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Geometric Modeling from Flat Sheet Material

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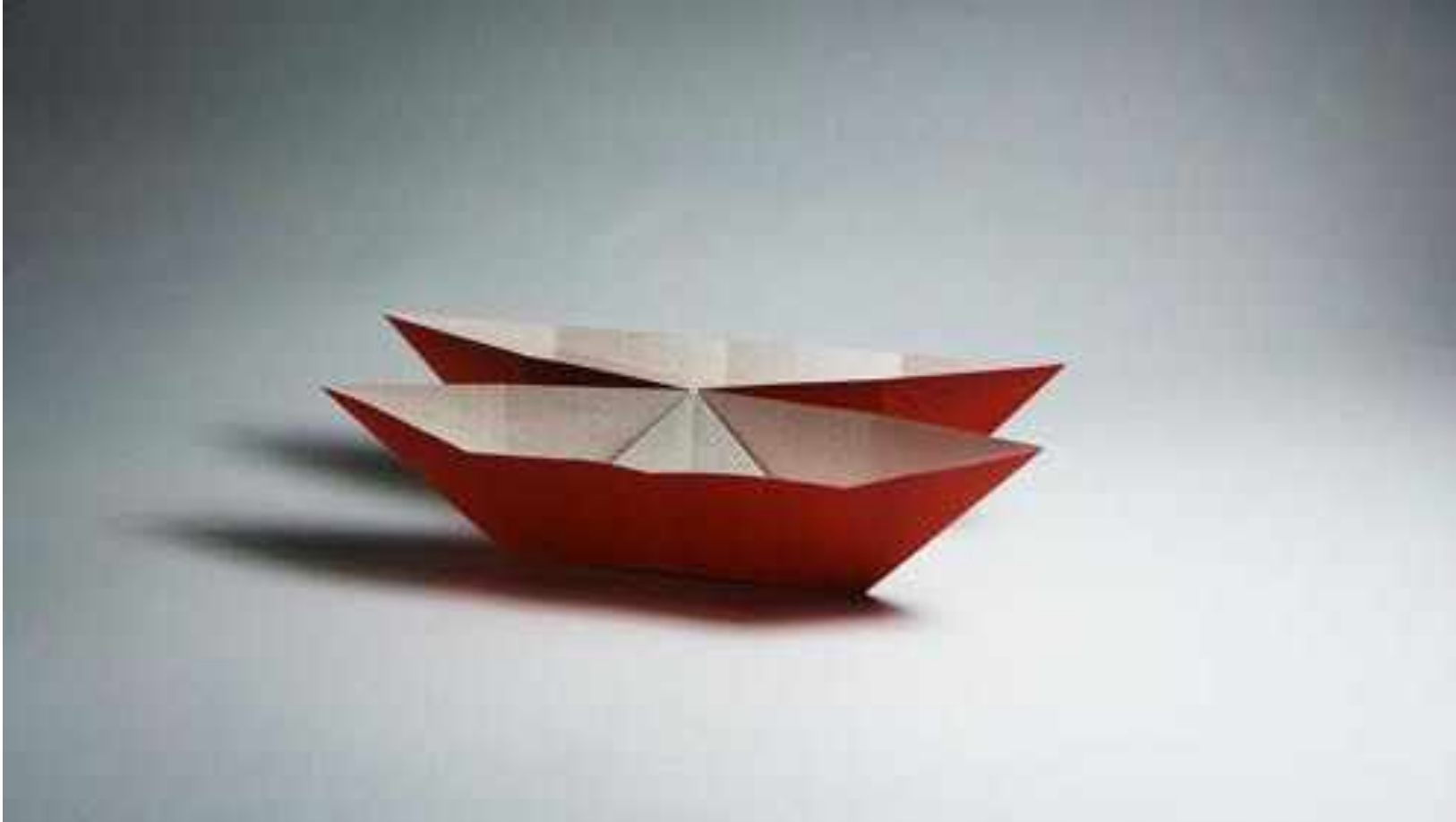
Outline

- Research background
- Curved-pleated structures (SIGGRAPH Asia 2019)
- Checkerboard patterns with Black Rectangles (SIGGRAPH Asia 2019)
- Quad-Mesh Based Isometric Mappings and Developable Surfaces (SIGGRAPH 2020)
- Freeform Quad-based Kirigami (SIGGRAPH Asia 2020)

Background

- Origami (折纸)
- Kirigami (剪纸)
- Developable surfaces (可展曲面)

Origami (折紙)



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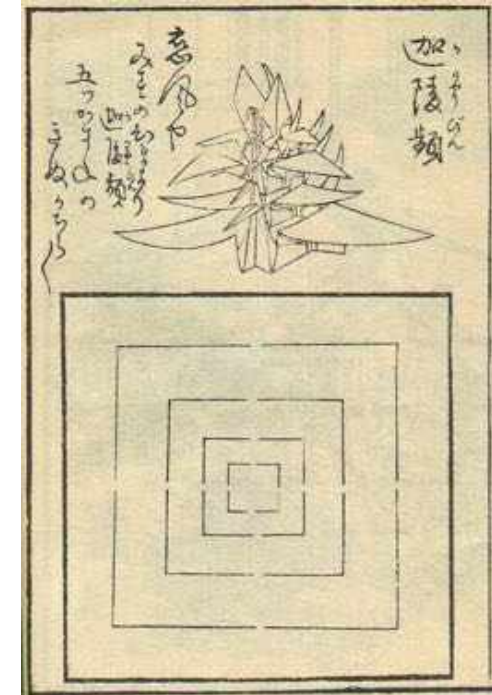
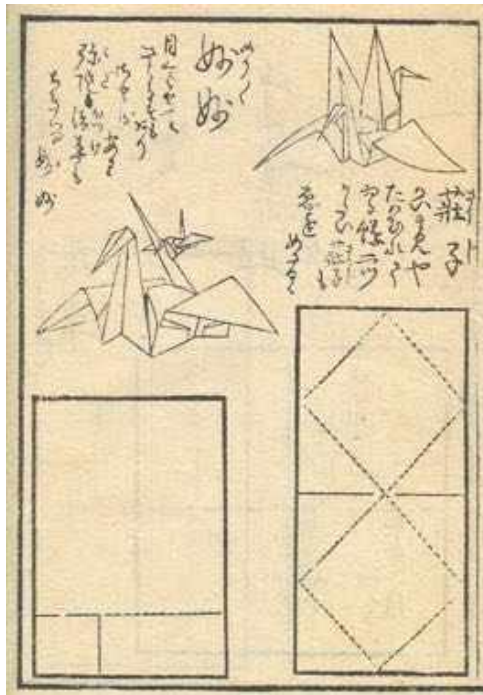
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Origami (折紙)

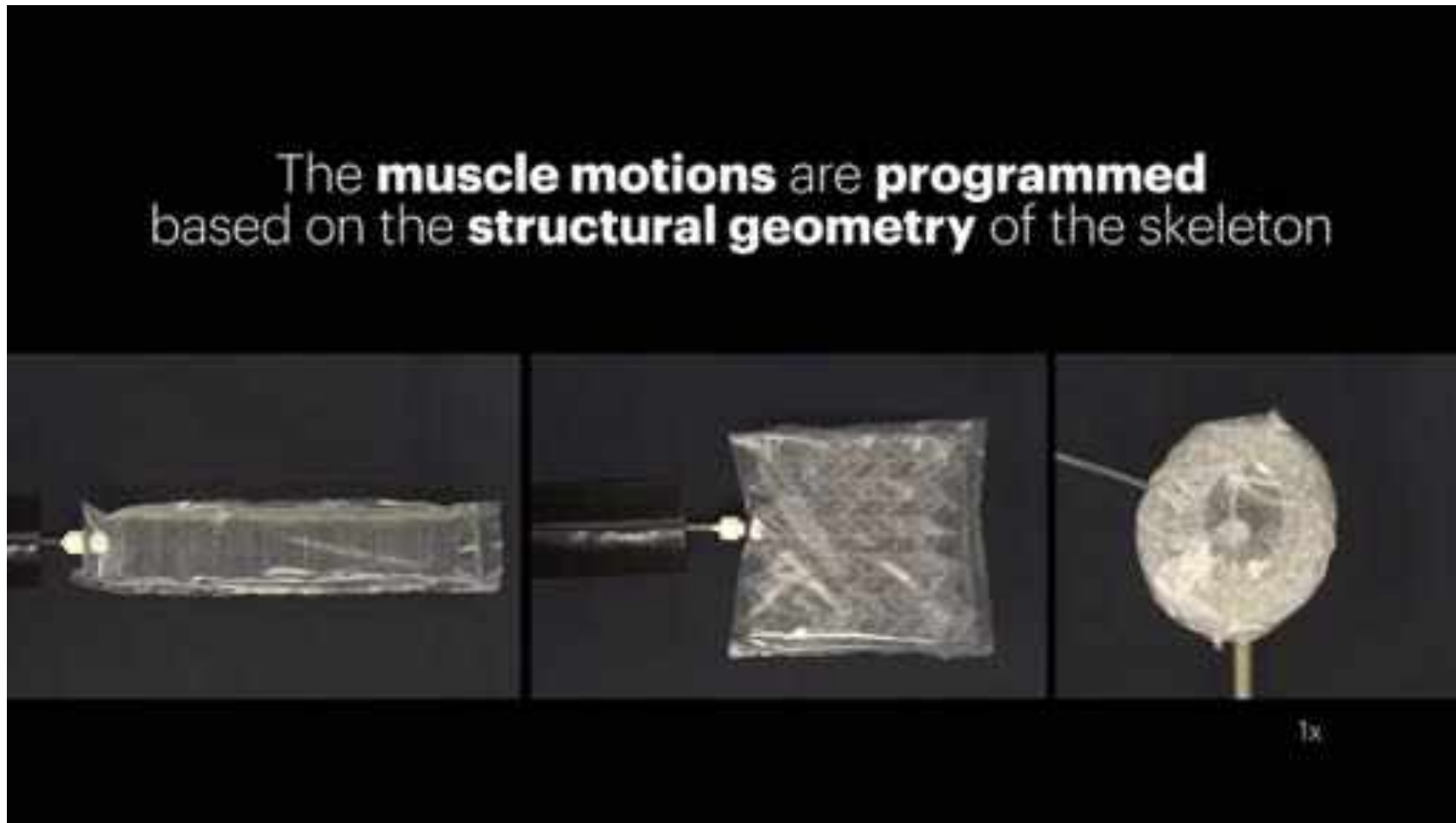
- An art as old as paper



From the first known book on origami, *Hiden senbazuru orikata*, published in Japan in 1797 (wikipedia)

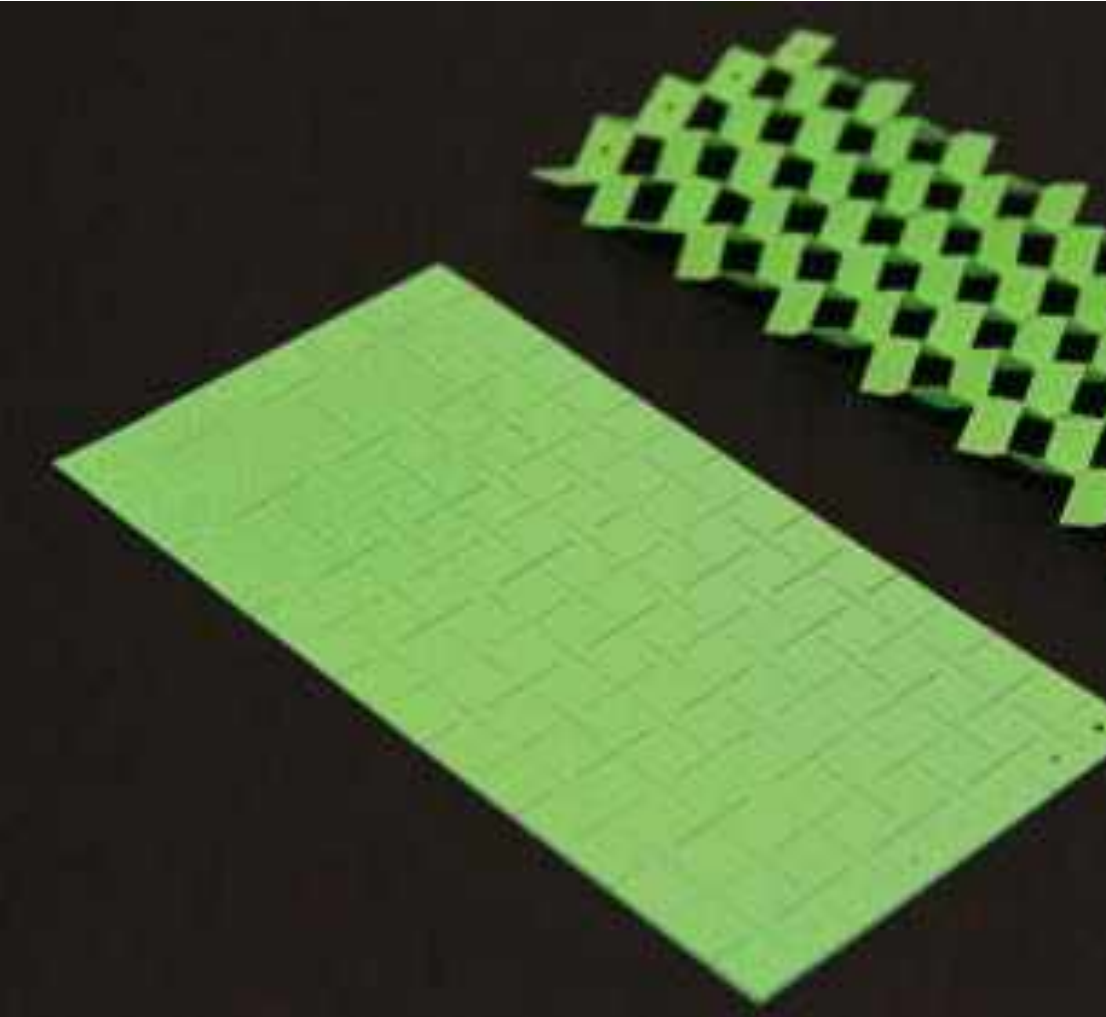


Origami



Credit: Wyss Institute at Harvard University

Kirigami(剪纸)

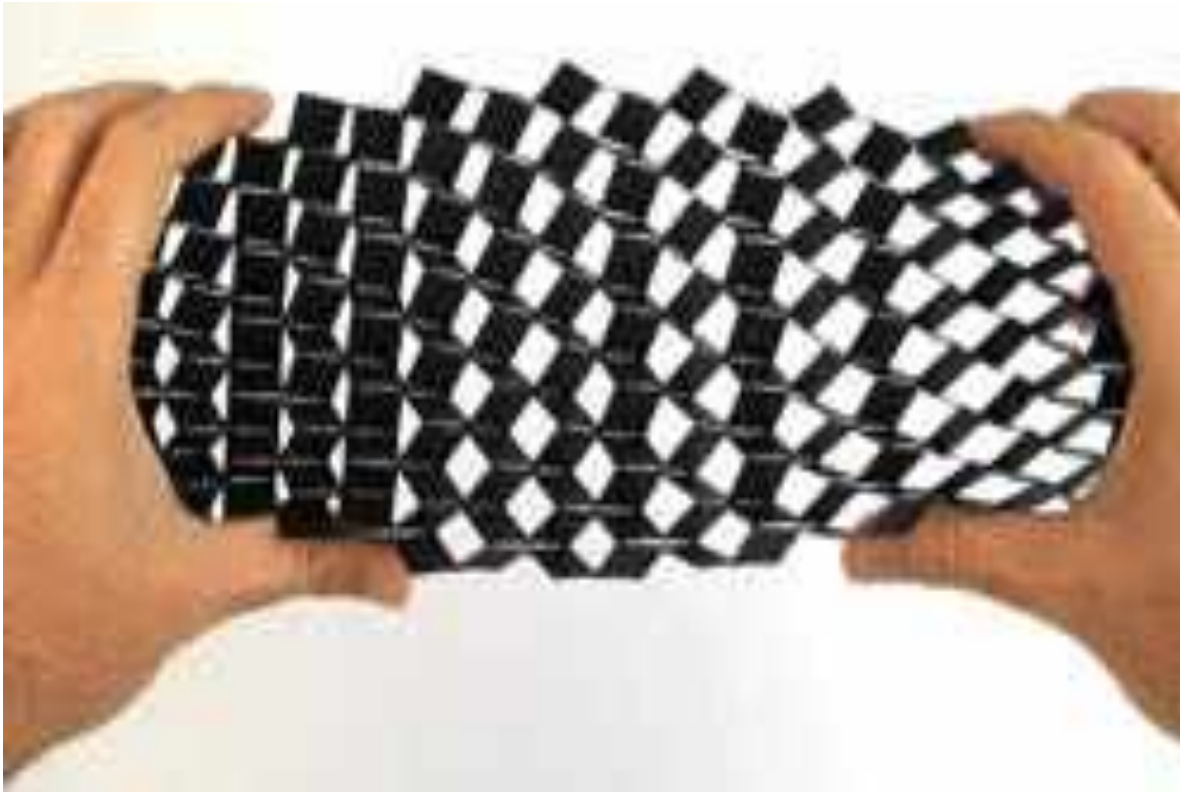


Credit: Ahmad Rafsanjani/Harvard SEAS

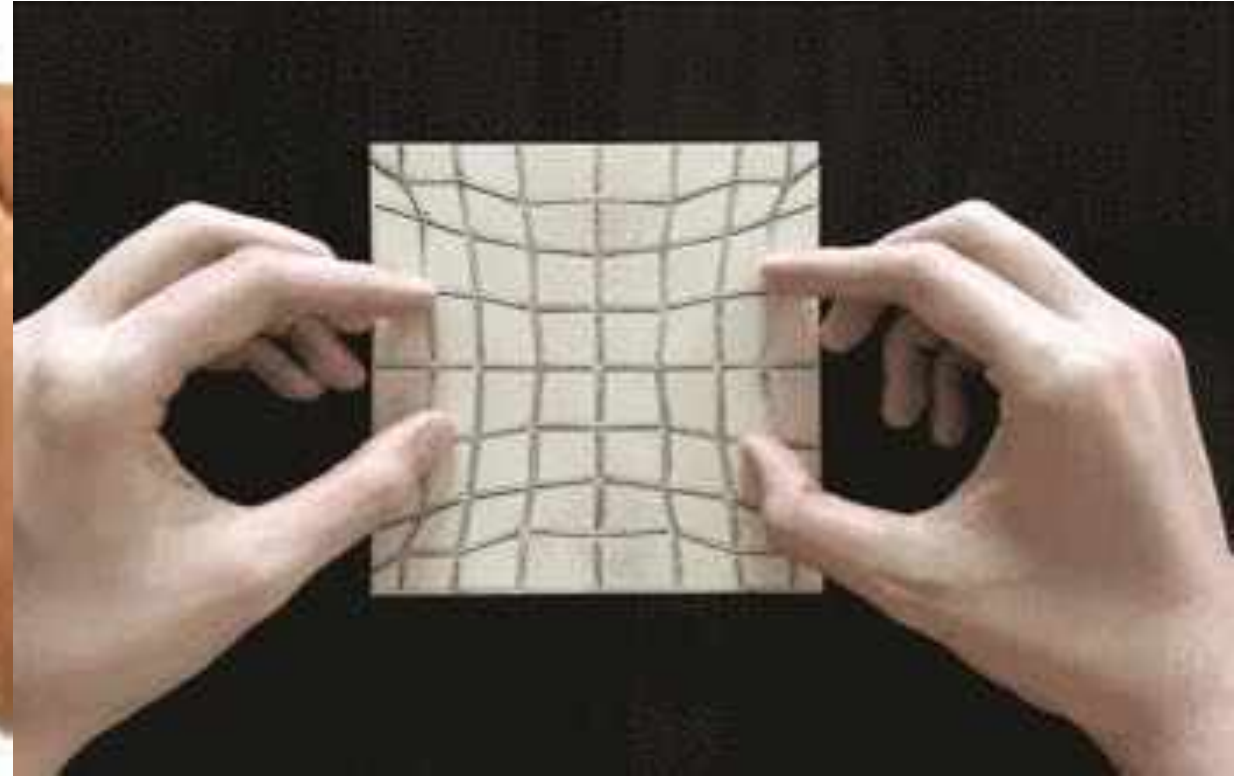


Credit: Paper Dandy

Kirigami(剪纸)



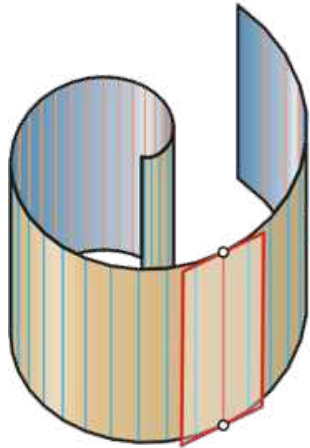
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Credit: Gary P. T. Choi

Developable surfaces(可展曲面)

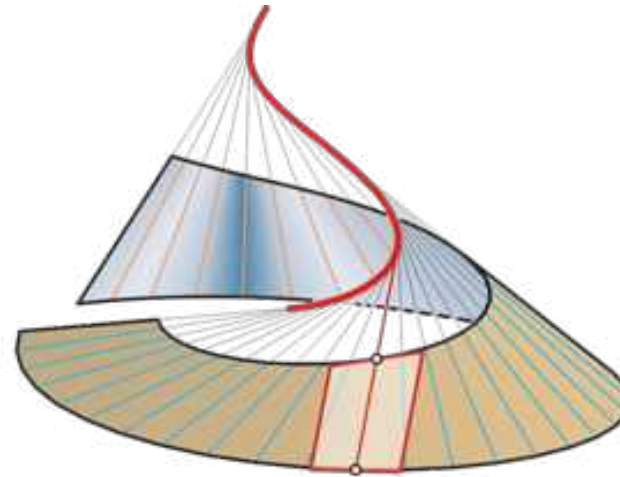
- smooth surface with zero Gaussian curvature.
- can be flattened onto a plane without distortion.



general
cylinder



general
cone



tangent
surface

Developable surfaces(可展曲面)



Frank Gehry, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

Curved-pleated structures

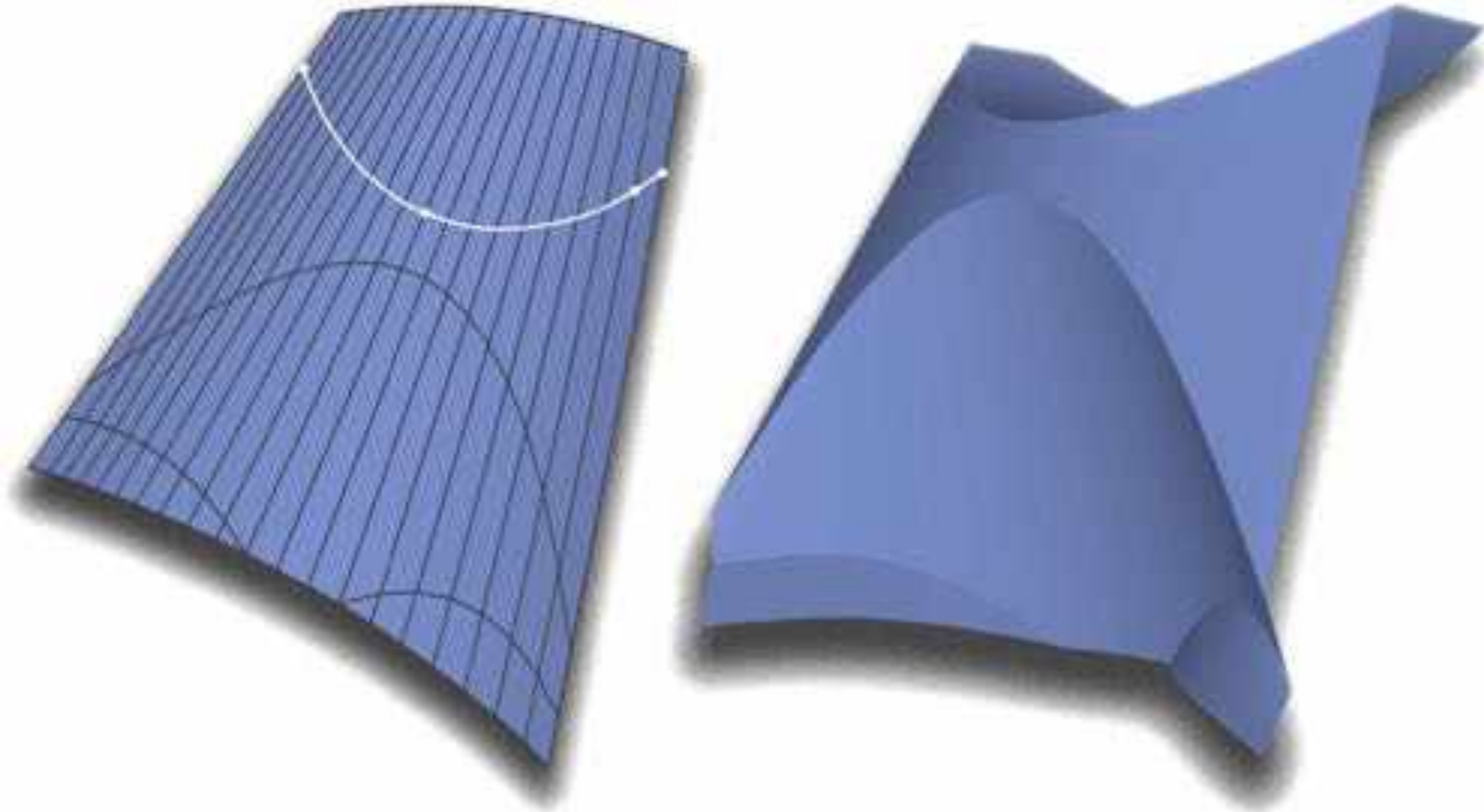
(SIGGRAPH Asia 2019)

with Klara Mundilova, Florian Rist, Johannes Wallner, Helmut Pottmann

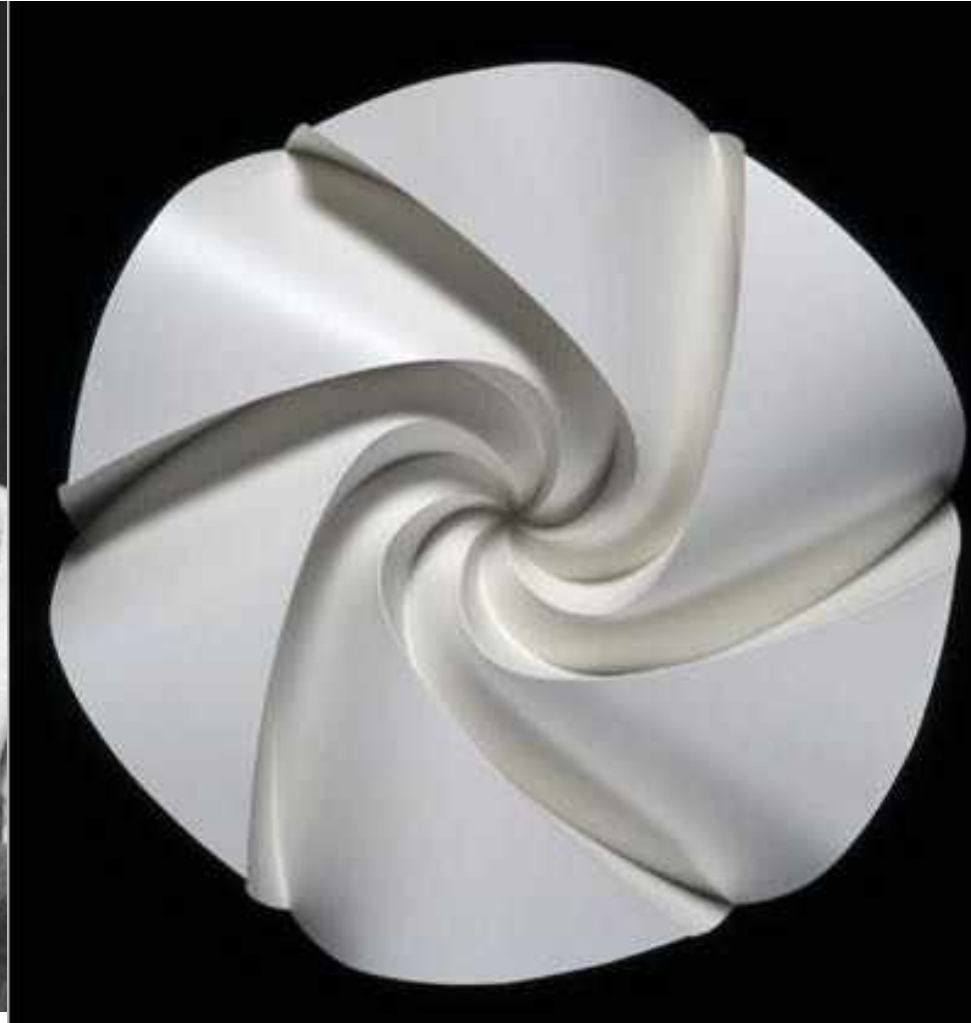
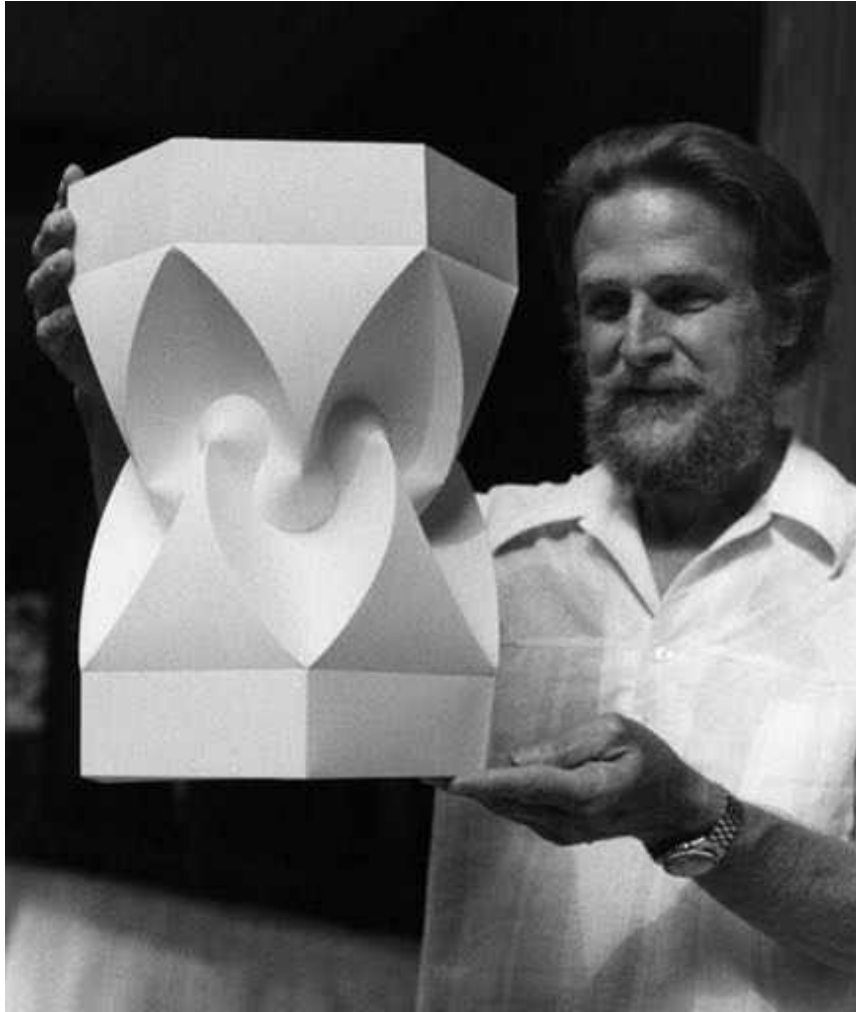
Erik and Martin Demaine



What is a curved fold?



Previous work



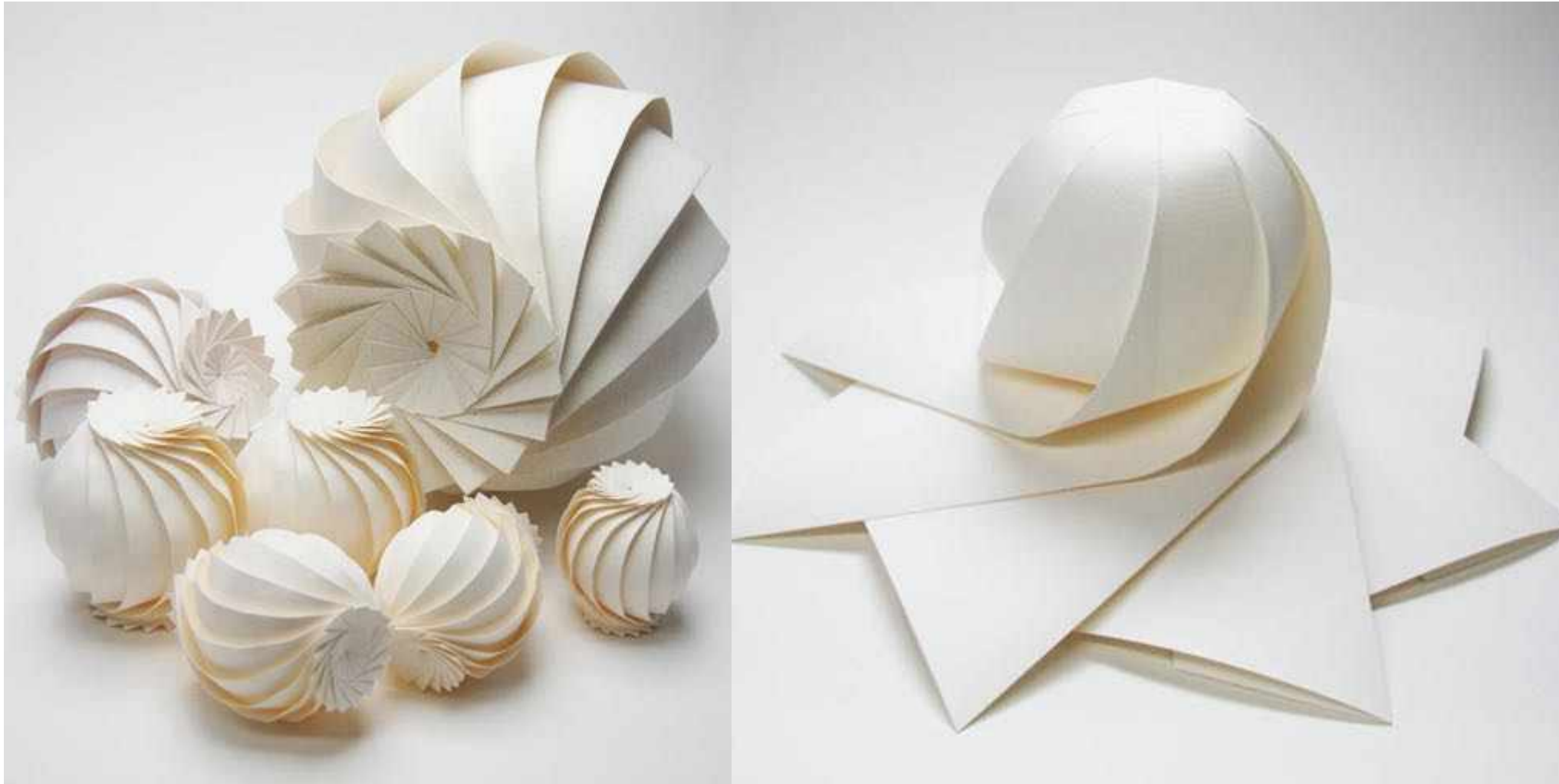
David Huffman

Previous work



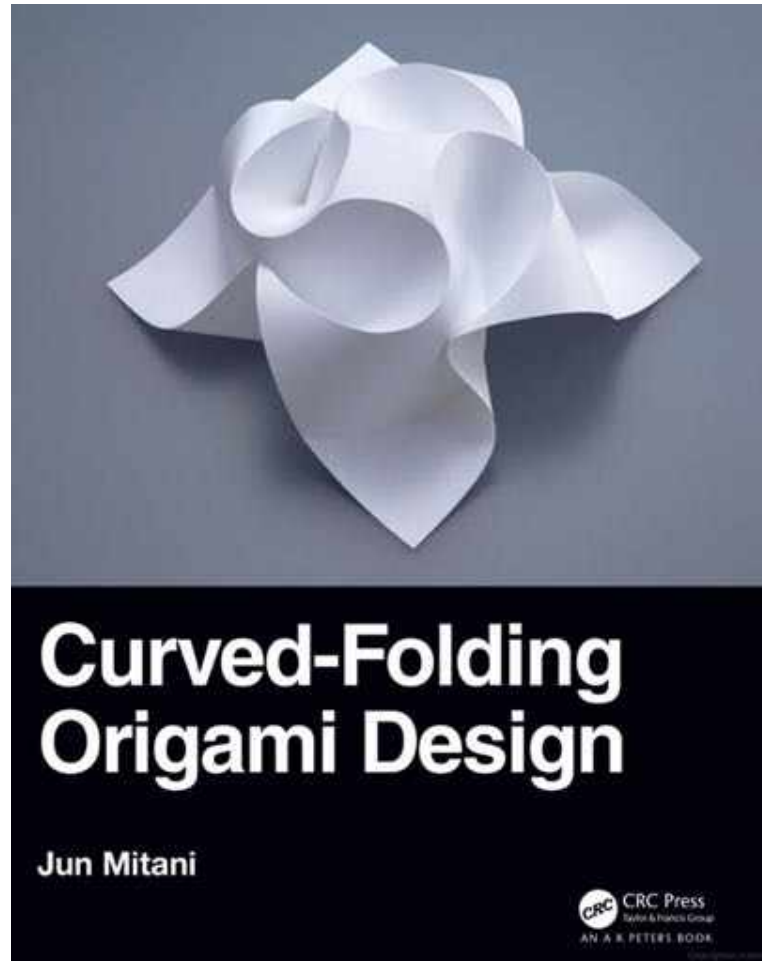
Demaine et al.

Previous work



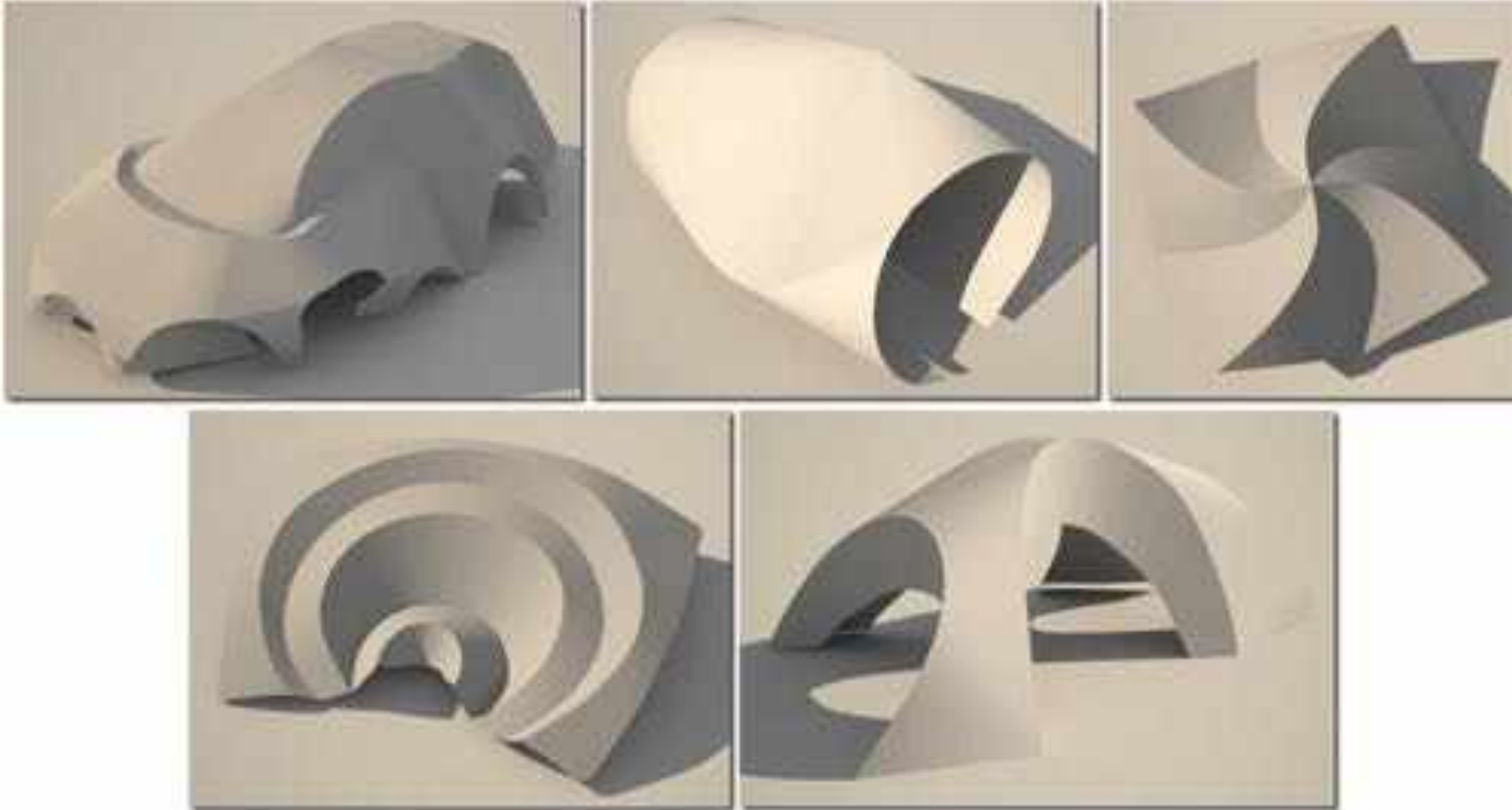
Jun Mitani
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Previous work



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Previous work



Kilian et al.
Siggraph 2008

Previous work



Rabinovich et al.

