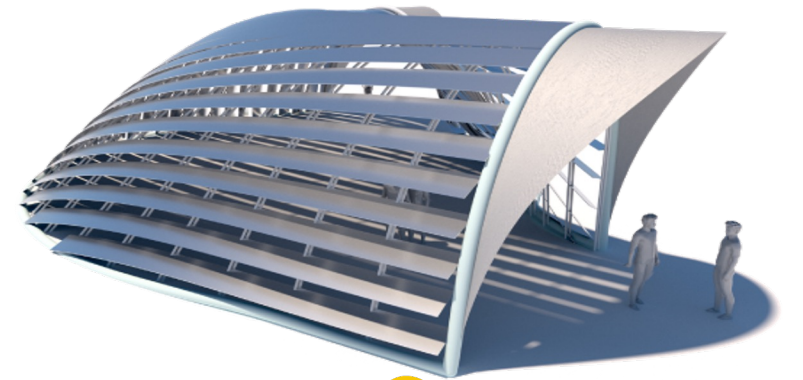
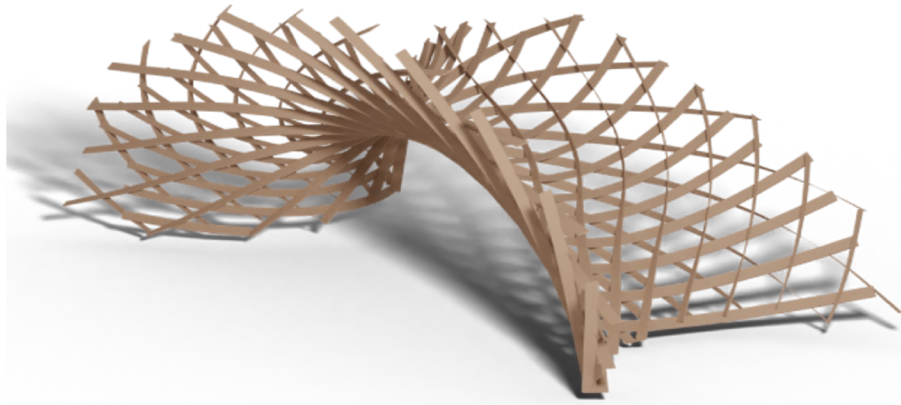
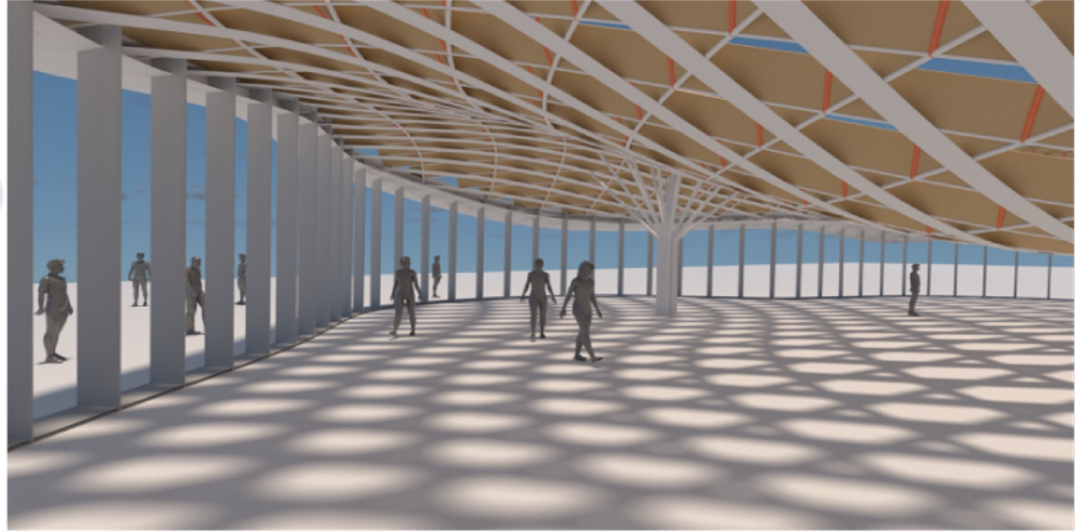
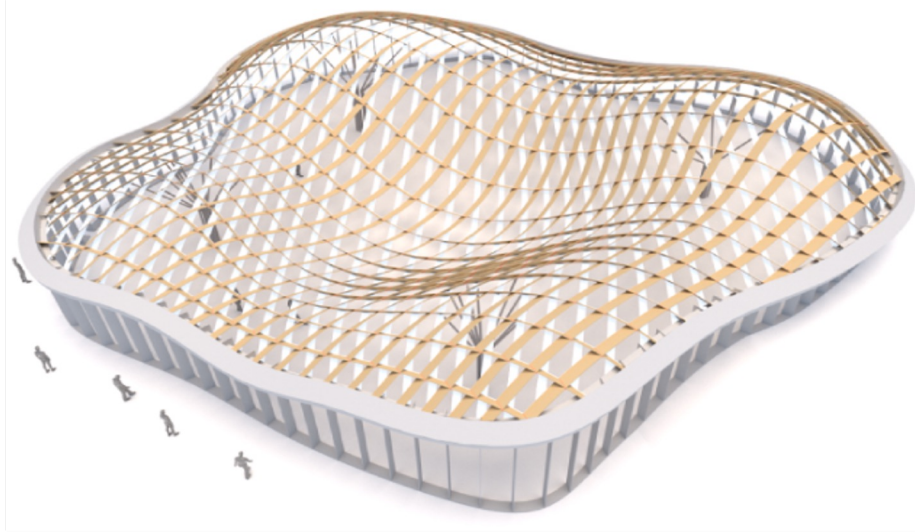


# Rectifying Strip Patterns





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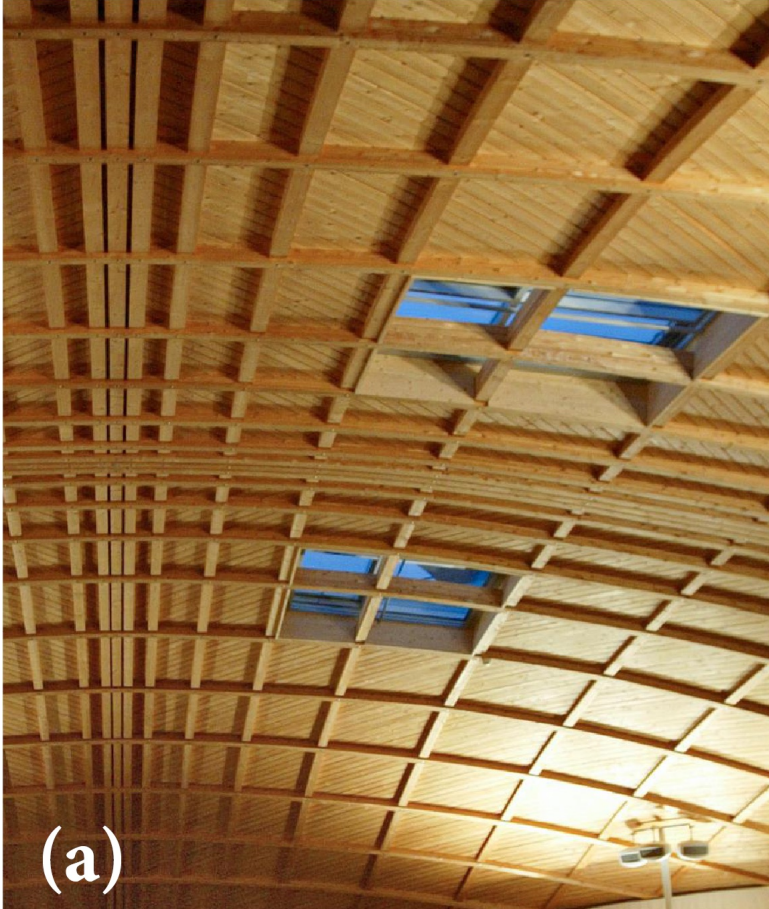


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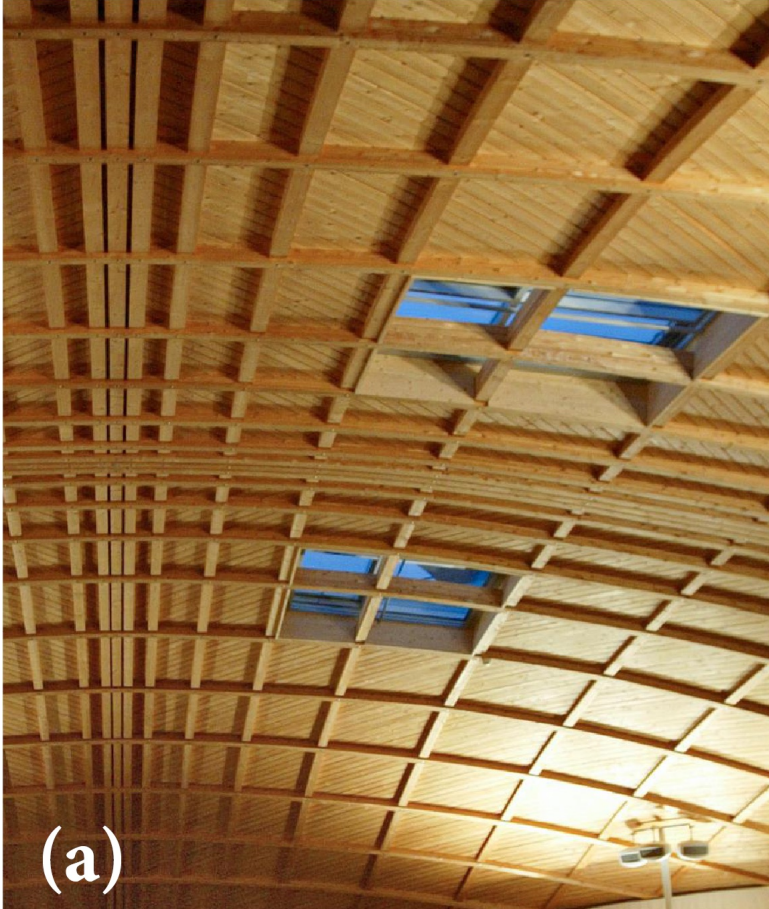


Strips tangential to the surface

[Natterer et al. 2000]



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(a)

Strips tangential to the surface

[Natterer et al. 2000]



(b)

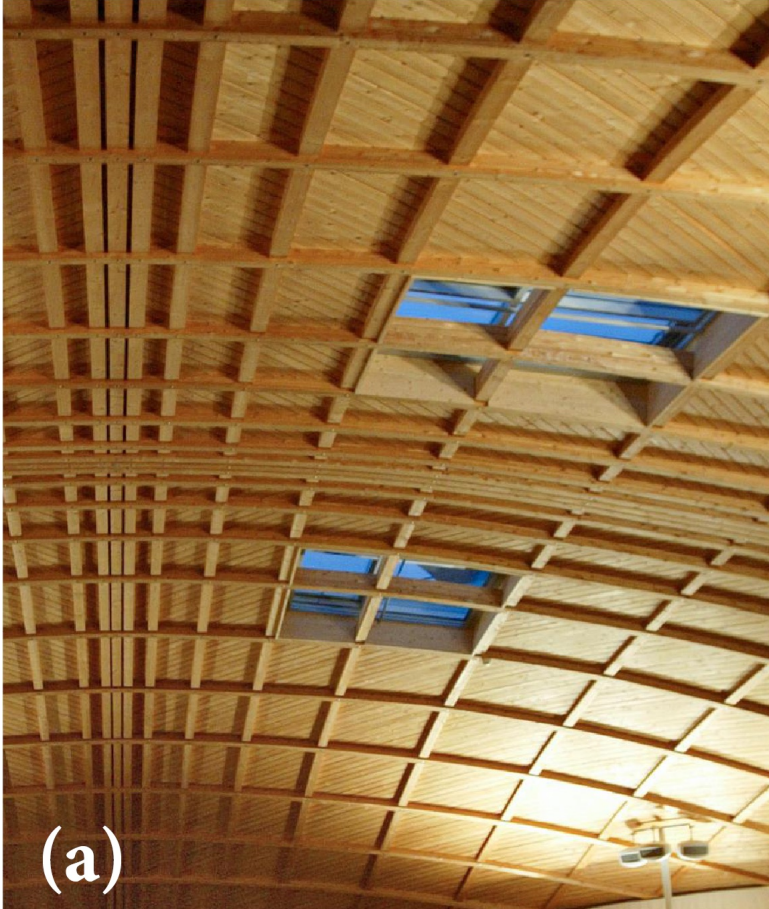
Strips orthogonal to the surface

[Eike et al. 2022]

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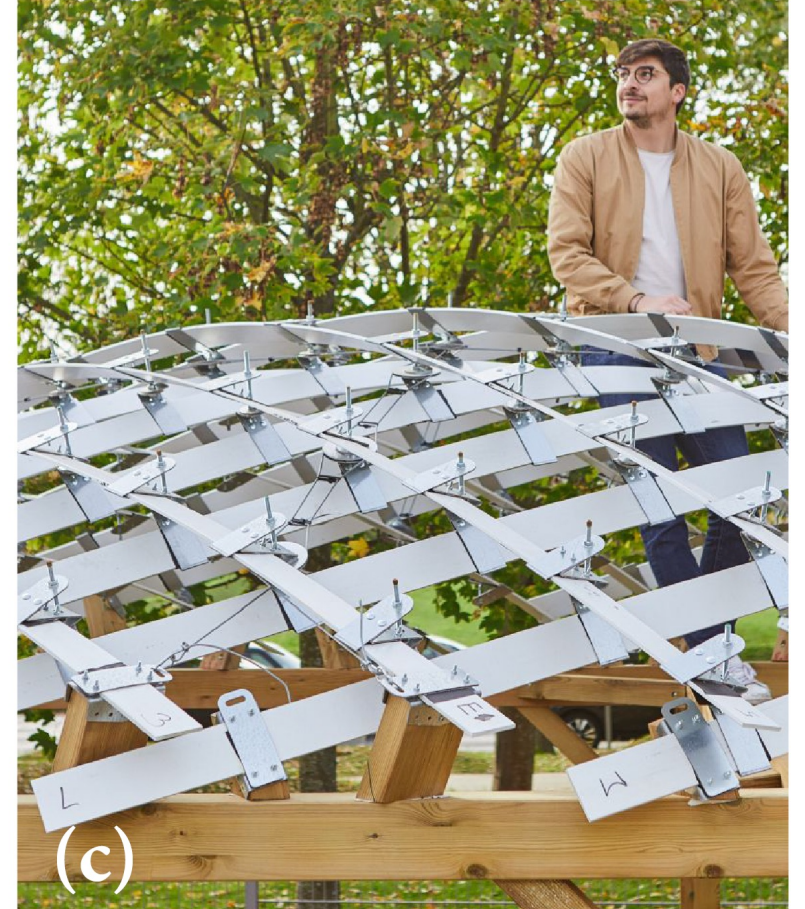
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Strips orthogonal to the surface

[Eike et al. 2022]

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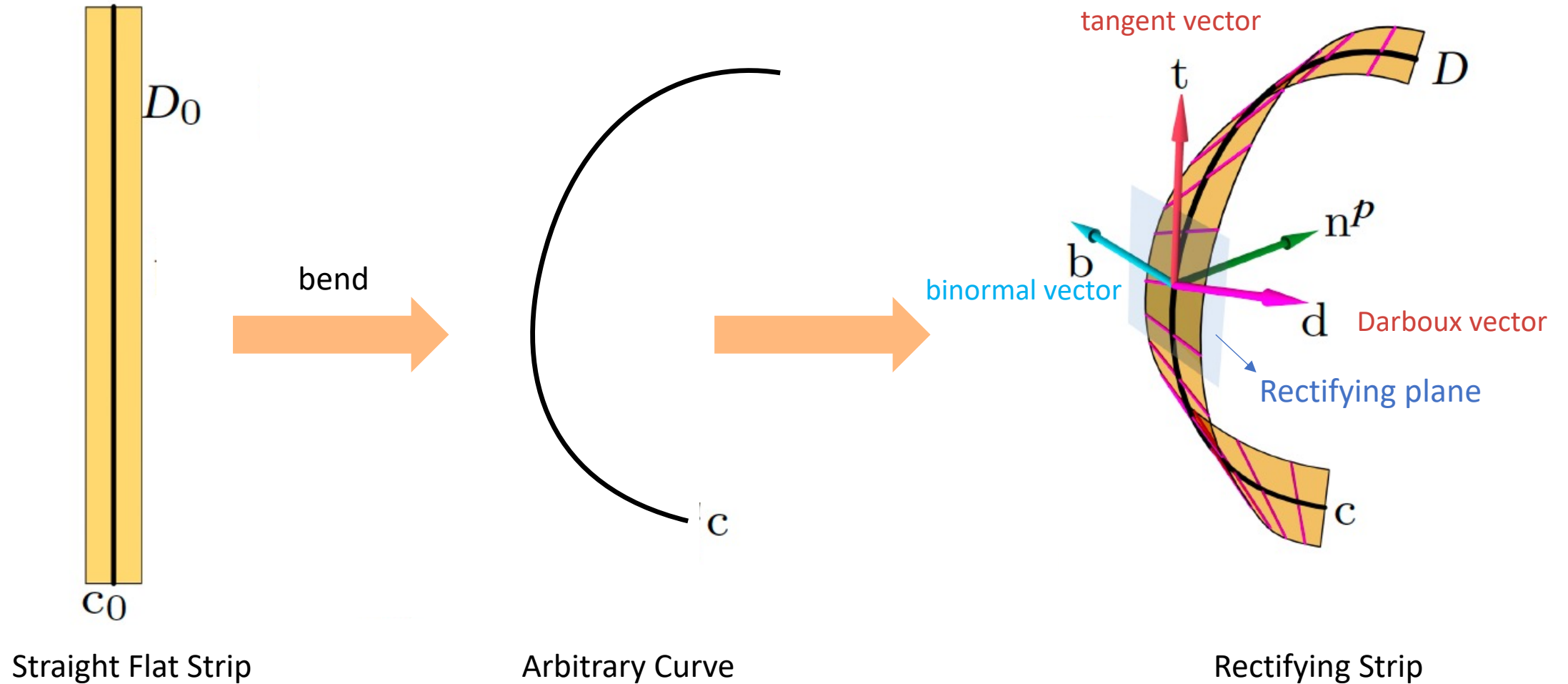


Strips holding a constant angle to the surface

[Mesnil and Baverel 2023]

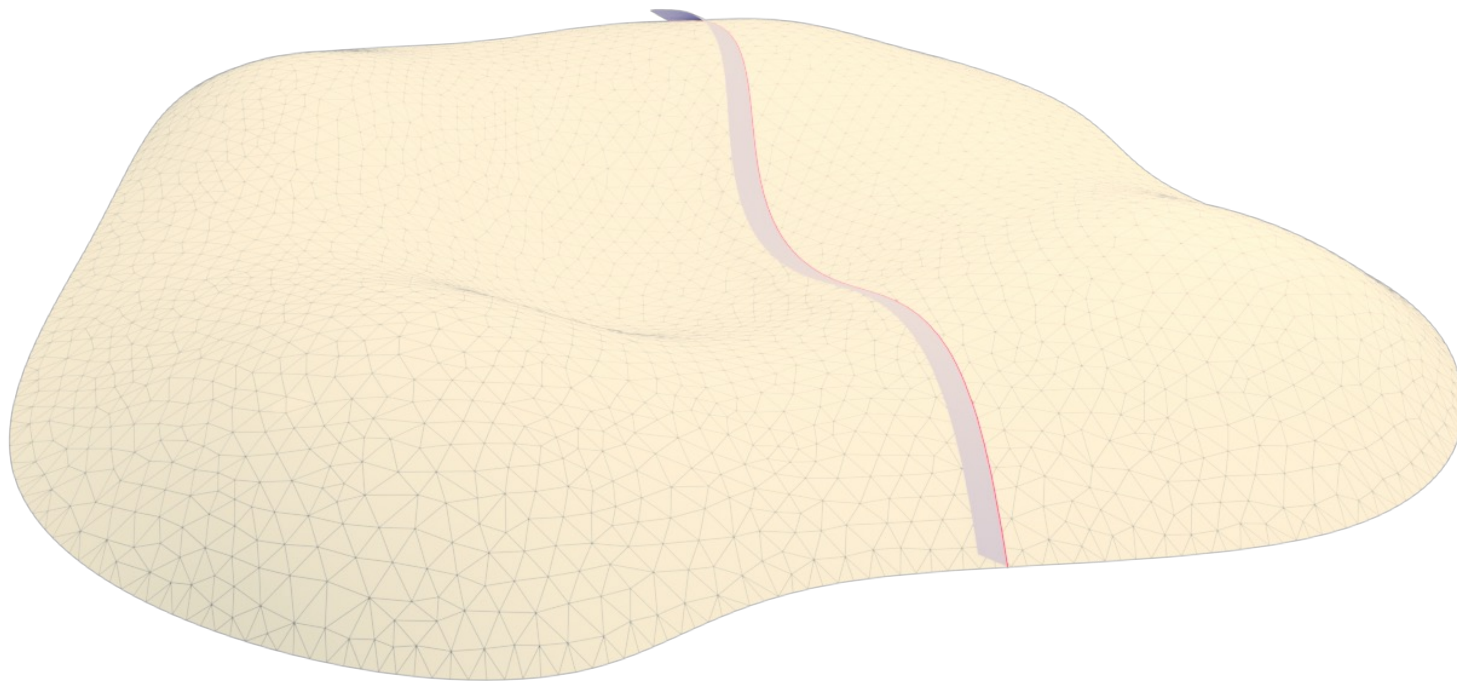


# Rectifying Strips in Differential Geometry

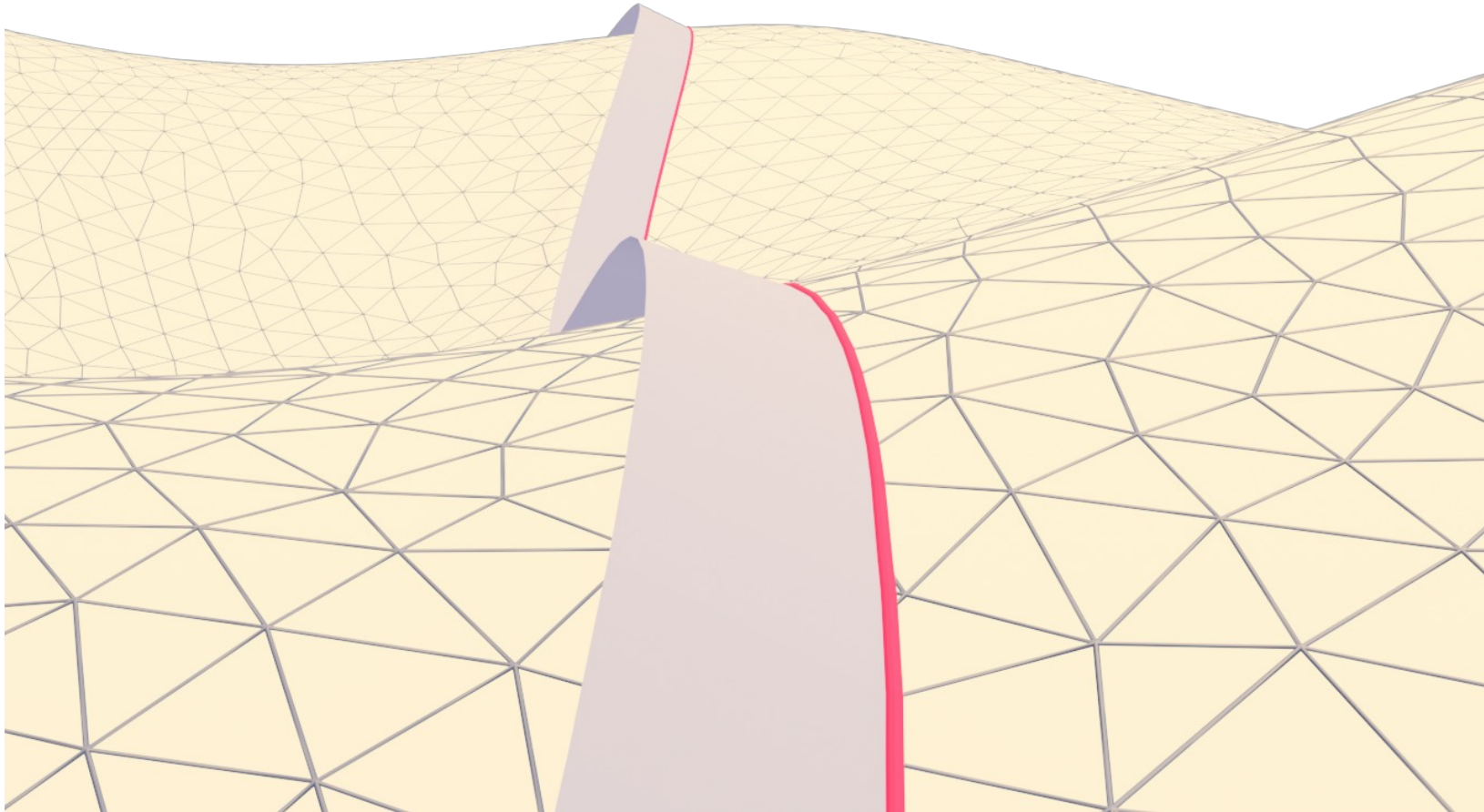




# Attaching Rectifying Strips on the Surface

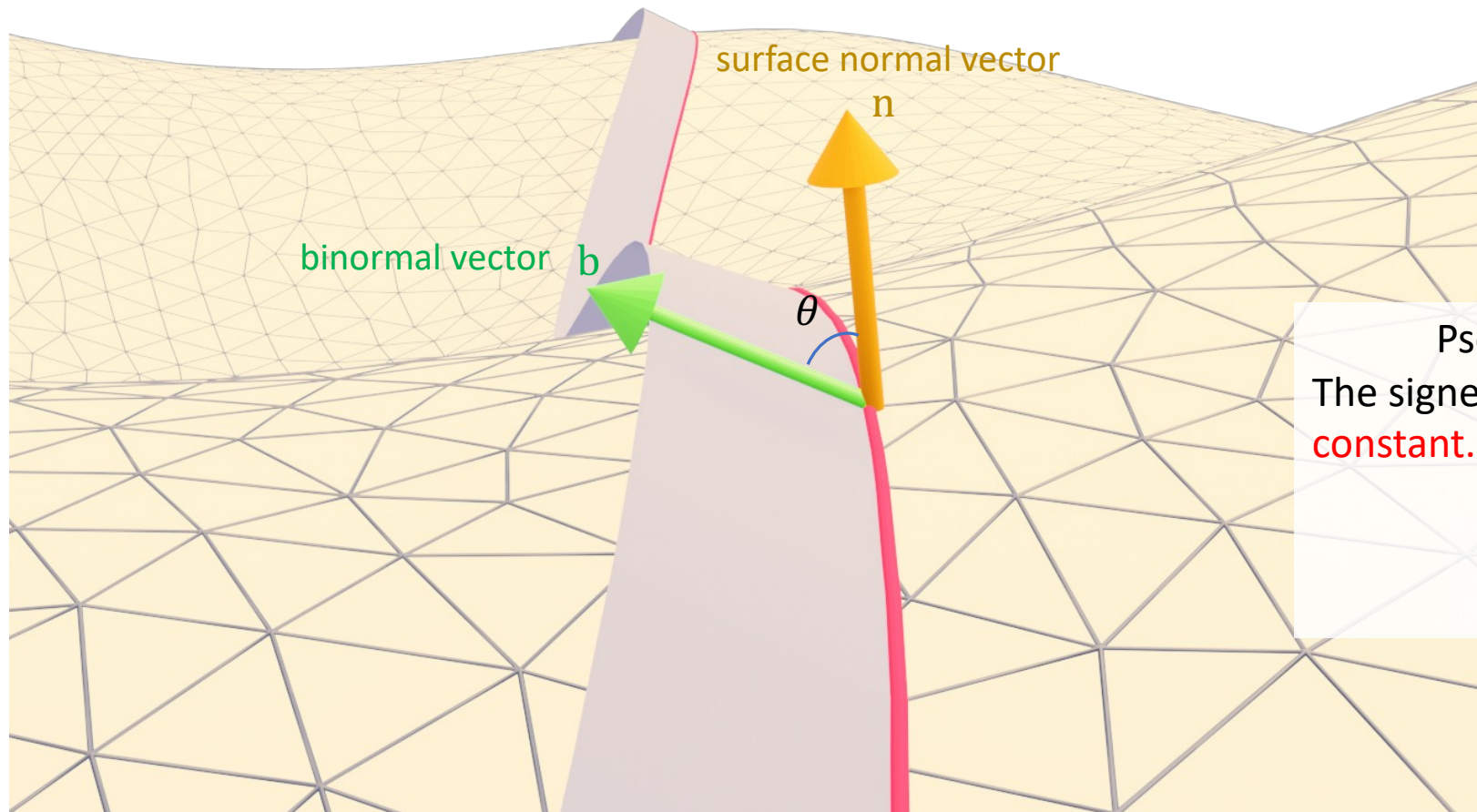


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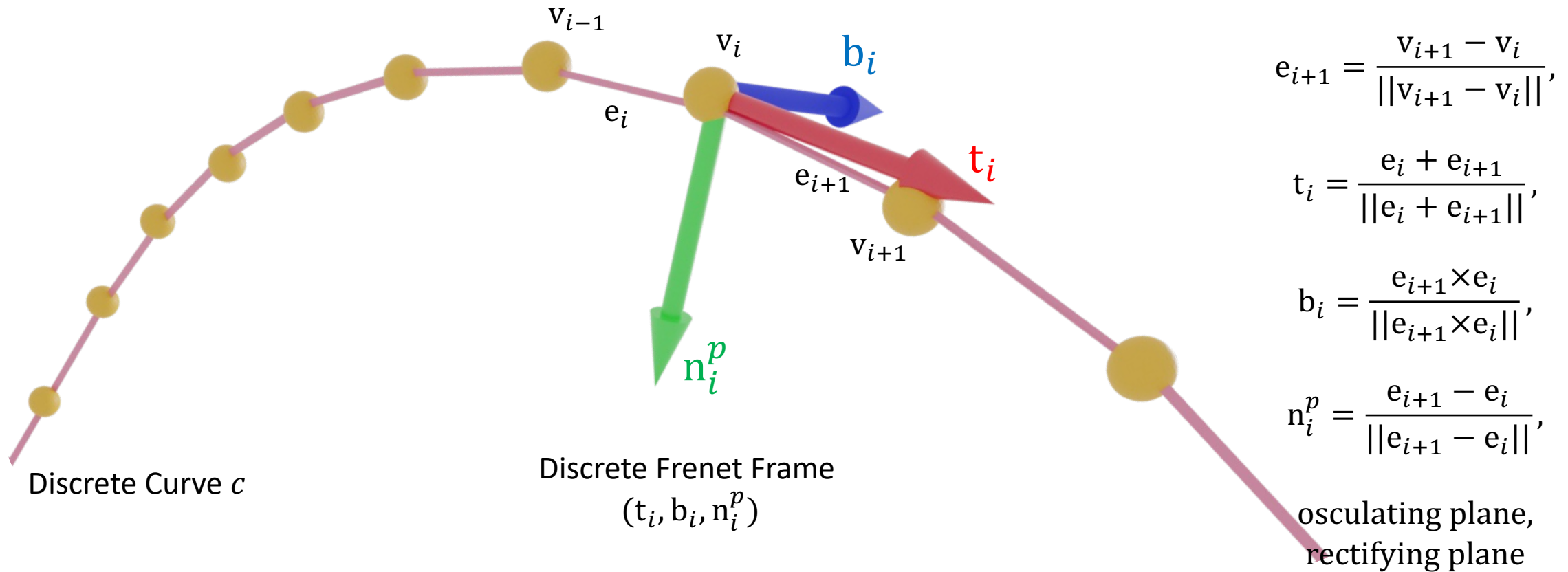


Pseudo-geodesic curves:  
The signed angle  $\theta$  between  $b$  and  $n$  is  
**constant.** [W. Wunderlich, 1950]

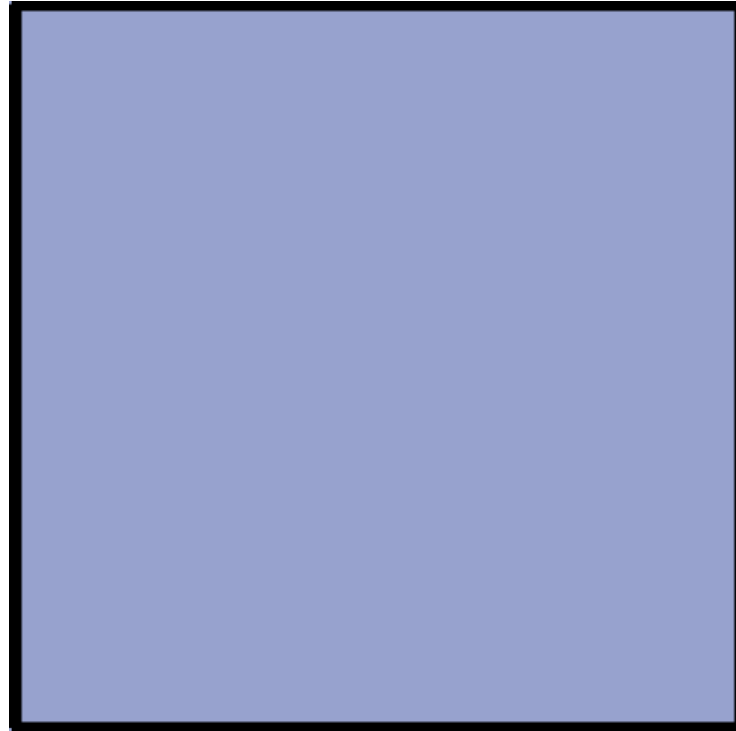
$\theta = 90^\circ$ , geodesic  
 $\theta = 0^\circ$ , asymptotic



