



# Behaviour of a Kirchhoff rod loaded by a pure moment

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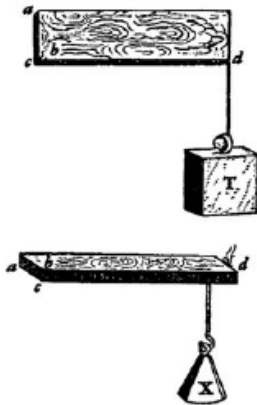
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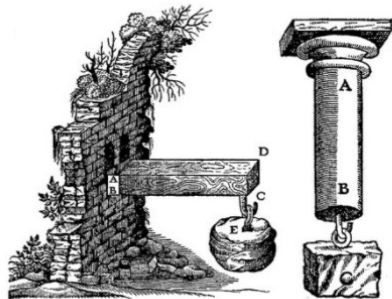
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# Beam: structure element that resists loads



L. Da Vinci 1493



G. Galilei 1638

# Rod/Beam theories

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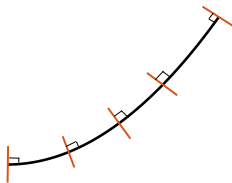
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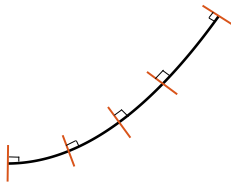
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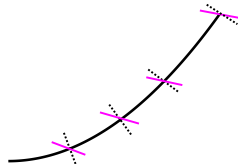
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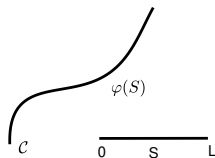
Shear effect  
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S.P. Timoshenko 1921

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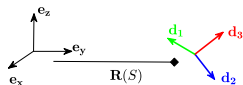
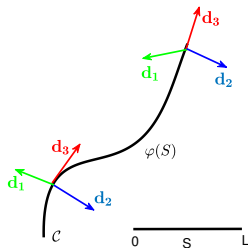
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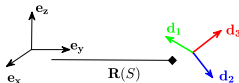
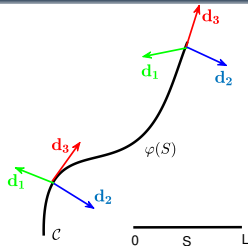




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$$\frac{d\mathbf{d}_i}{dS} = \boldsymbol{\kappa} \times \mathbf{d}_i$$

Generalised curvatures

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \kappa_1 \mathbf{d}_1 + \kappa_2 \mathbf{d}_2 + \kappa_3 \mathbf{d}_3$$

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## Projecting along $\mathbf{d}_i$

$$\frac{dM_1}{dS} + M_3 \kappa_2 - M_2 \kappa_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{dM_2}{dS} + M_1 \kappa_3 - M_3 \kappa_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{dM_3}{dS} + M_2 \kappa_1 - M_1 \kappa_2 = 0$$

# Constitutive laws

St. Venant Kirchhoff energy per unit length

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2} (El_1 \kappa_1^2 + El_2 \kappa_2^2 + Gl_3 \kappa_3^2)$$

Linear constitutive laws

$$M_1 = El_1 \kappa_1 \quad M_2 = El_2 \kappa_2 \quad M_3 = Gl_3 \kappa_3$$

Equilibrium

$$\frac{dM}{dS} = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow$$

$$El_1 \frac{d\kappa_1}{dS} + (Gl_3 - El_2) \kappa_2 \kappa_3 = 0$$

$$El_2 \frac{d\kappa_2}{dS} + (El_1 - Gl_3) \kappa_1 \kappa_3 = 0$$

$$Gl_3 \frac{d\kappa_3}{dS} + E(l_2 - l_1) \kappa_1 \kappa_2 = 0$$



# Dimensionless procedure

## Dimensionless parameters

$$\varrho = \sqrt{\frac{l_1 + l_2}{A}} \quad s = \frac{S}{\varrho} \quad \ell = \frac{L}{\varrho}$$

$$g = \frac{E}{G} \quad e = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$$

with  $l_1 \leq l_2 < l_3, \quad 0 < e \leq 1, \quad 2 \lesssim g \lesssim 3$

## Kinematical variables

$$\varphi_i(s) = \frac{1}{\varrho} \varphi_i(S)$$

$$\kappa_i(s) = \varrho \kappa_i(S)$$

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## Energy per unit length

$$\Psi(s) = \frac{1}{2} \left( r_1 \kappa_1^2 + r_2 \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_3^2 \right)$$

