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# Prédiction des modes bifurqués périodiques des matériaux architecturés grâce à la théorie des groupes

*Predicting the post-bifurcated patterns of architected materials  
using group-theoretic tools*

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# Introduction

# Lattice materials

- Mesoscopic arrangement



Lattice cell

**Periodic**



*Welbeck St Car Park, London*

**Quasiperiodic**



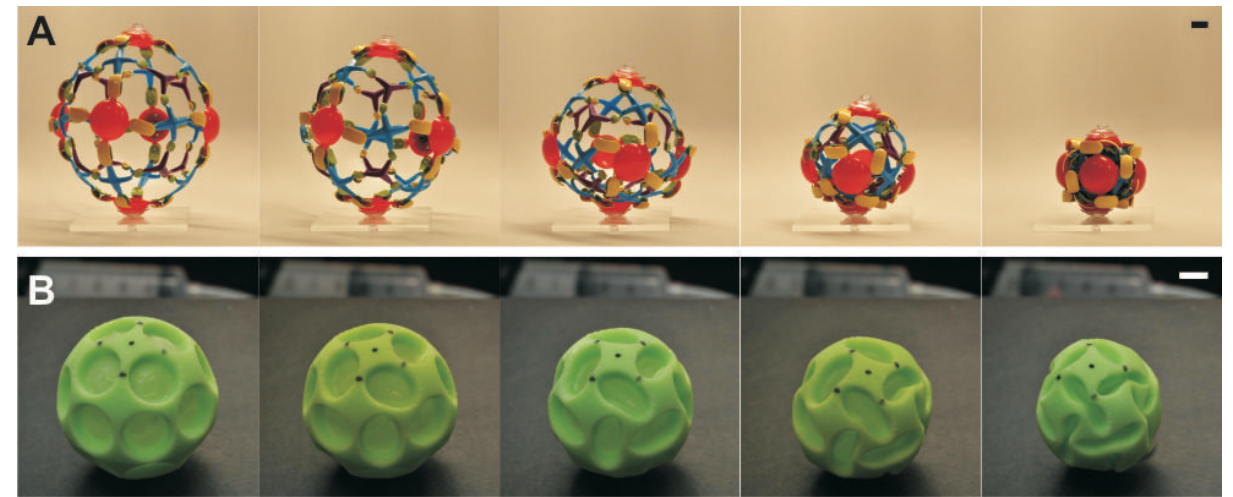
*Transbay Transit Center, San Francisco*

**Aperiodic**



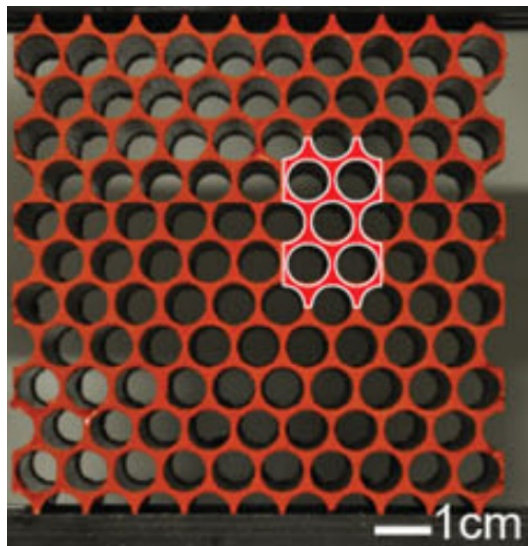
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# Pattern Generation in Architected Materials

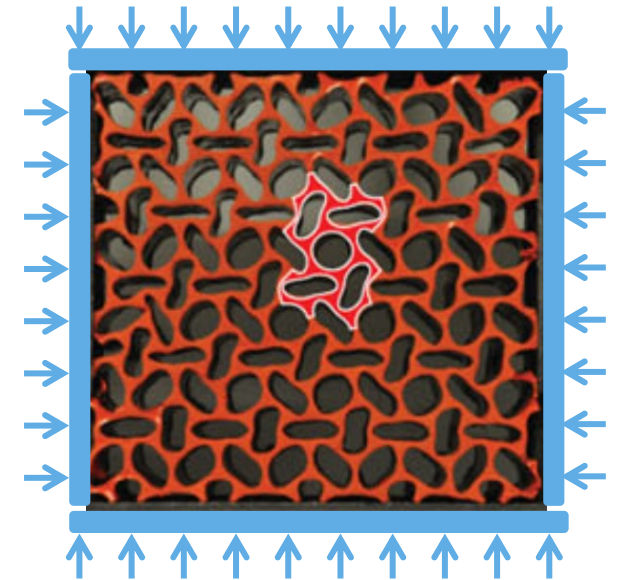
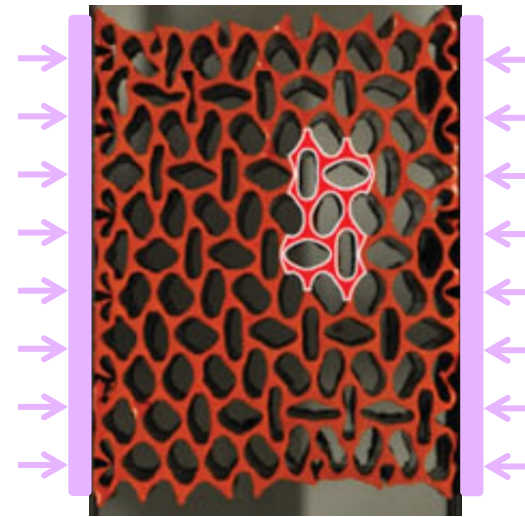
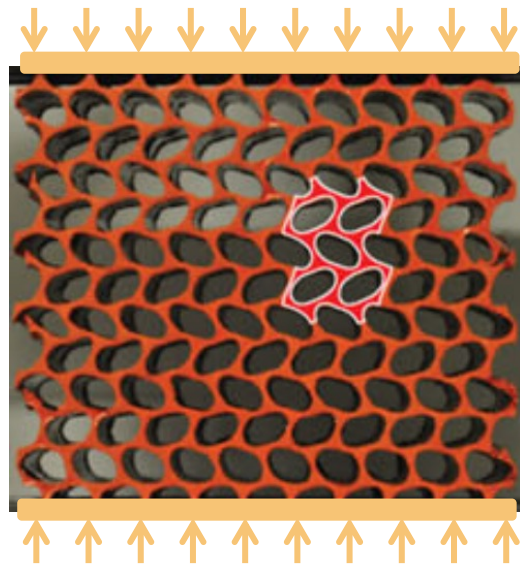


*[Shim 2012] Buckling-induced encapsulation of structured elastic shells under pressure.*

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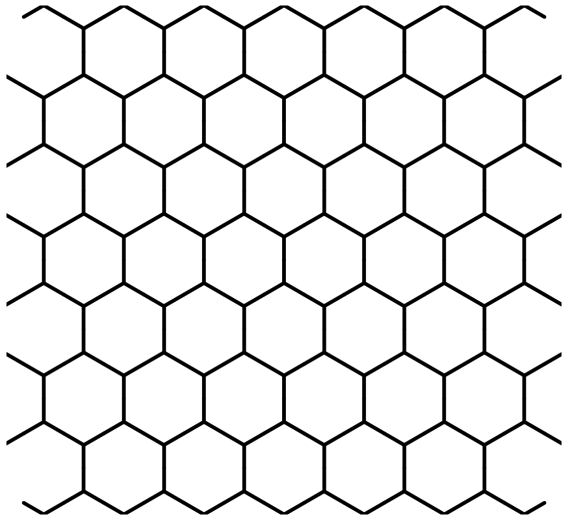


*Undeformed specimen*



*Adapted from [Shan 2014] Harnessing Multiple Folding Mechanisms in Soft Periodic Structures for Tunable Control of Elastic Waves.*

# Pattern Generation: Bifurcations



Architected Material

Architected material's energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} : (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\mathbf{u}, \lambda) &\longmapsto \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{u}, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

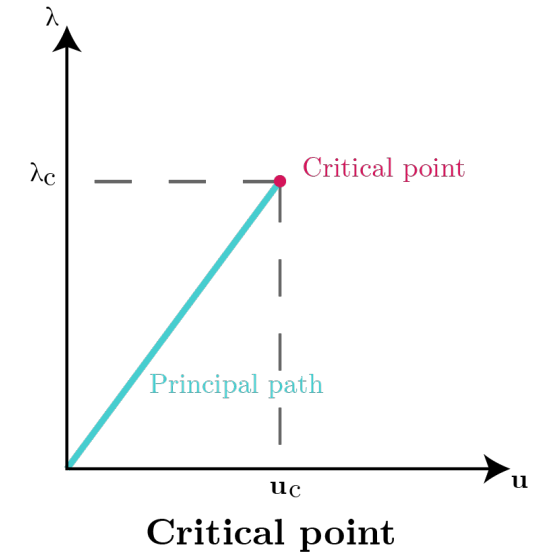
Equilibrium of a finite dof structure:

$$\mathcal{E}_{,\mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

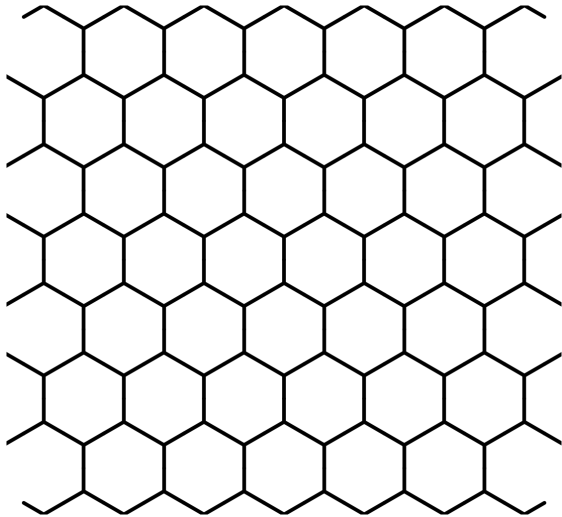
Stability operator:

$$\det(\mathcal{E}_{,\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_c^0, \lambda_c)) = 0 \quad \textit{critical point}$$

↑  
*Tangent  
stiffness  
matrix*



# Pattern Generation: Bifurcations

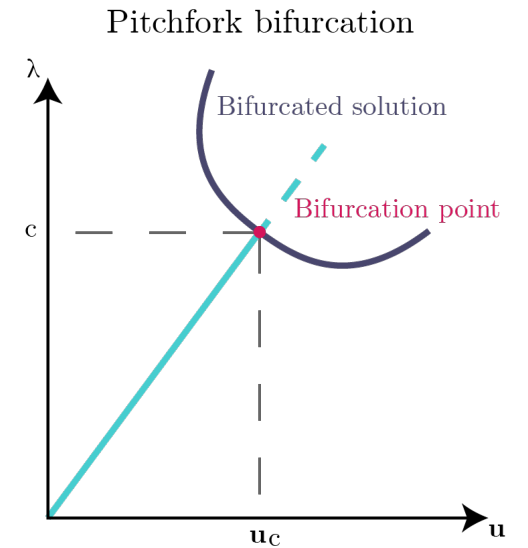


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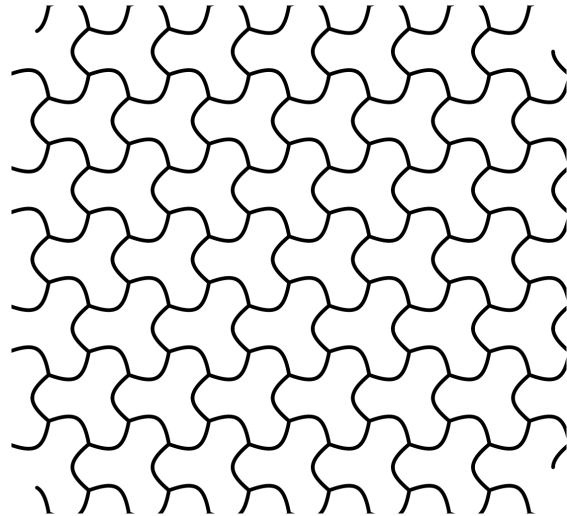
Bifurcation = loss of uniqueness

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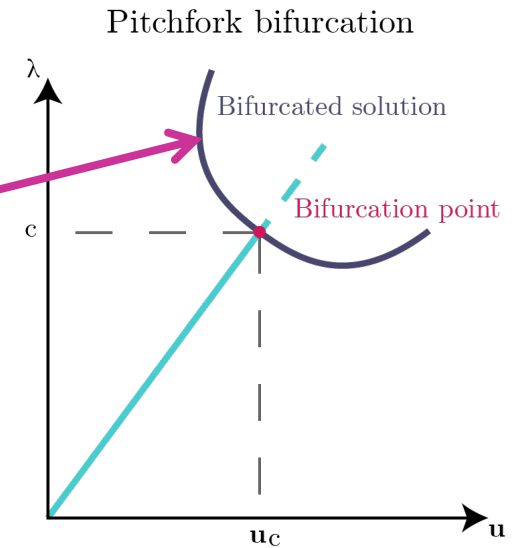
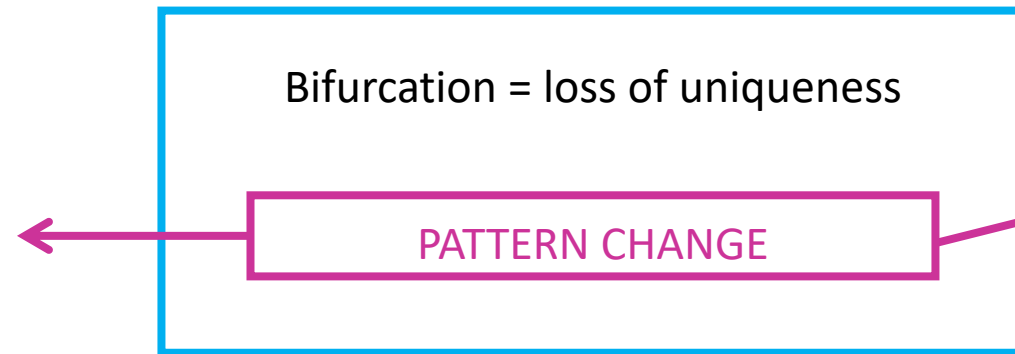
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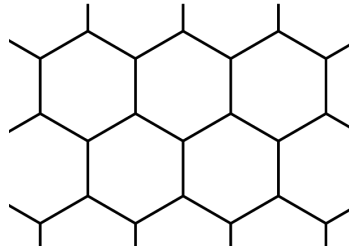


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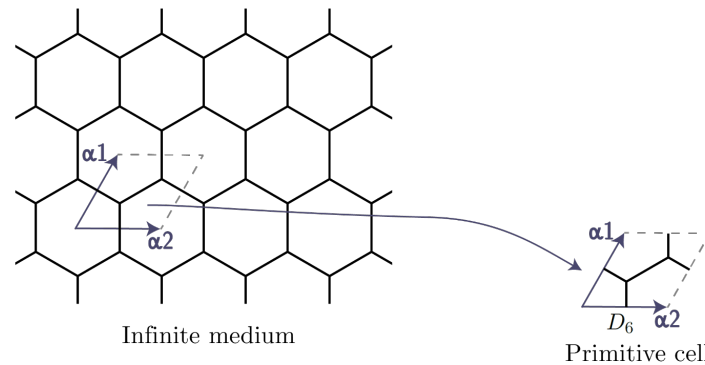
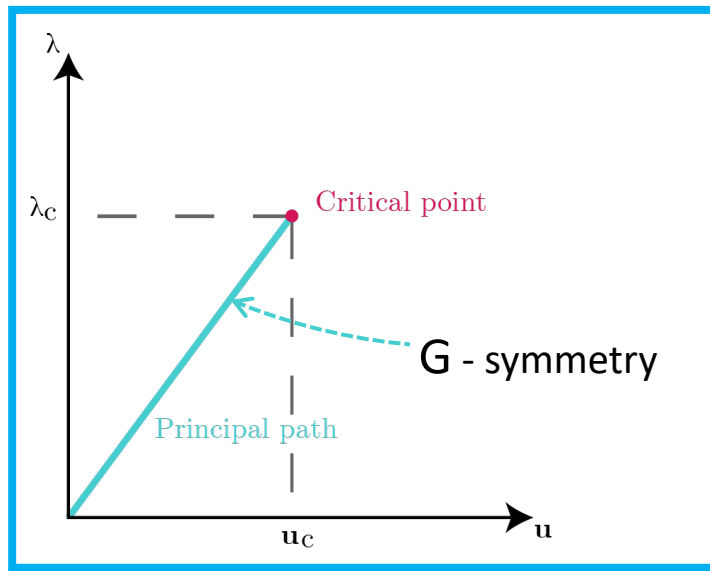


# Pattern Generation: Symmetry



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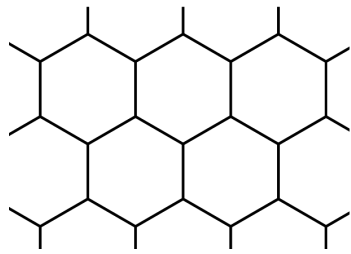
(a) Undeformed hexagonal honeycomb



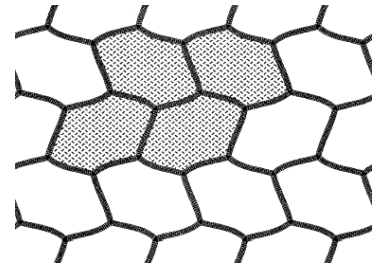
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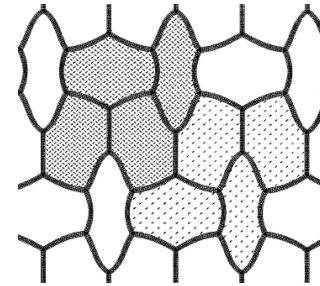
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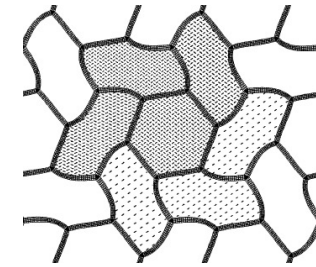
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(b)

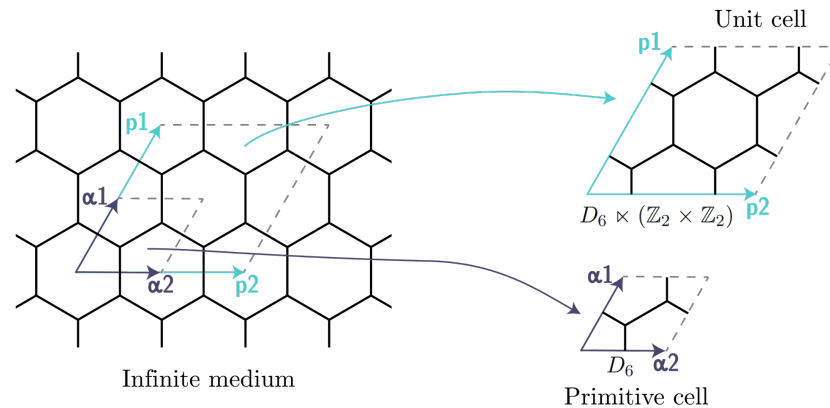
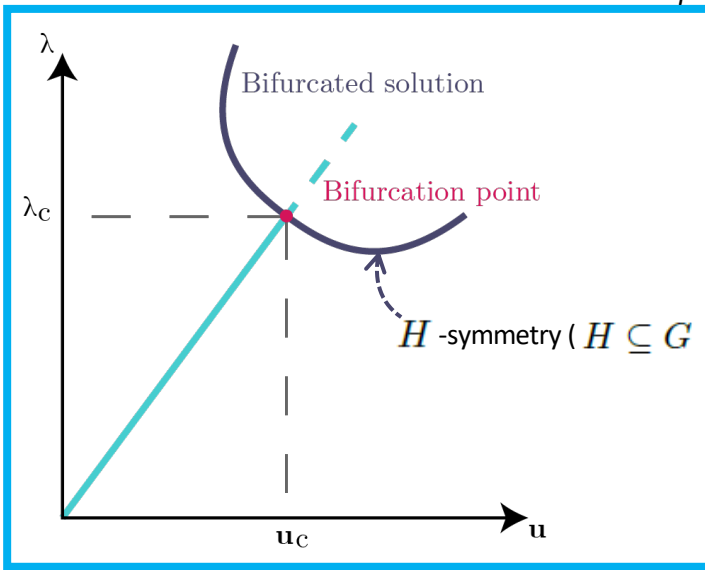


(c)



(d)

(a) Undeformed hexagonal honeycomb, (b-d) Adapted from [Ohno 2002] Identified modes for a hexagonal honeycomb under compression. (b) Mode I - uniaxial compression, (c) Mode II - Biaxial compression, (d) Mode III - Equibiaxial compression.



