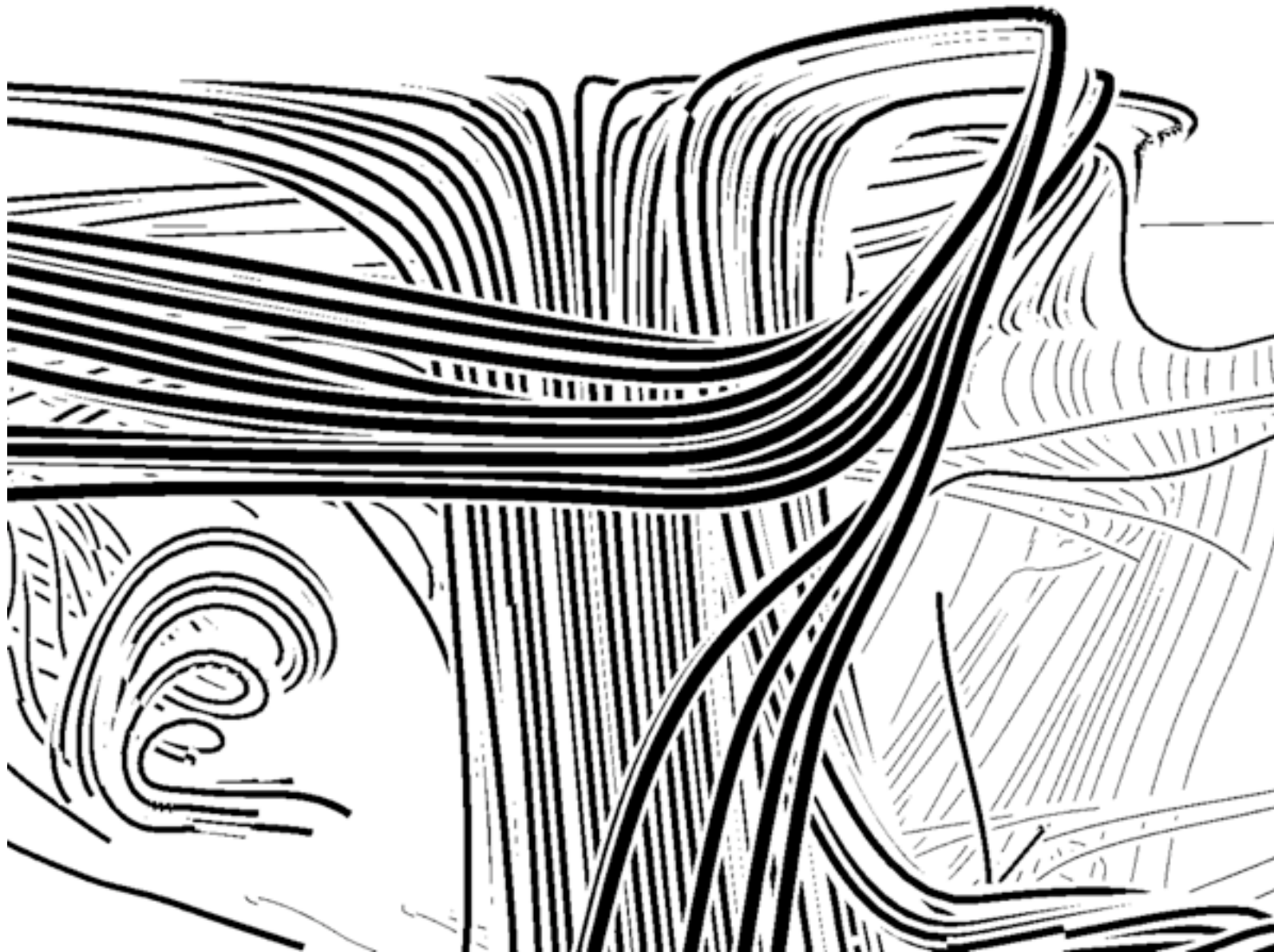
tubes

From tubes to depth-dependent halos



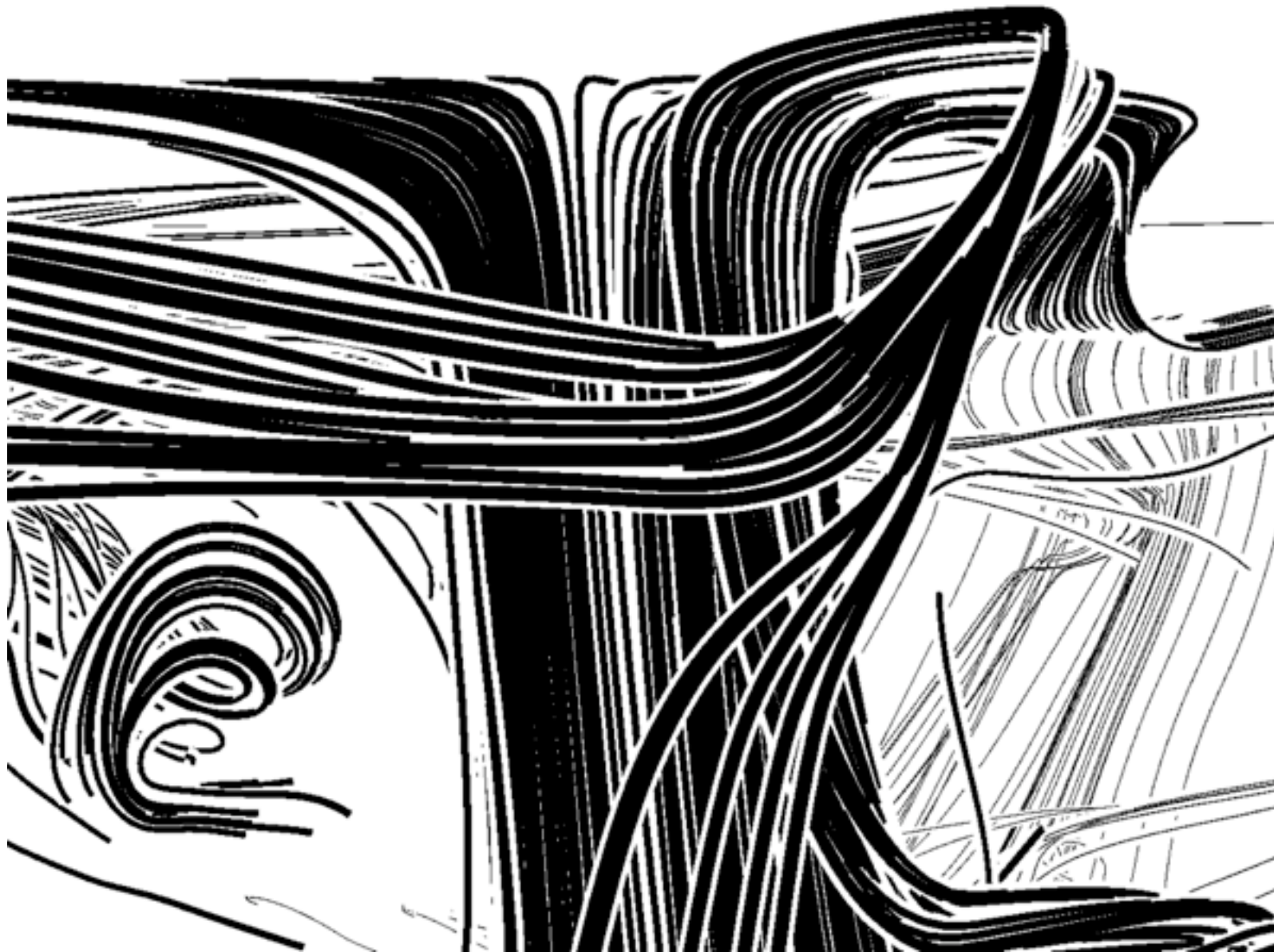
black lines

From tubes to depth-dependent halos



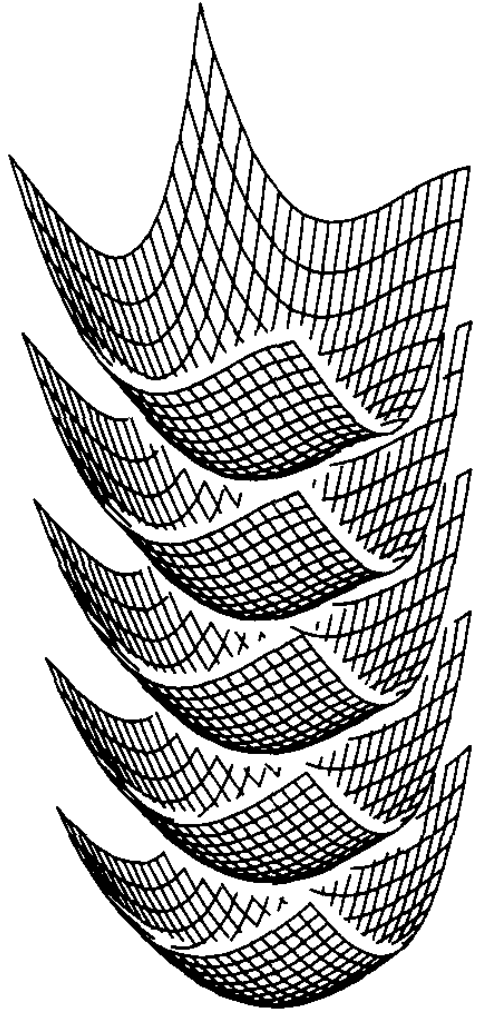
black lines with halos

From tubes to depth-dependent halos



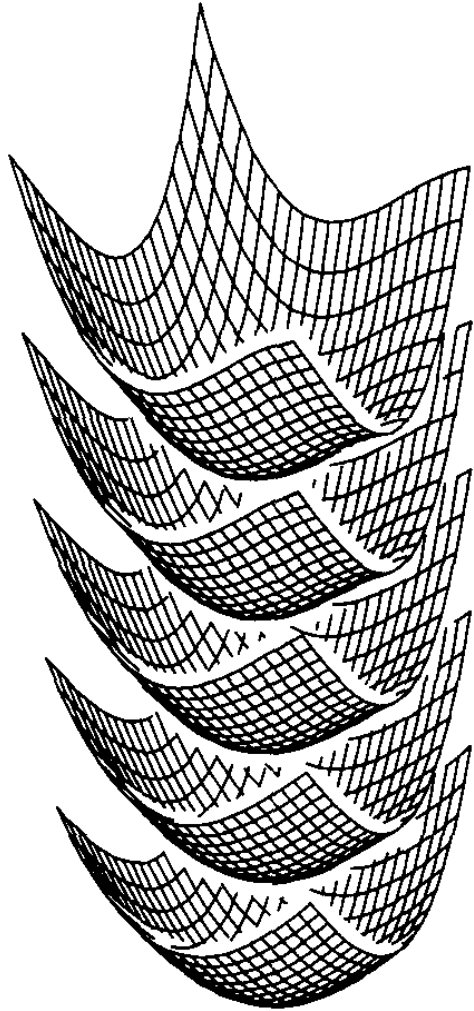
black lines with depth-dependent halos

Halos in illustration and visualization



[Appel et al., 1979]

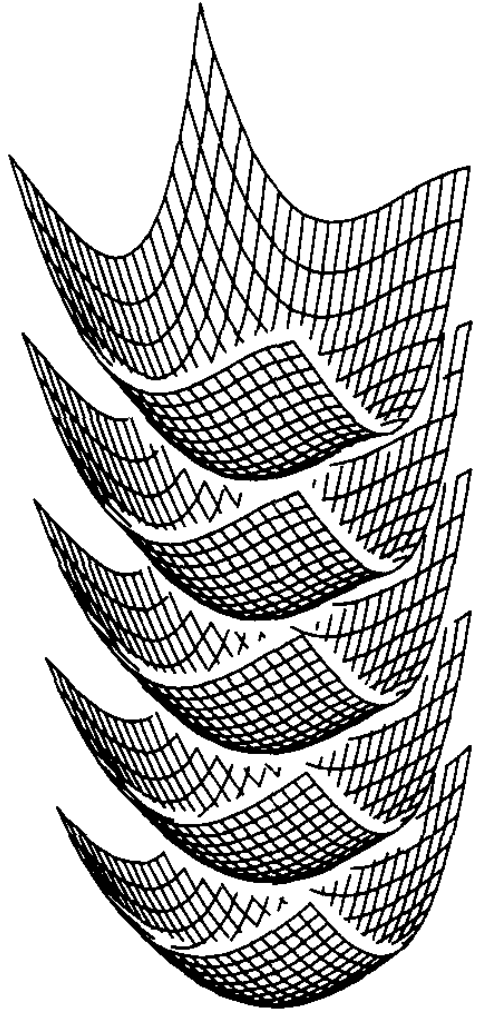
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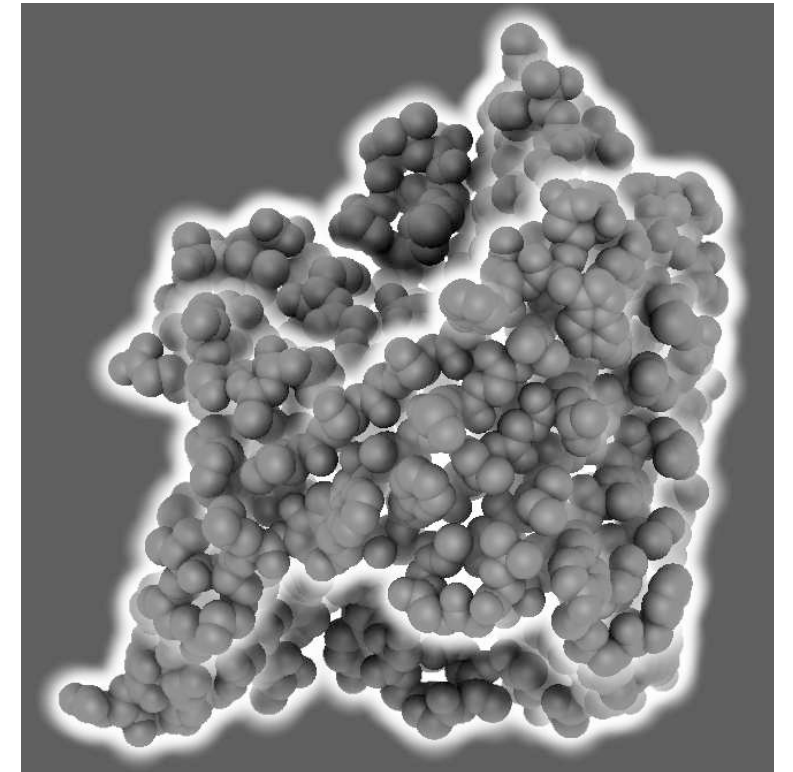
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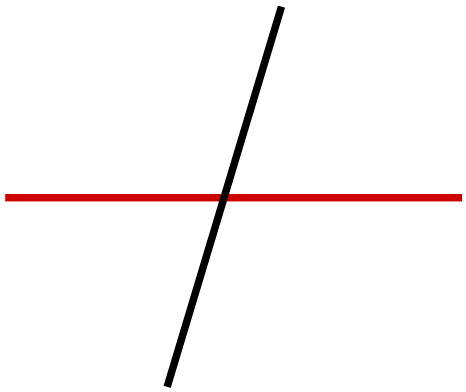


[Tarini et al., 2006]

Depth-Dependent Halos

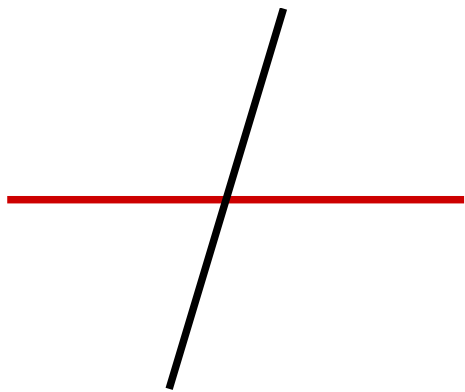


Depth-dependent halos — overview

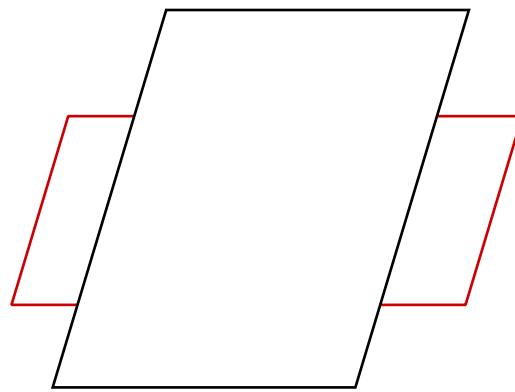


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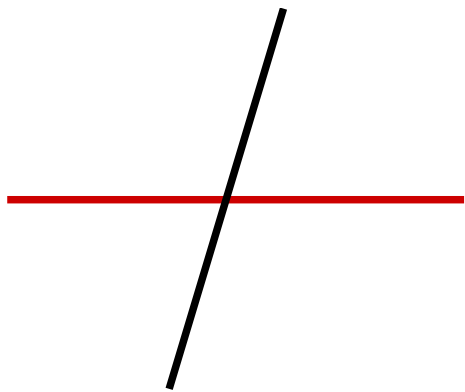


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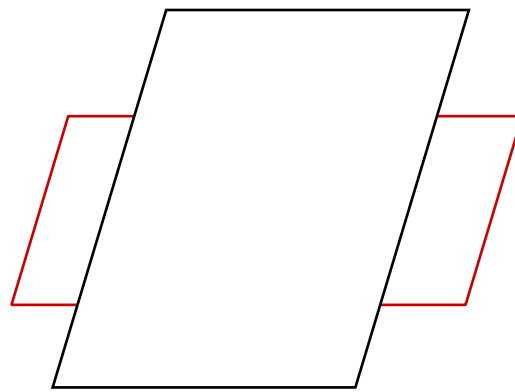


view-oriented
triangle strips

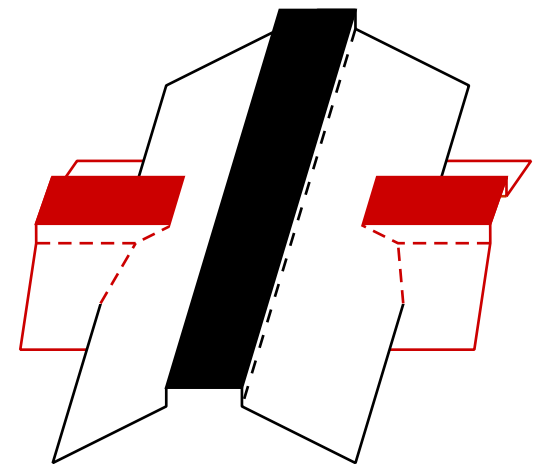
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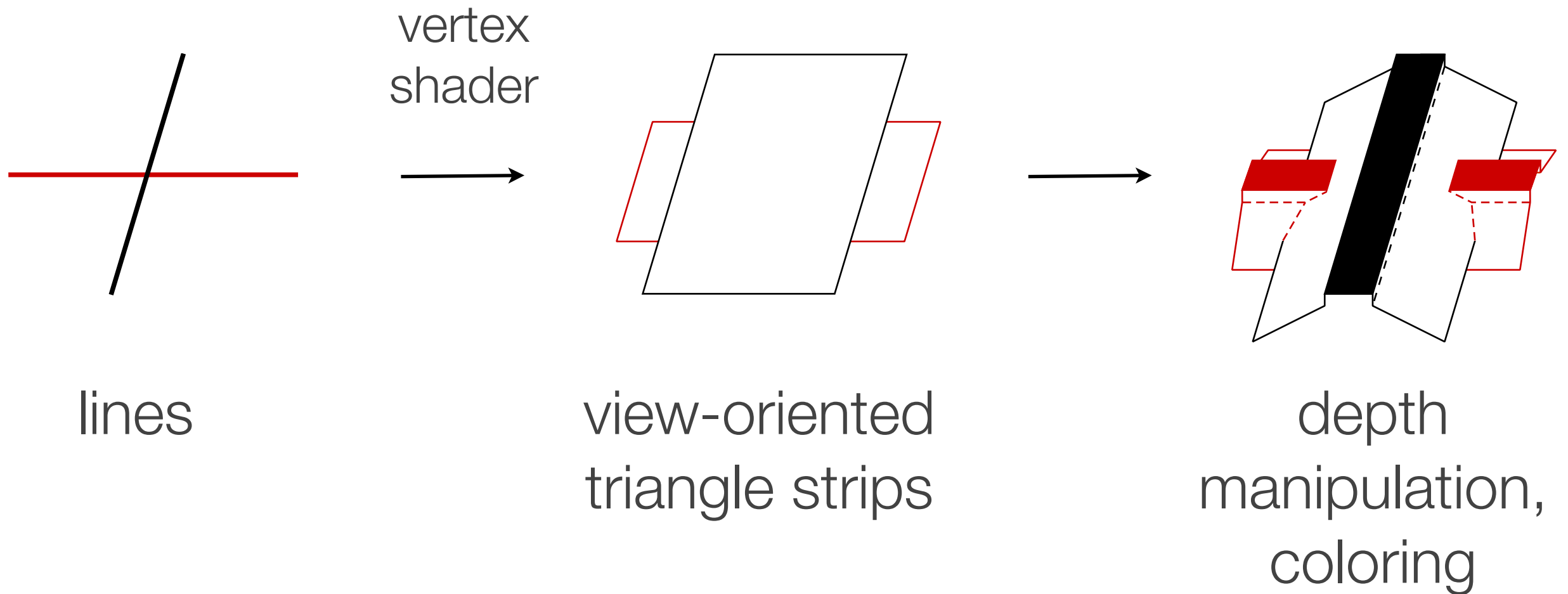