# Discrete Frenet Frame



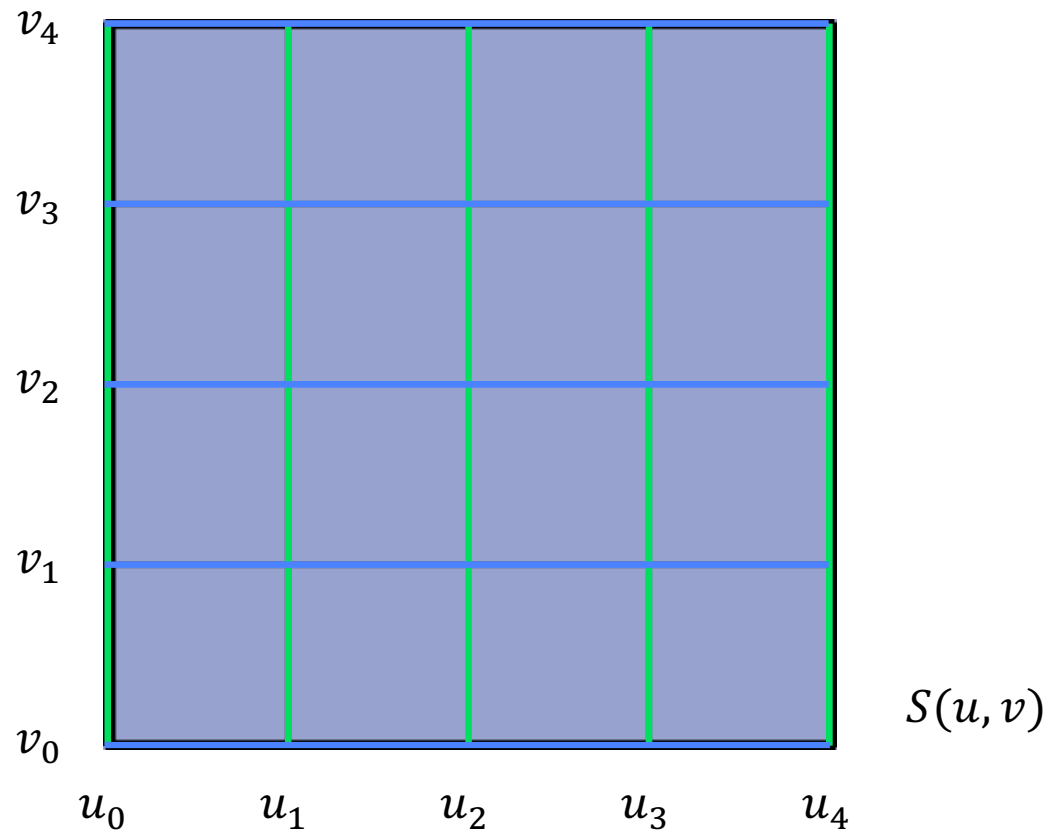
# Geometry of Gridshells



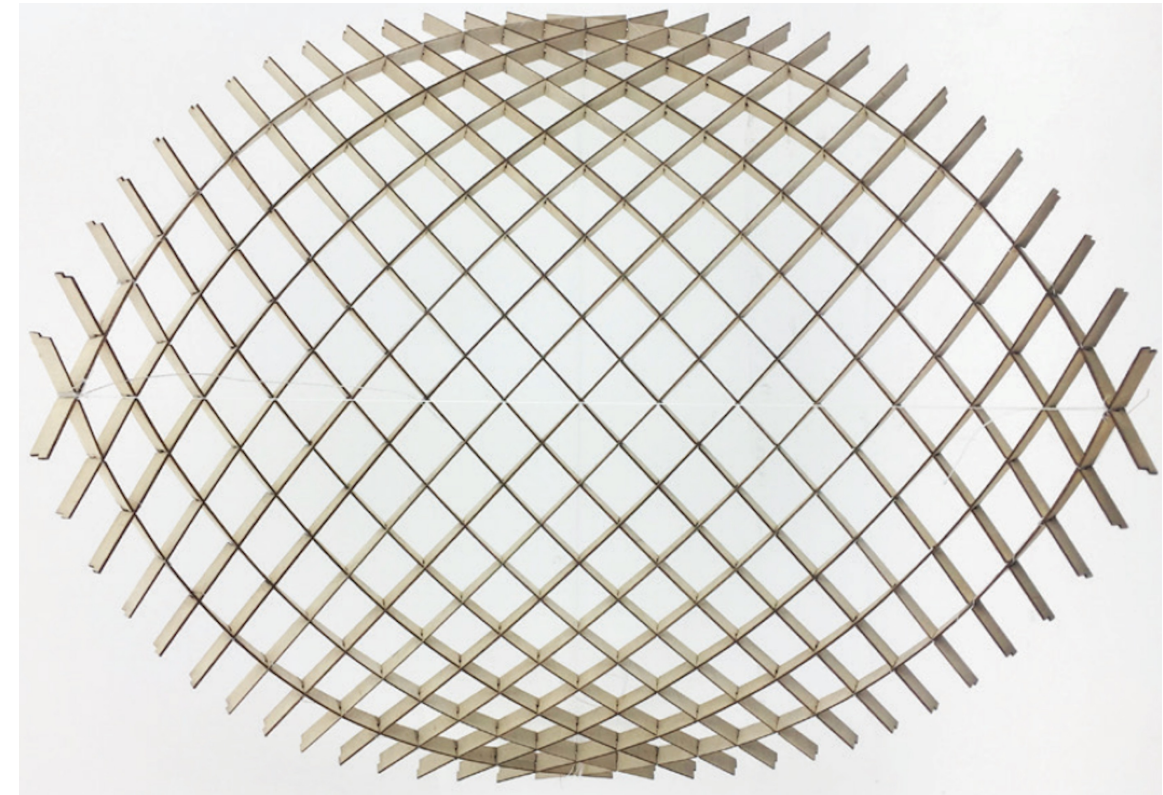
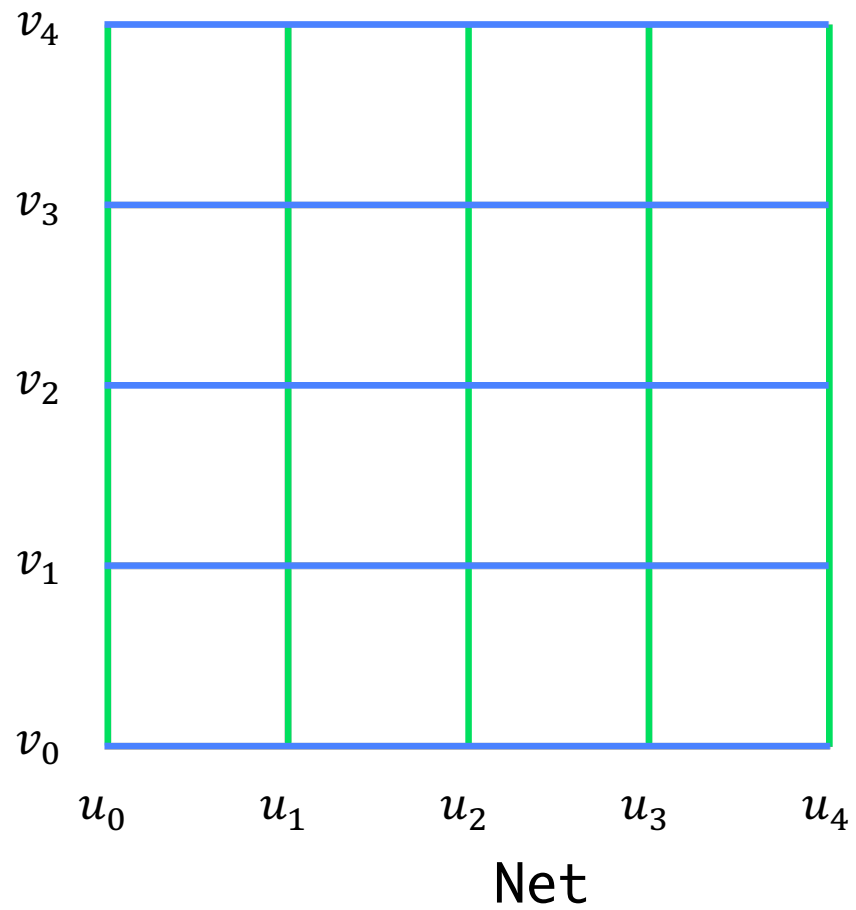
$S(u, v)$



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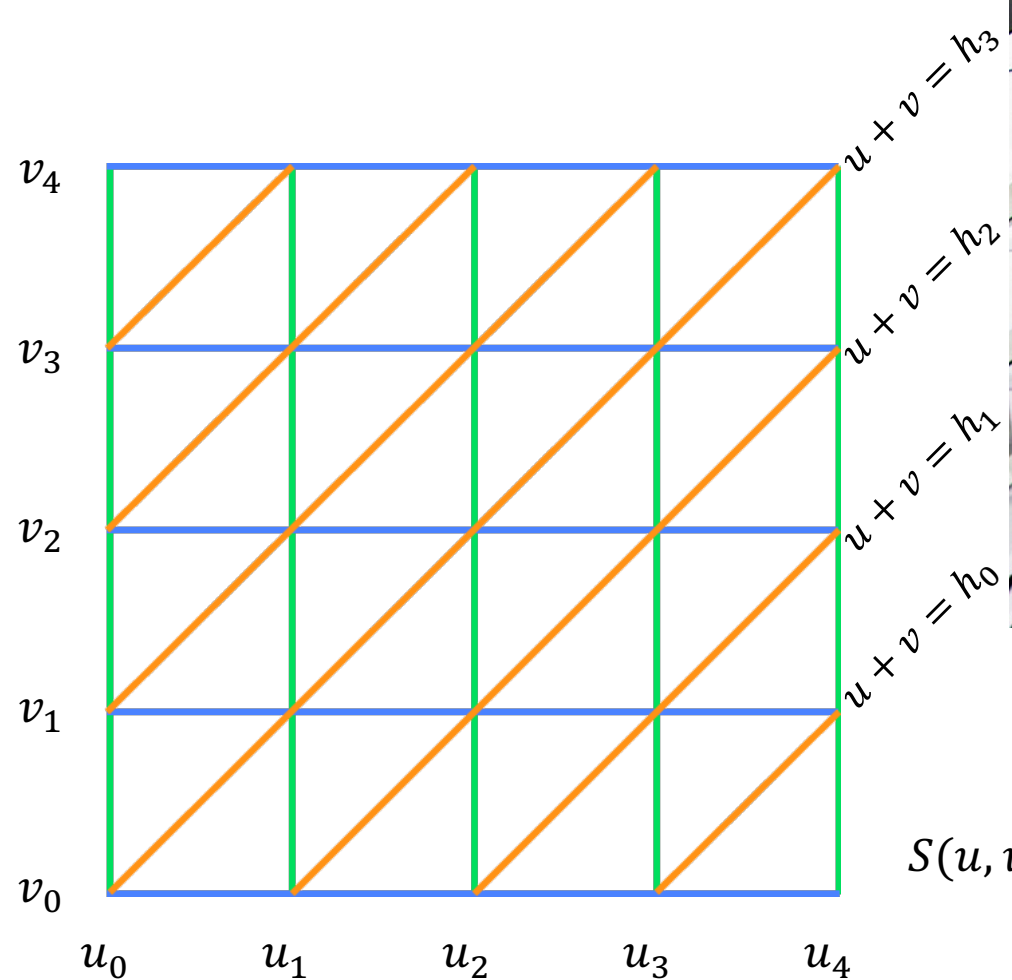
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# Geometry of Gridshells



3-Web

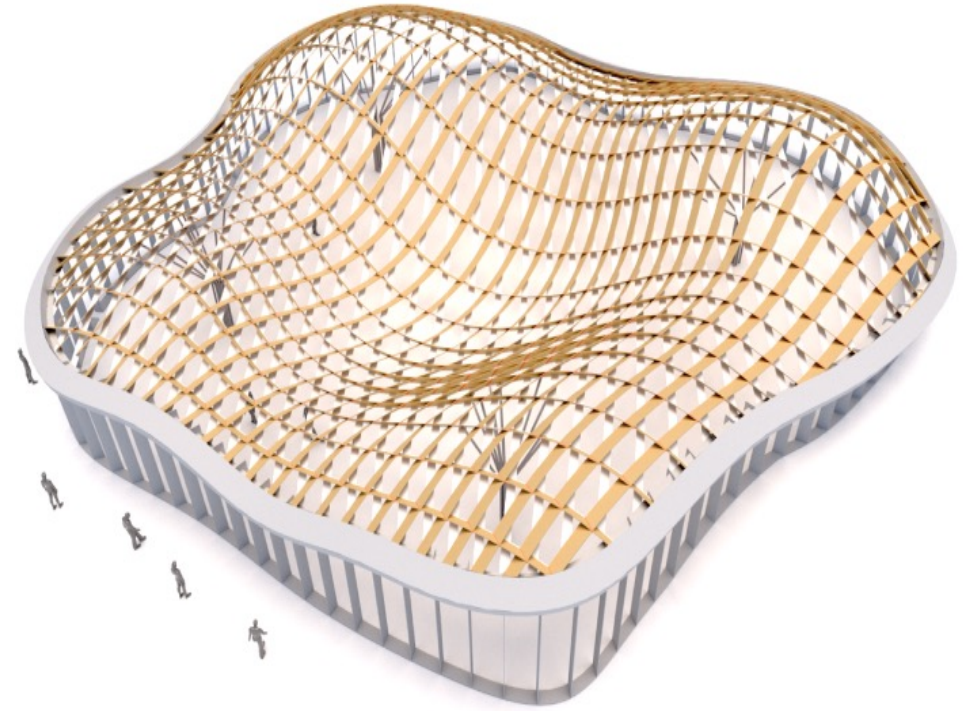
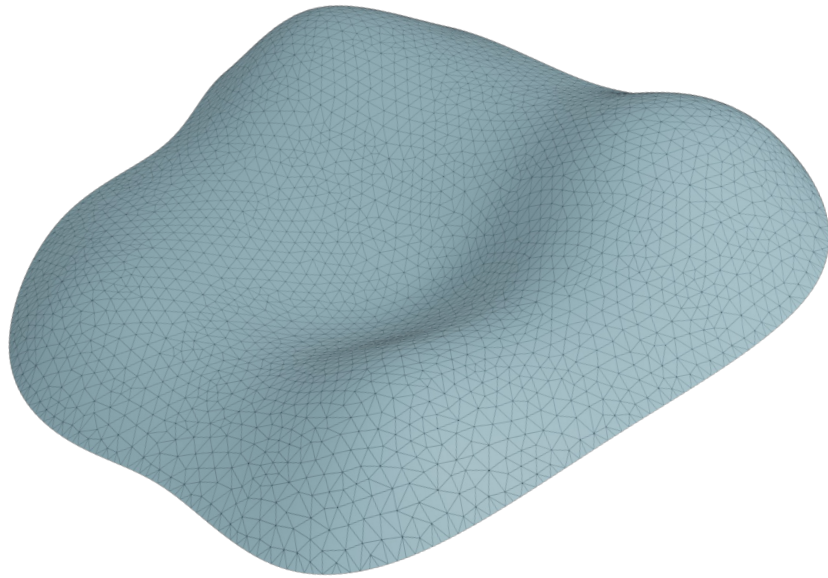


$S(u, v)$

**Geometry of webs** [Blaschke and Bol 1938]:  
The 3-web on  $S$  can be represented by the level-sets of 3 functions  $F, G$  and  $H$  that satisfy

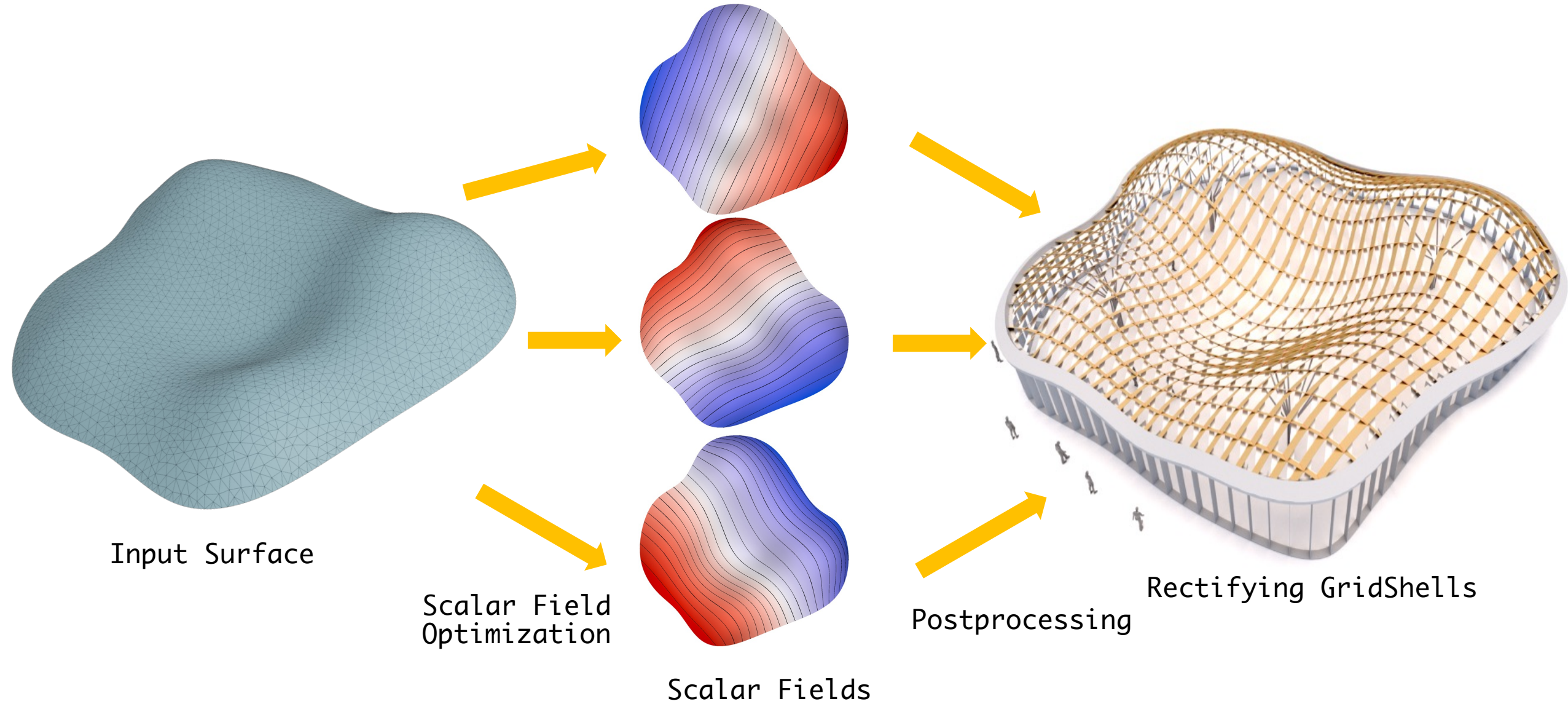
$$F + G + H = 0$$

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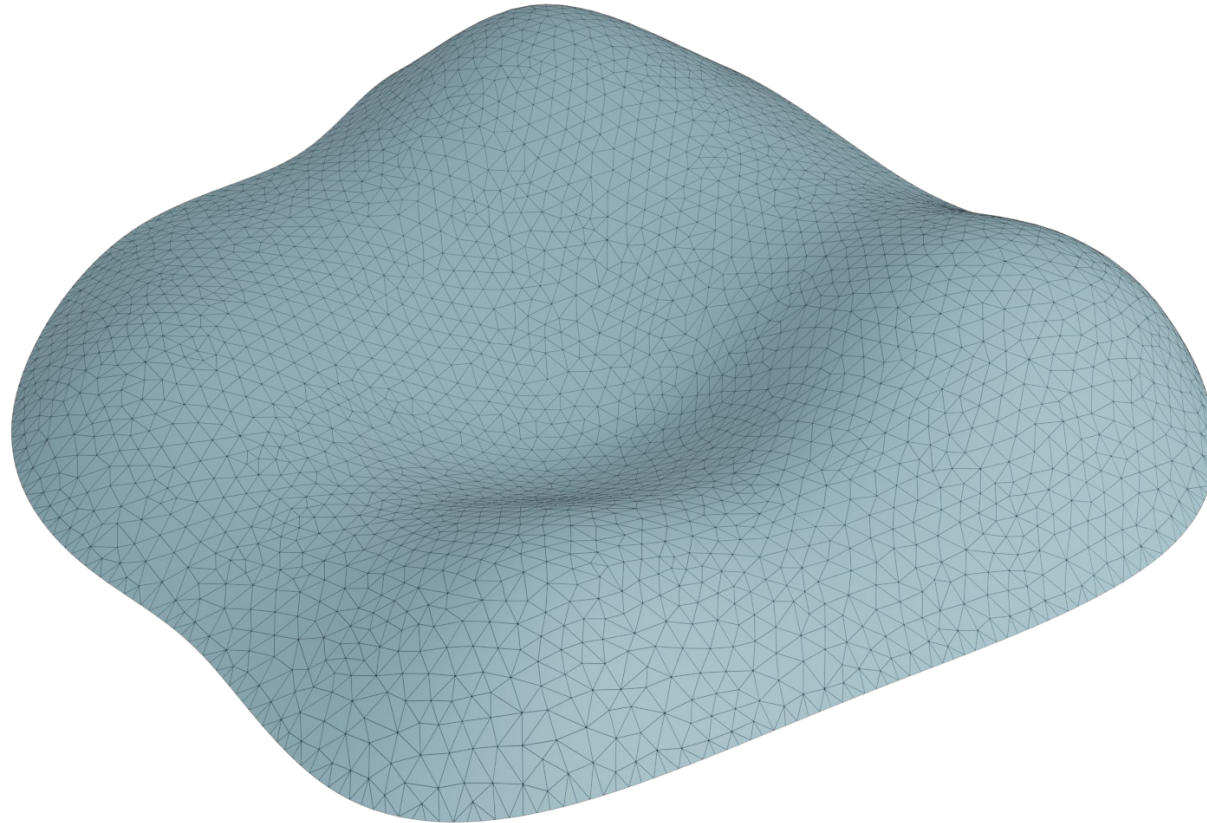




# Method: A Level-Set Based Framework

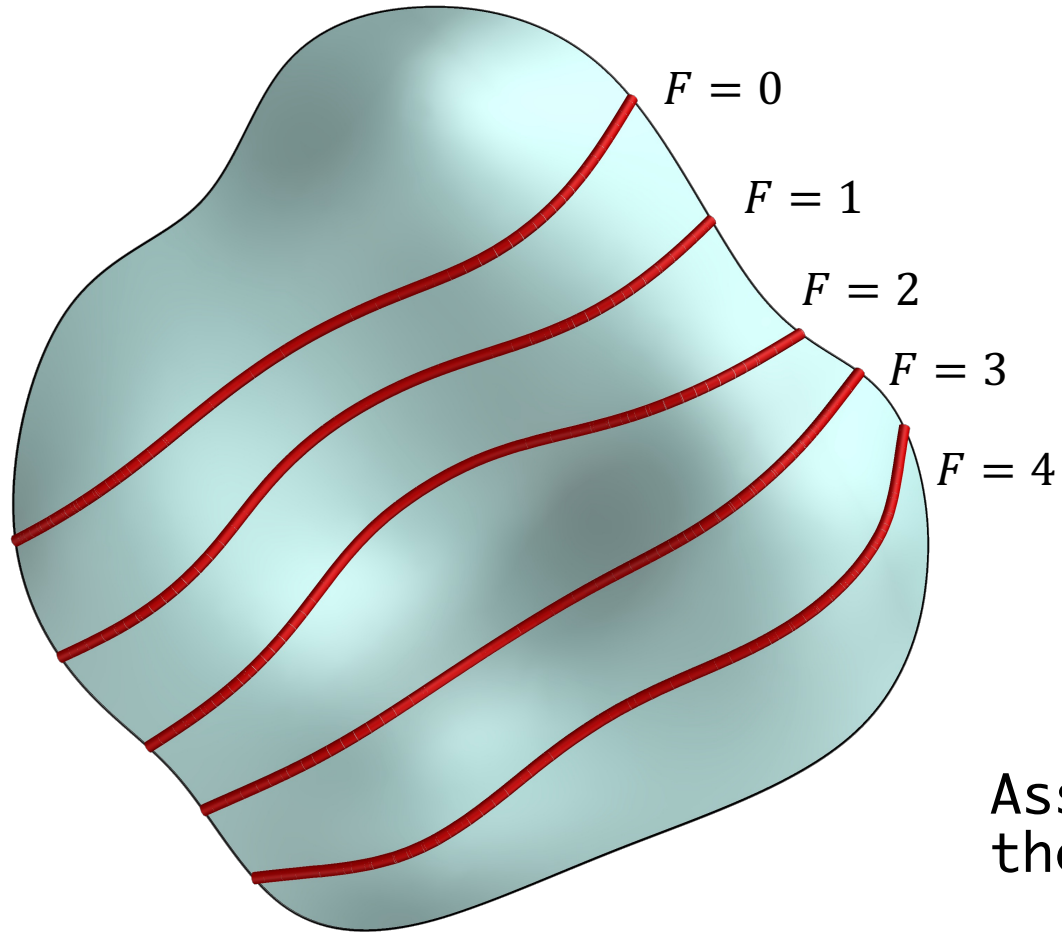


# Initialization





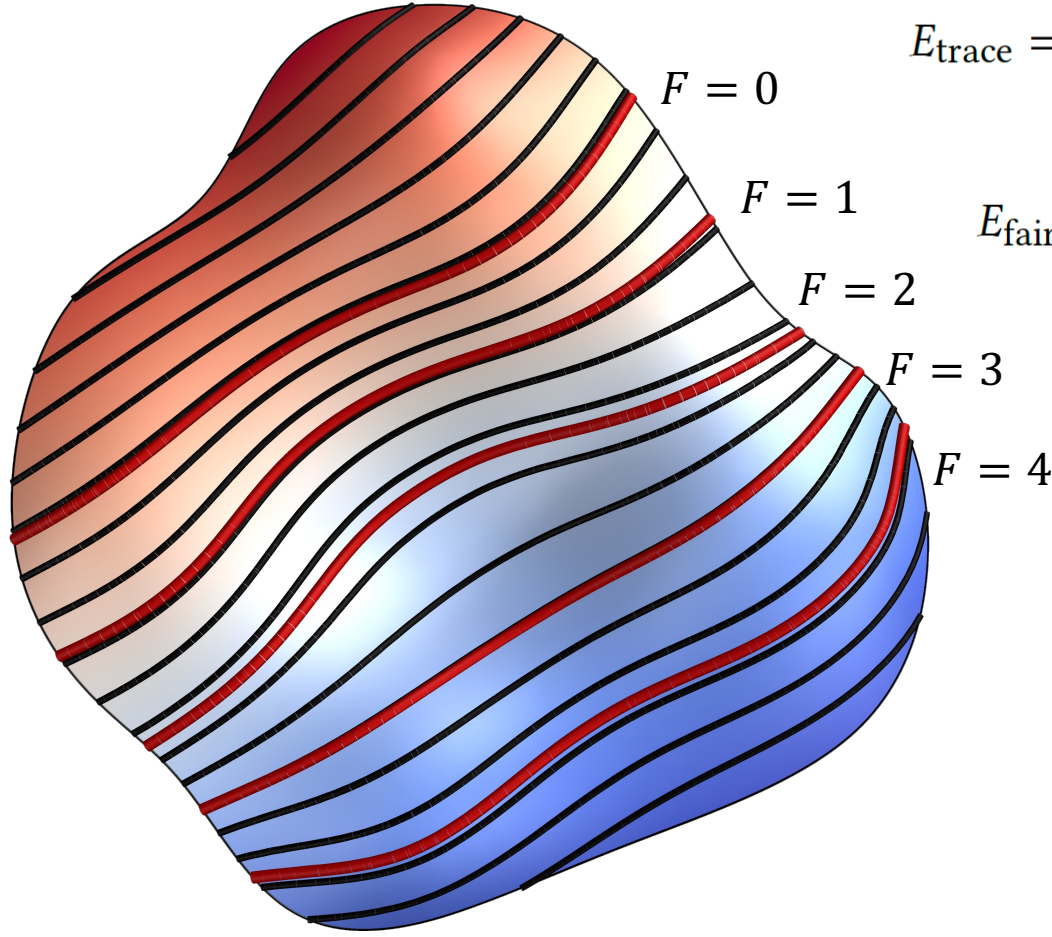
# Initialization



A robust version of [Jiang et al. 2019]'s tracing algorithm.

Assign function values for the curves

# Initialization



$$E_{\text{trace}} = \sum_{c^i \in C_t} \sum_{p \in c^i} \left( \frac{F^i - F_0}{F_1 - F_0} - \frac{\|p - v_0\|}{\|v_1 - v_0\|} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Linear interpolation})$$

$$E_{\text{fair}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \|H(v)\|^2 \mathcal{A}(v). \quad (\text{Fairness})$$

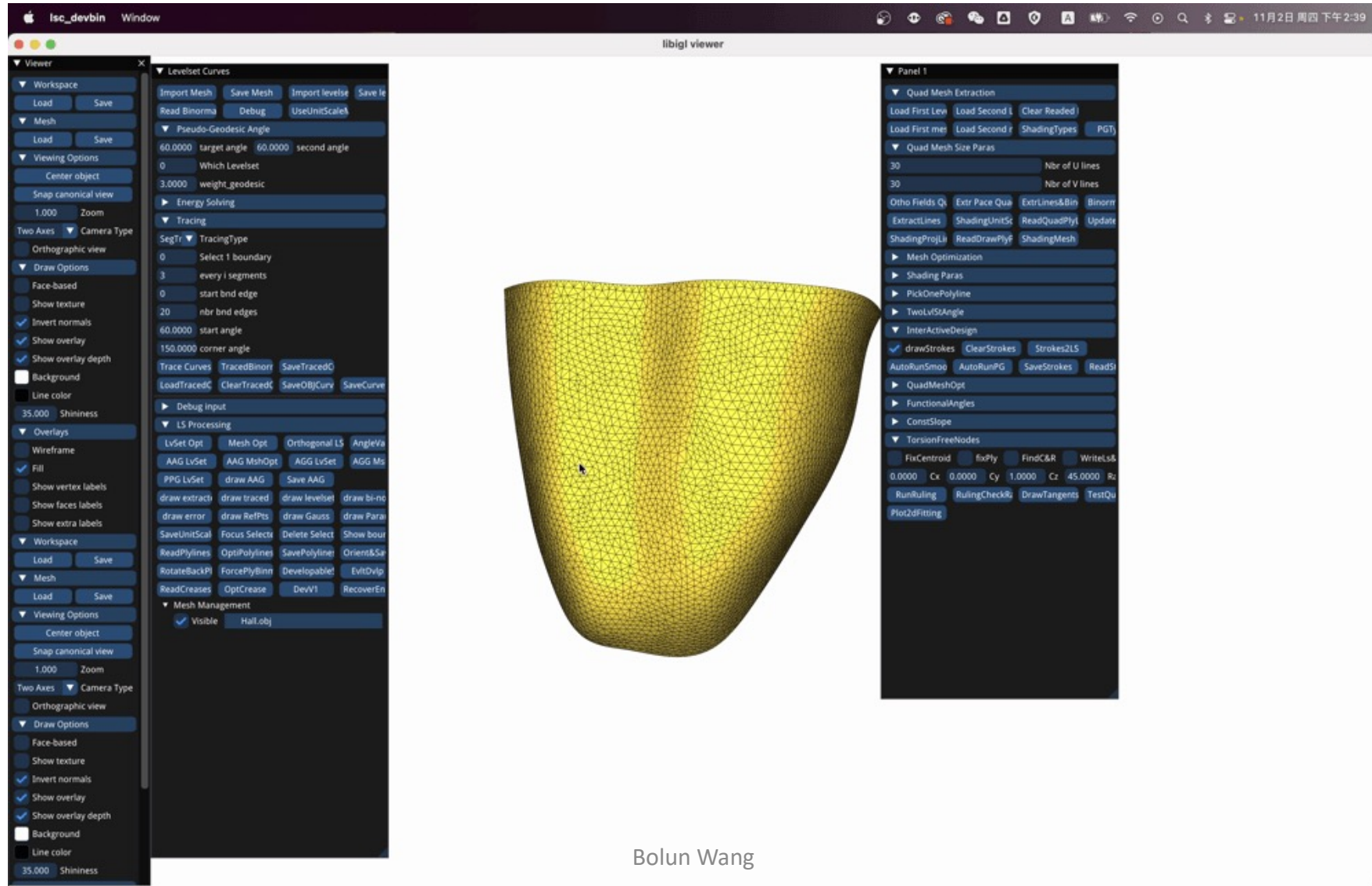
$$\min E_{\text{init}} = \lambda_0 E_{\text{trace}} + \lambda_1 E_{\text{fair}},$$

Optimize the level sets to fit the curves.

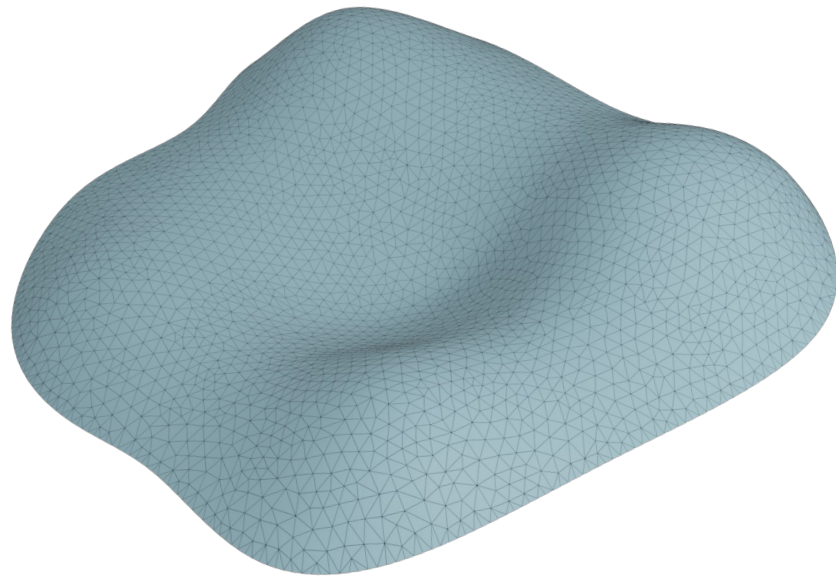


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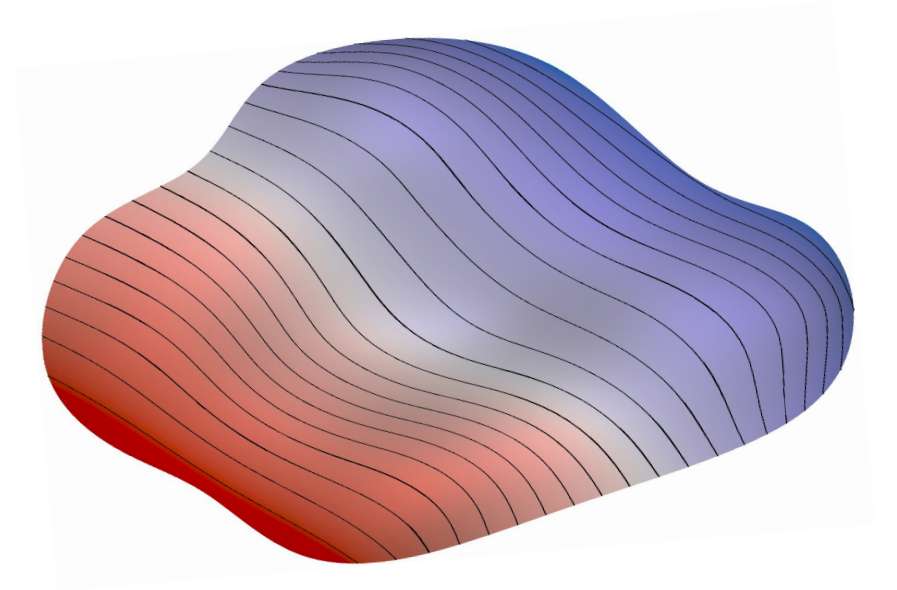
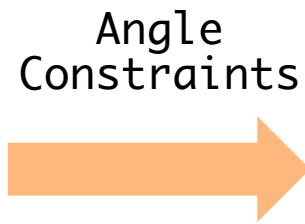
An Optional Initialization: An Interactive Method:



# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics



Input Surface + Target Angle  $\theta$



Pseudo-Geodesics of Angle  $\theta$



# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

Control the Inclination Angles: Optimizing Curvatures



The normal curvature and geodesic curvature[Pottmann et. al., 2010]

$$\kappa_n = \frac{\text{II}(J\nabla F)}{\|\nabla F\|^2}, \quad \kappa_g = \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\nabla F}{\|\nabla F\|} \right),$$

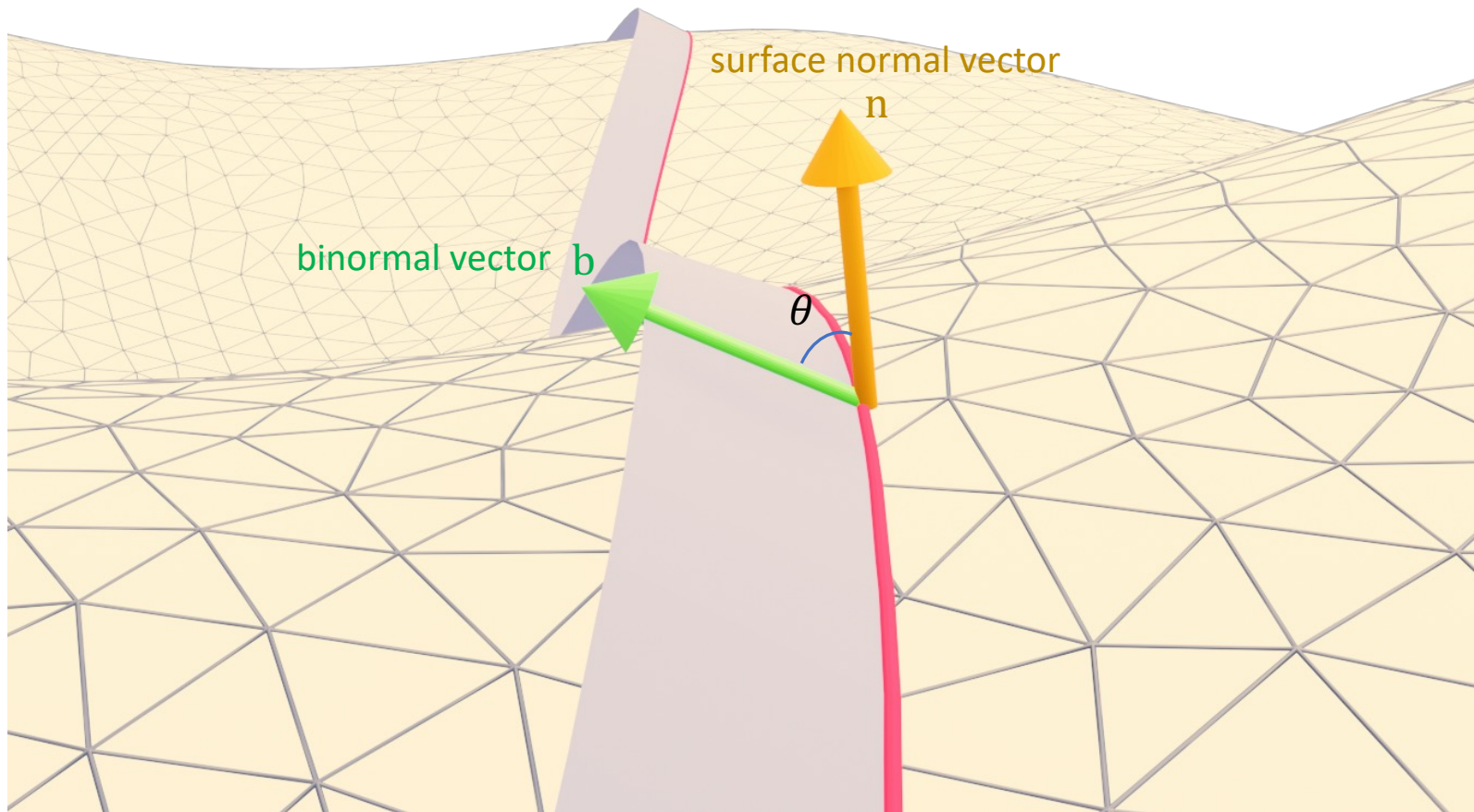
Diagram annotations:  
- A yellow box labeled "Second fundamental form" points to the  $\text{II}$  term in the numerator of  $\kappa_n$ .  
- A blue circle highlights the  $J$  term in the numerator of  $\kappa_n$ .  
- A blue box labeled "Rotate by 90°" points to the  $J$  term.

$$\theta = \operatorname{acot}(\kappa_n/\kappa_g)$$

Need to compute I and II, and high-order derivatives.

