

# *Understanding respiratory diseases using persistent homology*

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# Joining the Dots

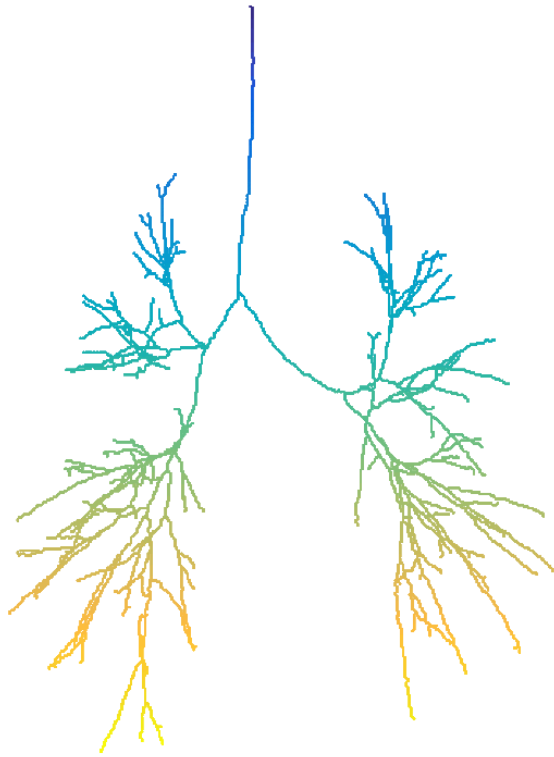
# Brain artery trees

[Bendich et al., 2015]

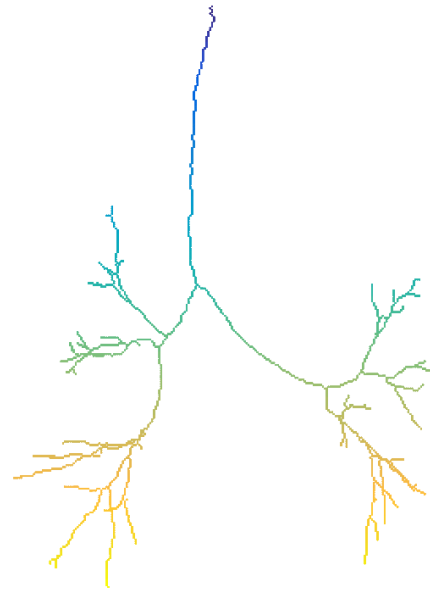


# Bronchial trees

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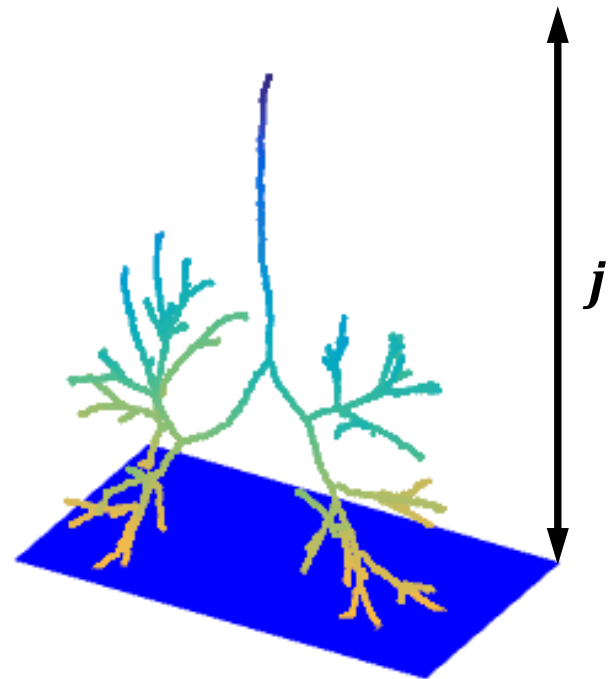
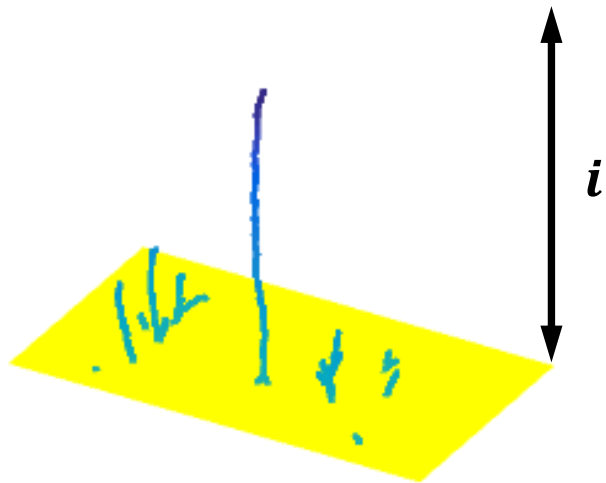
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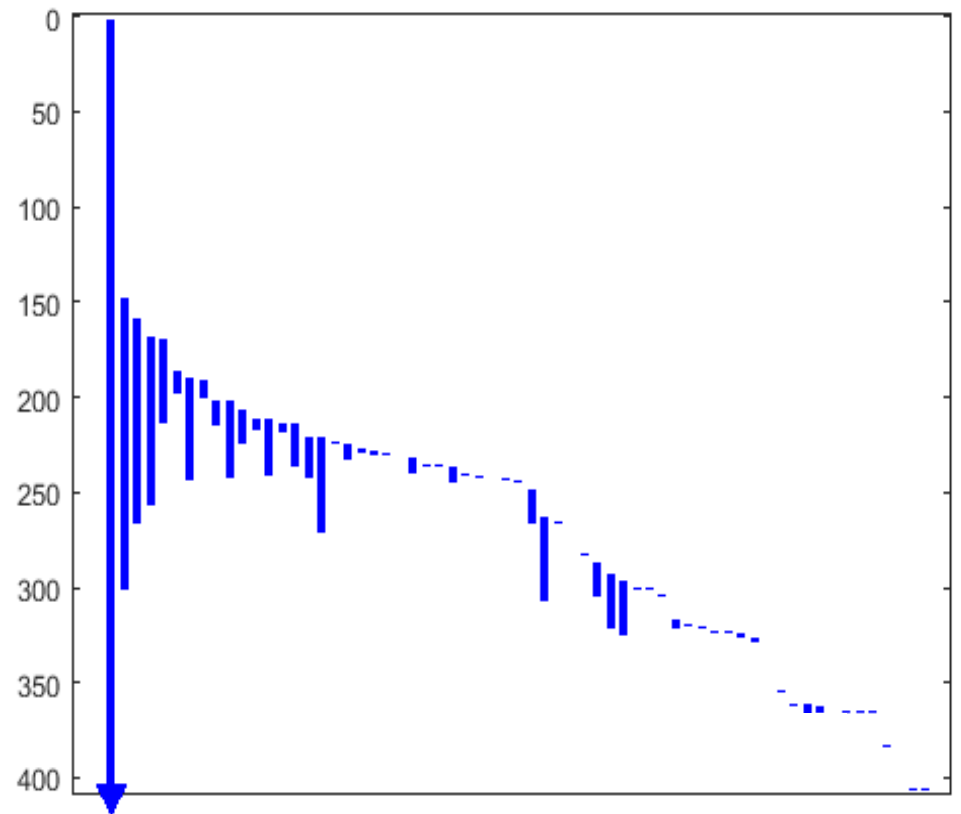
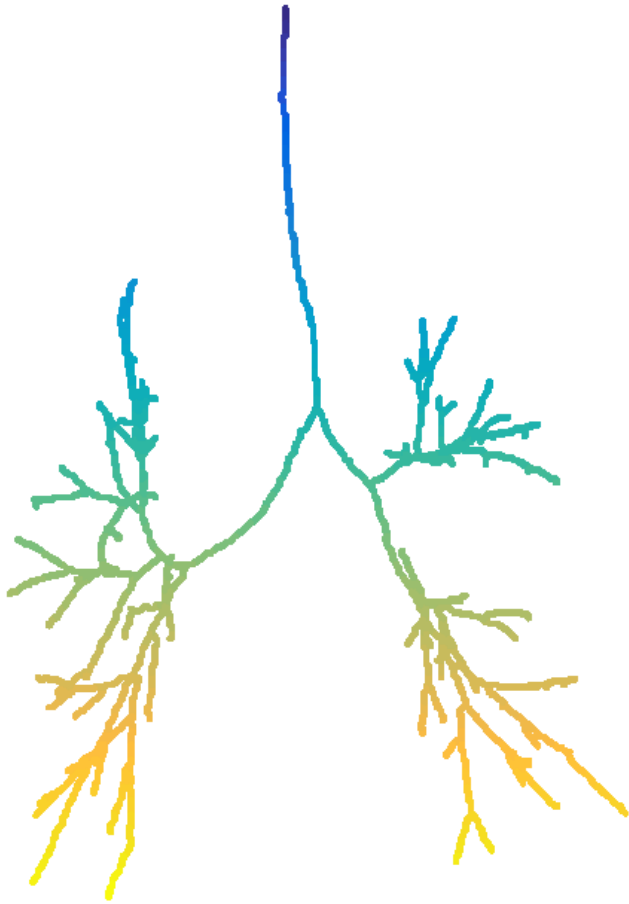
Persistent homology

Evolution of  $H_n$  w.r.t. ...