Face shield design



Designed by the University of Cambridge's [Centre for Natural Material Innovation](#) and University of Queensland's [Folded Structures Lab](#)

<https://happysield.github.io/en/>

Our contributions

- Design of **pleated structures**
- Approximation of a given shape by a pleated structure
- Introduce principal pleated structures and a discrete model for them
- Design of flexible mechanisms in form of quad meshes



Geometry background

Meshes from planar quads



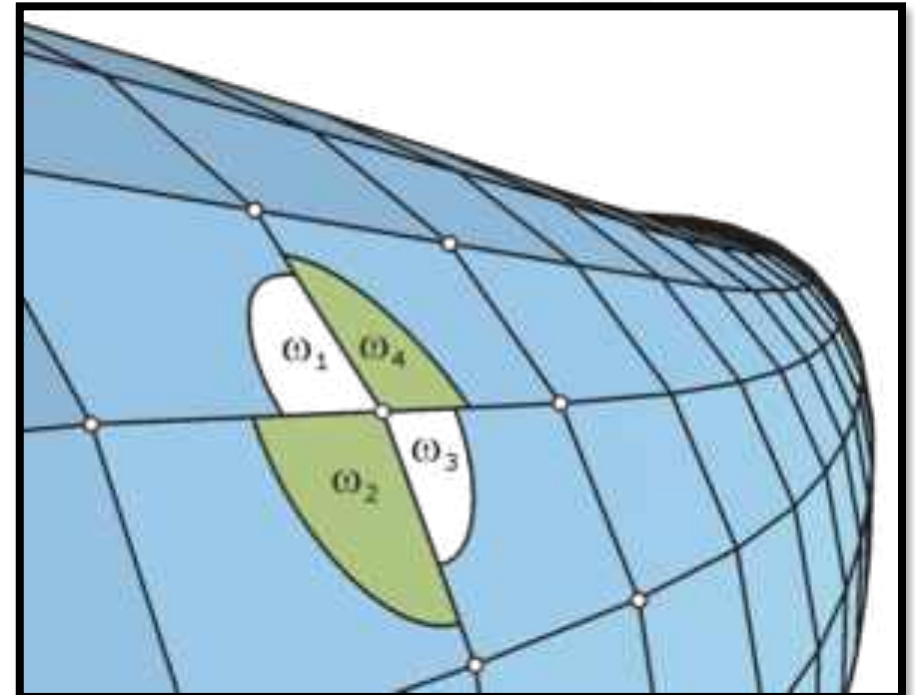
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- Application in architecture: structures from *flat quadrilateral panels*
- *PQ meshes*

Conical meshes

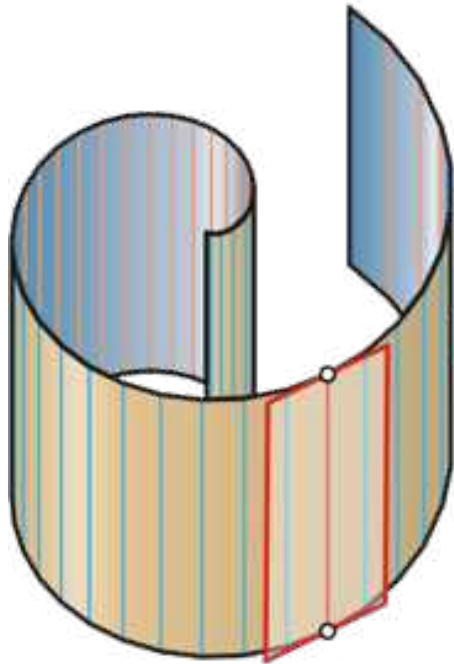
- PQ meshes with nearly rectangular panels follow principal curvature lines of a reference surface.
- One type of principal mesh: *conical mesh*
- PQ mesh is *conical* if at each vertex the *incident face planes are tangent to a right circular cone*
- Equal sum of opposite angles at each vertex

$$\omega_1 + \omega_3 = \omega_2 + \omega_4$$



Developable surfaces

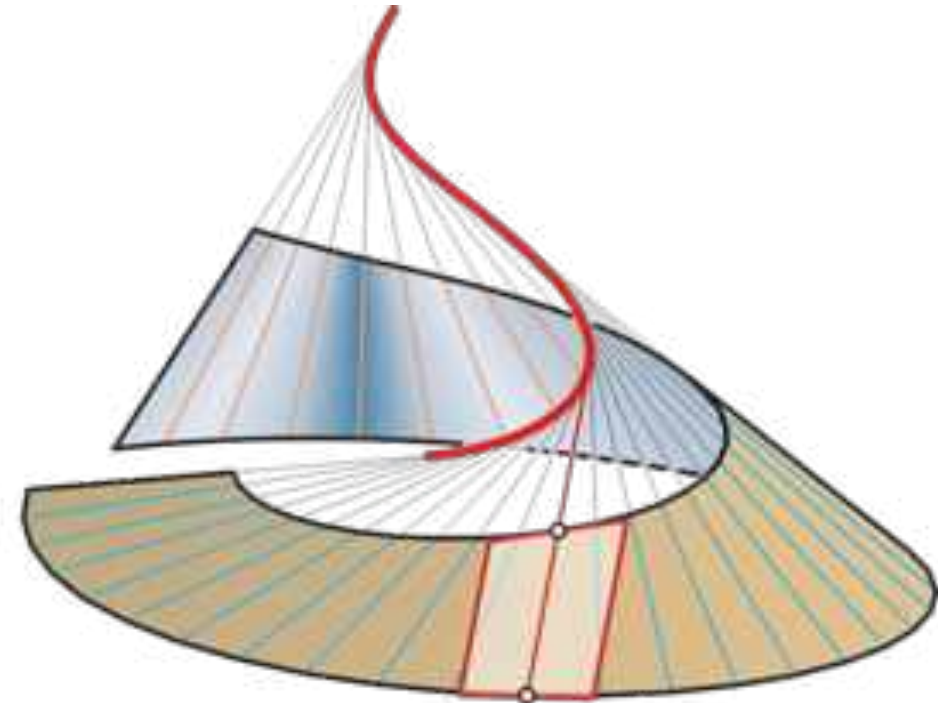
- Curved folded objects consist of smooth developable surfaces



general cylinder



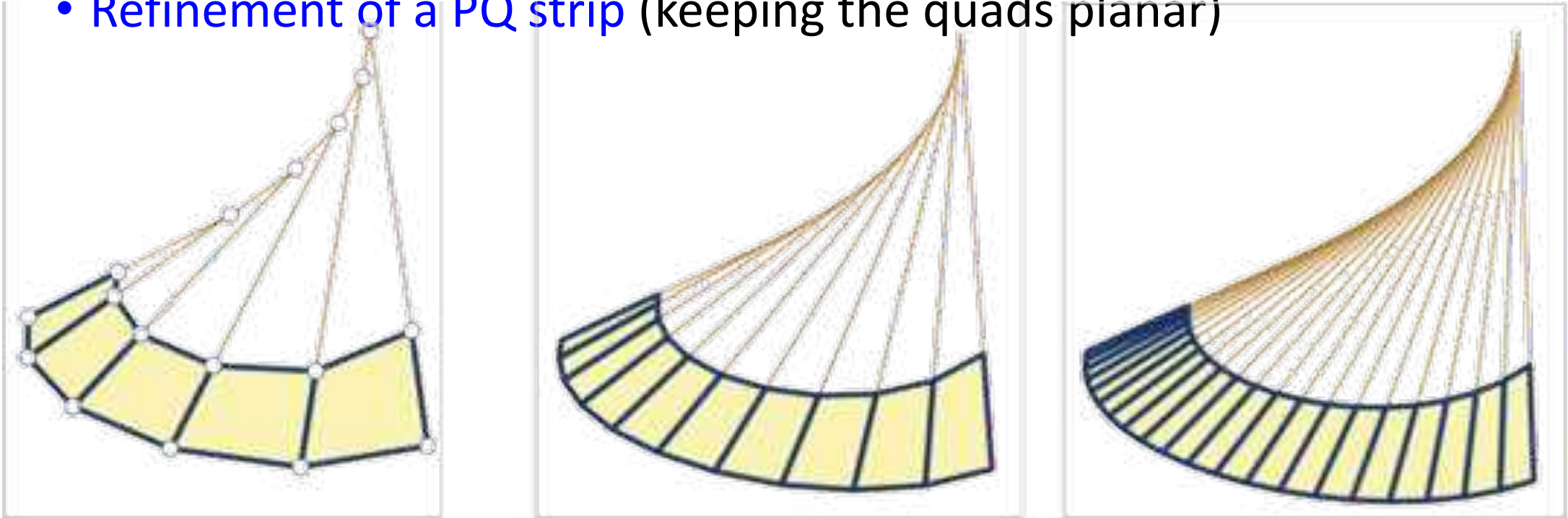
general cone



tangent surface

Discrete model

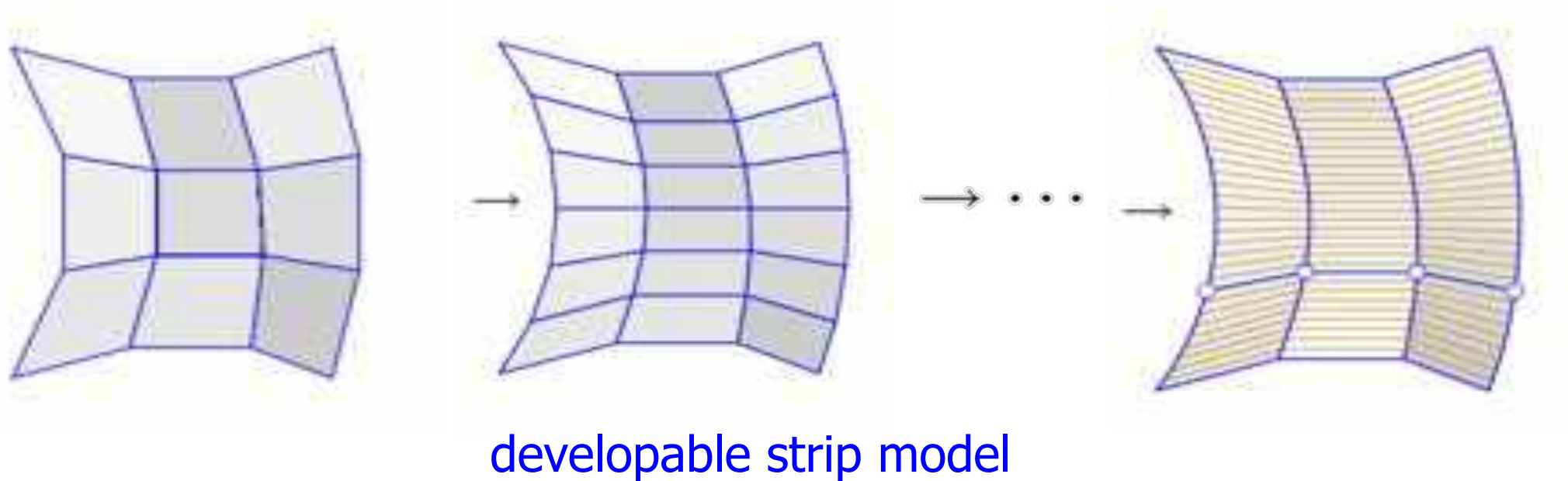
- Refinement of a PQ strip (keeping the quads planar)



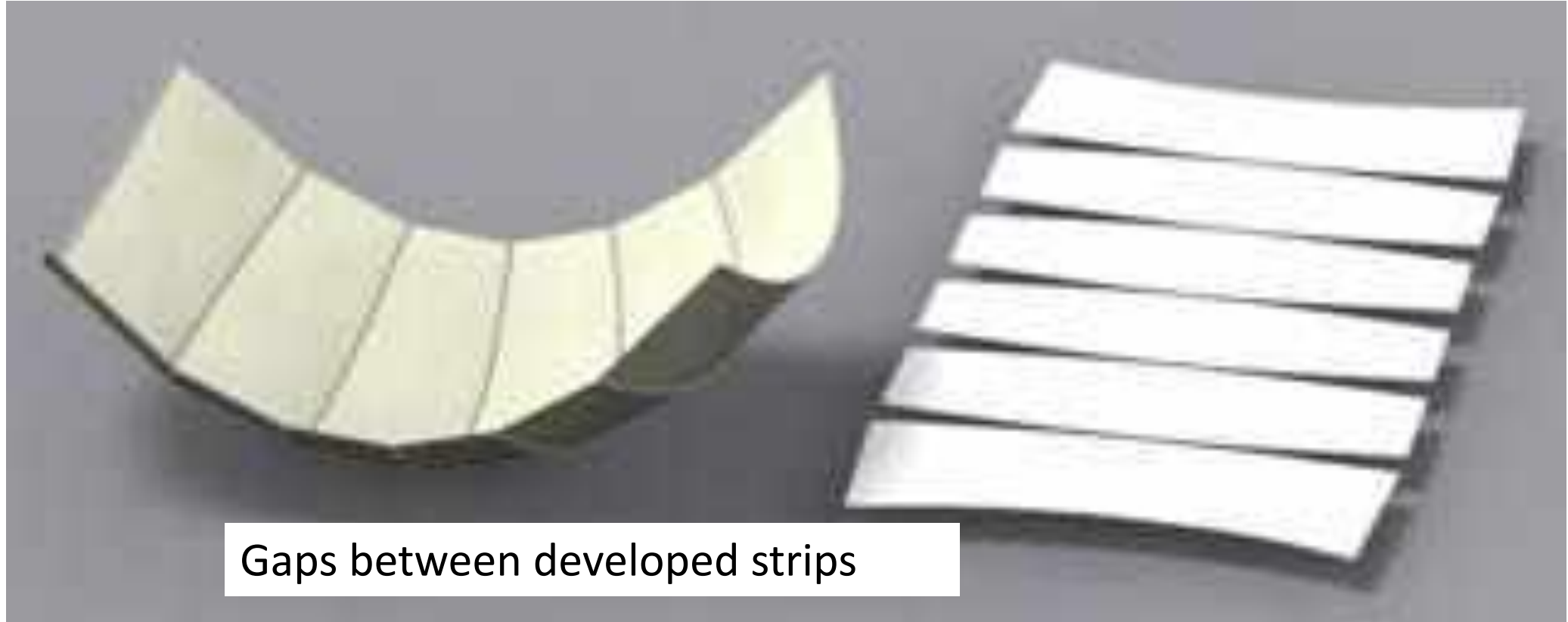
Limit: developable surface strip

Developable strip models

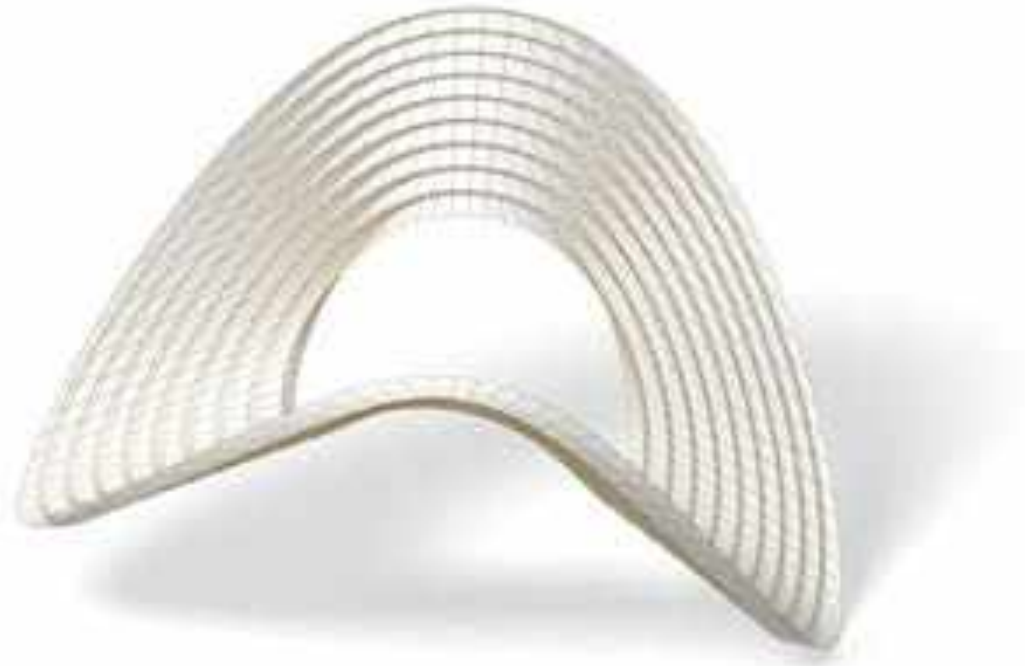
- One-directional limit of a PQ mesh:



Planar unfolding of a developable strip model

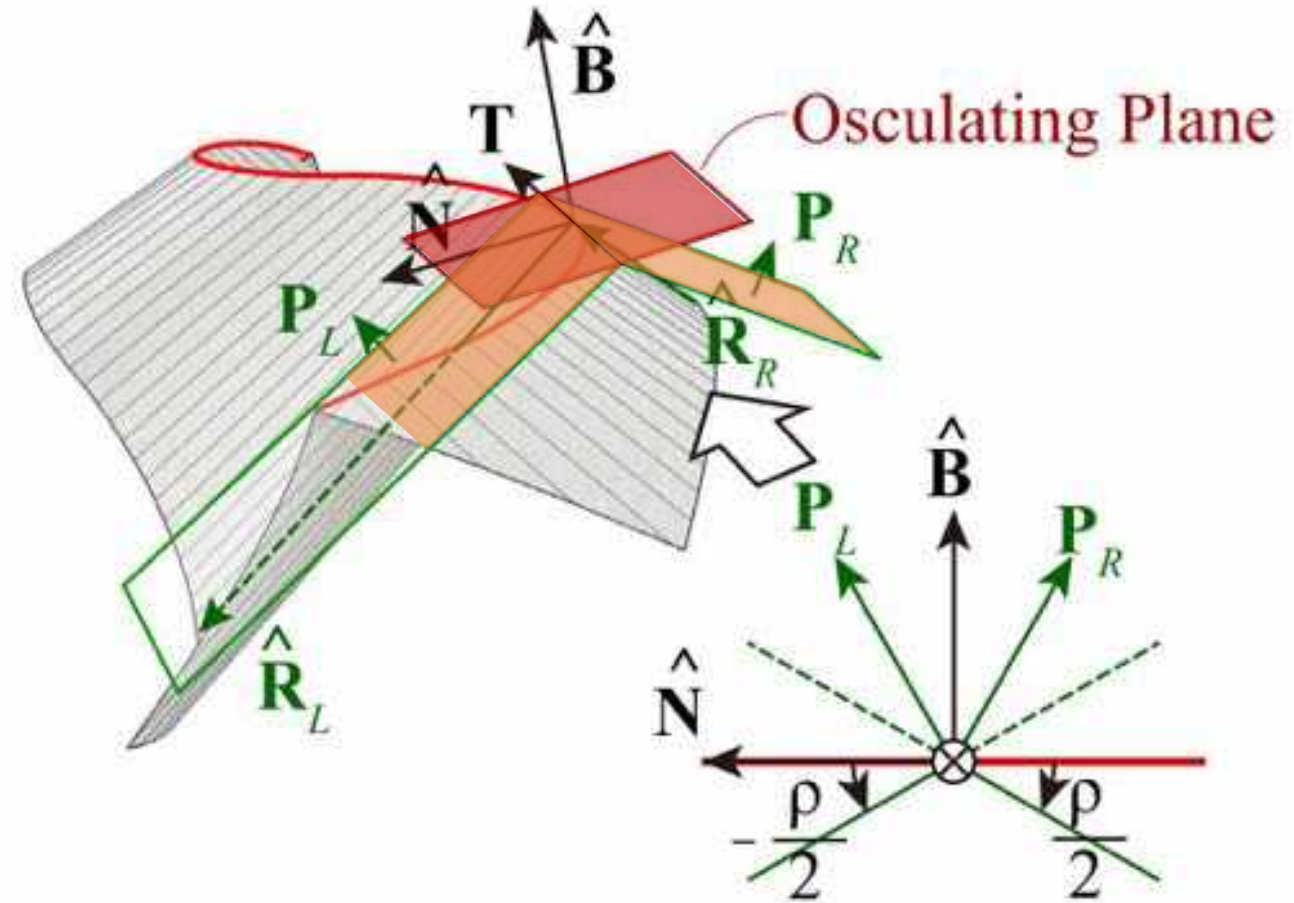


Unfolding of a pleated structure: no gaps



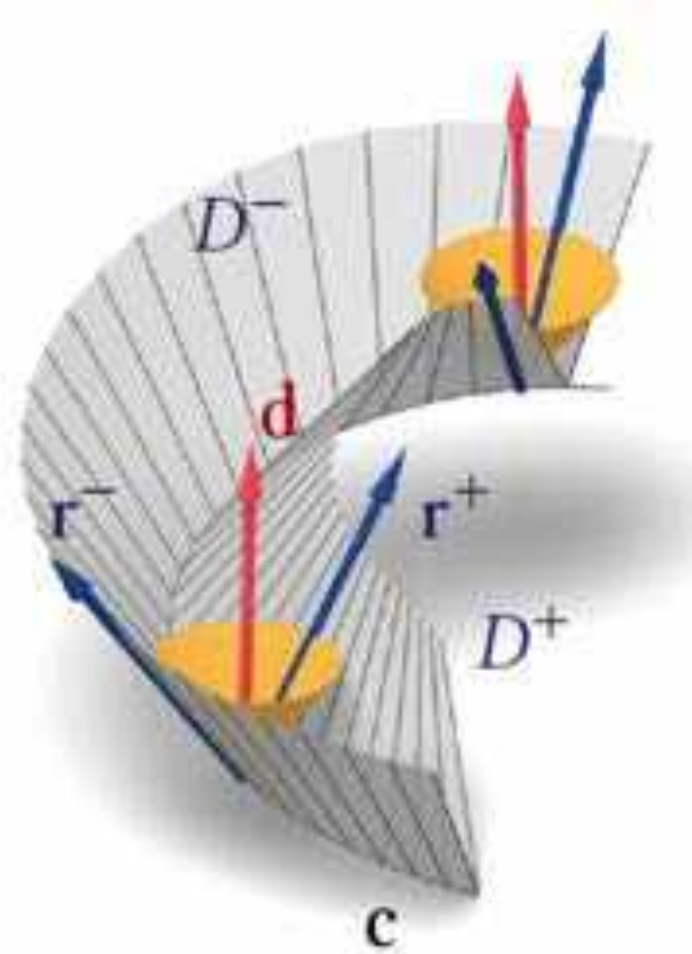
Geometry of curved folds

- Osculating plane of the crease curve bisects the tangent planes on either side.



Geometry of curved folds

- **Constant fold angle** along a crease:
 - rulings are symmetric with respect to the fold curve.
 - ruling preserving isometric mapping to the plane
- We call these structures **principal pleated structures (PPLS)**

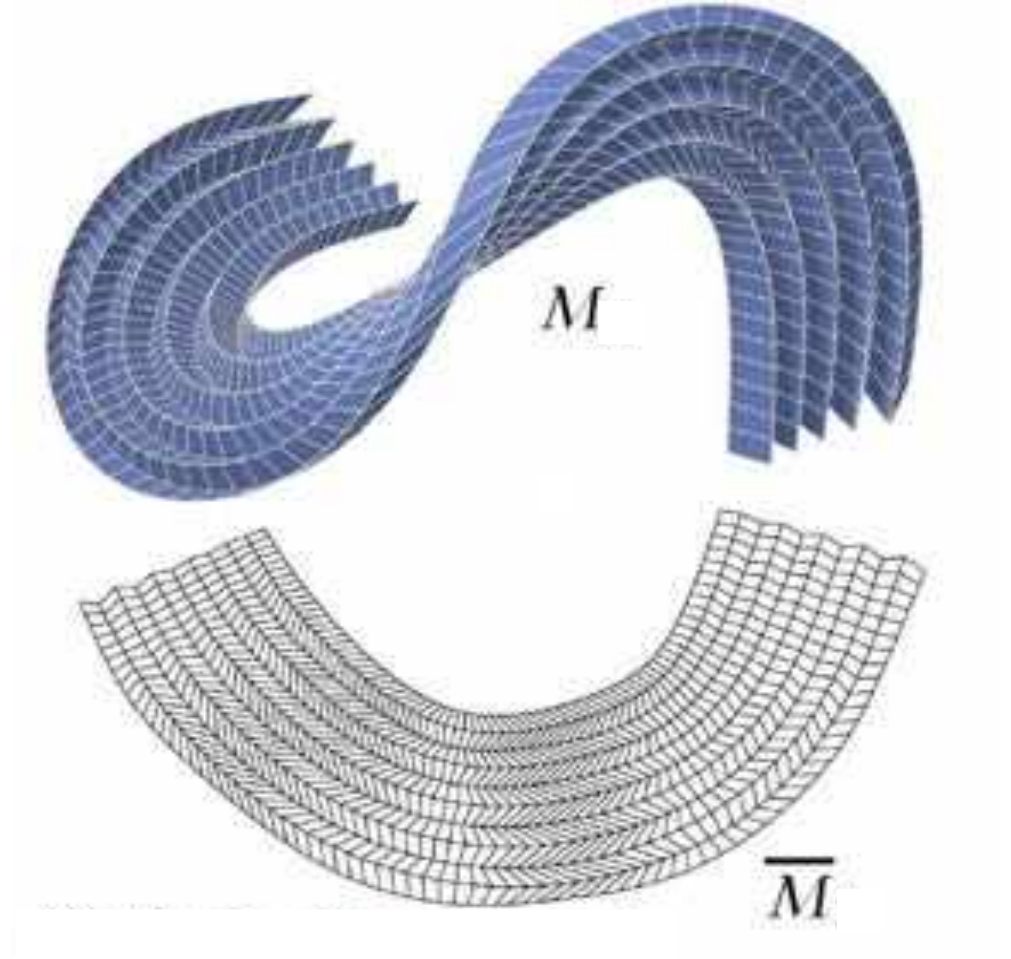


Discrete models of pleated structures

“Non-smooth” PQ mesh

- **Discrete pleated structure:**
modeled with a PQ mesh that is isometric to a planar quad mesh.
- Developability

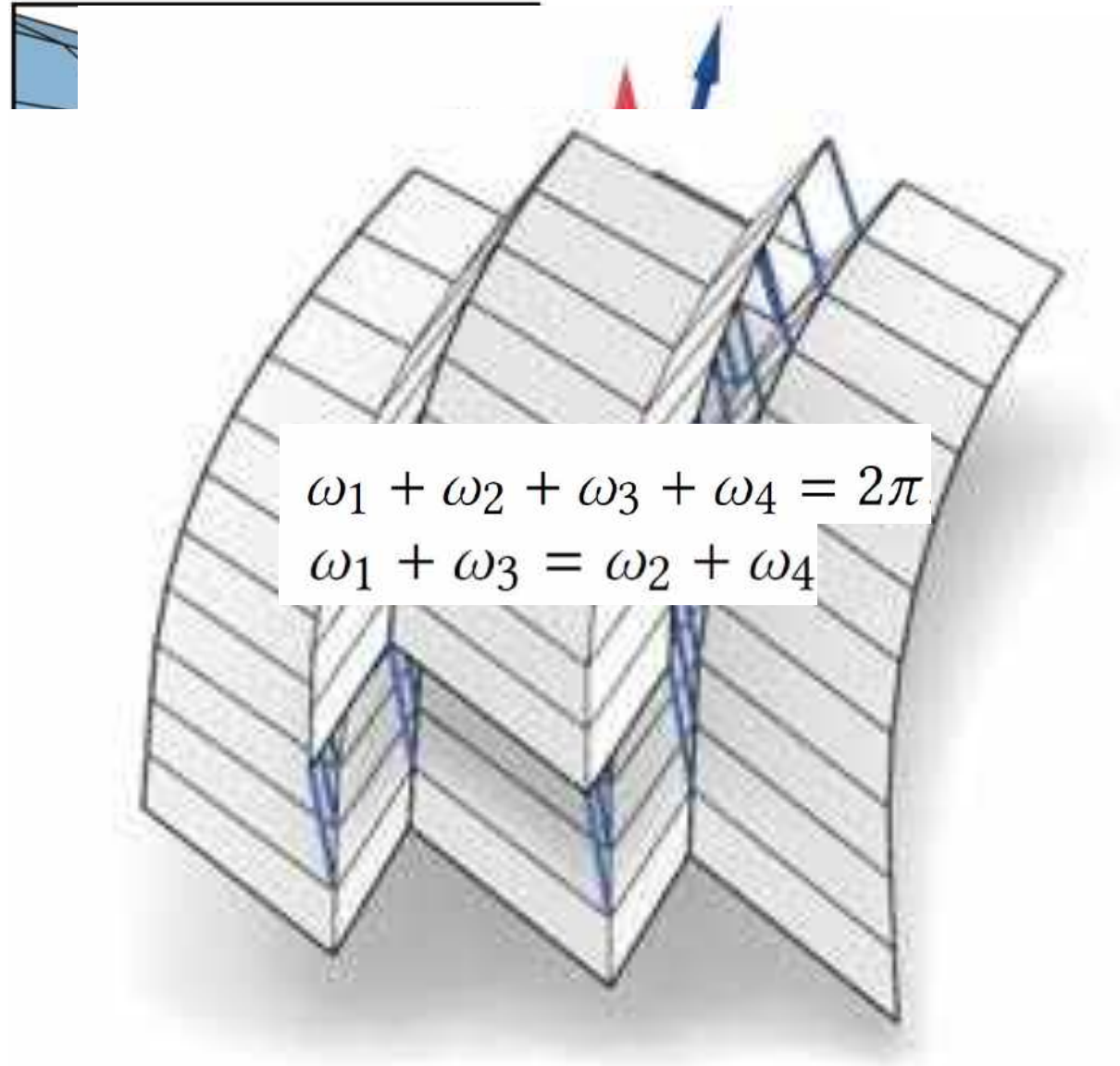
$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_4 = 2\pi$$



Conical meshes as discrete PPLS

Principal pleated structures

- Discrete models are **special conical meshes**
- **Constant fold angle** along each crease curve
- Offsets have the same properties



Examples of PPLS





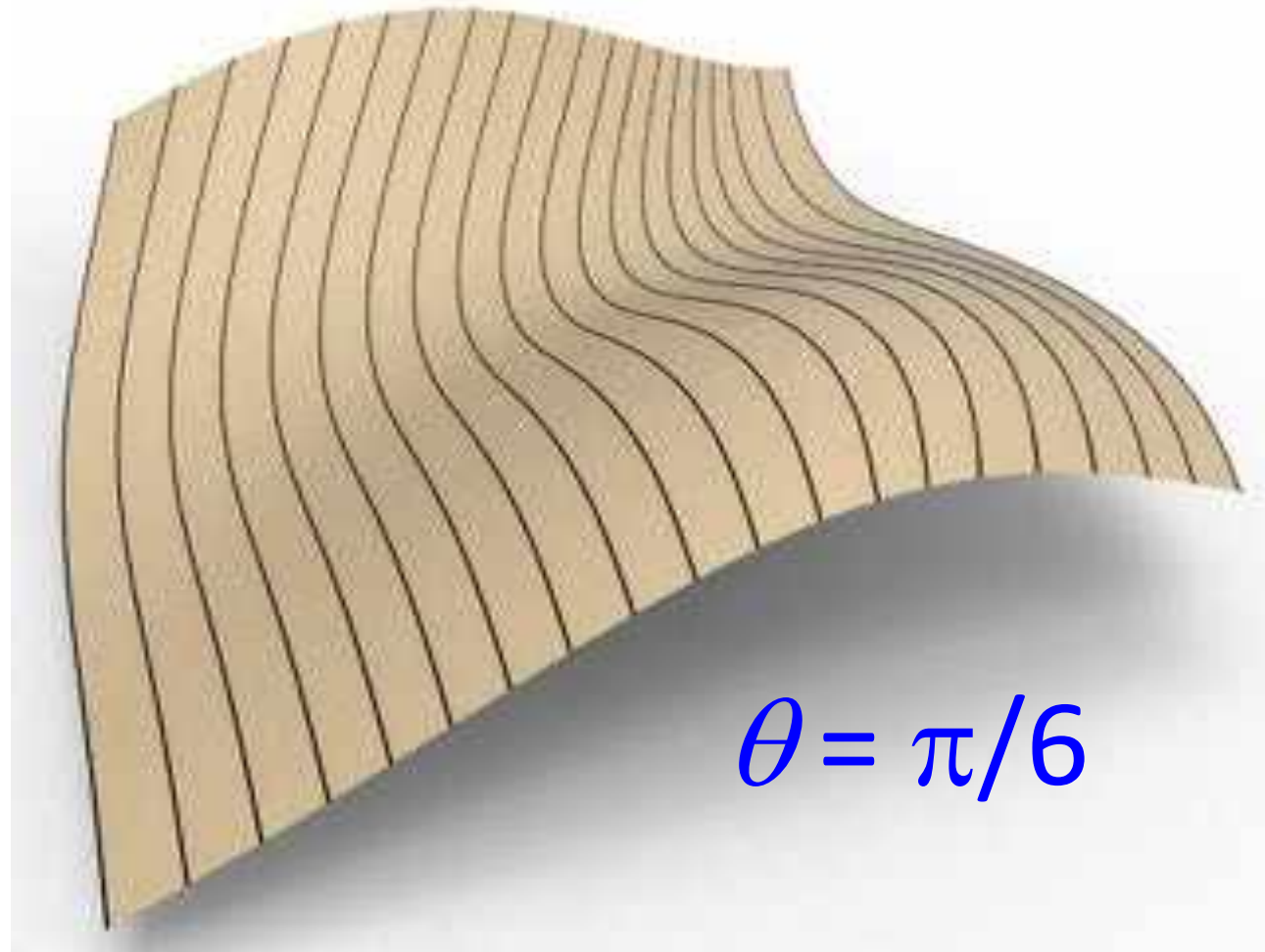
Flexible mechanism



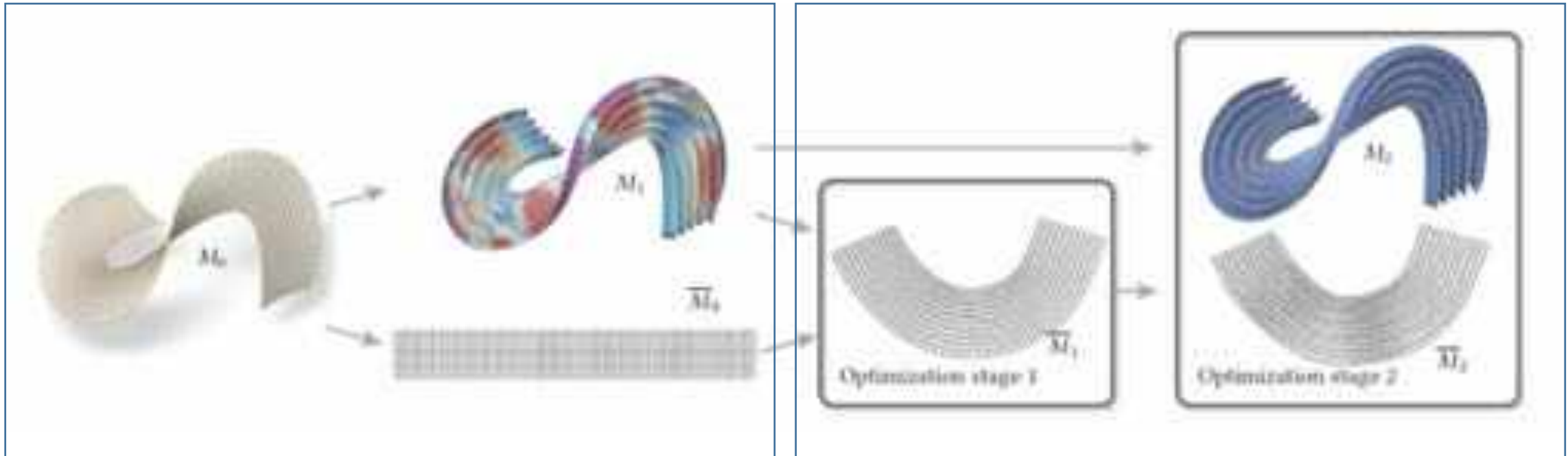
Design and reconstruction with pleated structures

Pseudo-geodesics

- **Pseudo-geodesic:** surface curve whose **osculating planes form a constant angle θ with the surface**
- Asymptotic curves ($\theta=0$) and geodesics ($\theta=\pi/2$) are special pseudogeodesics



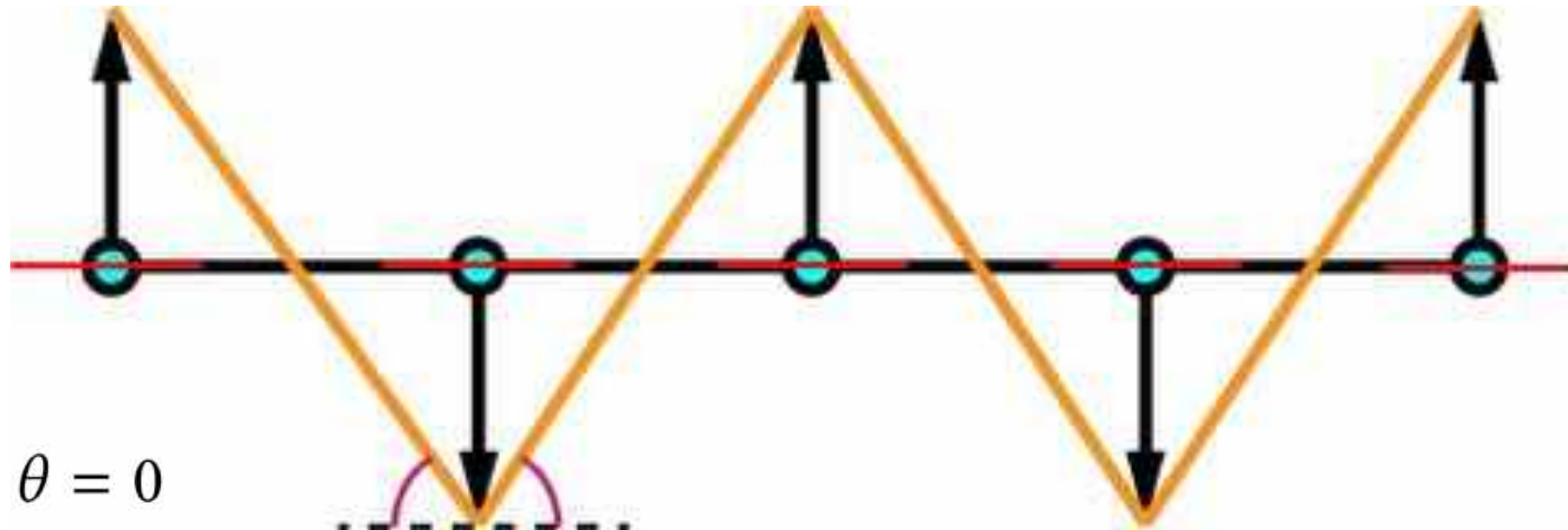
Computation pipeline



initialization

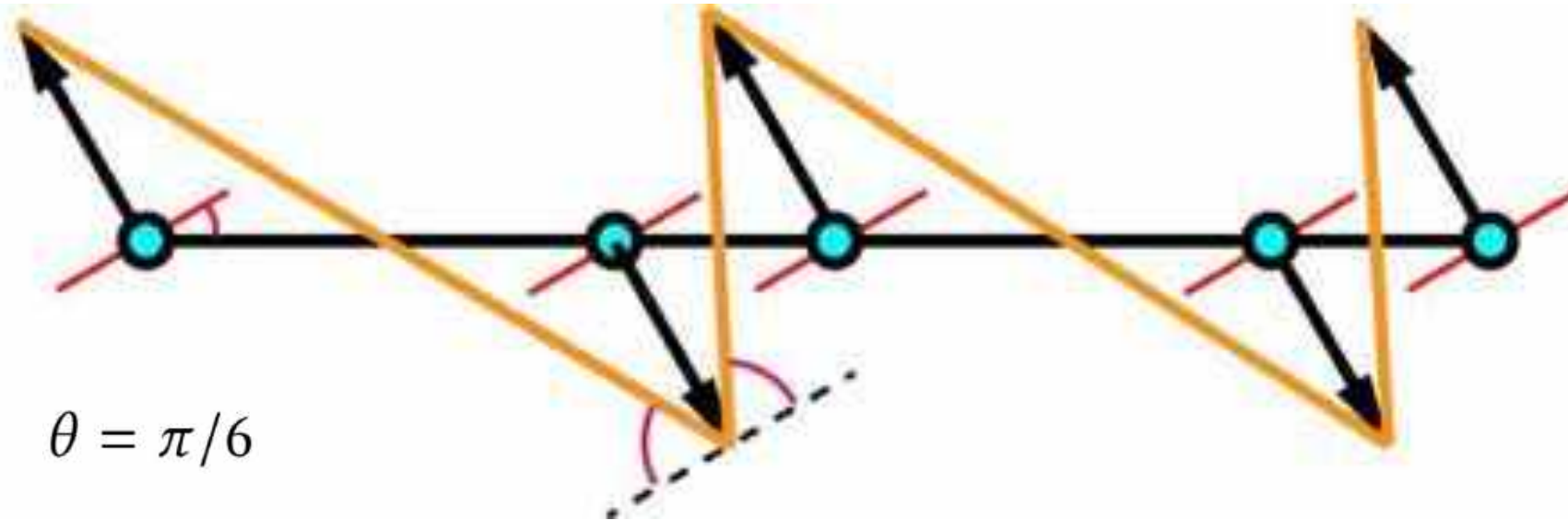
optimization

Initialization



Schematic illustration of a pleated structure

Initialization



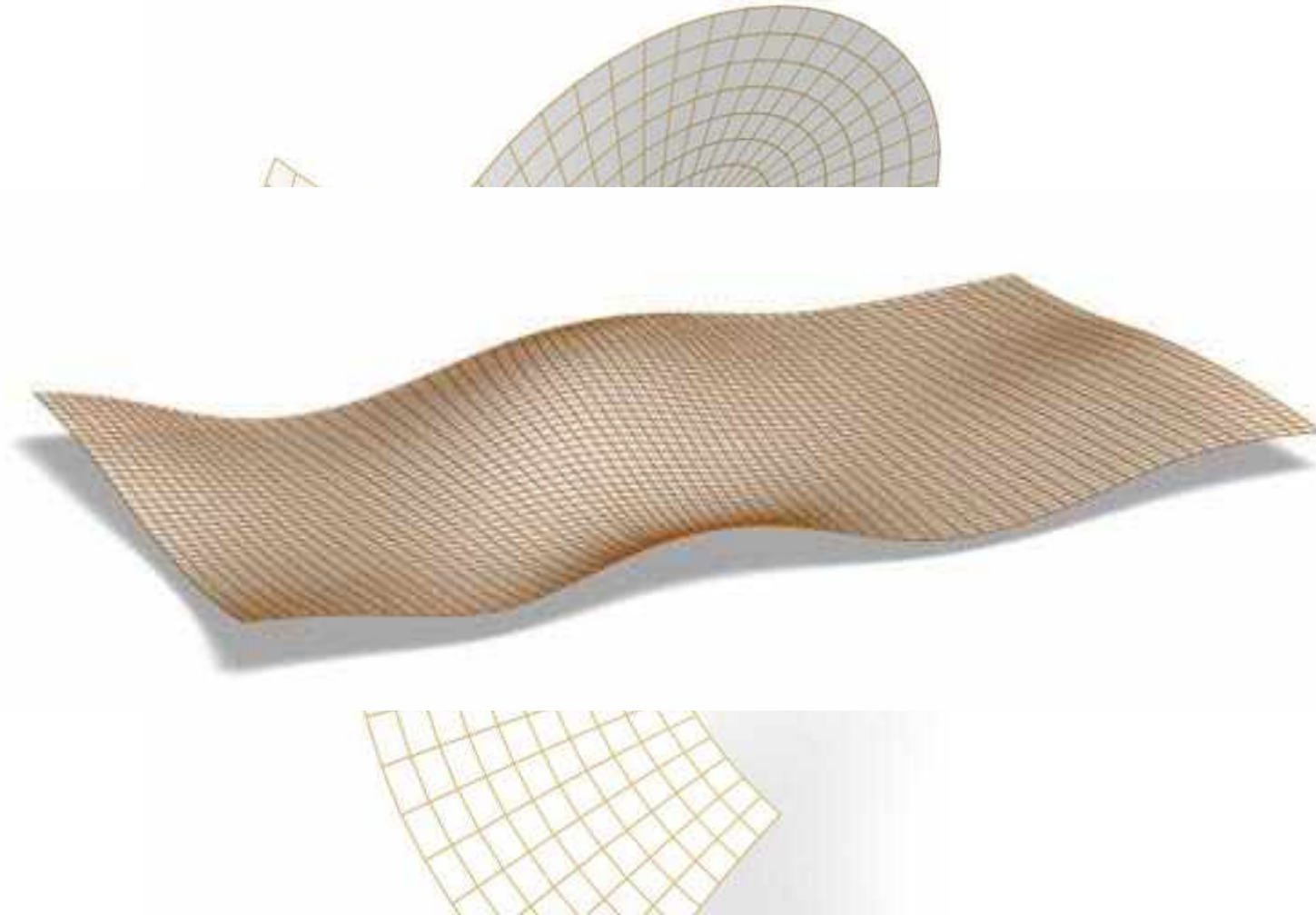
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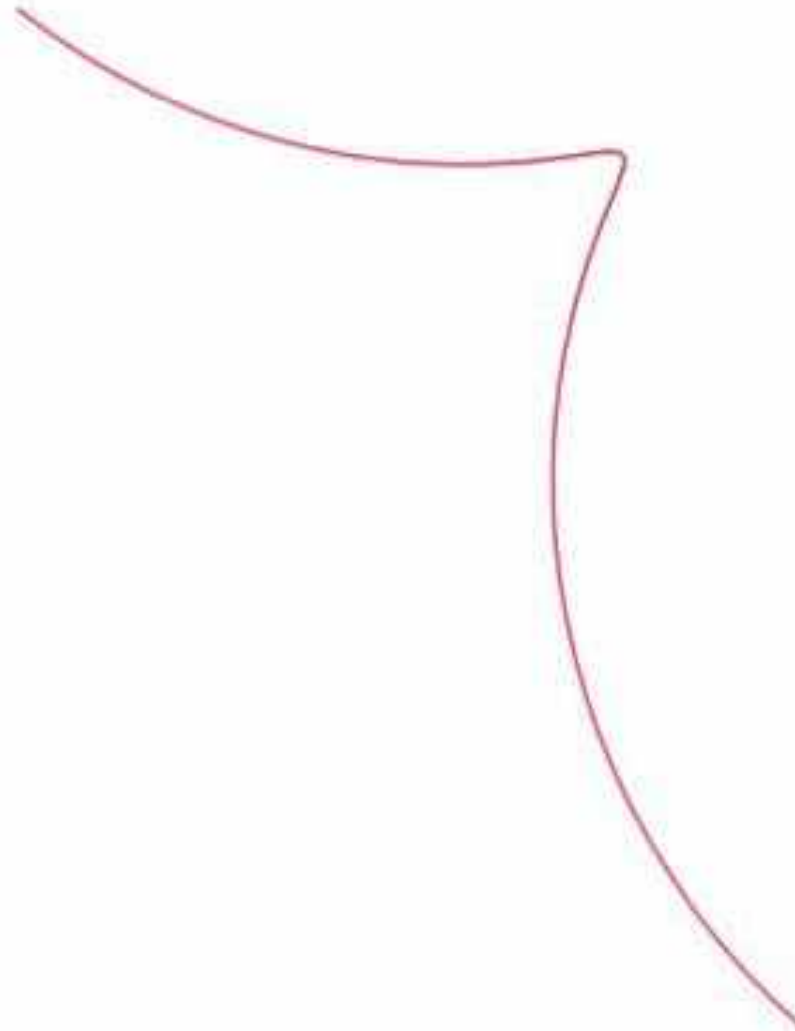
Initialization

- Generate a surface with **equidistant pseudo-geodesics**: evolution of a chosen curve in direction of

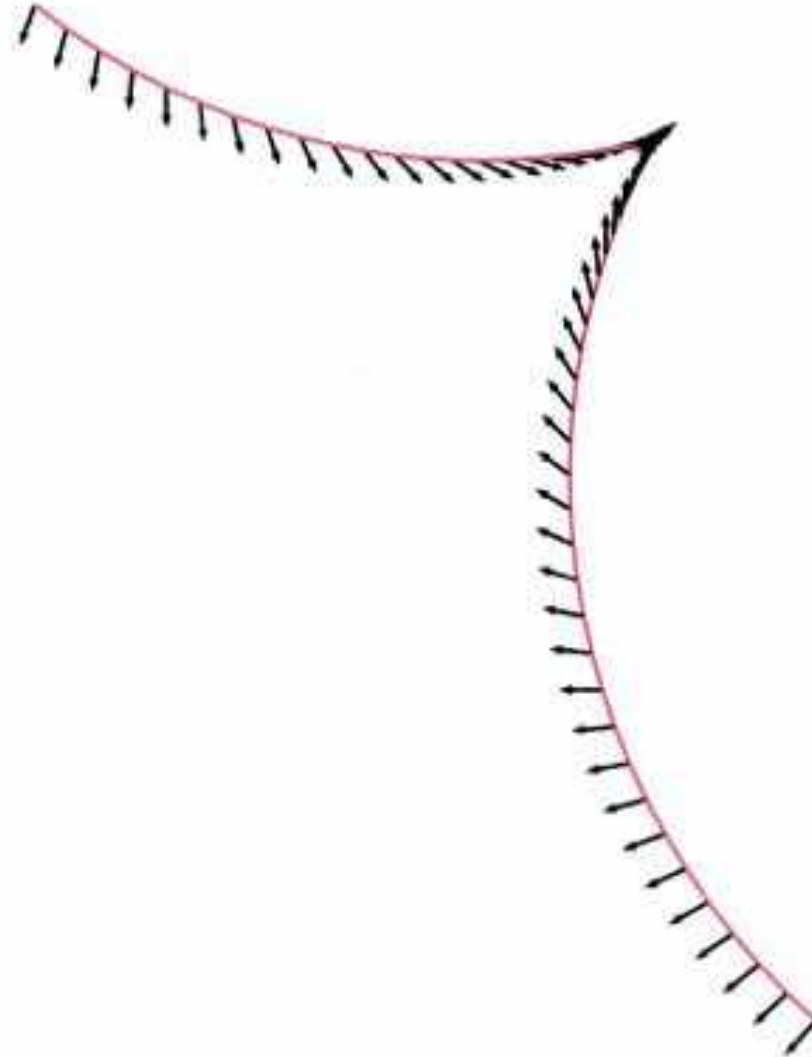
$$\mathbf{e}_2 \cos \theta + \mathbf{e}_3 \sin \theta$$

- Compute a family of nearly equidistant pseudo-geodesics on the given reference surface