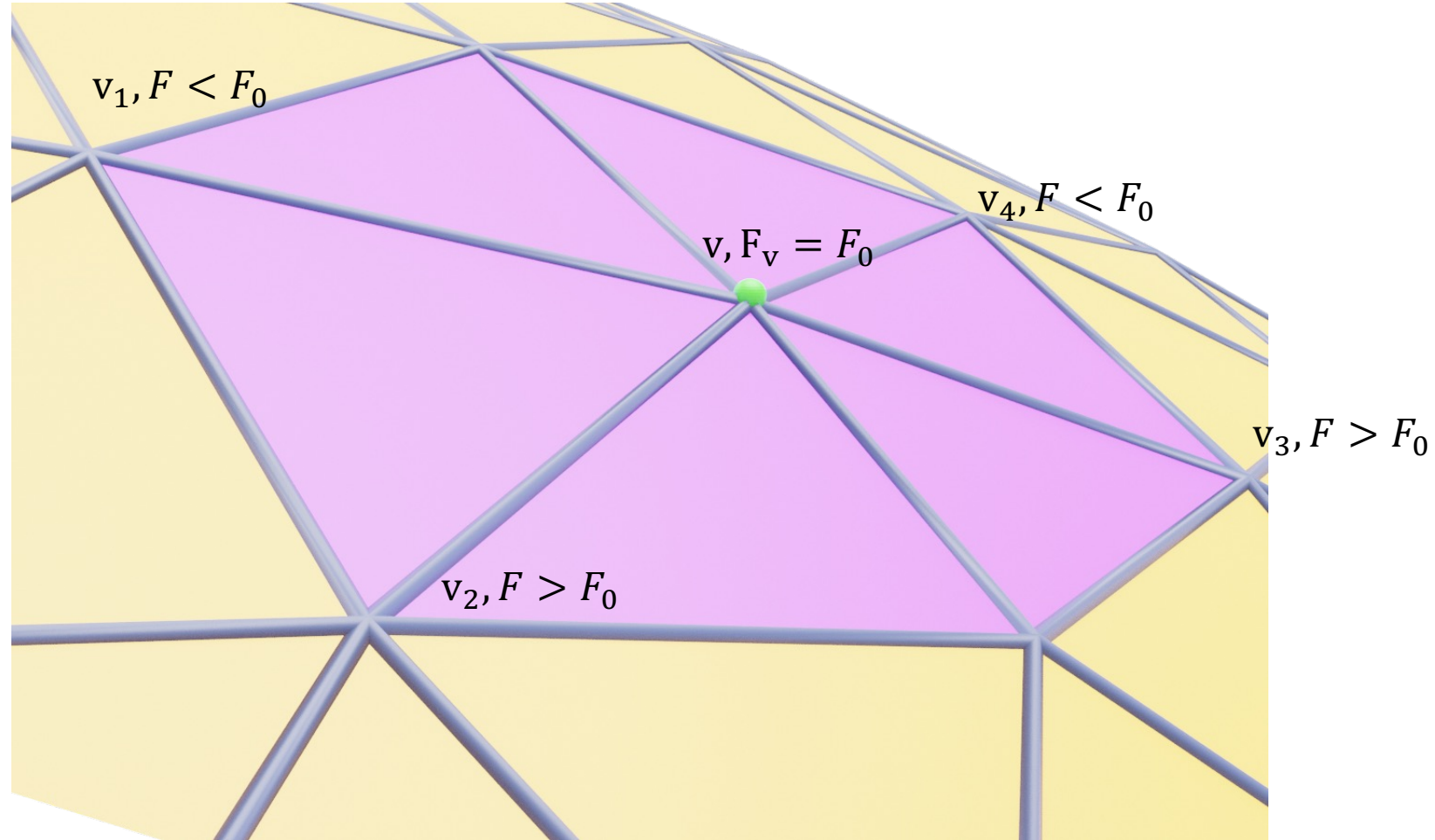
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Control the Inclination Angles: Controlling the Binormals on Each Vertex Star



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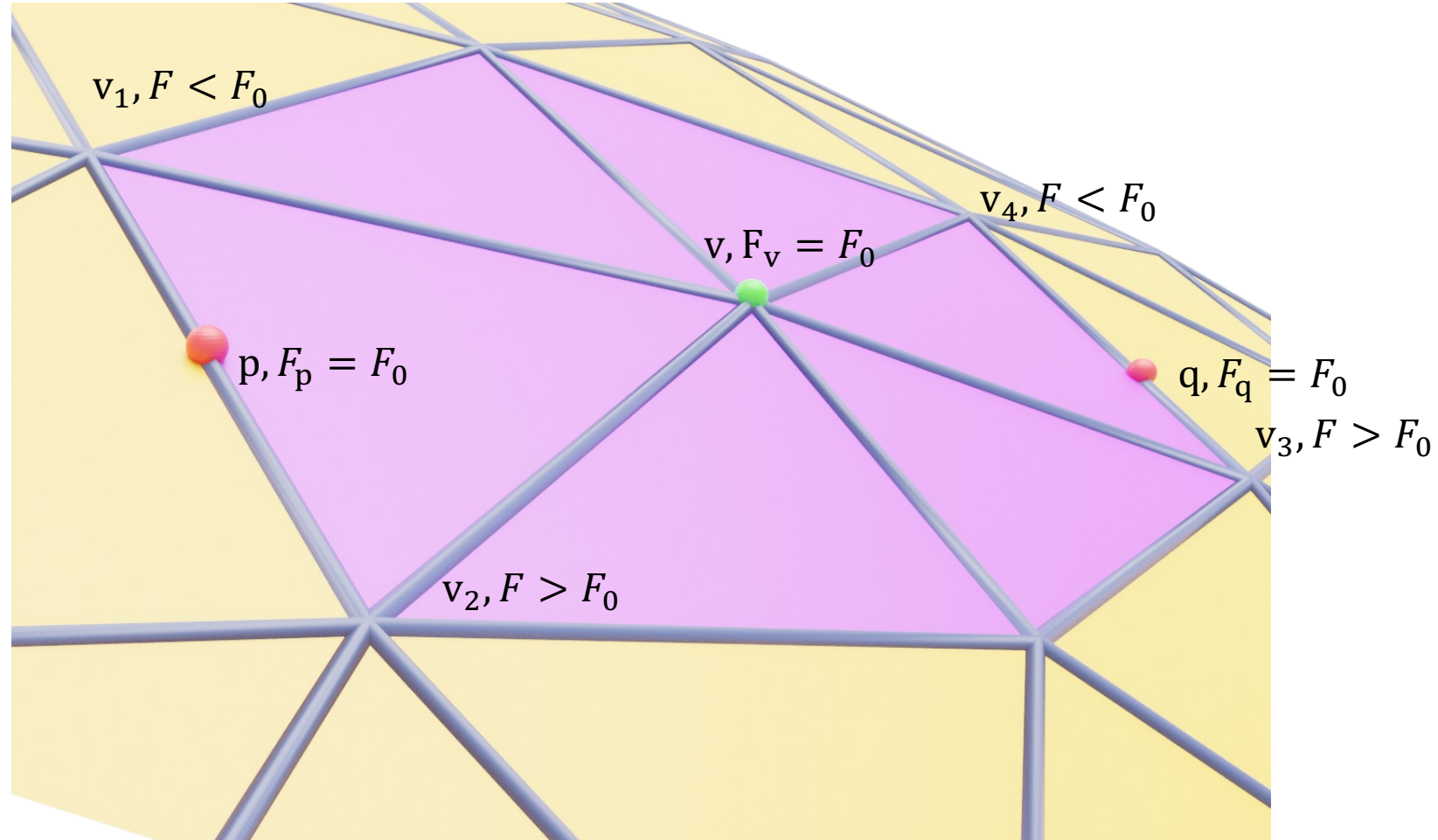
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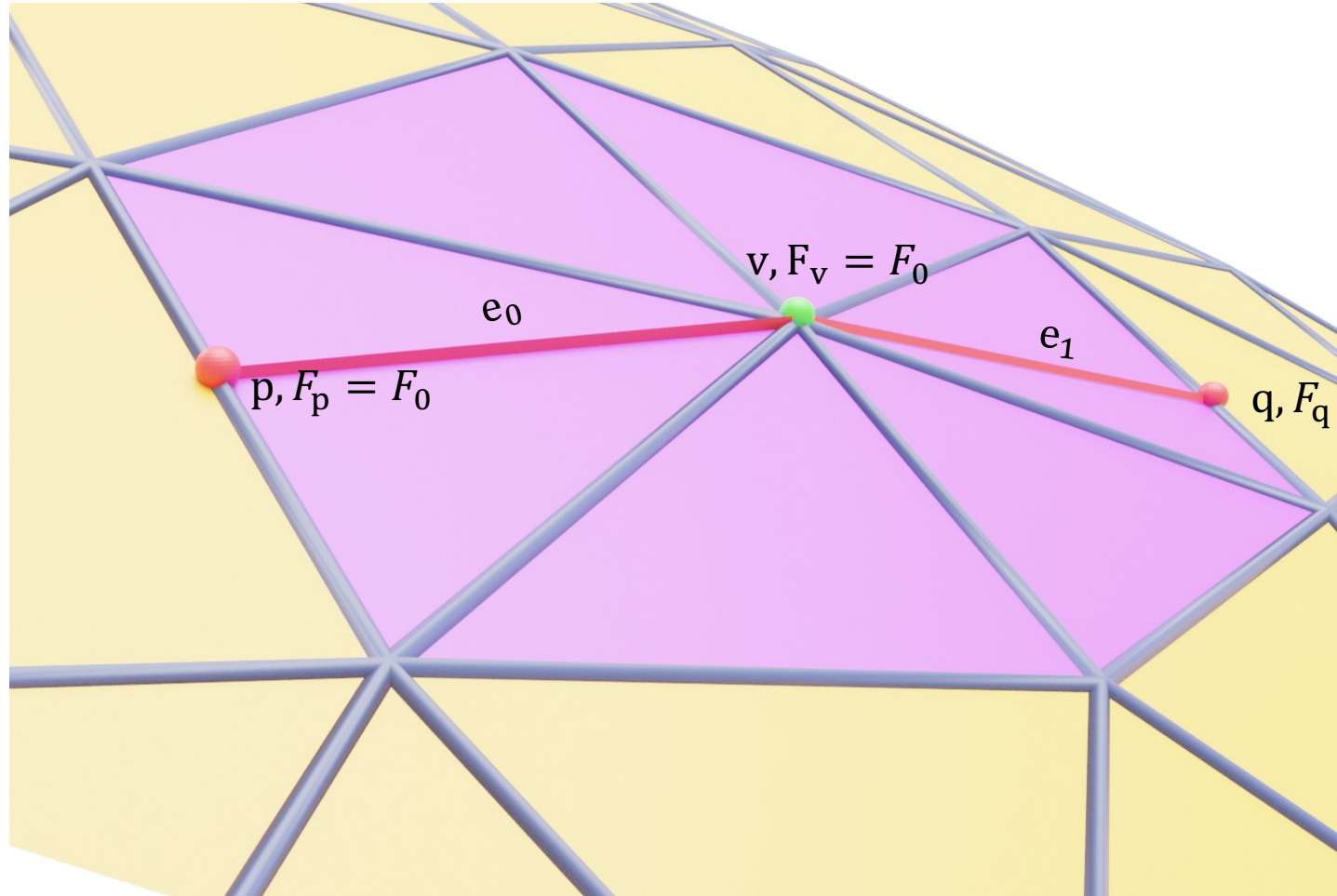
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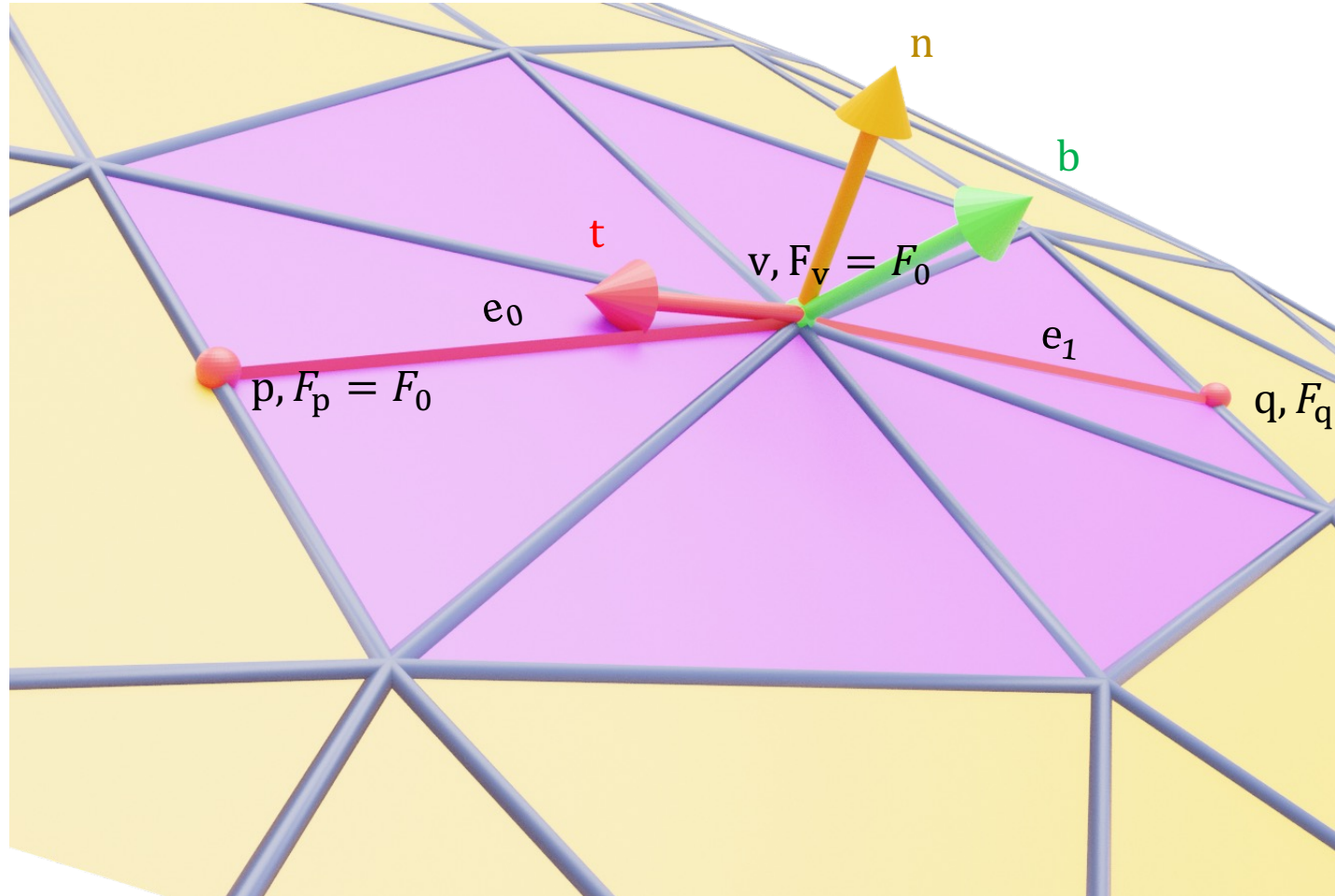
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$$e_0 = \frac{p - v}{||p - v||},$$
$$e_1 = \frac{v - q}{||v - q||},$$

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Control the Inclination Angles: Controlling the Binormals on Each Vertex Star



$$e_0 = \frac{p - v}{||p - v||},$$

$$e_1 = \frac{v - q}{||v - q||},$$

$$b = \frac{e_0 \times e_1}{||e_0 \times e_1||}$$

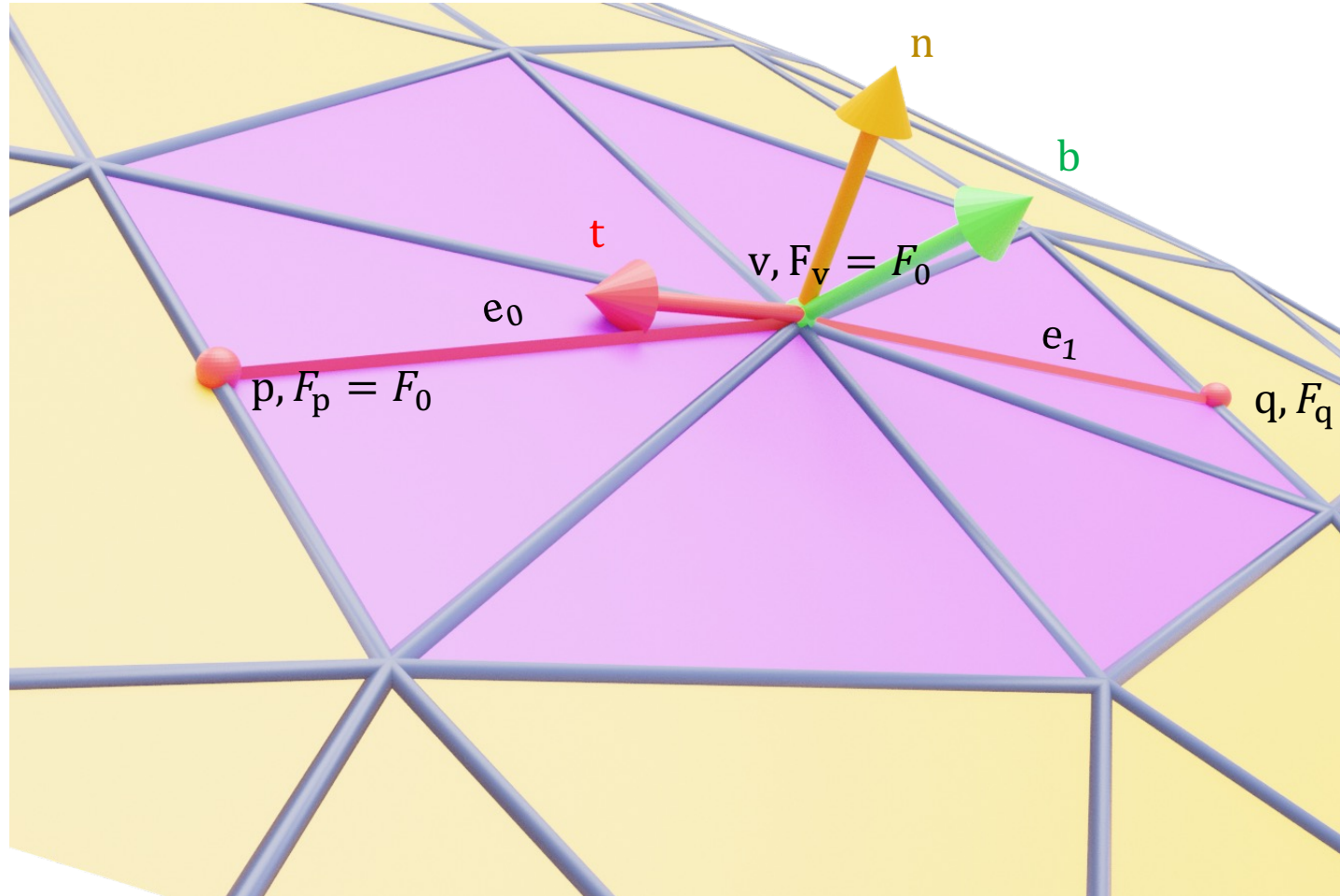
Angle Constraint:

$$b \cdot n - \cos \theta = 0$$



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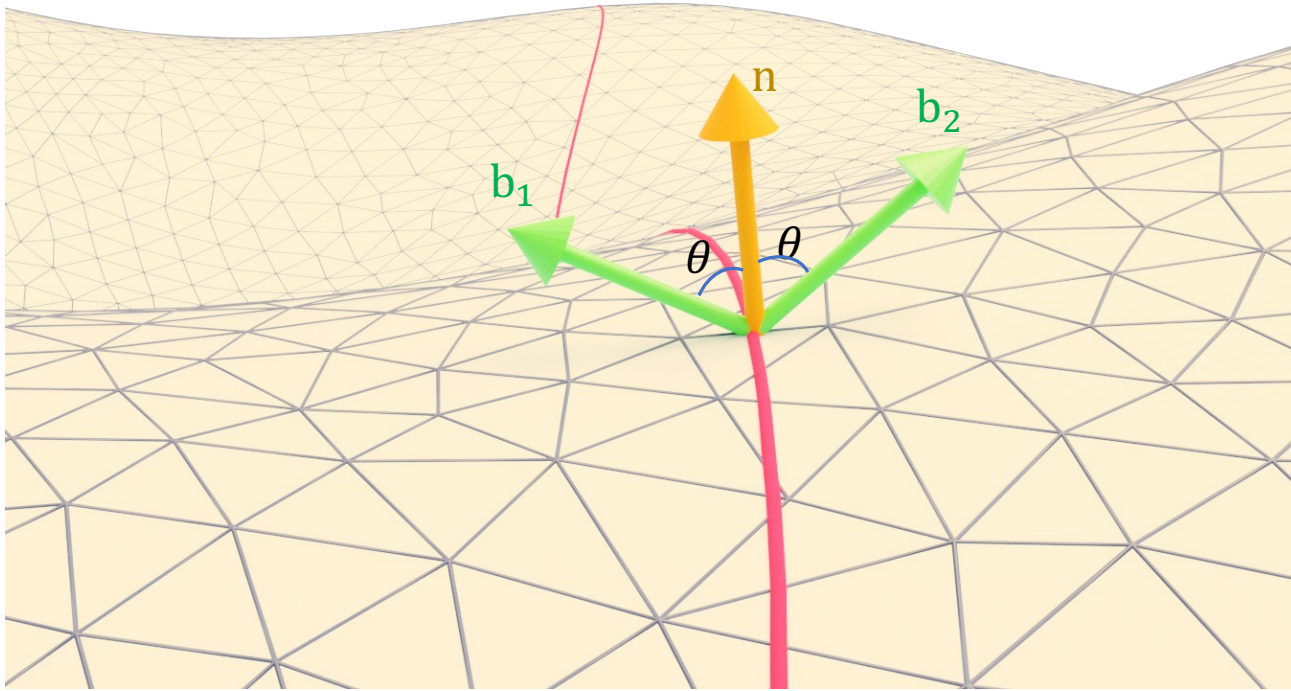
$$e_1 = \frac{v - q}{||v - q||},$$

$$b = \frac{e_0 \times e_1}{||e_0 \times e_1||}$$

Angle Constraint:  
 $\min (b \cdot n - \cos \theta)^2$

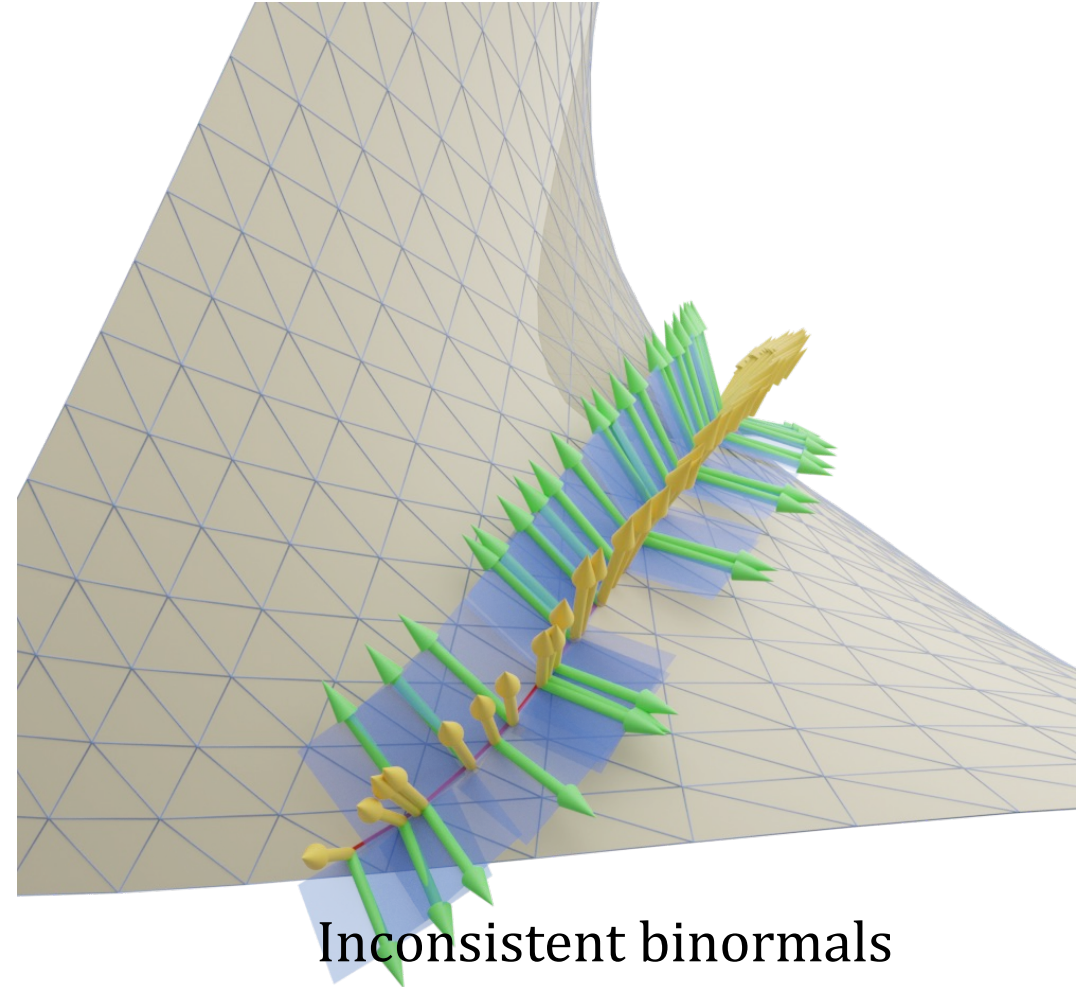
# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

Control the Inclination Angles: Controlling the Binormal Vectors



$b \cdot n - \cos \theta = 0$  cannot distinguish  $b_1$  from  $b_2$

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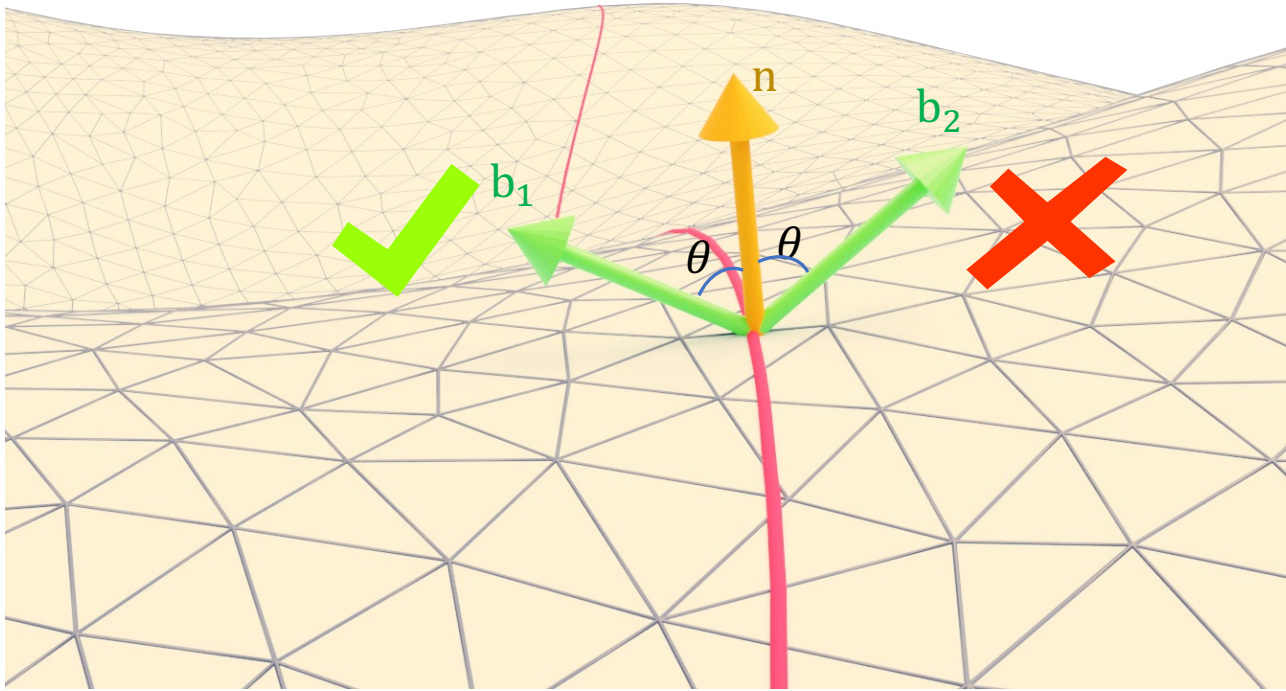


Inconsistent binormals



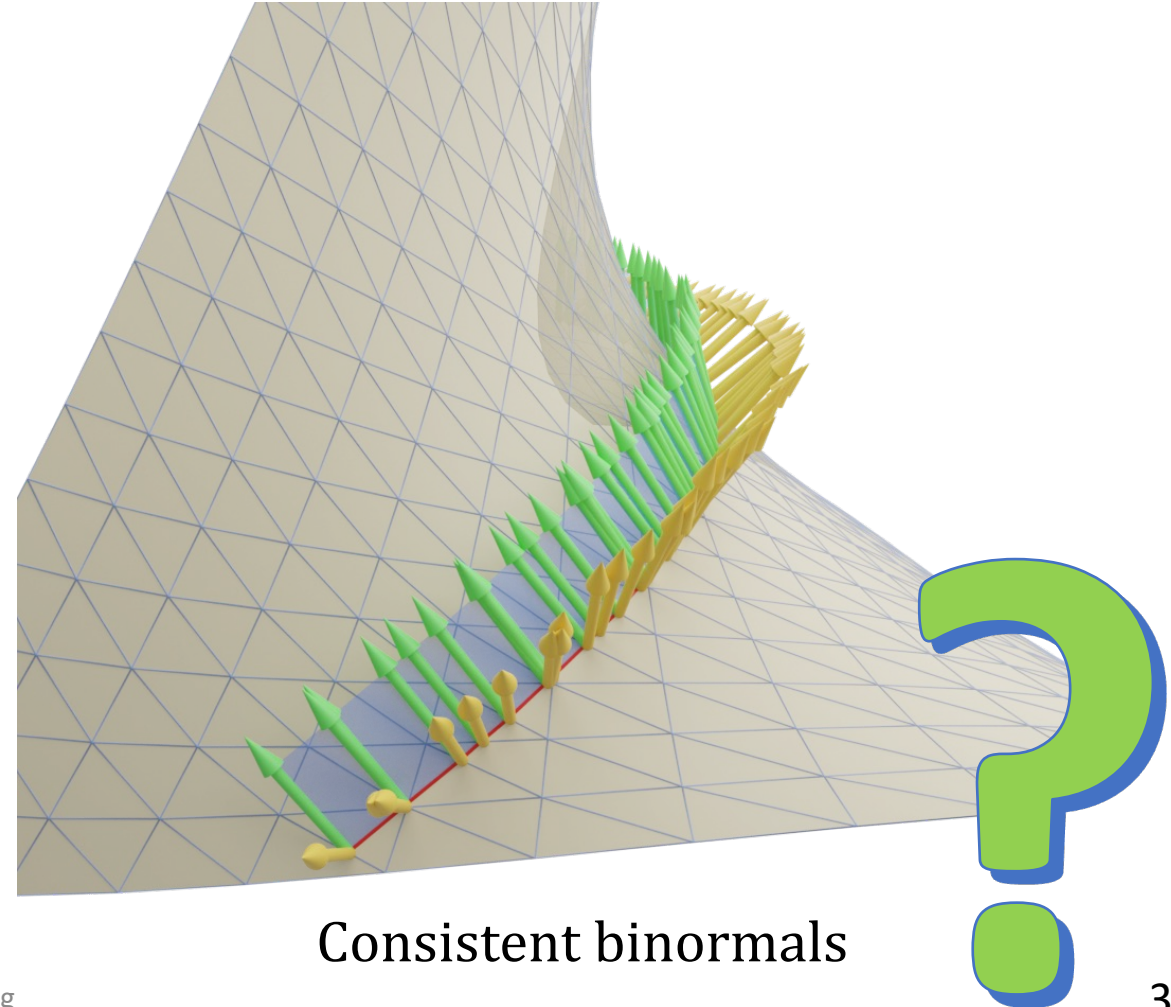
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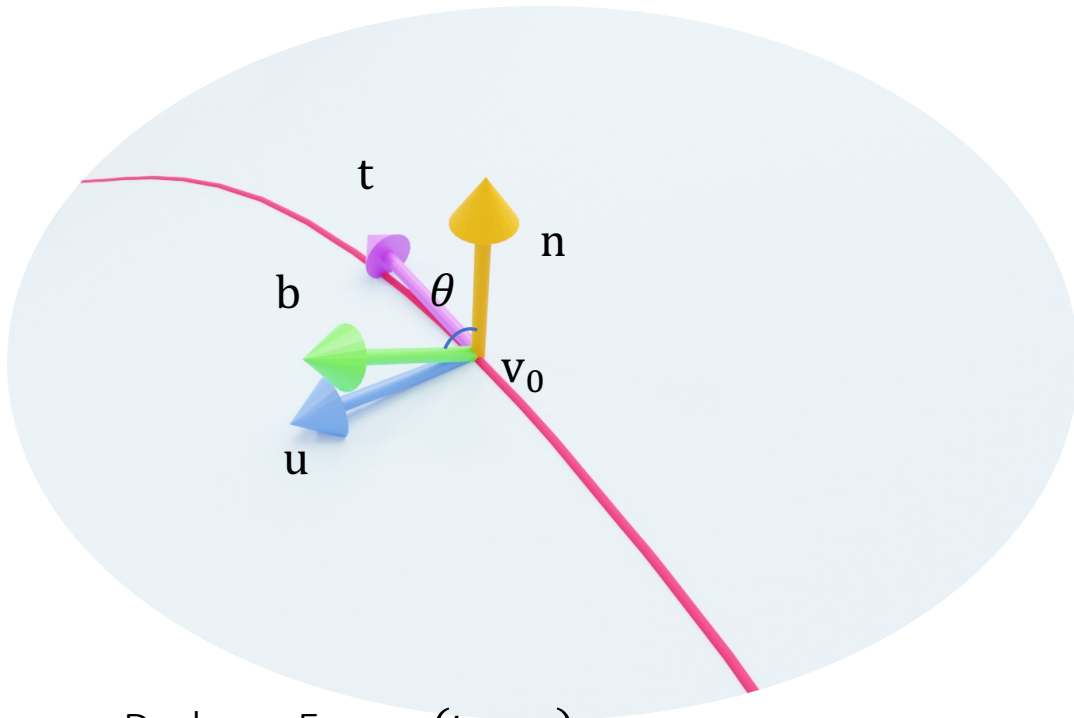


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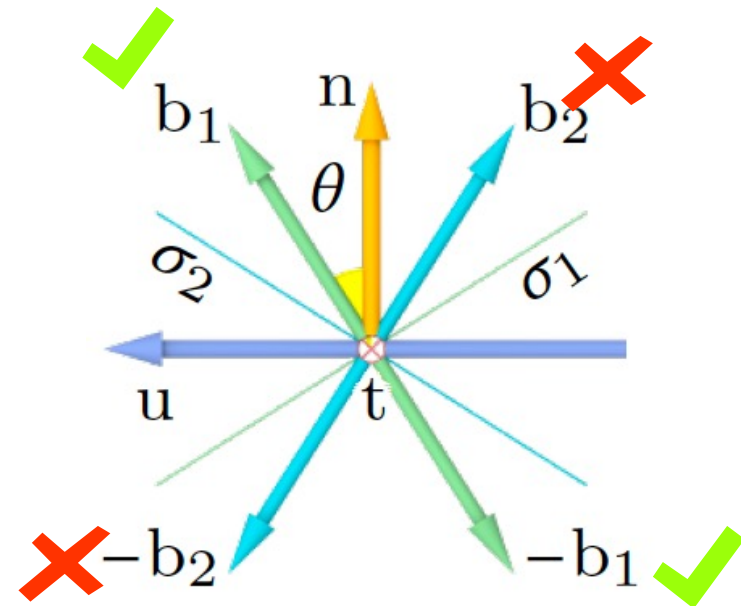


Darboux Frame  $(t, n, u)$

- Unit tangent vector  $u$ ,
- Unit normal vector  $n$ ,
- Side vector  $u = n \times t$

The angle constraints:

$$b \cdot n - \cos \theta = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} (b \cdot n)^2 - \cos^2 \theta &= 0, \\ (b \cdot n)(b \cdot u) - \cos \theta \sin \theta &= 0, \end{aligned}$$



# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

(Angle Constraints) 
$$E_{\text{angle}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} ((b \cdot n)^2 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \mathcal{A}(v) + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} ((b \cdot n)(b \cdot u) - \sin \theta \cos \theta)^2 \mathcal{A}(v),$$

(Preventing Vanishing Gradients) 
$$E_{\text{grad}} = \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (\|\nabla F(f)\| - r)^2 \mathcal{A}(f),$$

(fairness) 
$$E_{\text{fair}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \|H(v)\|^2 \mathcal{A}(v).$$

$$\min E_{\text{pg}} = \lambda_{\text{fair}} E_{\text{fair}} + \lambda_{\text{grad}} E_{\text{grad}} + \lambda_{\text{angle}} E_{\text{angle}}.$$

- Why containing the area  $\mathcal{A}(v)$  of the Voronoi cell?

