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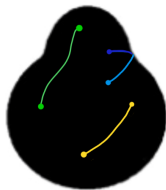
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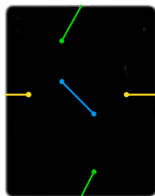
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When  $M$  is compact,  $\exists$  a geodesic,  $\gamma_{p,q}$  s.t.  $L(\gamma_{p,q}) = d(p, q)$ .

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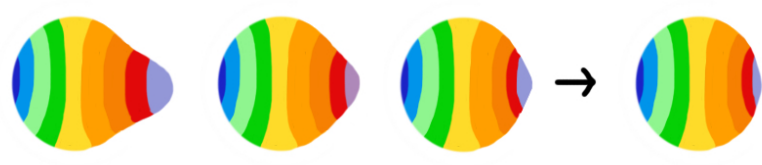


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$$d_{\text{Lip}}((M_j, d_j), (M_\infty, d_\infty)) = \text{Log}(\max\{d_{il}(\psi_j), d_{il}(\psi_j^{-1})\}) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $d_{il}(\psi_j) = \sup\{d_j(\psi_j(x), \psi_j(y))/d_\infty(x, y) : x \neq y\}$

which is well defined for biLipschitz sequences of metric spaces.



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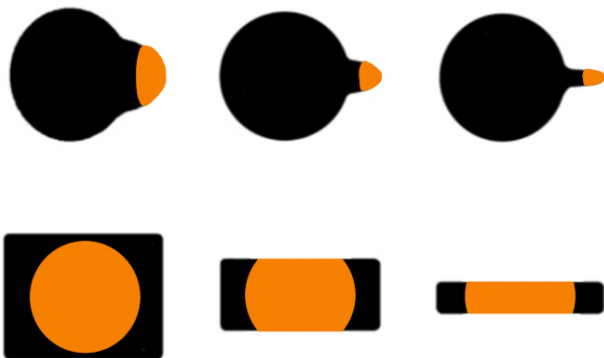
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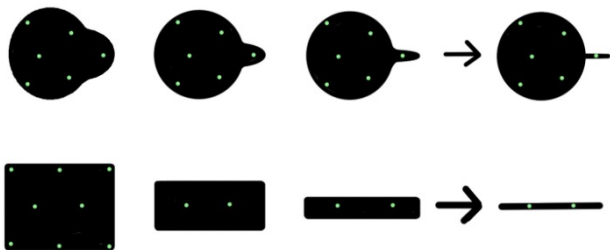
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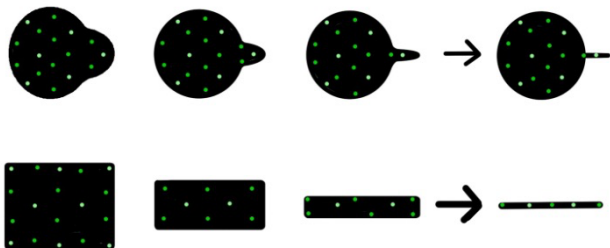


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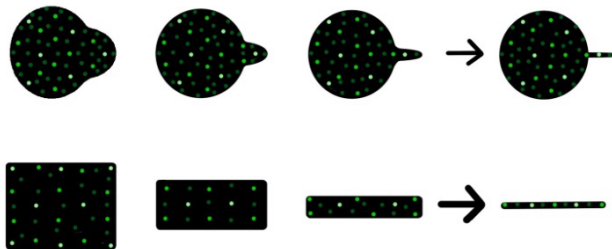