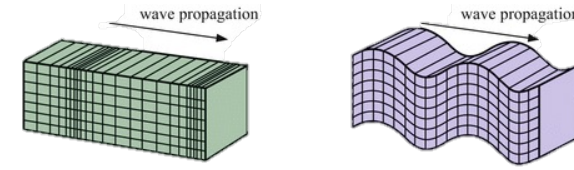
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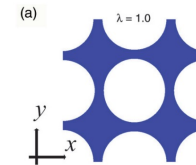
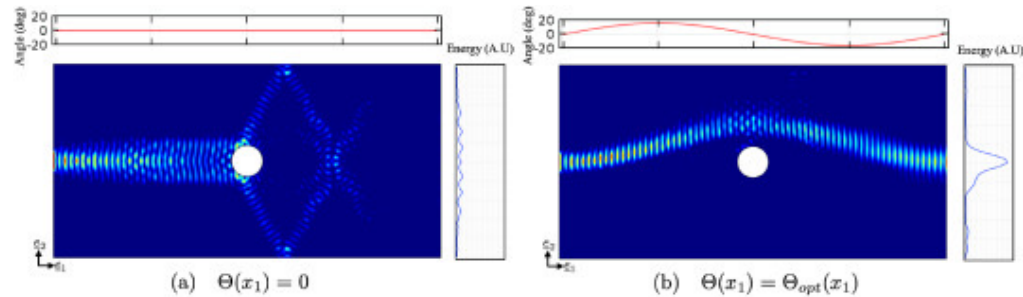
# Objective

# ANR Project: Max-Oasis

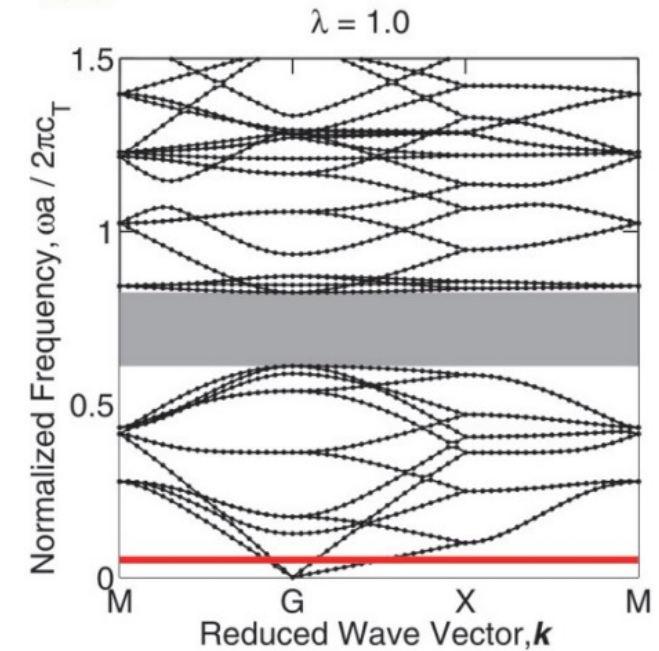
- Interest: Wave propagation properties



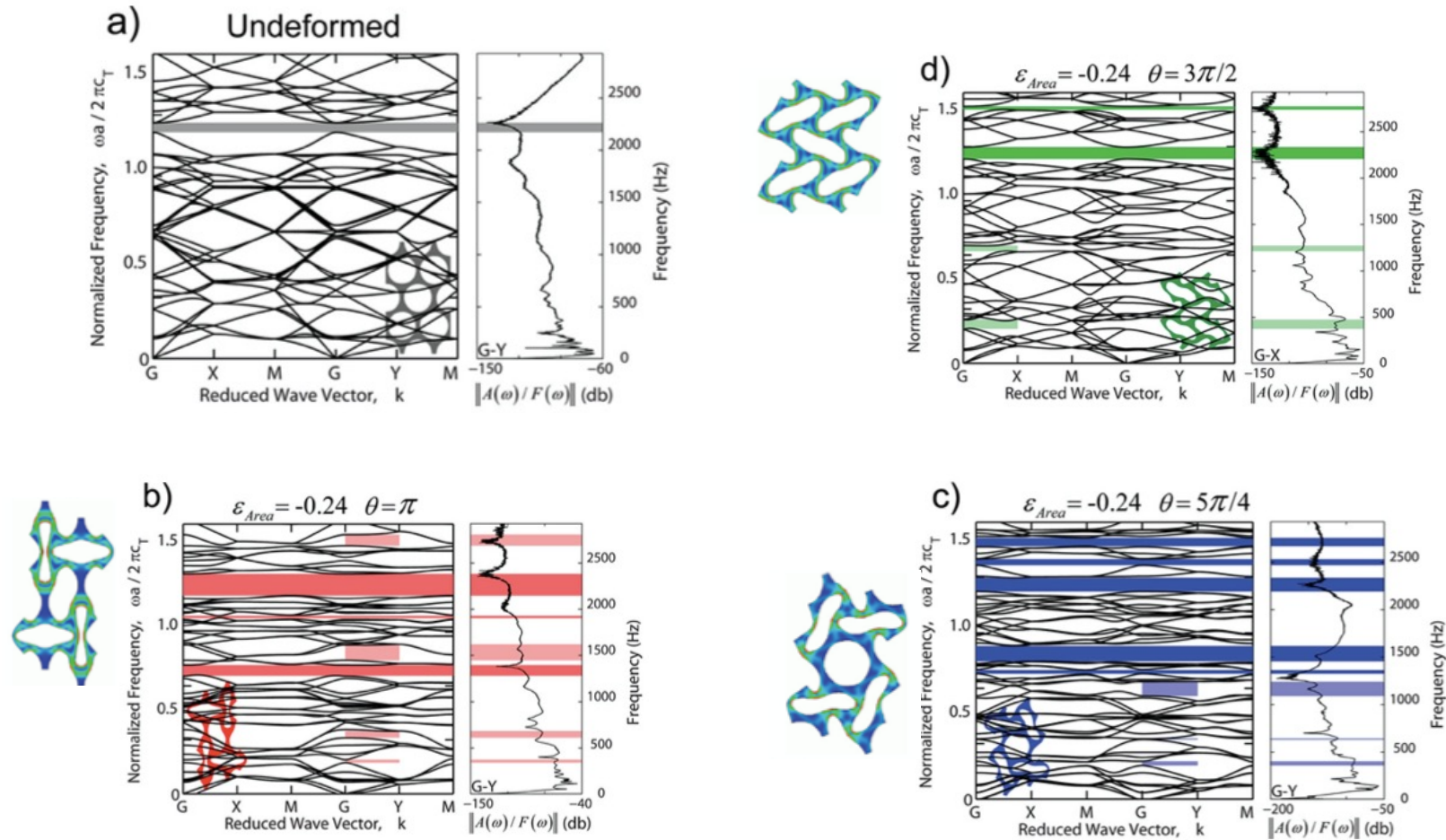
## Directionality



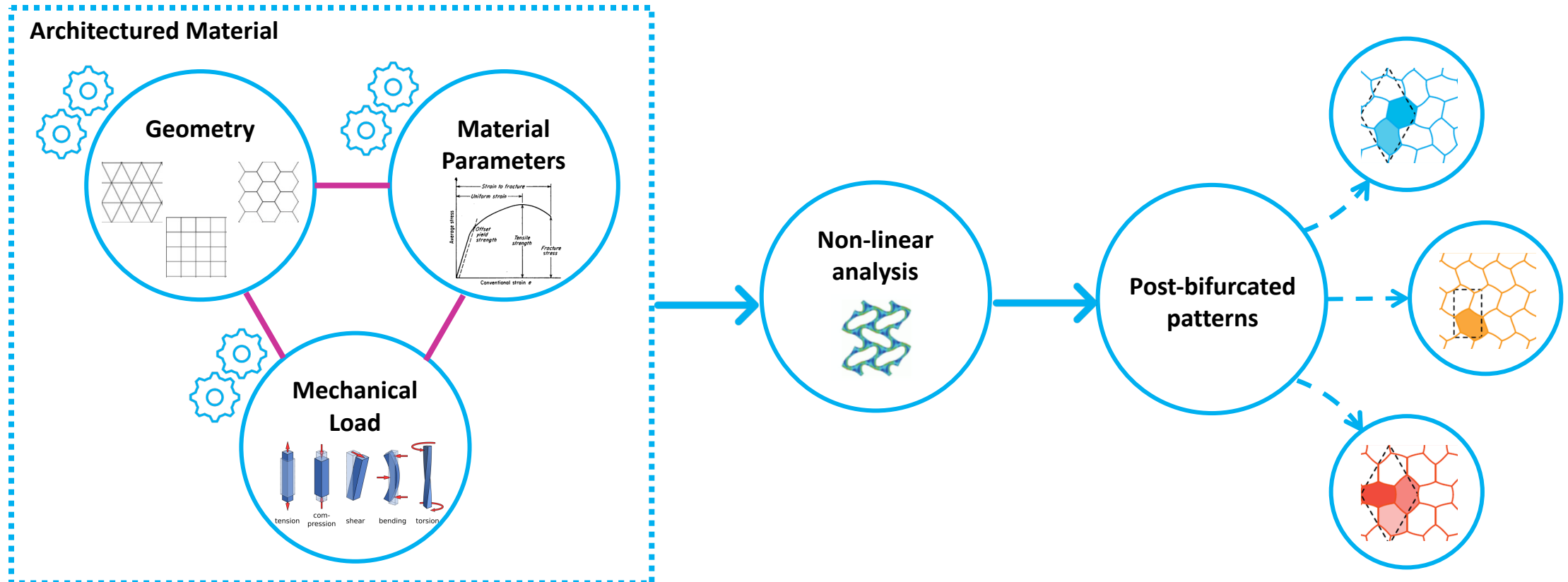
## Filtering

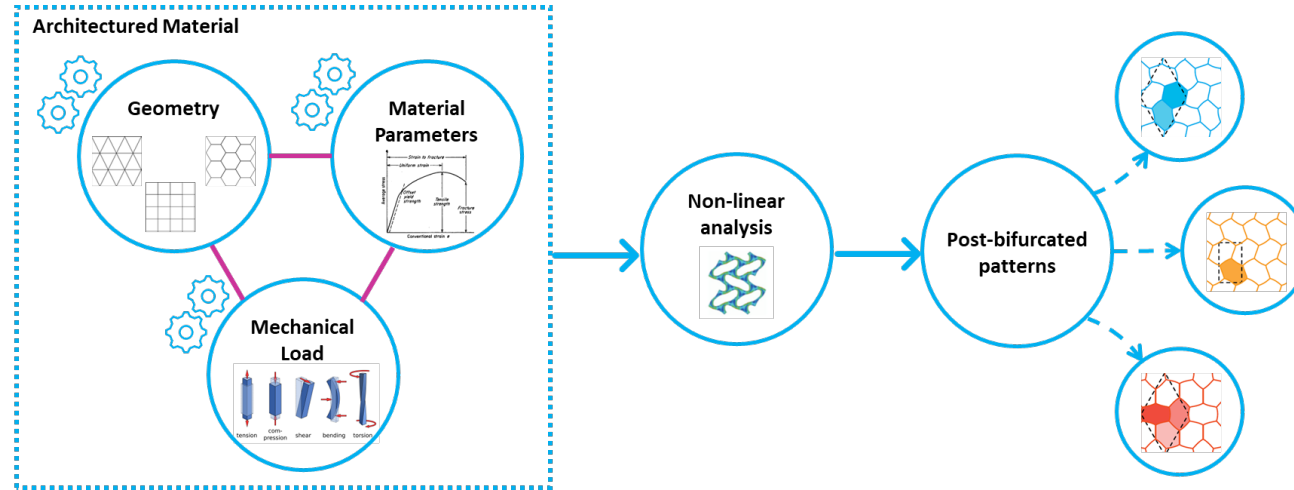


# Patterns: new properties

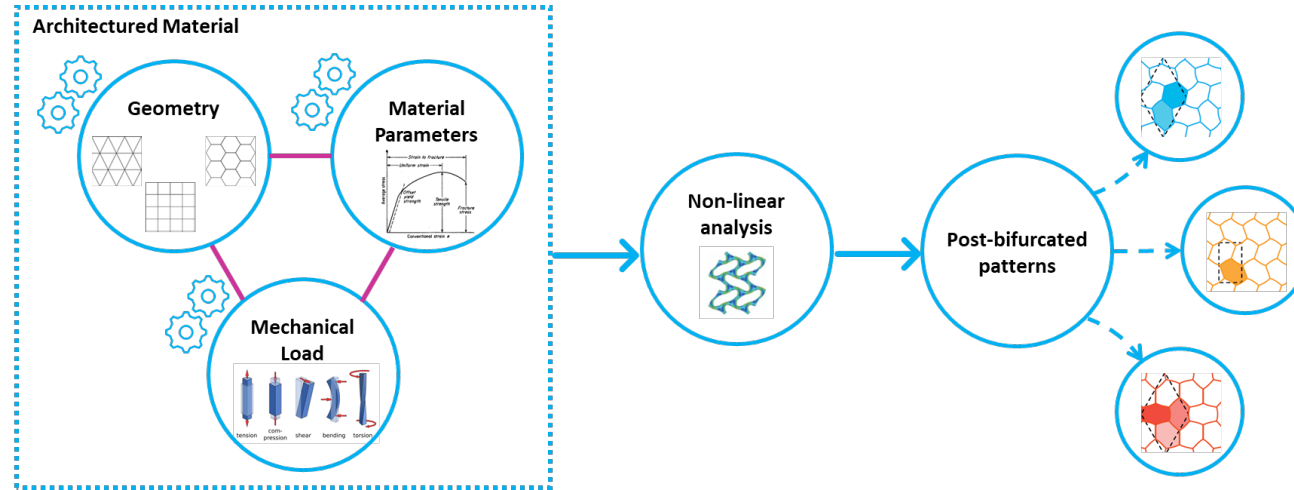


# Existing Design Methodology





- Problems due to symmetry
- Issues for period multiplying bifurcations
- Limited to simple geometries
- May involve trial and error
- Lacks robustness



No tool or systematic approach for designing pattern generating architected materials



# Designing Pattern Generating Materials

Mechanical standpoint : analysis

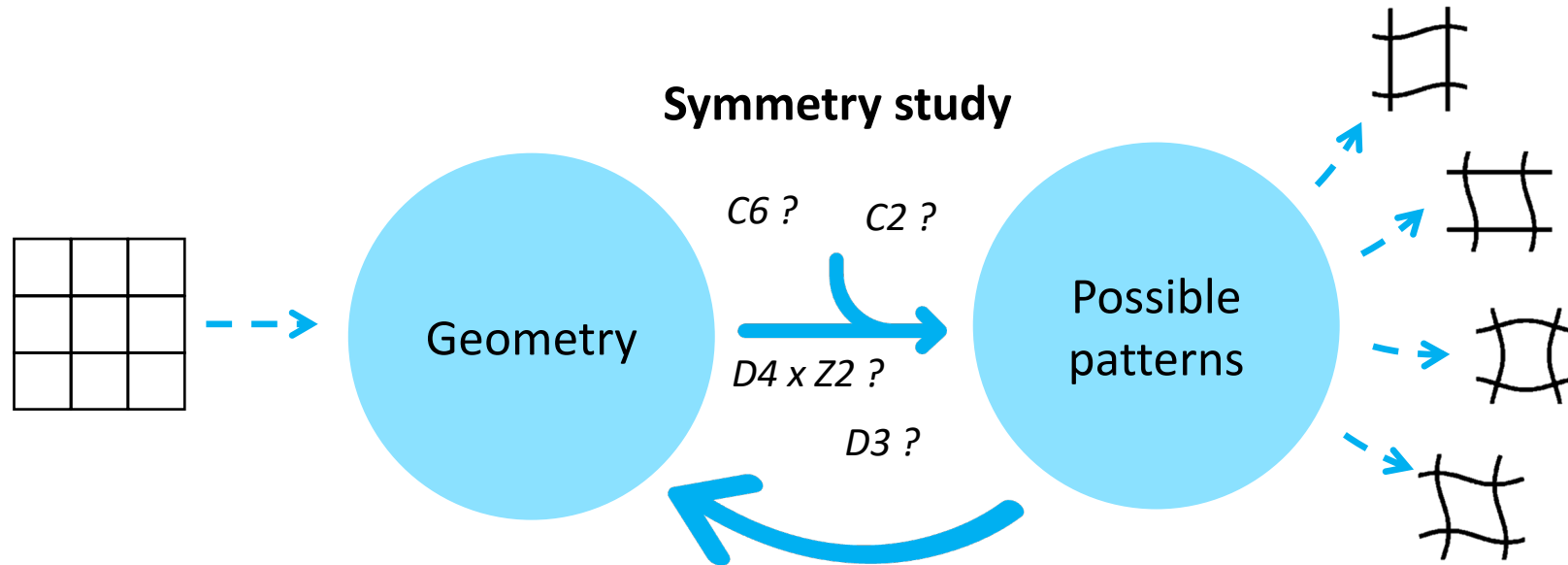
Knowing the system's energy, we find its post-bifurcated behaviour

Mathematical standpoint : design

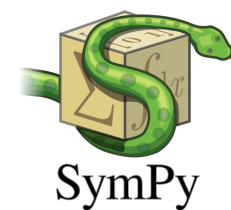
Knowing the system's symmetry, we find all its possible post-bifurcated behaviours

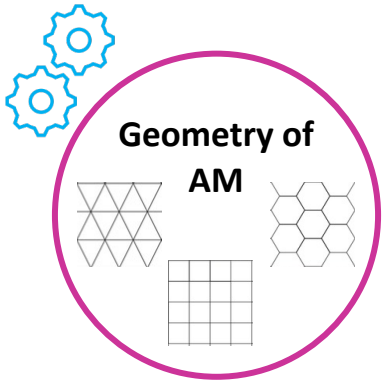
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- Design methodology based on group theory for pattern generating architected materials