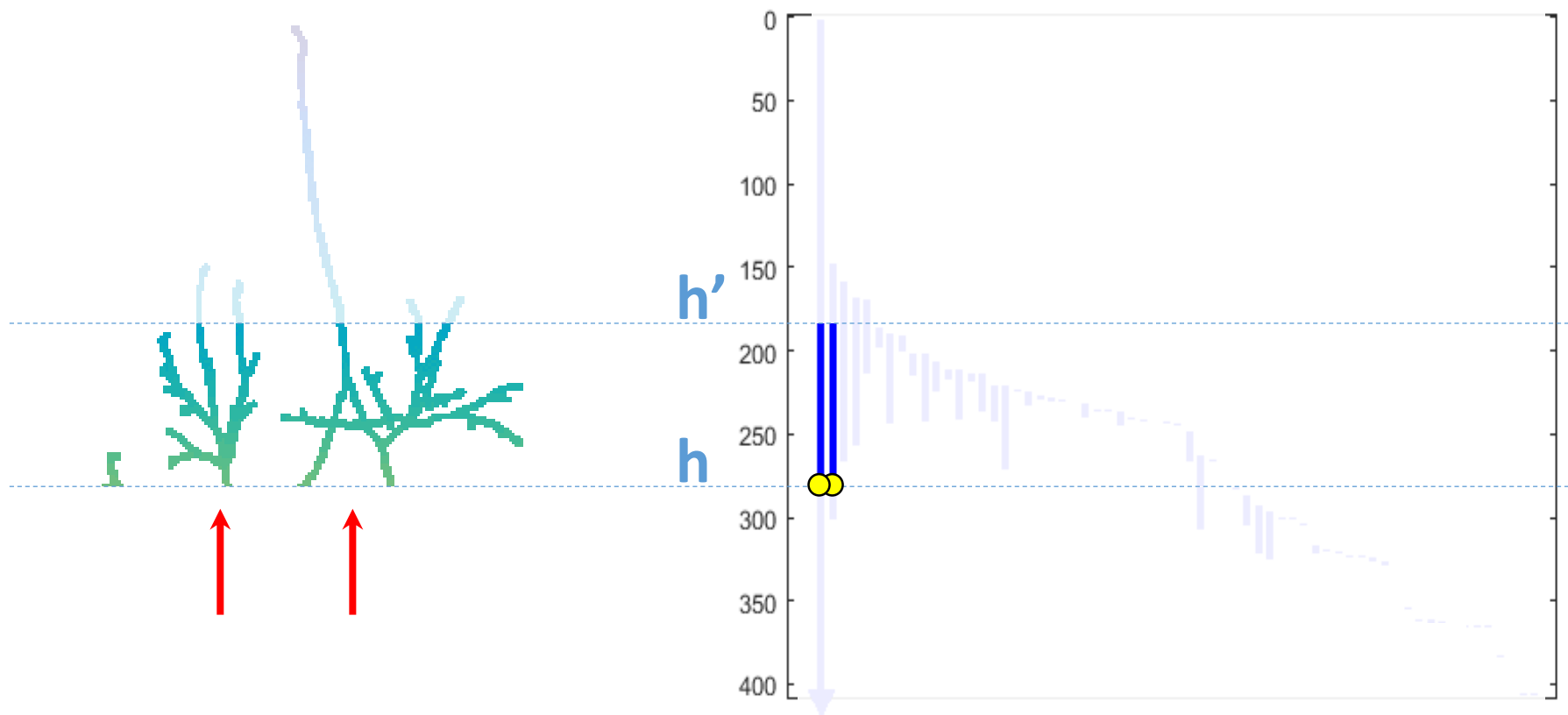
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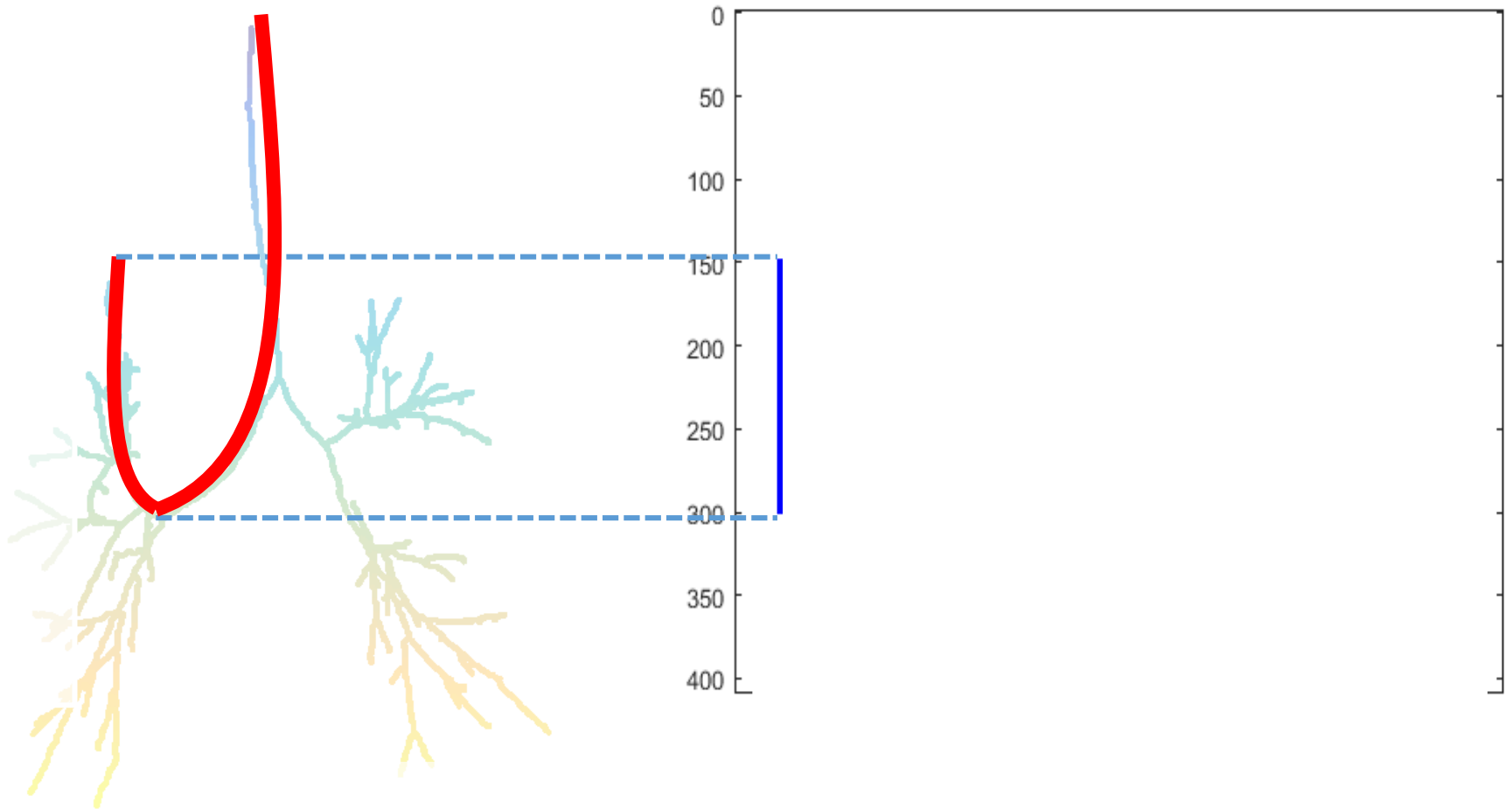


