

SERALD - A SECCHI EUVI Ridge And Loop Detection tool

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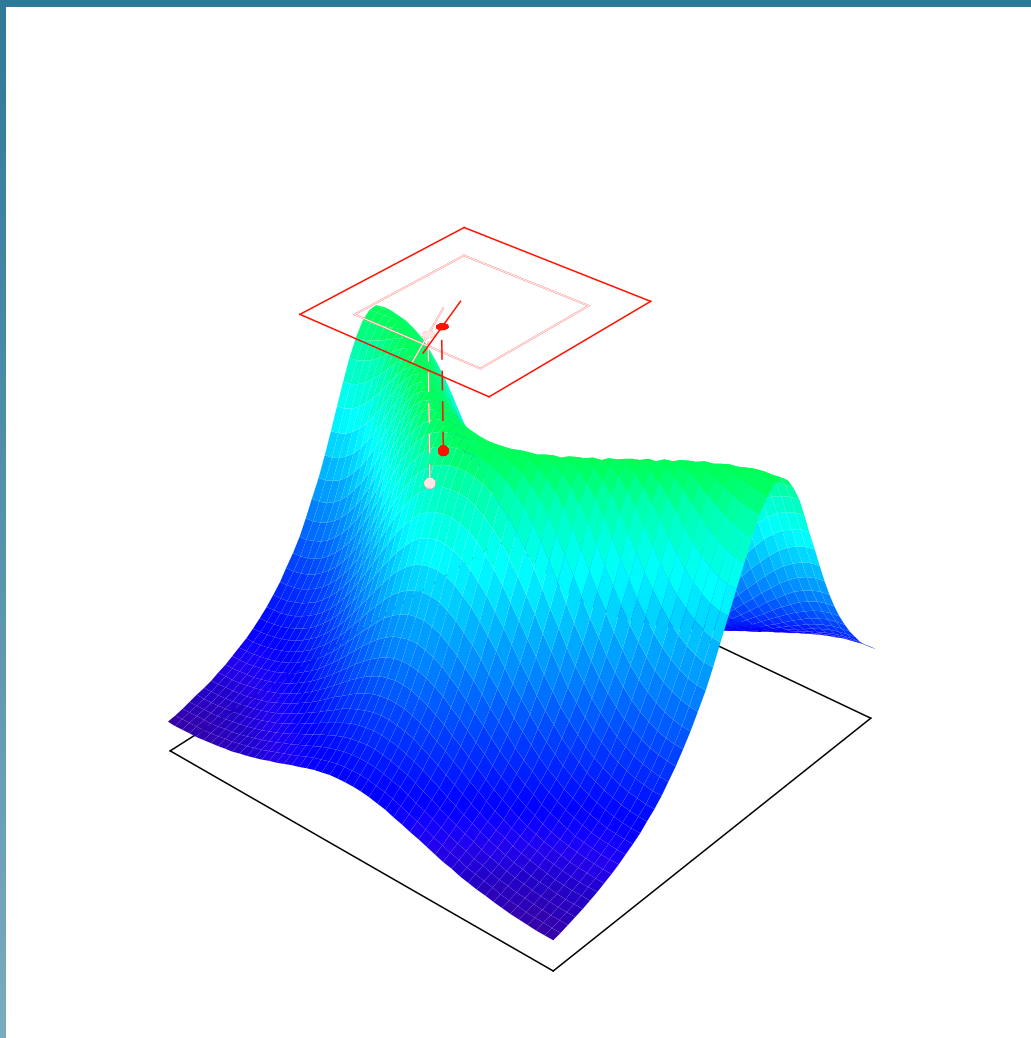
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Strous et al. (200?) and Lee et al. (2006) use a 9-point stencil to estimate the Taylor coefficients.

Differentiation is ill-posed → need for a properly regularised estimation for the Taylor coefficients.

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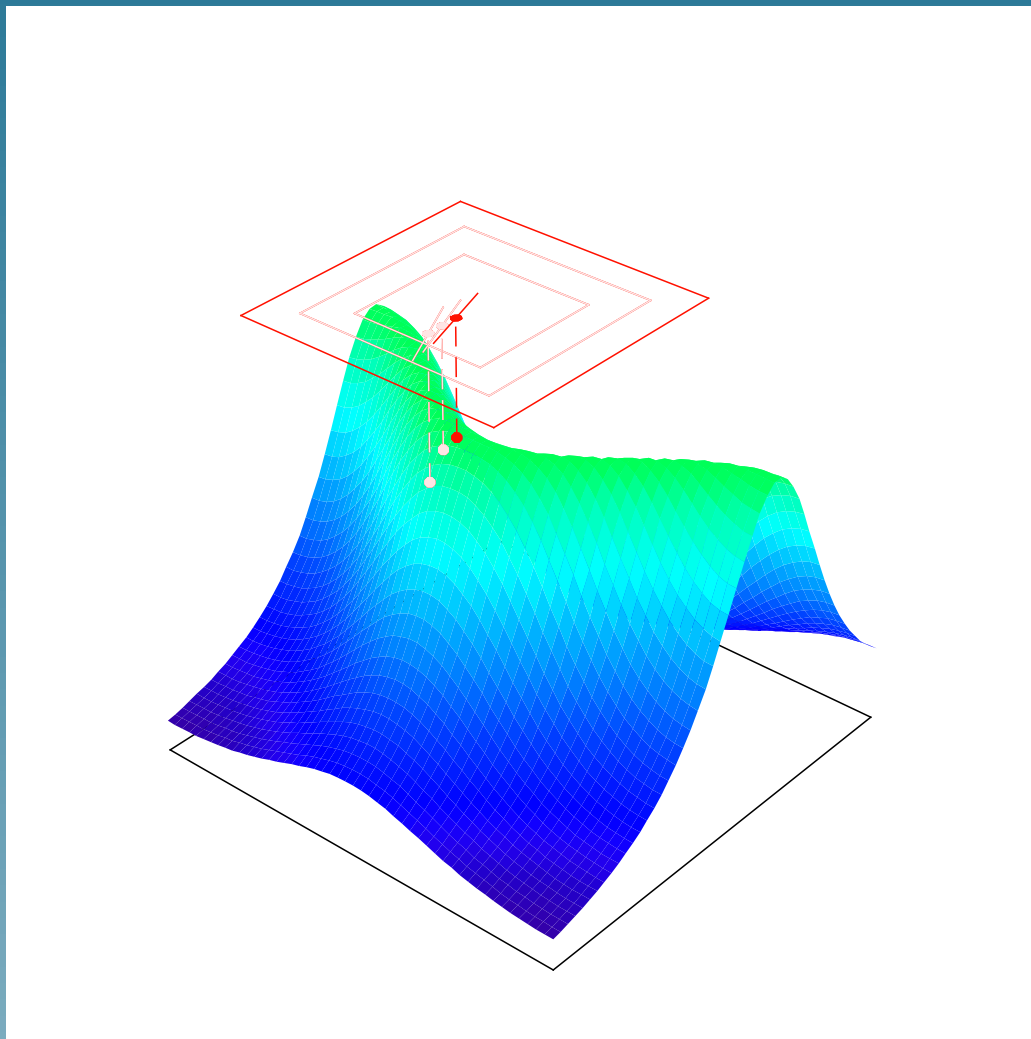


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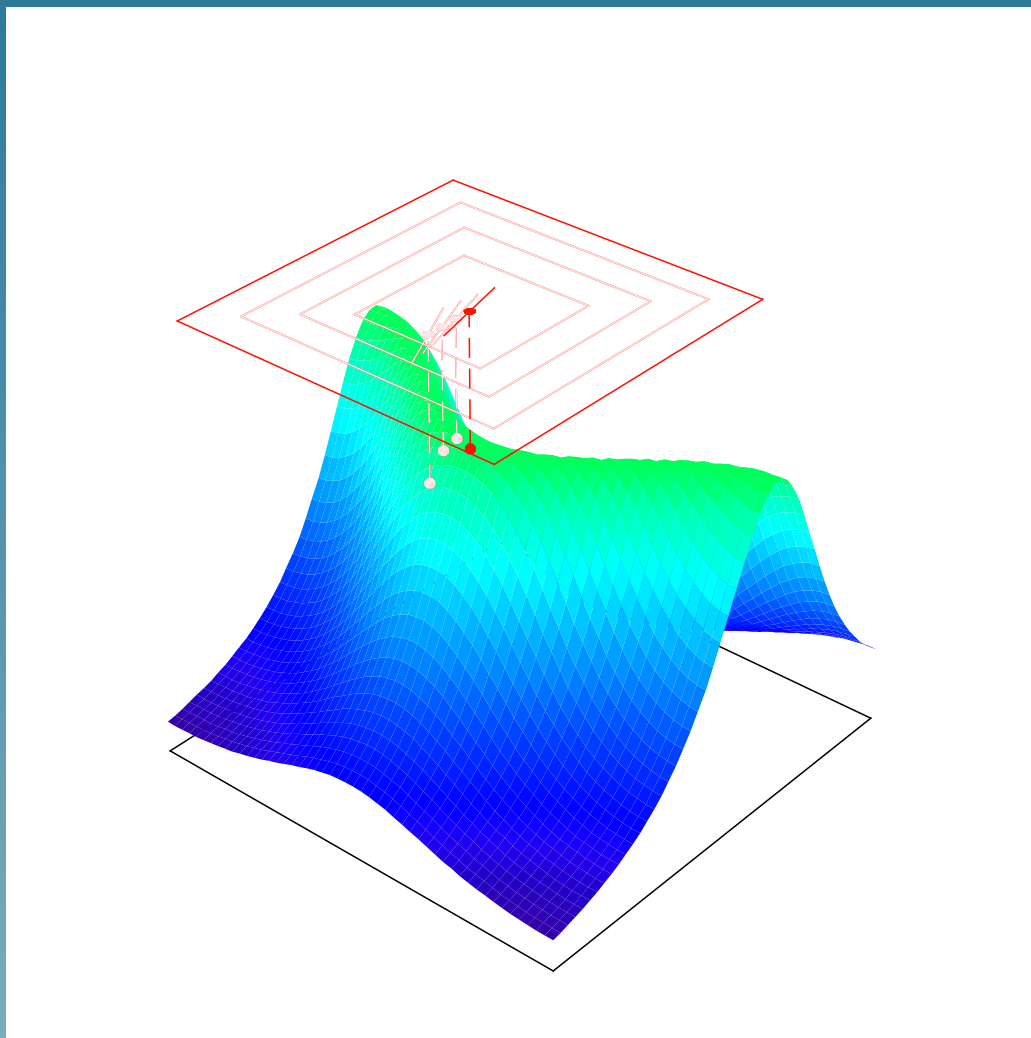


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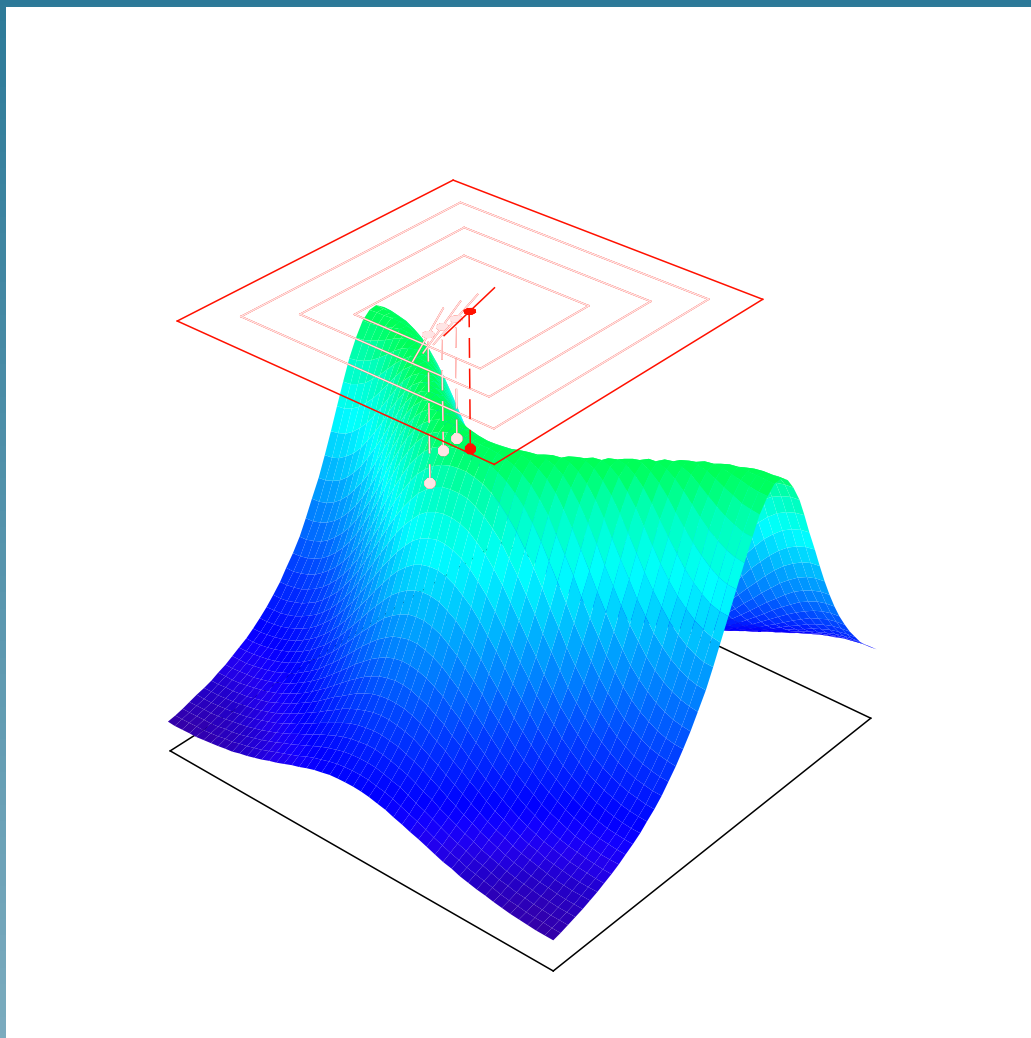