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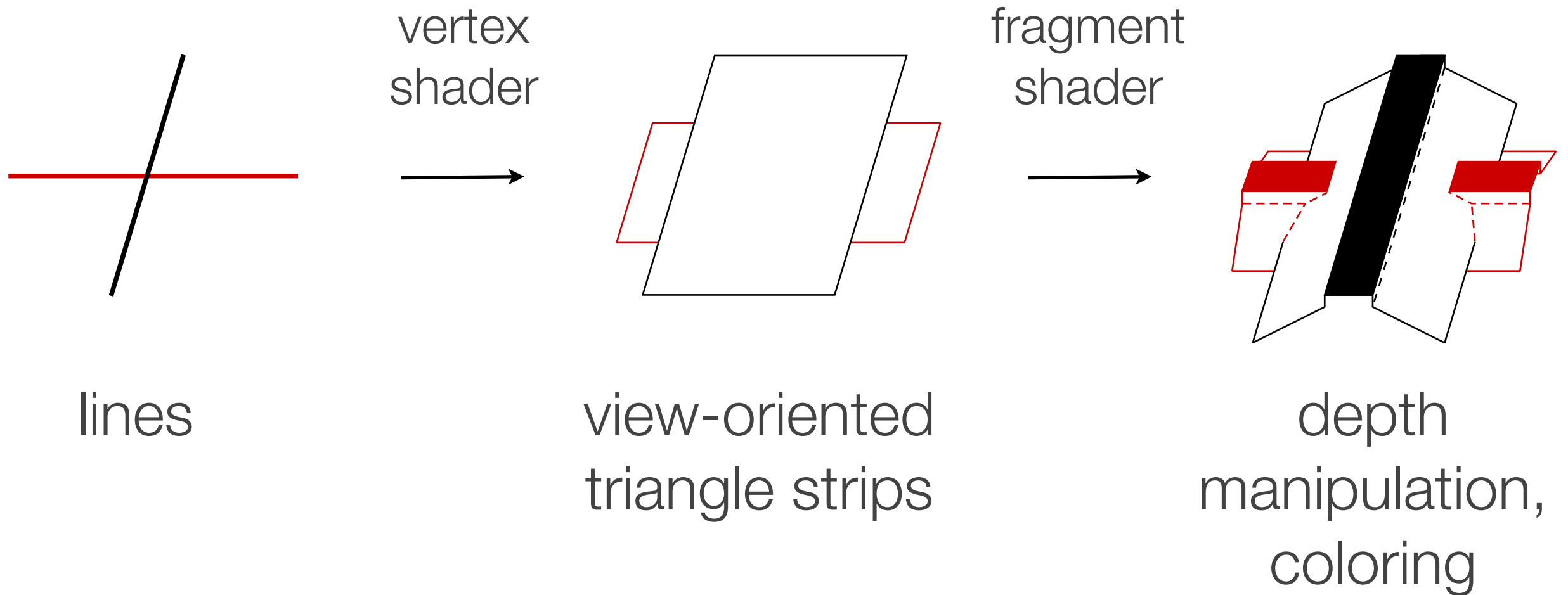


depth
manipulation,
coloring

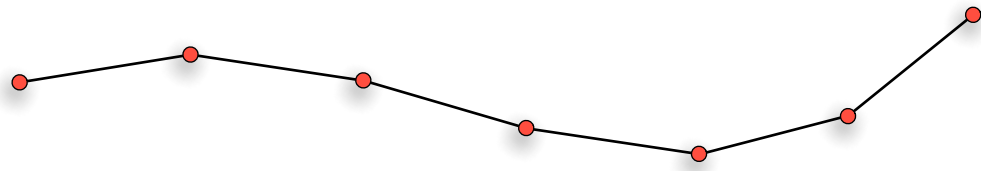
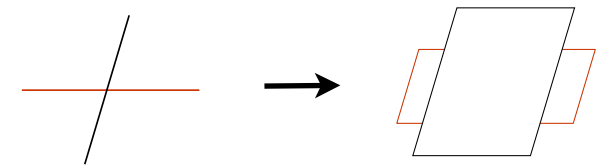
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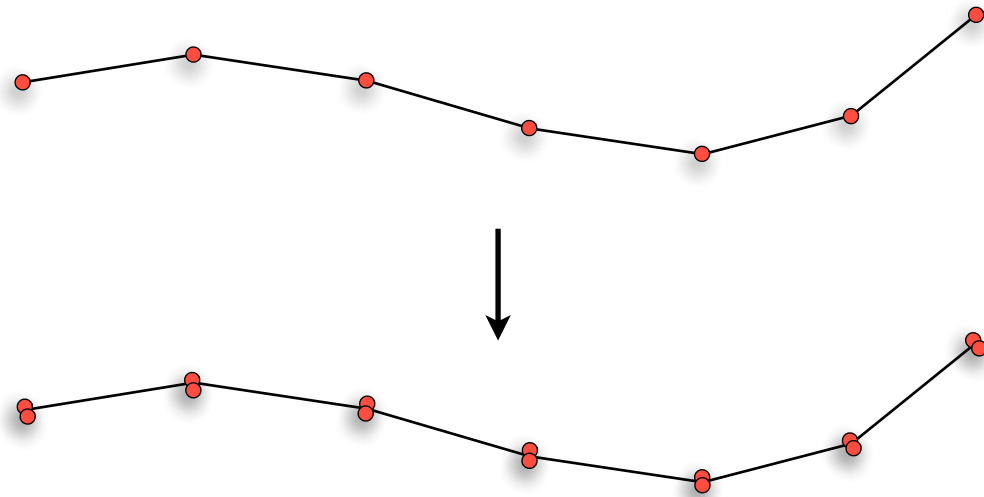
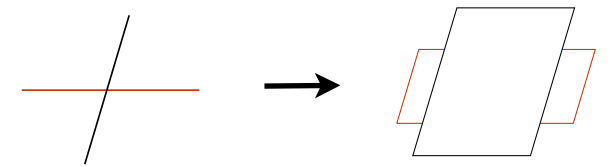
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View-oriented strips (vertex shader)

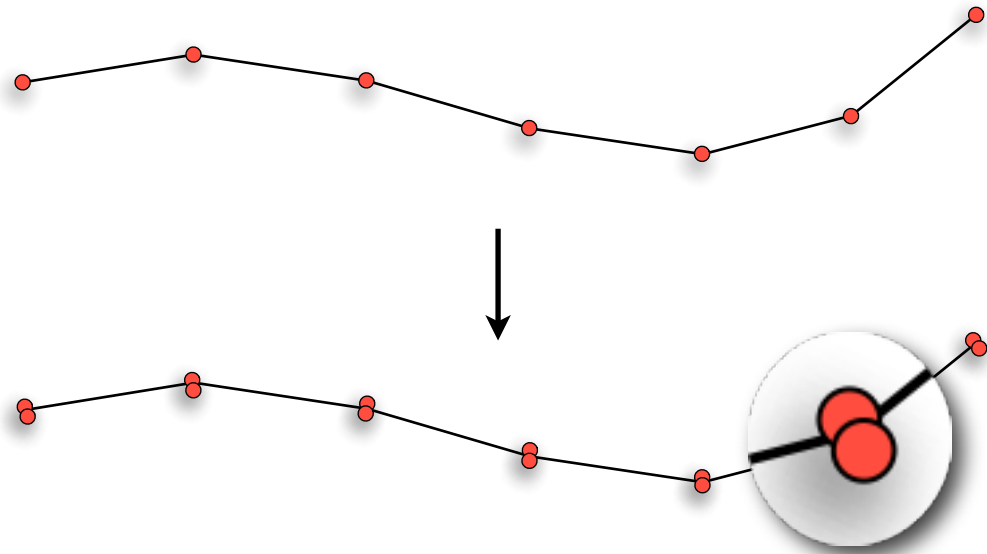
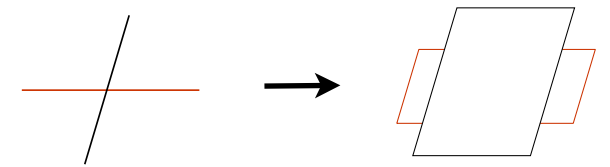


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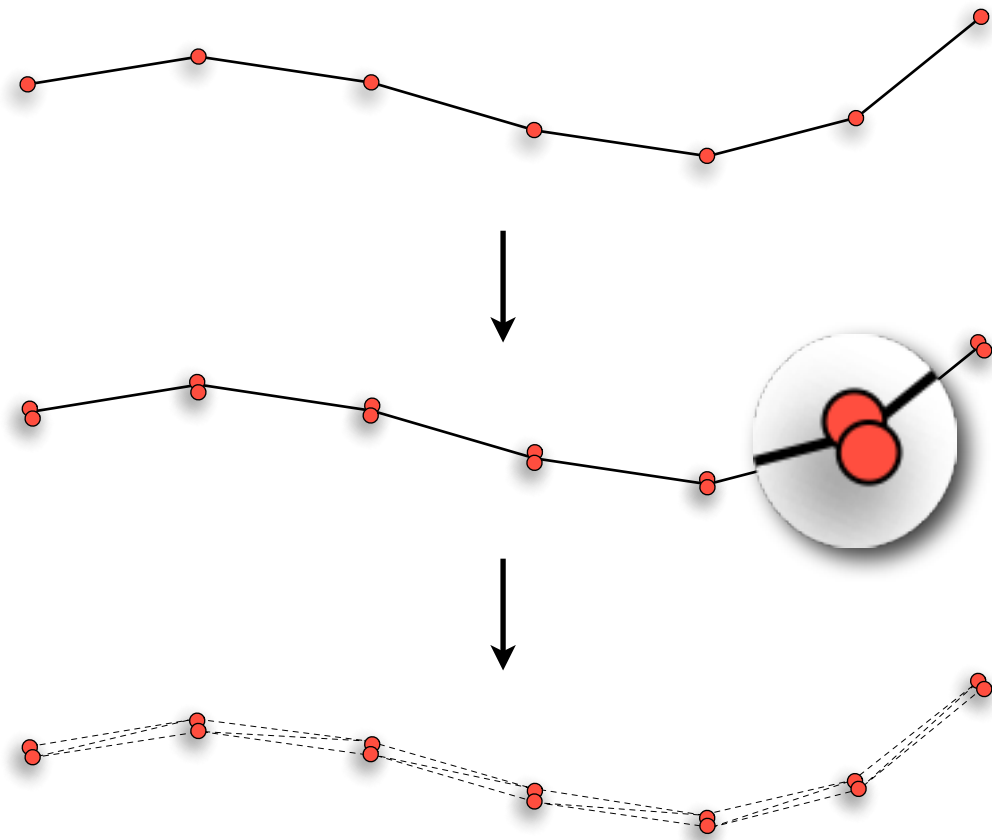
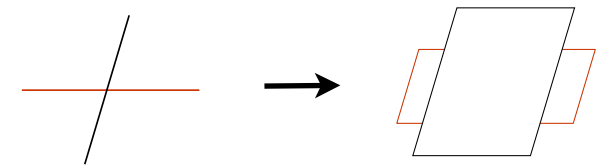
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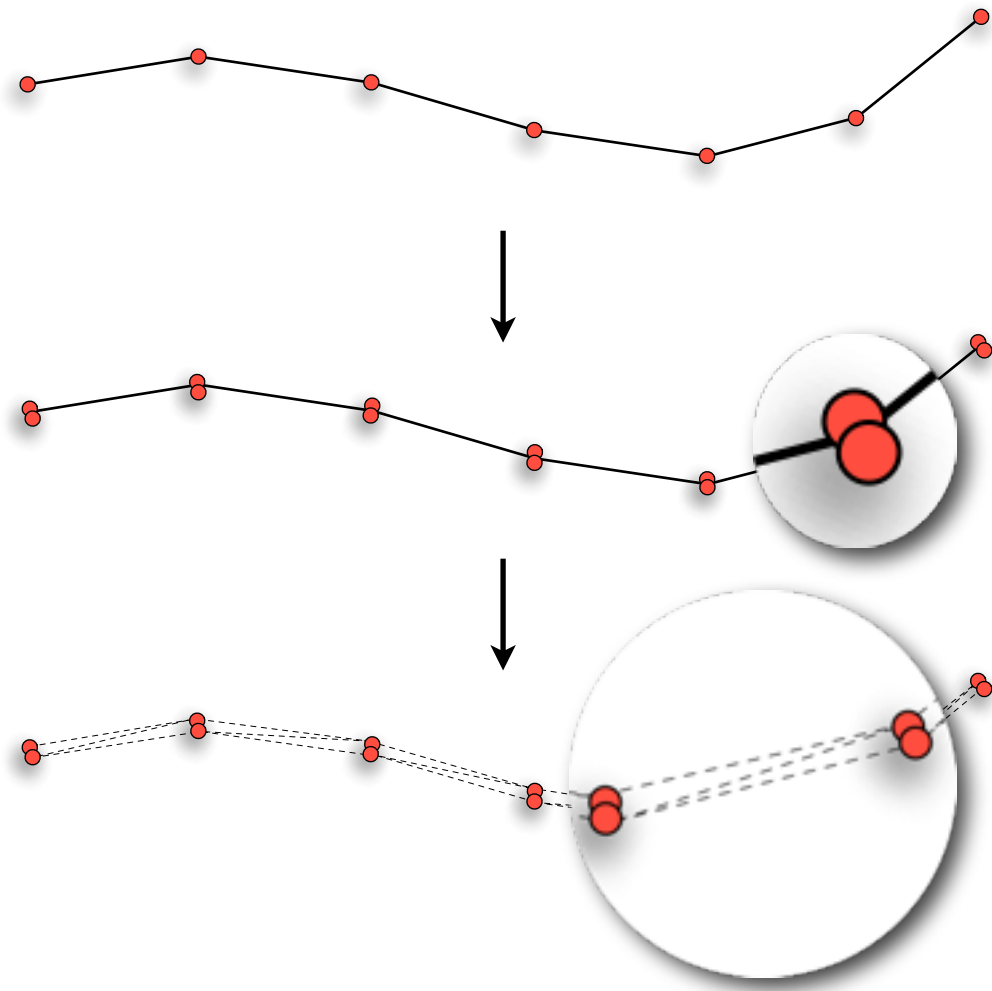
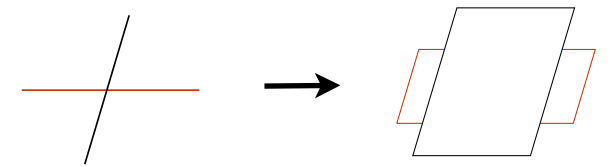
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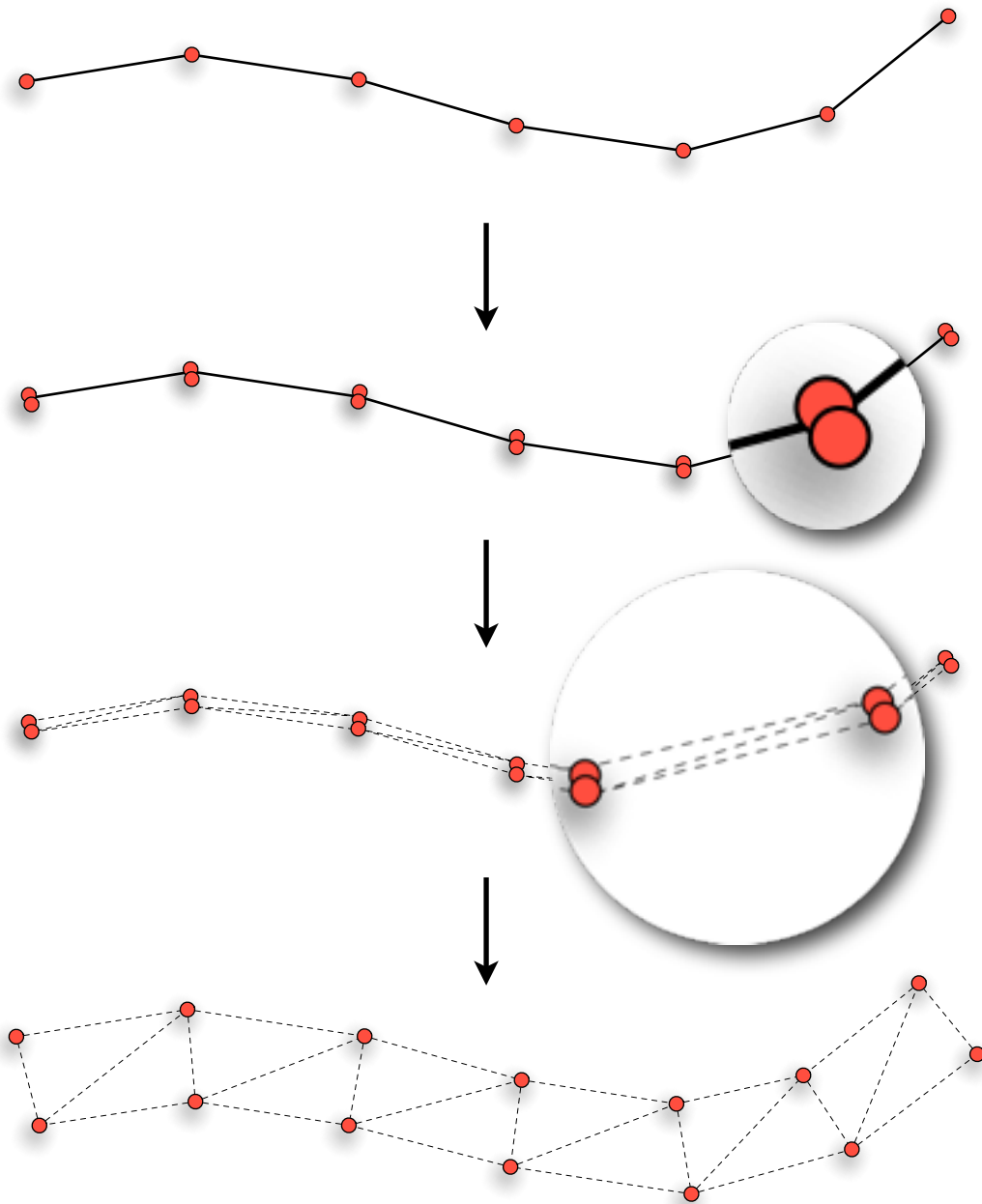
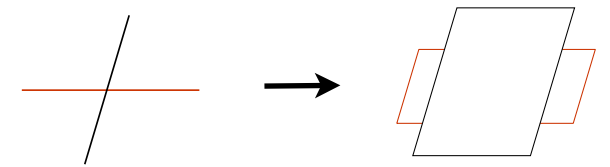
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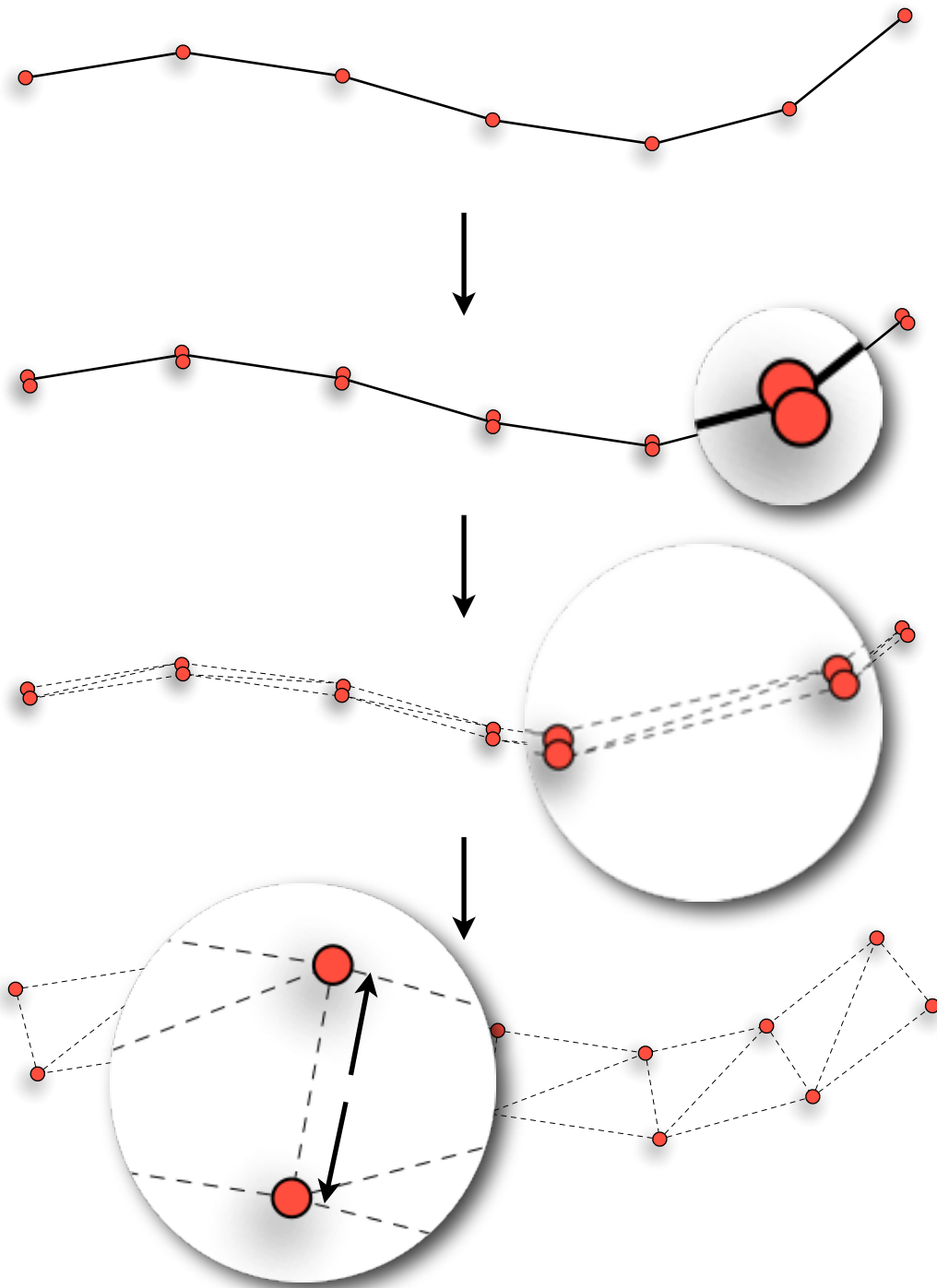
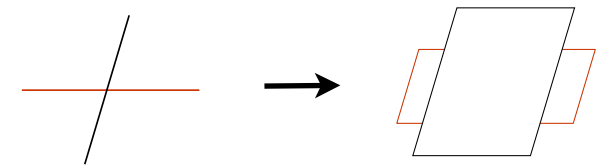
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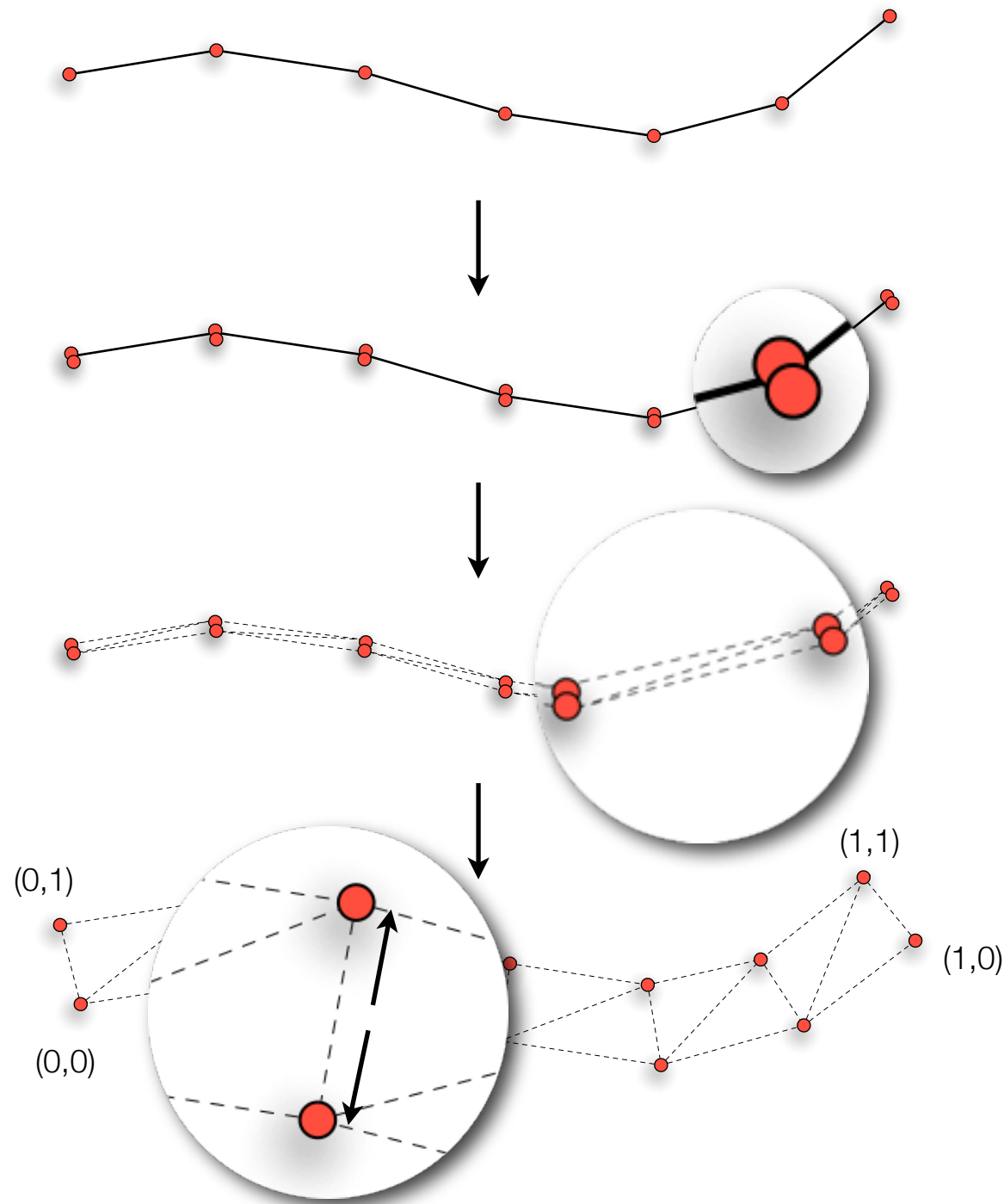
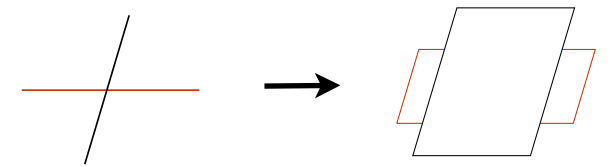
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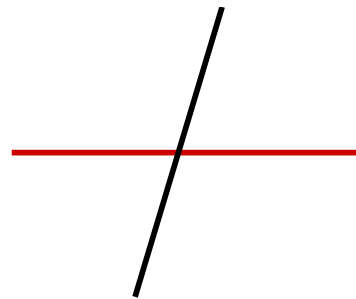
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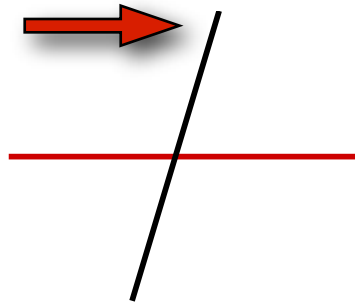
Depth manipulation (fragment shader)



