



# On the mechanics of kirigami structures

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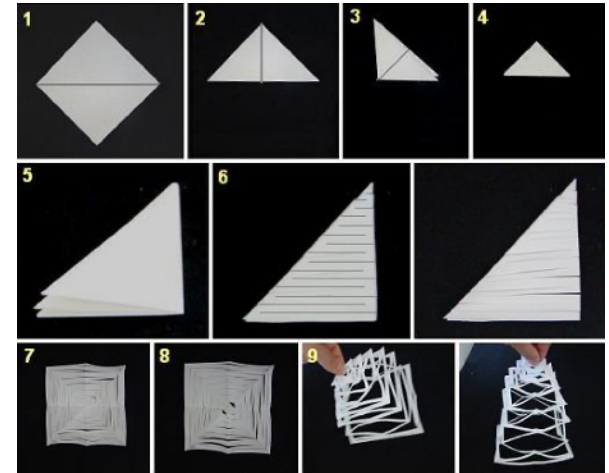
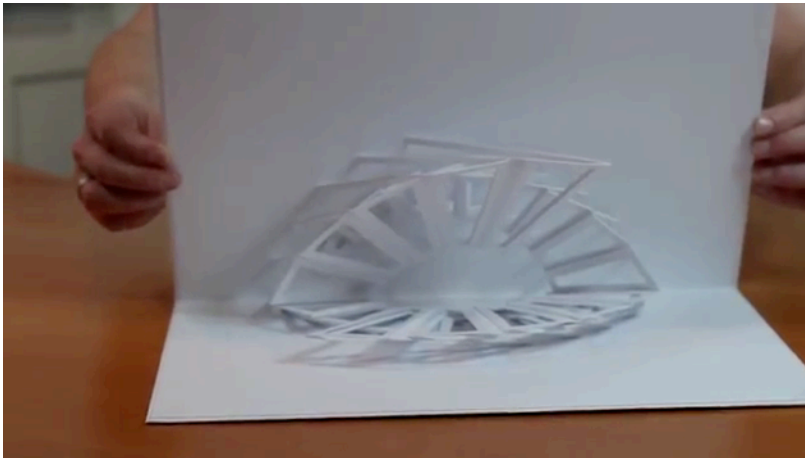
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# 切り紙 (*Kirigami*) = *Kiru* (to cut) + *Kami* (Paper)

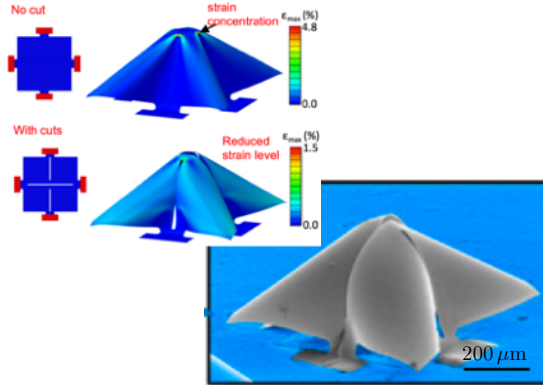


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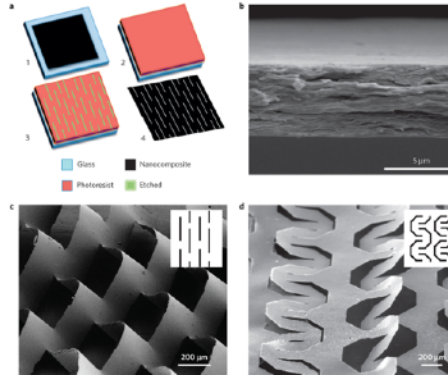


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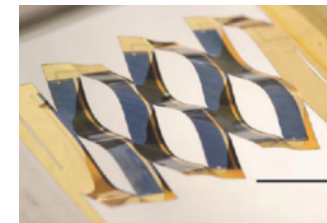
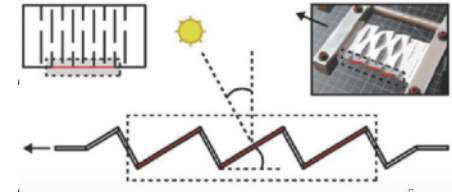
# Kirigami in multiple scale



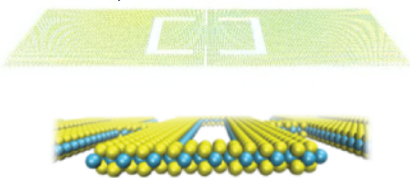
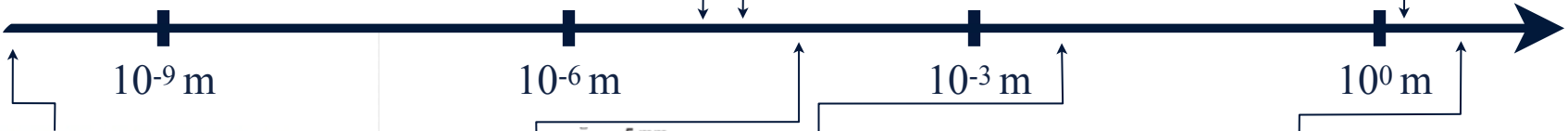
Zhang et al., PNAS (2015)



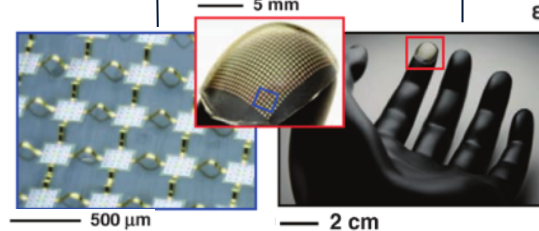
Shyu et al., Nature Materials (2015)



Lamoureux et al., Nature Comm. (2015)



Dias, et al., Soft Matter (2017)



Rogers et al., Science (2010)



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# A few challenges we have attempted to address

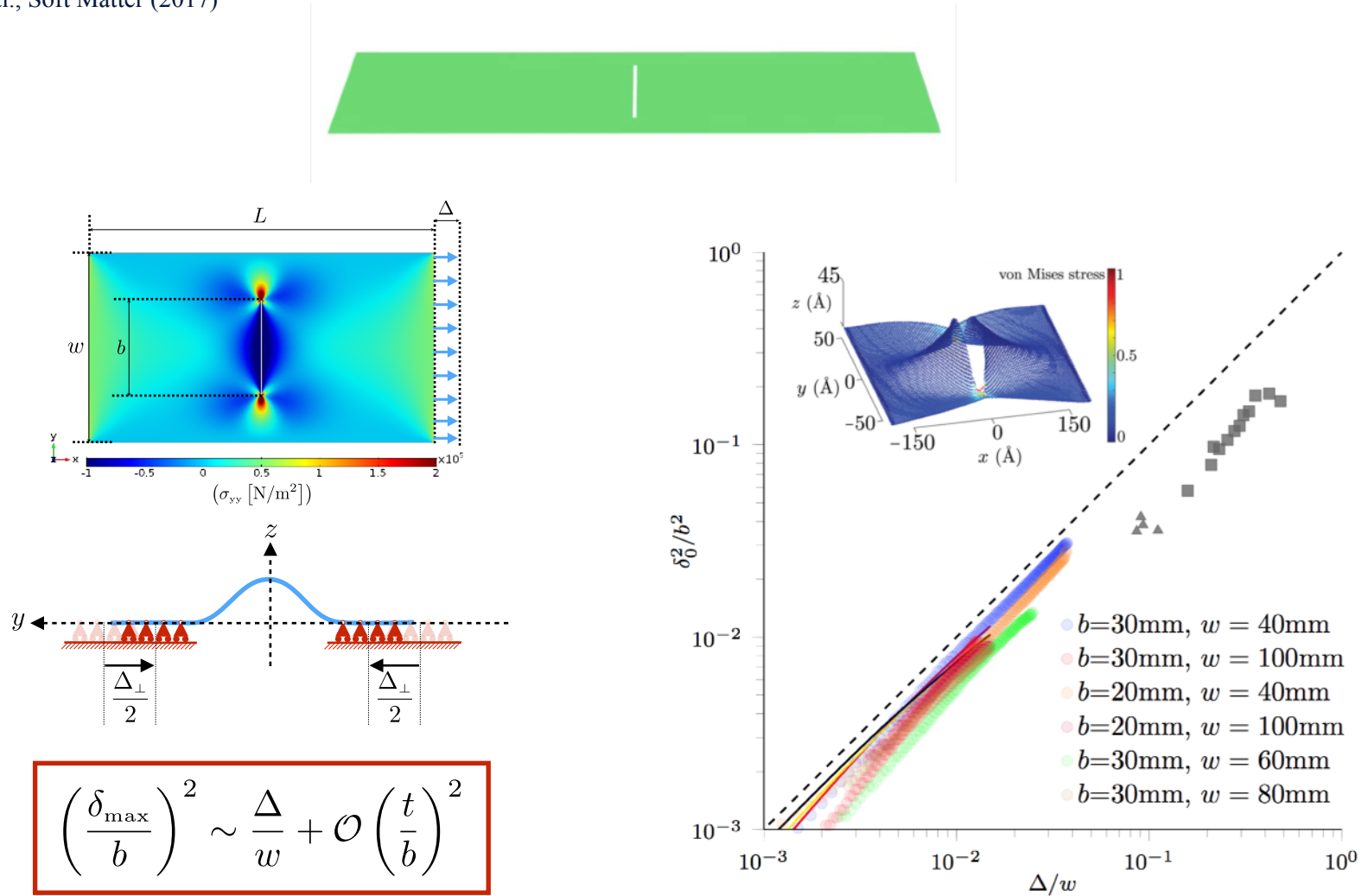
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Programming shapes,  
motion, and mechanics

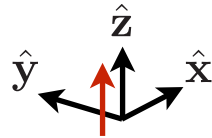
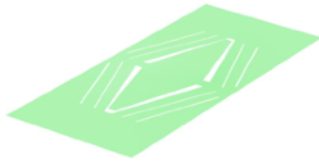
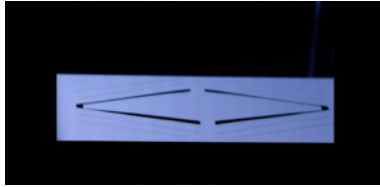