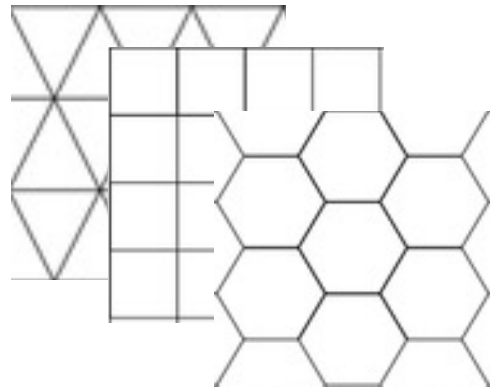


# Method

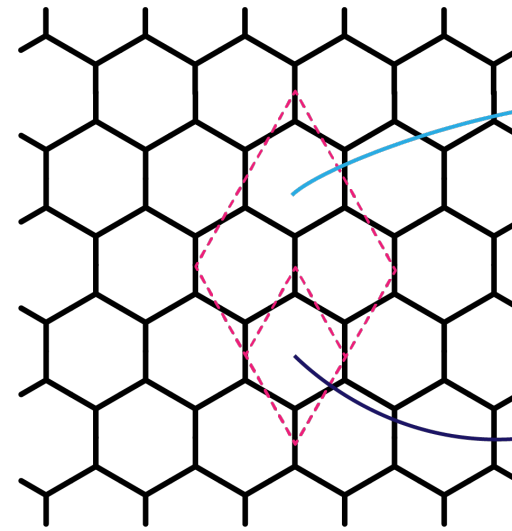




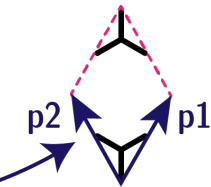
# Geometry



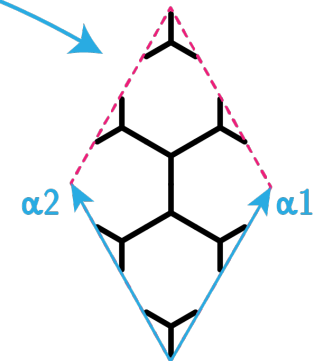
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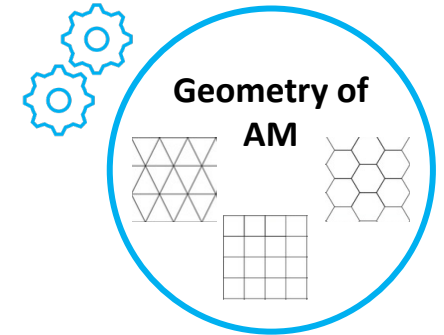
Infinite medium



Primitive cell



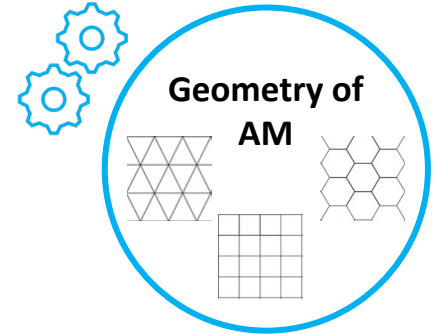
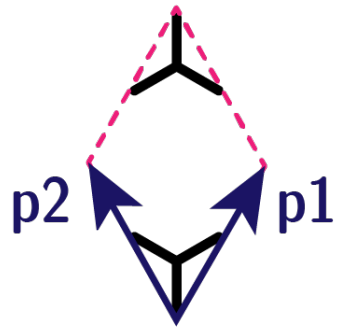
Unit cell



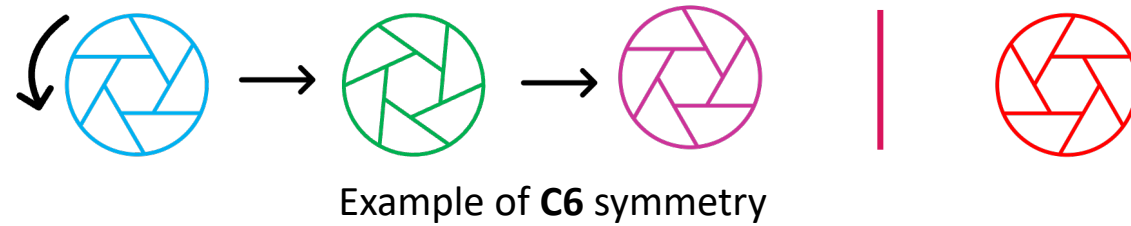
Needs a description

# Geometry

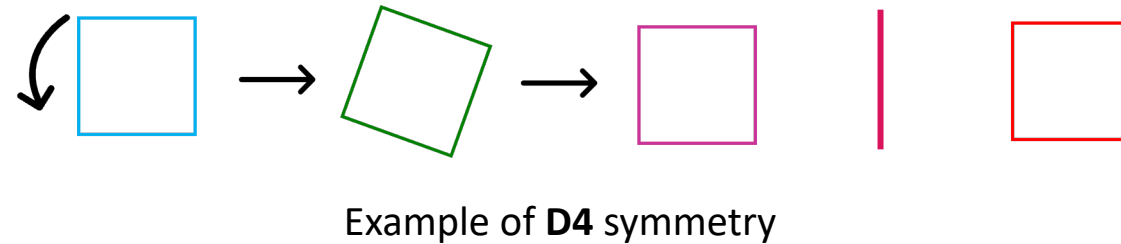
- Primitive cell: point group



Cyclic group  $C_n$ : all rotations about a fixed point by  $2\pi/n$

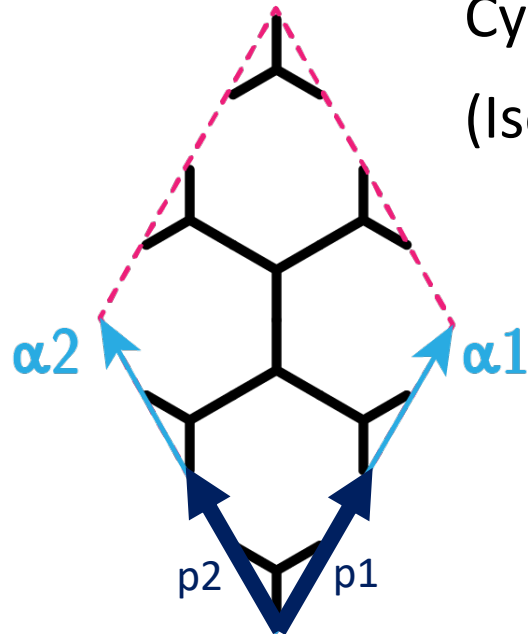


Dihedral group  $D_n$ : rotations of  $C_n$  and axial symmetries

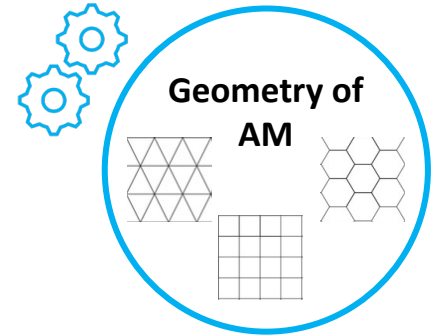
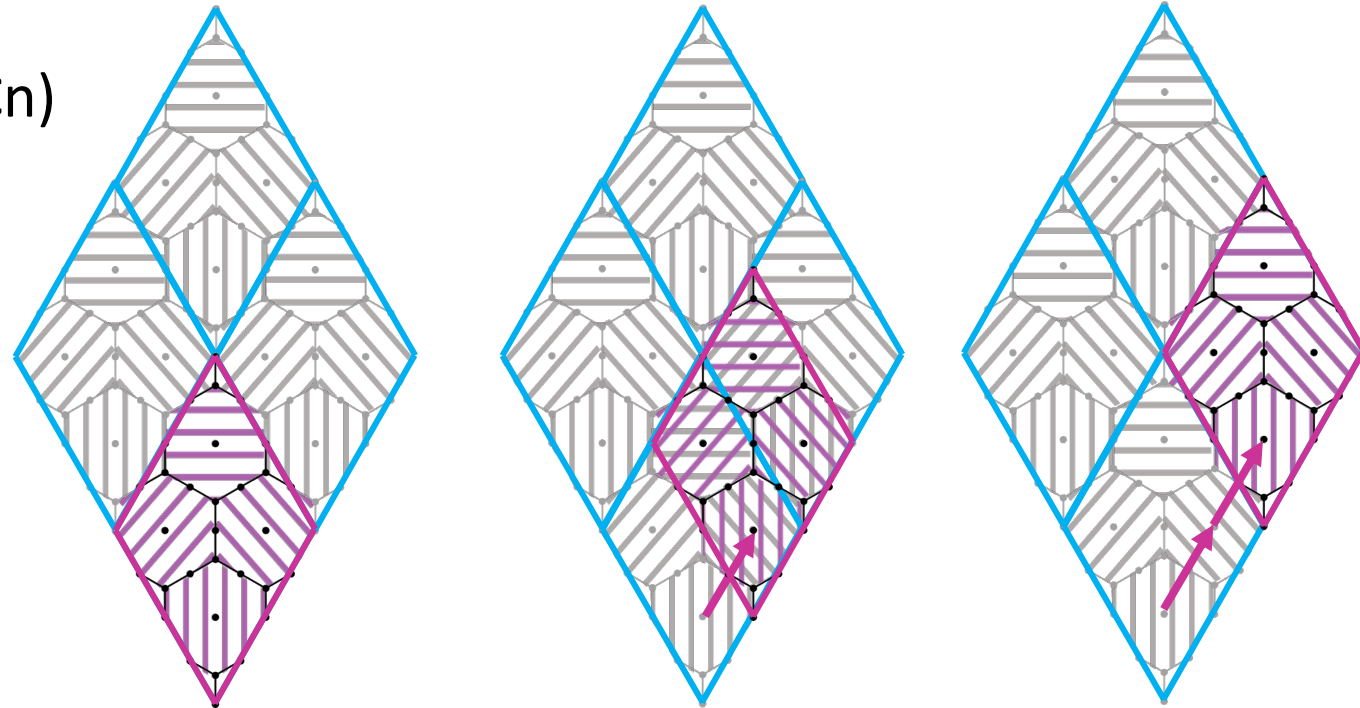


# Geometry

- Unit cell: permutation group (periodicity)



Cyclic group  $Z_n$ :  
(Isomorphic to  $C_n$ )

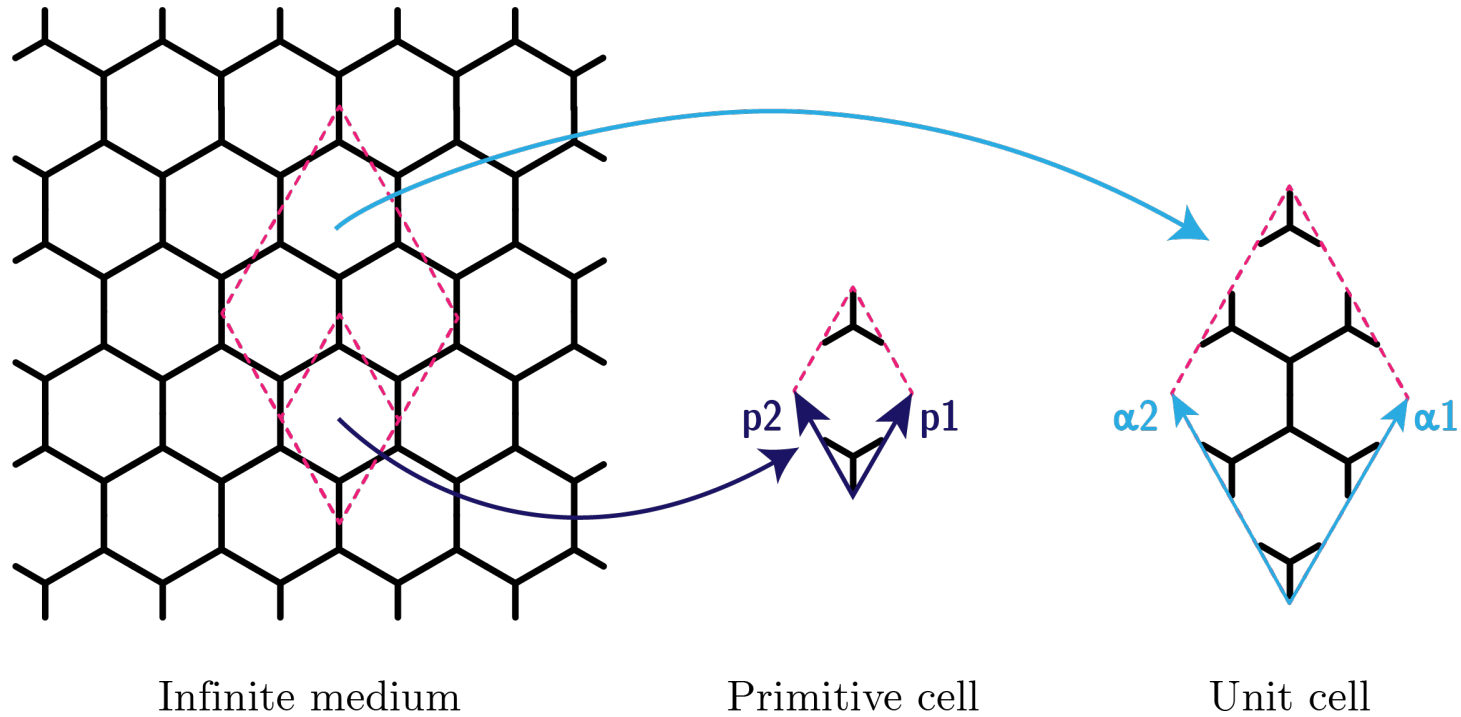
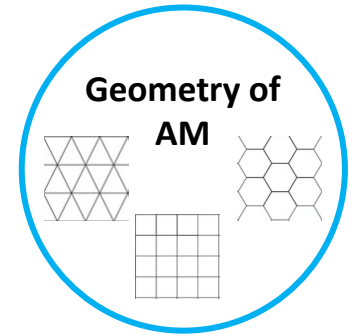


# Geometry

- Honeycomb symmetry group:

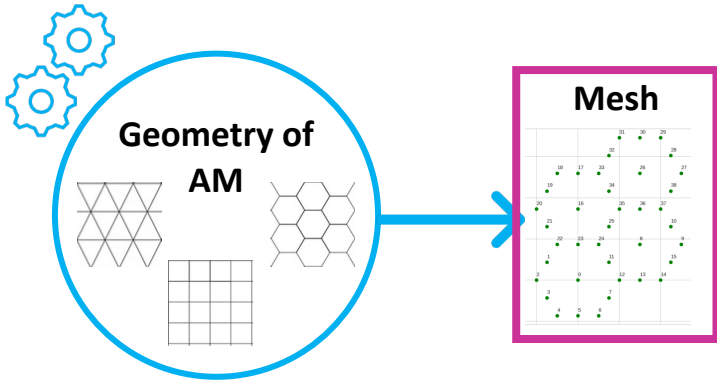
$$D_6 \times (Z_2 \times Z_2)$$

Manual Input





# Method



# Mesh

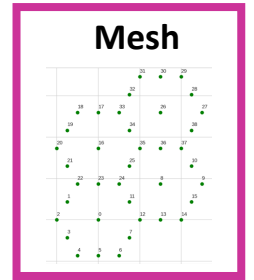
- Vector space of the problem:  $\mathbb{V}$

Configuration space:

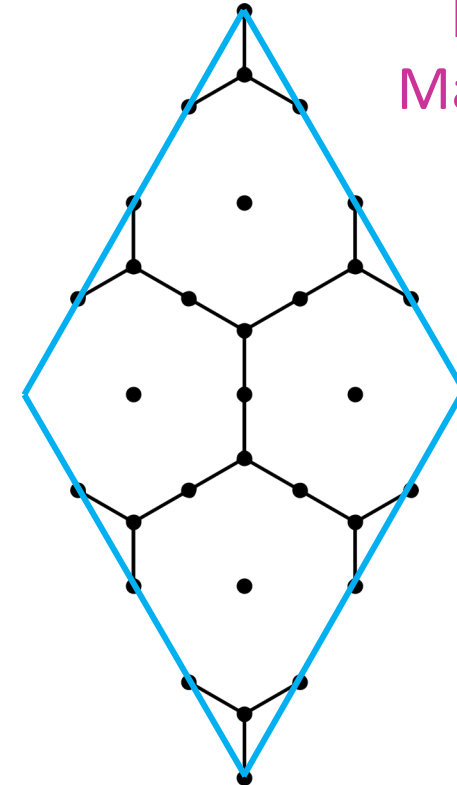
- Each node is given n degrees of freedom (DOF)

$\mathbb{V}$  is then a N-dimensional vector space such that the dof vector of the problem  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{V}$ ,

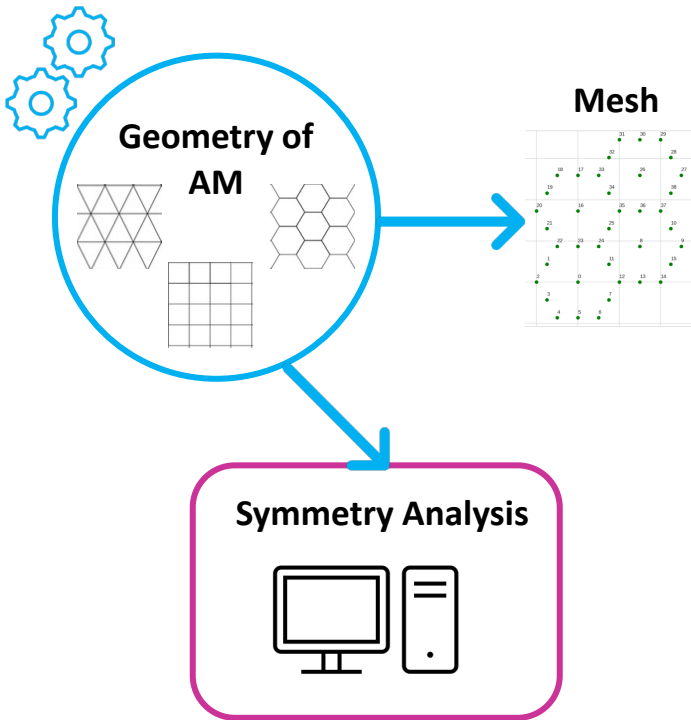
with N the total number of dofs of the problem



Manual Input



# Method



# Symmetry Analysis

- Representations

A representation of a group  $G$  on  $\mathbb{V}$  is a homomorphism

$$\tilde{T} : G \longrightarrow GL(\mathbb{V})$$

which satisfies:

$$\tilde{T}(gh) = \tilde{T}(g)\tilde{T}(h) \quad g, h \in G$$

Constructed in Python

Matrix Representations

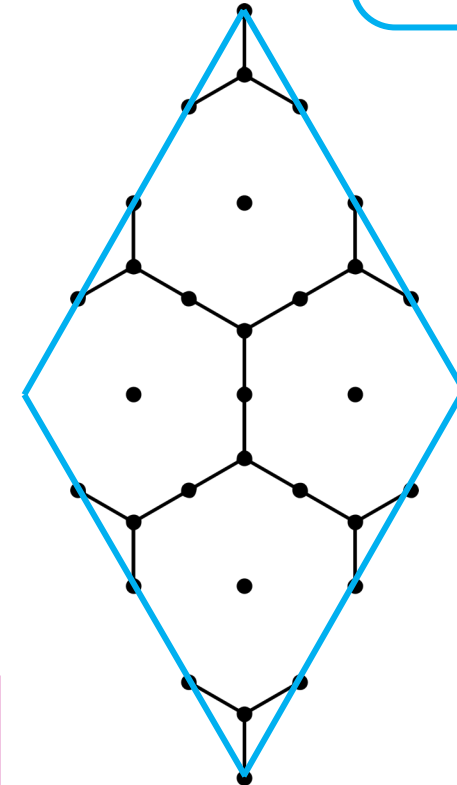
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GAP Output

