



Tutorial 7: Feature Oriented Methods in Flow Visualization

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Features

- Features are parts of a dataset that get special attention by the user.
- Application dependence!
- User dependence!
- Definition complicated and often unclear!

Flow Features

- Flow features are areas of fluid flow datasets that are of special importance for fluid dynamics!
- Main examples:
Vortices (regions of swirling motion),
vortex cores,
Vortex burst,
shock waves,
stagnation points/critical points,
attachment/separation lines

Examples for Vortices I



Collection by Raghu Machiraju

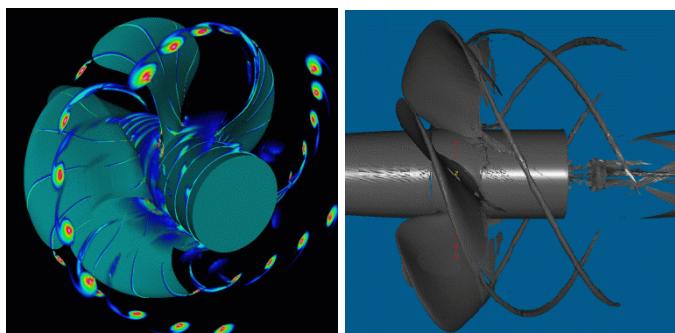
Vortices II



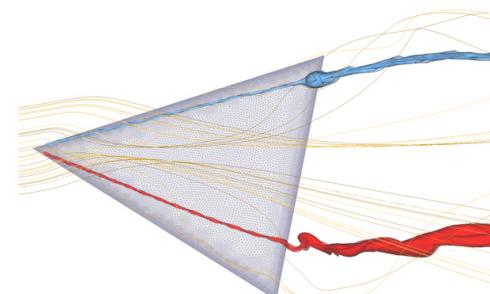
Vortex with Strong Core



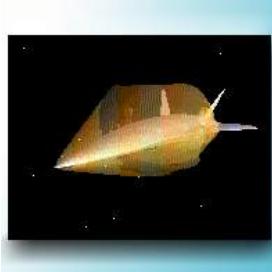
Vortex Core



Vortex Burst

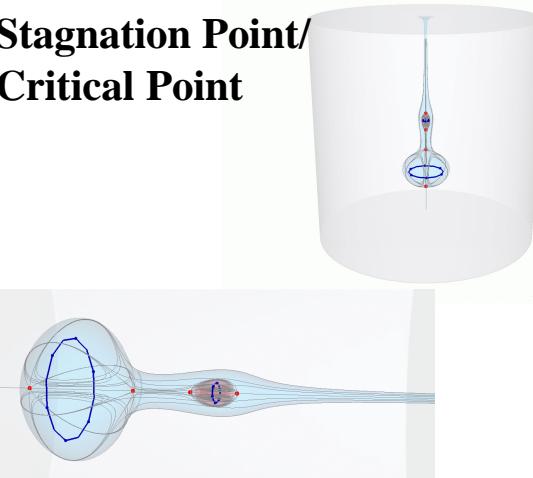


Shock Wave

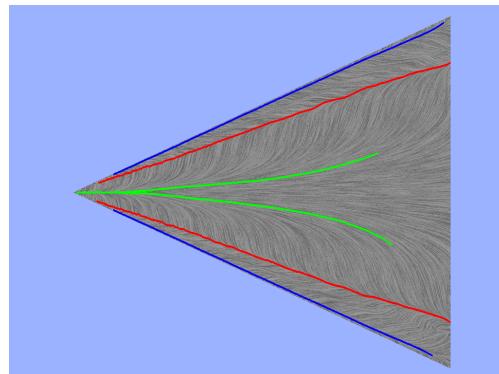


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Stagnation Point/ Critical Point



Attachment and Separation Lines



Types of Features

- A good classification of features is based on their geometric shape!
- **Point Features:** Critical points/stagnation points
- **Line Features:** Vortex cores, attachment and separation lines
- **Surface Features:** Shock fronts
- **Volume or Region Features:** Vortex region, region of swirling motion

Tutorial Overview

- I. Introduction
(Gerik Scheuermann, University of Leipzig, Germany)
- II. Automatic Feature Detection
(Ronald Peikert, ETH Zürich, Switzerland)
- III. Evaluation of Features
(Raghu Machiraju, Ohio State University, USA)
- IV. Clifford Convolution
(Julia Ebling, University of Leipzig, Germany)
- V. Topological Methods
(Xavier Tricoche, University of Utah, USA)
- VI. Interactive Feature Definition and Detection
(Helwig Hauser, VRVis, Vienna, Austria)