view direction
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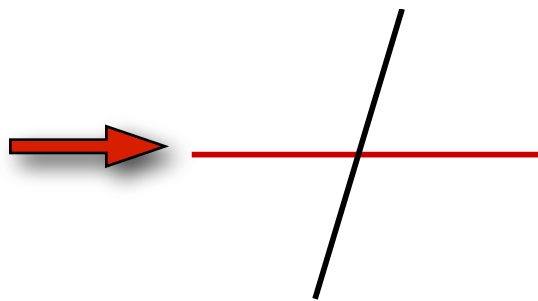
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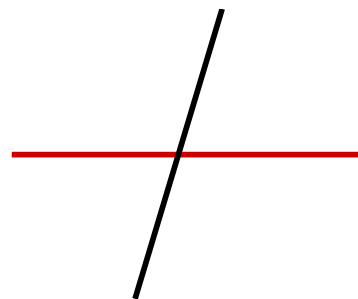


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A red arrow points horizontally from the right towards a horizontal black line. The arrow has a slight shadow.

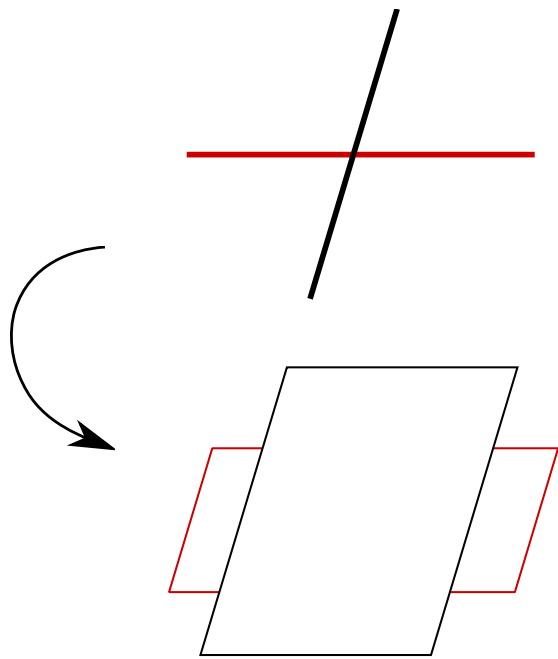
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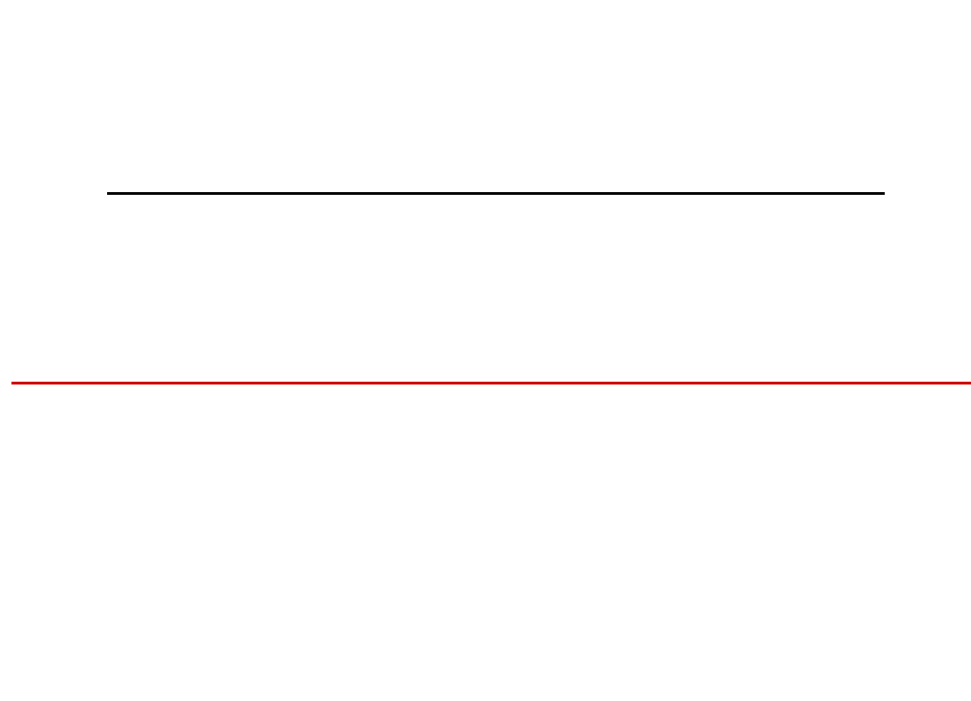
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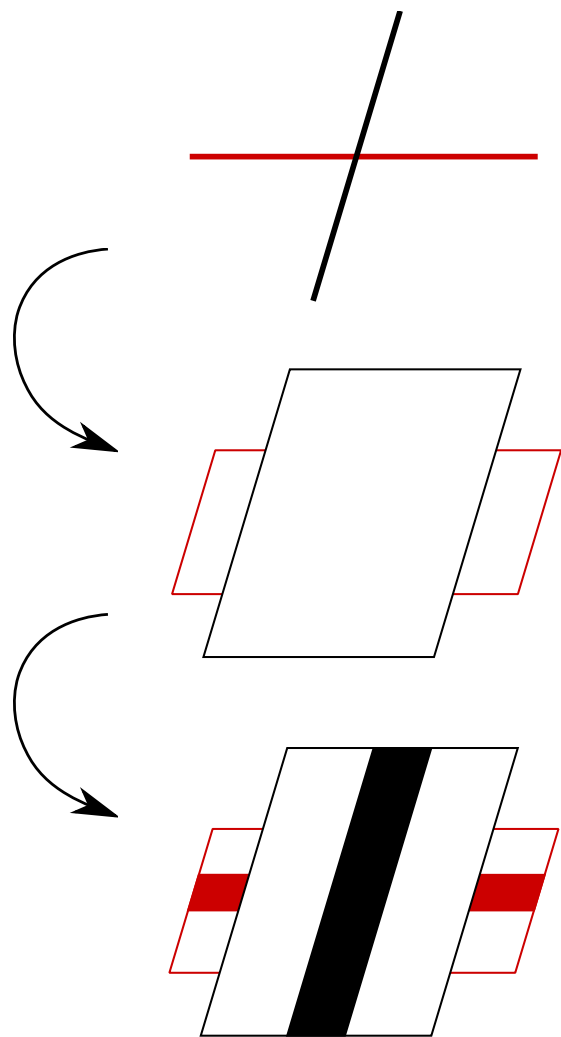
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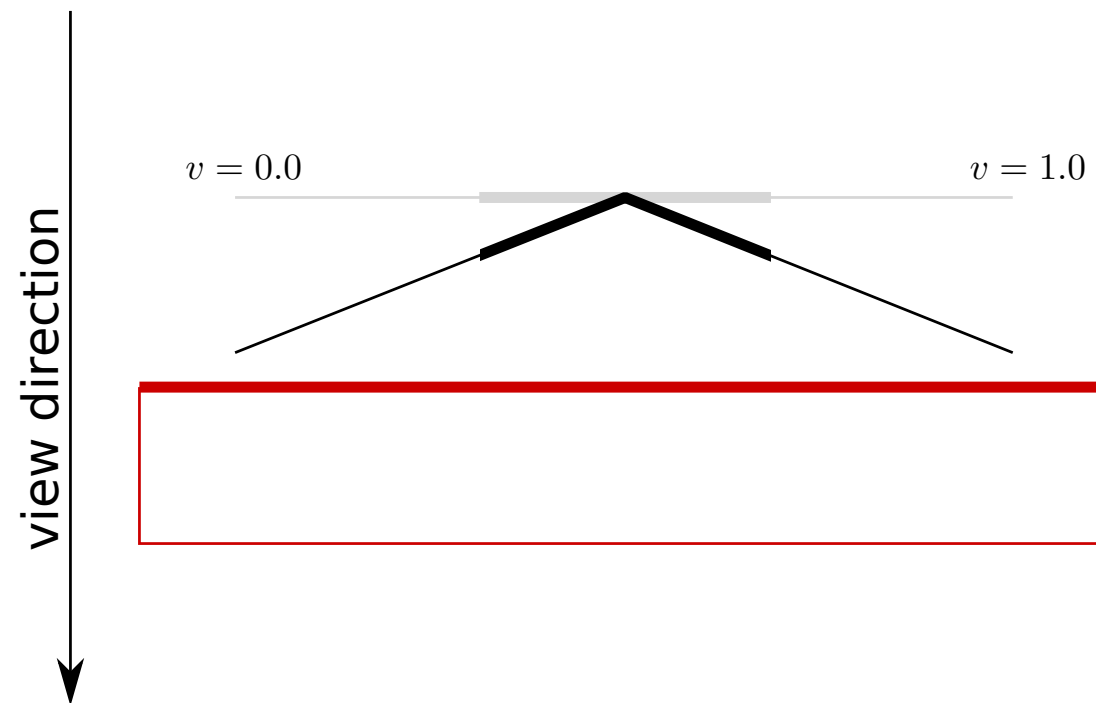
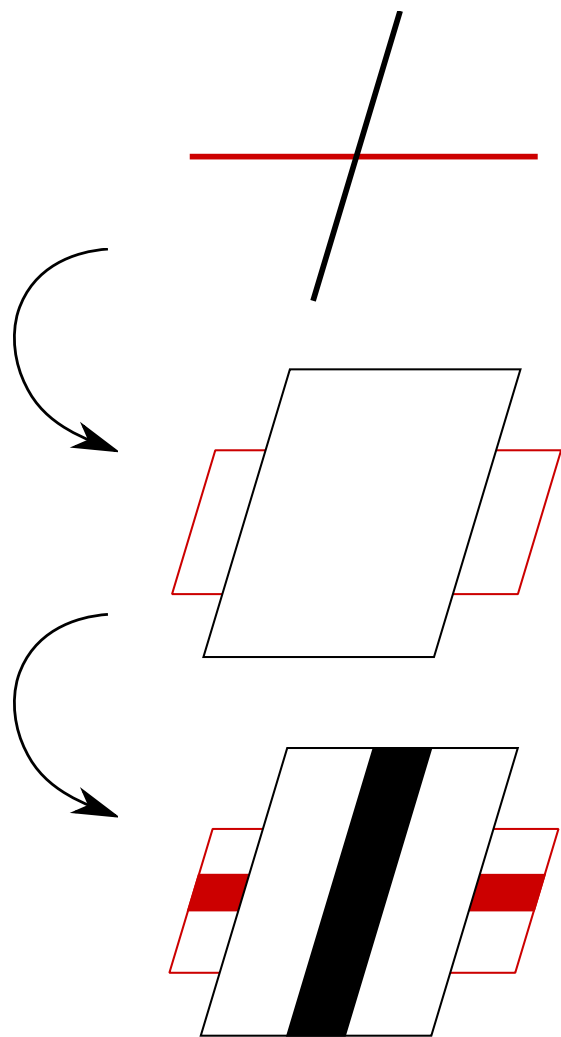
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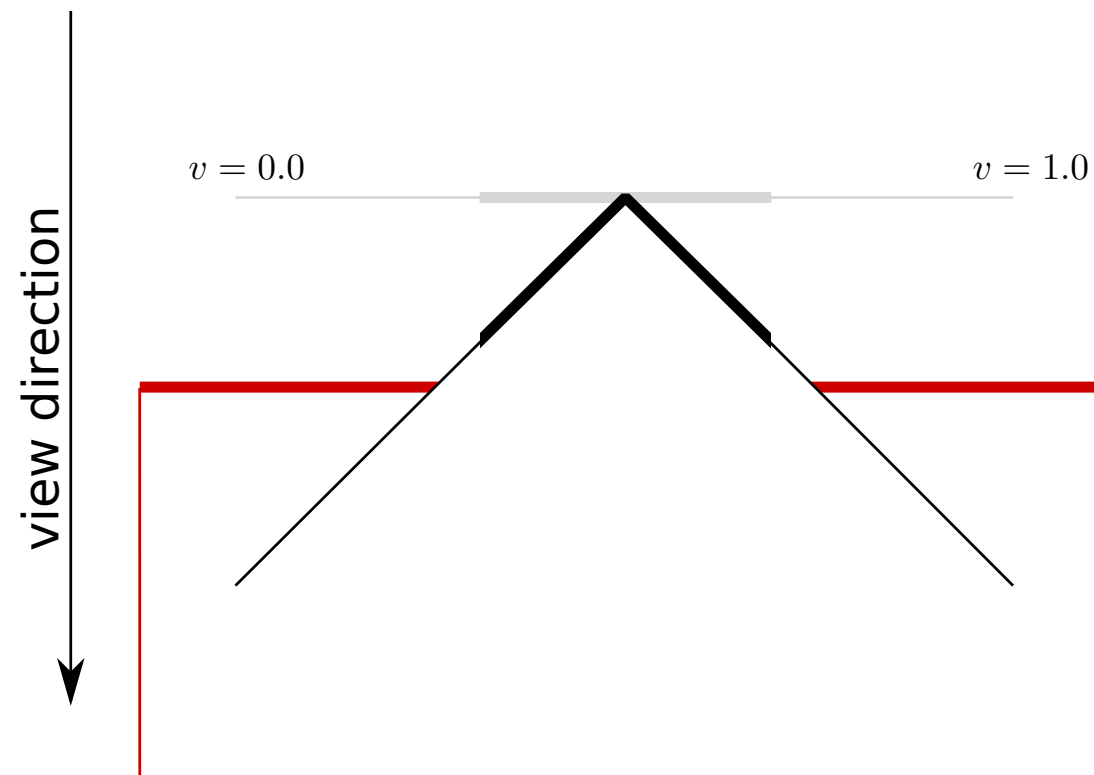
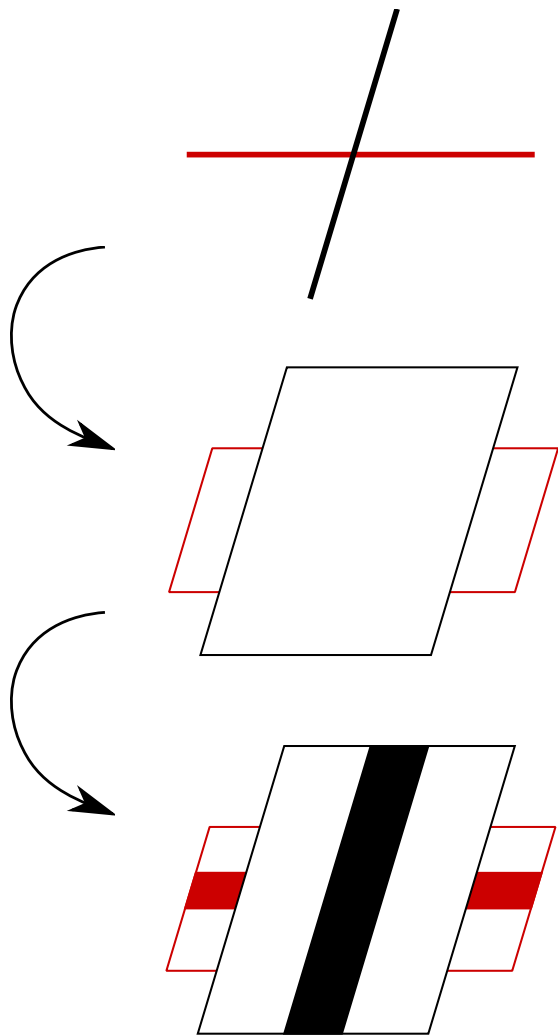
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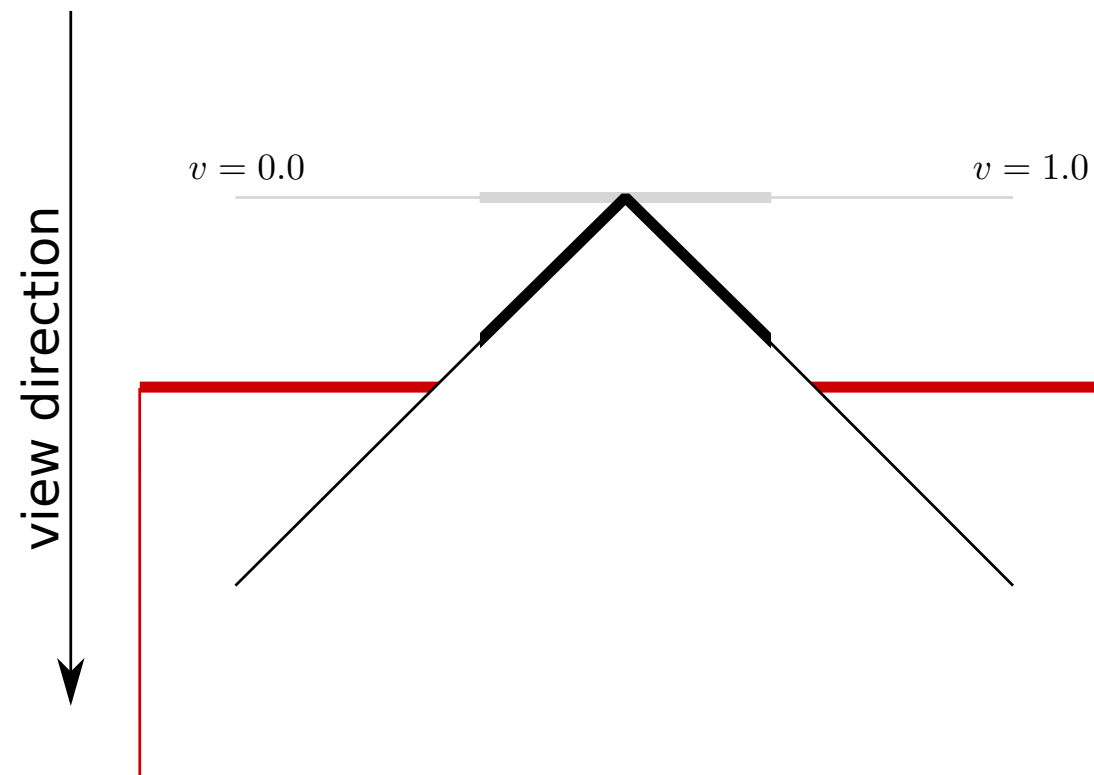
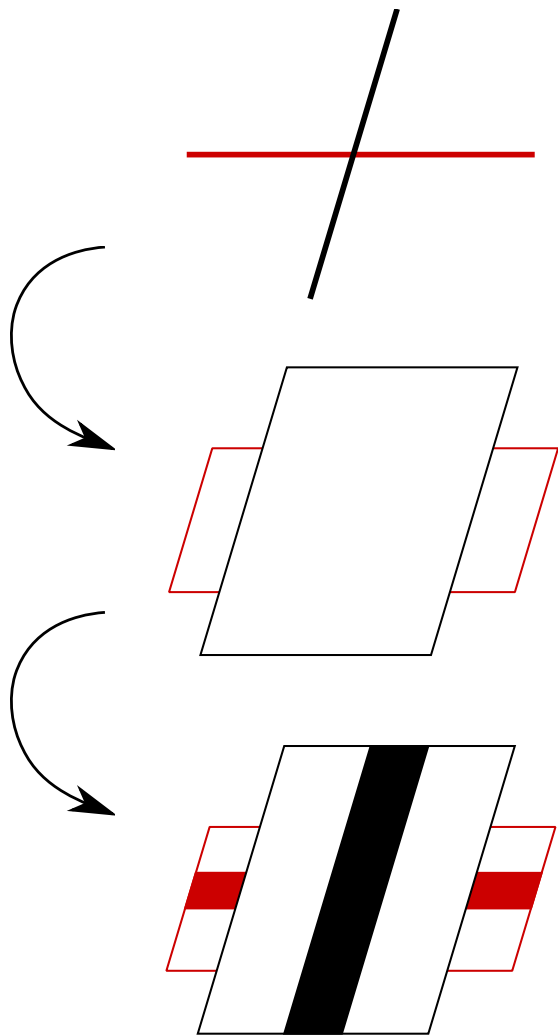