# Algebraic/Topological Meaning

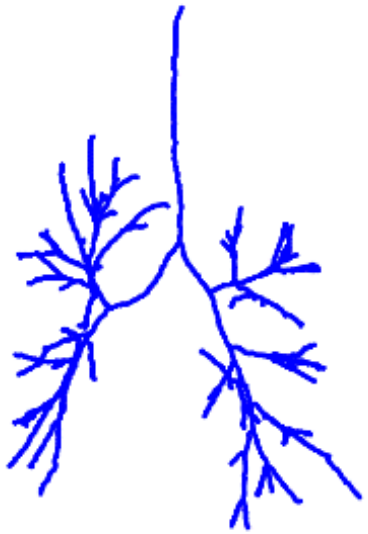




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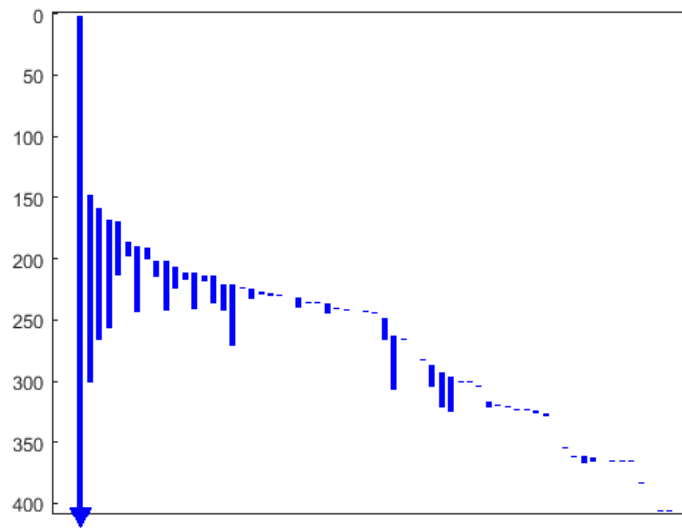
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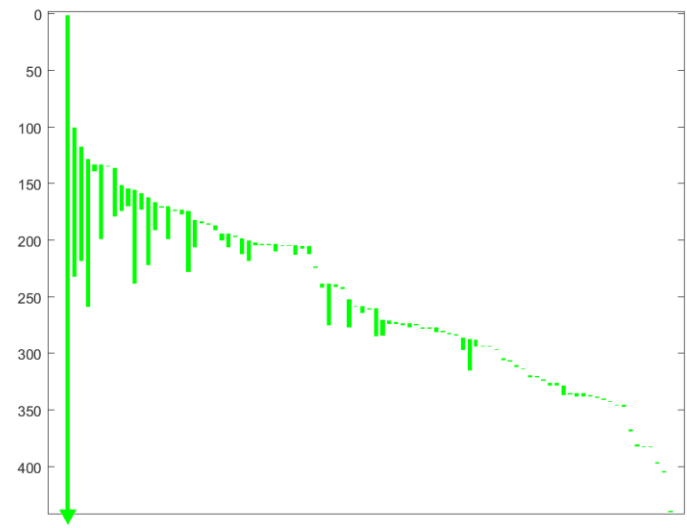
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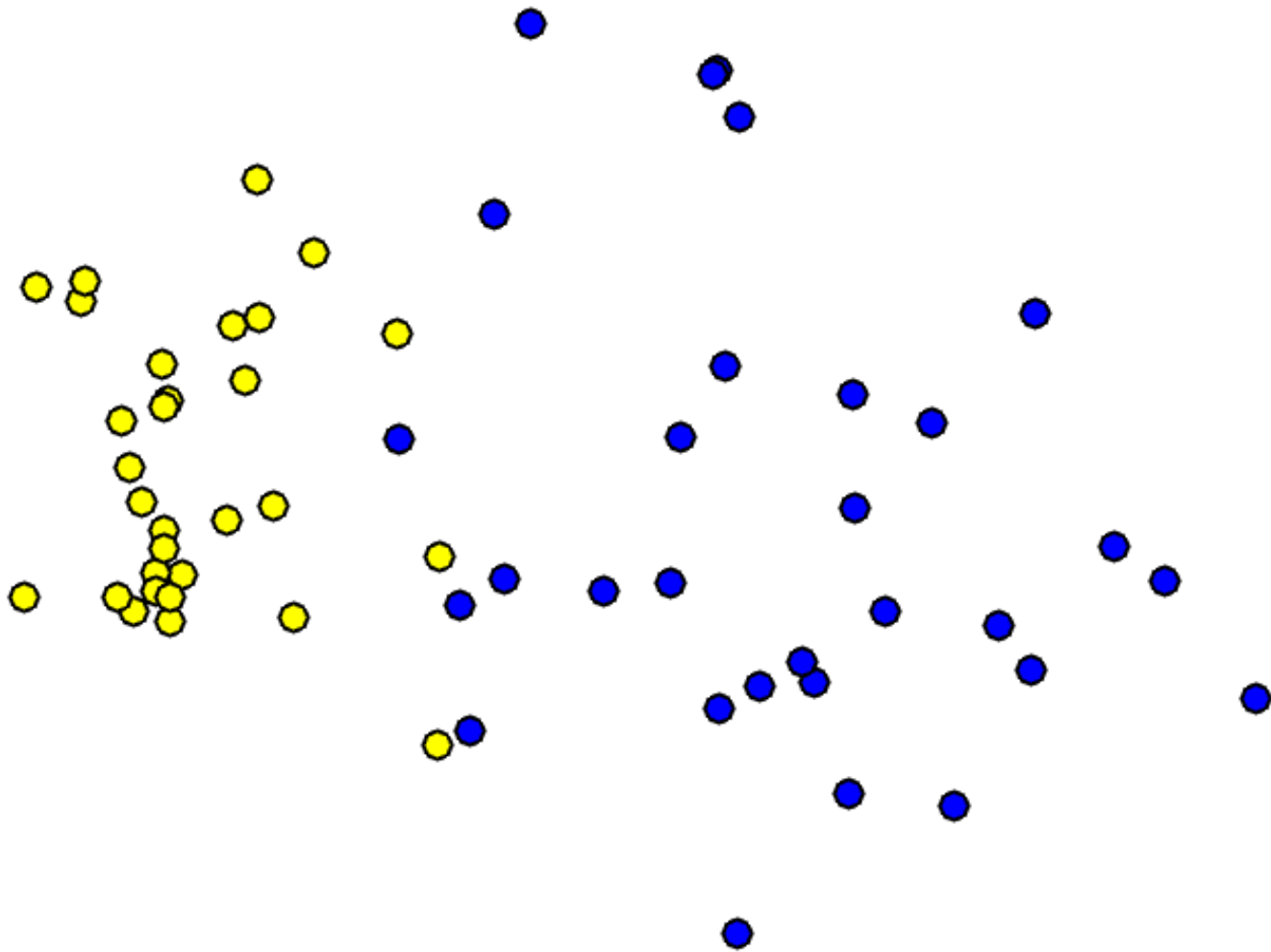
