

# Singularity, Bifurcation and Reconfiguration of a Special Origami Pattern

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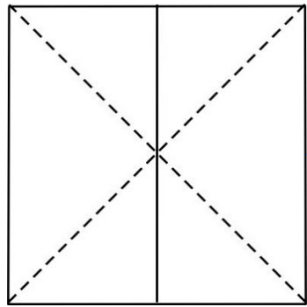
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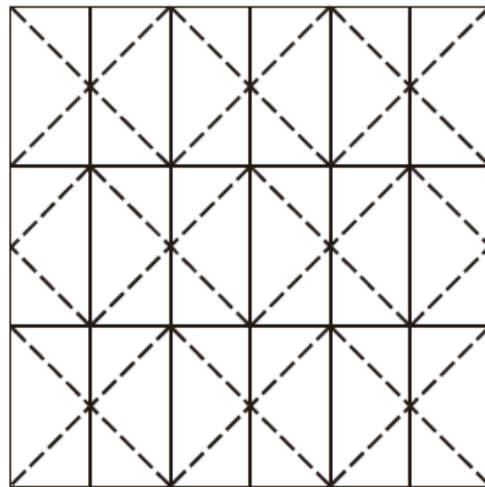


# 1. Introduction

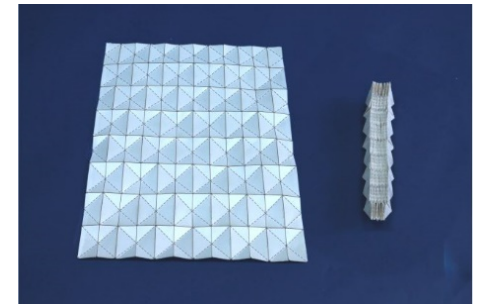
## ➤ Waterbomb pattern



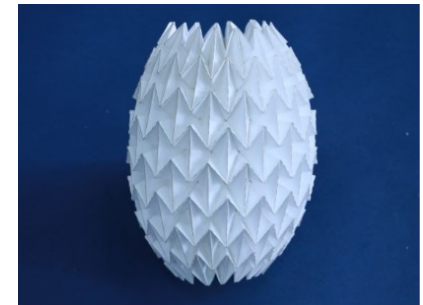
six-crease  
waterbomb base



waterbomb tessellation



flat-foldable surface



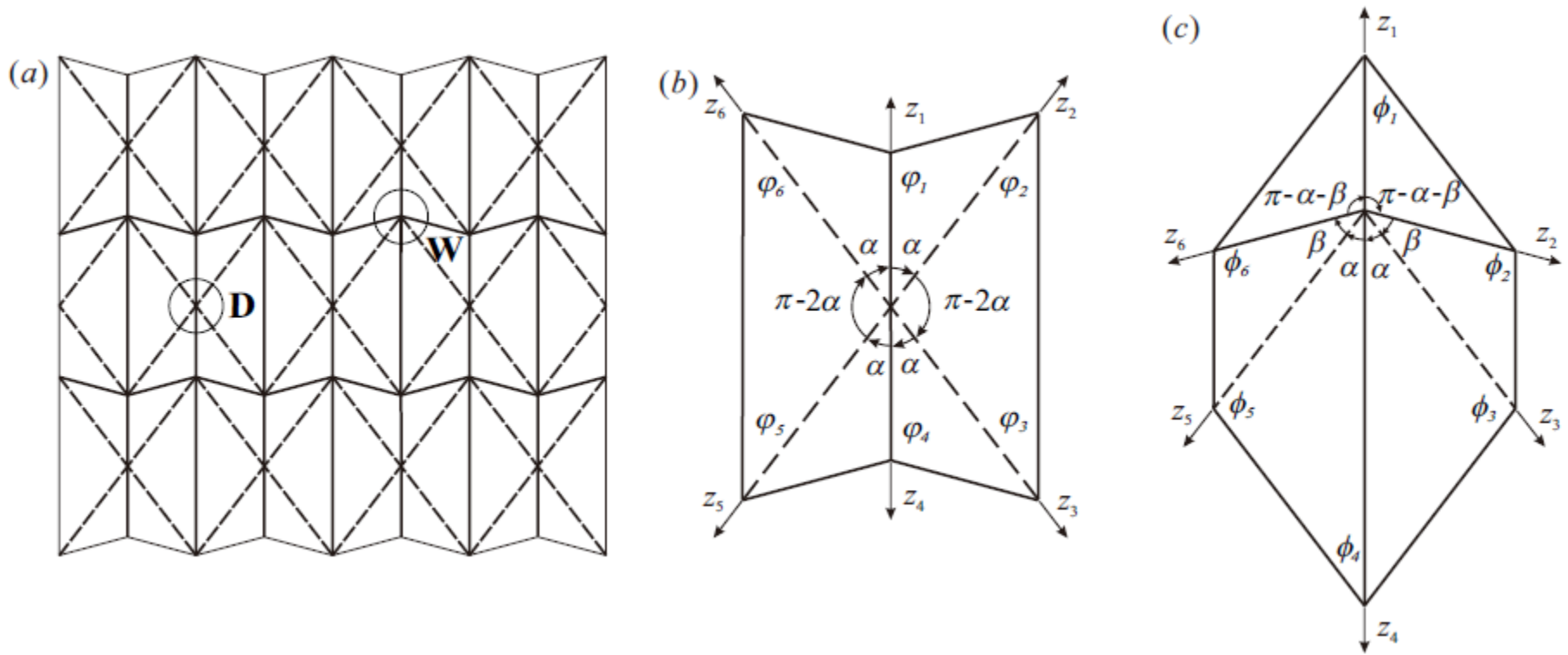
deformable tube

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## 2. Symmetric folding of the waterbomb origami pattern



1) Unit **D** is a *line- and plane-symmetric spherical 6R linkage* with the geometric parameters

$$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{34} = \alpha_{45} = \alpha_{61} = \alpha$$

$$\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{56} = \pi - 2\alpha$$

2) Unit **W** can also be considered as a *plane-symmetric spherical 6R linkage* with the geometric parameters

$$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{61} = \pi - \alpha - \beta$$

$$\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{56} = \beta, \quad \alpha_{34} = \alpha_{45} = \alpha$$

## 2. Symmetric folding of the waterbomb origami pattern

- Closure equations of the unit **D**:

$$\tan \frac{\varphi_1}{2} = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \tan \frac{\varphi_2}{2}, \varphi_1 = \varphi_4, \varphi_2 = \varphi_3 = \varphi_5 = \varphi_6$$