The error  $E_{\text{angle}} = \int (\text{Error on Point}) d\mathcal{A}$

- Two simplified constraints for asymptotics and geodesics

$$E_{\text{geo}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \left( \frac{\det(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{q})}{\|\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{q}\|} \right)^2 \mathcal{A}(v),$$

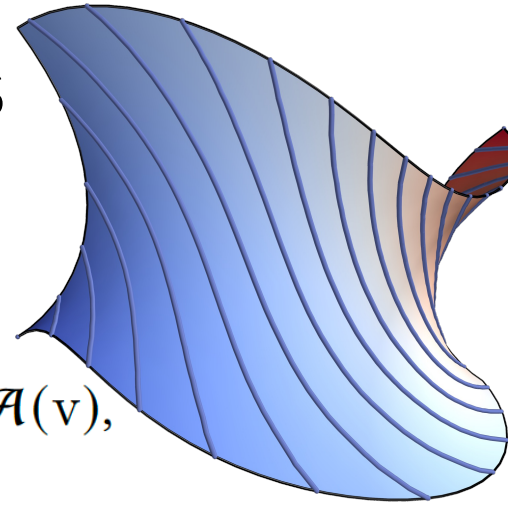
$$E_{\text{asy}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \left( \left( \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{p})}{\|\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{p}\|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{q})}{\|\mathbf{v}_0 - \mathbf{q}\|} \right)^2 \right) \mathcal{A}(v).$$

- The  $E_{\text{grad}}$ :

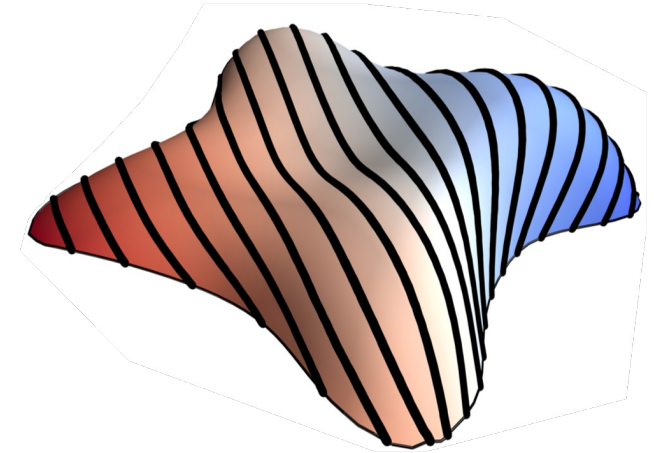
Prevent optimization failures, make the curves uniform  
(Pottmann et.al., 2010, Geodesic Patterns)

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$\theta = 0^\circ$  (Asymptotic)

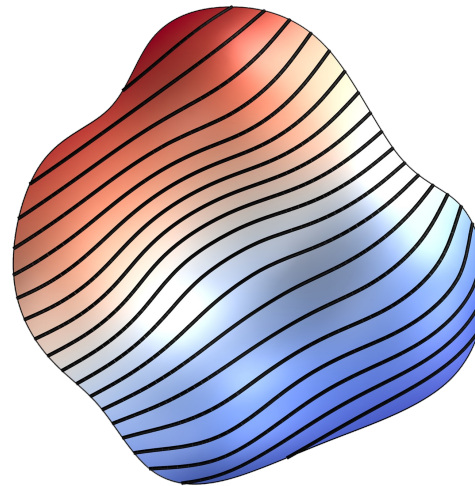


$\theta = 90^\circ$  (Geodesic)

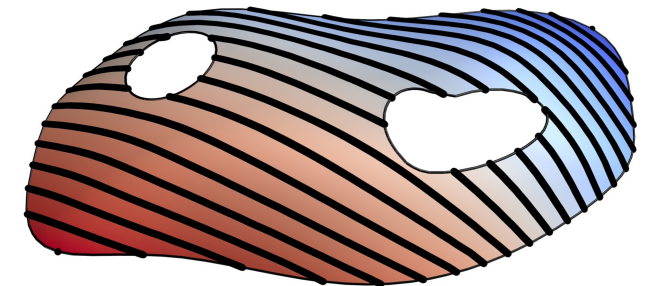
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$\theta = 60^\circ$  (Pseudo-Geodesic)

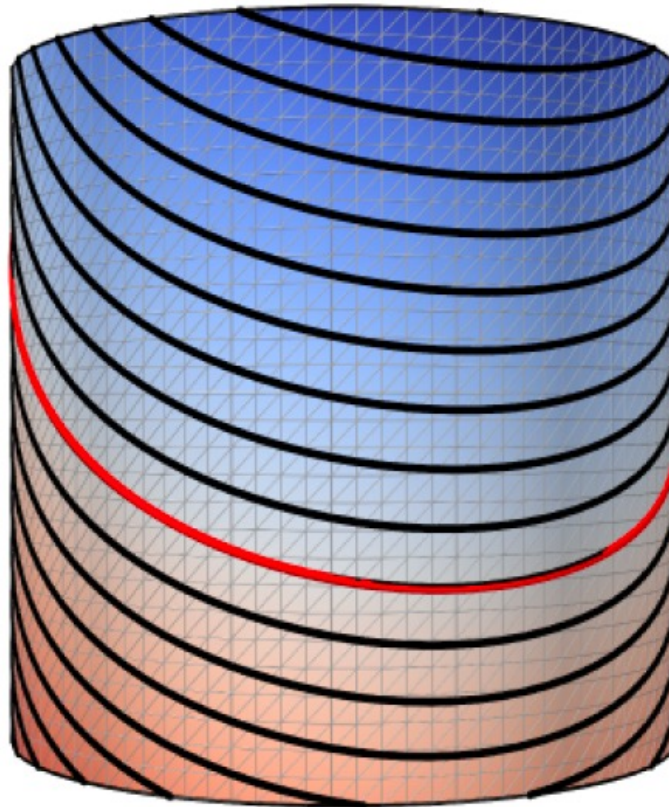


$\theta = 75^\circ$  (Pseudo-Geodesic)



# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

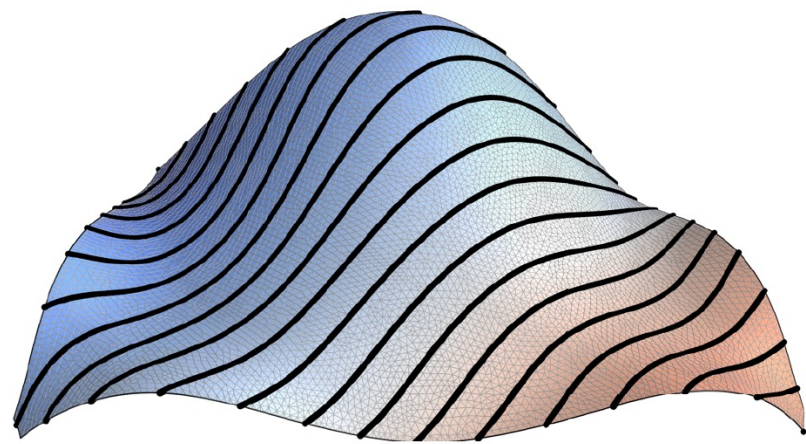
Validation: comparing with an exact pseudo-geodesic



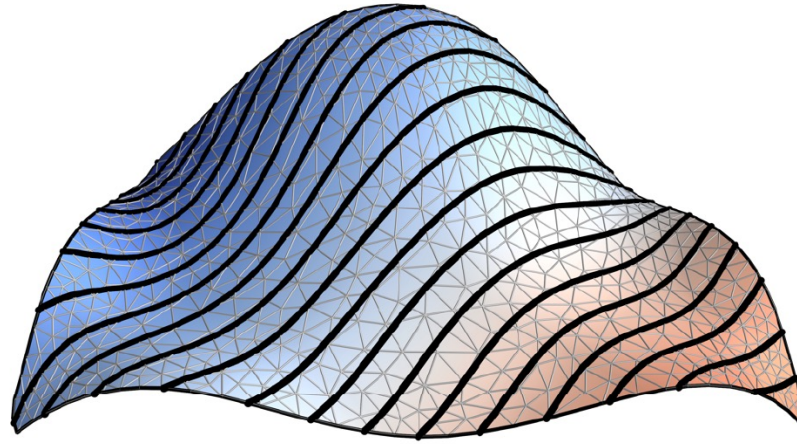
$\theta = 60^\circ$ . Red: continuous pseudo-geodesic curve. Black: level sets.  
Error: 0.47% of the curve length

# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

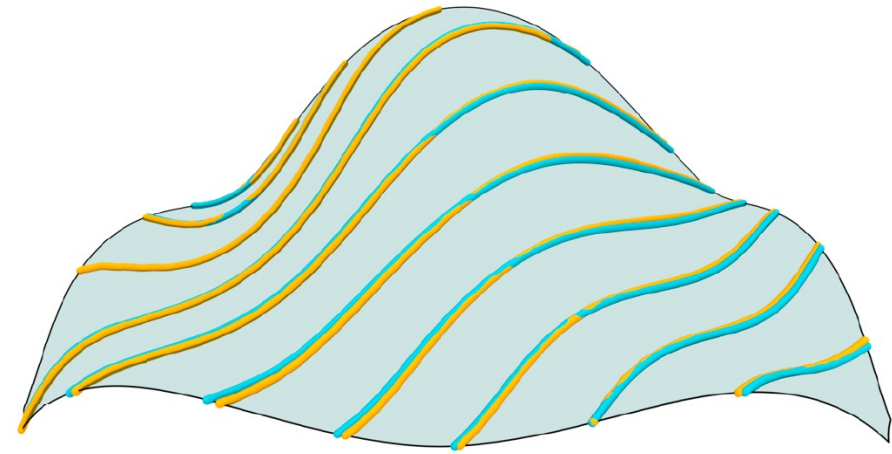
Validation: stability under remeshing



8960 vertices



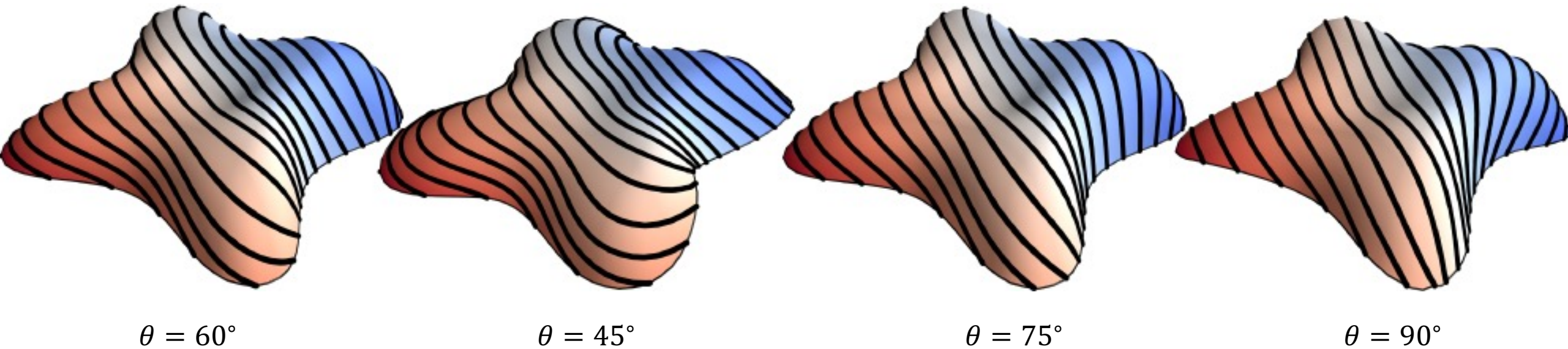
657 vertices



Error is 0.76% of bbd

# Optimizing Pseudo-Geodesics

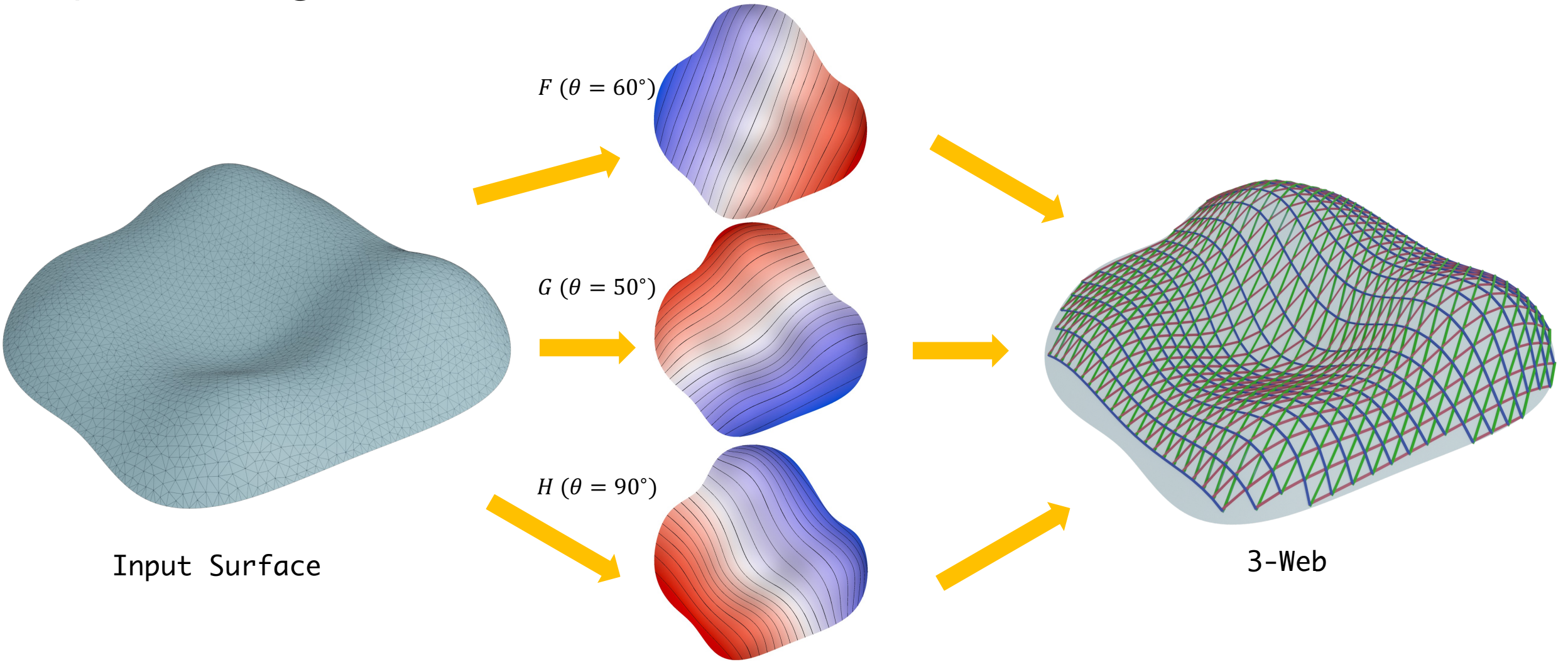
Co-optimizing Reference Surface and Level Sets



Keeping  $F$  fixed and optimize the underlying surface

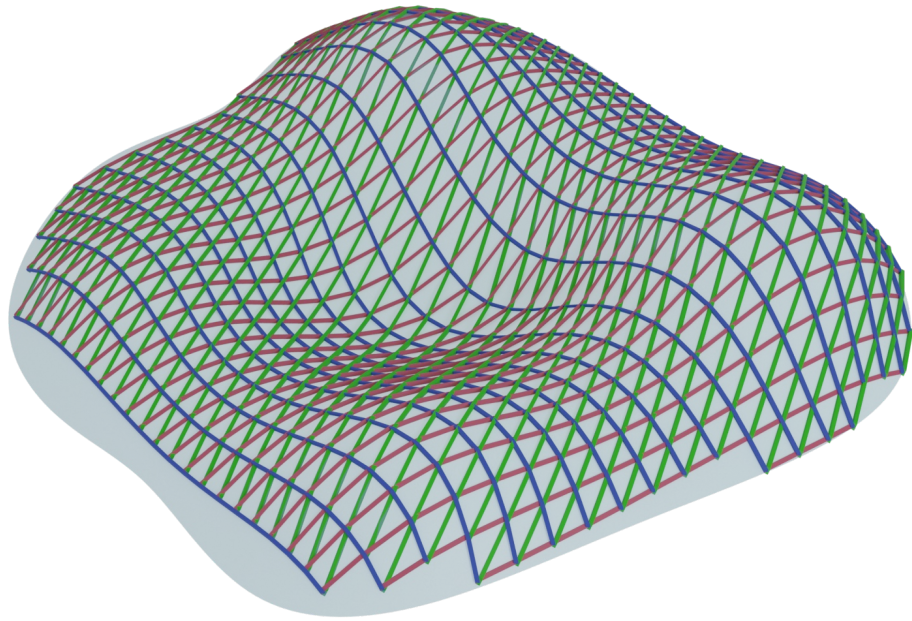


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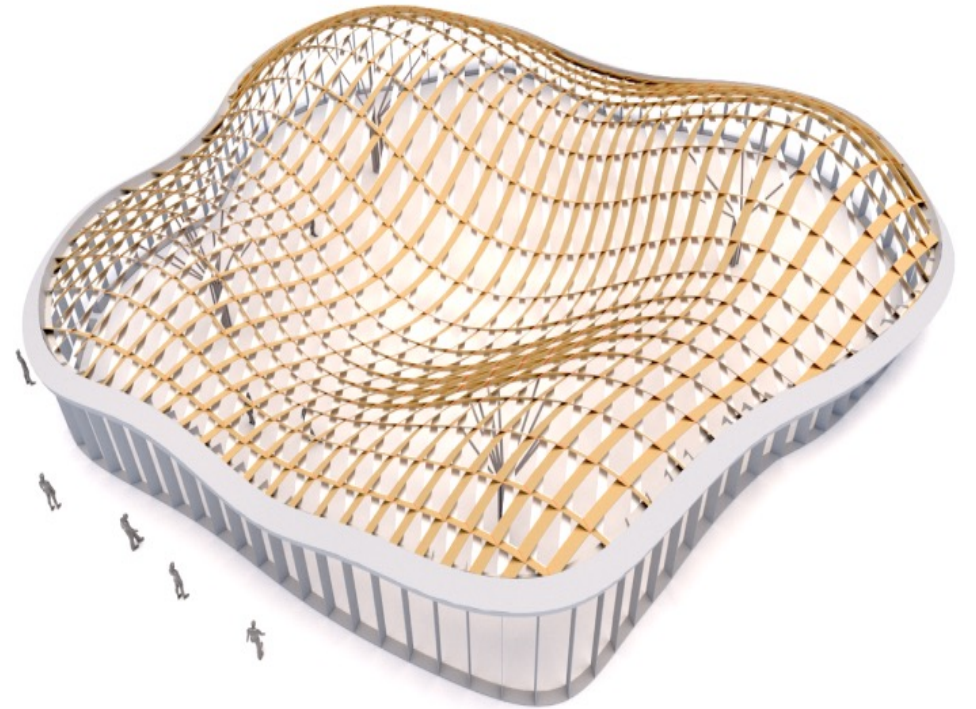


Angle Constraints + Geometry of Webs ( $F + G + H = 0$ )

# Postprocessing



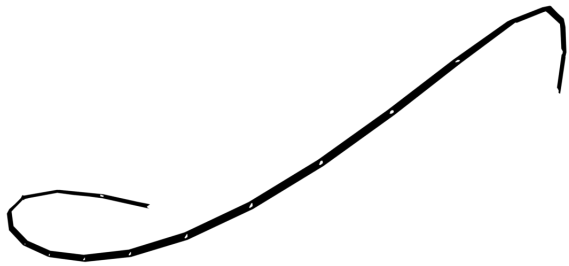
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Rectifying Strip Structure

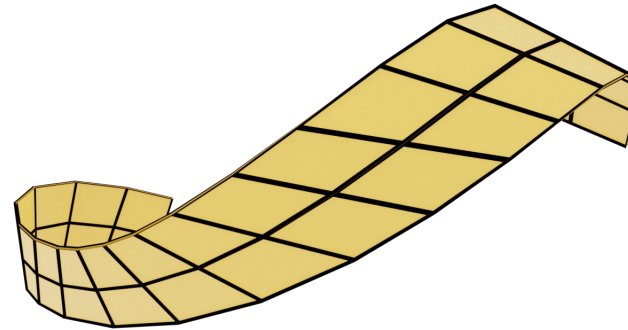
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## Discrete Rectifying Developable Optimization



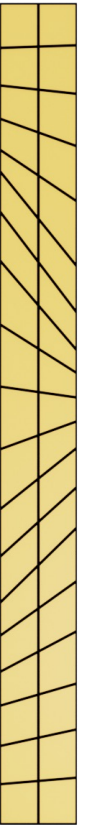
Discrete Curve

optimization



Rectifying Developable

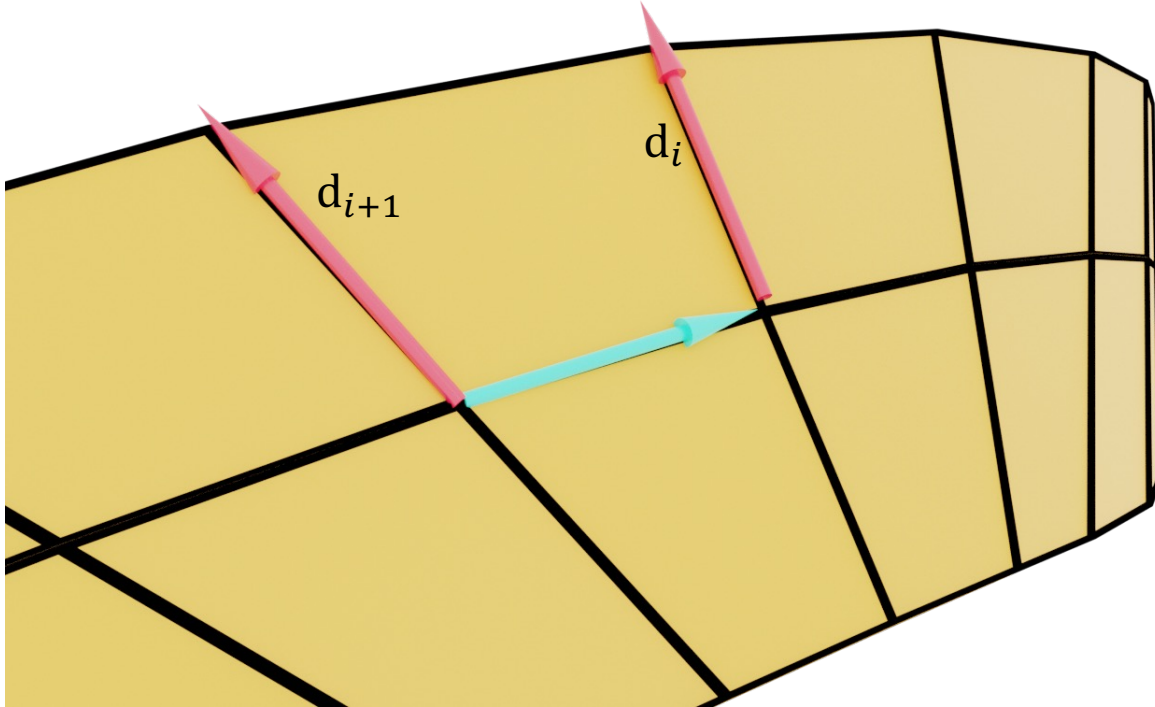
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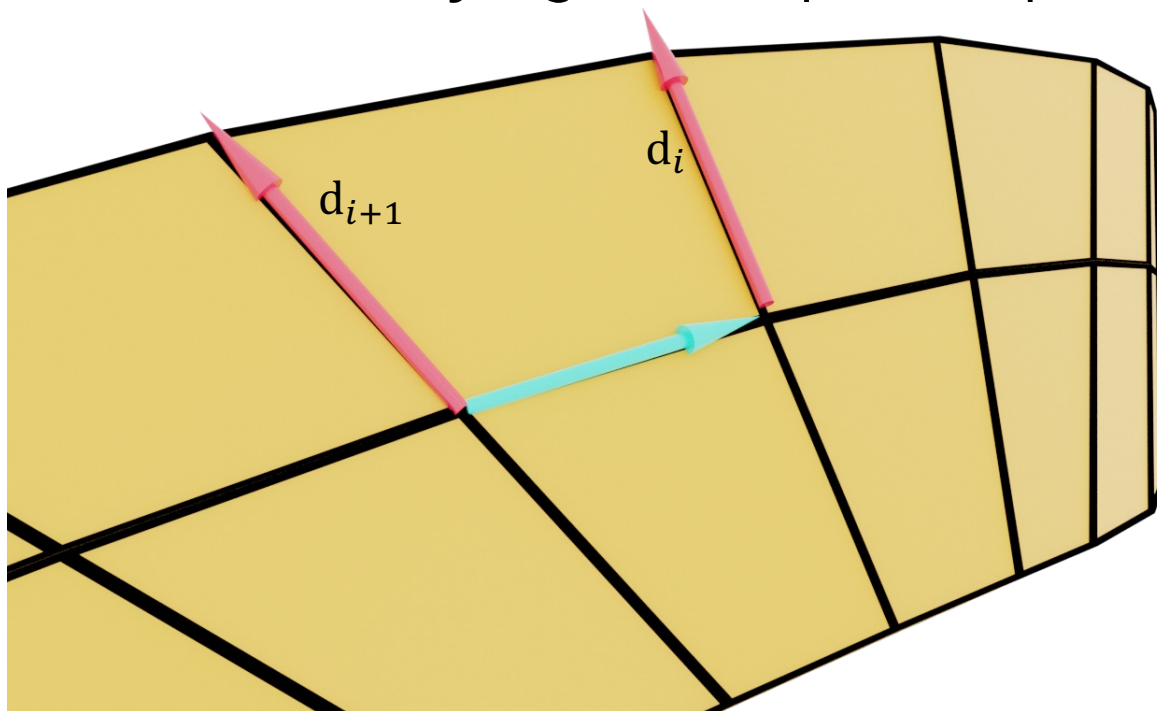
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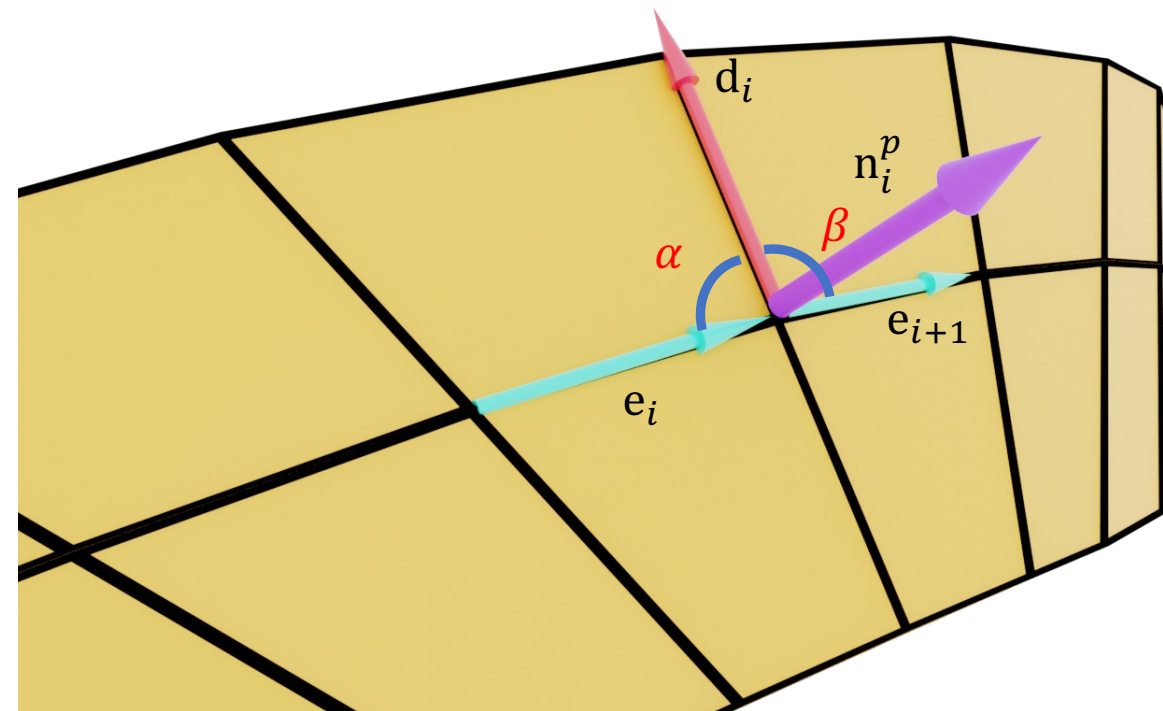
Flat: The rulings  $d_i, d_{i+1}$  are coplanar

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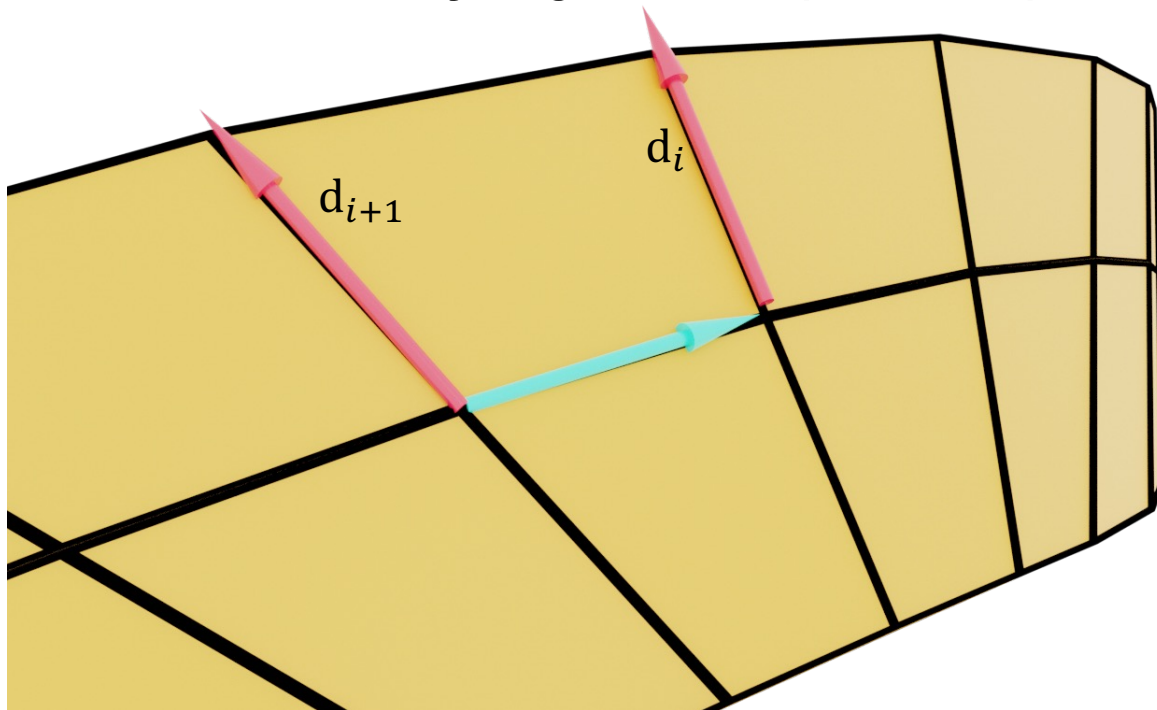
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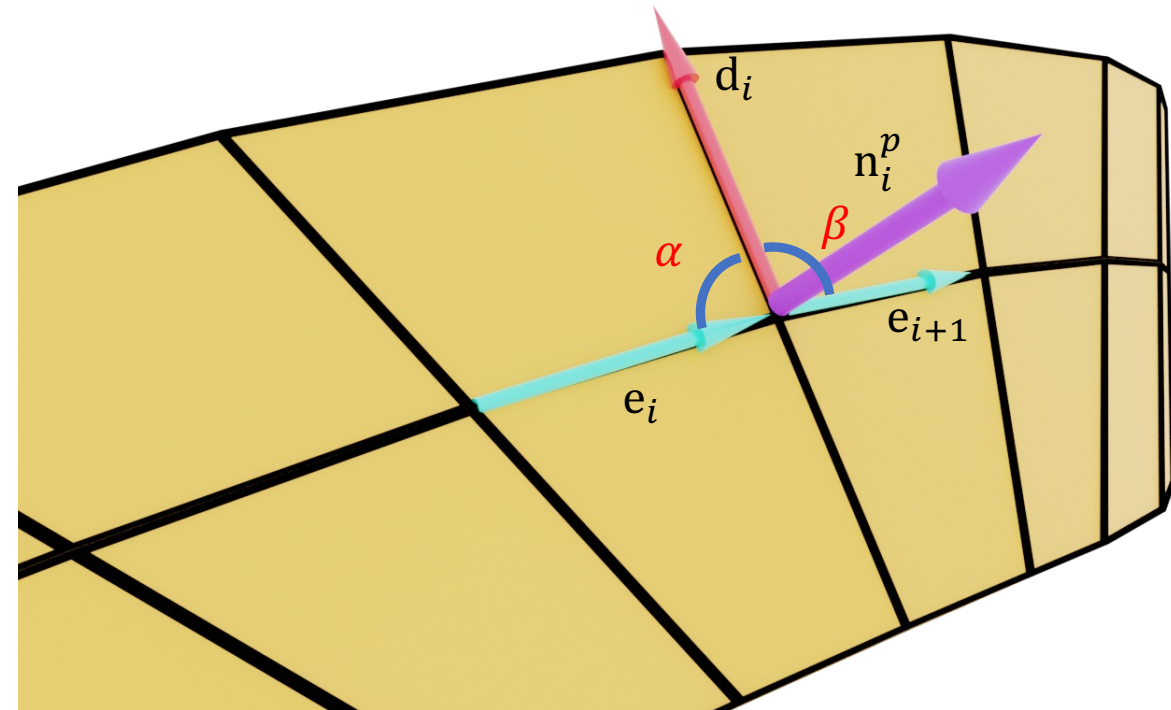
Straight:  $\alpha + \beta = \pi$

