

# Singular Foliations for Knit Graph Design

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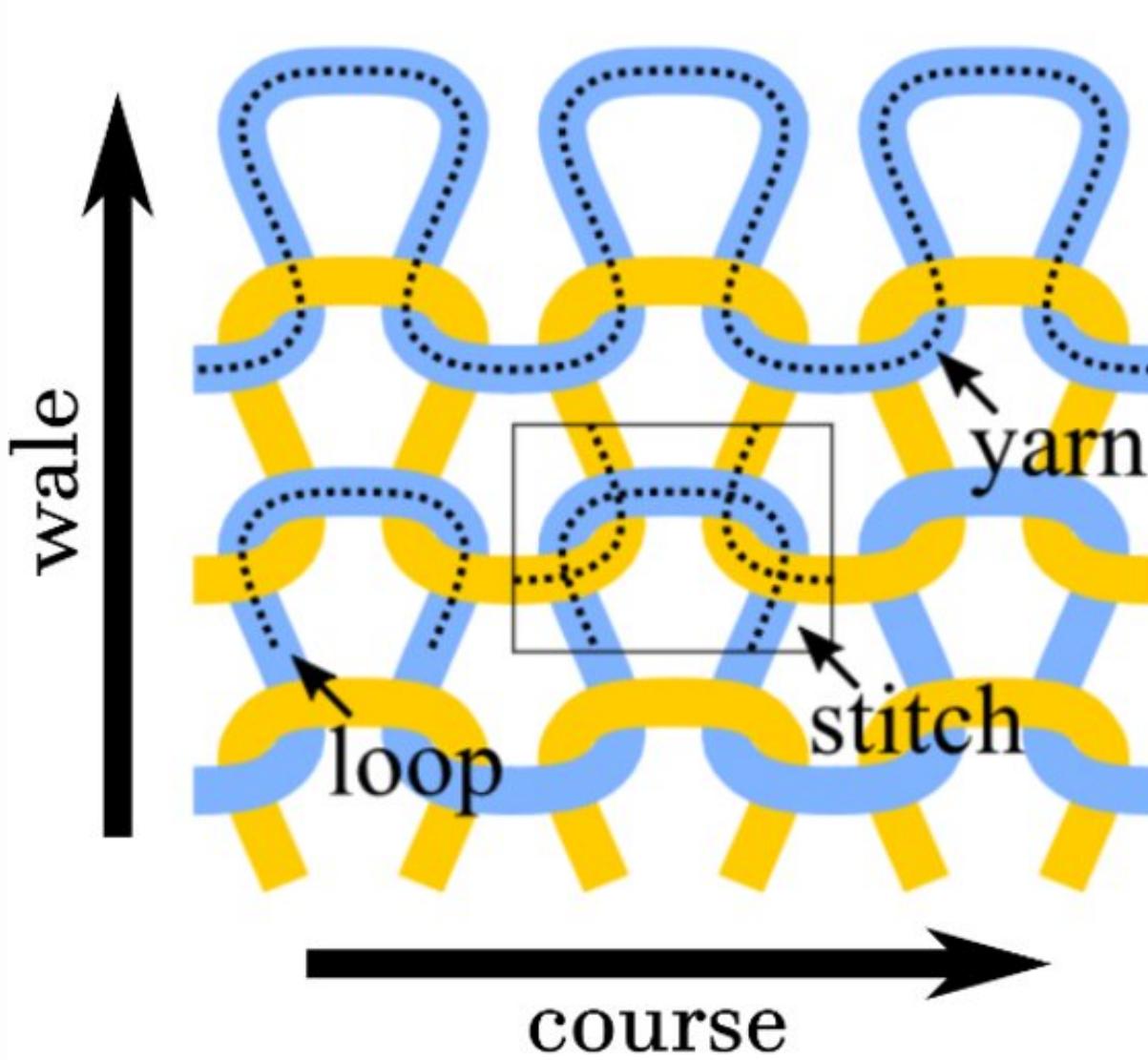


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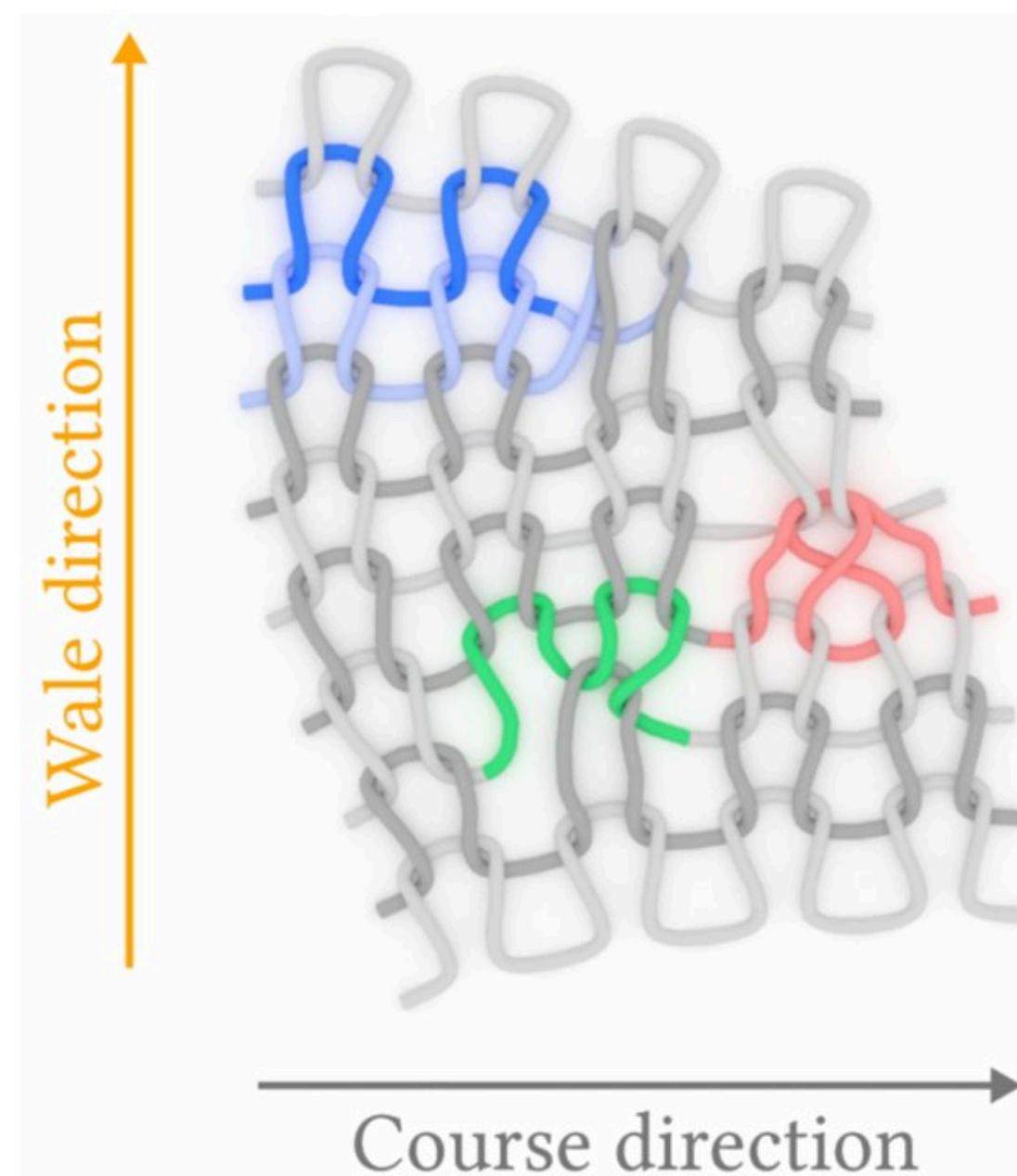


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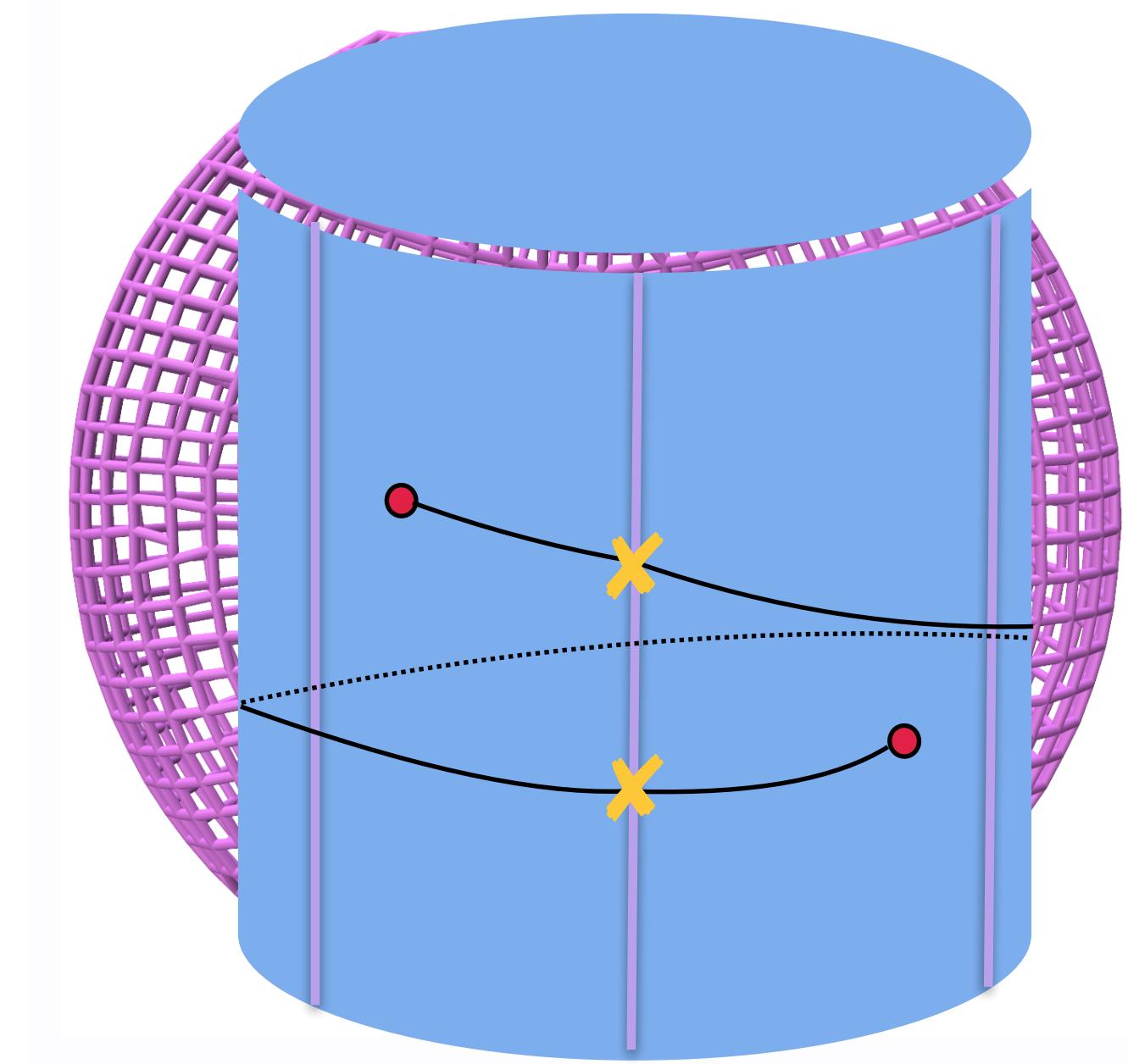
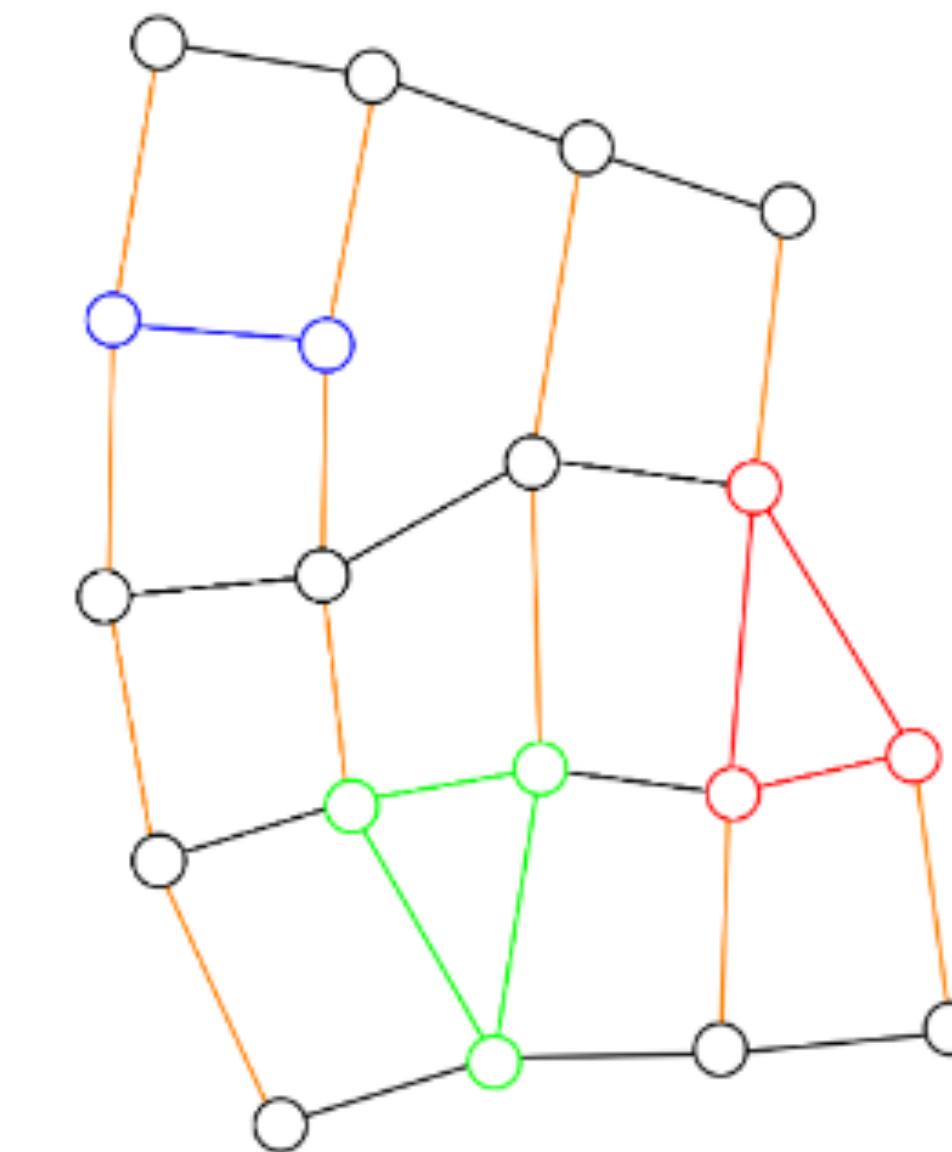
# Knit Graph Abstraction