## Curvature formulation

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 \kappa_1'(s) - (r_2 - 1) \kappa_2(s) \kappa_3(s) &= 0 \\ r_2 \kappa_2'(s) + (r_1 - 1) \kappa_1(s) \kappa_3(s) &= 0 \\ \kappa_3'(s) + (r_2 - r_1) \kappa_1(s) \kappa_2(s) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Non linear first order

Similar to Euler's rotation

# Geometrical regimes (material + cross section shapes)

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## Cross section properties

$$r_1 = r_2 \quad i.e. \quad e = 1$$

Symetric cross-section

$$1 < r_1 \quad i.e. \quad e > \frac{1}{g-1}$$

Thick cross-section

$$r_1 < 1 \quad i.e. \quad e < \frac{1}{g-1}$$

Thin cross-section (ribbon-like rod)

# Homogeneous solutions

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### Bending % $d_1$

$$\kappa_1(s) = \kappa_{10}$$

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### Bending % $d_2$

$$\kappa_1(s) = 0$$

$$\kappa_2(s) = \kappa_{20}$$

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### Pure torsion

$$\kappa_1(s) = 0$$

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$$\kappa_3(s) = \kappa_{30}$$

$$e \neq 1 \text{ and } r_1 \neq 1$$

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$$\mu^2 := 2\psi$$

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Solutions  $\longleftrightarrow$  Surfaces intersections

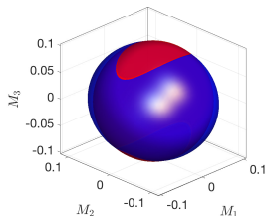
Existence condition

$$\min_{i=1,2} (r_i, 1) \leq \eta := \frac{M}{\mu} \leq \max_{i=1,2} (r_i, 1)$$

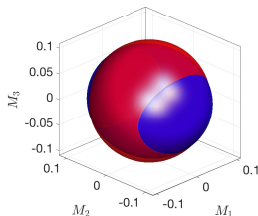
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Thick

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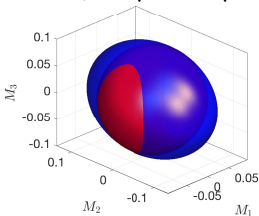


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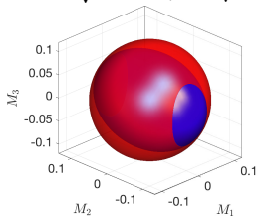


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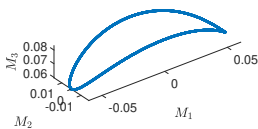
$\bar{\kappa}_i, \lambda, m$  controlled by

Structure  $r_1, r_2$

Load parameters  $\mu, \eta$

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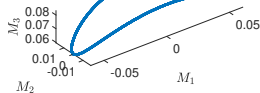
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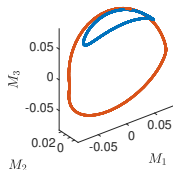
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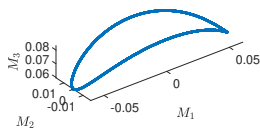
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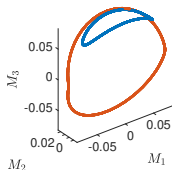
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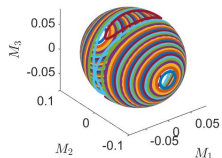
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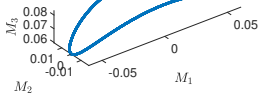
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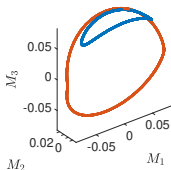
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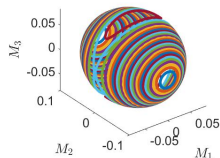
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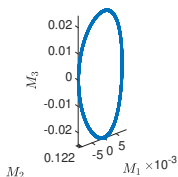


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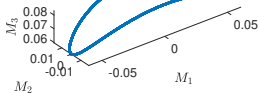
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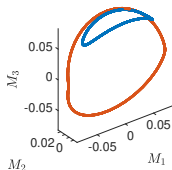
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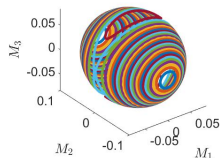
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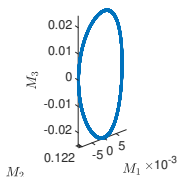