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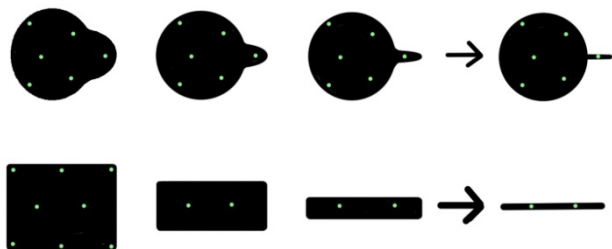
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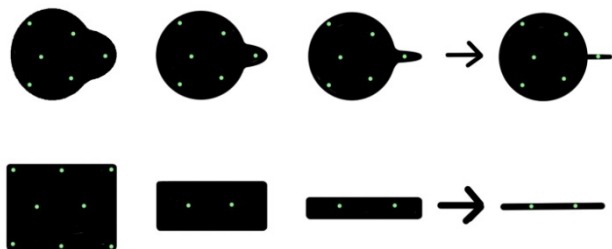
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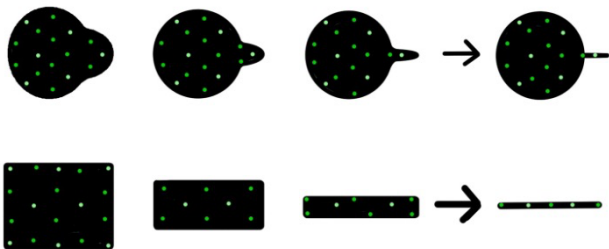
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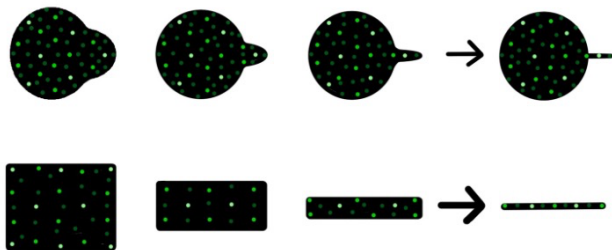