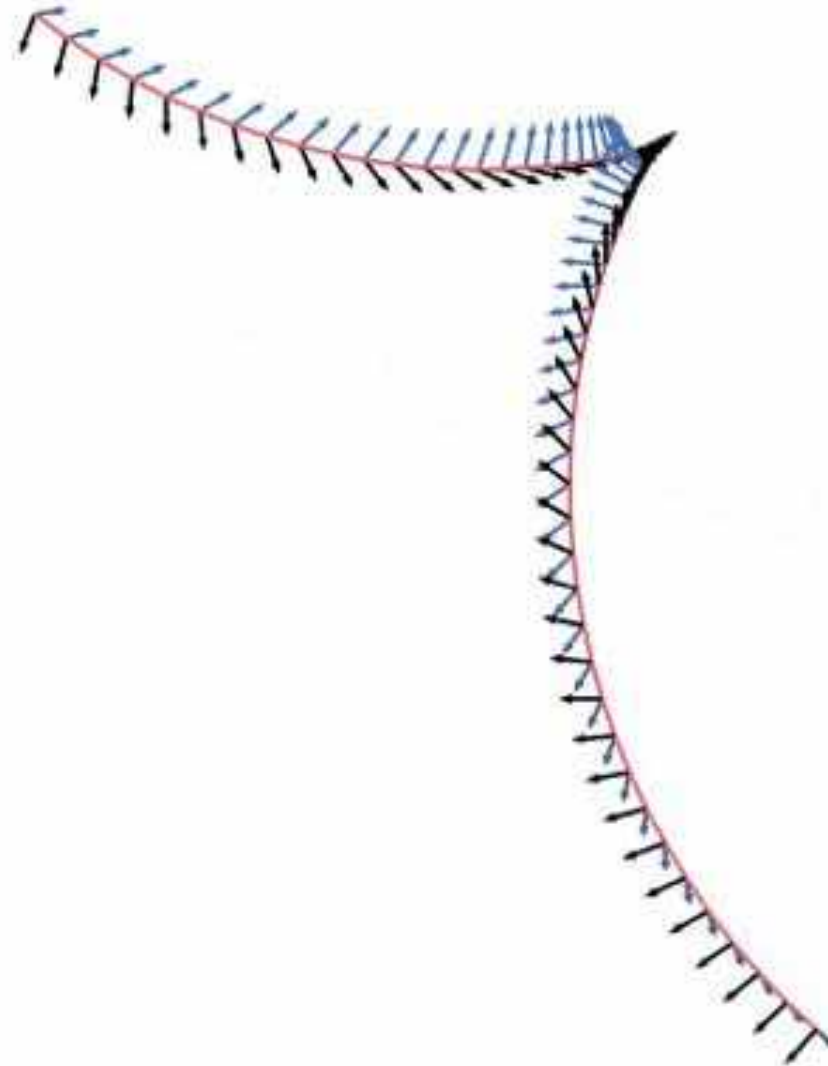




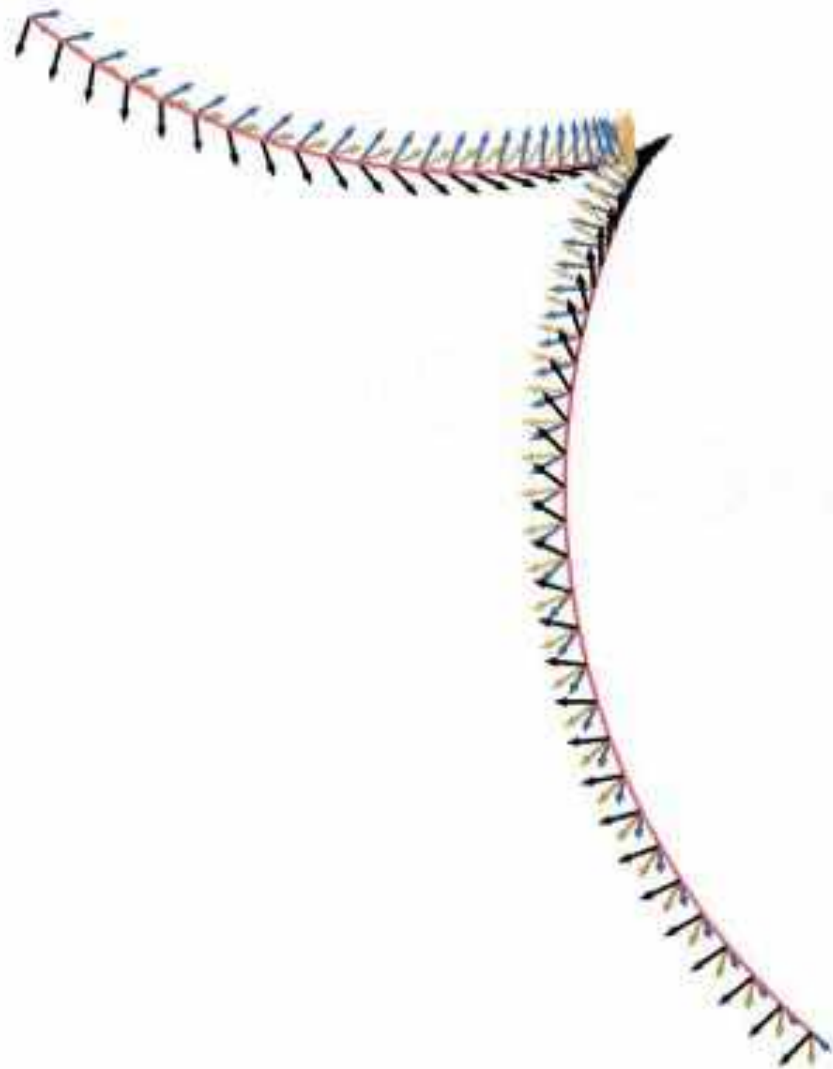
Given curve



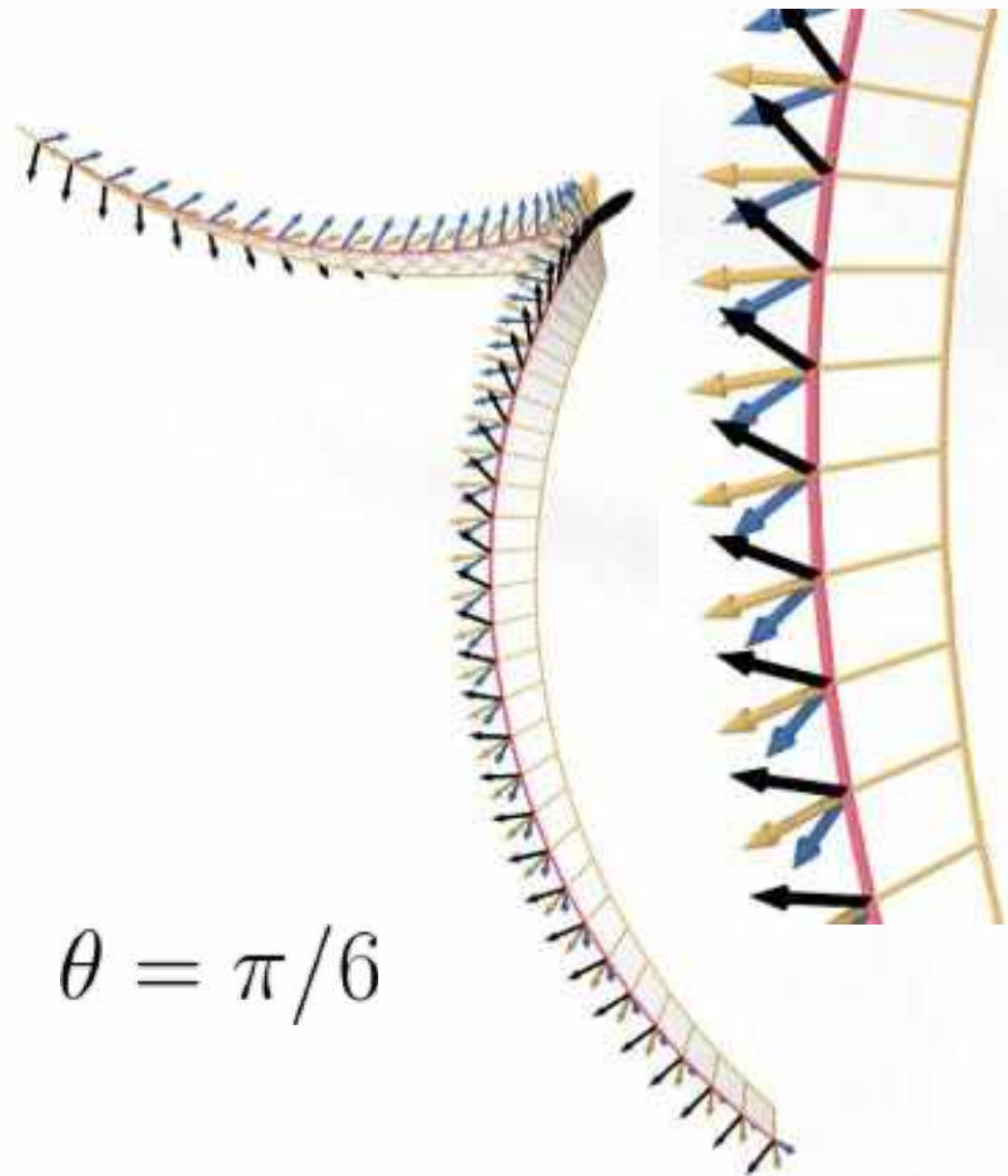
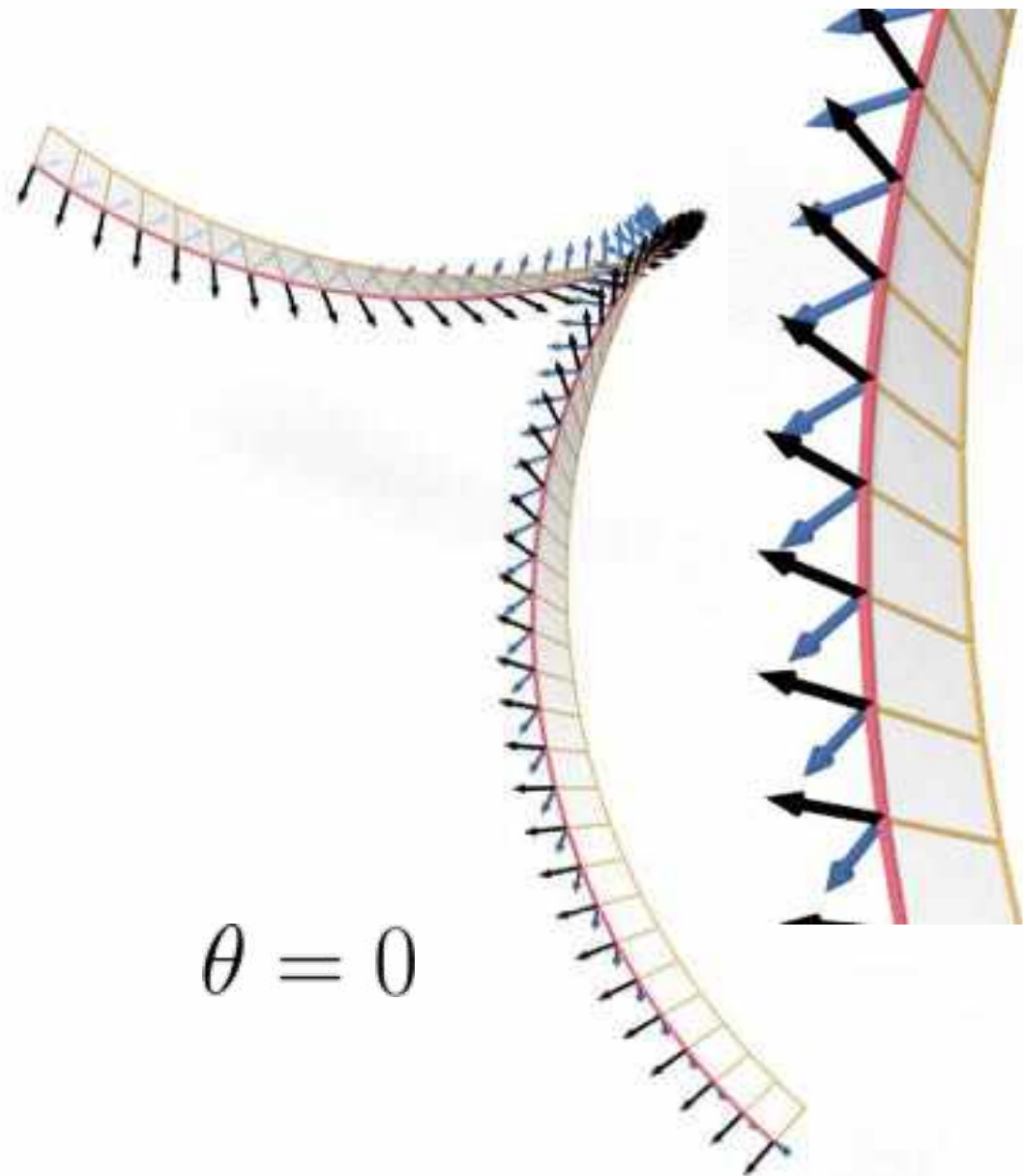
e2: normal direction(black)

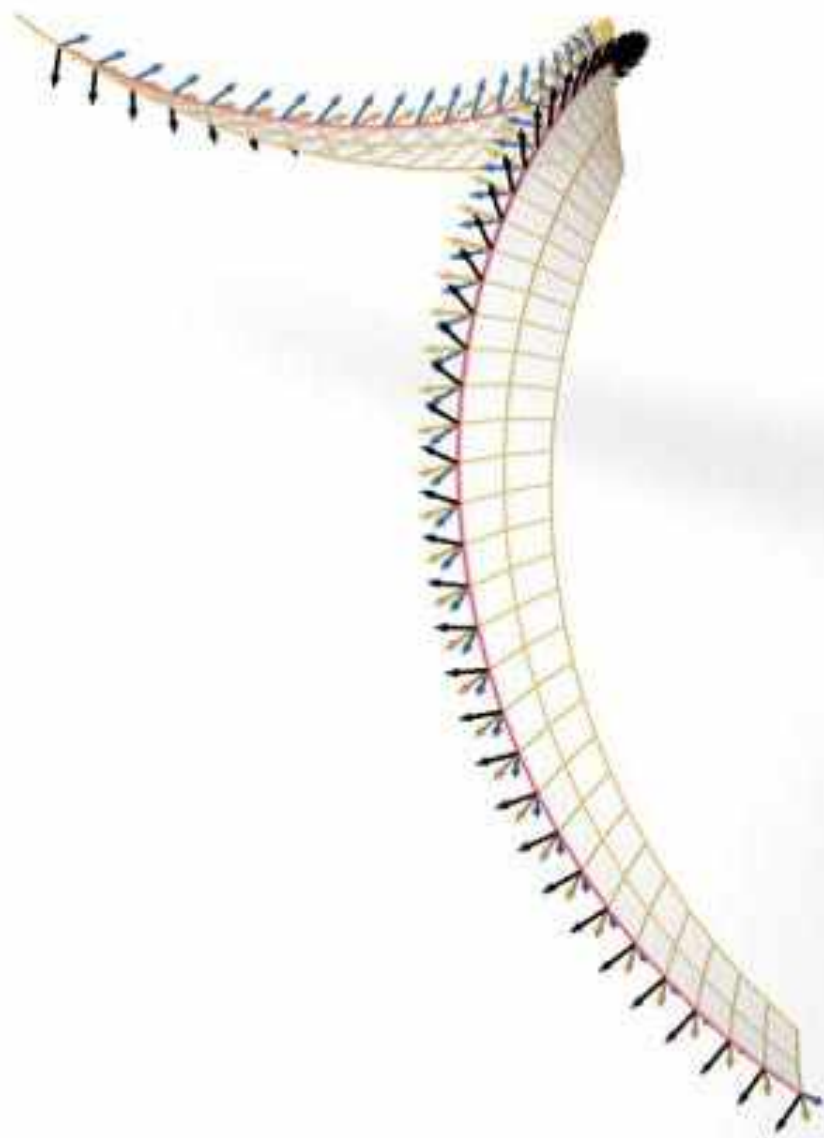
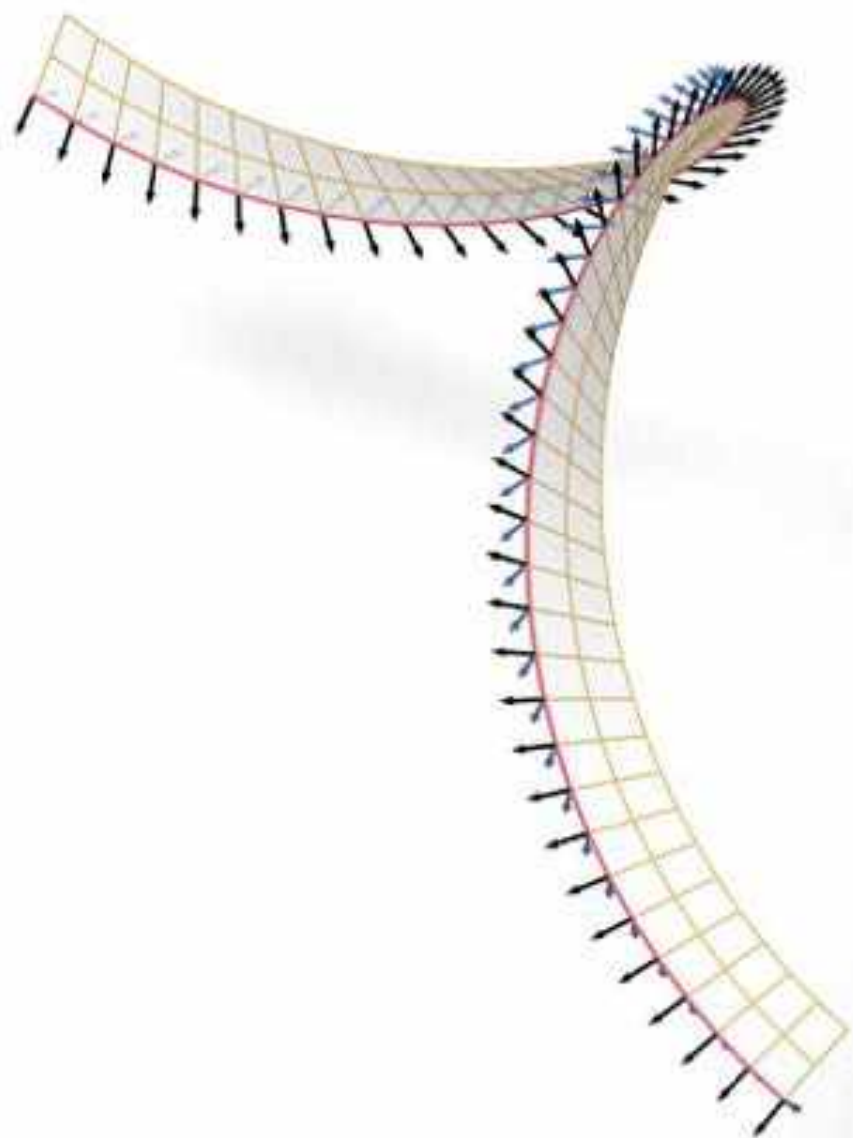


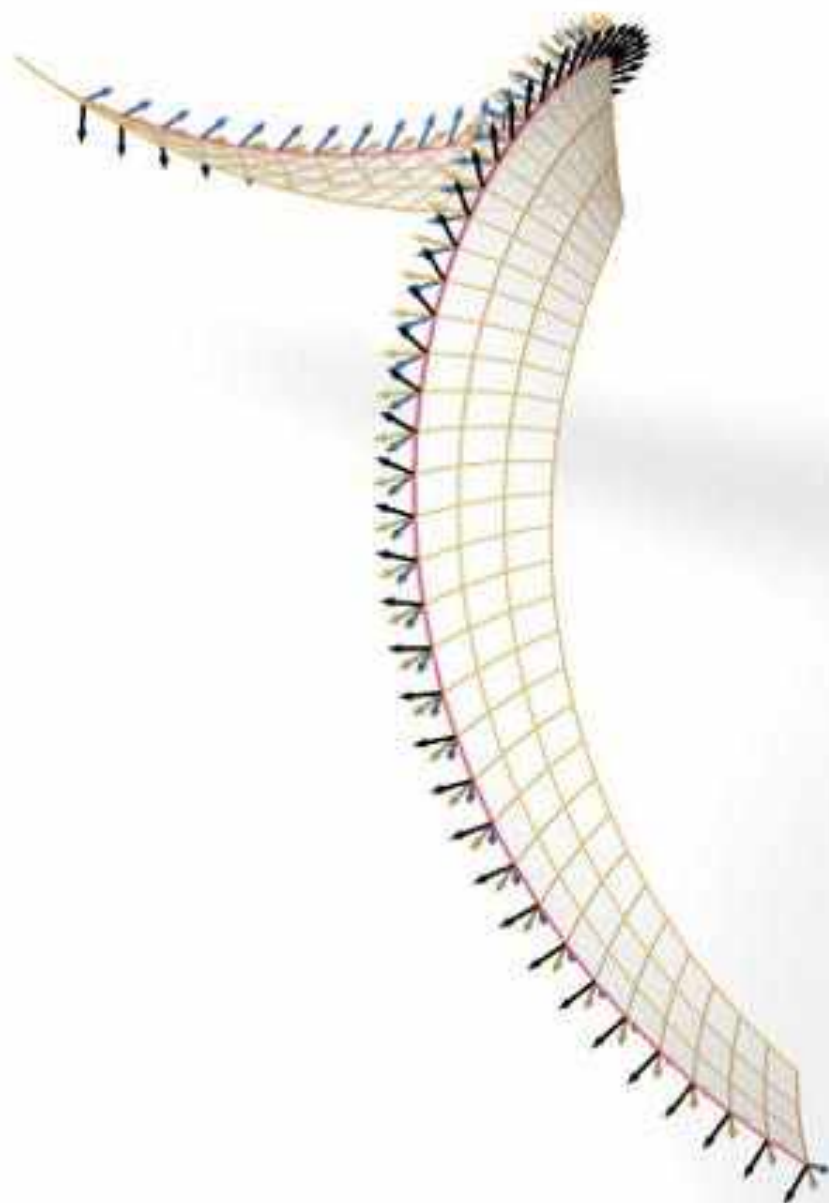
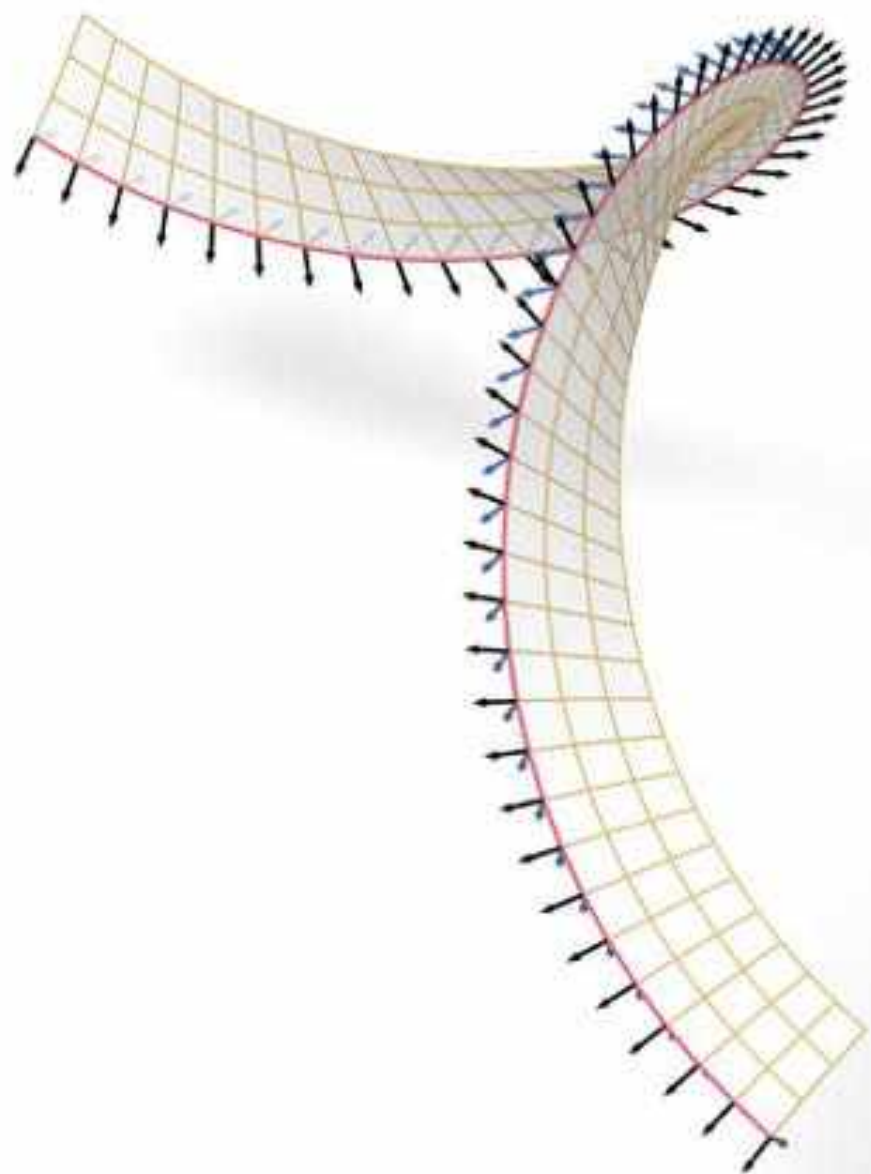
e_3 : bi-normal direction(blue)

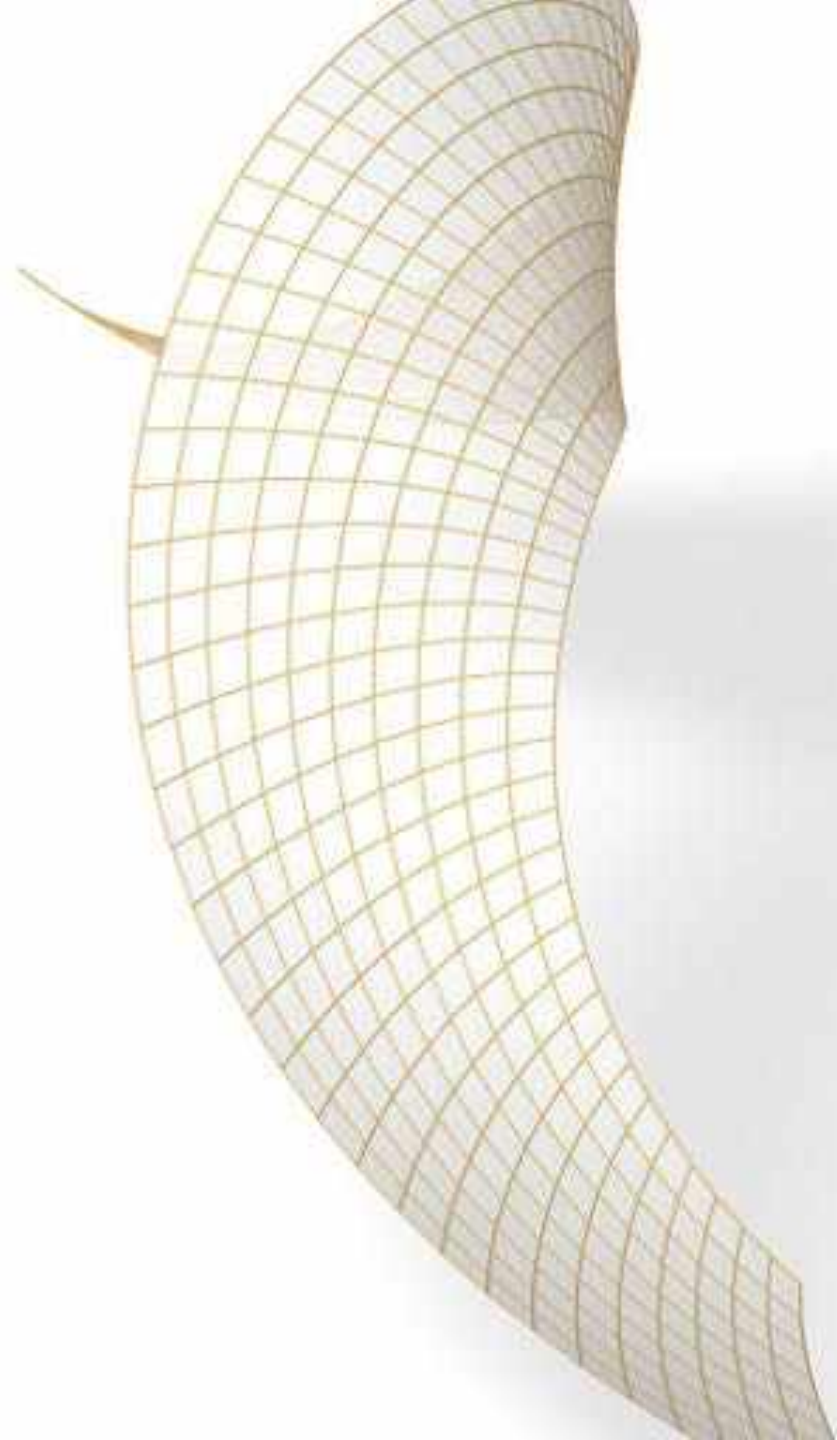
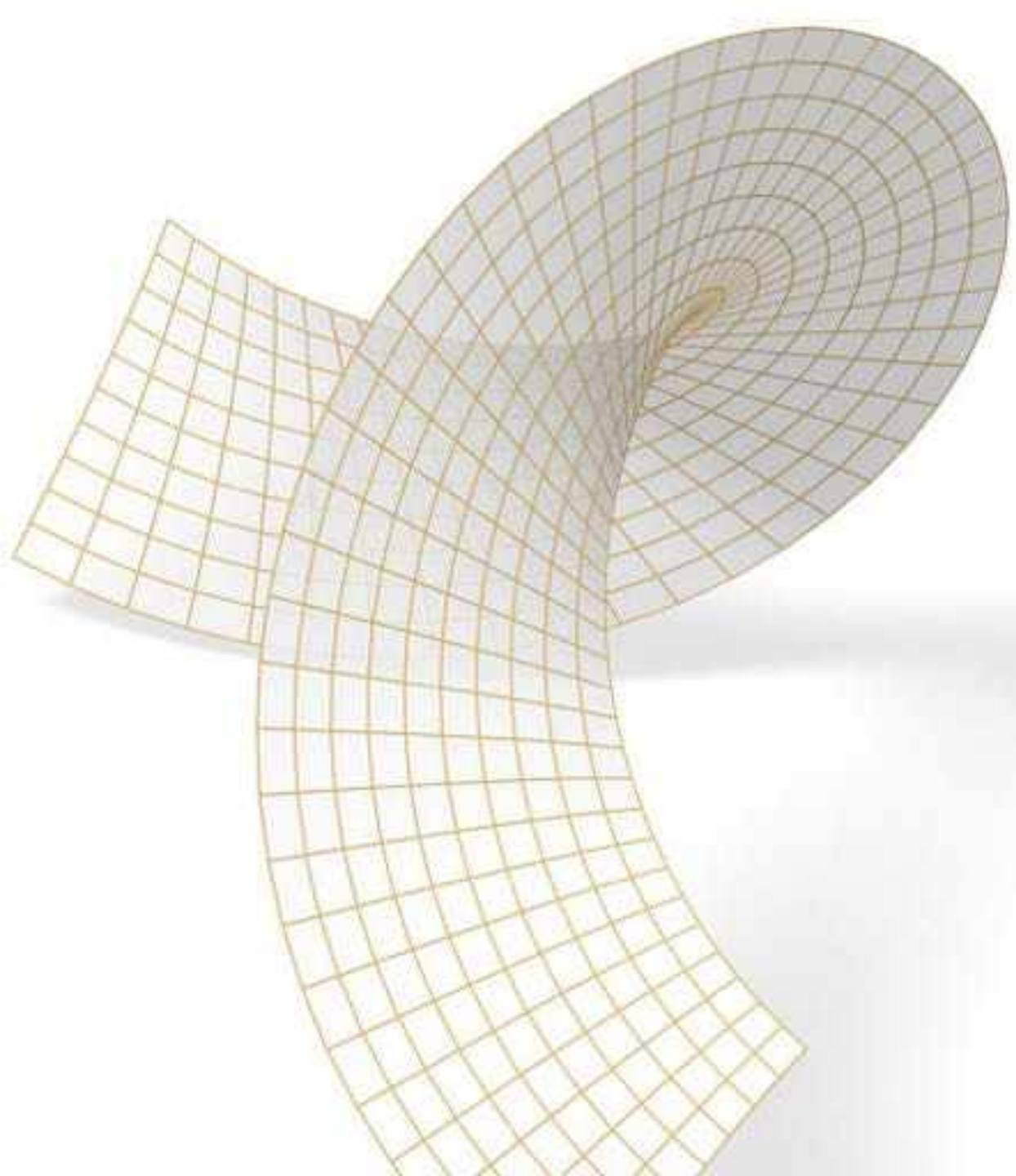


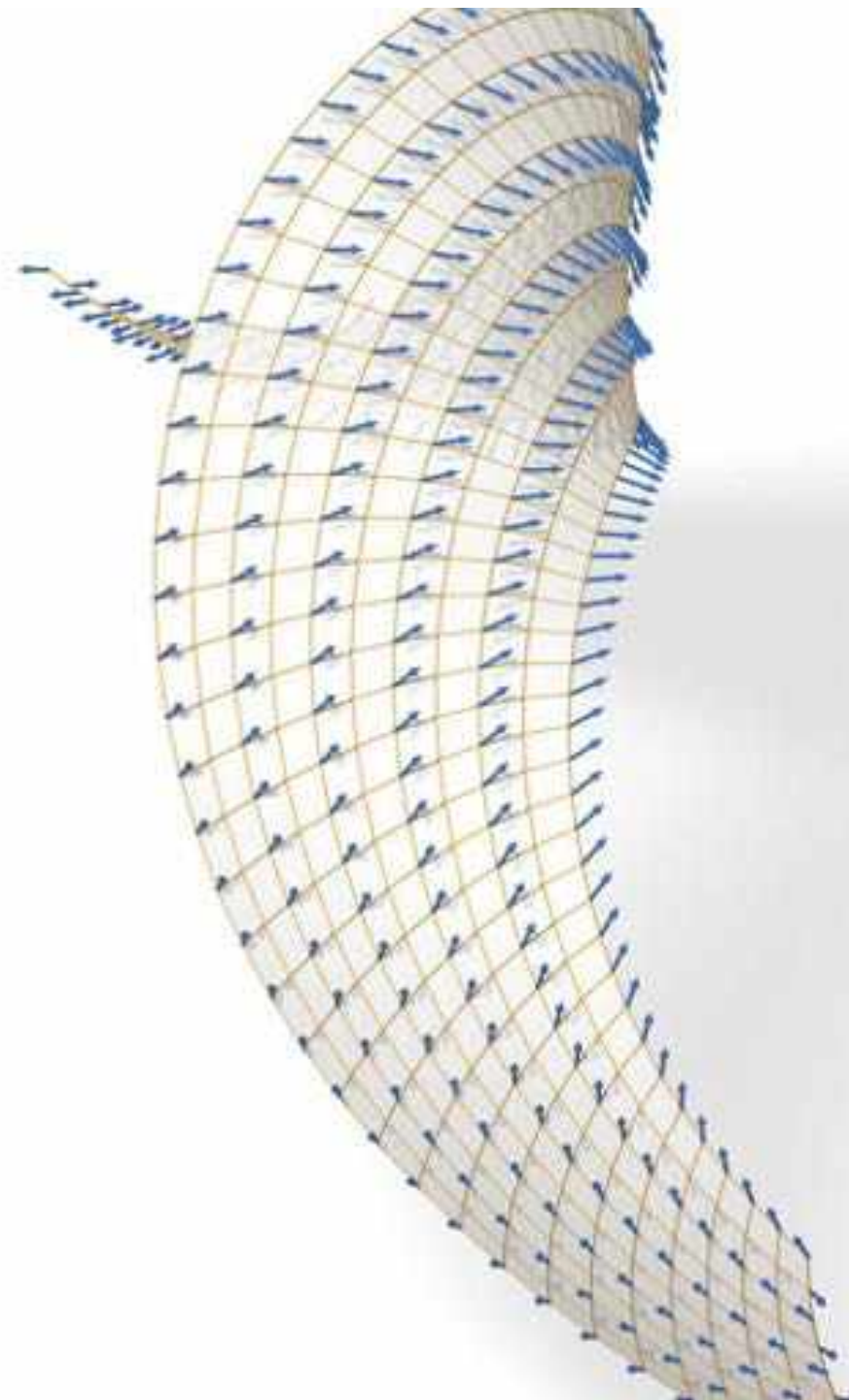
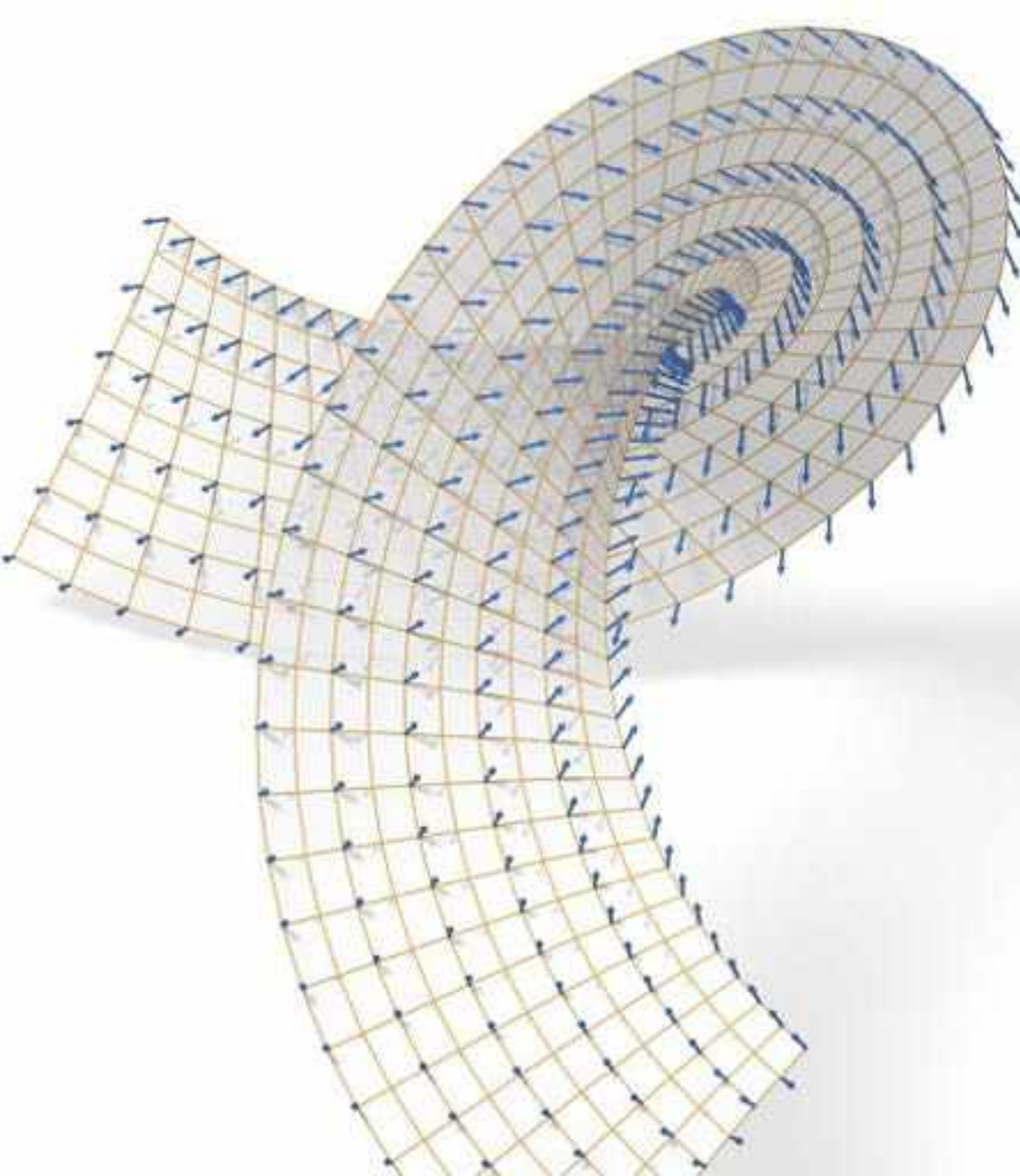
Evolution direction (yellow)
 $\mathbf{e}_2 \cos \theta + \mathbf{e}_3 \sin \theta$

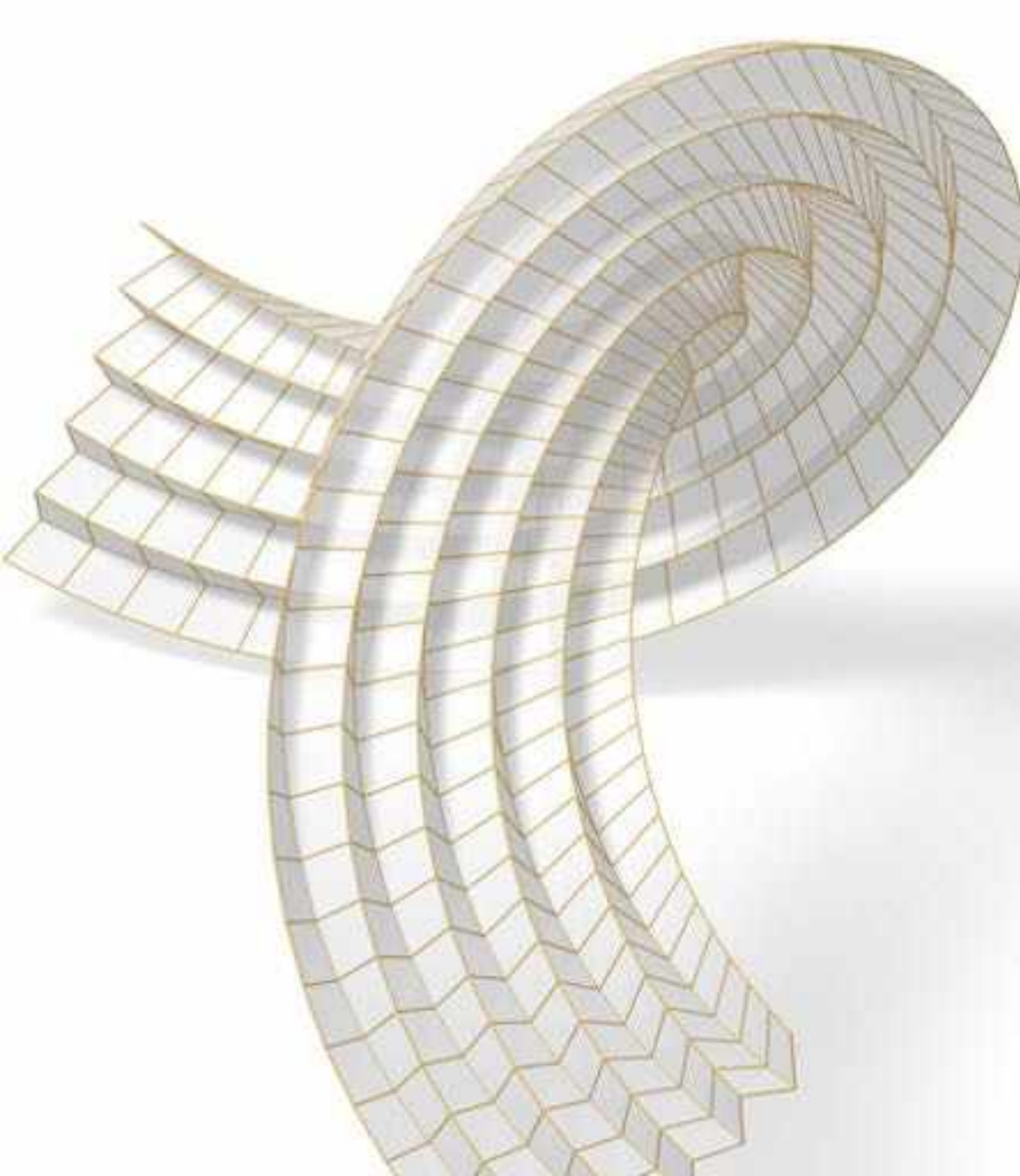




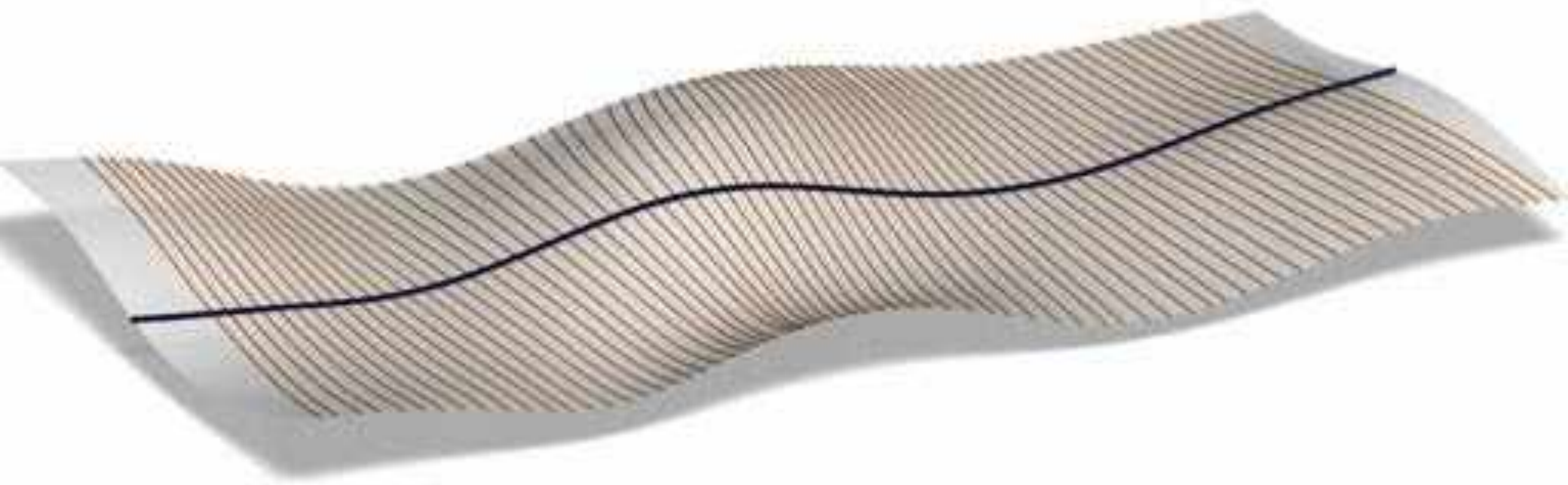
















Bad initialization



Bad initialization

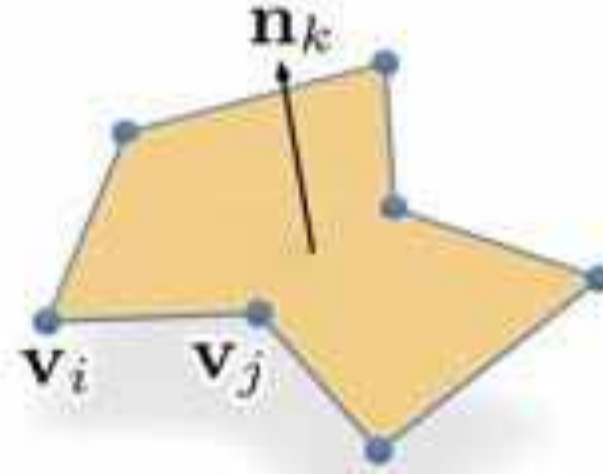


Bad initialization



Optimization

- Planarity



$$E_{plan} = \sum_{f \in F} \sum_{\mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j \subset f} \langle \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{n}_f \rangle^2 + \sum_{f \in F} (\|\mathbf{n}_f\|^2 - 1)^2,$$

Optimization

- Developability

$$E_{isom} = \sum_{\substack{\text{edges and diagonals} \\ \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j \text{ of faces}}} \left(\|\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j\|^2 - \|\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j\|^2 \right)^2.$$

Optimization

- Closeness to polylines

$$E_{close} = \sum_{\mathbf{v}_i \in V} \langle \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_i^*, \mathbf{n}_i^* \rangle^2$$

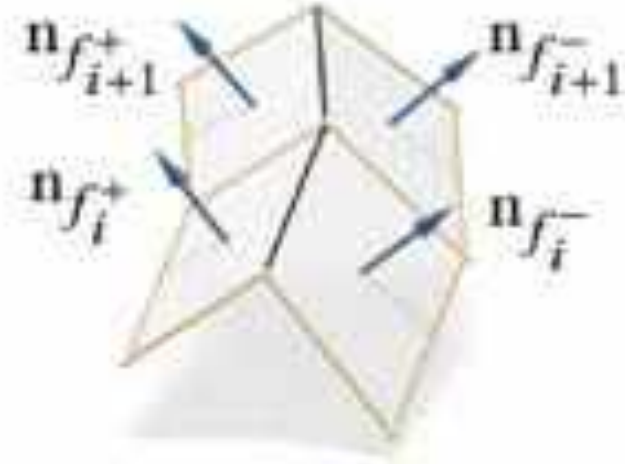
Optimization

- Fairness

$$E_{fair} = \sum_{\substack{\text{successive} \\ \text{vertices } v_{i-1} v_i v_{i+1}}} \|v_{i+1} + v_{i-1} - 2v_i\|^2,$$

Optimization

- Principal property



$$E_{principal} = \sum_{(f_i^+, f_i^-, f_{i+1}^+, f_{i+1}^-)} \left(\langle \mathbf{n}_{f_i^+}, \mathbf{n}_{f_i^-} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{n}_{f_{i+1}^+}, \mathbf{n}_{f_{i+1}^-} \rangle \right)^2$$