Irreducible  
Representations

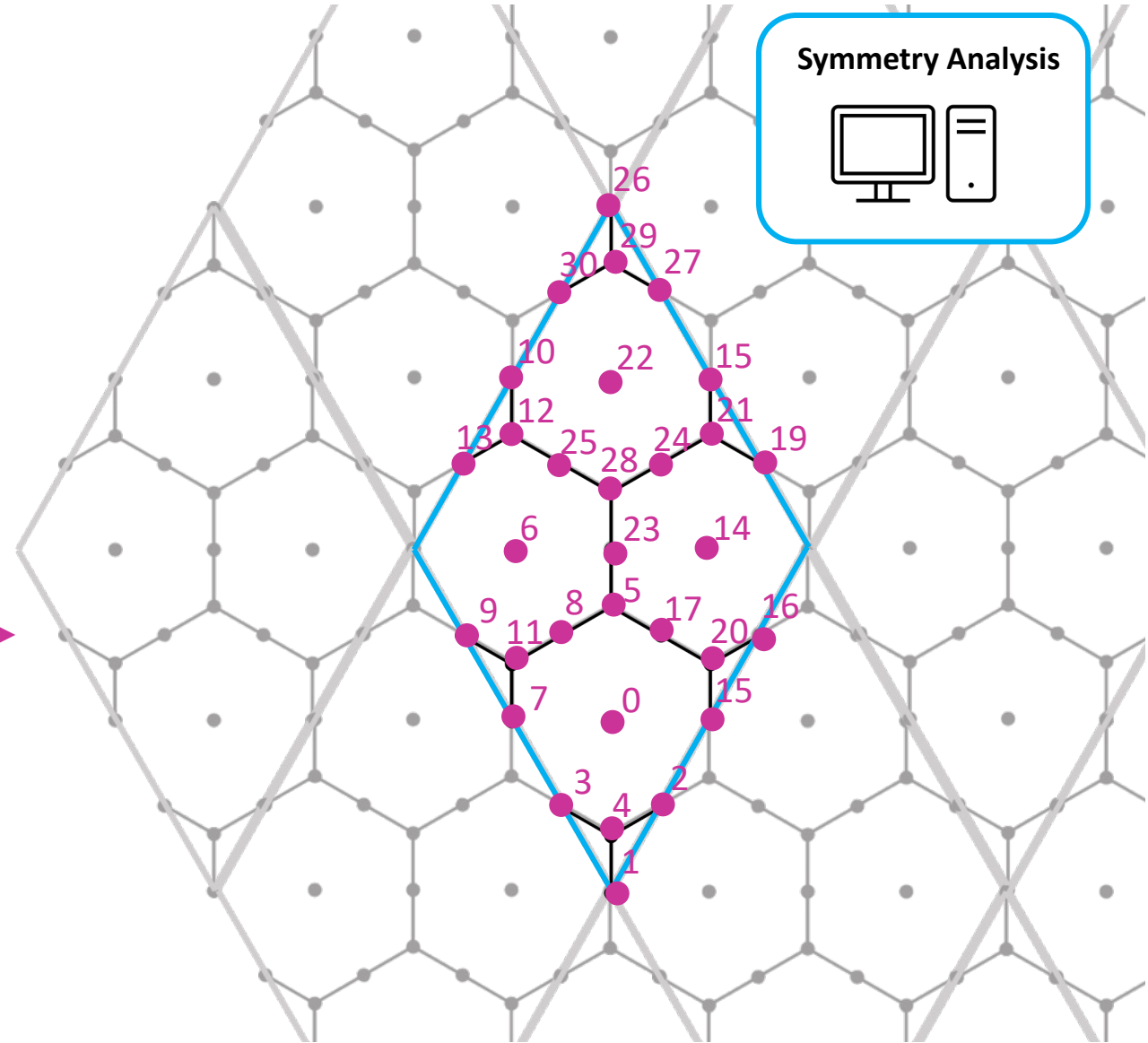
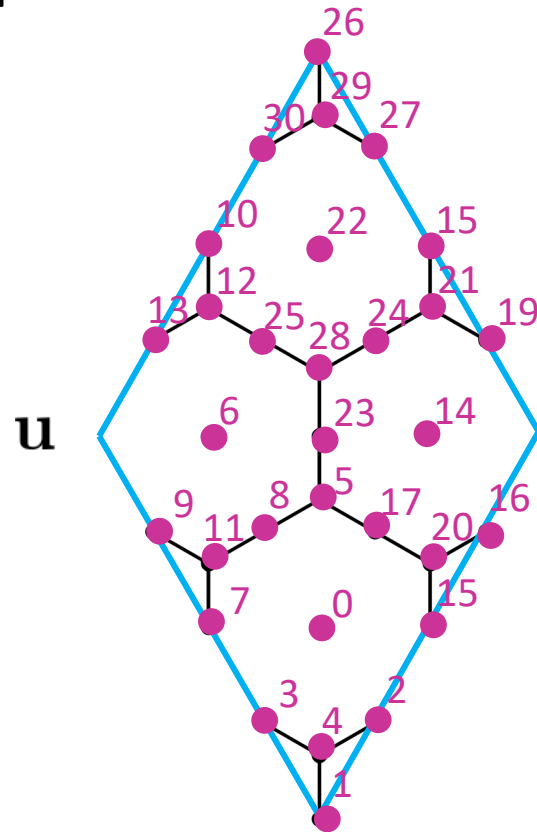
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Symmetry Analysis



# Symmetry Analysis

- Matrix Representations

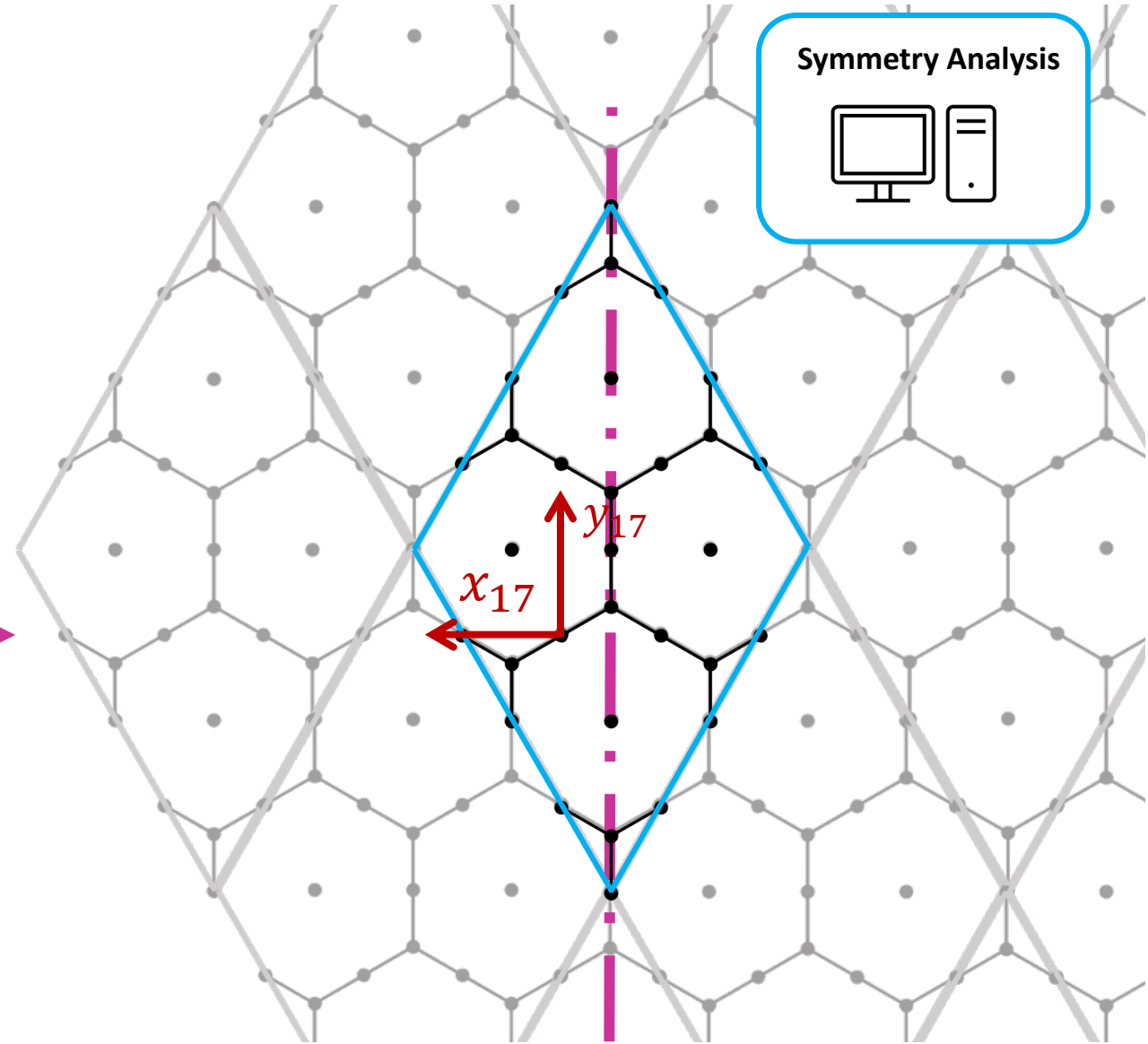
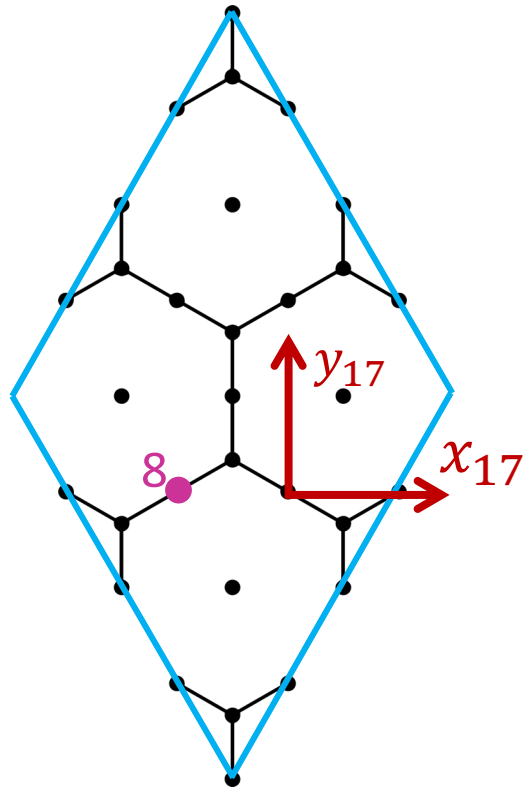


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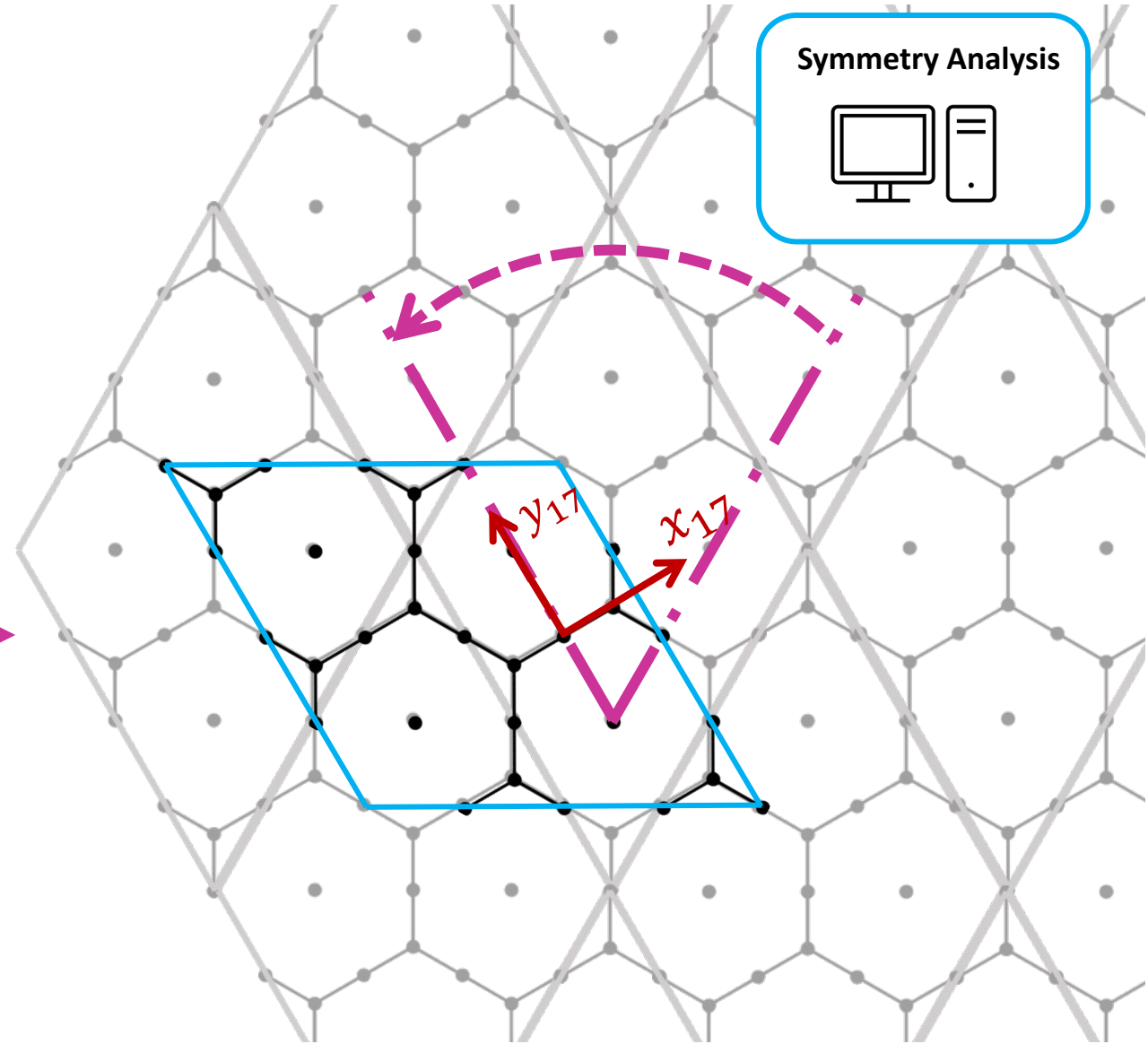
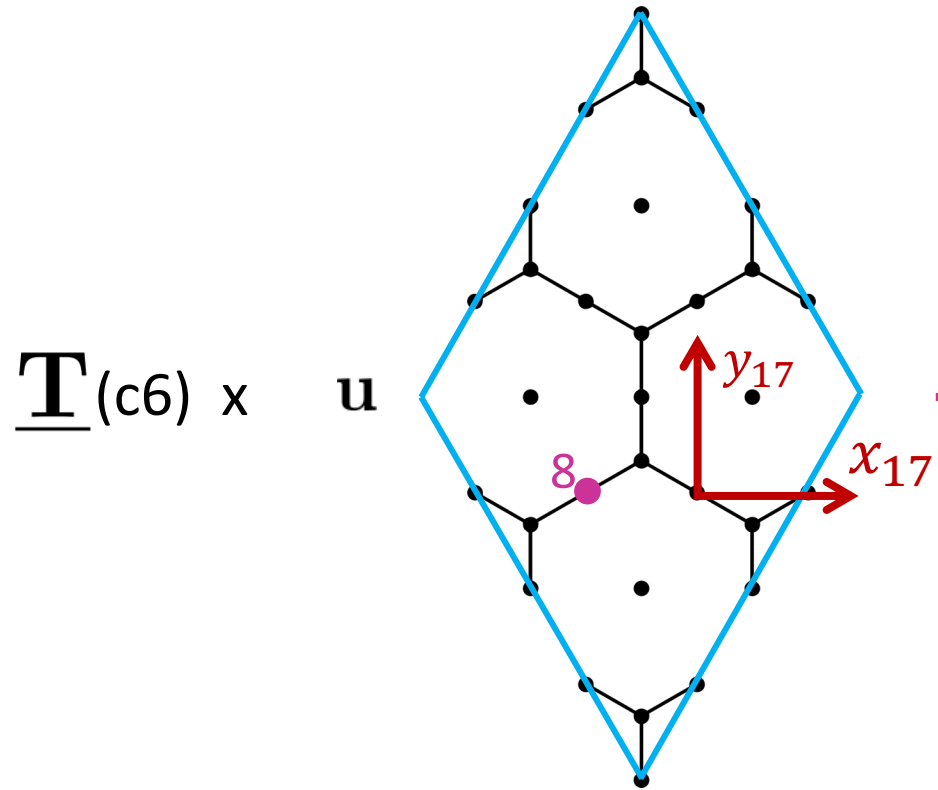
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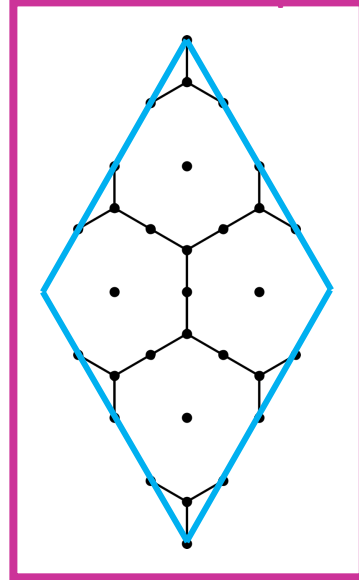
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# Symmetry Analysis

- Inputs

Manual Input



GAP Manual Input

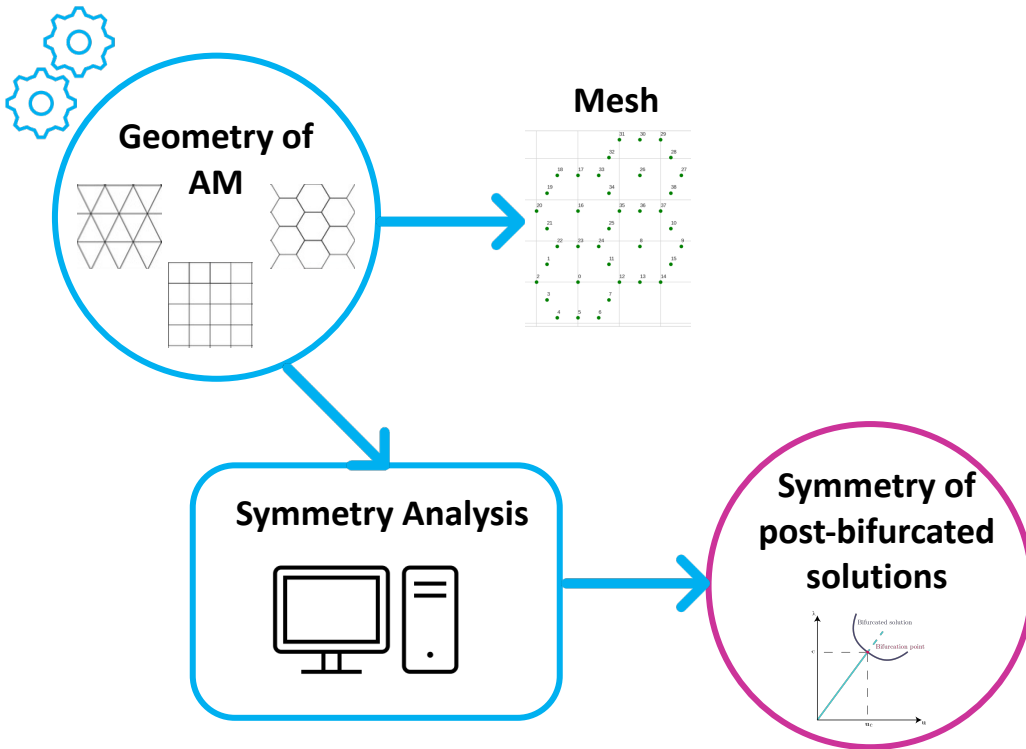
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Subgroups, Elements,  
Generators, Irreducible  
representations

Difficulty: Getting GAP to work with Python



# Method



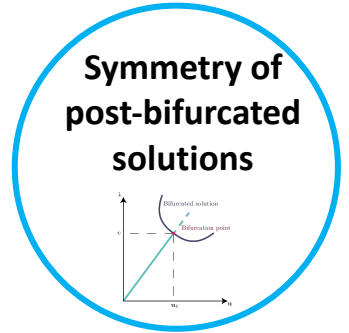
# Equivariant Bifurcation Theory

- Isotypic decomposition

$\mathbb{V}$  can be decomposed as a direct sum of  $G$ -irreducible subspaces

$$\mathbb{V} = \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^m \mathbb{V}_{\mu}$$

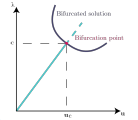
Some  $\mathbb{V}_{\mu}$  may not appear in the decomposition.