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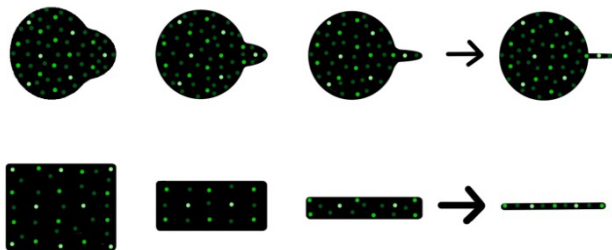
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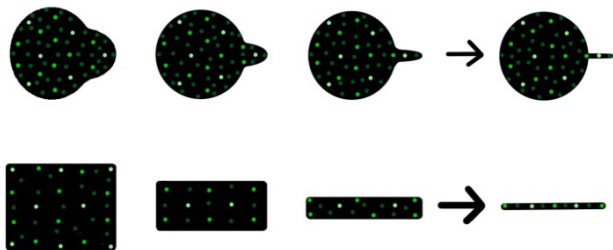
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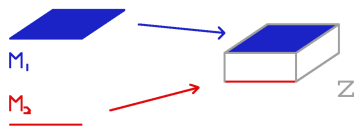
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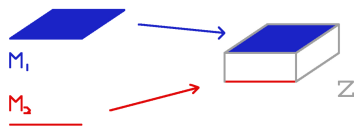
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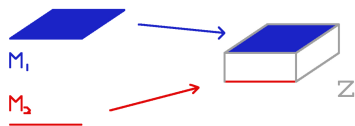
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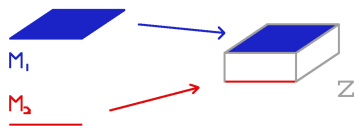
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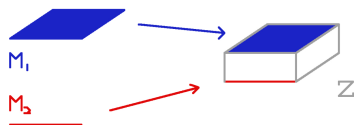
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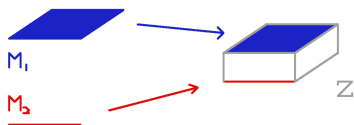
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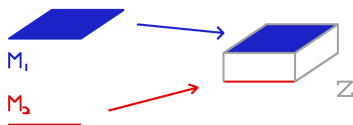
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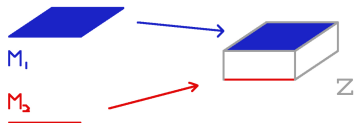
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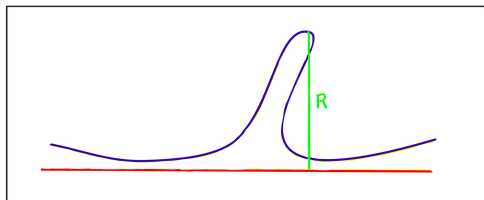
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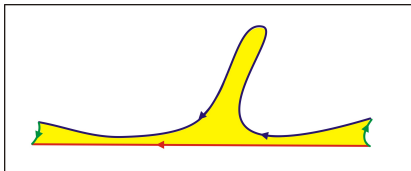
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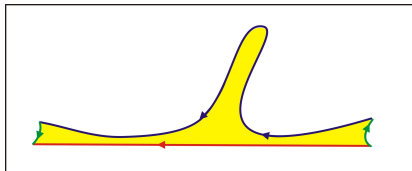
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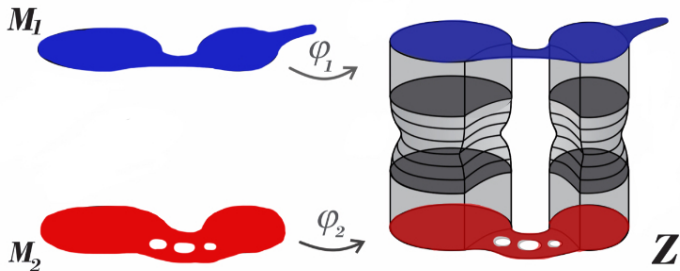
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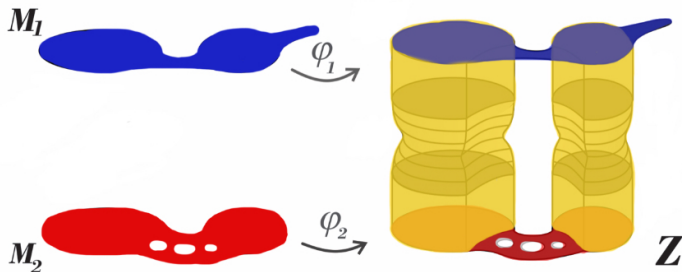
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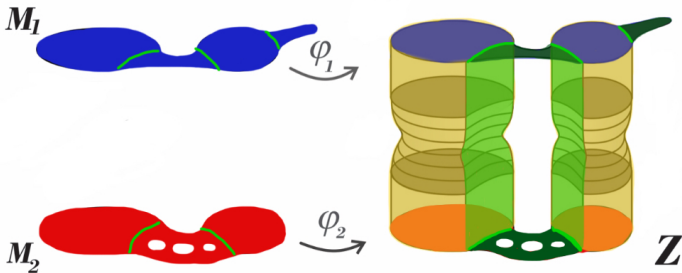
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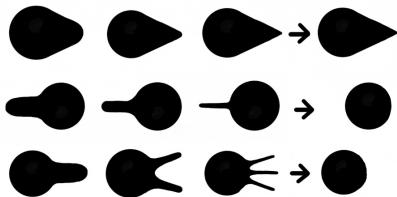
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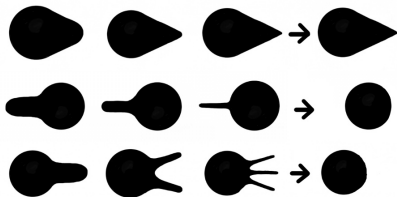
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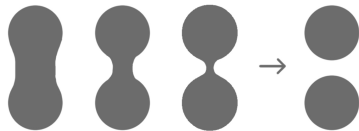
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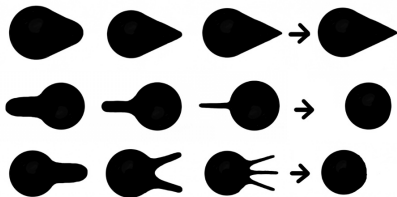
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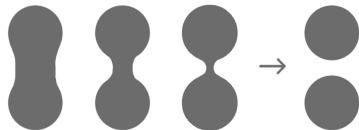
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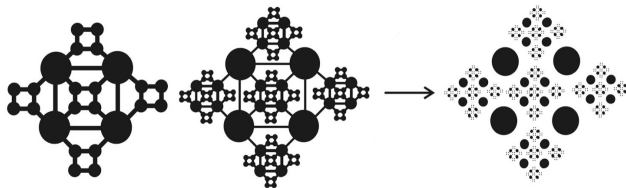