- Compatibility condition:  $\phi_1 = \varphi_1, \phi_3 = \varphi_2$

- Closure equations of the unit **W**:

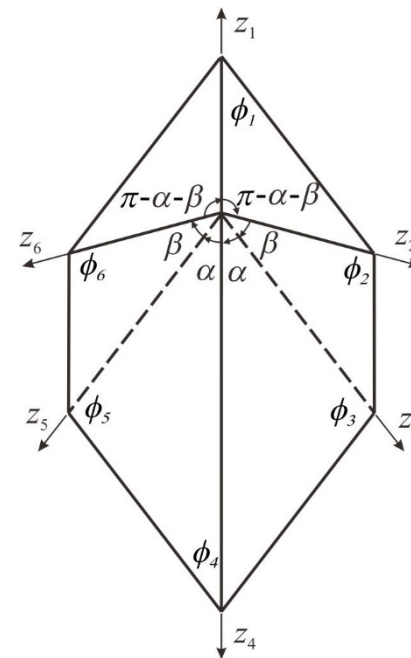
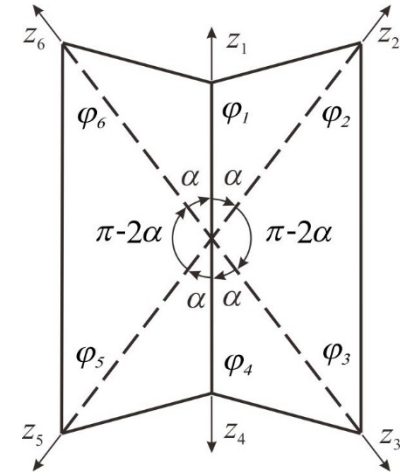
$$1) \tan \frac{\phi_1}{2} = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \tan \frac{\phi_3}{2}, \tan \frac{\phi_2}{2} = \frac{\cos(\alpha + \beta)}{\cos \alpha} \tan \frac{\phi_3}{2}, \phi_4 = \phi_1, \phi_5 = \phi_3, \phi_6 = \phi_2$$

$$2) \tan \frac{\phi_1}{2} = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \tan \frac{\phi_3}{2}, \tan \frac{\phi_2}{2} = \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta) \tan^2 \frac{\phi_3}{2} + \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{2 \sin \alpha \tan \frac{\phi_3}{2}}, \phi_5 = \phi_3, \phi_6 = \phi_2,$$

$$\tan \frac{\phi_3}{2} (2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) \tan^4 \frac{\phi_3}{2} - 4(\cos^2(\alpha + \beta) - \cos 2\beta) \tan^2 \frac{\phi_3}{2}$$

$$\tan \frac{\phi_4}{2} = \frac{-2 \sin(\beta - \alpha)(2 \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\beta - \alpha))}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)(7 \sin \beta - \sin(2\alpha + \beta)) \tan^4 \frac{\phi_3}{2}}$$

$$+ 4(\sin \alpha \sin 2\beta + \cos \alpha \sin(\alpha + \beta) \sin(\beta - \alpha)) \tan^2 \frac{\phi_3}{2} - 2 \cos \alpha \sin^2(\beta - \alpha)$$



