



063-0606-22L : Computational Structural Design II

Structurally-informed Materialisation

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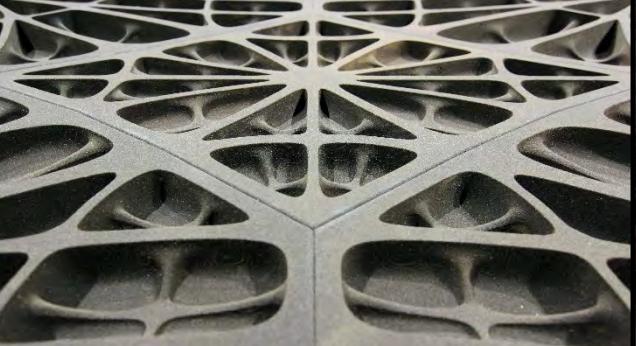


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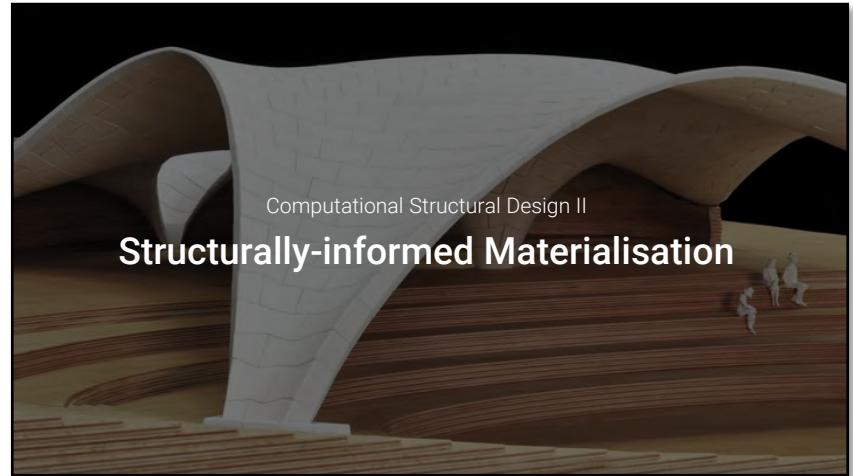
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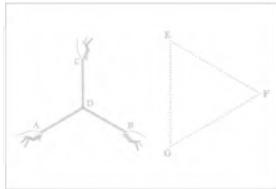
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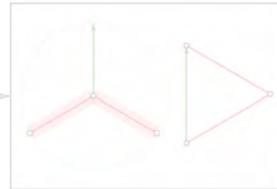
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Computational Structural Design I • Computational Graphic Statics

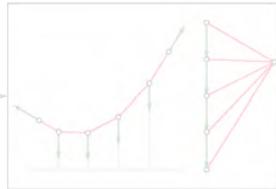
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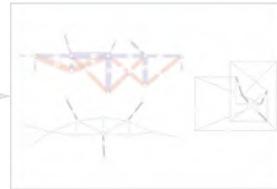
Module I
Basics of Graphic Statics



Module II
Interactive Graphic Statics I (single node)

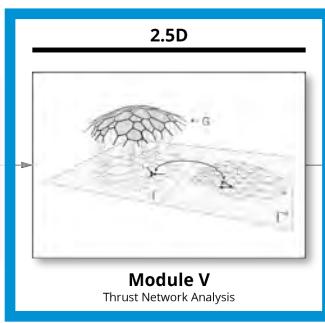


Module III
Interactive Graphic Statics 2 (multi node)



Module IV
Algebraic Graph Statics

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Module V
Thrust Network Analysis

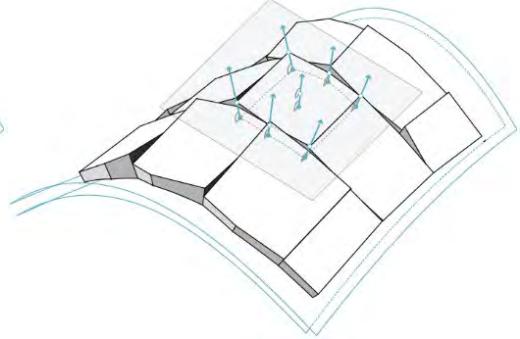
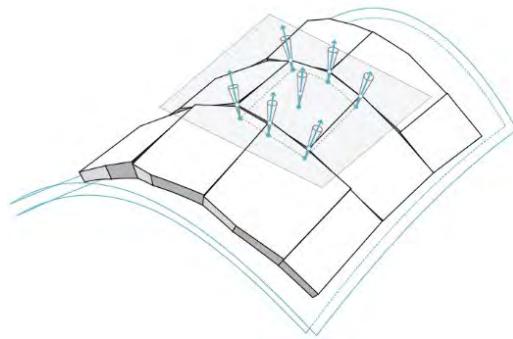
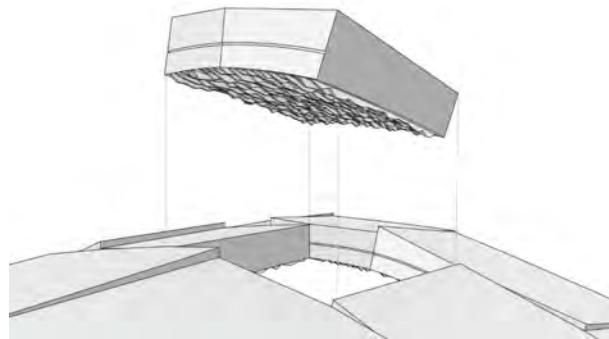
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Module VI
3D Graphic Statics

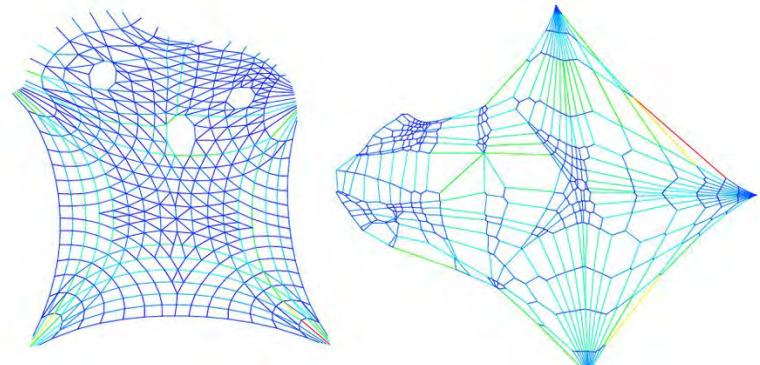


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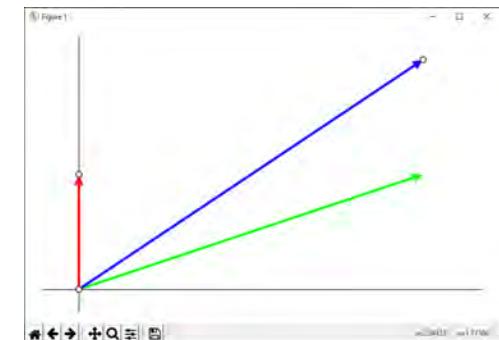
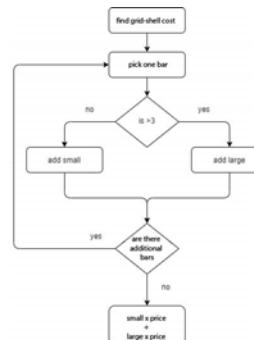




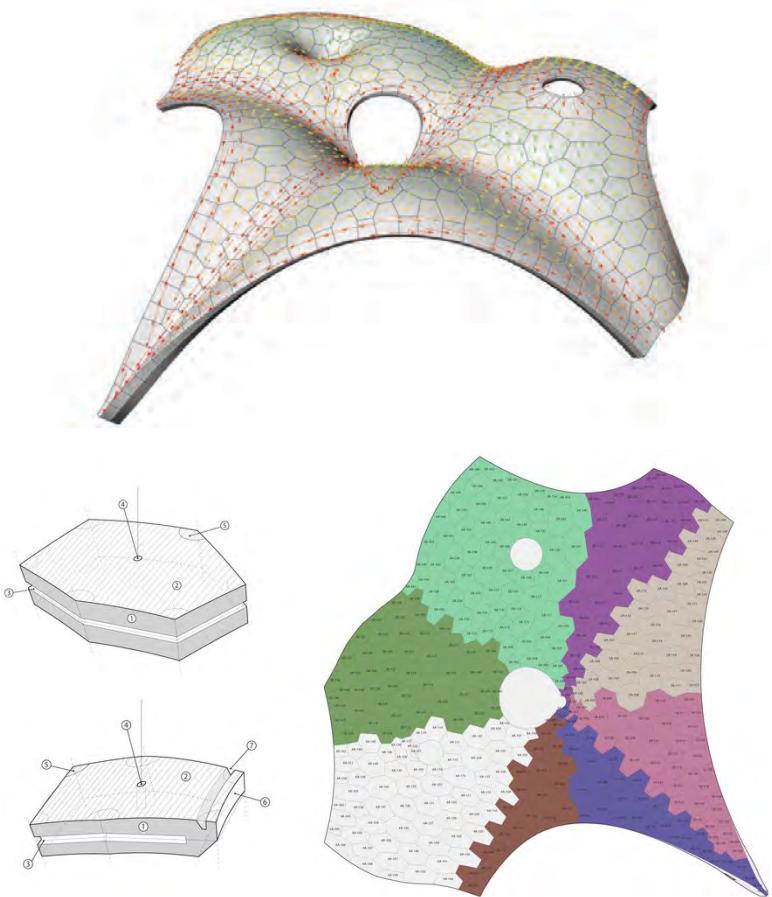
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I	Week 1 (3/24)	1 Lecture 1	Form finding of Funicular Shell Structures	Dr. Juney Lee	
		2 Tutorial 1	Form finding with compas-RV2	Dr. Juney Lee	
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II	Week 2 (3/31)	2	pseudocodes, Introduction to Jupyter Notebook, Introduction to the Python programming language	Chaoyu Du	
	Week 3 (4/7)	3	Work Session 2	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
	Week 4 (3/31)	1	Tutorial 3	Coding in Python: data types, for-loops, conditionals	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du
		2	Work Session 3	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
	Week 5 (3/24)	3			
			Seminar walk		
III	Week 6 (3/31)	1	Lecture 2	Geometry, Rationalization & Materialization	Dr. Juney Lee
		2	Tutorial 5	Introduction to The Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du
		3	Work Session 5	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
	Week 7 (4/7)	1	Tutorial 6	Operations with the Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du
		2	Work Session 6	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
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	Week 8 (4/14)	1	Tutorial 7	Geometry rationalization and materialization methods for funicular structures: Case Studies	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du
		2	Work Session 7	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
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	Week 9 (4/21)		Lecture		
IV	Week 10 (4/28)	1	Lecture 3	Introduction to Computer Assisted Manufacturing for Architecture Engineering and Construction	Serban Bodea
		2	Tutorial 8	Subtractive Manufacturing methods	Serban Bodea
		3	Work Session 8	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
	Week 11 (5/5)	1	Tutorial 9	Introduction to Hotwire Cutting	Chaoyu Du
		2	Work Session 9	Dr. Juney Lee, Chaoyu Du	
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	Week 12 (5/12)	1	Tutorial 10	Introduction to Milling	Selina Bitting
		2	Work Session 10	Dr. Juney Lee, Selina Bitting	
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	Week 13 (5/19)	1	Lecture 4	Guest lecture: Dr. Catherine De Wolf	
		2	Group presentations of assignment 3		
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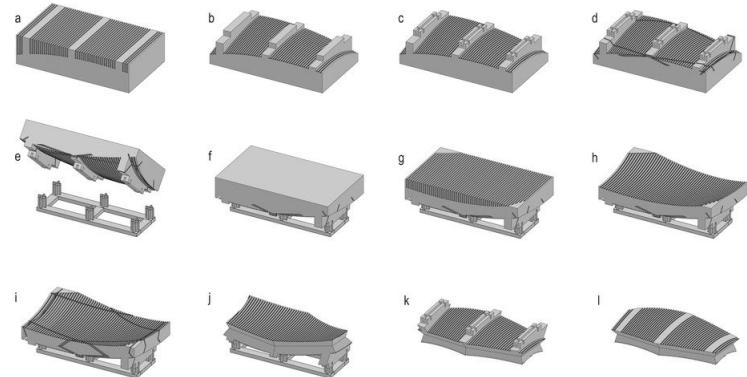
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I	Form Finding	Week 3 (3/24)	1 Lecture 1 Form finding of Funicular Shell Structures 2 Tutorial 1 Form finding with compas-RV2	Dr. Juney Lee Dr. Juney Lee
II	Geometry	Week 2 (3/21)	1 Tutorial 2 Procedural thinking: logic diagrams, flow charts, pseudocodes, Introduction to Jupyter Notebook, Introduction to the Python programming language 2 Work Session 2	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du Chaoyu Du
		Week 3 (3/18)	1 Tutorial 3 Coding in Python: data types, for-loops, conditionals 2 Work Session 3	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du Chaoyu Du
		Week 4 (3/17)	1 Tutorial 4 Introduction to computational geometry in COMPAS Geometry and Class in COMPAS 2 Work Session 4	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du Chaoyu Du
		Week 5 (3/24)		
III	Materialisation	Week 6 (3/31)	1 Lecture 2 Geometry, Rationalization & Materialization 2 Tutorial 5 Introduction to The Mesh Half-edge data structure 3 Work Session 5	Dr. Juney Lee Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du
		Week 7 (4/7)	1 Tutorial 6 Operations with the Mesh Half-edge data structure 2 Work Session 6	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du
		Week 8 (4/14)	1 Tutorial 7 Geometry rationalization and materialization methods for funicular structures: Case Studies 2 Work Session 7	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du Dr. Juney Lee
		Week 9 (4/21)		Easter
IV	Fabrication	Week 10 (4/28)	1 Lecture 3 Introduction to Computer Assisted Manufacturing for Architecture Engineering and Construction 2 Tutorial 8 Subtractive Manufacturing methods 3 Work Session 8	Serban Bodea Serban Bodea Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du
		Week 11 (5/5)	1 Tutorial 9 Introduction to Hotwire Cutting 2 Work Session 9	Chaoyu Du Chaoyu Du and Selina Bitting
		Week 12 (5/12)	1 Tutorial 10 Introduction to Milling 2 Work Session 10	Selina Bitting Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du
		Week 13 (5/19)	1 Lecture 4 Guest lecture: Dr. Catherine De Wolf 2 Group presentations of assignment 3	



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I	Form Finding	Week 1 (3/20)	1	Lecture 1 Form finding of Funicular shell Structures	Dr. Junye Lee	
			2	Tutorial 1 Form finding with compas-RV2	Dr. Junye Lee	
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II	Geometry	Week 2 (3/27)	1	Tutorial 2 Procedural thinking: logic diagrams, flow charts, pseudocodes, Introduction to Jupyter Notebook, Introduction to the Python programming language	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 2 Py3D Mesh Processing	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 3 (3/10)	1	Tutorial 3 Coding in Python: data types, for-loops, conditionals	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 3 Py3D Mesh Processing	Chaoyu Du	
III	Materialisation	Week 4 (3/17)	1	Tutorial 4 Introduction to computational geometry in COMPAS Geometry and Class in COMPAS	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 4 Py3D Mesh Processing	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 5 (3/24)	1	Lecture 2 Geometry, Rationalization & Materialization Dr. Junye Lee	Dr. Junye Lee	
			2	Tutorial 5 Introduction to The Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
	Week 6 (3/31)		3	Work Session 5 Py3D Mesh Processing: Mesh Generation and Meshing Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
			1	Tutorial 6 Operations with the Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 6 Py3D Mesh Processing: Mesh Generation and Meshing Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
	Week 7 (4/7)		3			
			1	Tutorial 7 Geometry rationalization and materialization methods for funicular structures: Case Studies	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 7 Py3D Mesh Processing: Mesh Generation and Meshing Dr. Junye Lee	Dr. Junye Lee	
	Week 8 (4/14)		3			
	Week 9 (4/21)					
	Week 10 (4/28)					
IV	Fabrication					
	Week 11 (5/5)		1	Lecture 3 Architecture Engineering and Construction	Serban Bodea	
			2	Tutorial 8 Subtractive Manufacturing methods	Serban Bodea	
			3	Work Session 8 Py3D Mesh Processing: Mesh Generation and Meshing Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du	
	Week 12 (5/12)		1	Tutorial 9 Introduction to Hotwire Cutting	Chaoyu Du	
			2	Work Session 9 Py3D Mesh Processing: Mesh Generation and Meshing Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	Chaoyu Du and Selina Bitting	
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	Week 13 (5/19)		1	Lecture 4 Guest lecture: Dr. Catherine De Wolf		
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		Week 3 (4/3)	1 Tutorial 2 Procedural thinking: logic diagrams, flow charts, pseudocodes, Introduction to Jupyter Notebook, Introduction to the Python programming language	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 4 (4/10)	2 Work Session 2 Feasible forms for shells	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 5 (4/17)	1 Tutorial 3 Coding in Python: data types, for-loops, conditionals	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 6 (4/24)	2 Work Session 3 Feasible forms for shells	Chaoyu Du	Assignment 1 (individual)
		Week 7 (5/1)	1 Tutorial 4 Introduction to computational geometry in COMPAS Geometry and Class in COMPAS	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 8 (5/8)	2 Work Session 4	Chaoyu Du	
	Materialisation	Seminar week			
		Week 9 (5/15)	1 Lecture 2 Geometry, Rationalization & Materialization	Dr. Juney Lee	
		Week 10 (5/22)	2 Tutorial 5 Introduction to The Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 11 (5/29)	3 Work Session 5 Feasible forms for shells: Mesh half-edge data structure, Mesh generation, Mesh optimization, Mesh rationalization, Mesh materialization	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 12 (6/5)	1 Tutorial 6 Operations with the Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 13 (6/12)	2 Work Session 6 Feasible forms for shells: Mesh half-edge data structure, Mesh generation, Mesh optimization, Mesh rationalization, Mesh materialization	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 14 (6/19)	1 Tutorial 7 Geometry rationalization and materialization methods for funicular structures: Case Studies	Dr. Juney Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 15 (6/26)	2 Work Session 7	Dr. Juney Lee	
		Week 16 (7/3)	Lector		
IV	Fabrication	Week 17 (7/10)	1 Lecture 3 Introduction to Computer Assisted Manufacturing for Architecture Engineering and Construction	Serban Bodea	
		Week 18 (7/17)	2 Tutorial 8 Subtractive Manufacturing methods	Serban Bodea	
		Week 19 (7/24)	3 Work Session 8 Feasible forms for shells: Mesh half-edge data structure, Mesh generation, Mesh optimization, Mesh rationalization, Mesh materialization	Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 20 (7/31)	1 Tutorial 9 Introduction to Hotwire Cutting	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 21 (8/7)	2 Work Session 9 Feasible forms for shells: Mesh half-edge data structure, Mesh generation, Mesh optimization, Mesh rationalization, Mesh materialization	Chaoyu Du and Selina Bitting	Assignment 3 (in groups)
		Week 22 (8/14)	1 Tutorial 10 Introduction to Milling	Selina Bitting	
		Week 23 (8/21)	2 Work Session 10 Feasible forms for shells: Mesh half-edge data structure, Mesh generation, Mesh optimization, Mesh rationalization, Mesh materialization	Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 24 (8/28)	Group presentations of assignment 3		



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		Week 2 (3/27)	2 Tutorial 1	Form finding with compas-RV2	Dr. Junye Lee	
		Week 3 (4/3)	3			
	Geometry	Week 4 (3/27)	1 Tutorial 2.	Procedural thinking: logic diagrams, flow charts, pseudocodes, Introduction to Jupyter Notebook, Introduction to the Python programming language	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 5 (3/24)	2 Work Session 2	Practical exercises on geometric structures	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 6 (3/31)	1 Tutorial 3	Coding in Python: data types, for-loops, conditionals	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 7 (4/7)	2 Work Session 3	Practical exercises on geometric structures	Chaoyu Du	Assignment 1 (individual)
	Materialisation	Week 8 (4/14)	1 Tutorial 4	Introduction to computational geometry in COMPAS	Serban Bodea and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 9 (4/21)	2 Work Session 4	Practical exercises on geometric structures	Chaoyu Du	
		Week 10 (4/28)		Seminar walk		
		Week 11 (5/5)	1 Lecture 2	Geometry, Rationalization & Materialization	Dr. Junye Lee	
		Week 12 (5/12)	2 Tutorial 5	Introduction to The Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
	Fabrication	Week 13 (5/19)	3 Work Session 5	Practical exercises on mesh half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 14 (5/26)	1 Tutorial 6	Operations with the Mesh Half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 15 (6/2)	2 Work Session 6	Practical exercises on mesh half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	Assignment 2 (individual)
		Week 16 (6/9)	3	Practical exercises on mesh half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
	Laser	Week 17 (6/16)	1 Tutorial 7	Geometry rationalization and materialization methods for funicular structures: Case Studies	Dr. Junye Lee and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 18 (6/23)	2 Work Session 7	Practical exercises on mesh half-edge data structure	Dr. Junye Lee	
		Week 19 (6/30)		Laser		
	Hotwire	Week 20 (7/7)	1 Lecture 3	Introduction to Computer Assisted Manufacturing for Architecture Engineering and Construction	Serban Bodea	
		Week 21 (7/14)	2 Tutorial 8	Subtractive Manufacturing methods	Serban Bodea	
		Week 22 (7/21)	3 Work Session 8	Practical exercises on subtractive manufacturing methods	Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 23 (7/28)	1 Tutorial 9	Introduction to Hotwire Cutting	Chaoyu Du	
	Milling	Week 24 (8/4)	2 Work Session 9	Practical exercises on hotwire cutting	Chaoyu Du and Selina Bitting	Assignment 3 (in groups)
		Week 25 (8/11)	3	Practical exercises on hotwire cutting		
		Week 26 (8/18)	1 Tutorial 10.	Introduction to Milling	Selina Bitting	
	3D Printer	Week 27 (8/25)	2 Work Session 10	Practical exercises on milling	Selina Bitting and Chaoyu Du	
		Week 28 (9/1)	3	Practical exercises on milling		
	Guest lecture	Week 29 (9/8)	1 Lecture 4	Guest lecture: Dr. Catherine De Wolf		
		Week 30 (9/15)	2	Group presentations of assignment 3		
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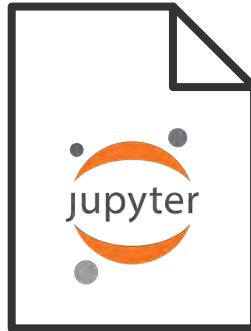
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Edge browser window displaying a GitBook page. The title bar reads "About - CSD2 - 2022". The URL in the address bar is <https://blockresearchgroup.gitbook.io/csd2-2022/8bUebvOjptz2Uk/r7Z1U/>. The page has a dark blue header with the text "943-0406-22L (CSD2) Structurally-informed Materialisation" and navigation links for "Block Research Group", "GitHub", and "Slack". A search bar is also present.

The main content area is titled "About" and contains the following information:

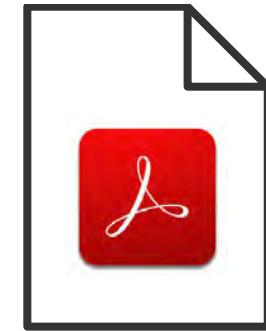
- A large image of a bridge under construction.
- Welcome to Computational Structural Design II: Structurally-informed Materialisation!**
- This course teaches structurally-informed computational design, materialisation, and subtractive fabrication methods for compression-only shell structures. The course is an introduction to coding using the Python programming language within the context of computational structural design.
- The students will first learn about Thrust Network Analysis (TNA), a form-finding method for compression-only shell structures. Using compas-RV2 (RhinoVault 2), an interactive implementation of TNA for Rhinoceros software, the students will learn how to design and analyse their own funicular shell structures.
- After being introduced to the basics of Python programming using Jupyter Notebook, the students will learn how to use the COMPAS framework for processing computational geometry to develop various materialisation strategies. Students will also learn about the mesh datastructure, and how to use various features of COMPAS to understand, extract and process topological information stored in the datastructure.
- Finally, using the form-found geometry using compas-RV2 and the computational skills learned in class, the students will learn the basic principles of digital-design-to-fabrication setup and workflow, and develop a subtractive fabrication pipeline for wirecutting and CNC milling of discretised block geometries of the compression-only structure.

On the right side of the page, there are buttons for "Export as PDF" and "Copy link", and a section titled "CONTENTS" with a link to "Welcome to Computational Structural Design II: Structurally-informed Materialisation".

Course website → <https://blockresearchgroup.gitbook.io/csd2-2022/>



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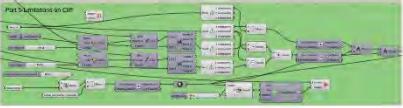
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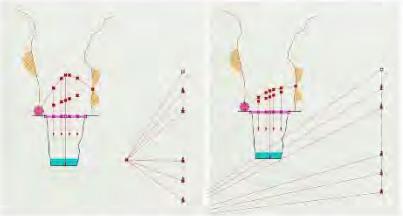
3.
The basic idea is to construct the limitations and let rhino show the warning by displaying a symbol at the footage if either of the 3 conditions is not satisfied.

1)To constrain the inclination on the left side: First, input the limit angles X, Y as number sliders and then use the "Rotate" components to translate them into vectors. Starting from the point A on force diagram, use "Line SLD" to draw two constraint lines. One line is parallel to the vector of angle X and the other is parallel to angle Y (let's name them as point "Bx" and point "By" in the force diagram). Deconstruct the two points and the top point which represents the first force line. By calculating those Y-coordinates (substrate them in pairs and then multiply the results and then to see if it positive or negative) one could easily inspect if the top point lies in between the two points "Bx" and "By".

2)To examine if the horizontal components at the left footage: Input the Z value and compare it with the distance of point A to the vertical line. (Deconstruct the point A and calculate the difference between the X-components of point A and the vertical line)

3)To examine the tension situation: one could simply limit the allowable value of inputted X and Y value: all must bigger than "0".





Post dimensions in cm
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The maximum horizontal force is defined by a parallel line to the load line from the force diagram. This line moves to the left, according to the maximal load set in the „max Horizontal support“ component. The angles, in which the support can be, can be controlled with the two other components (angle 1 and angle 2).
The move component defines by the motion in „Unit x“ (because the line needs to be moved along the x axis) and a reverse component (so the vector turns negative). Angle 1 and 2 are defined by a rotation.
Angle 1 is the rotation of the direction of the load-line.
Angle 2 is the rotation from angle 1.
The direction and the size of the support forces are in this case A and B.

Is the support force A inside the green surface, so the direction of the support force is ok, for the defined angles of Angle 1 and Angle 2.
Is the pole inside the green surface, the direction and size of the maximal horizontal component are ok for the set parameters.


Direction of the support force inside the set parameters, but the set horizontal component is too small (or the geometry of the bridge too shallow)

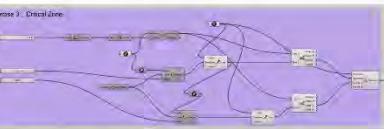

Direction of the support force inside the set parameters.
horizontal component also inside the set parameters
→ no cross at the pole

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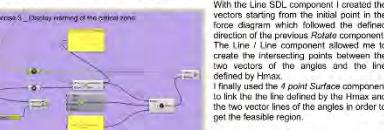
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The result of the division can not be a round number because in the way I proceeded it will always be an odd number, that's why I used the Round component. I then linked the result with index output of the List item which is also connected to the Panel component of the force magnitudes. I finally connected the final List to the existing Amplitude component. That way I managed to add the force in the middle of the bridge.