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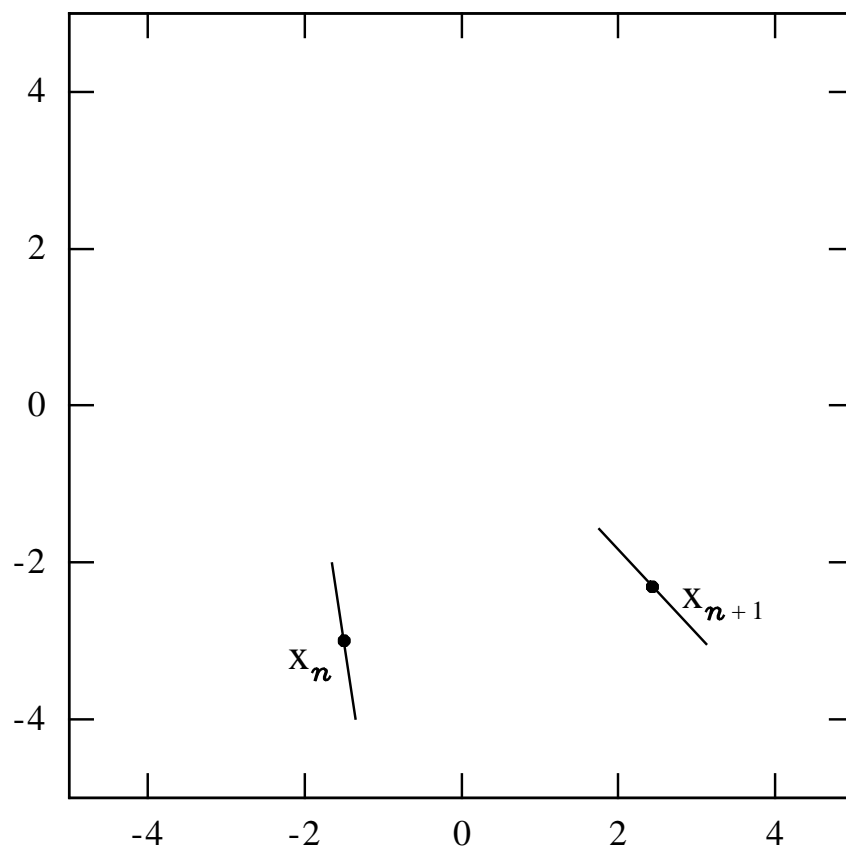


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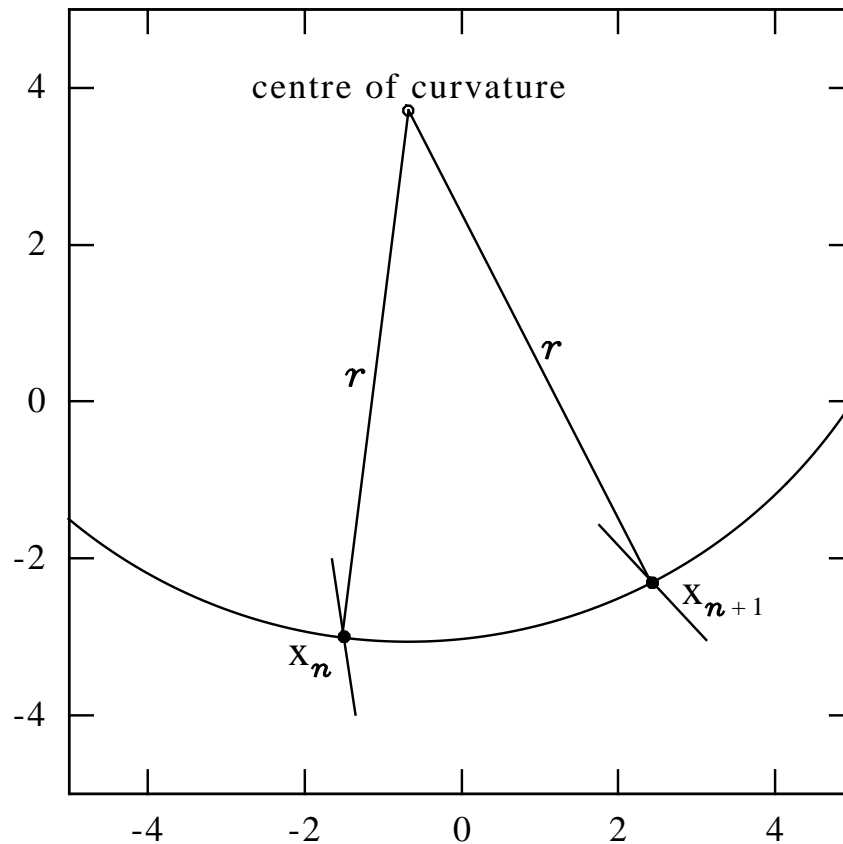
For each pixel the ridge estimate with maximum quality is chosen

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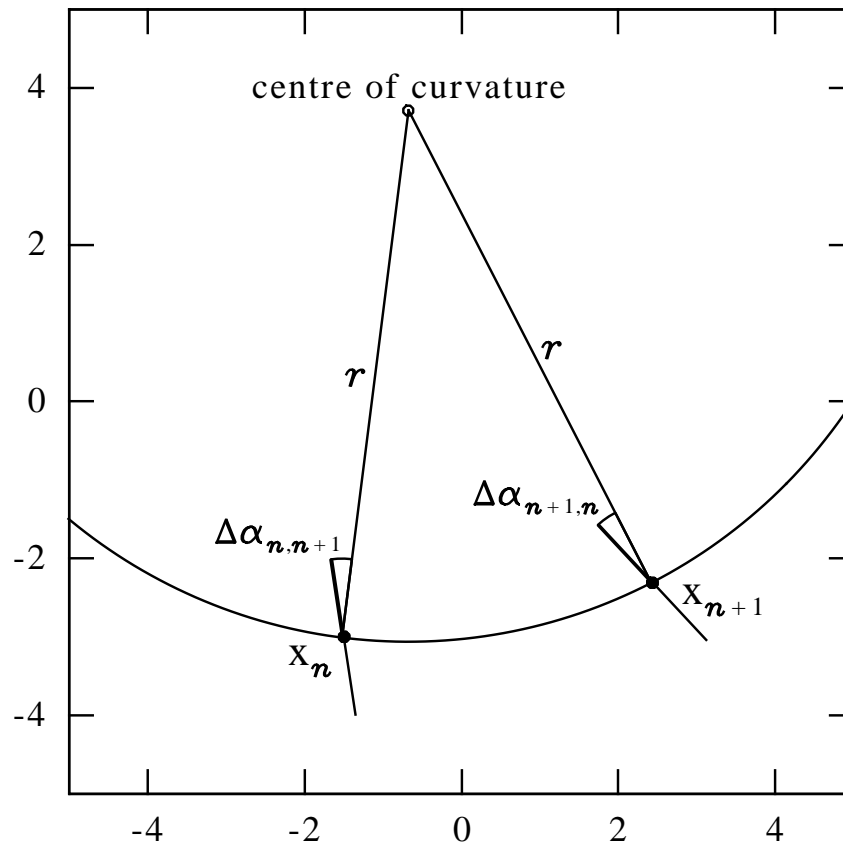
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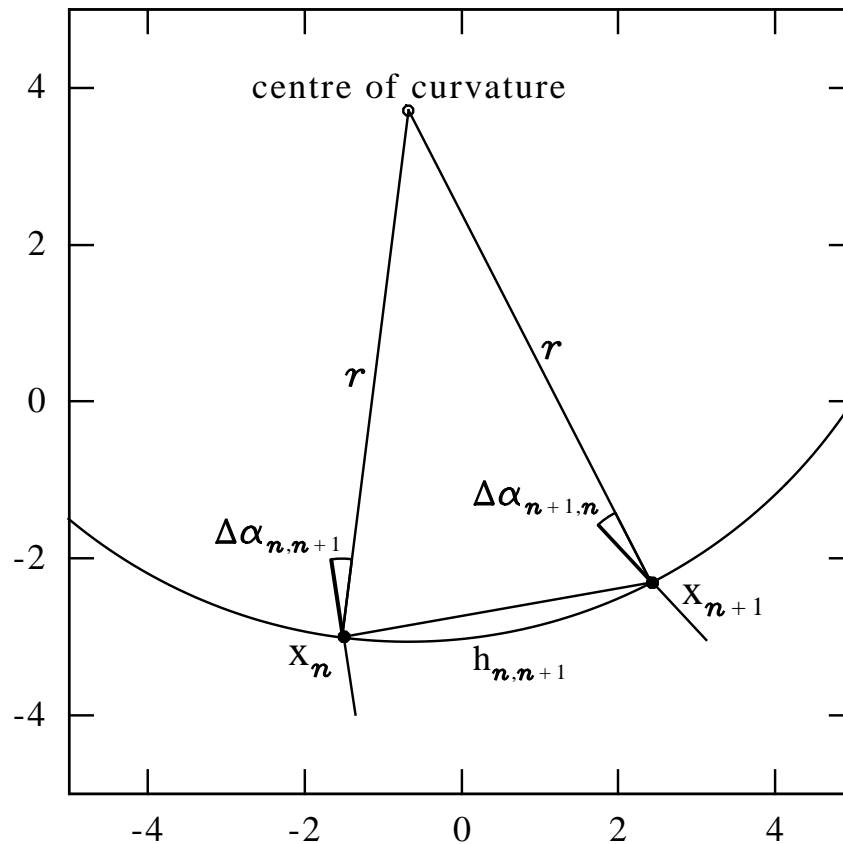
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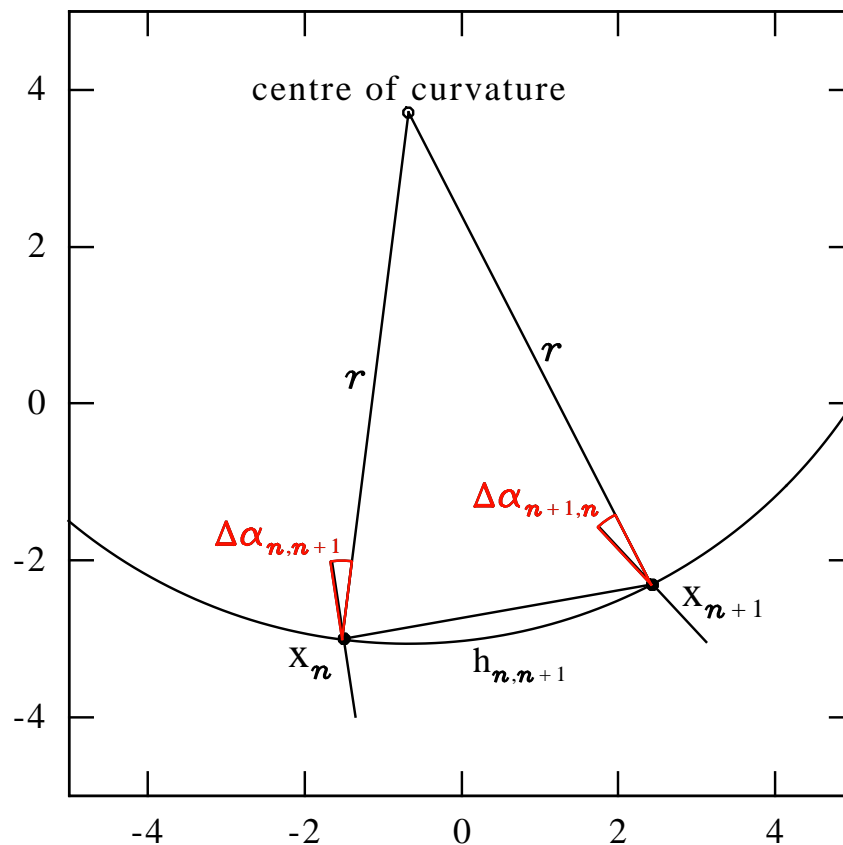
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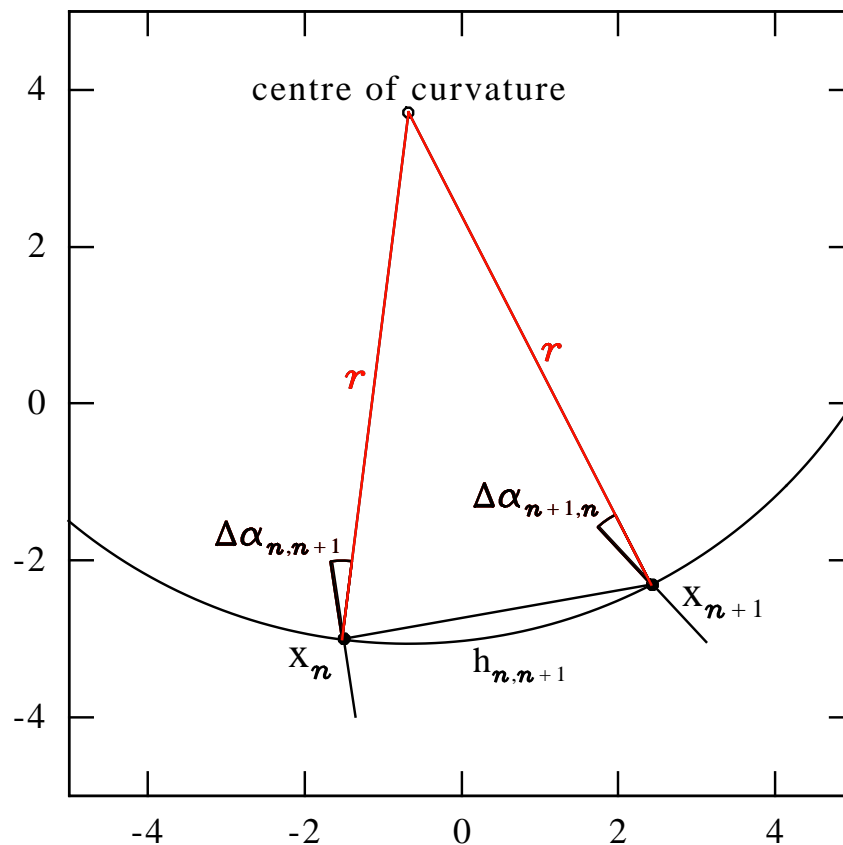