# Equivariant Bifurcation Theory

- Irreducible representations: Block diagonalisation

Symmetry of  
post-bifurcated  
solutions

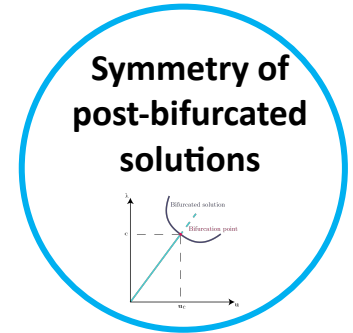


$$\mathbb{V} = \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^m \mathbb{V}_{\mu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\mathcal{E}_{,\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}, \lambda)} = (\underline{\mathbf{T}}^{\mu})^{-1}(g) \mathcal{E}_{,\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}, \lambda) \underline{\mathbf{T}}^{\mu}(g)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{B_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{B_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{B_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Equivariant Bifurcation Theory

- Critical point occurs when  $\det(\mathcal{E}_{,uu}(\mathbf{u}_c, \lambda_c)) = 0$



Generically, only blocks corresponding to one irreducible representation vanish

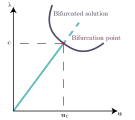
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$$\mathbb{V} = \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^m \mathbb{V}_{\mu}$$

Bifurcation takes place in one of the G-irreducible subspaces  $\mathbb{V}_{\mu}$

# Equivariant Branching Lemma [Vanderbauwhede, 1980]

Symmetry of  
post-bifurcated  
solutions



Apply Equivariant Branching Lemma for each irreducible subspace  $\mathbb{V}^\mu$

For each symmetry subgroup  $H$  of  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{V}^\mu$ :  
if  $\dim \text{Fix}_{\mathbb{V}^\mu}(H) = 1$  a bifurcated solution with symmetry group  $H$  exists

Symmetry Group:  $G_{\mathbf{u}} = \{g \in G \mid \mathbf{T}(g)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}\}$

Fixed point subspace:  $\text{Fix}_{\mathbb{V}^\mu}(H) = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{V}^\mu \mid \mathbf{T}^\mu(h)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}, \forall h \in H\}$

And its dimension:  $\dim \text{Fix}_{\mathbb{V}^\mu}(H) = \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{h \in H} \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}(h))$

# Equivariant Bifurcation Theory

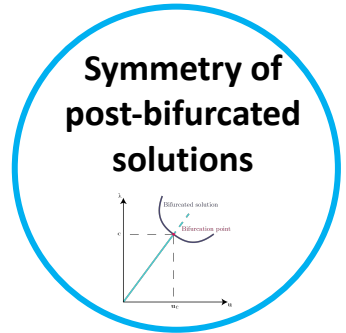
- Symmetry of the solutions

Isotropy Subgroup = Symmetry Group

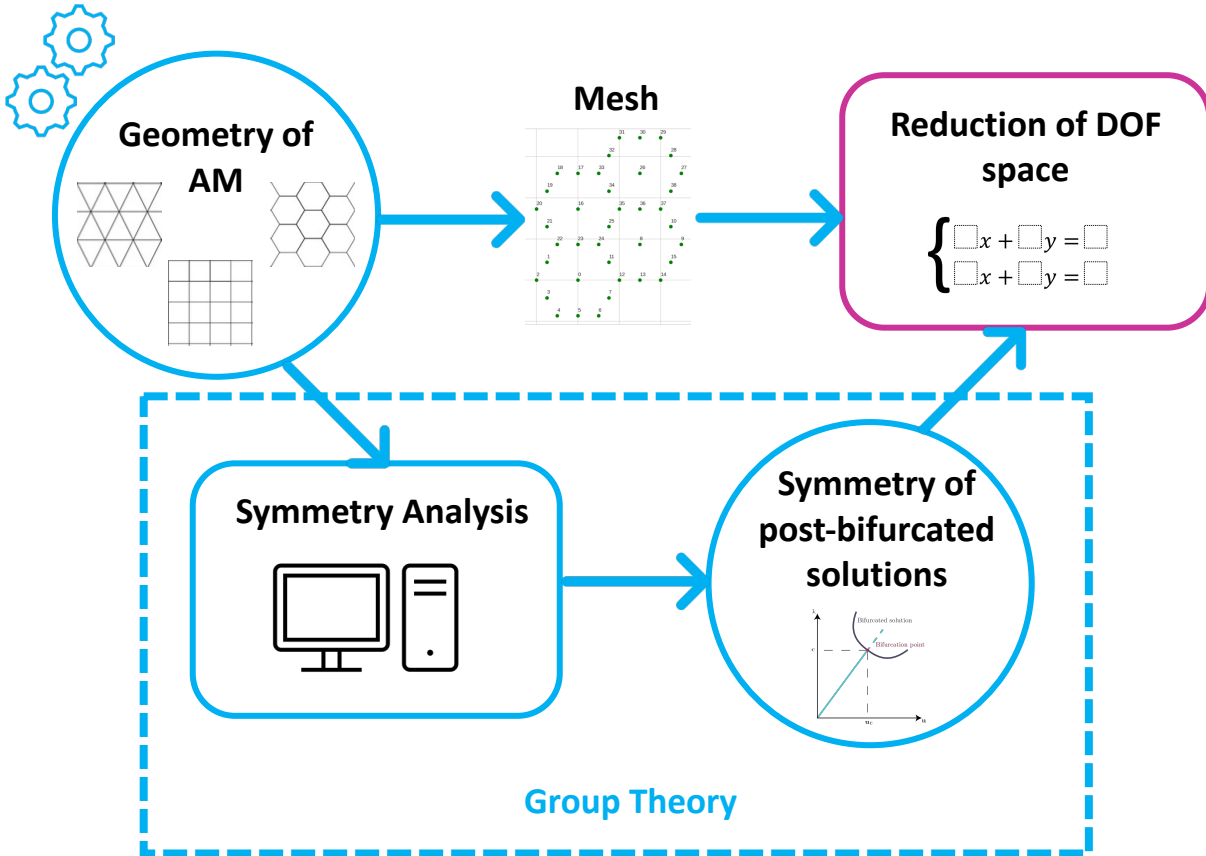
$$G_{\mathbf{u}} = \{g \in G, \underline{\mathbf{T}}(g)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}\}$$

- Symmetry of the critical displacement eigenvector

$$G_{\ker(\mathcal{E},_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_c^0, \lambda_c))} = \{g \in G \mid \underline{\mathbf{T}}(g)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}, \forall \mathbf{u} \in \ker(\mathcal{E},_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_c^0, \lambda_c))\}$$



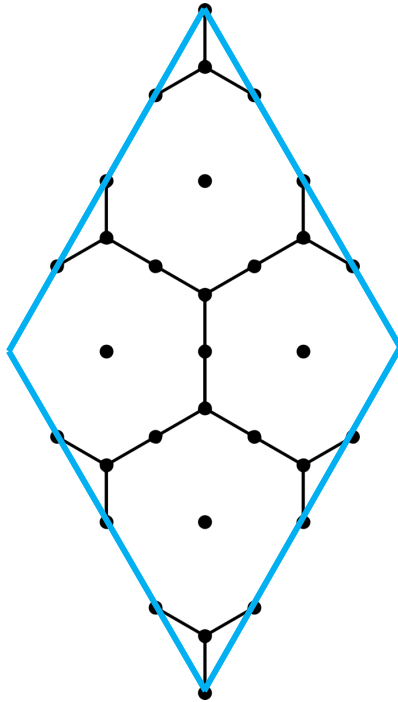
# Method



# Reduction of DOFs

- Generalised displacement vector

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)^T, \quad \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$



- For each post-bifurcated symmetry group

$$\{\underline{\mathbf{T}}(g)\mathbf{u}^1 = \mathbf{u}^1\}$$

Symmetry adapted decomposition of the generalised displacement vector

Reduction of DOF space

$$\begin{cases} \square x + \square y = \square \\ \square x + \square y = \square \end{cases}$$



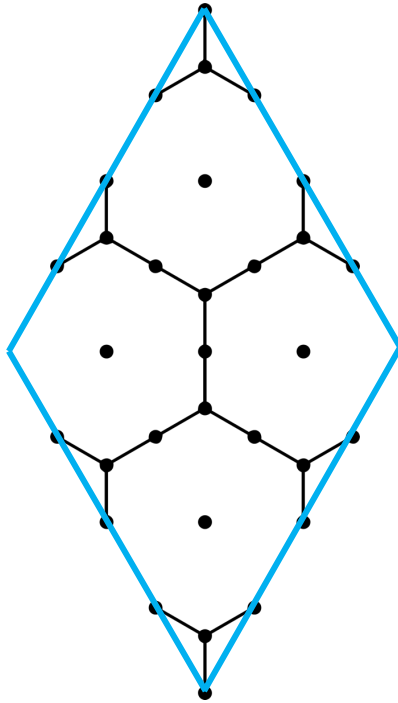
# Reduction of DOFs

- Example:  $C_6 \times (Z_2 \times Z_2)$

Reduction of DOF space

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Initial mesh and displacements

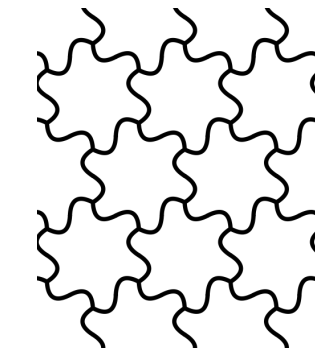
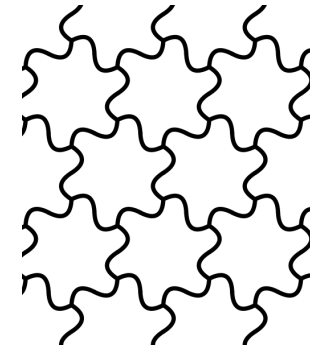
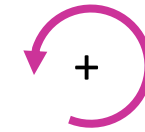
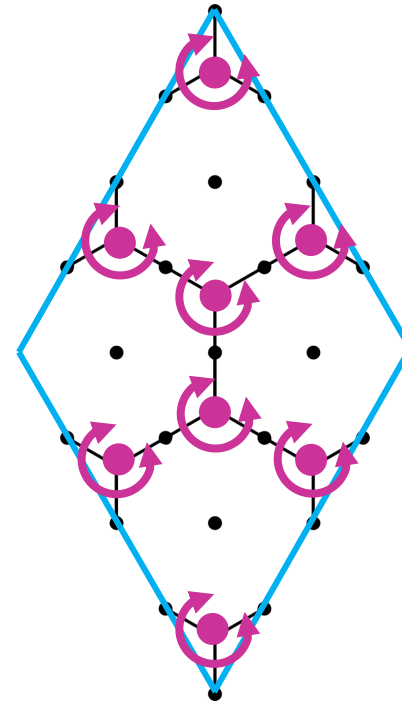


Solve

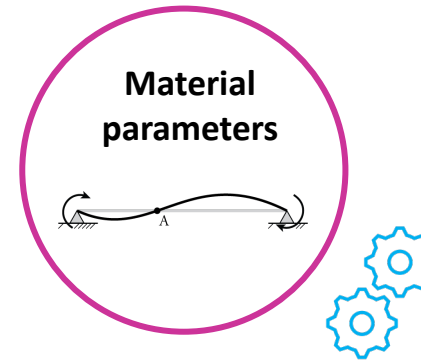
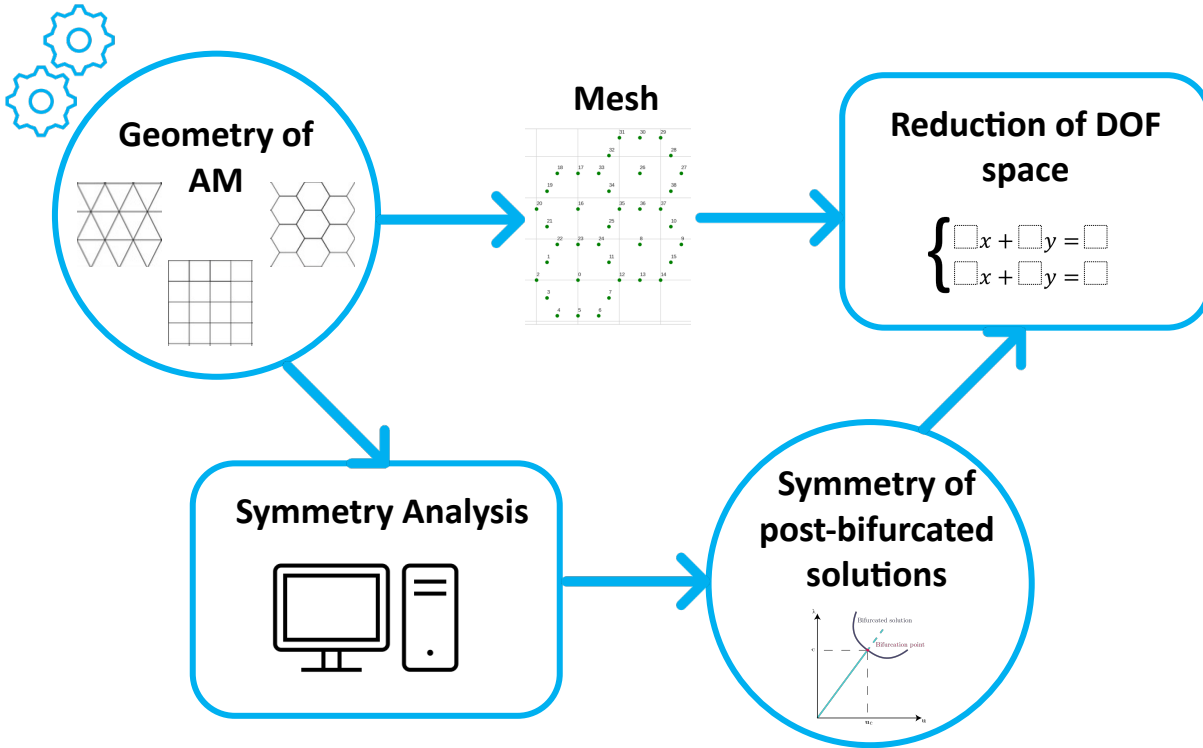
$$\{\underline{\mathbf{T}}(g)\overset{1}{\mathbf{u}} = \overset{1}{\mathbf{u}}\}$$

For all elements  
of  $C_6 \times (Z_2 \times Z_2)$

Reduced DOF vector

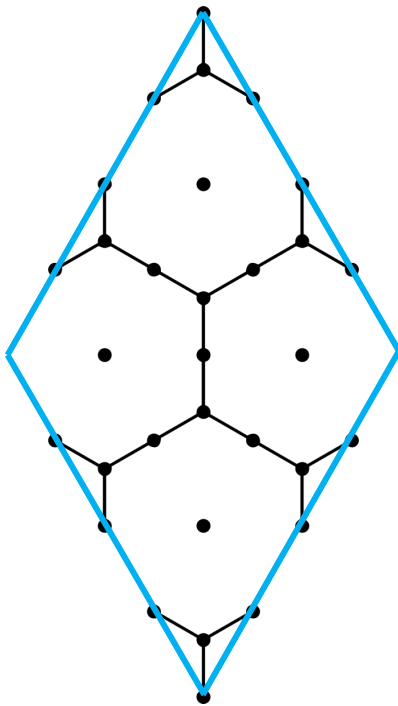


# Method



# Material Parameters

- Euler-Bernoulli beams

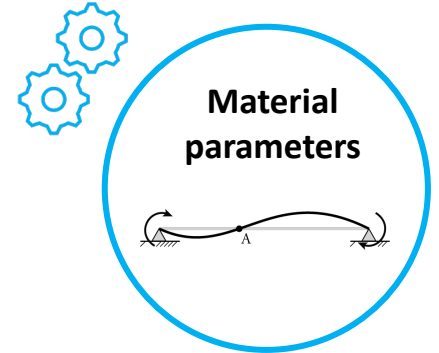
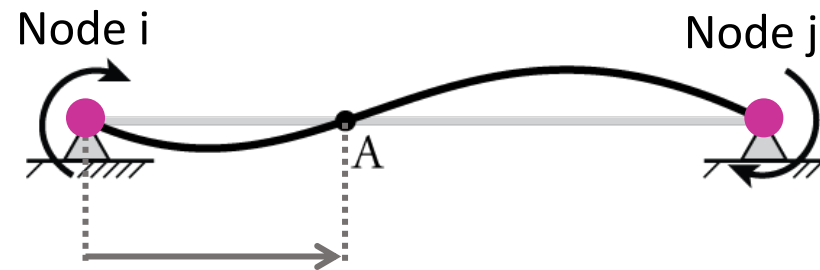


Displacements of beam: functions of node displacements

Elementary displacement vector:

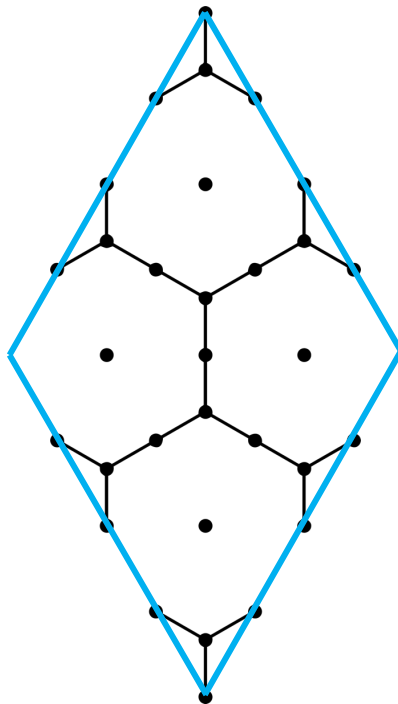
$$\mathbf{u}_e^T = [u_i \quad v_i \quad \theta_i \quad u_j \quad v_j \quad \theta_j]$$

Standard Hermitian cubic interpolation:



# Material Parameters

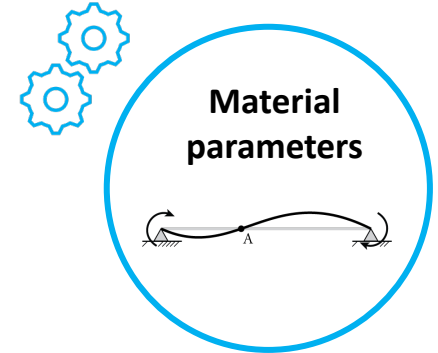
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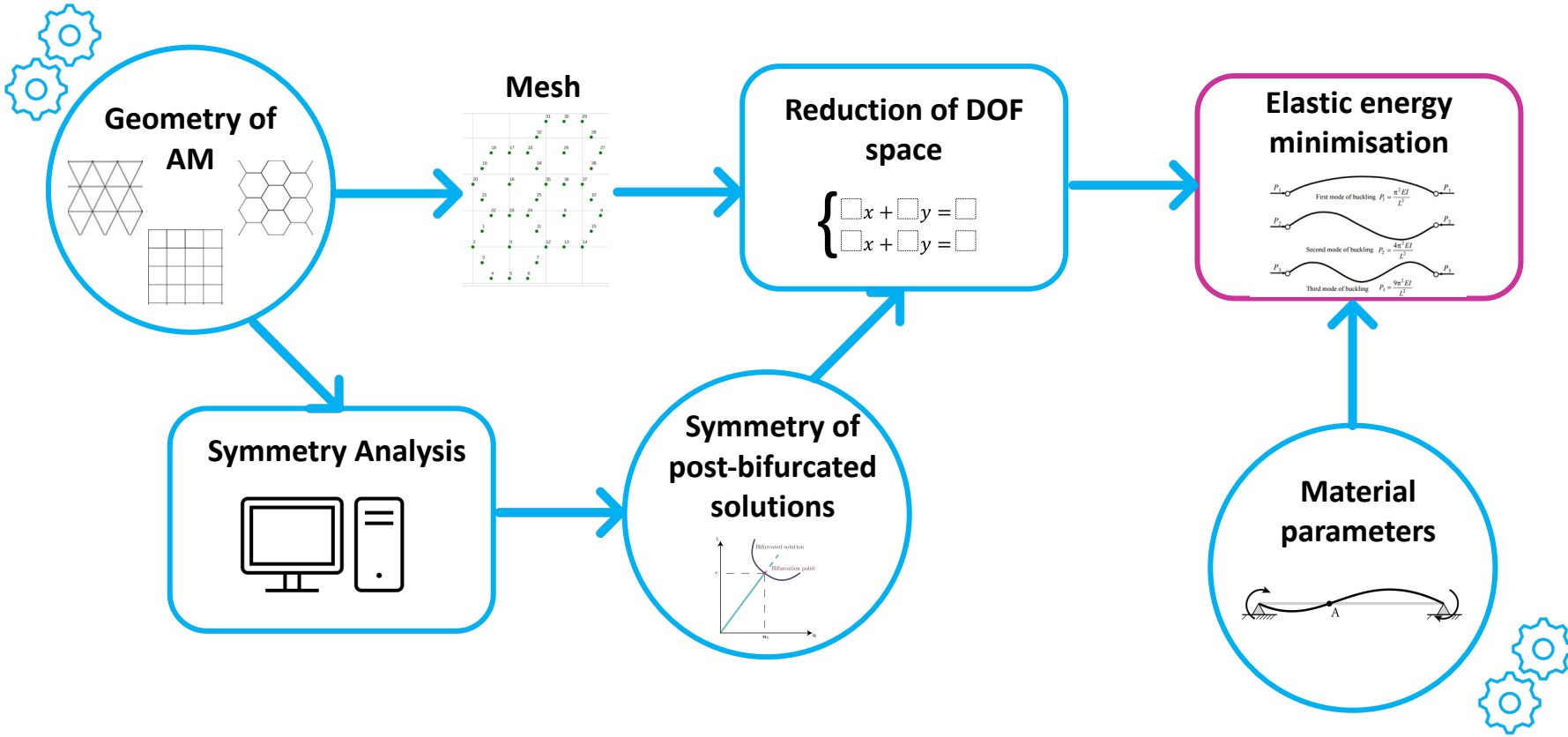
Beam parameters:

L	Length
S	Surface of cross-section
I	Quadratic moment
E	Young's Modulus

Manual Input



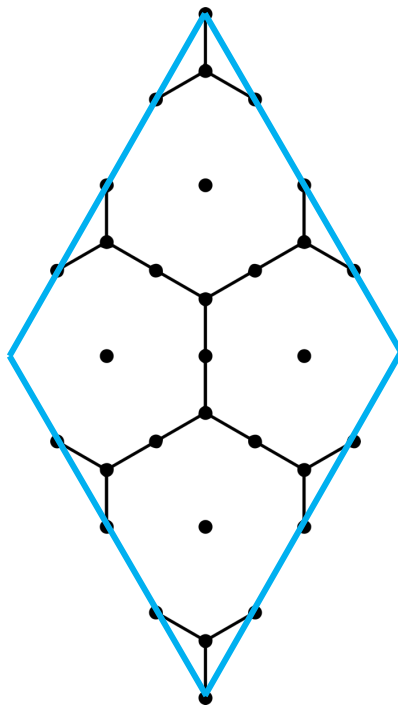
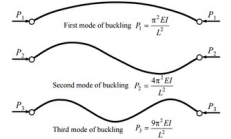
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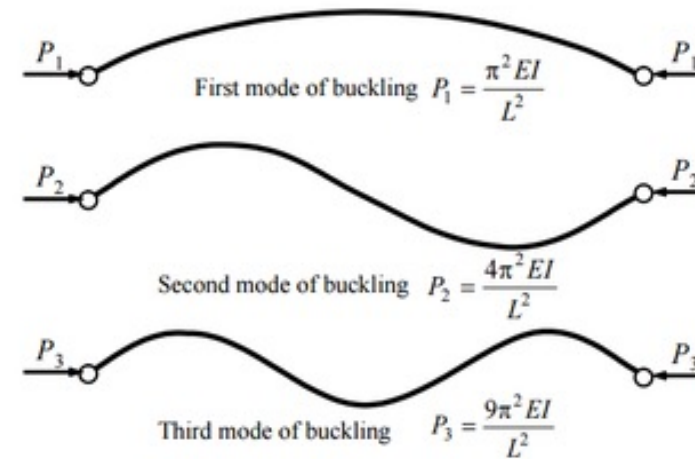
# Elastic Energy Minimisation

- Aim: Obtain the post bifurcated patterns

## Elastic energy minimisation

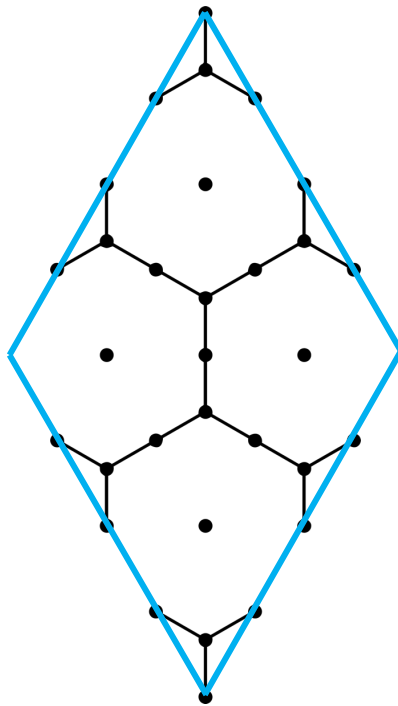
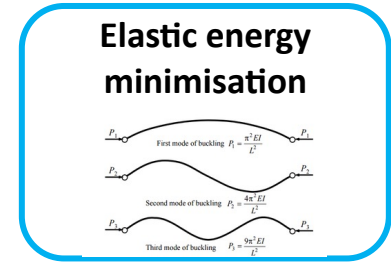


Identify how each of the beams are going to buckle



# Elastic Energy Minimisation

- Compute the energy of the unit cell



Energy:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \underline{\mathbf{K}}_e \mathbf{u} - \left[ \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Gamma \right]$$

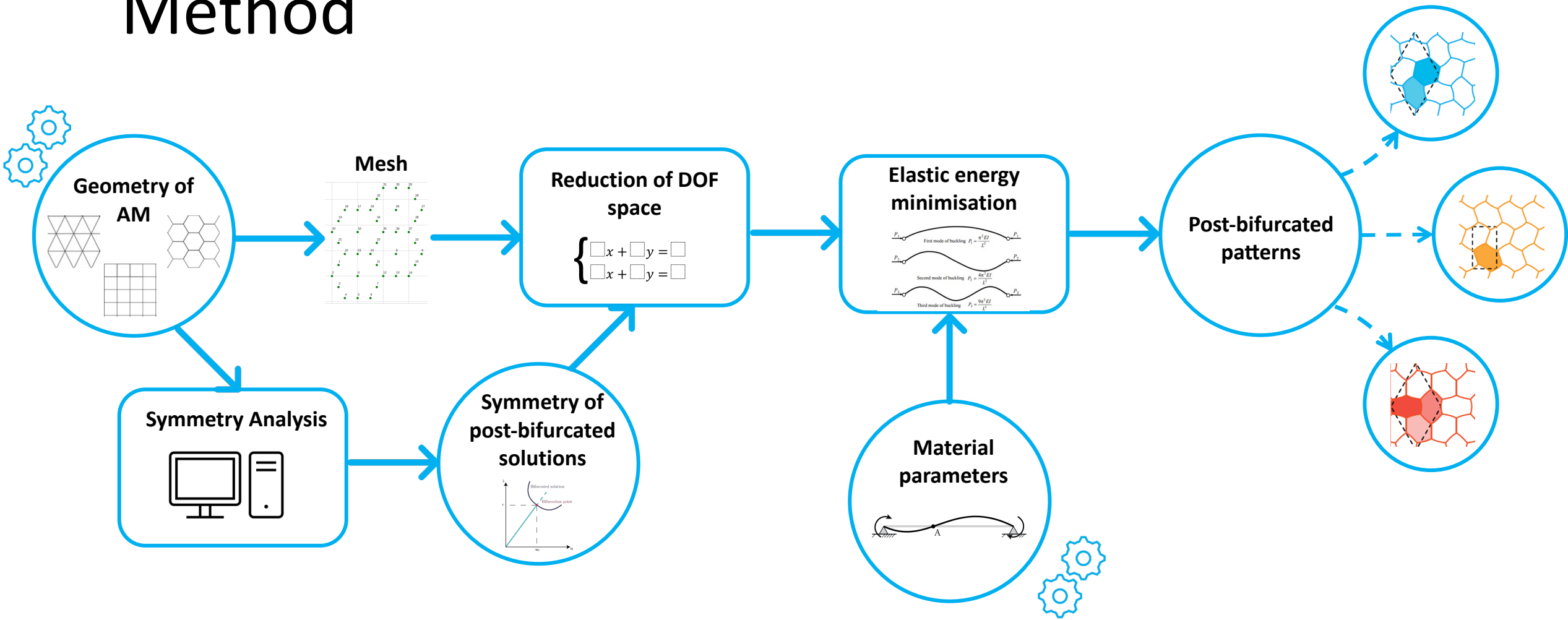
Periodic boundary conditions

No body forces

We want to minimise:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_c^T \underline{\mathbf{K}}_e \mathbf{u}_c \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{u}_c^T \mathbf{u}_c = 1$$

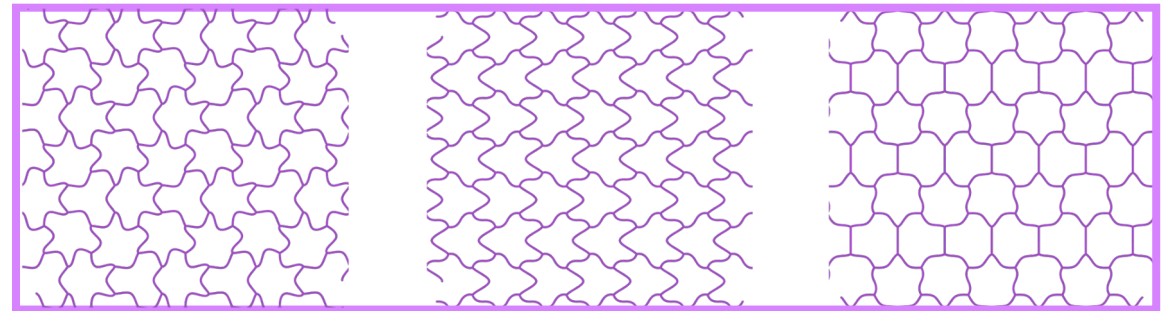
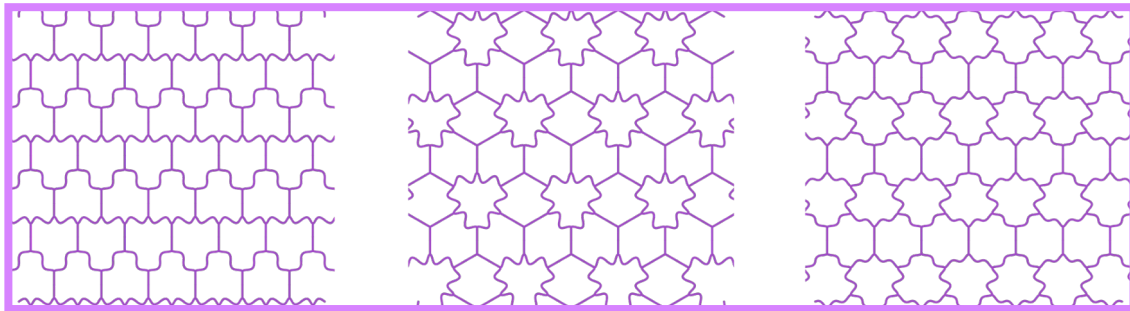
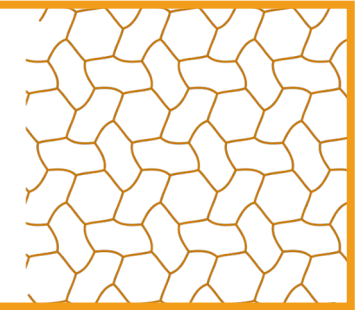
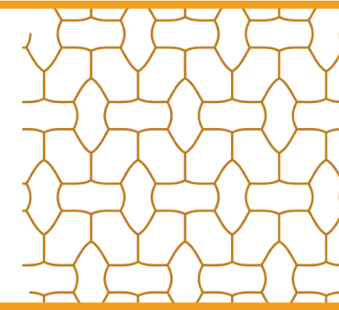
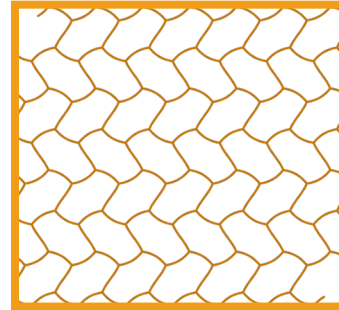
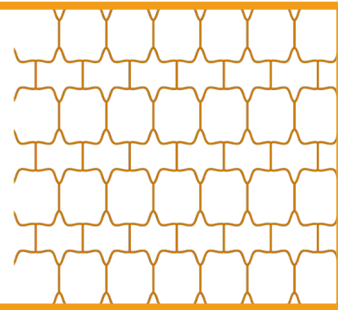
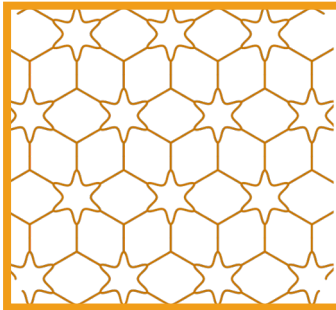
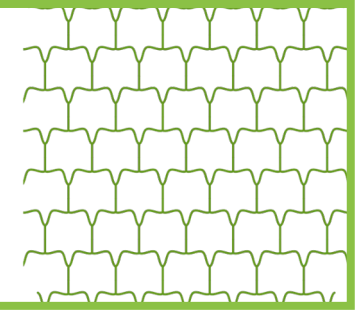
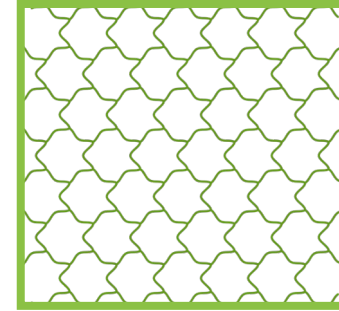
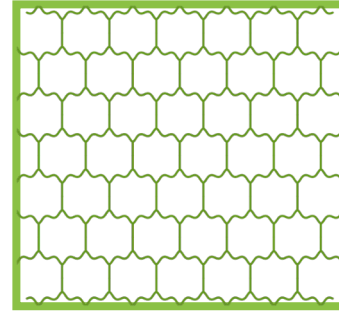
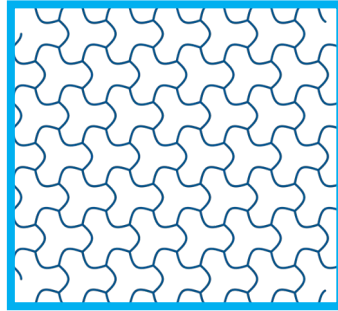
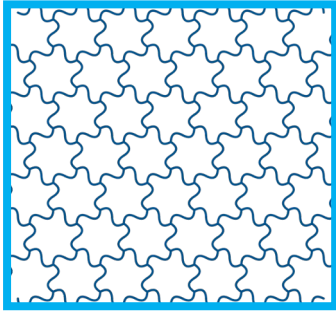
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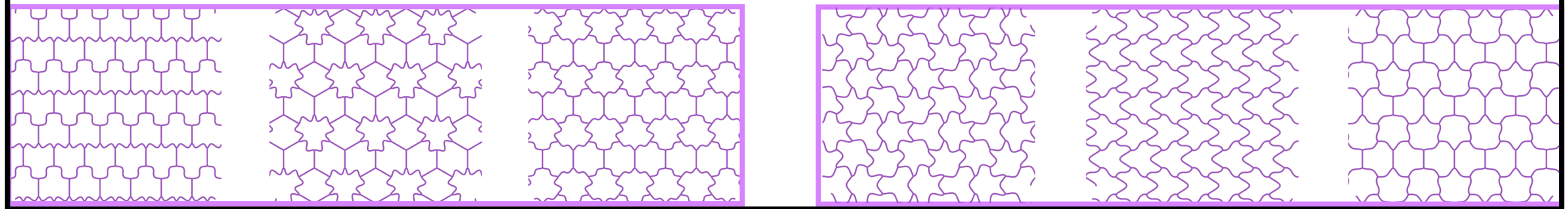
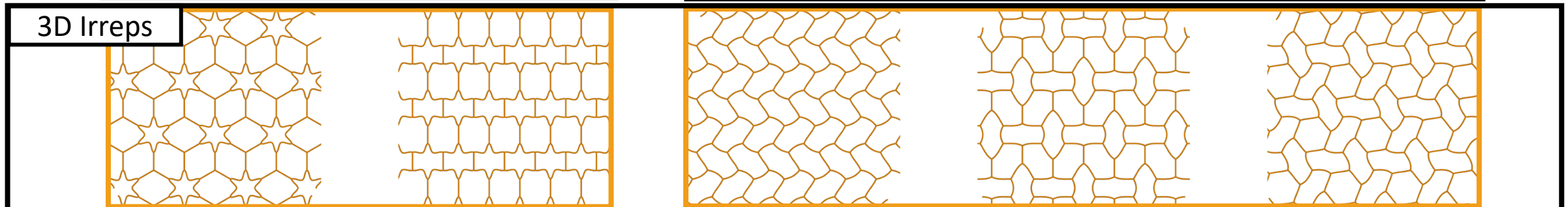
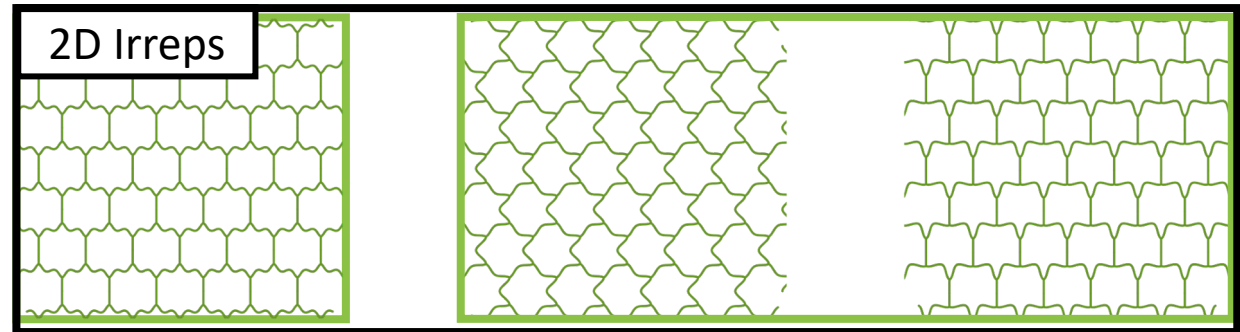
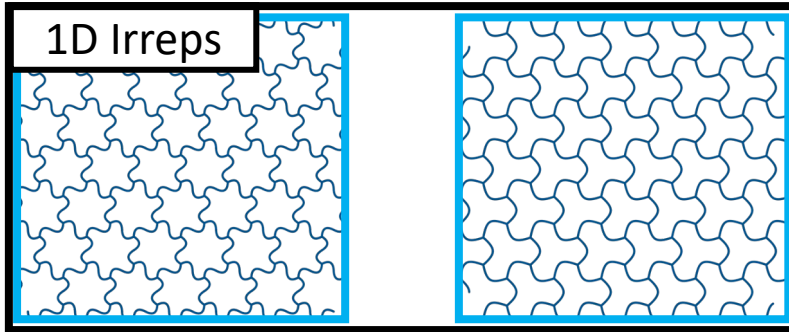