Flat geometry<sup>1</sup>



Stitch irregularities induce curvature<sup>2</sup>



**Goal:** Given a 3D mesh, generate **Helixfree** knit graph over it

<sup>1</sup> from Visual Knitting Machine Programming (2019)

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<sup>2</sup>from Knit Sketching: from Cut and Sew Patterns to Machine-Knit Garments (2021)

# Positioning our work

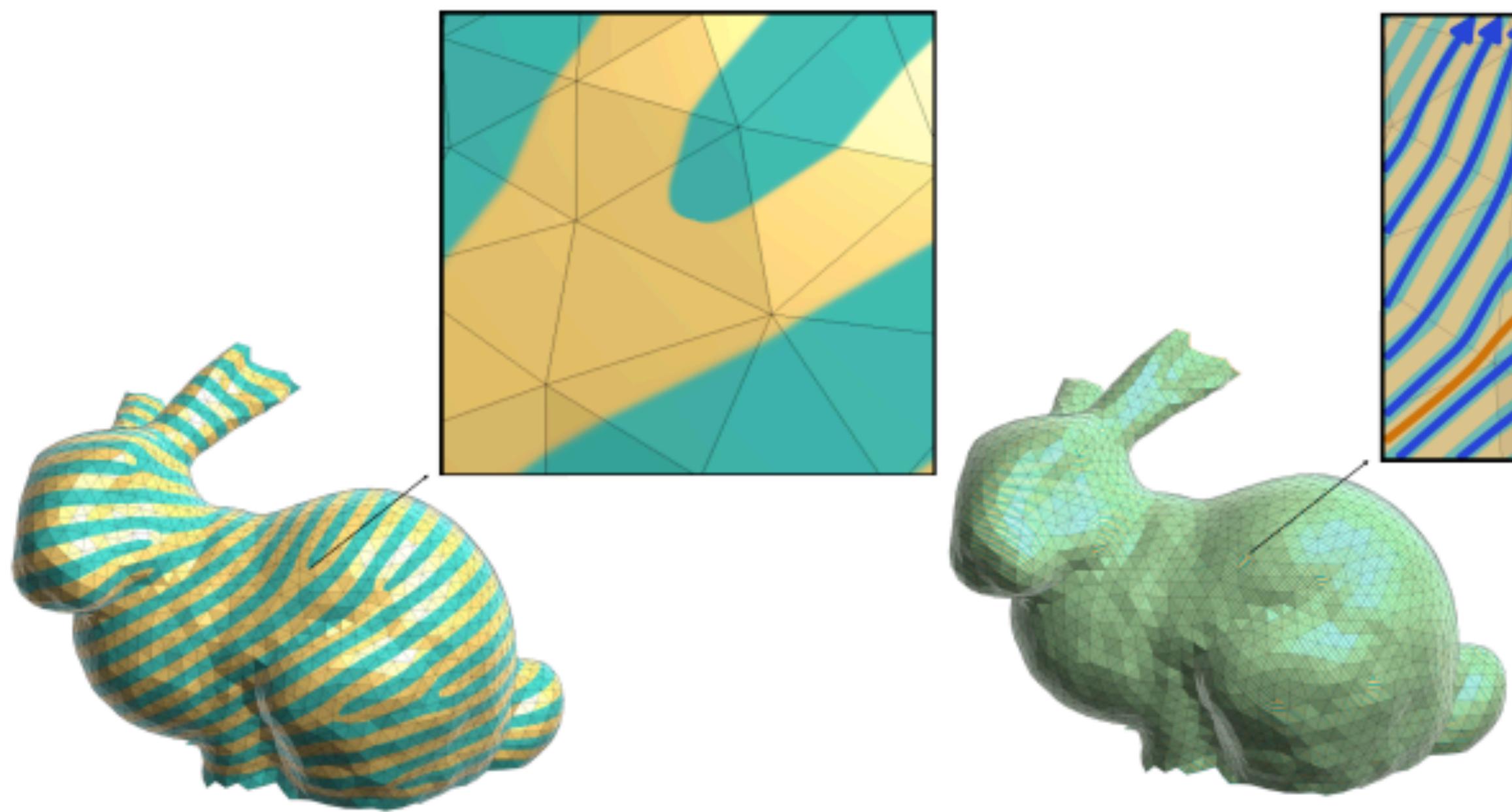
- Goal: Input 3D model → whole garment machine-knittable graphs
  - Similar works: **Autoknit** [Naryanan et al. 2018], **KnitKit** [Nader et al. 2021], **Helix-free Stripes** [Mitra et al. 2023]
- Stripe patterns for knitting
  - Evenly-spaced stripes  $\leftrightarrow$  evenly spaced course rows and wale columns
  - **KnitKit** [Nader et al. 2021] - Quad mesh operators
  - **Helix-free Stripes** [Mitra et al. 2023] - Several linear constraints for helix-removal



Knöppel et al. [2015]

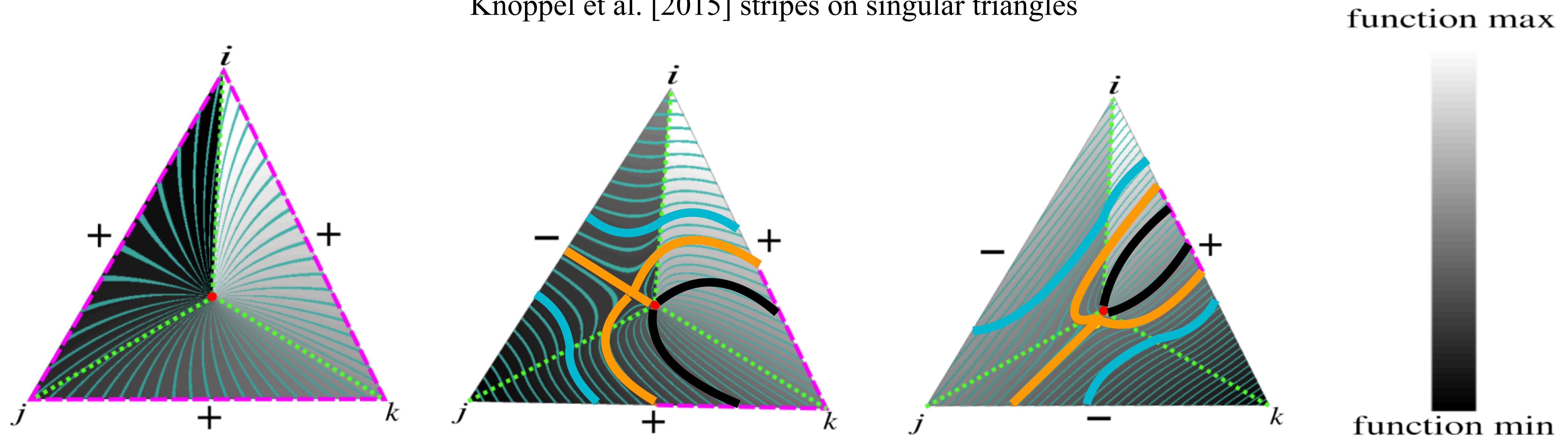
# Extensions to our previous work

- Stripe patterns as **oriented foliations** (**integral curves of vector field**)
  - Can remove helicing of **any stripe integral curve**
  - Previous work can remove helicing in only certain integral curves
- Automatic matching of singular triangles
  - Minimum weight matching problem
  - Customized weights



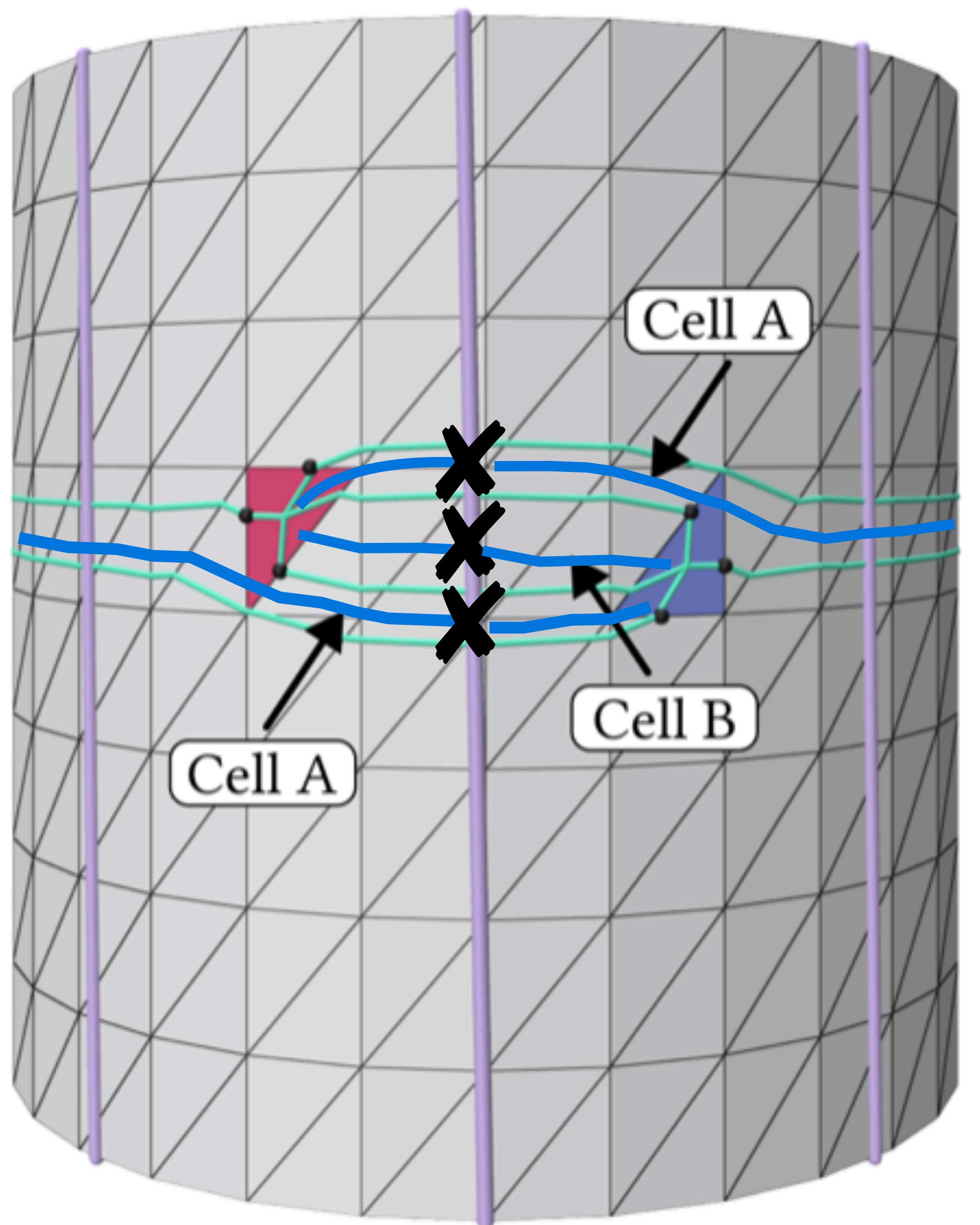
# Foliation Behavior over Singular Triangles