# Mechanics of a single cut

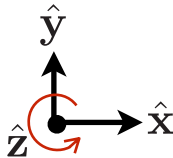
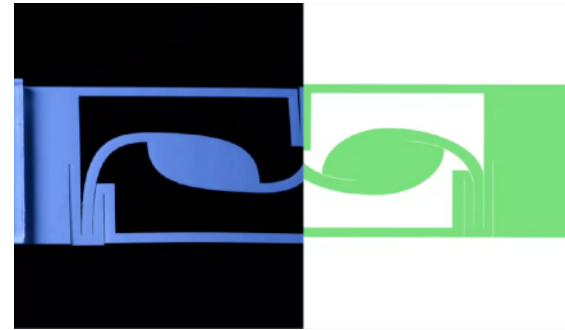
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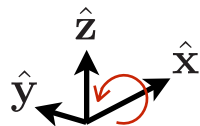
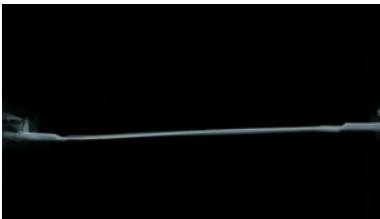
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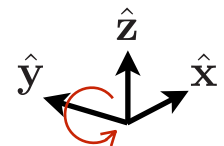
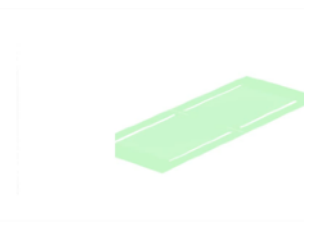
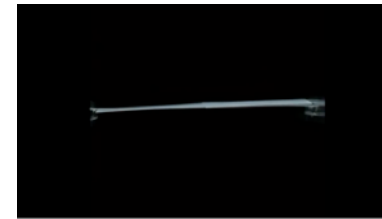
Yaw—Rotation about z-axis



Roll—Rotation about x-axis

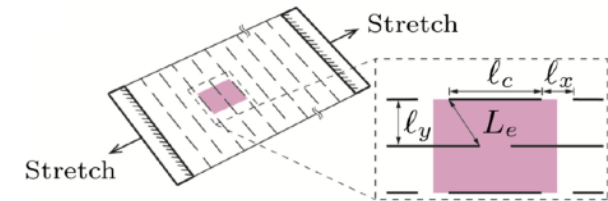
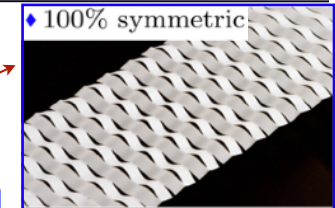
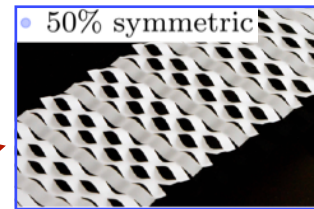
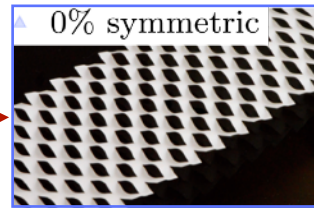
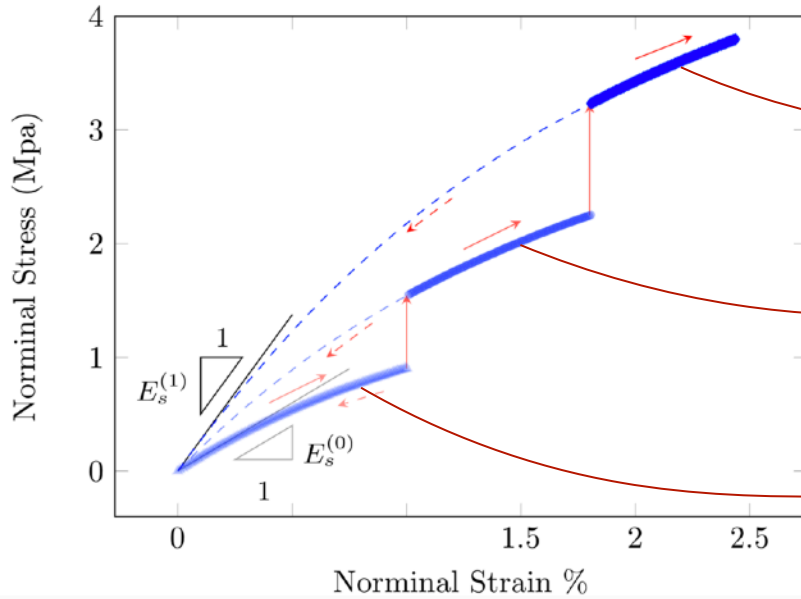


Pitch—Rotation about y-axis



# Programming mechanics

Yang, Dias, & Holmes, Phys. Rev. Materials (2018)



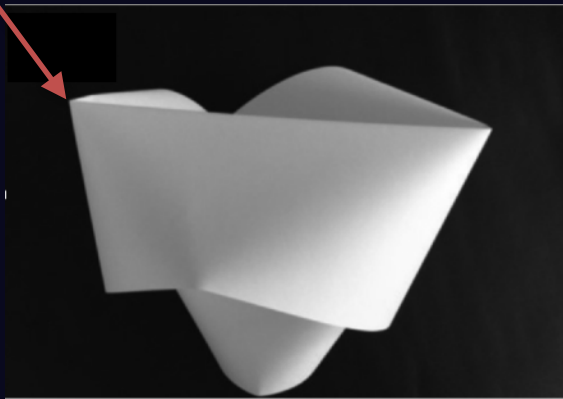
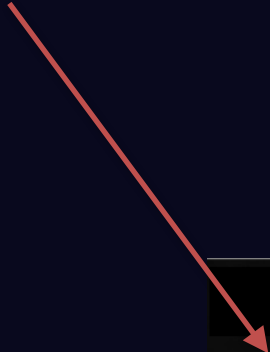
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Indentation Test for  
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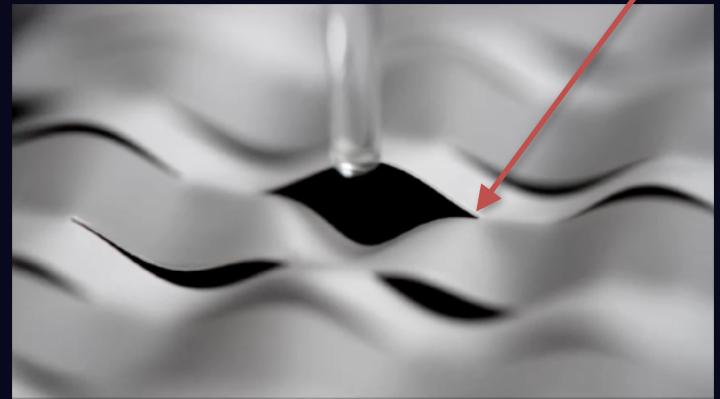
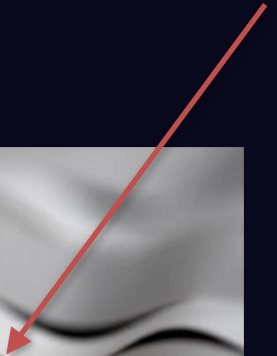
## Building blocks (all about e-cones)

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Fuentealba *et al.*, PRE **91**, 032407 (2015)

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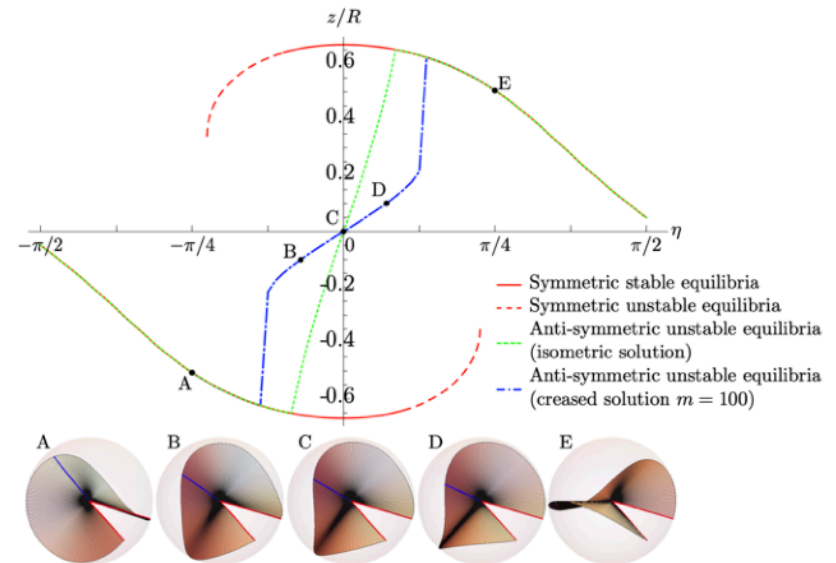
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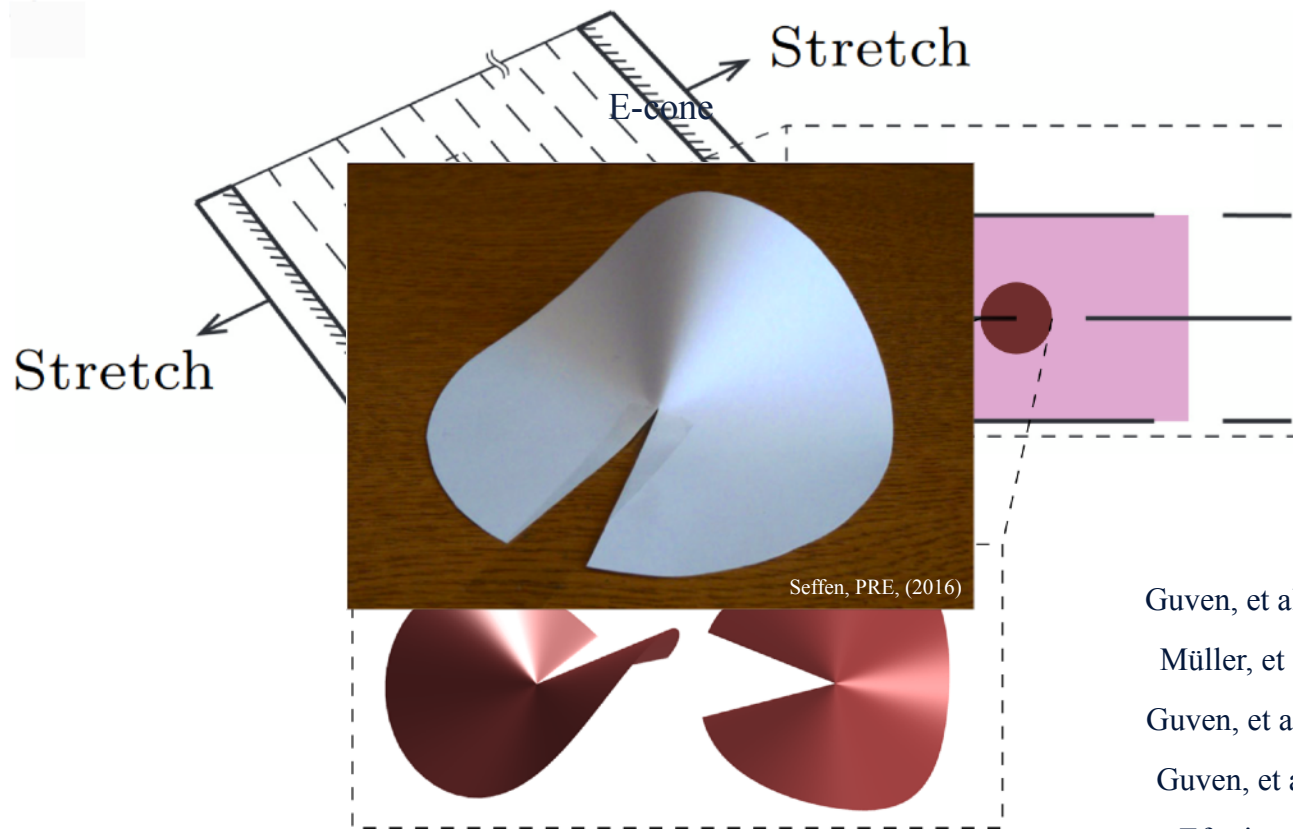
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# Back to fundamentals: building blocks