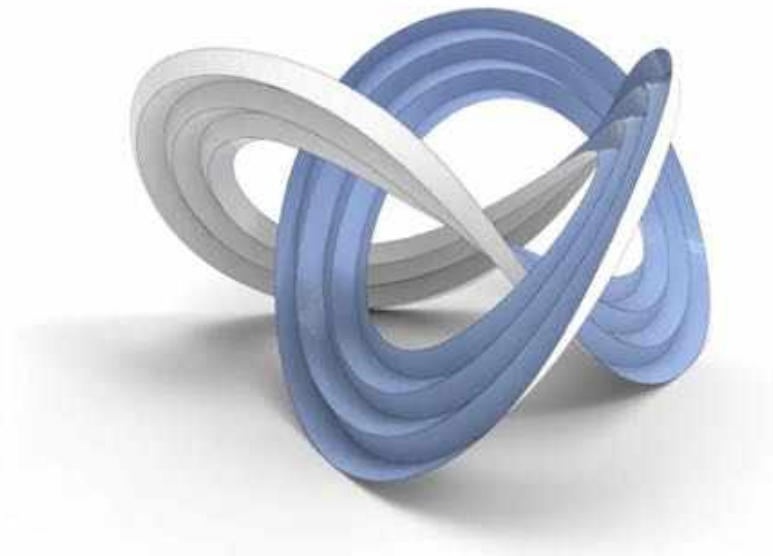
Optimization

- Objective function

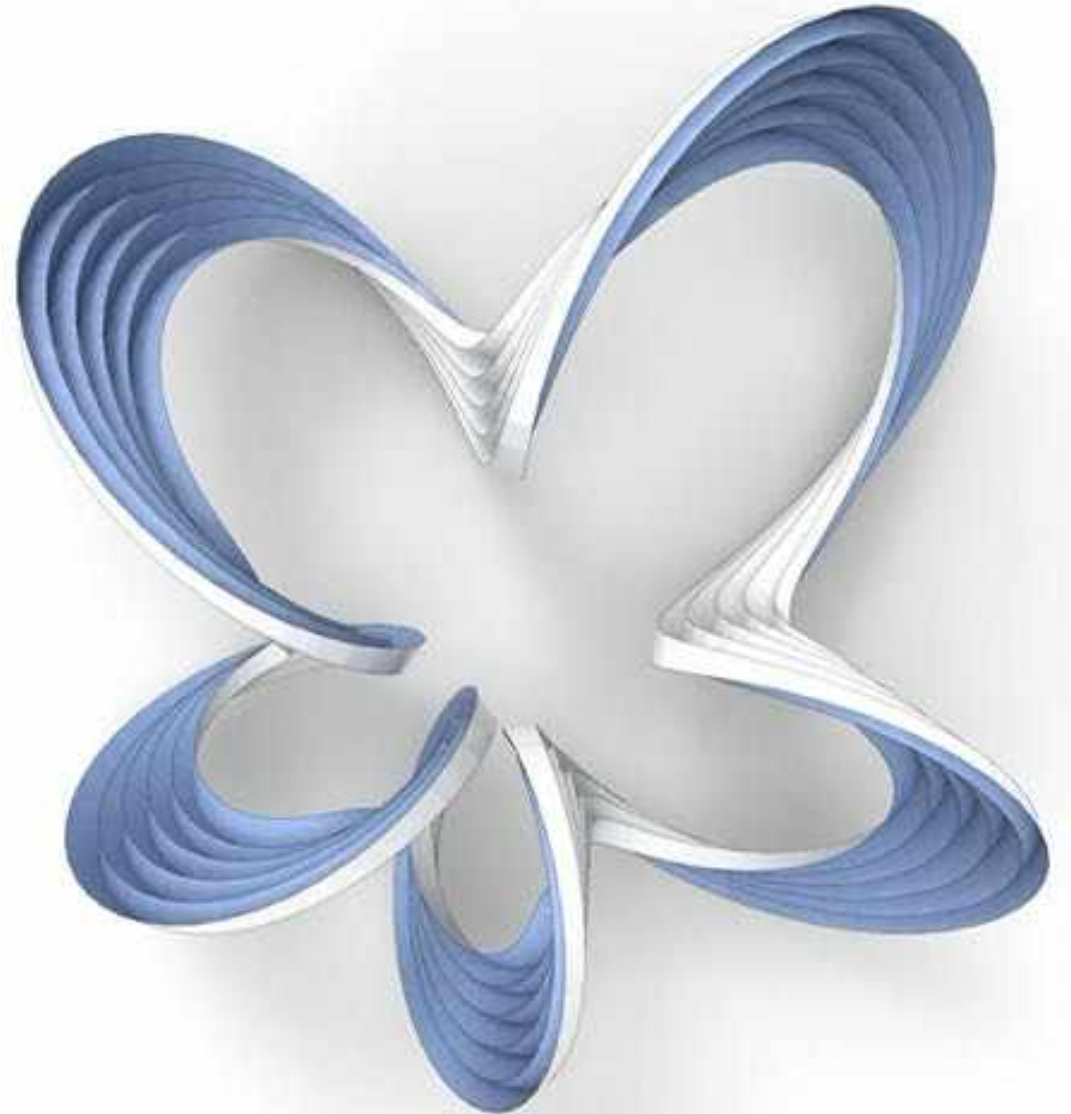
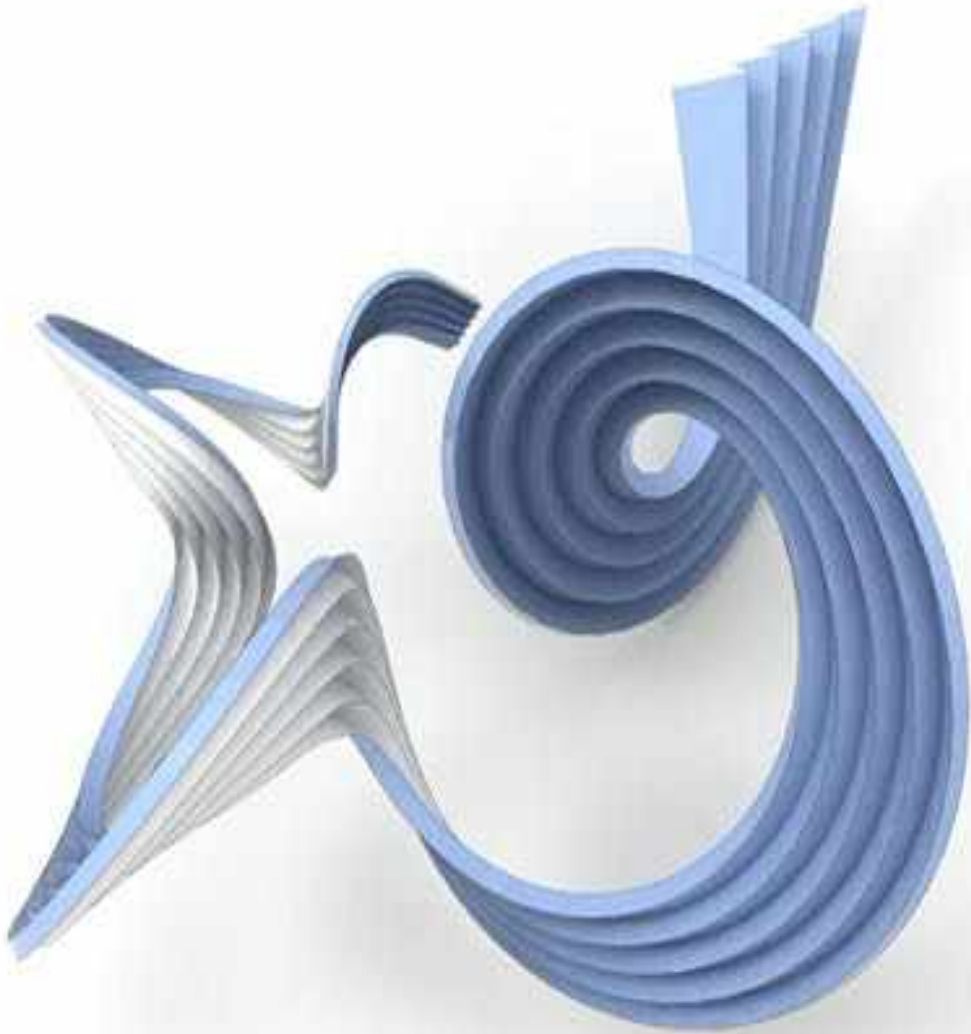
$$E = \lambda_1 E_{plan} + \lambda_2 E_{isom} + \lambda_3 E_{close} + \lambda_4 E_{fair} + \lambda_5 E_{principal}.$$

Results

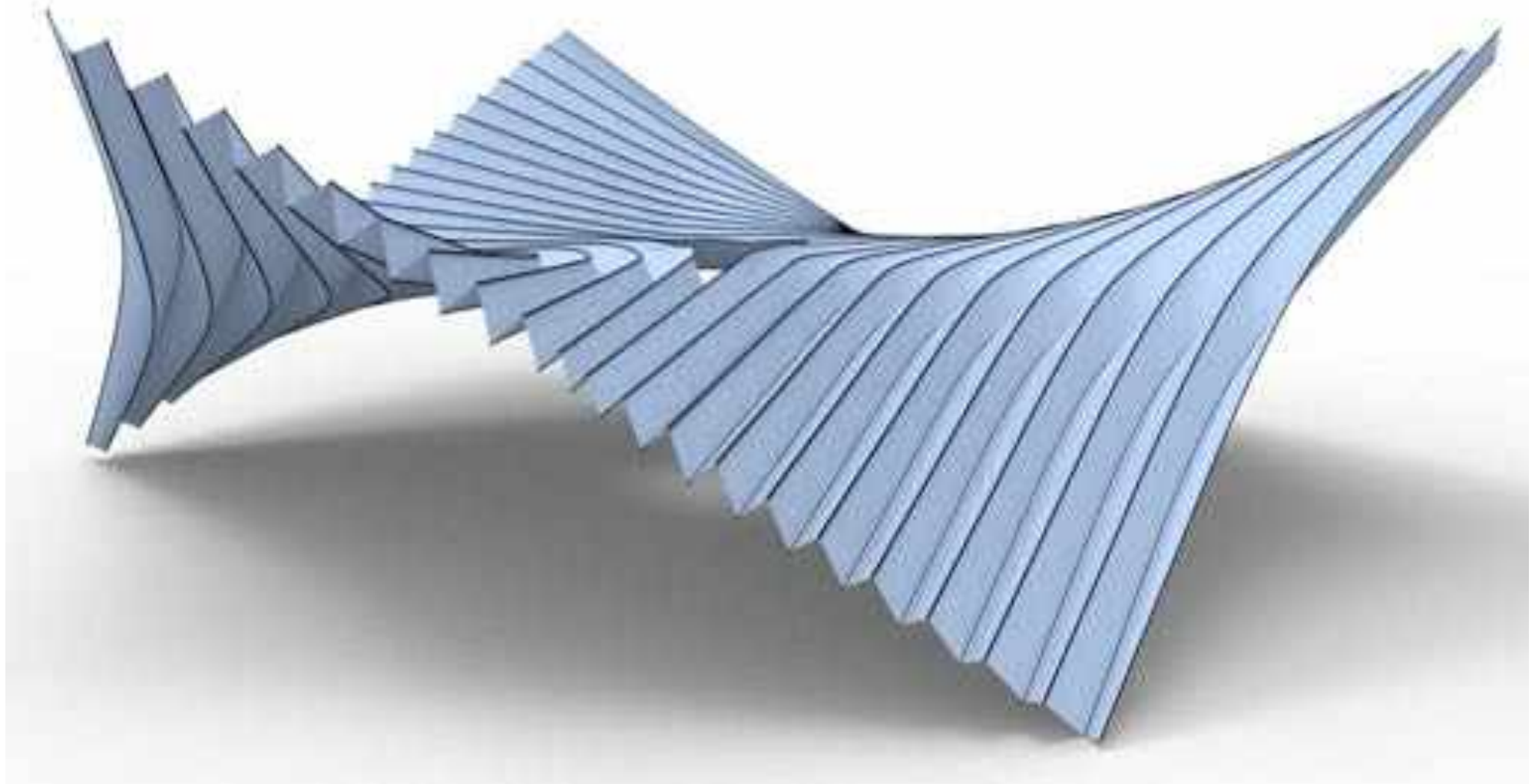
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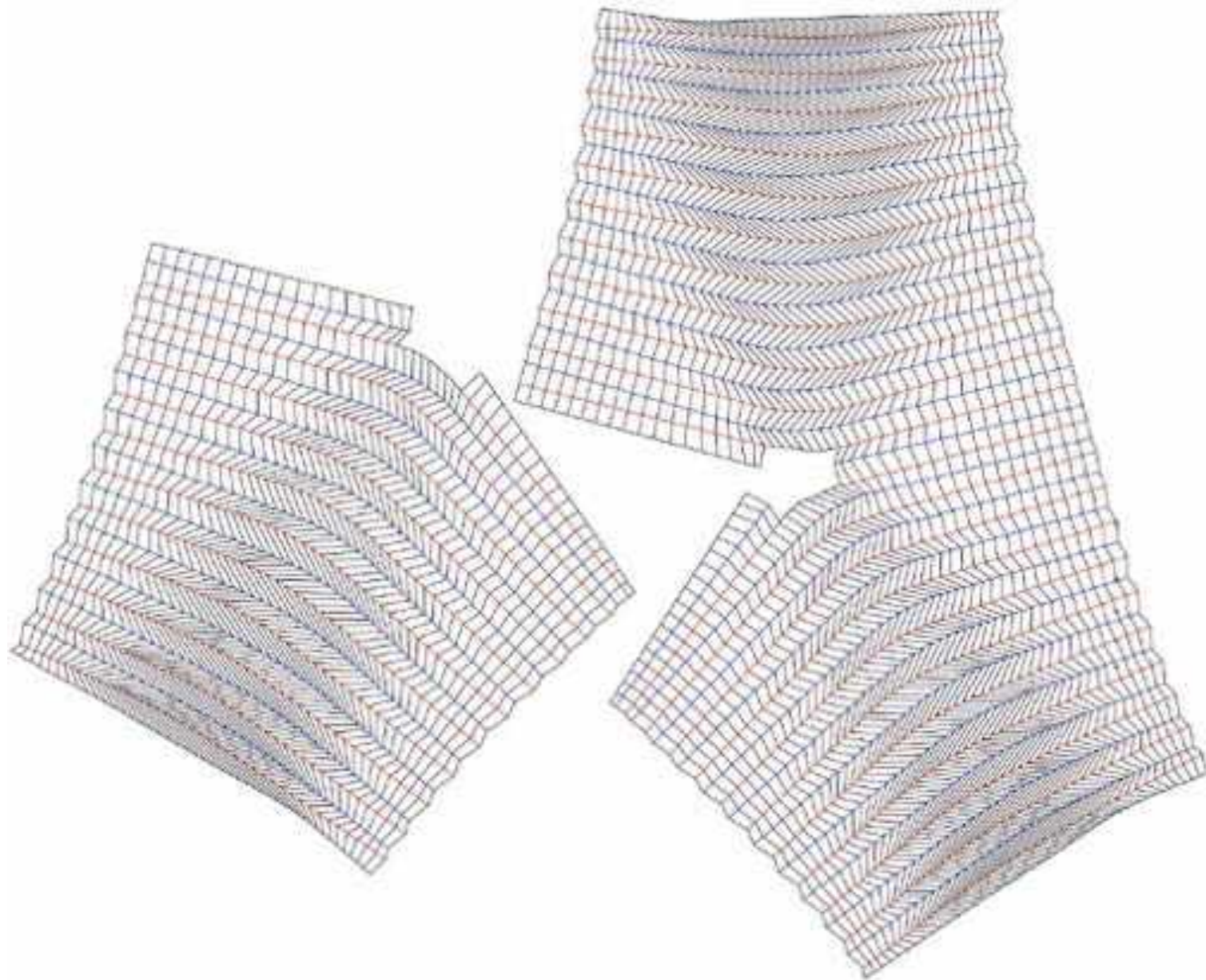


Non-uniform evolution



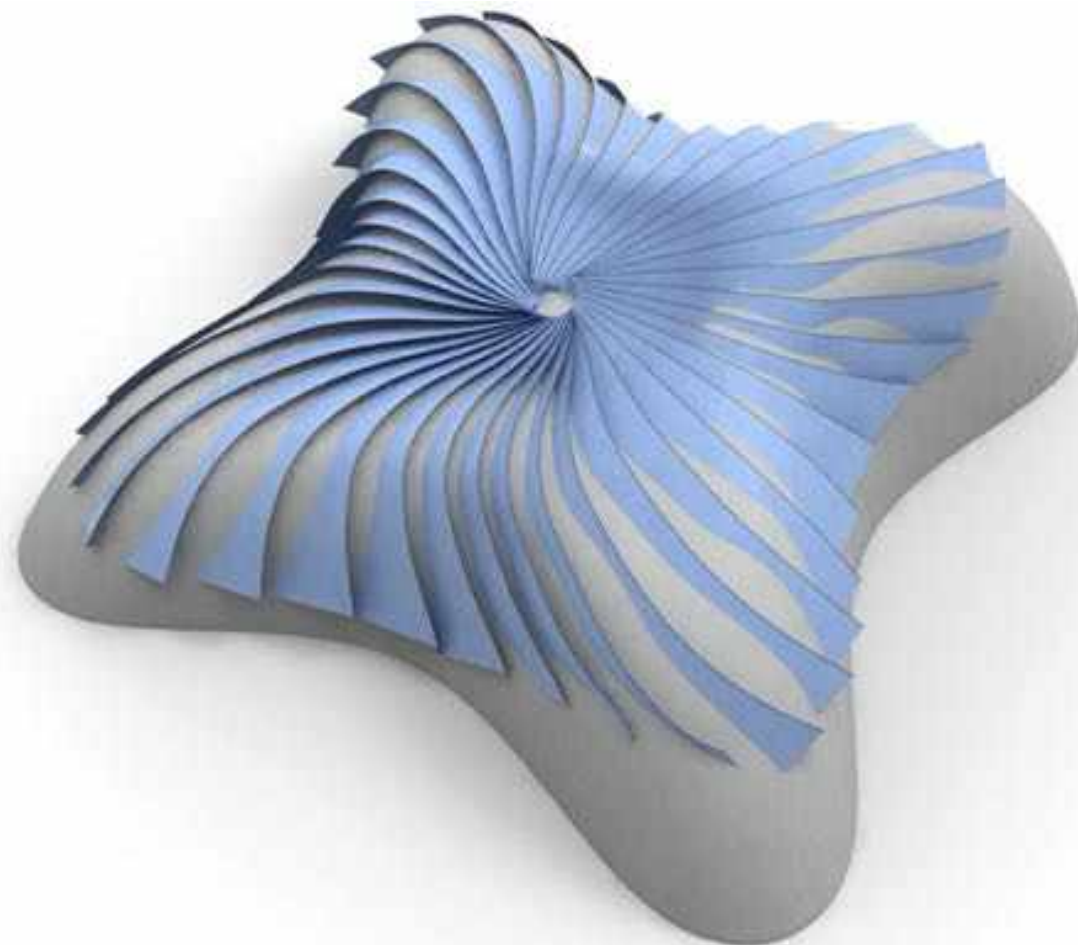
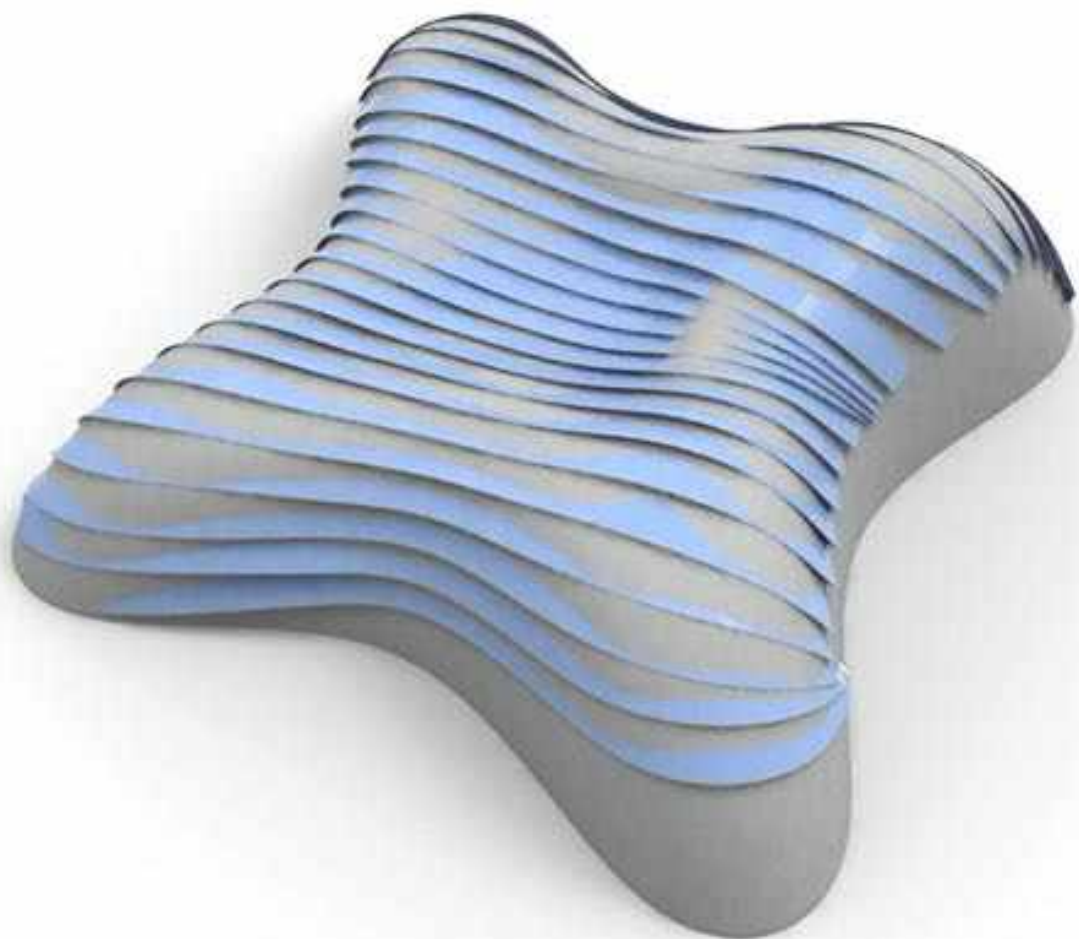
Approximation of a minimal surface











Future work

- More ways to design patterns of pseudo-geodesics for initialization
- Reconstruction with curved folded surfaces that are not pleated structures
- More connections to flat-foldable structures

Checkerboard Patterns with Black Rectangles

(SIGGRAPH Asia 2019)

with Chi-Han Peng, Peter Wonka, and Helmut Pottmann

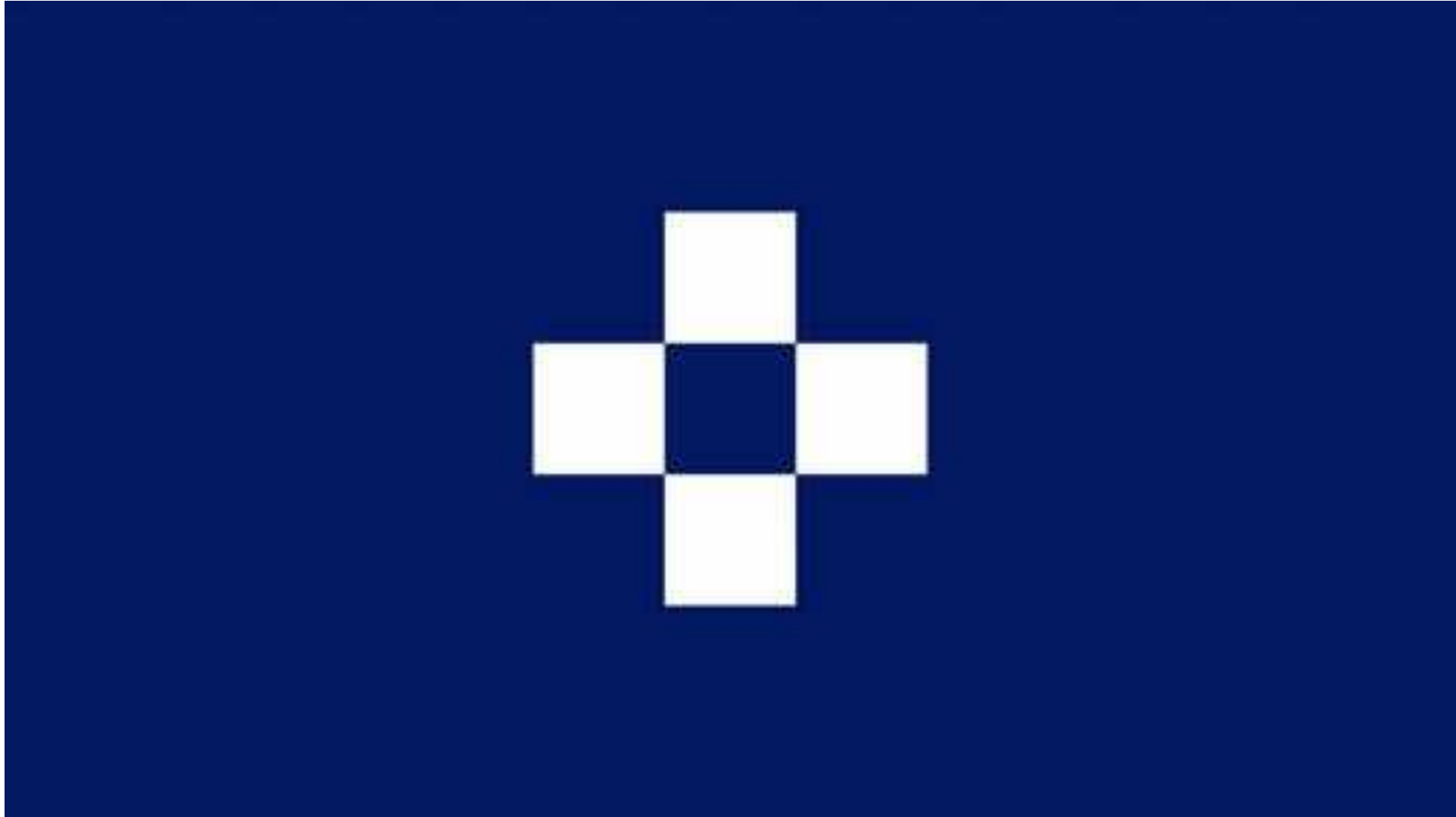
Checkerboard patterns with black rectangles



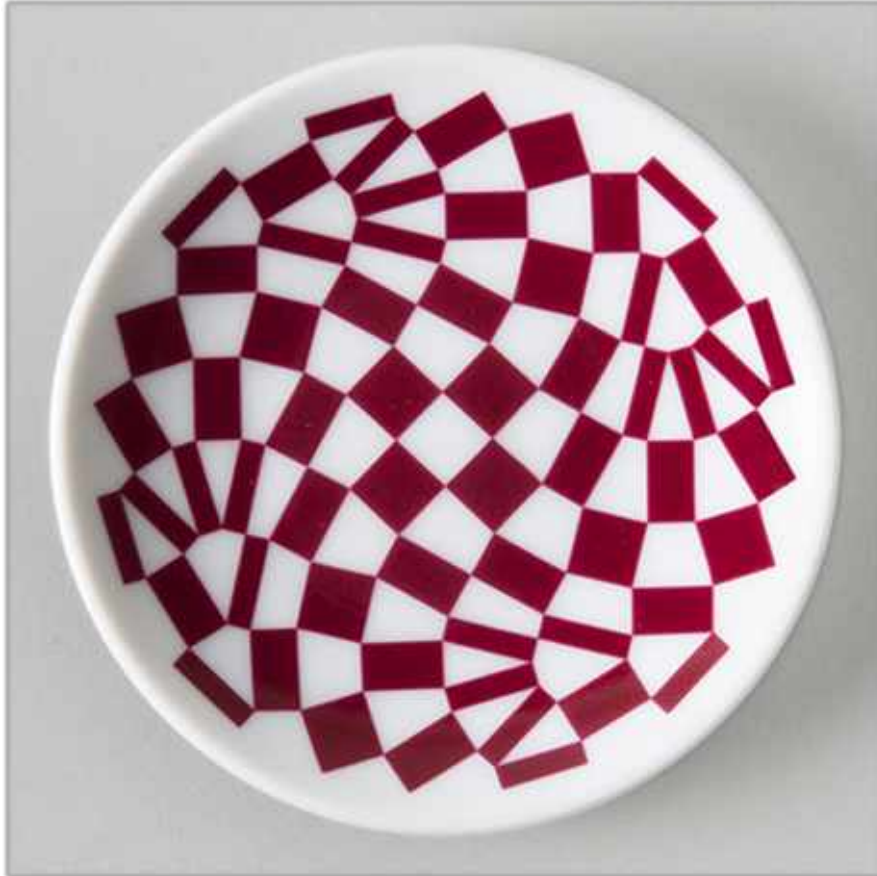
Inspiration – Tokyo 2020 Emblems

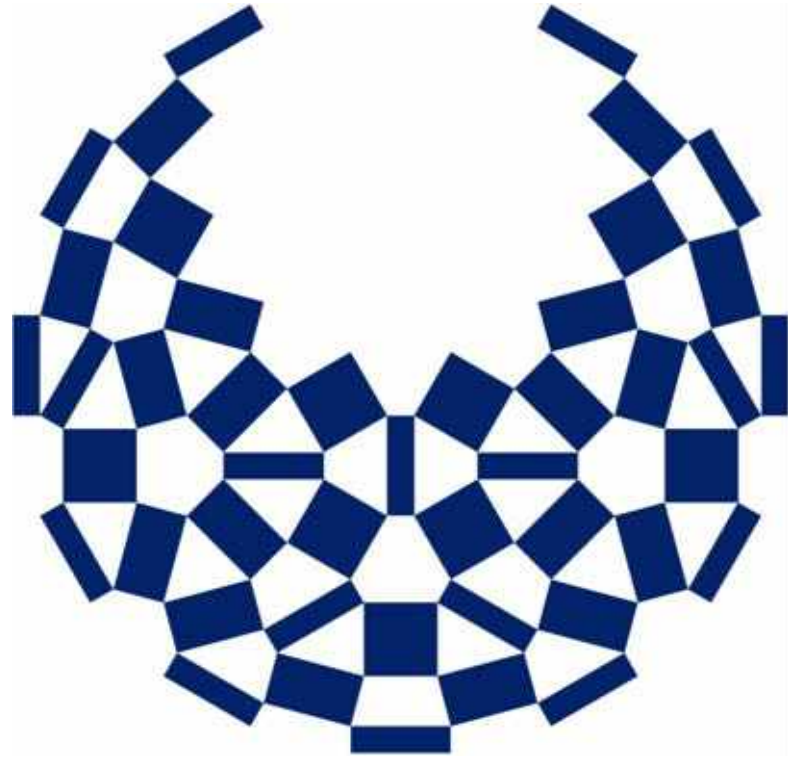


by Japanese artist Asao Tokolo

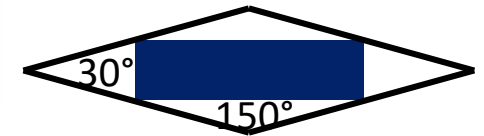
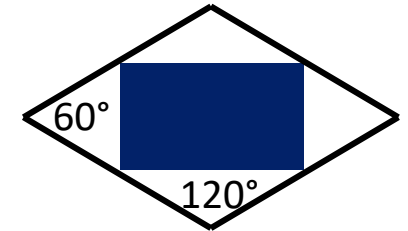
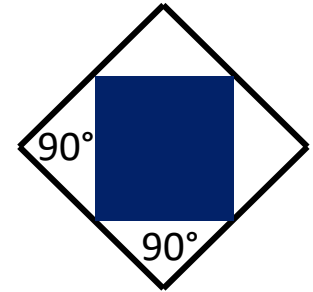
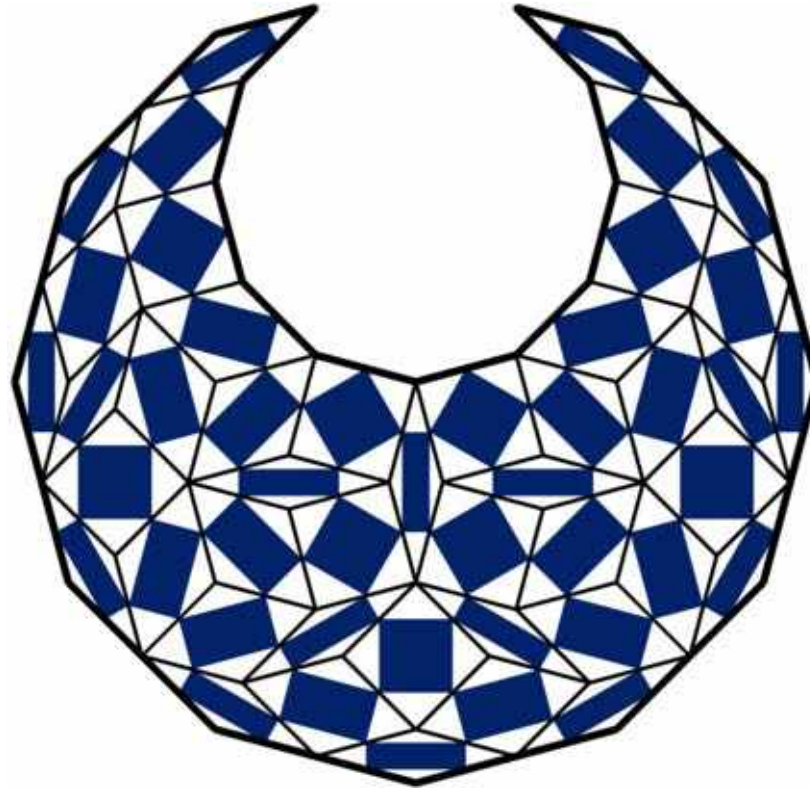


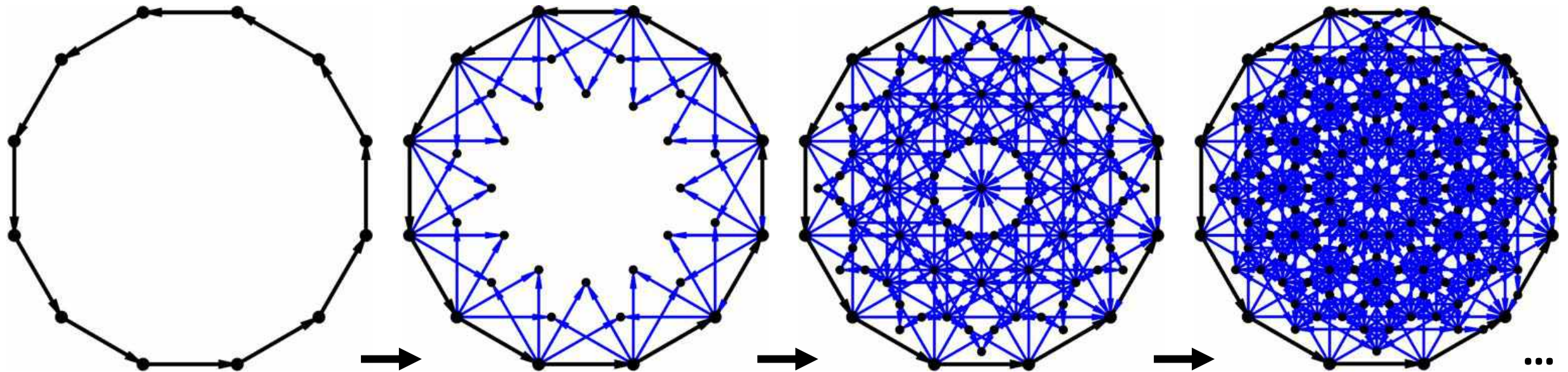
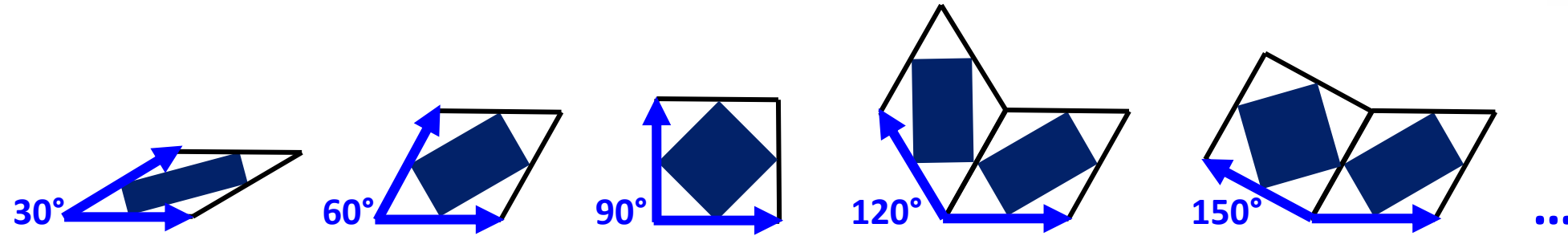
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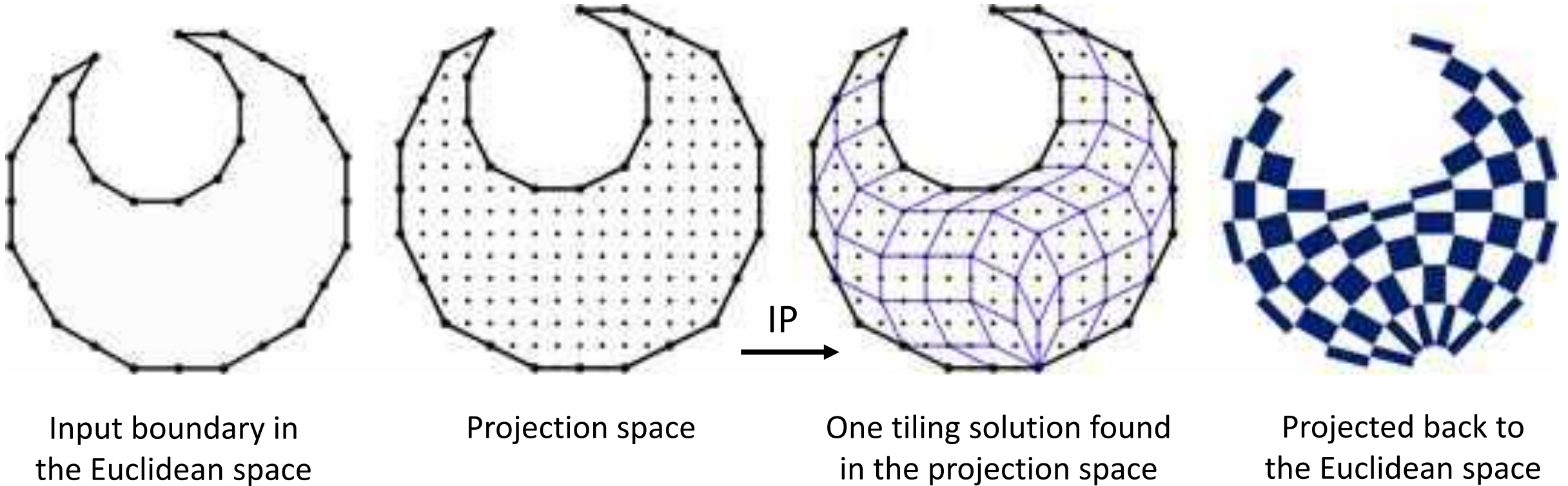


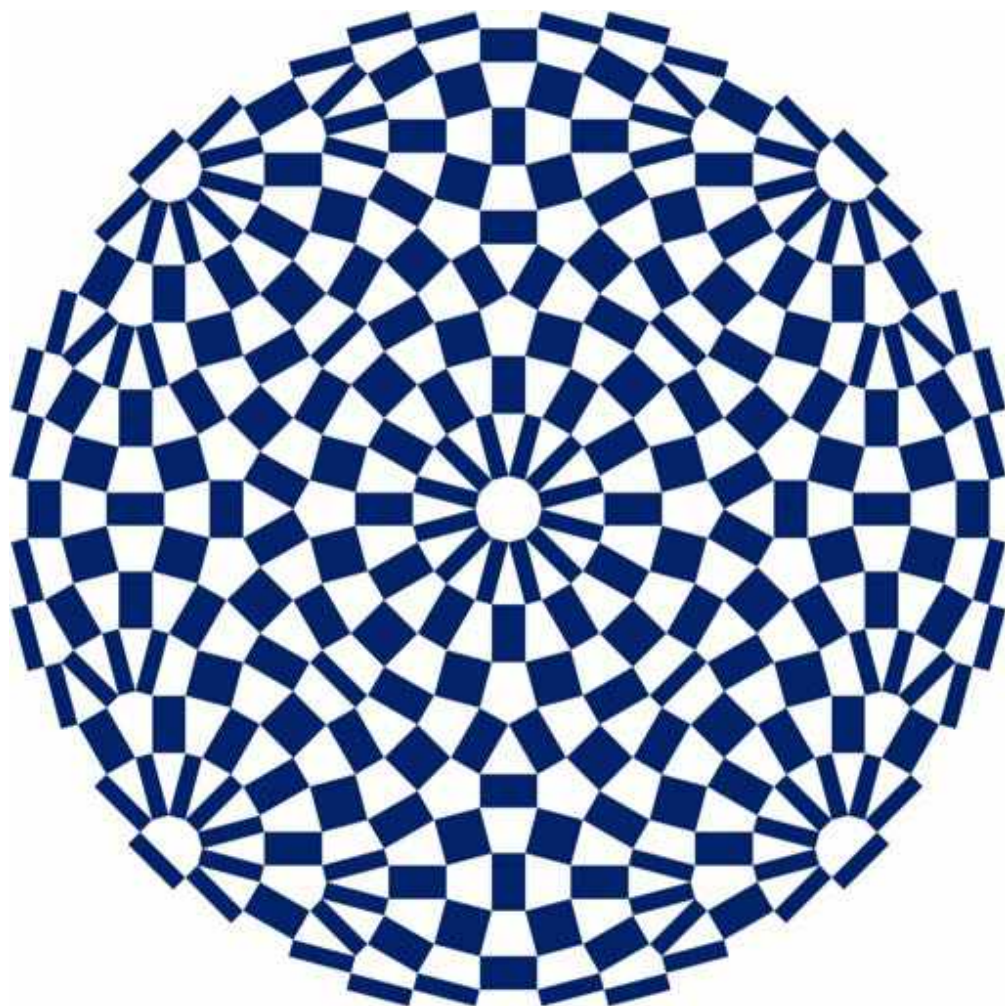
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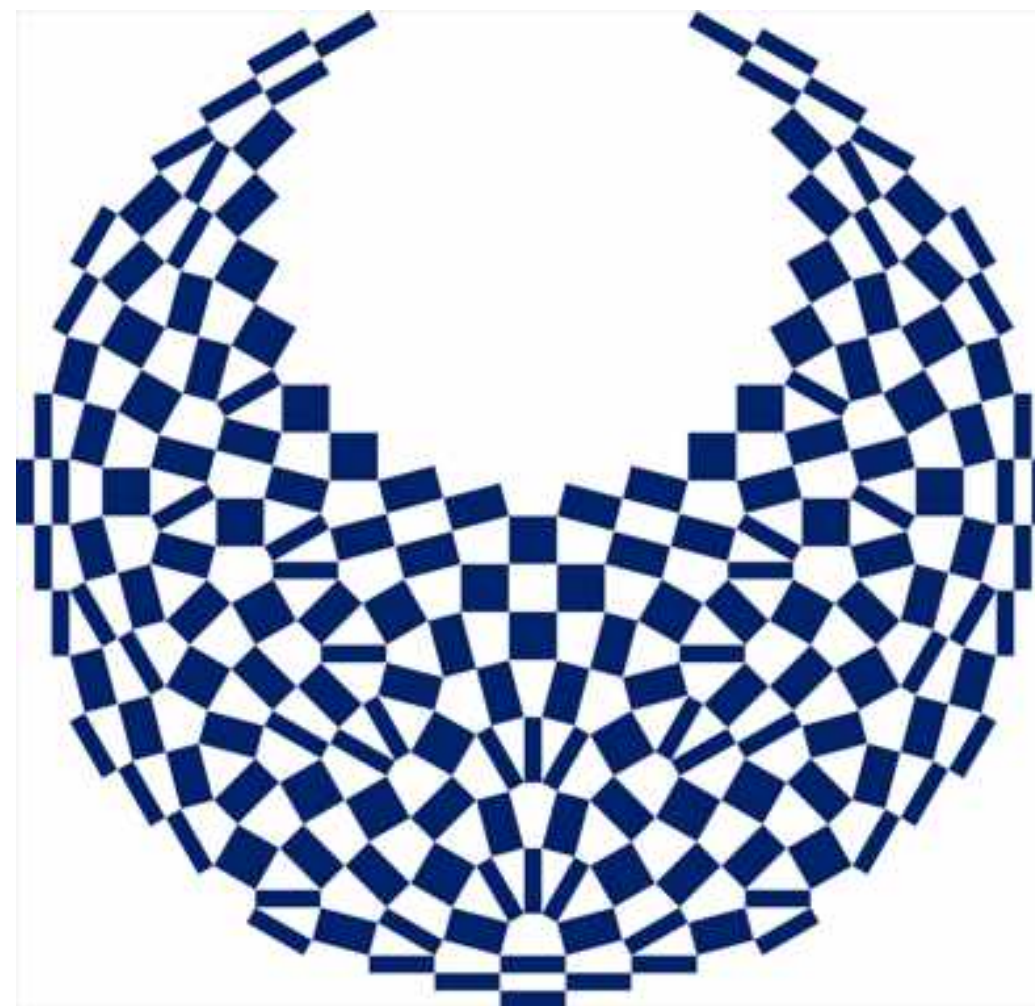


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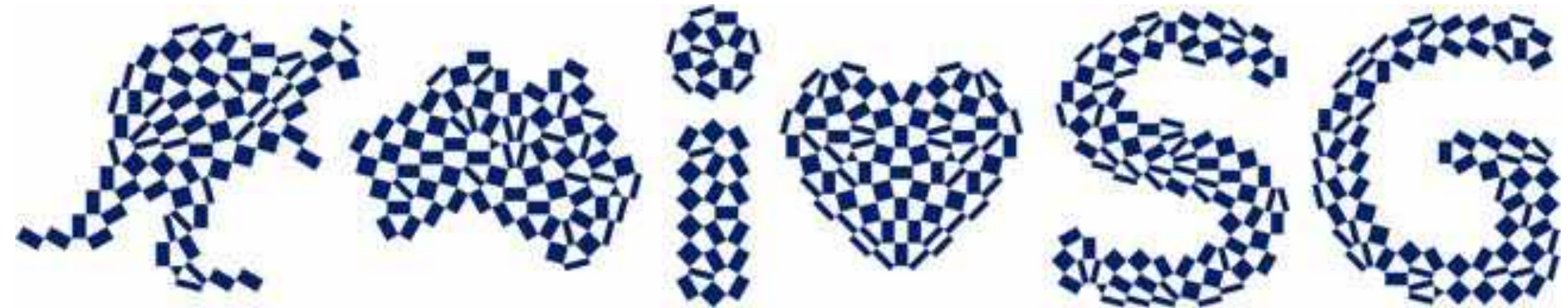




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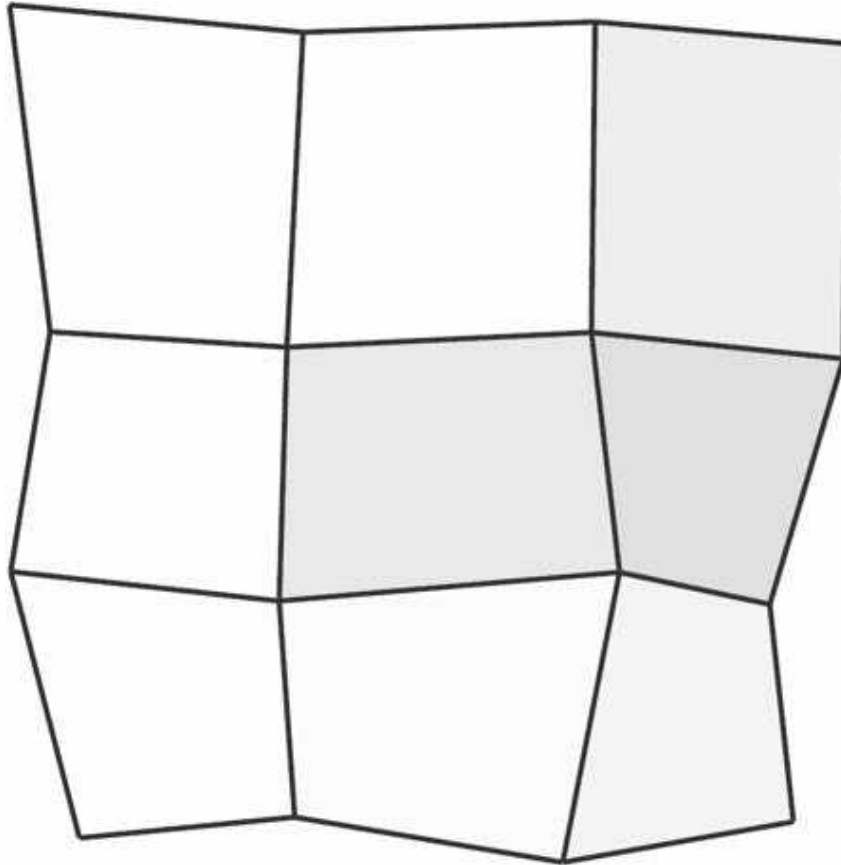


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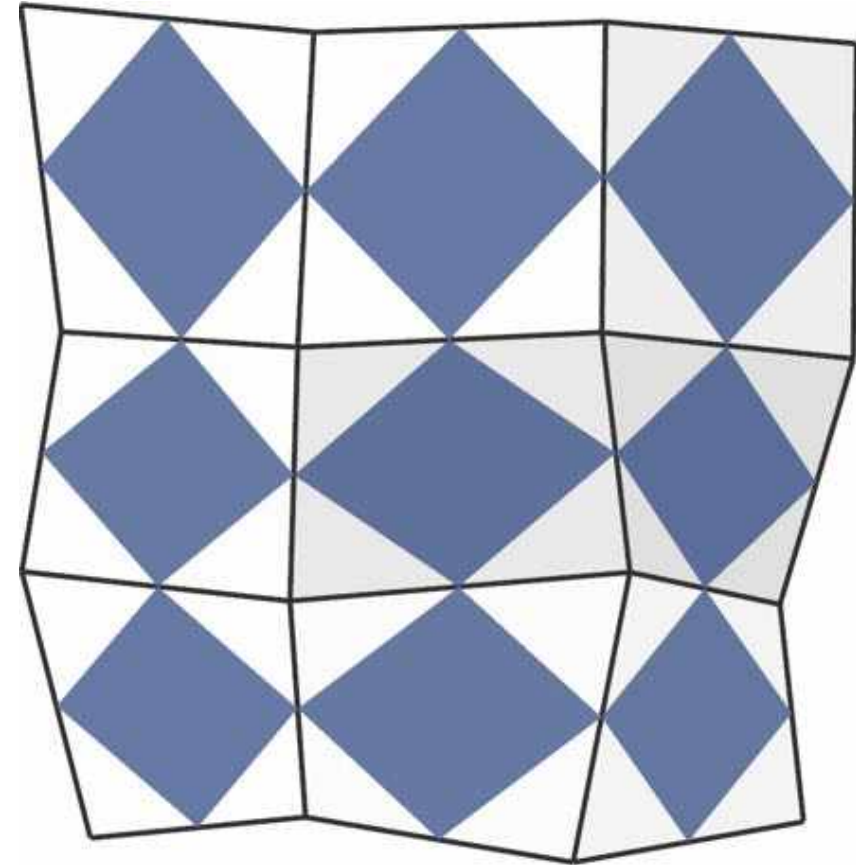