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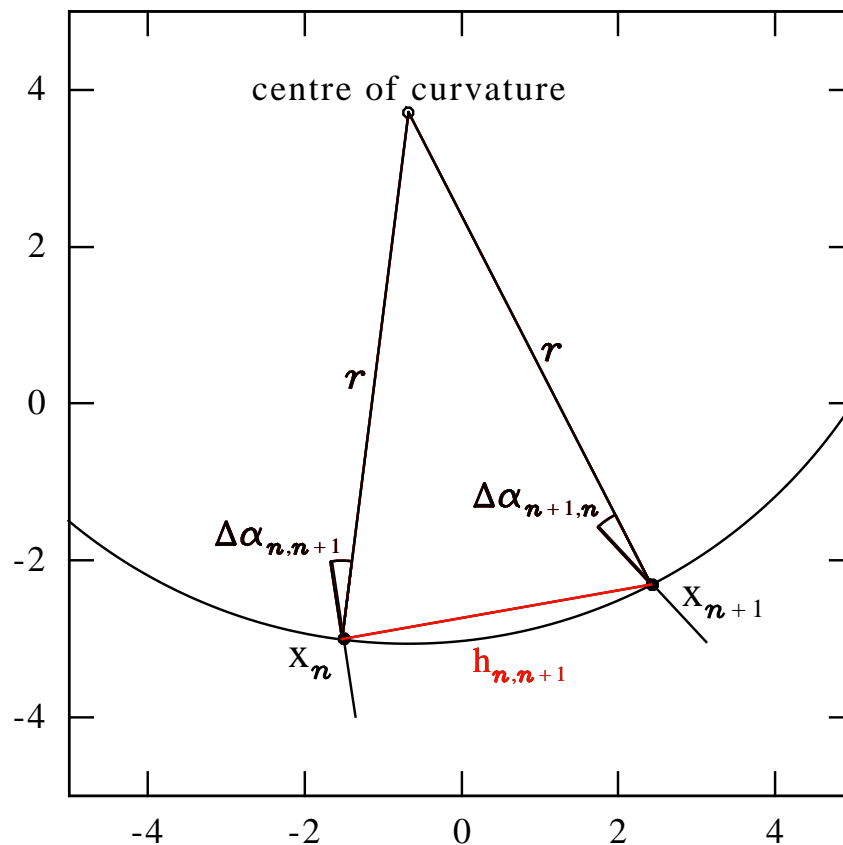
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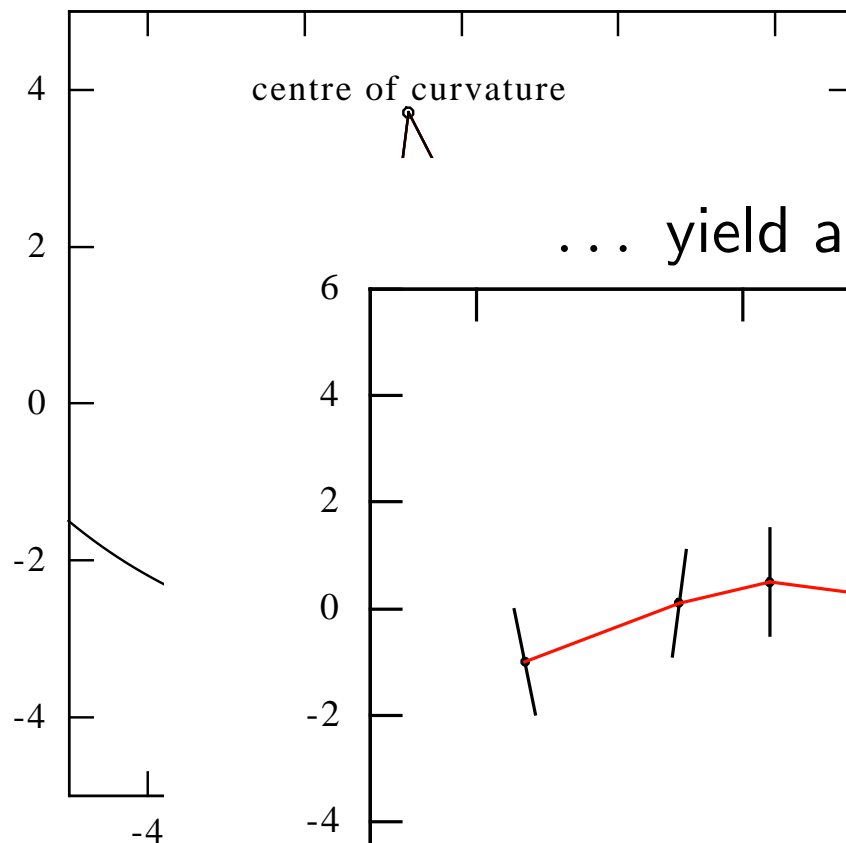


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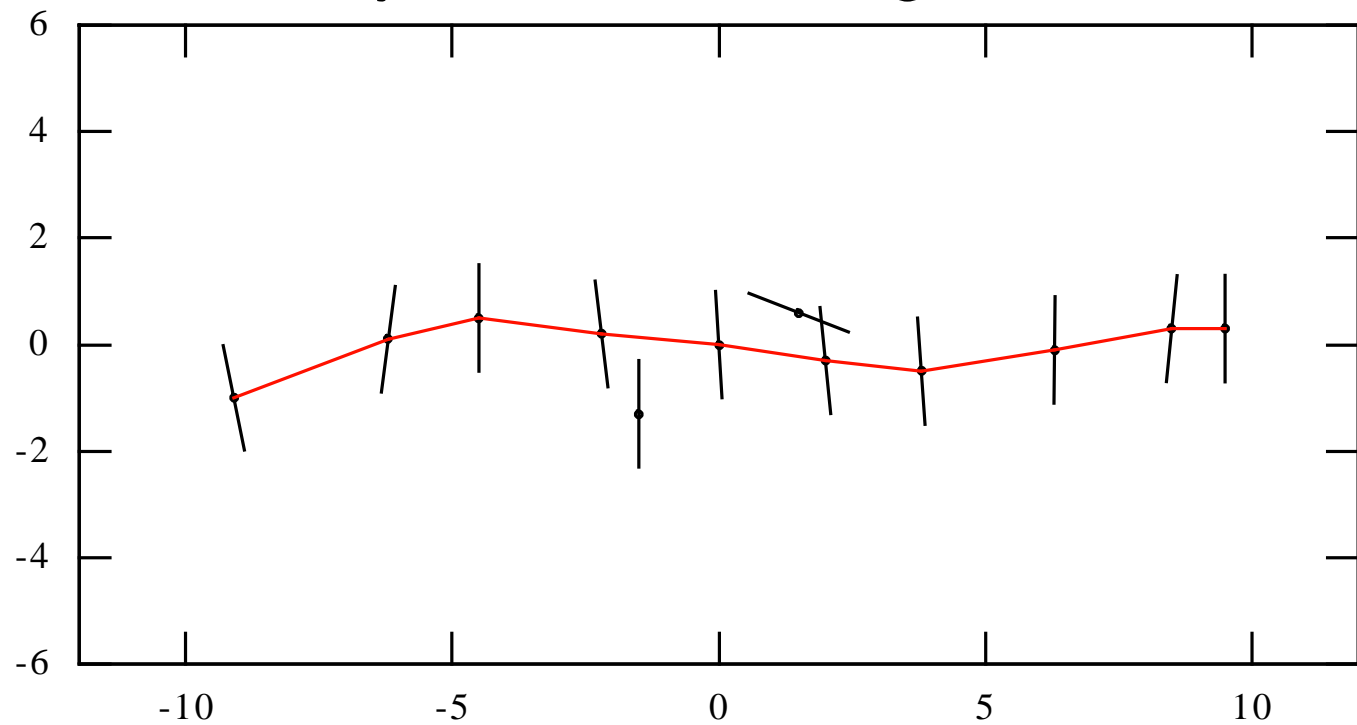
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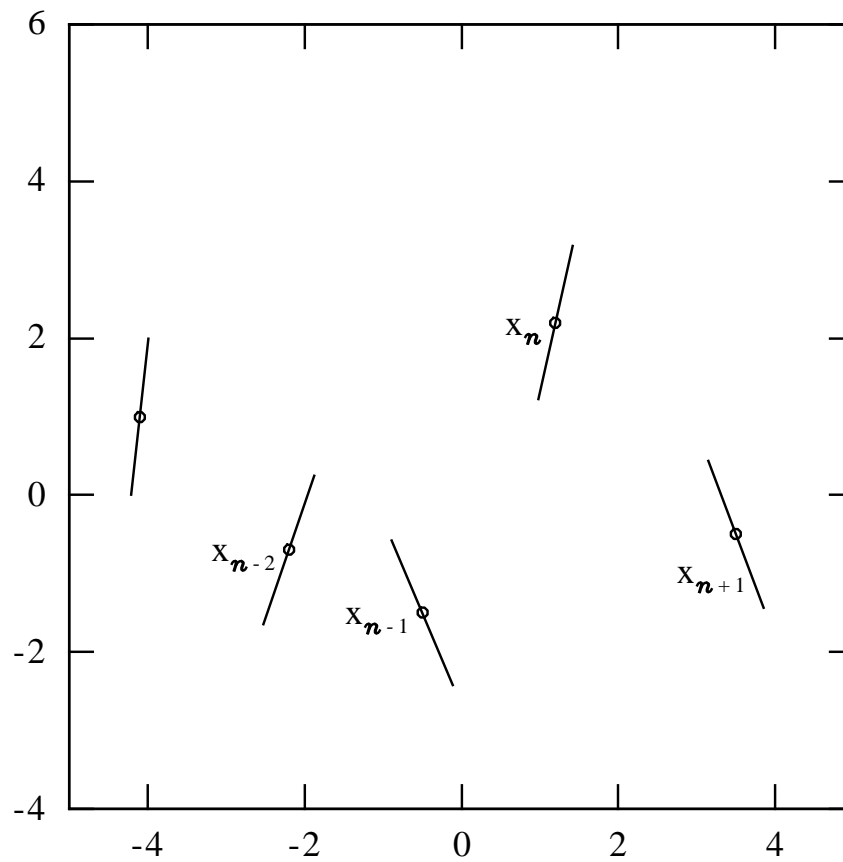


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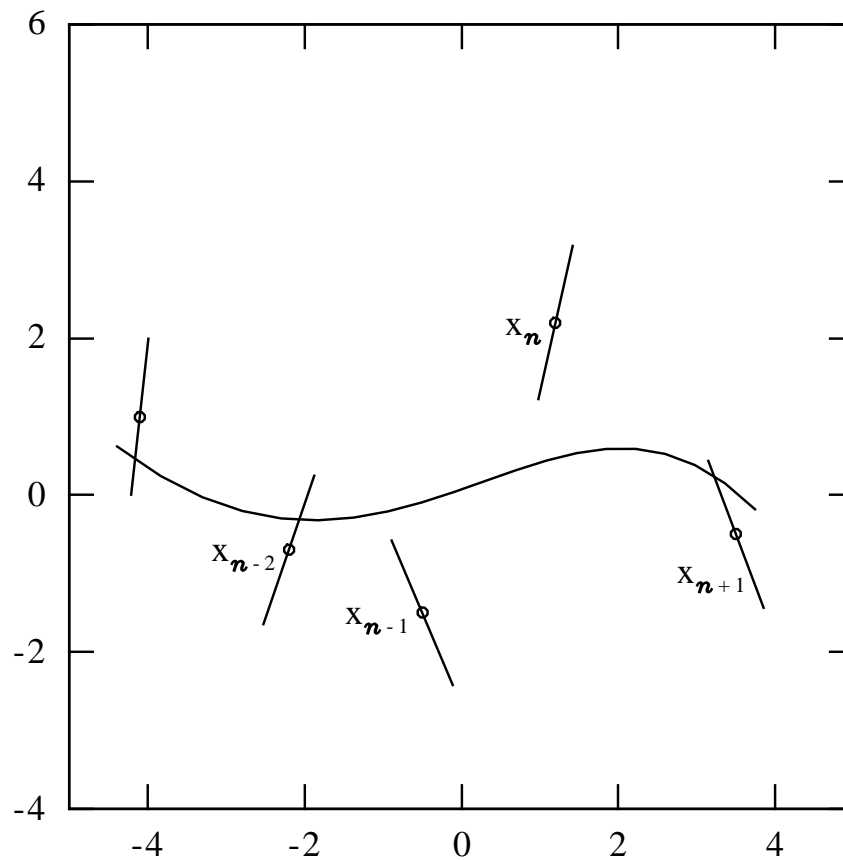
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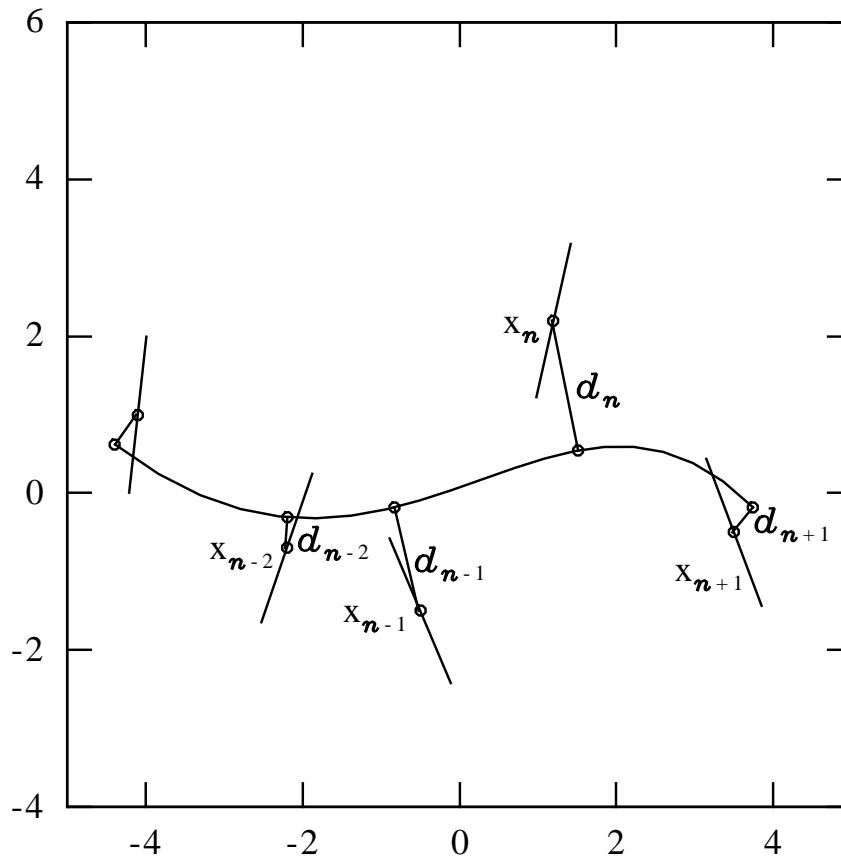