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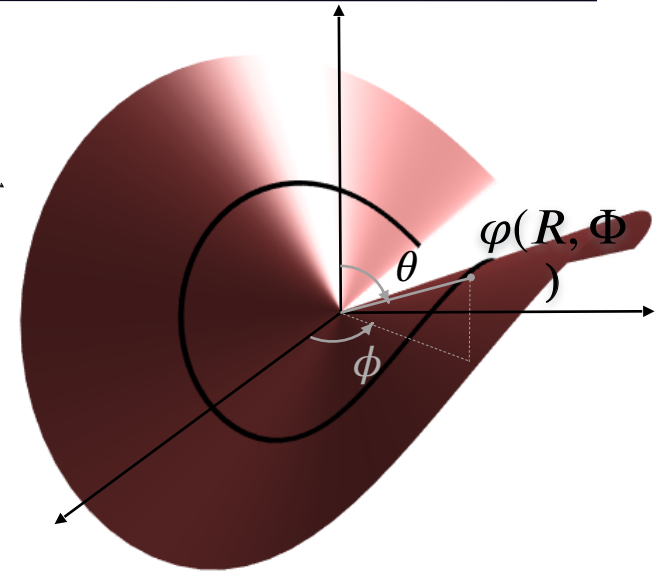
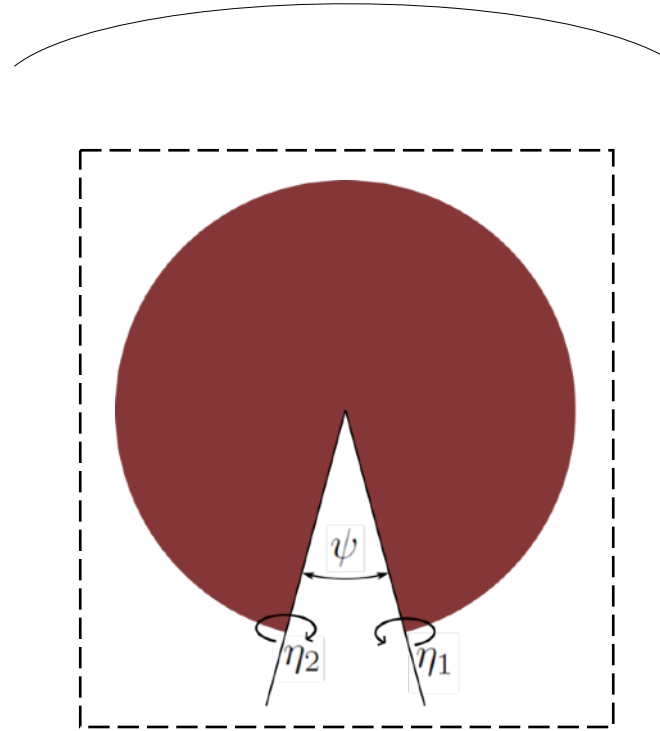
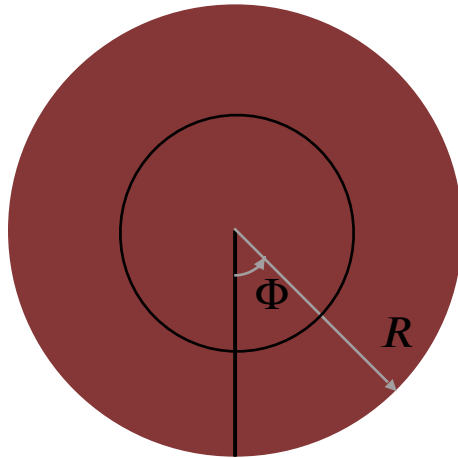


- Guven, et al., JoP A (2008)
- Müller, et al., PRL (2008)
- Guven, et al., JoP A (2011)
- Guven, et al. EPJE (2013)
- Efrati, et al. PRE (2015)
- Seffen, PRE, (2016)



Sadik & Dias, JMPS (2021)

$$\varphi(R, \Phi) = (R, \theta(\Phi), \phi(\Phi))$$



$$\phi(0) = \frac{\psi}{2}, \quad \phi(2\pi) = 2\pi - \frac{\psi}{2}, \quad \theta(0) = \theta(2\pi) = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\sin[\theta(0)] \theta'(0) = \sin(\eta_1), \quad \sin[\theta(2\pi)] \theta'(2\pi) = \sin(\eta_2)$$



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$$W = \frac{h}{4} \left\{ \underbrace{\mu \text{tr} [(C - G)^2] + \frac{\mu\lambda}{2\mu + \lambda} [\text{tr} (C - G)]^2}_{\text{Stretching} = 0} \right\} \underbrace{-p:(C - G)}_{\text{Inextensibility Condition}} + \frac{h^3}{12} \left\{ \underbrace{\mu \text{tr} [(\Theta - B)^2] + \frac{\mu\lambda}{2\mu + \lambda} [\text{tr} (\Theta - B)]^2}_{\text{Bending}} \right\}$$

Inextensibility  $C = G \implies \phi(\Phi) = \frac{\psi}{2} + \int_0^\Phi \frac{\sqrt{1 - \theta'^2(\eta)}}{\sin[\theta(\eta)]} d\eta,$

$$\kappa(\Phi) := \frac{\cot[\theta(\Phi)] (1 - \theta'^2(\Phi)) - \theta''(\Phi)}{\sqrt{1 - \theta'^2(\Phi)}}$$

$$\kappa''(\Phi) + \frac{\kappa^3(\Phi)}{2} + (1 + \alpha) \kappa(\Phi) = 0$$

$$\kappa(\Phi) = \kappa_o \text{cn} \left( \frac{\kappa_o}{2k} (\Phi - \Phi_o) | k^2 \right), \quad k^2 = \frac{\kappa_o^2}{2\kappa_o^2 + 4(1 + \alpha)}$$

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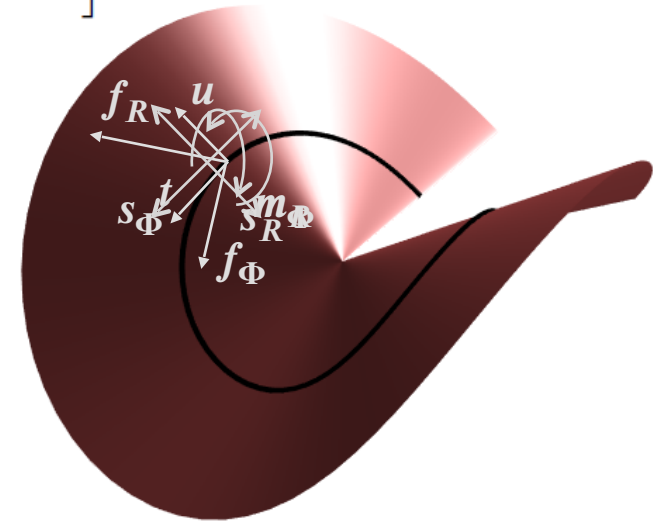
The surface traction, shear, and moment fields on the surface

$$\bar{f}_R = \left[ \frac{h^3 \mu (\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \kappa^2(\Phi) + \alpha}{R^2} - \frac{a'(\Phi) + (\ln(R) + 1)b'(\Phi) + \int_0^\Phi b(\eta) d\eta}{R^2} - \frac{c(\Phi)}{R} \right] u - \left[ \frac{a(\Phi) + \ln(R)b(\Phi)}{R^2} \right] t$$

$$\bar{f}_\Phi = - \left[ \frac{a(\Phi) + \ln(R)b(\Phi)}{R^2} \right] u + \left[ - \frac{h^3 \mu (\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \kappa^2(\Phi) + \alpha}{R^2} + \frac{\int_0^\Phi b(\eta) d\eta}{R^2} \right] t$$