Knöppel et al. [2015] stripes on singular triangles

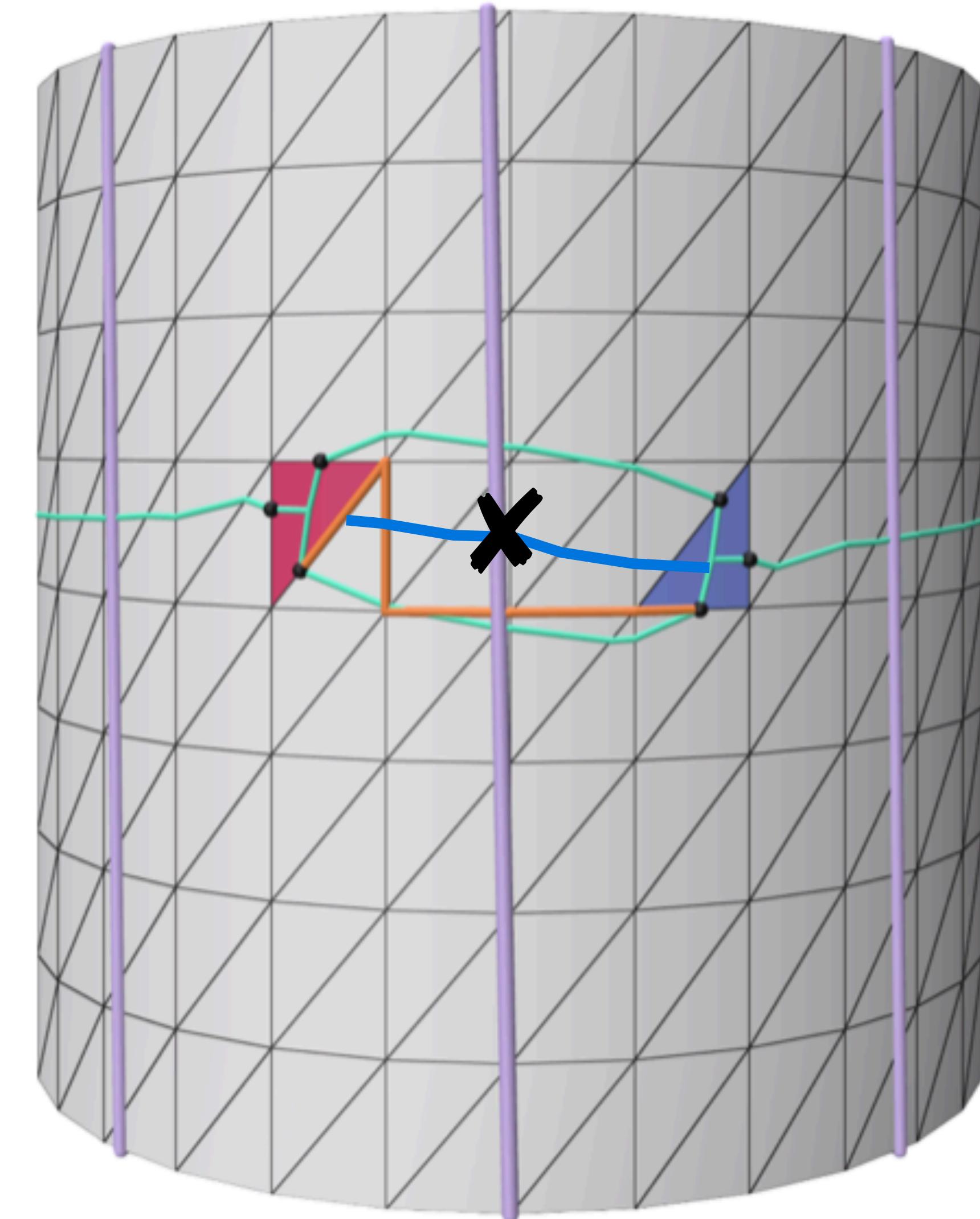


- Upshot: Exact **characterization** of where the **separatrices** hit the boundary
  - Matching separatrices enforces helix-free condition

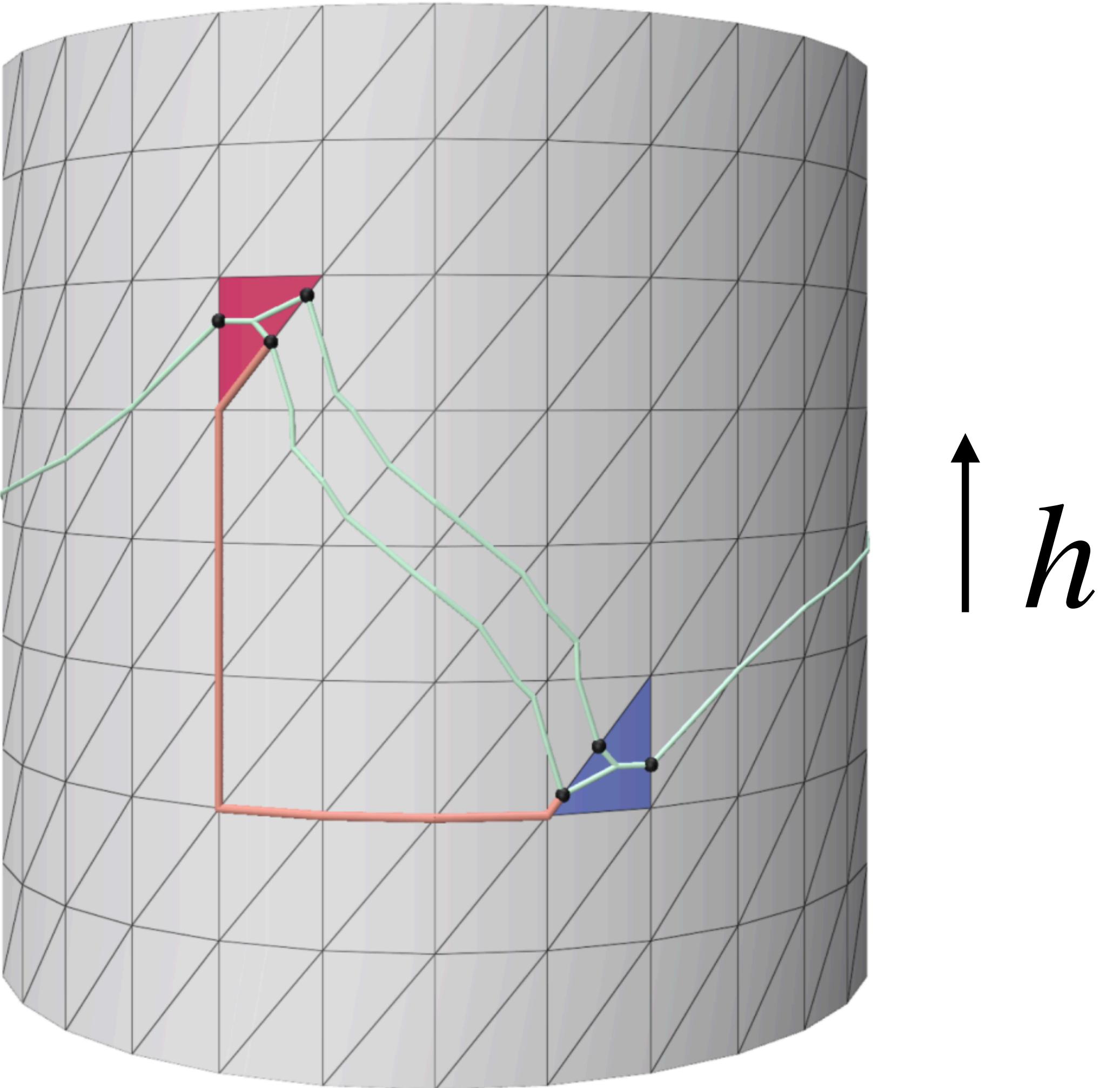
# Precise Topological Control of Stripes



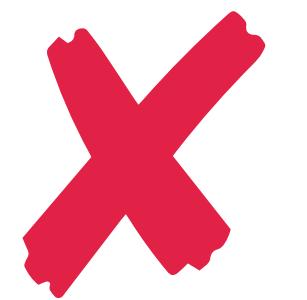
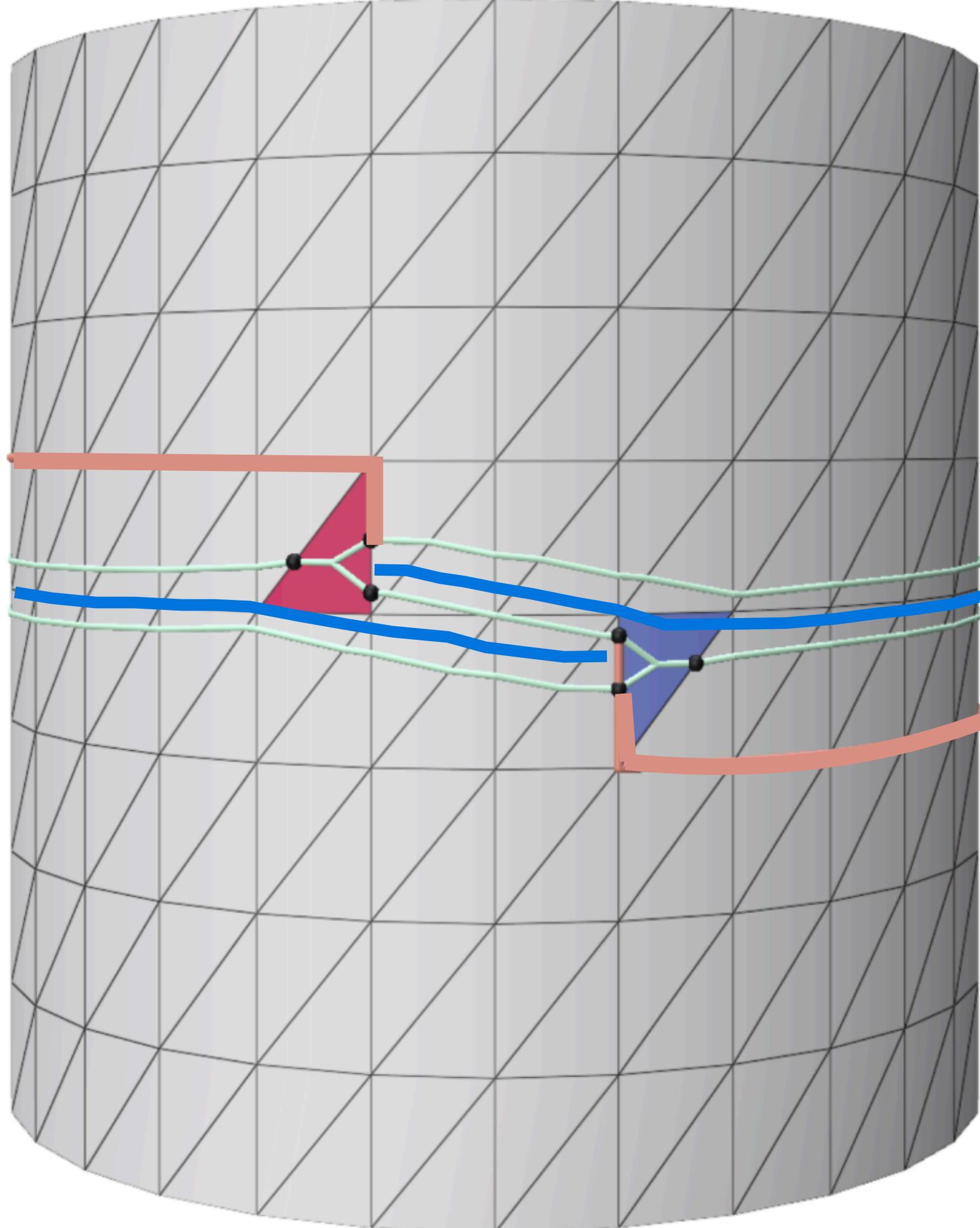
Automatic Separatrix Matching



