

Lecture Plan

1) what is a mechanical metamaterial?

planar kirigami

mechanisms

homogenized description $\Rightarrow$ PDEs

auxeticity $\nleftrightarrow$ PDE type

mechanism gradient theory

kagome lattice

mechanisms (there are many)

homogenized bulk energy $\nleftrightarrow$

cell problem

bounds on effective energy

2) parallelogram origami

mechanisms

homogenized description via

Courant's method of moving frames

mechanism gradient theory

skipped for time

 see ref. online

3) wrinkled shells as mech. metamaterials

shallow shell theory

effective description of wrinkles

locking stress $\nleftrightarrow$ convex Airy potentials

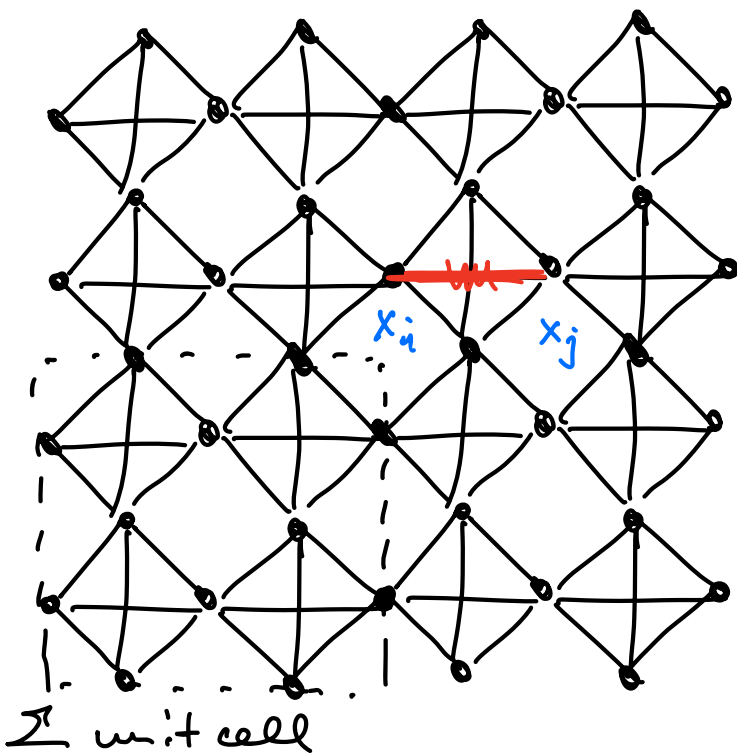
sol'n formulas for wrinkle patterns

Part 1. Homogenization of Kirigami

What is a mechanical metamaterial?

2 viewpoints $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{underconstrained spring lattices (i)} \\ \text{collections of elastic bodies (ii)} \\ \text{with elastic interactions} \end{array} \right.$

In (i), we have a finite portion of a
periodic graph $G = (V, E)$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$ ($d=2,3$)



$$V = \text{vertices} = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$E = \text{edges} = \{i \sim j\} \\ = \text{Hookean springs}$$

deformation

$$y: x_i \mapsto y_i, i=1, \dots, N$$

$$Energy = E(y) = \sum_{i \sim j} \frac{1}{2} k_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{ij} &= \text{strain of } ij^{\text{th}} \text{ spring} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|y_i - y_j|^2 - |x_i - x_j|^2}{|x_i - x_j|^2}\end{aligned}$$

A mechanism y is a length preserving map $G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ that is not a rigid motion, i.e.,

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon_{ij}(y) = 0 & \forall i, j \\ y(x) \neq Rx + c & \text{for } R \in SO(d) \\ & c \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

Equivalently, y is a zero-energy map

$$E(y) = 0$$

and not a rigid body motion.

We are interested in mechanisms that cause "bulk shape change", meaning they are of the form

$$y(x) = F_{\text{eff}} x + \varphi(x)$$

where φ is periodic on the lattice.

For large lattices $y \approx F_{\text{eff}} x$. (zoom out)

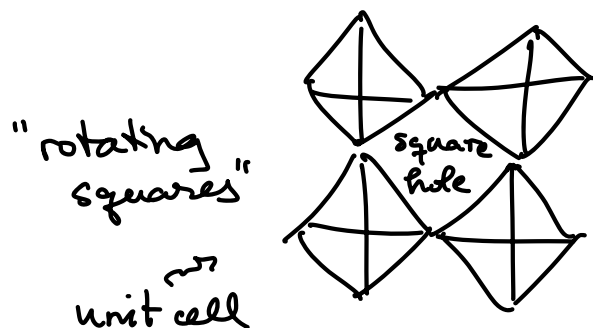
The shape change is associated with the effective deformation

$$y_{\text{eff}}(x) = F_{\text{eff}} x$$

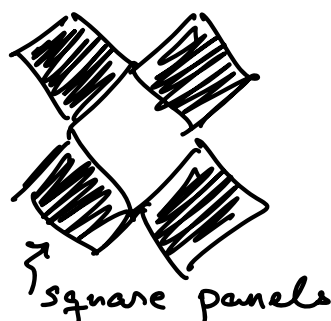
which we think of as a deformation of $\mathbb{R}^d$.

Main example for this lecture :

parallelogram hole kirigami in $\mathbb{R}^2$

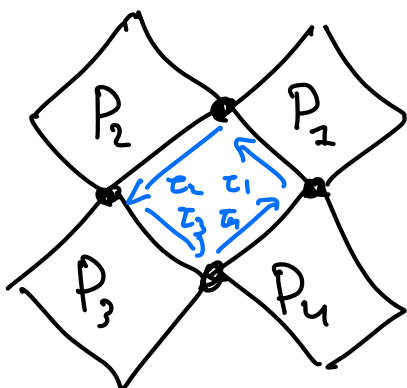


(i)



General
Def'n :
4 quad
panels
4 parallelogram
holes
in unit cell

It's useful to use viewpoint (ii) &
make rigid collections of springs into
rigid bodies, called "panels".

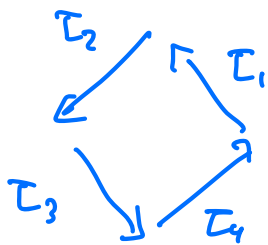


panels P_i , $i=1, \dots, 4$
rigid

$$y_i(x) = R_i x + c_i, i=1, \dots, 4$$

$$R_i \in SO(2), c_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Is there a sol'n? Yes : focus on
the hole



$$\sum_{i=1}^4 T_i = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i T_i = 0 \quad \text{"loop condition"}$$

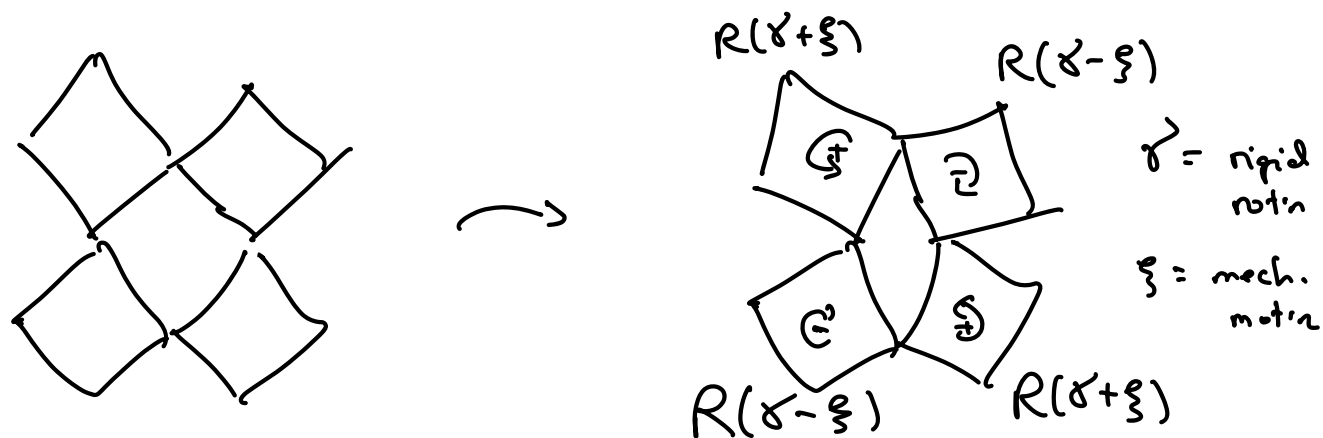
$$\tau_3 = -\tau_1 \quad \& \quad \tau_4 = -\tau_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_1 - R_3)\tau_1 + (R_2 - R_4)\tau_2 = 0$$

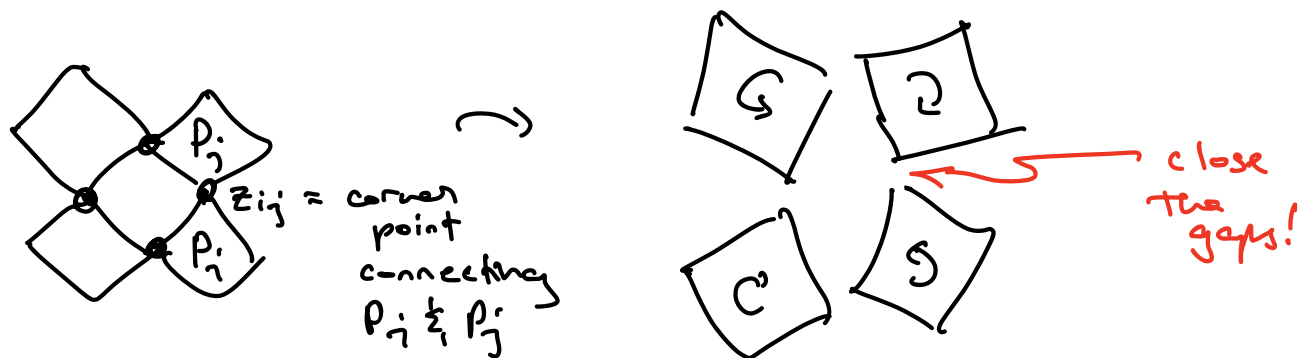
$$\Rightarrow R_1 = R_3 \quad \& \quad R_2 = R_4$$

Note. this works if the holes are parallelograms, hence the name "parallelogram hole kirigami".