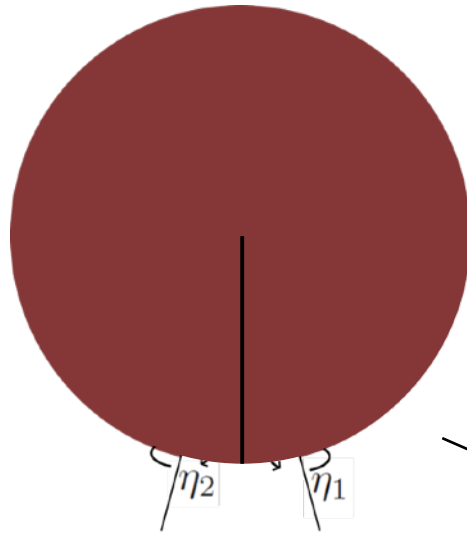
$$\bar{s}_R = \frac{h^3 \mu (\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\kappa(\Phi)}{R^2} \quad \bar{s}_\Phi = \frac{h^3 \mu (\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\kappa'(\Phi)}{R^2}$$

$$\bar{m}_R = \frac{h^3 \mu \lambda}{6(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\kappa(\Phi)}{R} u \quad \bar{m}_\Phi = \frac{h^3 \mu (\lambda + \mu)}{3(\lambda + 2\mu)} \frac{\kappa(\Phi)}{R} t$$

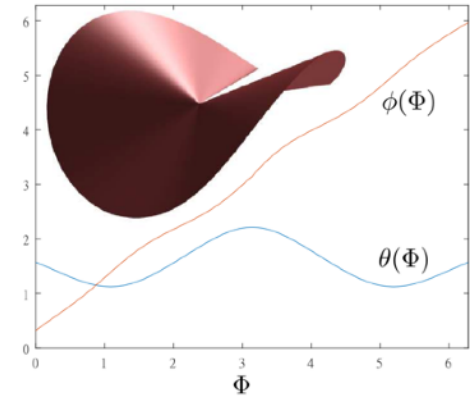


# e-cones – Shape Reconstruction

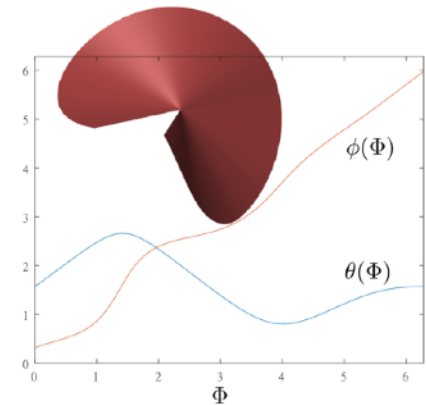
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Symmetric



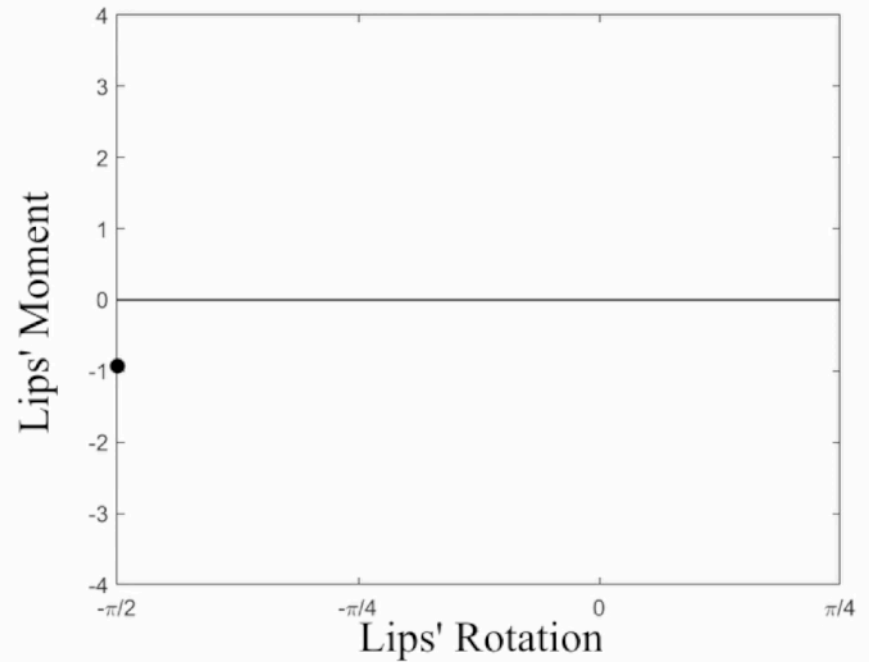
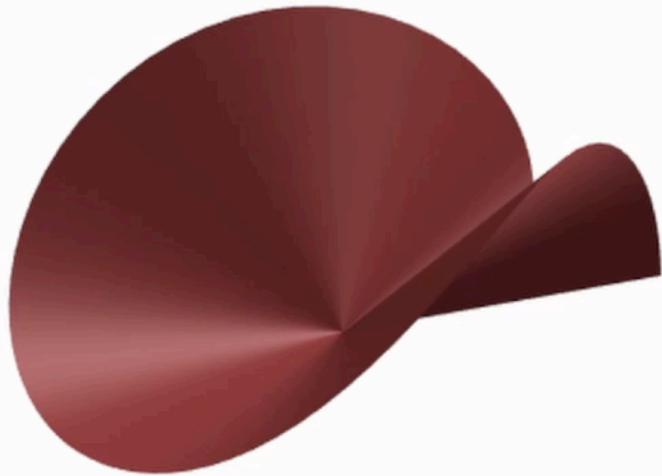
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# Symmetric solutions

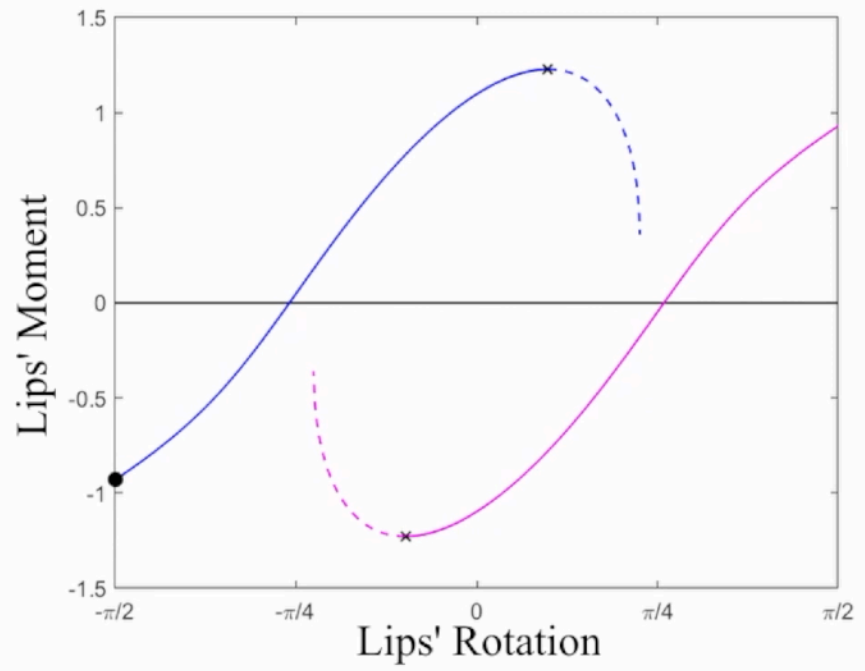
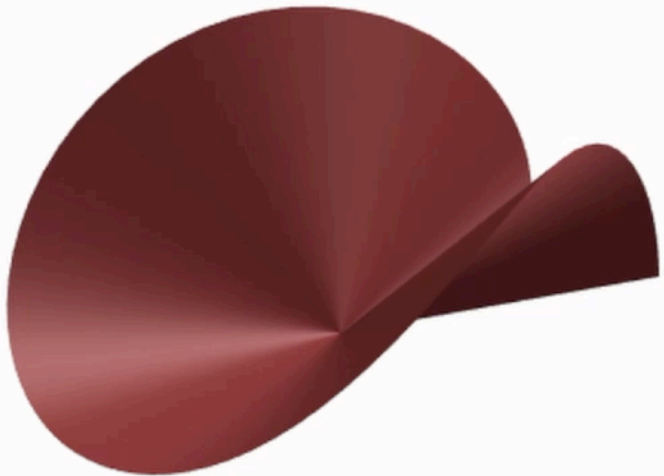
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# Stability of e-cones