Part 3 - Modify the parametric model to provide solutions only in the feasible design space.



To create the asked limitation we start by adding the Hmax, angle a and angle b values with a number slider.
The Hmax number slider connected to the Move component will define the intensity of the movement of the geometry according to the chosen Hmax value. Same for the angles a and b, which are controlled with the Rotate components. The two angles linked to the Z and Axis define the rotation of the rotation axis.
With the Line SLD component I created the vectors starting from the initial point in the force diagram which followed the defined direction and angle of the Rotate component. The Line / Line component allowed me to create the intersecting points between the two vectors of the angles and the line defined by the Hmax.



I finally used the 4 point Surface component to link the line defined by the Hmax and the two vector lines of the angles in order to get the feasible region.
In order to be informed when the anchors are not anymore in the feasible zone (out of the defined surface from the previous point) I created a warning display.

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The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page titled "Assignment 1 - CS02 - 2022". The main content area is titled "Assignment 1" and contains instructions for submission:

Complete the tasks below, and submit a zipped folder that includes:

1. the completed files or other deliverables
2. and the PDF

by 15:00 on Thursday, March 31st.

Please follow the file naming convention as shown in the [Syllabus](#).

A red box highlights the submission instructions, and a red arrow points to the "Assignment 1" link in the sidebar.

Sidebar Navigation:

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- IV. Fabrication

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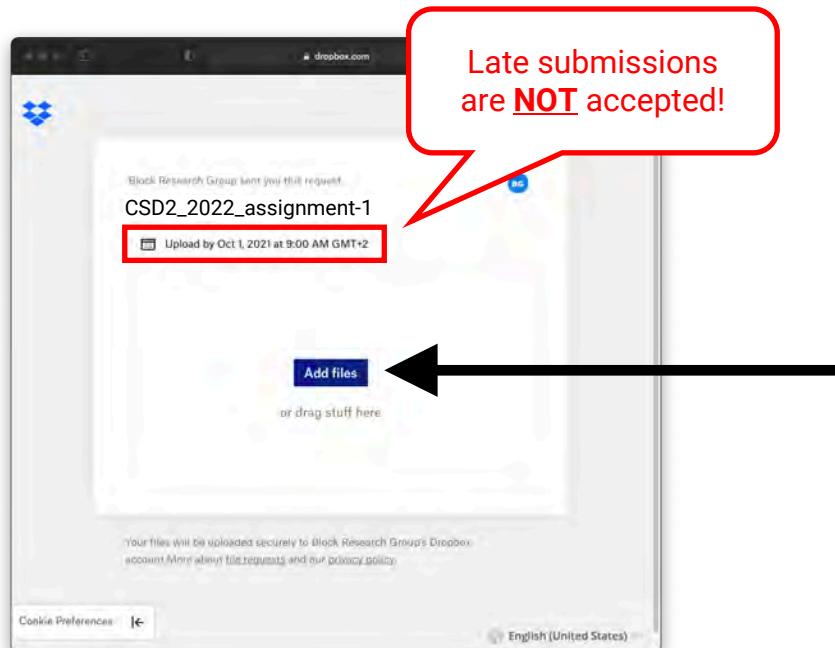
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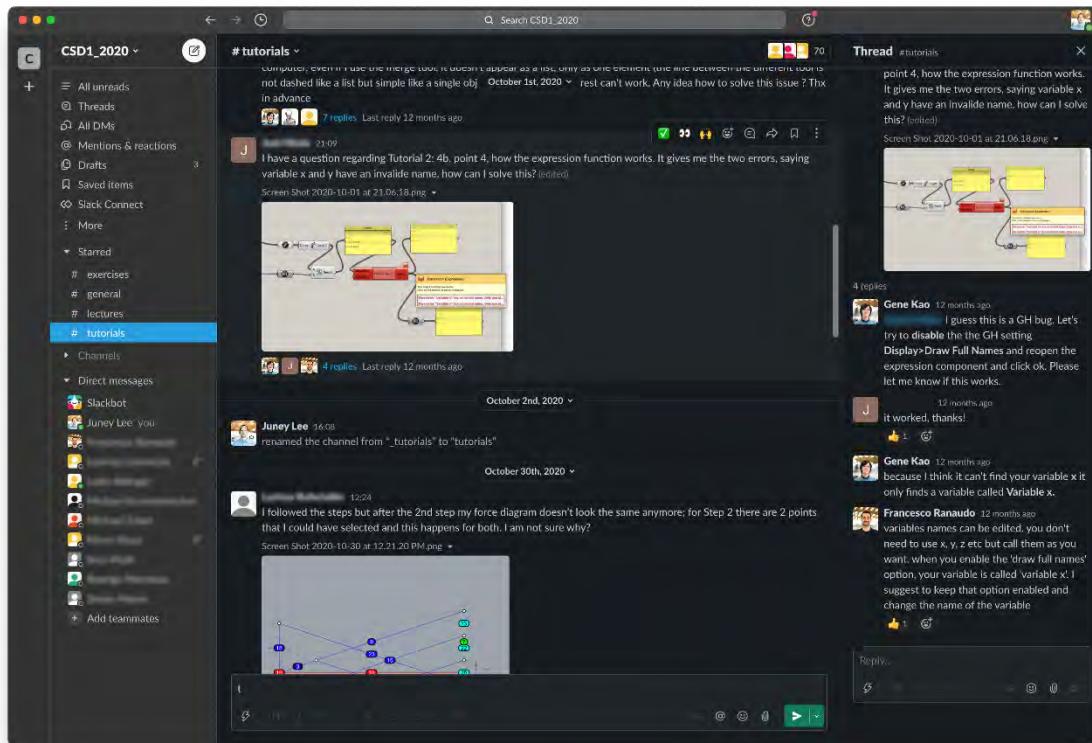


ⓘ File naming convention

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Course Slack Workspace → Link provided on the course GitBook

Week 1 Thursday, February 24th

Hour 1

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Lecture 1

Form Finding of Funicular Shell Structures

Thursday, February 24th, 2022

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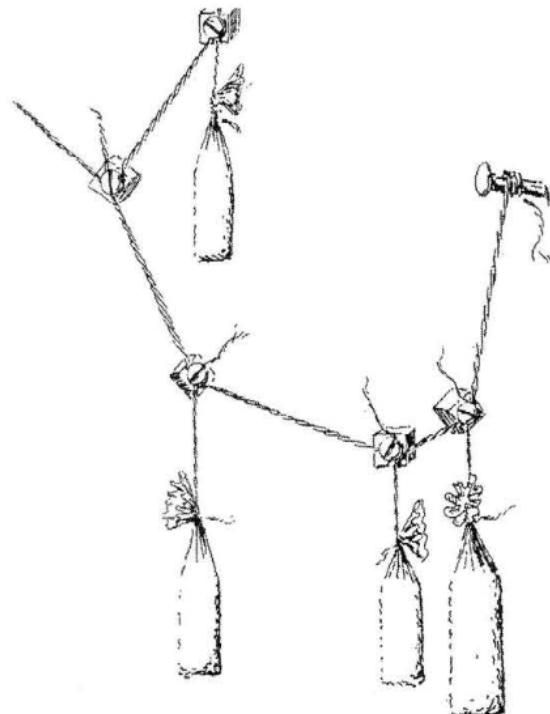
Form finding



"As hangs the flexible line, so but inverted will stand the rigid arch."

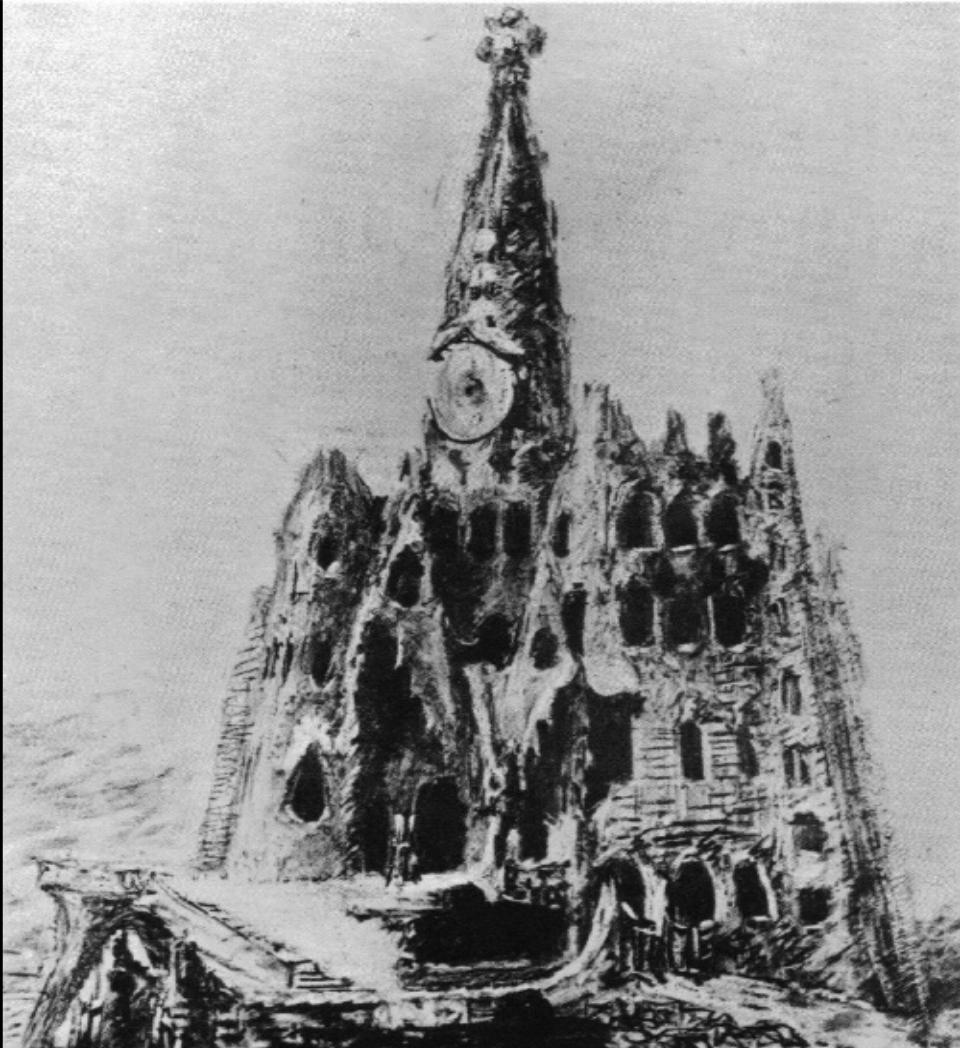
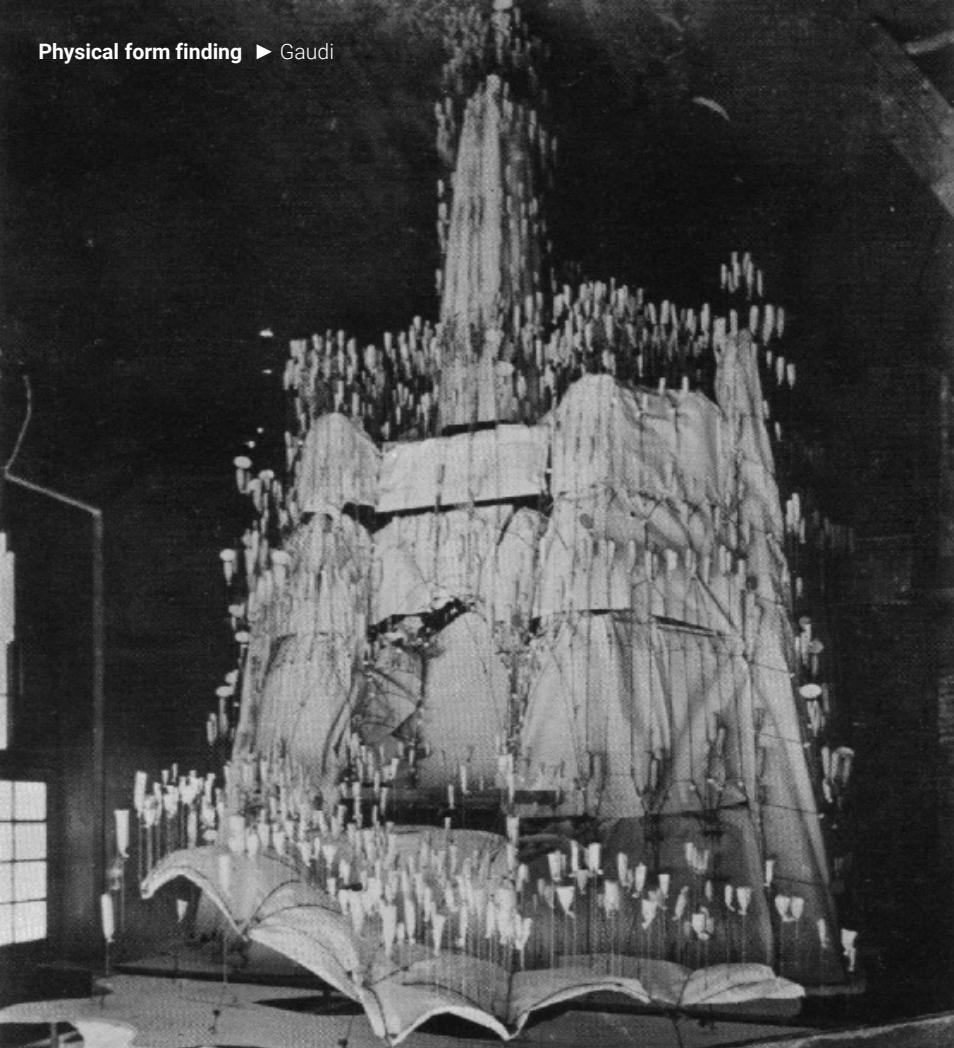
Hooke (1676)





Redesign of Gaudi's hanging model for the Colonia Güell | Images: Beotis (2007)

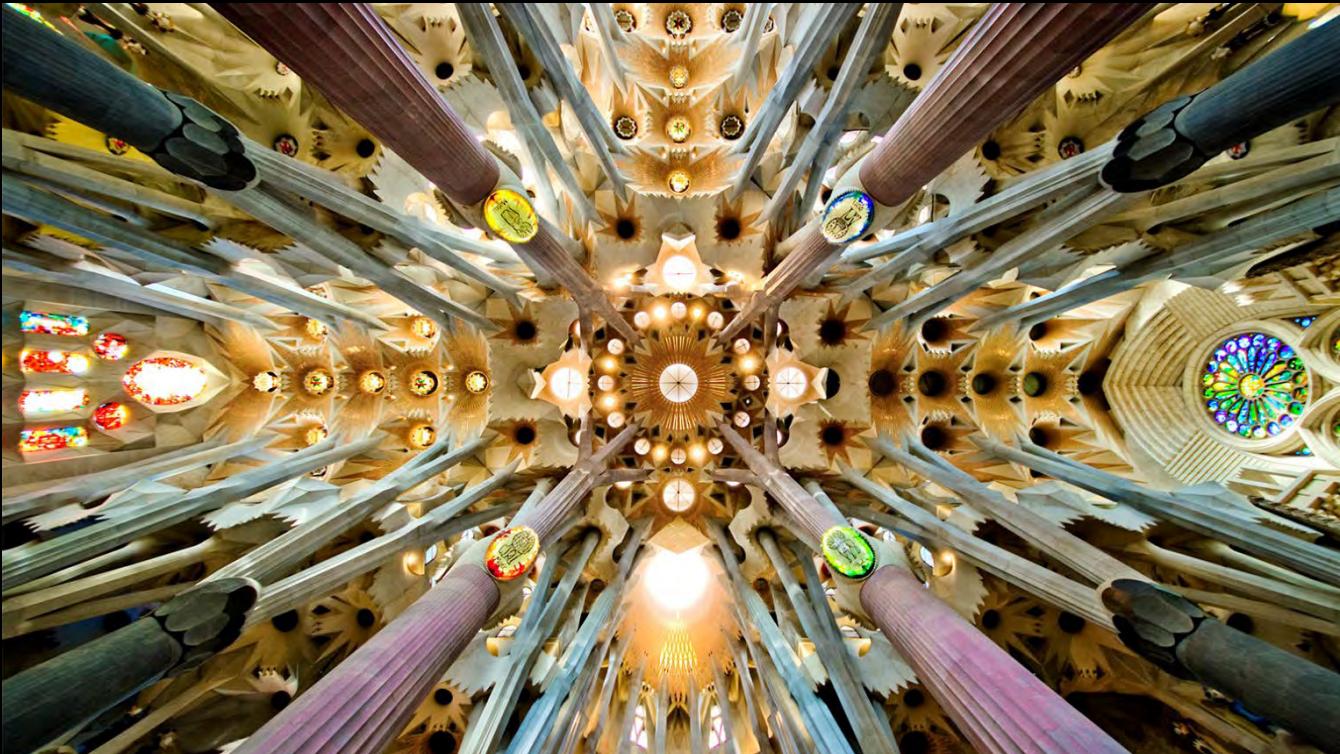
Physical form finding ▶ Gaudi



Gaudí's design of its exterior directly sketched on the inverted photograph of the hanging model | Images: Collins, 1963



Gaudí's Church of Colònia Güell, 1898





Physical Form Finding Models. | Isler Archive



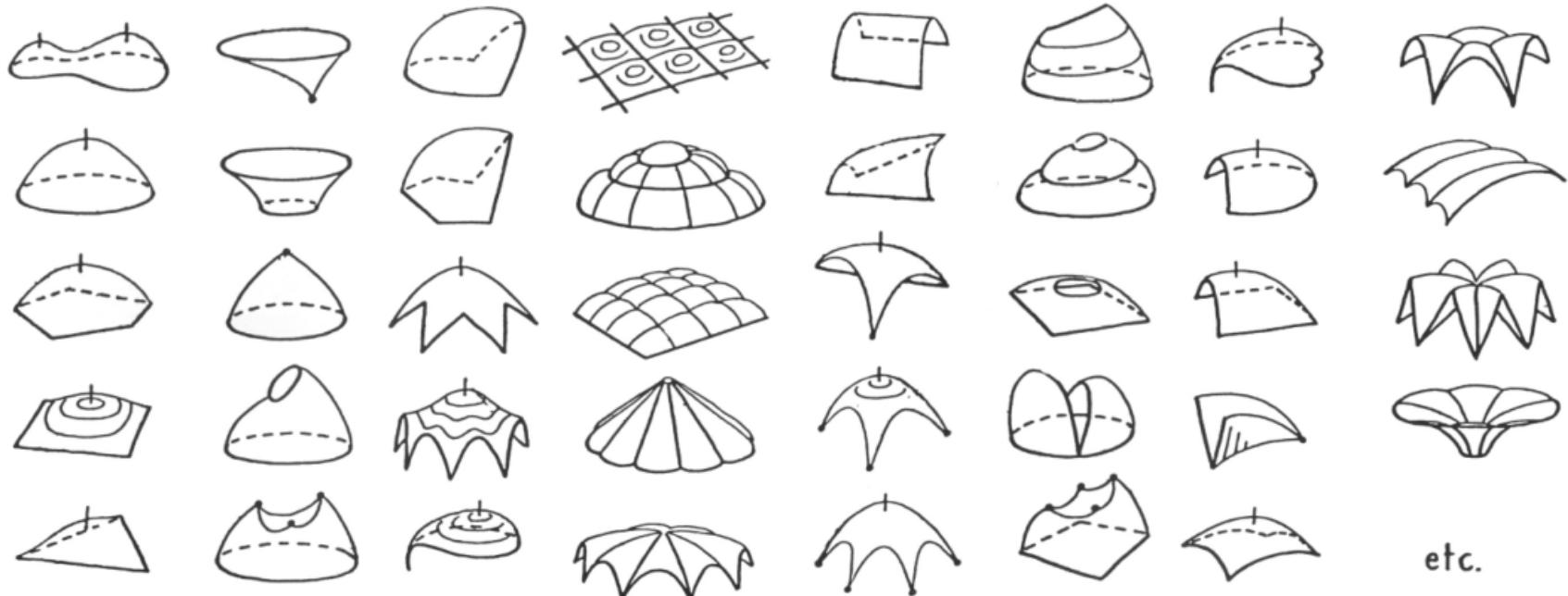
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Physical form finding ► Otto

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Soap bubble experiments | Frei Otto



German Pavilion at Expo 1967 | Frei Otto

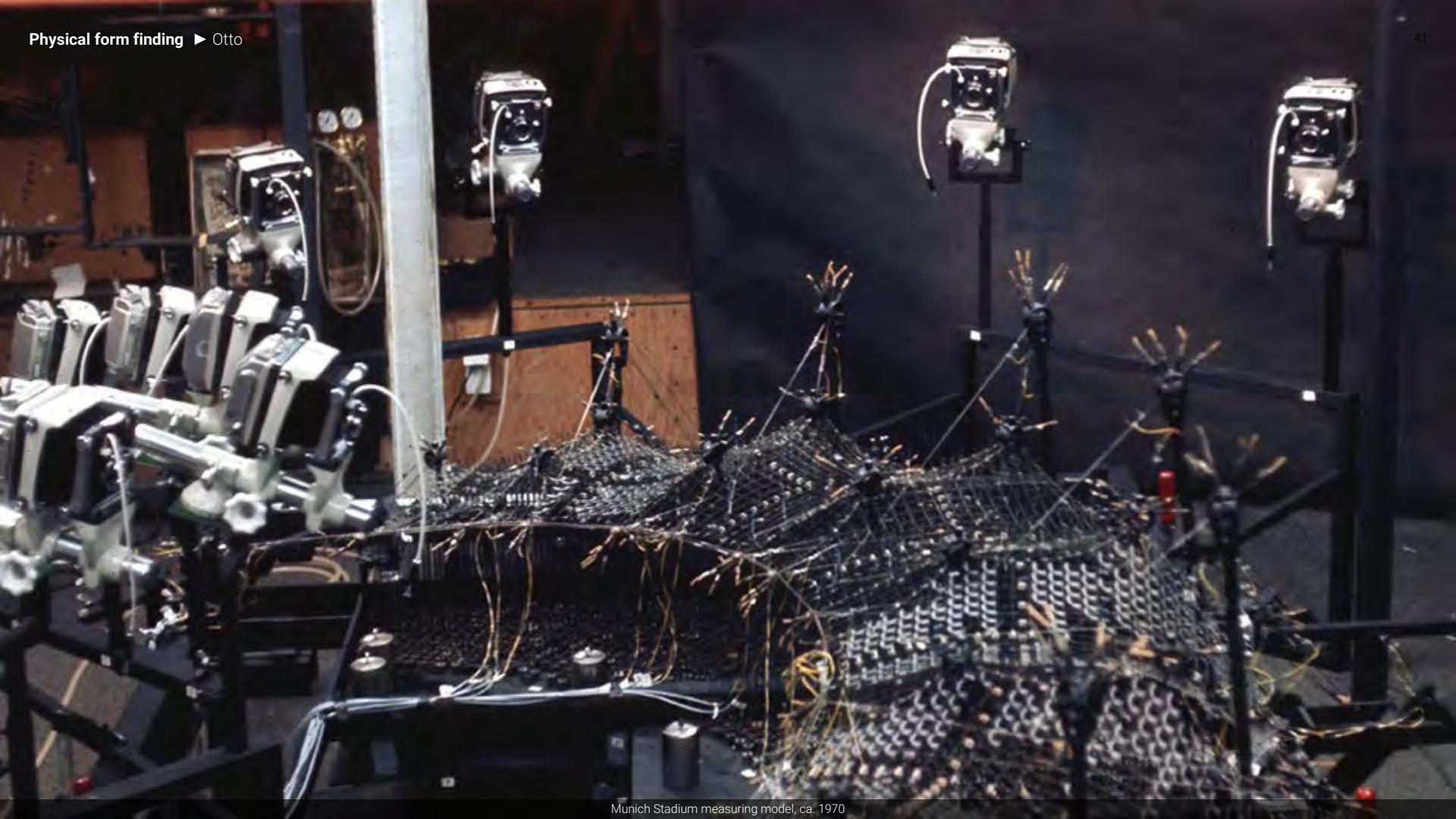
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Montreal Pavilion measuring model, 1966



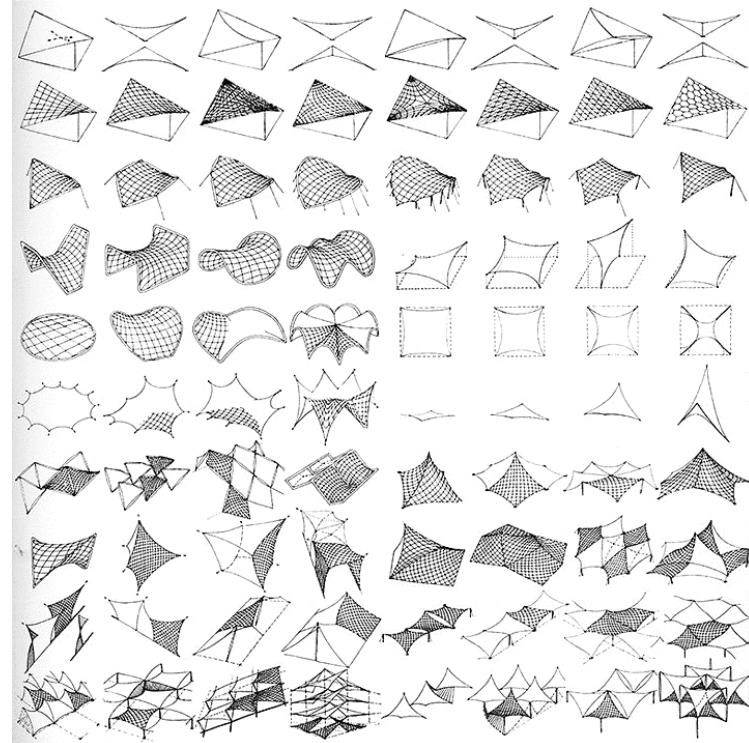
Munich Stadium measuring model, ca. 1970