So the situation is this: $R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$



One can now find the translations c_i by enforcing a "no gap" condition:



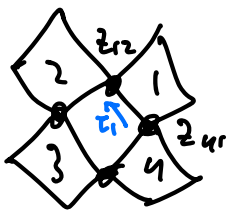
$$g_{ij} = i\text{th gap} = R_i z_{ij} + c_i - (R_j z_{ij} + c_j)$$

$$= (R_i - R_j) z_{ij} + c_i - c_j$$

$$g_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (R_1 - R_2) z_{12} + c_1 - c_2 = 0 \\ (R_2 - R_3) z_{23} + c_2 - c_3 = 0 \\ (R_3 - R_4) z_{34} + c_3 - c_4 = 0 \\ (R_4 - R_1) z_{41} + c_4 - c_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

4 vectors $c_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$ unknown & 4 $\mathbb{R}^2$ -val. constraints
but adding all eqns gives

$$0 = (R_1 - R_2) z_{12} + (R_2 - R_3) z_{23} + (R_3 - R_4) z_{34} + (R_4 - R_1) z_{41}$$

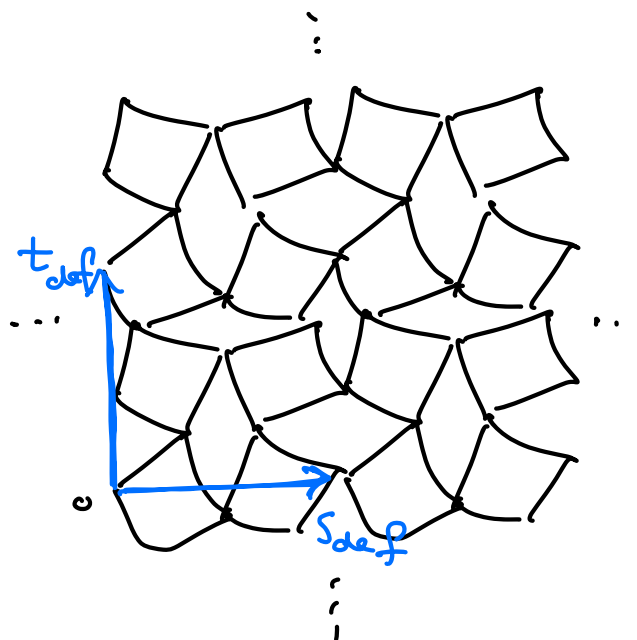
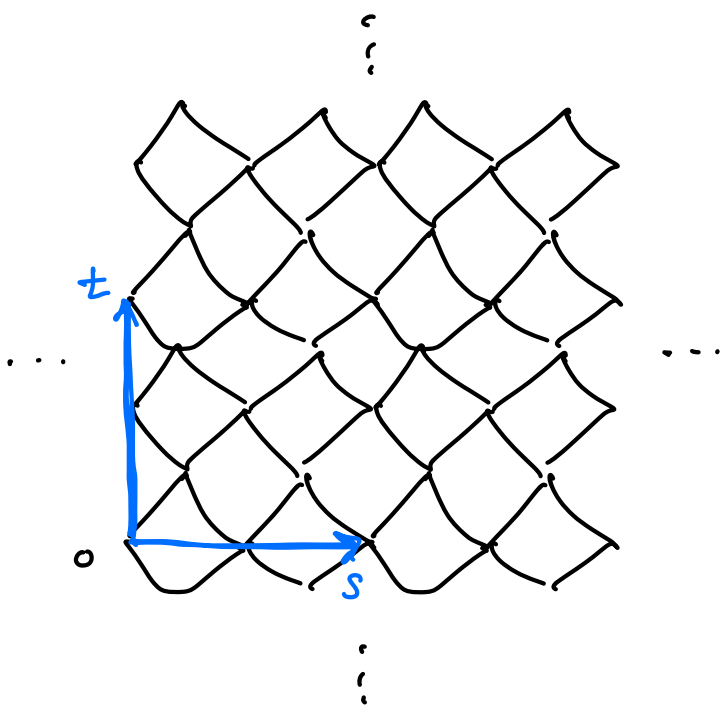


$$\begin{aligned} &= R_1 (\underbrace{z_{12} - z_{41}}_{\tau_1}) + R_2 (\underbrace{z_{23} - z_{12}}_{\tau_2}) \\ &\quad + R_3 (\underbrace{z_{34} - z_{23}}_{\tau_3}) + R_4 (\underbrace{z_{41} - z_{34}}_{\tau}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i \tau_i \quad \text{automatically zero by loop cond!} \end{aligned}$$

this is the only redundancy, e.g., we can choose $c_1 = 0$ & get

$$\begin{cases} c_2 = (R_1 - R_2) z_{12} \\ c_3 = (R_1 - R_2) z_{12} + (R_2 - R_3) z_{23} \\ c_4 = (R_1 - R_4) z_{41} \end{cases}$$

What is F_{eff} ?



$\{s, t\}$ lattice vectors
of ref. config.

$\rightarrow \{s_{def}, t_{def}\}$ lattice vectors
of def.
config
by a mech.

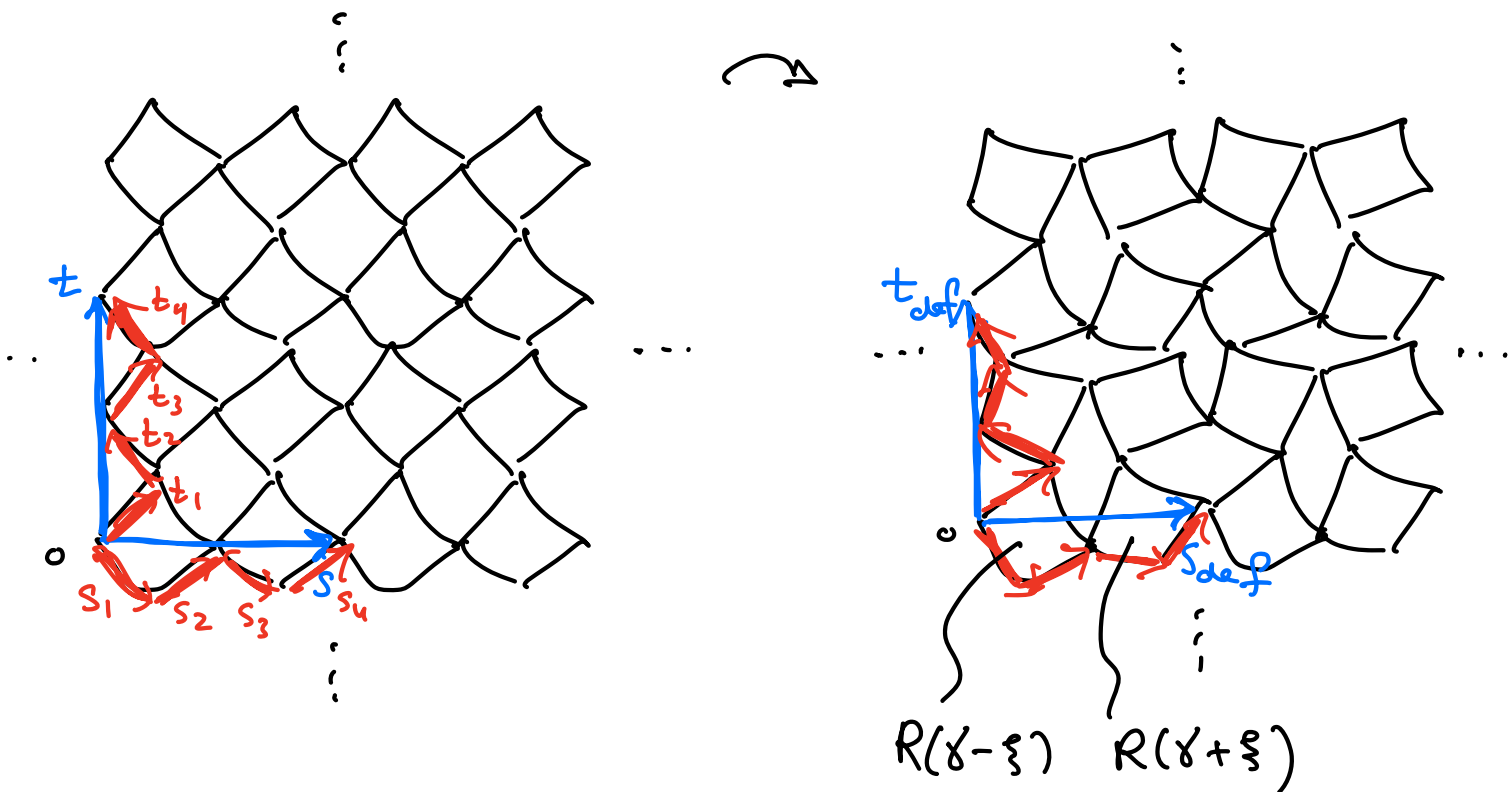
$$y(x) = F_{eff} x + \underbrace{\varphi(x)}_{\text{per.}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(s) - y(o) = F_{eff} s + \cancel{\varphi(s) - \varphi(o)} \\ y(t) - y(o) = F_{eff} t + \cancel{\varphi(t) - \varphi(o)} \end{array} \right.$$

by periodicity

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(s) - y(o) = F_{eff} s \\ y(t) - y(o) = F_{eff} t \end{array} \right.$$

We have formulas for γ . Another way:



$$\begin{cases} s_{def} = R(\gamma - \xi) (s_1 + s_2) + R(\gamma + \xi) (s_3 + s_4) \\ t_{def} = R(\gamma - \xi) (t_1 + t_4) + R(\gamma + \xi) (t_2 + t_3) \end{cases}$$

2D rotations commute, $R(\gamma \pm \xi) = R(\gamma) R(\xi) = R(\xi) R(\gamma)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} s_{def} = R(\gamma) \left[\underbrace{R(-\xi) (s_1 + s_2) + R(\xi) (s_3 + s_4)}_{:= A(\xi) s} \right] \\ t_{def} = R(\gamma) \left[\underbrace{R(-\xi) (t_1 + t_4) + R(\xi) (t_2 + t_3)}_{:= A(\xi) t} \right] \end{cases}$$

this defines

$A(\xi)$ = "shape change tensor"

for parallelogram hole kirigami

Conclusion: for parallelogram hole
kirigami ₁

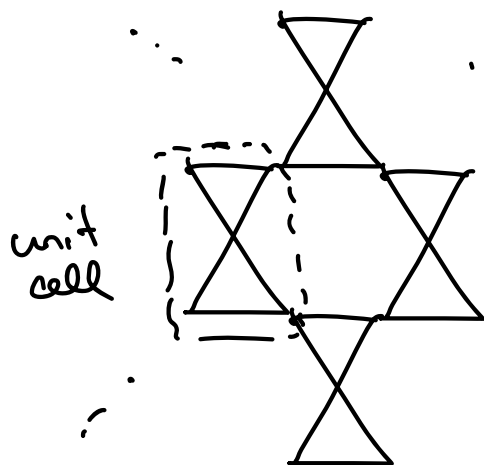
$$F_{\text{eff}} = R(\gamma) A(\xi)$$

γ = rigid rot'n
 ξ = mech. mot'n

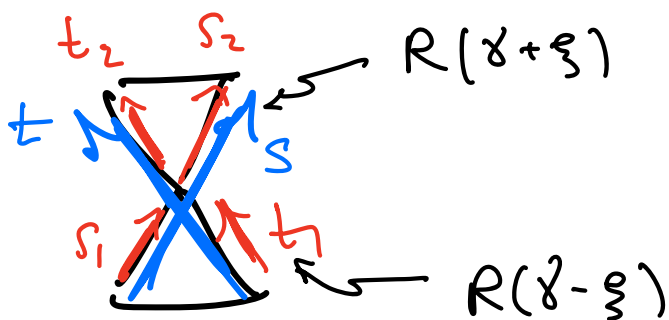
one can solve for γ , which is
like finding c_i (exercise)

Ex. rotating squares has shape change
tensor $A(\xi) = \lambda(\xi) I$ conformal
almost clear from the diagrams ...
easy to check (exercise)

Ex. kagome lattice



equilateral triangles



$$s = s_1 + s_2$$

$$R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)s = t$$

$$t = t_1 + t_2$$

$$\begin{cases} F_{\text{eff}} s = R(\gamma - \xi) s_1 + R(\gamma + \xi) s_2 \\ F_{\text{eff}} t = R(\gamma - \xi) t_1 + R(\gamma + \xi) t_2 \end{cases}$$

$$F_{\text{eff}} s = R(\gamma) \left[R(-\xi) \frac{s}{2} + R(\xi) \frac{s}{2} \right]$$

$$= R(\gamma) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(-\xi) + \cos \xi & -(\sin(-\xi) + \sin \xi) \\ \sin(-\xi) + \sin \xi & \cos(-\xi) + \cos \xi \end{pmatrix} \frac{s}{2}$$

$$= R(\gamma) \cos(\xi) s$$

$$\frac{1}{2} F_{\text{eff}} t = R(\gamma) \cos(\xi) t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_{\text{eff}} = R(\gamma) \cos(\xi) I} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{conformal}}$$

BUT there are periodic mechanisms of
kagome that are not described using
one bowtie unit cell. More in Lect 2.