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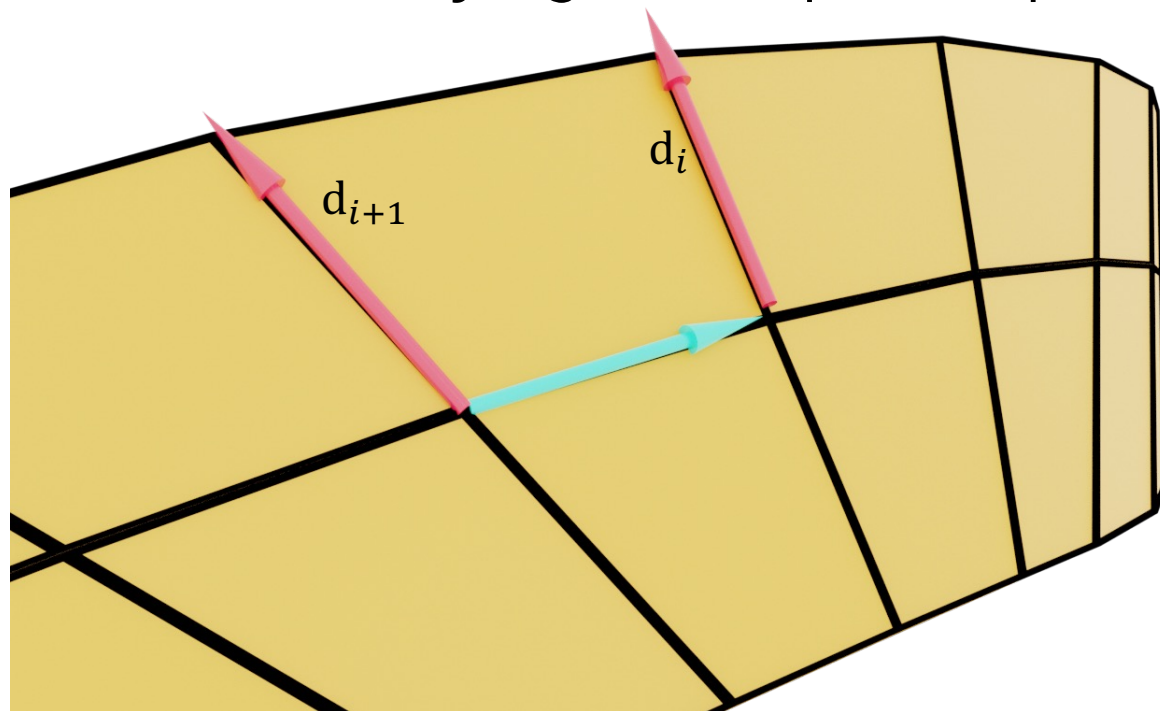


Straight:  $\cos(\alpha) + \cos(\beta) = 0$

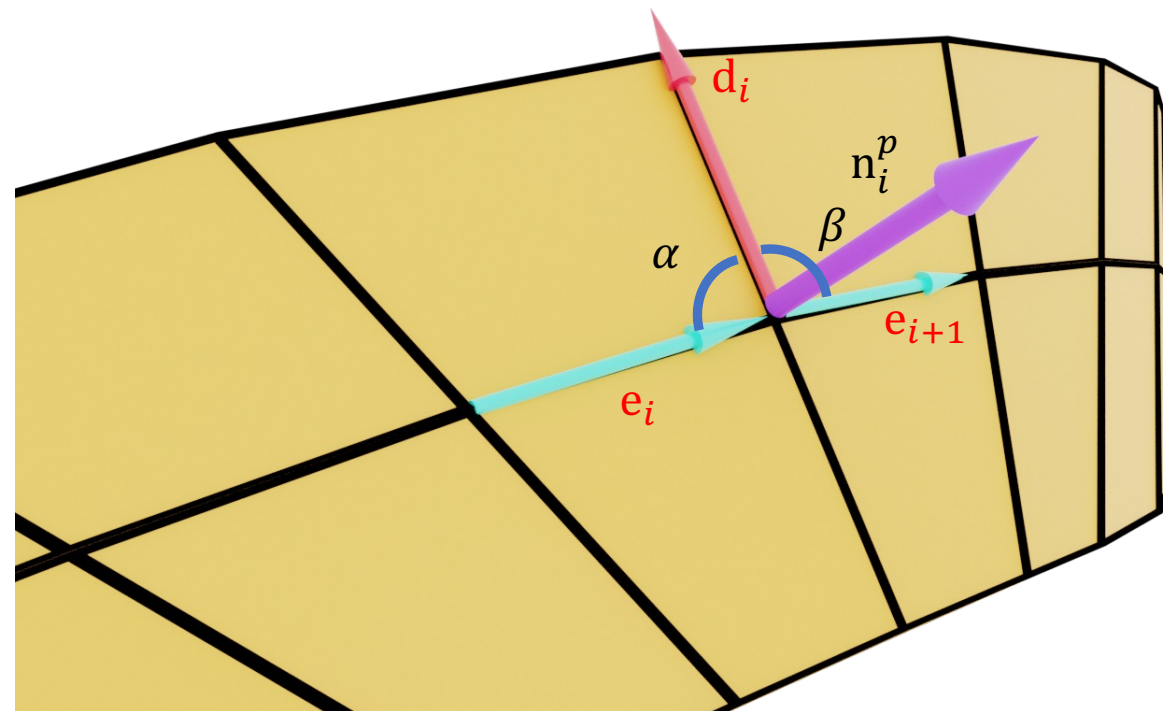


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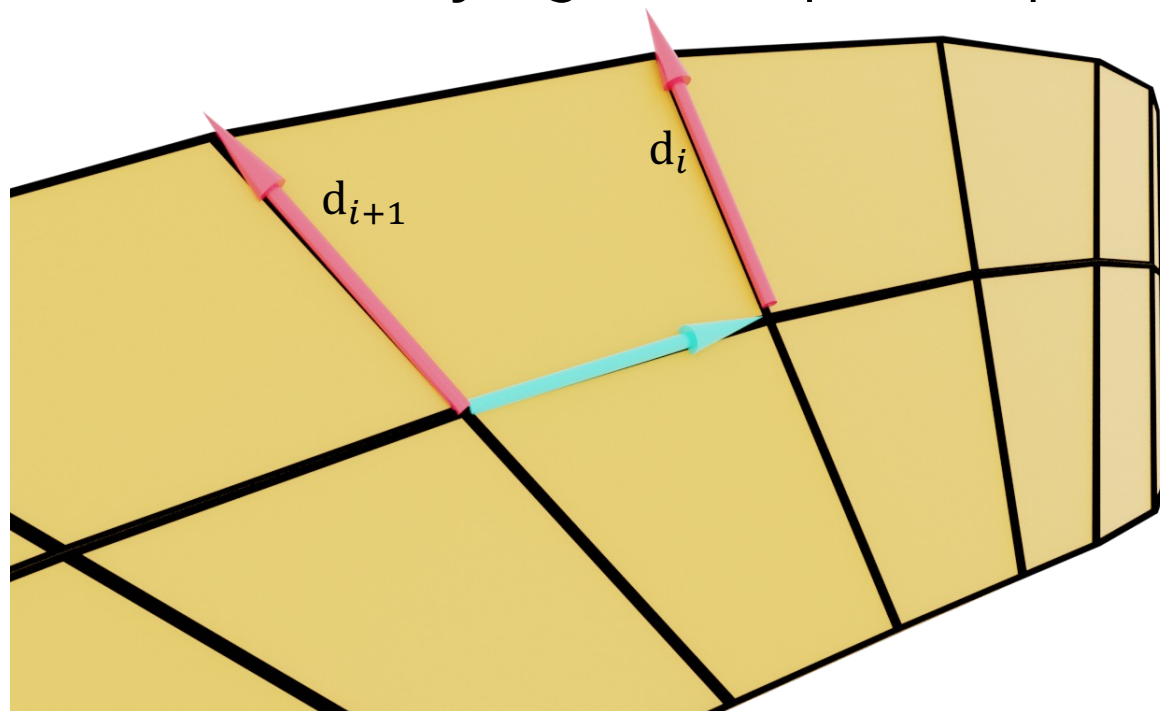
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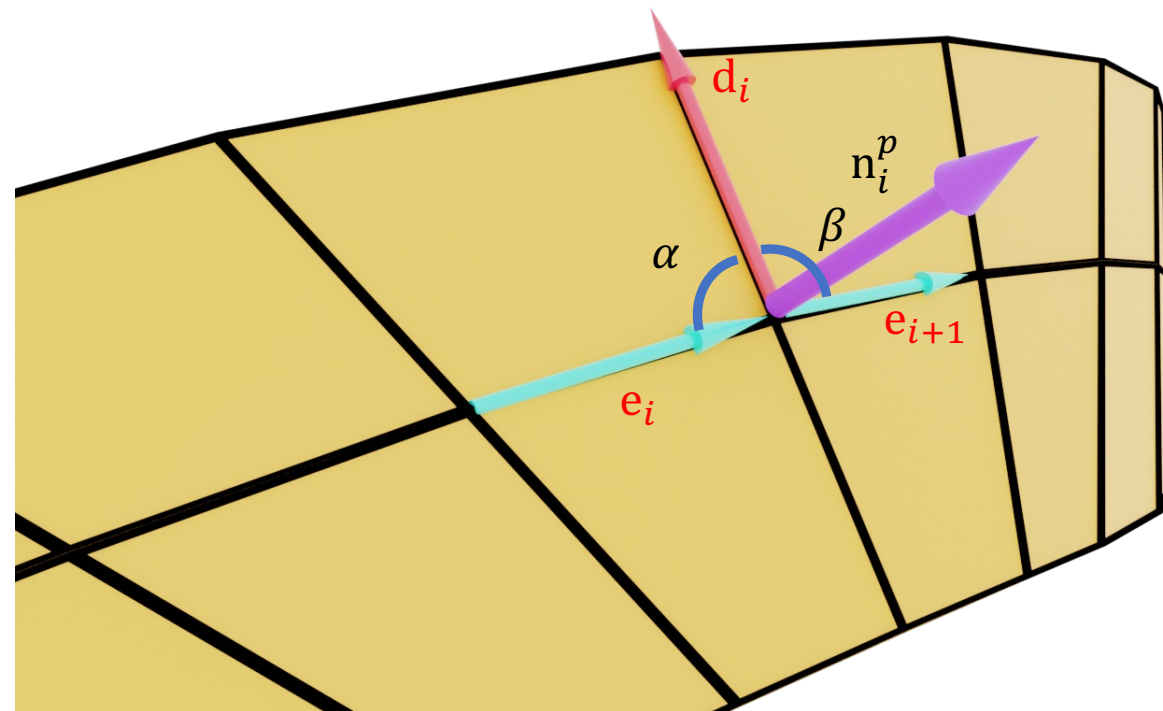
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# Postprocessing

## Discrete Rectifying Developable Optimization



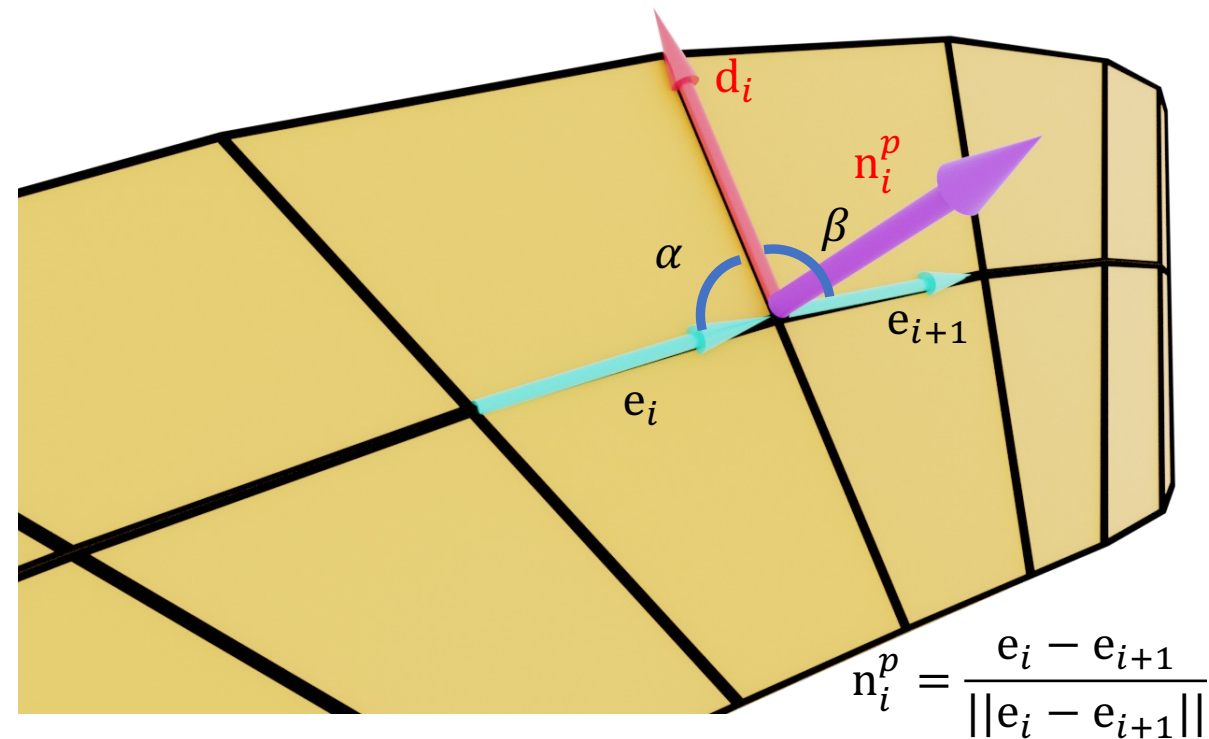
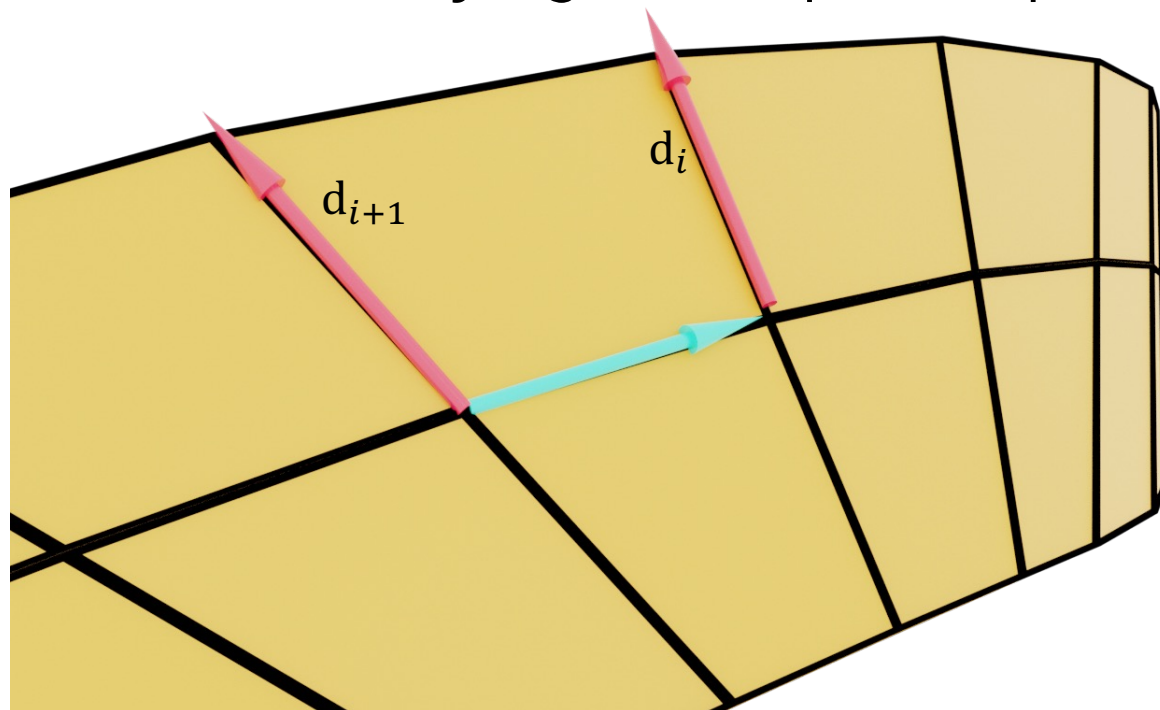
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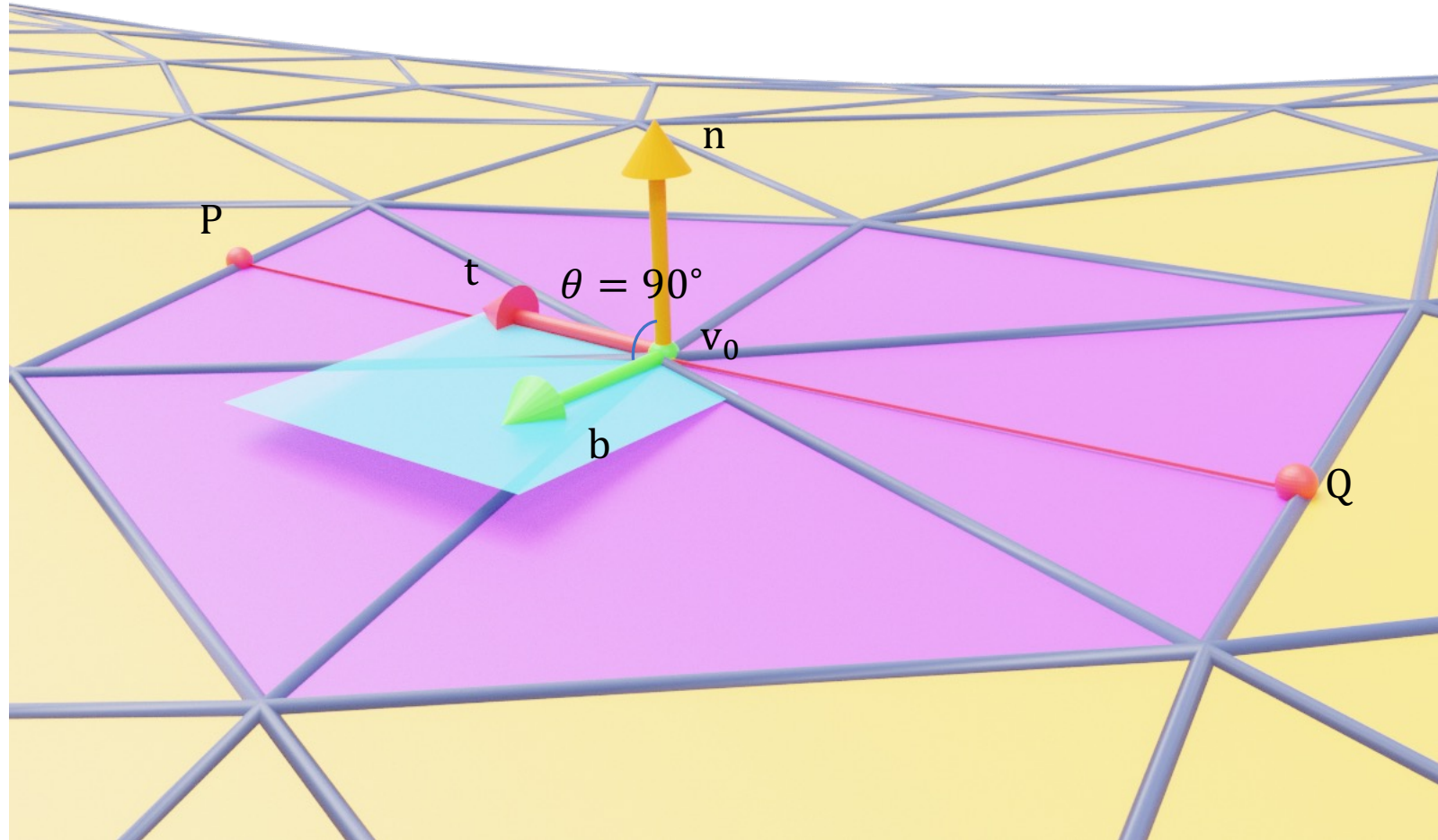


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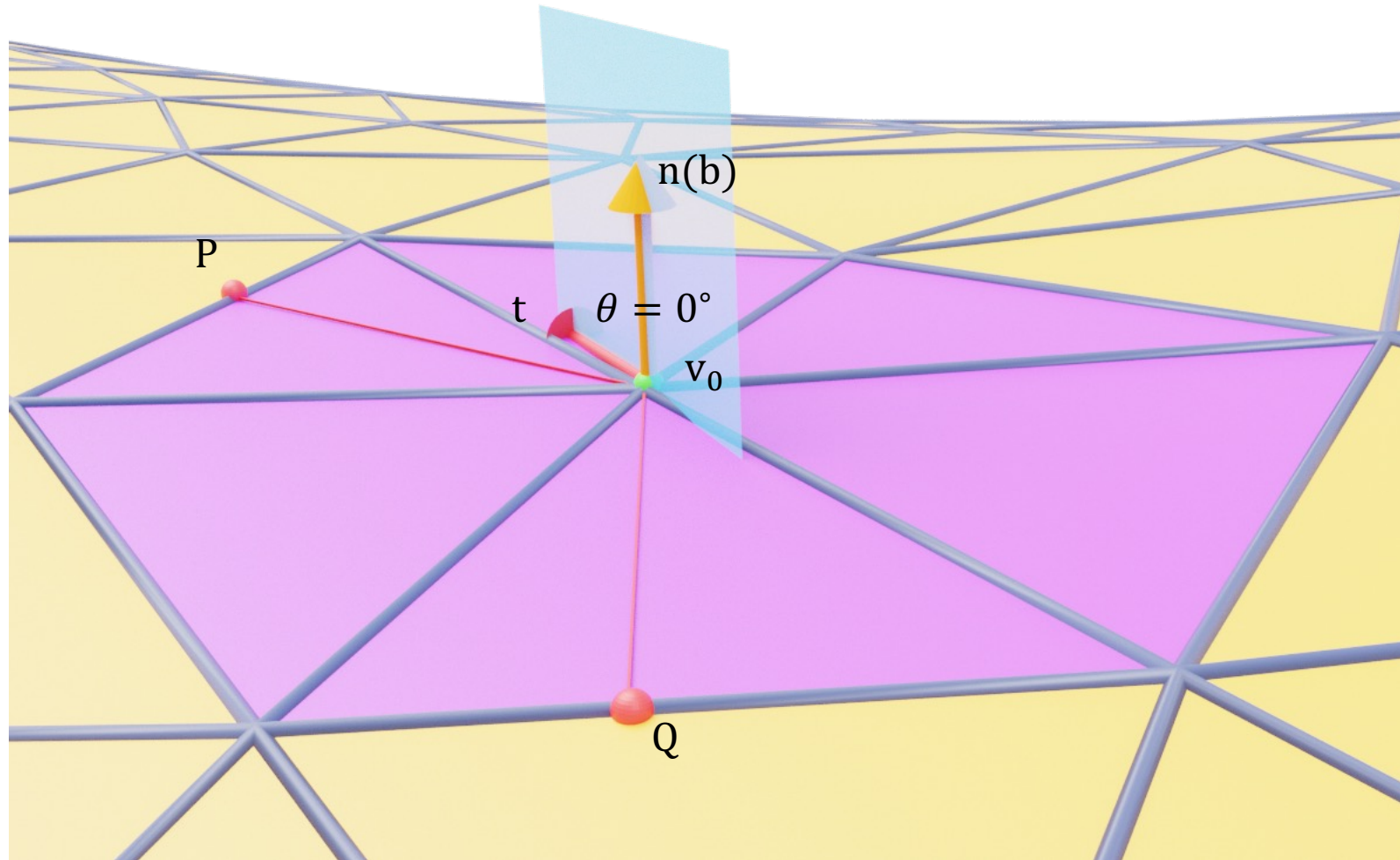


# Applications: gridshells



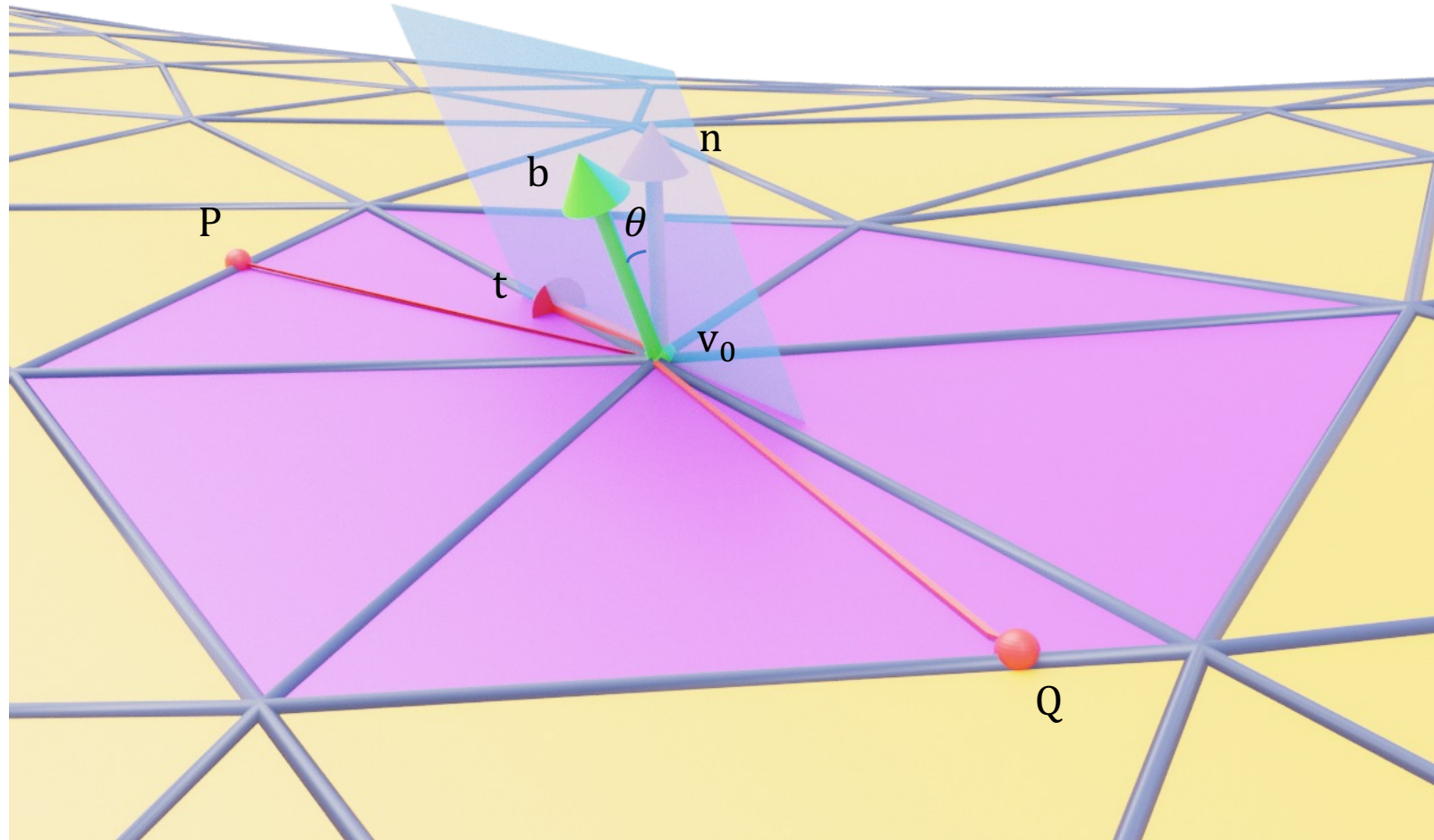
G: Geodesic Strips

# Applications: gridshells



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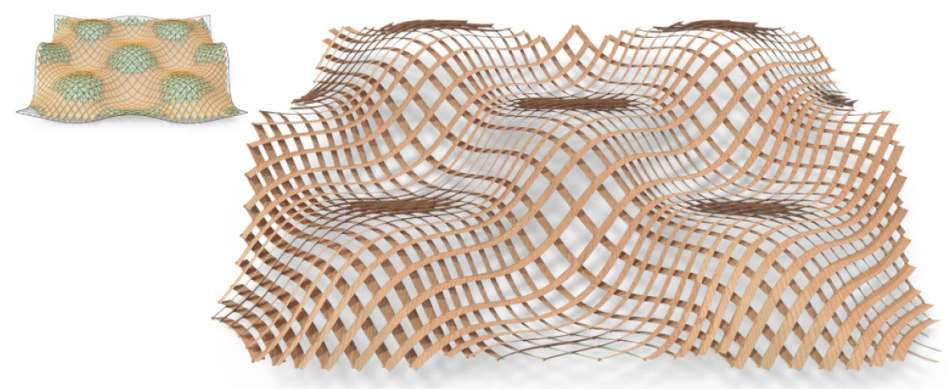
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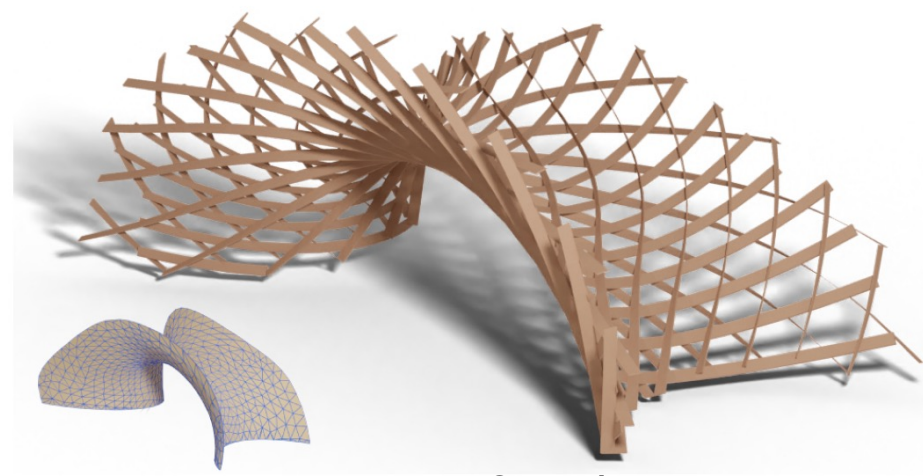
P: Pseudo-Geodesic Strips ( $\theta \neq 0, \pi/2$ )



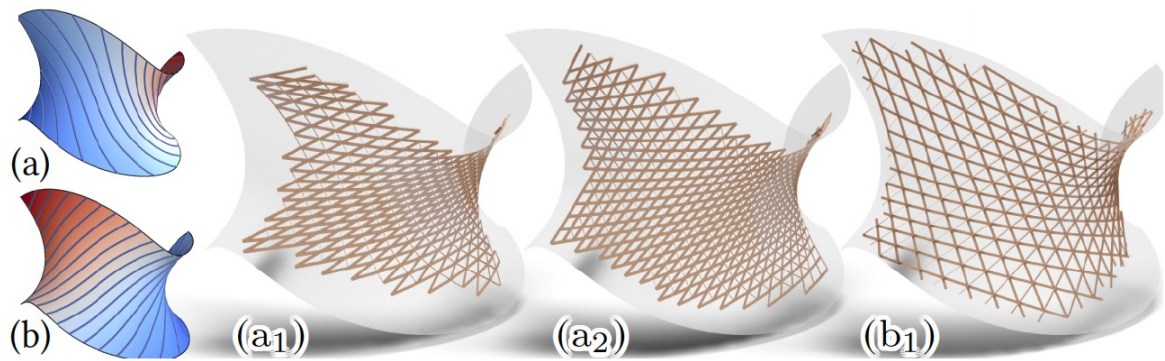
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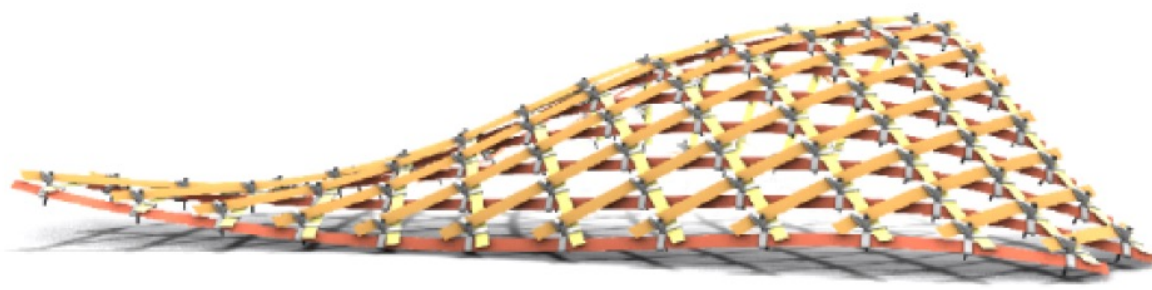
PP-Net  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 60^\circ$



AAG-Web



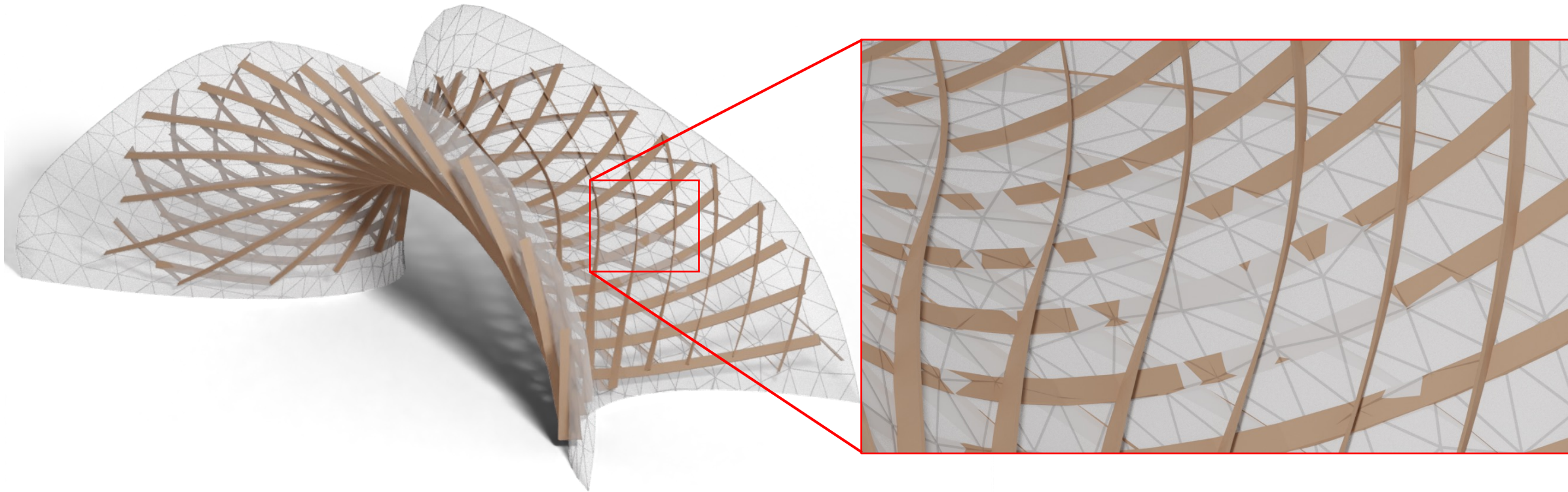
AGG-Webs



PPG-Web  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 60^\circ$

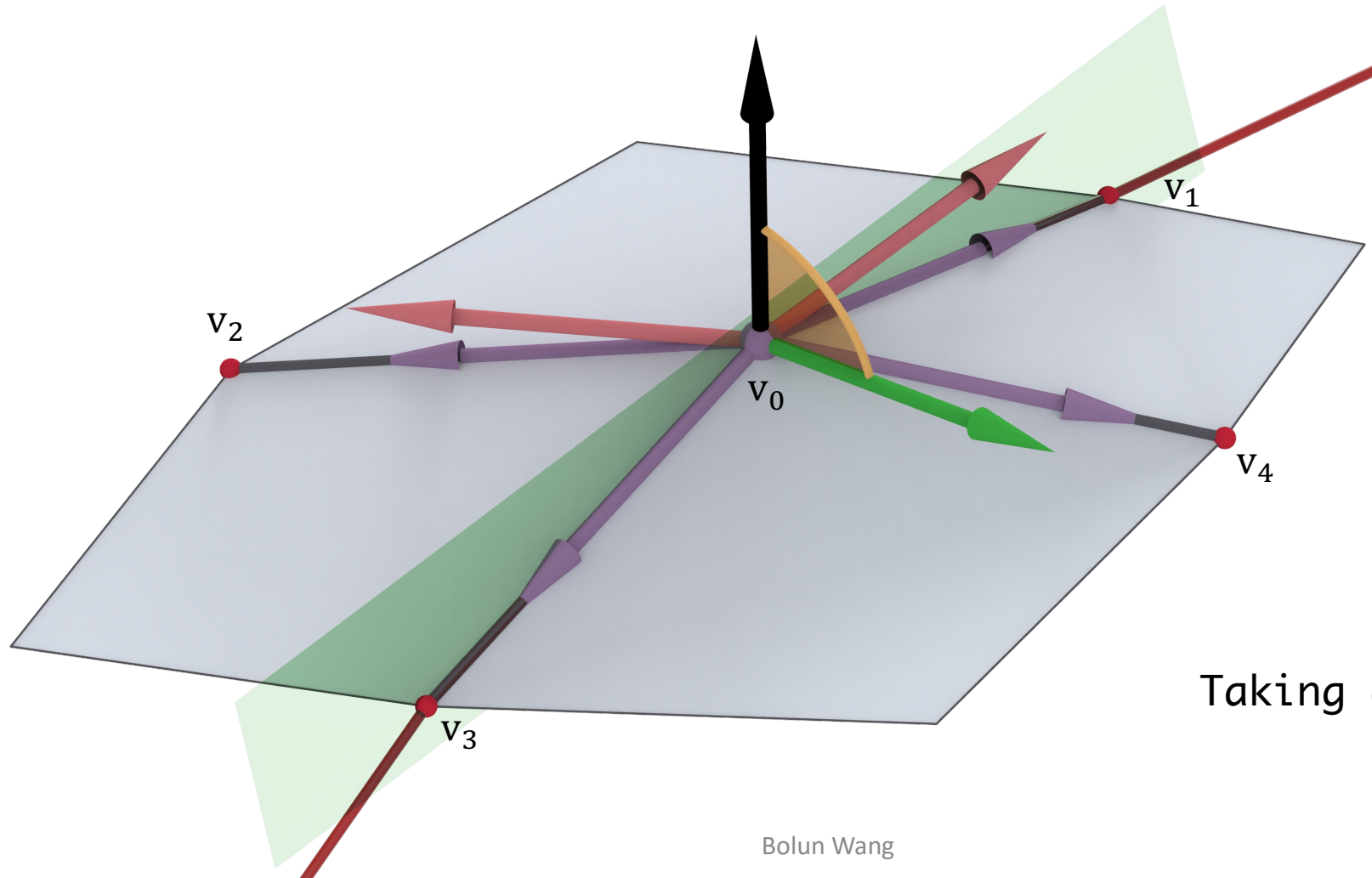
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Changing the Underlying Surface for More Accurate Results