## 2. Symmetric folding of the waterbomb origami pattern

### ➤ Behaviour of the waterbomb origami tessellation

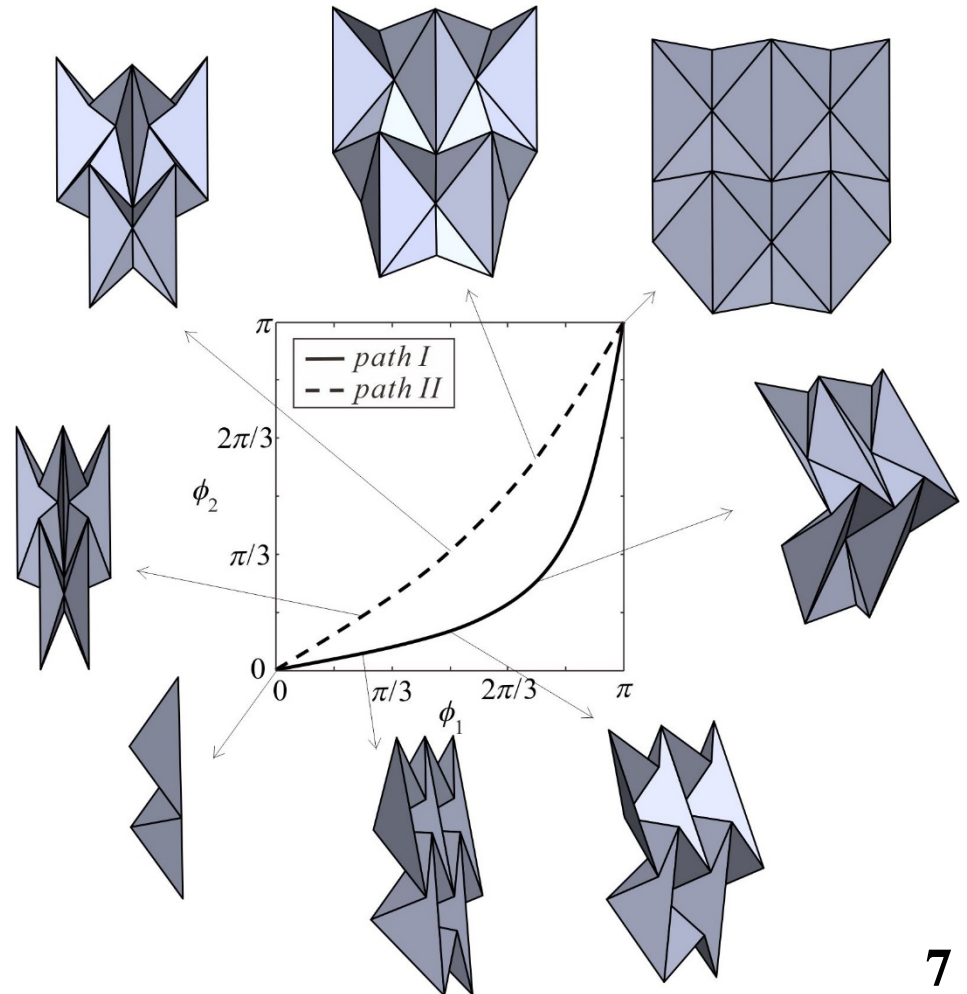
(a) When  $\alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\alpha = \beta$ , there are two smooth folding paths without either two-stage motion or blockage;

- Design angular parameters:

$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{2\pi}{9}$$

- Singular points:

$$(0, 0) , (\pi, \pi)$$



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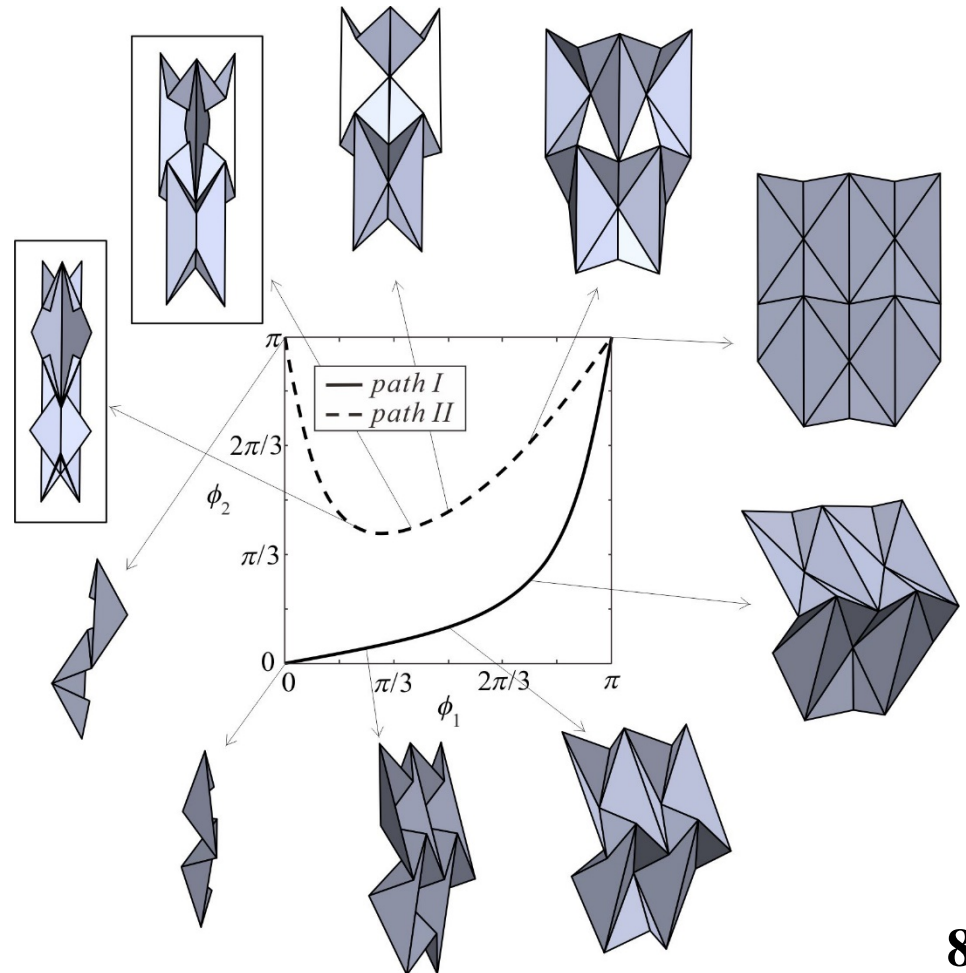
(b) When  $\alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , *path II* is blocked and *path I* is smooth;

- Design angular parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{7\pi}{36}, \quad \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

- Singular point:

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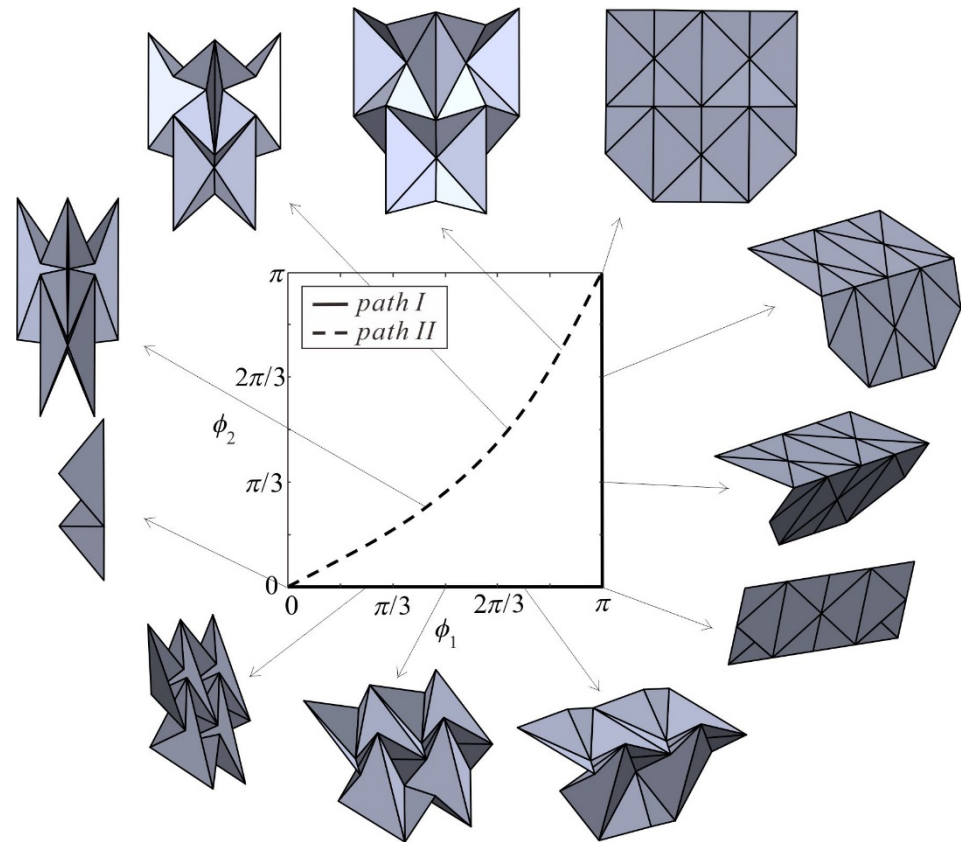
(c) When  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\alpha = \beta$ , *path I* is in two-stage motion, whereas *path II* is smooth;