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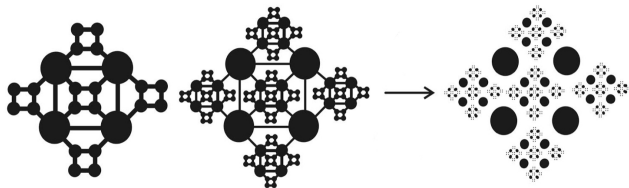
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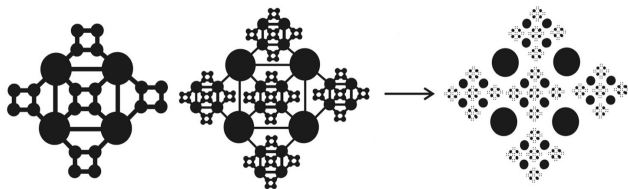
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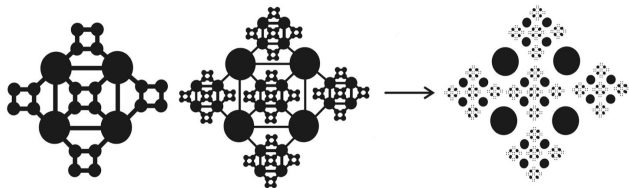
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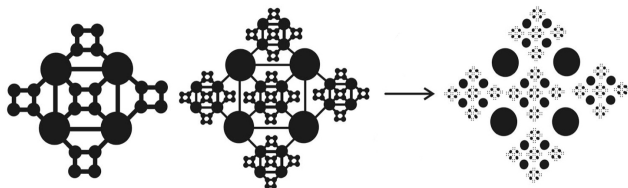
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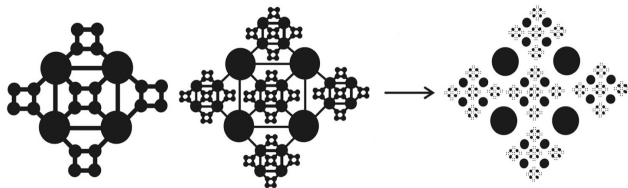
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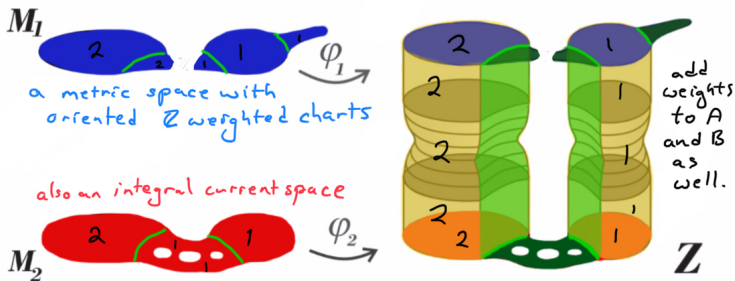
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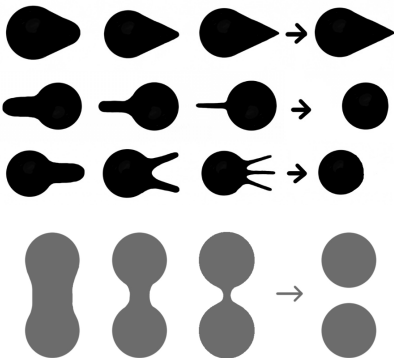
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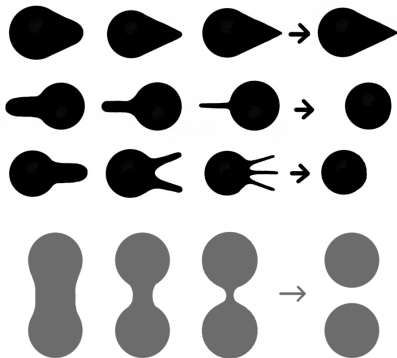
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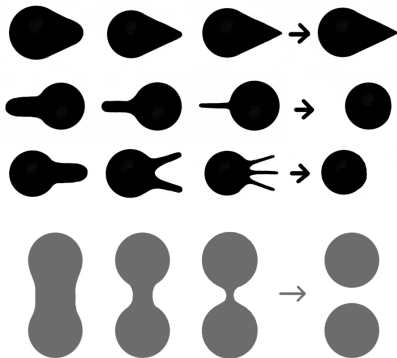
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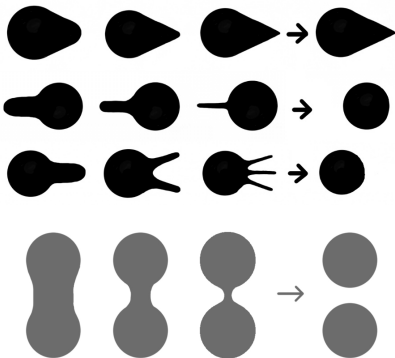