Computational **form finding**

Form finding

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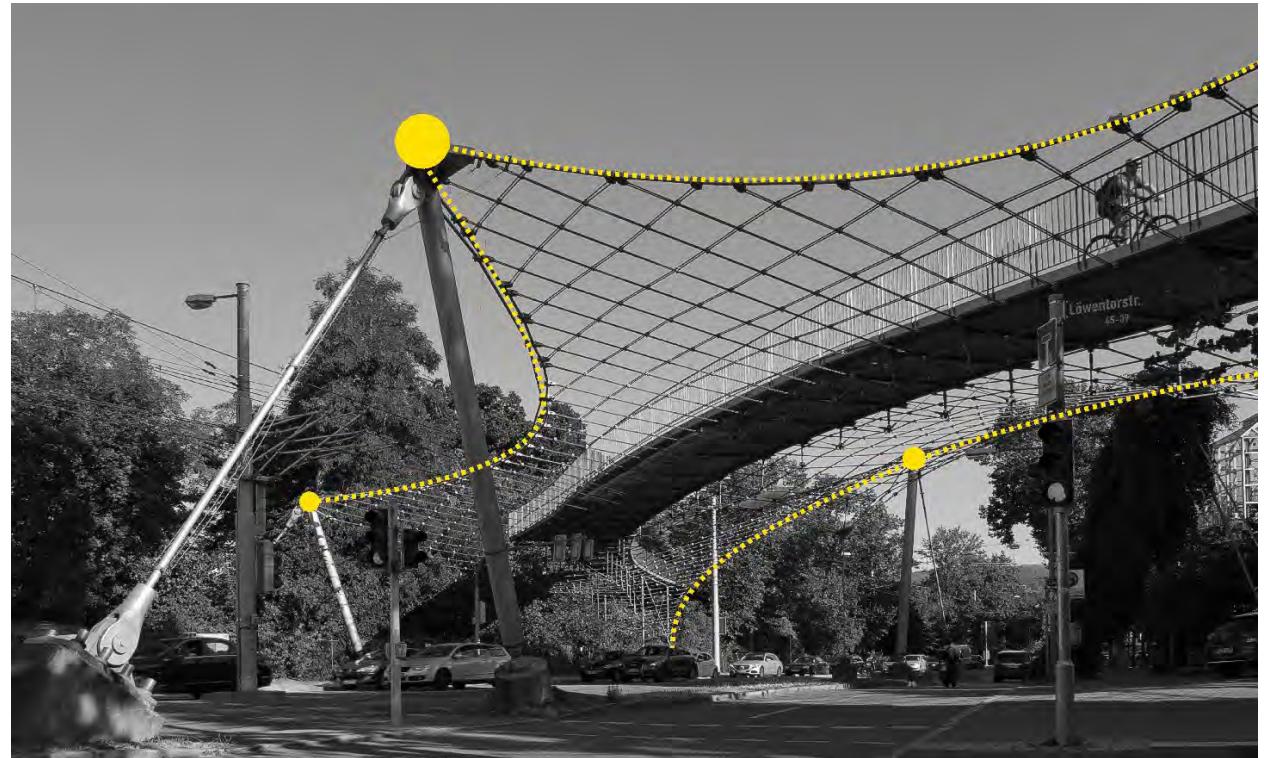
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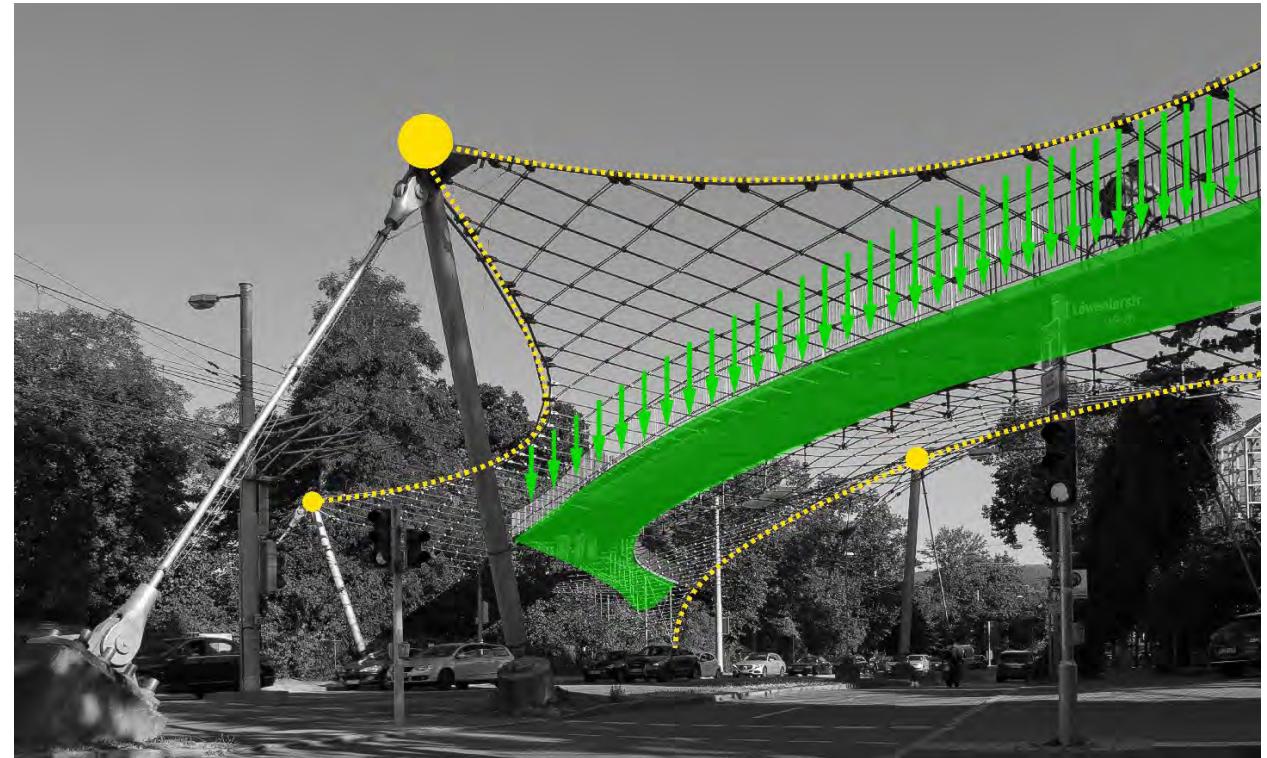
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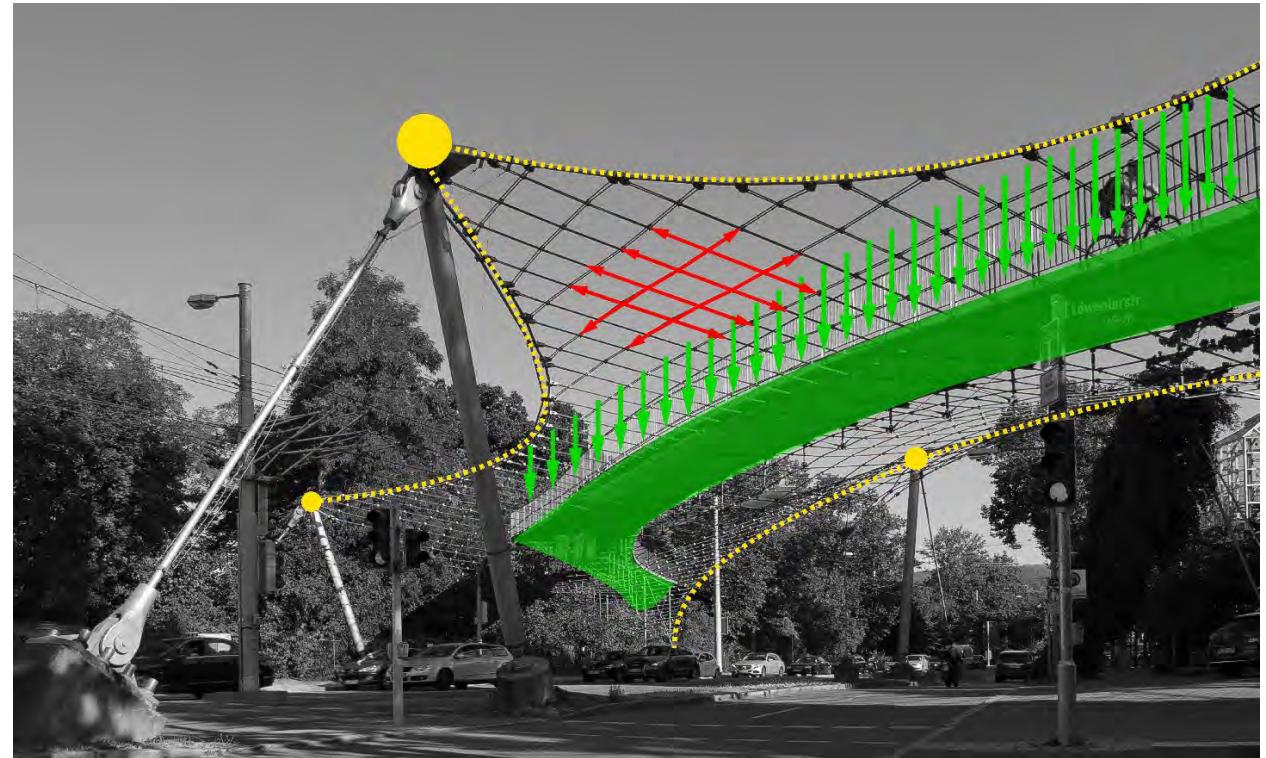


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2. Defined loading case



1. Defined boundary conditions
2. Defined loading case
3. Defined state of self stress



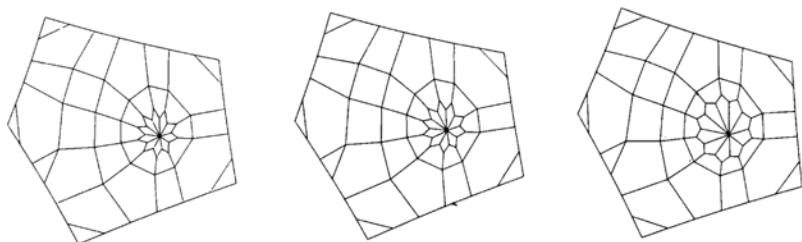
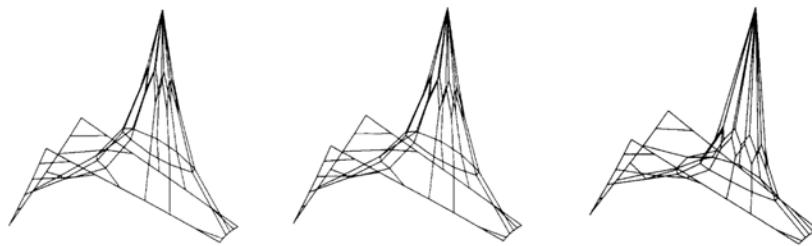


Fig. 7. Global changes in the force densities and lengthening of the radial branches.

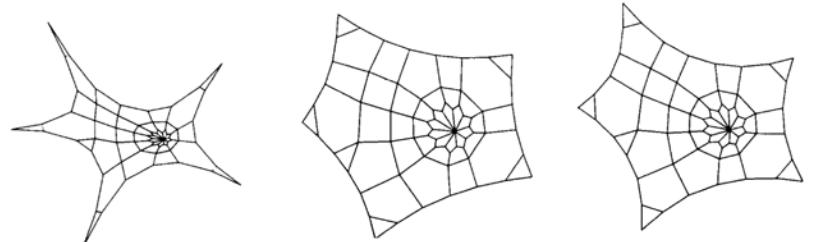
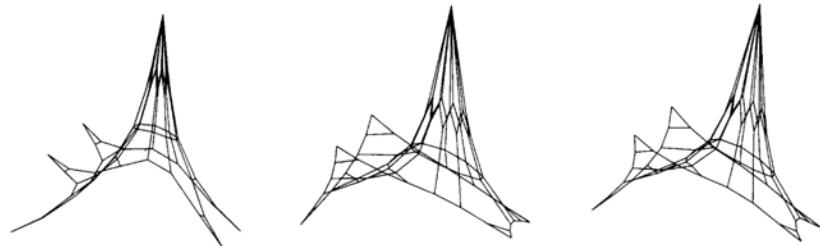


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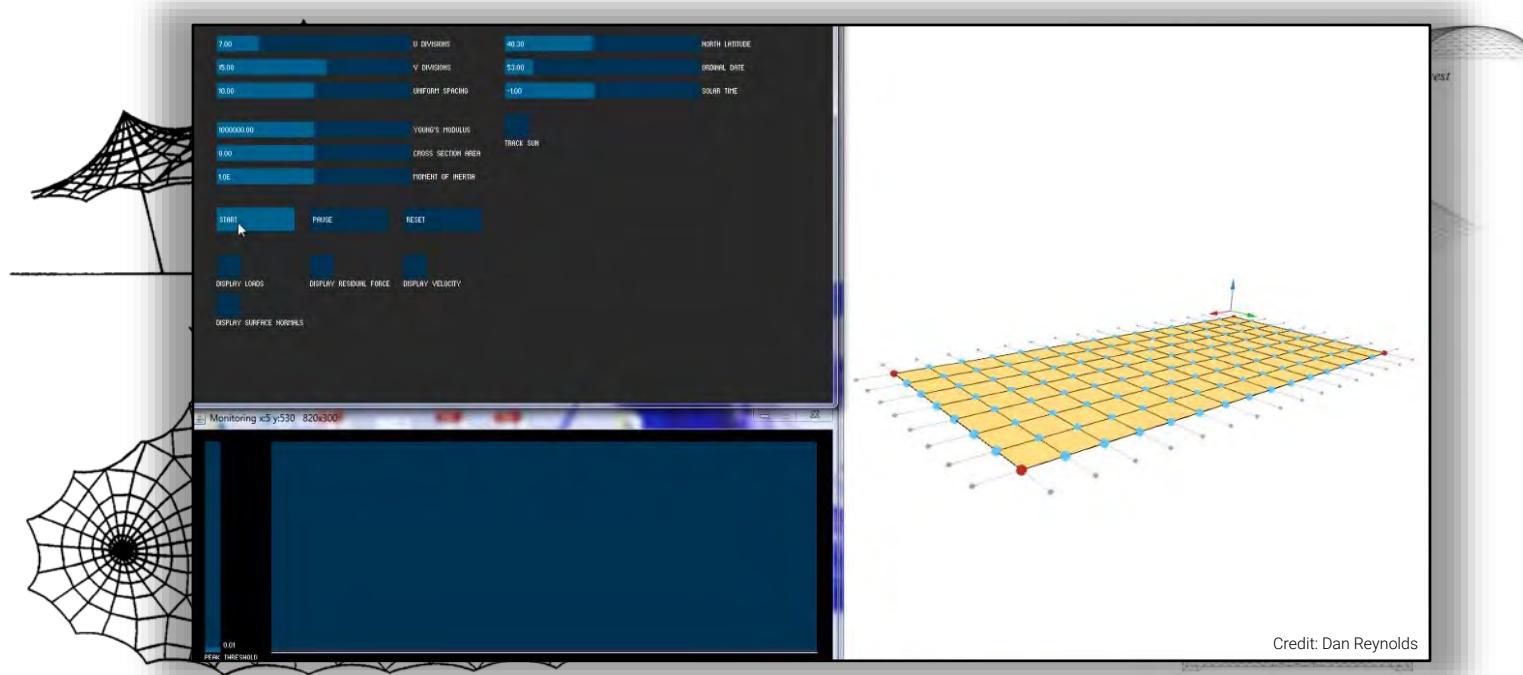


Figure 13. Outwards deflections due to loading

Form finding with graphic statics

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THRUST NETWORK ANALYSIS: A NEW METHODOLOGY FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL EQUILIBRIUM

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a new methodology for generating compression-only vaulted surfaces and networks. The method finds possible funicular solutions under gravitational loading within a defined envelope. Using projective geometry, duality theory and linear optimization, it provides a graphical and intuitive method, adapted to both 2-D and 3-D structures, that can be easily extended to fully three-dimensional problems. The proposed method is applicable for the analysis of vaulted historical structures, specifically in unreinforced masonry, as well as the design of new vaulted structures. This paper introduces the method and shows examples of applications in both fields.

Keywords: compression-only structures, unreinforced masonry vaults, funicular analysis, Thrust Network Analysis, reciprocal diagrams, form-finding, lower-bound analysis, structural optimization

1. INTRODUCTION

Medieval vault builders created complex forms carefully balanced in compression. The structural properties of these sophisticated forms are still poorly understood because of a lack of appropriate analysis methods, i.e. methods relating stability and form. Understanding the mechanics of these vaulted structures leads to new insights for both analysis and design.

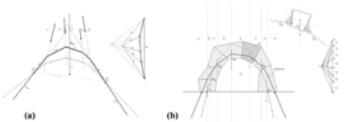


Figure 1. (a) Two possible compression-only equilibrium shapes for a random set of loads, and (b) an interactive direct-line application developed in [1], where the user can adapt the geometry by dragging control points and the structural feedback, in the form of a thrust-line, is updated in real-time. The magnitudes of the forces in the system are visualized in the accompanying funicular polygon (right).

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based on elastic solution give one possible answer, they no longer suggest better form as was inherent to the more holistic graphical methods

There is a real need for tools to better understand and visualize the stability of compression-only structures, see also historical unreinforced masonry structures as well as design tools that have been proposed. Both problems are related to finding axial force structures in equilibrium acting only in compression or tension. Currently, graphic statics provides a holistic analysis and design tool for two-dimensional structures. With today's availability of powerful software (e.g. 3-D or 2-D finite element), the following question arises: can a fully three-dimensional version of three-line analysis provide the same freedom to explore the infinite equilibrium solutions for a certain loading condition?

2. METHODOLOGY

The *Thrust-Network Analysis* method presented in this paper is inspired by O'Dwyer's work on funicular analysis of vaulted masonry structures [2]. It is extended by adding the concept of duality between geometry and the in-plane internal forces of networks [3].

2.1. Reciprocal figures

The proposed method produces funicular/compression-only solutions for loading conditions where all loads are applied in the same direction, as in the case of a vaulted roof. Because the rotations are compression-only this also means that the vaults can never curl back onto themselves, which would demand some elements to go into tension. The resulting three-dimensional networks can represent load paths throughout a structure. There is no constraint on the length of the branches.

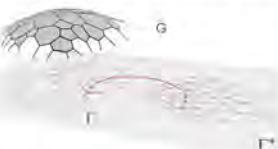


Figure 2. The primal grid (a) and dual grid (b) are related by a reciprocal relationship. The equilibrium of a vault in one of them is guaranteed by a closed polygon in the other and vice versa. The labeling uses Bow's notation [6].

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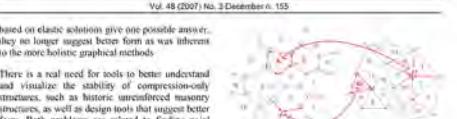


Figure 3. Relationship between compression vault (a) in planar projection (primal grid P) and its reciprocal diagram (dual grid F*) as determined by optimization.

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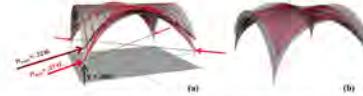


Figure 4. Possible thrust values for this given vault range from 21% to 127% of its total weight. (a) L-shaped vault with rib action, (b) L-shaped vault without rib action, (c) vault with rib action.

calm of lower-bound analysis. Put simply, if a compression-only network can be found that fits within the boundaries of a vault, then the vault will stand in compression. Note that if we want a solution without any tension (flanges) in the section, we want the solution to lie within the middle third of the section (defined by equation 6). This is a powerful concept for understanding the stability and potential collapse of structures. A detailed reading on this topic can be found in Heyman [10], O'Dwyer [2], Boothby [11] and Block et al. [12].

The method is particularly appropriate for three-dimensional vaults because the self-weight is the dominant load. The range of possible equilibrium states, bounded by a minimum and maximum thrust, can be produced (Fig. 7a). We are interested in this range of thrust values because it provides the

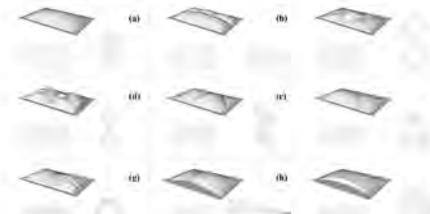
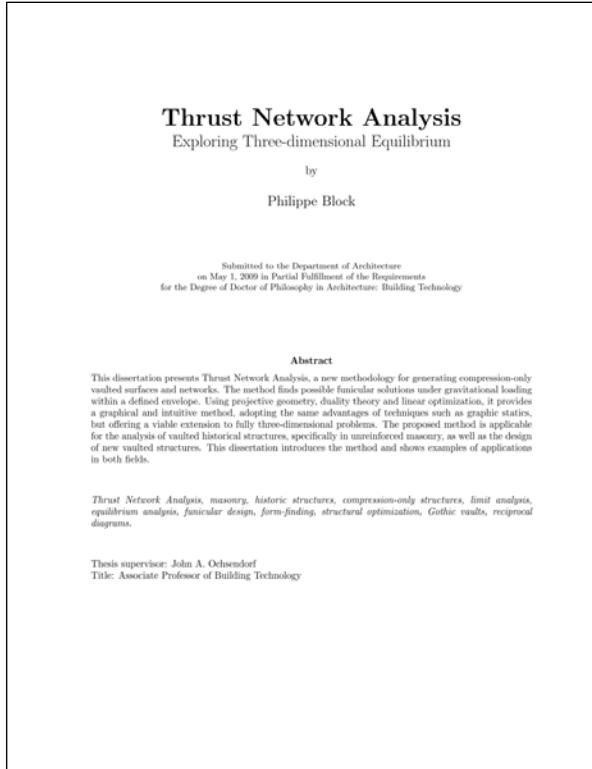
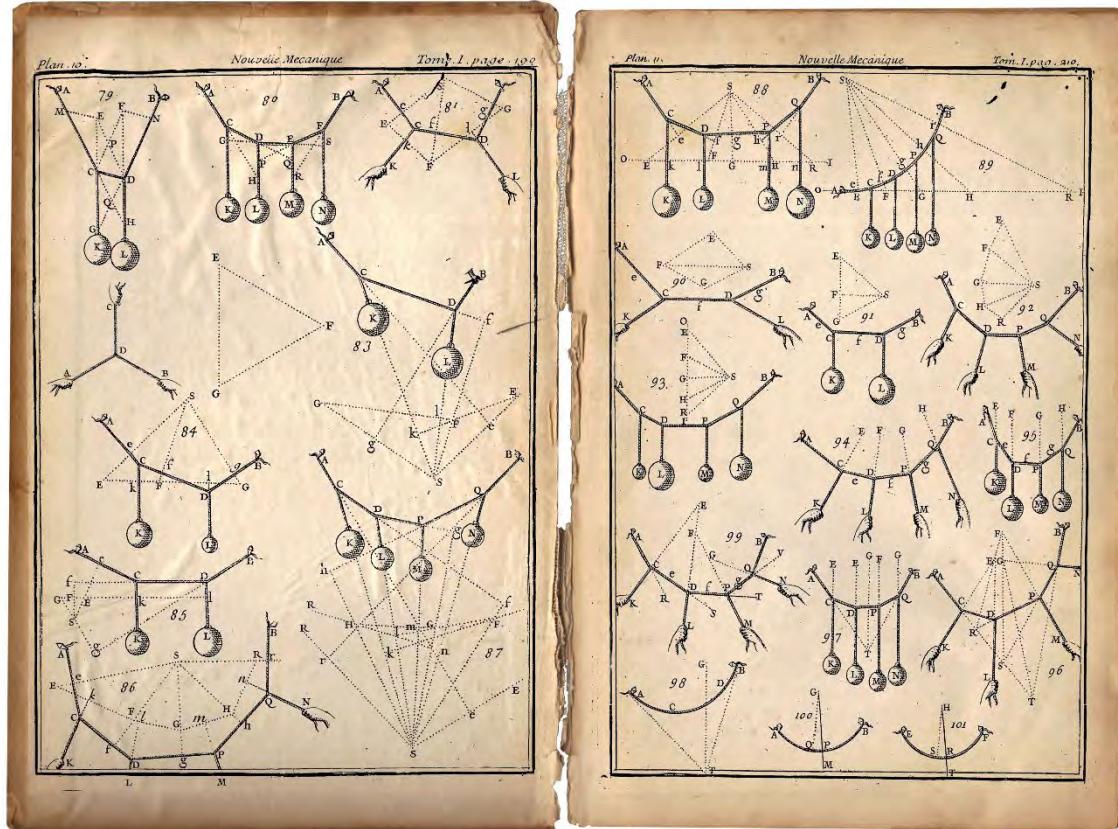
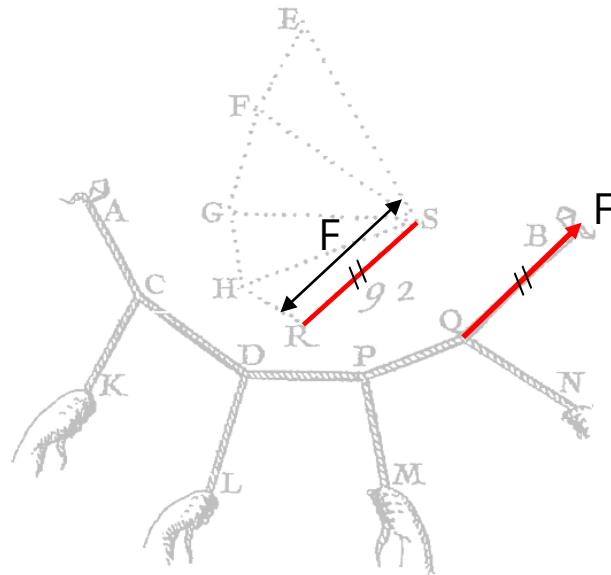
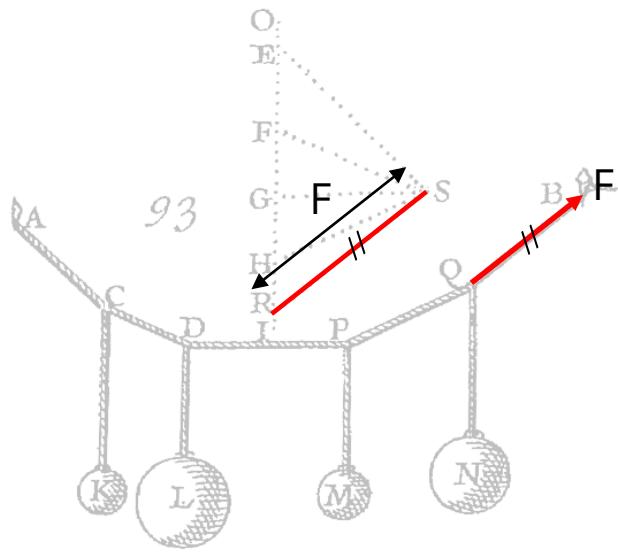


Figure 5. A series of vaults, starting from a regular rectangular grid, showing the relationship between the primal grid and the corresponding solutions.