Generalization

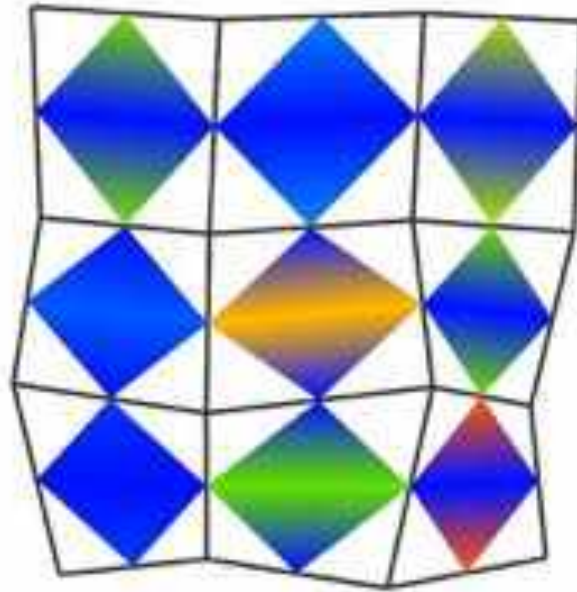
“Control mesh”



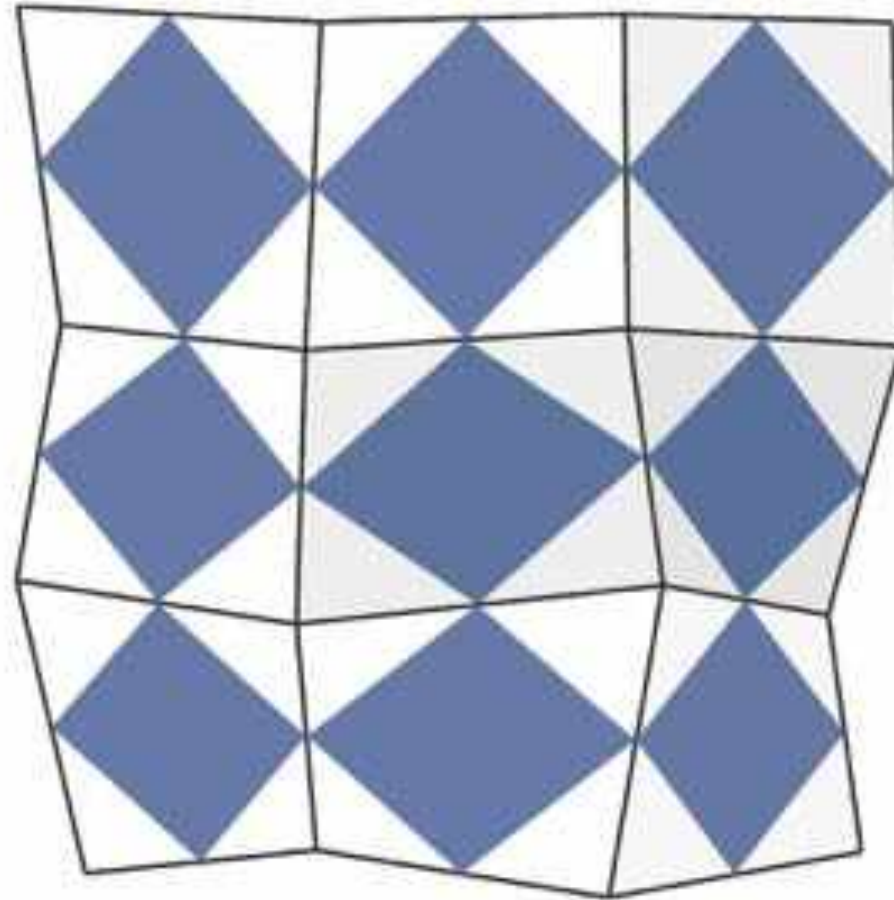
Any quad mesh

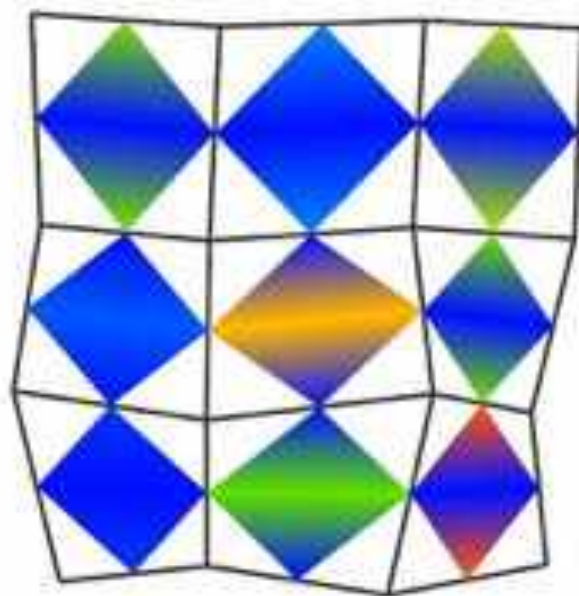


Black parallelograms

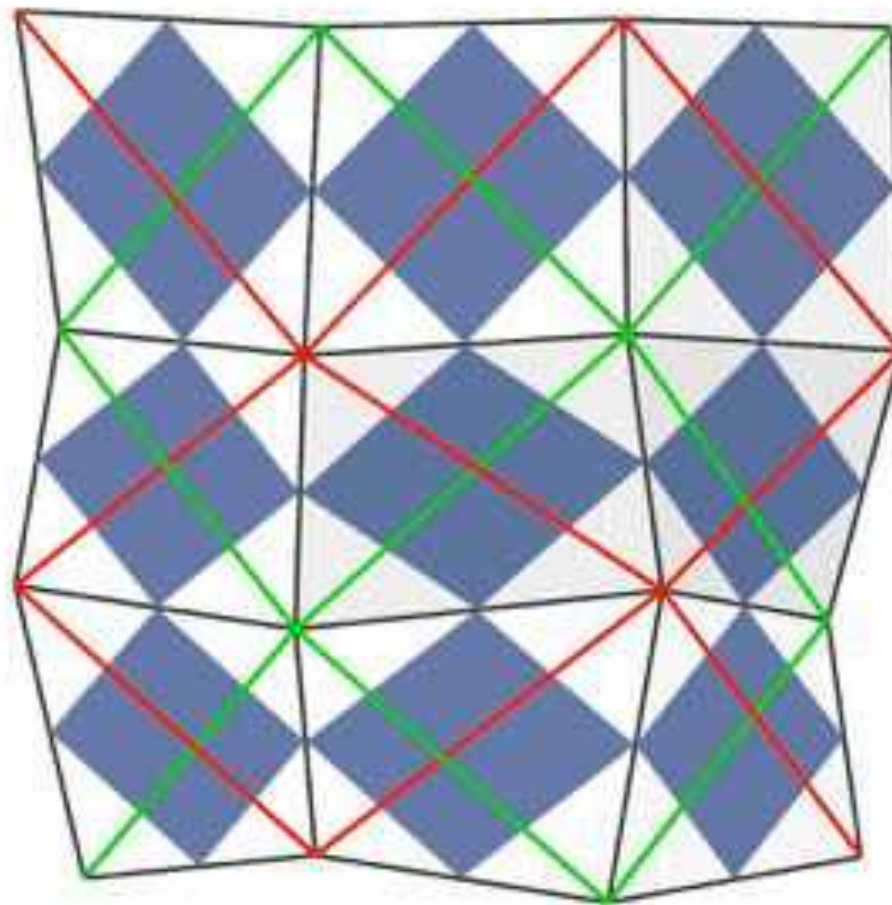


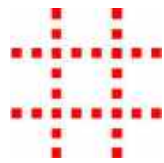
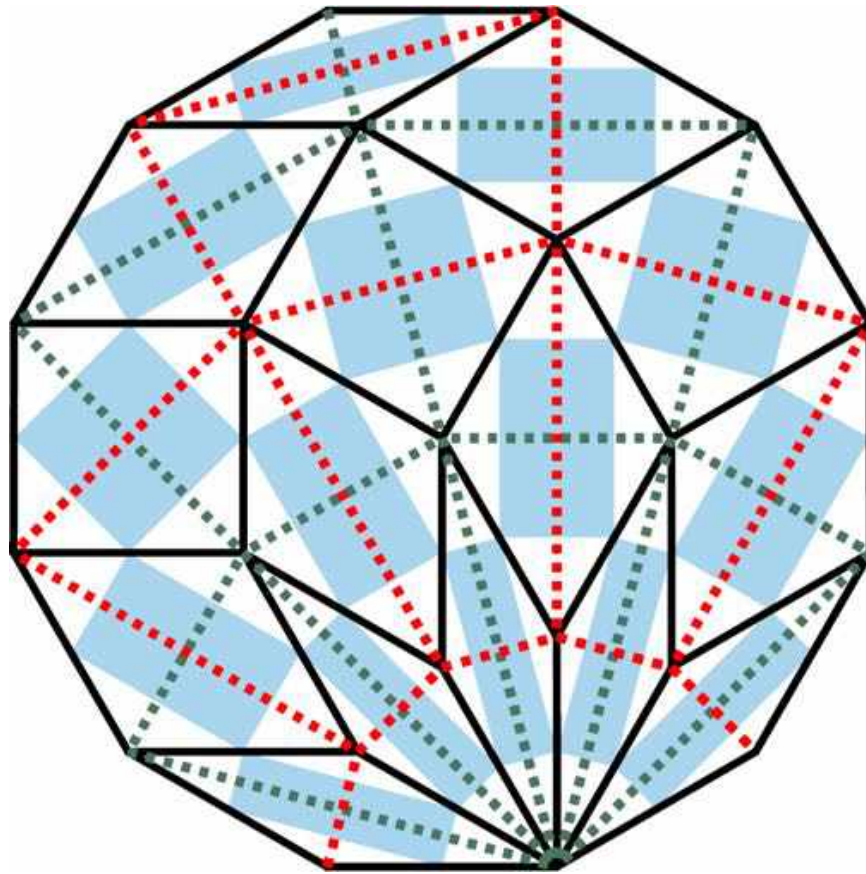
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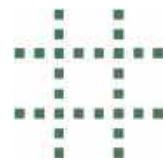


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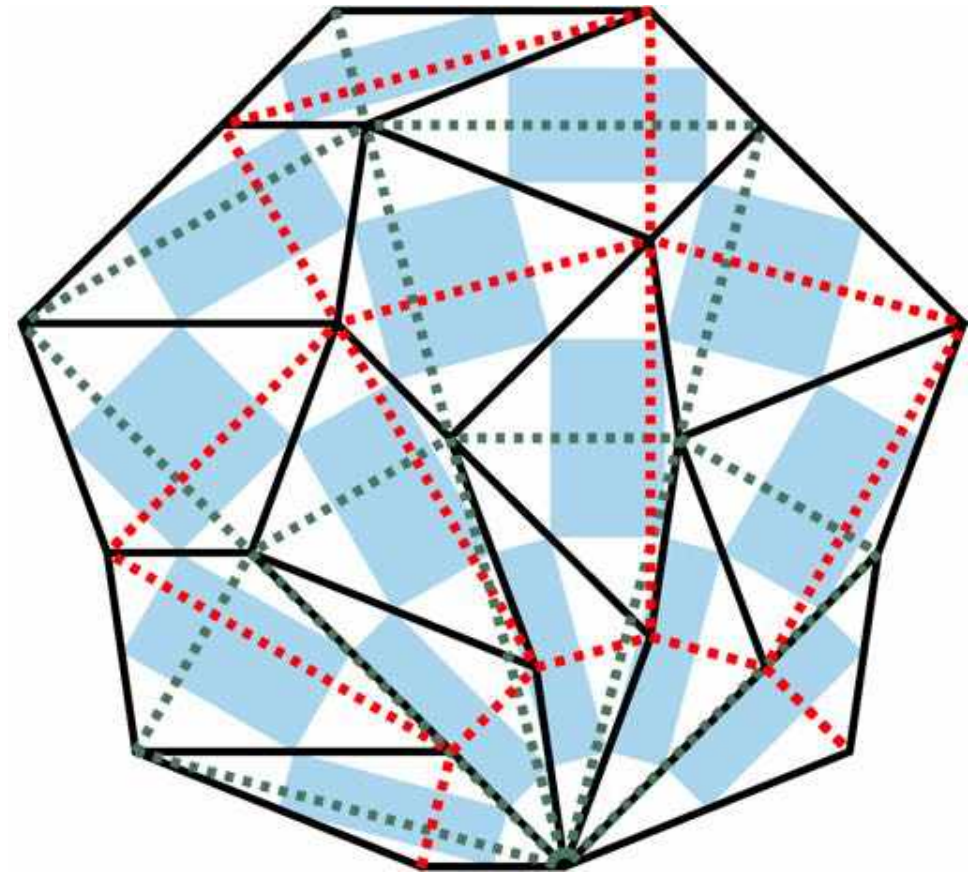


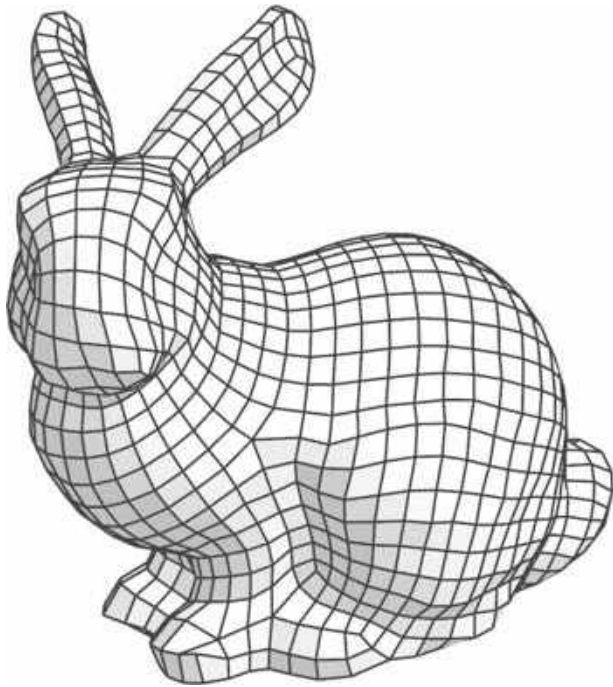


1st diagonal mesh

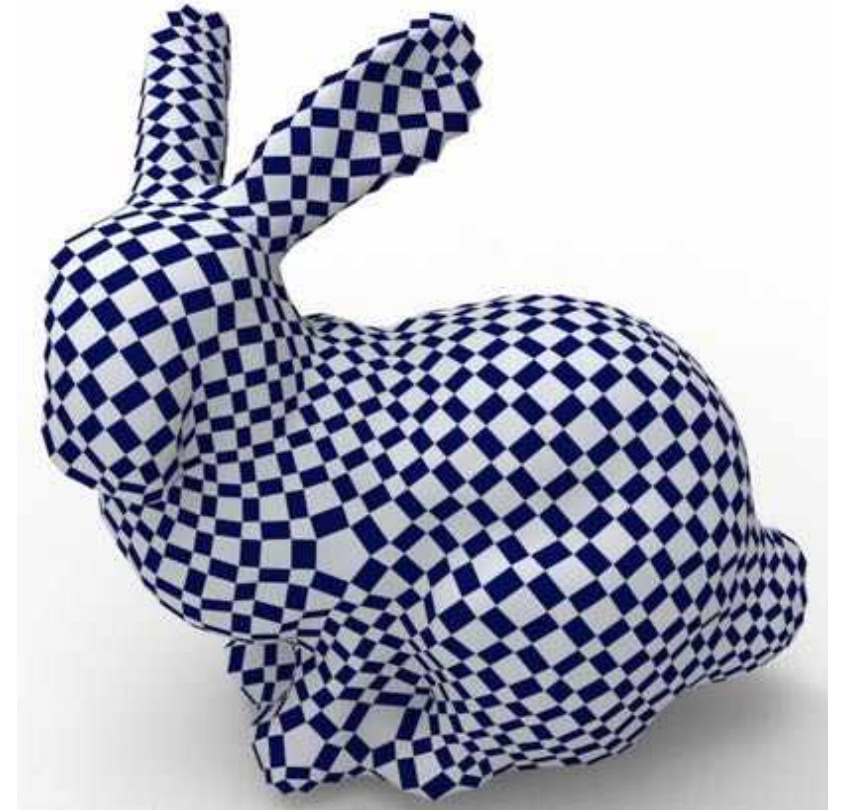
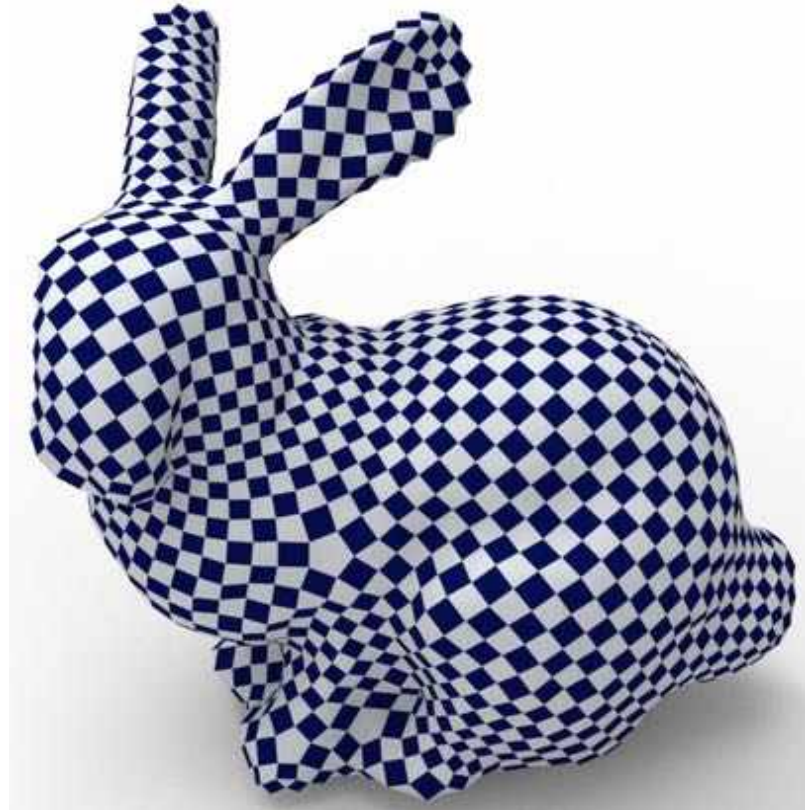


2nd diagonal mesh



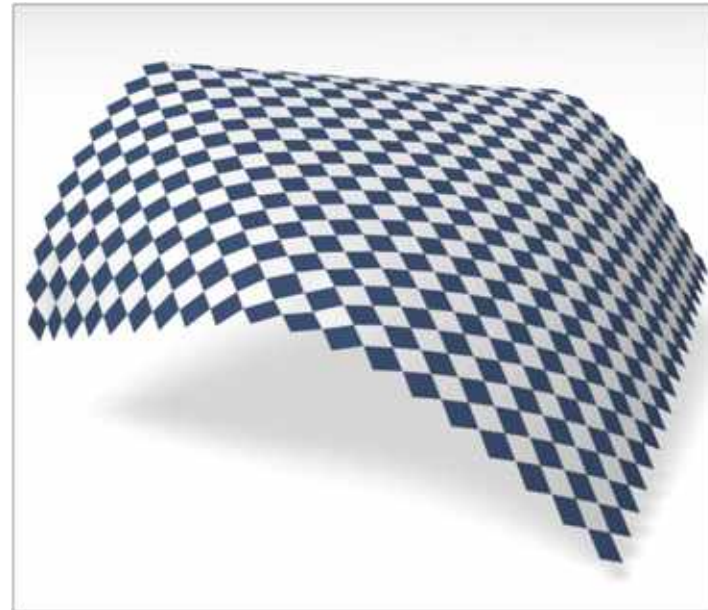
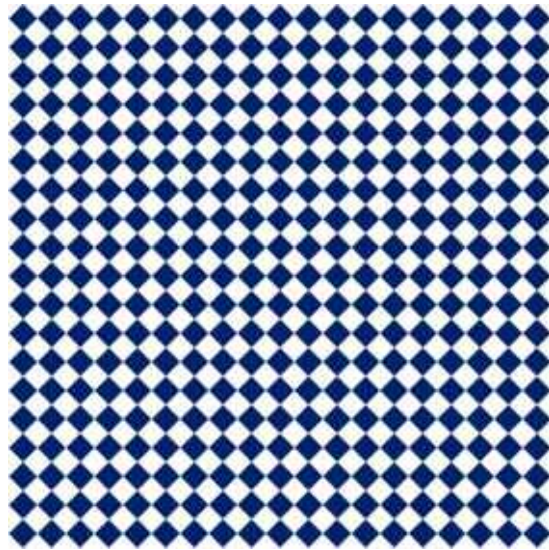


Control mesh



Developable surfaces

- Mapping while keeping the rectangles congruent works only if the two surface are isometric.



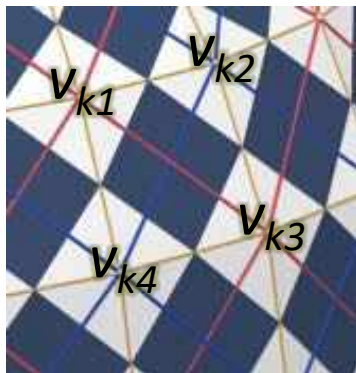
Geometric optimization

Minimize $E_{diag_orth} + \lambda_r E_{diag_ratio} + \lambda_p E_{pla_white}$

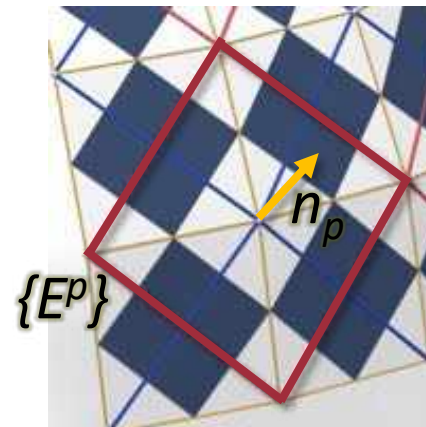
Where

$$E_{diag_orth} = \sum_{k \in F} ((v_{k1} - v_{k3}) \cdot (v_{k2} - v_{k4}))^2$$

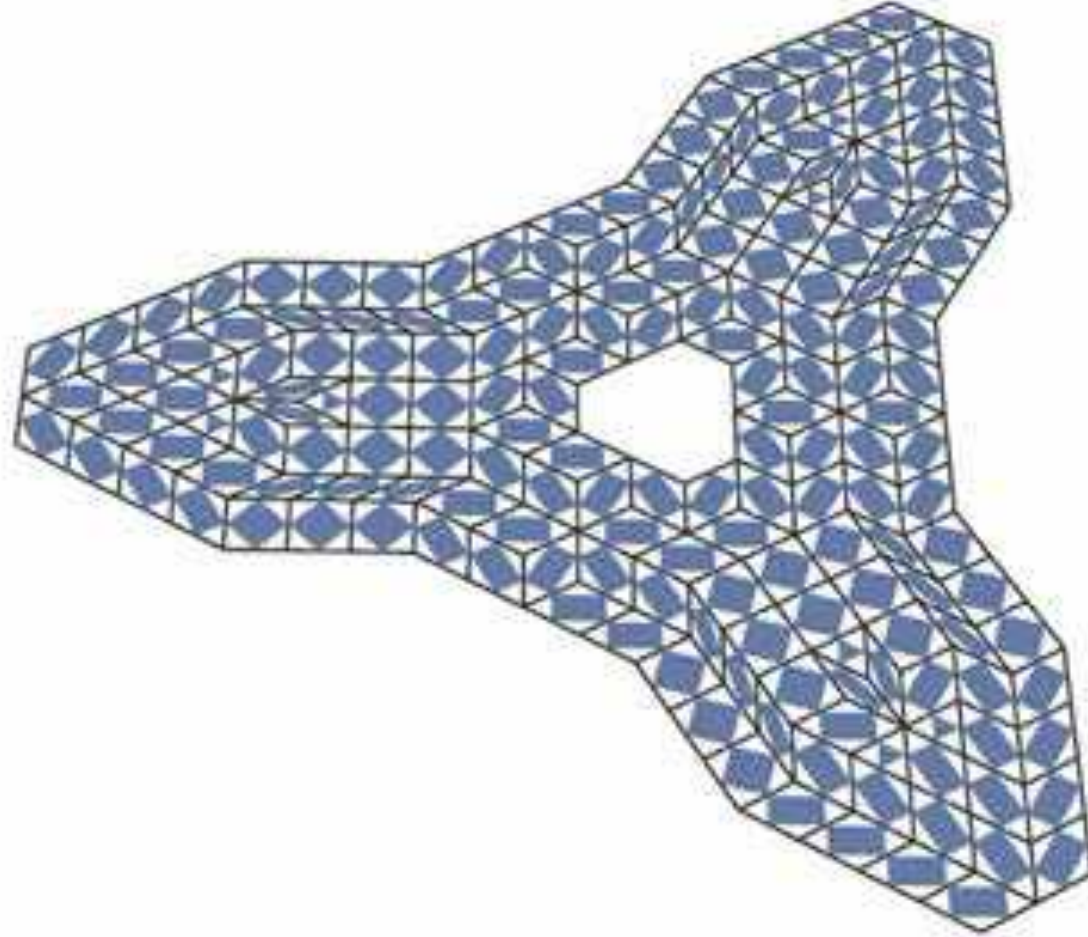
$$E_{diag_ratio} = \sum_{k \in F} ((v_{k1} - v_{k3})^2 - r_k^2 (v_{k1} - v_{k3})^2)^2$$

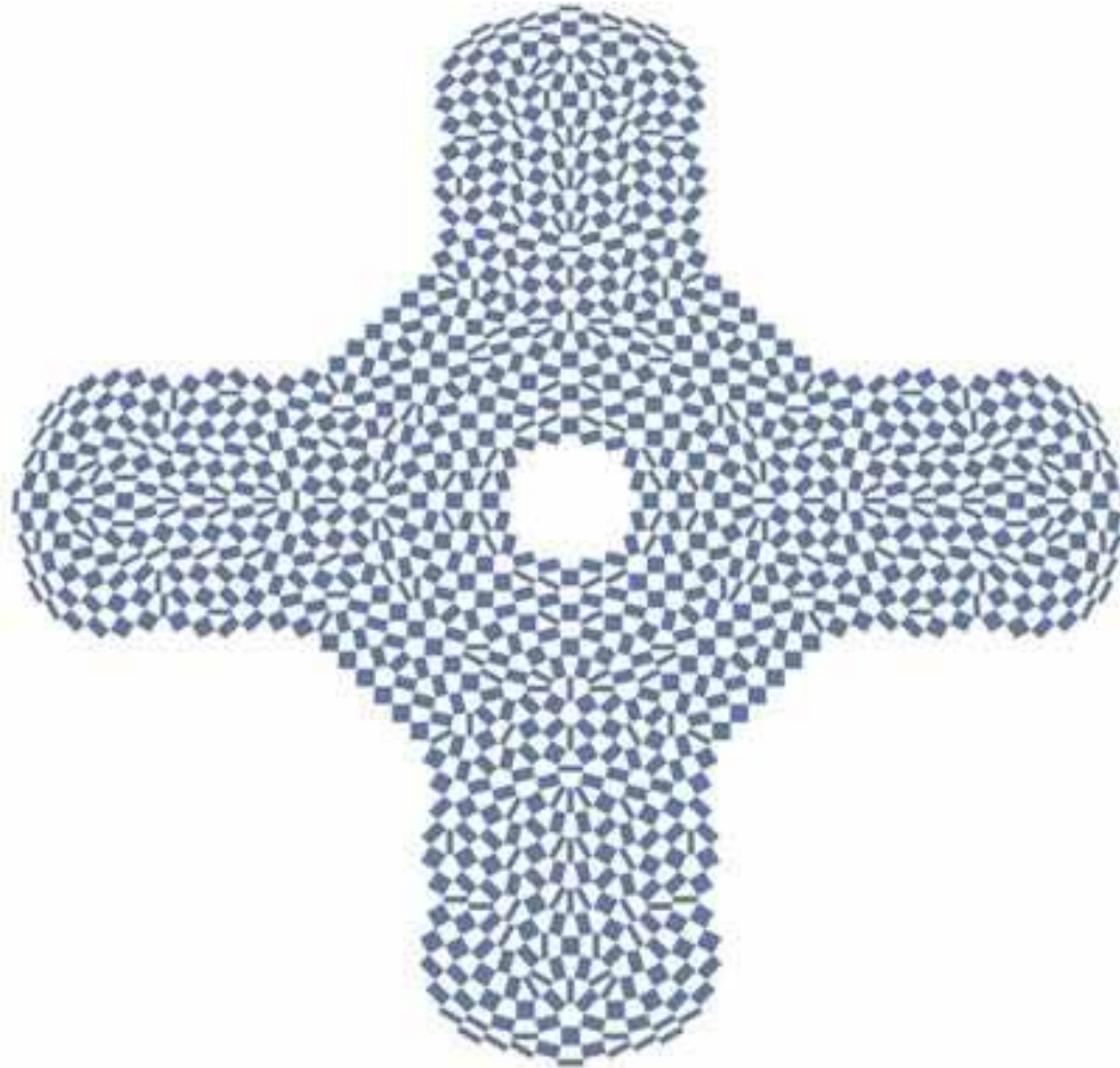
$$E_{pla_white} = \sum_{p \in V} \sum_{(i,j) \in E^p} (n_p \cdot (v_i - v_j))^2$$


$v_{k1}, v_{k2}, v_{k3}, v_{k4}$ are
vertices of quad face
 F_k in the control mesh

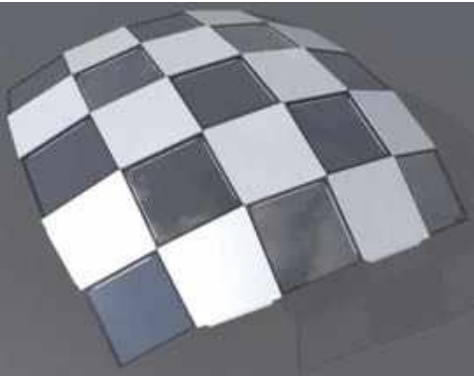


n_p is normal at v_p
and E^p are diagonals
surrounding v_p





Additional constraint: planar white faces



Checkerboard pattern with black squares and planar white faces

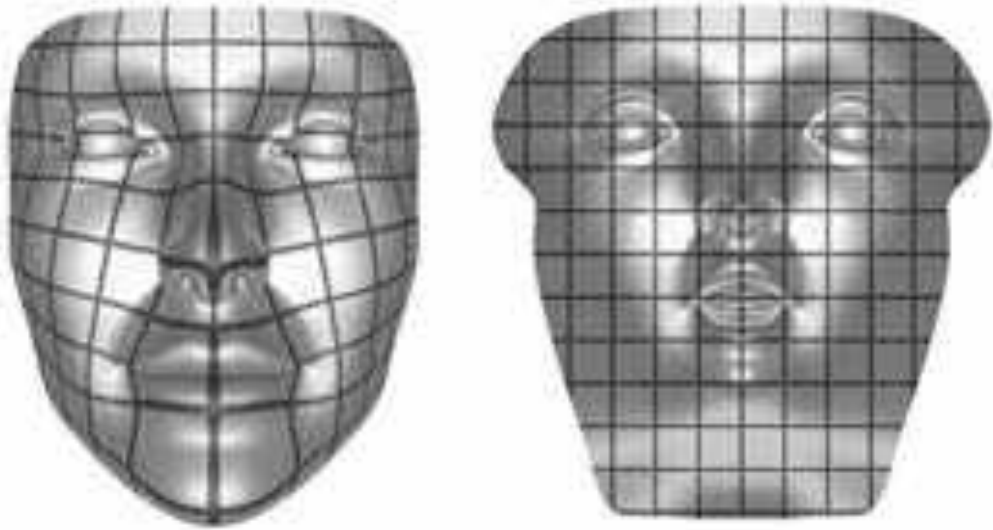
Quad-Mesh Based Isometric Mappings and Developable Surfaces

(SIGGRAPH 2020)

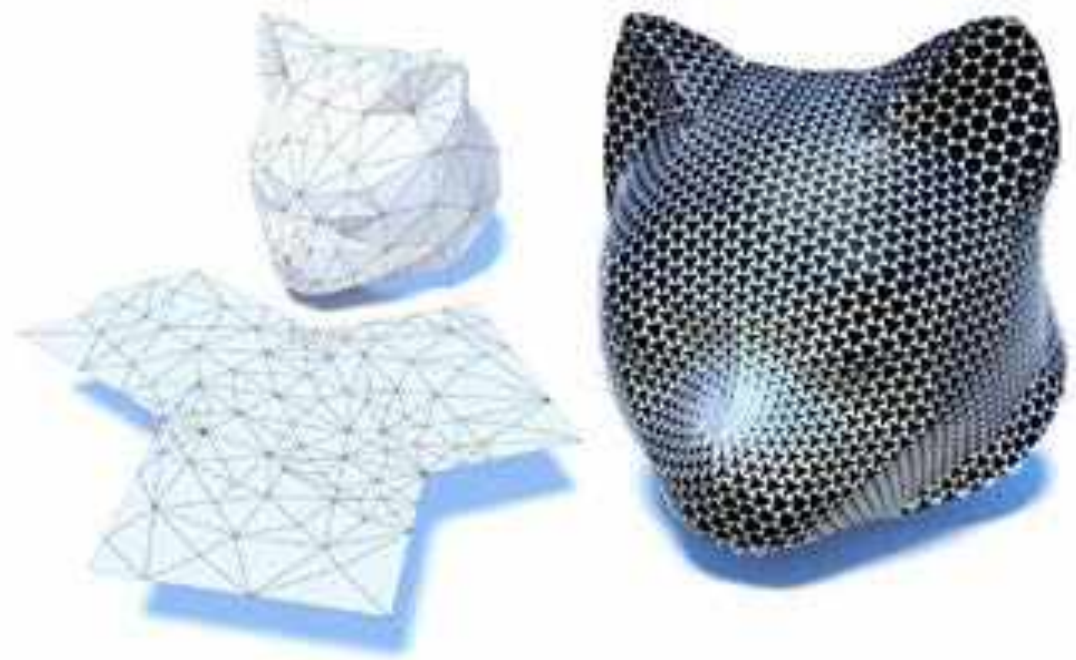
with Cheng Wang, Florian Rist, Johannes Wallner, and Helmut Pottmann

motivation

- Important topics such as **mesh parametrization**, texture mapping, character animation, **fabrication**, ... are based on **special surface-to-surface maps**
 - **Conformal map** (angle preserving)



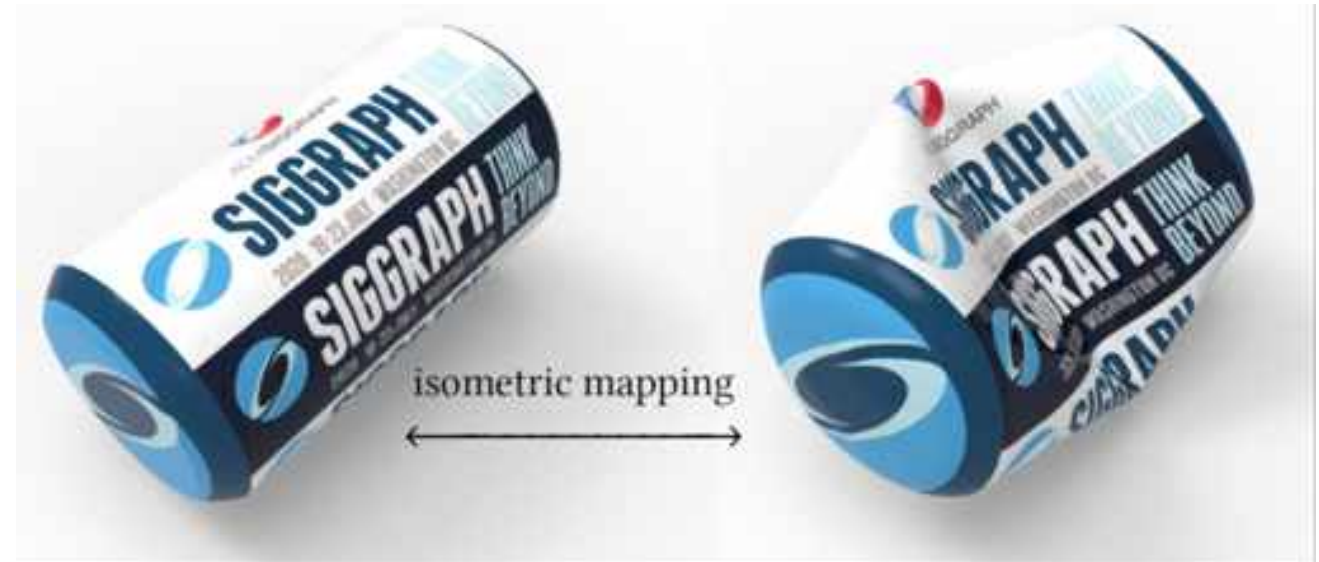
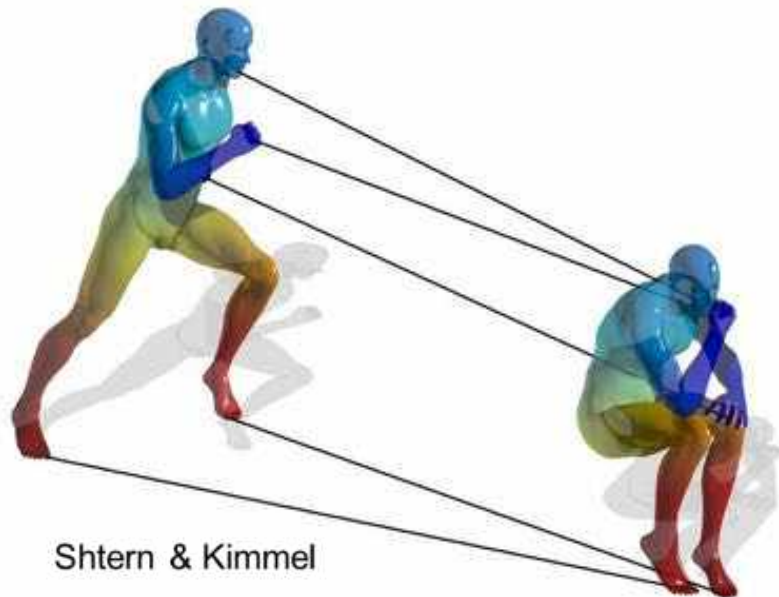
K. Crane



Konakovic et al.

motivation

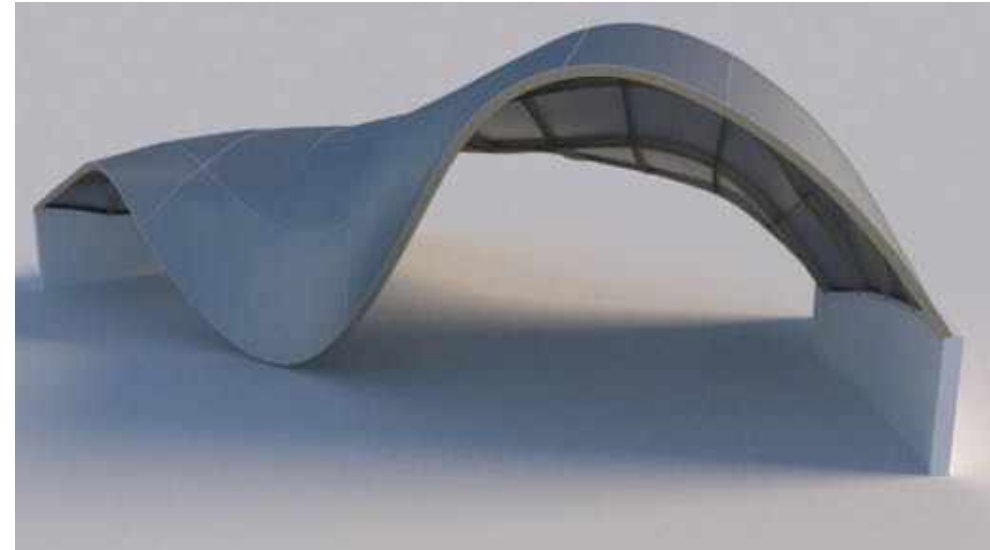
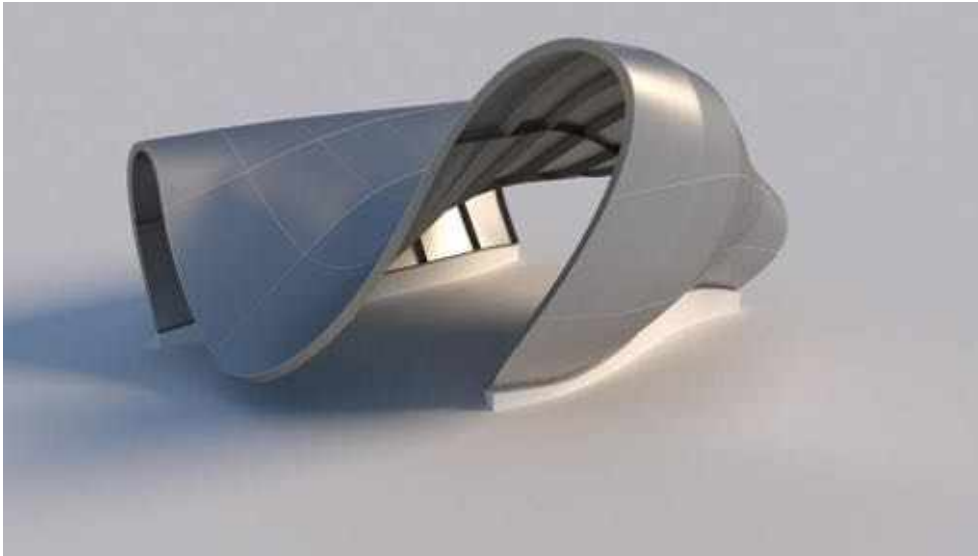
- **isometric maps** (length and angle preserving = pure bending, no stretching)



- **as isometric as possible maps** [Sorkine & Alexa, 2007],....