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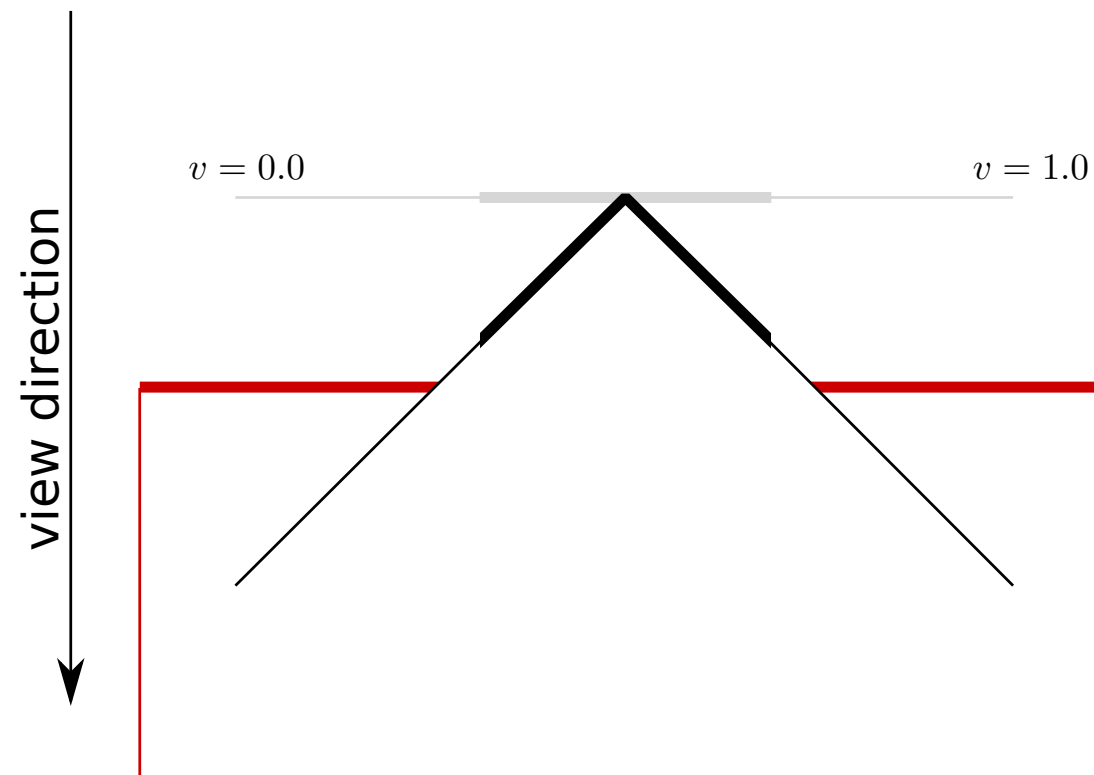
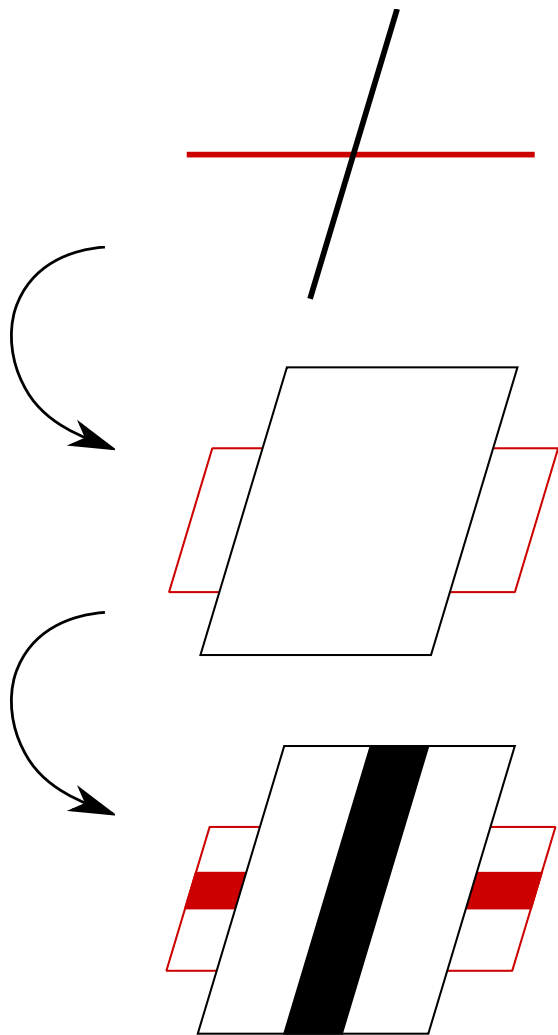
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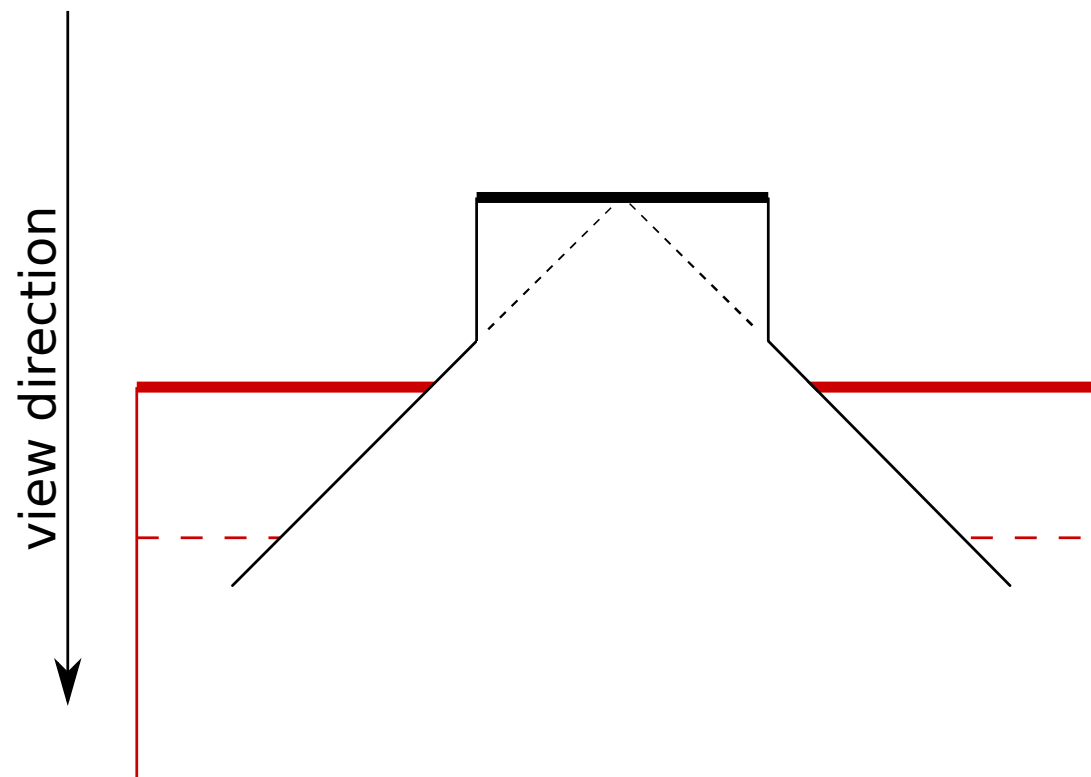
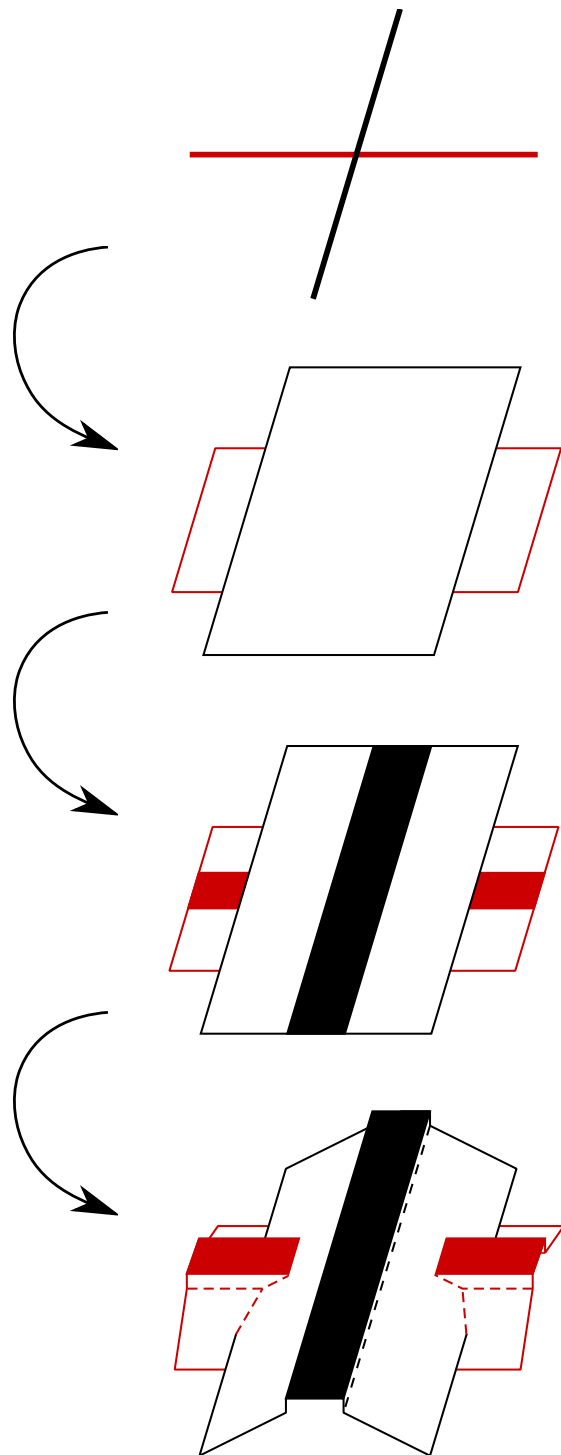
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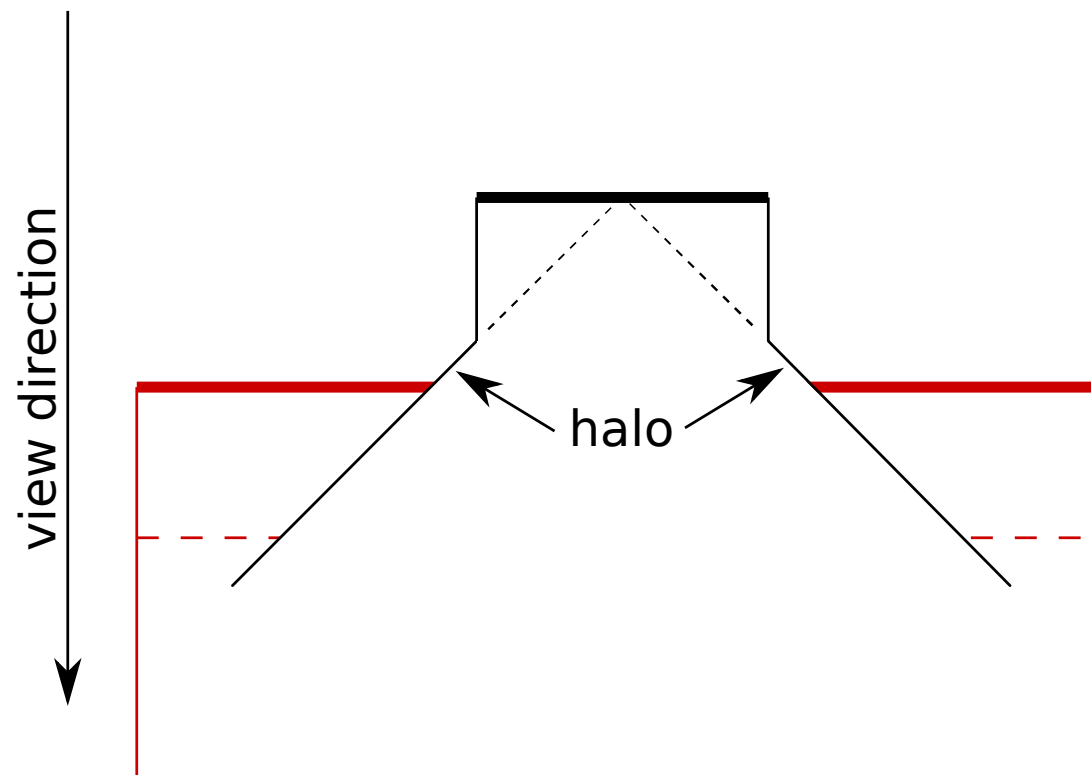
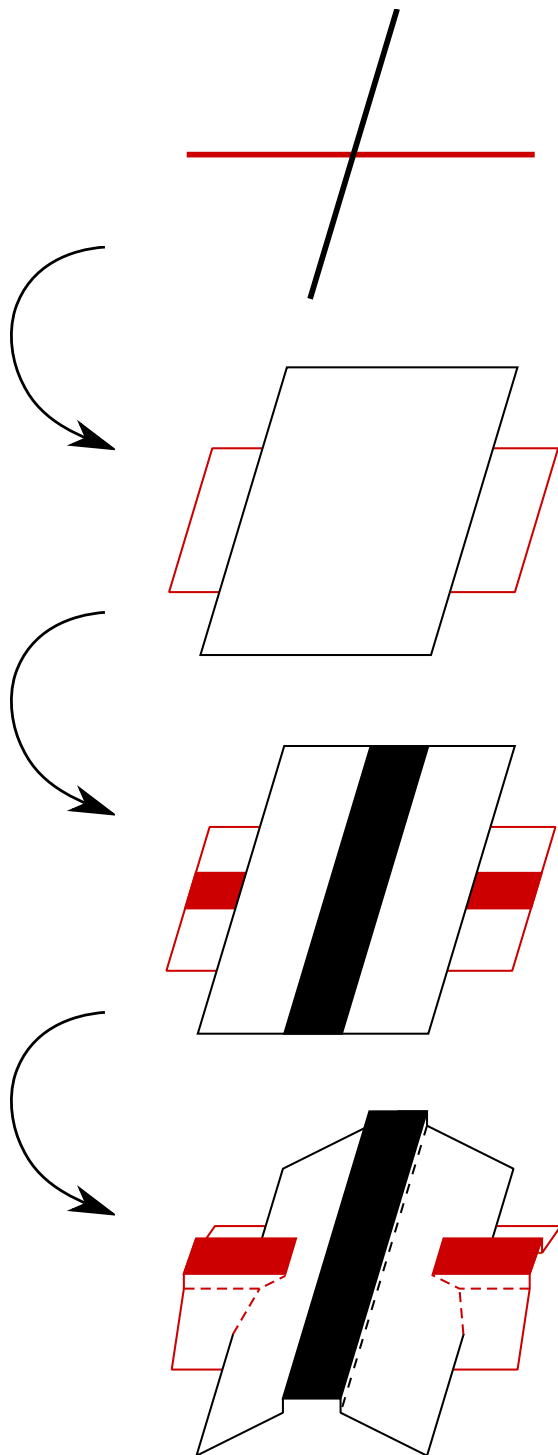
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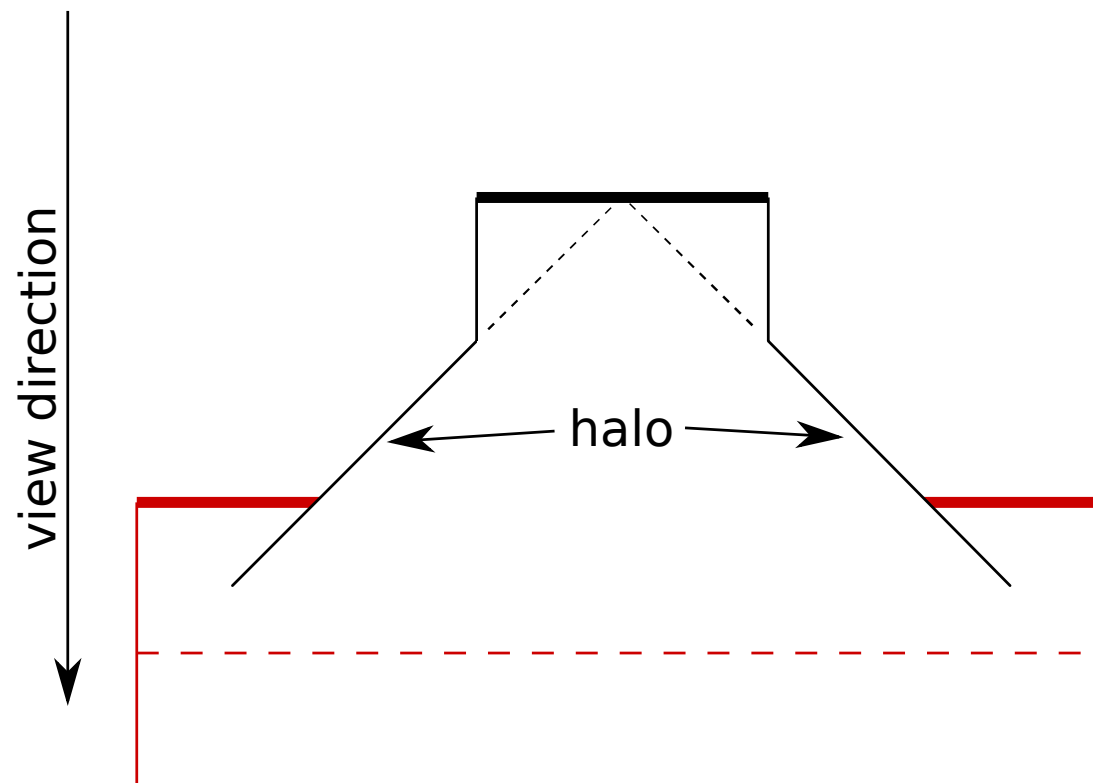
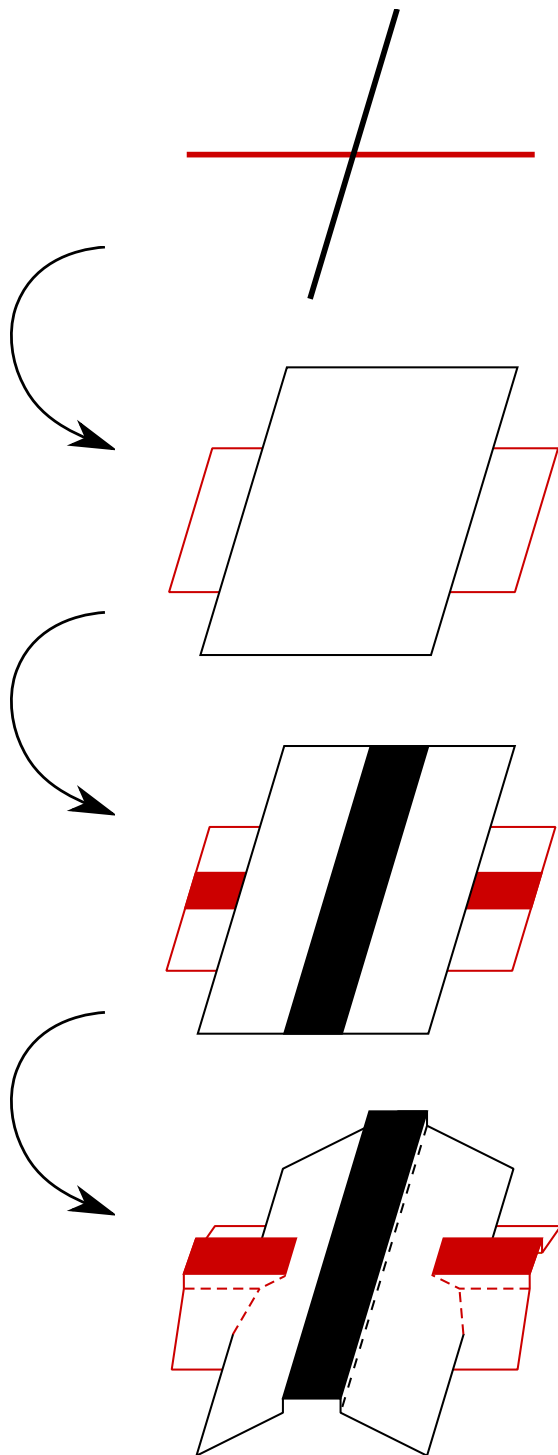
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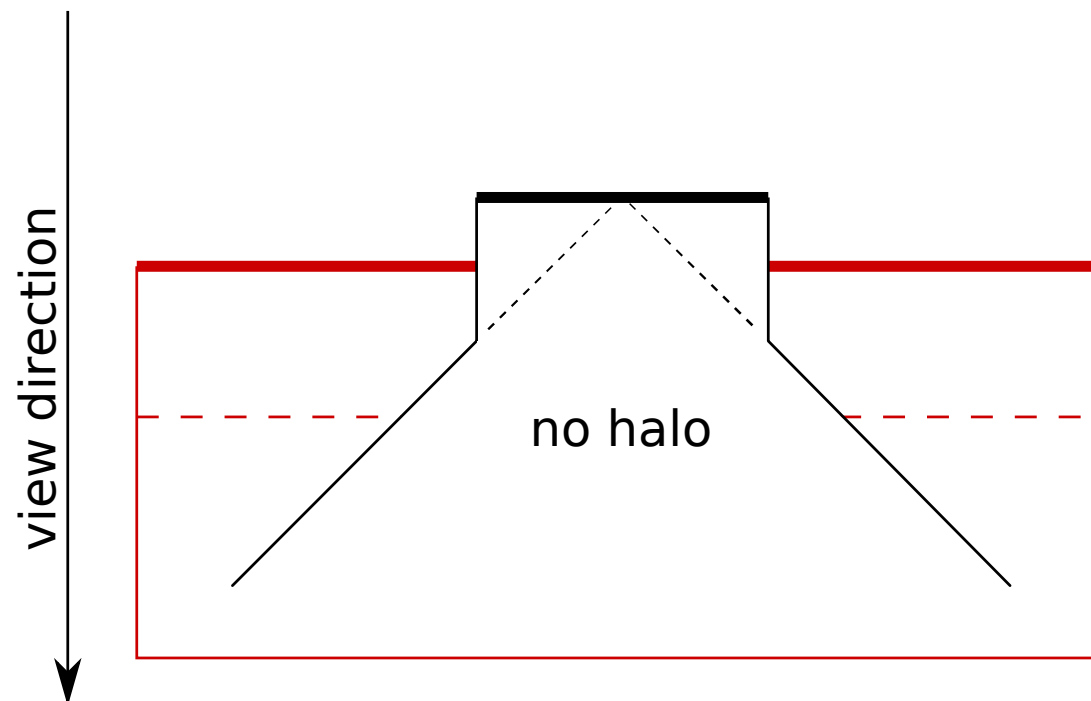
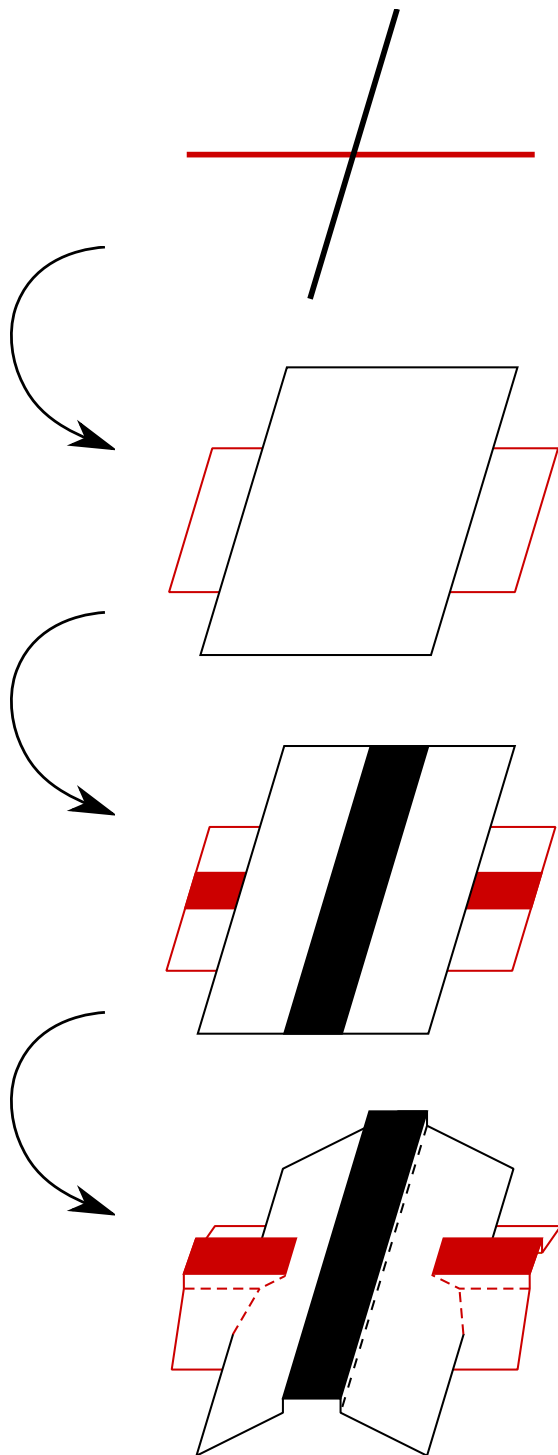
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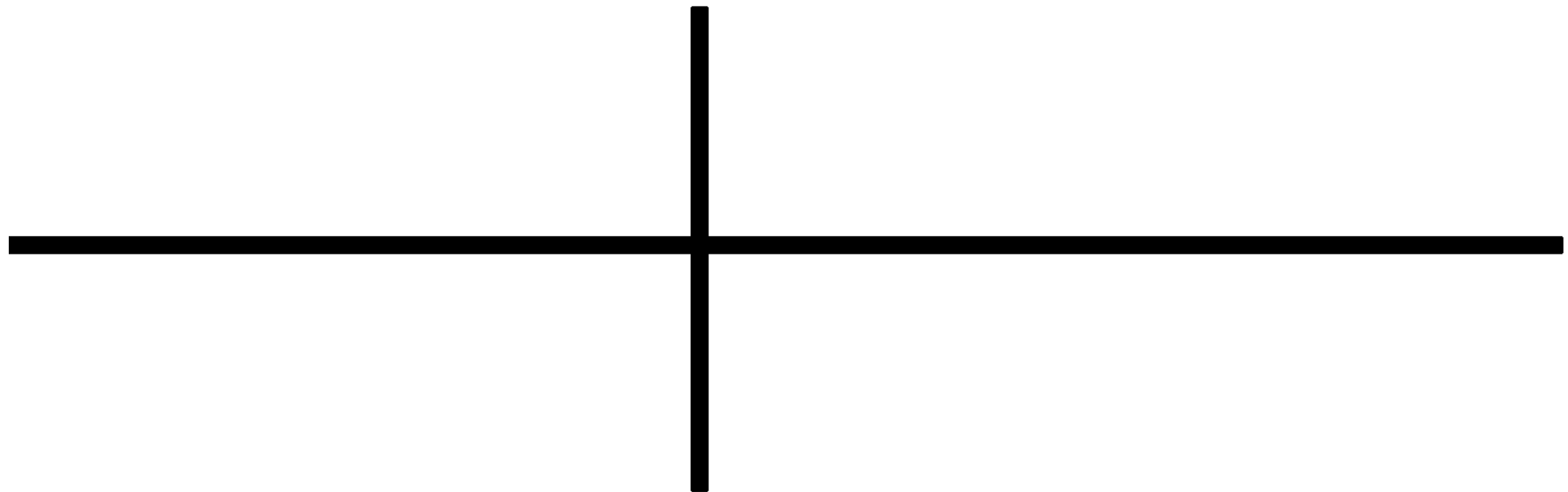
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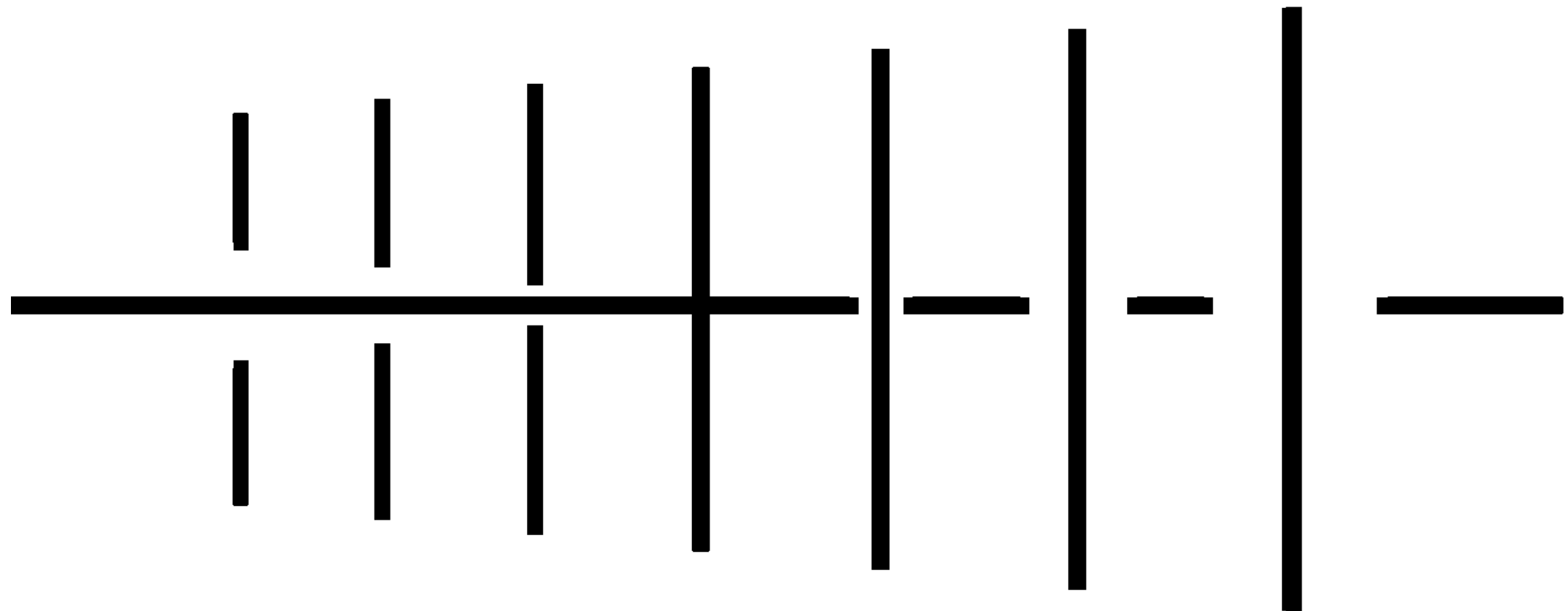