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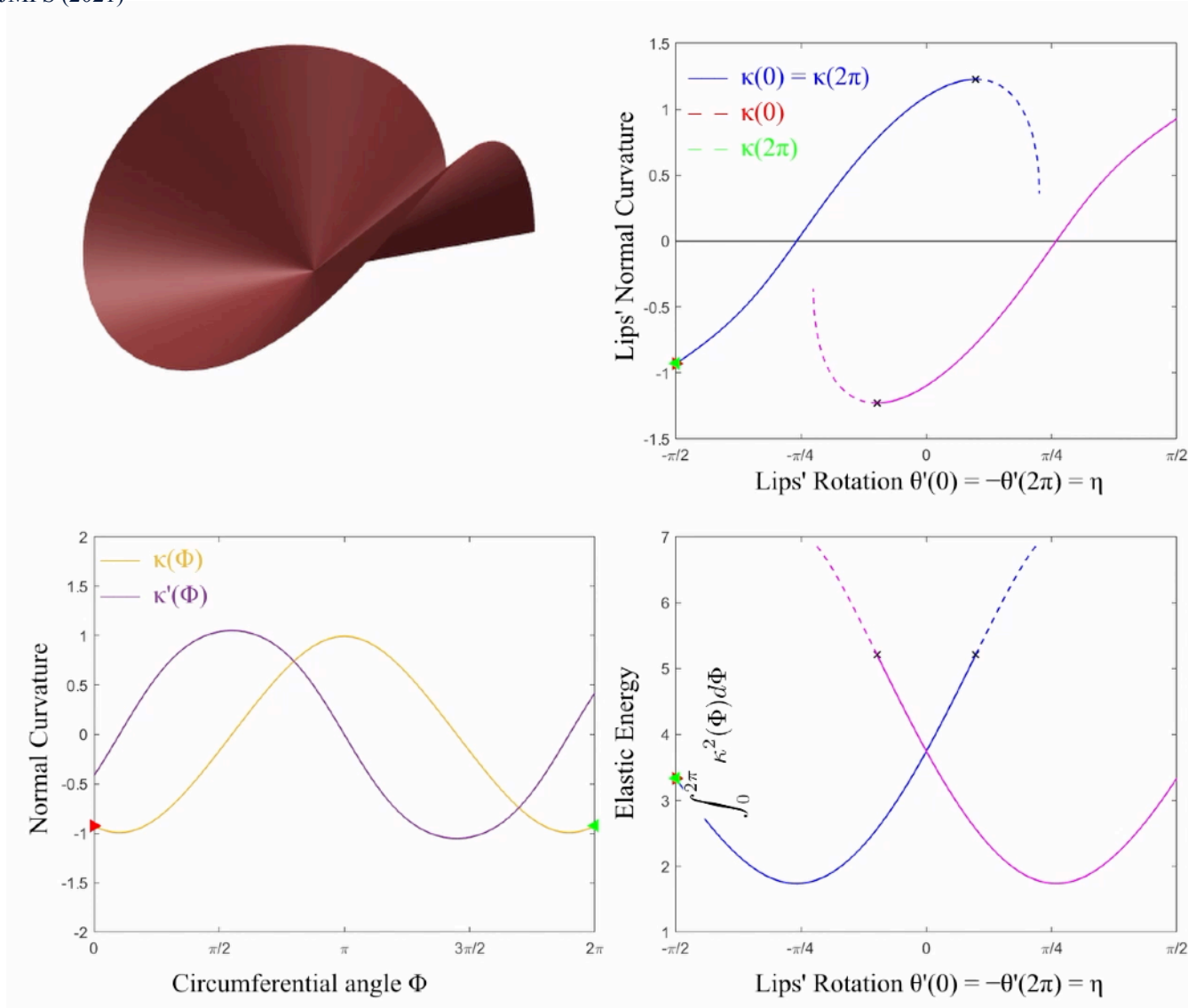






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# More on the deformation motifs

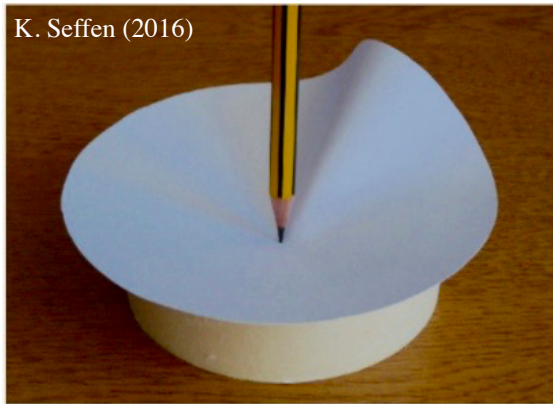
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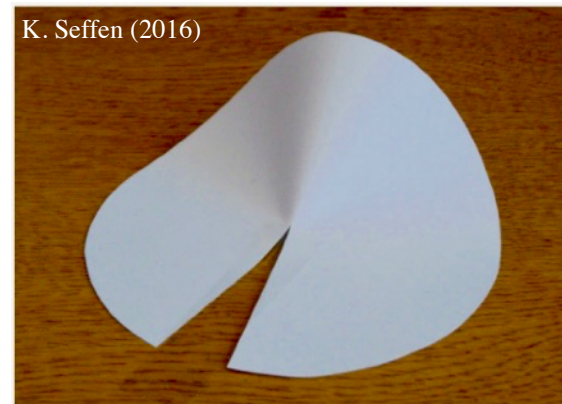
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Chopin & Kudrolli, Soft Matter (2016)

d-cones



e-cones

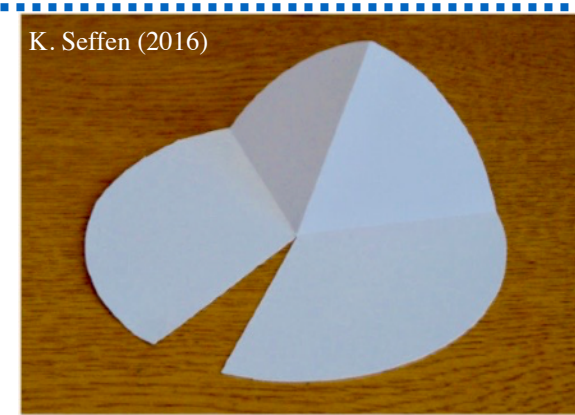
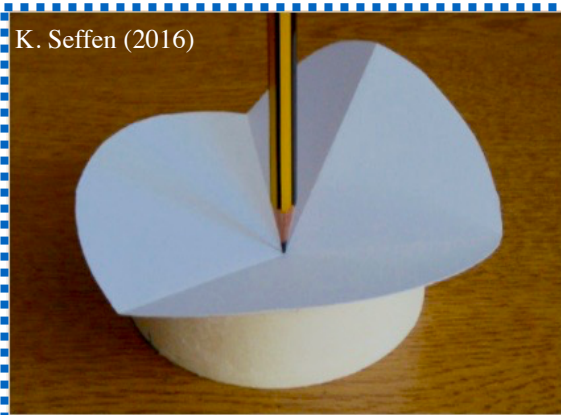


**f-cones:**

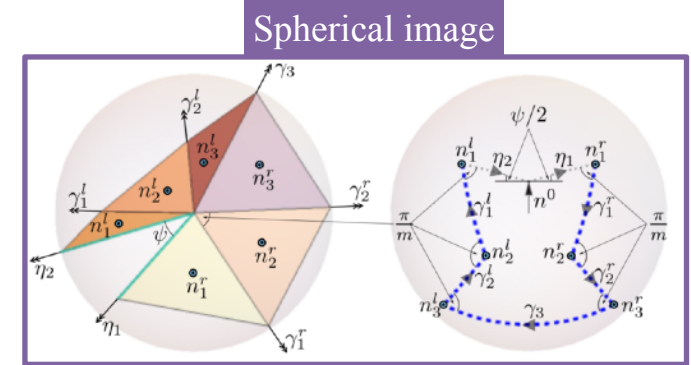
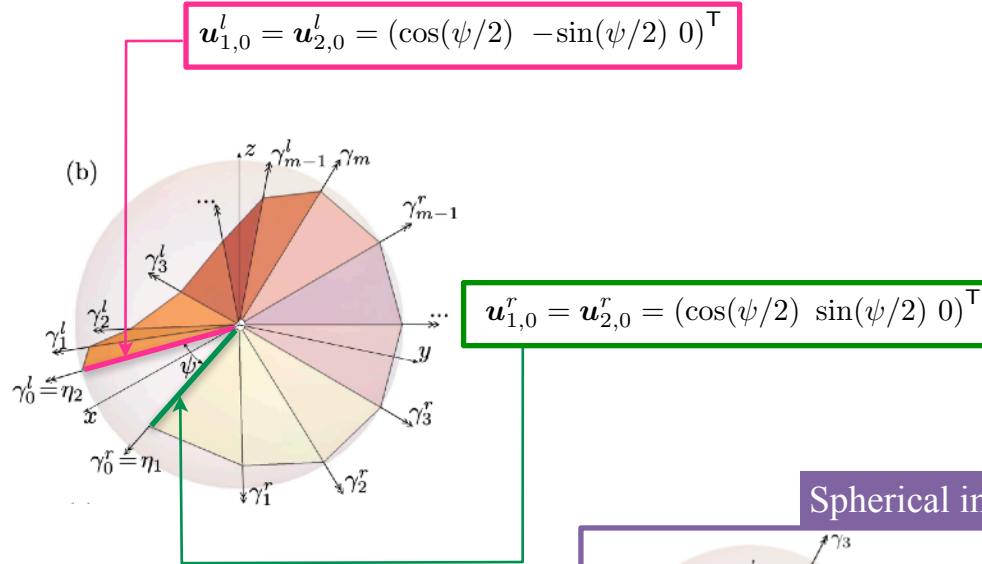
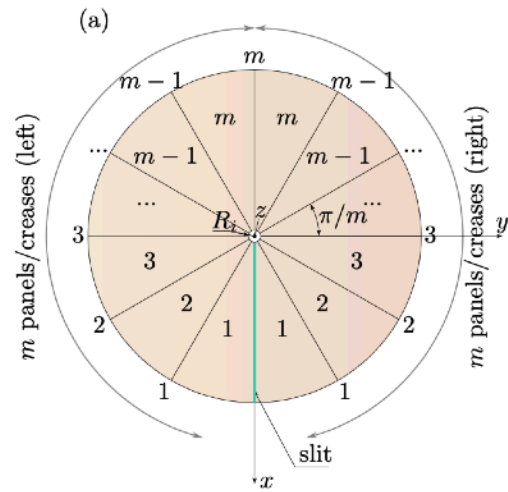
Farmer & Calladine,  
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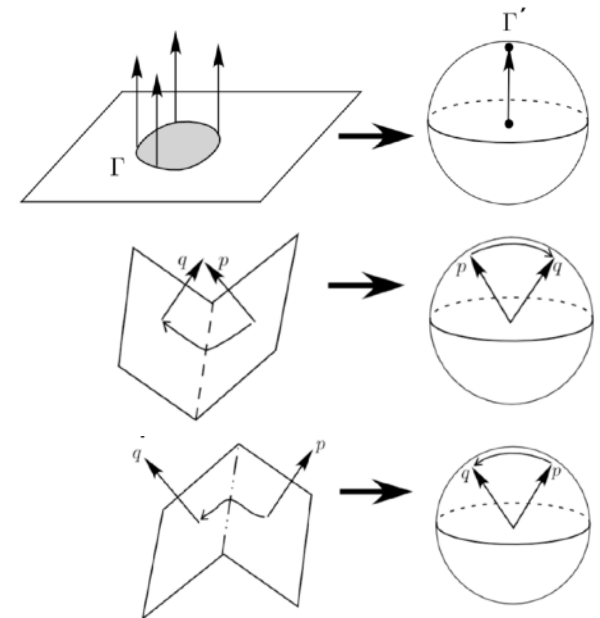
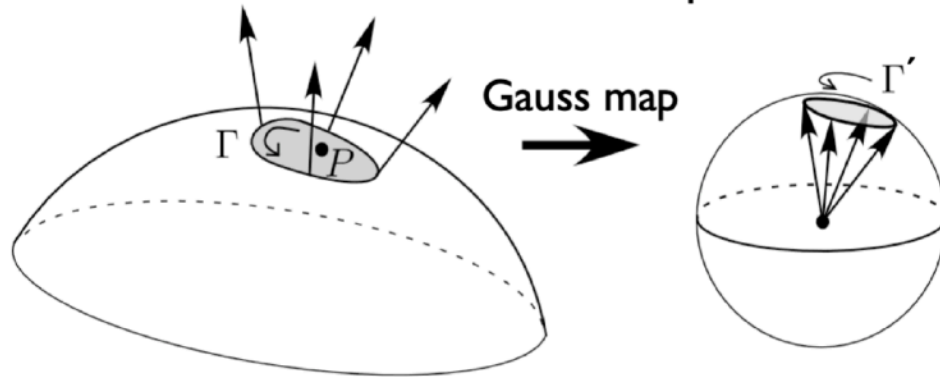