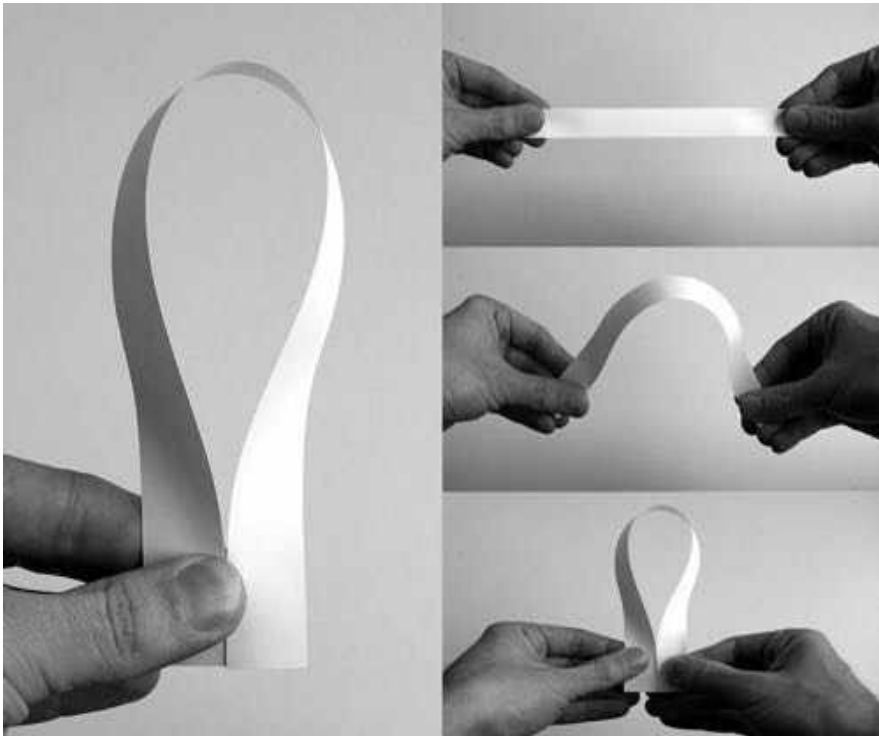
Quad meshes

- Most research employs **triangle meshes**
- We present a **simple approach based on quad meshes**
- Focus on **isometric maps** and **developable surfaces**



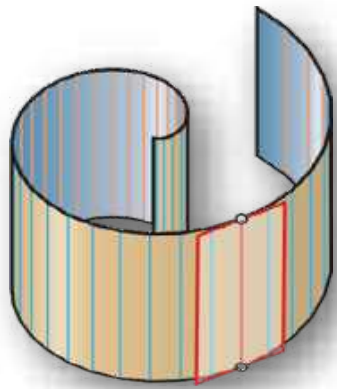
Developable surfaces

working with originally flat materials
which bend, but do not stretch



developable surfaces: Piecewise ruled

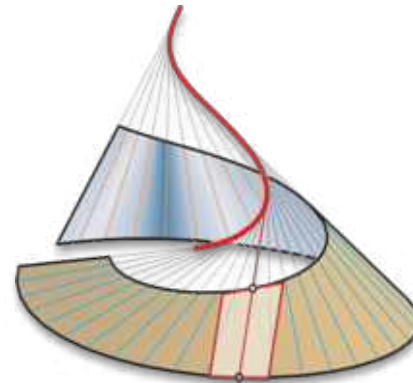
Developable surfaces are composed of planes and special ruled surfaces:



cylinder



cone

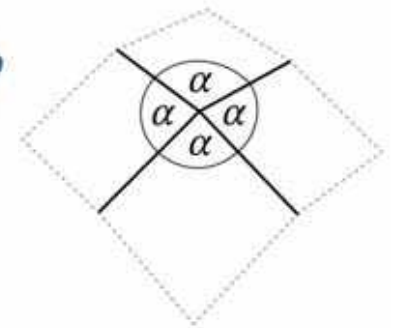
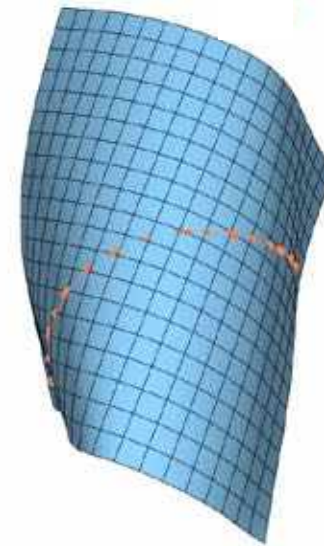
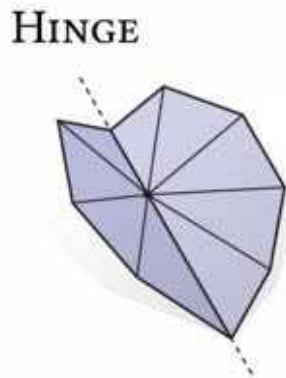
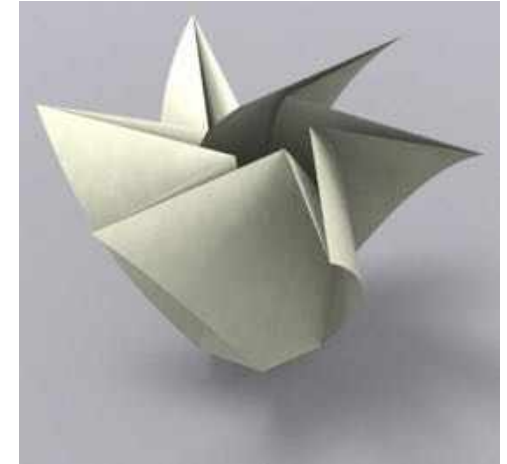
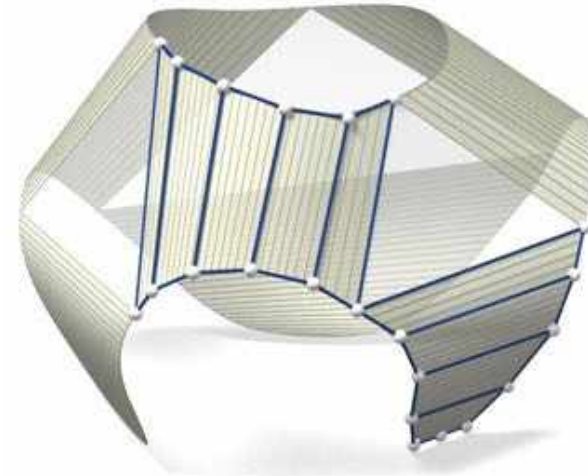


tangent surface
of a space curve

Most discrete models are based on the rulings, but the ruling pattern changes under isometric deformation. **Our discrete model avoid rulings!**

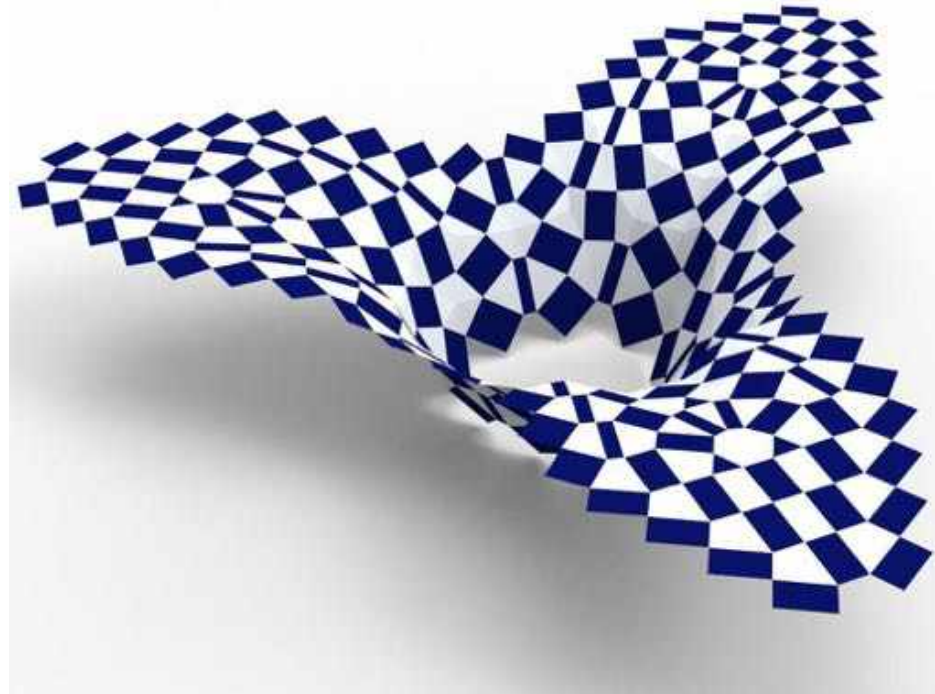
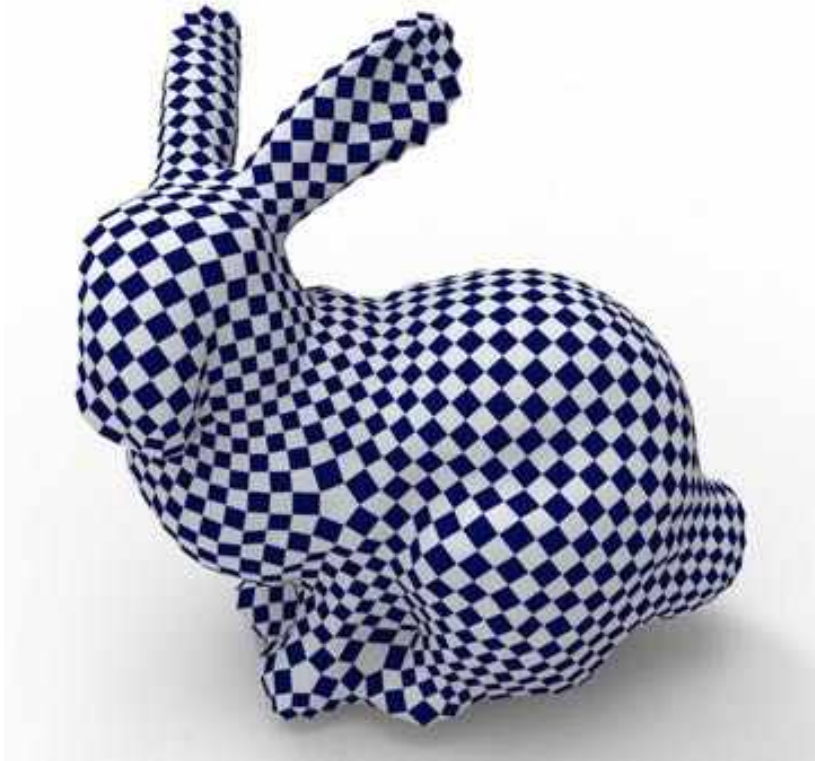
Recent work on modeling with developable surfaces

- Ruling based approach for B-spline surfaces (Tang et al. 2016)
- Developability of triangle meshes (Stein et al 2018)
- **Orthogonal geodesic nets**, (Rabinovich et al. 2018,2019)



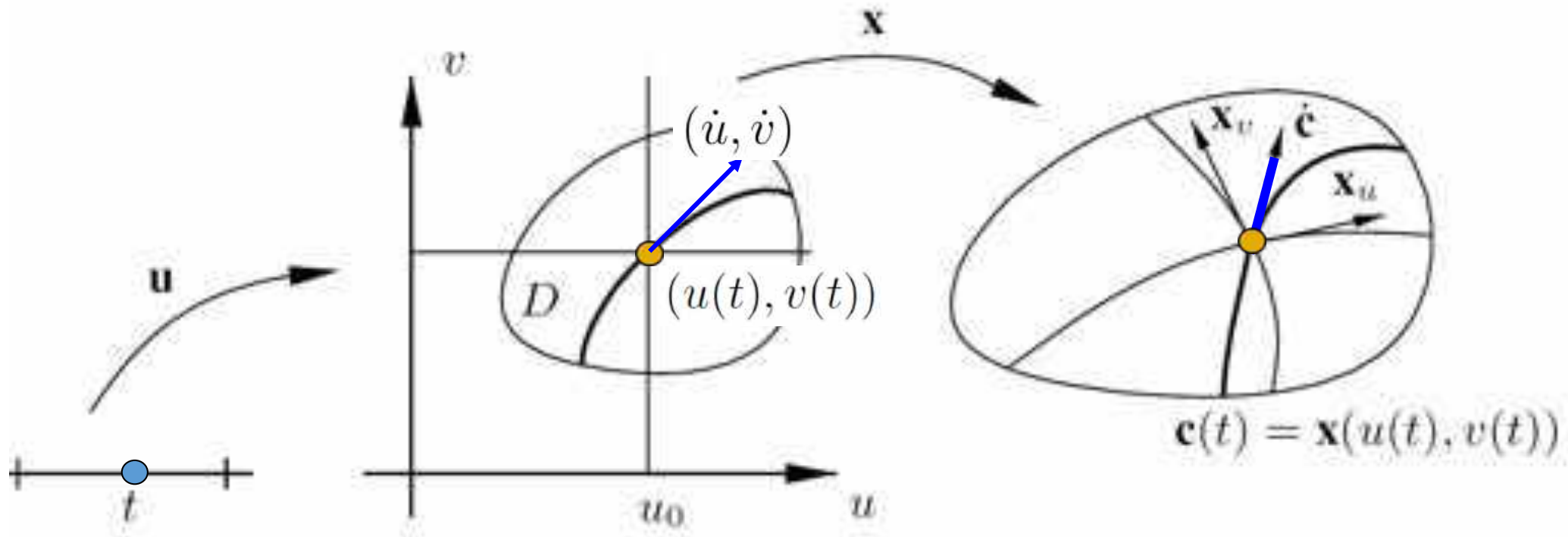
Checkerboard patterns from black rectangles

- Our approach is inspired by and generalizes work on [checkerboard patterns from black rectangles](#) [Peng et al. 2019]



Computing surface – to – surface maps via quad meshes

Curves on surfaces

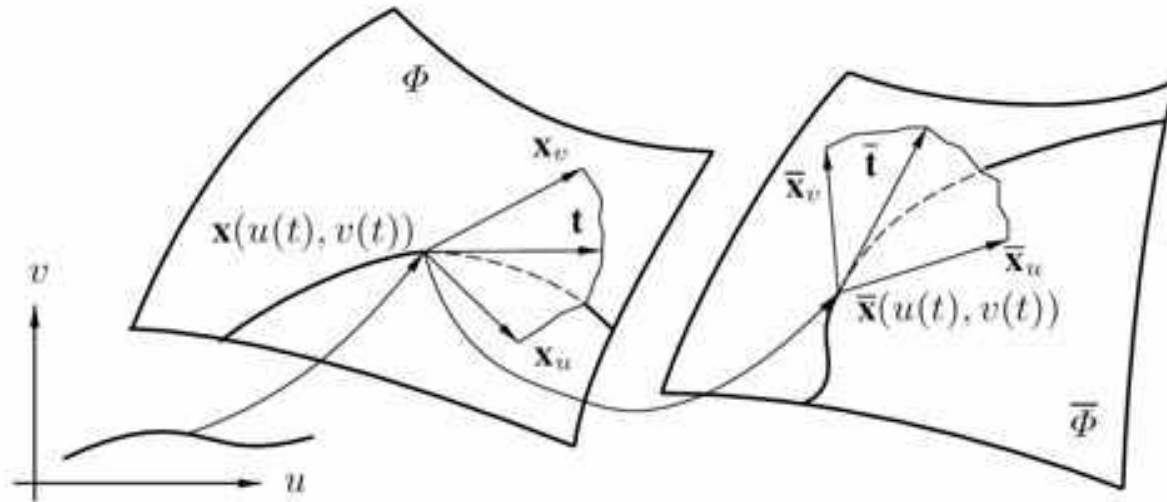


$$\dot{\mathbf{c}}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{c}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt} = \dot{u} \mathbf{x}_u + \dot{v} \mathbf{x}_v$$

map between two surfaces

- map via equal parameter values $\mathbf{x}(u, v) \mapsto \bar{\mathbf{x}}(u, v)$
- derivative map is **linear**

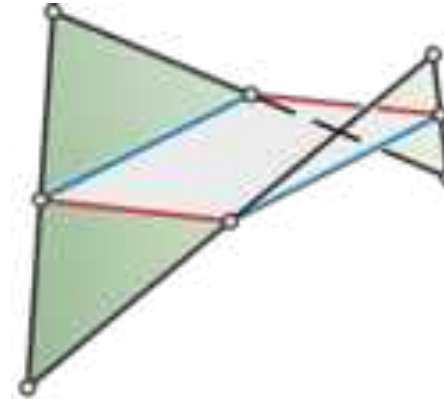
$$\mathbf{t} = \dot{\mathbf{c}} = \dot{u}\mathbf{x}_u + \dot{v}\mathbf{x}_v \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbf{t}} = \dot{\bar{\mathbf{c}}} = \dot{u}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_u + \dot{v}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_v$$



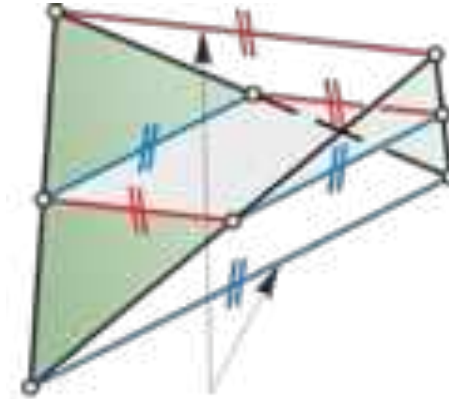
- isometric map: derivative map = rigid body motion**
- conformal map: derivative map = similarity (rigid body motion + uniform scaling)**

Mid-edge subdivision of a quad mesh

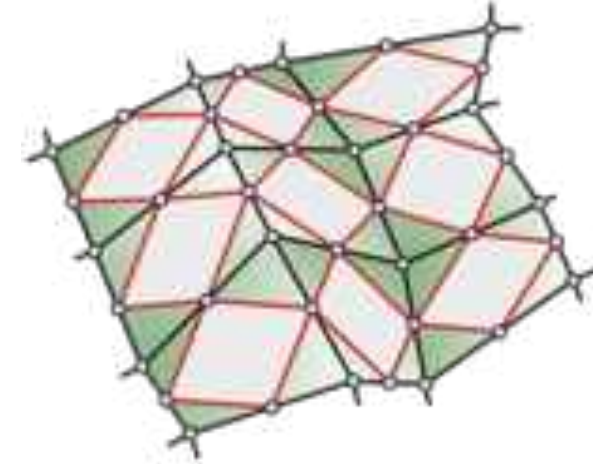
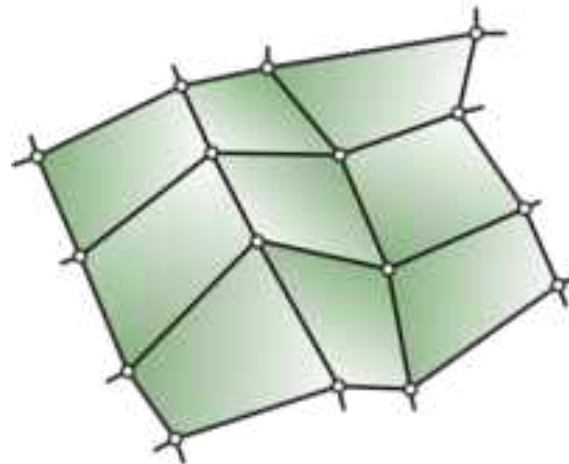
- Connecting **edge midpoints** of a quad Q yields a **parallelogram** (central quad): its edges are parallel to the diagonals of Q and have half their length
- Application of mid-edge subdivision to a quad mesh generates a **checkerboard pattern (CBP)** of parallelograms



central quad



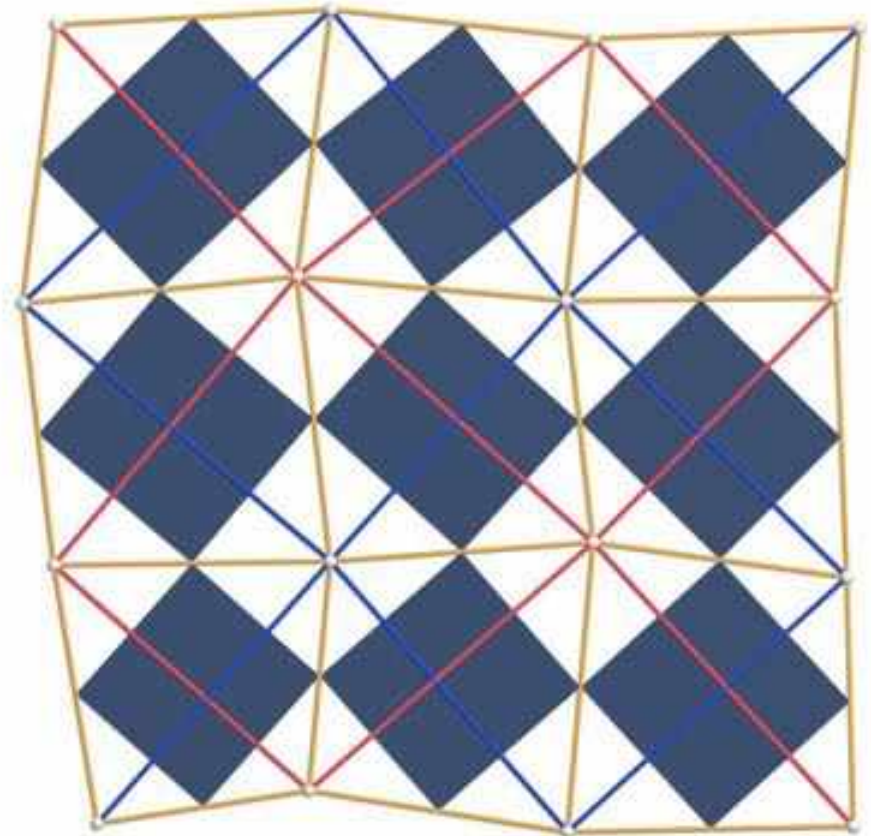
diagonals of quad



meshes which play a role

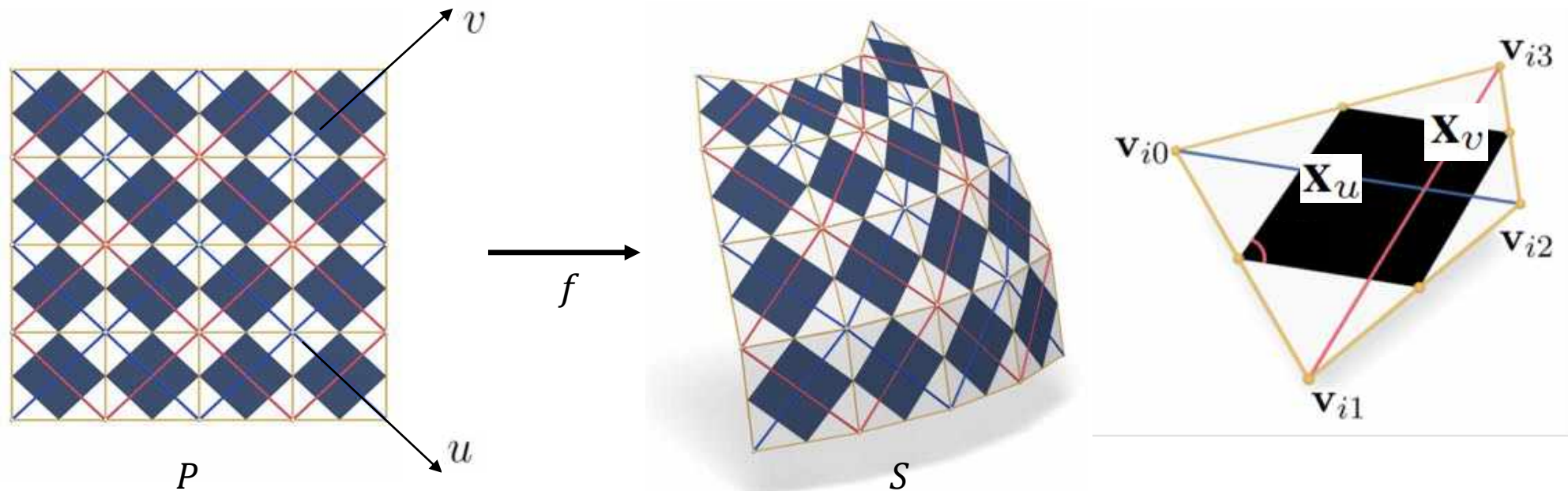
Several meshes play a role:

- The original quad mesh (called **control mesh**), yellow
- The result of mid-edge subdivision = **checkerboard pattern of parallelograms (CBP)**
- The **two diagonal meshes** (blue, red) of the control mesh



Regular grid as parameter domain

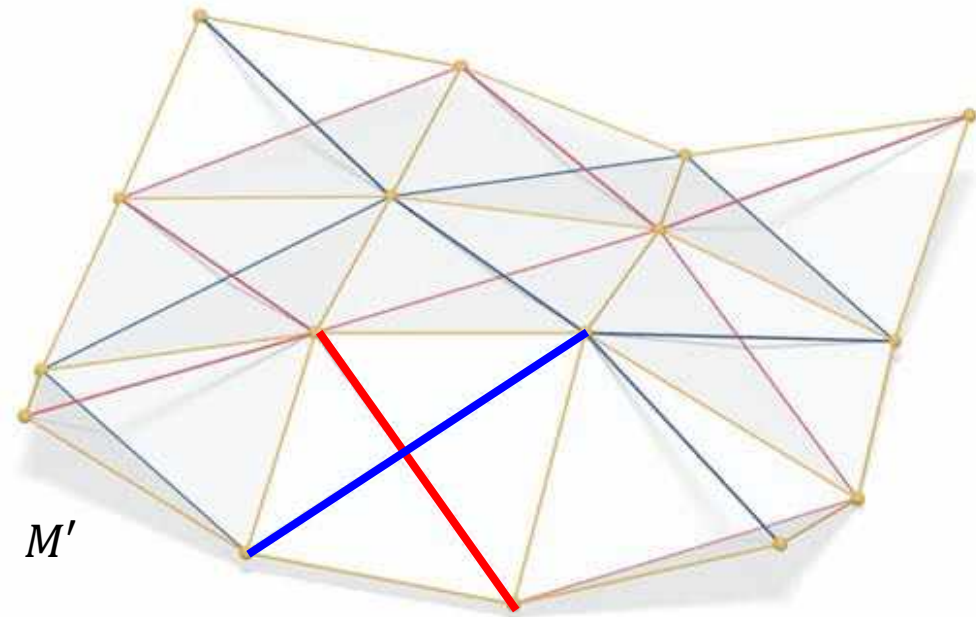
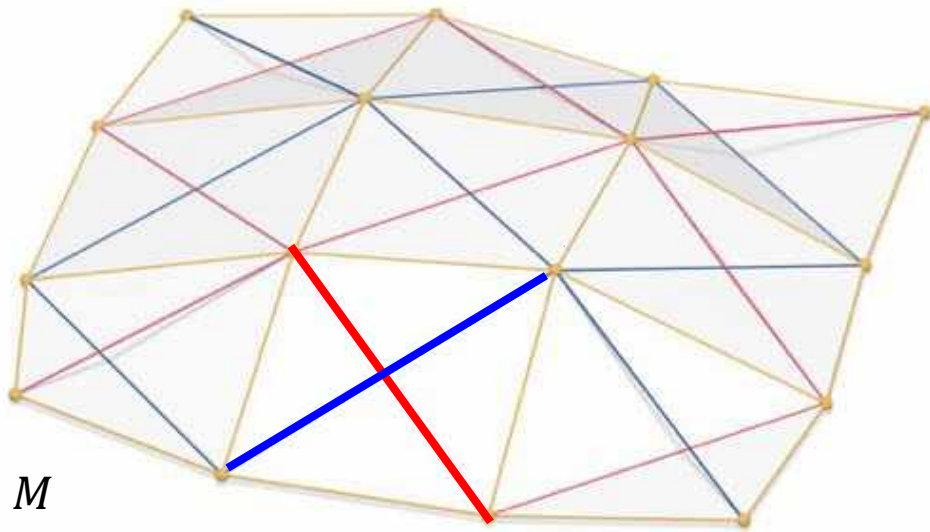
- view a regular grid as parameter domain of the control mesh C and the CBP
- obtain a discrete map f from the parameter plane P to a surface S
- The parallelograms in the CBP correspond to squares in P and are related to them by affine maps: *discrete derivative maps from parameter domain to the surface*



Quad mesh deformation via CBP

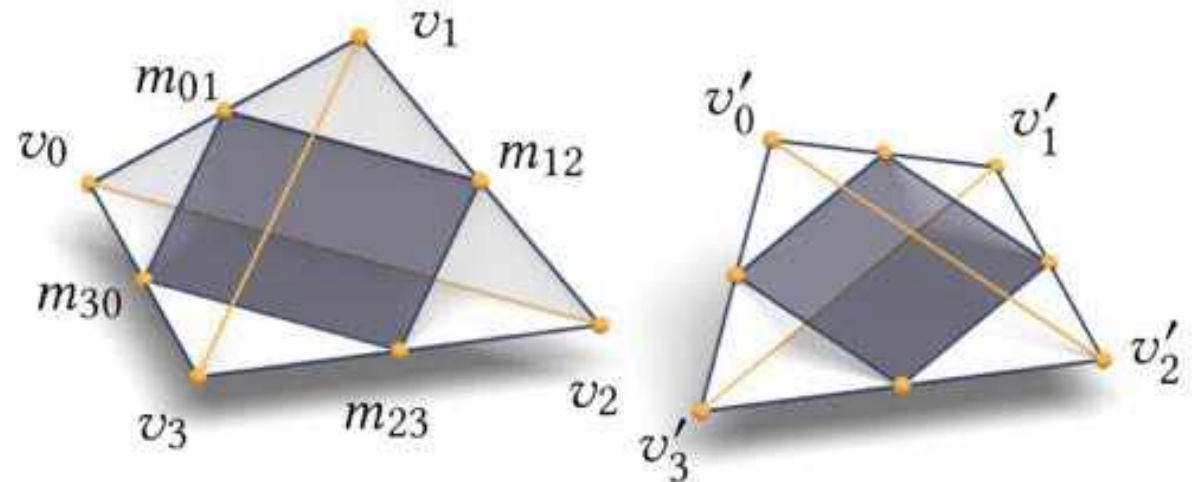
Input: quad mesh M

Goal: deform M under certain constraints to a mesh M' , in particular by a conformal map or an isometric map



Discrete conformal maps via CBP

conformal map: corresponding
 parallelograms in the CBP are
 related by a similarity, i.e.,
 diagonals in corresponding quads
 of M and M' possess the same
 angle and length ratio



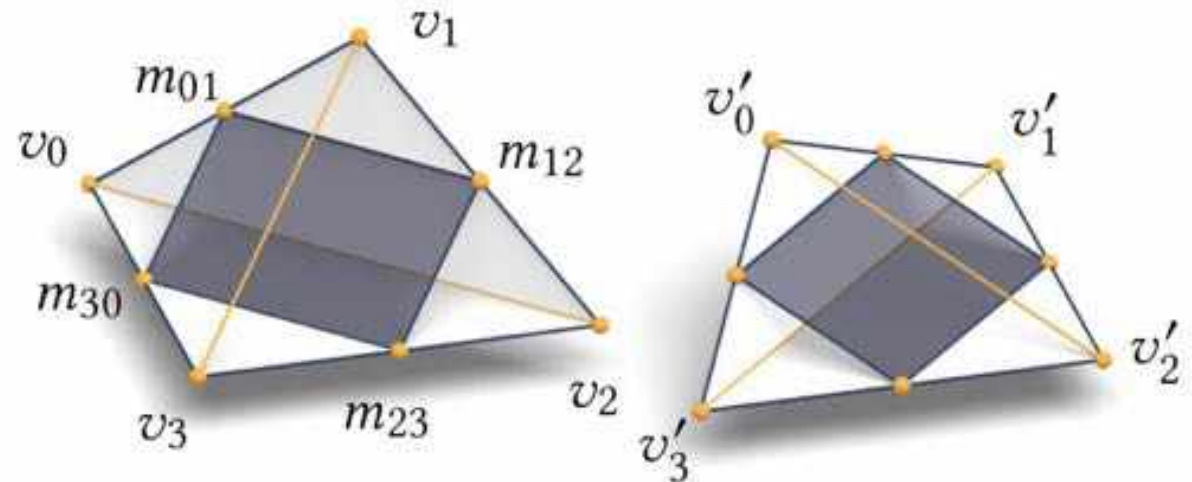
$$c_{conf,0}(f) = \lambda_f \|v_0 - v_2\|^2 - \|v'_0 - v'_2\|^2 = 0,$$

$$c_{conf,1}(f) = \lambda_f \|v_1 - v_3\|^2 - \|v'_1 - v'_3\|^2 = 0,$$

$$c_{conf,2}(f) = \lambda_f \langle v_0 - v_2, v_1 - v_3 \rangle - \langle v'_0 - v'_2, v'_1 - v'_3 \rangle = 0$$

Discrete isometric maps via CBP

isometric map: corresponding parallelograms in the CBP are congruent, i.e., **diagonals in corresponding quads of M and M' possess the same angle and lengths**



$$c_{iso,0}(f) = \|v_0 - v_2\|^2 - \|v'_0 - v'_2\|^2 = 0,$$

$$c_{iso,1}(f) = \|v_1 - v_3\|^2 - \|v'_1 - v'_3\|^2 = 0,$$

$$c_{iso,2}(f) = \langle v_0 - v_2, v_1 - v_3 \rangle - \langle v'_0 - v'_2, v'_1 - v'_3 \rangle = 0.$$

Optimization algorithm

- The isometry constraints are expressed by $E_{iso} \rightarrow \min$

$$E_{iso} = \sum_{f \in F} \sum_{j=0}^2 c_{iso,j}(f)^2$$

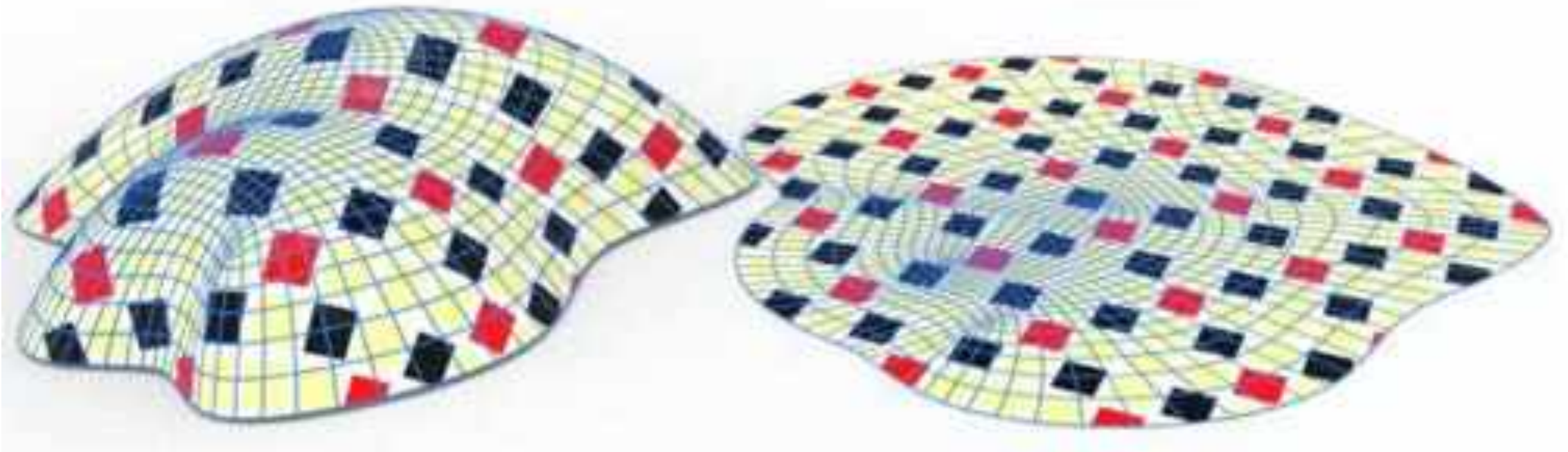
- Constraints for a conformal mapping which is as isometric as possible.
 $w_{conf} E_{conf} + w_{\lambda} E_{\lambda} \rightarrow \min$

$$E_{conf} = \sum_{f \in F} \sum_{j=0}^2 c_{conf,j}(f)^2, \quad E_{\lambda} = \sum_{f \in F} (\lambda_f - 1)^2.$$

- optimized by a Levenberg-Marquardt method.

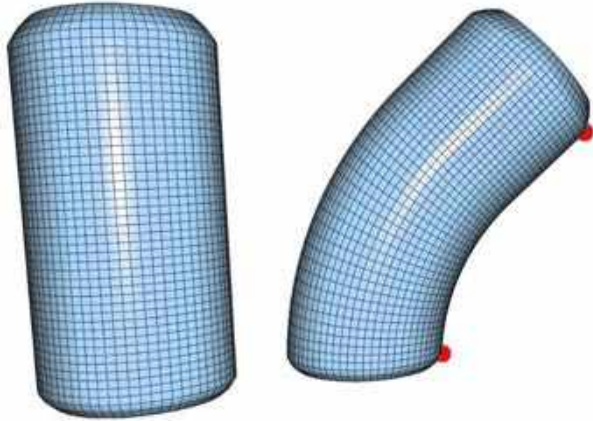
Surface parameterization for graphics

- Conformal mapping to the plane which is as isometric as possible

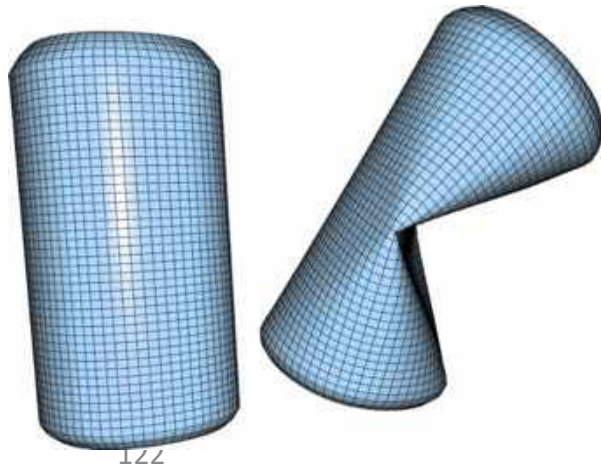


Editing of isometric deformation

deformation



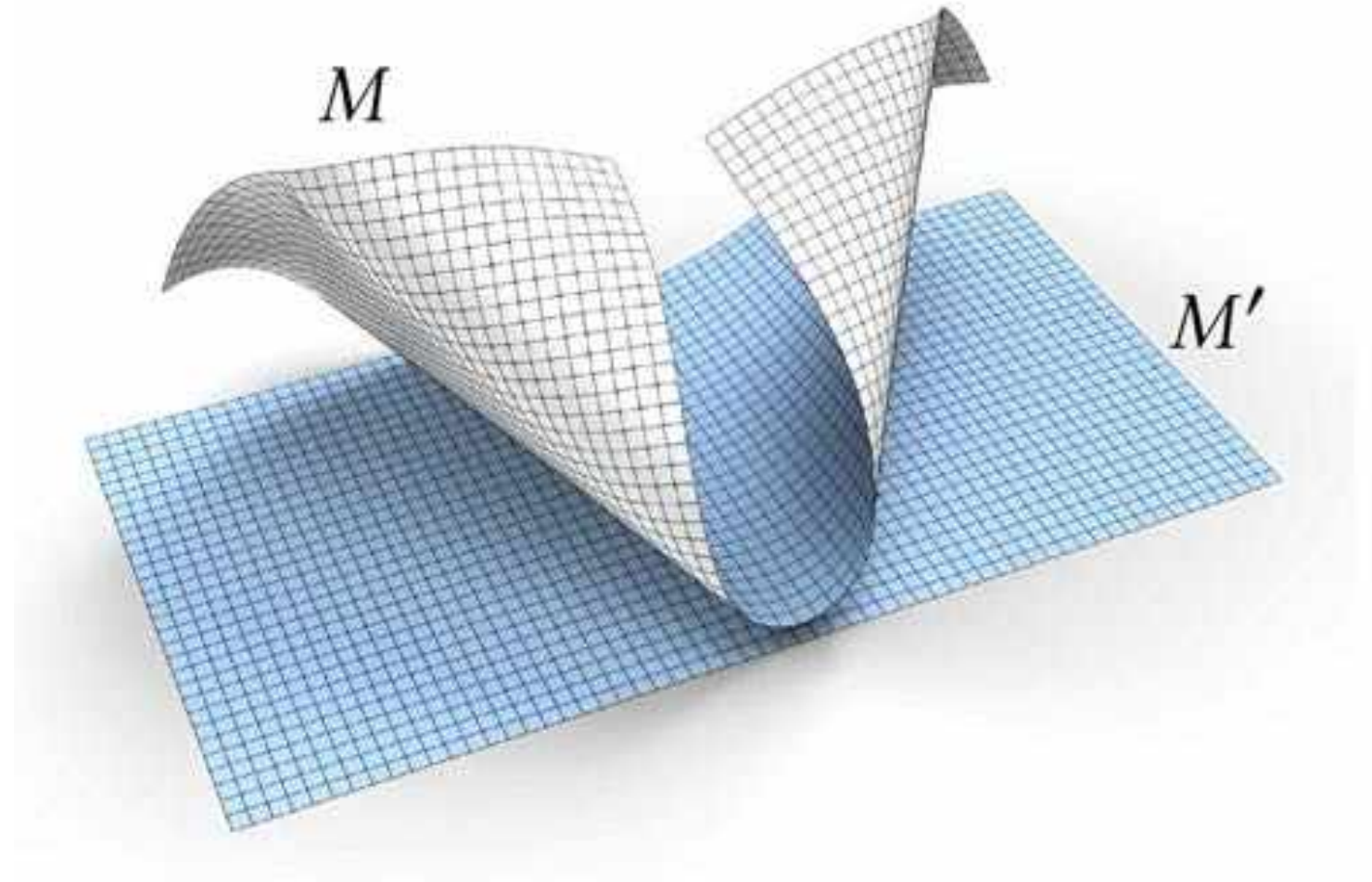
isometric deformation



Modeling developable surfaces

Discrete developable surfaces

- discrete developable surface =
- quad mesh M which is isometric to a planar mesh M'



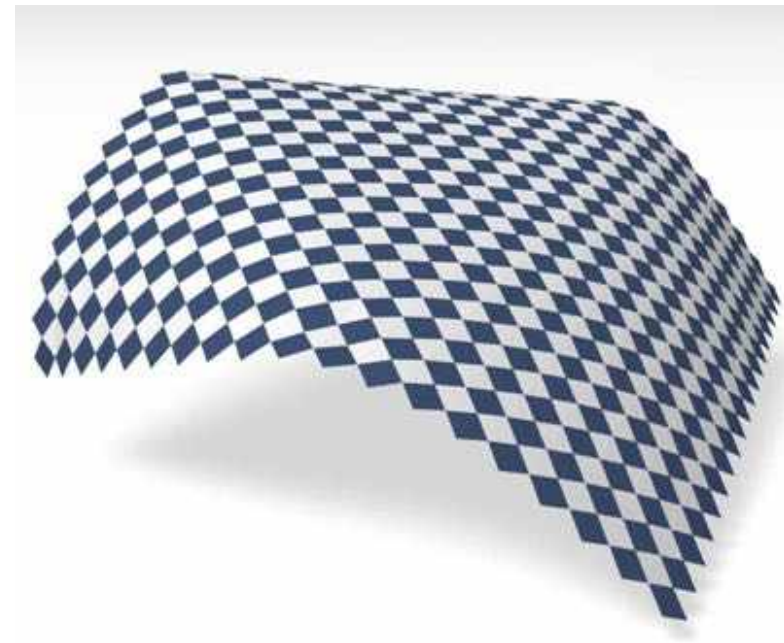
Discrete developable surface

Special case:

- **CBP from congruent black squares** (quads in M have orthogonal diagonals, all of the same length)
- closely related to Rabinovich et al.

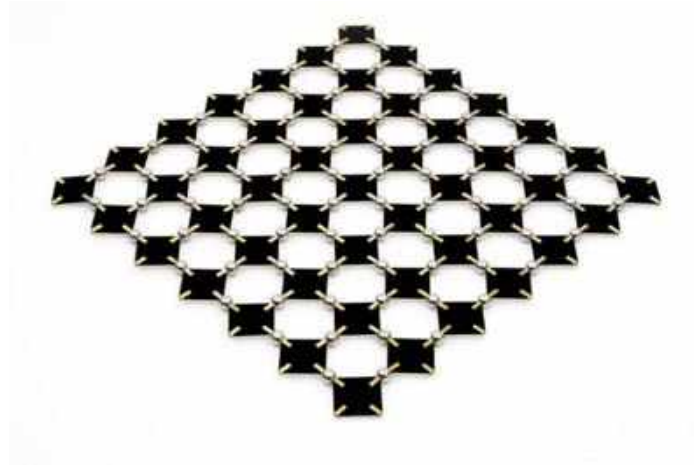


optimized without fairness



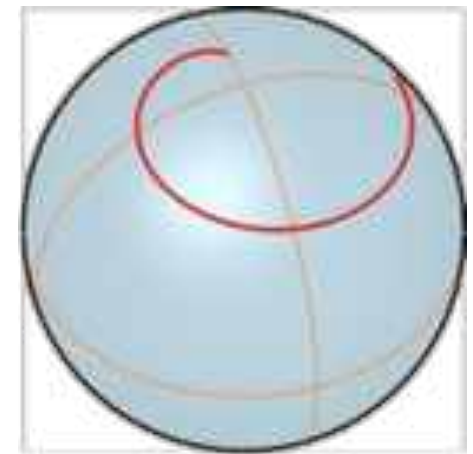
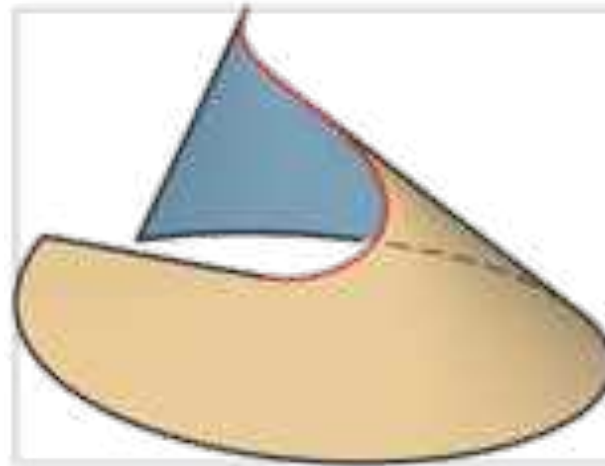
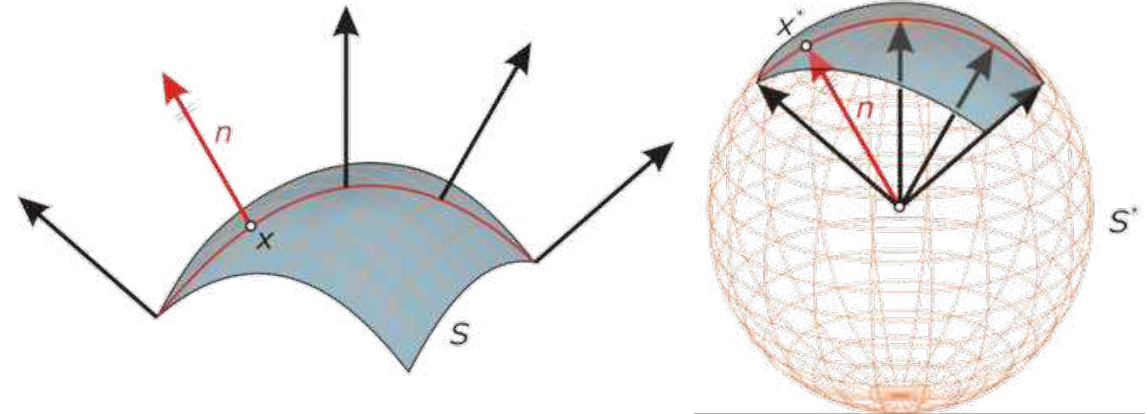
with fairness

Verification by a physical model



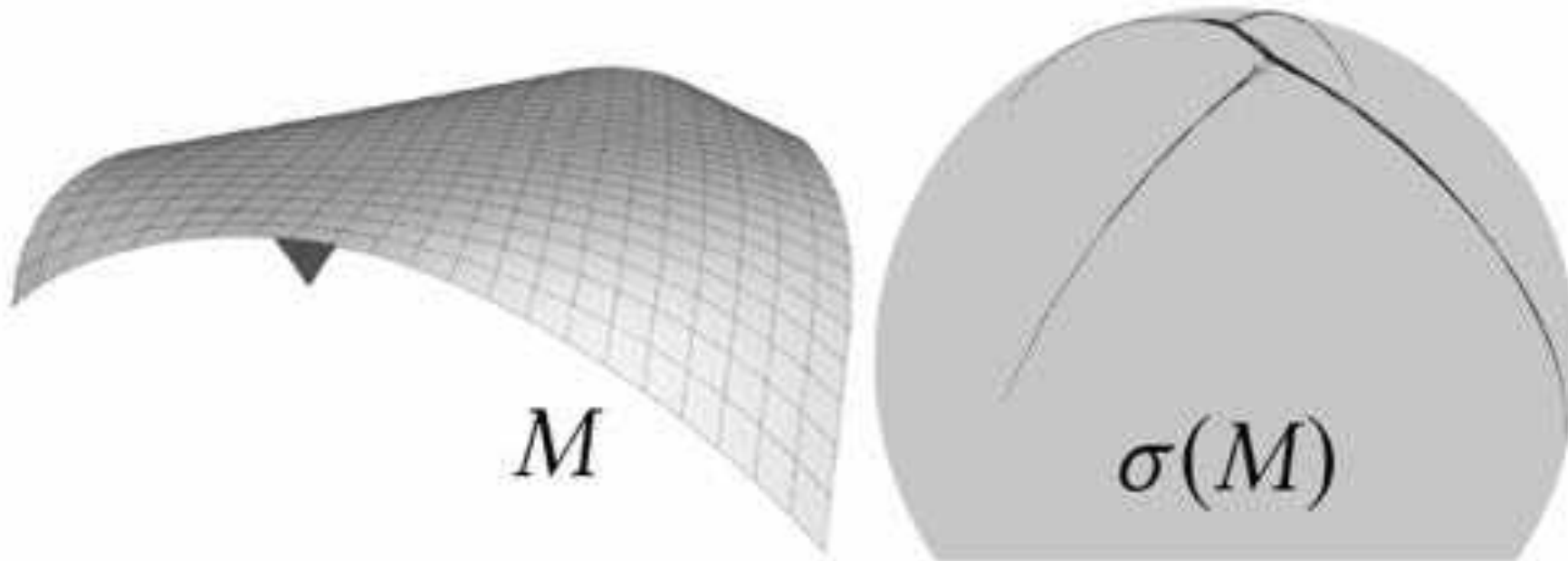
Gaussian image of a smooth developable surface

- Gauss map from a surface to the unit sphere with help of unit surface normals
- Tangent plane and unit normal are constant along a ruling of a developable surface. **Gaussian image is a curve**



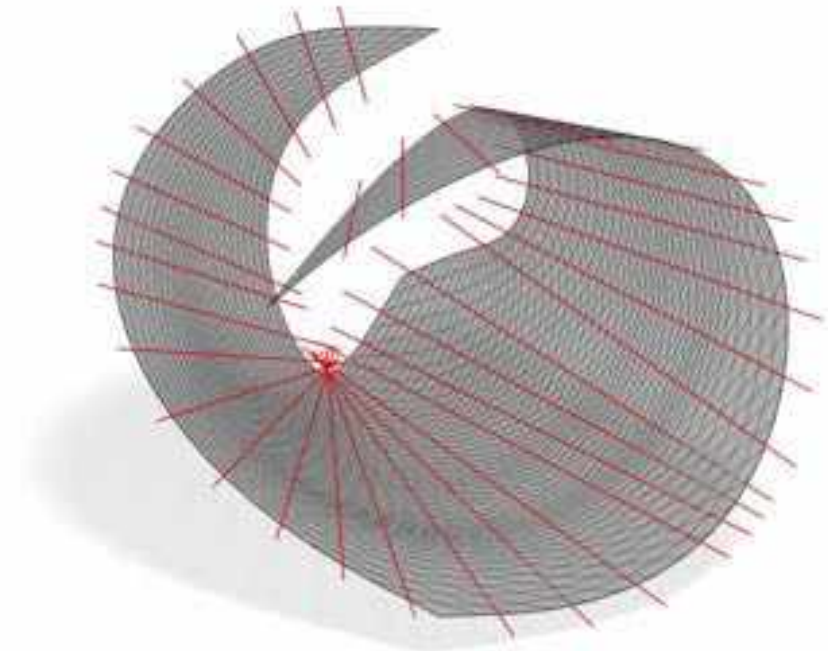
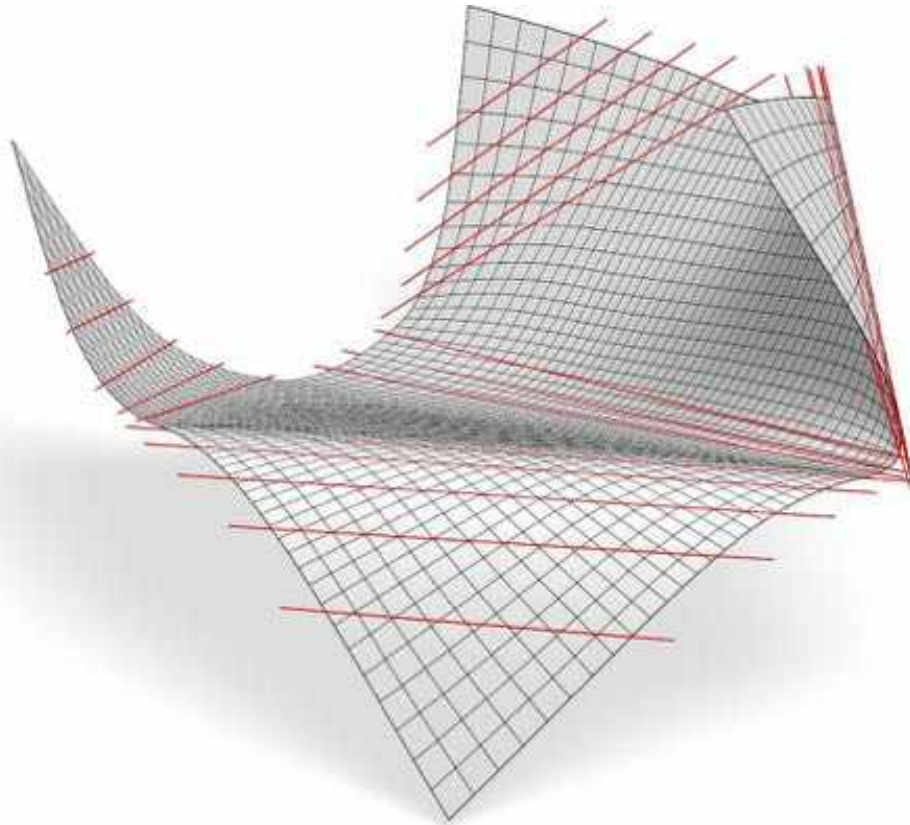
Gauss image of our discrete model