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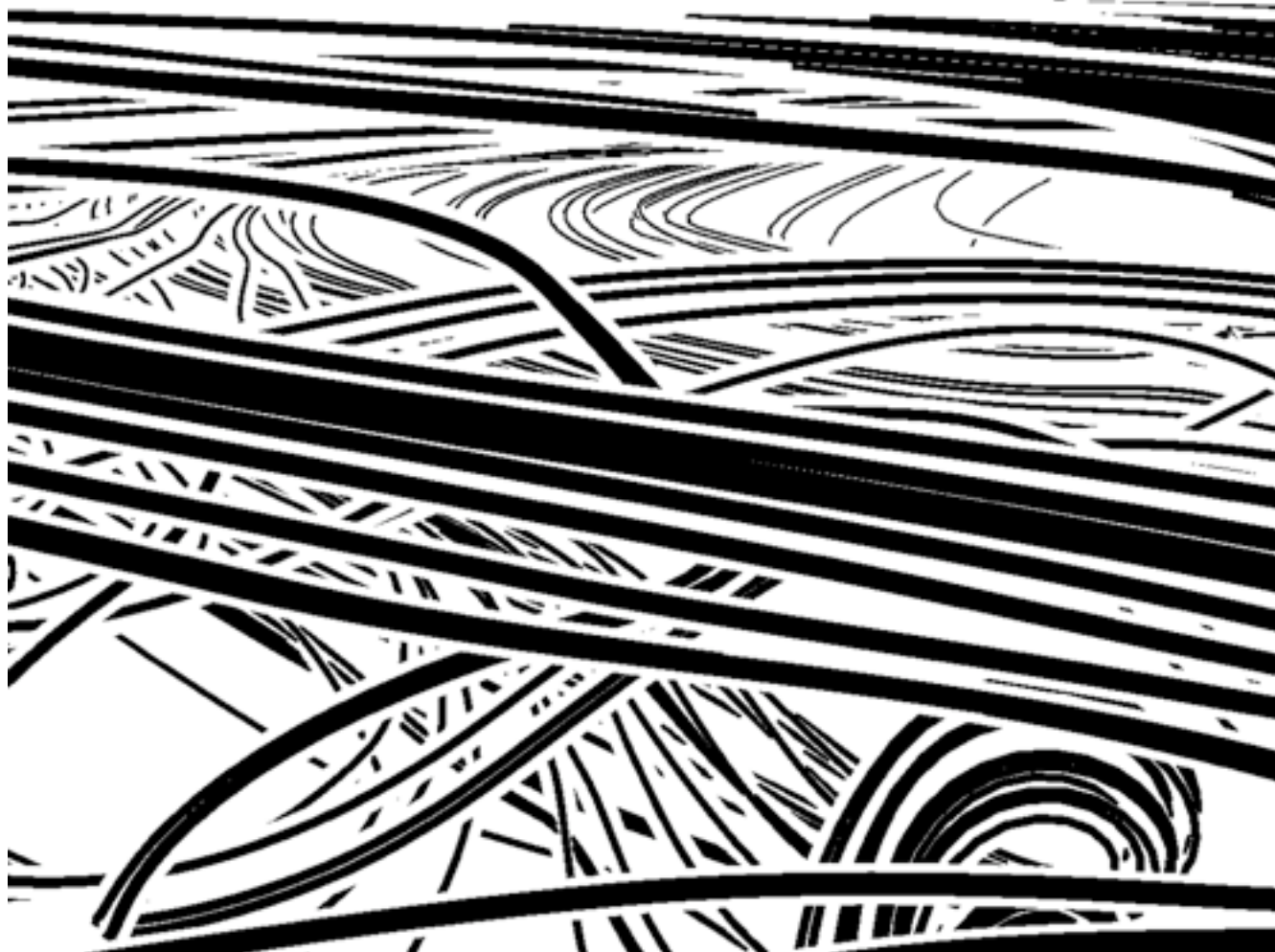
Depth-dependent halos



Depth-attenuated line width



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Tapering



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Image quality

- Screen: anti-aliasing and anisotropic filtering
- Print: high resolution black & white images