$$\mathbf{u}_{1,j}^{\{r,l\}} = \sin(\pi/m) \left[ \sin(\gamma_{j-1}^{\{r,l\}}) \mathbf{n}_{j-1}^{\{r,l\}} \pm \cos(\gamma_{j-1}^{\{r,l\}}) \mathbf{n}_{j-1}^{\{r,l\}} \times \mathbf{u}_{2,j-1}^{\{r,l\}} \right] + \cos(\pi/m) \mathbf{u}_{2,j-1}^{\{r,l\}}$$

# The Gauss map

*K. F. Gauss, Disquisitiones generales circa superficies curvas (1828)*

Definition of Gaussian curvature at a point on a surface:



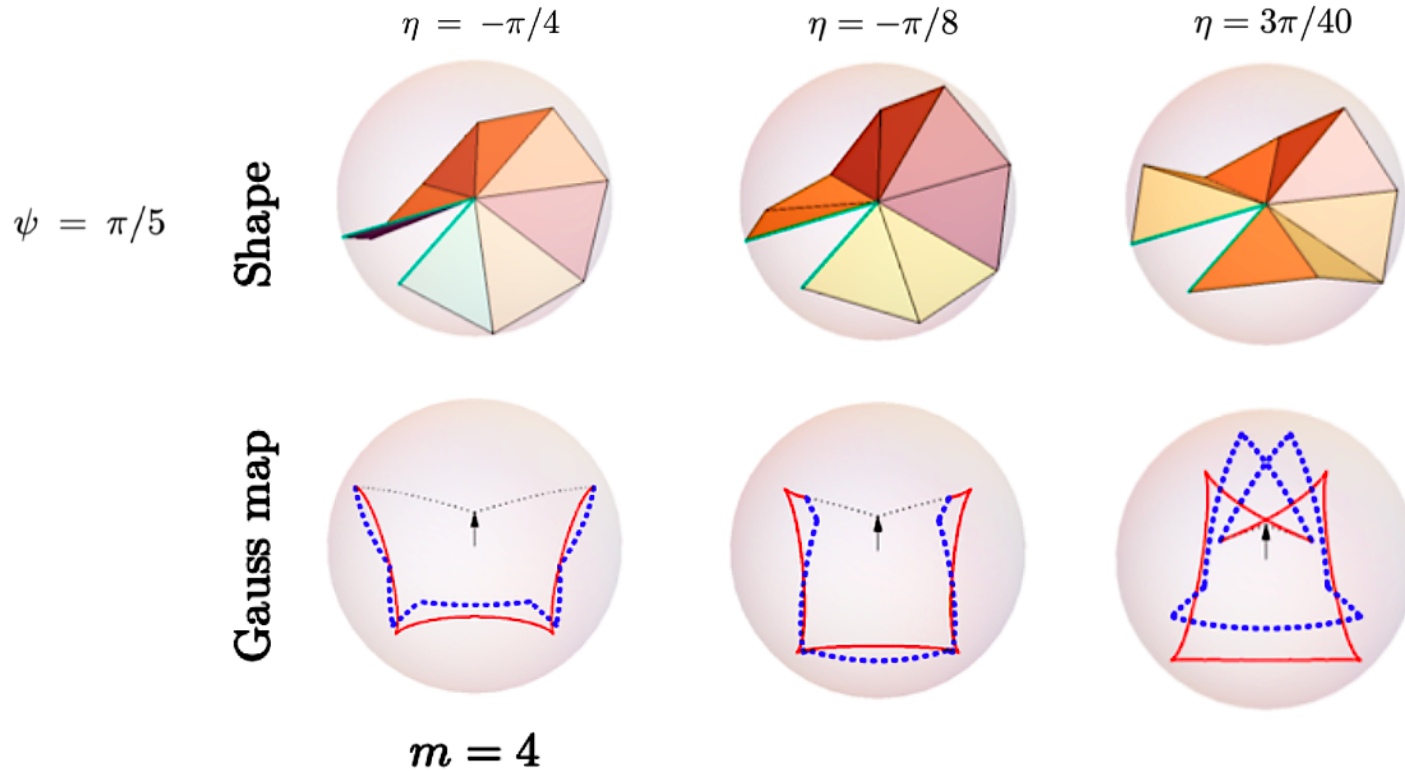
Then the curvature  $\kappa$  of the surface at  $P$  is

$$\kappa = \lim_{\Gamma \rightarrow P} \frac{\text{Area in } \Gamma'}{\text{Area in } \Gamma}$$



# Origamising e-cones

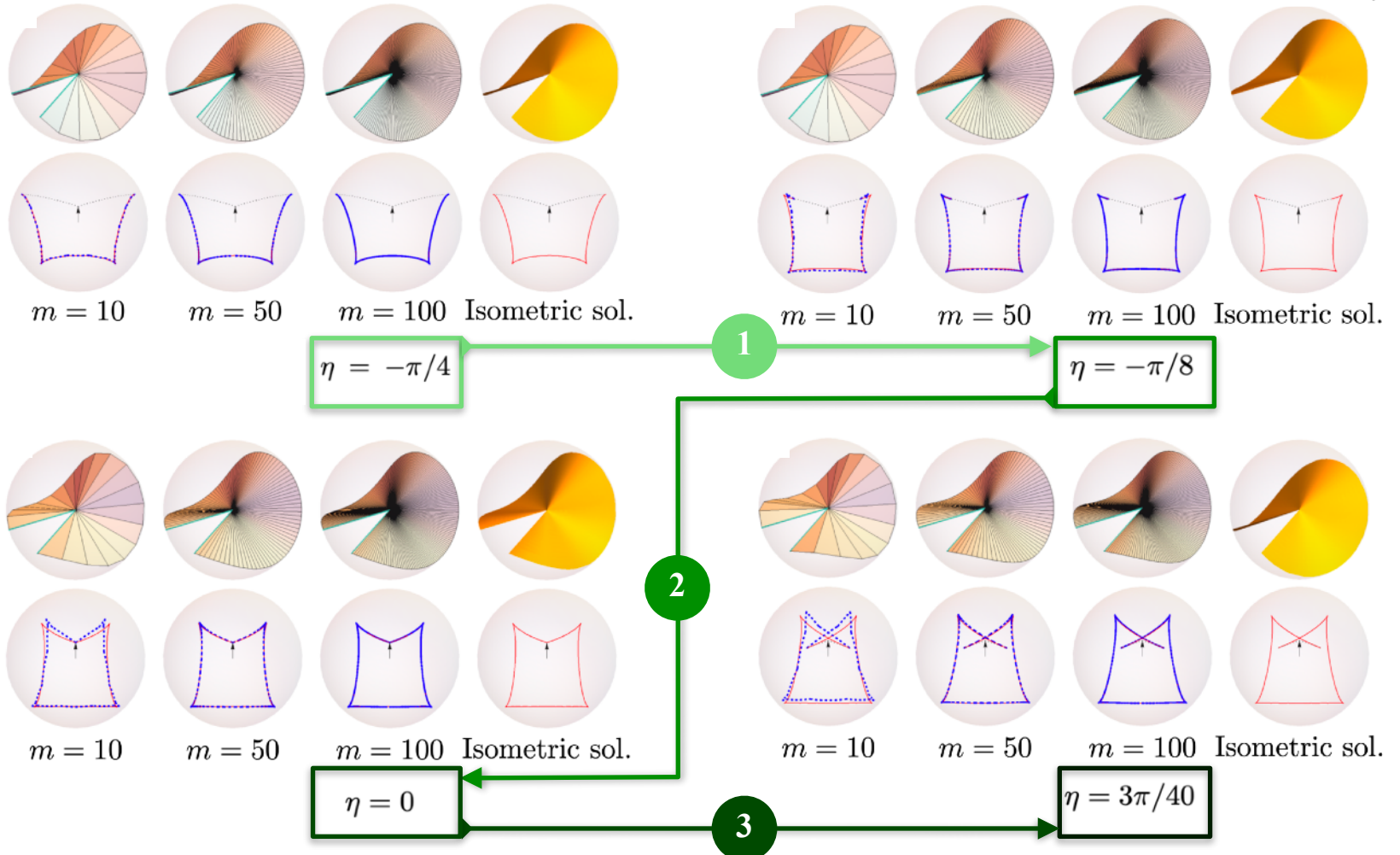
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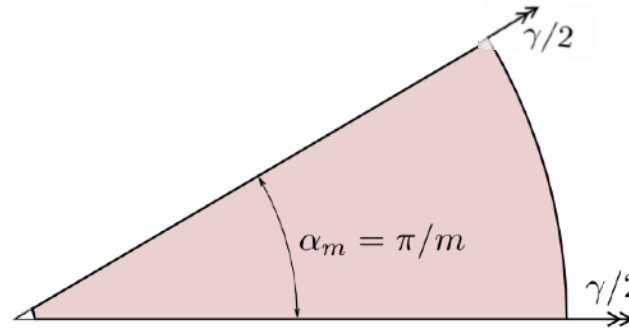
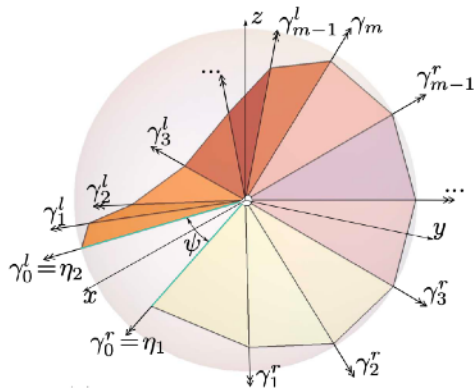
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$$\psi = \pi/5$$