Q. Are there other shape change tensors $A(\mathbf{x})$?

A. Yes! Using parallelogram holes we can achieve many others. They can be classified by anisotropy, more later.

Q. How well does the effective description

$$\mathbf{y}_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}} \mathbf{x}$$

capture the response of actual, physical mech. metamaterials?

A. Very badly, [see PRL '22 Zhenget al for experiments showing the typical response]

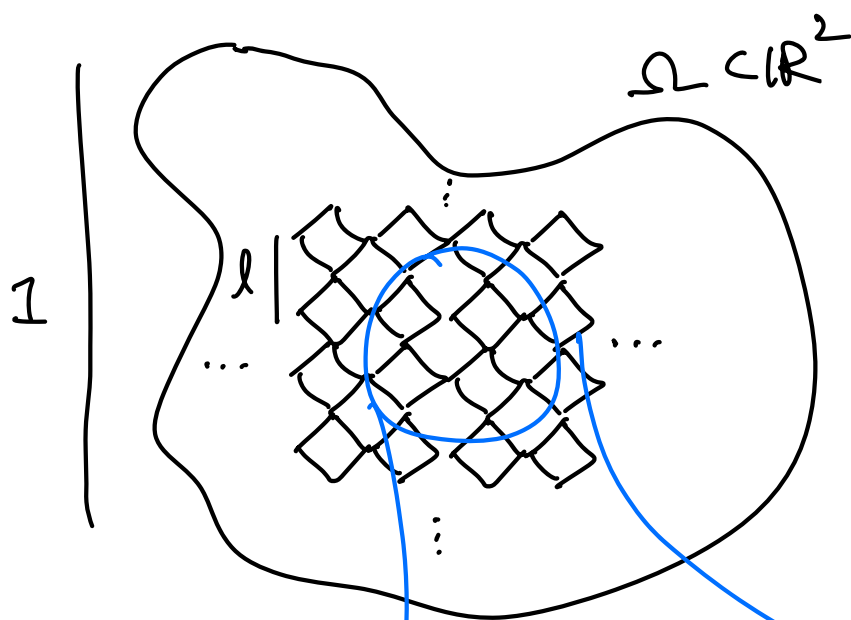
What is going on here?

KEY IDEA:

mechanism gradients allow the system to relax its energy given b.c. or loads

To understand this we need a model for the energy of a "locally mechanistic" response.

Parallelogram kirigami, revisited

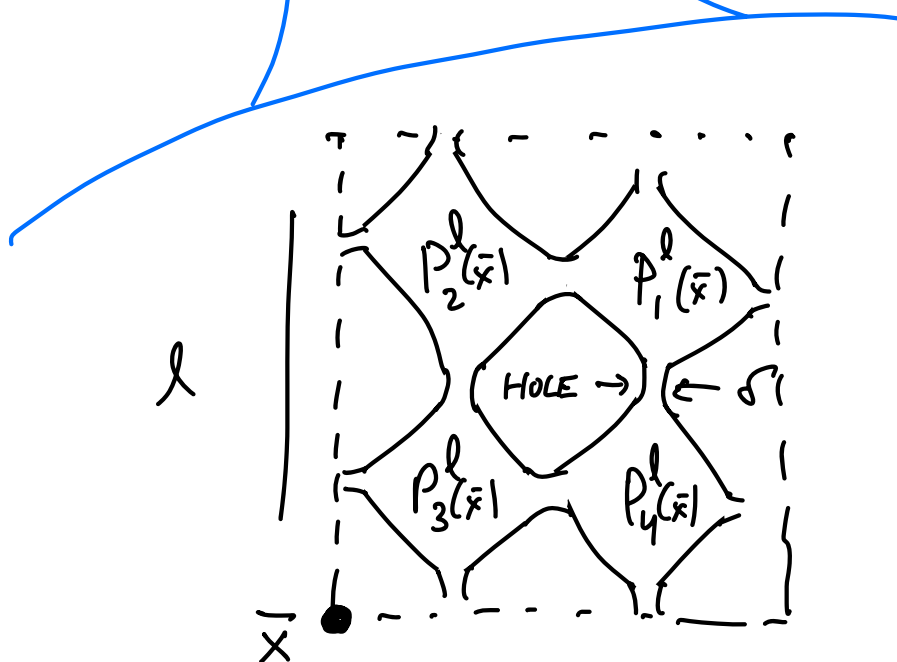


elastic sheet in $\mathbb{R}^2$

1 = sheet size

l = unit cell size $\ll 1$

δ = hinge size $\ll l$



$P_i^l(\bar{x})$ = i th panel
of $\bar{x}$ th cell
at scale l

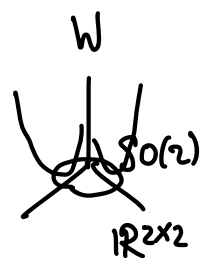
$\bar{x} \in l\mathbb{Z}^2$
(gen. by s, t)

Really 1 the deformation

$$y : \underset{\text{perforated kirigami sheet ref. config.}}{\Omega_{\delta, l}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\Omega_{\delta, \ell} = \left(\underbrace{\bigcup_{\bar{x} \in \ell \mathbb{Z}^2 \cap \Omega} \bigcup_{i=1}^4 P_i^\ell(\bar{x})}_{\text{scaled panels}} \right) \cup \text{hinge regions of size } \delta$$

$$E(y) = \int_{\Omega_{\delta, \ell}} W(\nabla y(x)) \, dA(x)$$



W = hyperelastic energy density
 ($W \geq 0$, $W(F) = 0 \iff F \in SO(2)$)

To get a handle on this we recognize it is a good idea to say the cell at $\bar{x}$ deforms by a perturbation of a mechanism:

$$y: x \in P_i^\ell(\bar{x}) \mapsto y_{\text{eff}}^\ell(\bar{x}) + R_i(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x}) + \ell c_i(\bar{x}) + O(\ell^2)$$

$i = 1, \dots, 4$

$$R_i(\bar{x}) = R(\gamma(\bar{x}) \pm \xi(\bar{x})) \quad \begin{matrix} + & i \text{ even} \\ - & i \text{ odd} \end{matrix}$$

Let's treat y_{eff} , γ , ξ as smooth & determine the strain energy of this ansatz.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla y^T \nabla y - \mathbf{I}) = \text{strain}$$

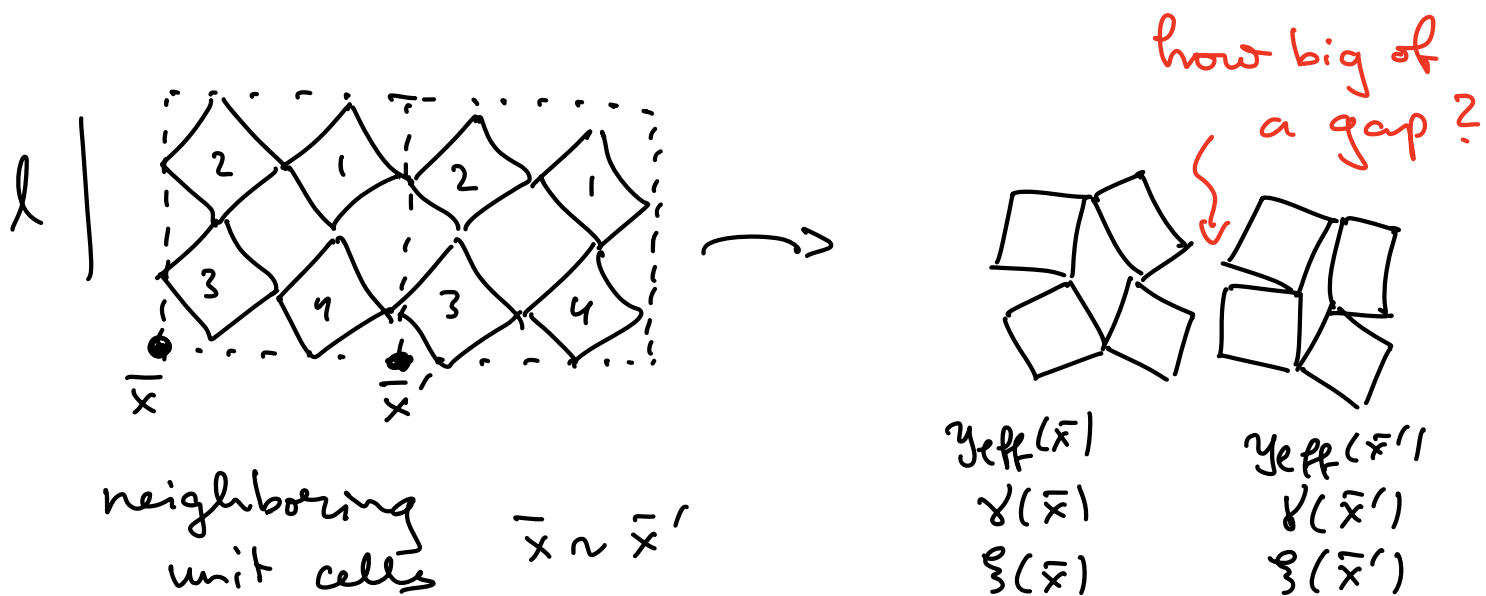
on panel $P_i^l(\bar{x})$

$$\nabla y = R_i(\bar{x}) + O(l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla y^T \nabla y &= (R_i(\bar{x}) + O(l))^T (R_i(\bar{x}) + O(l)) \\ &= R_i(\bar{x})^T R_i(\bar{x}) + O(l) \\ &= \mathbf{I} + O(l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \varepsilon = O(l)$$

Really? Something is fishy here...

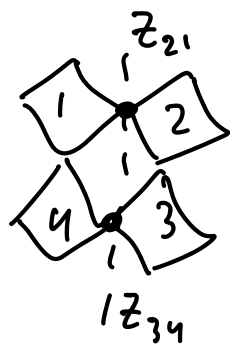


If the gaps between cells are not $O(l^2)$ we have a problem.