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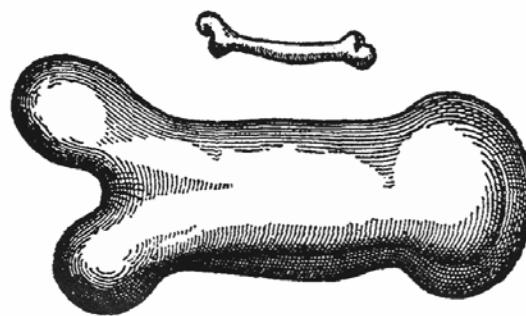




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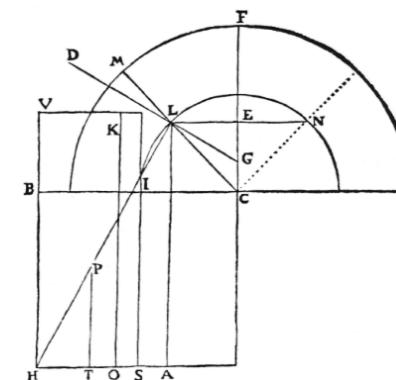


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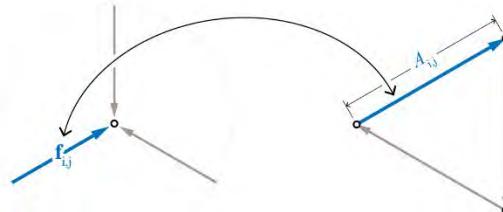
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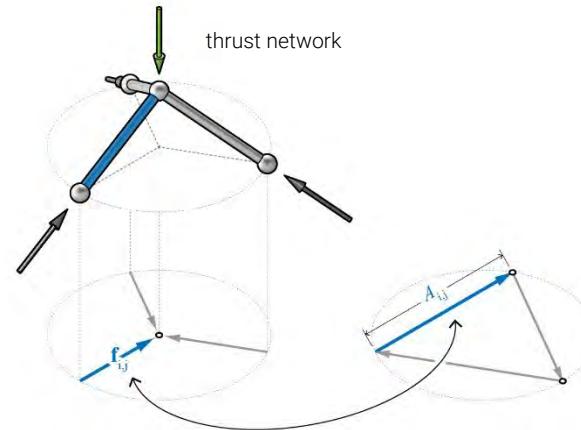
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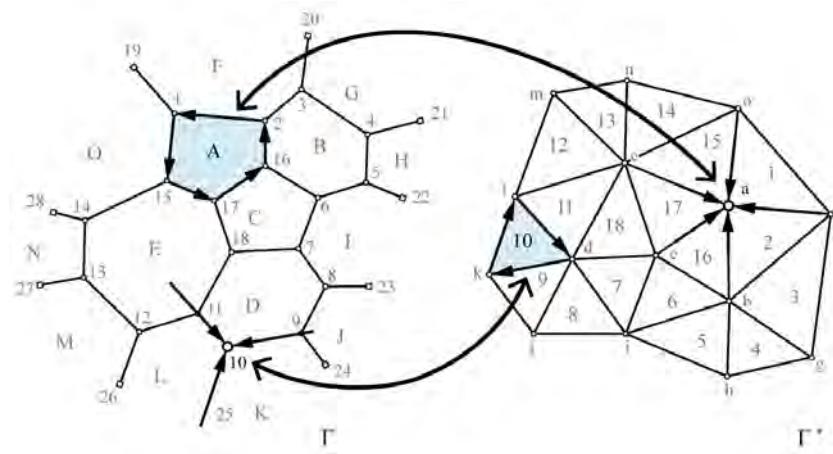
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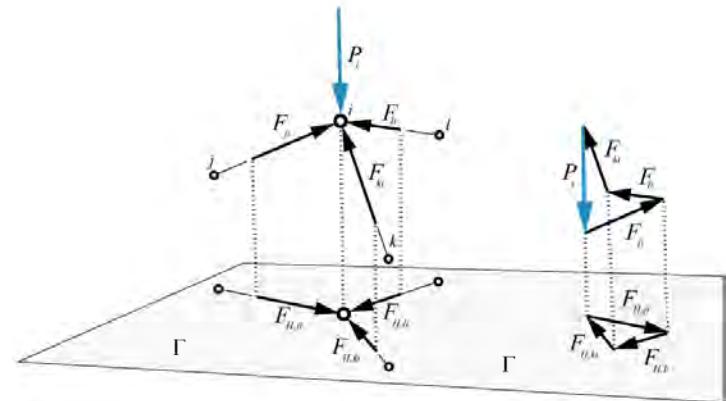
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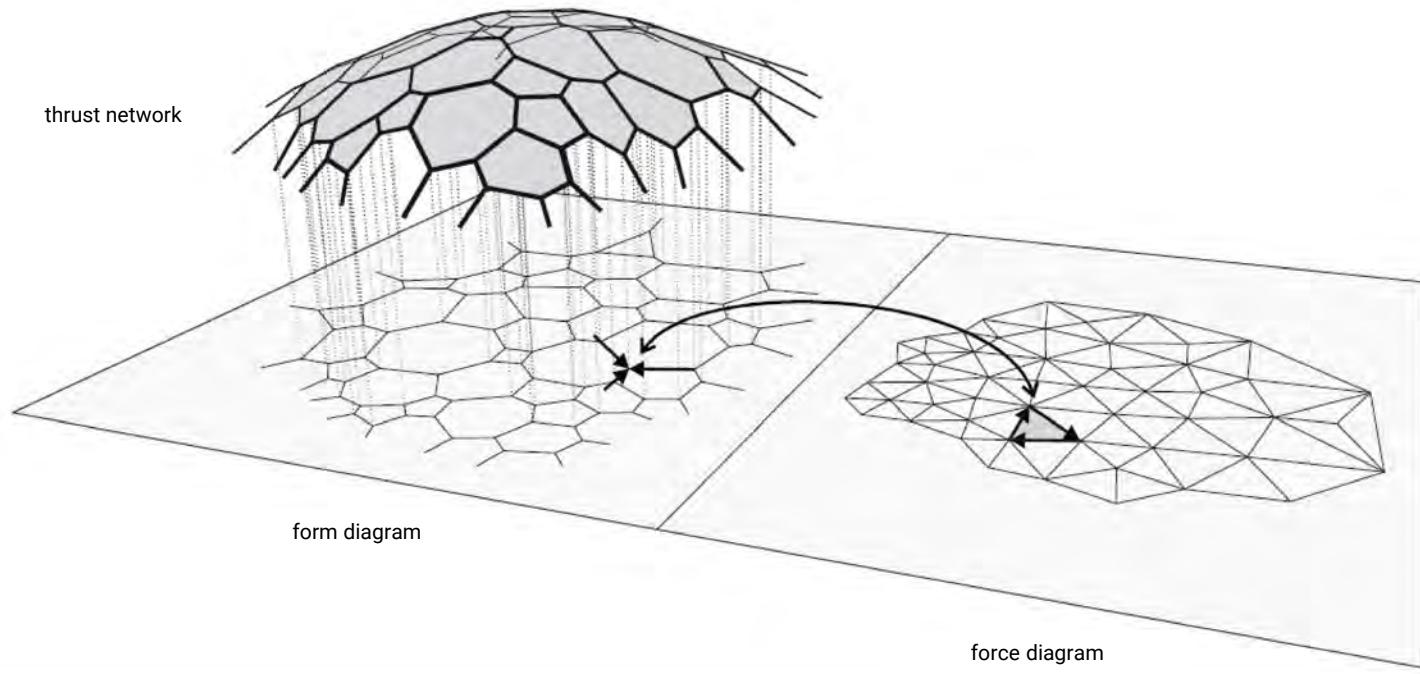
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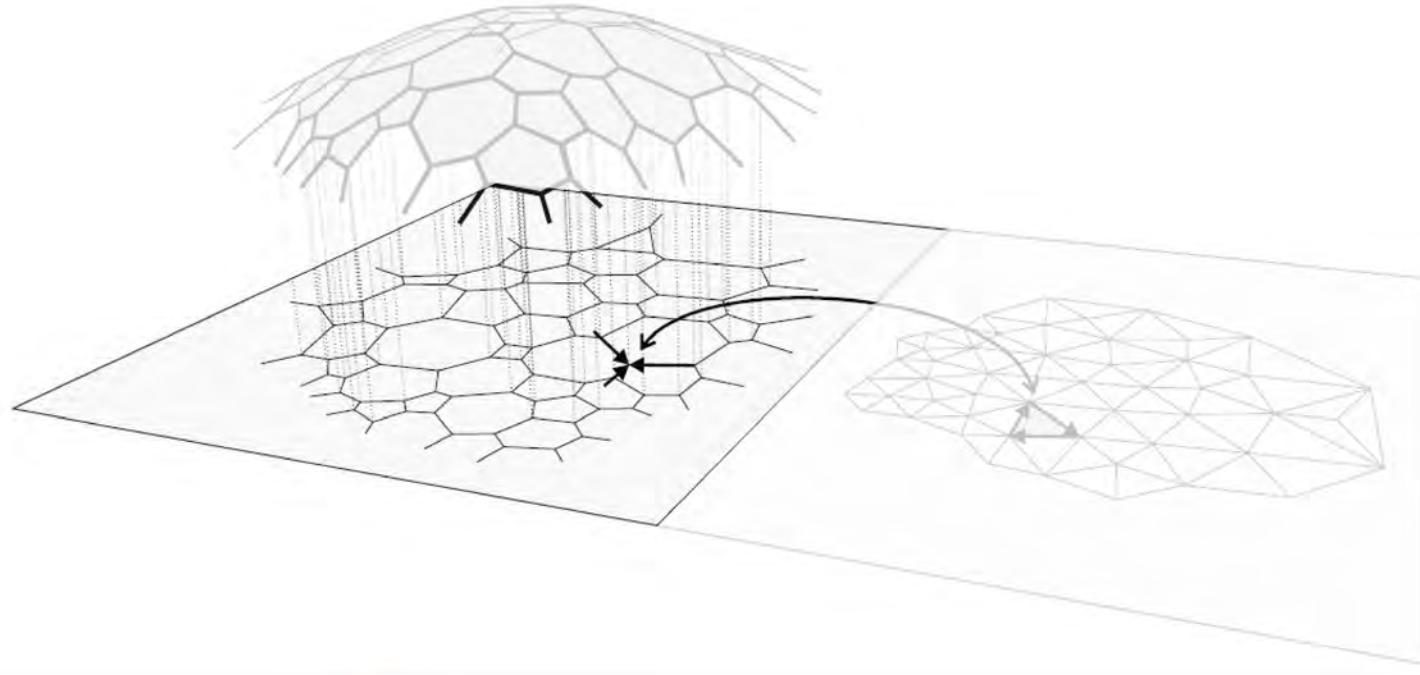


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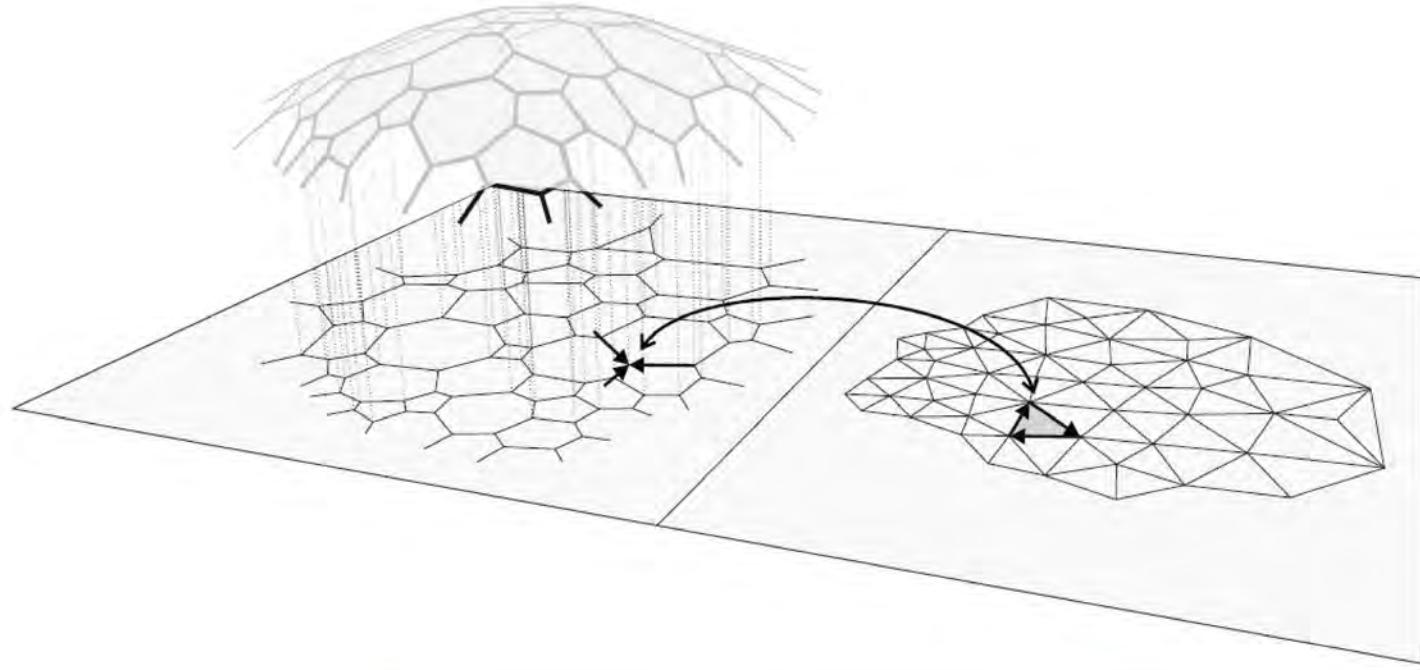
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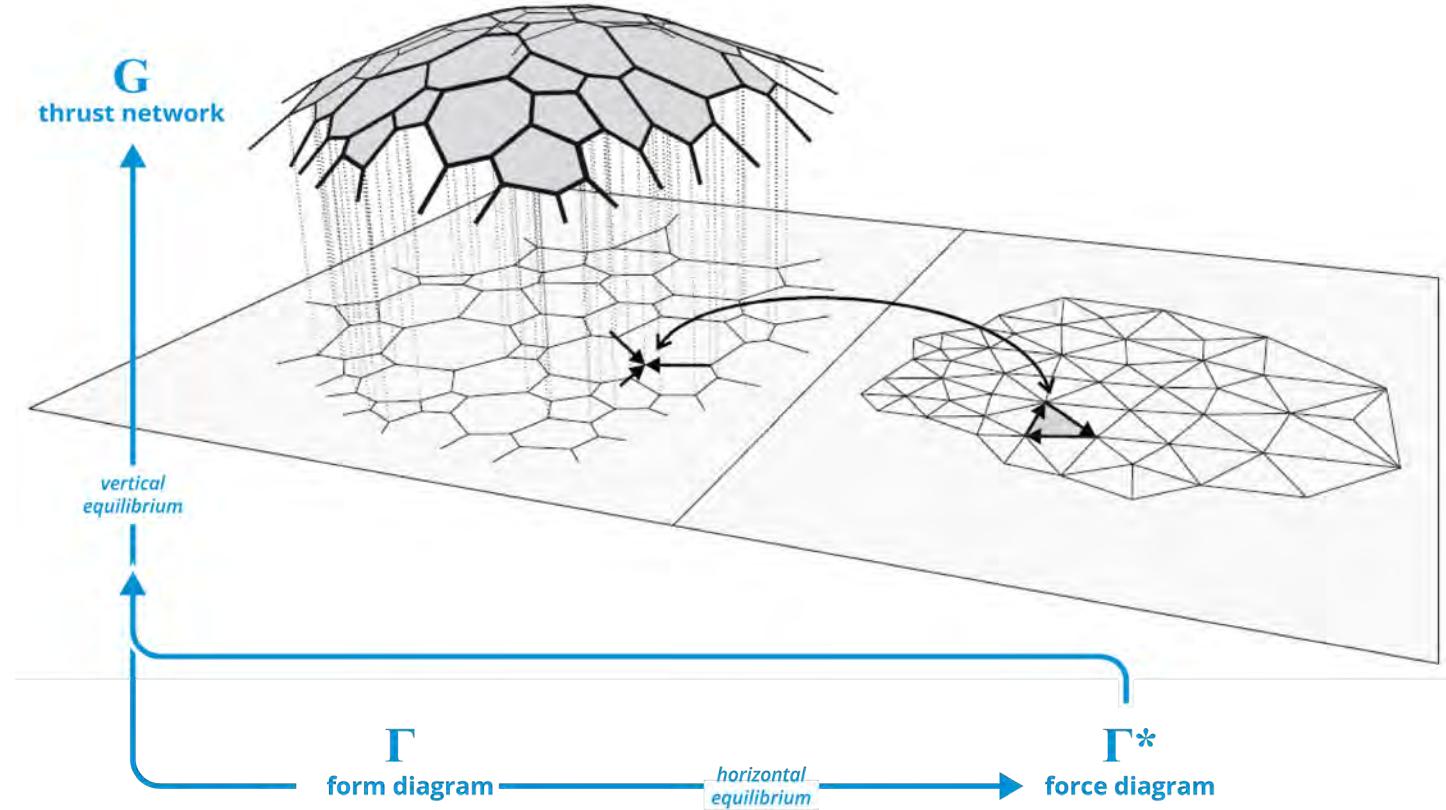
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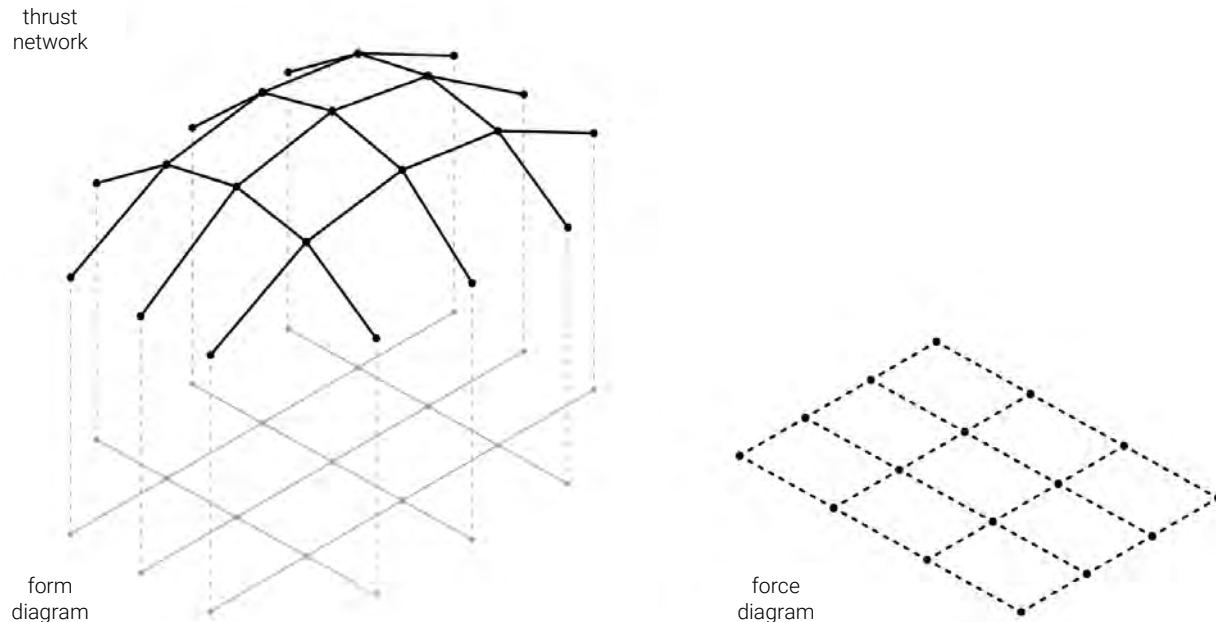


