Feature-Based Flow Visualization



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Milestones in Flight History Dryden Flight Research Center



Circa 1970s



Flow behind a cylinder. Data courtesy of Bernd R. Noack (TU Berlin).

- mimicking real-world visualizations
- enhanced visualizations
- feature-based visualizations



Feature-Based Visualization

reduction of information interactive visualization faster analysis

vortex structures





Padberg-Gehle et. al., 2015

almost-invariant sets

topological structures



Vortex Structures

Cores of swirling motion geometry of particle trajectories



Swirling motion cores for path lines

Vortex quantities

λ₂, Okubo-Weiss,
 pressure, ...



Isosurfaces of Okubo-Weiss parameter

Vortex cores as extremal lines

- Height ridges/valleys
- Separatrices of the topological skeleton



Maximal line of Okubo-Weiss

Classic Visualization



Feature-based Visualization



user interaction required full resolution required

automation possible





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

• Feature Flow Field: vector field **f** at **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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Data courtesy Bernd R. Noack



flow behind a cylinder – tracked vortex core lines



Sujudi/Haimes criterion



Okubo Weiss criterion



Continuous Methods

challenged by noise derivation interpolation



Discrete Methods

more robust no derivation or interpolation purely combinatorial

Discrete Morse Theory



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separatrix persistence



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D. Günther, H.-P. Seidel, T. Weinkauf Separatrix Persistence 3D, CGF 2012



Valleys in a subregion of the Martian surface:

- Noisy data yields complex network
- Separatrix persistence allows differentiation between prominent and noise-induced valleys

Separatrix Persistence



Flow behind a cylinder: isosurfaces of Okubo-Weiss parameter



filtered extremal lines of Okubo-Weiss parameter

Separatrix Persistence



filtered extremal lines (continuous model, height ridges)



Graph Matching Problem

Volumetric data

Computation Morse-Smale complex $O(n^3) \rightarrow O(n^2)$

Significantly smaller memory footprint for simplification and persistent homology

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Data set size: 1120 x 1131 x 1552 (ca. 8 GB)

Computation of persistent homology

Memory footprint: 500 GB → 14 GB

Data courtesy: ZIB, Daniel Baum Distance field of a Chaperon protein



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