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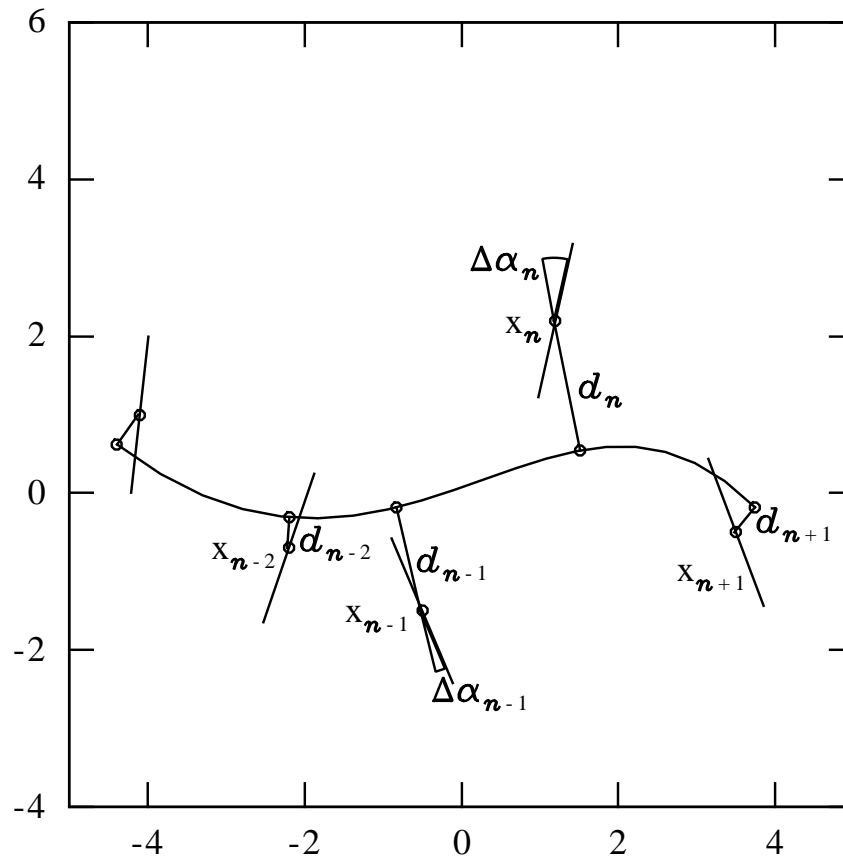
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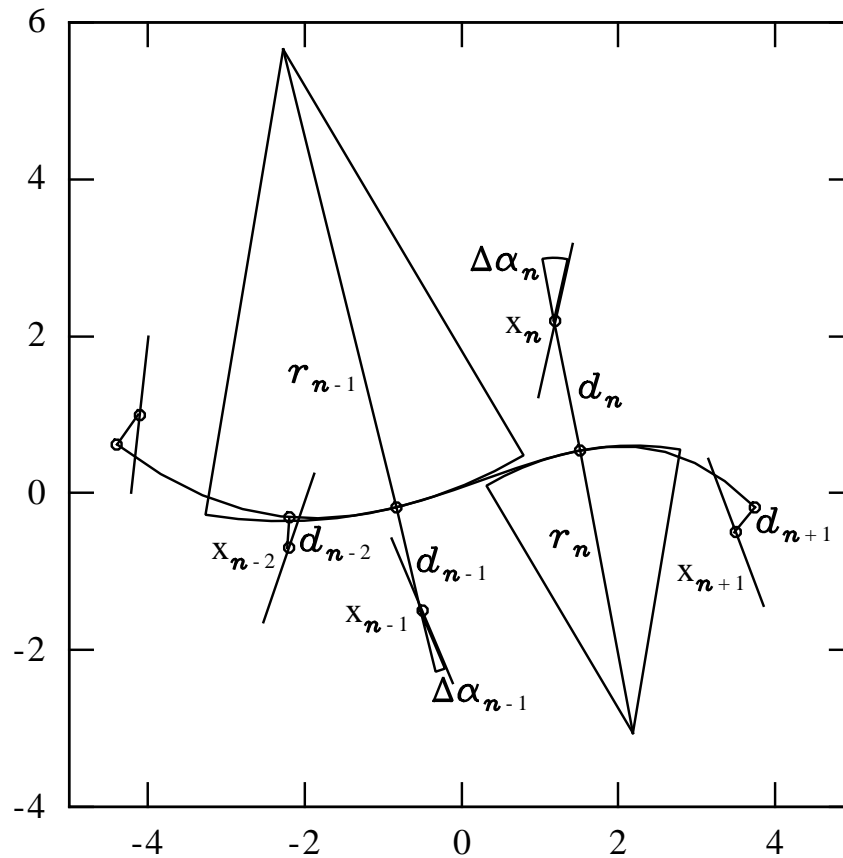
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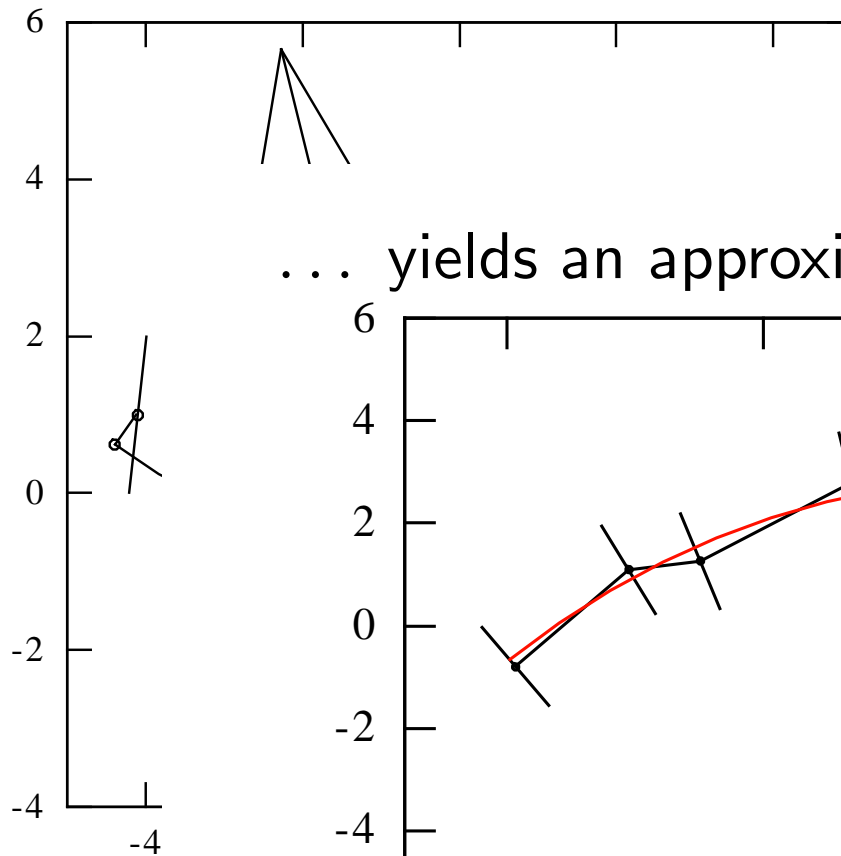
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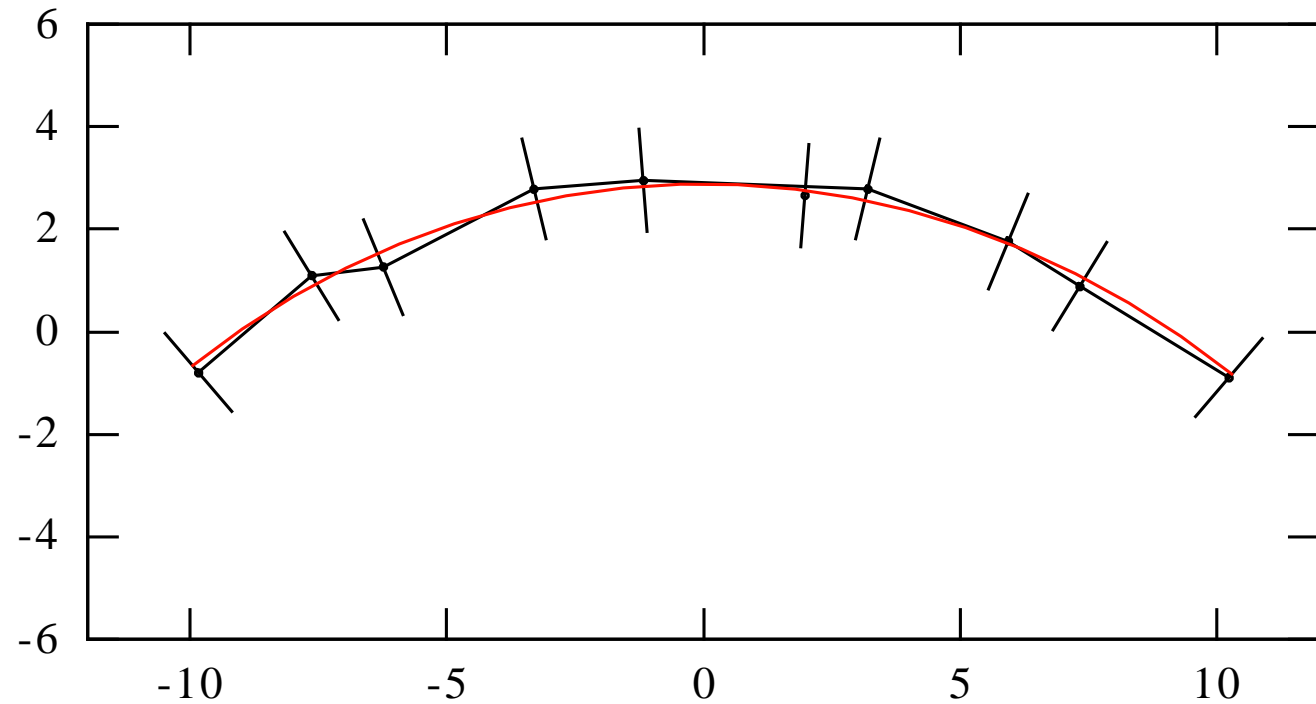
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The smoothing spline