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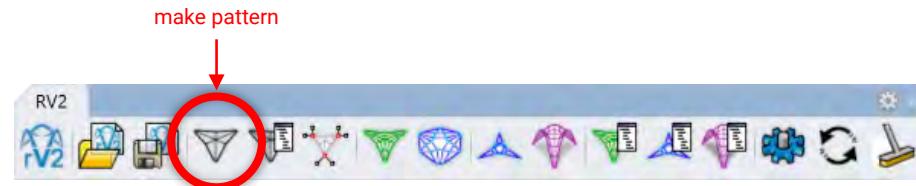
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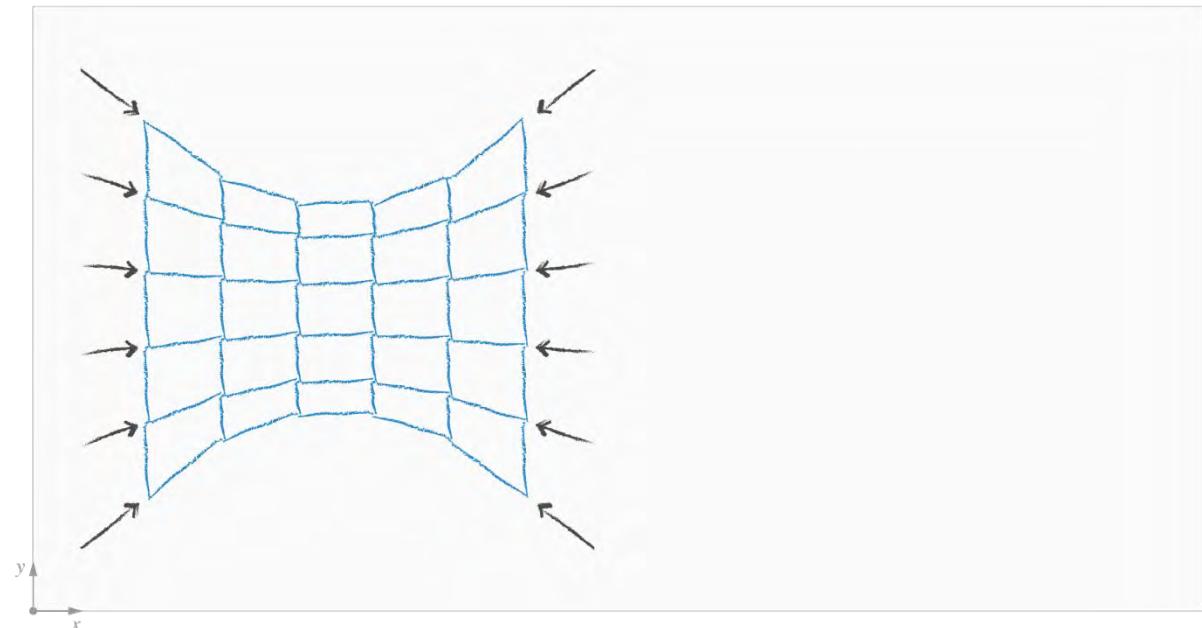
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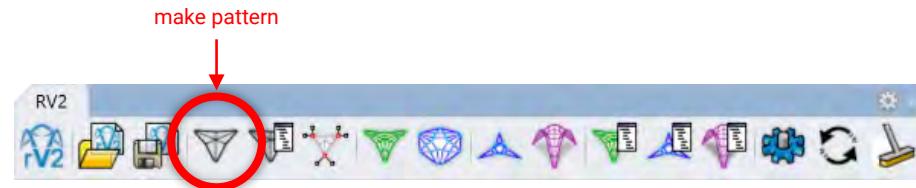
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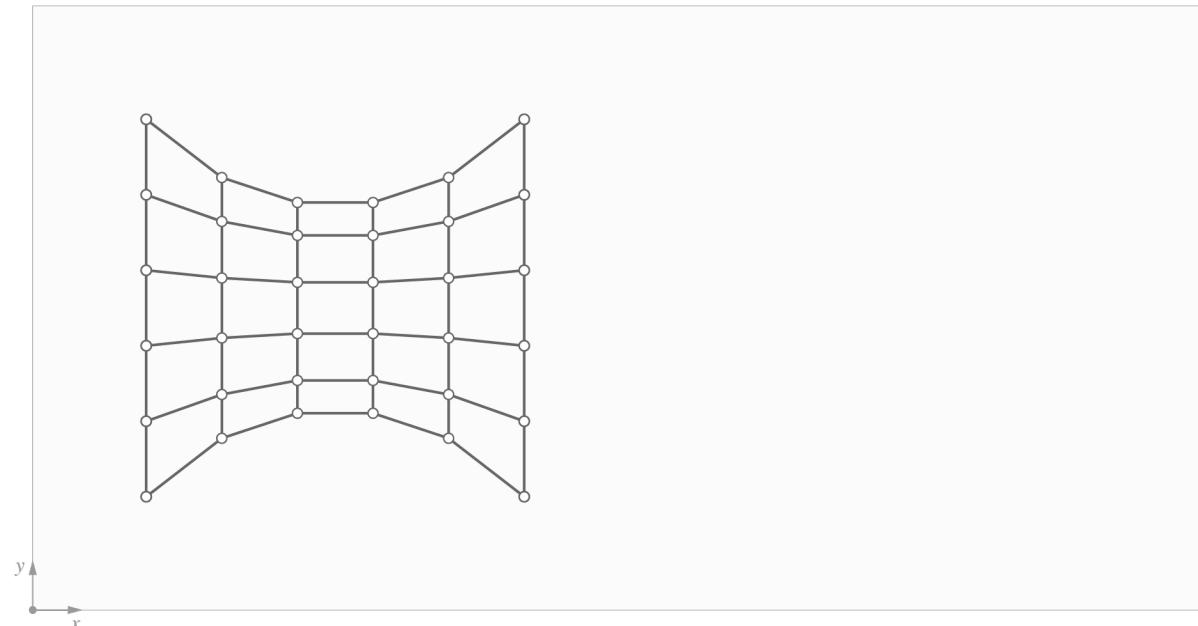
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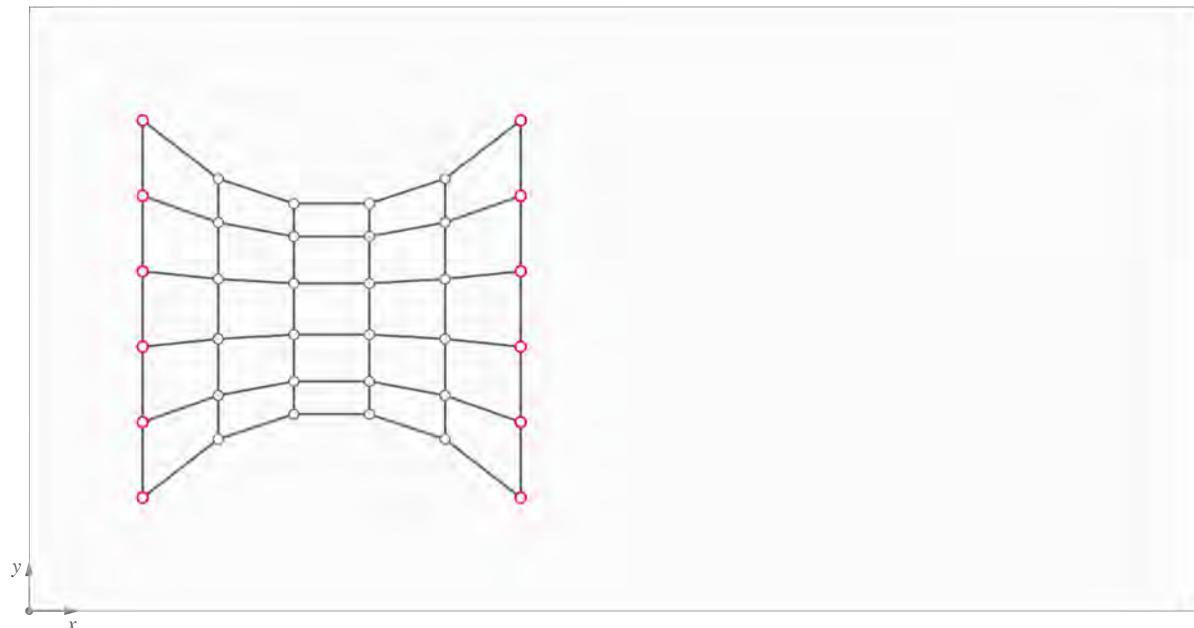
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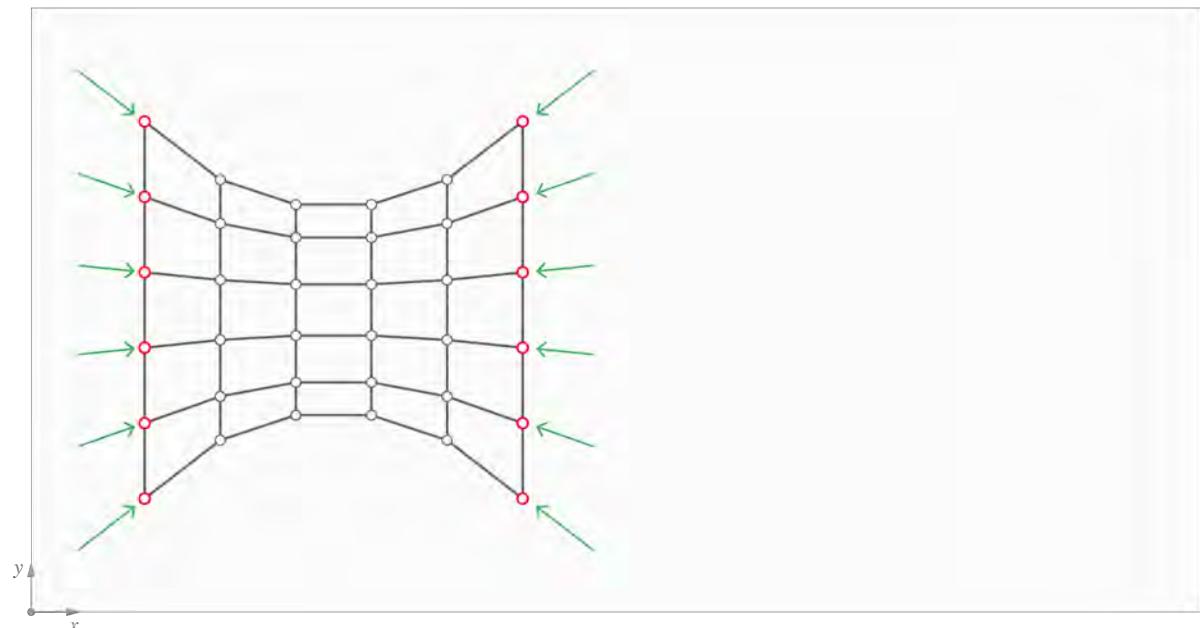
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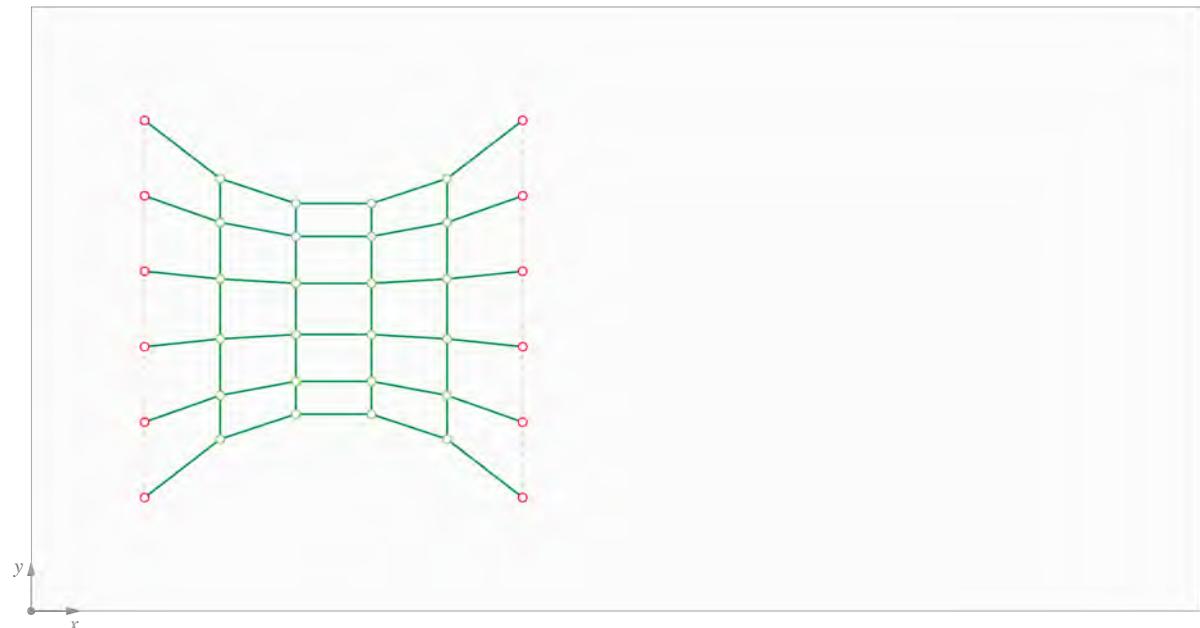
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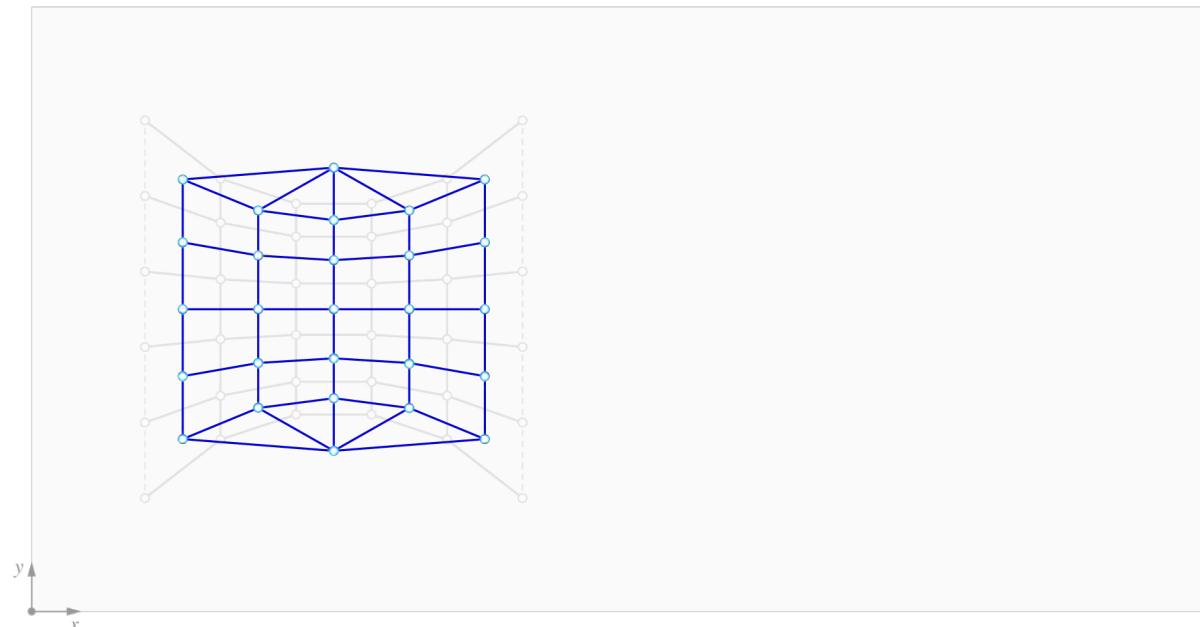
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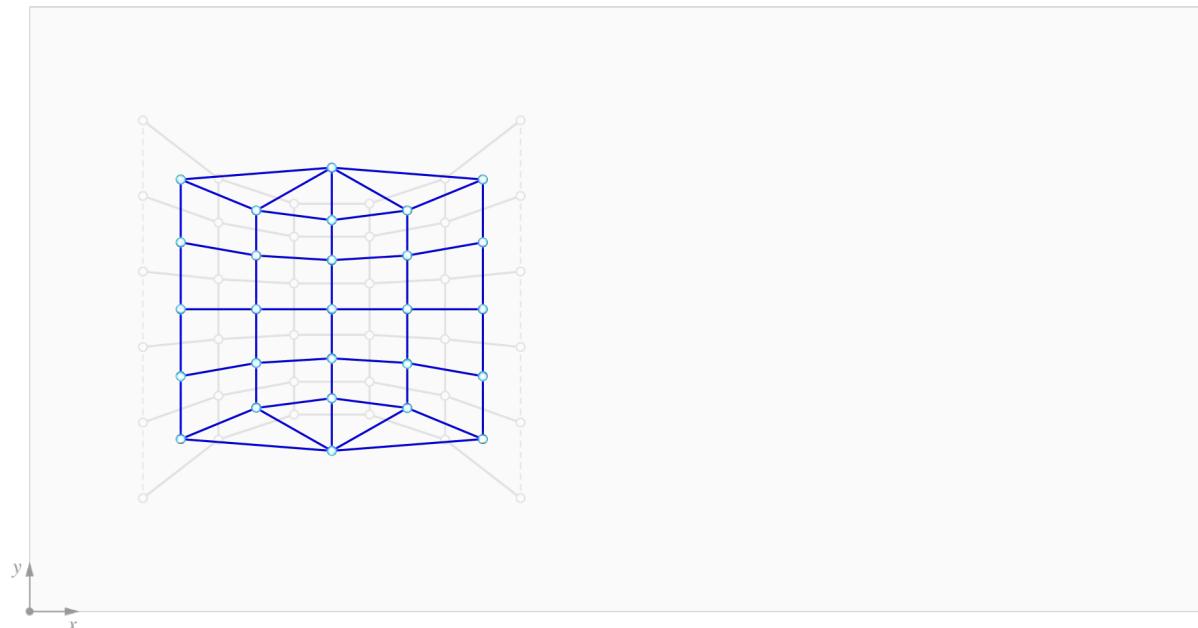
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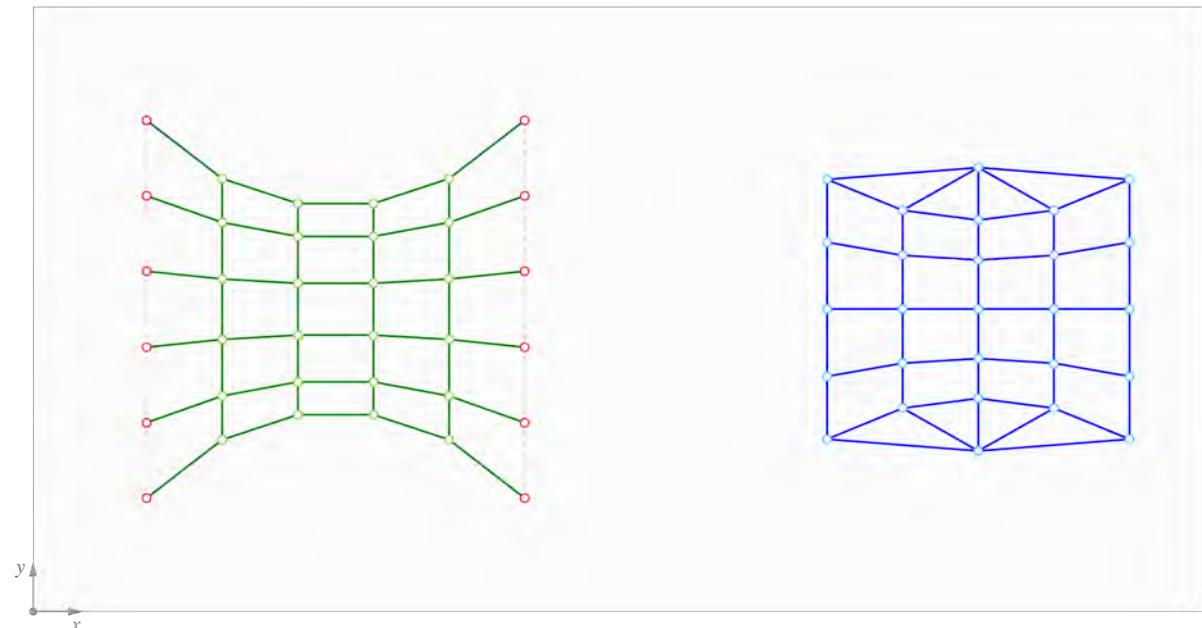
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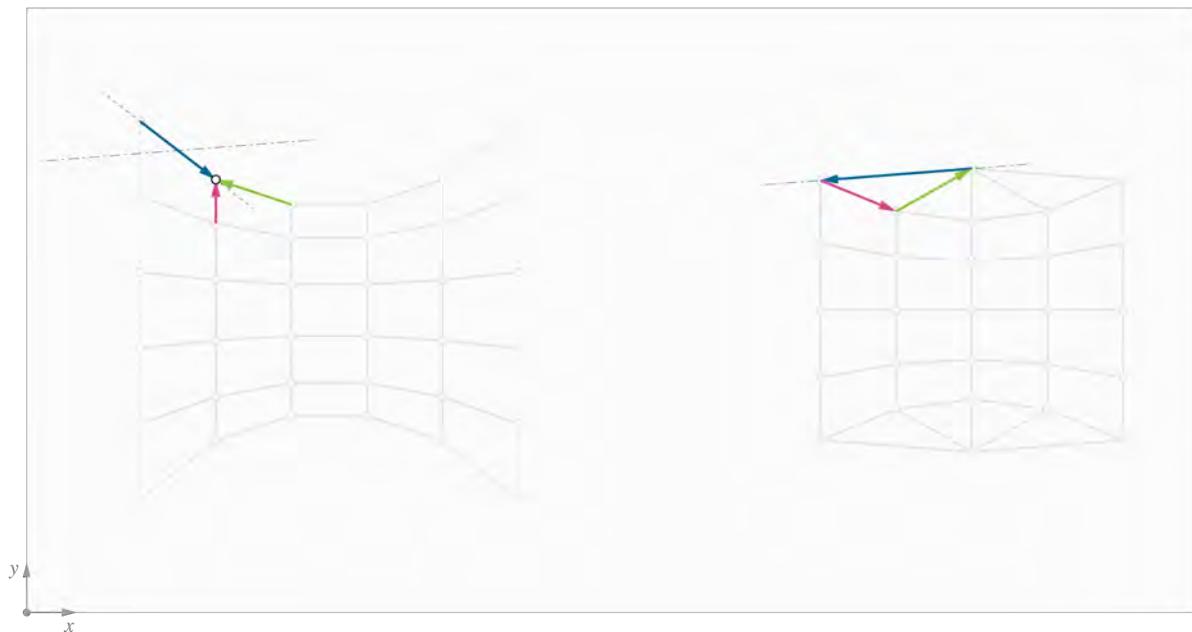
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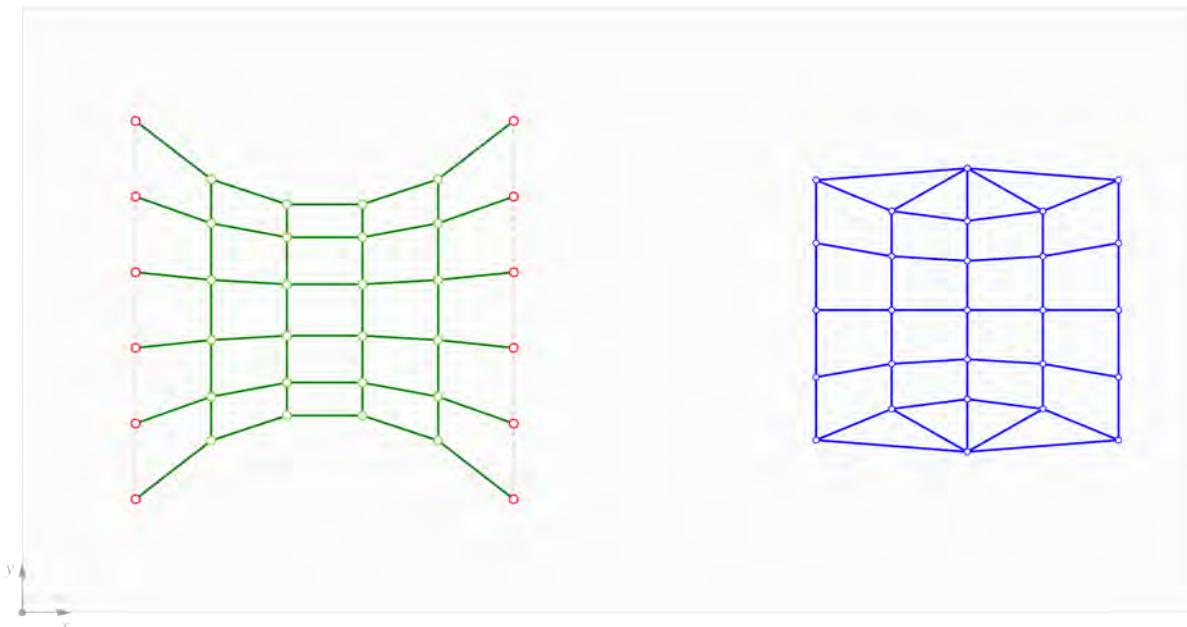
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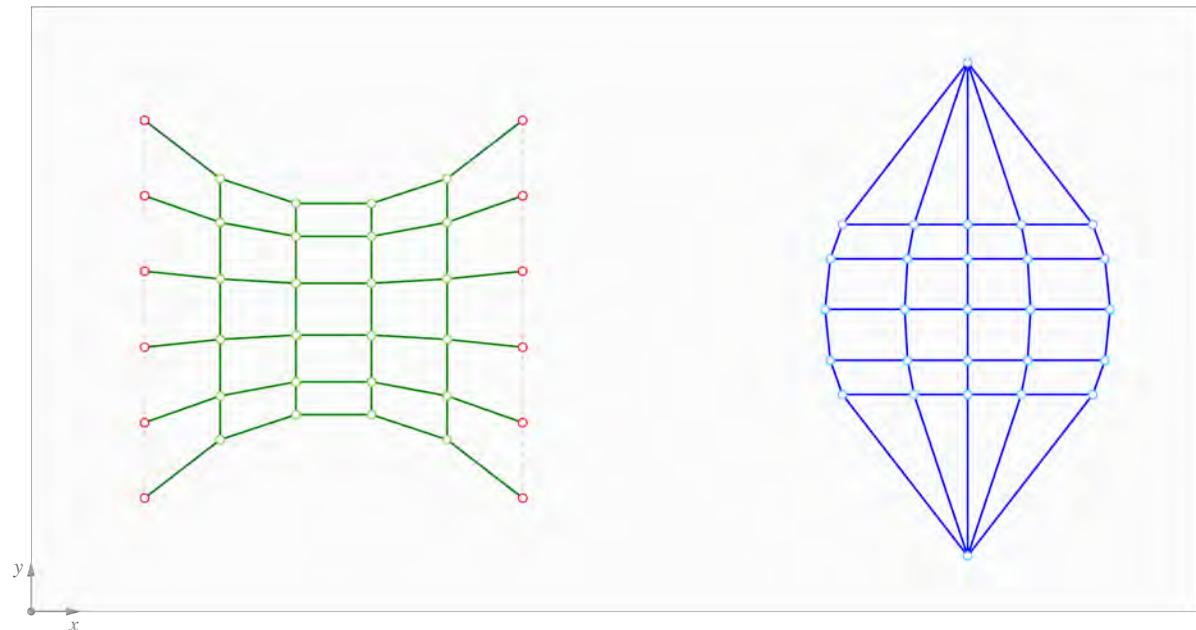
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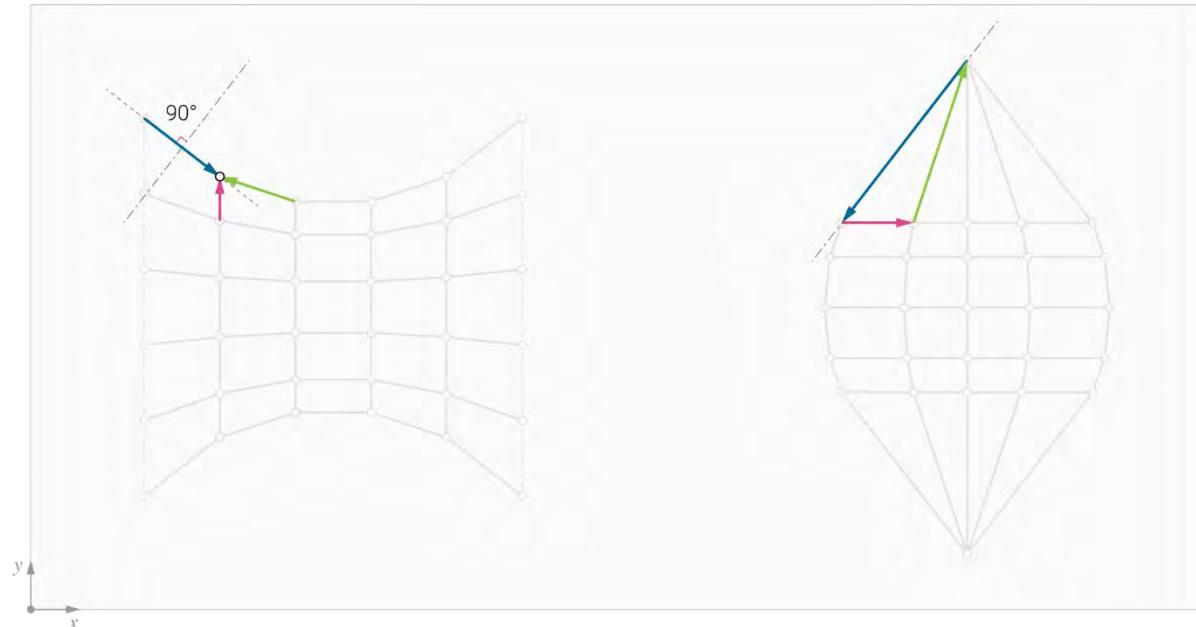
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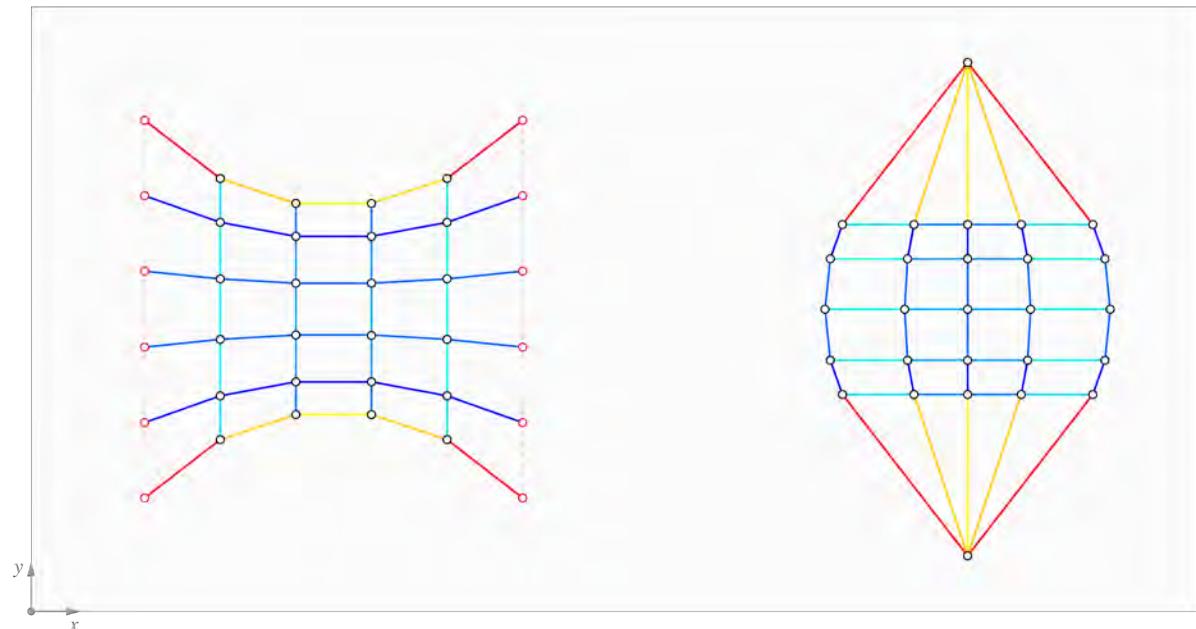
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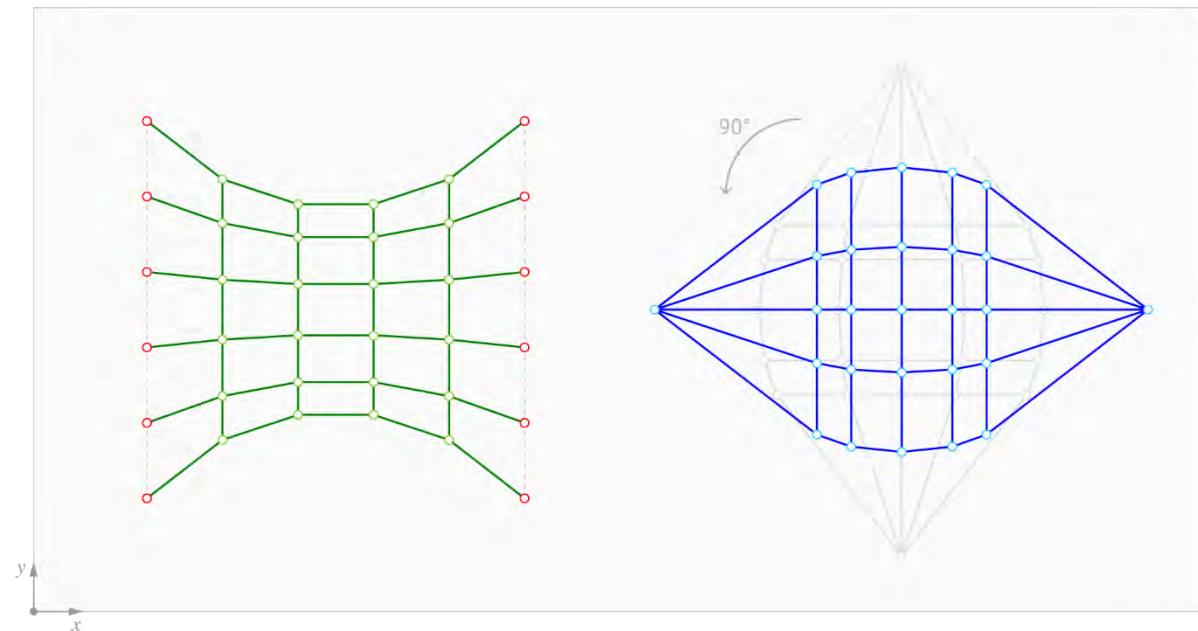
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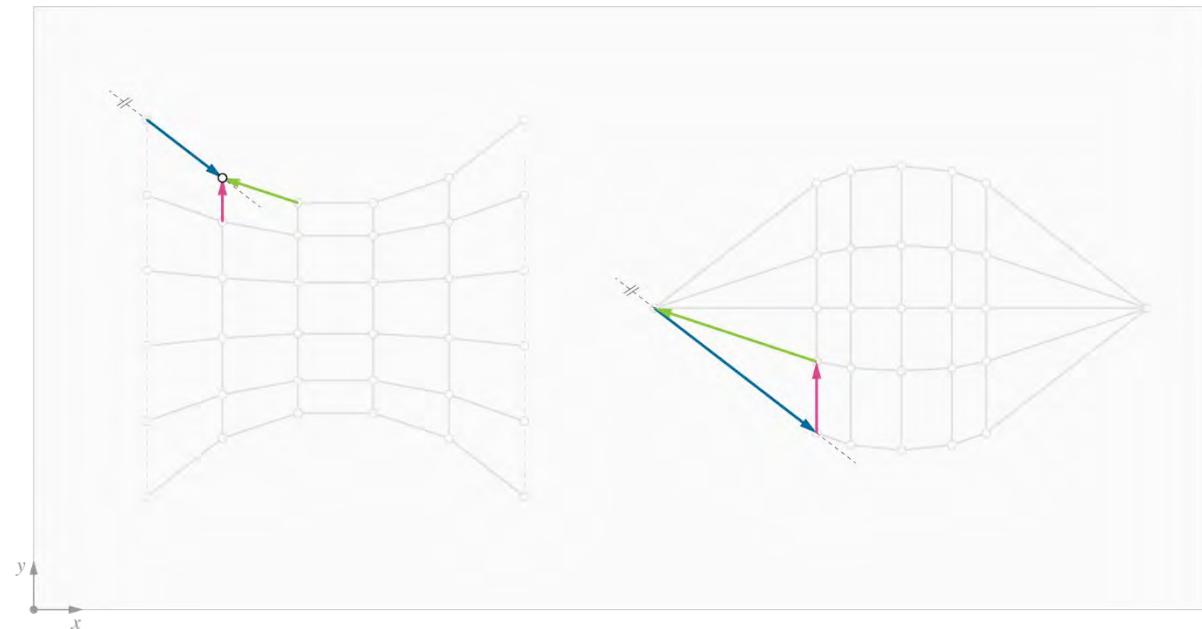
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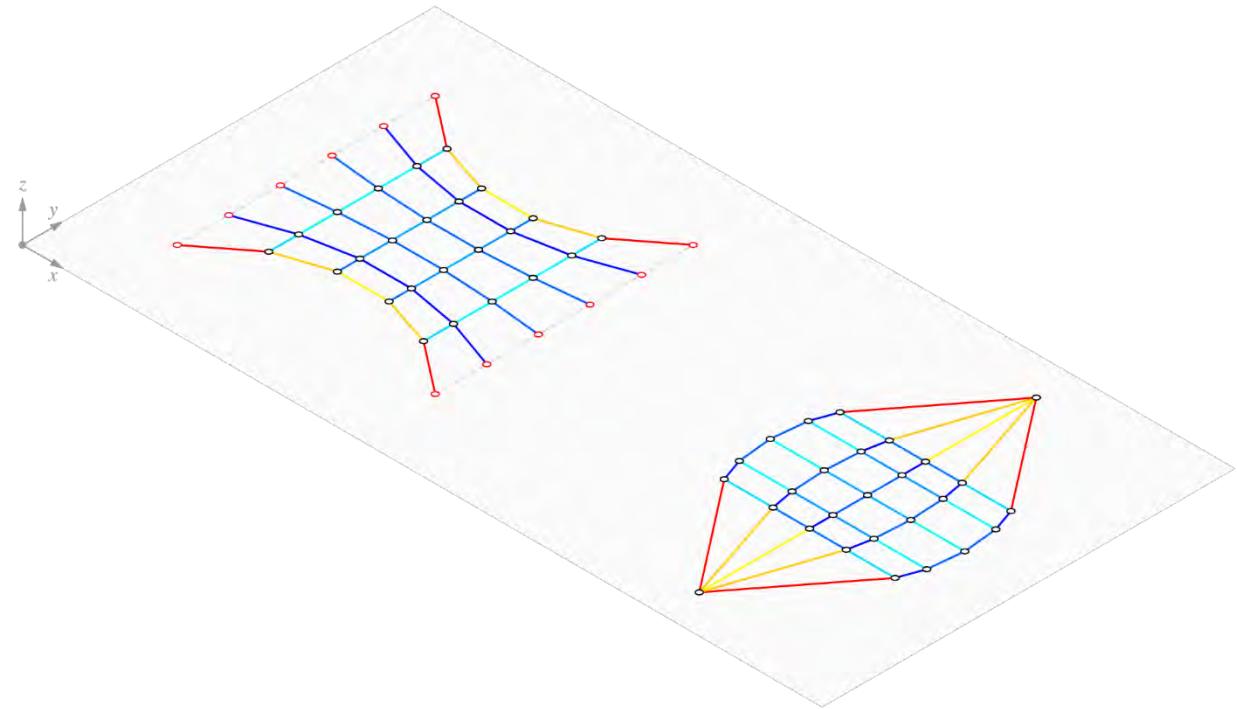
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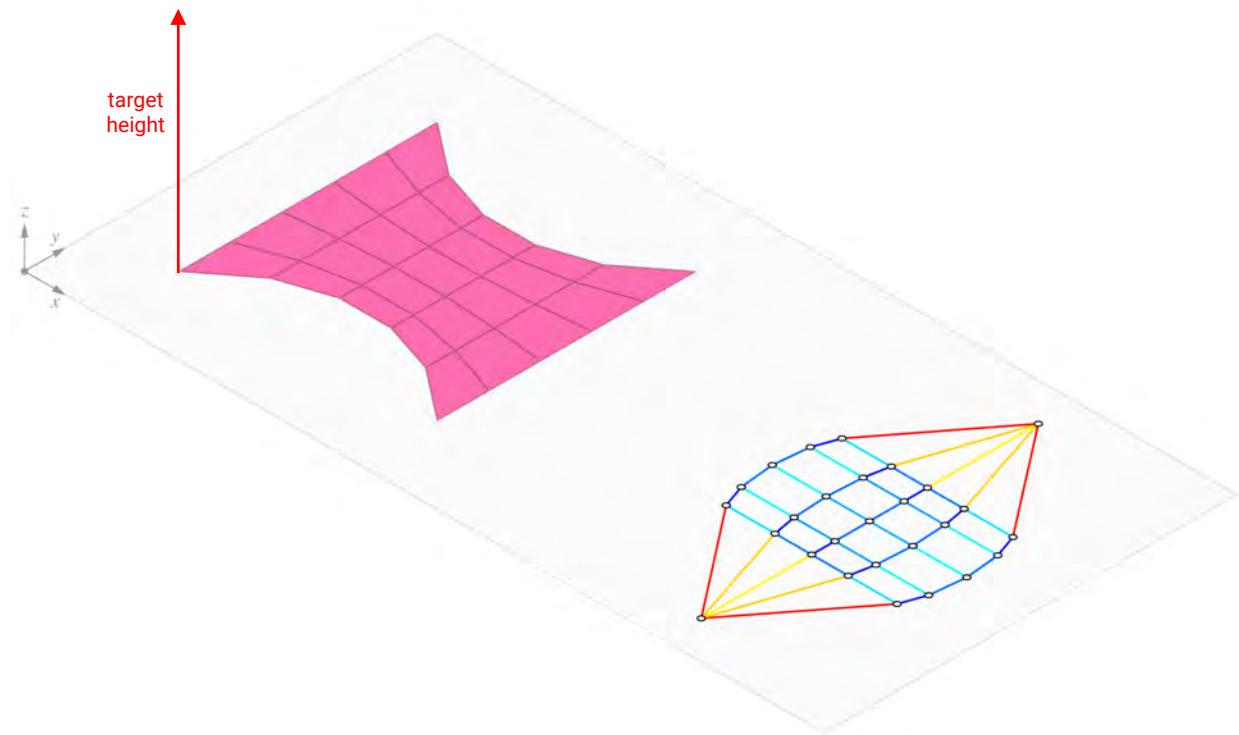
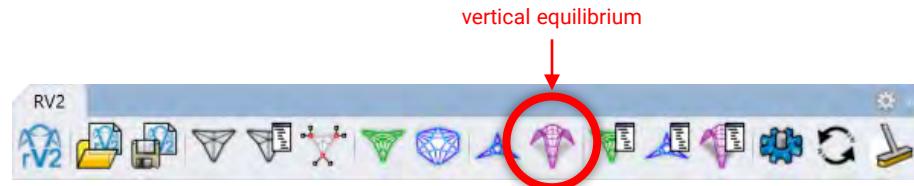
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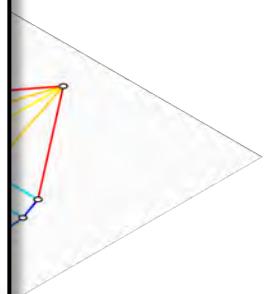
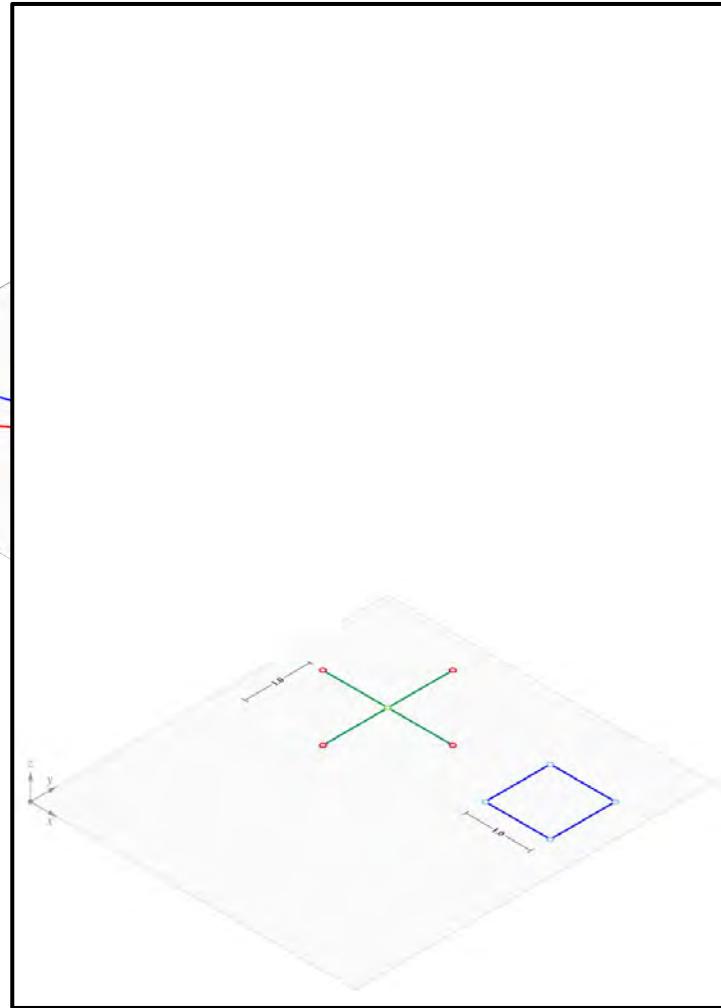
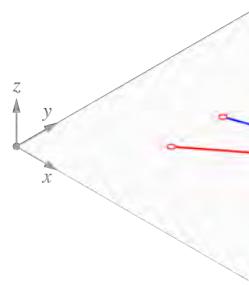
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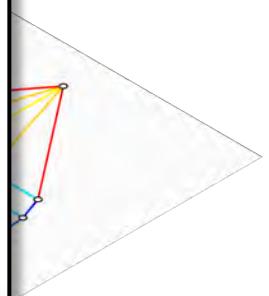
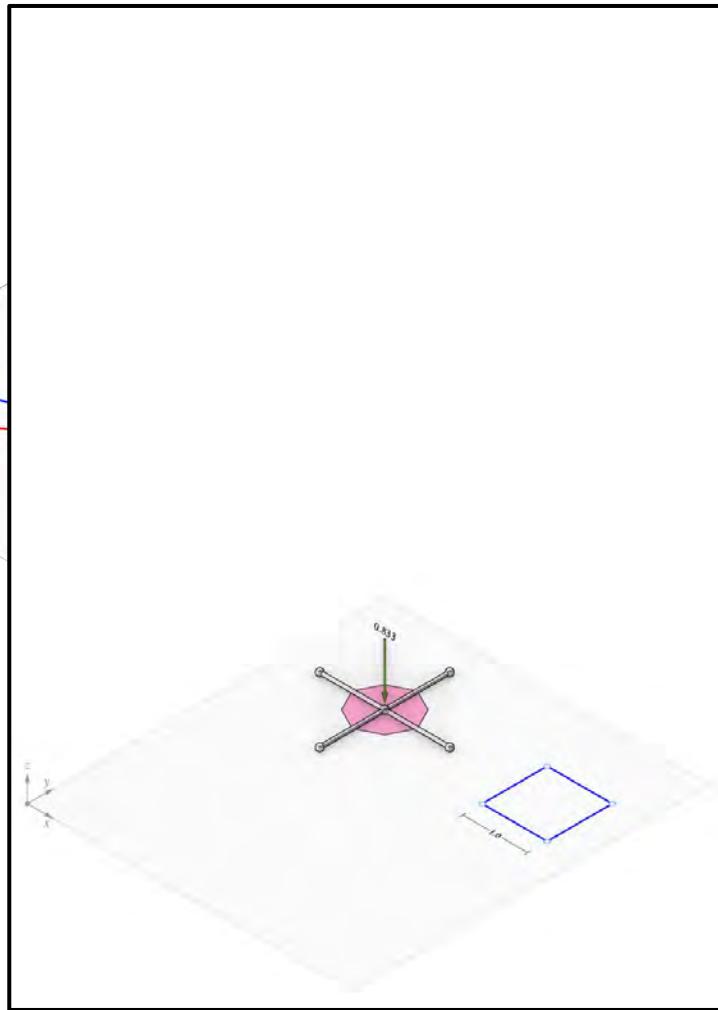
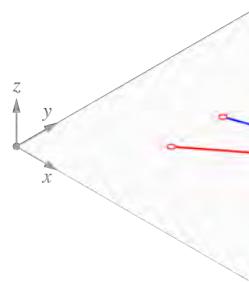
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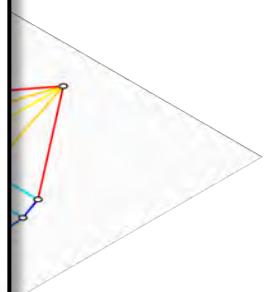
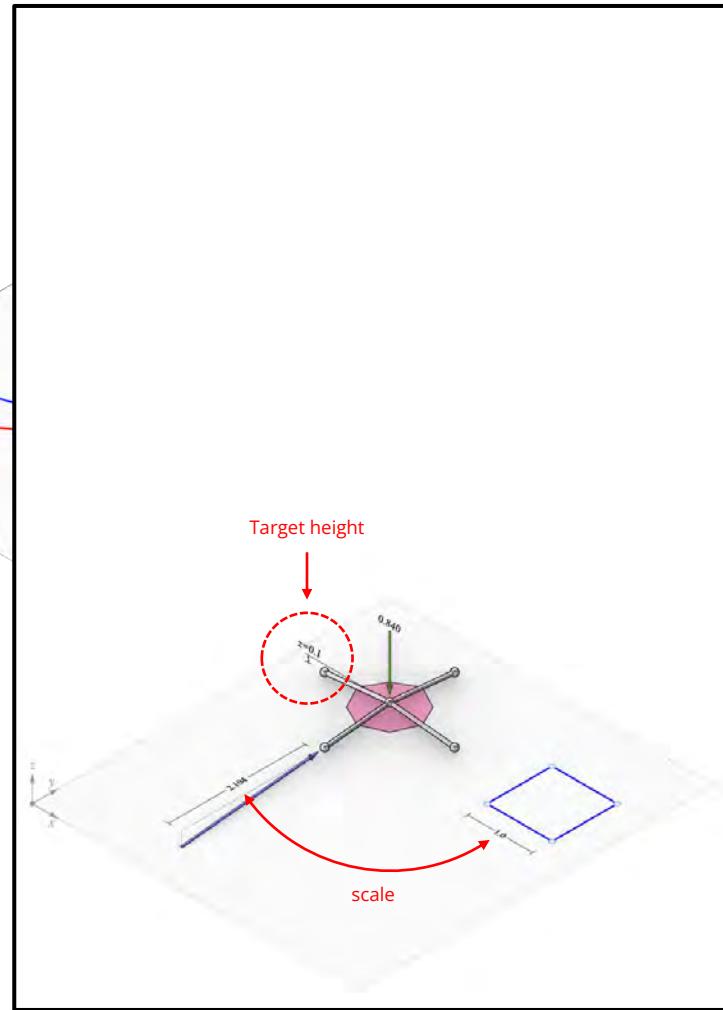
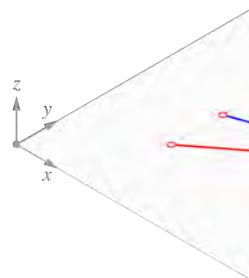
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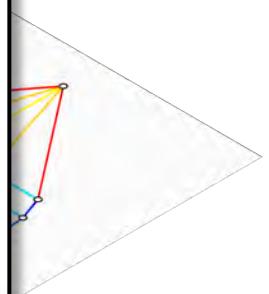
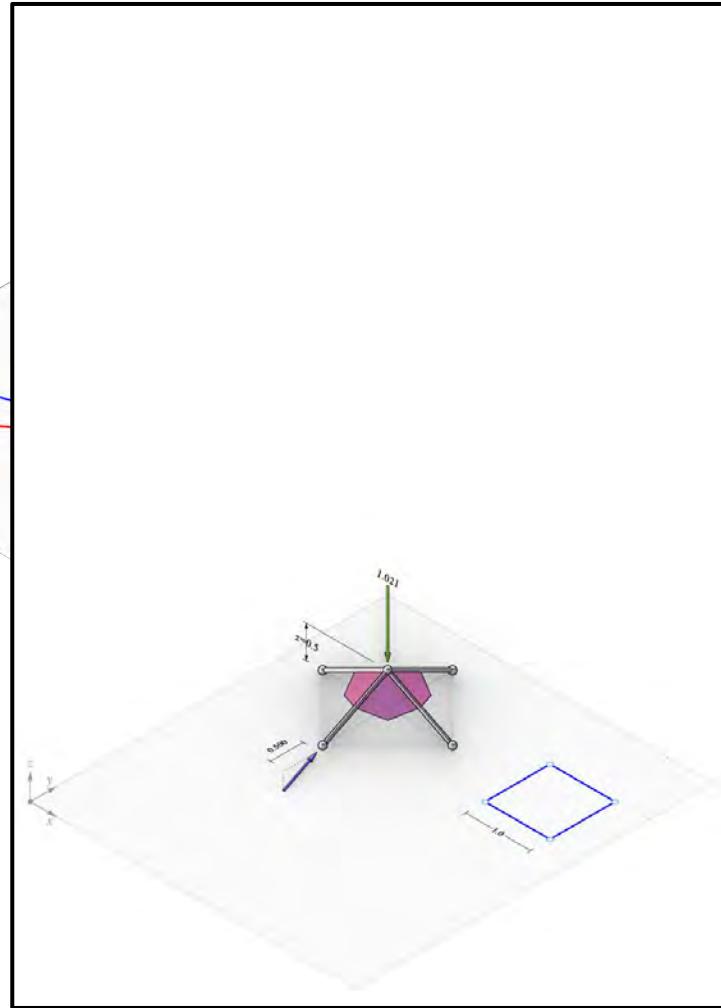
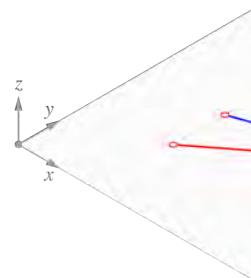
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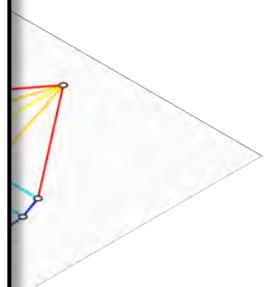
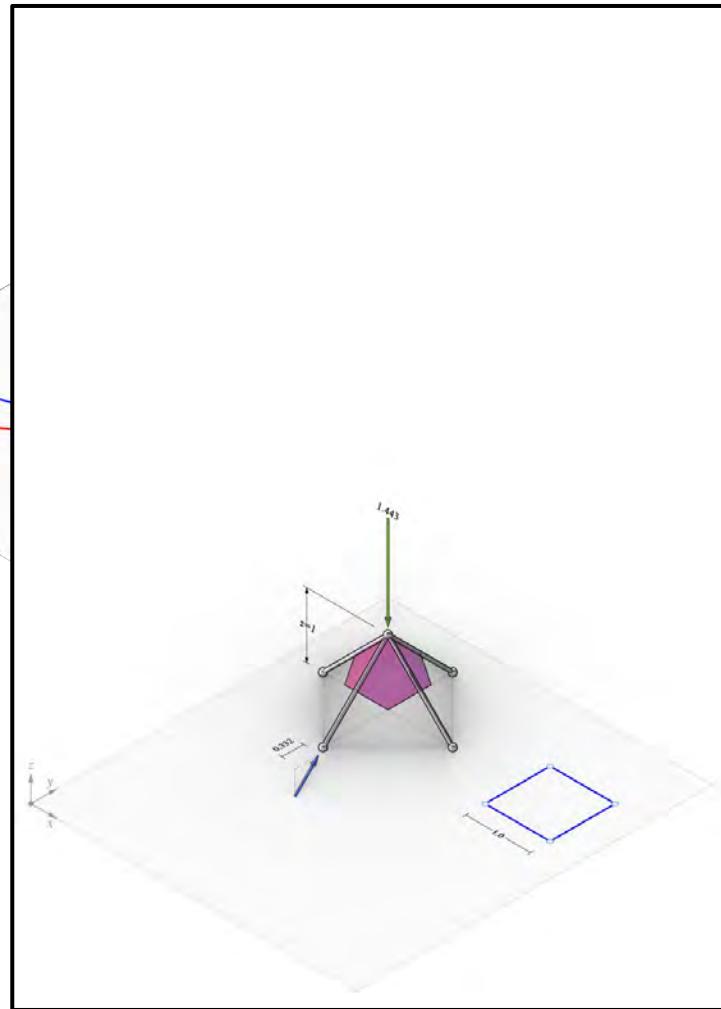
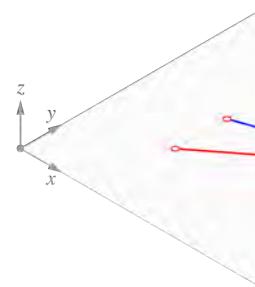
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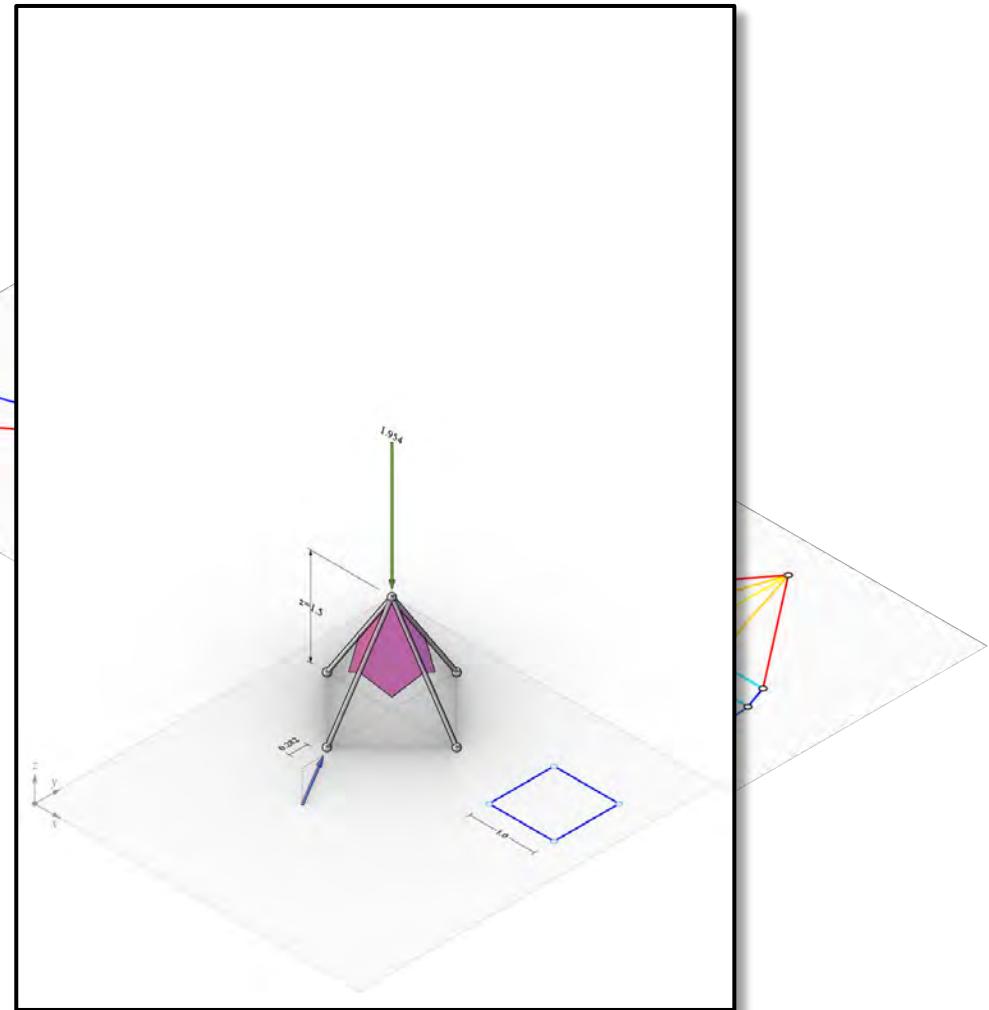
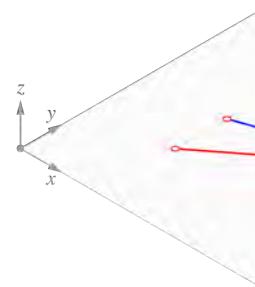
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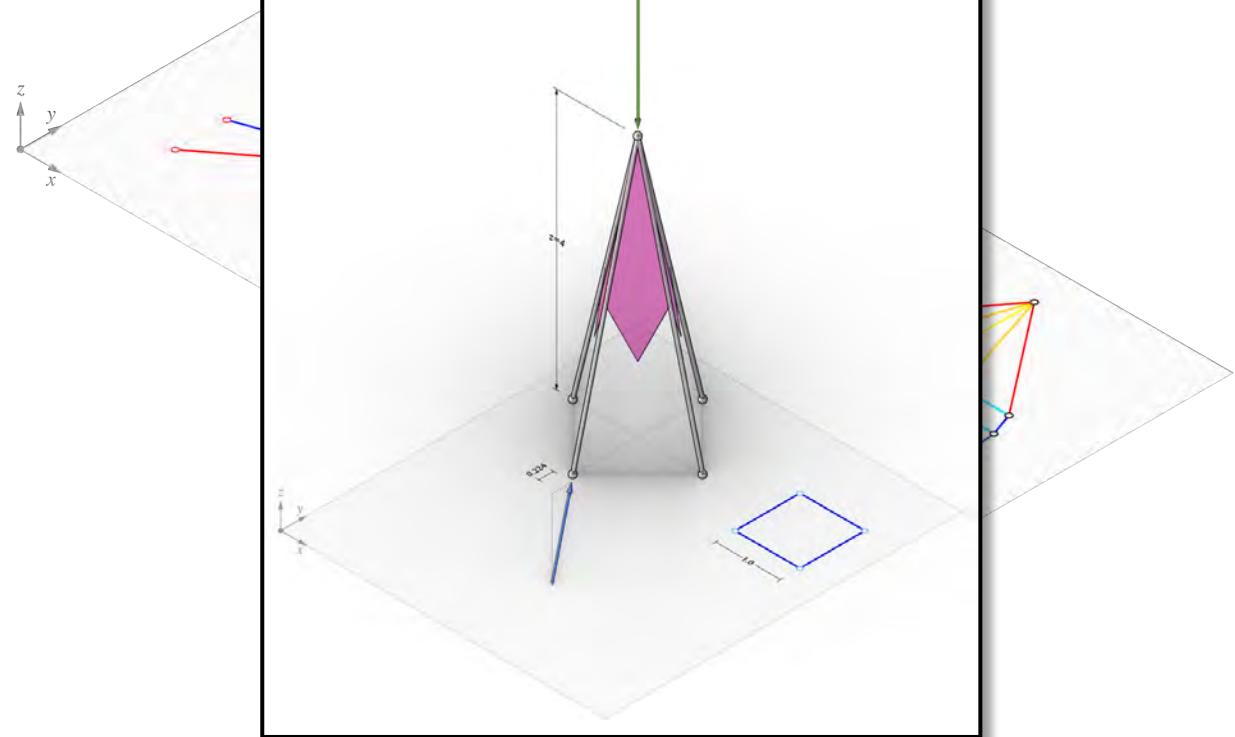
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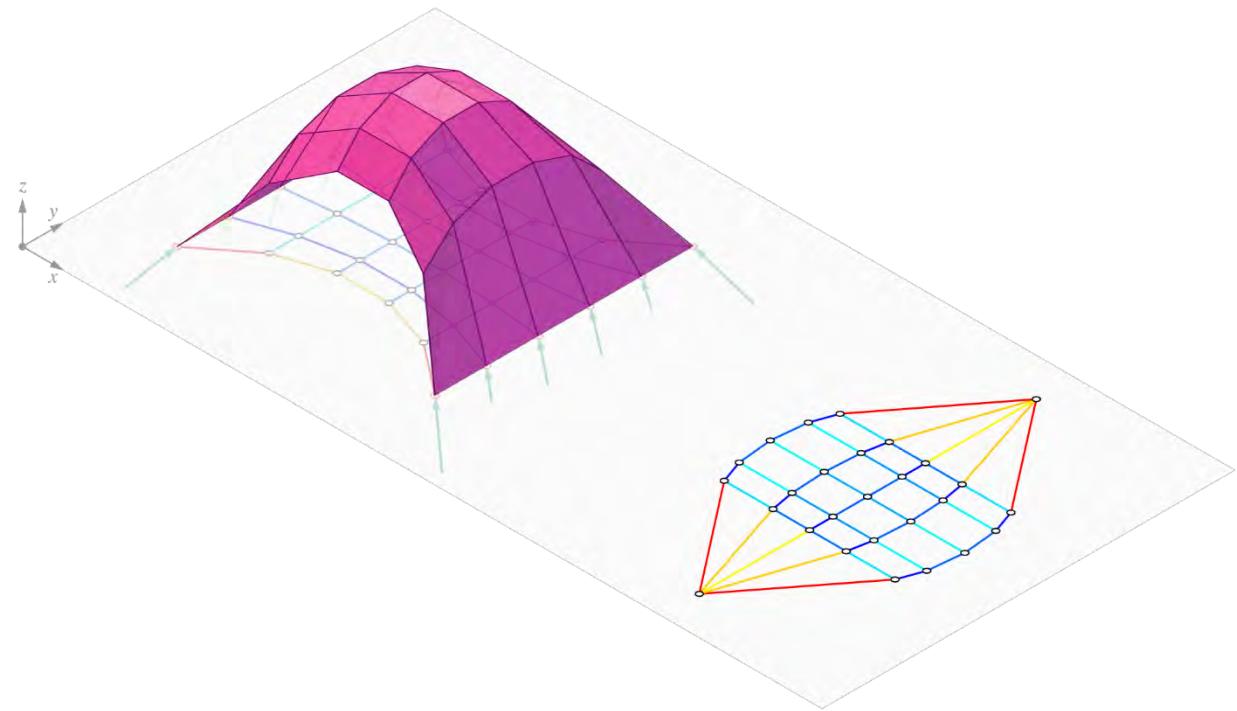
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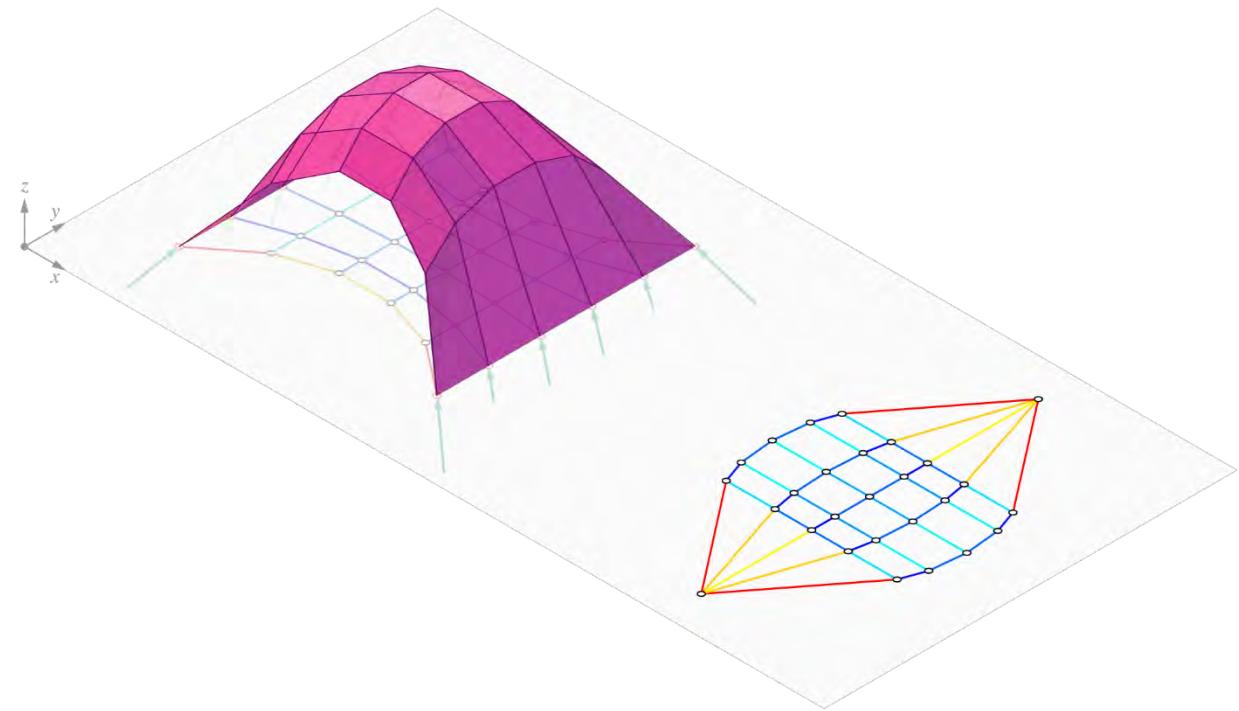
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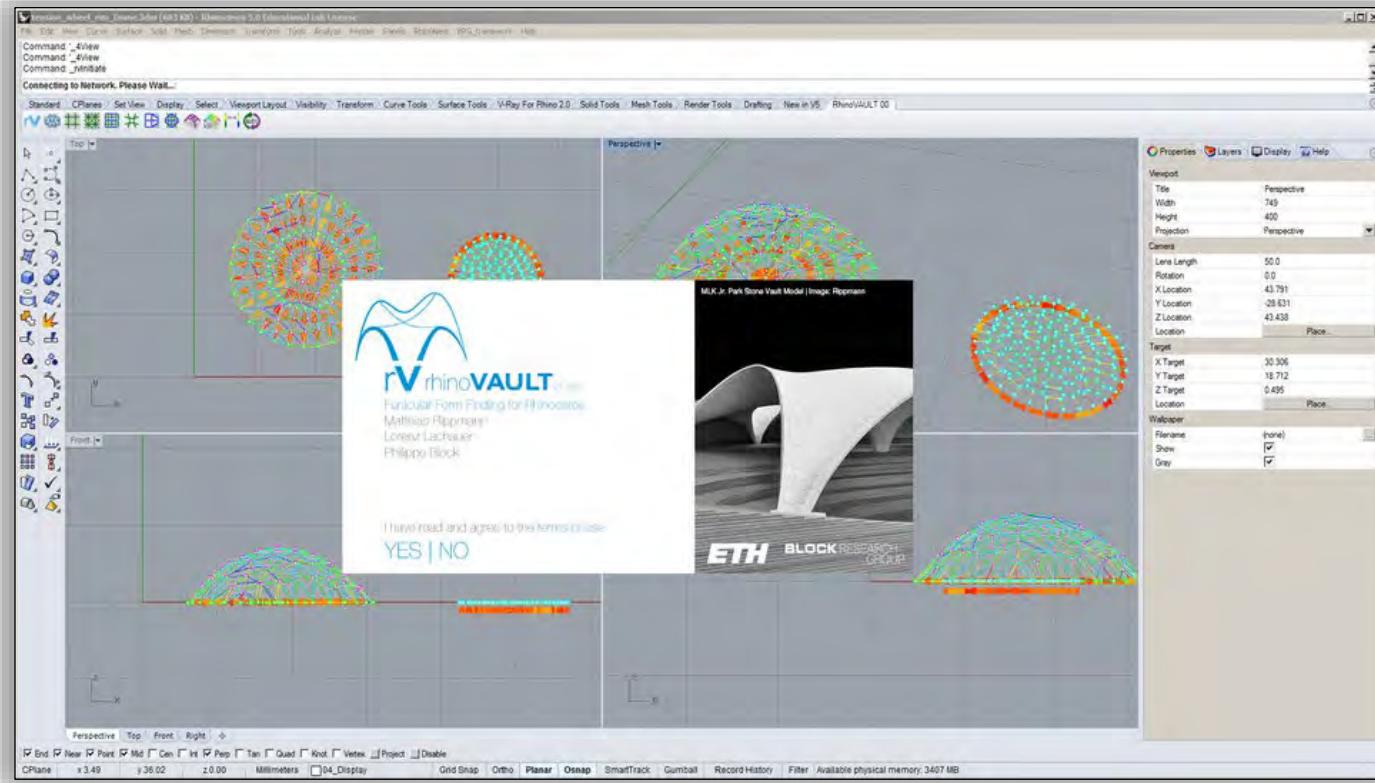