Compute the gaps : say $\bar{x}' - \bar{x} = ls$

$$g_{34} = y_{eff}(\bar{x}') + R_3(\bar{x}') (z_{34} - \bar{x}') + lc_3(\bar{x}')$$

$$- (y_{eff}(\bar{x}) + R_4(\bar{x}) (z_{34} - \bar{x}) + lc_4(\bar{x})) + O(l^2)$$



$$= y_{eff}(\bar{x}') - y_{eff}(\bar{x})$$

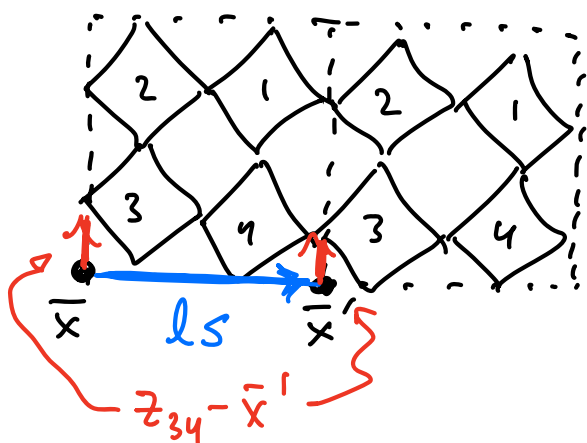
$$+ R_3(\bar{x}') (z_{34} - \bar{x}') + lc_3(\bar{x}')$$

$$- (R_4(\bar{x}) (z_{34} - \bar{x}) + lc_4(\bar{x}))$$

$$+ O(l^2)$$

Note a perfect mechanism has

no gaps : by defn of F_{eff}



$$F_{eff}(\bar{x}) ls$$

$$= R_4(\bar{x}) (z_{34} - \bar{x}) + lc_4(\bar{x})$$

$$- (R_3(\bar{x}) (z_{34} - \bar{x}') + lc_3(\bar{x}'))$$

see diagram

$$\therefore g_{34} = y_{eff}(\bar{x}') - y_{eff}(\bar{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + R_3(\bar{x}') (z_{34} - \bar{x}') + l c_3(\bar{x}') \\
& - F_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) l s \\
& - R_3(\bar{x}) (z_{34} - \bar{x}') + l c_3(\bar{x}) \\
& \quad \quad \quad + O(l^2) \\
= & y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}') - y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) - F_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) l s \\
& + [R_3(\bar{x}') - R_3(\bar{x})] (z_{34} - \bar{x}') \\
& + l (c_3(\bar{x}') - c_3(\bar{x})) + O(l^2)
\end{aligned}$$

Recall

$$F_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) = R(\chi(\bar{x})) A(\xi(\bar{x}))$$

$$R_3(\bar{x}) = R(\chi(\bar{x}) - \xi(\bar{x})) \quad (-\text{odd})$$

$$c_3(\bar{x}) = \text{a smooth func. of } \chi, \xi$$

We can Taylor expand : $\bar{x}' - \bar{x} = l s$

$$y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}') - y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) = \nabla y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) l s + O(l^2)$$

etc.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow g_{34} = & [\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) - R(\chi(\bar{x})) A(\xi(\bar{x}))] l s \\
& + O(l^2)
\end{aligned}$$

To make $g_{34} = O(l^2)$ must sat.

$$\left[\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) - R(\chi(\bar{x}))A(\xi(\bar{x})) \right]_s = 0.$$

Likewise, from $\bar{x}' - \bar{x} = l\pm$ we get

$$g_{ap} = O(l^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) - R(\chi(\bar{x}))A(\xi(\bar{x})) \right]_{\pm} = 0.$$

Hence we get panel strains $|\varepsilon| \sim l$
iff intercell gaps $\sim l^2$

$$\text{iff } \nabla y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) = R(\chi(\bar{x}))A(\xi(\bar{x})).$$

Replacing $\bar{x} \in l\mathbb{Z}^2$ with $x \in \Omega$ we
have derived the homogenized PDE description
of parallelogram hole kirigami:

$$y_{\text{eff}}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ solves } \boxed{\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(x) = R(\chi(x))A(\xi(x))}$$

From here, we can consider

- i) PDE analysis of kirigami
- ii) mechanism gradient energies to select PDE soln using minimization w/ b.c.

We'll touch on both.

First, PDE analysis of 2D shape changing materials. Starting point is

$$\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(x) = \underbrace{R(\gamma(x))}_{\substack{\text{rot'n} \\ \in \text{SO}(2)}} \underbrace{A(\beta(x))}_{\substack{\text{shape tensor,} \\ \text{not necc. sym.}}}$$

We can eliminate y_{eff} :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \nabla_x \nabla y_{\text{eff}} = \nabla_x (R(\gamma) A(\beta)) \\ &= \partial_1 (R(\gamma) A(\beta) e_2) - \partial_2 (R(\gamma) A(\beta) e_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$R'(\theta) = W R(\theta) = R(\theta) W \quad (\text{exercise})$$

$$= \left[W R(x) \partial_1 x A(\xi) + R(x) A'(\xi) \partial_1 \xi \right] e_2 \\ - \left[W R(x) \partial_2 x A(\xi) + R(x) A'(\xi) \partial_2 \xi \right] e_1$$

Rewrite in terms of $\nabla x = \partial_1 x e_1 + \partial_2 x e_2$
 $\nabla \xi = \partial_1 \xi e_1 + \partial_2 \xi e_2$

$$0 = W R(x) A(\xi) (\partial_1 x e_2 - \partial_2 x e_1) \\ + R(x) A'(\xi) (\partial_1 \xi e_2 - \partial_2 \xi e_1)$$

$$= W R(x) A(\xi) W \nabla x \\ + R(x) A'(\xi) W \nabla \xi$$

$\therefore$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \nabla x &= \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi \\ \text{w/ } \Gamma(\xi) &= \frac{A^T(\xi) A'(\xi) W}{\det A(\xi)} \end{aligned}}$$

exercise. show this using

$$\text{cof } A = -W A W \quad \text{in 2D} \\ = \det A \, A^{-T}$$

Ex. conformal shape change

$$A(\xi) = \lambda(\xi) \mathbf{I}, \quad \lambda = e^\alpha$$

$$\Gamma(\xi) = \alpha'(\xi) W$$

$$\nabla \gamma = \alpha'(\xi) W \nabla \xi$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_1 \gamma = -\alpha'(\xi) \partial_2 \xi \\ \partial_2 \gamma = \alpha'(\xi) \partial_1 \xi \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_1 \gamma = -\partial_2 \alpha(\xi) \\ \partial_2 \gamma = \partial_1 \alpha(\xi) \end{cases}$$

Cauchy - Riemann eqns in $(\gamma, \alpha(\xi))$.

$$\Delta \gamma = 0 \quad \& \quad \Delta \alpha(\xi) = 0$$

$$\alpha = \log \lambda \quad \therefore \quad \underbrace{\Delta \log \lambda(\xi)} = 0$$

Indeed,

$$K_{\text{Gauss}} = 0 \text{ for } \text{conformal metric} \\ (\lambda(\xi))^2 (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \nabla y^T \nabla y \\ &= (R(\gamma) A(\xi))^T R(\gamma) A(\xi) \\ &= A^T(\xi) A(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\& \text{ here } A(\xi) = \lambda(\xi) I$$

$$\Rightarrow g = \lambda^2(\xi) I \quad \underbrace{\text{conformal}}_{\sim}$$

So then, generally,

$$y = A^T A(\xi)$$

$$\kappa_{\text{Gauss}} = 0 \leadsto 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order PDE in } \xi$$

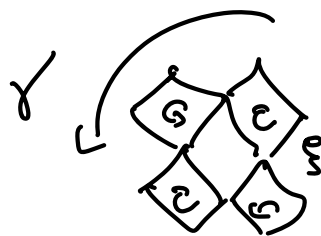
Here, it comes from direct manipulation:

$$\nabla \chi = \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi$$

$$0 = \nabla \times \nabla \chi = \nabla \times (\Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi)$$

$$\boxed{0 = \nabla \cdot (W \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi)}$$

2^{nd} order nonlinear PDE for $\xi = \text{mech. angle field}$



PDEs have a "type": elliptic, hyperbolic, parabolic

defined via linearization about a sol'n;
only highest order derivs. matter

$$\text{Here, } \xi \rightarrow \xi + \delta \xi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \nabla \cdot (W \Gamma(\xi + \delta \xi) (\nabla \xi + \nabla \delta \xi)) \\
&= \nabla \cdot [W (\Gamma(\xi) + \Gamma'(\xi) \delta \xi) (\nabla \xi + \nabla \delta \xi)] \\
&= \cancel{\nabla \cdot [W \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi]} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{by assumption}} 0 \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot [W \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \delta \xi]} + \dots \\
&= \sum_{i,j} (W \Gamma(\xi))_{ij} \partial_{ij} \xi + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$
 terms that
 are lower
 order in
 ∇
 $\sim O((\delta \xi)^2)$

principal part = $\sum_{i,j} \text{sym} (W \Gamma(\xi))_{ij} \partial_{ij} \xi$

$\det \text{sym} (W \Gamma(\xi)) > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{elliptic}$
 like $\partial_{11} + \partial_{22}$, Laplace

$= 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{parabolic}$
 like ∂_{11}

$< 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{hyperbolic}$
 like $\partial_{11} - \partial_{22}$, wave

How is this related to design?

Look at "effective Poisson's ratio" :

$$\gamma = - \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \quad , \quad \epsilon_i \text{ are principal strains gotten by linearization}$$

Suffices to linearize around a mechanism $\gamma=0$,
 $\xi = \xi_0 = \text{const.}$

$$y(x) = A(\xi_0)x + u(A(\xi_0)x), \quad \gamma \rightarrow 0 + \delta\gamma, \quad \xi \rightarrow \xi_0 + \delta\xi$$

$$\text{solve } \nabla y = R(\gamma) A(\xi)$$

to linear order in $u, \delta\gamma, \delta\xi$

$$\nabla y = A(\xi_0) + \nabla u(A(\xi_0)x) A(\xi_0)$$

$$R(\gamma) = I + \cancel{R'(\gamma)} \overset{W}{\delta\gamma} + O((\delta\gamma)^2)$$

$$A(\xi) = A(\xi_0) + A'(\xi_0)\delta\xi + O((\delta\xi)^2)$$

$$R(\gamma)A(\xi) = A(\xi_0) + W A(\xi_0) \delta\gamma + A'(\xi_0)\delta\xi + \dots$$

$$\therefore \nabla u(A(\xi_0)x) = W \delta\gamma + A'(\xi_0)A^{-1}(\xi_0)\delta\xi$$

after linearization .

$$\epsilon_{lin} = \text{sym } \nabla u = \text{sym} (A'(\xi_0)A^{-1}(\xi_0)) \delta\xi$$

$$\epsilon_{lin} = \epsilon_1 v_1 \otimes v_1 + \epsilon_2 v_2 \otimes v_2 \quad \{v_1, v_2\}$$

right handed
ONB of
eigenvects.