- Quality control: **Gauss image** (formed by normals of parallelograms) is **curve-like**



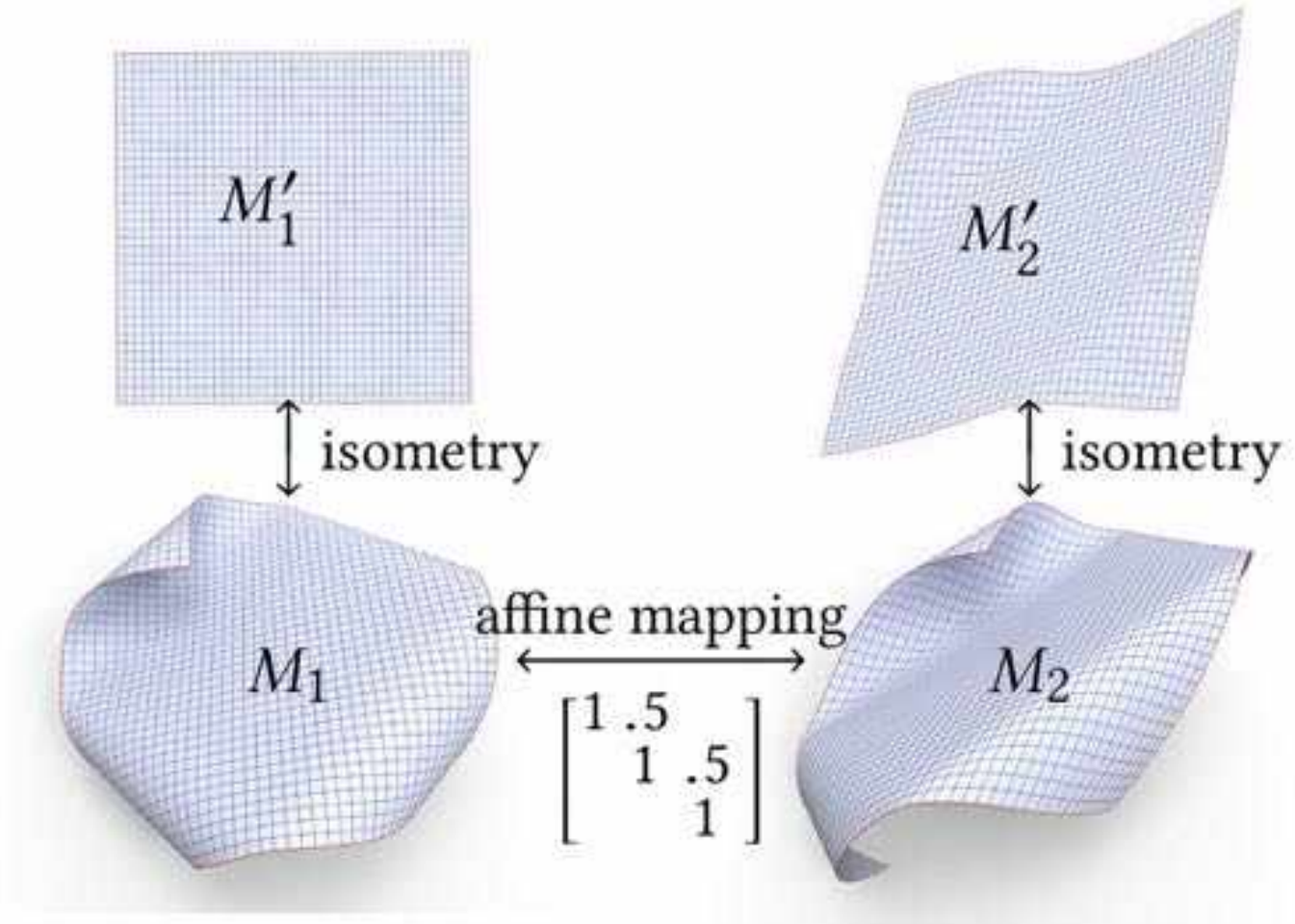
rulings

- The discrete model is not based on rulings, but there are estimated rulings which fit well

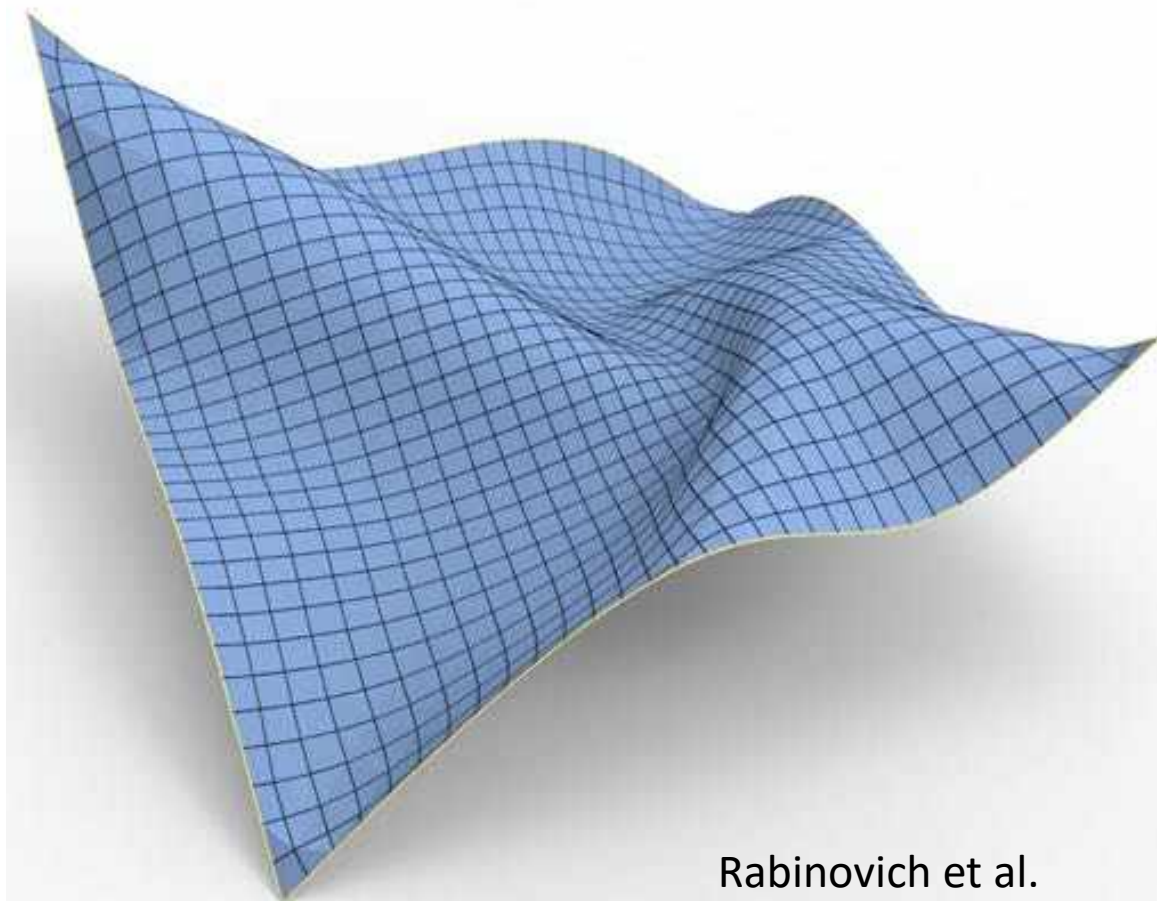


The planar mesh needs not be a regular square grid

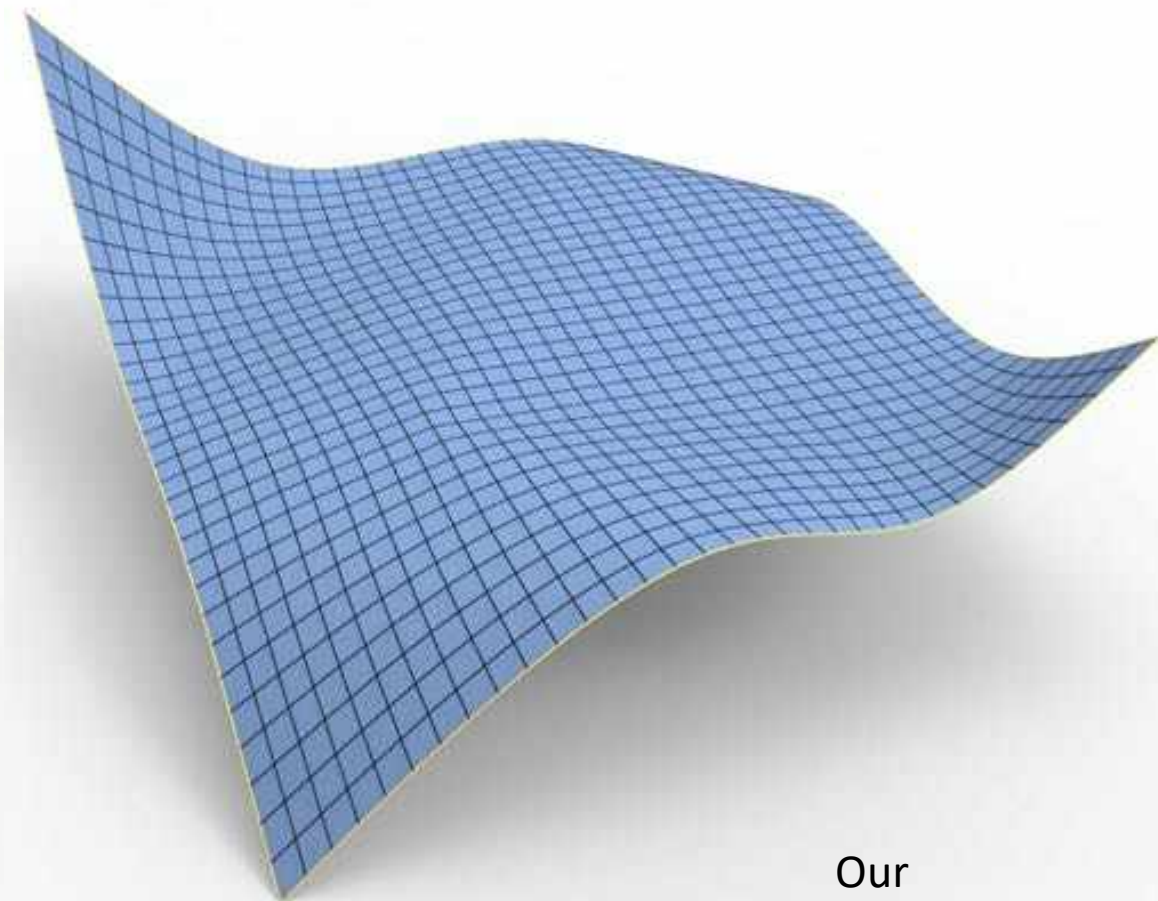
- An affine map keeps the developability, but may change the planar unfolding dramatically



Comparison



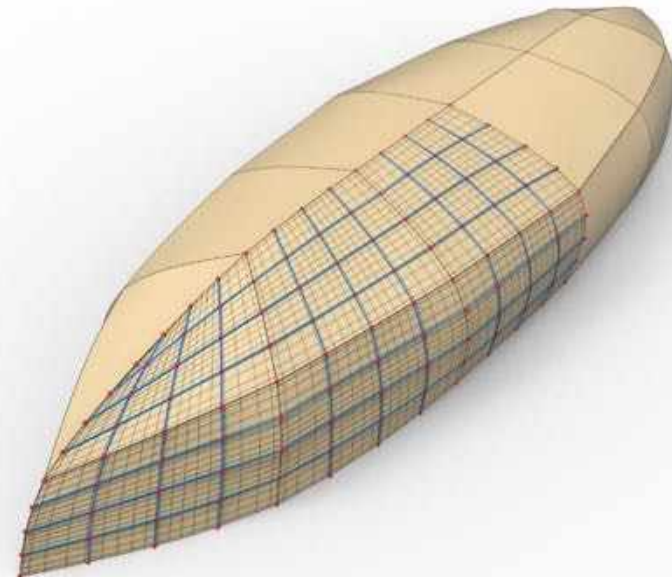
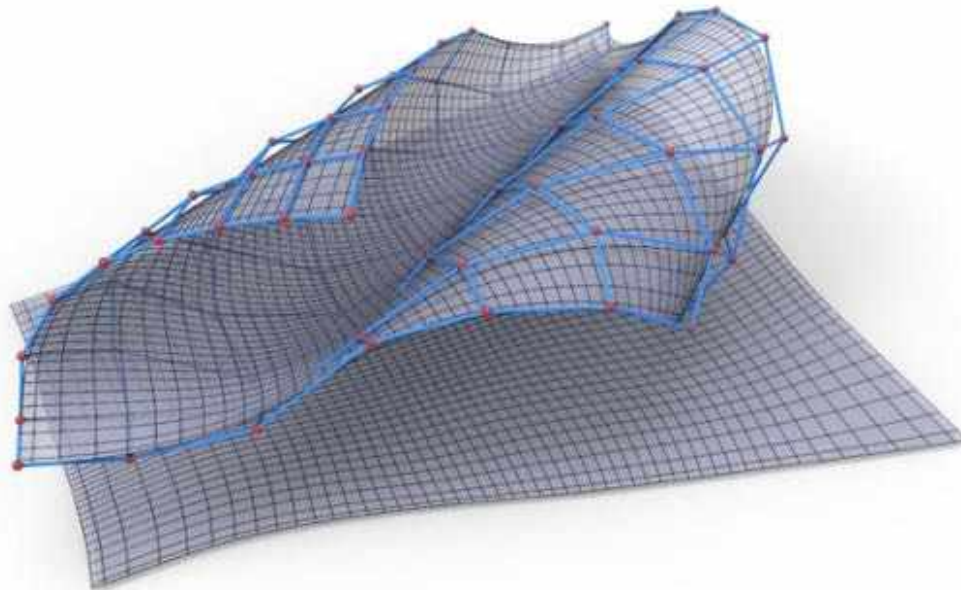
Rabinovich et al.



Our

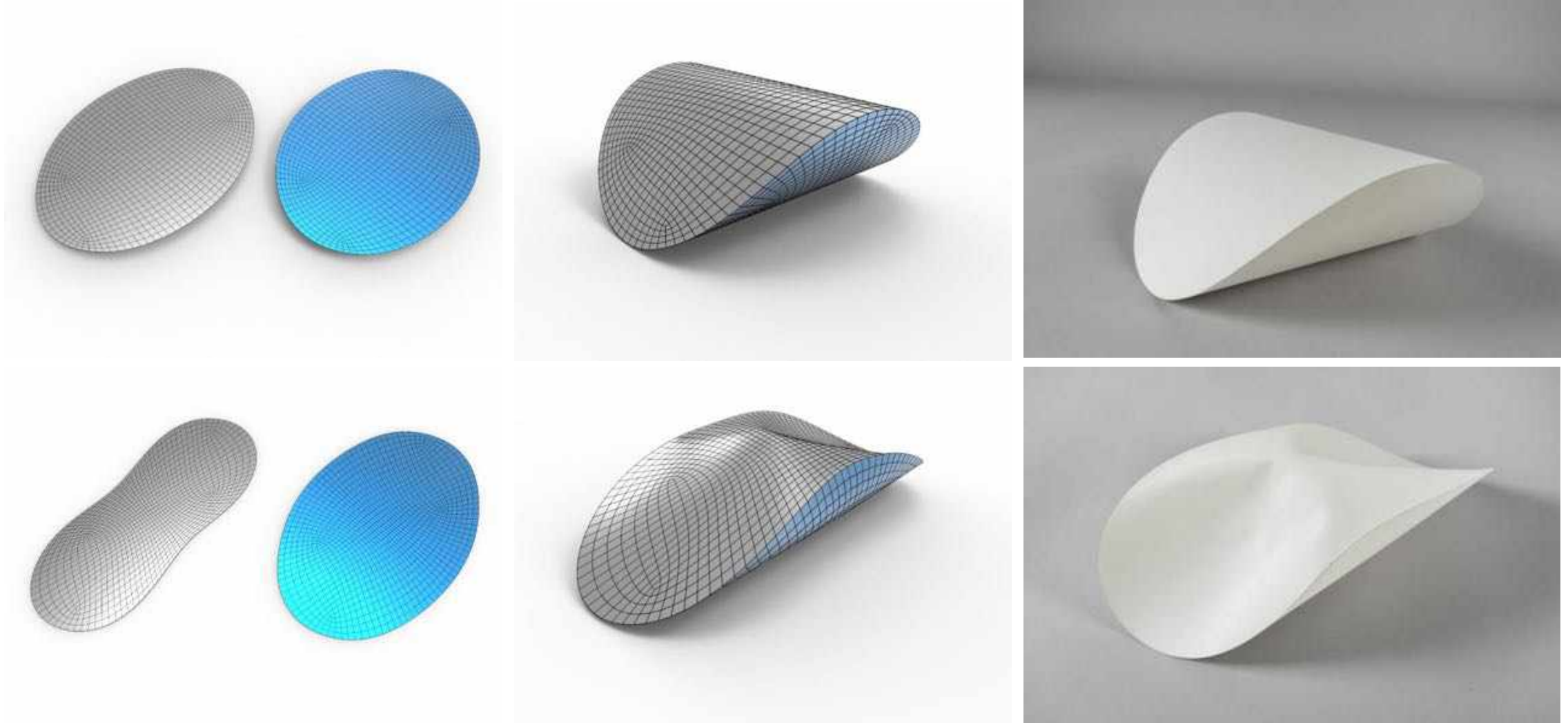
Developable B-spline surfaces for CAD/CAM

- Key idea: ensure isometry of a subdivided version of the control net to a planar mesh.
- Not possible with the discrete model of Rabinovich et al.
- Fills a gap in current NURBS-based CAD/CAM software which is weak in modeling developable surfaces



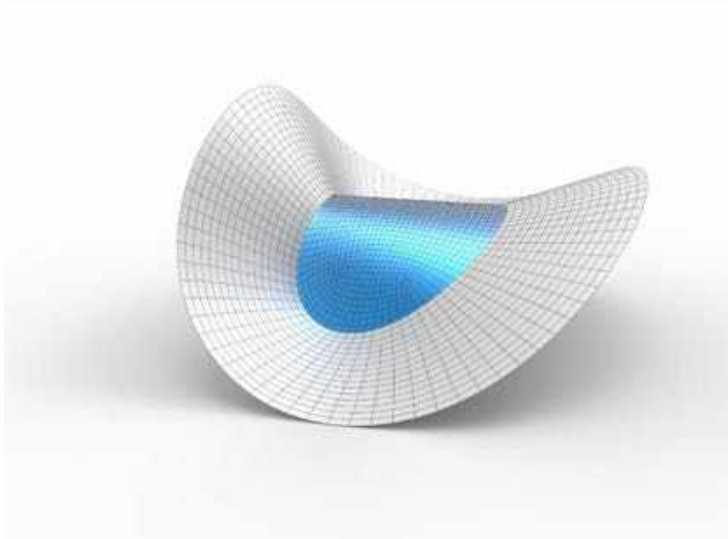
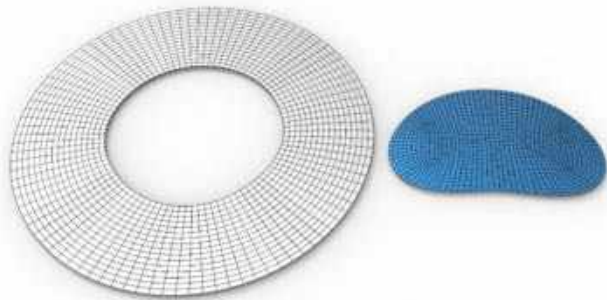
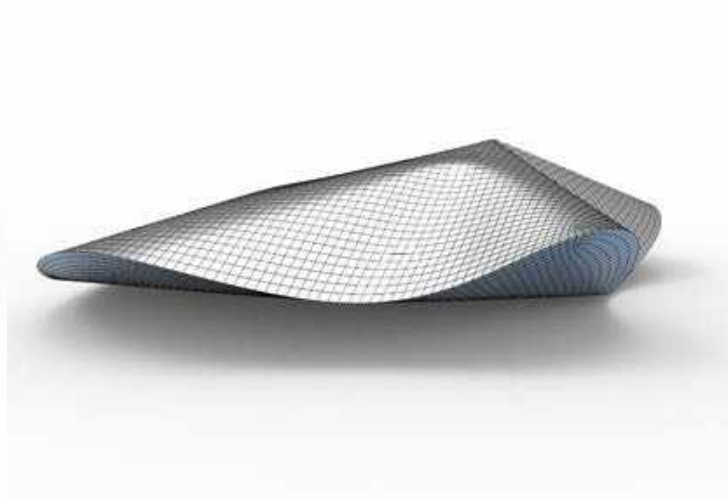
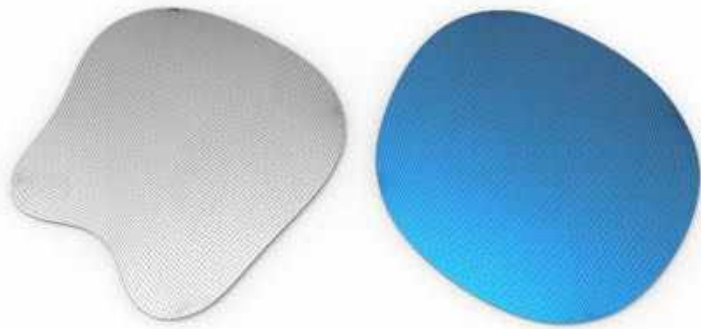
D-forms

- Gluing two planar sheets with same boundary curve length

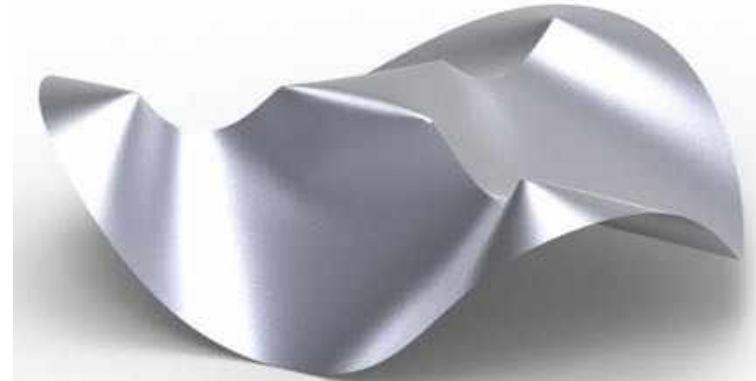
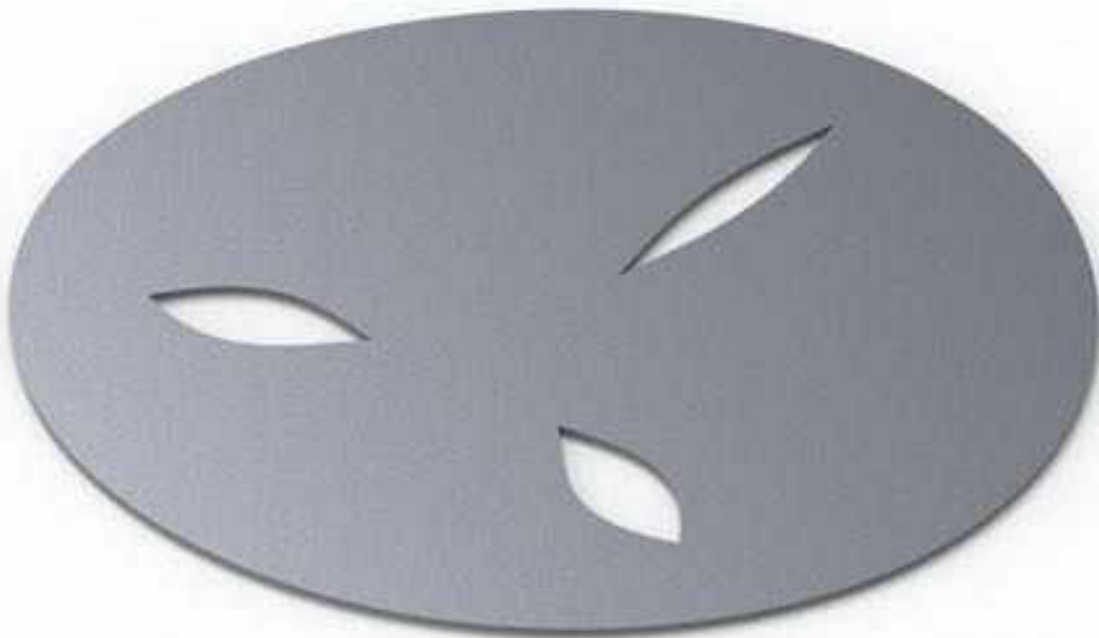


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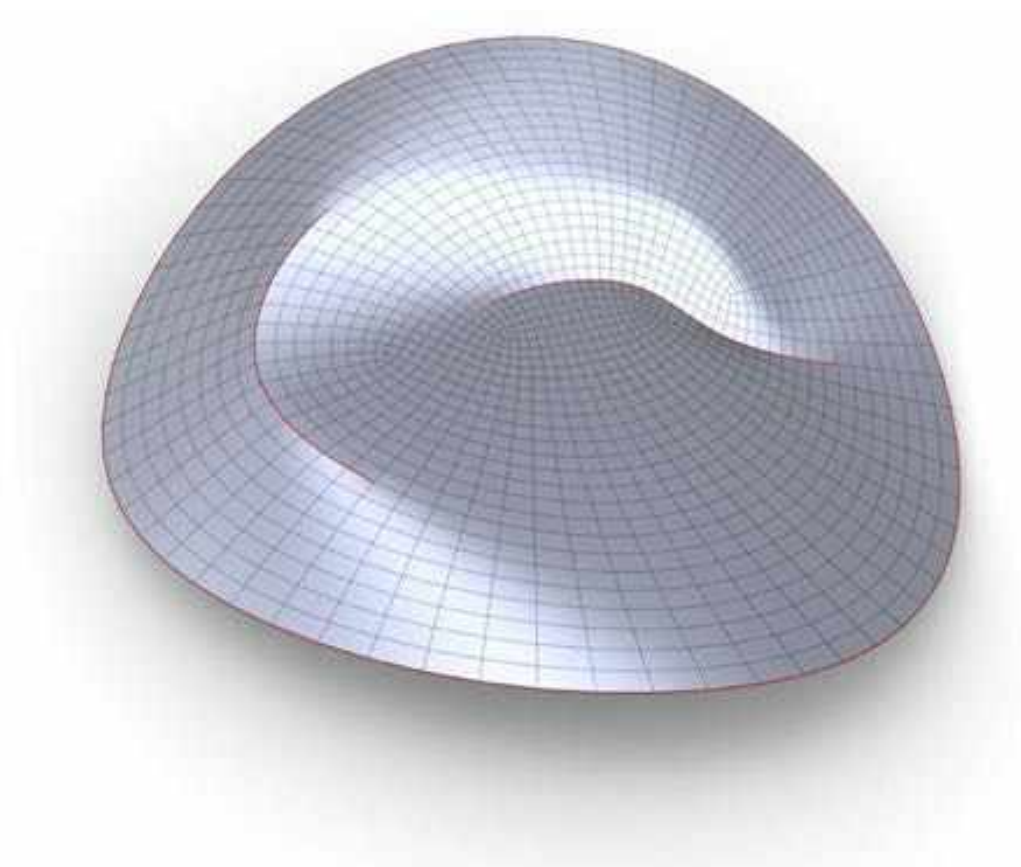
- more examples



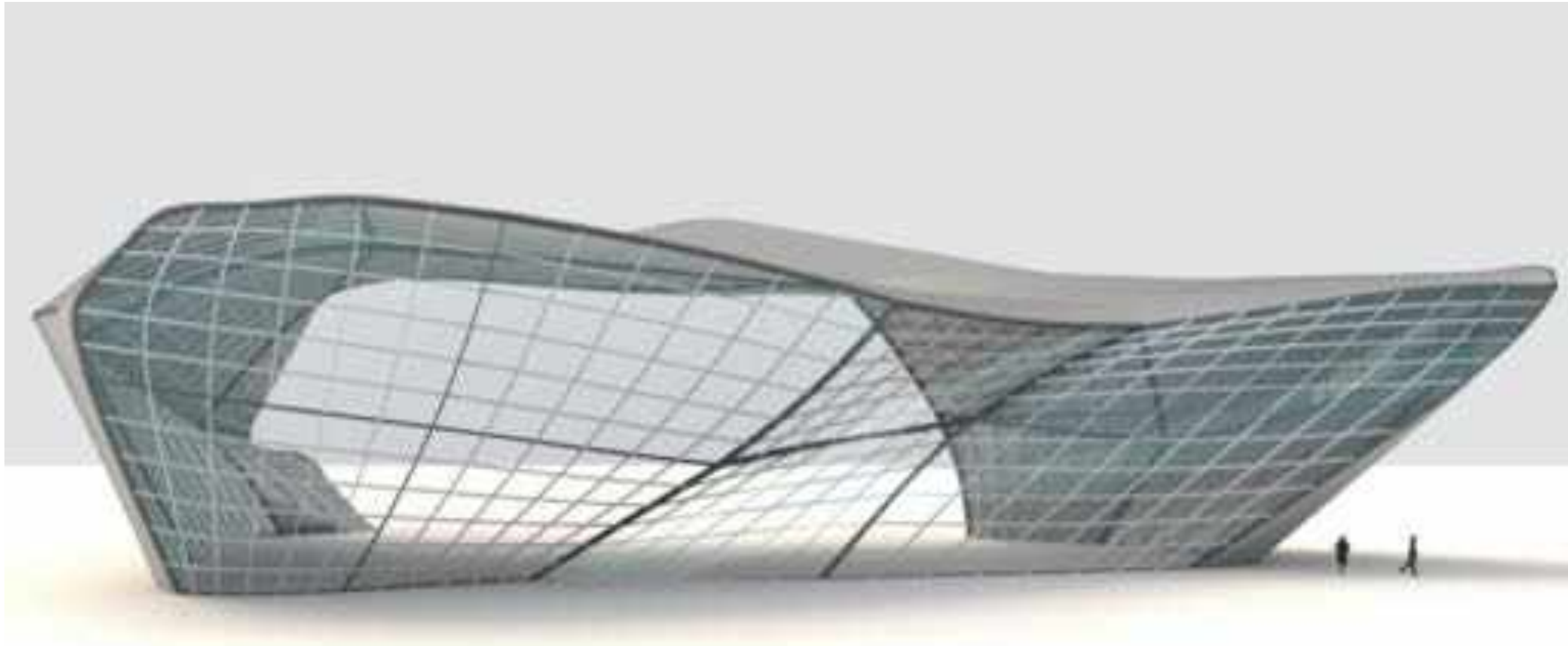
Cutting and Gluing



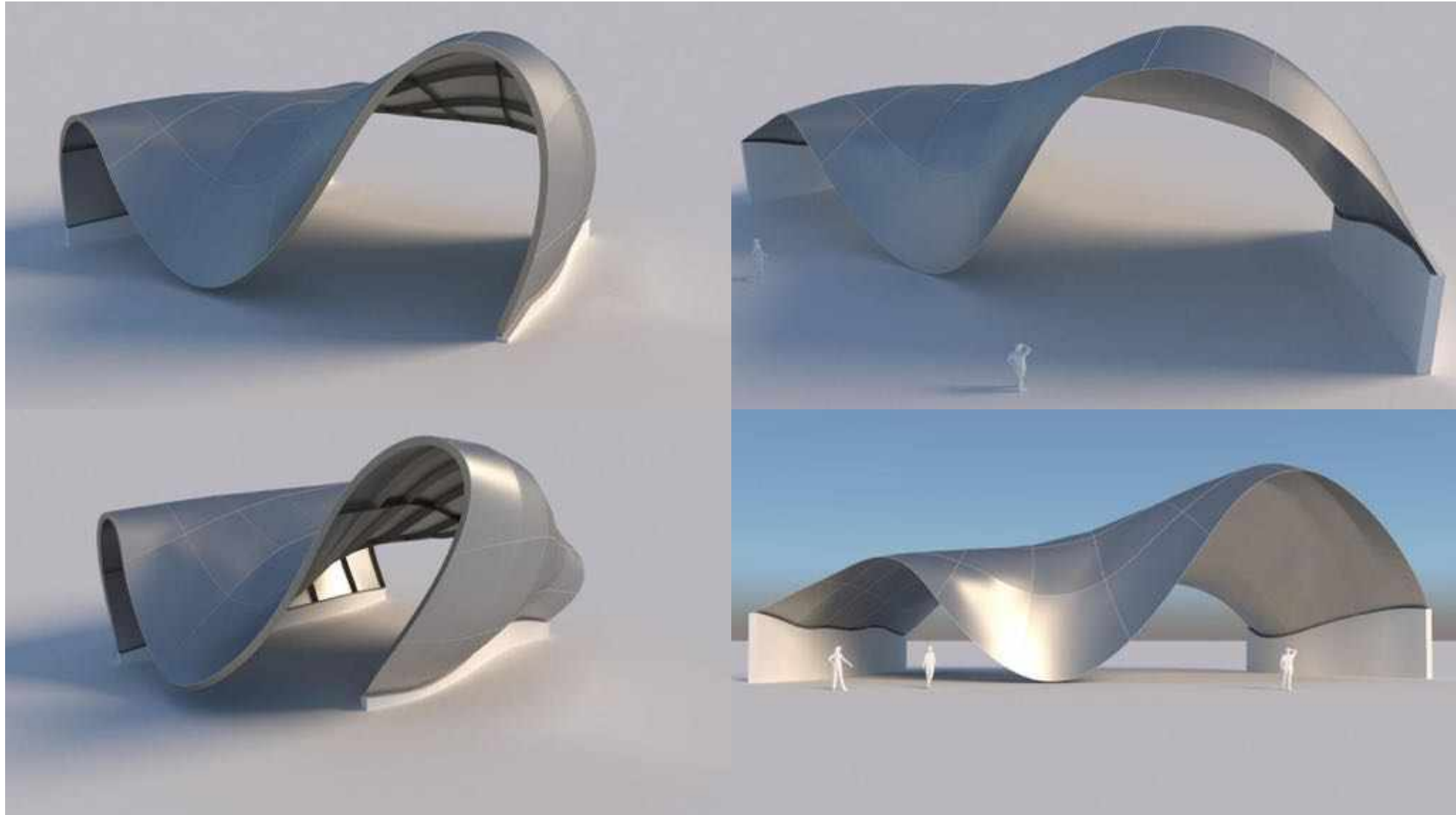
Curved folds



Paneling freeform designs in Architecture

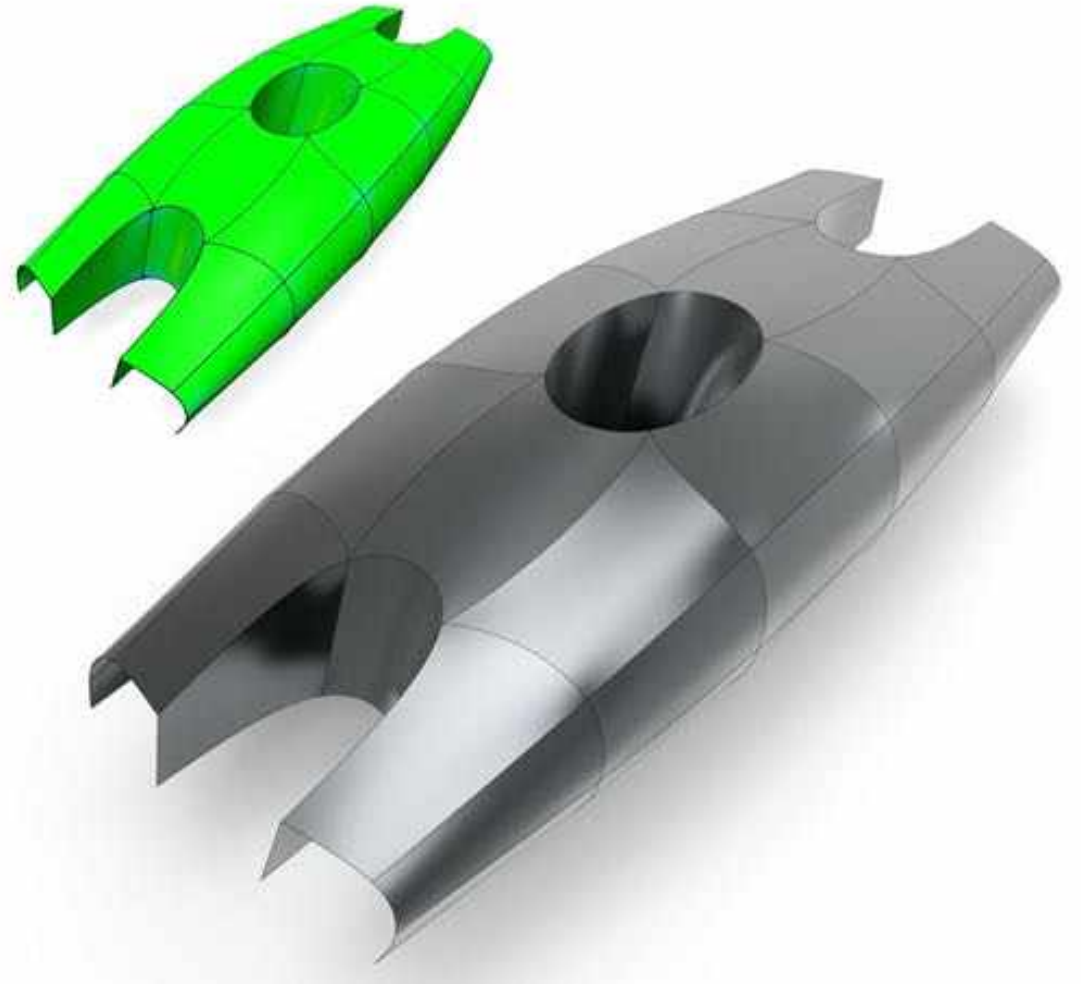


Isometric deformation of a surface formed by developable panels



Conclusion and future research

- Mappings between surfaces are easily discretized with quad meshes
- Here only first order properties; for curvatures see the paper.
- New simple and flexible discrete model of developable surfaces
- Future research directions include
 - best approximation with piecewise developable surfaces – automatic segmentation
 - inclusion of material properties
 - more theory within discrete differential geometry



Freeform Quad-based Kirigami

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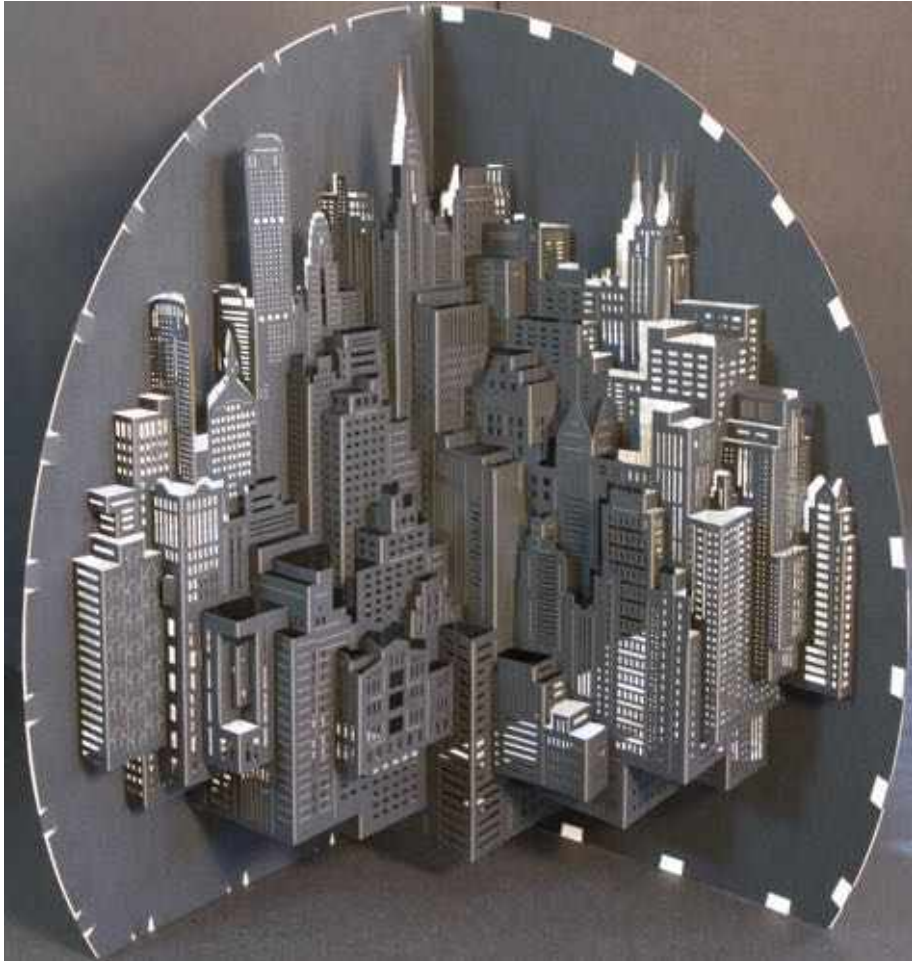
with Florian Rist, Helmut Pottmann , and Johannes Wallner

Kirigami

- A variation of Origami
- Cutting and folding
- Example: Pop-up structures



Pop-up design



Designed by Ingrid Siliakus

Popup: Automatic Paper Architectures from 3D Models

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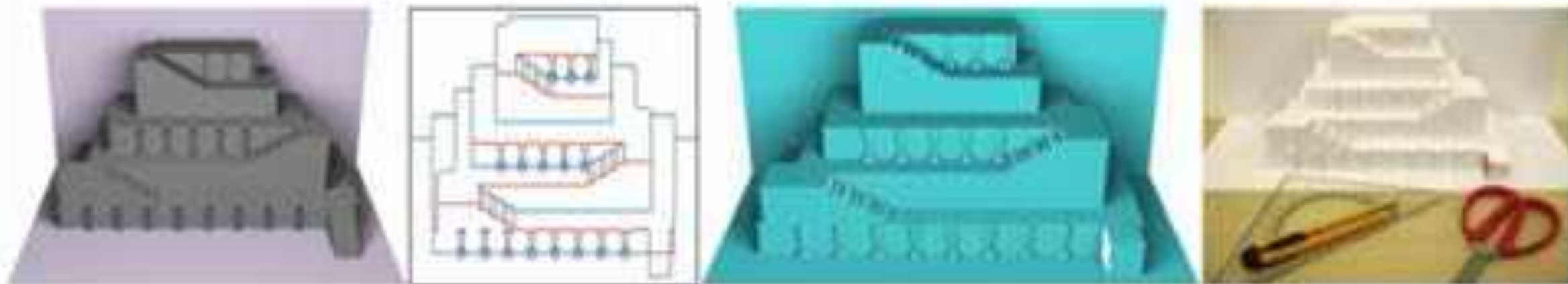
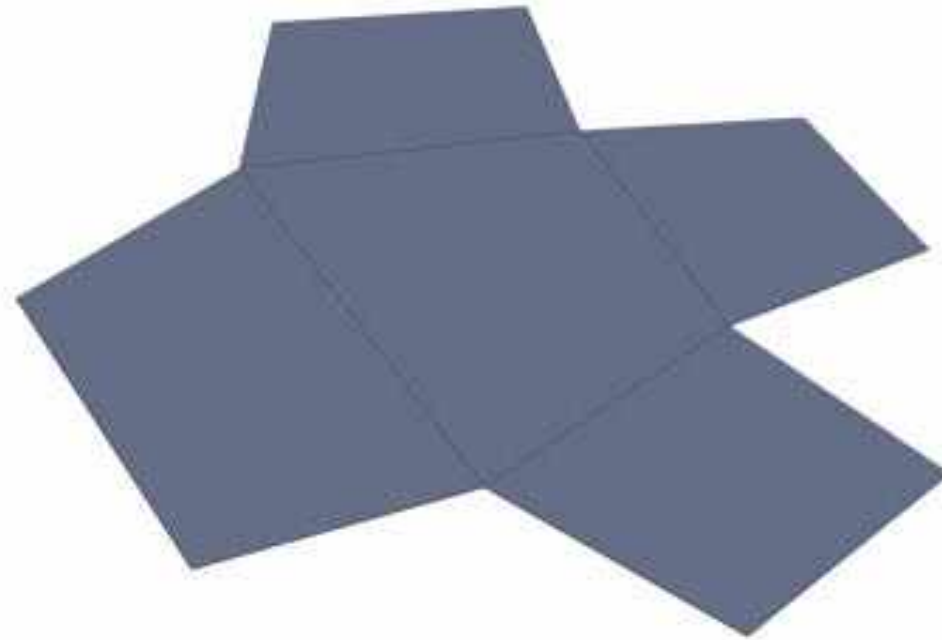


Figure 1: Given a 3D architectural model with user-specified backdrop and ground (left), our algorithm automatically creates a paper architecture approximating the model (mid-right, with the planar layout in mid-left), which can be physically engineered and popped-up (right).