... yields an approximation to a loop segment



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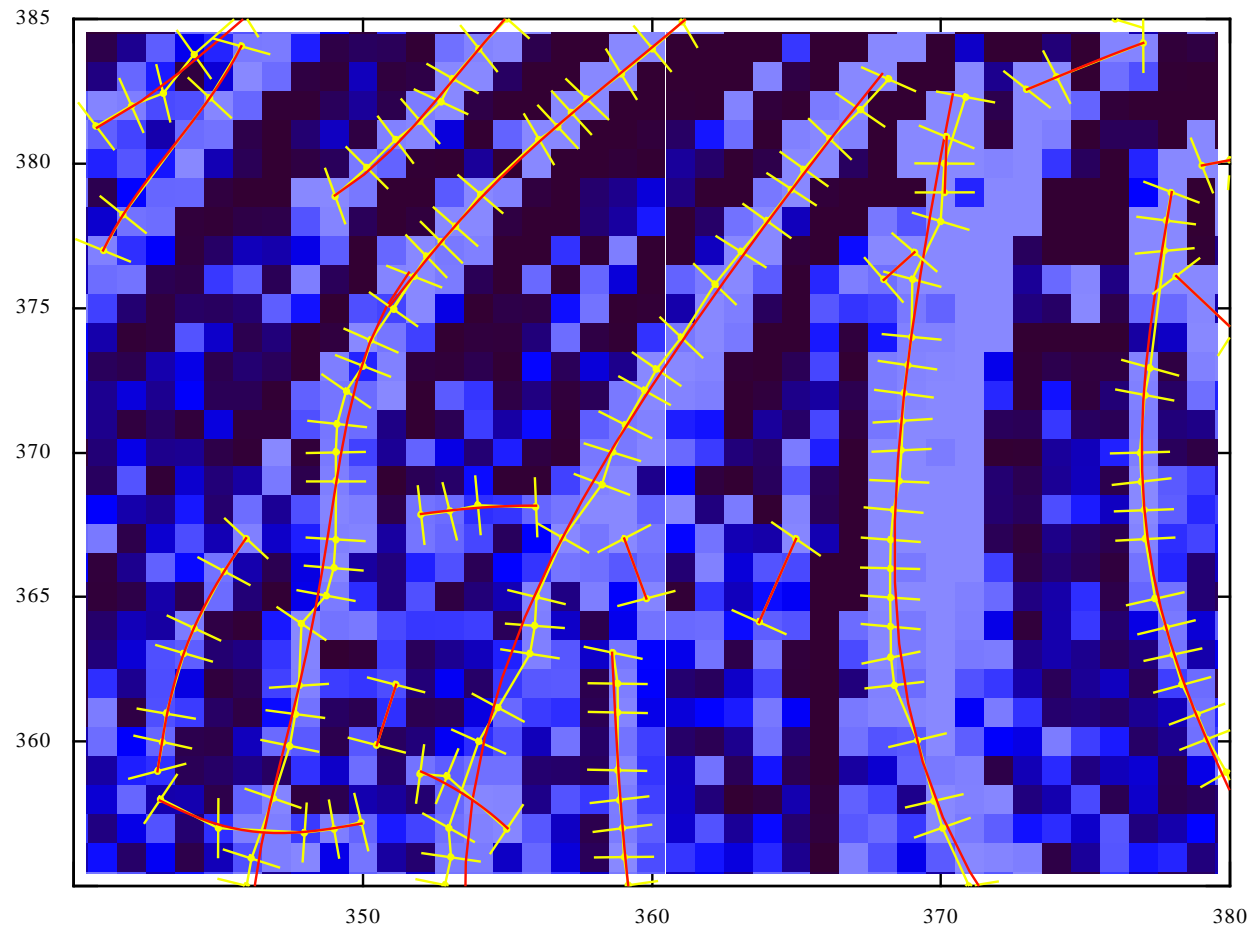
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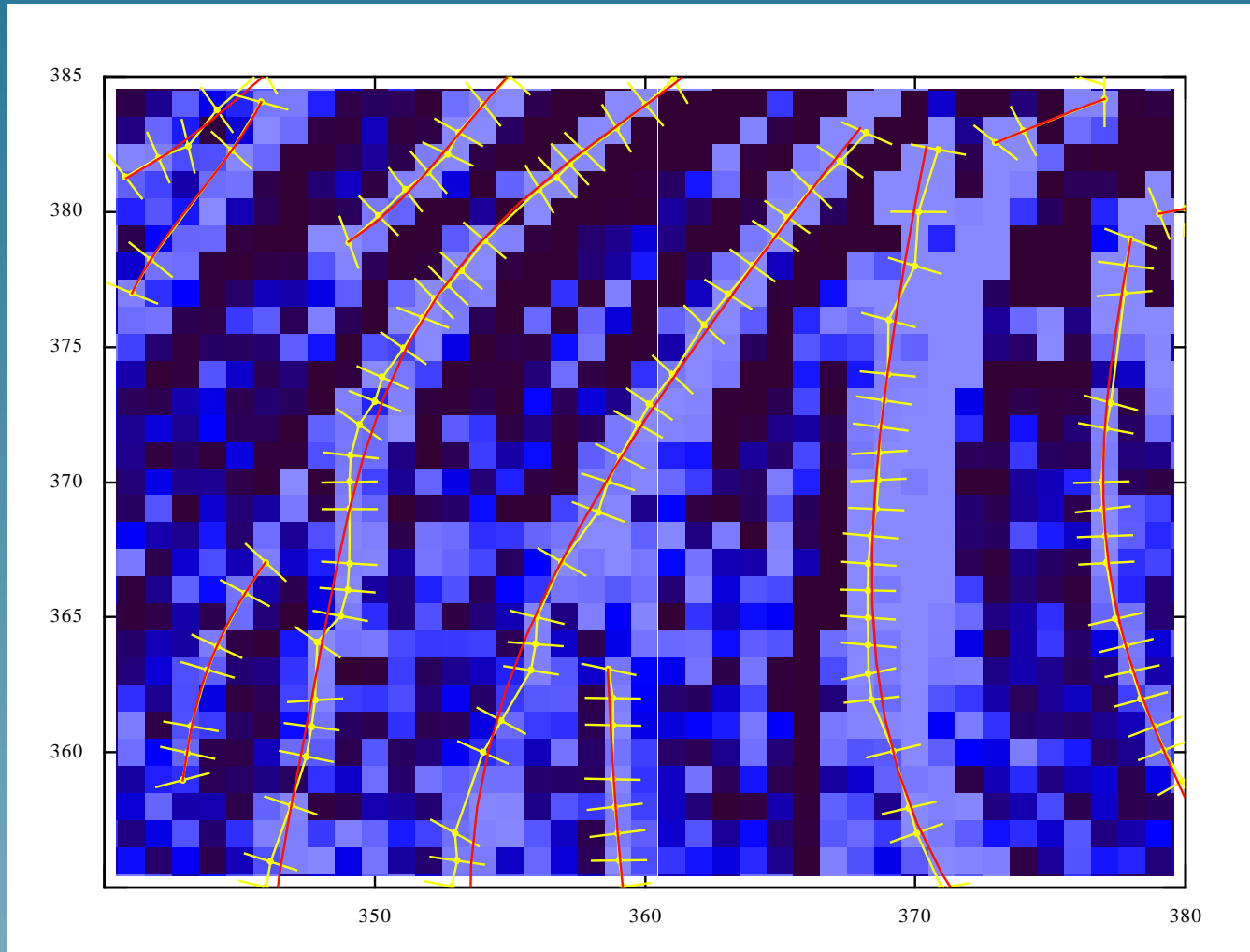
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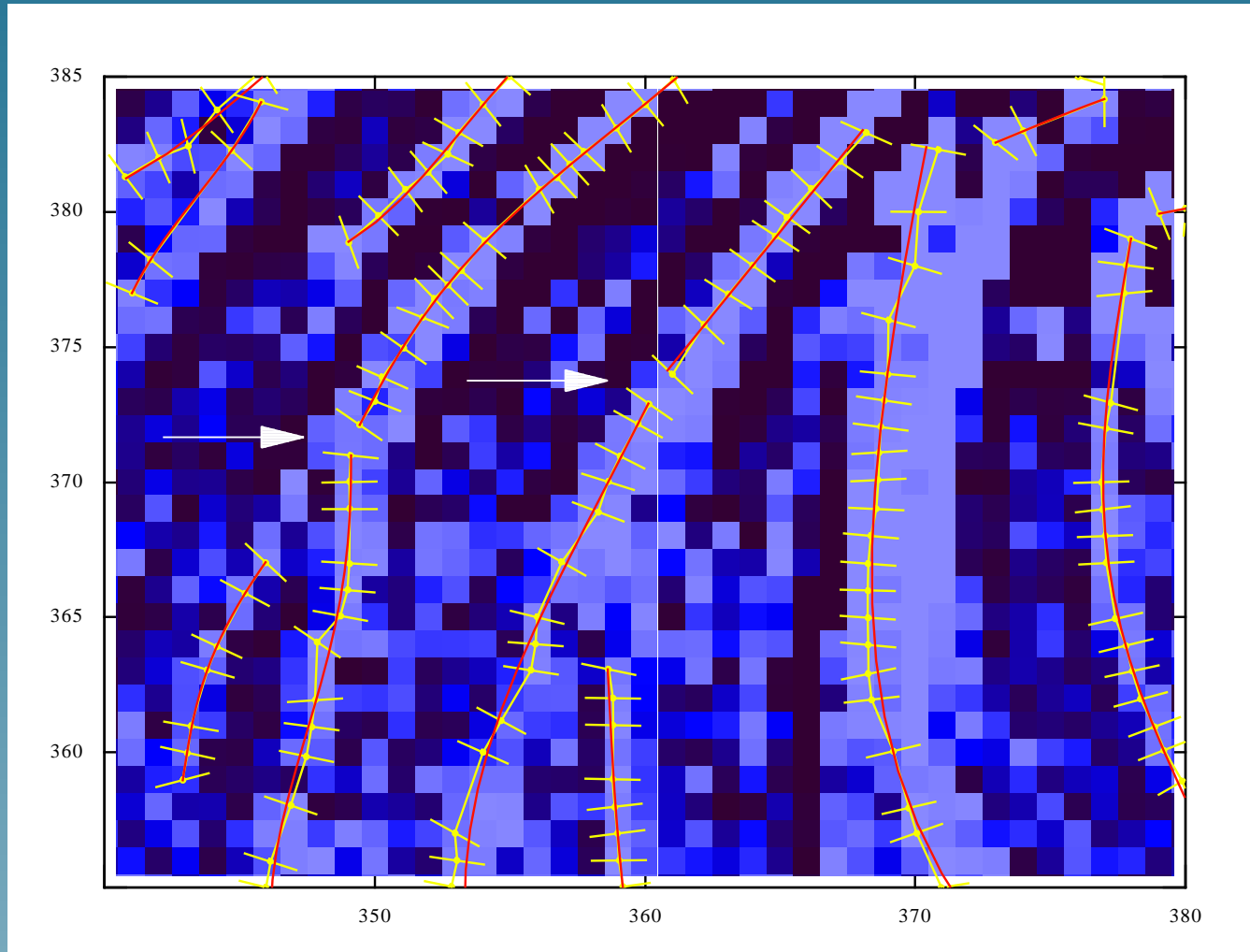
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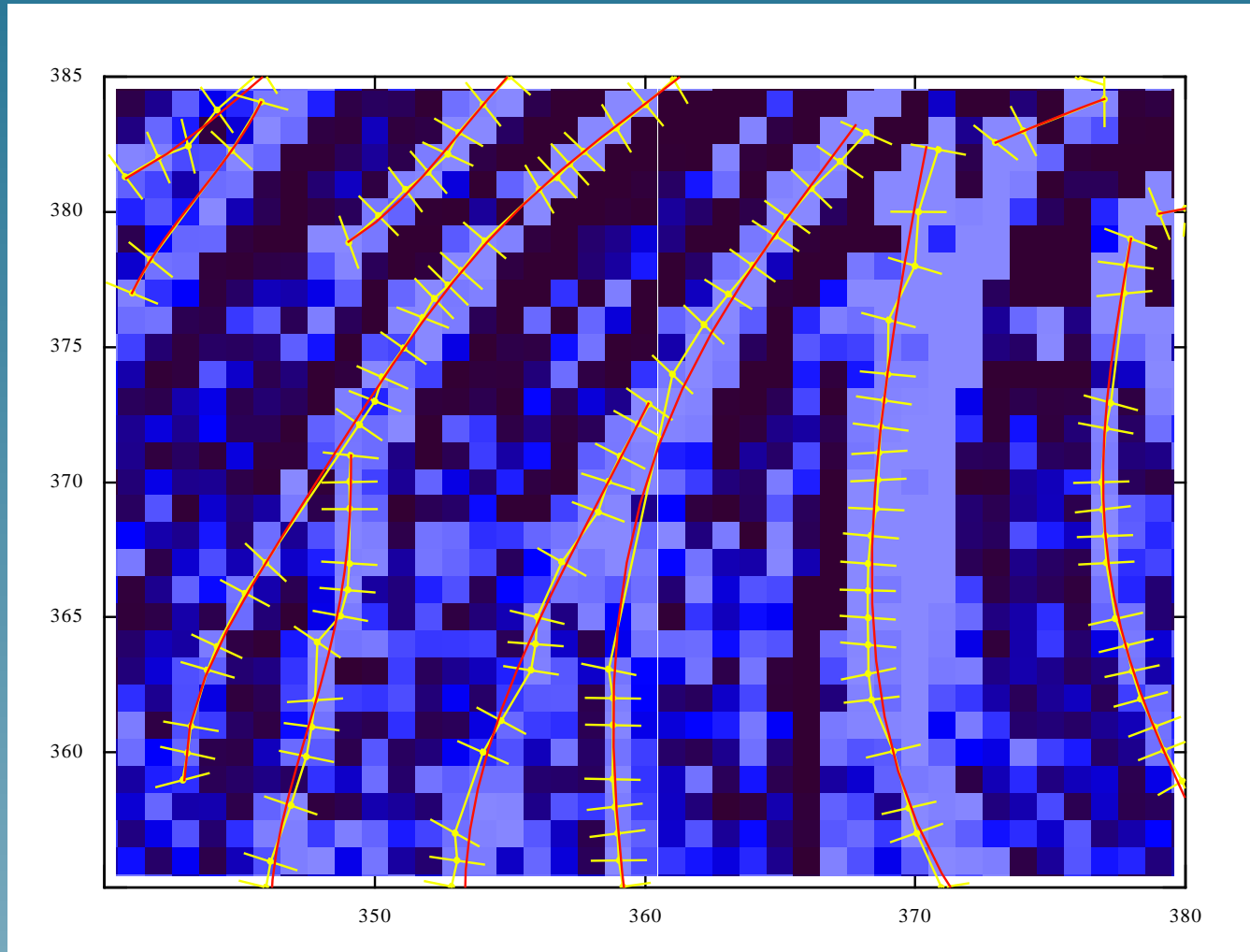