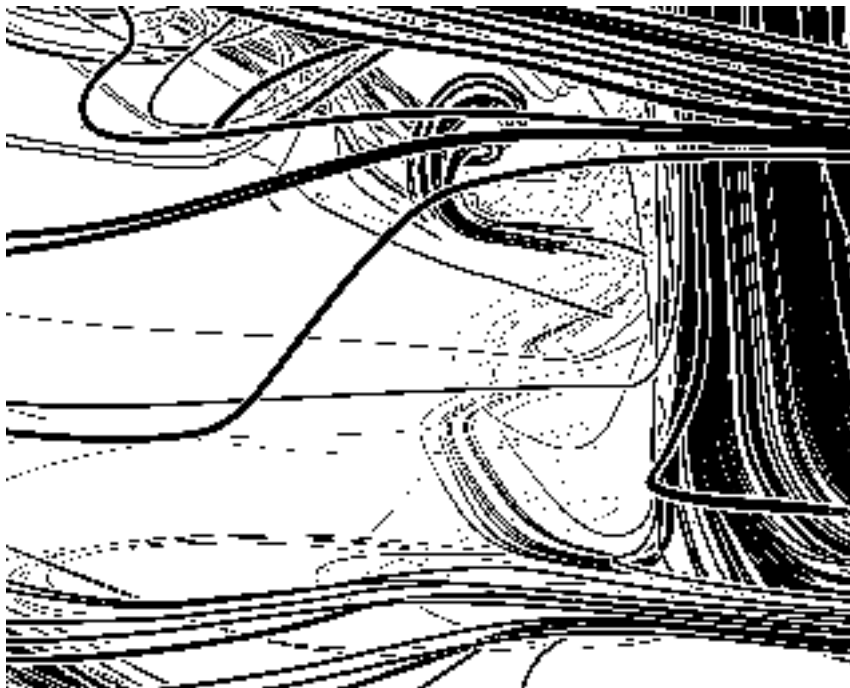


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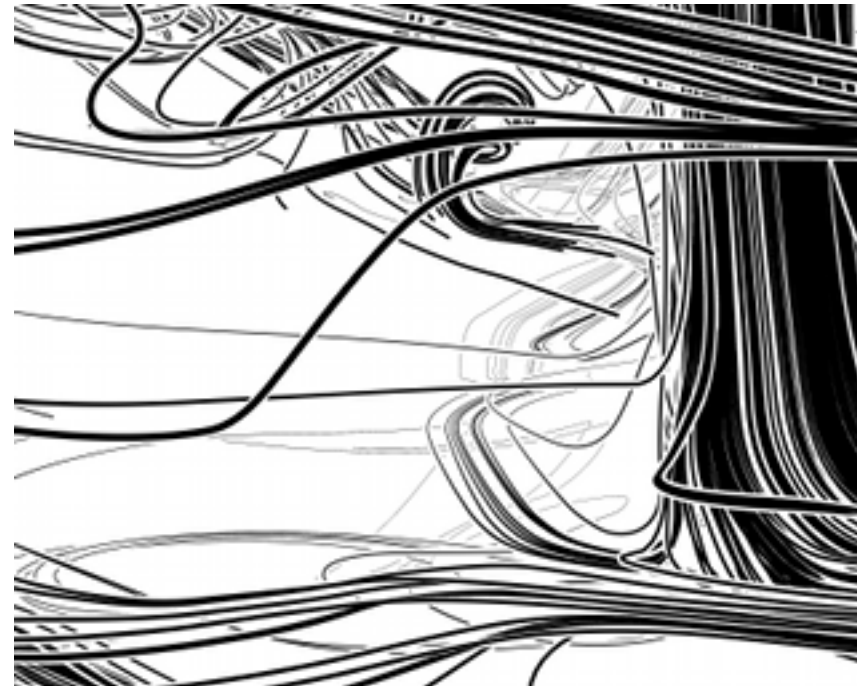
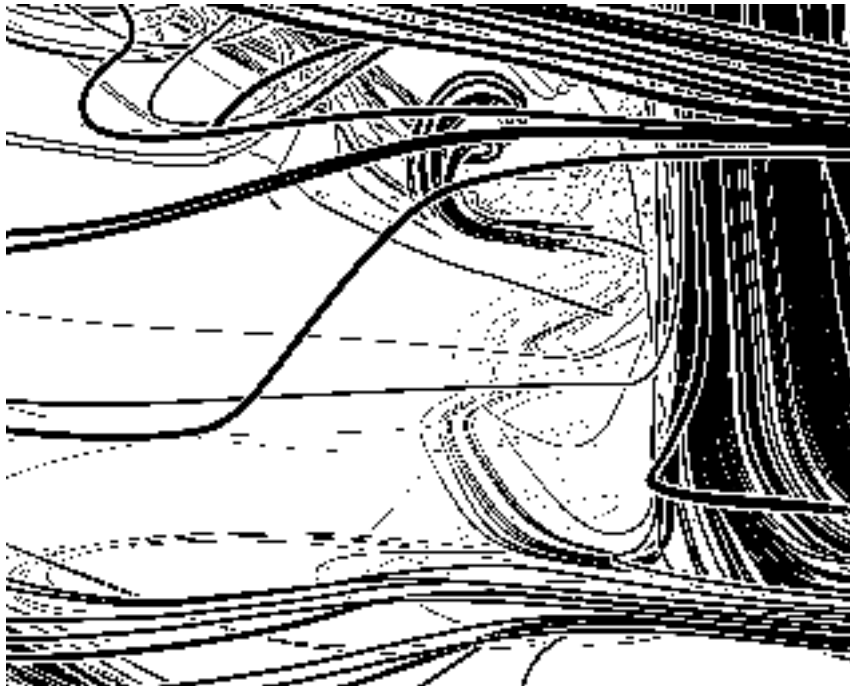
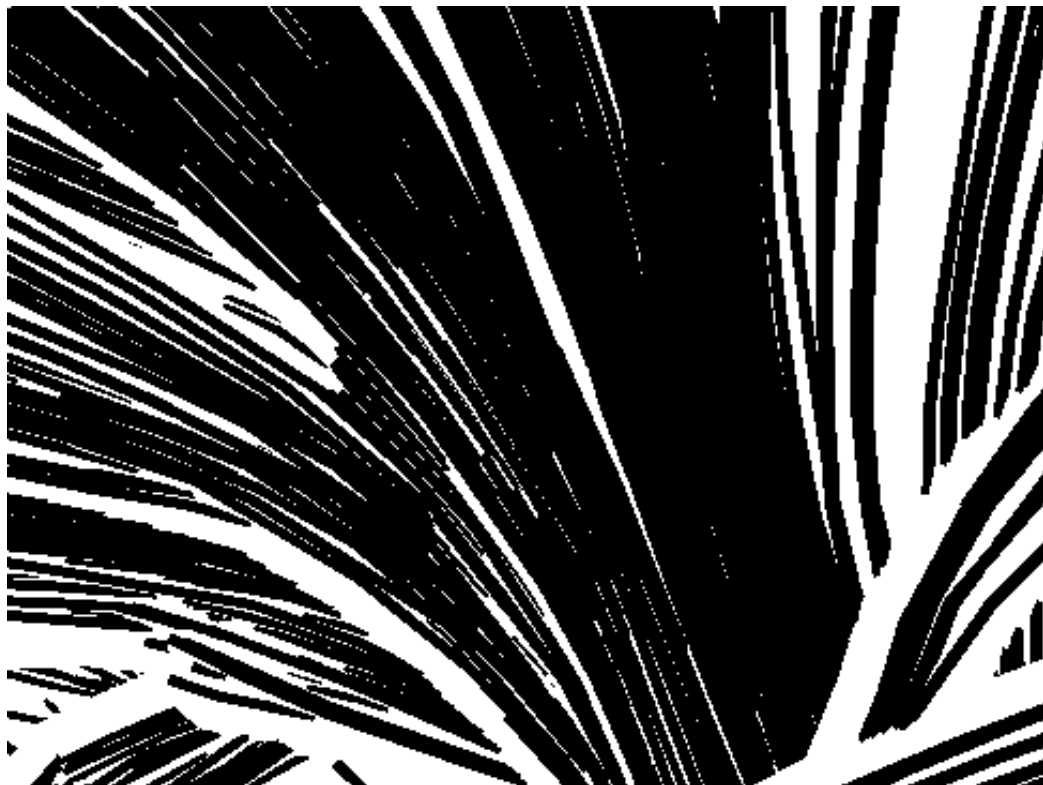


Illustration principles

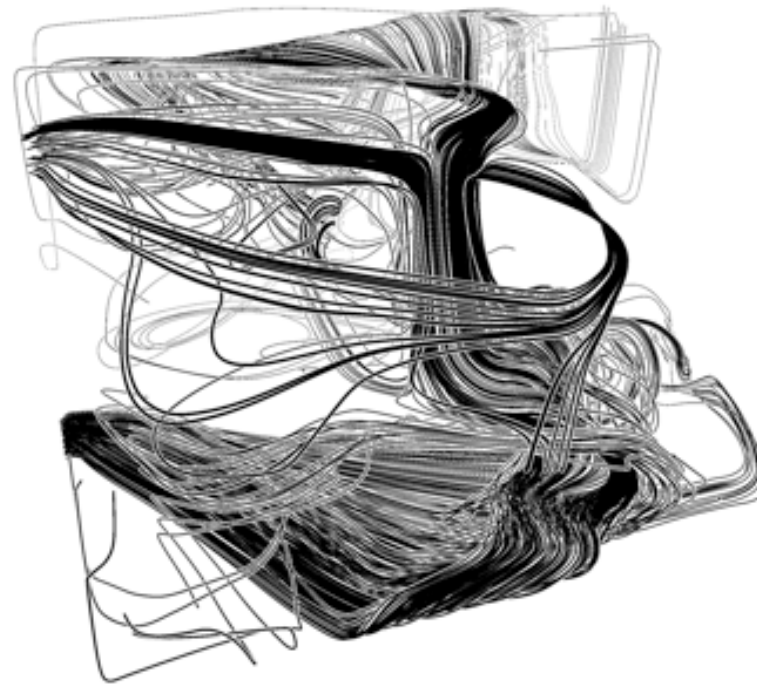


emphasis



de-emphasis/
abstraction

Results



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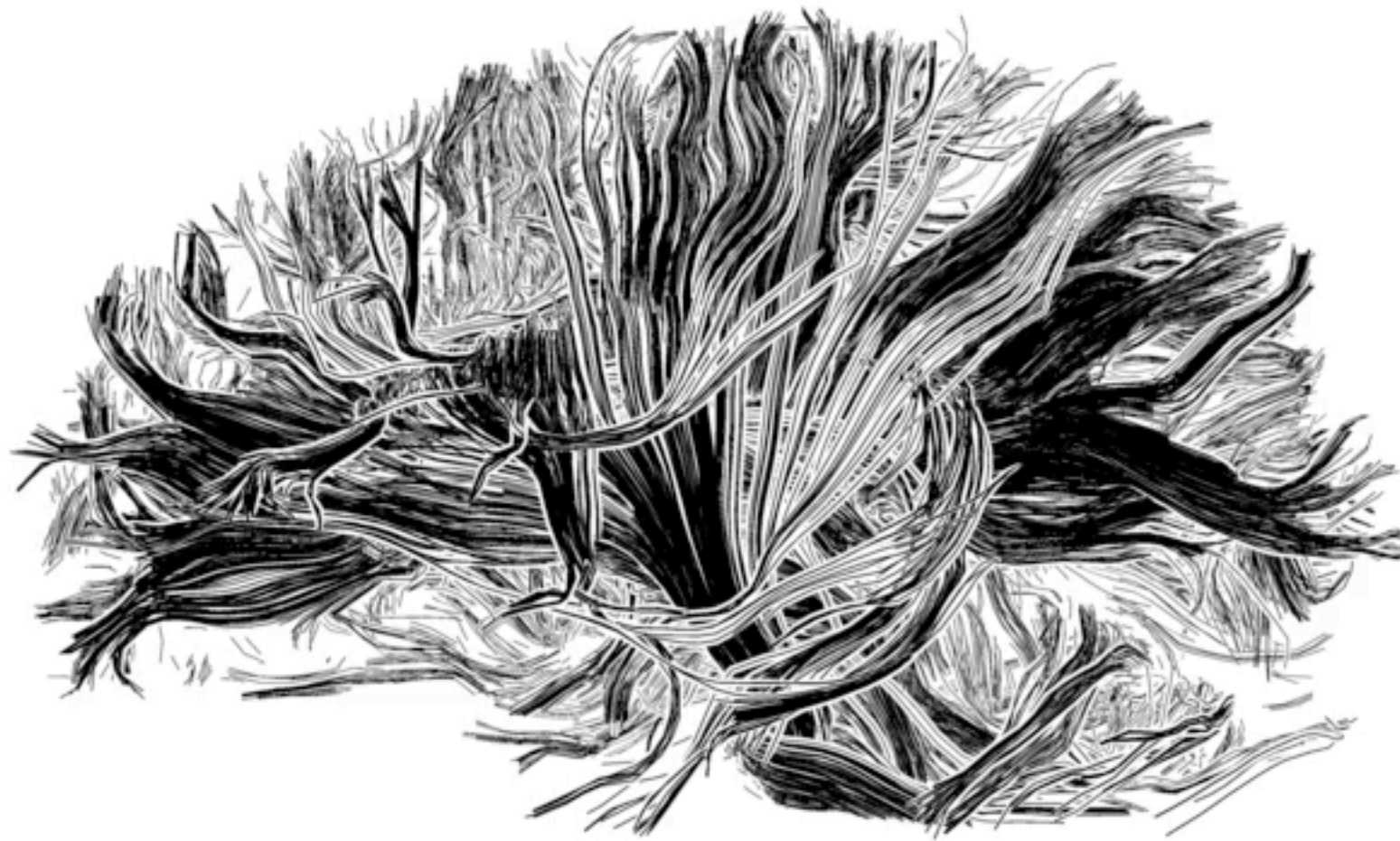
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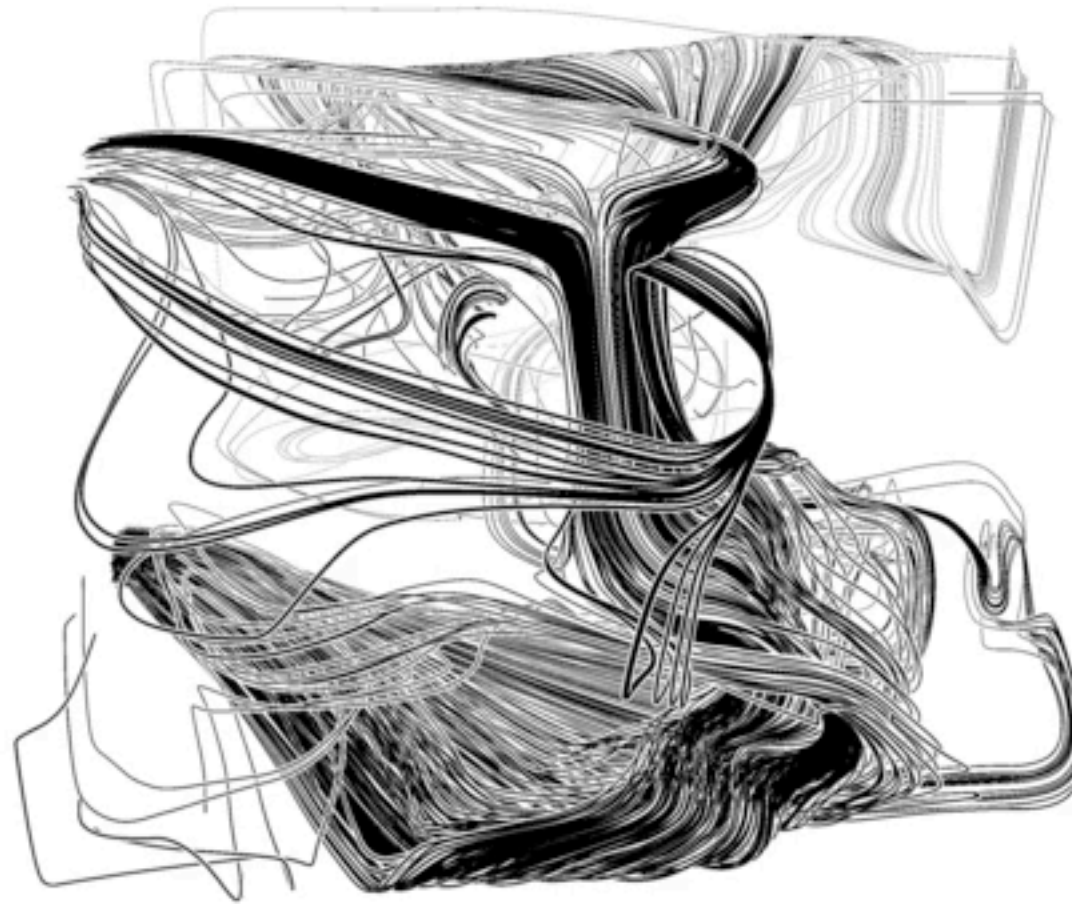


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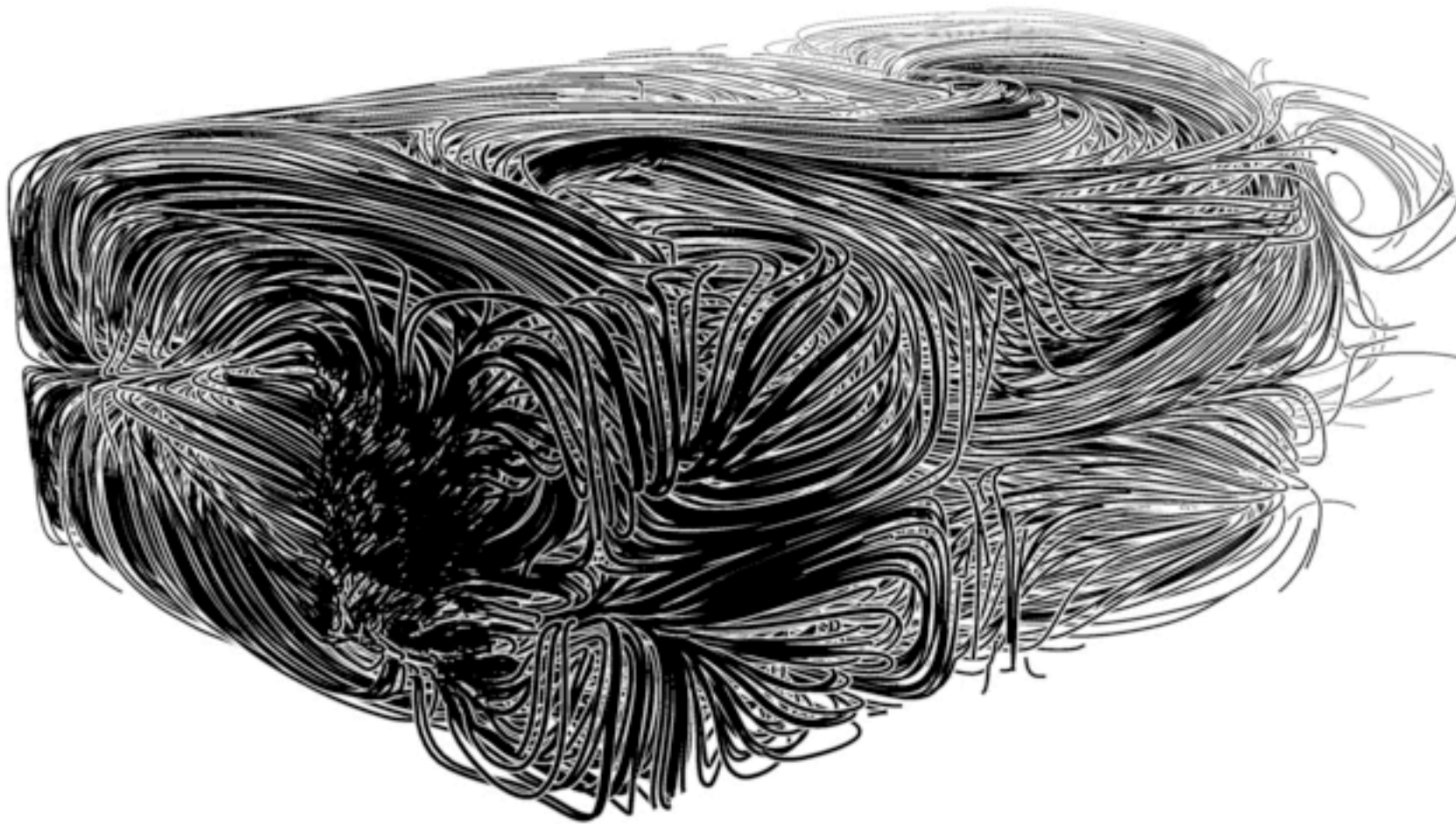