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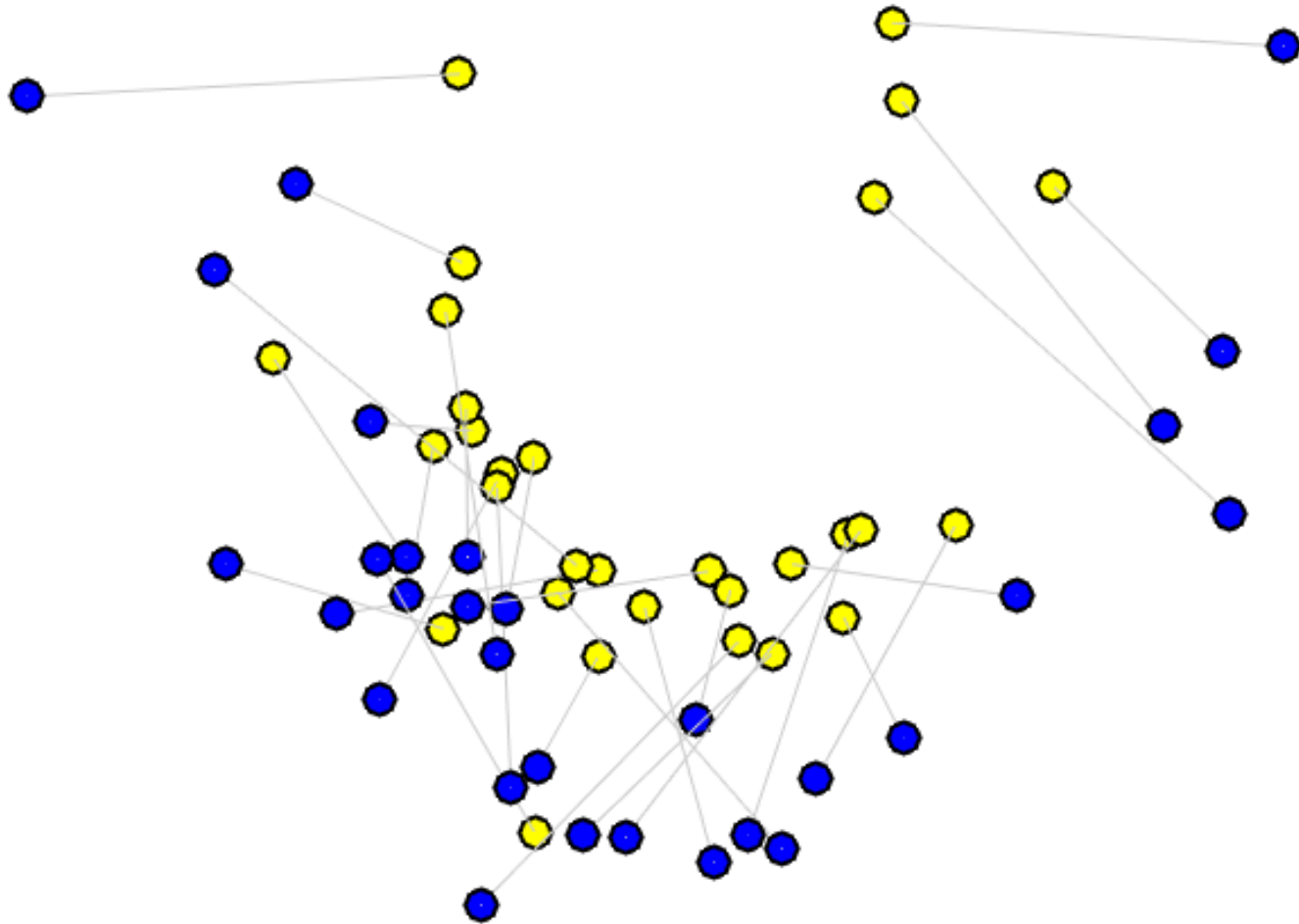
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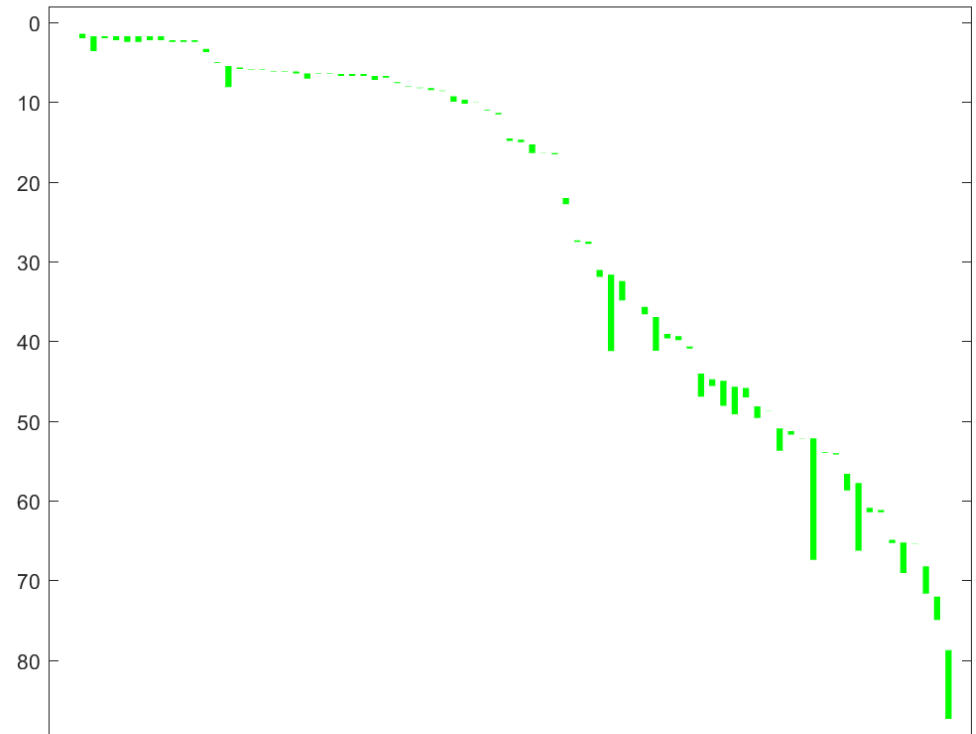
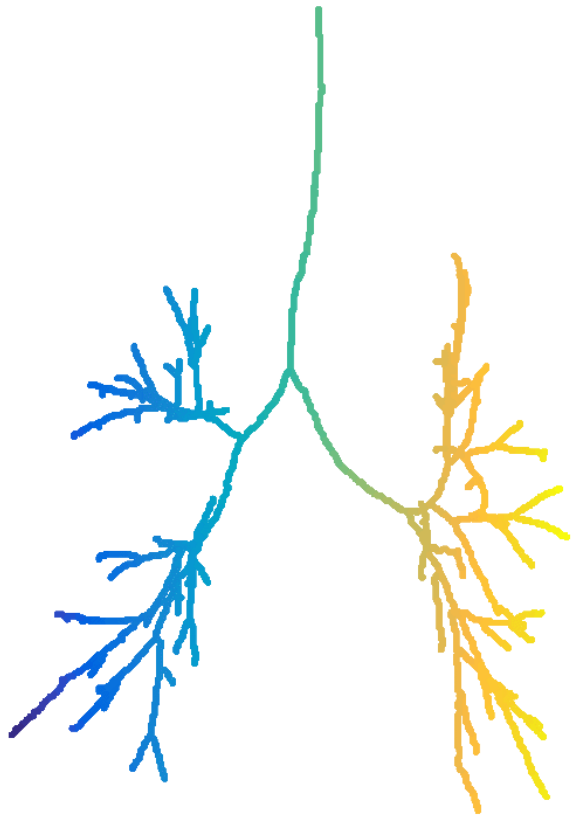
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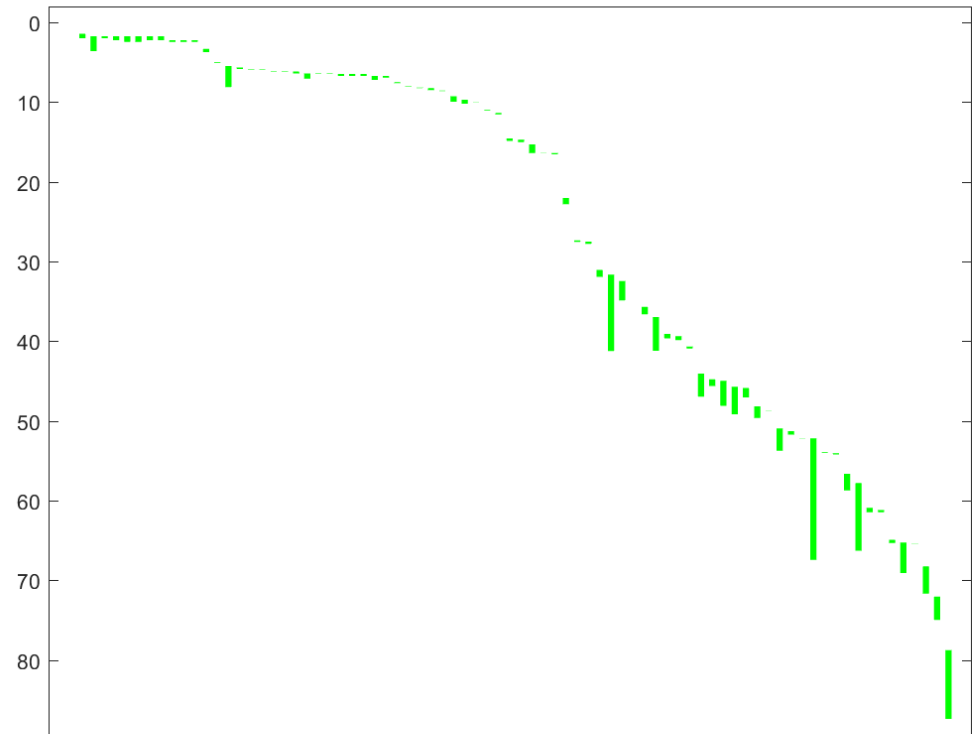