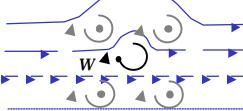
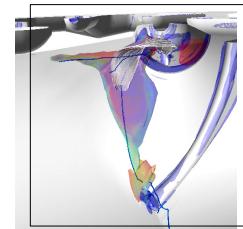
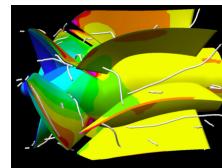
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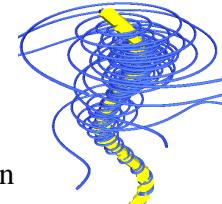
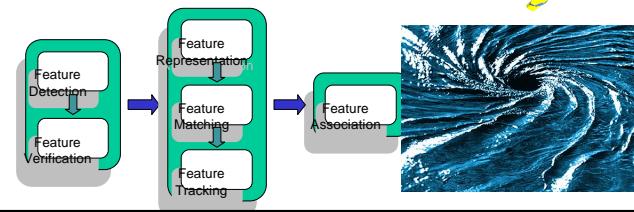
II. Automatic Feature Detection

- Basics from Fluid Dynamics
- Vortex Definitions
- Vortex Detection
- Real World Applications
- Pros and Cons



III. Evaluation of Features

- Vortex Definitions
- Detection
- Verification
- Application - characterization



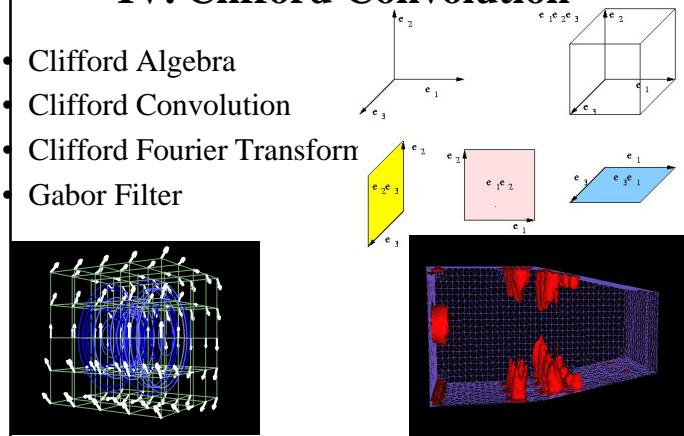
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IV. Clifford Convolution

- Clifford Algebra
- Clifford Convolution
- Clifford Fourier Transform
- Gabor Filter



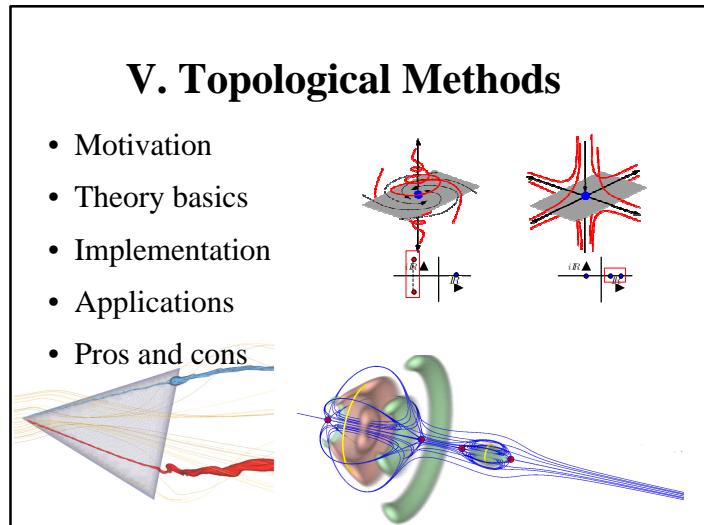
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V. Topological Methods

- Motivation
- Theory basics
- Implementation
- Applications
- Pros and cons



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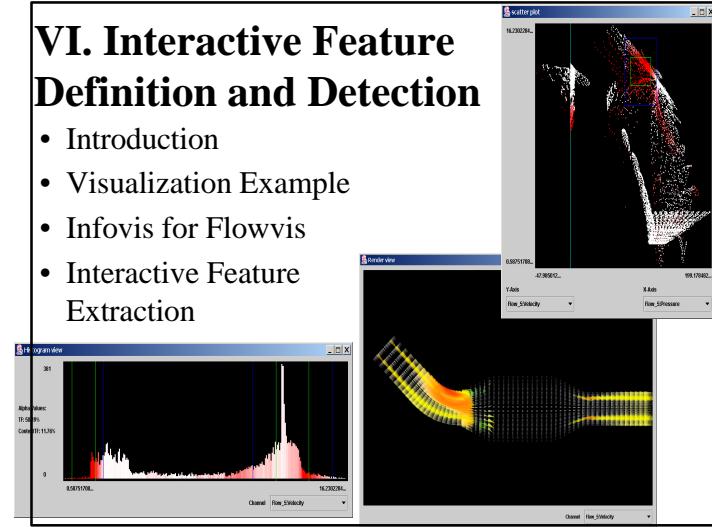
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VI. Interactive Feature Definition and Detection

- Introduction
- Visualization Example
- Infovis for Flowvis
- Interactive Feature Extraction



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