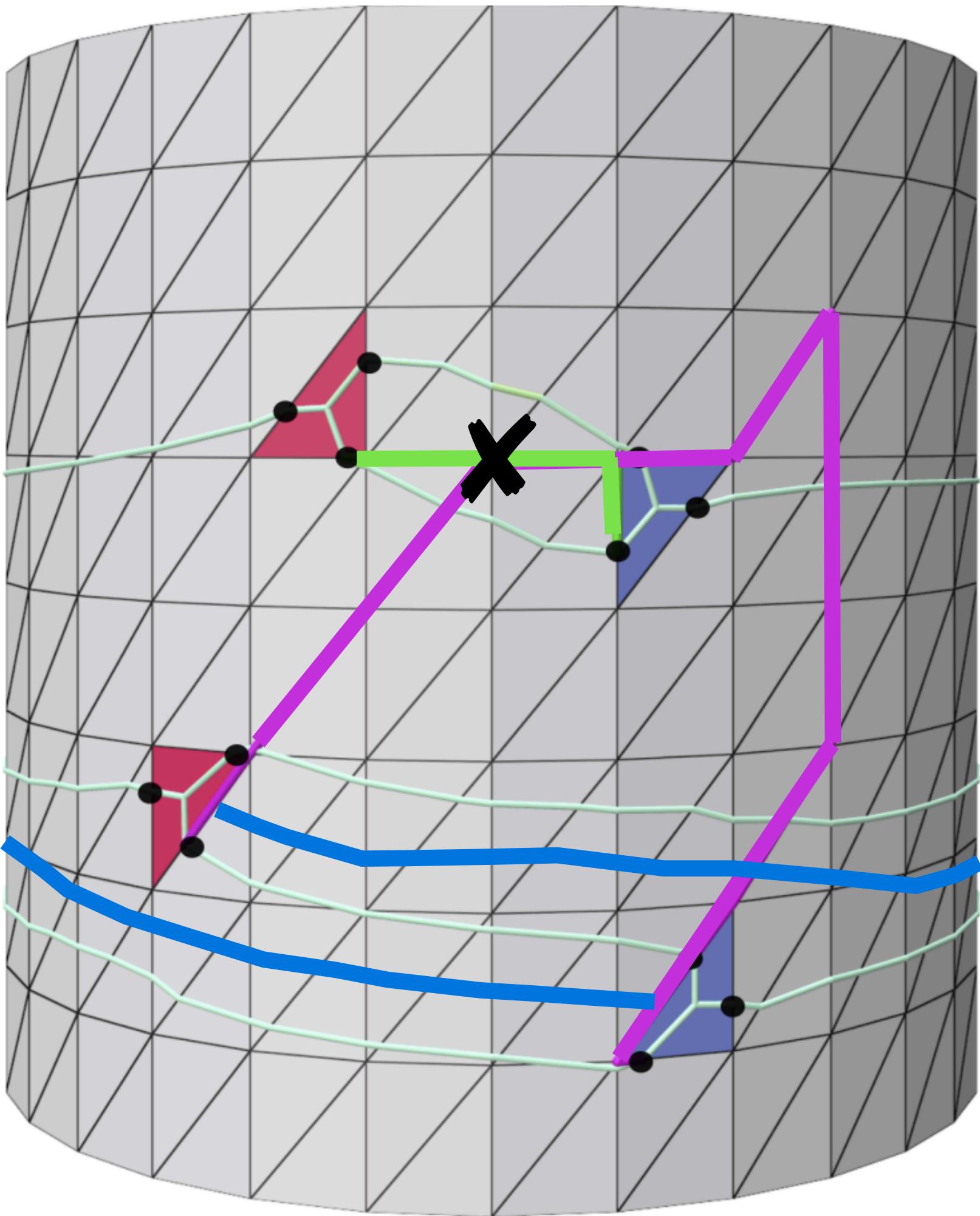
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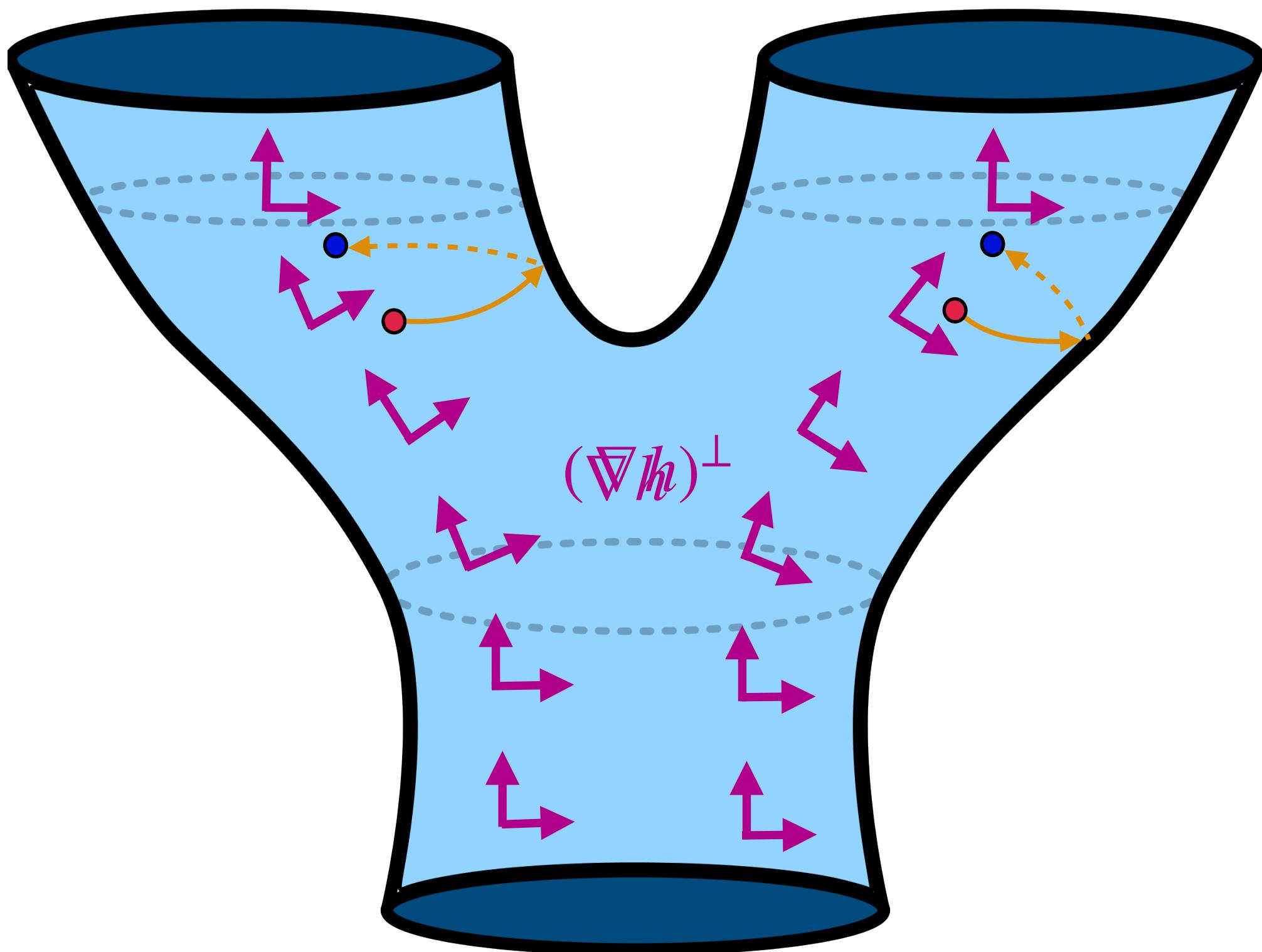


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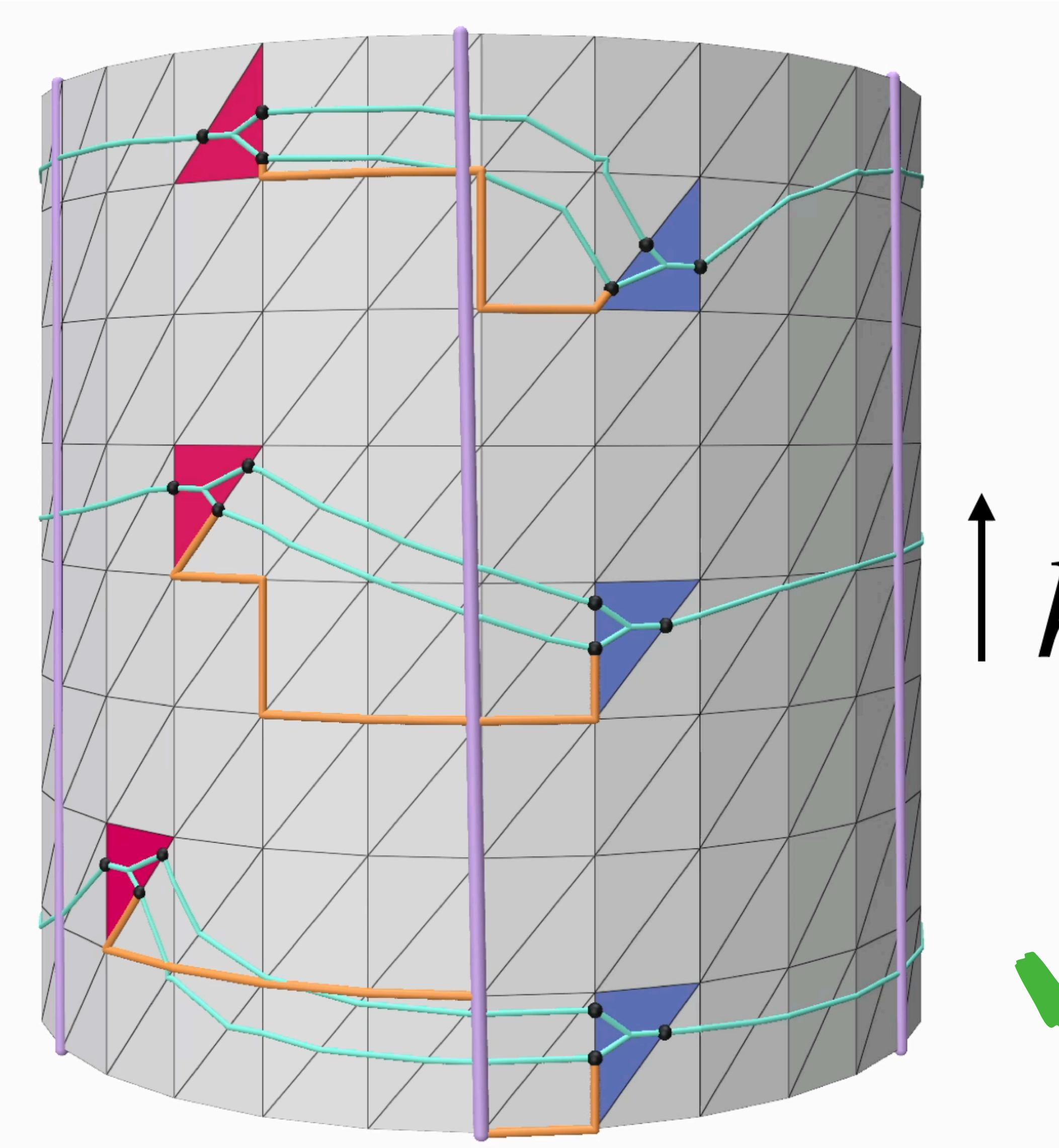
- Minimum weight matching LP