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$$W = \frac{1}{2} k_b \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} [(\gamma_j^r)^2 + (\gamma_j^l)^2] + (\gamma_m)^2 \right\}$$

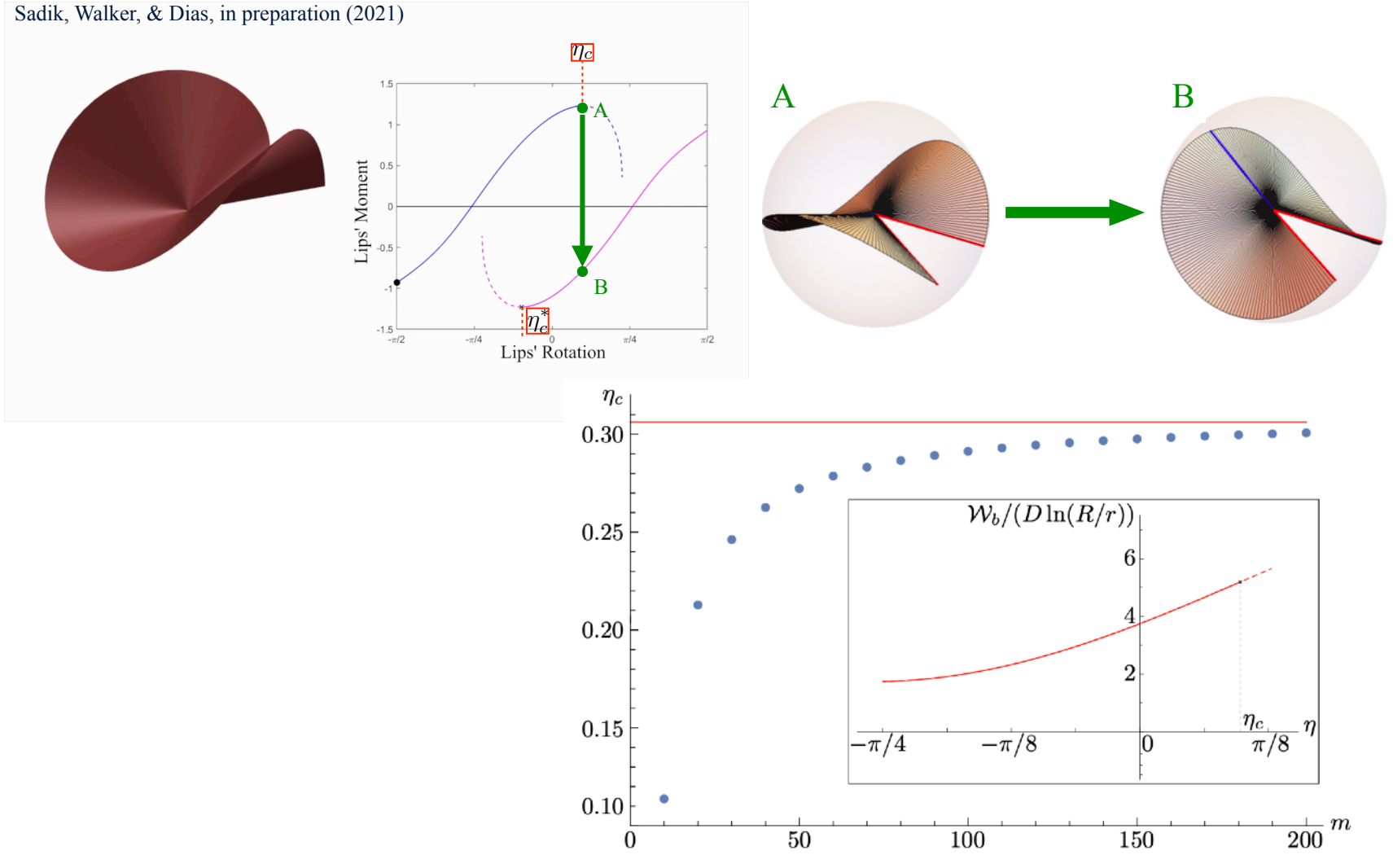
$$k_b = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \frac{1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{m} + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{m}\right)\right)} \ln\left(\frac{R_o}{R_i}\right)$$

$$k_s = \frac{Eh m^2 \left[ (R_o^2 - R_i^2)^2 + 4R_i^2 R_o^2 \left[ \log\left(\frac{R_o}{R_i}\right) \right]^2 \right]}{8\pi^2 (R_o^2 - R_i^2)}$$

# Snapping behaviour

## Pure bending

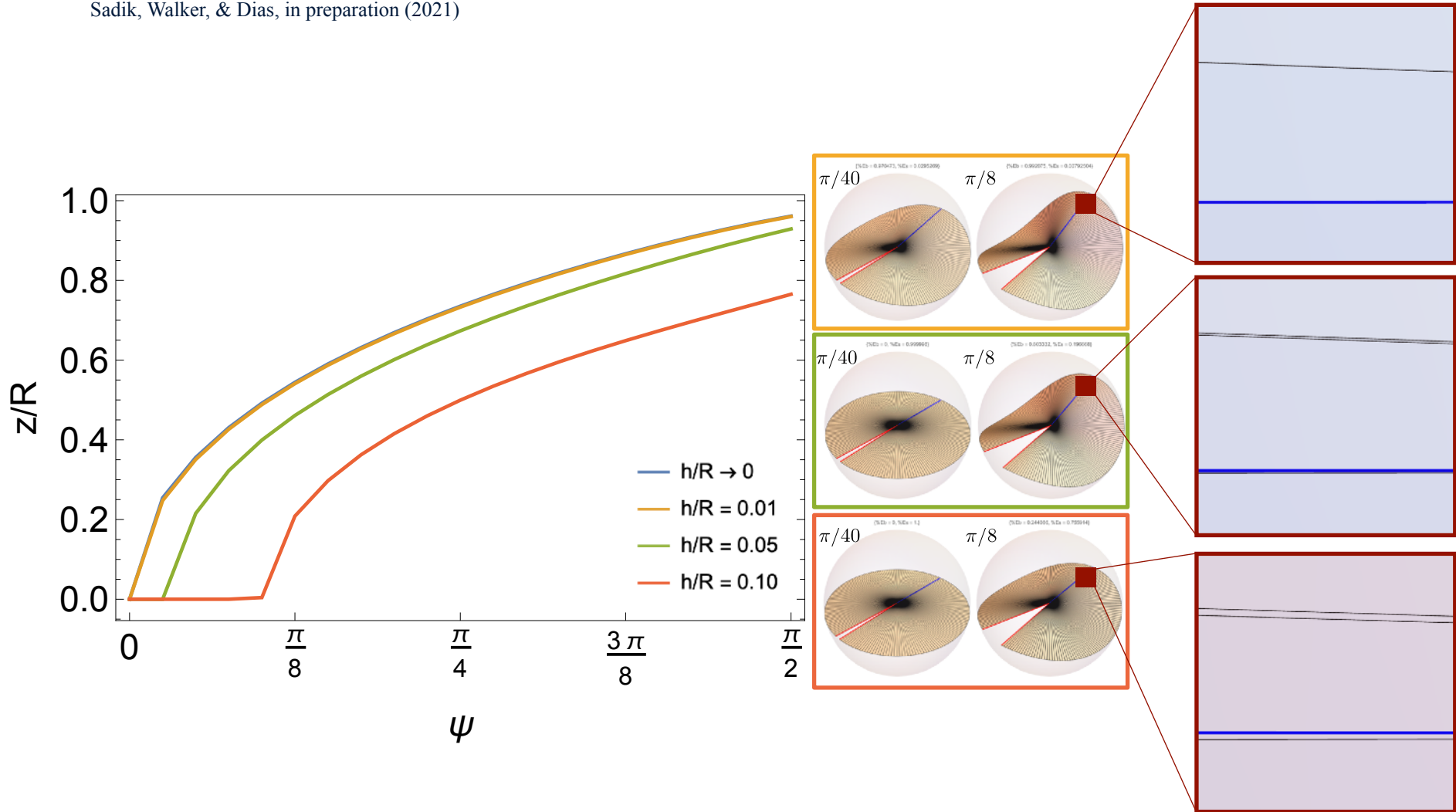
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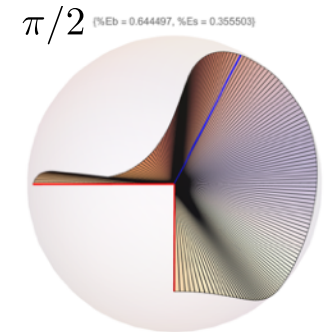
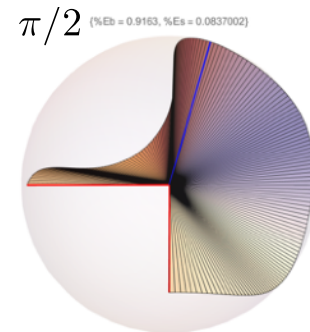
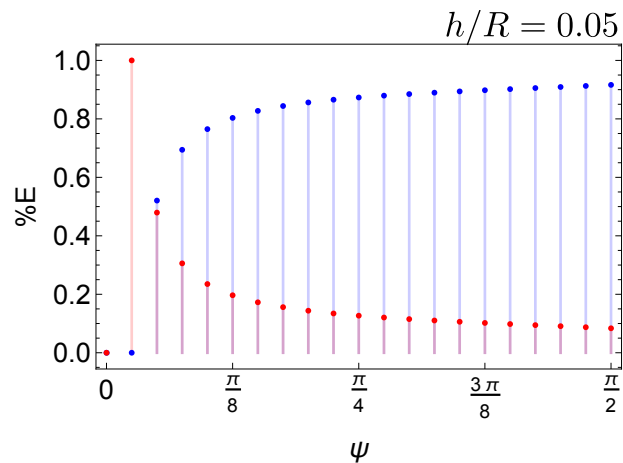
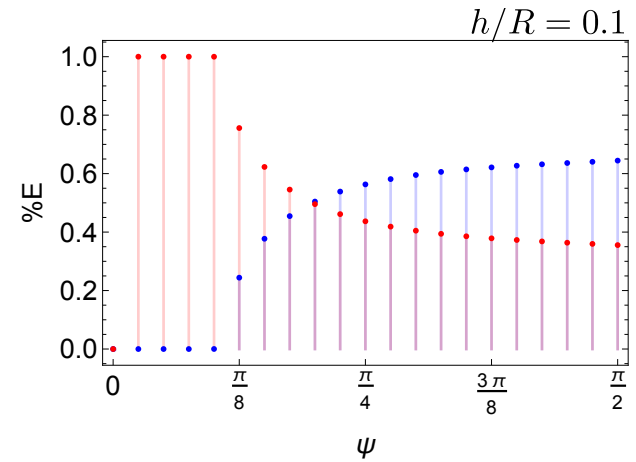
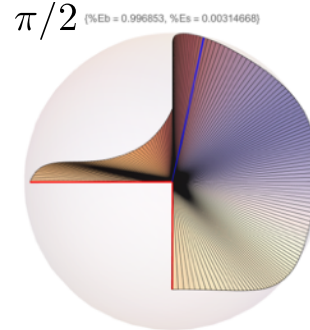
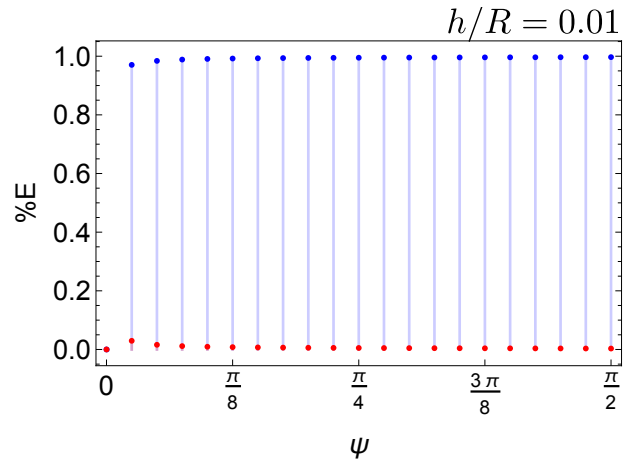