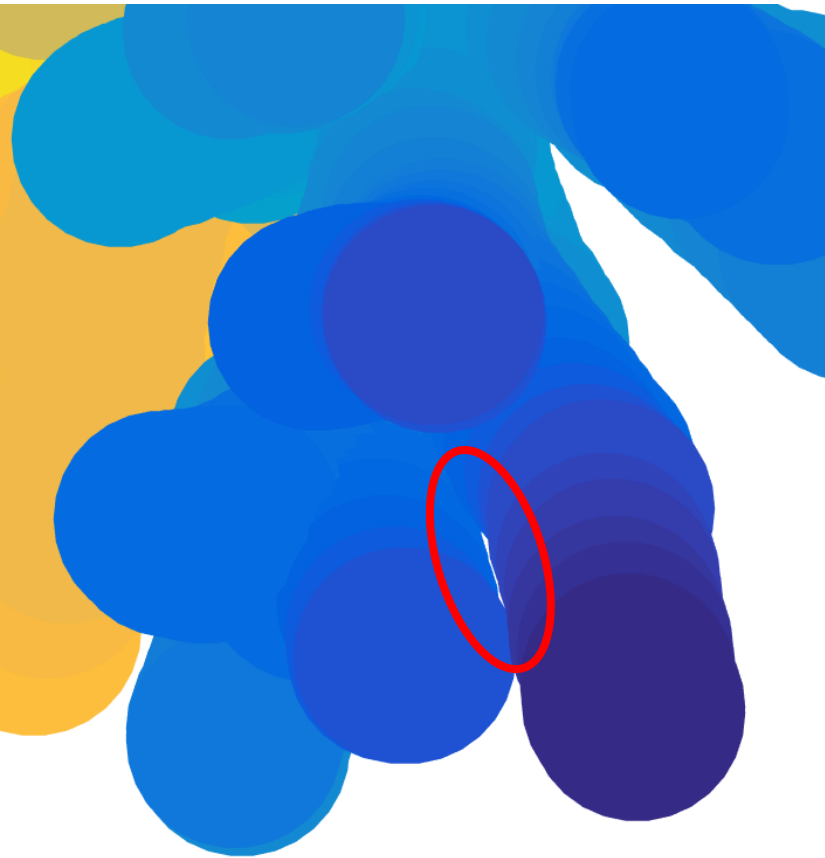
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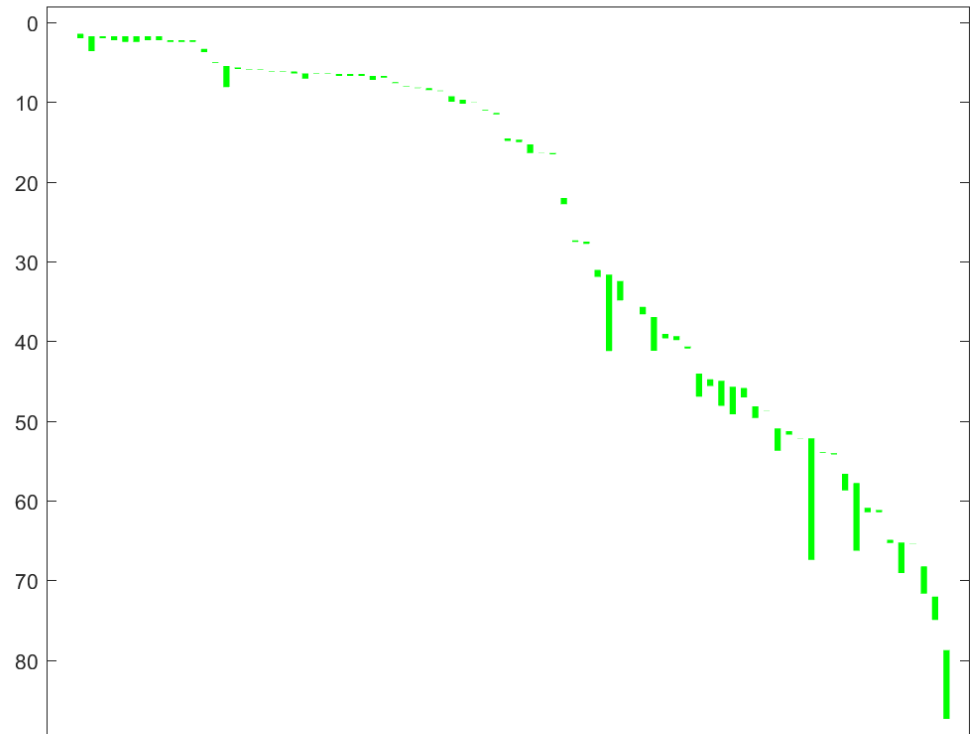
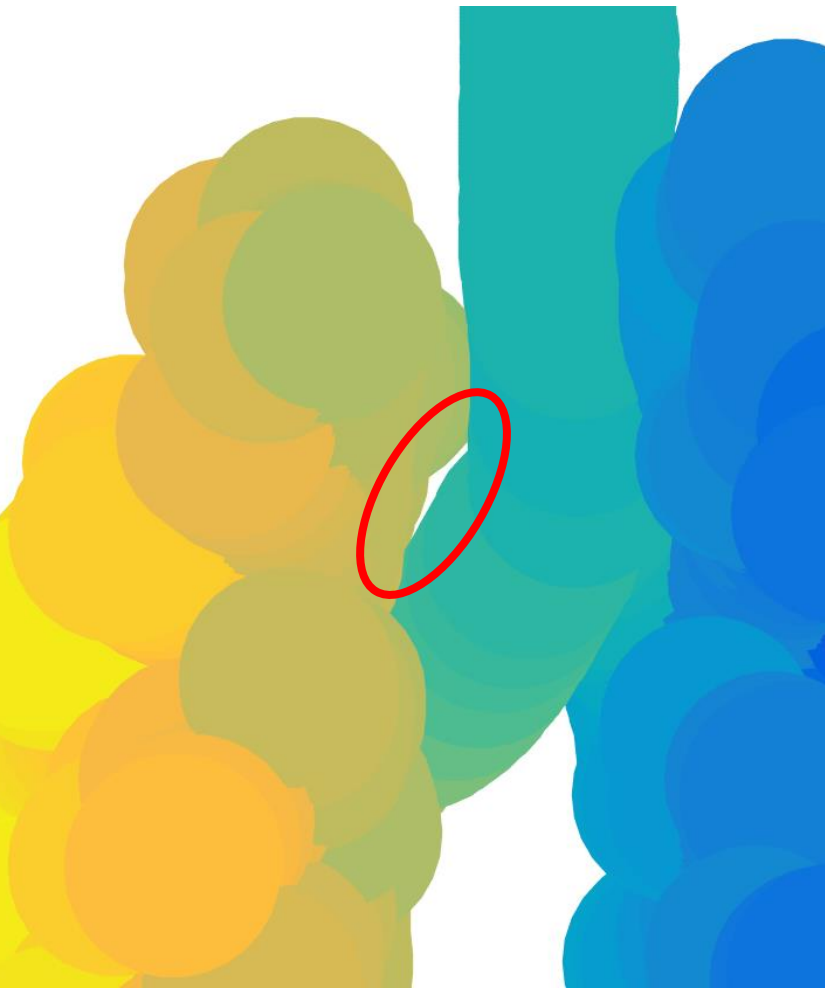
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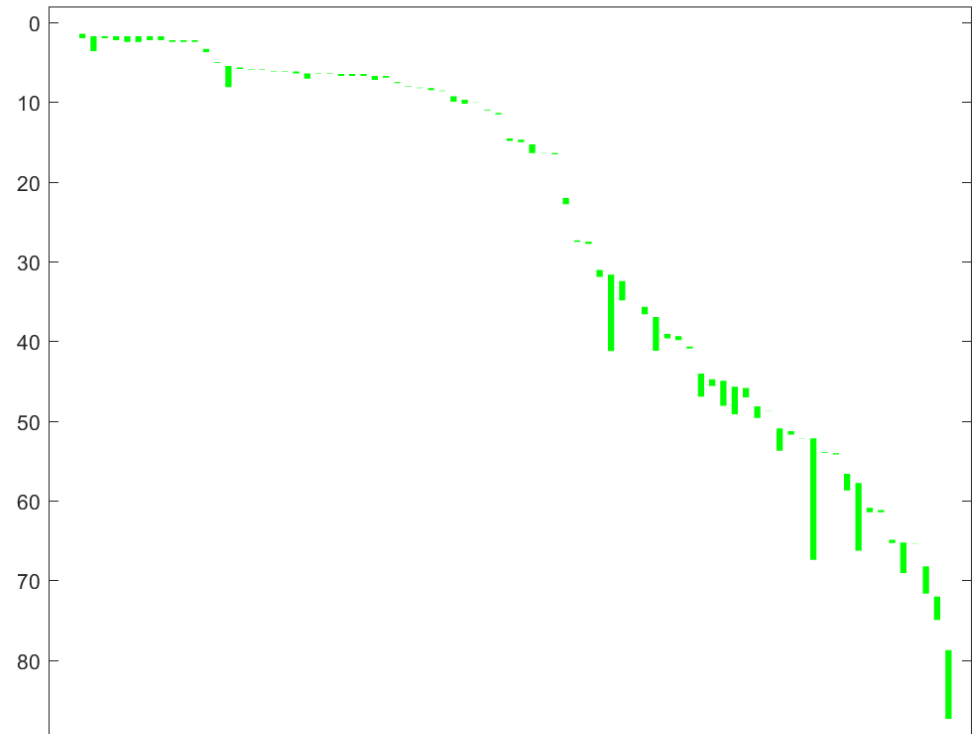
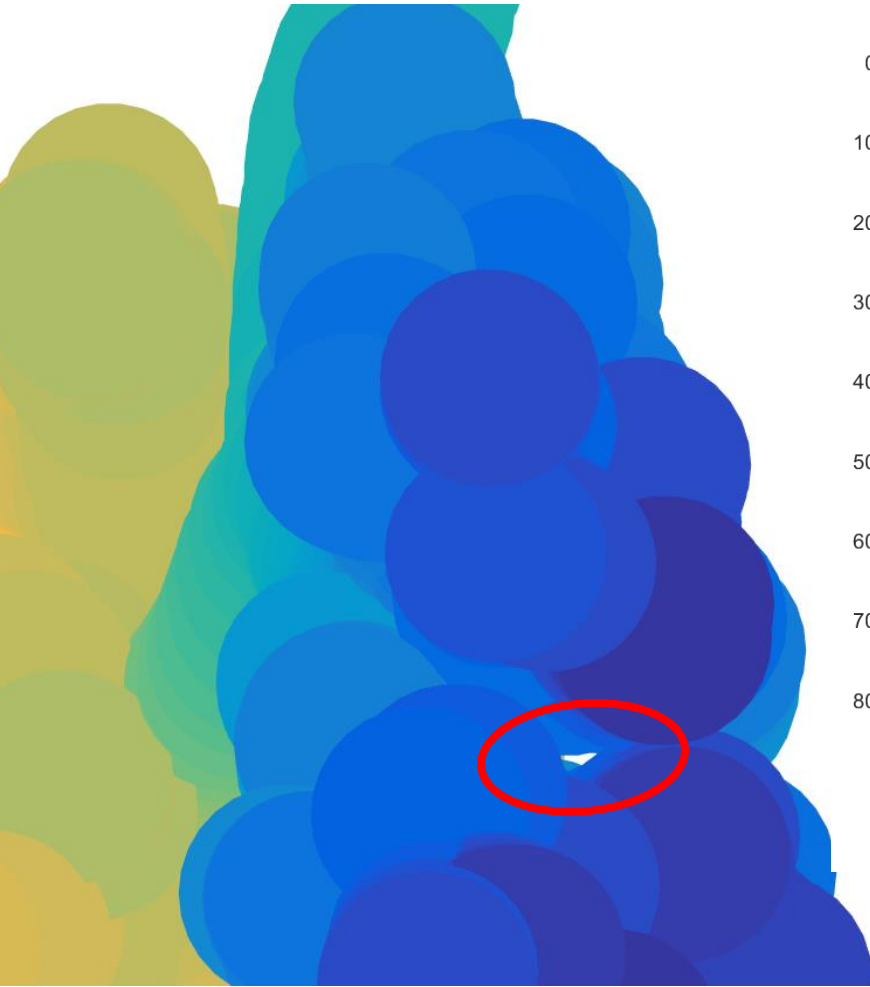