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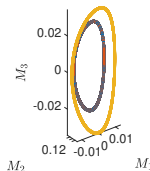


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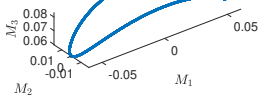


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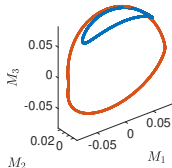


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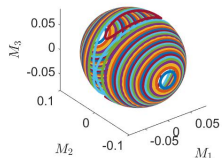
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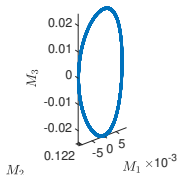


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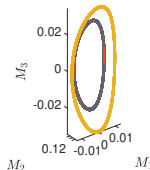


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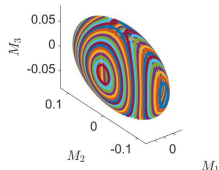
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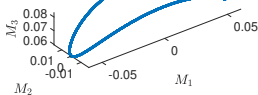
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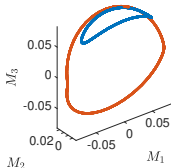
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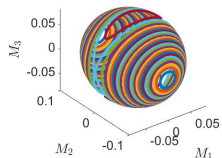
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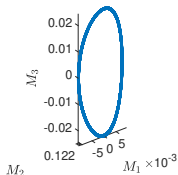


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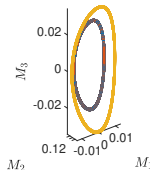


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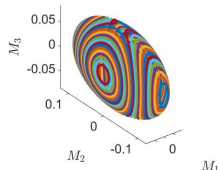
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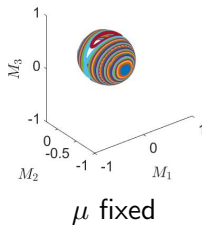


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$\eta$  controls the type of the solutions

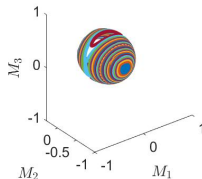
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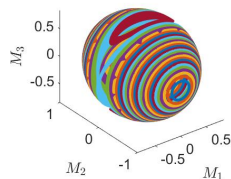


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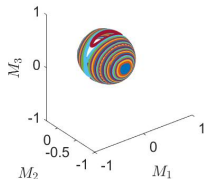
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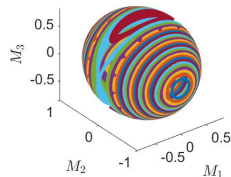
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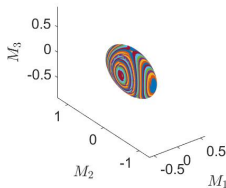


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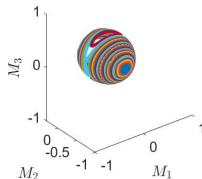
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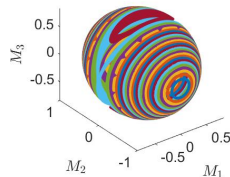
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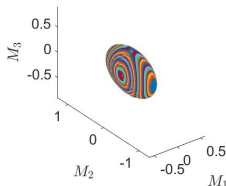


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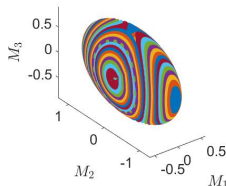


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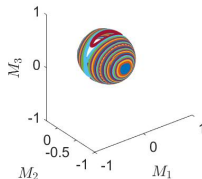
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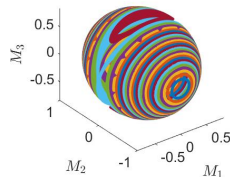
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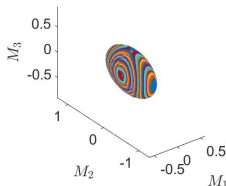


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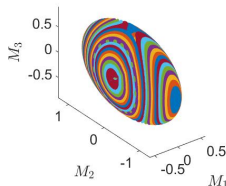