ϵ_1, ϵ_2 principal strains
of linear part u .

$$\gamma = - \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sign } \gamma = - \text{sign } \det \text{sym} (A' A^{-1}(\xi_0)) .$$

$$\text{anxetic} \Leftrightarrow \nu < 0 \Leftrightarrow \det \text{sym } A'A^{-1} > 0$$

exercise: check if $\det A > 0$ then

$$\text{sign } \det \text{sym } A'A^{-1} = \text{sign } \det W\Gamma$$

$$\text{where } \Gamma = \frac{A^T A' W}{\det A}.$$

Hint. show corresponding evals are of opp. sign (a stronger result)

Conclusion: parallelogram hole kirigami is

$$\begin{cases} \text{anxetic } (\nu < 0) \Leftrightarrow \text{elliptic} \\ \text{classical } (\nu > 0) \Leftrightarrow \text{hyperbolic} \end{cases}$$

Ex. rhombic holes produce diagonal $A(\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1(\xi) & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2(\xi) \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Then, } W\Gamma = W \frac{A A' W}{\det A} = \frac{1}{\mu_1 \mu_2} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \mu_1' & \\ & \mu_2 \mu_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \text{sym } W\Gamma = \frac{\mu_1' \mu_2'}{\mu_1 \mu_2}$$

$$A'A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu_1'}{\mu_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\mu_2'}{\mu_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

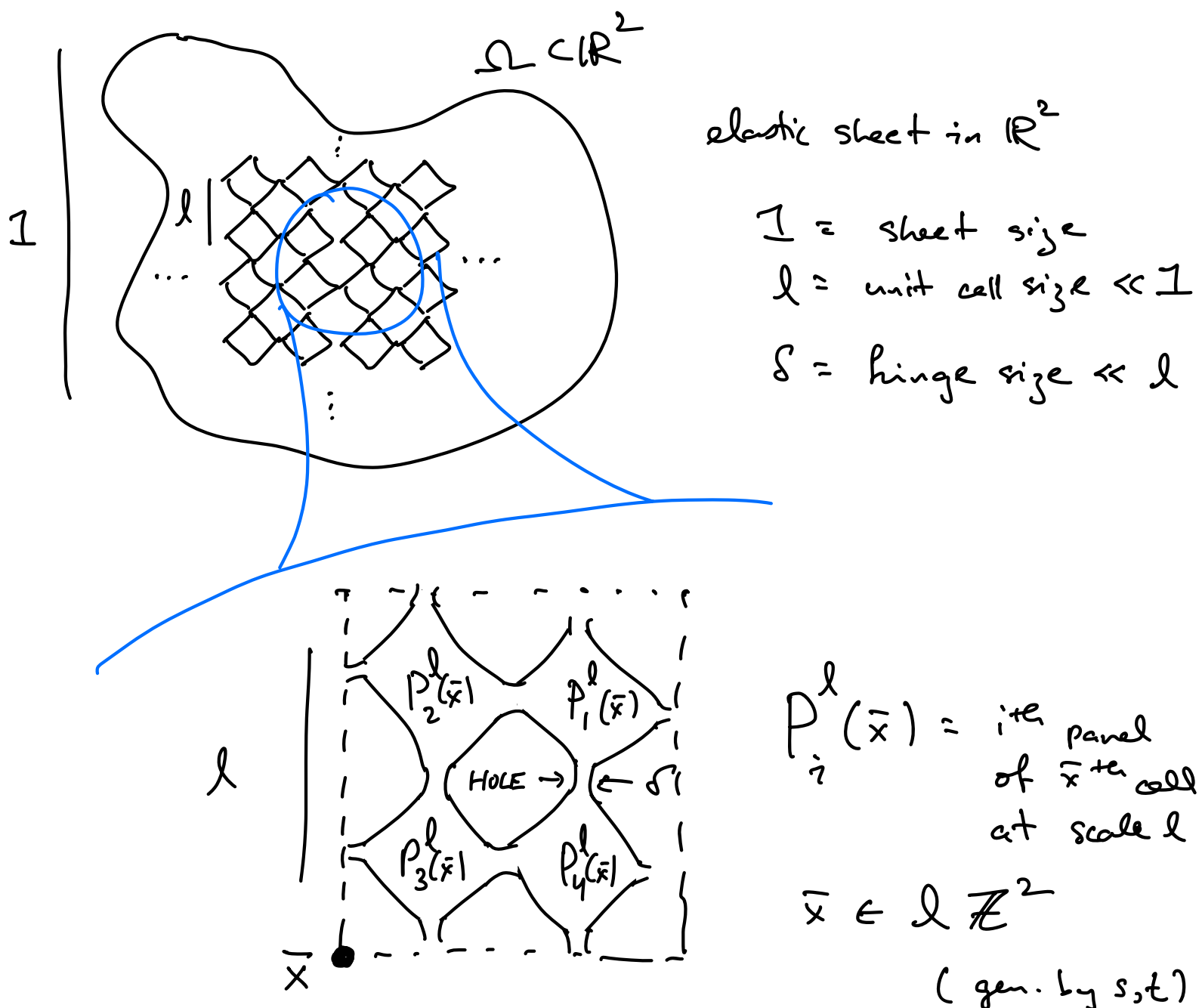
$$\Rightarrow \det \text{sym } A'A^{-1} = \frac{\mu_1' \mu_2'}{\mu_1 \mu_2}$$

same!
(it's consistent)

Poisson's ratio is $\nu = -\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} = -\frac{\mu'_2/\mu_2}{\mu'_1/\mu_1}$.

[see examples from PAL '22 Zhang et al]

Final topic is mechanism gradient energies.



How can we select a PDE soln using bc.?

$$E(y) = \int_{\Omega_{\delta, \ell}} W(\nabla y) dA$$

principle of virtual work : $\min_{\substack{y \\ \text{b.c.}}} E(y) - \text{work of loads}$

Now we think of parameterizing y via the locally mech. ansatz

$$y(x) = y_{\text{eff}}(\bar{x}) + R_i(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x}) + l c_i(\bar{x}) + O(\ell^2)$$

$\bar{x} \in \ell \mathbb{Z}^2, \quad i=1, \dots, 4$

Recall gaps between cells $\sim |\nabla y_{\text{eff}} - R(\gamma)A(\xi)| \ell + O(|(\nabla \gamma, \nabla \xi)| \ell^2)$

So panel strain $\sim |\nabla y_{\text{eff}} - R(\gamma)A(\xi)| + O(|(\nabla \gamma, \nabla \xi)| \ell)$

This suggests a model $(\nabla \gamma = \Gamma(\xi) \nabla \xi)$

$$E(y_{\text{eff}}, \gamma, \xi) = \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla y_{\text{eff}} A^{-1}(\xi)) + \ell^2 Q(\xi, \nabla \xi) dA$$

$\uparrow$

standard hyperel. W

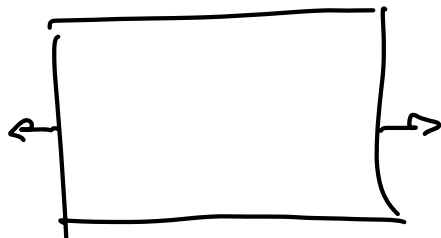
$W(F) = 0 \iff F \in \text{SO}(2)$

$W \geq 0$ in general

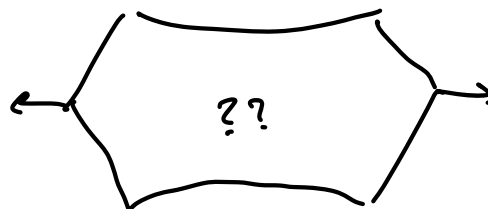
$\uparrow$

quadratic form in $\nabla \xi$ with coeffs. param. by ξ

Thought expt :



$\leadsto$



this is what we
see in real expts.
($v > 0$ drawn)

min E here

$\Rightarrow$

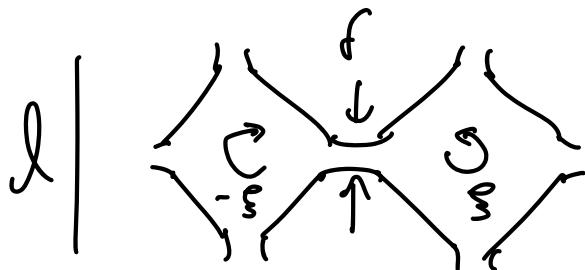
mechanisms, i.e.,

$$\nabla \xi = 0$$

so $\xi = \text{const.}$

this has $E = 0$.

What's missing?



there is energy in the
necks!

$$\delta \ll l \ll 1$$

$$\oint \{ \xi \} \oint$$

$$E_{\text{neck}} \sim N(\xi) A_{\text{neck}}$$

say $A_{\text{neck}} \sim \delta^2$ then

$$\text{summing up } \Rightarrow \text{ total } E_{\text{necks}} \sim \left(\frac{\delta}{l}\right)^2 \int_{\Omega} N(\xi(x)) dA(x).$$

Altogether $\downarrow$

$$E(y_{\text{eff}}, \gamma, \xi)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla y_{\text{eff}} A^{-1}(\xi)) + l^2 Q(\xi, \nabla \xi) + \frac{\xi^2}{l^2} N(\xi) dA$$

Remarks .i) A better estimate on the mechanism gradient term

includes a logarithmic correction coming from the fact that the linear strain of a wedge with point force at its tip $\sim \frac{1}{r}$.

ii) hinge bending dominates mech. gradient effects if

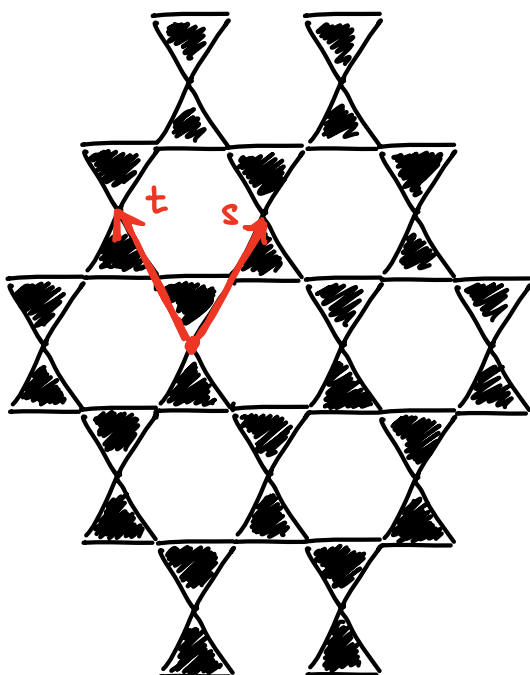
$$\frac{\xi^2}{l^2} \gg l^2$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \xi \gg l^2 \quad (\text{non-dim by system size})$$

The hinges don't have to be that large to matter.