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{T} \in [0,1]^{s \times s}} \quad \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{T} \rangle \\ & \text{such that} \quad \mathbf{T}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \\ & \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{1}^T \end{aligned}$$

$C \in (R^+)^{s \times s}, C_{ij} = \text{cost of assigning singularity } i \text{ to singularity } j$



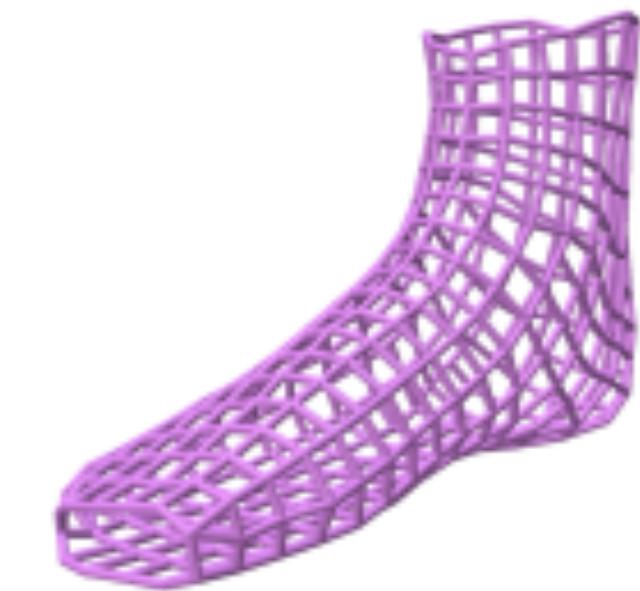
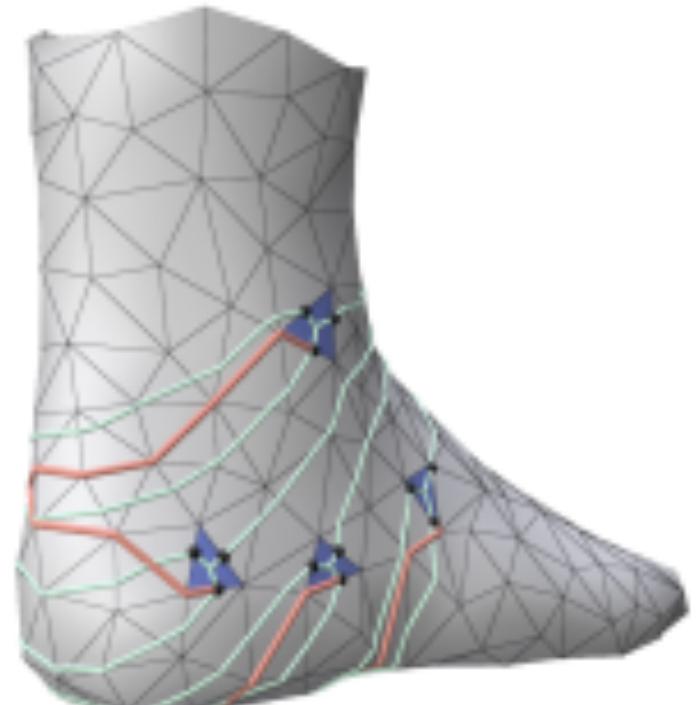
# Automatic Singularity Matching - Result



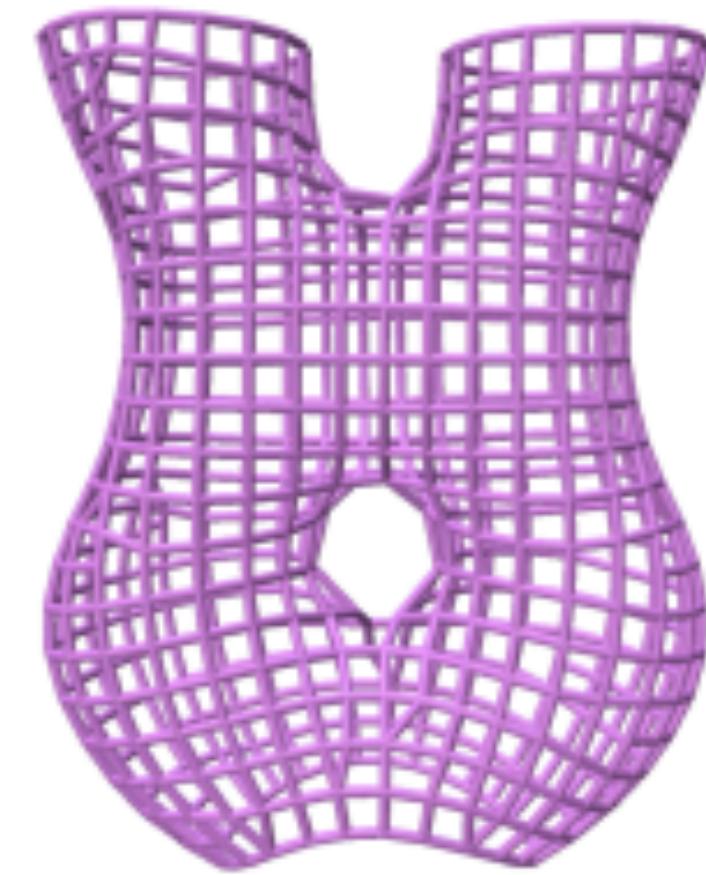
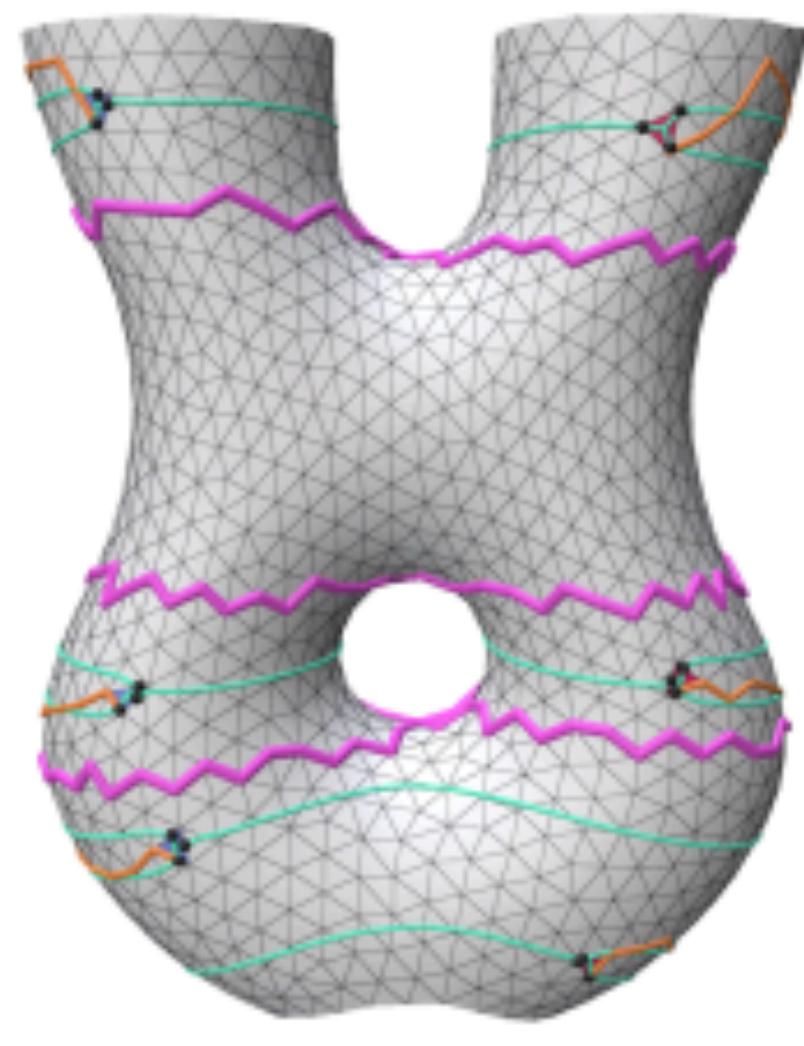
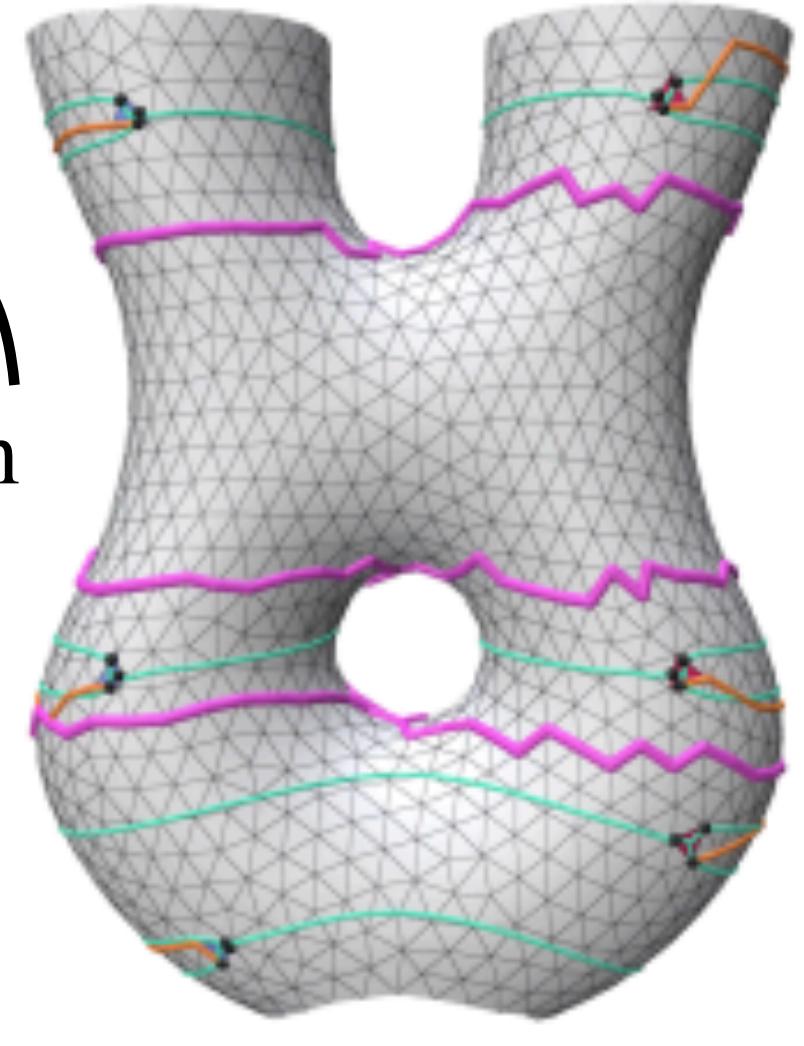
- Singularities on the same isoline matched ✓
- Path constraints flow from positive singularity to negative singularity ✓
- Non-intersecting path constraints ✓