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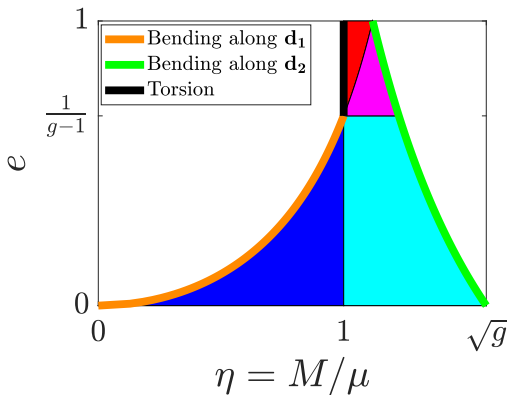
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increasing  $\mu$

$\mu$  scaling parameter: size of the solution

# Homogeneous solutions



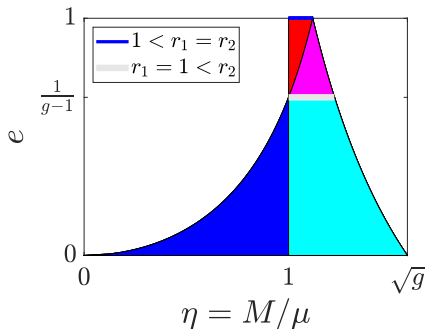
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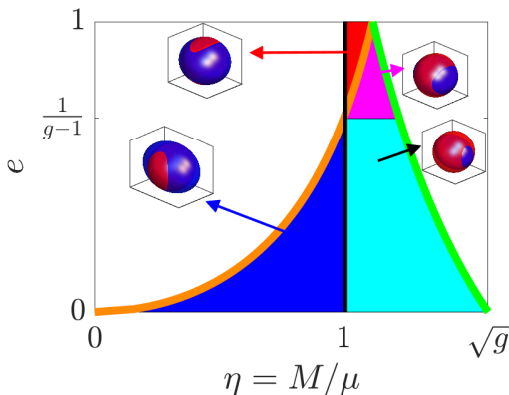


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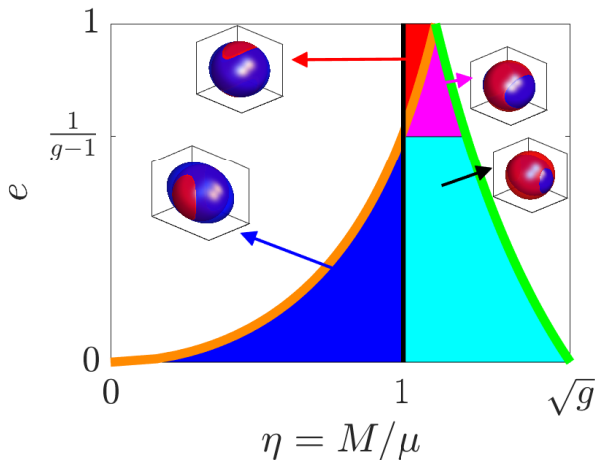
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Further analysis of rod shapes gives a better understanding for the role of  $\eta$  and  $e$

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# $\eta$ analysis: Trivial case

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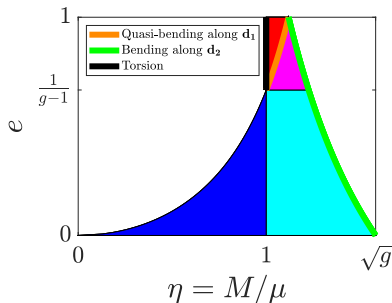
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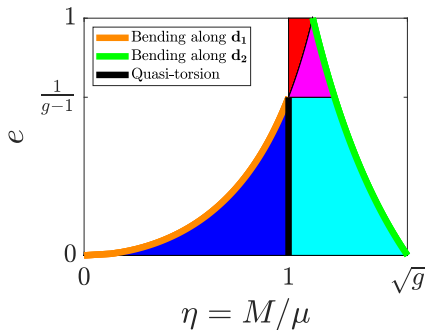
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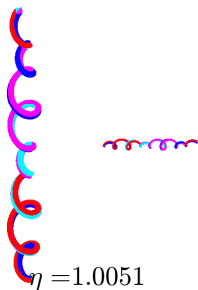
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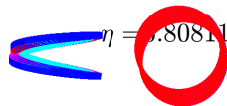
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Bending %  $d_2$

What is the behaviour of the rod by varying  $\eta$  for  $\mu$  fixed???