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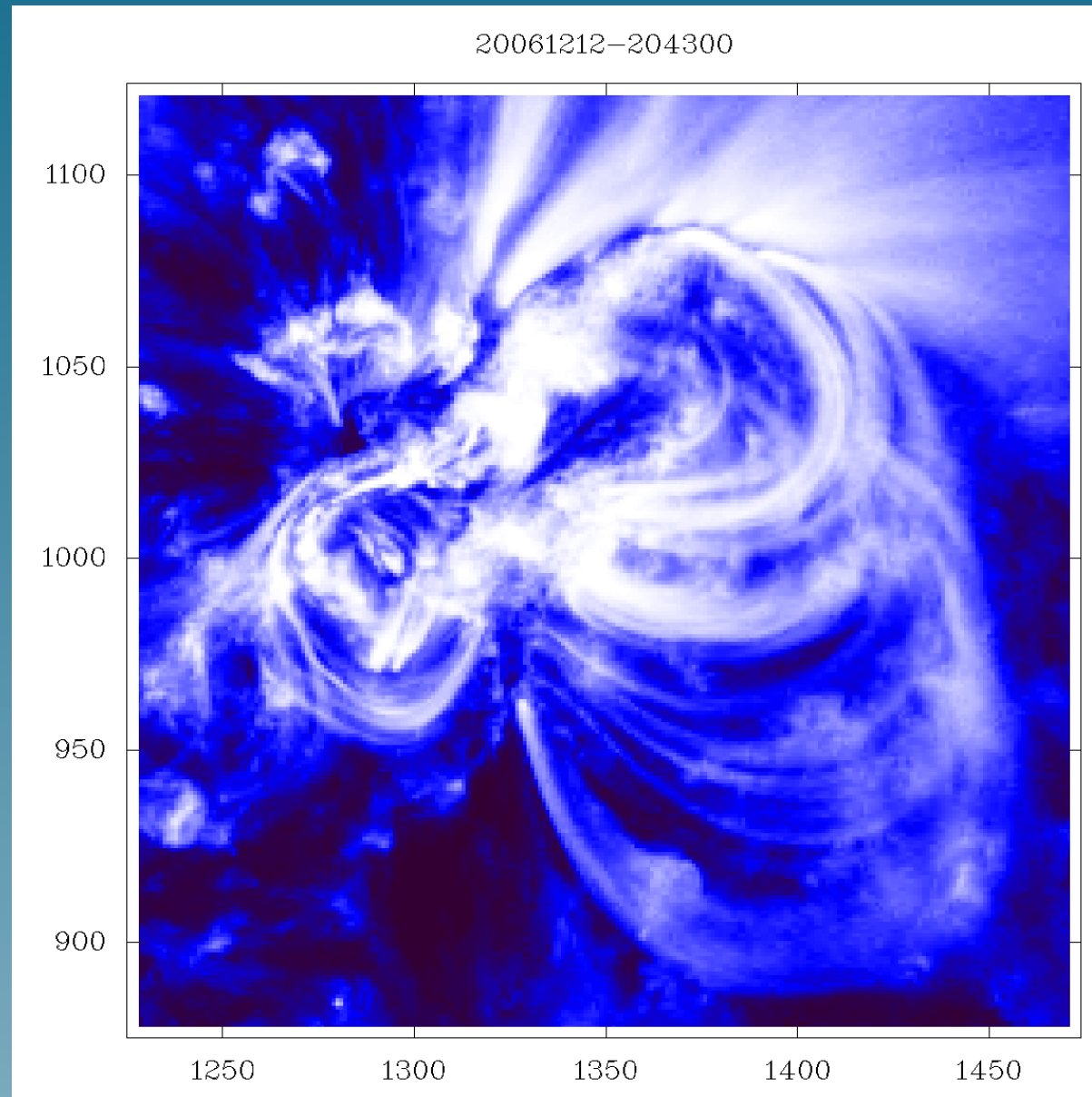
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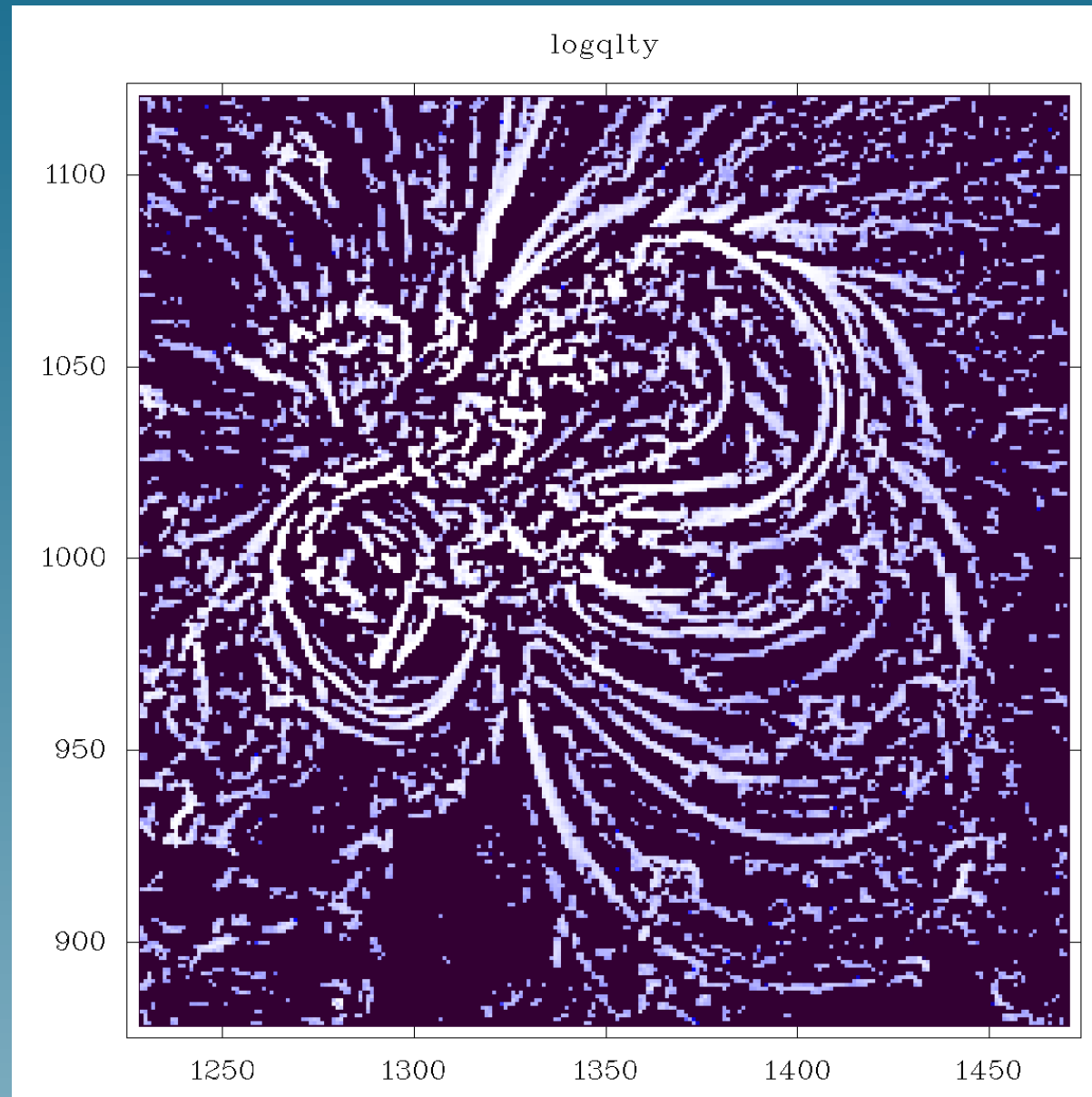
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Original image: an active region from 2006-12-12



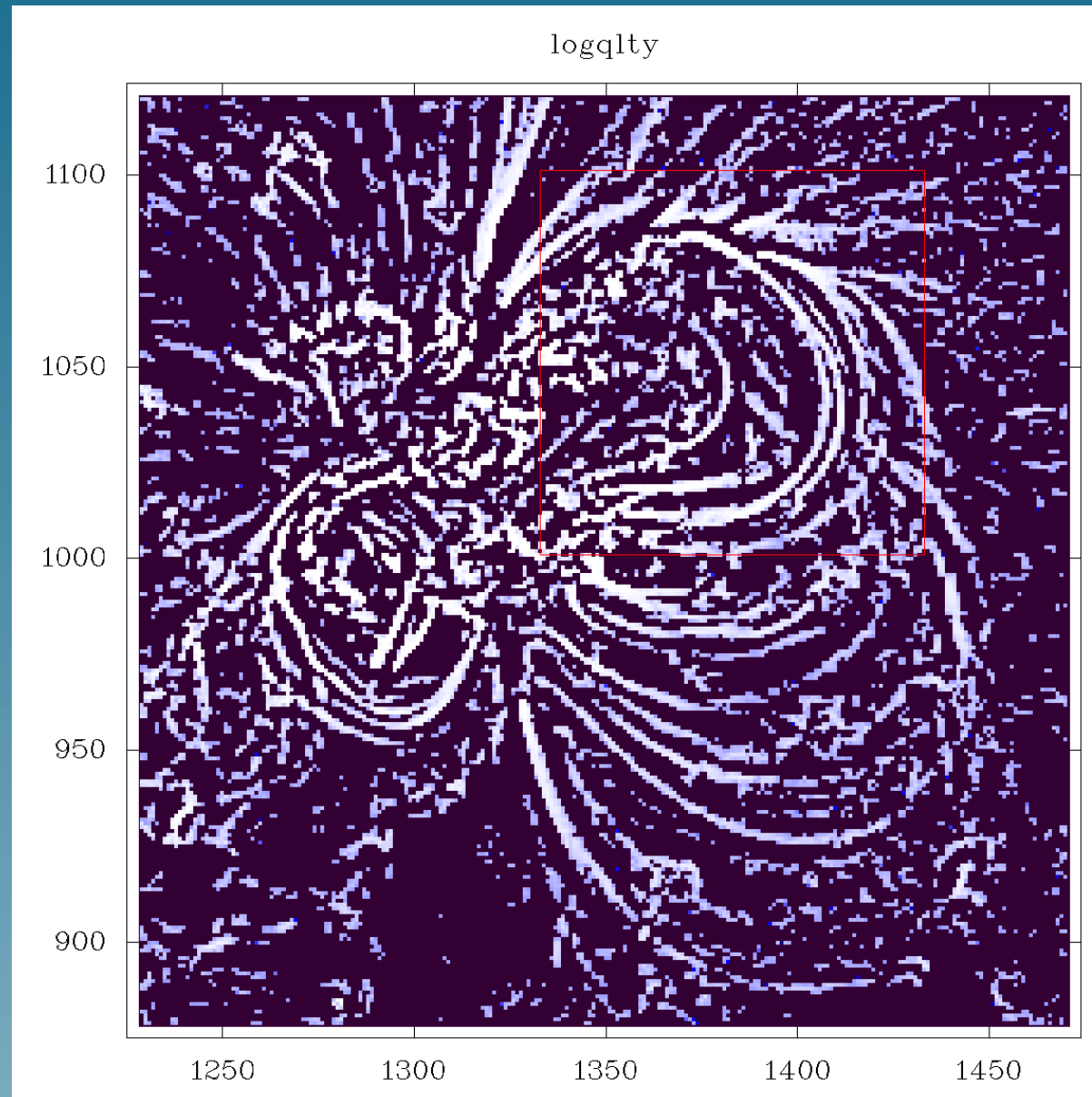
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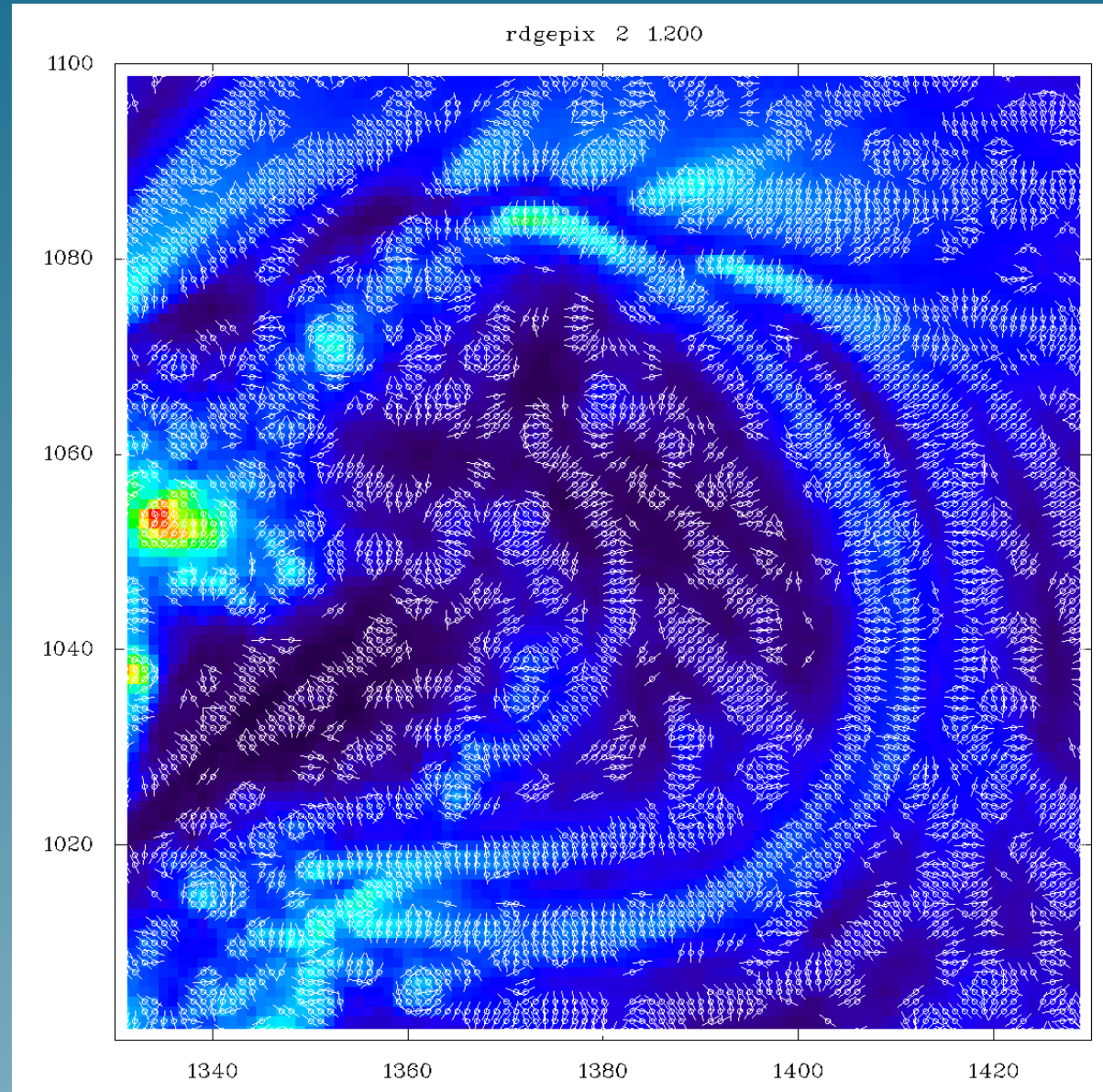
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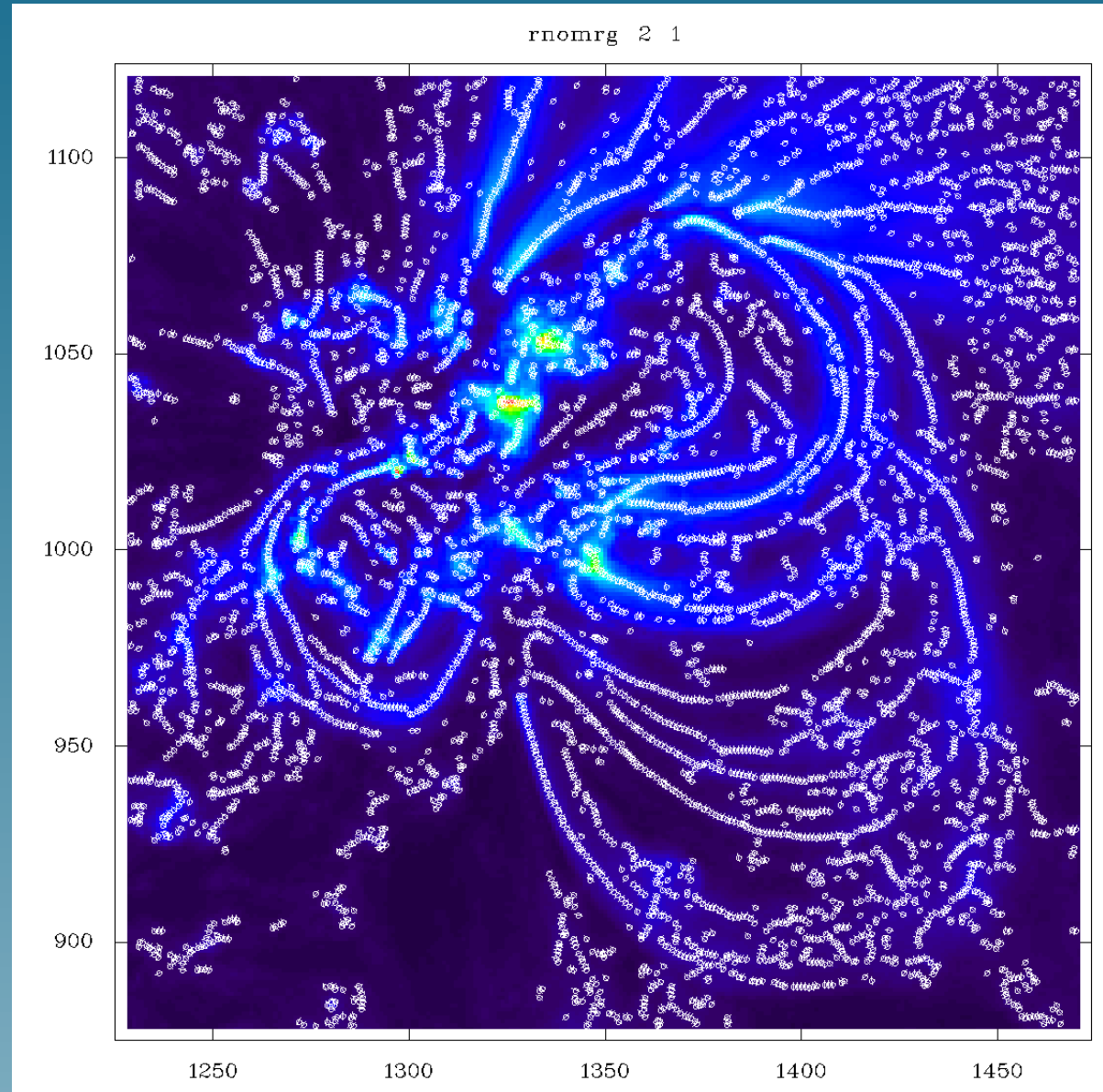
Ridgel orientation: derived from the eigenvectors e_i of H