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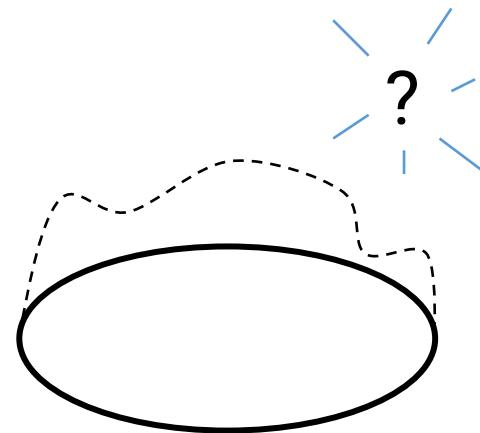
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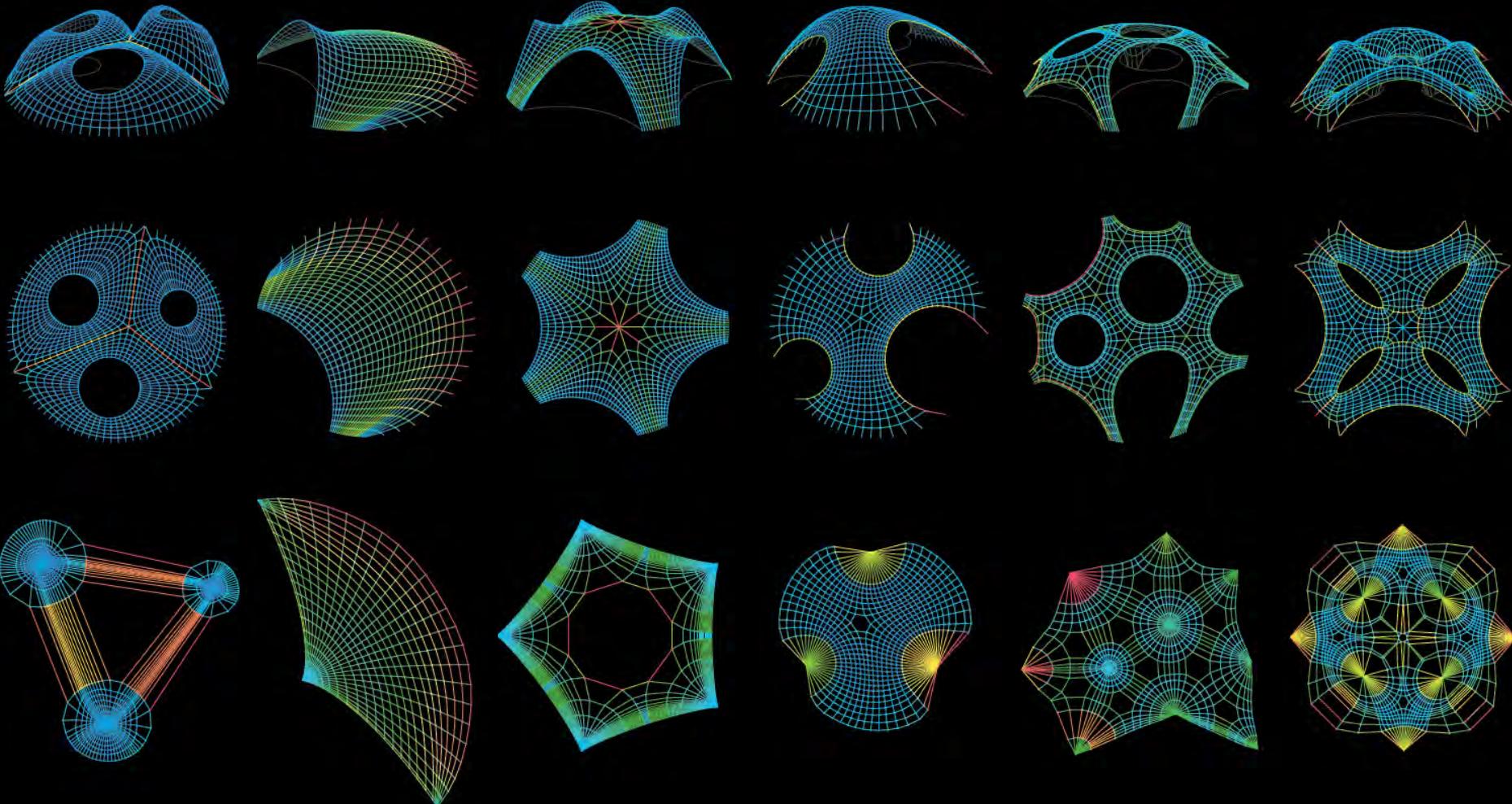
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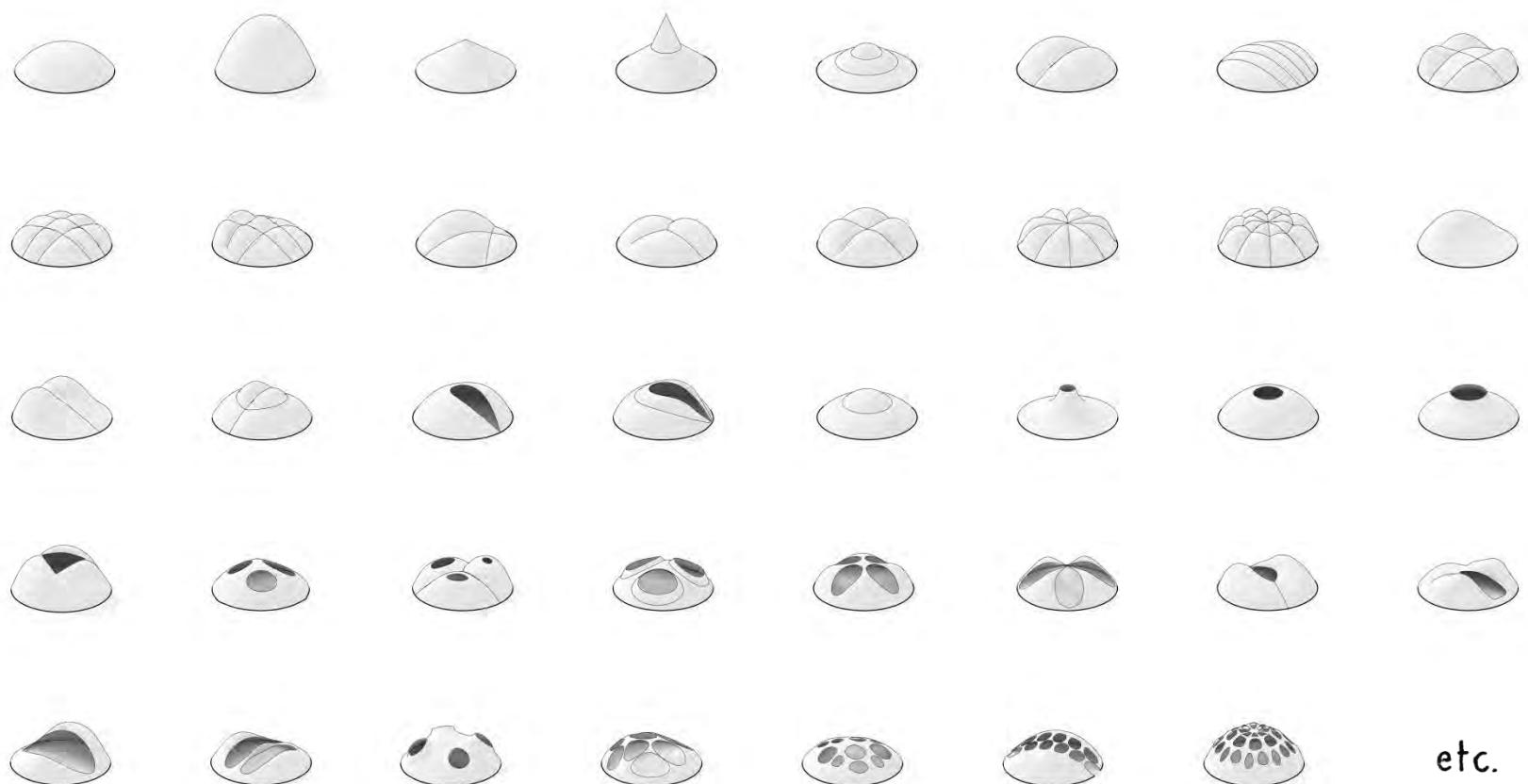