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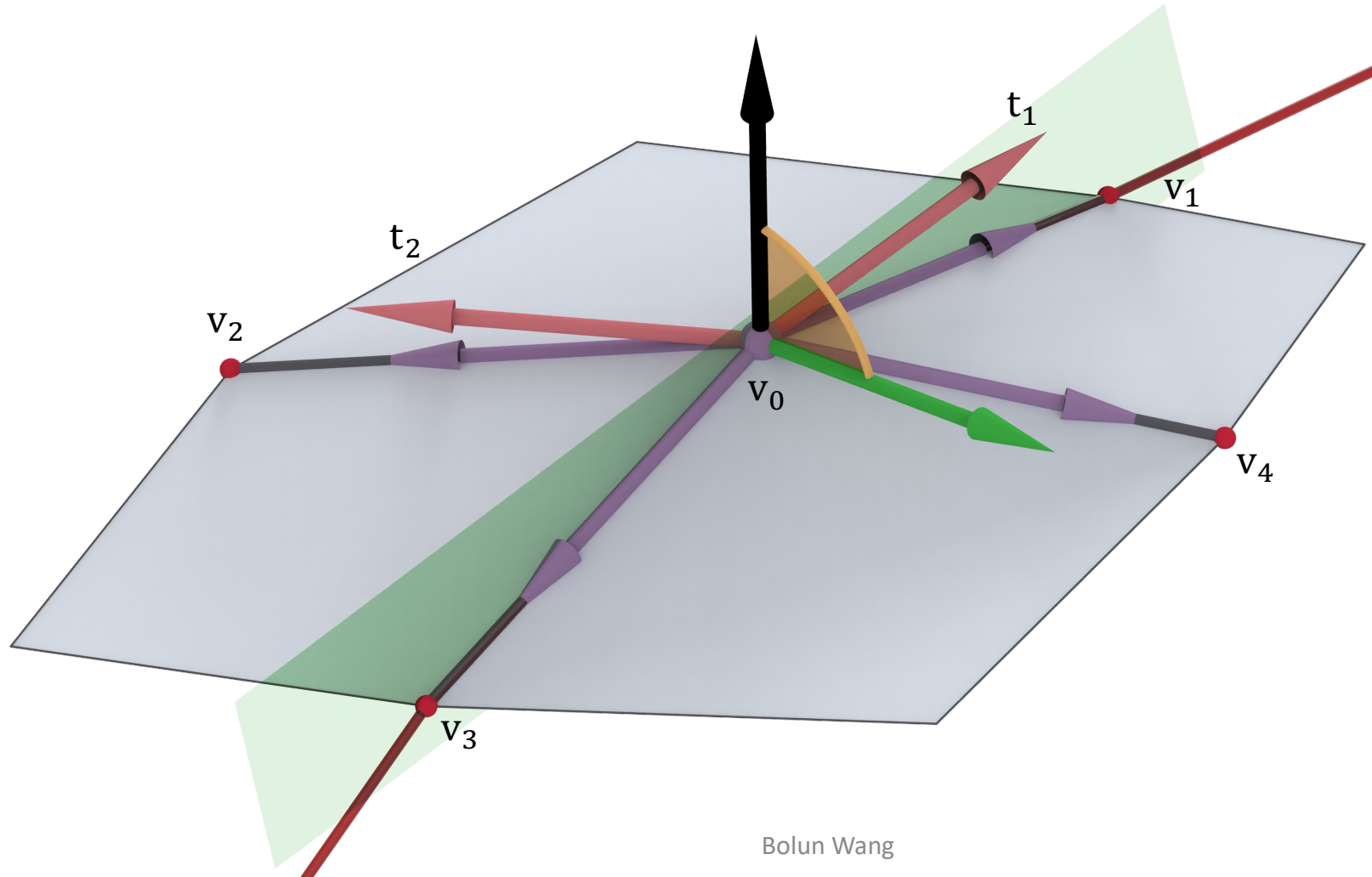


Taking a net as an example



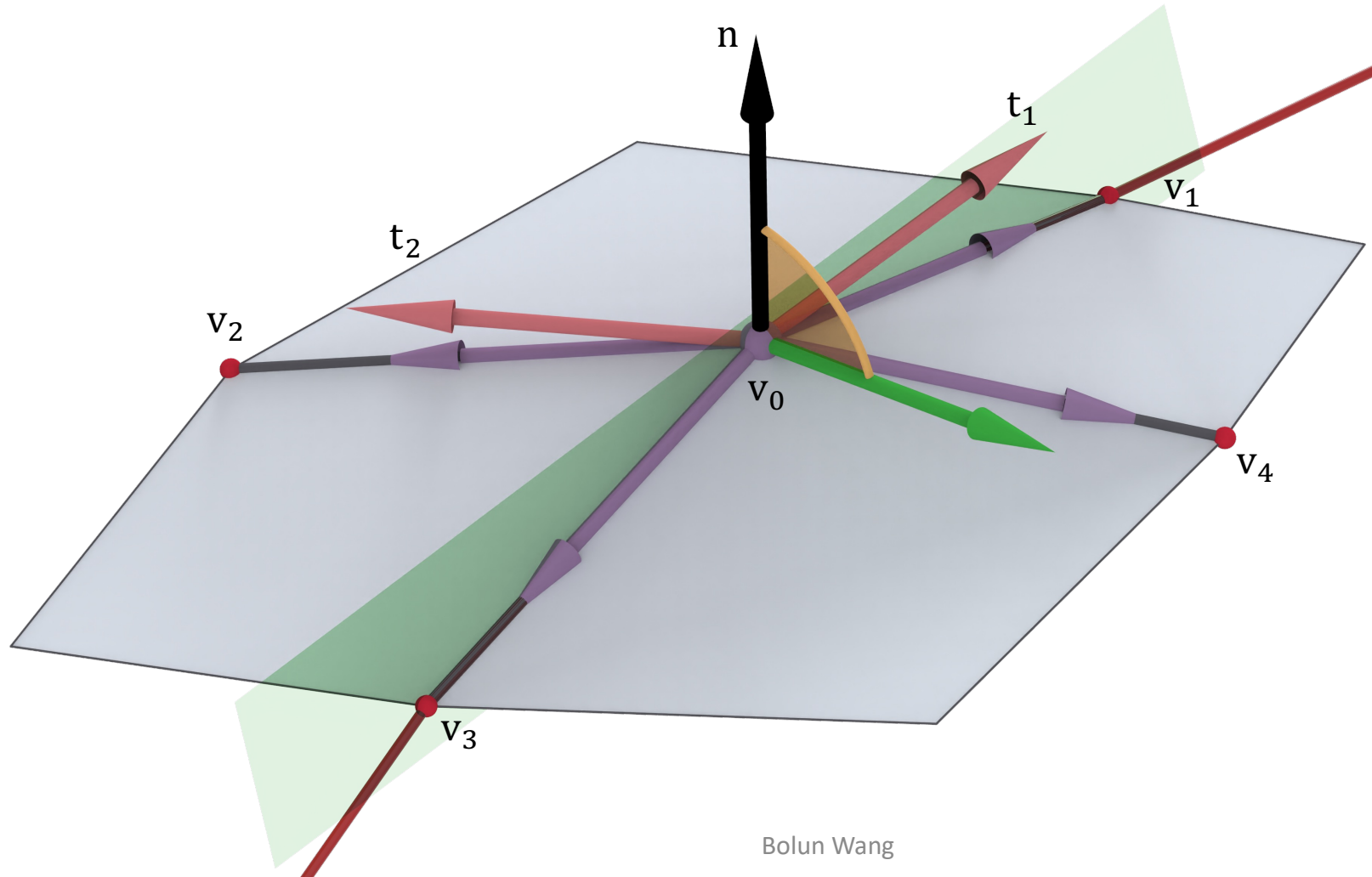
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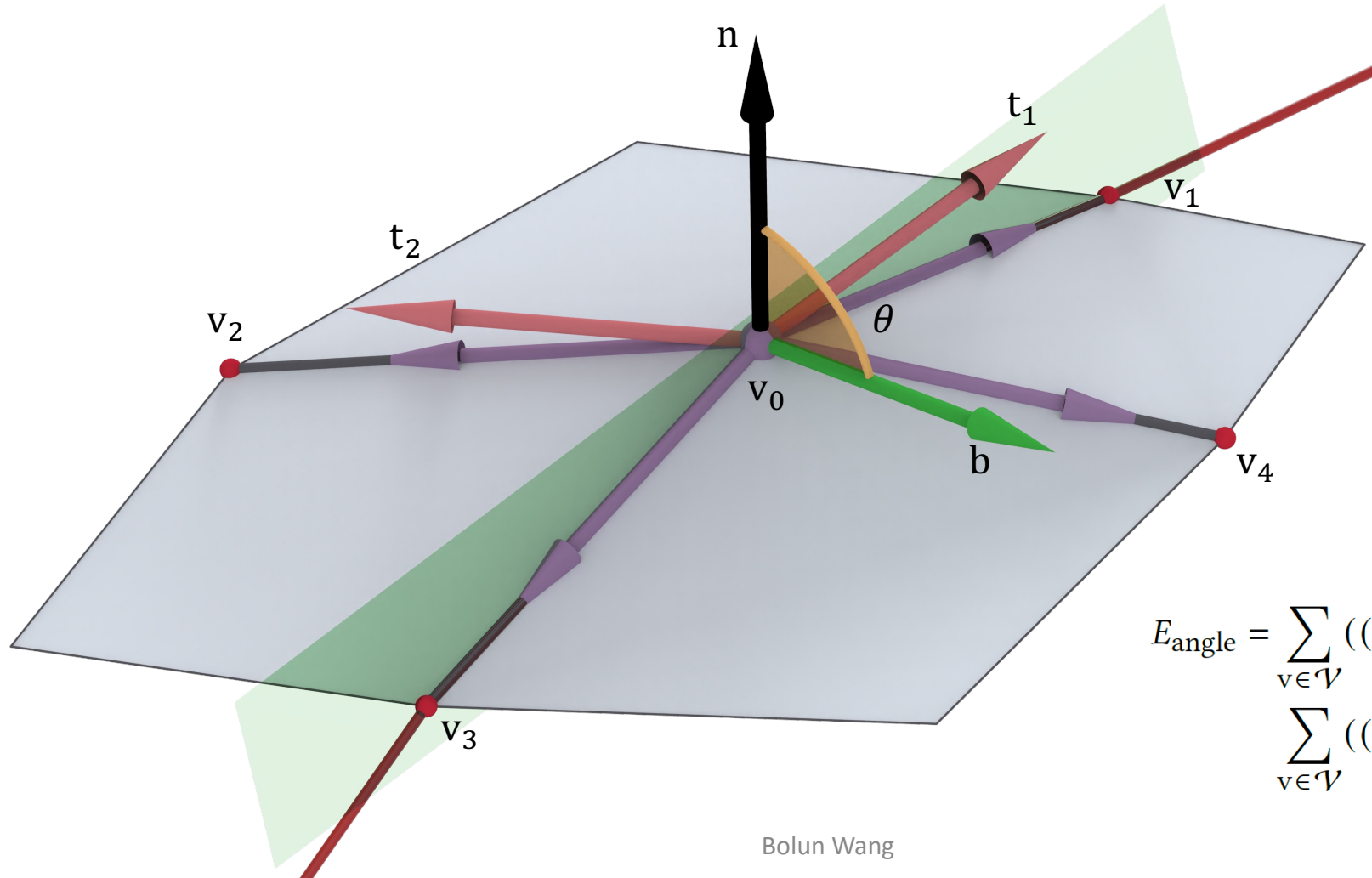
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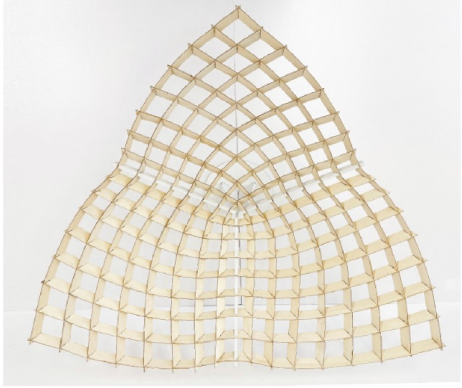
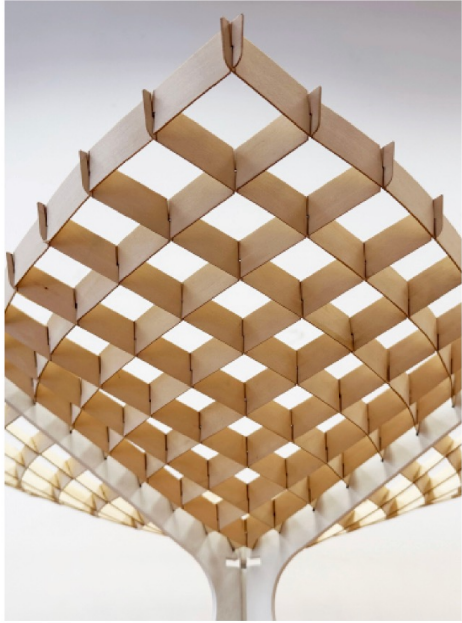
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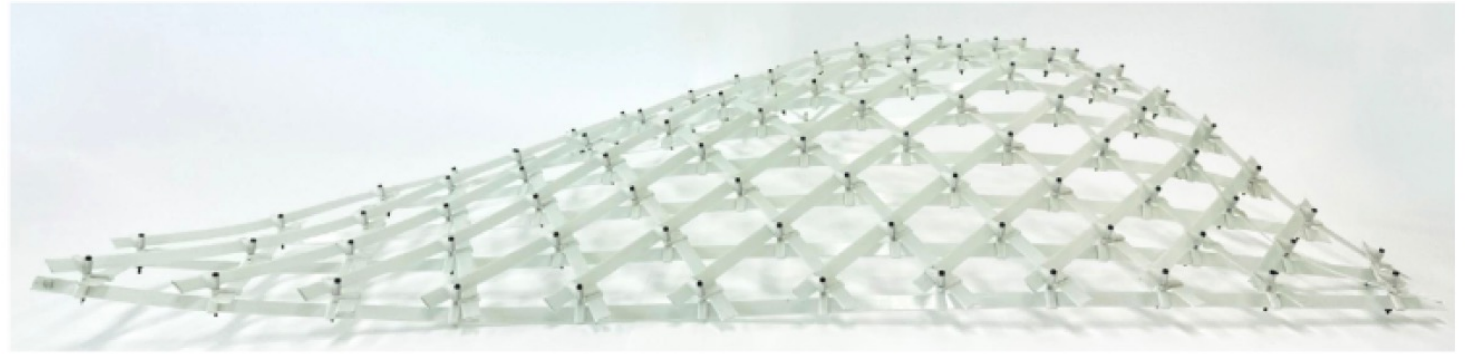
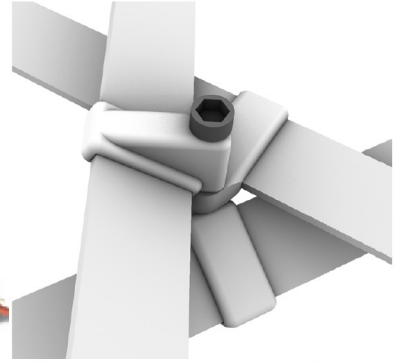
$$E_{\text{angle}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} ((b \cdot n)^2 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \mathcal{A}(v) + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} ((b \cdot n)(b \cdot u) - \sin \theta \cos \theta)^2 \mathcal{A}(v),$$



# Applications: gridshells



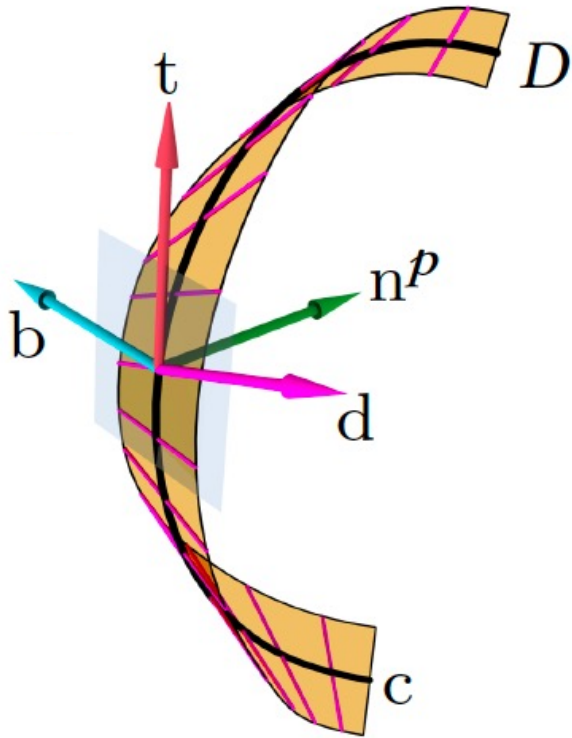
Physical Model: PP-Net,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 50^\circ$



Physical Model: PPG-Web,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 60^\circ$

# Applications: gridshells

## Torsion-free rectifying strip structures



The Darboux vector  $d = \tau t + \kappa b$  is the ruling of the rectifying developable

$$\frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds} = \kappa\mathbf{N}$$

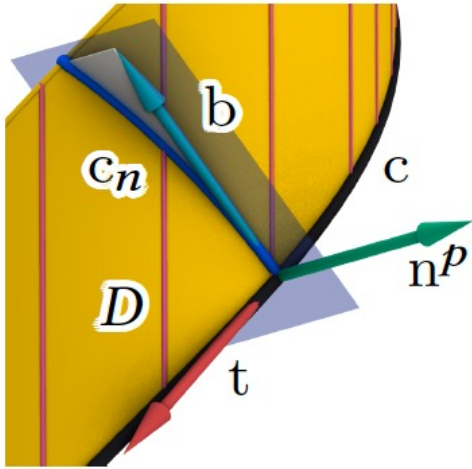
$$\frac{d\mathbf{N}}{ds} = -\kappa\mathbf{T} + \tau\mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{ds} = -\tau\mathbf{N}$$

The ruled surface  $S(u, v) = c(u) + vd$ ,  
 $S_u = t + v(\tau\kappa n^p - \kappa\tau n^p) = t$ ,  
 $S_v = d = \tau t + \kappa b$ ,  
 $\text{span}(S_u, S_v) = \text{span}(t, b)$

# Applications: gridshells

## Torsion-free rectifying strip structures



- Using binormal vectors as node axes is not accurate!
- The curvature along the direction of  $b$  is NOT 0 if the torsion  $\tau \neq 0$ !
- Proposition 1. The ruled surface  $B(u, v) = c(u) + v \cdot b(u)$  has Gaussian curvature
$$K(u, v) = -\left(\frac{\tau}{1 + \tau^2 v^2}\right)^2.$$
- Proposition 2. The first normal curvature  $\kappa_1 = 0$  along the Darboux vector  $d$ . The second normal curvature  $\kappa_2$  and normal curvature  $\kappa_n(b)$  in direction of  $b$  are
$$\kappa_2 = \kappa(1 + k^2), \kappa_n(b) = \kappa k^2,$$

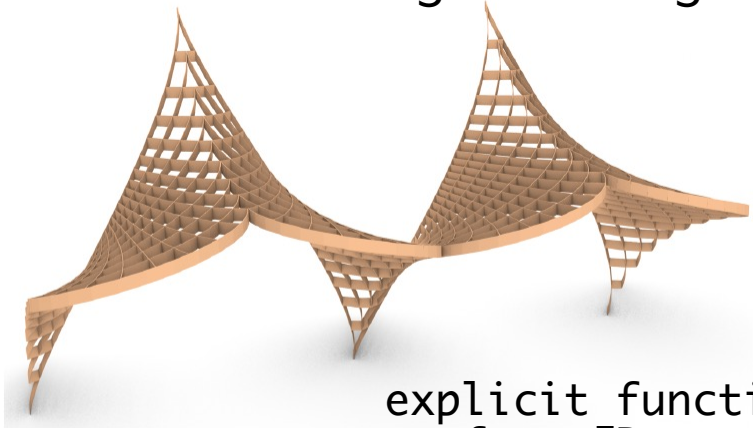
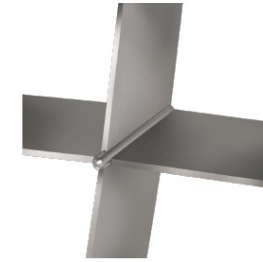
where  $k := \tau/\kappa$ .



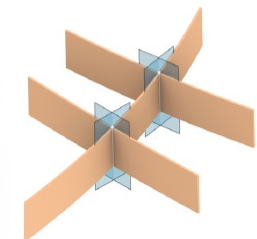
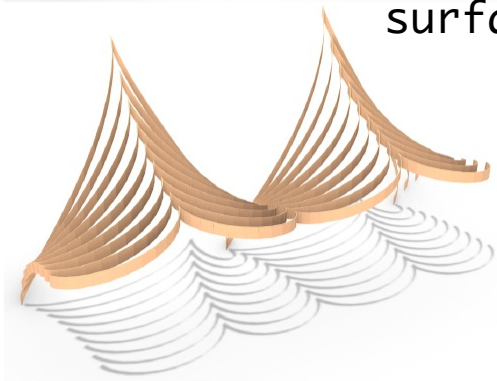
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Torsion-free rectifying strip structures

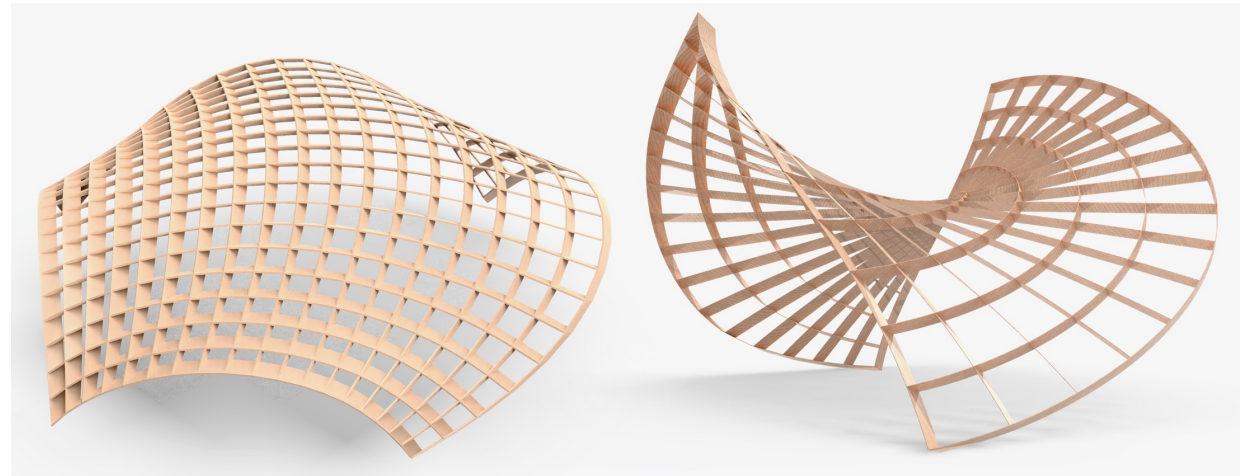
Torsion-free node: a node where two developable strips intersect along a straight line segment



explicit functional  
surface [Brauner 1968]



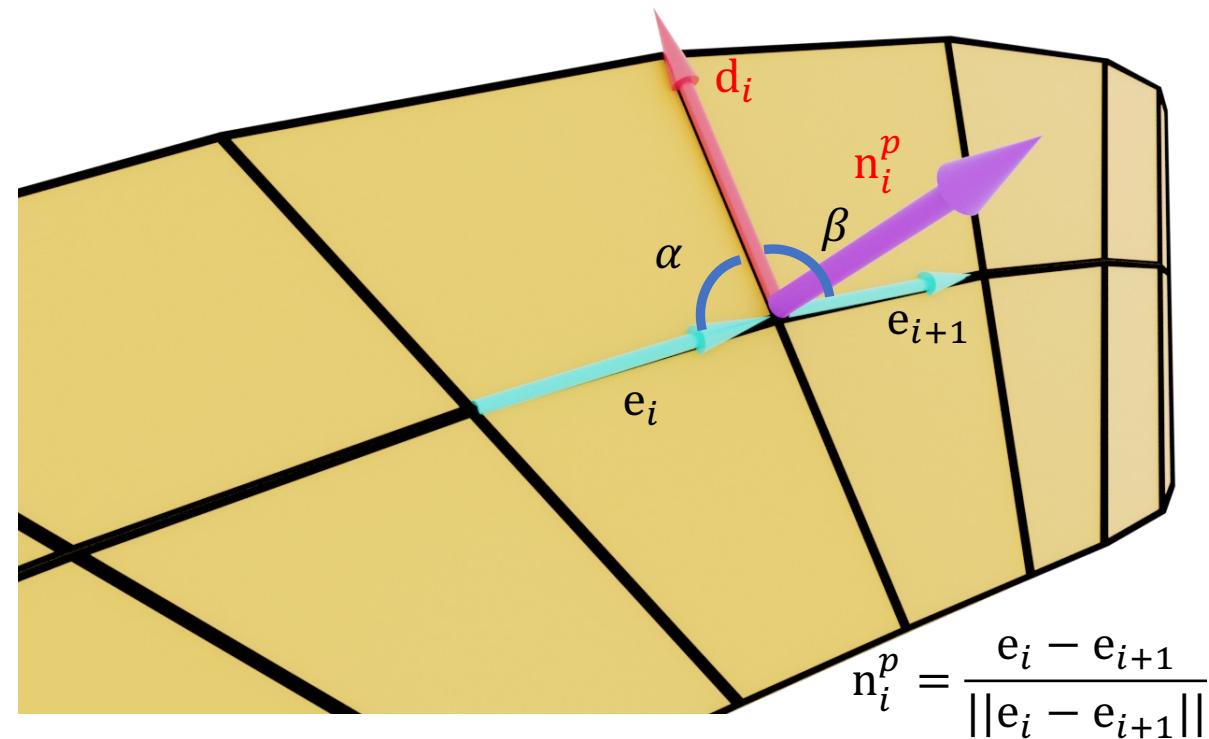
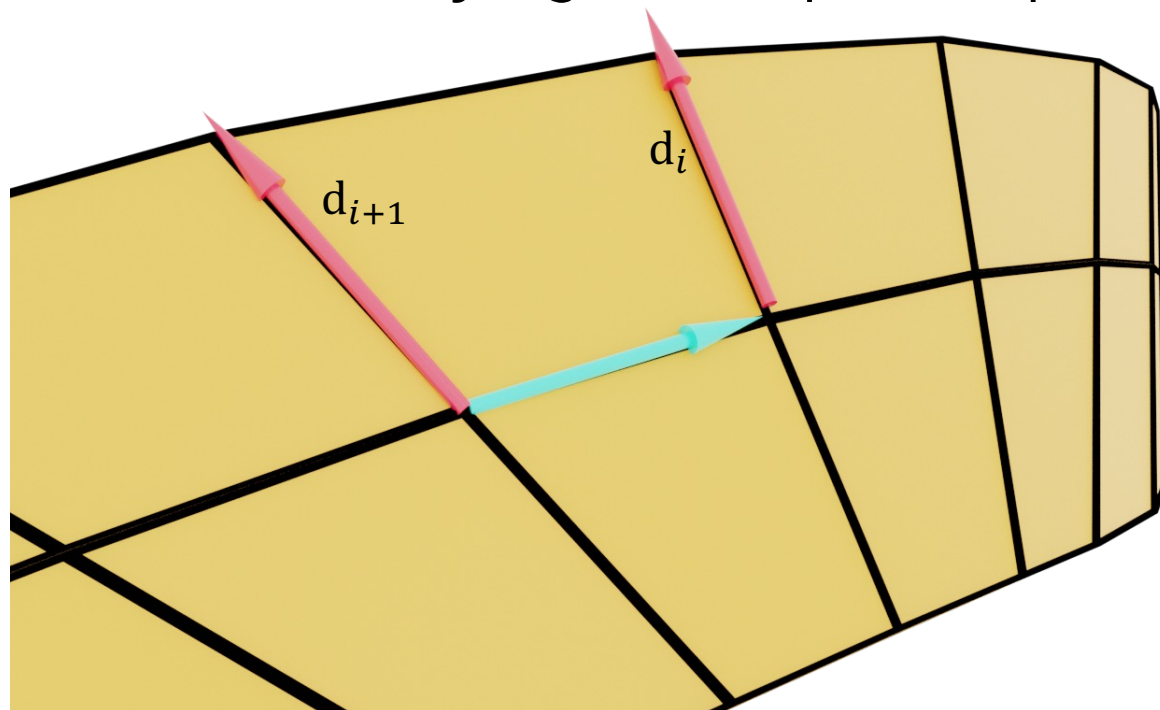
Vertical node axes



mesh optimization

# Postprocessing

## Discrete Rectifying Developable Optimization



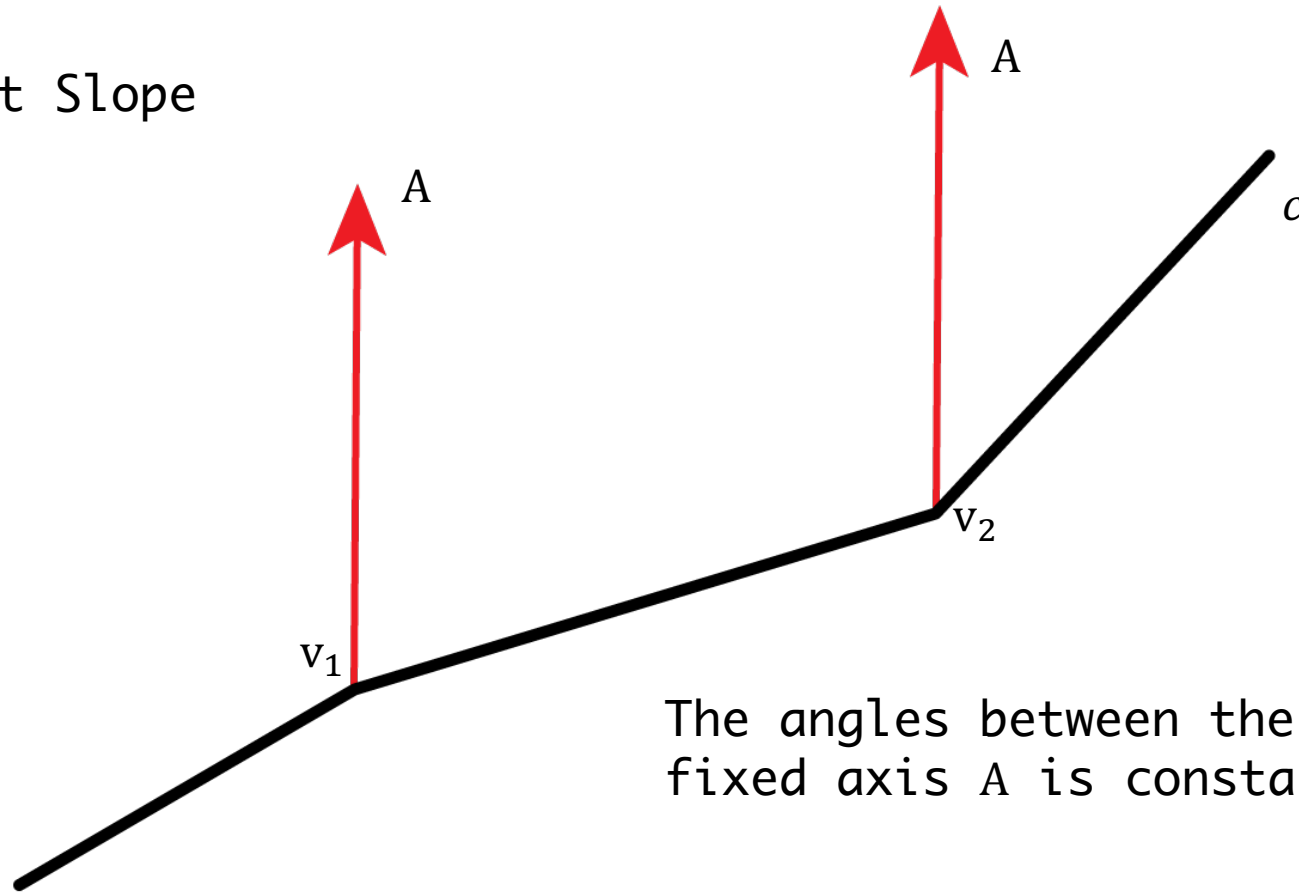
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# Applications: gridshells

Torsion-free rectifying strip structures [Pottmann and Wallner 2001].