[see examples from PRSA '23 Zheng et al]

Kagome Lattice .



lattice of equilateral
triangles &
hexagonal holes

Recall we showed
for 1-periodic mechanisms

$$y(x) = F_{\text{eff}} x + \underbrace{\varphi(x)}_{1\text{-periodic}}$$

that

$$F_{\text{eff}} = R(\gamma) \lambda(\xi) I$$

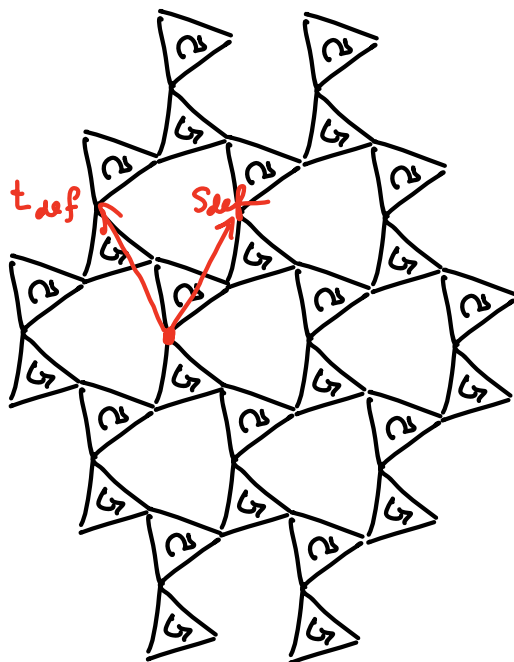
i.e., the shape change tensor

$$A(\xi) = \lambda(\xi) I .$$

↑ conformal

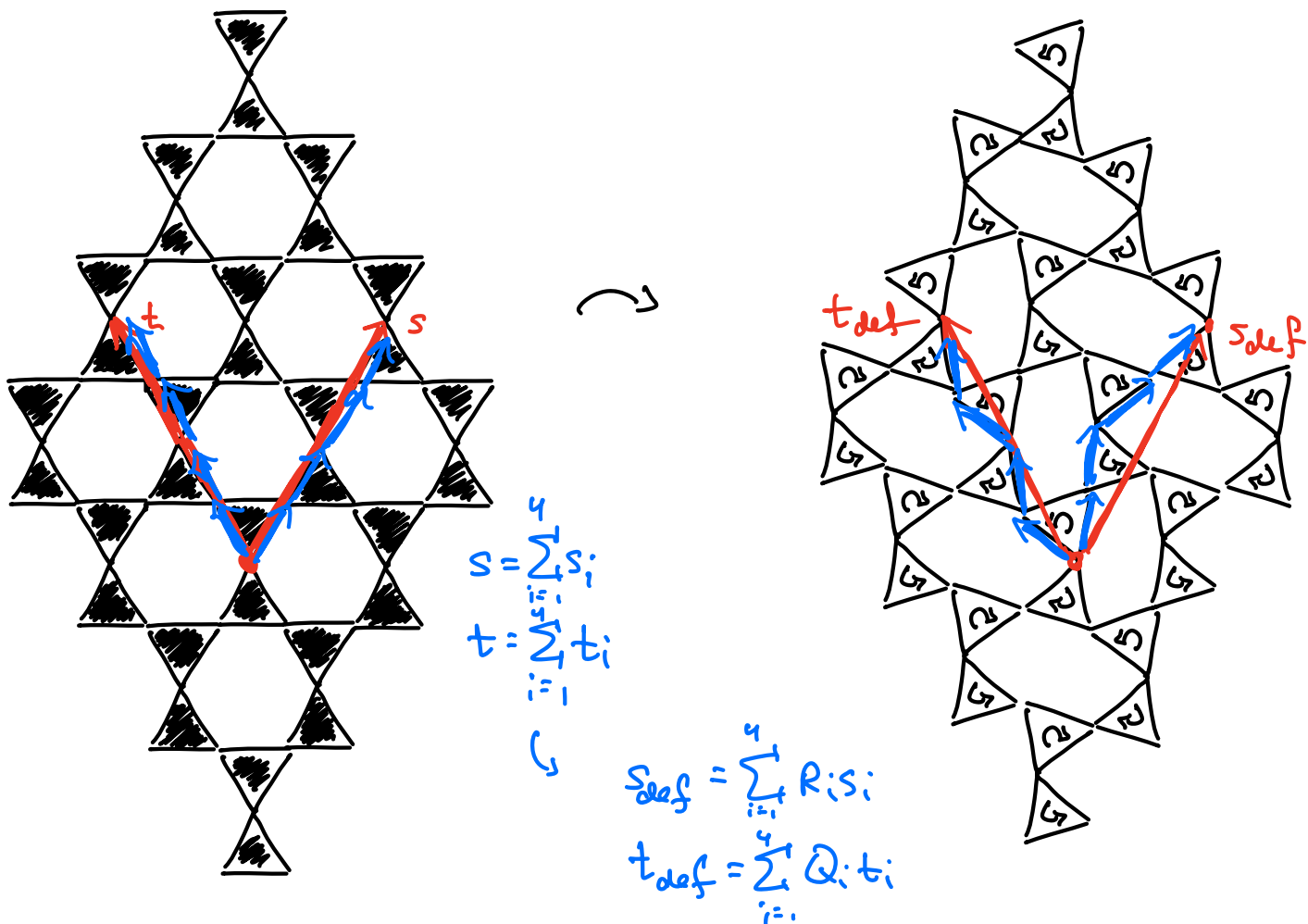
BUT there are many
other mechanisms !

Are they all conformal ?



1-periodic mech.

Let's look at a 2-periodic mechanism.



Looks conformed ... how to prove it ?

Recall

$$y(x) = F_{\text{eff}} x + \underbrace{\varphi(x)}_{2\text{-per.}}$$

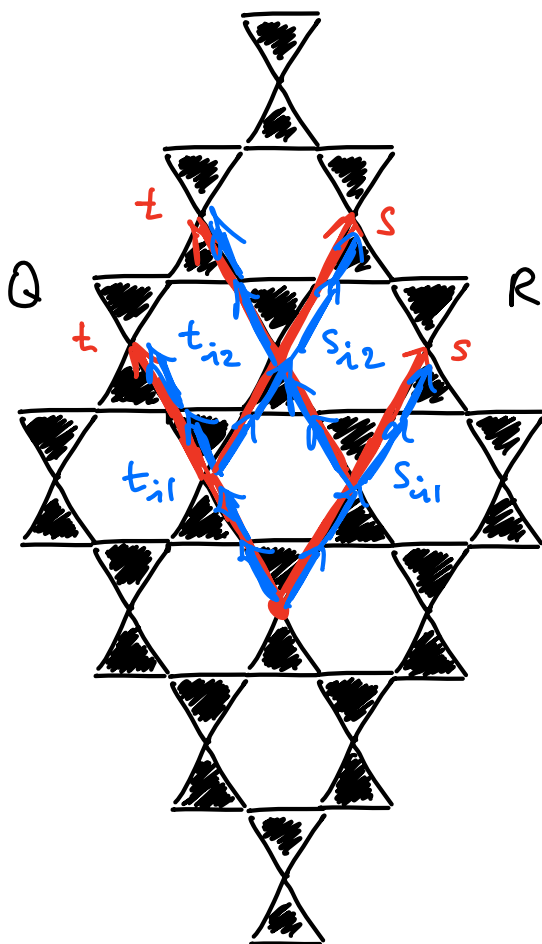
2 per. means $\varphi(x') = \varphi(x)$ if $x' - x = ns + mt$
for $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$
w/ s, t as above

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} s_{\text{def}} = y(x+s) - y(x) = F_{\text{eff}} s \\ t_{\text{def}} = y(x+t) - y(x) = F_{\text{eff}} t \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} F_{\text{eff}} s = \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i s_i \\ F_{\text{eff}} t = \sum_{i=1}^4 Q_i t_i \end{cases}$$

but the sets $\{R_i\}_{i=1}^4$ & $\{Q_i\}_{i=1}^4$ are not obviously related...

IDEA: use other choices of s, t .



2 ways to write s, t

$$\begin{cases} s = \sum_i s_{i1} = \sum_i s_{i2} \\ t = \sum_i t_{i1} = \sum_i t_{i2} \end{cases}$$

↳

$$\begin{cases} s_{\text{def}} = \sum_i R_{i1} s_{i1} = \sum_i R_{i2} s_{i2} \\ t_{\text{def}} = \sum_i Q_{i1} t_{i1} = \sum_i Q_{i2} t_{i2} \end{cases}$$

The rotations $R_{i1}, R_{i2}, Q_{i1}, Q_{i2}$ are not all distinct.

e.g. $R_{11} = Q_{11}$

$R_{21} = Q_{42}$ by 2-per.

$R_{31} = Q_{12}$

⋮

Of course $R(\frac{\pi}{3})s = t$.

What about $R(\frac{\pi}{3})s_{\text{def}}$?

$$R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) s_{def} = R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} R_{ij} s_{ij}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} R_{ij} R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) s_{ij}$$

$$\stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} Q_{\alpha\beta} t_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{by the diagram}$$

by pairing $(i,j) \mapsto (\alpha,\beta)$

$$\text{s.t. } R_{ij} = Q_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\text{automatic} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) s_{ij} = t_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\text{b/c } s_{ij} = \frac{s}{4}$$

$$t_{ij} = \frac{t}{4}$$

Note: each triangle is used once.

$$\therefore R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) s_{def} = t_{def}$$

We've proved

$$R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) F_{eff} s = F_{eff} R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) s$$

A similar arg. shows same for t , hence

$$R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) F_{eff} = F_{eff} R\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right).$$

$$R(\theta) = \cos \theta \, I + \sin \theta \, W \quad , \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow W F_{\text{eff}} = F_{\text{eff}} W$$

$$\Rightarrow R F_{\text{eff}} = F_{\text{eff}} R \quad \forall R \in SO(2)$$

$$\therefore F_{\text{eff}} = R \lambda I \quad \underbrace{\text{conformal}}.$$

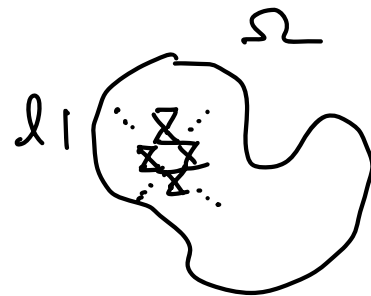
Same argument applies for all periods.

Conclusion. All periodic mech. of kagome are conformal.

To address arbitrary mechanisms & soft modes one needs the "cell formula" from

Li + Kohn J. Elasticity '25

Roughly, their theorem says



$$E \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(x_1)) dA(x_1)$$

as lattice spacing $l \rightarrow 0$, where

$$E(y) = \sum_{\substack{ij \\ \text{in } \Omega \\ \text{on scaled} \\ \text{lattice}}} \frac{1}{2} k_{ij} (\varepsilon_{ij}(y))^2 \underbrace{\ell^2}_{\text{area element}}$$

$$W(F) = \min_{\substack{\text{unit cell} \\ Q}} \min_{\substack{\varphi \\ Q\text{-per.}}} \frac{E_Q(x \mapsto Fx + \varphi(x))}{A(Q)}$$

$$E_Q(y) = \sum_{\substack{ij \\ \text{in } Q}} \frac{1}{2} k_{ij} (\varepsilon_{ij}(y))^2$$

$$A(Q) = \text{area of } Q \quad (\text{unscaled})$$

Note. the min is NOT necessarily achieved, i.e., one may need to take period of $Q \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\underline{\text{Cor}}. \quad E(y_\ell) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow W(\nabla y_{\text{eff}}(x)) = 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla y_{\text{eff}}(x) = R(x) \lambda(x) I$$

$$\text{some } R: \Omega \rightarrow SO(2)$$

$$\lambda: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore$ soft modes of kagome are conformal.