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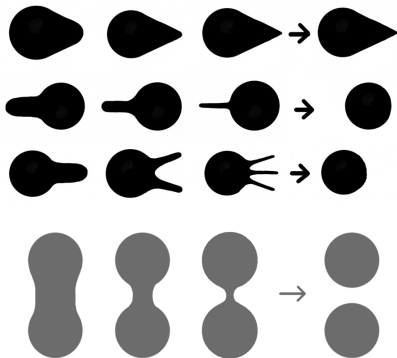
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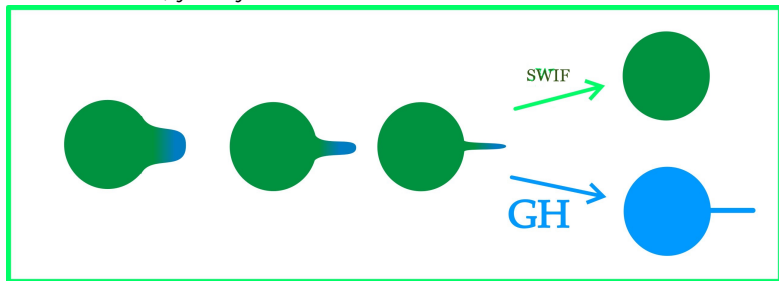
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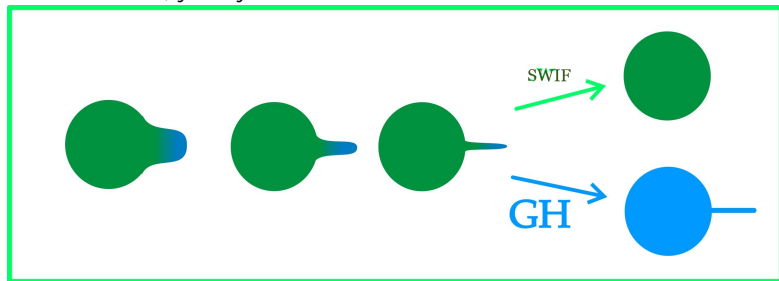
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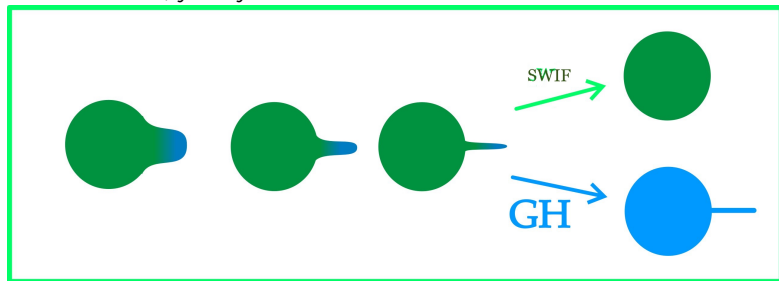


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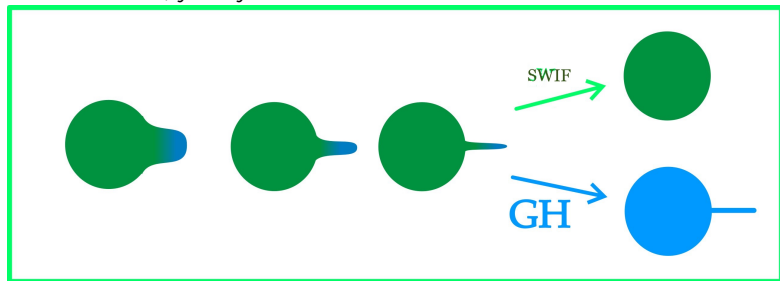
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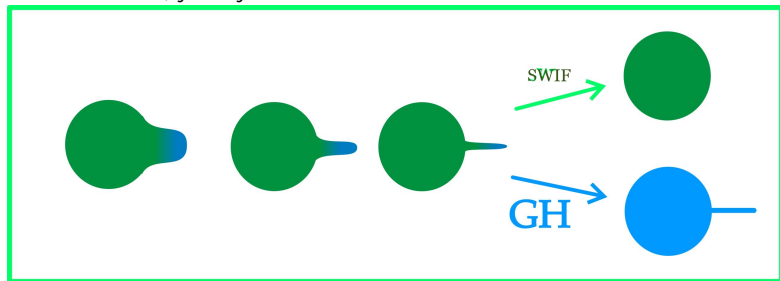
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