Curves of Constant Slope



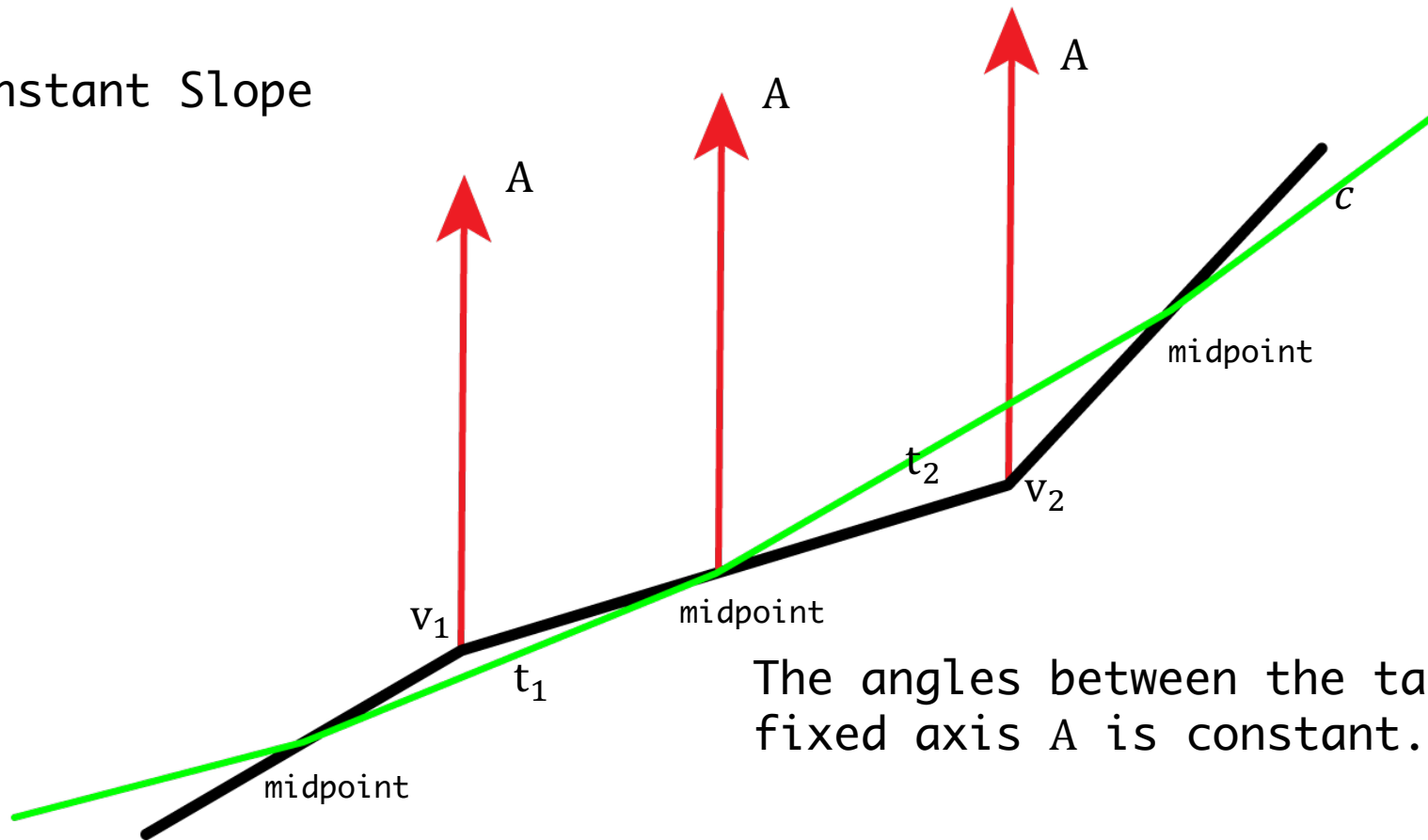
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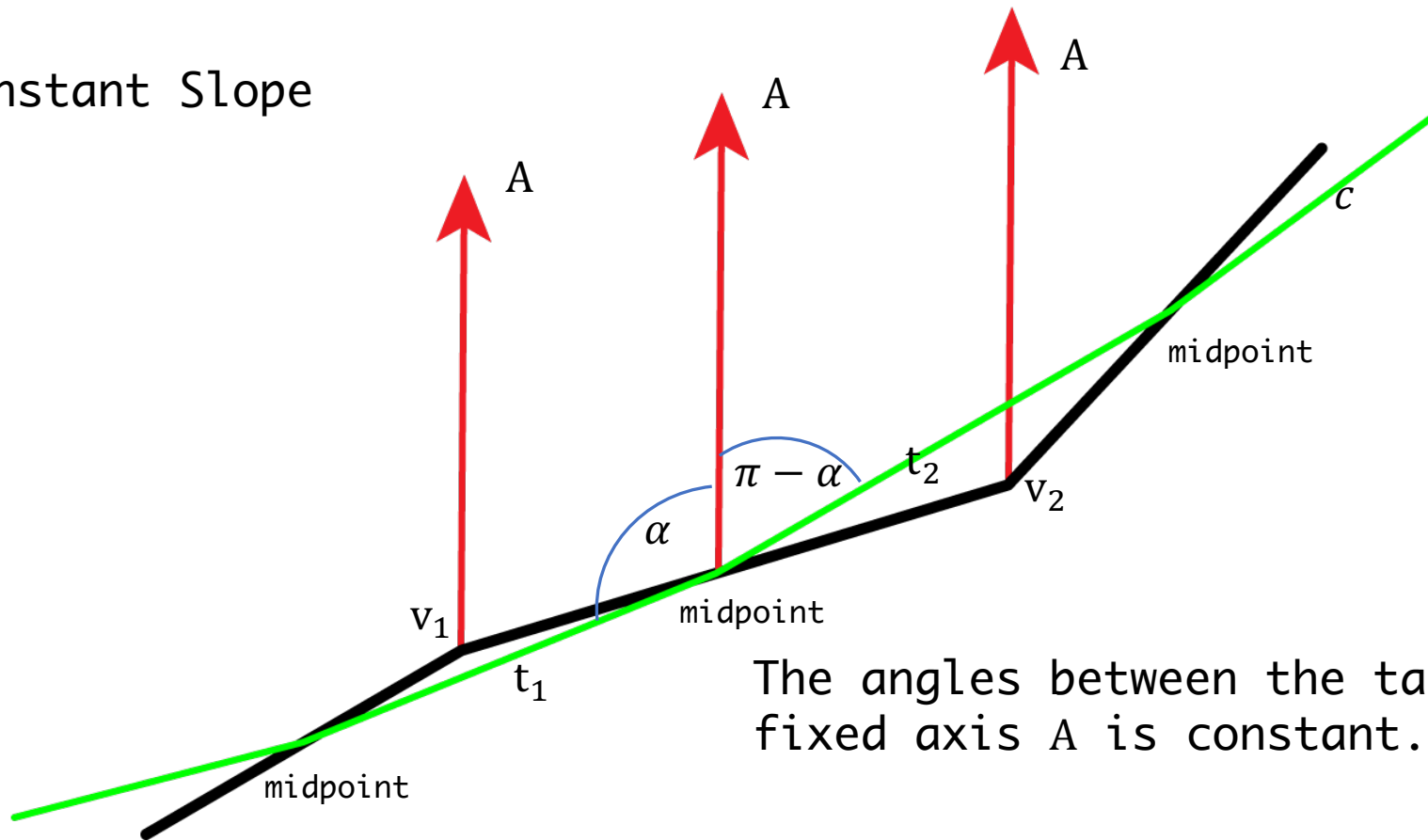


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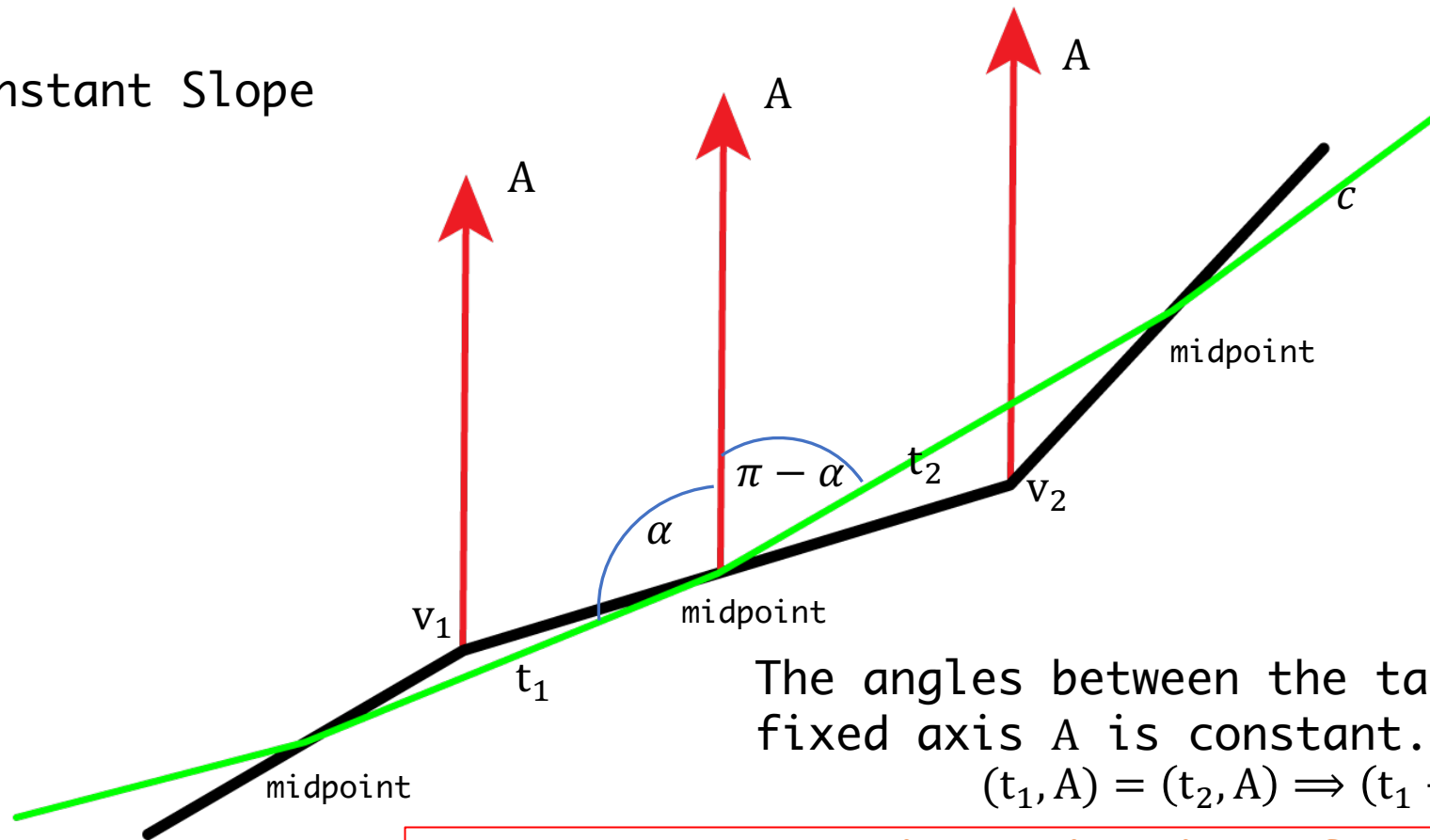


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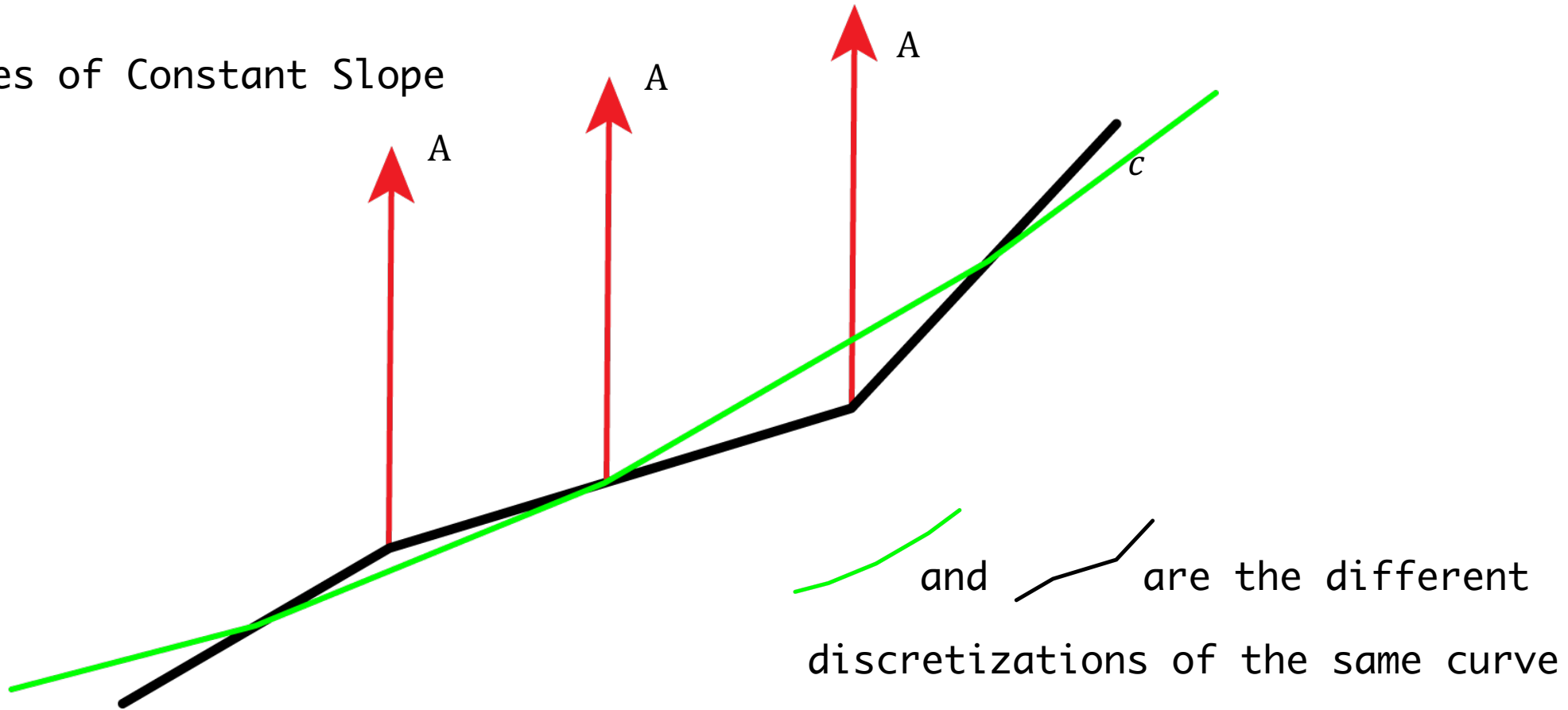
**The same as the discretization of rectifying developable**



# Applications: gridshells

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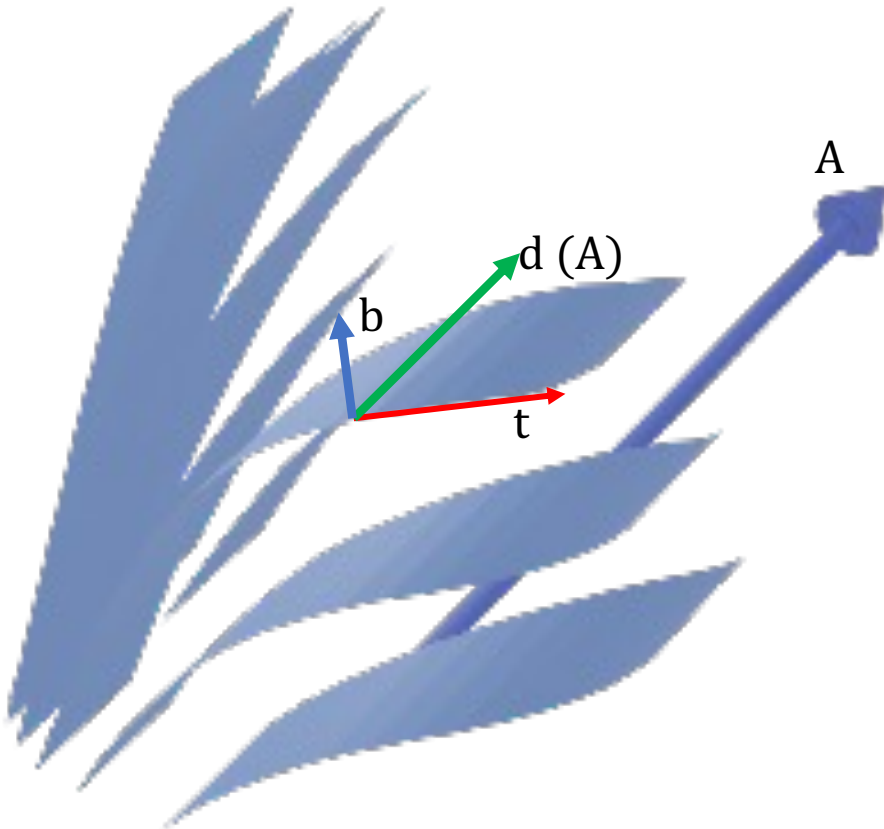
Curves of Constant Slope



# Applications: gridshells

Torsion-free rectifying strip structures

Curves of Constant Slope



Property:

A rectifying strip of a COCS takes the axis as the rulings, thus is a cylinder.

Proof:

$$(t, A) = \text{const} \implies (\dot{t}, A) = \kappa(n^p, A) = 0.$$

Assume that  $\kappa \neq 0$ ,  $(n^p, A) = 0$ .

$$(n^p, A) = 0 \implies (-\kappa t + \tau b, A) = 0,$$

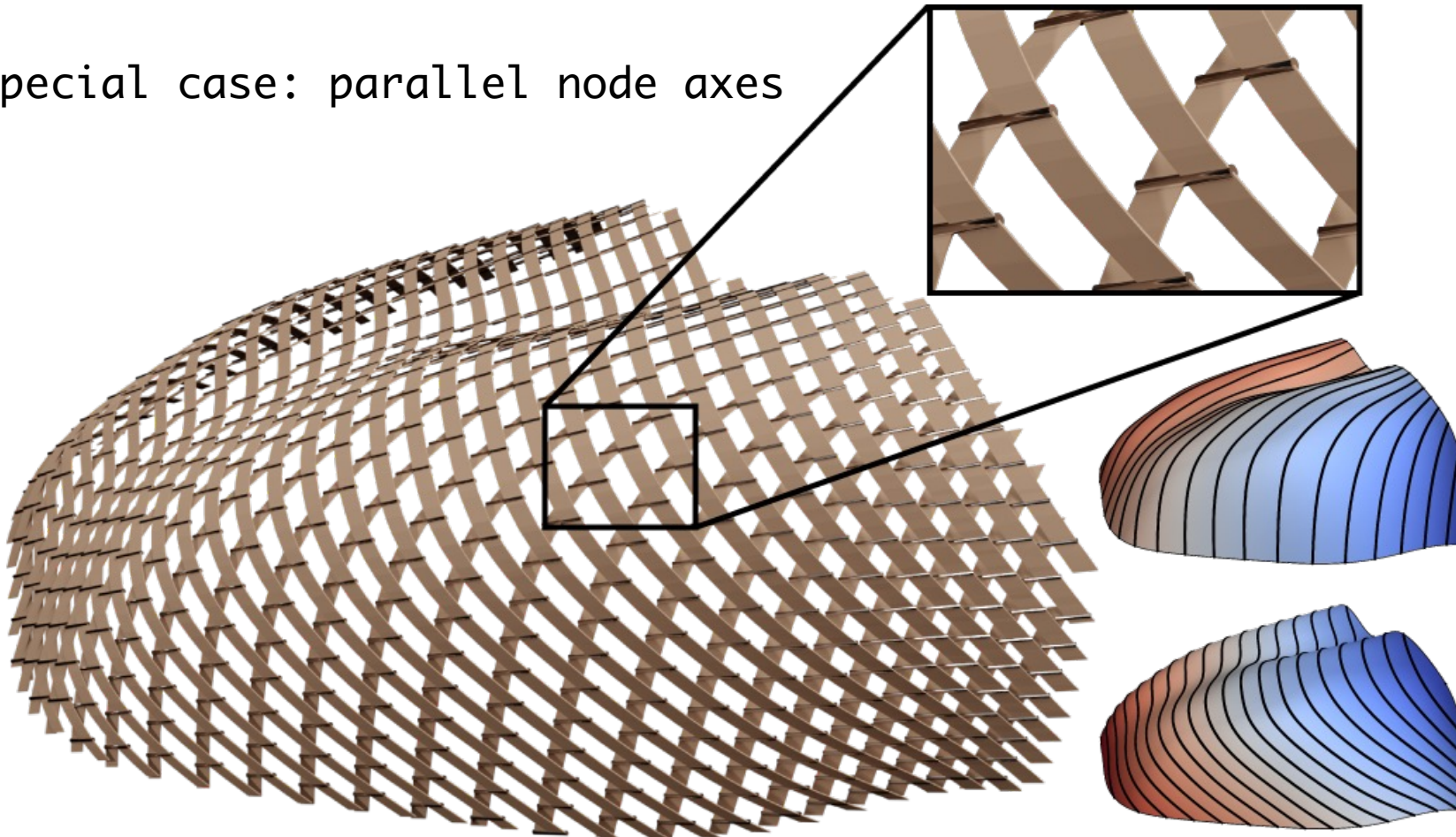
$A$  is in the direction of  $d = \kappa t + \tau b$ , which is the ruling of the rectifying developable.

- Parallel rulings + developable = cylinder

# Applications: gridshells

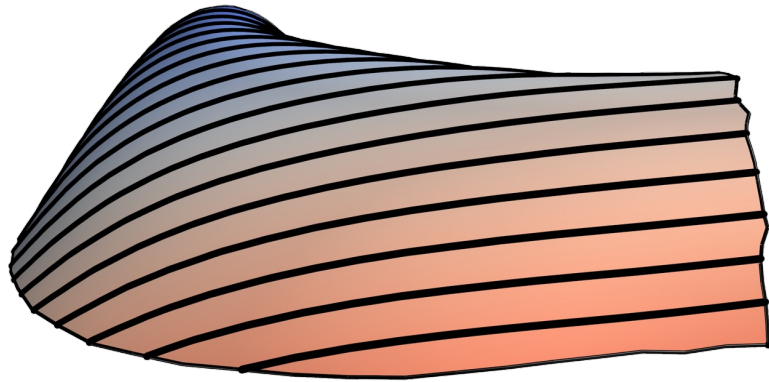
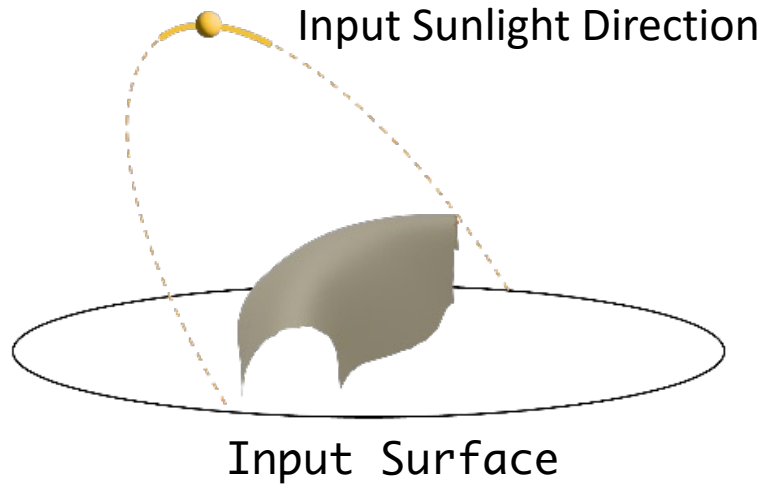
Torsion-free rectifying strip structures

A special case: parallel node axes

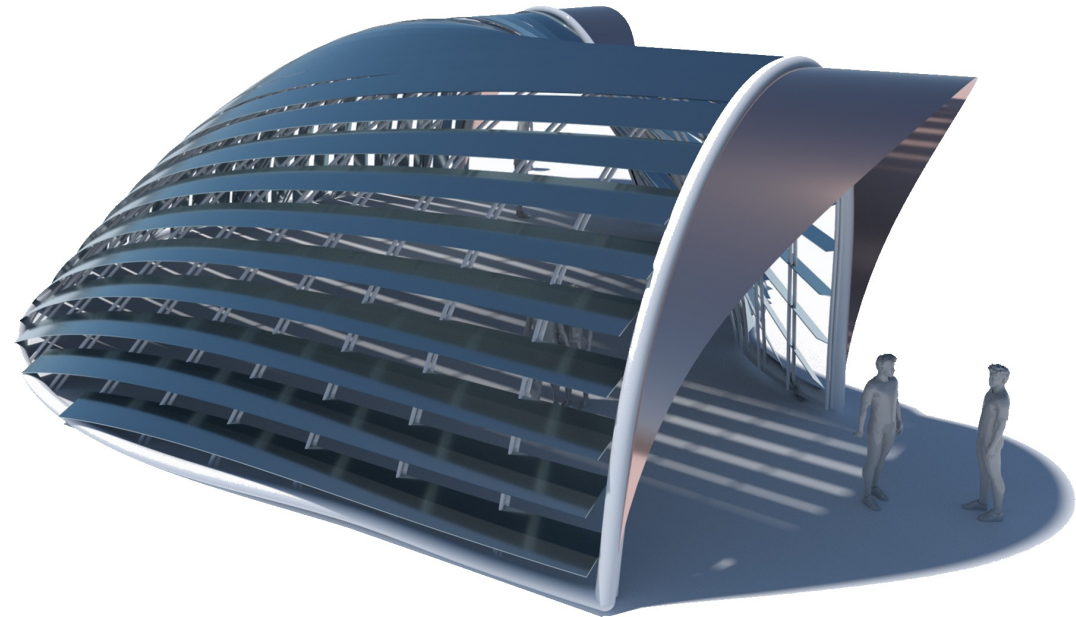


Different slopes of the  
same axis

# Applications: Shading Systems



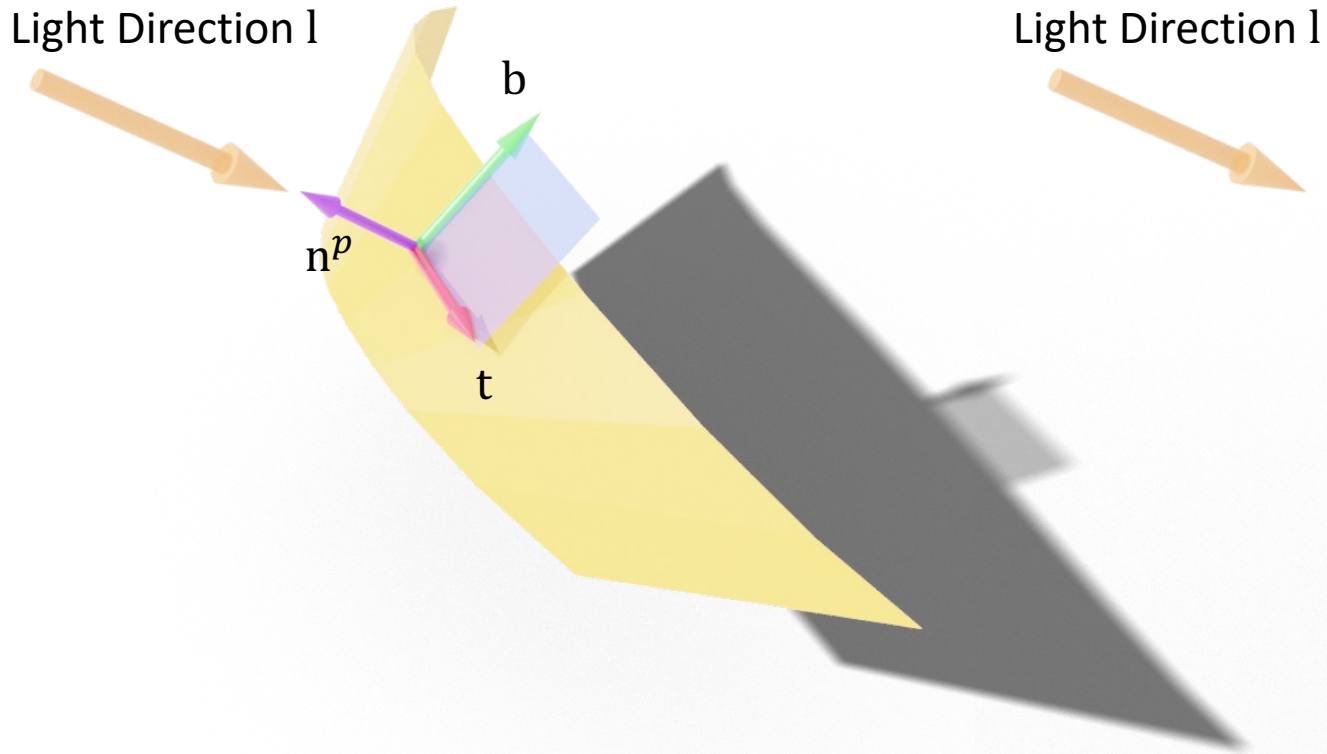
Scalar Field Optimization



Shading System



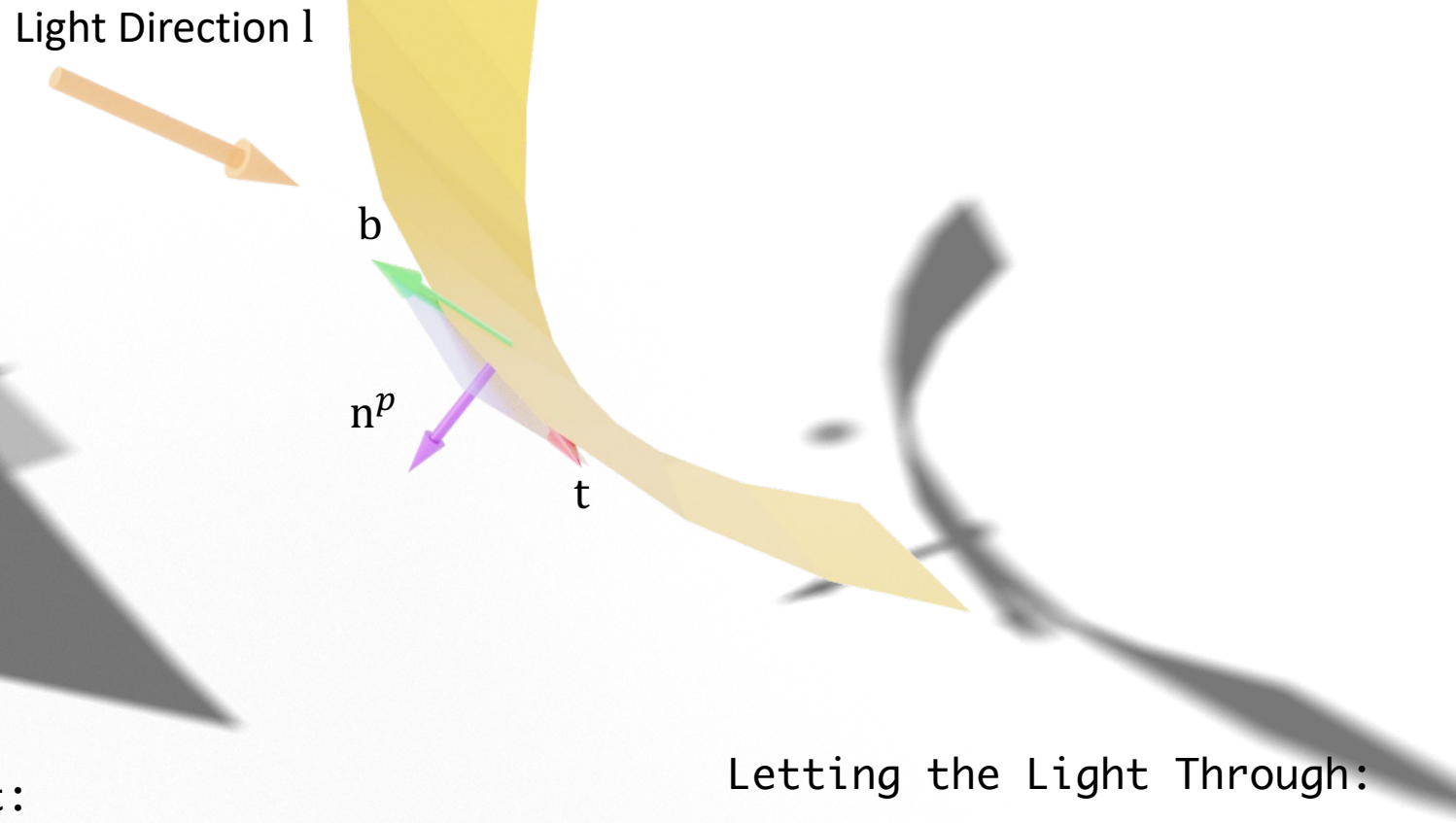
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Blocking the Light:

$$(l, b) = 0,$$

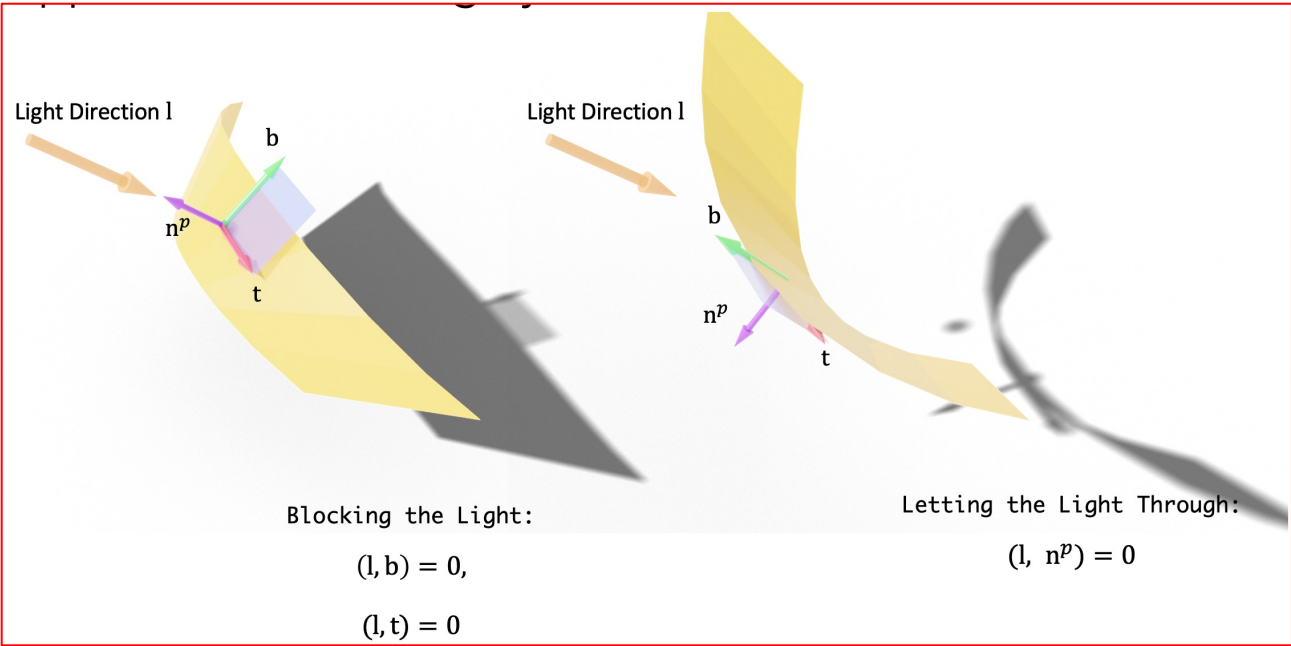
$$(l, t) = 0$$



Letting the Light Through:

$$(l, n^p) = 0$$

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The constraints need to be soft penalties, because:

- Only straight strips fulfill “Blocking the light” condition
- Only strips of COCS fulfill “Letting the Light Through” condition

Light  $l$  is always  
 orthogonal to the  
 rectifying planes  
 $\Rightarrow$   
 Strip is straight

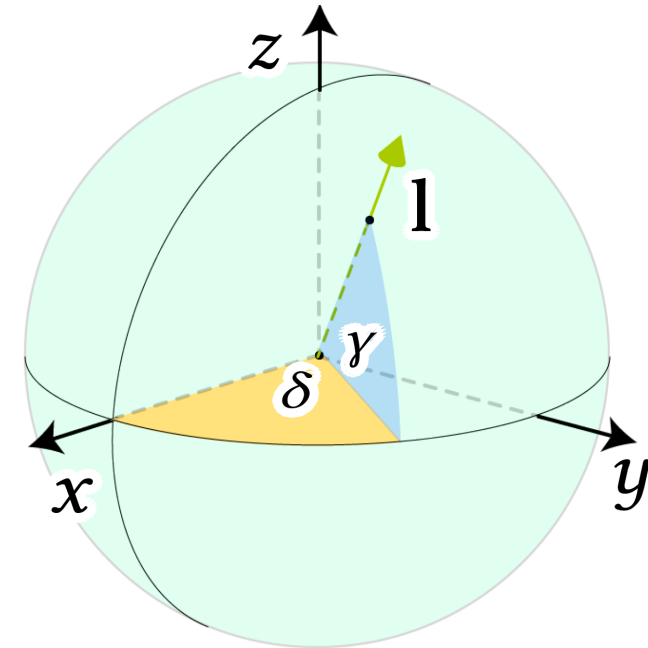
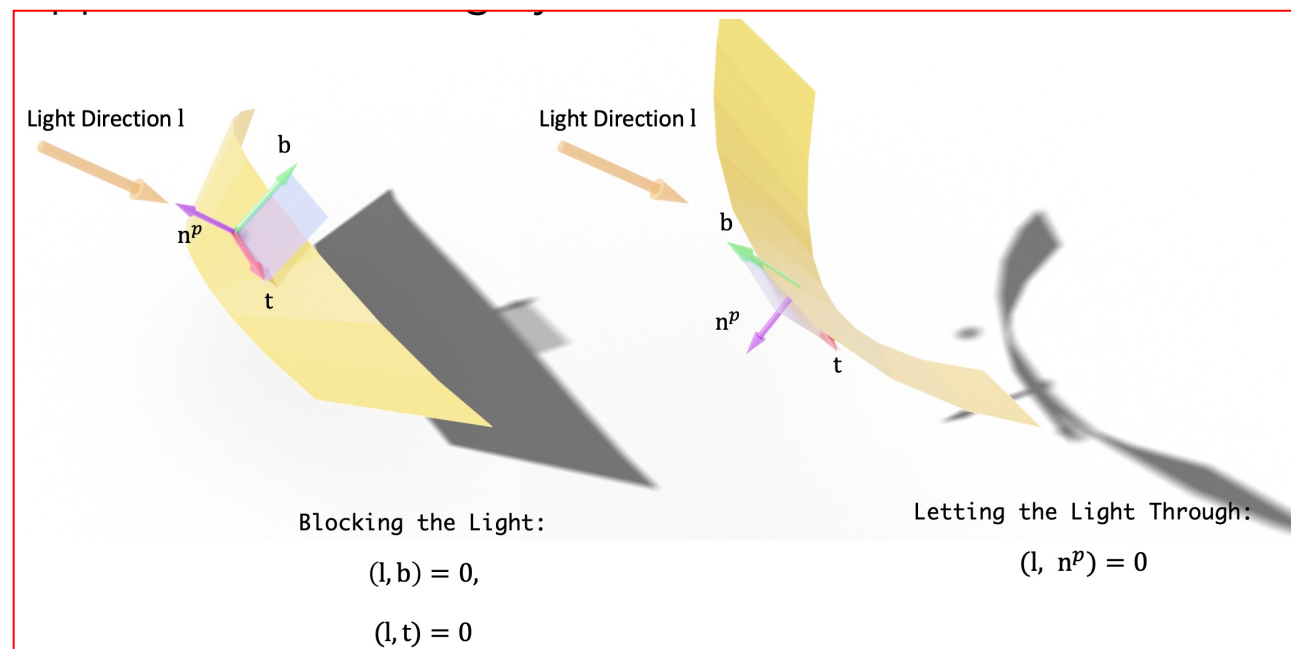
$$\text{COCS: } (t_1, A) = (t_2, A) \Rightarrow (t_1 - t_2, A) \Rightarrow (n^p, A) = 0$$