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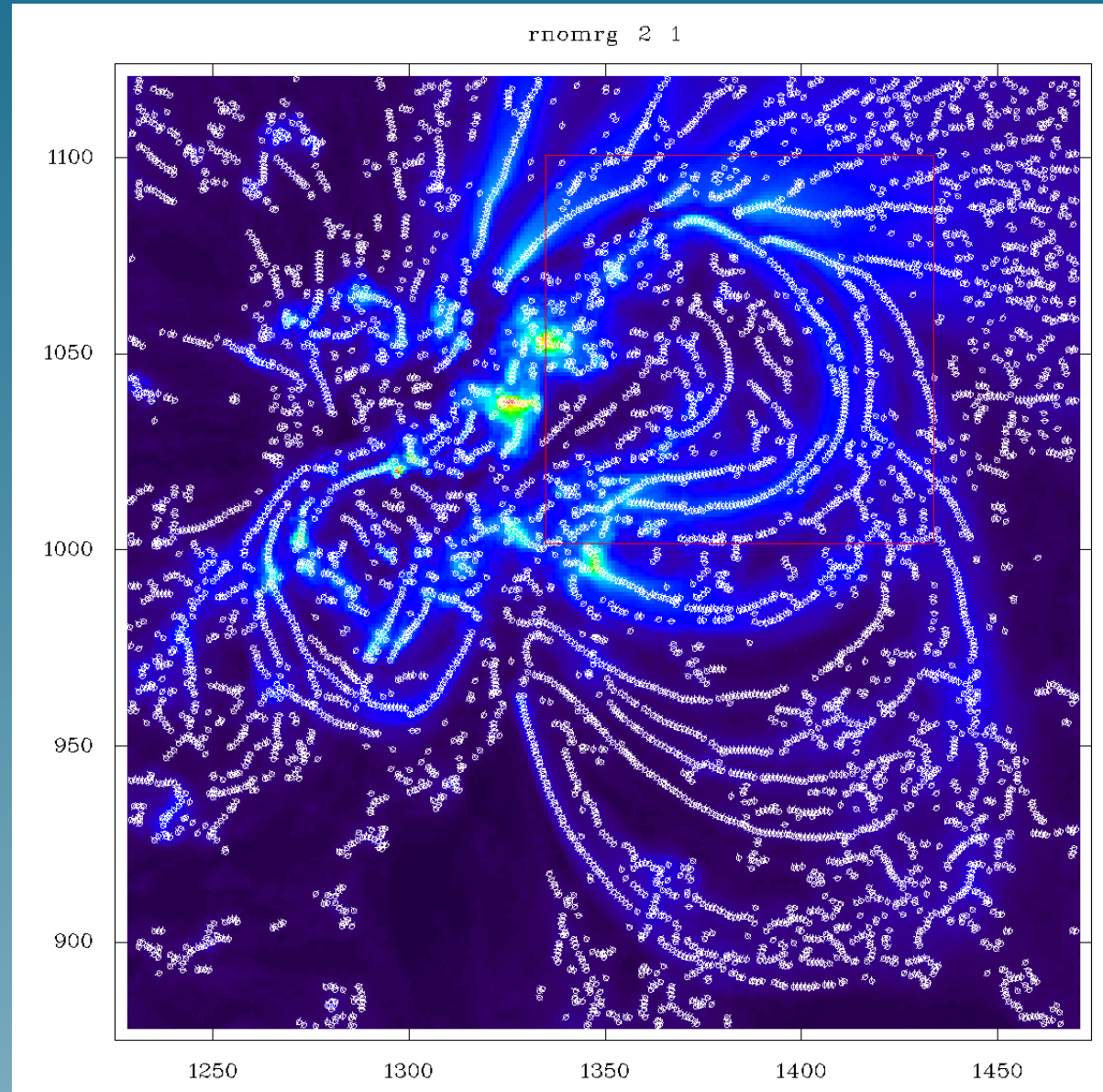
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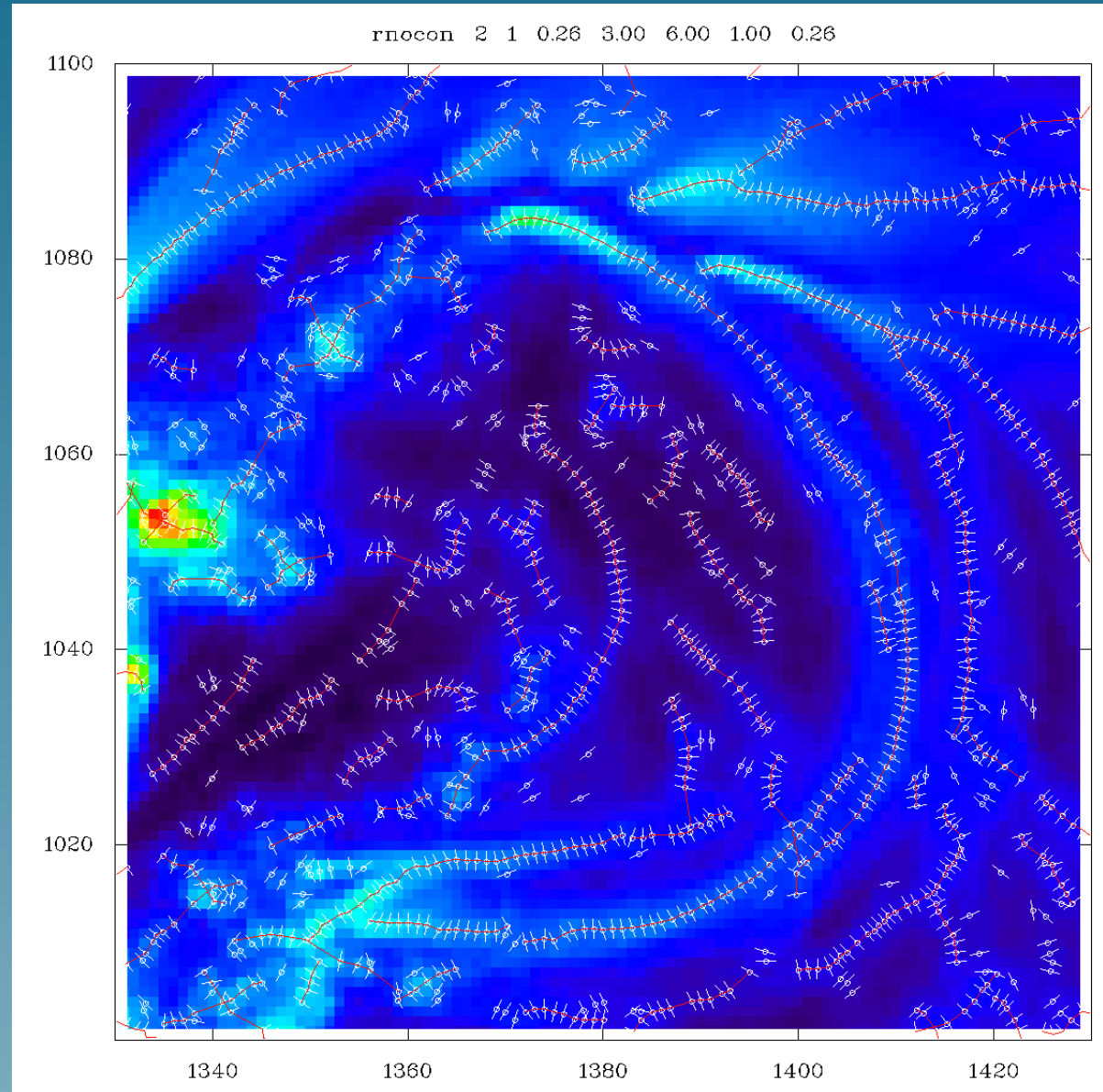
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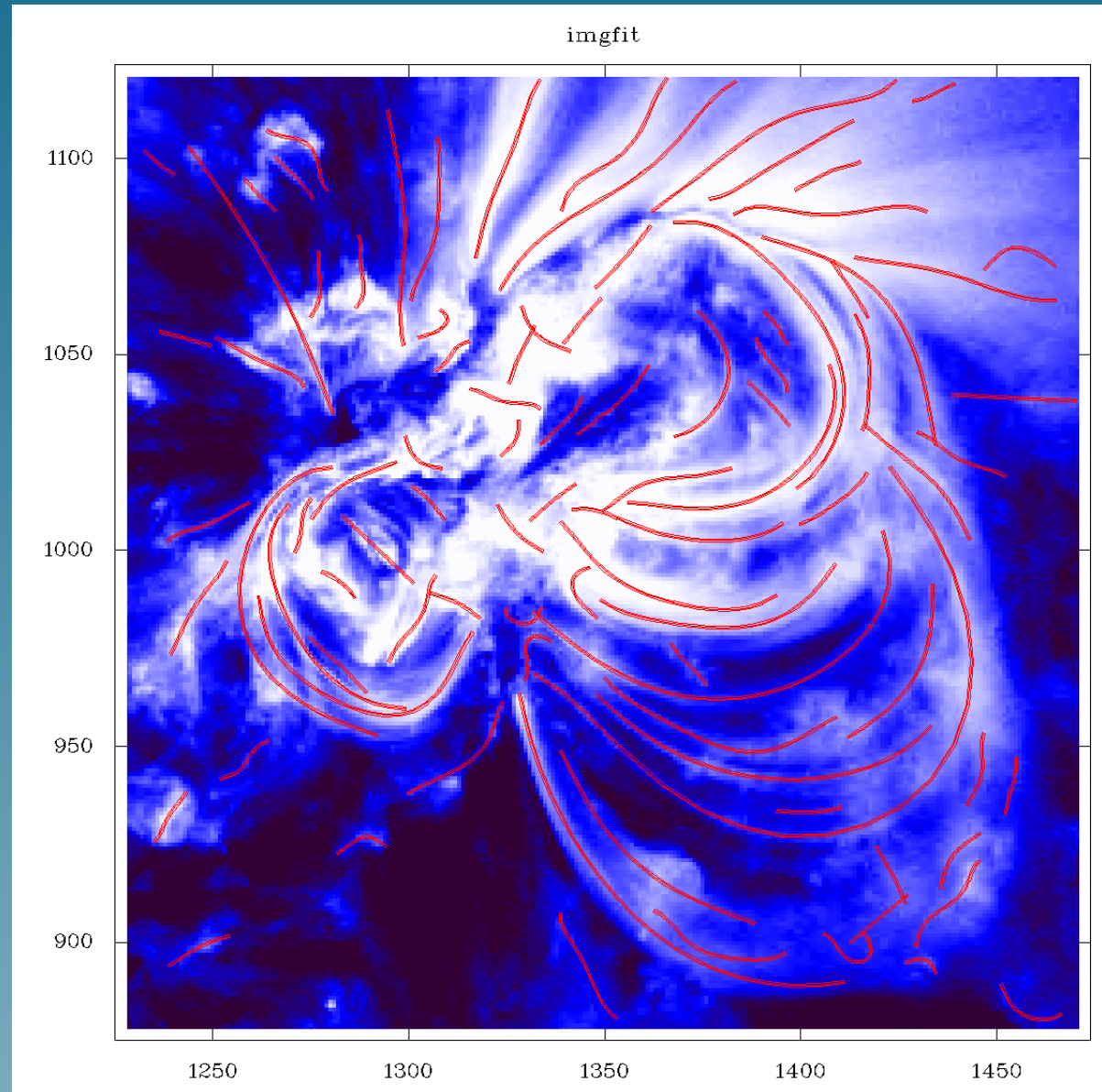
Ridgel chains resulting from the connection step