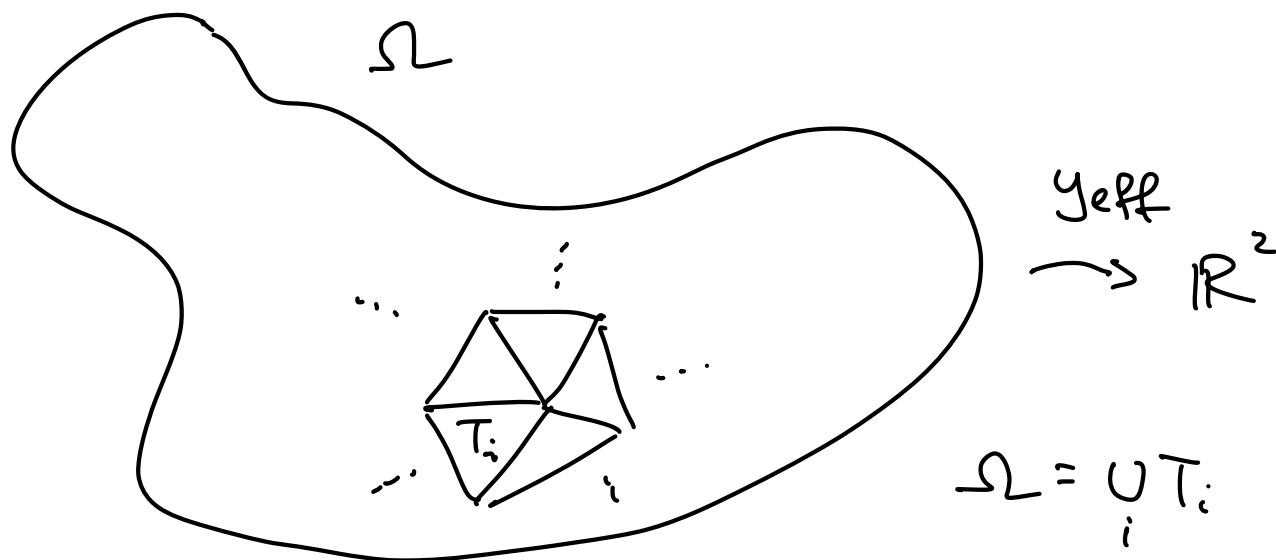
Pf. quantify the previous arg. to show that at any period, $E \approx 0 \Rightarrow F \approx \text{conformal}$. Check that

this doesn't degenerate as period $\rightarrow \infty$.

See Li + Kohn arXiv '25.

□

Picture of the proof of the cell formula:



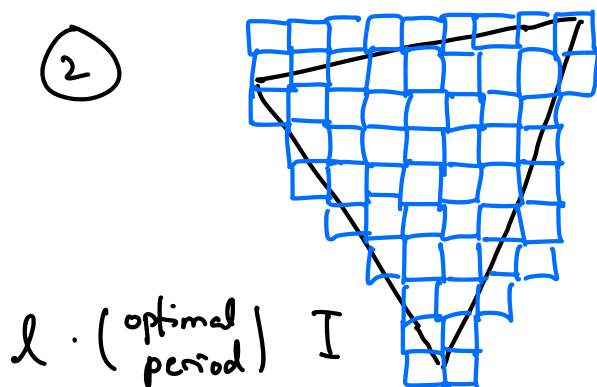
①

y_{eff} is piecewise linear map

$$x \mapsto F_i x + c_i \quad \text{on triangle } T_i$$

like in FEM

②



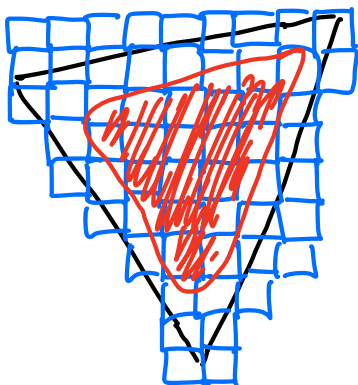
$$T_i \subset \bigcup_j Q_j$$

cover T_i with (nearly) optimal squares Q_j w.r.t. cell problem for F_i

$$\text{in } Q_j, \quad x \mapsto F_i x + c_i + \underbrace{l \varphi_i\left(\frac{x}{l}\right)}_{\text{optimal}}$$

$$E \text{ in } Q_j = W(F_i) A(Q_j)$$

- ③ cut off ansatz_3 to match a fine b.c.
at ∂T_i



keep φ_i in red portion
truncate smoothly to 0
in b.d. nearby ∂T_i

this produces an ansatz_3 y on T_i
with

$$E(y) \text{ in } T_i \approx W(F_i) A(T_i)$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_i} \quad y(x) = F_i x + c_i \quad \text{at } \partial T_i$$

$\therefore$ y is defined on Ω .

($\partial T_i \neq \partial T_j$ match if $i=j$)

- ④ add up to get

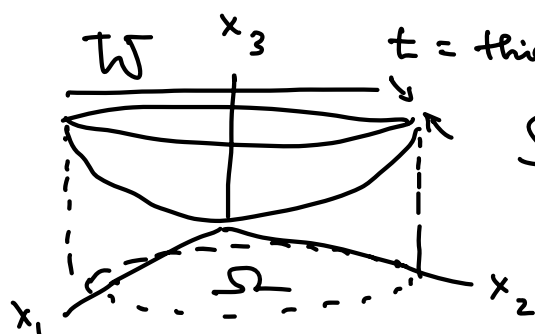
$$\begin{aligned} E(y) &= \sum_i E(y) \text{ in } T_i \\ &\approx \sum_i W(F_i) A(T_i) \\ &\approx \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla y_{\text{eff}}) dA. \end{aligned}$$

□

Can another ansatz do better? Not in the limit $l \rightarrow 0$. This requires a different proof, based on lower bounds rather than constructions. For full details see Li+Kohn J. Elasticity '25.

Part 2. Wrinkled Shells.

Press a thin elastic shell flat. What happens?
"curved surface" It wrinkles!



$$S = \{ (x_1, x_2, p(x_1, x_2)) : (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega \}$$

= reference shell

$$h = \frac{t}{W} \ll 1 \quad (\sim 10^{-4} \text{ to } 10^{-6})$$

Experiments on ultrathin ($\sim 10^2 \text{ nm}$) polymer shells use water to do the confinement.

$$E = E_{\text{elastic}} + E_{\text{substrate}} \rightarrow \min$$

deformation $y : \underset{\Omega}{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$(x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1 + u_1(x_1, x_2), x_2 + u_2(x_1, x_2), w(x_1, x_2))$$

$u = (u_1, u_2)$ = in-plane displacement

w = out-of-plane height ($w-p$ = displ.)

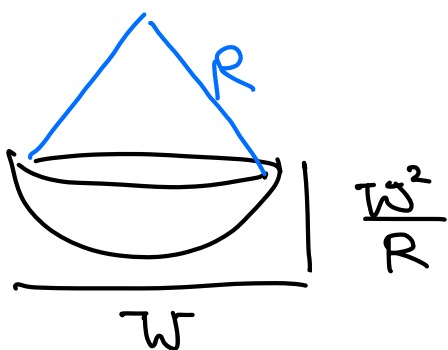
$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \frac{1}{2} (\nabla y^T \nabla y - g_S) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cancel{I} + e(u) + \nabla u^T \nabla u + \frac{1}{2} \nabla w \otimes \nabla w \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\cancel{I} + \nabla p \otimes \nabla p) \right] \end{aligned} \quad e_{ij}(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

exercise: show the metric of S is

$$g_S = I + \nabla p \otimes \nabla p$$

i.e., $(g_S)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \partial_i p \partial_j p \quad i, j \in \{1, 2\}$

The shell is shallow if $g_S \approx I$, i.e.,



e.g. $p(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}$

$$\nabla p = \frac{(x_1, x_2)}{R}$$

so $|\nabla p| \sim \frac{W}{R} \ll 1$ shallow

a.k.a. "small slopes"

FvK approx.:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= e(u) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla w \otimes \nabla w + \underbrace{\cancel{O(|\nabla u|^2)}}_{\text{ignore!}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \nabla p \otimes \nabla p \\ &:= \varepsilon_{vK} \end{aligned}$$

Why? expect

$$|\nabla u| \sim |\nabla w|^2 \sim |\nabla p|^2 \sim \left(\frac{W}{R}\right)^2 \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\nabla u|^2 \sim \left(\frac{W}{R}\right)^4 \lll 1 \text{ so drop it.}$$

$$E_{\text{elas}} = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\frac{Y}{2} |\varepsilon_{\text{rk}}|^2}_{\text{stretching}} + \underbrace{\frac{B}{2} |\nabla \nabla w - \nabla \nabla p|^2}_{\text{bending}} dx$$

ASSUME: isotropic elasticity (def. of 1.1)

$$E_{\text{sub}} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{K}{2} w^2 dx$$

Problem. Expts. show the shell wrinkles.

Spherical cap

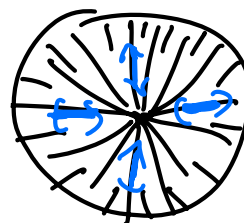
$$K_G > 0$$



random wrinkles

Saddle disk

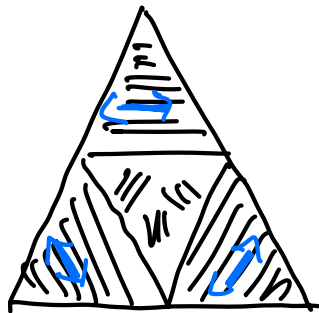
$$K_G < 0$$



ordered wrinkles, $\hat{e}_r \otimes \hat{e}_r$

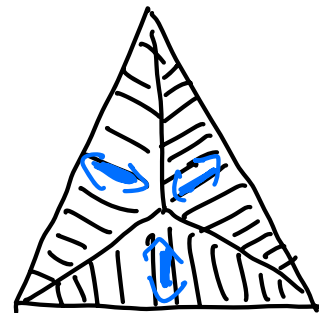
Some more examples (see Tobasco et al
Nat Phys '22
for many more + sims)

$$K_6 > 0$$

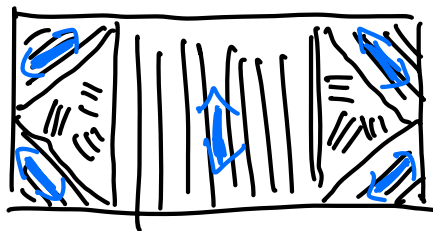


$\Omega = \text{triangle}$

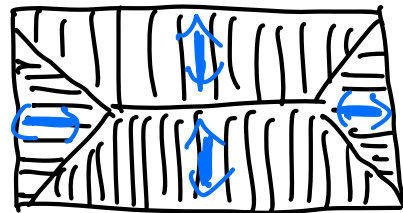
$$K_6 < 0$$



$\hat{T} \otimes \hat{T}$



$\Omega = \text{rectangle}$



What's going on here?