# Results

Change graph resolution while maintaining constraints

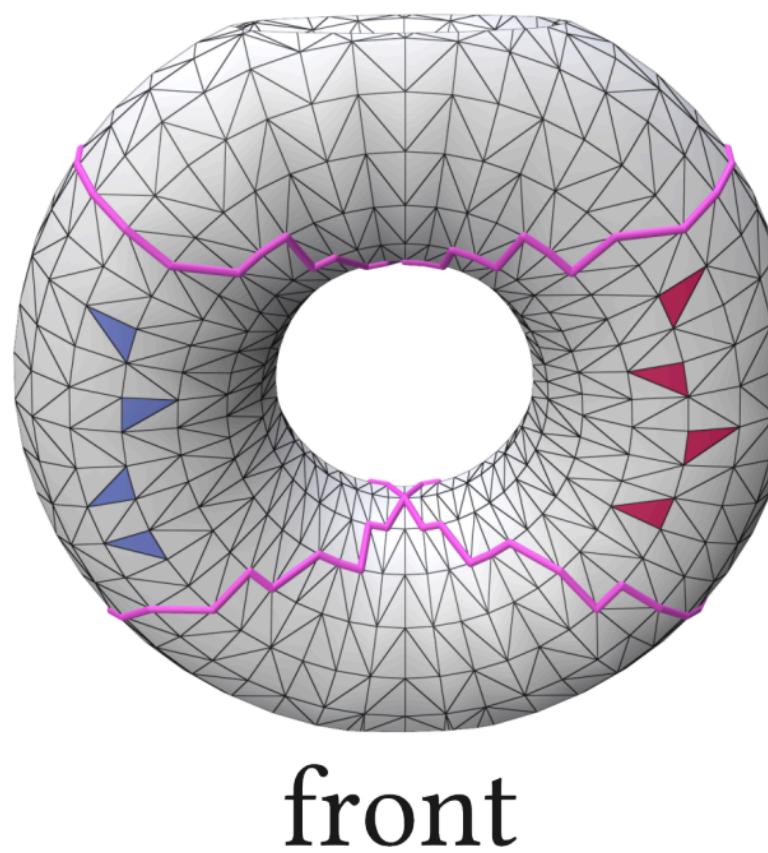
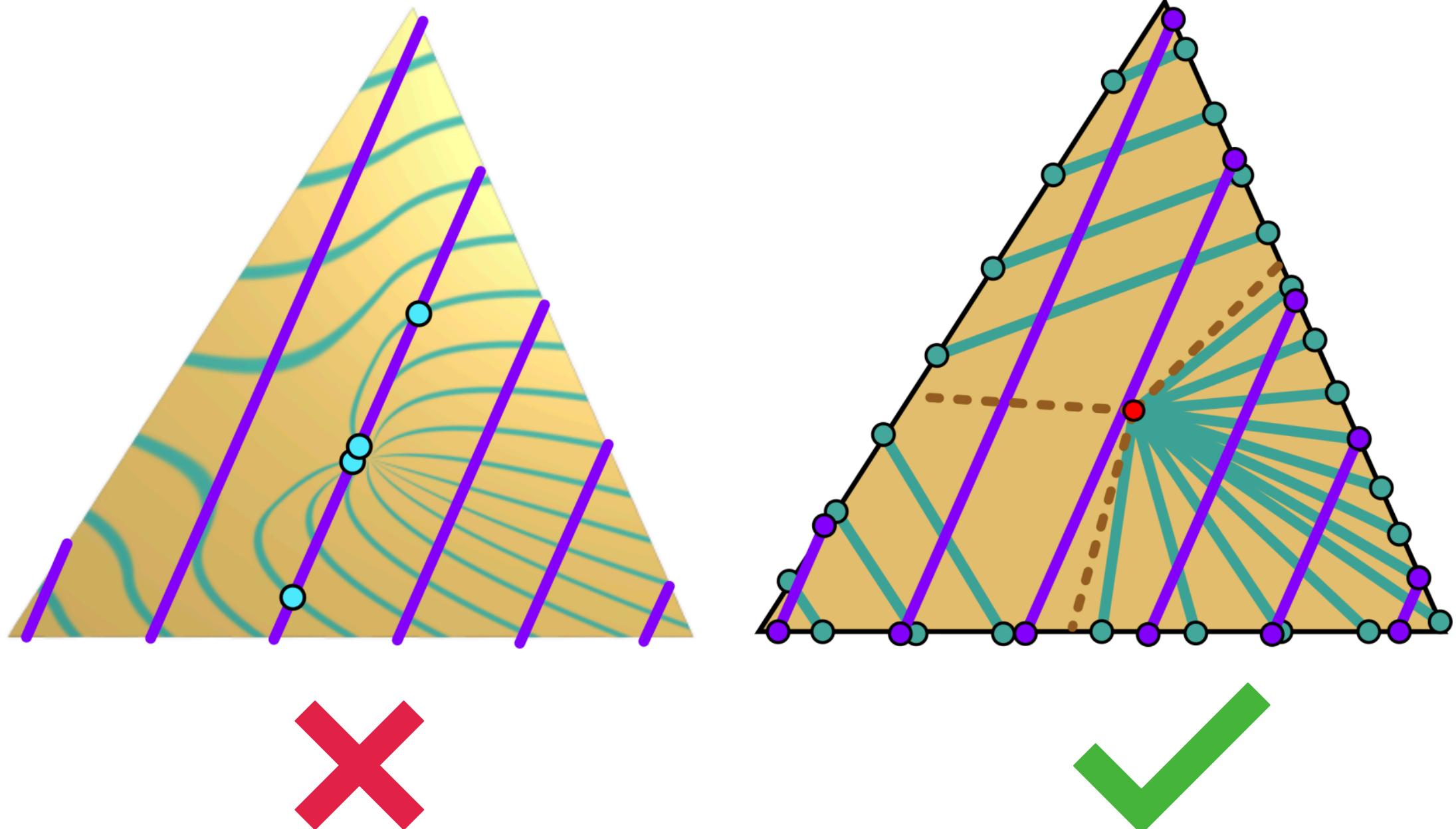


Models with  
genus

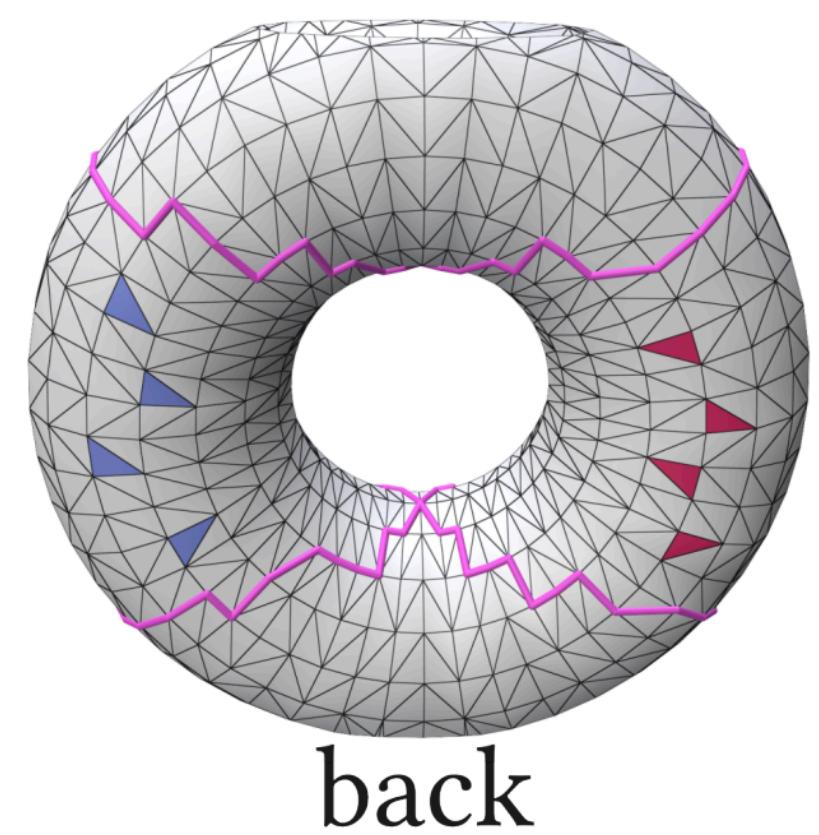


# Summary

- Stripe patterns as foliations to achieve more precise control preventing helicing of **any** integral curve
- Automatic matching of singular triangles
- Effective Interpolant for robust stripe tracing
- Extension to models with genus via Morse decomposition



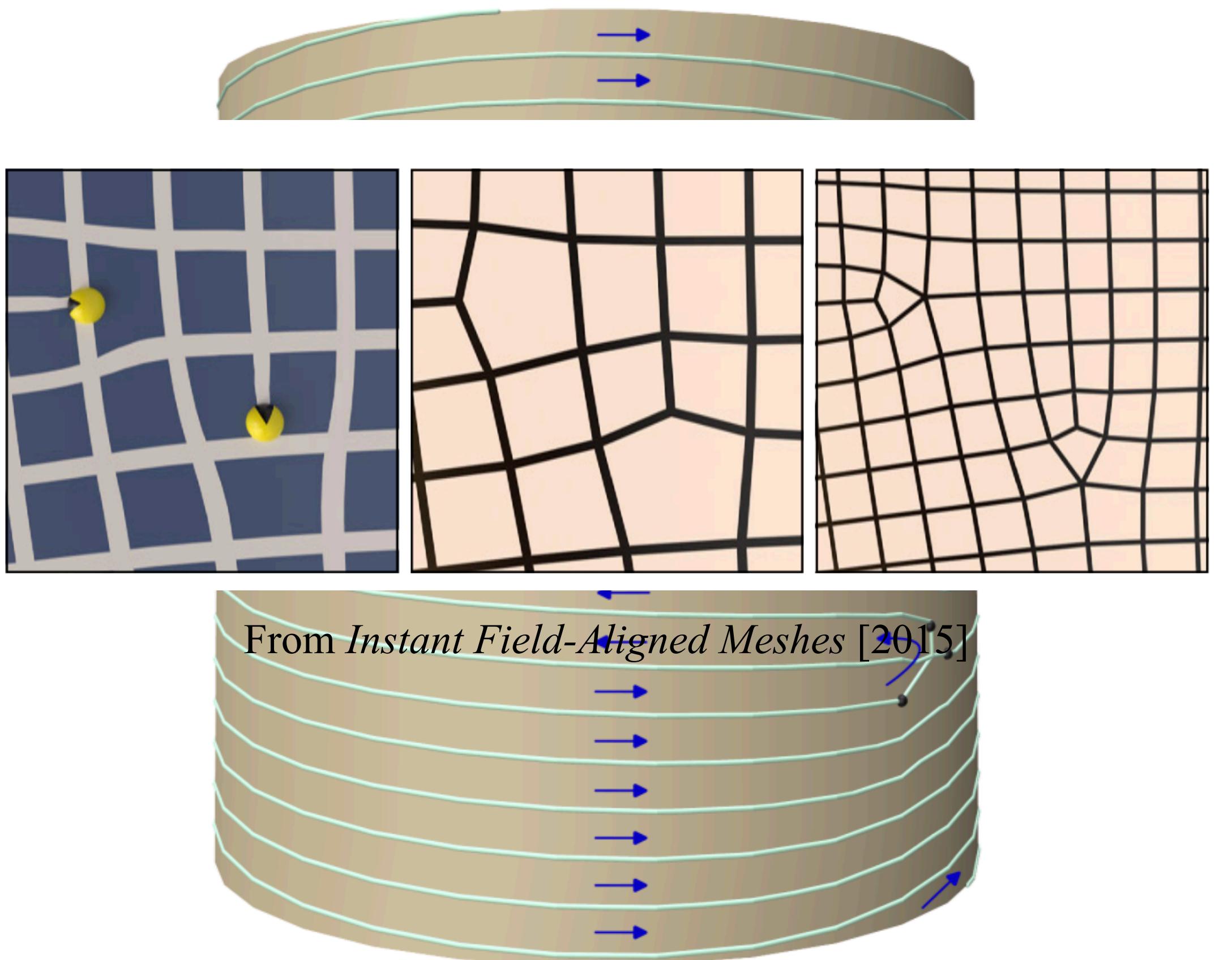
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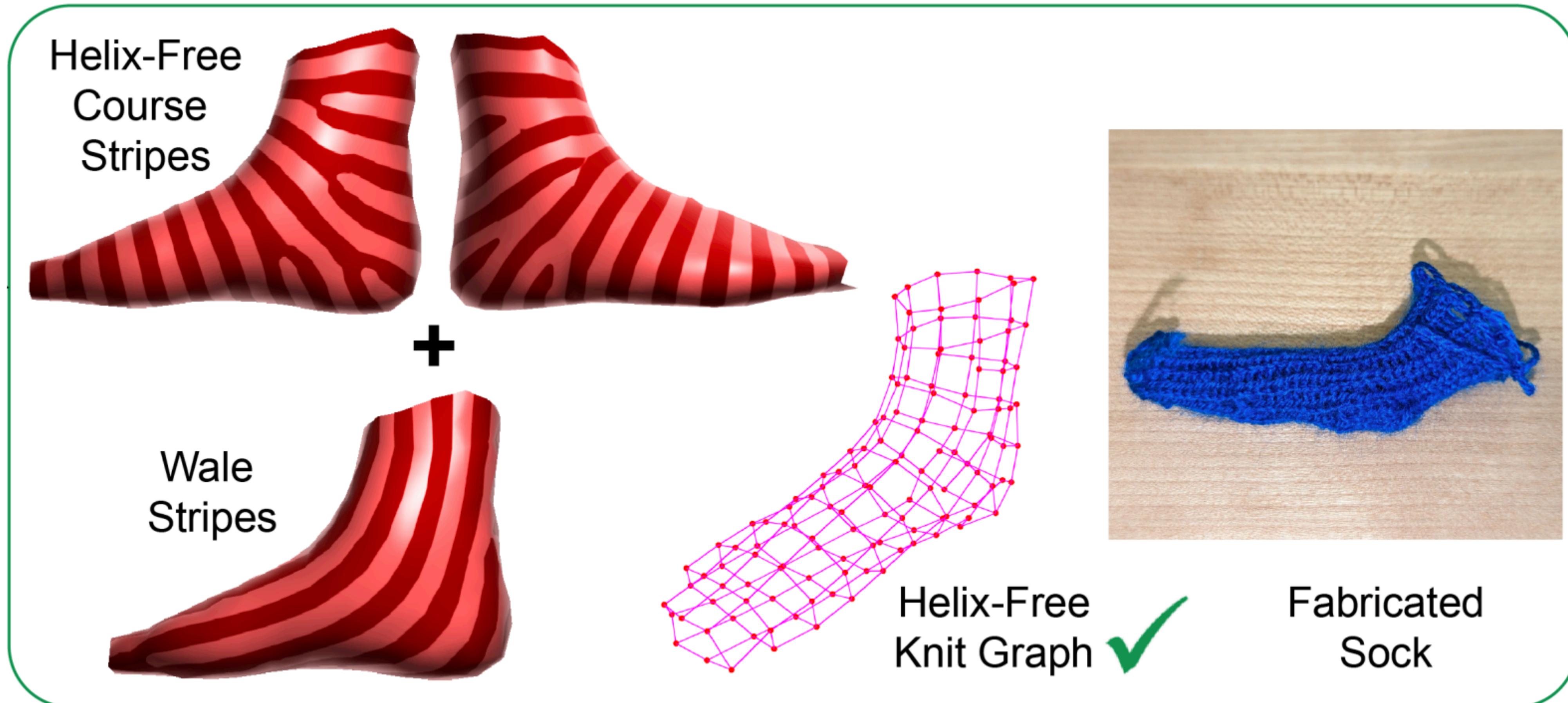
# Future Work