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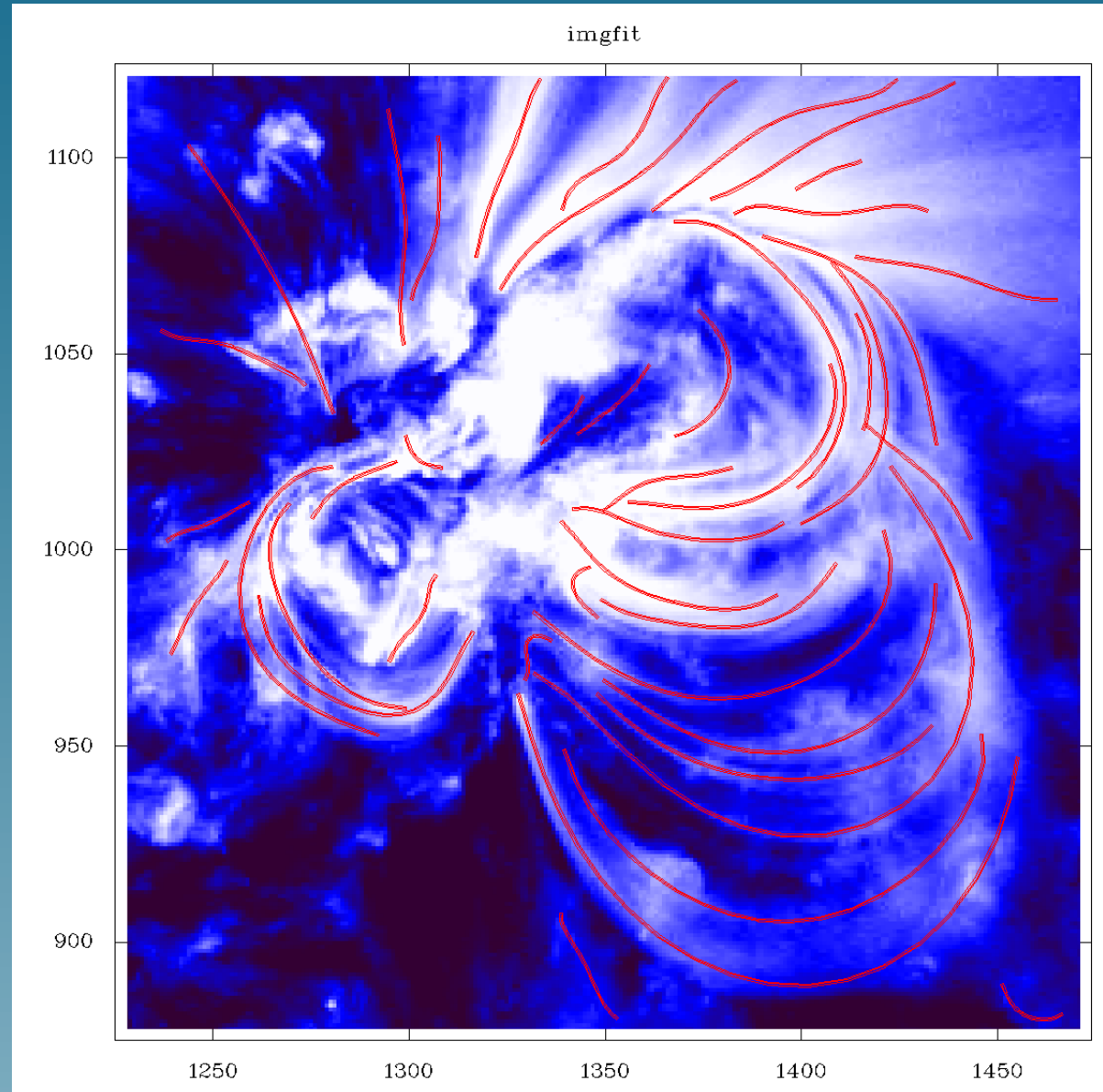
First fits to the ridgel chains ...



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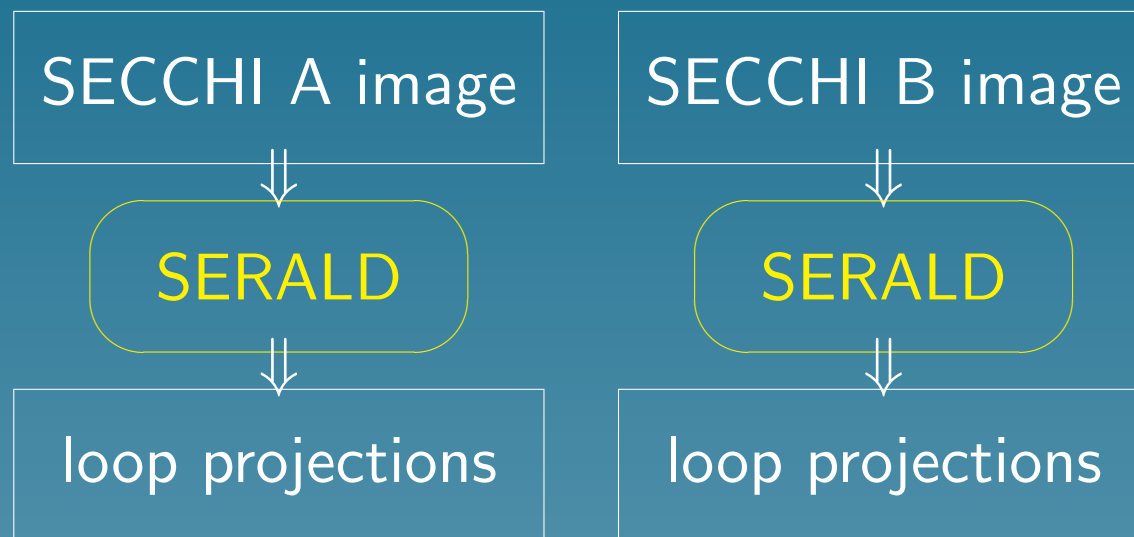
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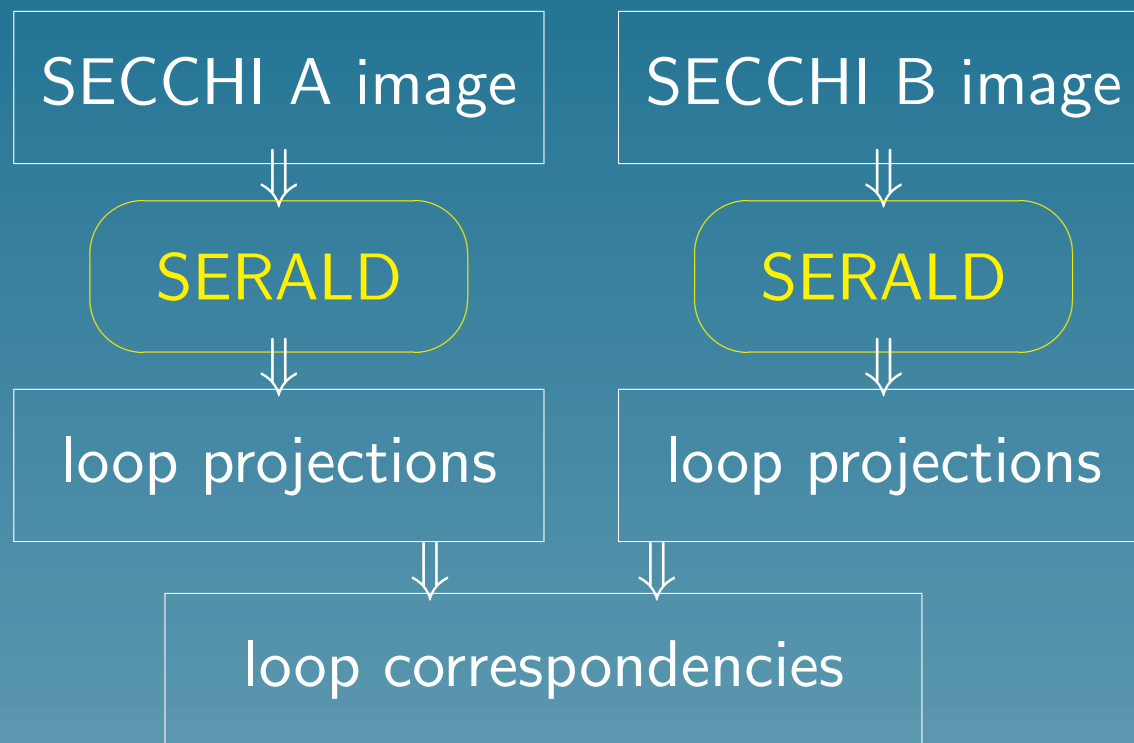
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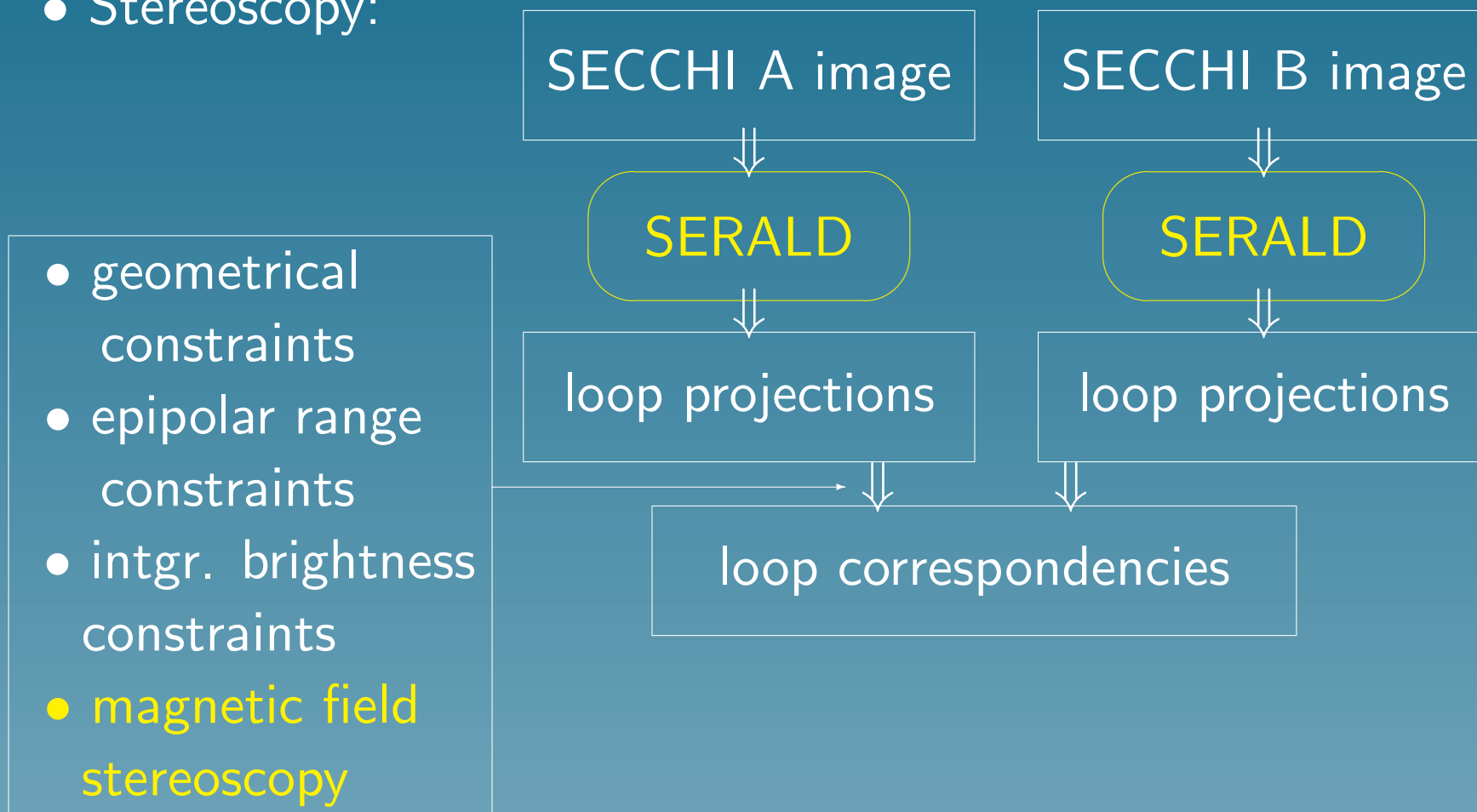
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