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(d) When  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , both two-stage motion on *path I* and blockage on *path II* happen;

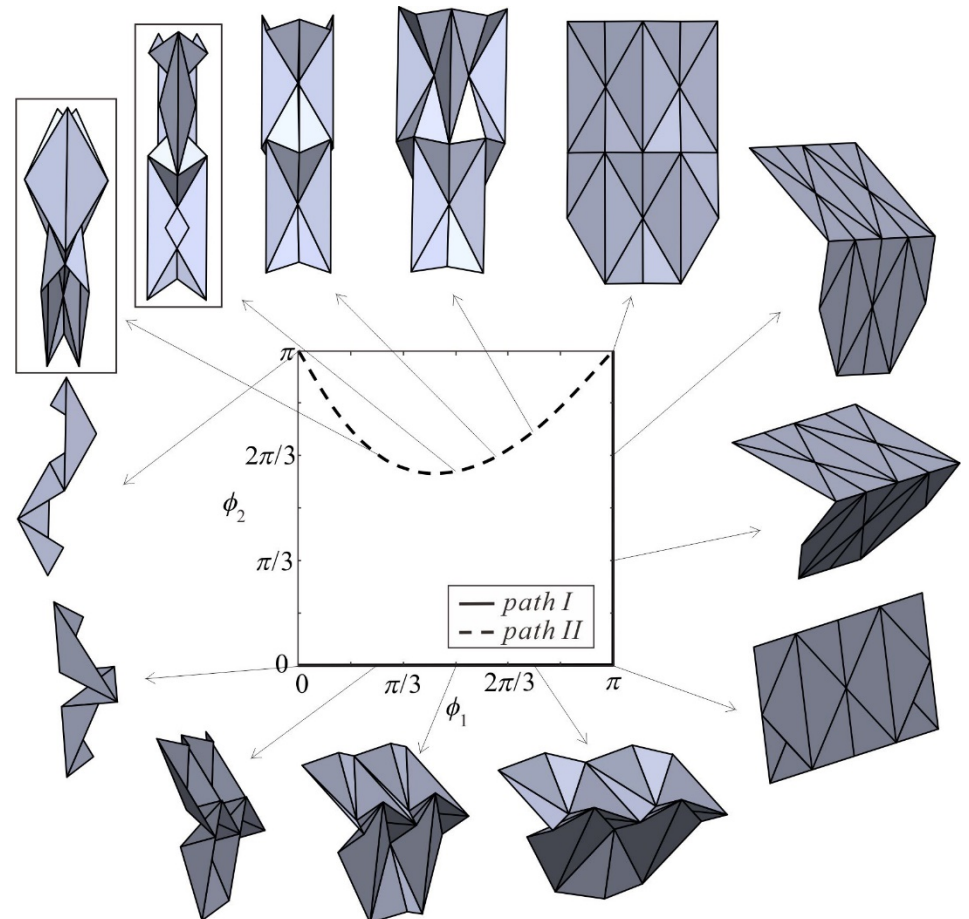
- Design angular parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \beta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

- Singular points:

$$(\pi, \pi)$$

(e) When  $\alpha + \beta > \frac{\pi}{2}$ , both paths are blocked.

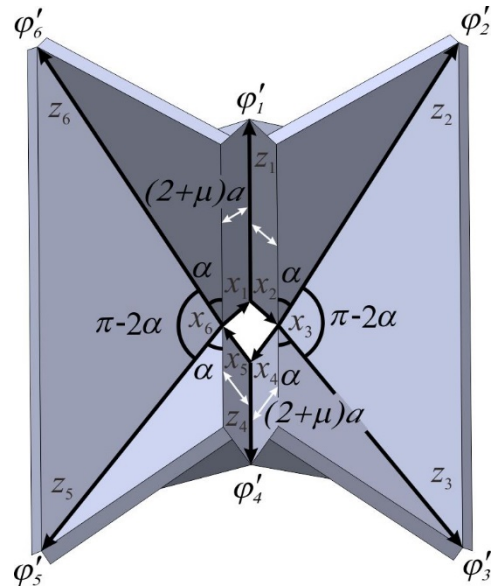


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### 3. Thick panel problem of the waterbomb pattern