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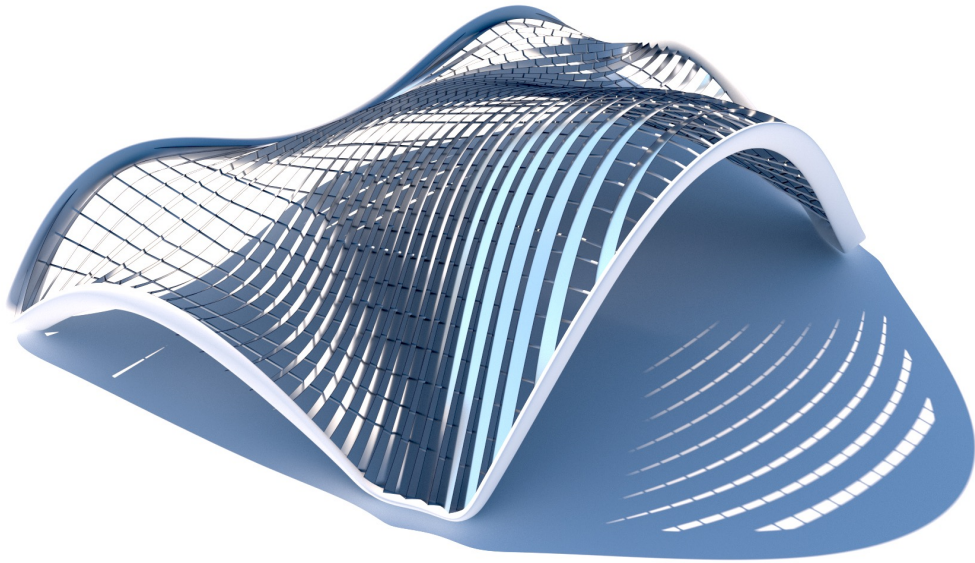
(reverse the COCS condition)

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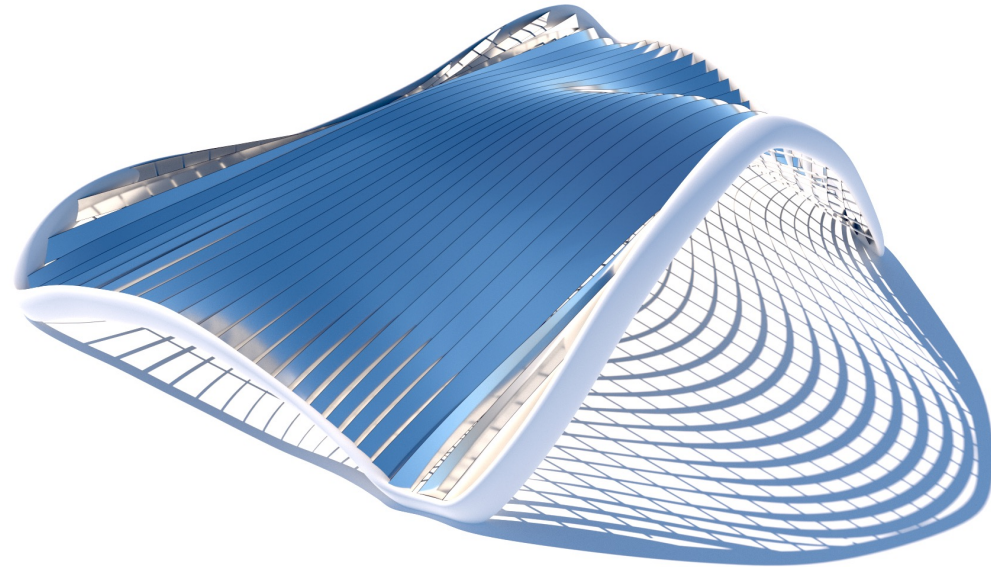


$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \in [\gamma_{\min}, \gamma_{\max}] &\iff l_z \in [z_{\min}, z_{\max}], \\ \delta \in [\delta_{\min}, \delta_{\max}] &\iff l_y/l_x \in [g_{\min}, g_{\max}], \end{aligned}$$

# Applications: Shading Systems



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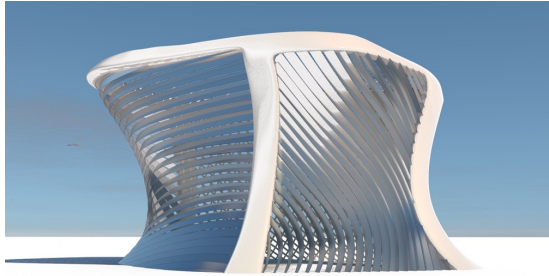


Letting the Light Through

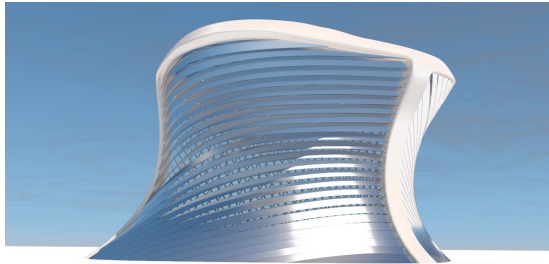
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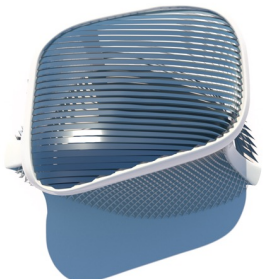
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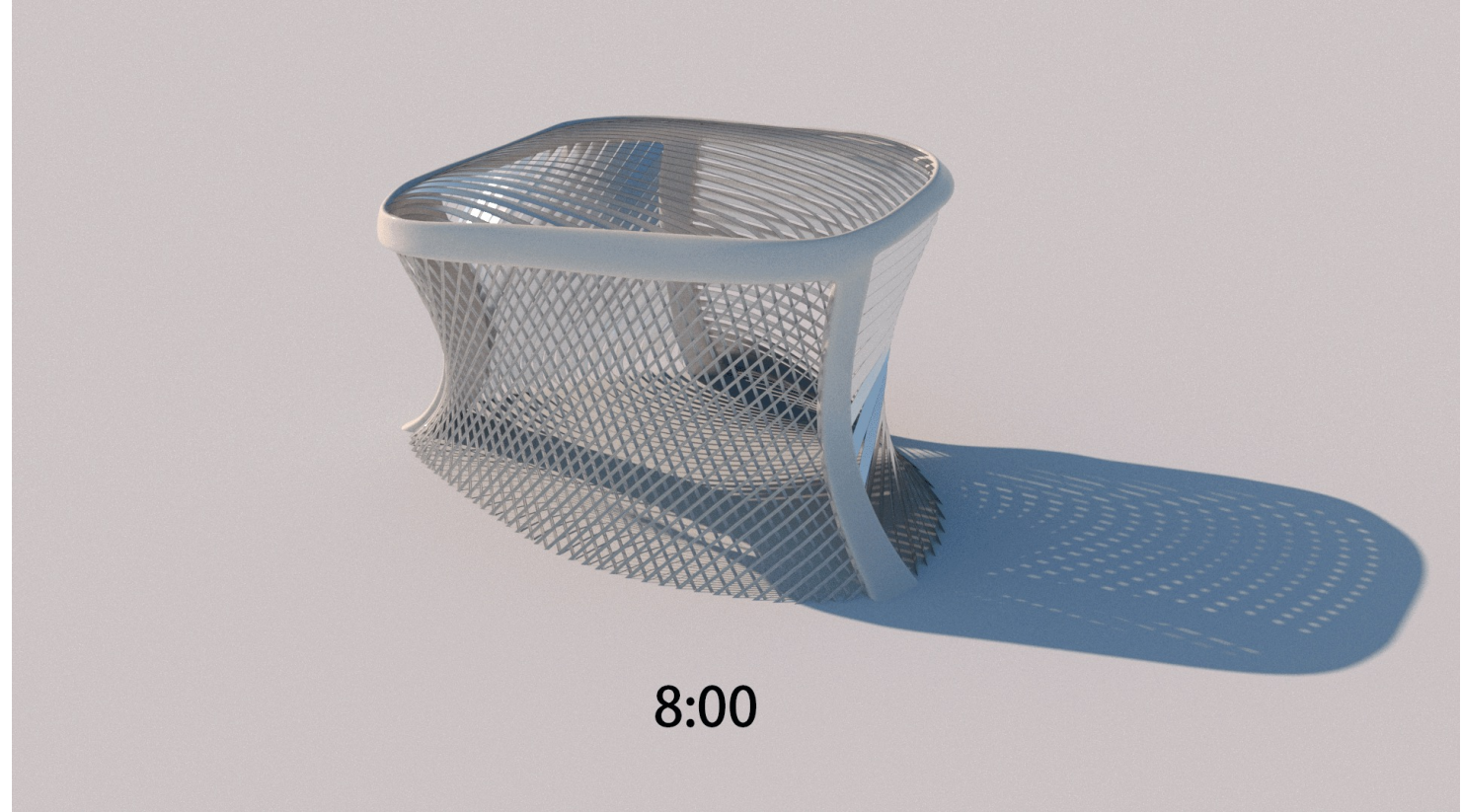
Light Through



Light Blocked



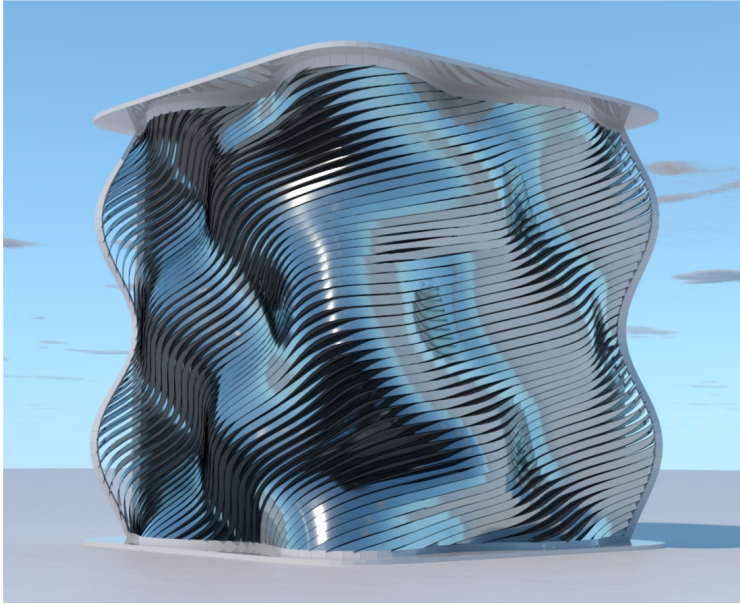
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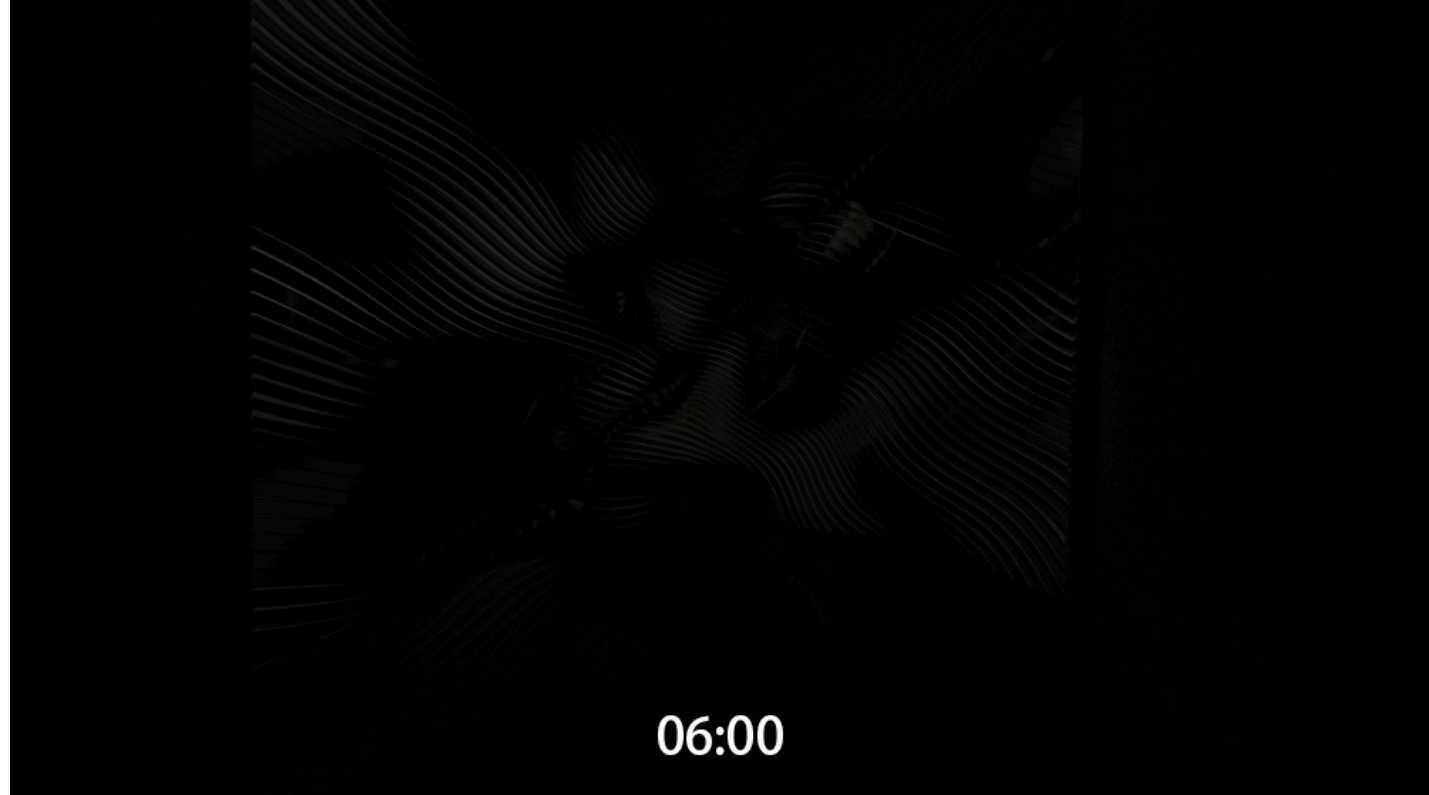
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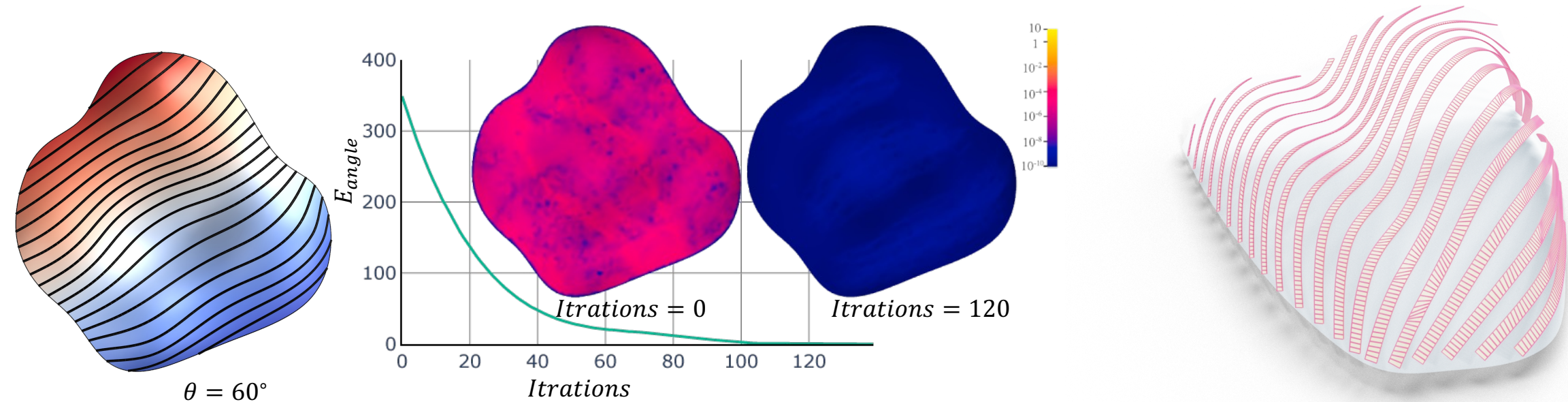
Let the sunlight through in the morning, and block the sunlight in the afternoon.



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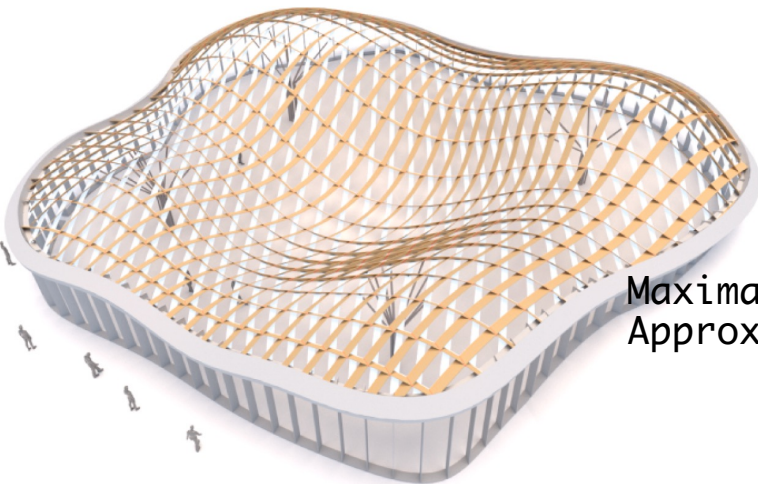
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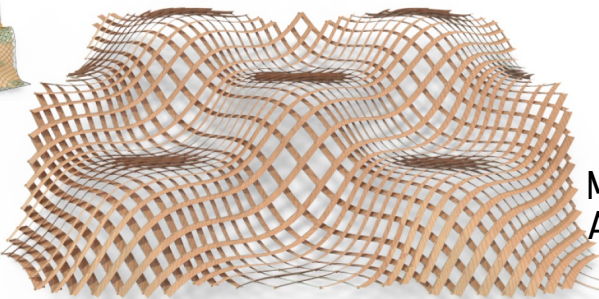
$\theta = 60^\circ$

Convergence of scalar field optimization ( $E_{angle} \approx 3e - 6$ )

$\theta = 72^\circ$ , maximal angle deviation  $1.59^\circ$   
Approximation error:  $1.5\% bbd$



Maximal angle deviation  $2.72^\circ$ ,  
Approximation error:  $1.43\% bbd$



Maximal angle deviation  $1.59^\circ$ ,  
Approximation error:  $0.14\% bbd$

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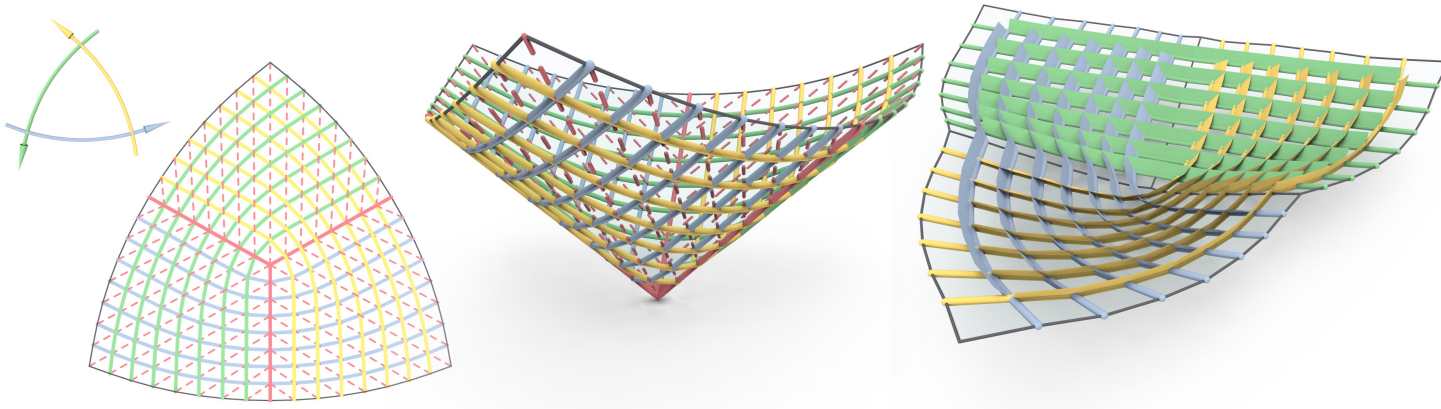
$bbd$ : the length of the Axis-Aligned Bounding Box diagonal

# Conclusion

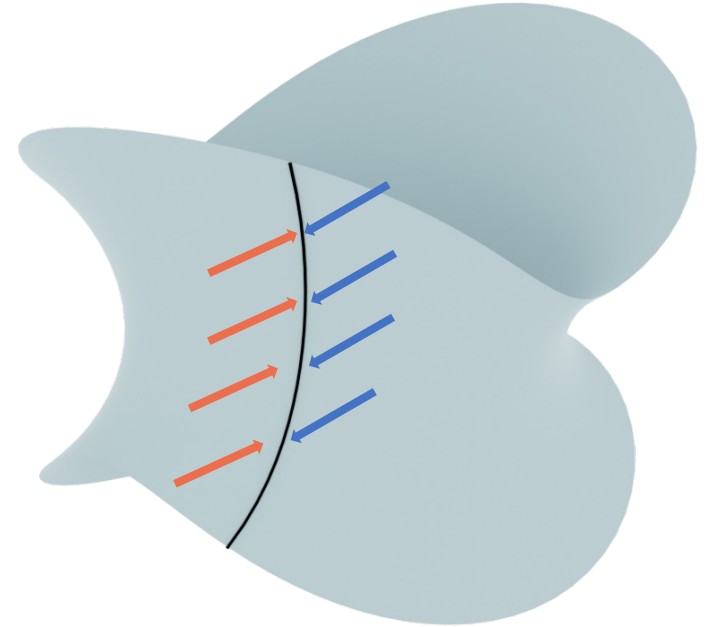
## Limitations:

Avoid singularities: limited by the fundamental geometry nature of level sets.

Topology: need to be a topological disk.



Composition of Regular parts



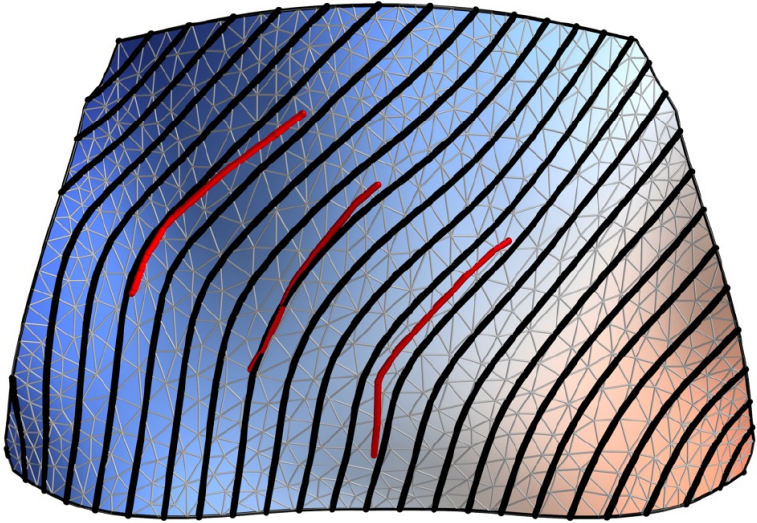
Stitch Level Sets on the Boundaries  
(Future Work)



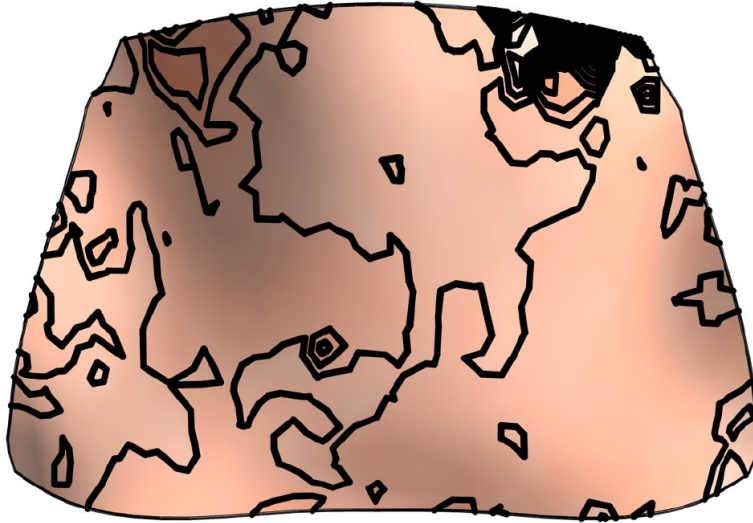
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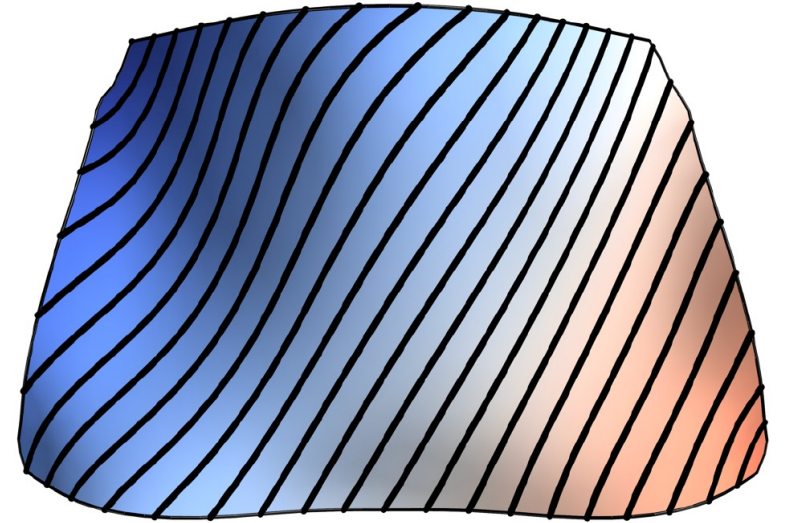
Non-linear optimization is not fully automatic



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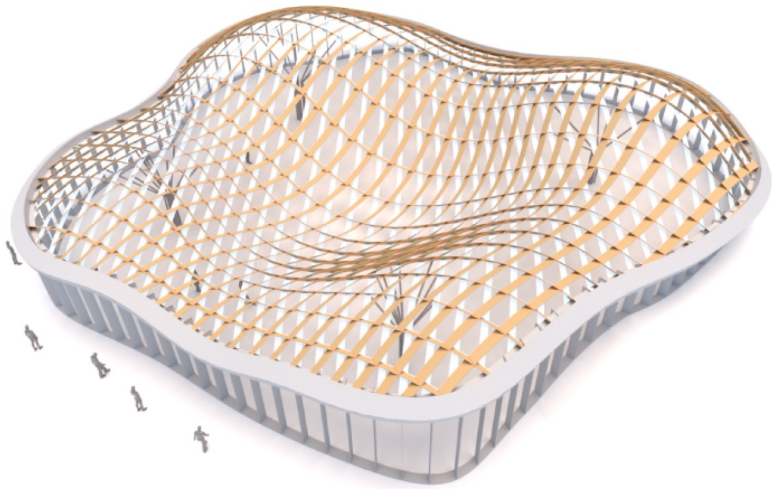
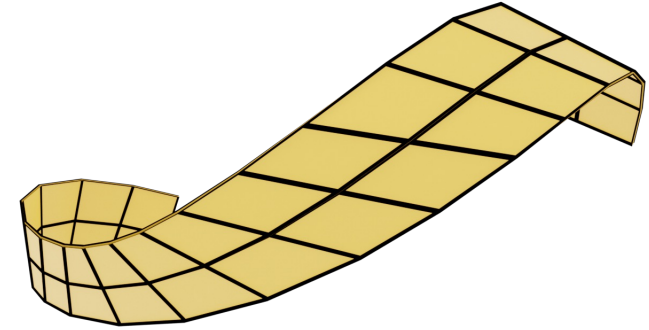
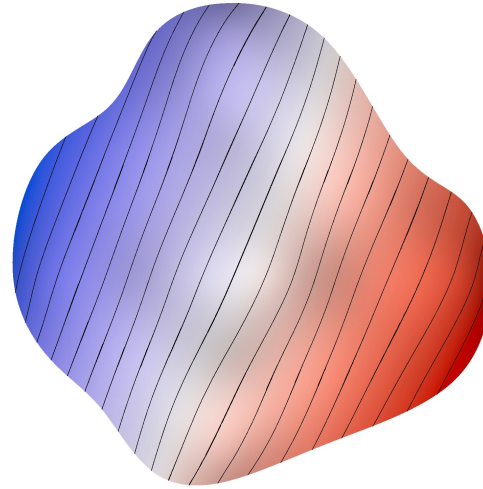
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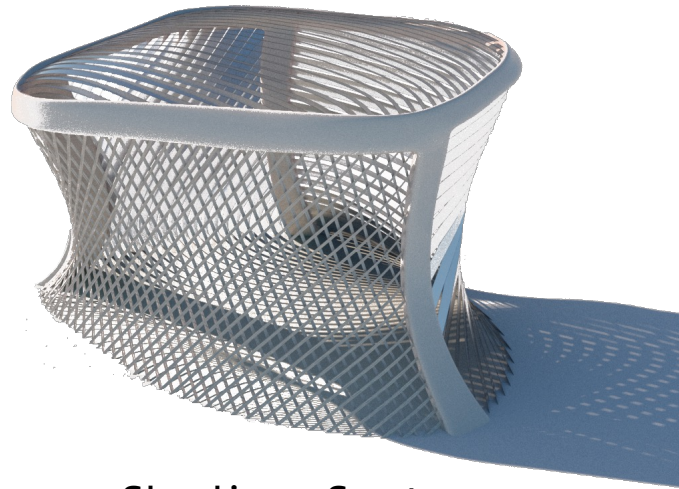
Choosing Parameters Manually

# Conclusion

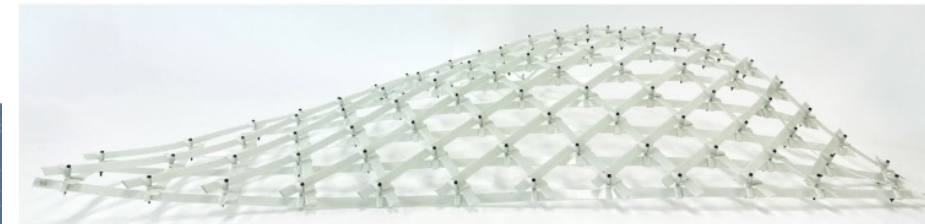
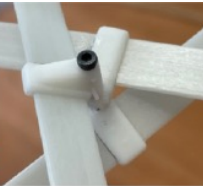
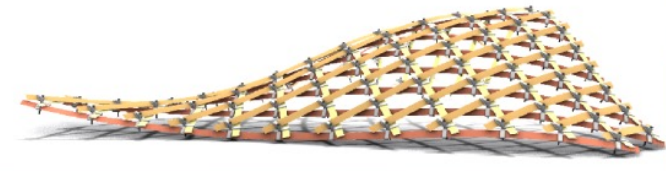
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PPG-Gridshell ( $\theta_1 = 45^\circ, \theta_2 = 60^\circ$ )



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Physical Models



# Conclusion

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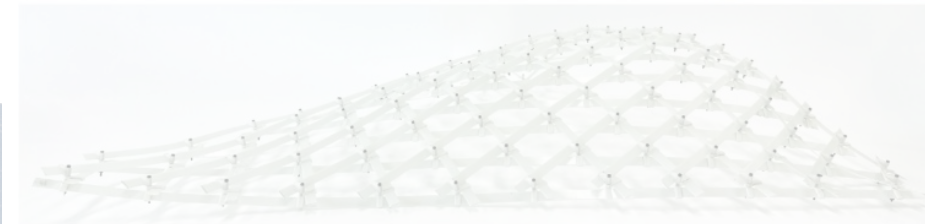
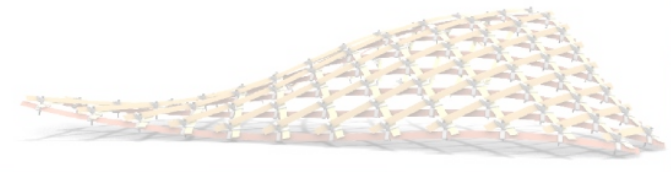
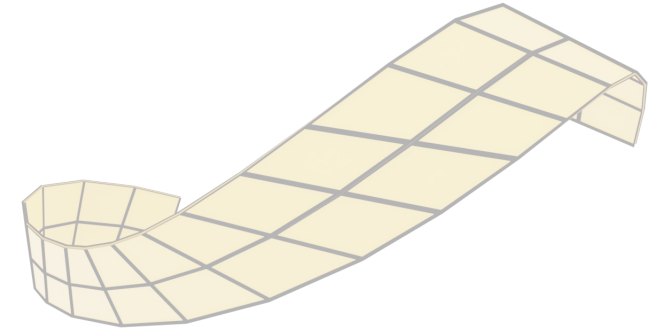
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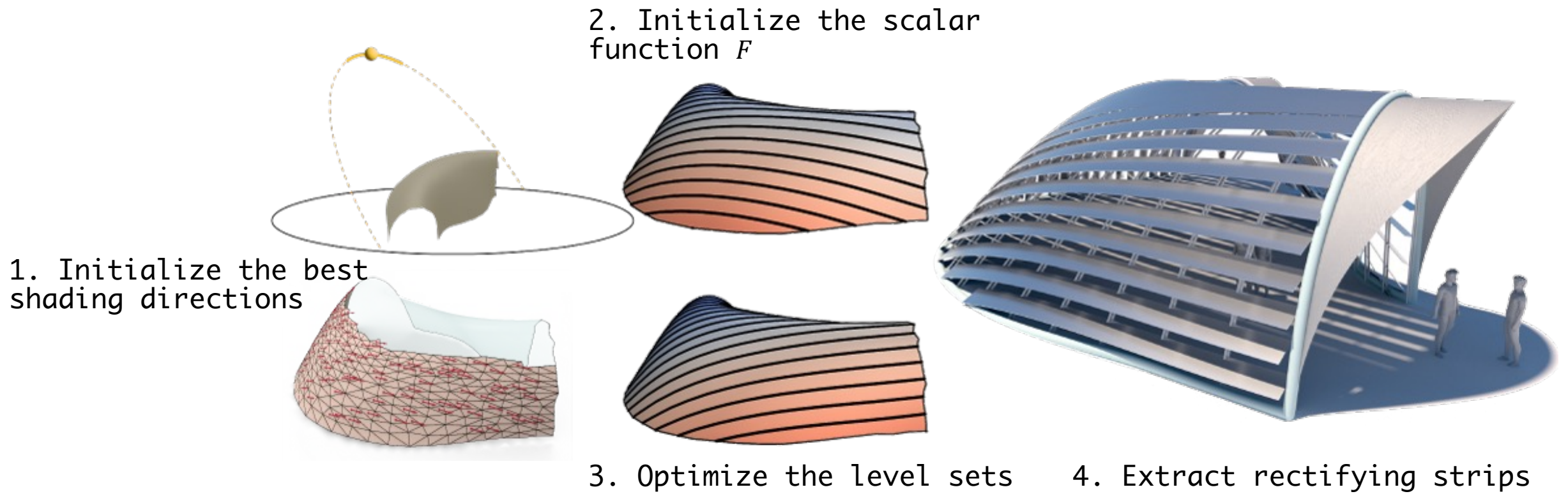


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# Applications: Shading Systems





# Postprocessing

## Discrete Rectifying Developable Optimization