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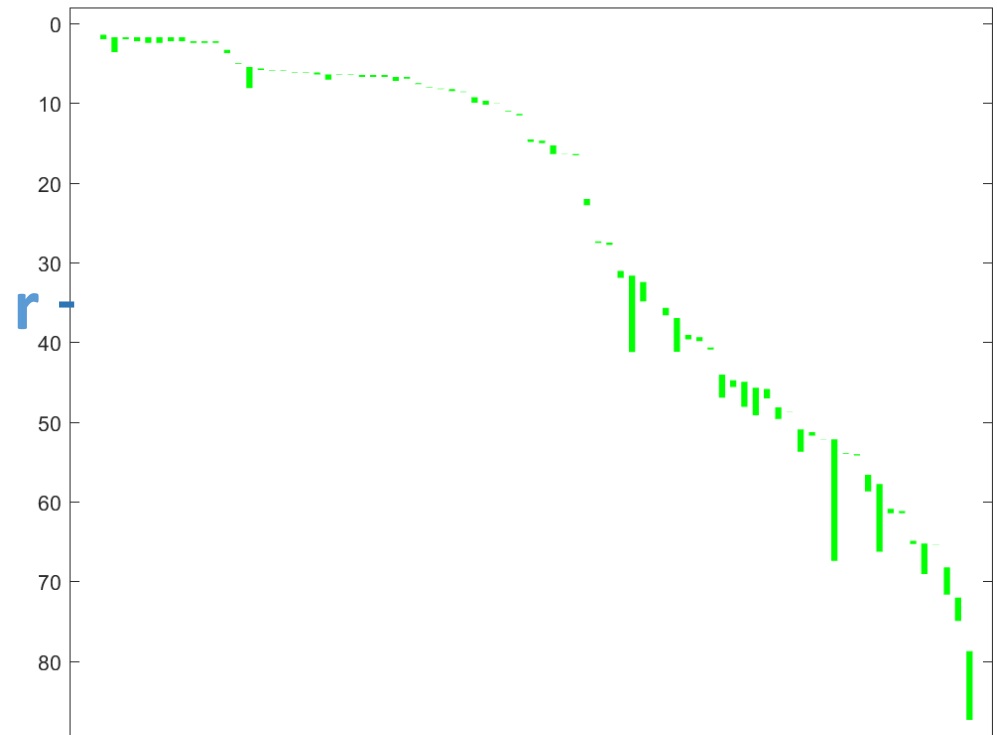
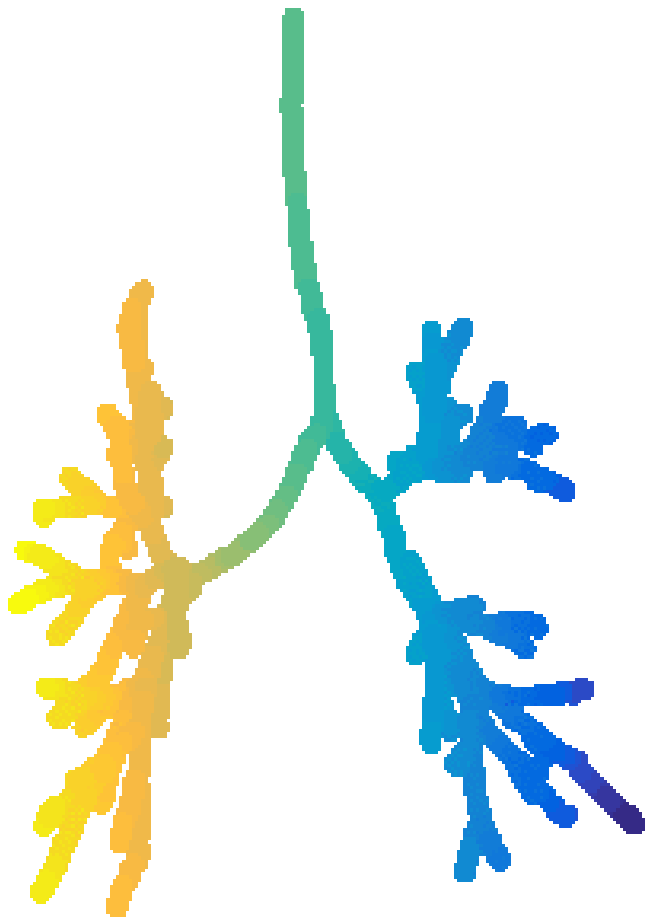