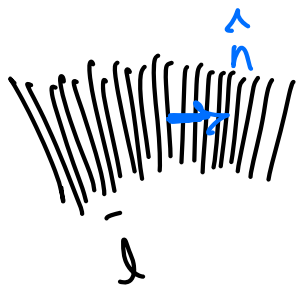
IDEA view highly wrinkled shells as "metamaterials"
(i.e., use concept of homogenization)

Goal. derive $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}, \sigma_{\text{eff}}$ w/ a mechanical theory to predict the wrinkle patterns.

Step 1. What is ϵ_{eff} ?

$$\Sigma_{VK} = e(u) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla w \otimes \nabla w - \frac{1}{2} \nabla p \otimes \nabla p \approx 0$$

e.g., $w = a(x) l \sin\left(\frac{x \cdot \hat{n}(x)}{l}\right)$



a & $\hat{n}$ are slowly varying w.r.t. l

$$\nabla w = a \cos\left(\frac{x \cdot \hat{n}}{l}\right) \hat{n} + O(l)$$

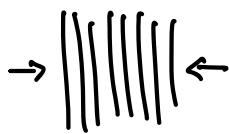
$$\nabla w \otimes \nabla w = a^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{x \cdot \hat{n}}{l}\right) \hat{n} \otimes \hat{n} + O(l)$$

Key. How to choose u ?

$$u = u_{eff}(x) + u_{wr}\left(x, \frac{x}{l}\right)$$

Need to select u_{wr} , a , $\hat{n}$ to solve $\Sigma_{VK} \approx 0$, i.e.,

$$\underbrace{e(u_{wr}) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla w \otimes \nabla w}_{\text{oscillatory}} + \underbrace{e(u_{eff}) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla p \otimes \nabla p}_{\text{slowly varying}} \approx 0$$



compression drives wrinkling

It is possible $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_{eff} = e(u_{eff}) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla p \otimes \nabla p \leq 0}$$

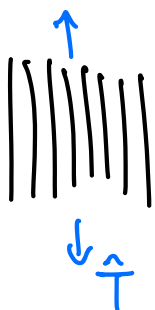
Infinitesimally wrinkled shells cannot extend lengths.

(Nonlinearly, $g_{eff} \leq g_S$.)

Step 2 . What is σ_{eff} ?

What's preventing ϵ_{eff} from being > 0 ?

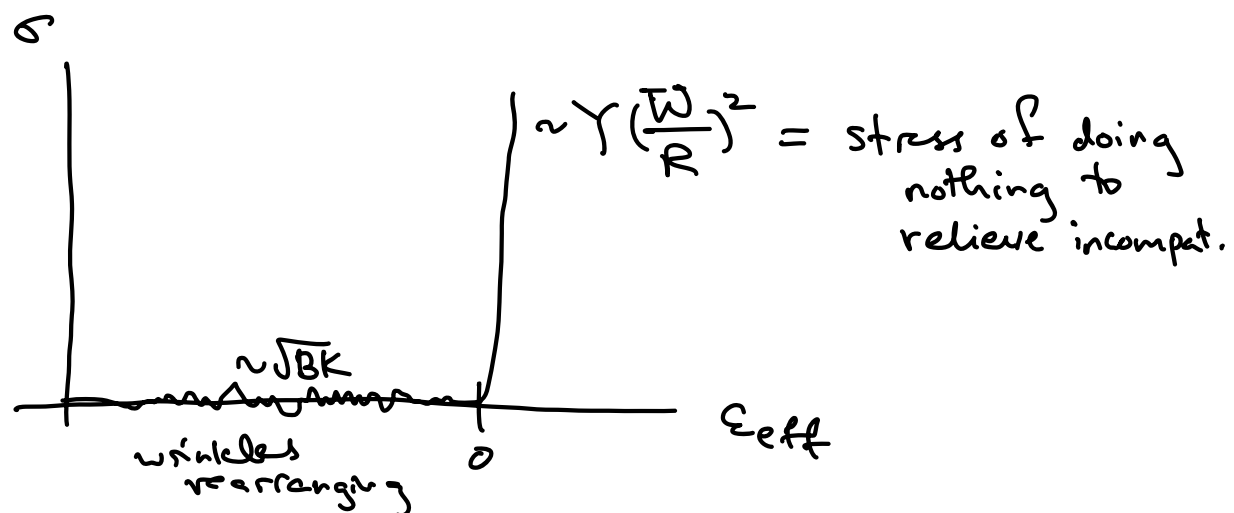
 A. $\sigma \sim \sqrt{BK}$ in these wrinkle patterns, so there is a small amount of stress.



[see B. Davidovitch, Y. Sun, & G. Gazon PNAS '19]

Stretching more $\parallel \hat{T}$ would give

$$E \sim E_{stretch} \gg E_{wrinkling}$$



It makes sense to introduce a Lagrange multiplier σ_L to enforce the constraint of no stretching, i.e., no effective extension in the limit.



Tensorially $\perp$

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma_L = 0, \quad \sigma_L \geq 0, \quad \langle \sigma_L, \epsilon_{eff} \rangle = 0$$

E.g., $\sigma_L = \lambda \hat{T} \otimes \hat{T}, \quad \lambda \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (\epsilon_{eff})_{\hat{T}\hat{T}} = 0$$

if $\lambda > 0$ then $(\epsilon_{eff})_{\hat{T}\hat{T}} = 0$
i.e., wrinkles are $\perp$ to $\hat{T}$.

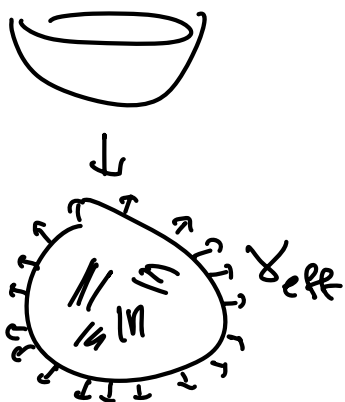
Aha! It's a way of solving for the wrinkle dir'n.

Bonus: $\sigma_L = 0$ permits any $\epsilon_{eff} \leq 0$,
so can have disordered patterns

Step 3. What b.c. to use?

It's not obvious, since the model (min E) has no tension at ∂S . But, there turns out to be an "effective" surface tension $\gamma_{\text{eff}} = 2\sqrt{BK}$!

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_L \hat{n} = \hat{n} \quad \text{at } \partial\Omega.$$



σ_L models dir'n $\perp$ wrinkling
so it is dimensionless

This derives from a homogenized formula for the energy of the wrinkles ($E_{\text{bend}} + E_{\text{sub}}$):

$$E_{\text{wrinkles}} = 2\sqrt{BK} \Delta A(u_{\text{eff}}) + \text{h.o.t.}$$

$$\text{w/ } \Delta A(u_{\text{eff}}) = A(S) - A(S_{\text{eff}})$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\delta \Delta A}{\delta u_{\text{eff}}} = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_L \hat{n} = \hat{n} \quad \text{at } \partial\Omega, \quad \text{formally.}$$

Conclusion. We can predict wrinkle dir'n by solving

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \varepsilon_{eff} = e(u_{eff}) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla p \otimes \nabla p \leq 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \sigma_L = 0, \quad \sigma_L \geq 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \langle \sigma_L, \varepsilon_{eff} \rangle = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \sigma_L \hat{n} = \hat{n} & \text{at } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

Amazingly, this can be solved exactly if Ω is simply connected & K_G is of one sign (either $K_G(x) \geq 0 \forall x$ or $\leq 0 \forall x$).

Key. $\sigma_L = \nabla^\perp \nabla^\perp \varphi$ $\varphi =$ convex Airy potential

$$\text{For } K_G \leq 0, \quad \varphi_- = \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 - \frac{1}{2} d_{\partial\Omega}^2(x)$$

↗ distance to $\partial\Omega$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \varphi_- = x - d_{\partial\Omega}(x) \nabla d_{\partial\Omega}(x) = P_{\partial\Omega}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \nabla \varphi_- = \nabla P_{\partial\Omega} = \lambda \hat{T}^\perp \otimes \hat{T}^\perp$$

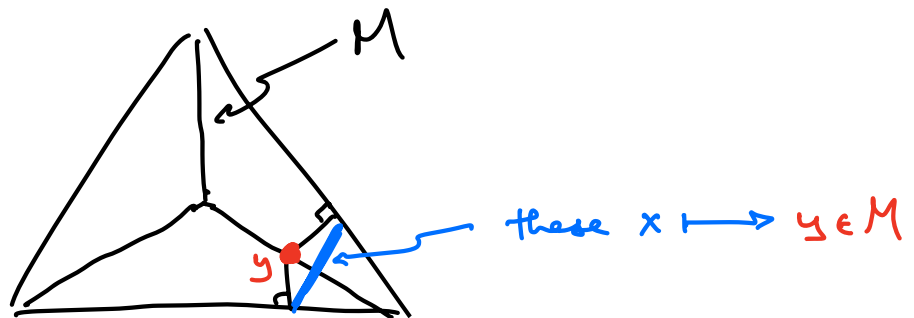
$$\text{where } \hat{T} \cdot \nabla P_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

i.e. $\hat{T} \parallel$ level sets of $P_{\partial\Omega}$
for $K_G \leq 0$.

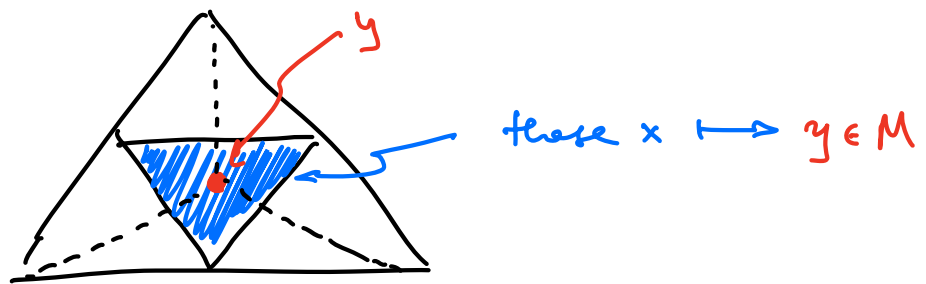


For $K_G \geq 0$, $\varphi_+ \stackrel{!}{=} \varphi_-^* = \text{Legendre transform of } \varphi_-$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \varphi_+ = P_M \quad M = \text{medial axis of } \Omega$$

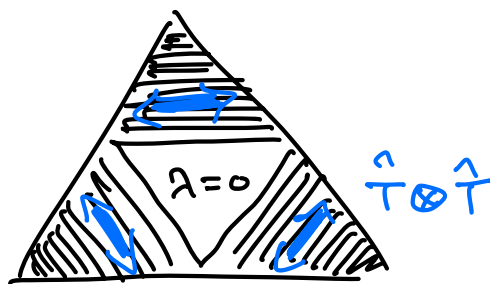


Def'n of P_M



$$\Rightarrow \nabla \nabla \varphi_+ = \nabla P_M = \lambda \hat{\tau}^\perp \otimes \hat{\tau}^\perp$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\tau} \cdot \nabla P_M = 0 \quad \& \quad \lambda = 0 \text{ if } \nabla P_M = 0$$



See Tobasco et al Nat Phys '22 for the proof of these formulas & expts. + sims.