1) Unit **D** is a *line- and plane- symmetric Bricard 6R linkage* with the geometric parameters

$$a_{12}^D = a_{61}^D = a_{34}^D = a_{45}^D = (2 + \mu)a, a_{23}^D = a_{56}^D = 0,$$

$$\alpha_{12}^D = 2\pi - \alpha, \alpha_{61}^D = \alpha, \alpha_{23}^D = \pi - 2\alpha,$$

$$\alpha_{56}^D = \pi + 2\alpha, \alpha_{34}^D = \alpha, \alpha_{45}^D = 2\pi - \alpha,$$

$$R_i^D = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)$$

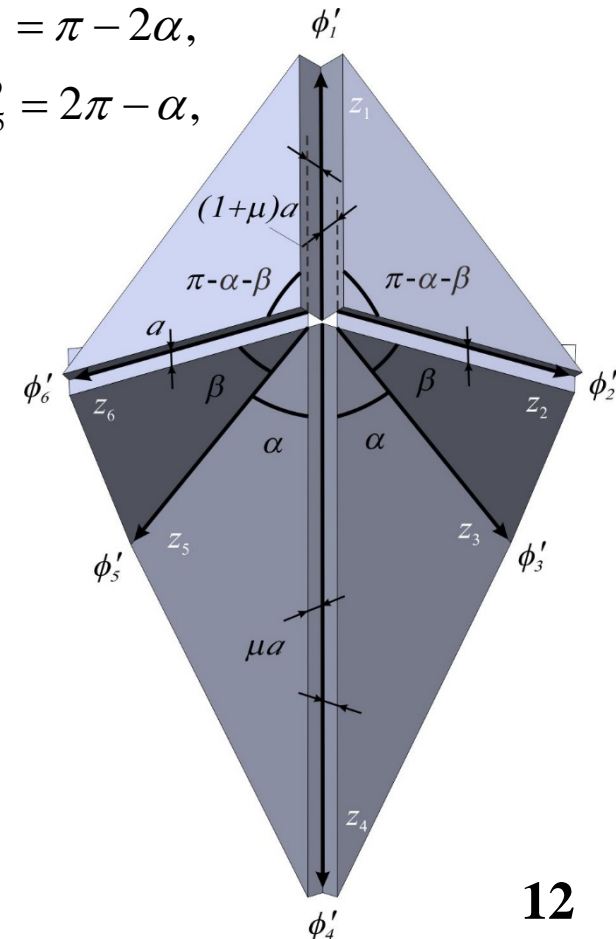
2) Unit **W** is a *plane- symmetric Bricard 6R linkage* with the geometric parameters

$$a_{12}^W = a_{61}^W = (1 + \mu)a, a_{23}^W = a_{56}^W = a, a_{34}^W = a_{45}^W = \mu a,$$

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### 3. Thick panel problem of the waterbomb pattern

- Closure equation of the unit **D**:

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$$2) \tan \frac{\phi'_1}{2} = \frac{\tan \frac{\phi'_3}{2} (\mu \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) \tan^2 \frac{\phi'_3}{2} + (\mu + 1)(\mu \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \alpha))}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)(\mu^2 \sin \beta + \cos(\alpha + \beta) \sin \alpha) \tan^2 \frac{\phi'_3}{2} + (\mu + 1)^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \beta},$$

$$\tan \frac{\phi'_2}{2} = \frac{\mu \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{(\mu + 1) \sin \alpha} \tan \frac{\phi'_3}{2}, \phi'_5 = \phi'_3, \phi'_6 = \phi'_2,$$

$$\tan \frac{\phi'_4}{2} = \frac{\tan \frac{\phi'_3}{2} \left( 4\mu \sin \alpha \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) \tan^2 \frac{\phi'_3}{2} - 4(\mu + 1) \sin \alpha \left( (\mu + 1) \sin^2 \beta - \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) \right) \right)}{\left( \cos(3\alpha + \beta) - 2(1 + \mu)^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta) + (1 + 4\mu + 2\mu^2) \cos(\alpha - \beta) \right) \sin(\alpha + \beta) \tan^2 \frac{\phi'_3}{2} + 2(\mu + 1)^2 \sin^2 \alpha \sin 2\beta}$$