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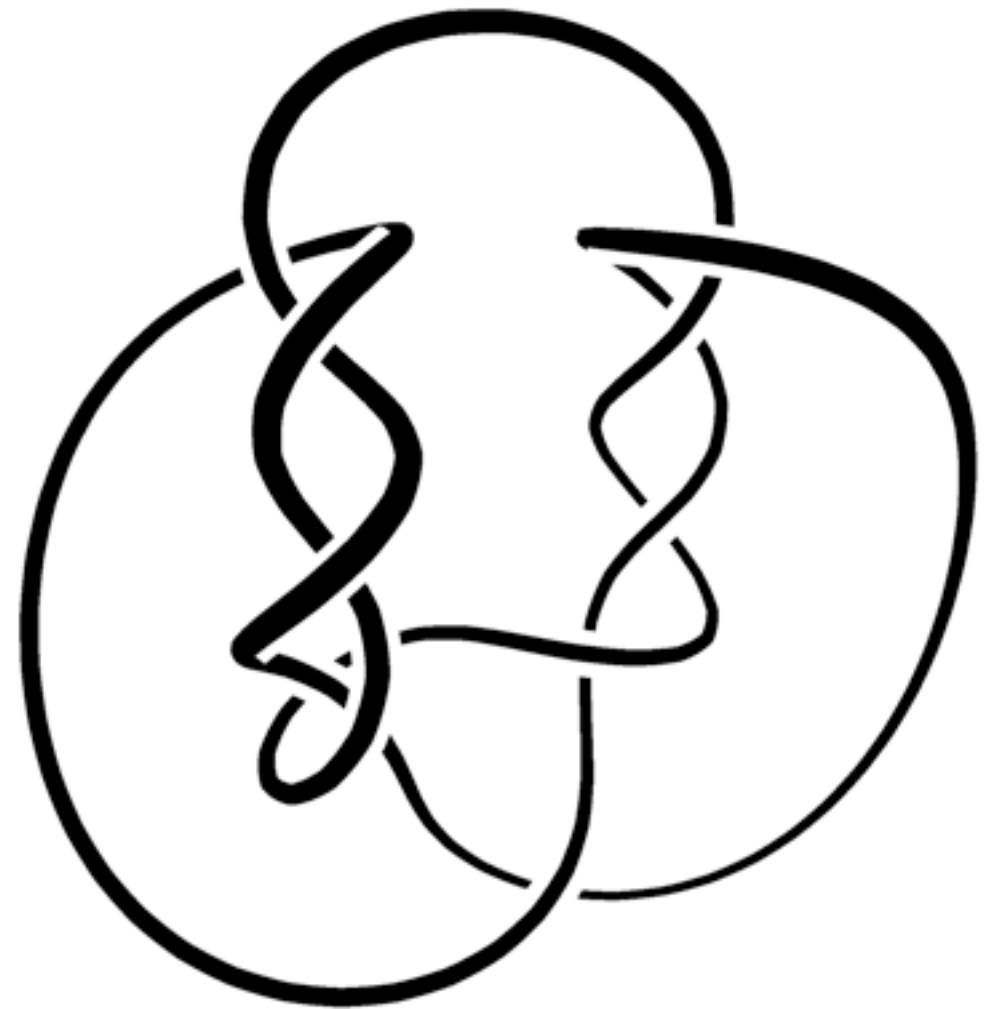
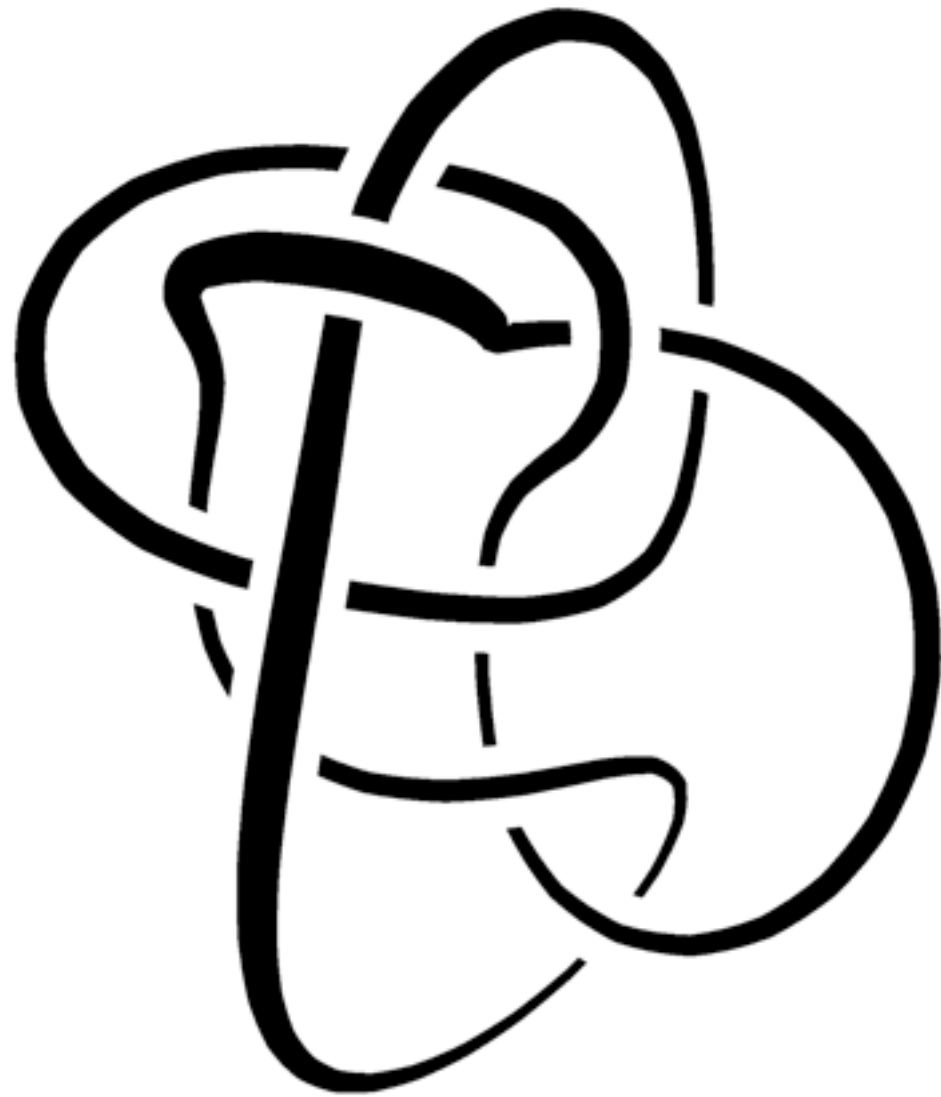


Filtering

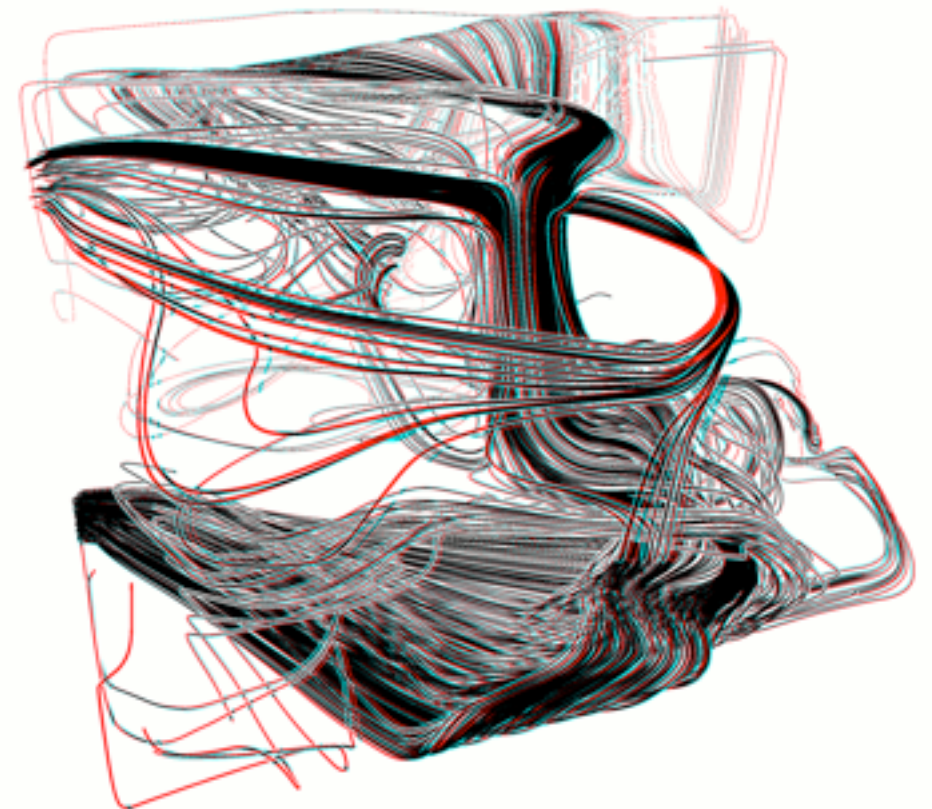
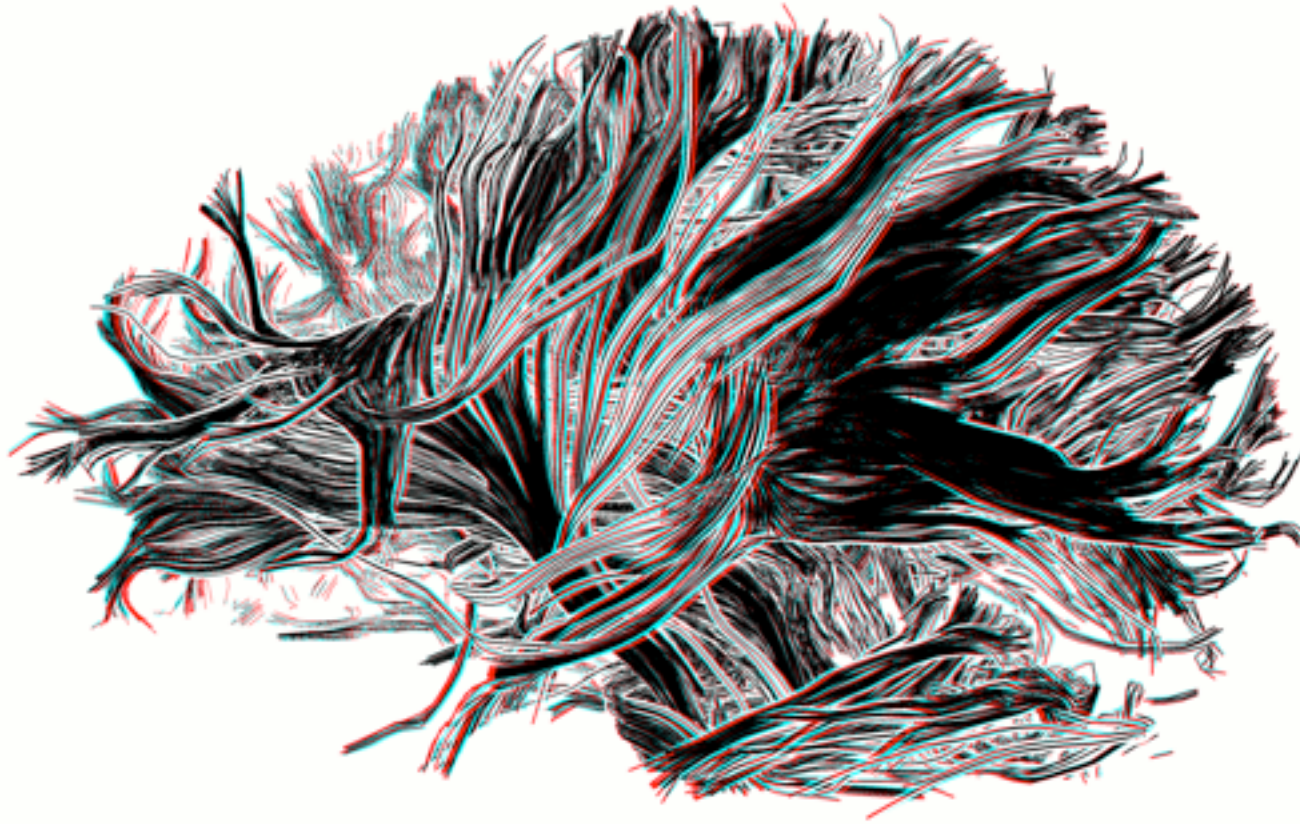
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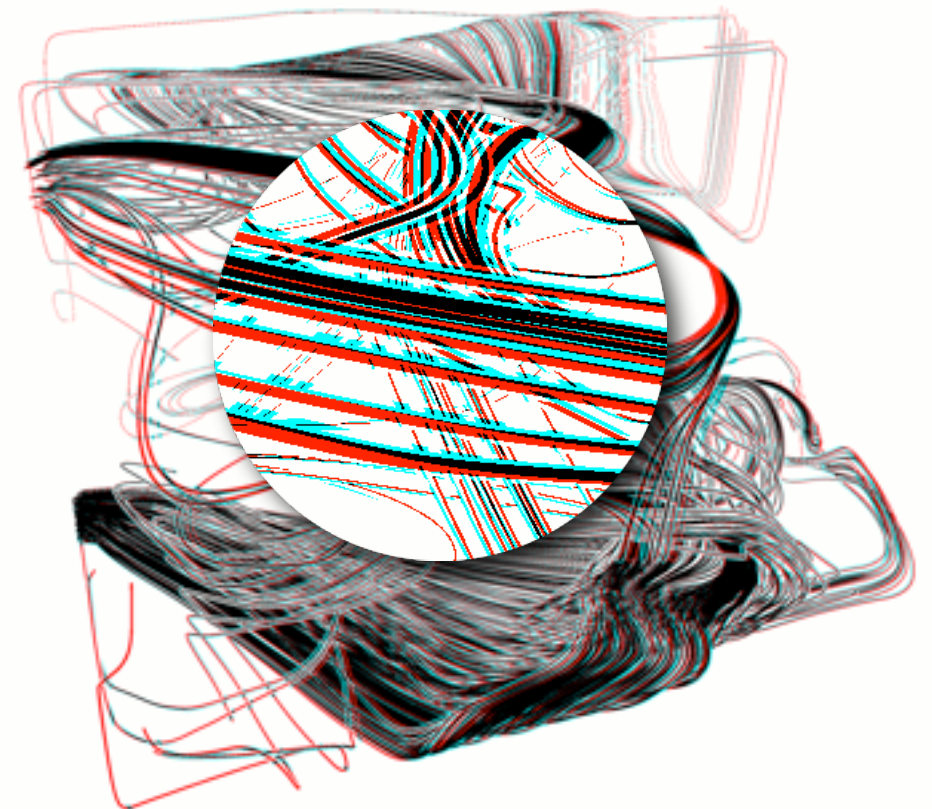
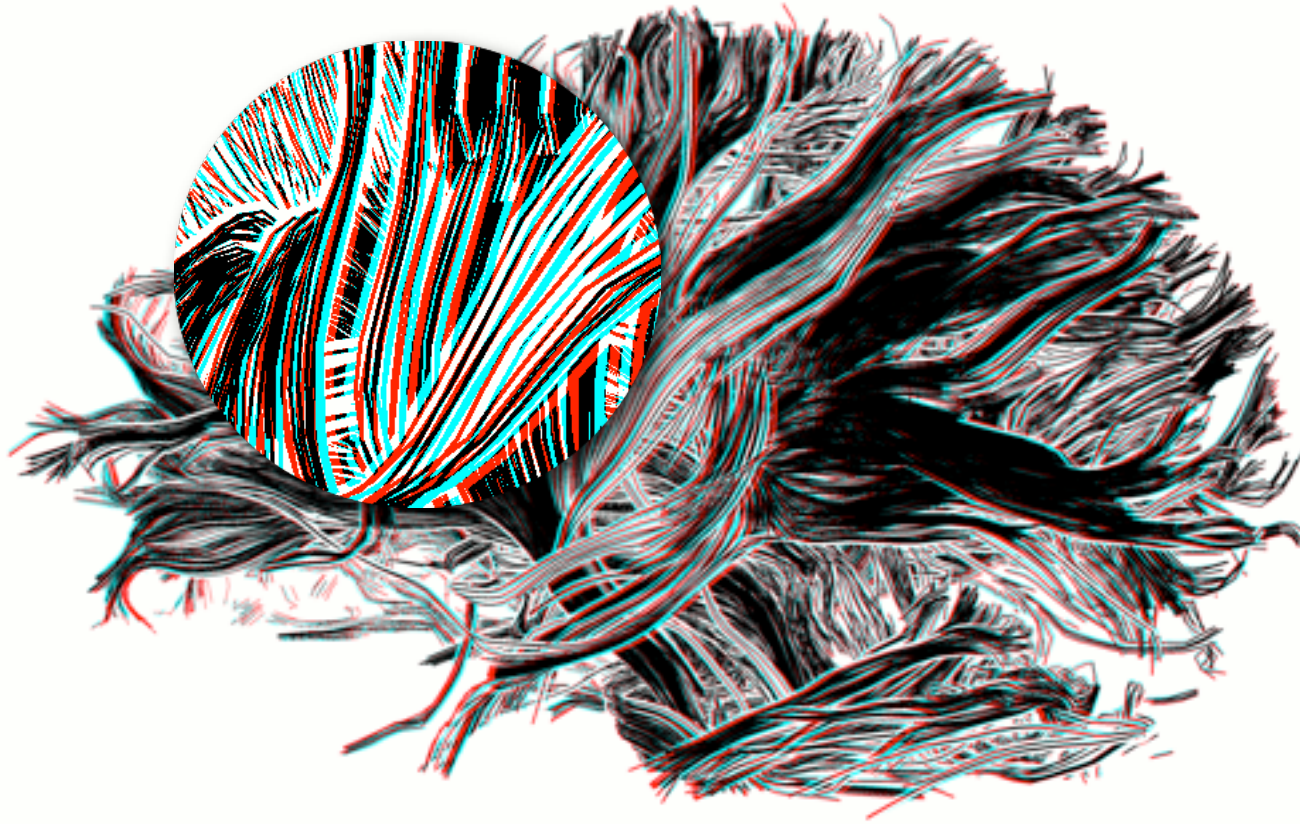
Results: simple shapes (knots)



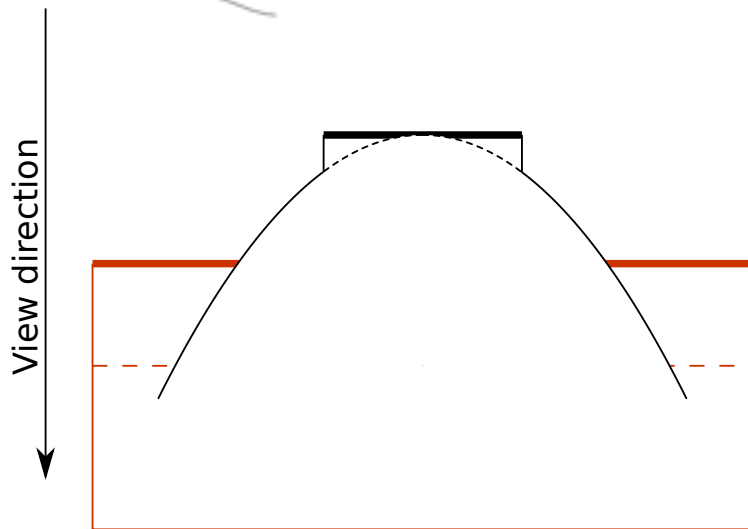
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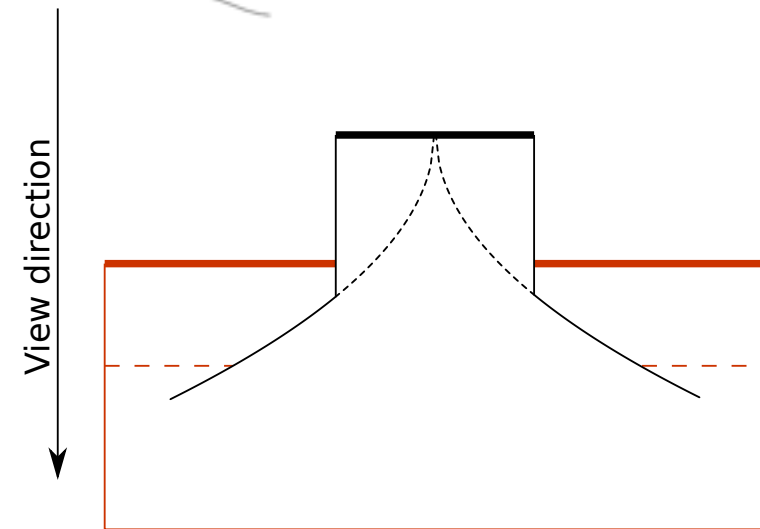
Anaglyphic rendering