# $\eta$ analysis: General rod behaviour

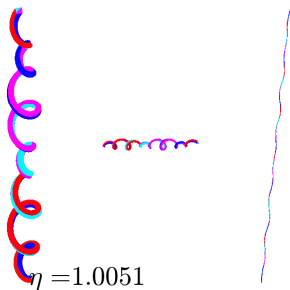


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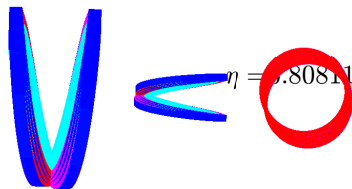


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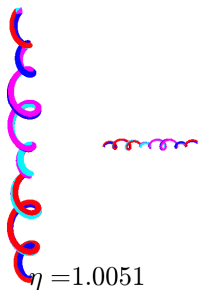
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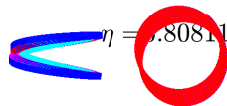
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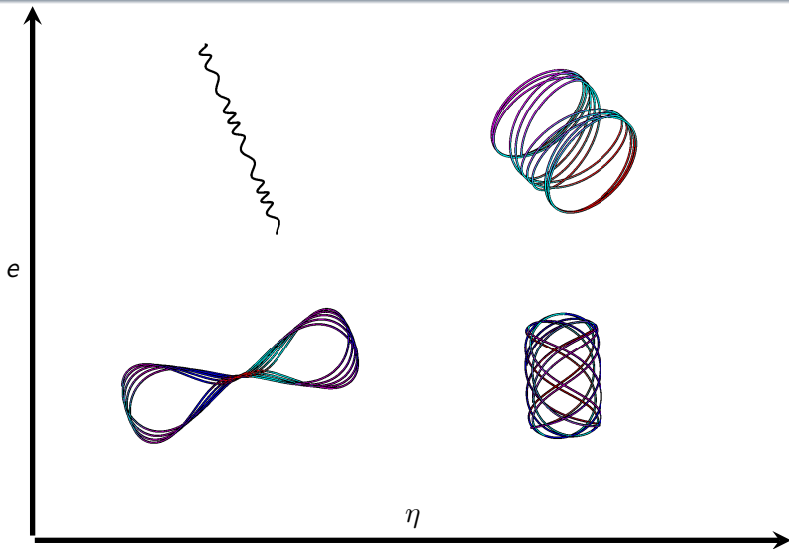
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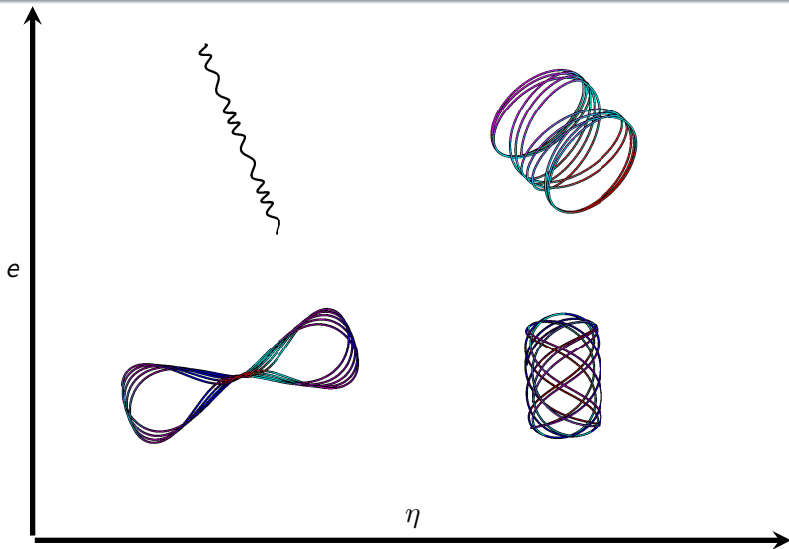
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- $\eta$  dictates shapes of the beam.
- Increasing  $\eta$  switch rod shape from torsion to bending and vice versa in a continuous way.

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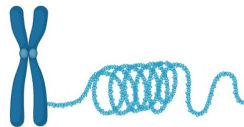
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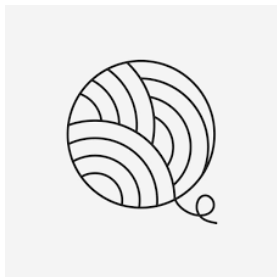
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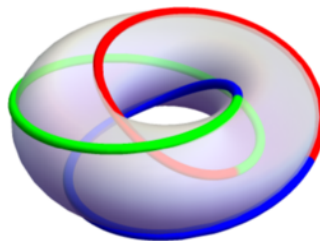
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