# 3. Thick panel problem of the waterbomb pattern

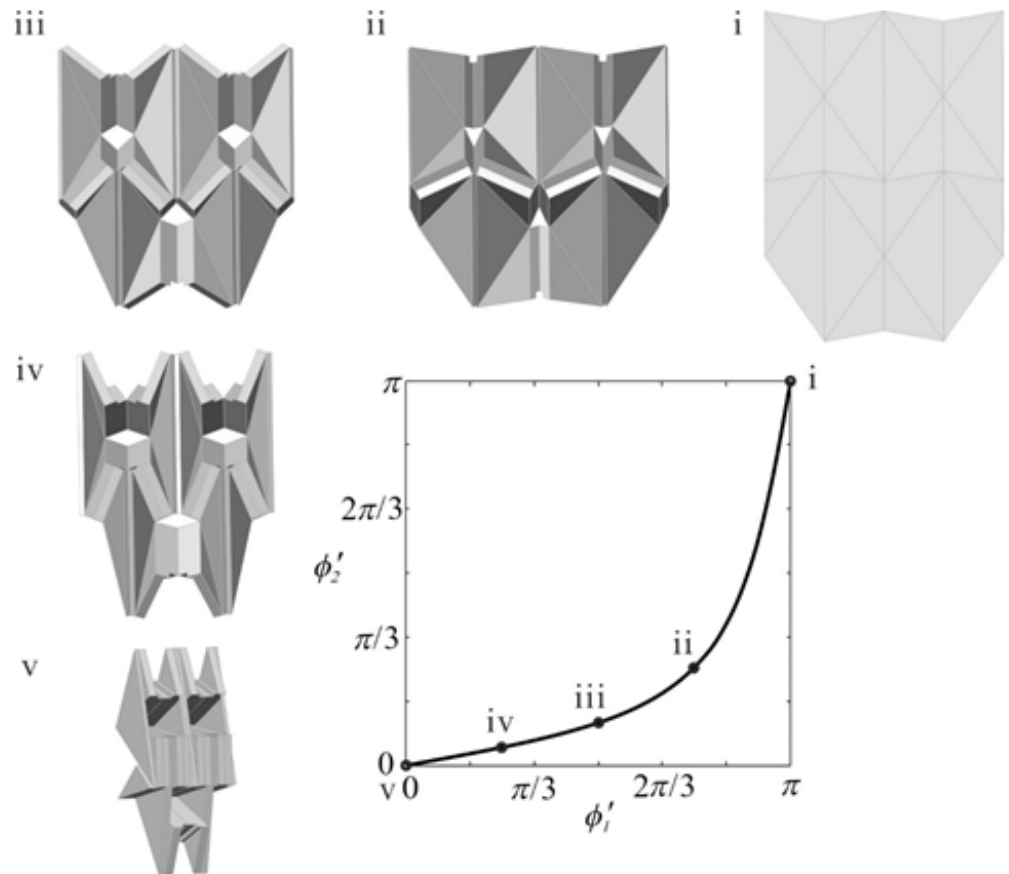
## ➤ Behaviour of the general thick-panel waterbomb

(a) For any  $\mu \neq 0$ , when  $\alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , there is only one smooth folding path;

- Design parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{7\pi}{36}, \quad \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \mu = 0.5$$

- Nonsingular



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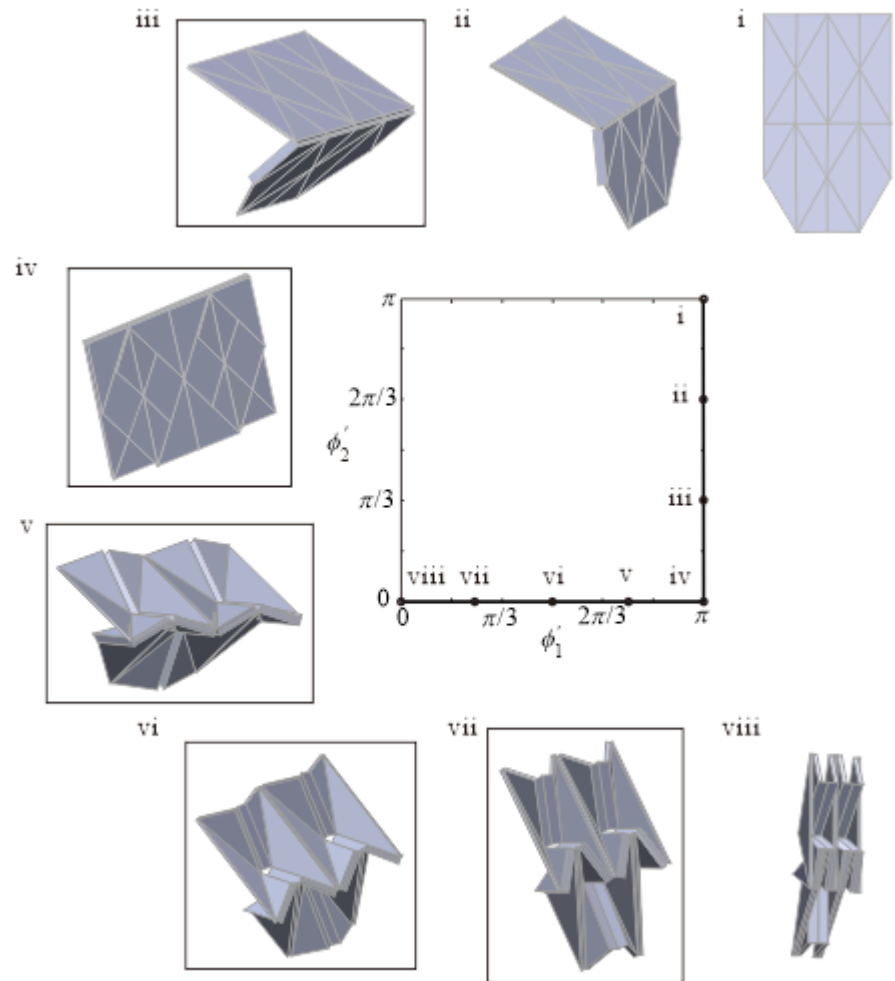
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(b) For any  $\mu \neq 0$ , when  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , there is one two-stage folding path with blockage;