- Stripe singularities
  - Generation?
  - Optimal Placement?
  - Position singularities in quad-dominant meshing
    - Curl quantization
- Tracing-free pipeline
  - Tracing actually takes place as a helix



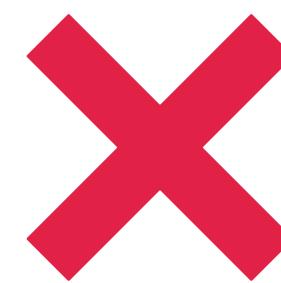
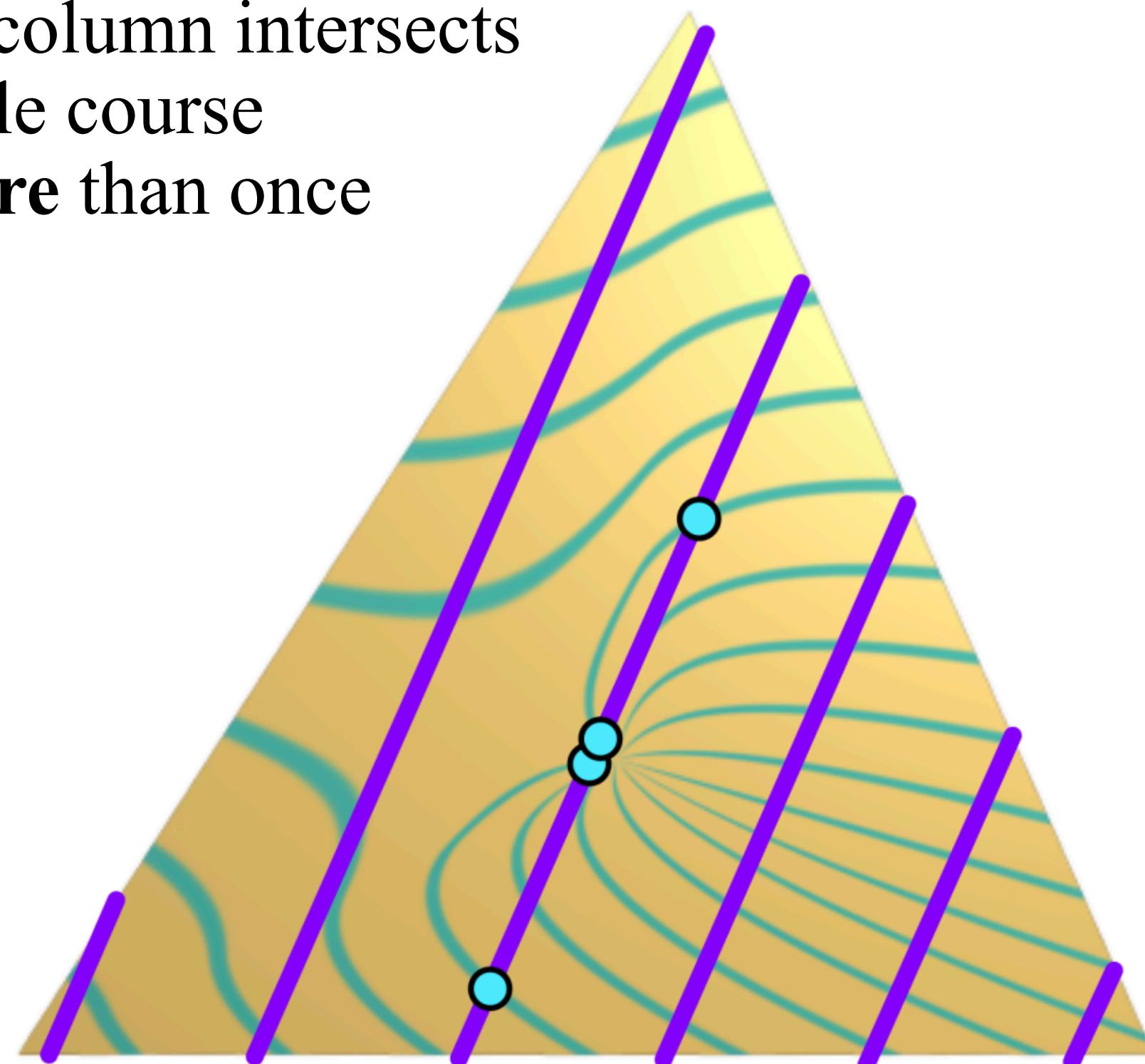
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(Slides that follow are for clarifying questions)**

# Knit Graph Generation

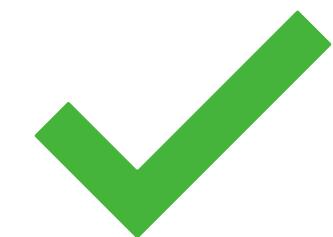
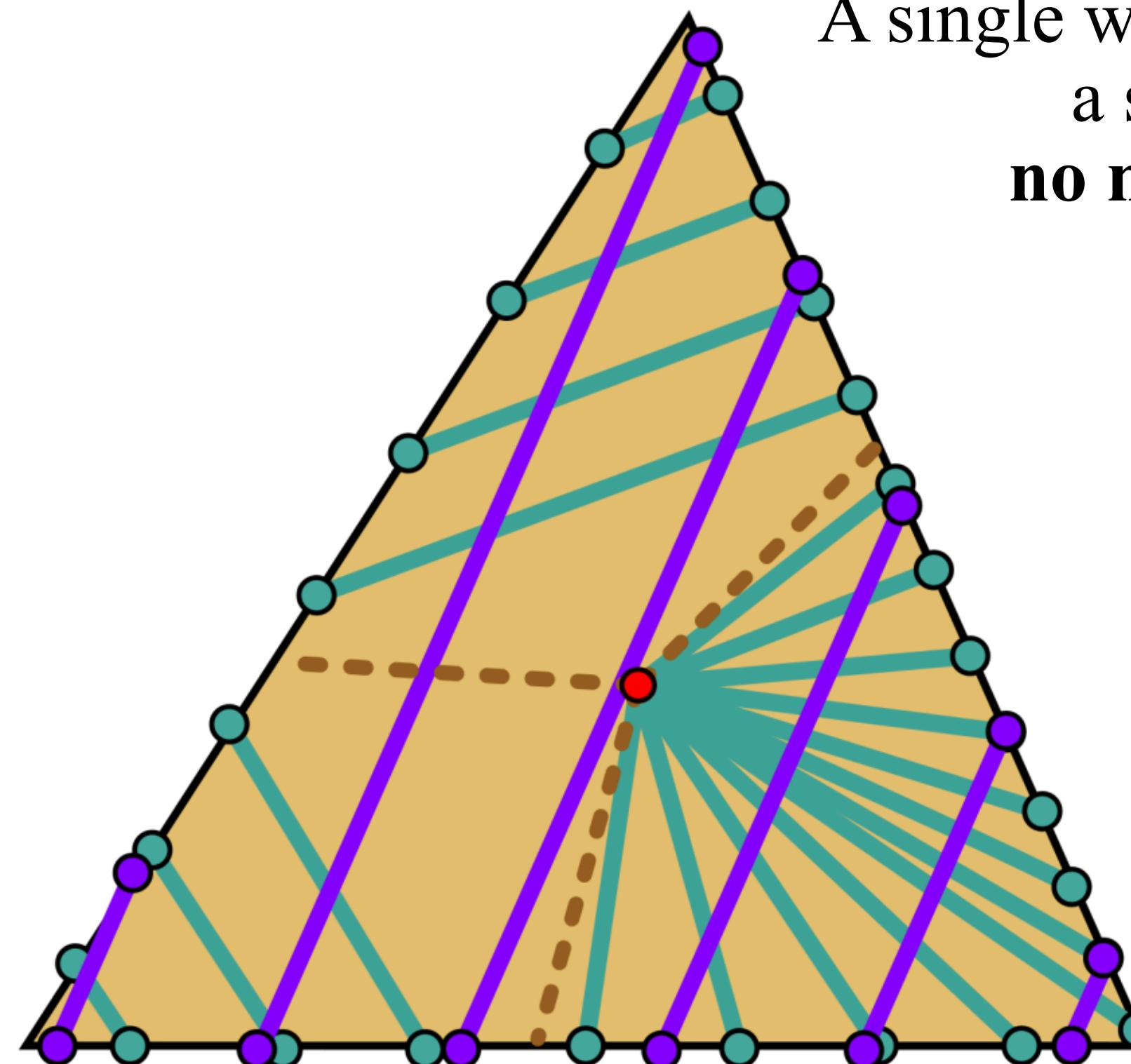