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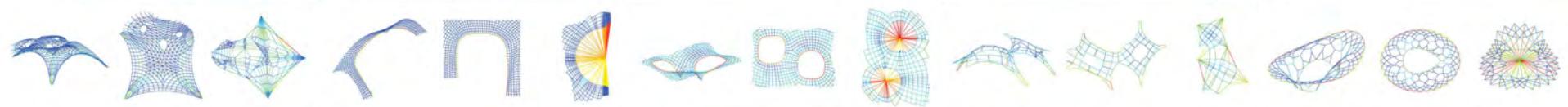
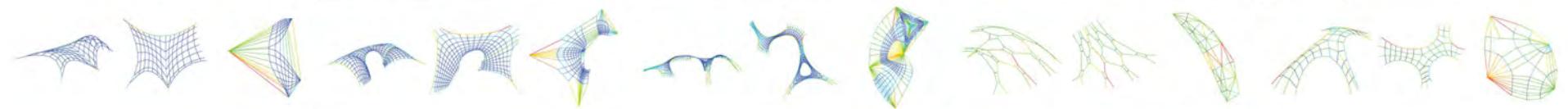
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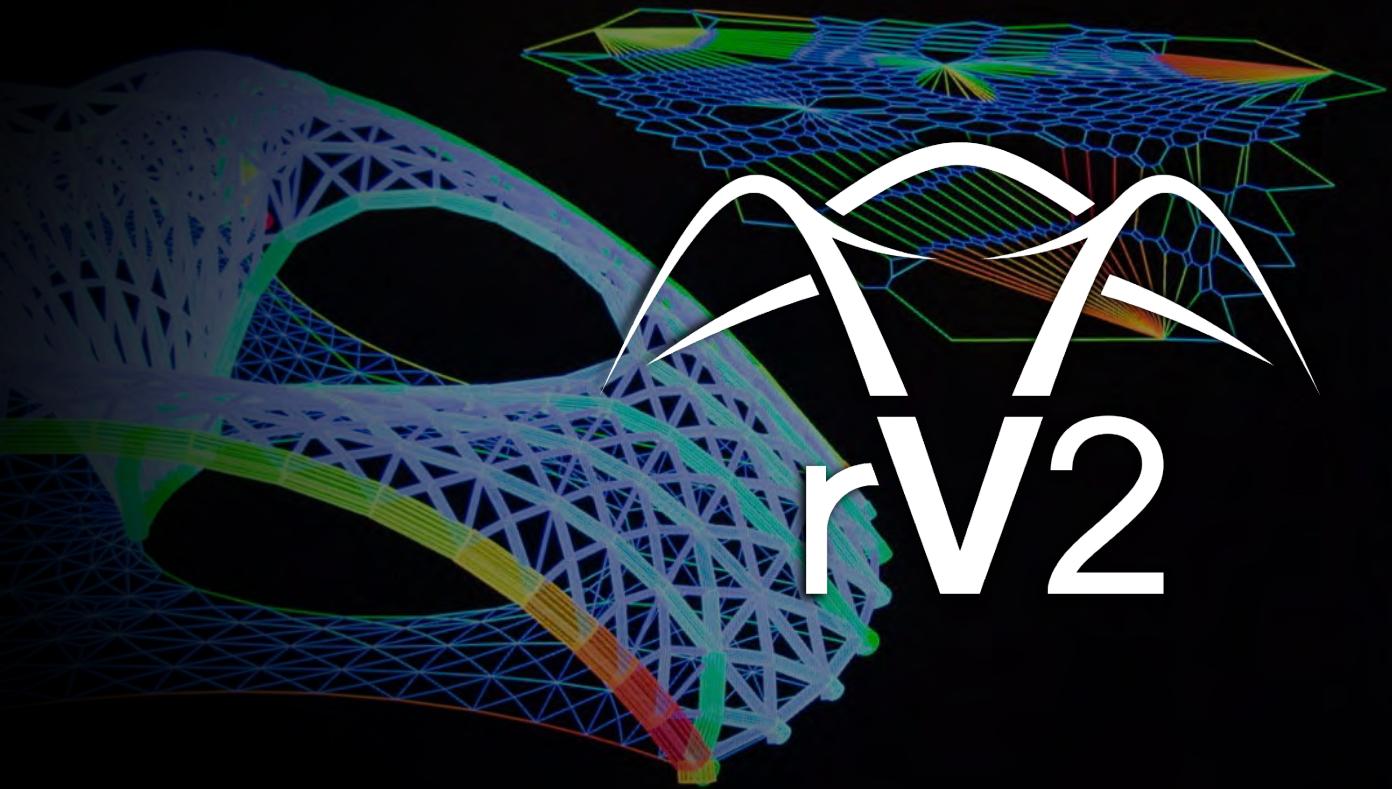






etc.





rV2

```
    if len(v) == 1:
        u = sorted((v[0], network.edges[v[0]]))
    else:
        u = sorted(network.vertices[v])
    v = _find_first_neighbour(u, network)
    _find_edge(u, v, network)
    for u, v in network.edges_iter():
        if network.halfedge[u][v] is None:
            _find_edge_(face(u, v, network))
        if network.halfedge[v][u] is None:
            _find_edge_(face(v, u, network))
    _break_faces(network, breakpoints)
return network.face

def _find_first_neighbour(key, network):
    angles = []
    nbrs = network.halfedge[key].keys()
    if len(nbrs) == 1:
        return nbrs[0]
    vu = [-1, -1, 0]
    for nbr in nbrs:
        w = [network.vertex[nbr][i] for i in 'XXX']
        v = [network.vertex[key][i] for i in 'XXX']
        vw = [w[0] - v[0], w[1] - v[1], 0]
        angles.append(angle_smallest_vectors(vu, vw))
    return nbrs[angles.index(min(angles))]

def _sort_neighbours(network, countTrue):
    sorted_neighbours = {}

convex_hull = def convex_hull(self, points):
    super().__init__(points)
    self._sort_neighbours()
    if not self.faces:
        break
    if not self.faces:
        face.append(n)
        pts.append(pt)
    if face:
        faces.append(face)
    return pts, faces

if __name__ == "__main__":
    import math
    import random

    from compas.geometry import distance_point_point
    from compas_rhino.helpers.mesh import draw_mesh
    from compas.datastructures import Mesh

    radius = 5
    origin = (0., 0., 0.)
    count = 0
    points = []
    while count < 1000:
        x = (random.random() - 0.5) * radius
        y = (random.random() - 0.5) * radius
        z = (random.random() - 0.5) * radius
        pt = x, y, z
        if distance_point_point(origin, pt) >
            points.append(pt)
        count += 1

    faces = convex_hull(points)
```