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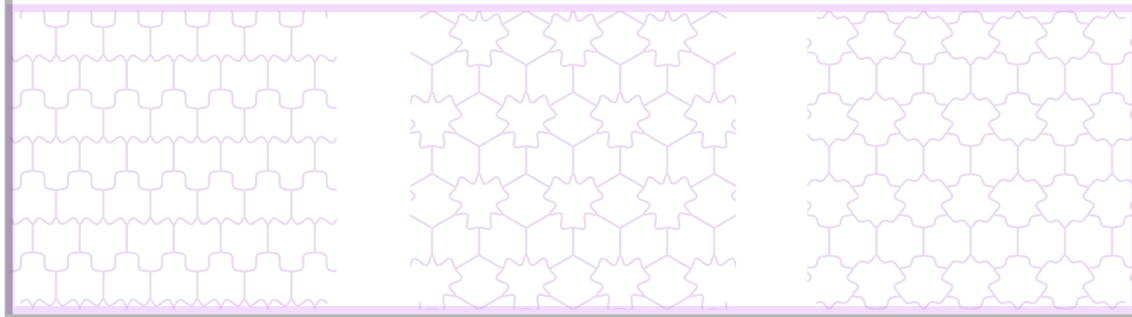
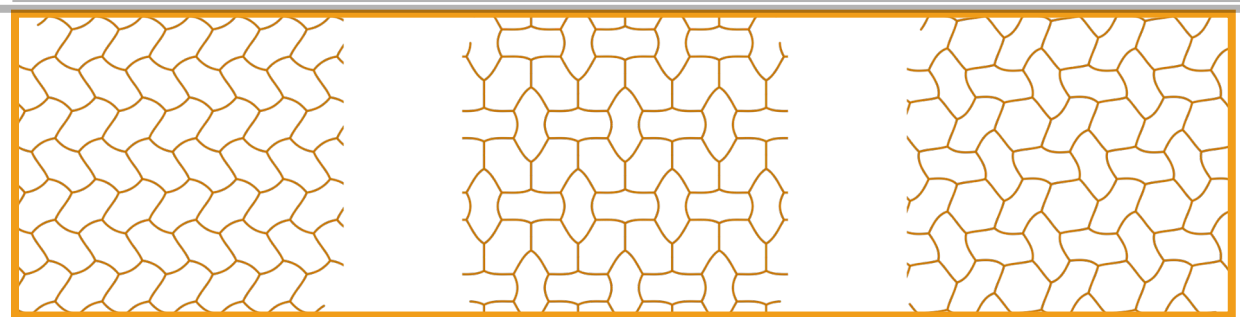
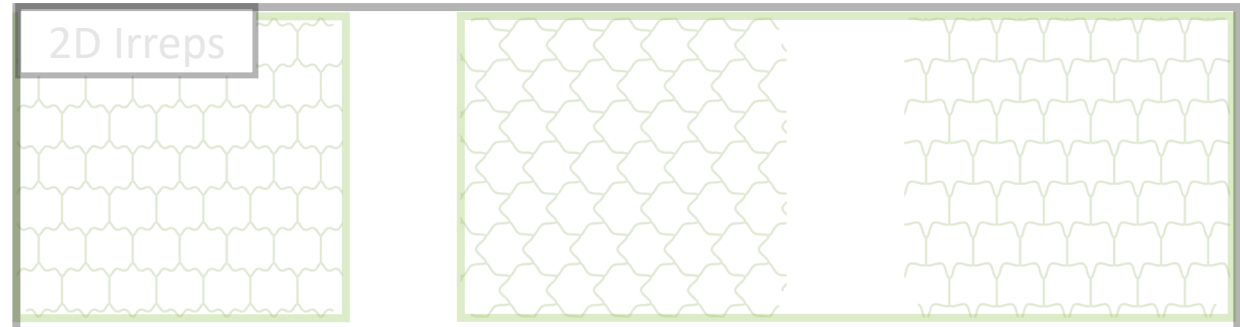
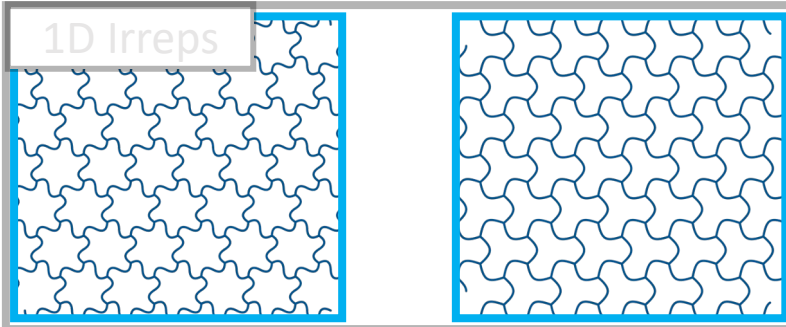
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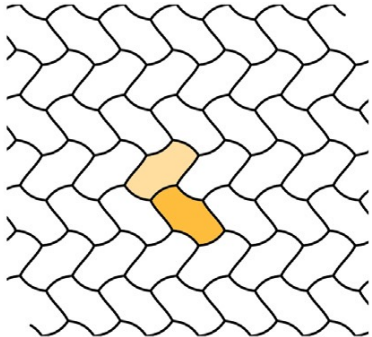
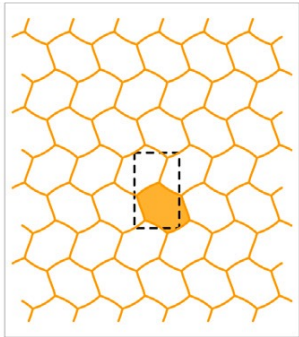
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# Previously Observed Patterns

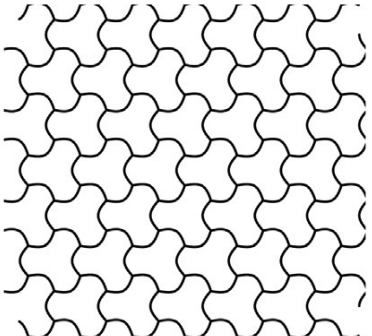
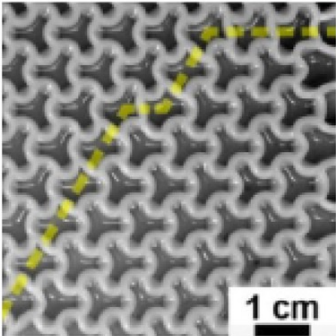
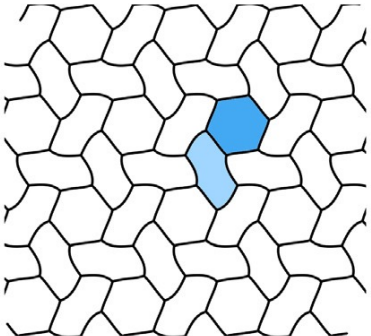
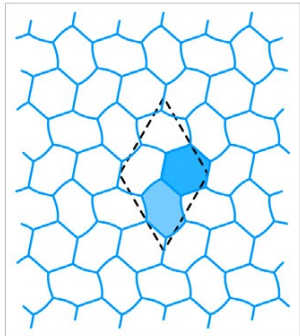
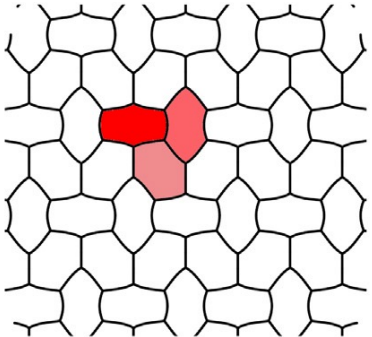
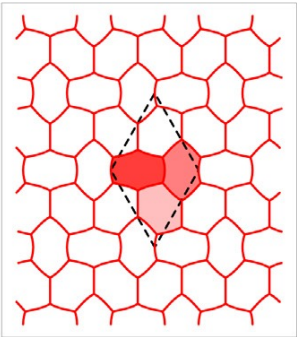
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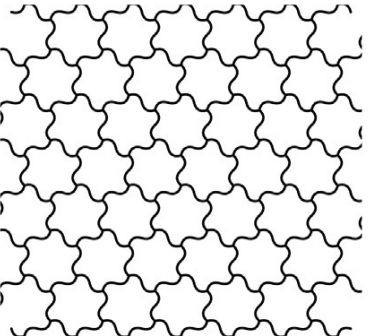
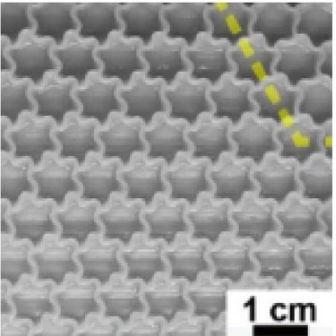


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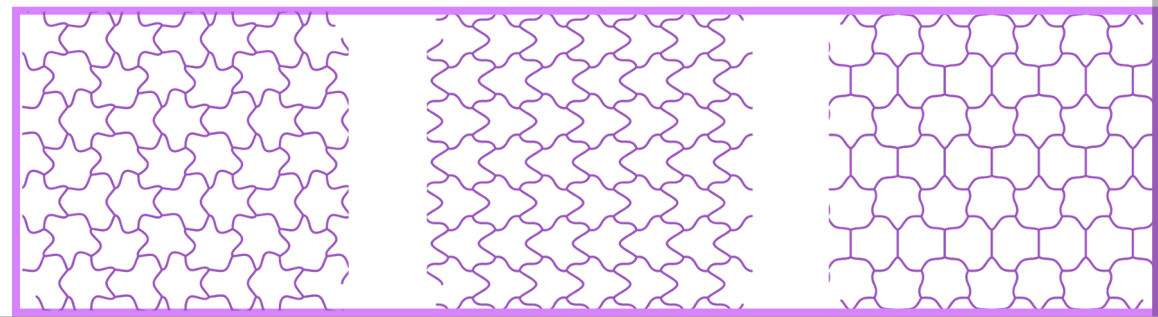
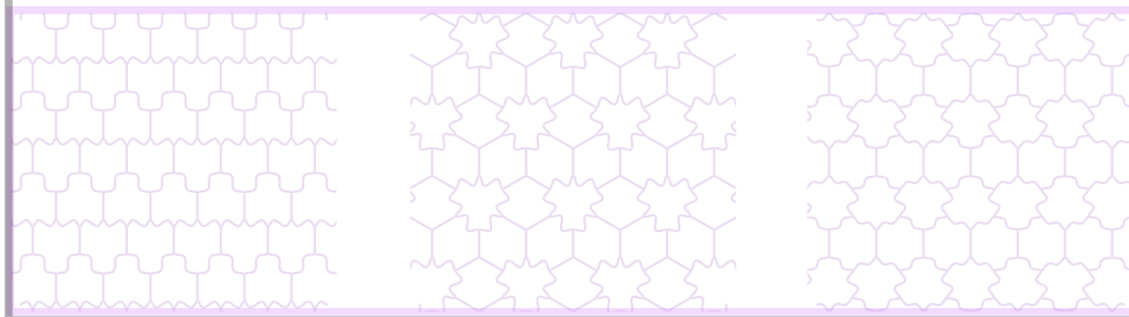
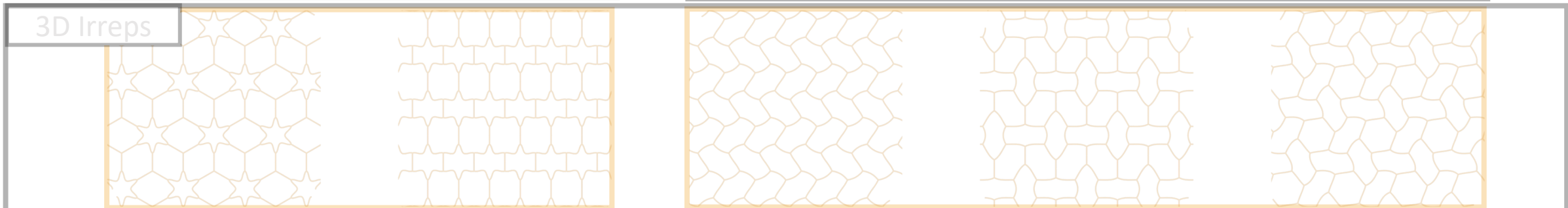
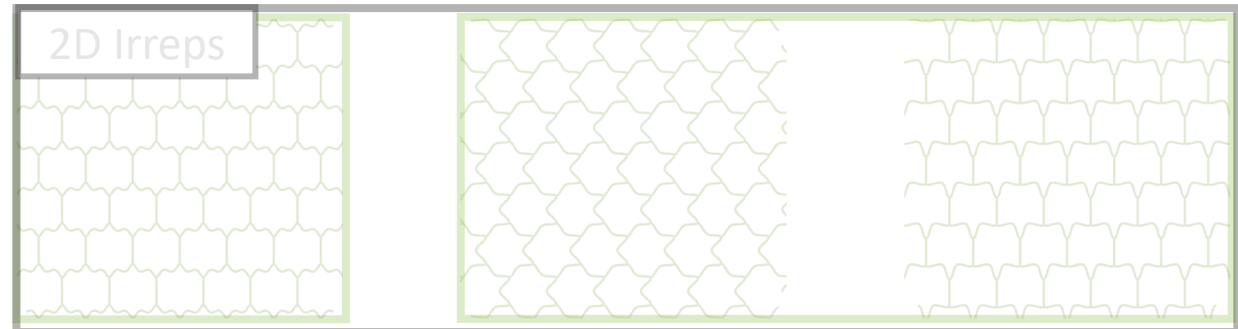
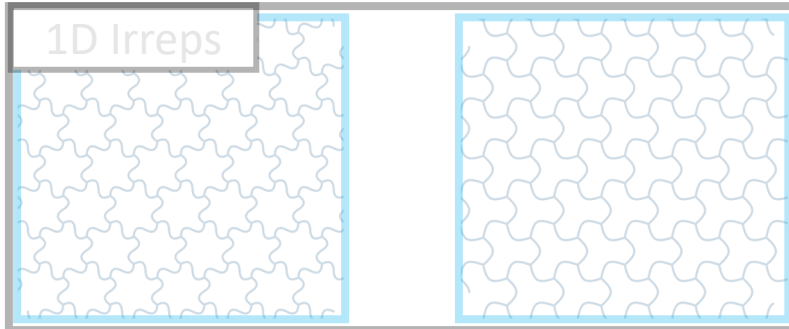


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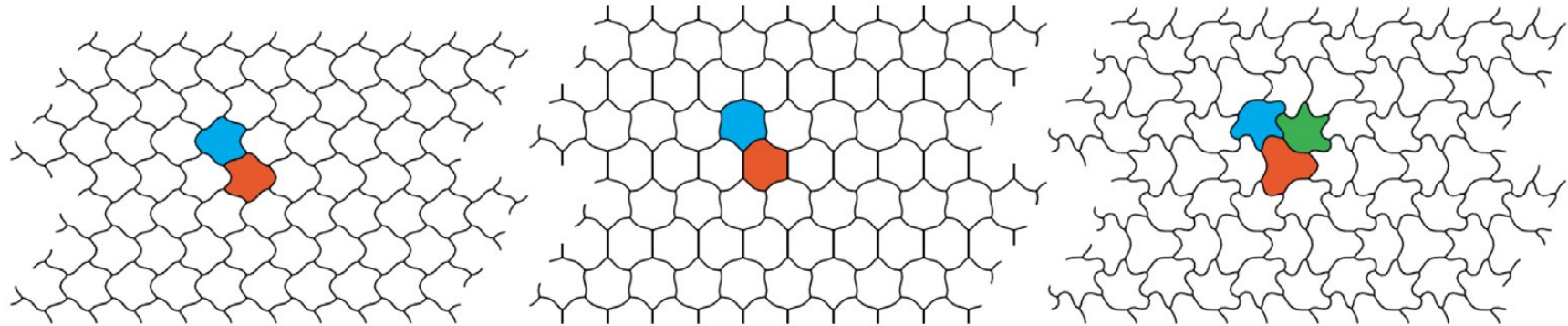
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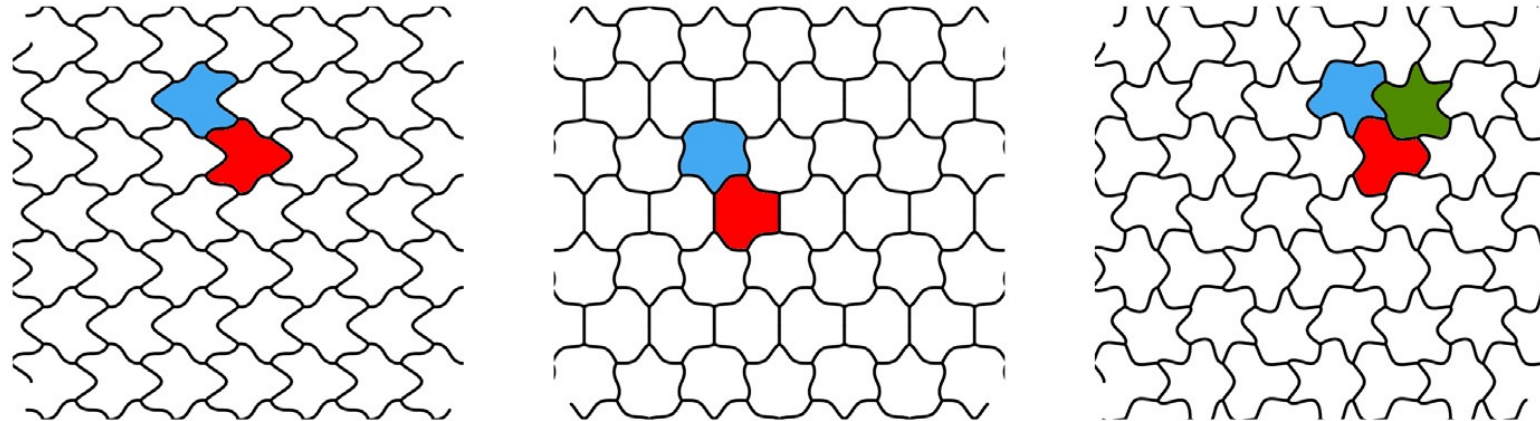


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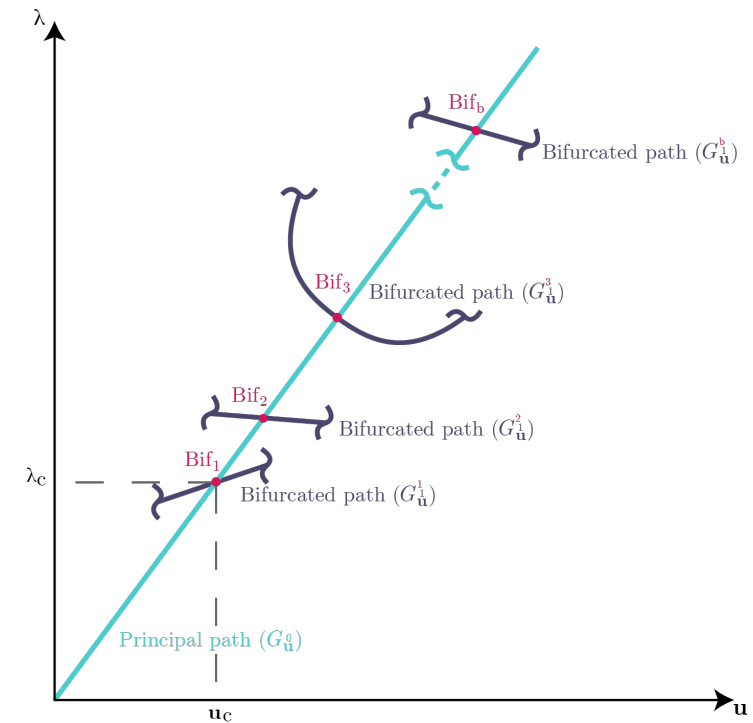