# Effective Interpolant

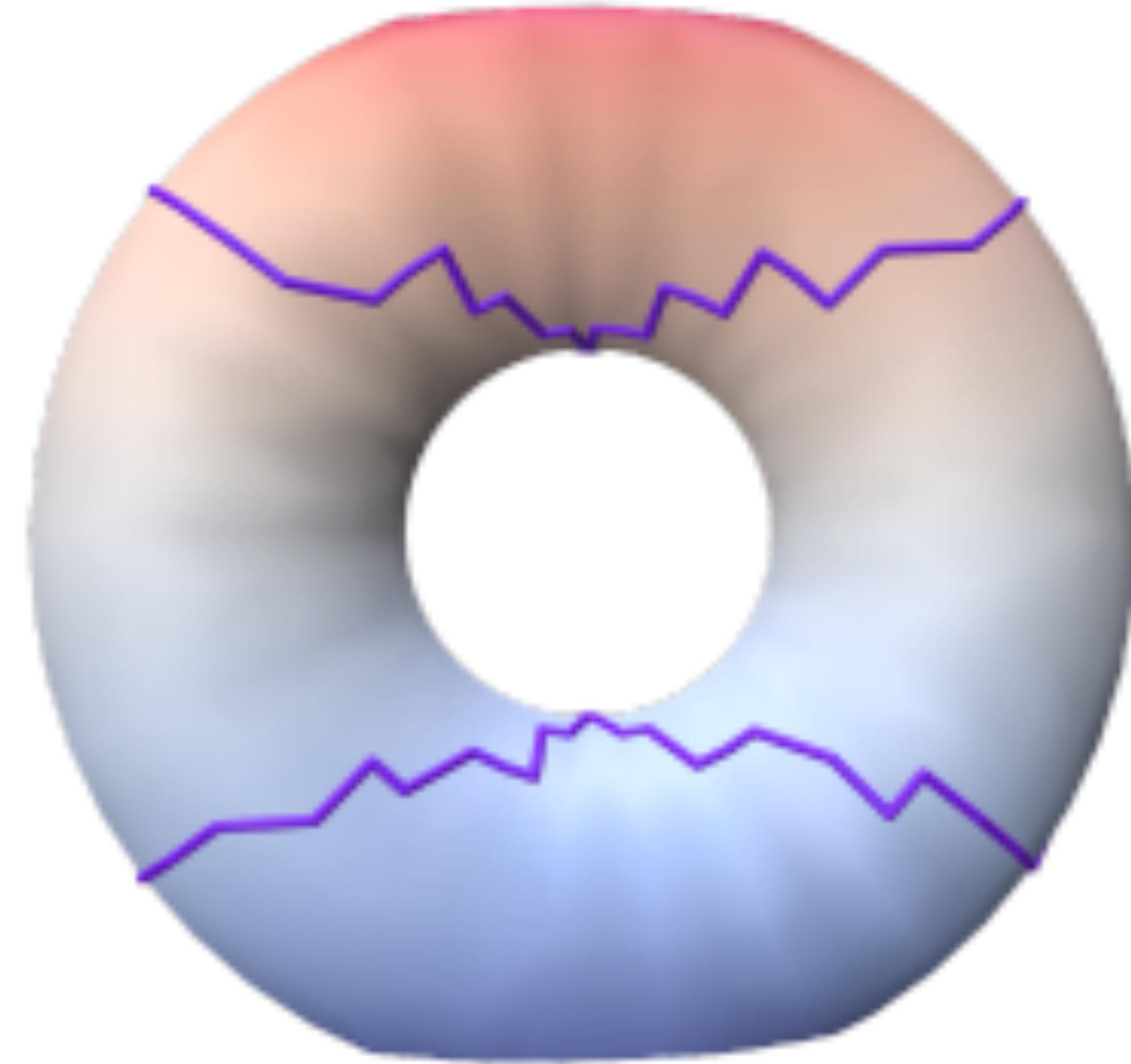
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stripe **more than once**



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**no more than once**

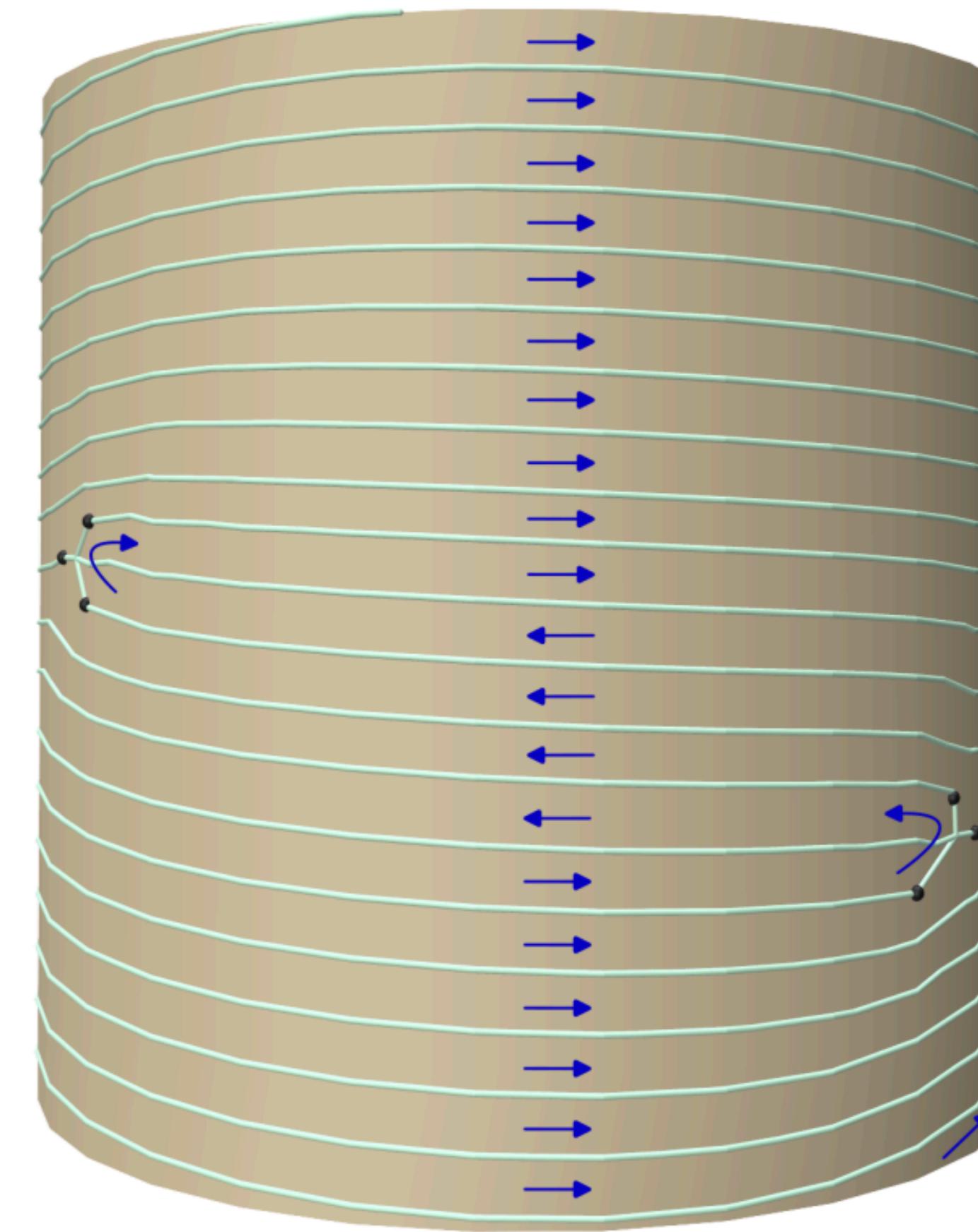
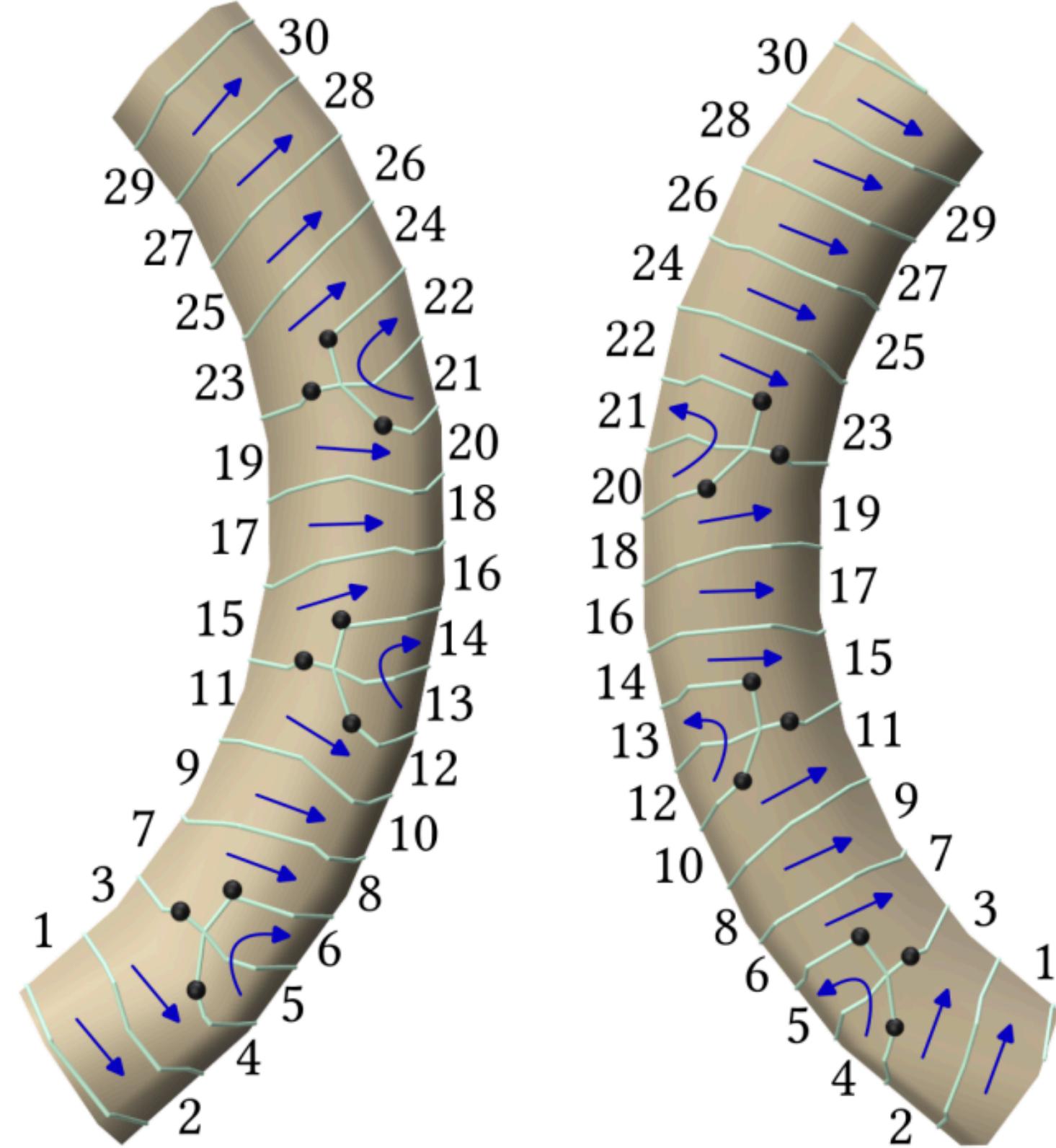


# Morse decomposition for models with genus



Decompose surface  $M$  into cylinders by cutting along critical level sets (in a Morse sense) of the time function. Critical level sets of time function are values of time function at saddle vertices of  $M$ .

# Tracing-free Pipeline



Tracing (yarn path) implied directly by foliation structure

# 1-form Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\sigma_c, \mathbf{k}^{\text{hg}}} \|W(\sigma_c - \omega_c)\|^2 \\ \text{subject to } & \left. \sigma_c \right|_{\partial M} = 0, \\ & d_1 \sigma_c = P \mathbf{k} \\ & \mathbf{H} \sigma_c = P \mathbf{k}^{\text{hg}} \\ & \int_{\gamma_j^{\text{ls}}} \sigma_c = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq N^{\text{ls}} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{H}$  - Homology generators for models with genus

Only need **level-set constraints**. [Mitra et al. 2023]  
required level-set constraints, helix elimination  
constraints, stripe alignment constraints, stripe  
placement constraints!

# Halfedge weights