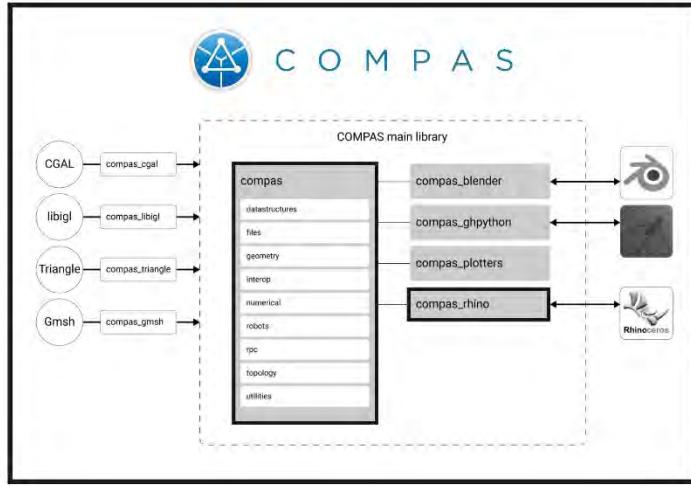
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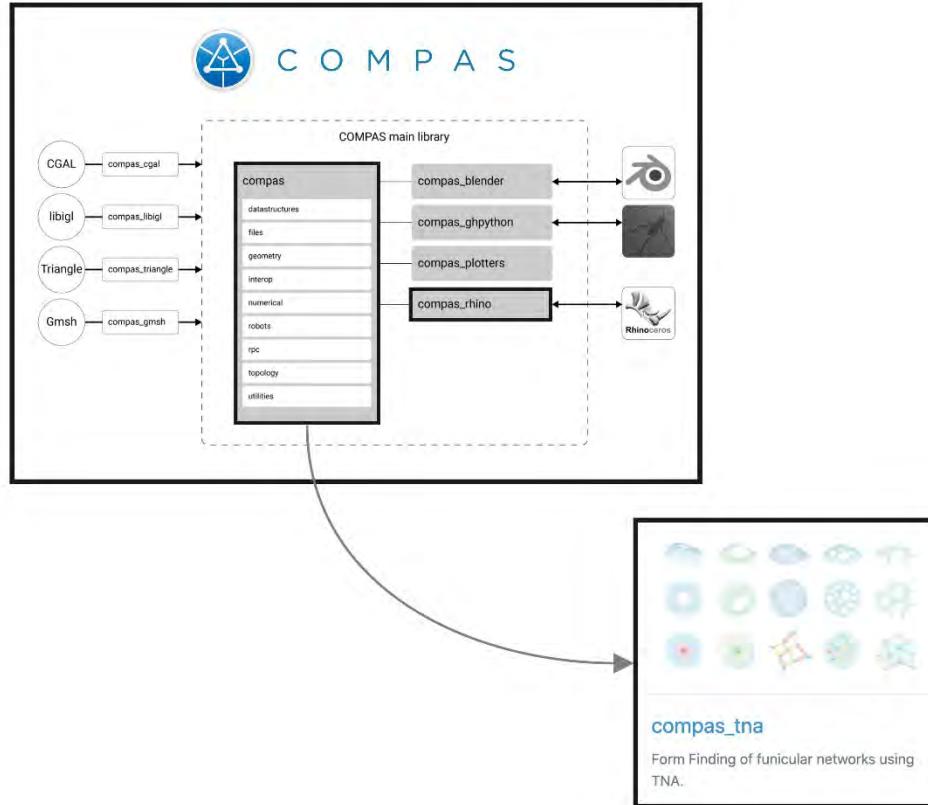
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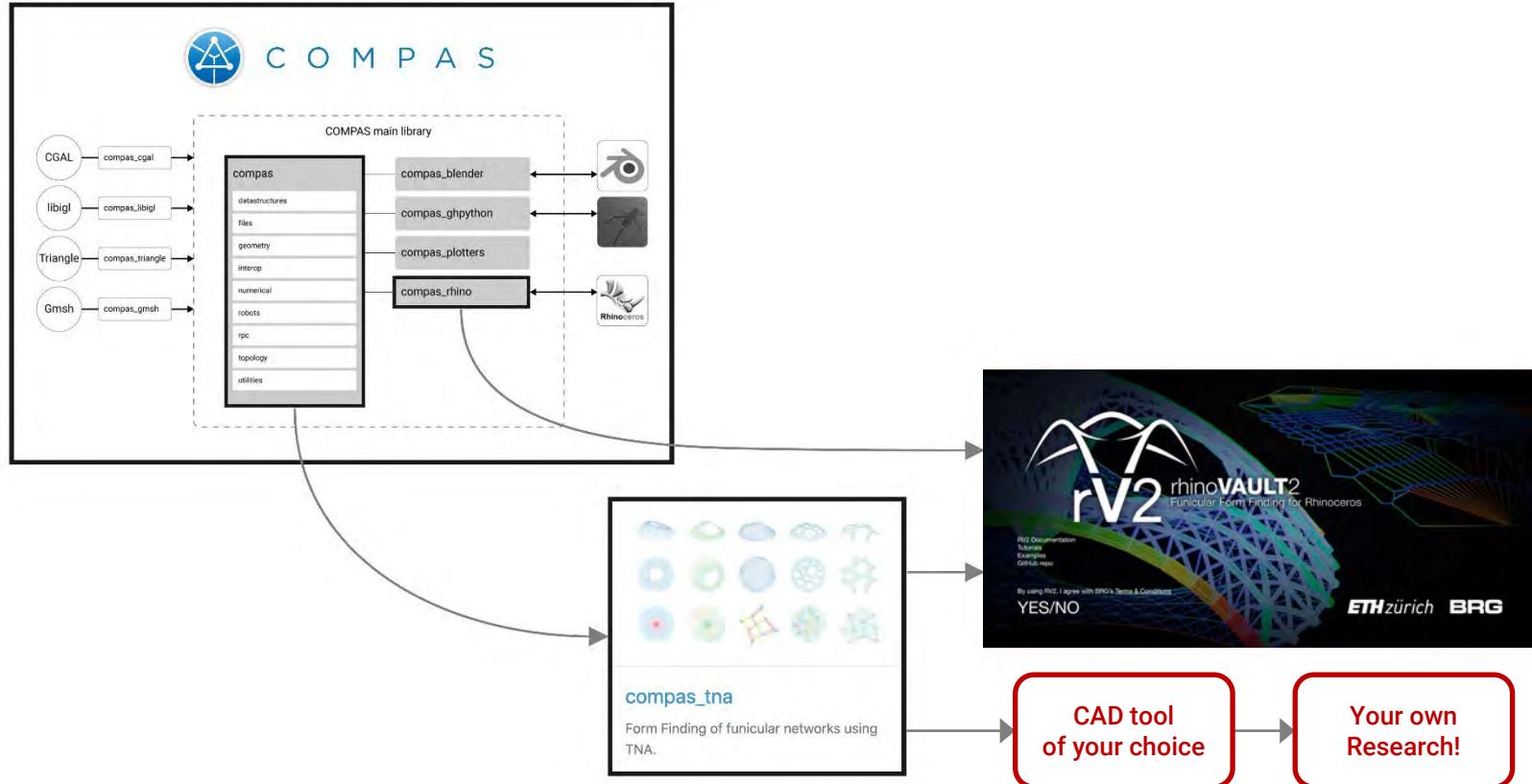
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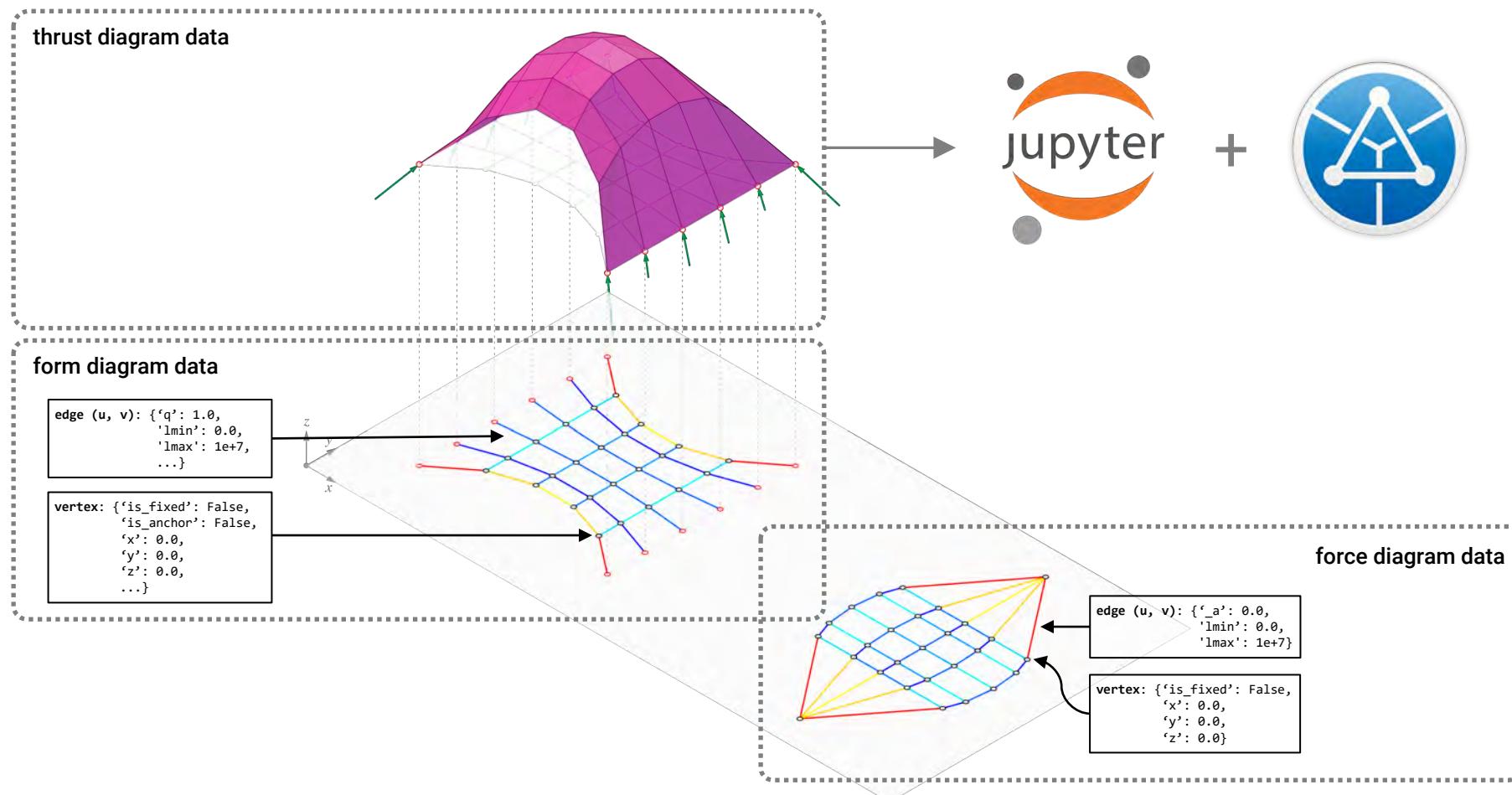
- Homepage:** Shows the main navigation bar with "Home", "Docs", "Digital", "Extensions", and "Tutorials". Below the navigation is a large circular diagram illustrating the architecture, labeled "core", "EPFL", "ETH Zurich", "ROS", "PfIT", and "ICD". Sections include "DRY(O)", "Share your Work", and "Collaborate".
- Core Extensions:** A page listing several core extensions:
 - compas_fab**: Robotic fabrication package providing interface to ROS.
 - compas_vol**: Volumetric modelling of 3D geometry using signed distance functions.
 - compas_slicer**: Slicing tools for additive manufacturing processes.
 - compas_irc**: Online non-realtime control for ABB Robots over a simple-to-use Python API.
 - compas_fea**: Finite Element Analysis using Abaqus.
 - compas_fem**: Implementation of the Finite Element Method.
- COMPAS Docs:** Documentation for the main library of COMPAS, featuring a "Table of Contents" and detailed descriptions of the core package (`i-compsat`) and CAD packages (`compas_cad`, `compas_python`, `compas_blenlib`).

<https://compas.dev>







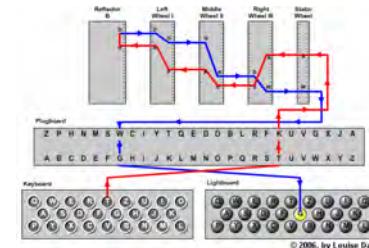


Universal Computing “Turing” Machine

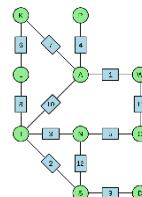
... a machine capable of computing anything that is computable by executing instructions (program) stored on tape (memory), allowing the machine to be programmable ...

“On Computable Numbers” | Alan Turing (1936)

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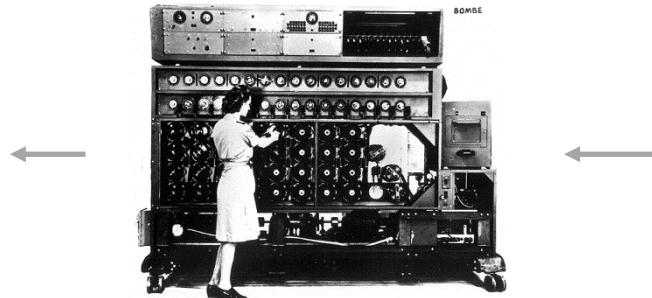
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Ciphertext	W S N P N L K L S T C S
Plaintext "crib"	A T T A C K A T D A W N
Message position	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Upper drum setting	Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
Middle drum setting	Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
Lower drum setting	A B C D E F G H I J K L

Decryption key

Reverse-algorithm



Decryption machine

Multiple reverse-engineered Enigma machines

Origins of computing ► 2. Data & memory

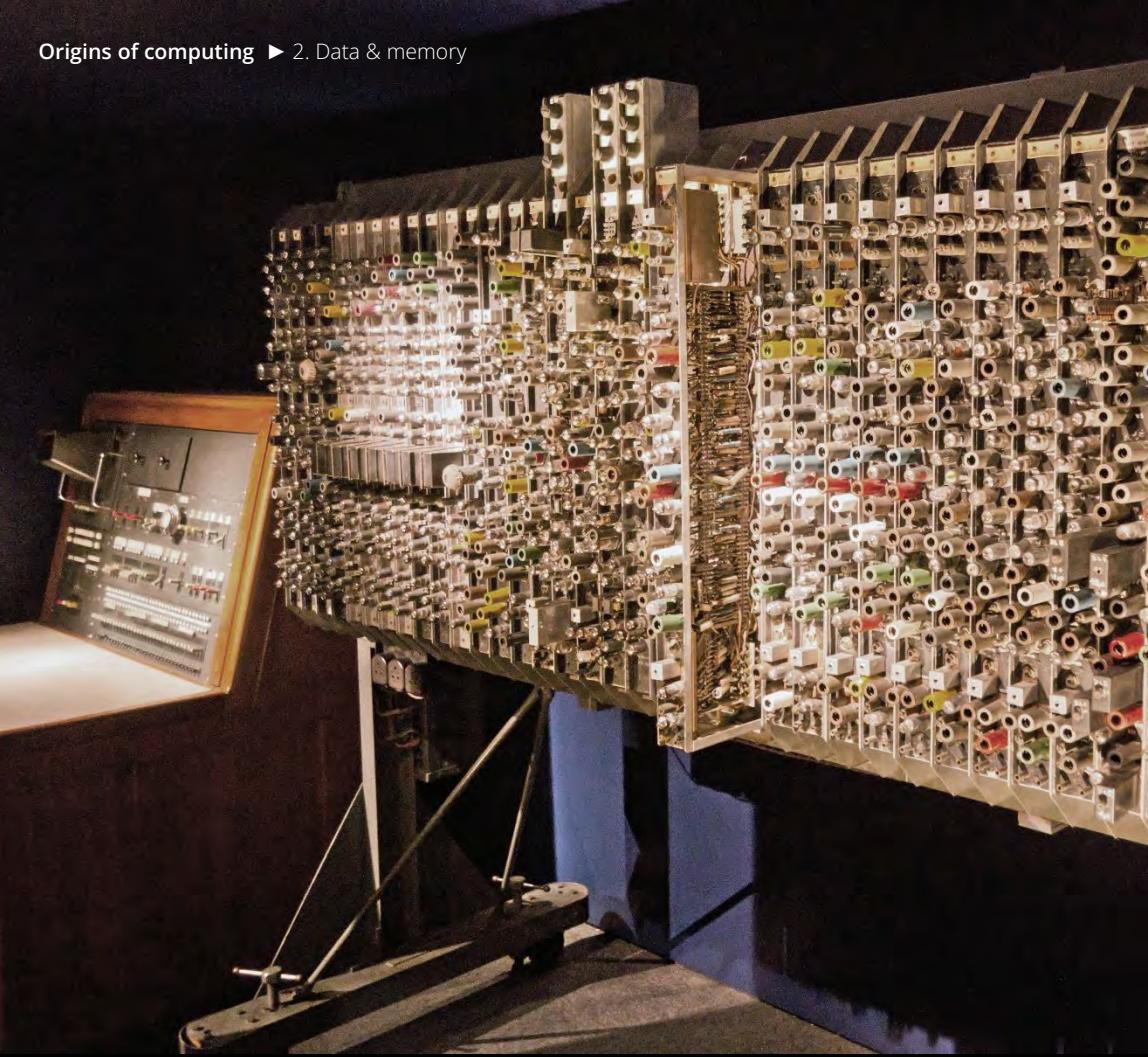


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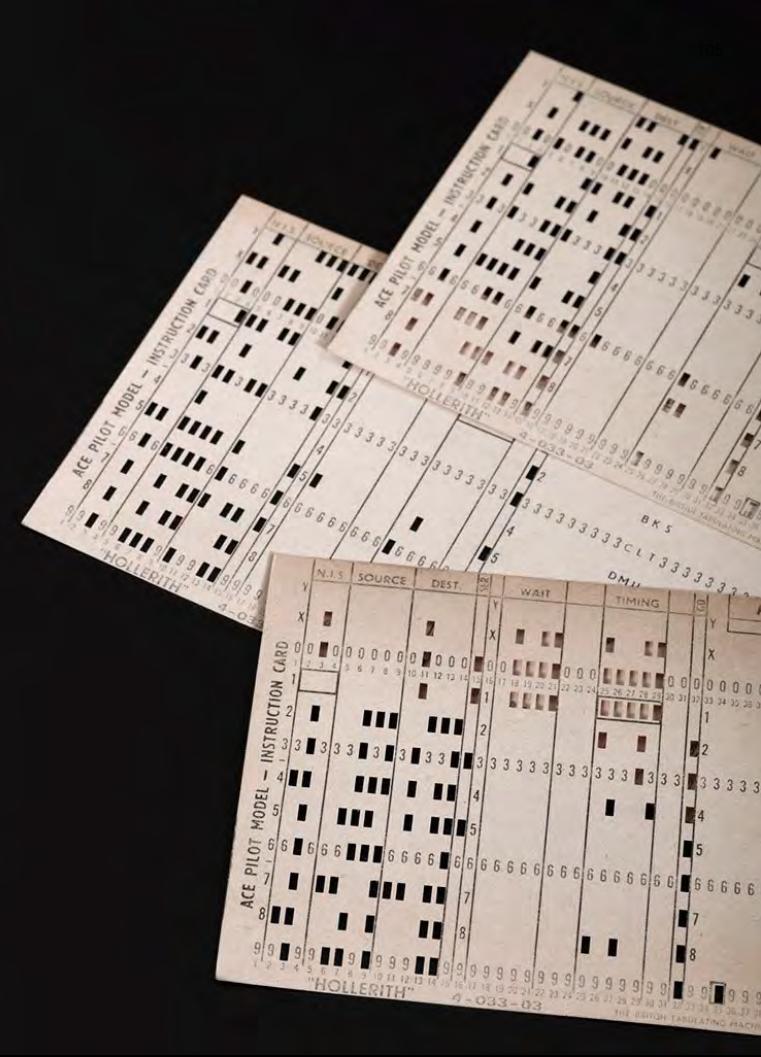
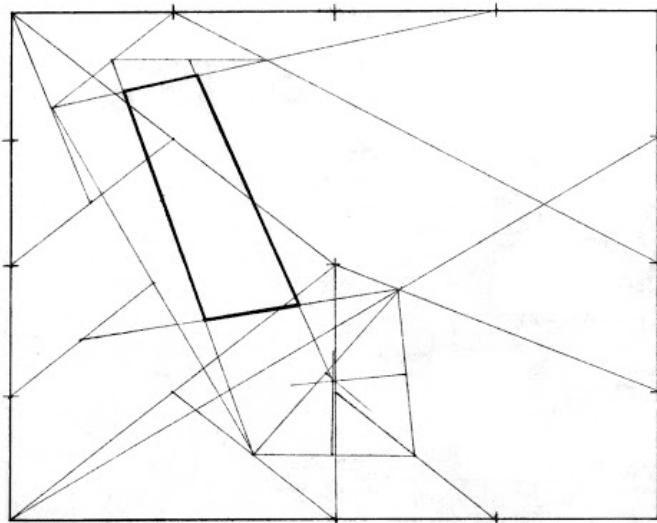
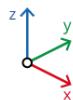


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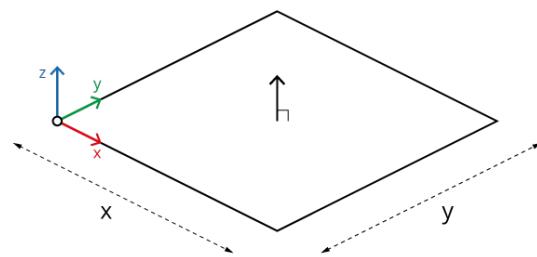


A quadrangle which is formed and enclosed by four lines, the first of which is drawn from a point halfway between a point halfway between the center of the wall and the upper left corner and the midpoint of the left side and the upper left corner to a point halfway between the midpoint of the top side and the upper right corner, the second line from a point halfway between the start of the first line and a point halfway between the midpoint of the top side and the upper left corner to a point halfway between a point halfway between the center of the wall and the lower left corner and the midpoint of the bottom side, the third line from a point halfway between a point halfway between the start of the first line and the end of the second line and a point halfway between the midpoint of the left side and the lower left corner to a point which is on an axis between the lower left corner to a point halfway between the midpoint of the right side and the upper right corner where a line drawn from the center of the wall to a point halfway between the midpoint of the right side and the lower right corner would cross that axis, the fourth line from a point equidistant from the end of the third line, the end of the second line and a point halfway between a point halfway between the center of the wall and the midpoint of the bottom side and a point halfway between the midpoint of the bottom side and the lower right corner to a point halfway between the start of the second line and a point where a line would cross the first line if it were drawn from the midpoint of the right side to a point halfway between the midpoint of the top side and the upper left corner.

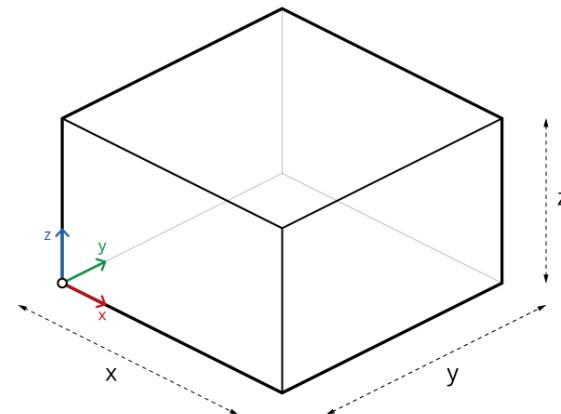
—Sol LeWitt, 1974



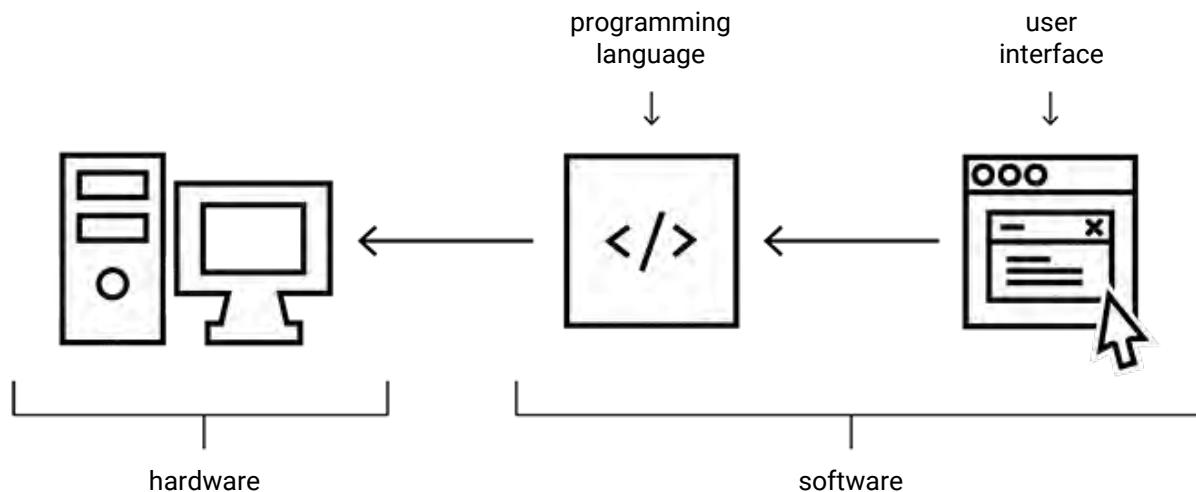
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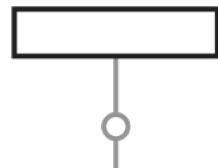


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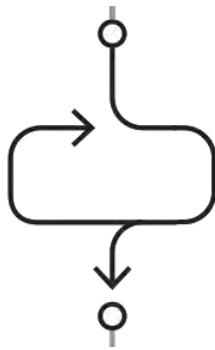


3. Extrude the rectangle in the z-axis with amount z

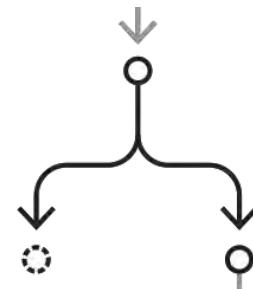




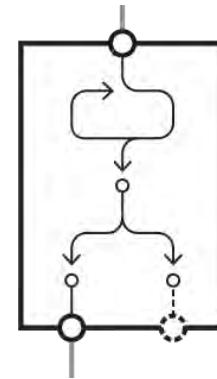
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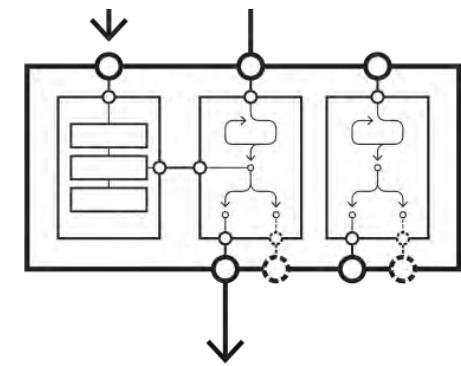
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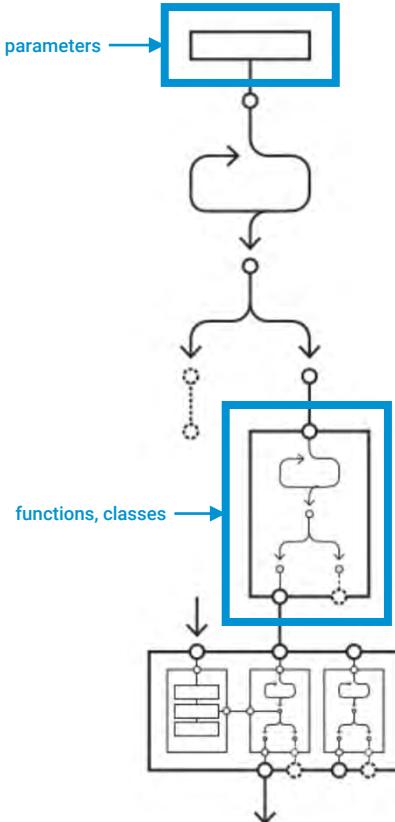
3. conditional



4. functions



5. objects



```
x = 1
y = 'hello world'
myList = [1, 'b', 3]
myDict = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
```

```
for i in range(10):
    # do something 10 times

for element in myList:
    # do something for all elements
```

```
if x > 10 and y > 10:
    # do something
elif x > 5 or y < 5:
    # do something else
else:
    # do something else
```

```
def myFunction(input1, input2):
    # do something
    return output

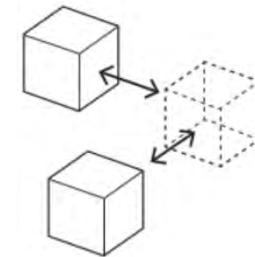
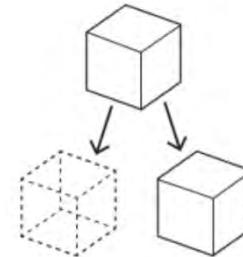
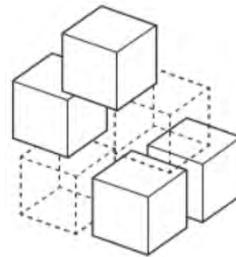
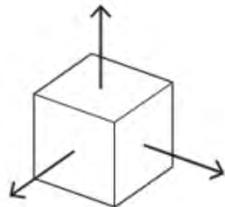
c = myFunction(a, b)

class MyClass:
    def __init__(self, input1):
        self.localVar = input1
    def myMethod(self, input2):
        # do something
        return output

classInstance = MyClass(a)
c = classInstance.myMethod(b)
```

**procedural
programming
("scripting")**

**object-oriented
programming
("OOP")**



Morphological

- Continuous measures
- + Good top-down control over design
- Can usually only generate simple design spaces

State-change

- Choices, categories
- + can create discontinuous design spaces
- + control over individual elements
- Many inputs required
(each element needs to be controlled separately)

Rule-based

- L-system, shape grammars, 1D cellular automata
- + reduced number of inputs
(abstraction of inputs into rule sets)
- + can create complexity
- Only top-down control
- can't control individual behaviour
- can't create emergence
- Potentially redundant or incomplete design space

Behavioral

- object-oriented, agent-based behavior models (dynamic)
- + reduced number of inputs
(abstraction of inputs into agent behaviors)
- + can lead to emergence
- Little intuitive control over macro design
- Potentially redundant or incomplete design space

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