# Behaviour close to the instability point

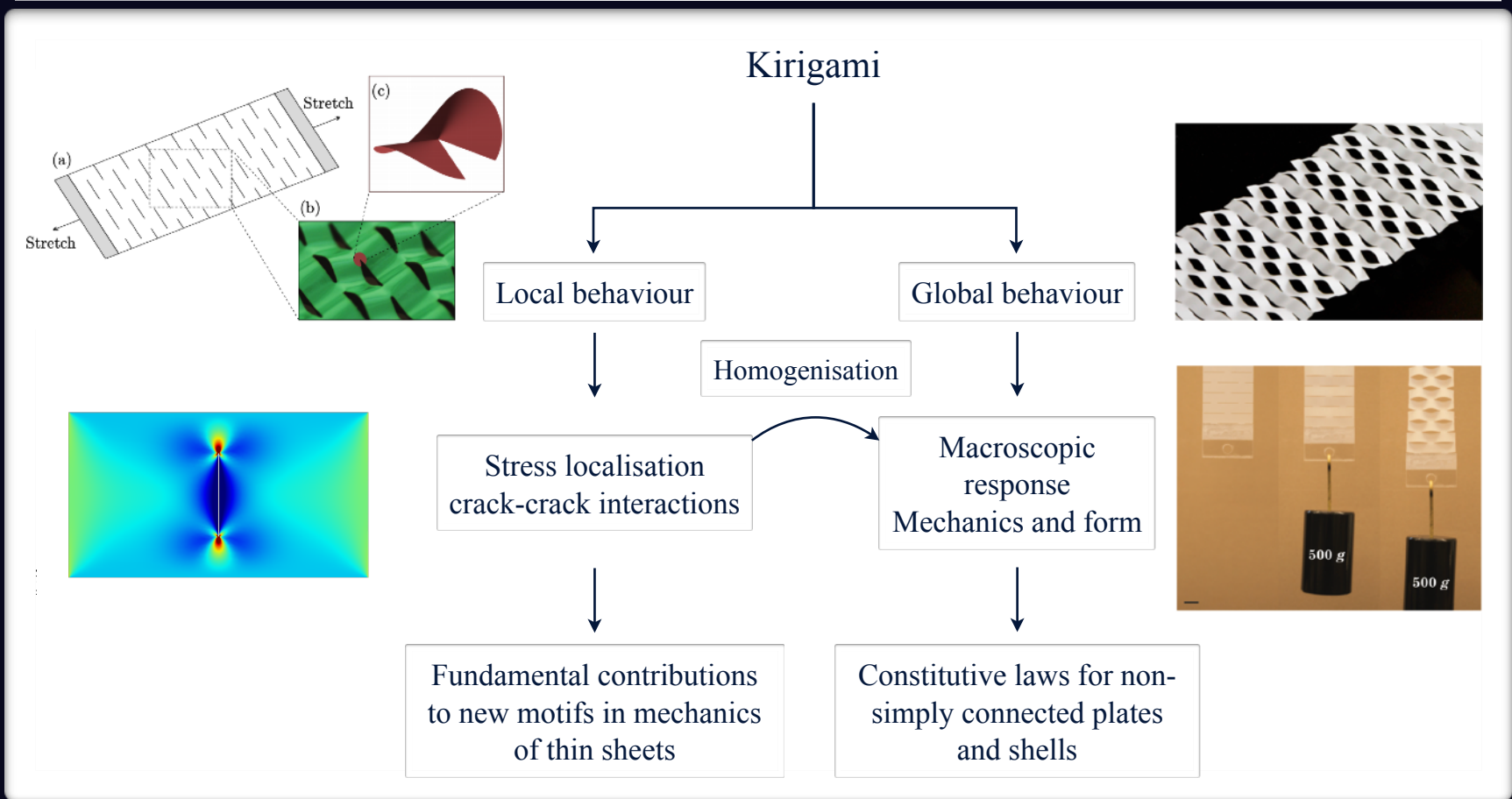
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•  $E_b$  •  $E_s$



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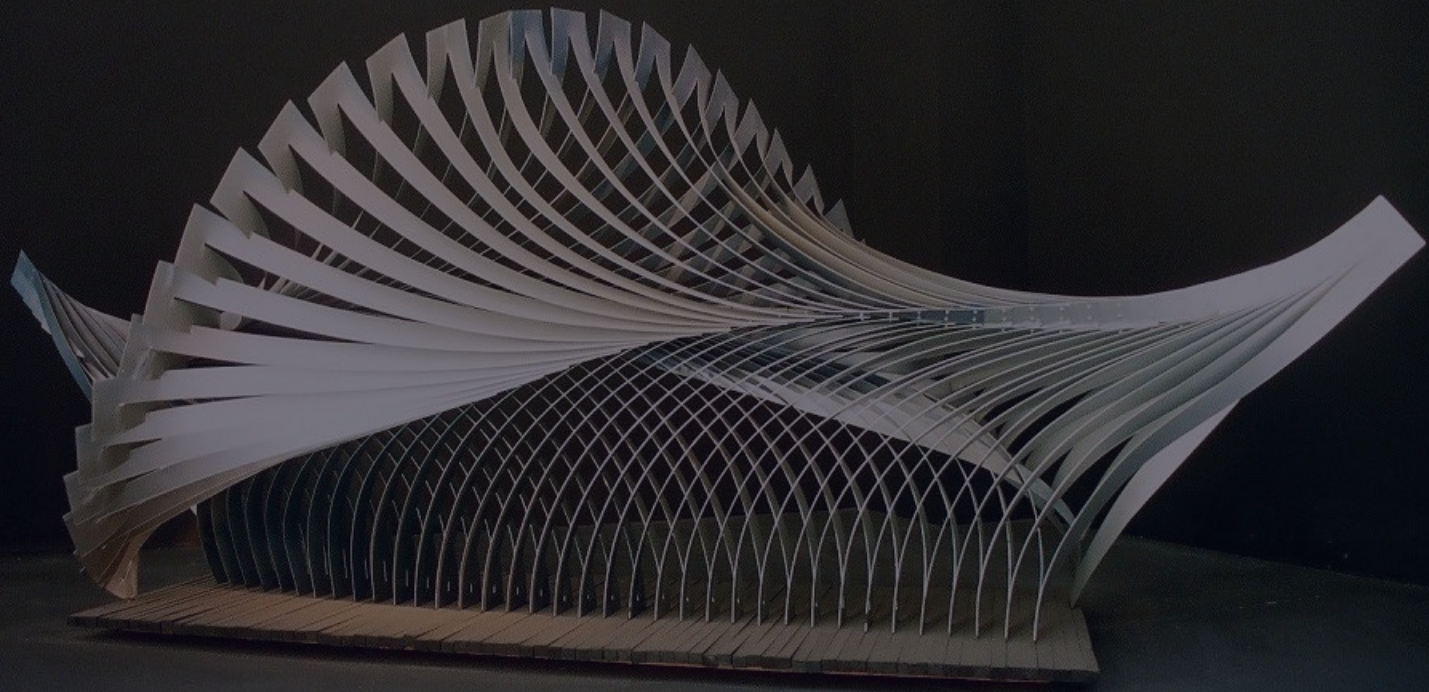




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