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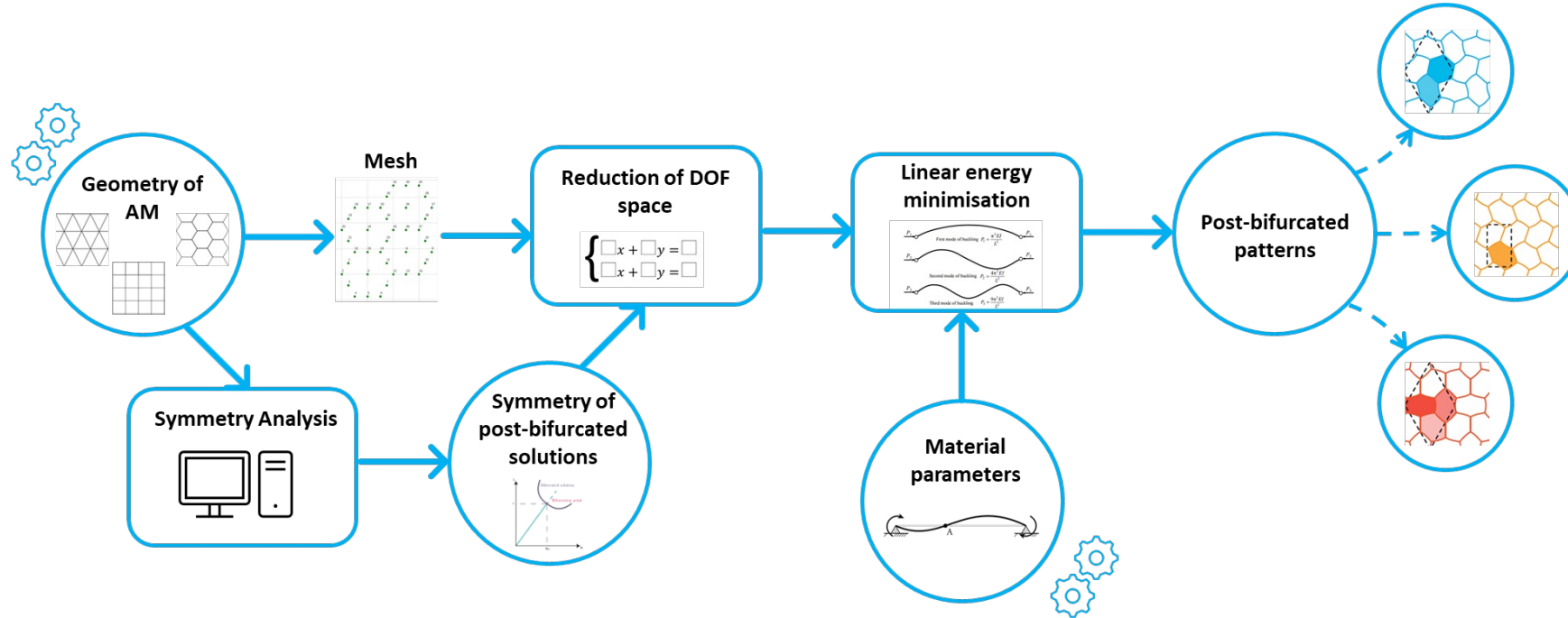
# Summary

- Results aligned with the literature
- Validation on other architectures
  - Results
  - Automation process
- Other works:
  - First bifurcation point computation





# Conclusion



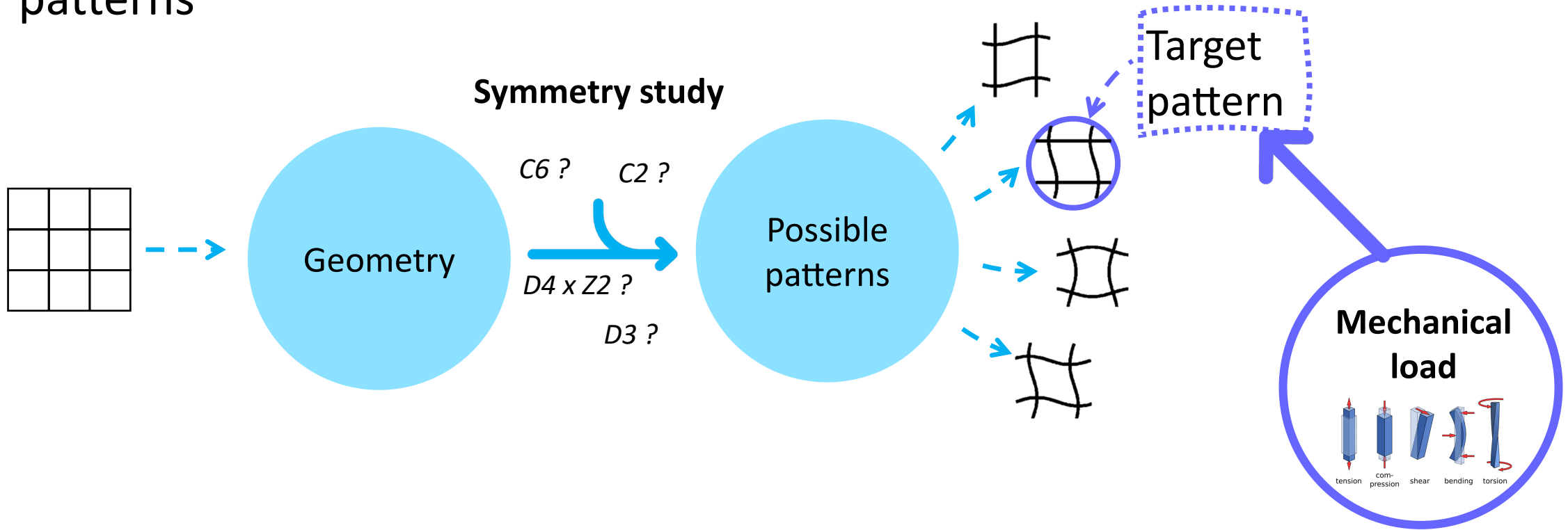
- Group Theoretic approach
- Set size of unit cell
- Any group, elements can be implemented
- Decorrelated trial and error
- Improved robustness: design based

# Further work

- Equivariant Branching Lemma is not exhaustive
  - We only obtain generic bifurcation points
- Secondary bifurcation points could be computed
  - Iteratively using the existing method
  - By digging deeper into the underlying concepts in group theory
- Stability analyses for each pattern

# Further work

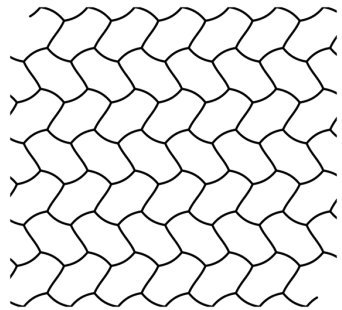
- Finding the appropriate mechanical load to obtain the desired patterns



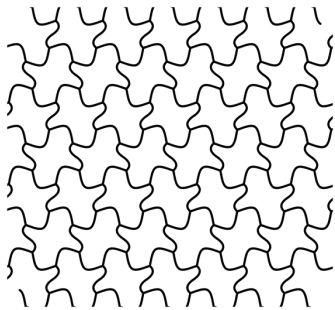
# Additional Slides

# Comparison

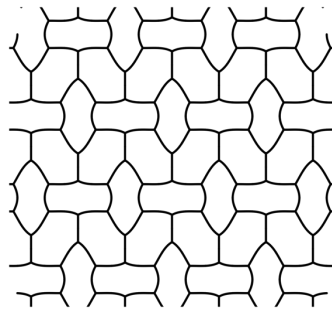
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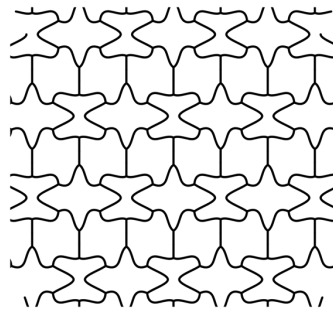
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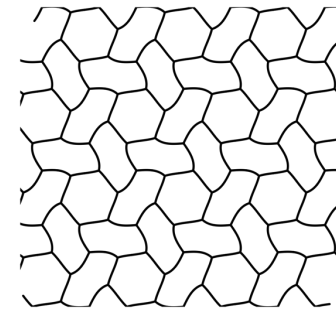
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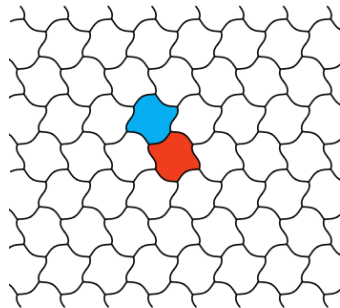
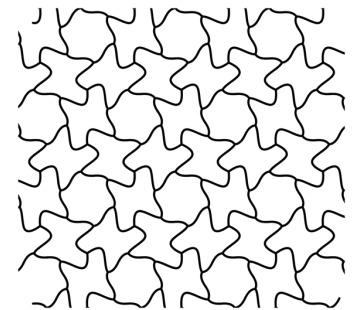
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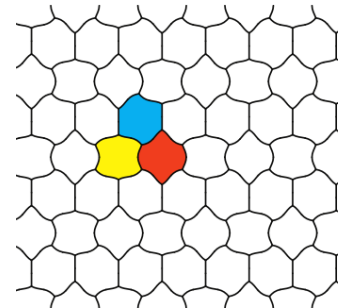
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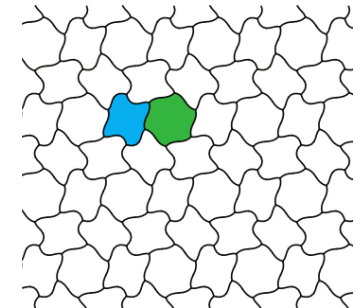
Mode III, higher order



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# Semi-direct product

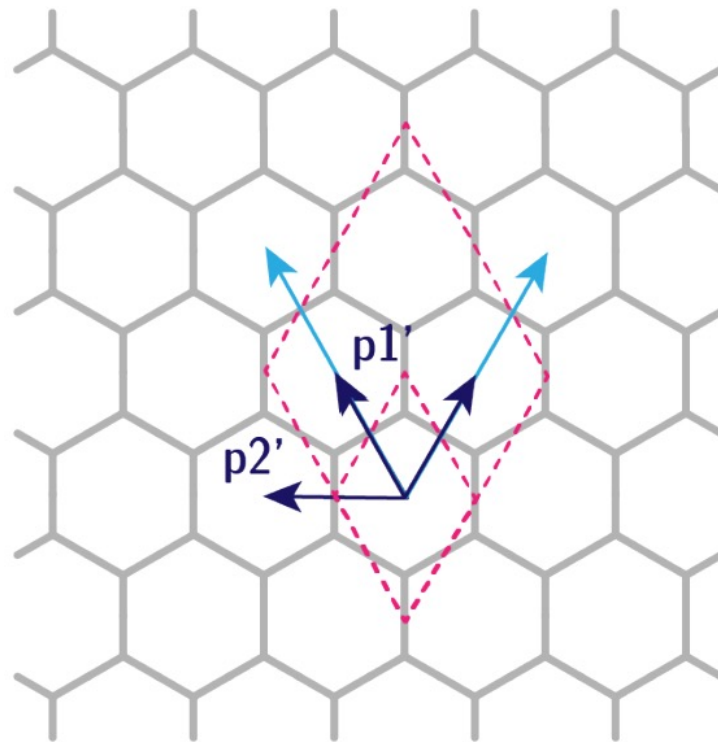
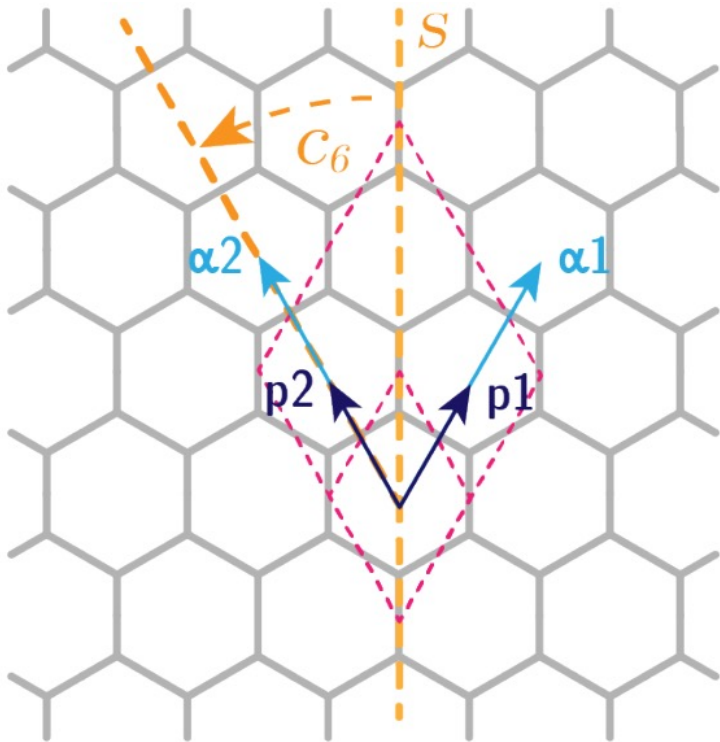
**Definition 21.** If  $\alpha : G \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$  is a group homomorphism, then the group operation of the semidirect product of  $G$  and  $\Gamma$  with respect to  $\alpha$  is:

$$(g_1, \gamma_1)(g_2, \gamma_2) = (g_1g_2, \gamma_1\alpha_{g_1}(\gamma_2)), \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, \forall \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma \quad (3.6)$$

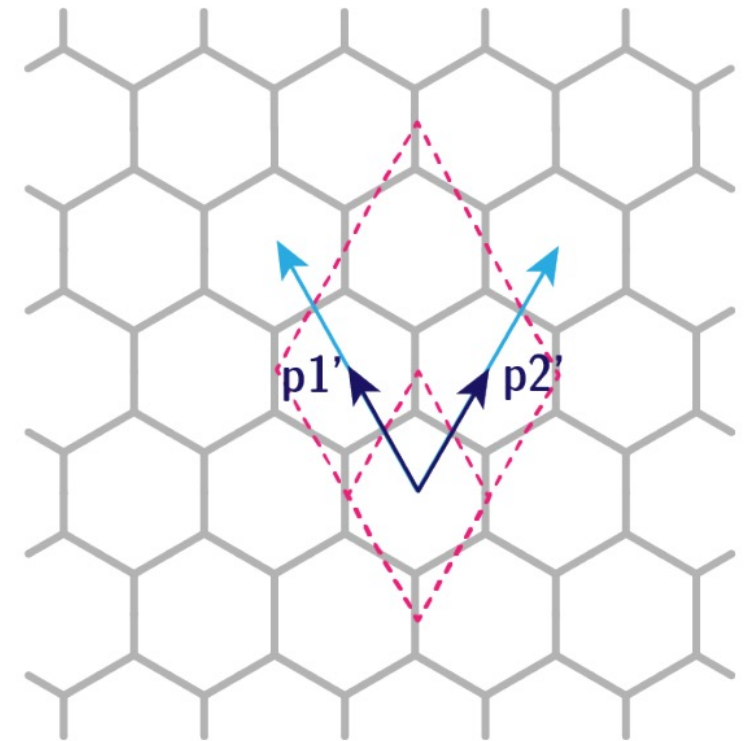
The product is not unique as it depends on the choice of homomorphism

# Semi-direct product

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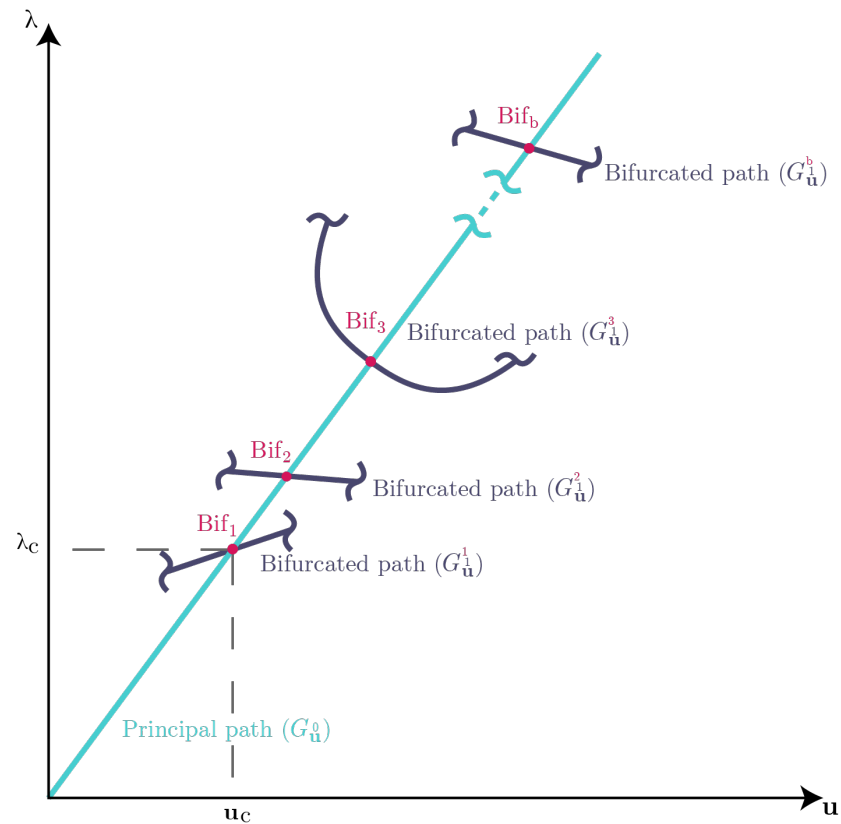
Action of  $c_6$  on  $p_1, p_2$



Action of  $s$  on  $p_1, p_2$



# Linear Buckling Analysis



Stability operator:  $\det(\mathcal{E}_{,\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_c^0, \lambda_c)) = 0$

In mechanics:  $\det(\underline{\mathcal{K}}_T) = 0$

The tangent stiffness matrix can be separated into two parts:

$$\underline{\mathcal{K}}_T = \underline{\mathcal{K}}_e + \lambda \underline{\mathcal{K}}_g, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Stability:  $\det(\underline{\mathcal{K}}_e + \lambda \underline{\mathcal{K}}_g) = 0$

Equivalent to the generalised eigenvalue problem:

$$(\underline{\mathcal{K}}_e + \lambda \underline{\mathcal{K}}_g) \mathbf{u} = 0$$

# Linear Buckling Analysis

- Elementary stiffness matrices in Euler-Bernoulli beams:

$$\underline{\mathbf{K}}_e = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{ES}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{ES}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & \frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} \\ -\frac{ES}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{ES}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{12EI}{L^3} & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} \\ 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{2EI}{L} & 0 & -\frac{6EI}{L^2} & \frac{4EI}{L} \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\mathbf{K}}_g = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{60L} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 36 & 3L & 0 & -36 & 3L \\ 0 & 3L & 4L^2 & 0 & -3L & -L^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -36 & -3L & 0 & 36 & -3L \\ 0 & 3L & L^2 & 0 & -3L & L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{nl} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \left( ES \frac{du^2}{dx} + EI_z \frac{d^2v^2}{dx^2} + EI_y \frac{d^2w^2}{dx^2} + GJ_0 \frac{d\theta_x^2}{dx} + N_0 \frac{dv^2}{dx} + N_0 \frac{dw^2}{dx} \right) dx$$

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[Yang 1986] Stiffness matrix for geometric nonlinear analysis.