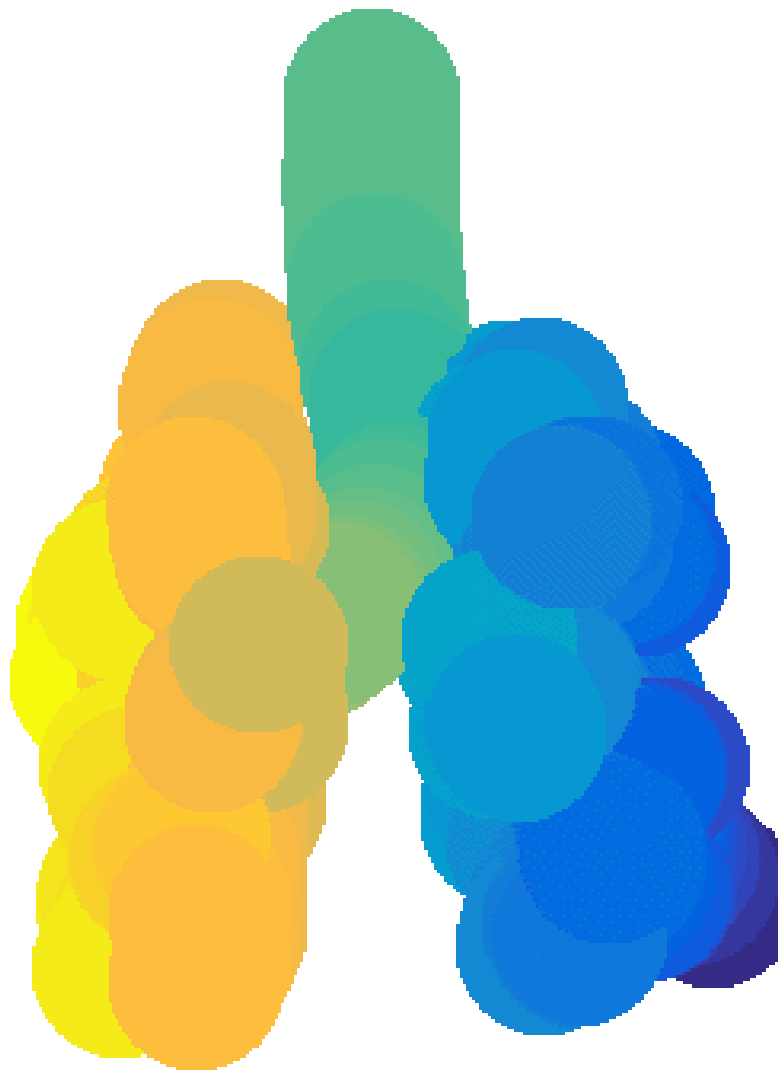
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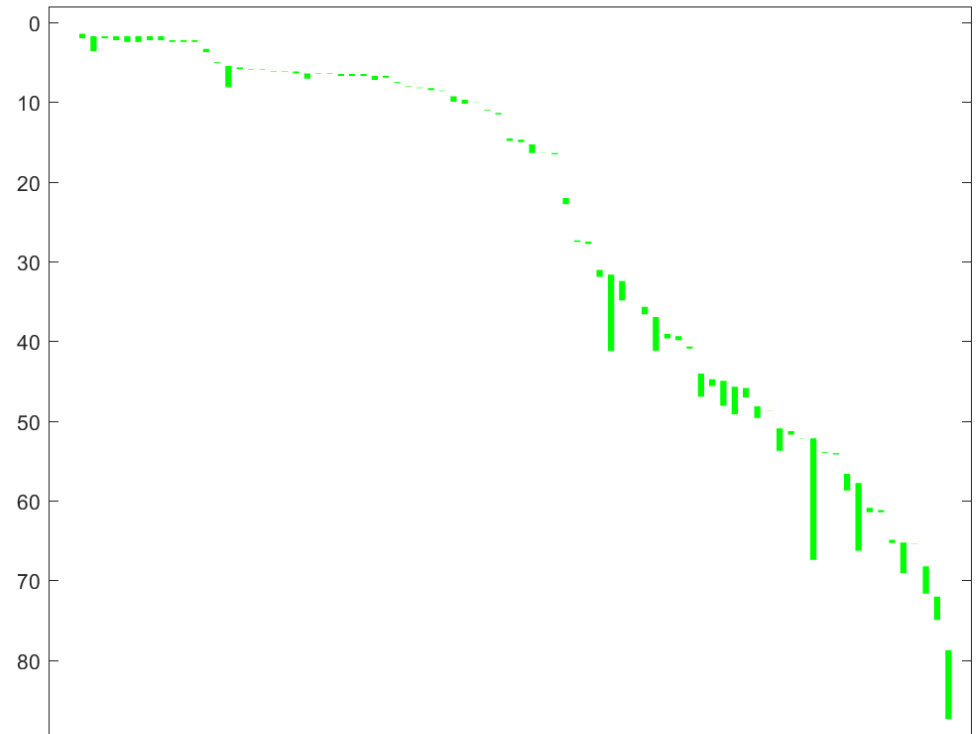
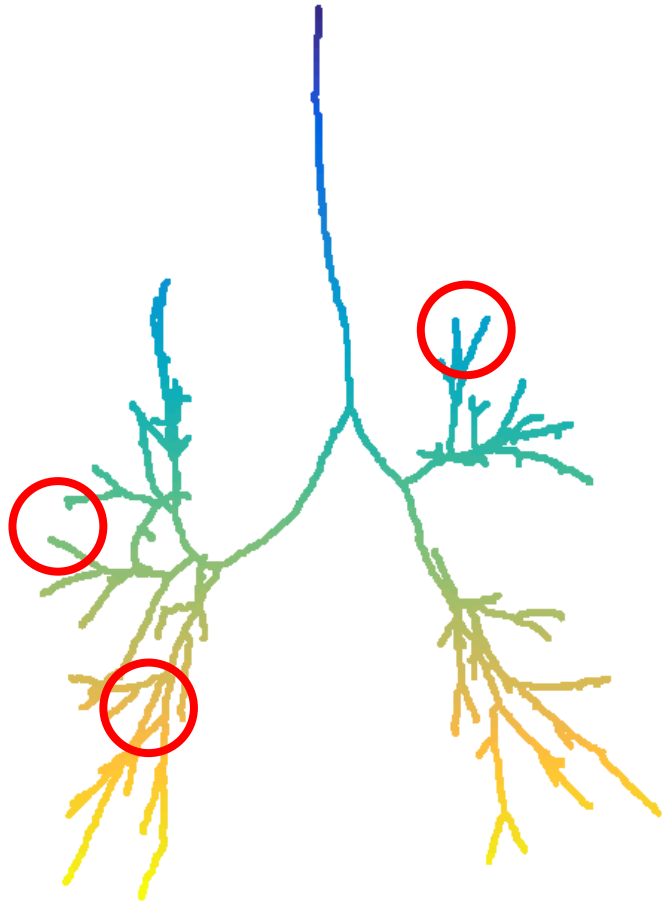
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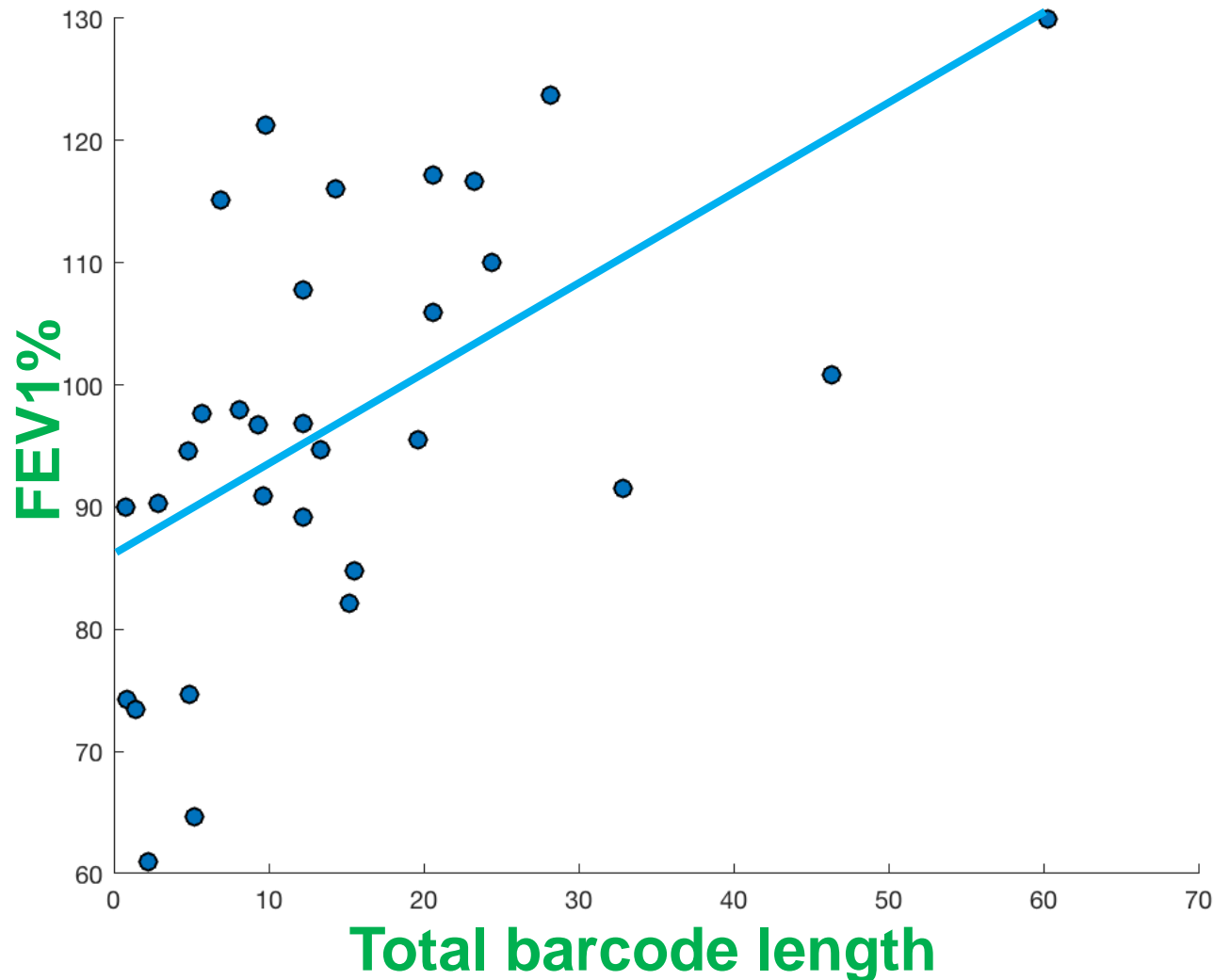
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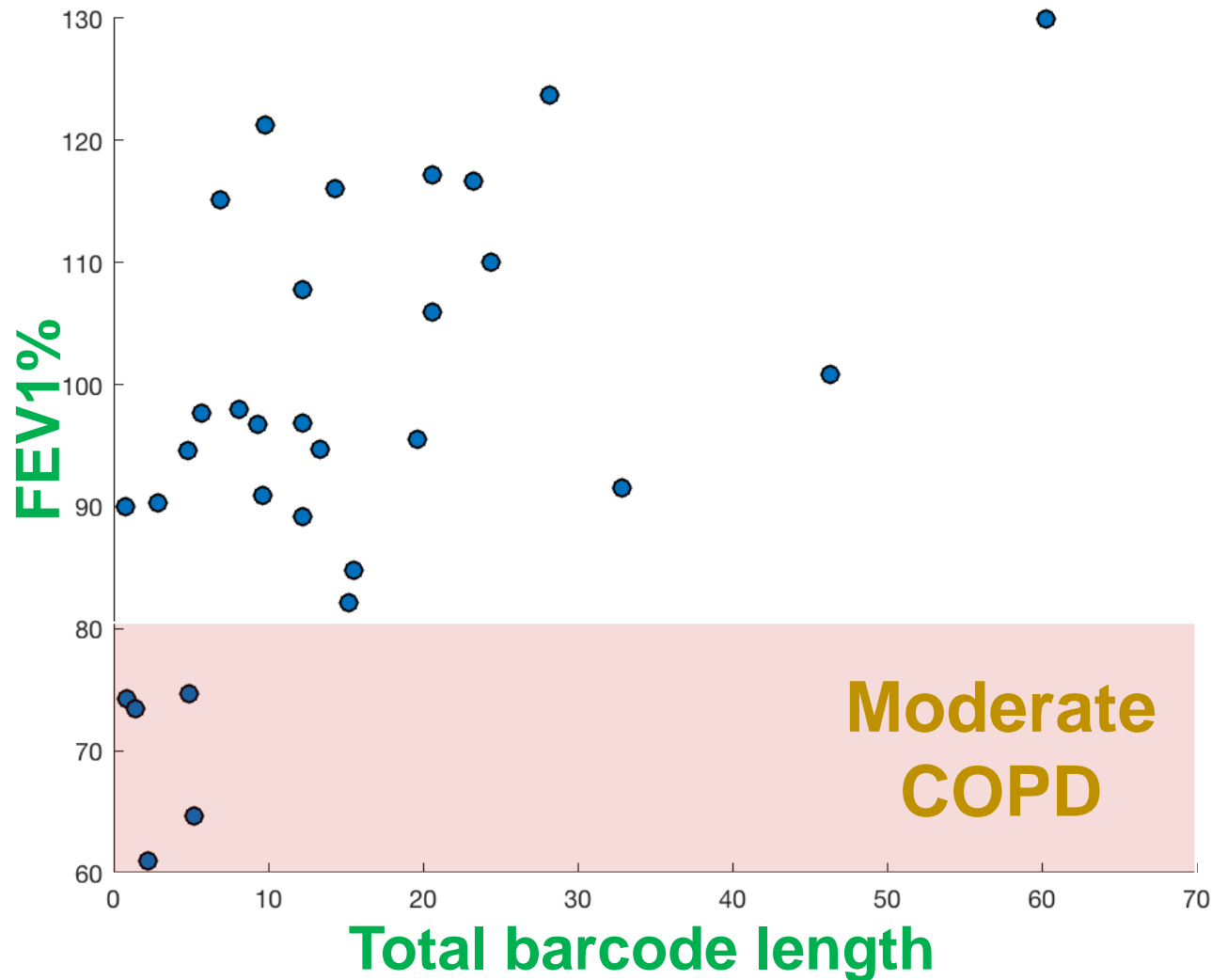


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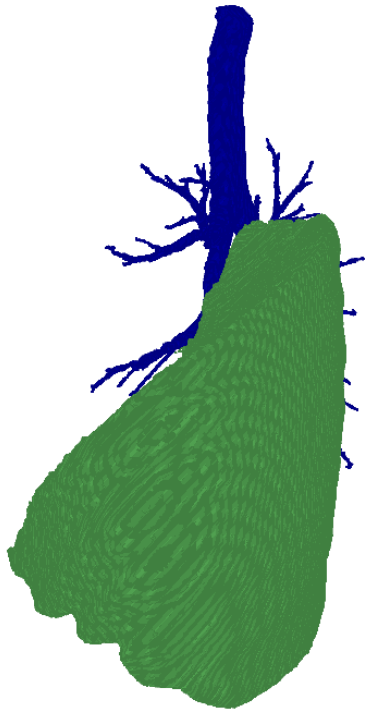


Pearson  
 $\rho = 0.57$   
pVal = 0.001  
 $R^2 = 0.33$

# Barcode statistics



# Local lung function



# Further work

- $H_2$
- Breathing sounds
- More data





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