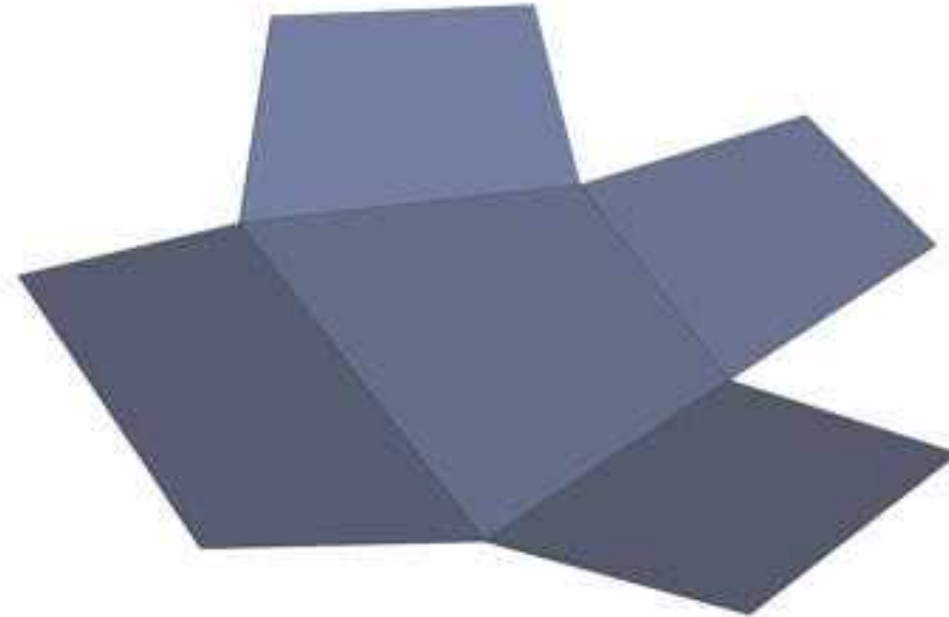
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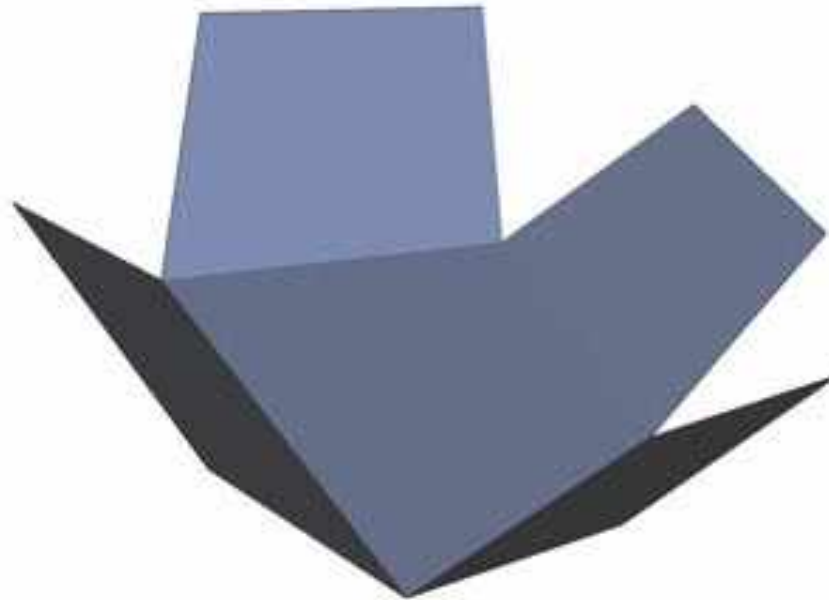
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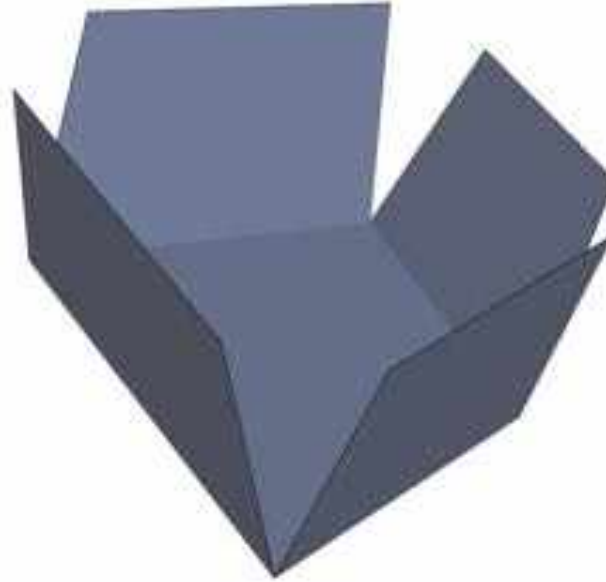
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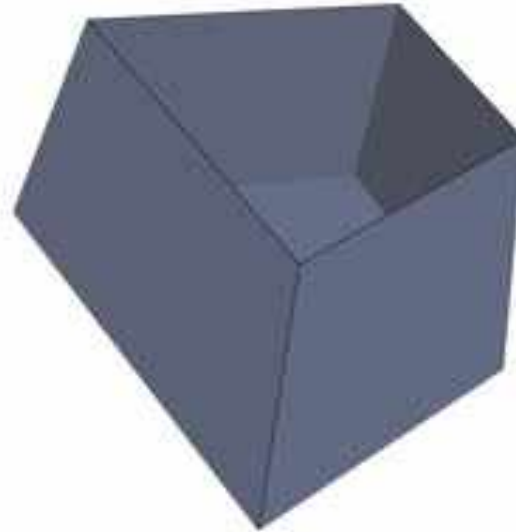
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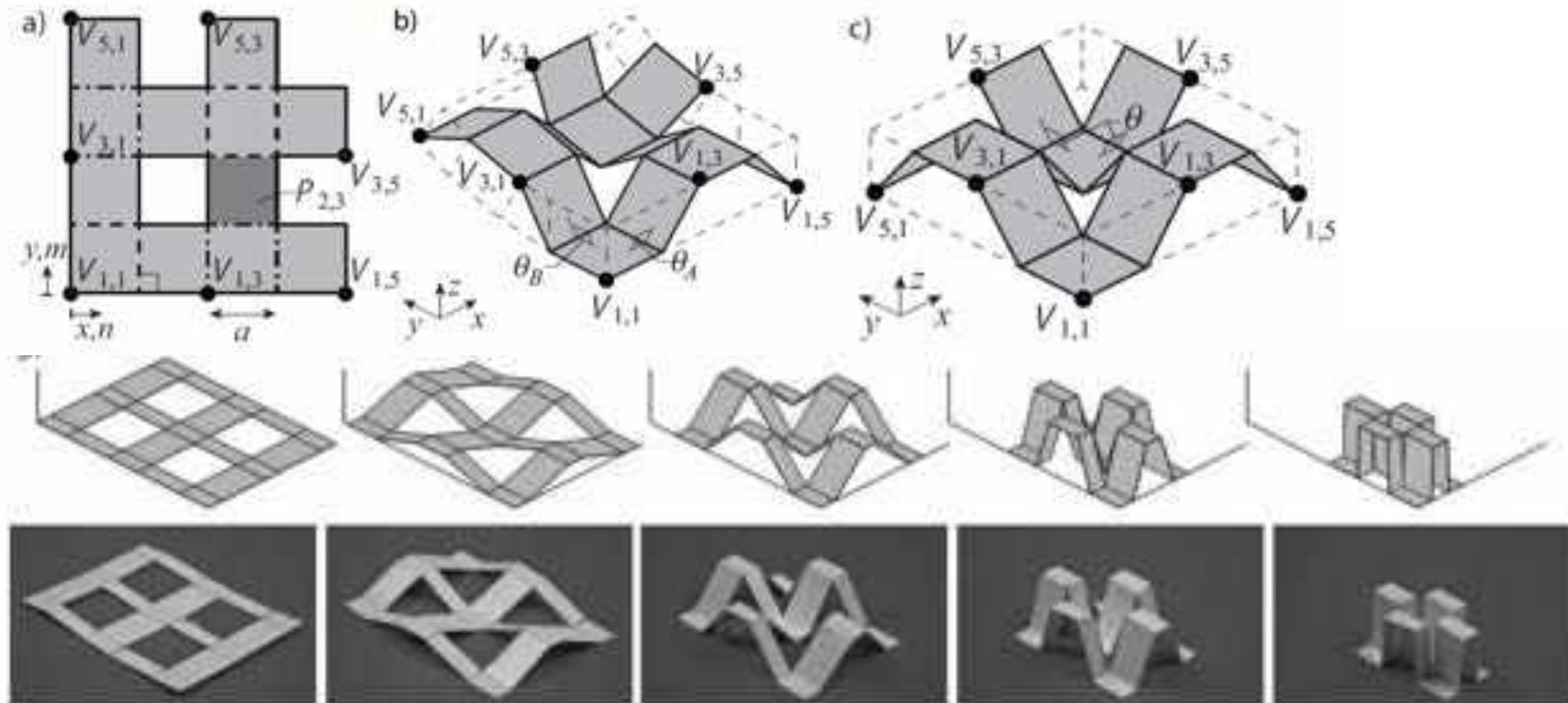
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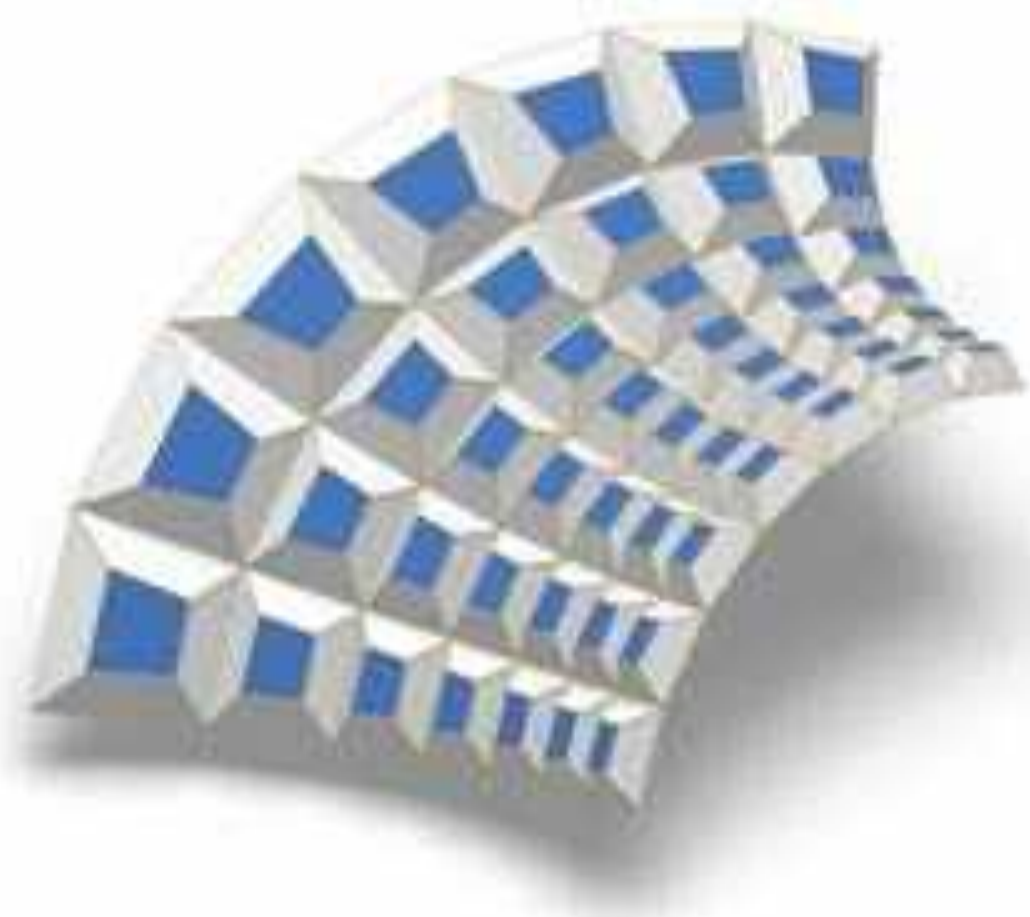
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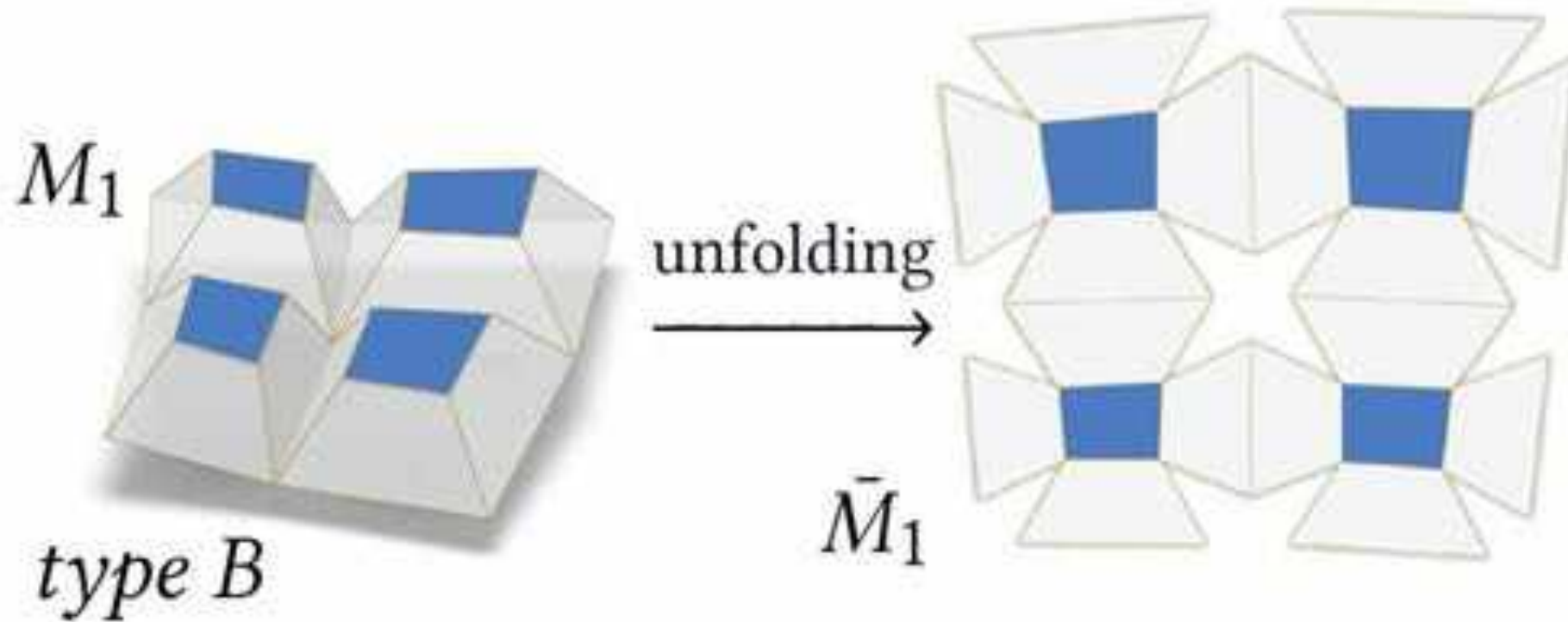
Kirigami connected by regular foldable boxes



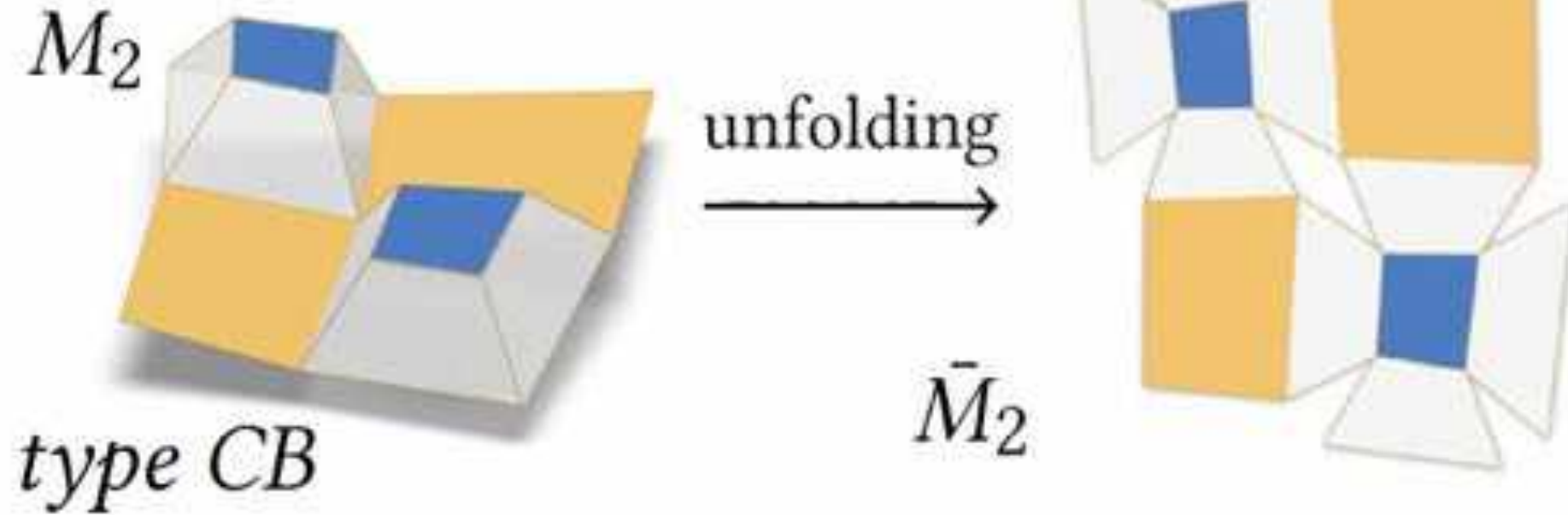
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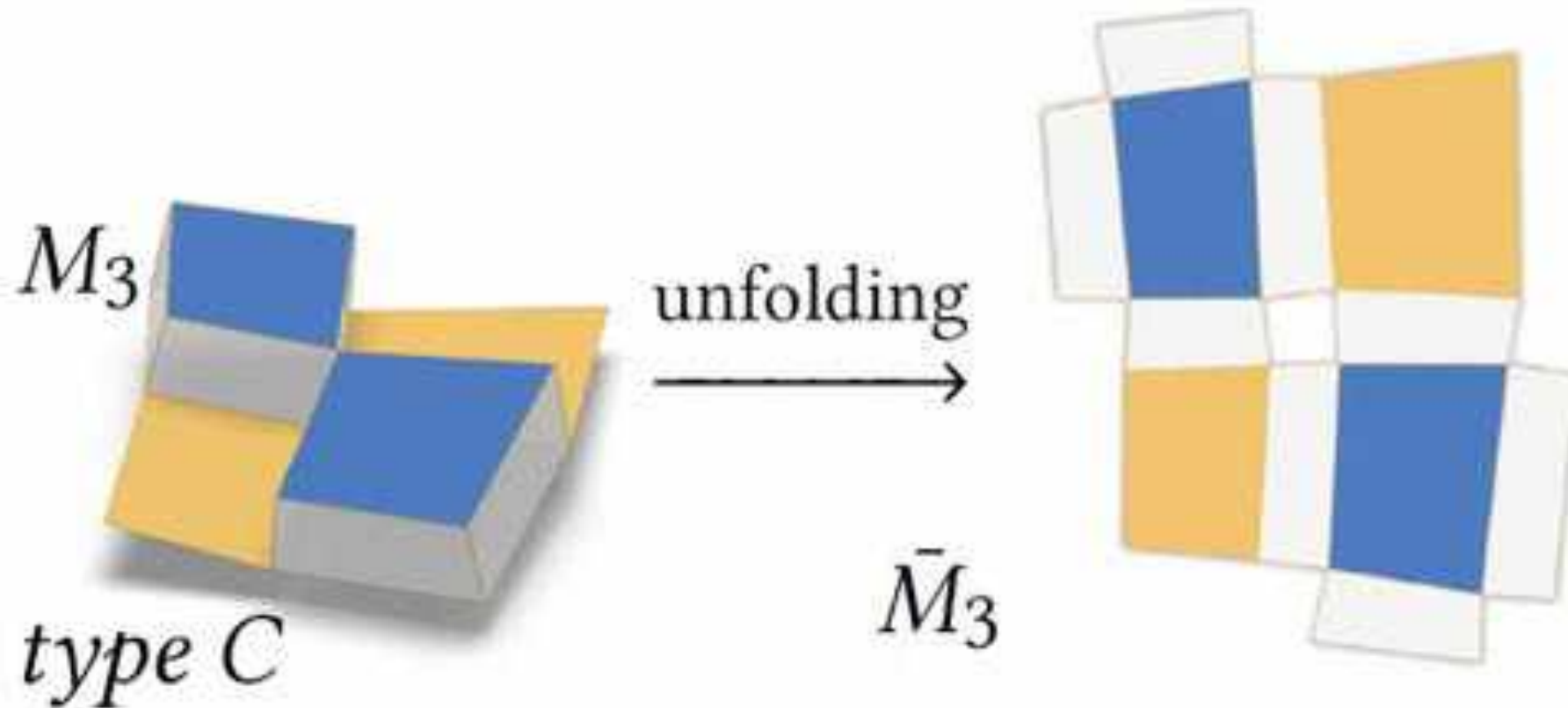
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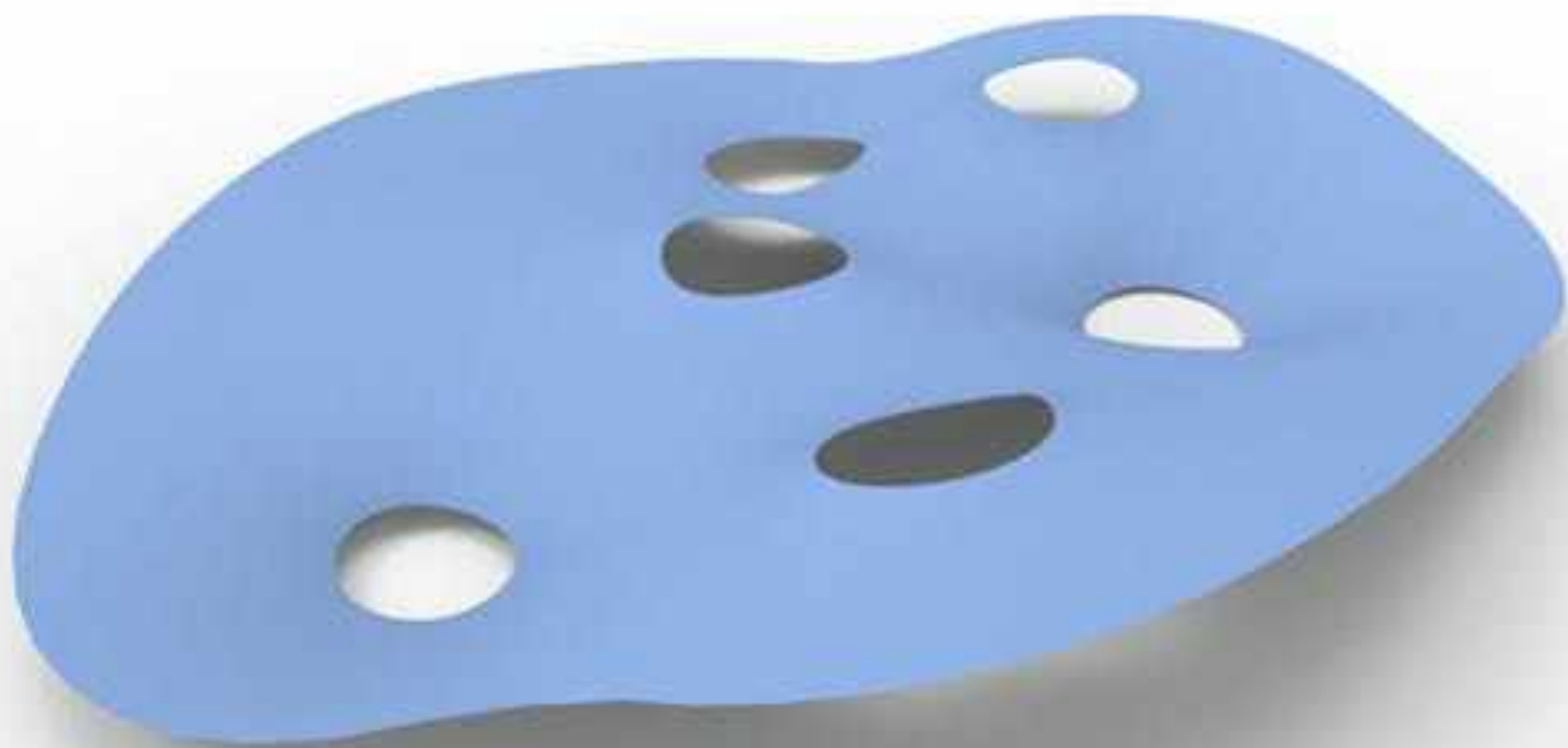


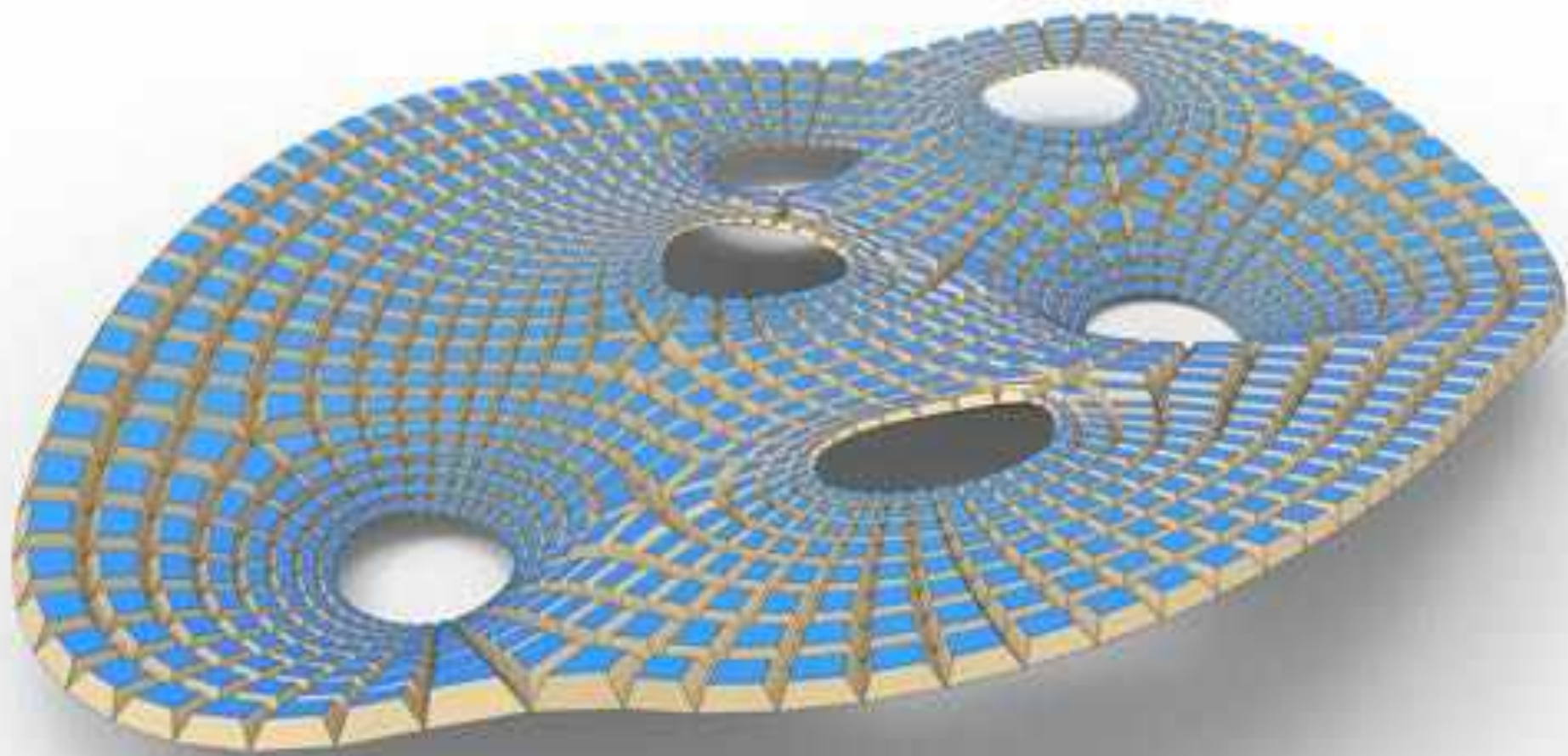
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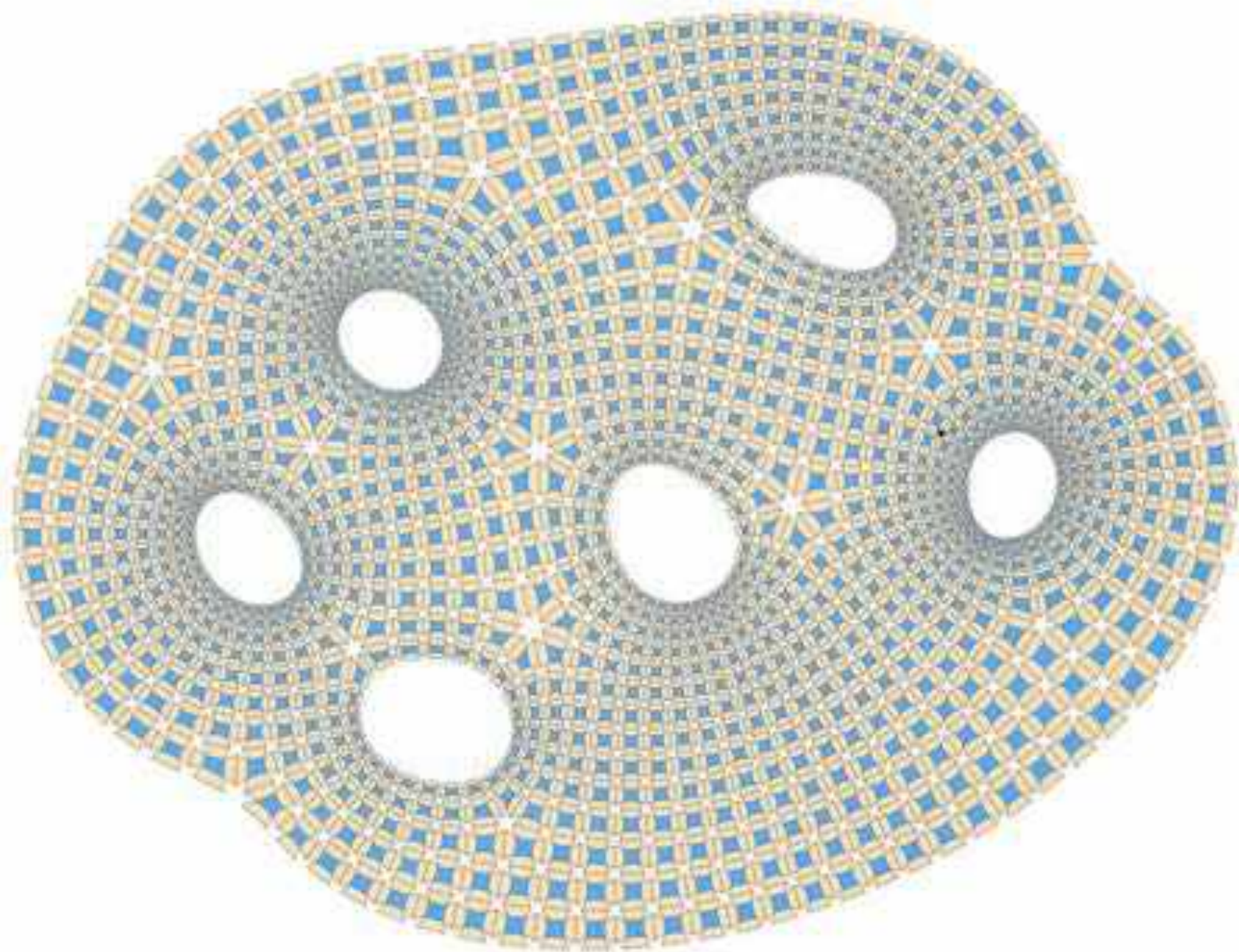


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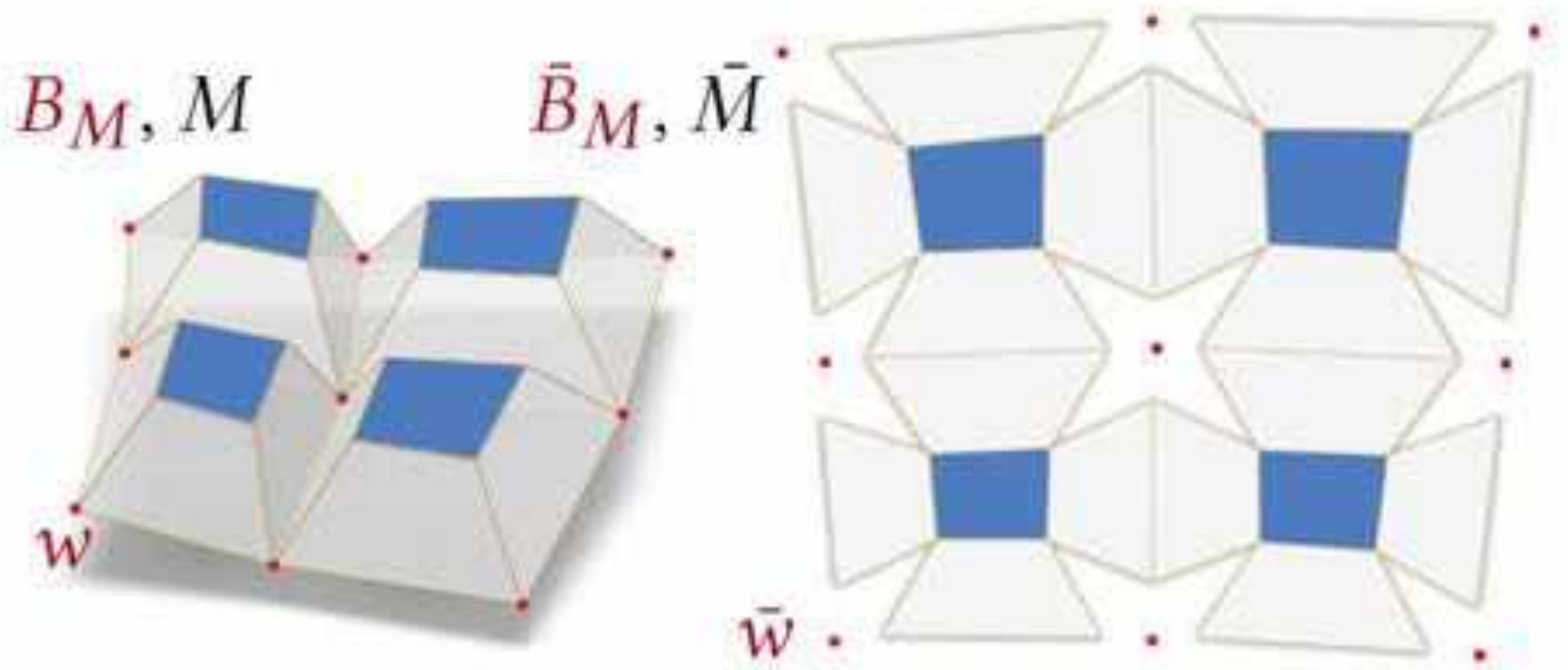








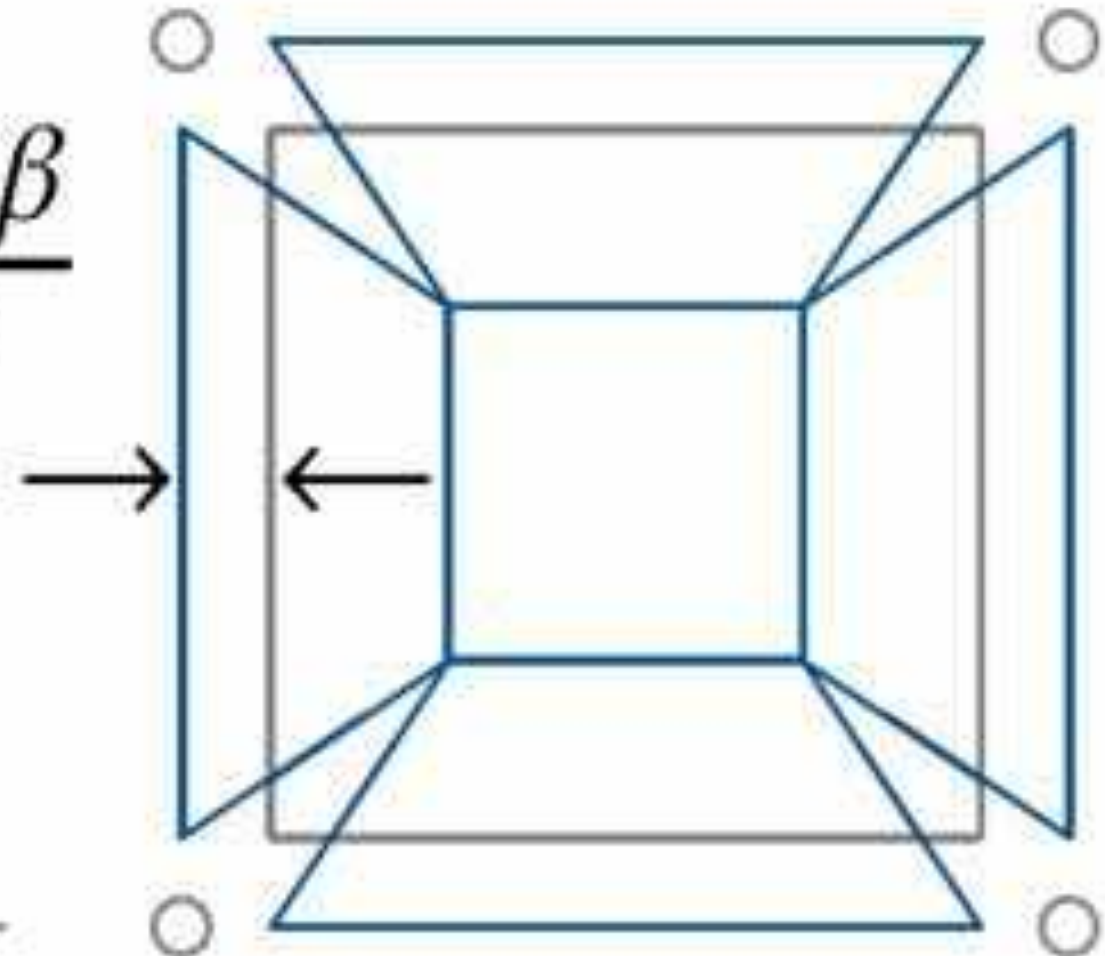
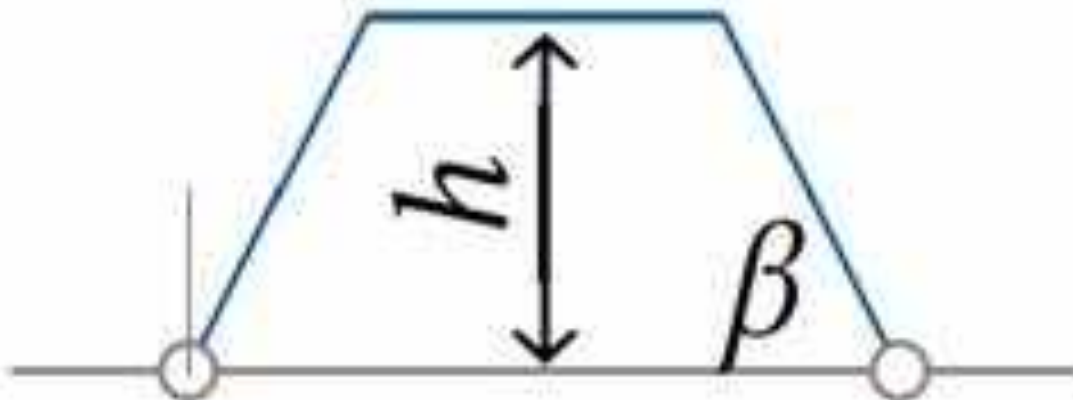
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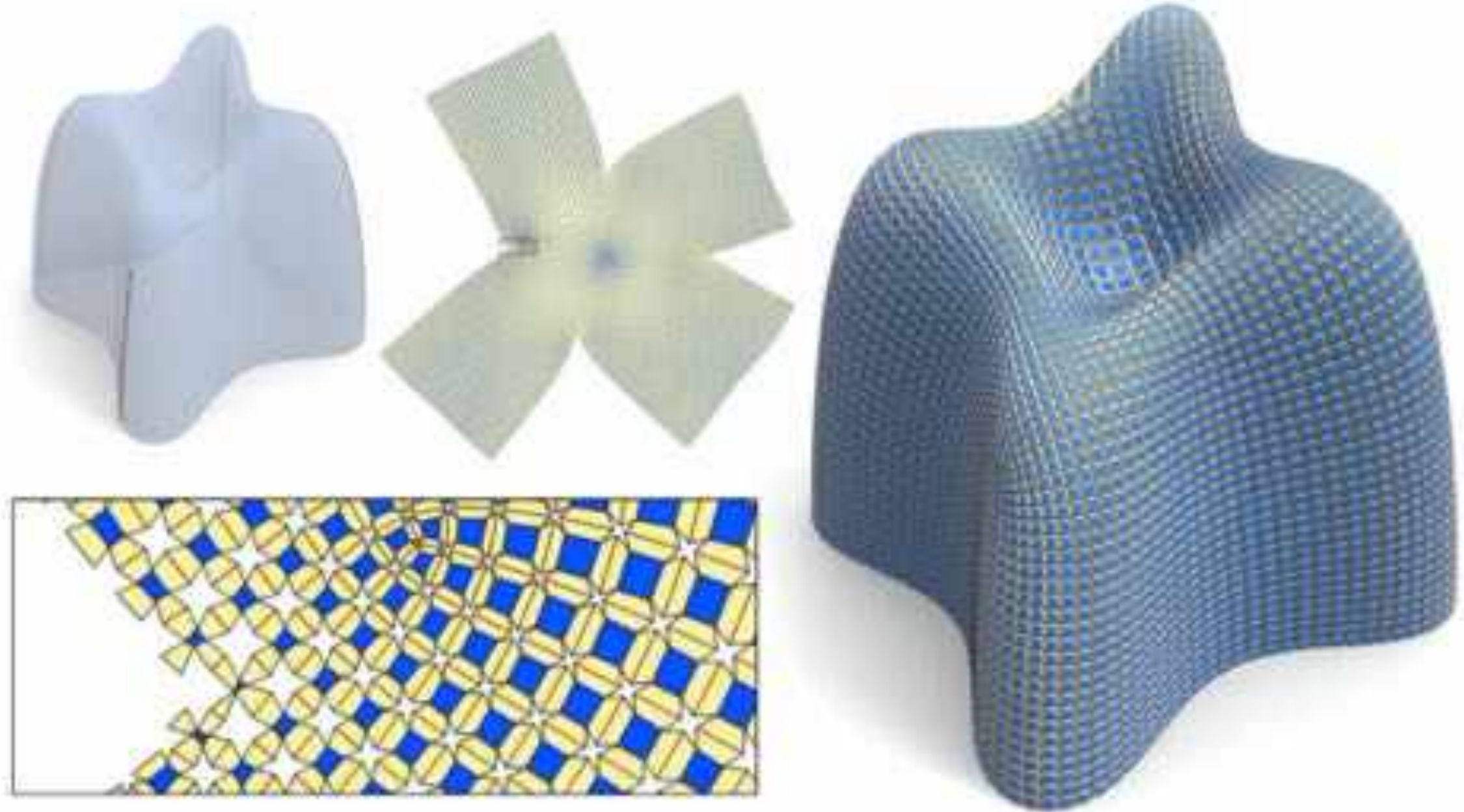


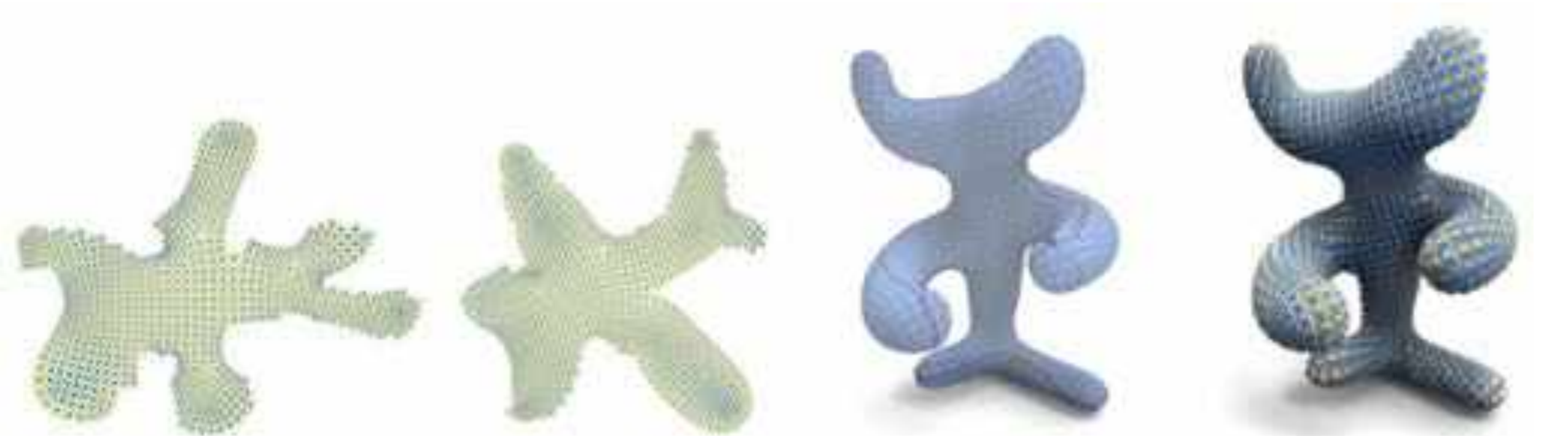
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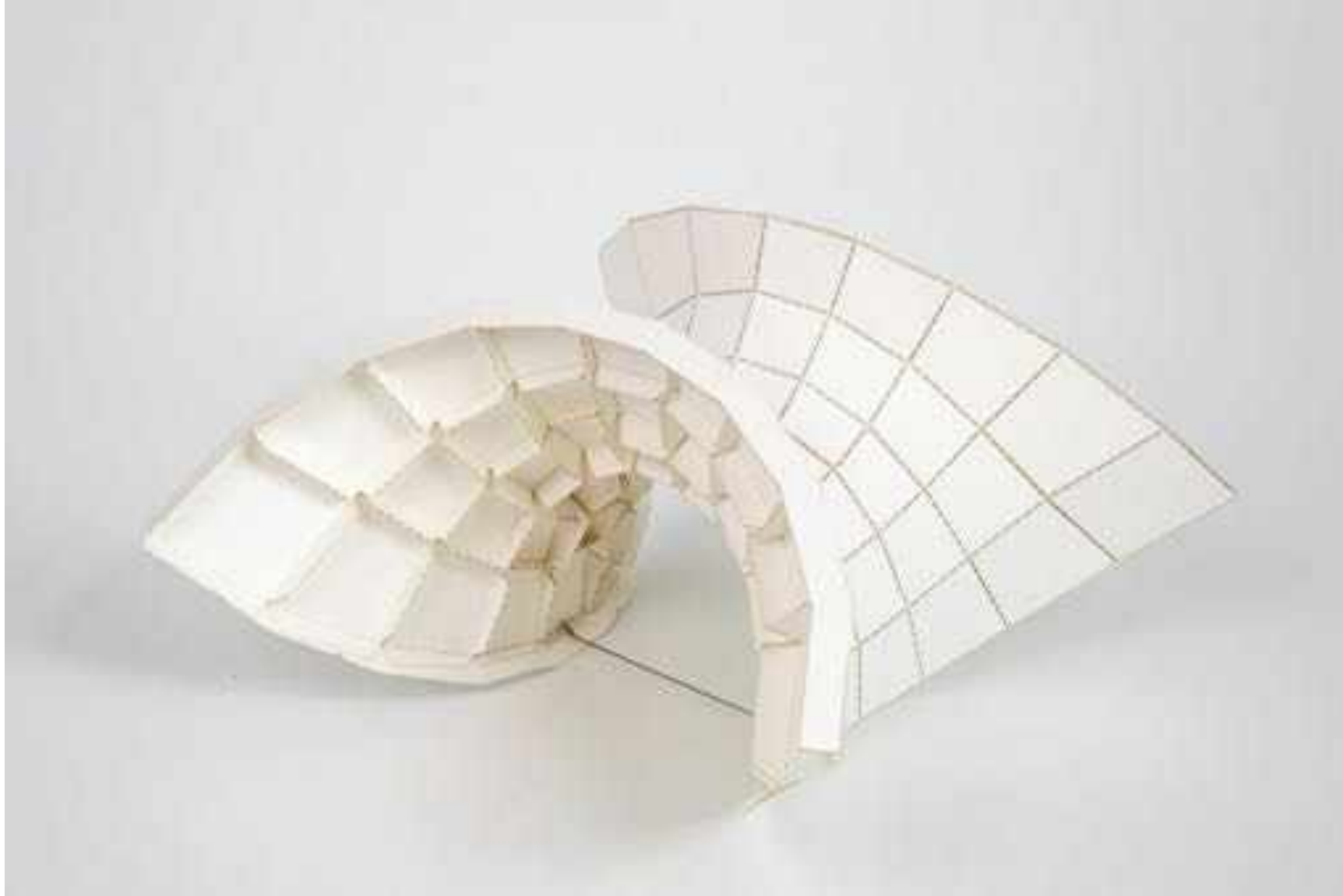
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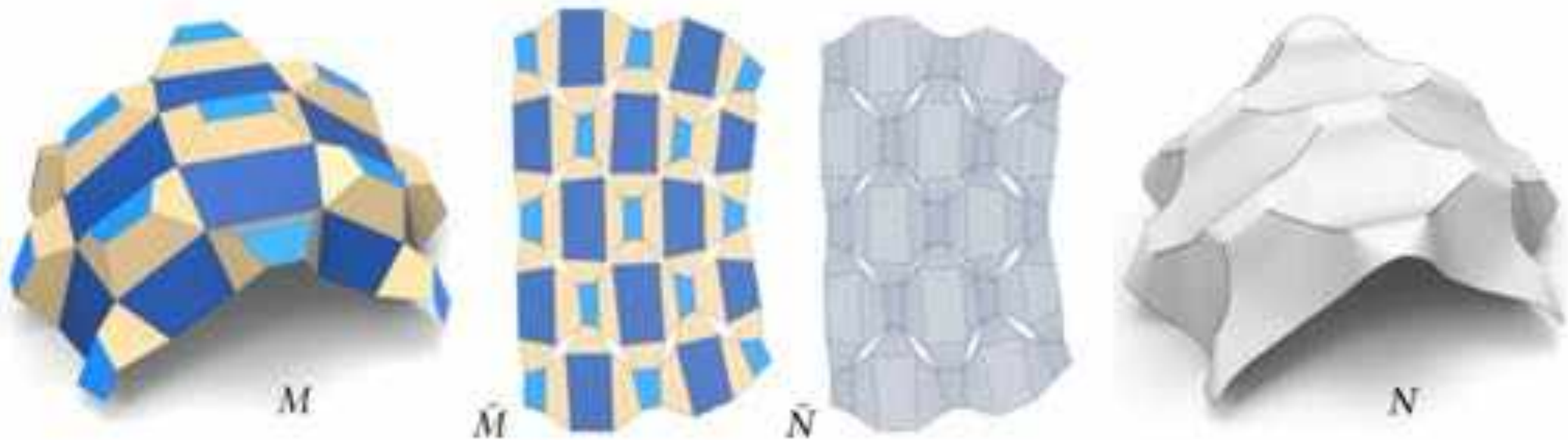








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