Displacement function

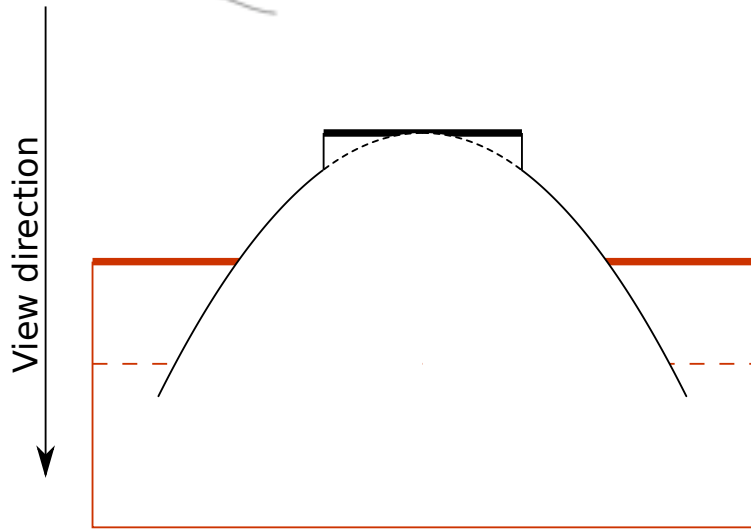


$$f_{\text{displacement}}(x) = x^2$$

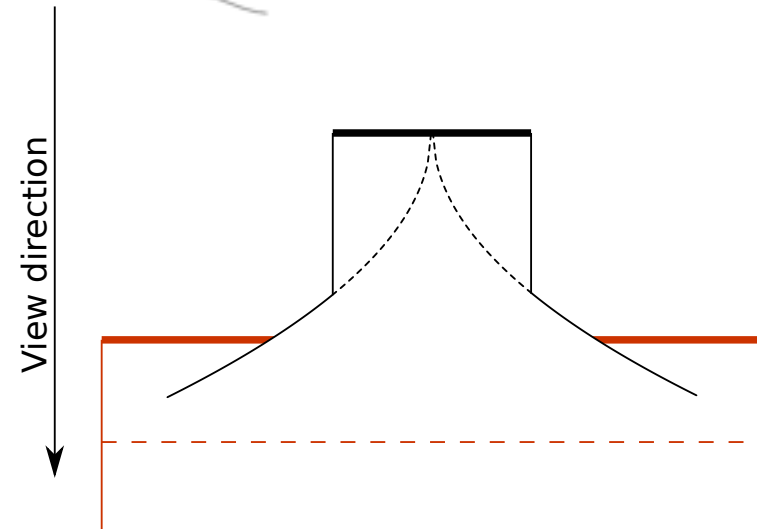


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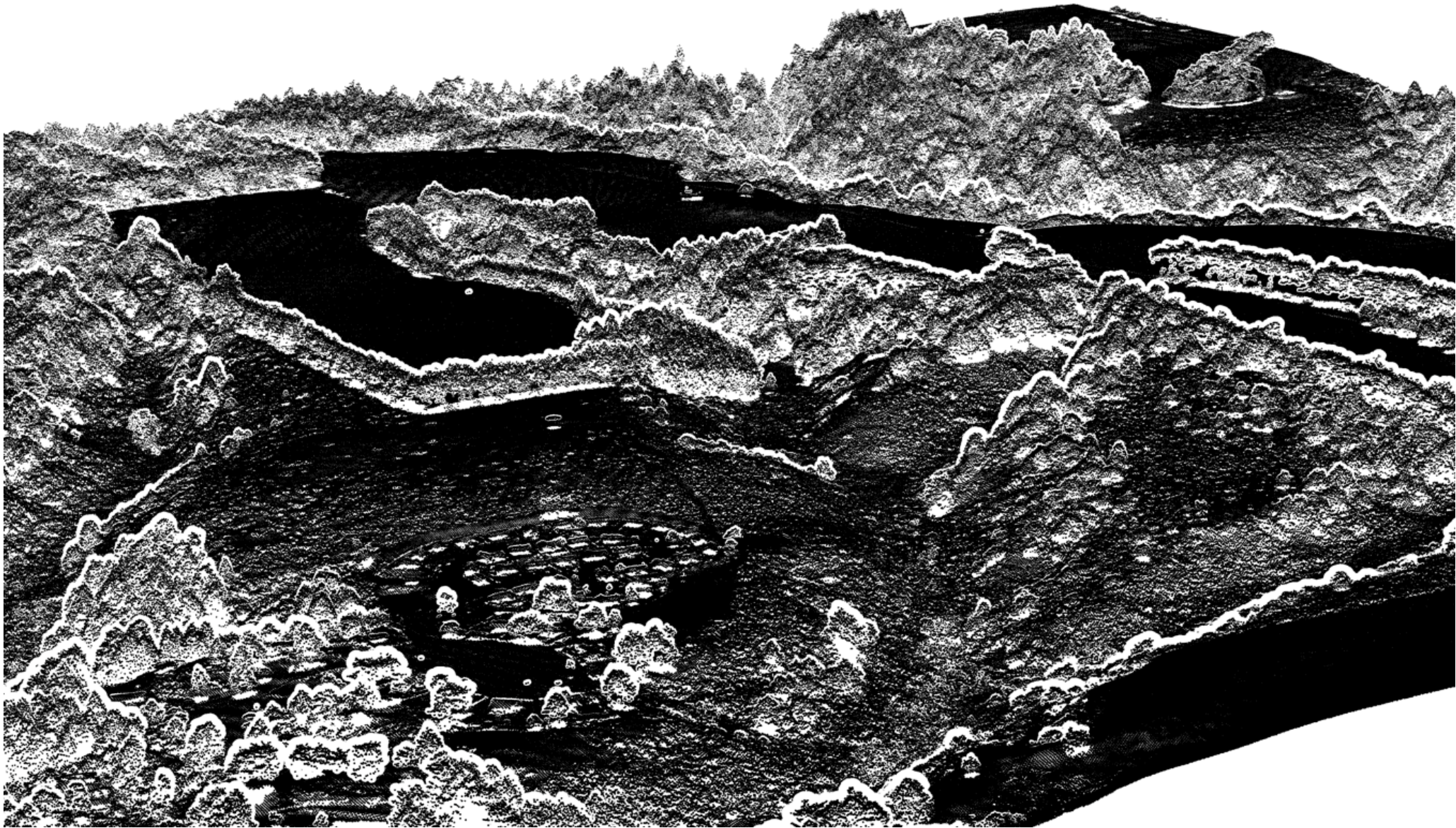


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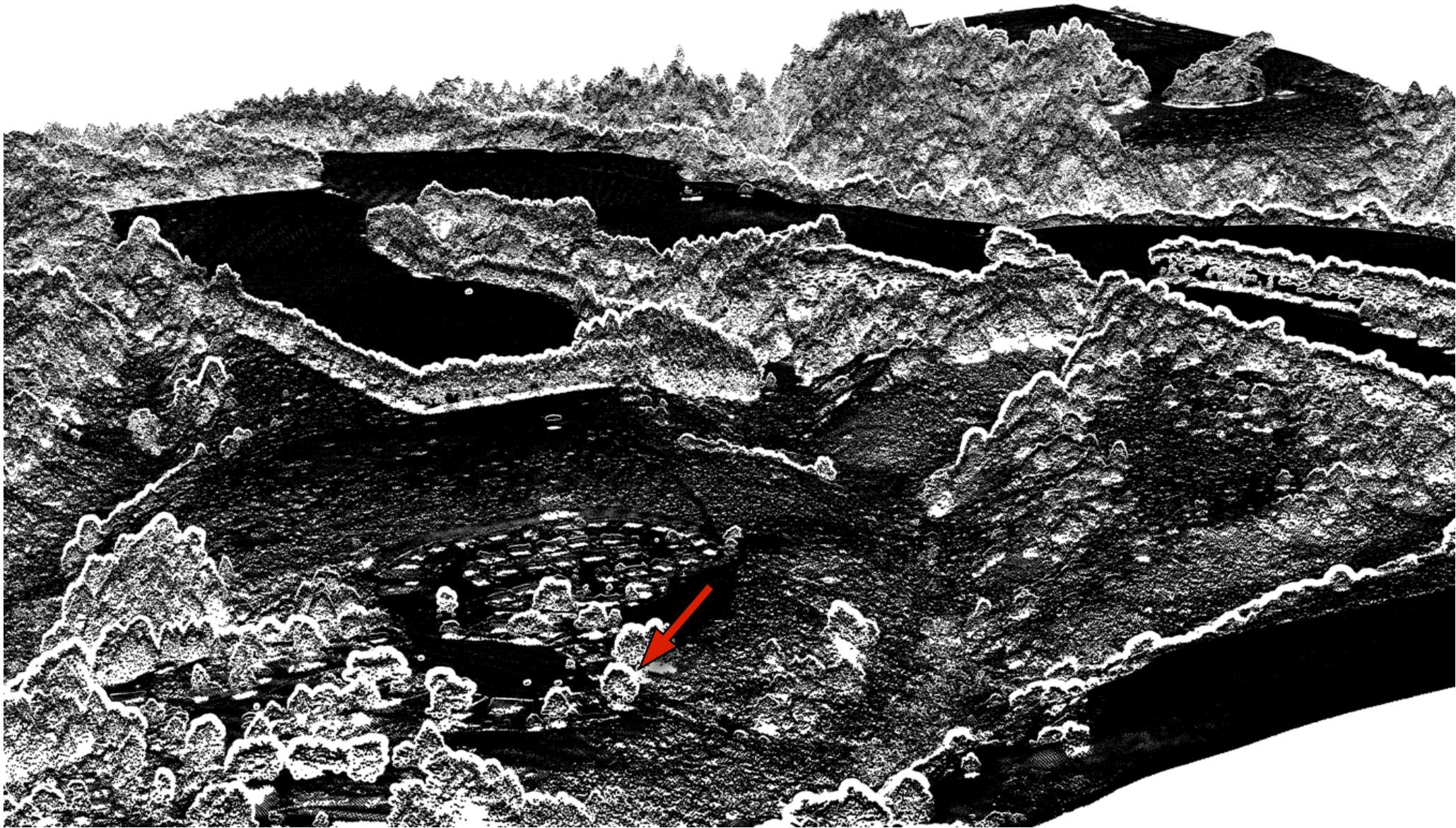
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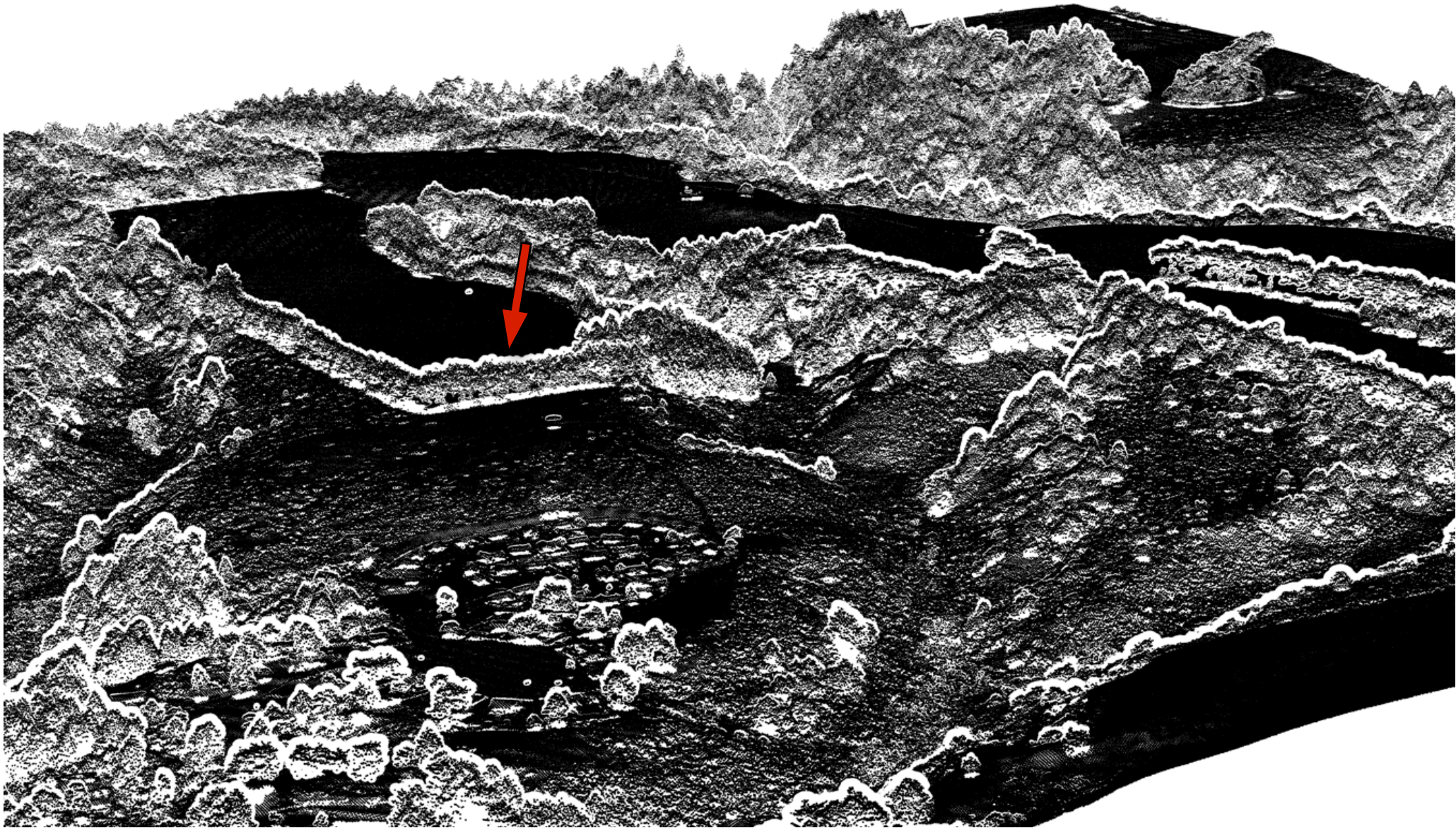
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Performance

Machine specs:

- 3 GHz Intel Core2 Extreme
- 4 GB RAM
- NVIDIA 8800 GTX



lines: 11 306

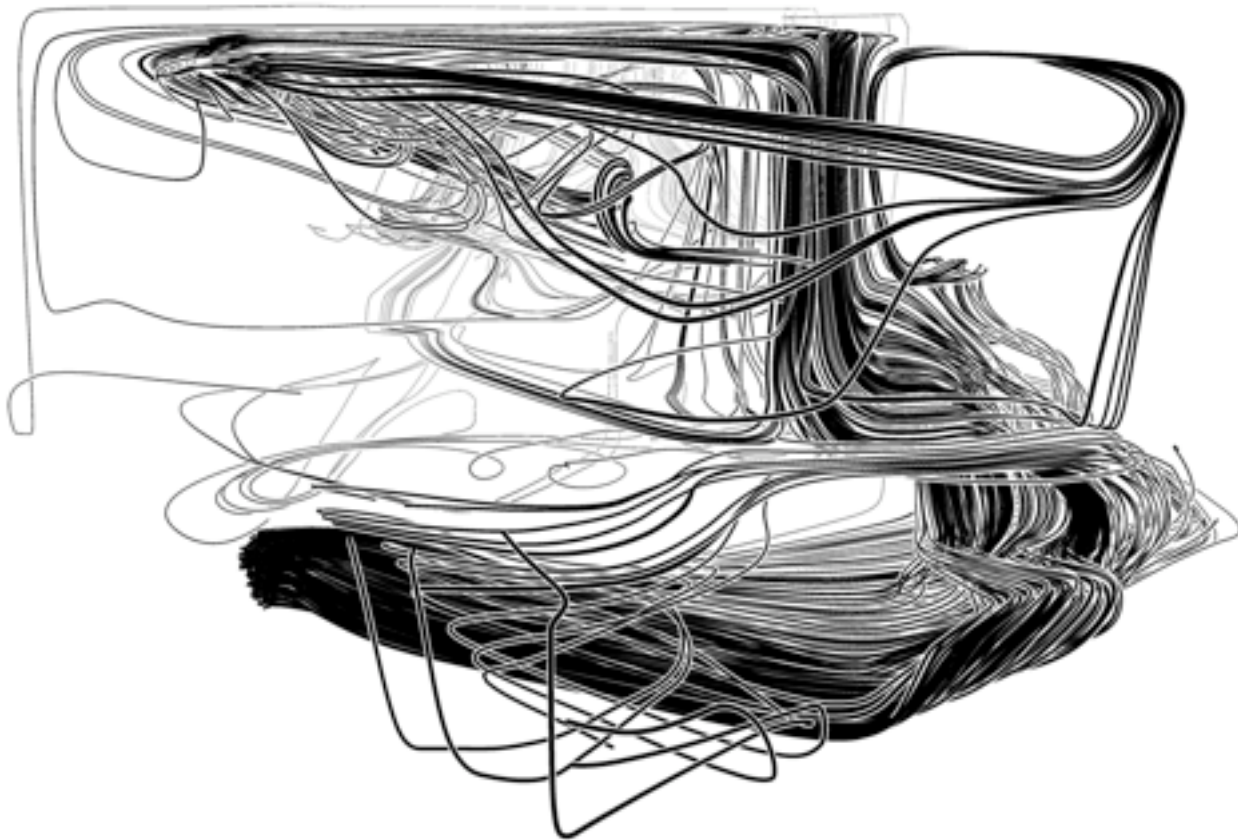
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frame rate: 123 fps

Performance

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lines: 786

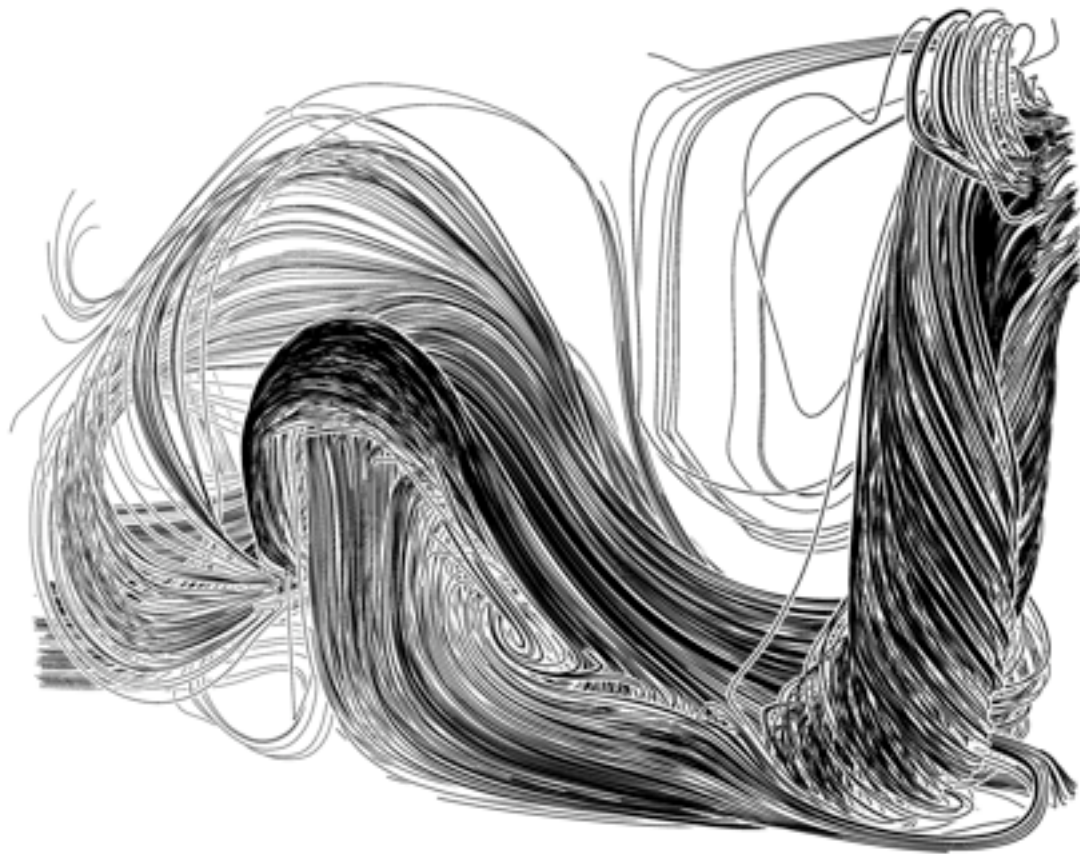
vertices: 278 849

frame rate: 290 fps

Performance

Machine specs:

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lines: 1 400

vertices: 2 603 605

frame rate: 43 fps

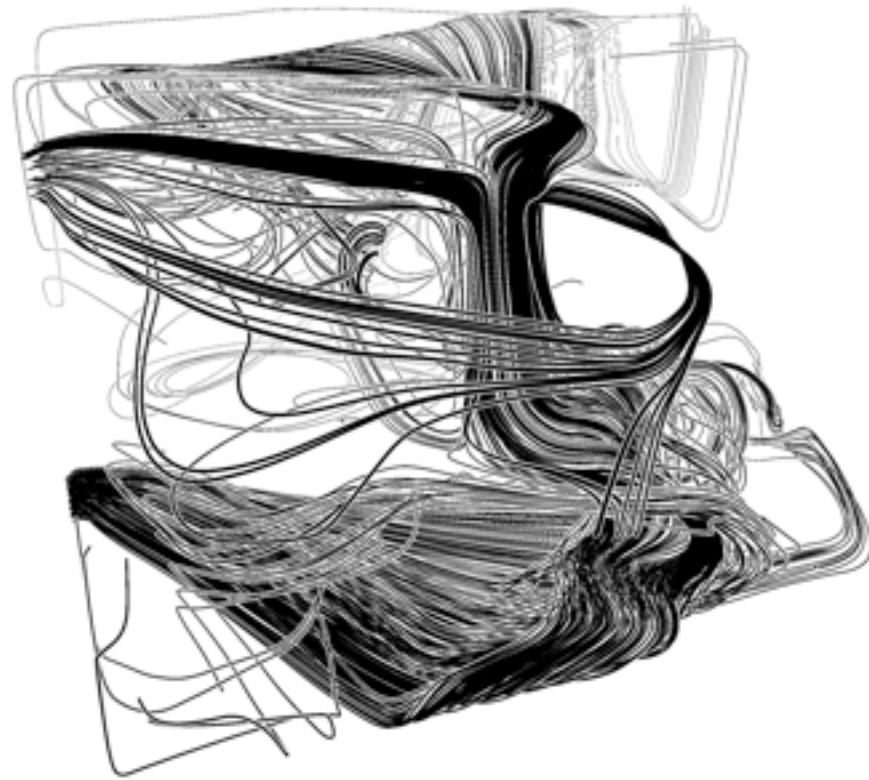
Informal evaluation with medical domain experts

- All experts were impressed.
- Compared to the tract visualization they used, our illustrative visualizations “show better depth relation and structure.”
- Very suggestive.
- Requests for more interactivity.
- Suggestions to combine with other visualization methods to show context.



Conclusion

- A new technique for illustrative visualization of dense line data.
- Emphasis and abstraction through depth-dependent halos around lines.
- Simple method that easily maps to the (hardware) graphics pipeline.
- Interactive frame rates and high quality print reproduction.
- Positive feedback from informal evaluation.



Depth-Dependent Halos: Illustrative Rendering of Dense Line Data

<http://www.cs.rug.nl/svcg/to/halos>