- Design parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \beta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad \mu = 0.7$$

- Nonsingular



# 3. Thick panel problem of the waterbomb pattern

## ➤ Behaviour of the general thick-panel waterbomb

(c) For any  $\mu \neq 0$ , when  $\alpha + \beta > \frac{\pi}{2}$ , there is one blocked folding path;

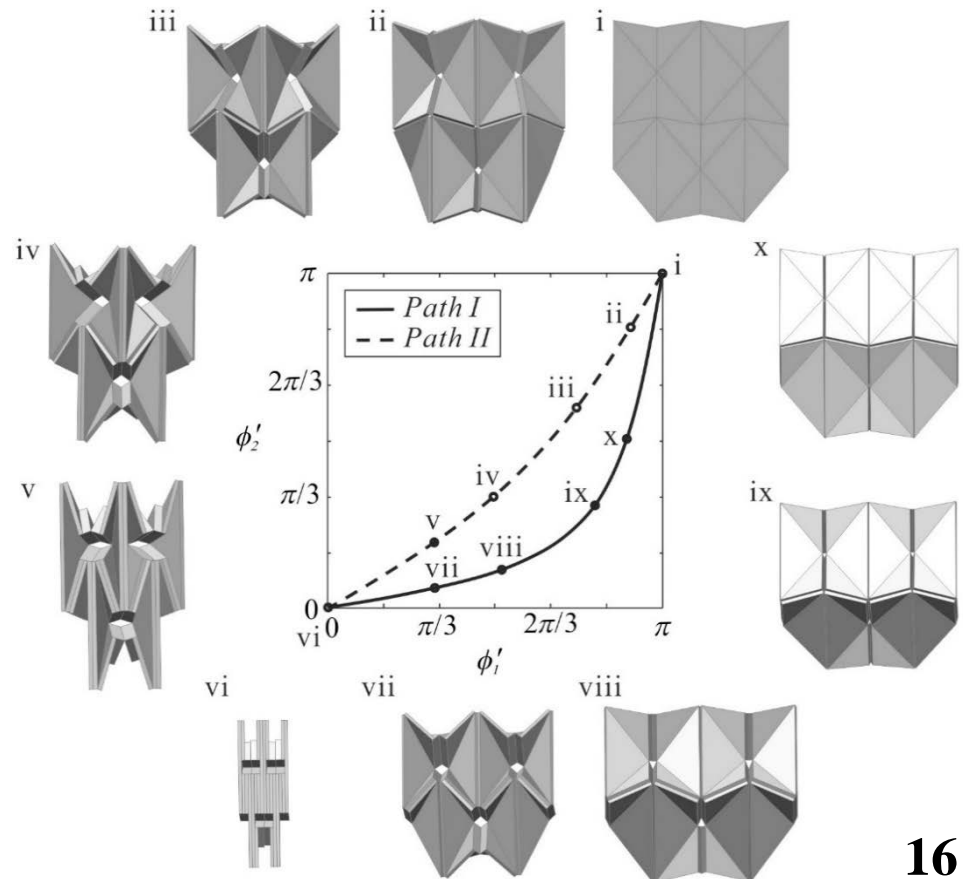
(d) For  $\mu = 1$ , when  $\alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$ , there are two smooth folding paths;

- Design parameters:

$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{2\pi}{9}, \quad \mu = 1$$

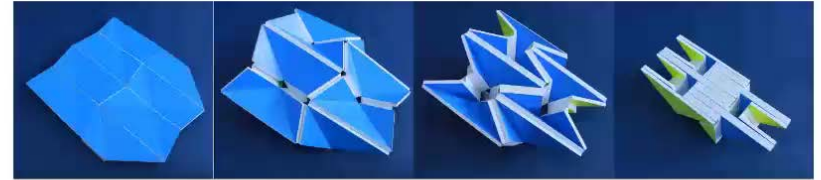
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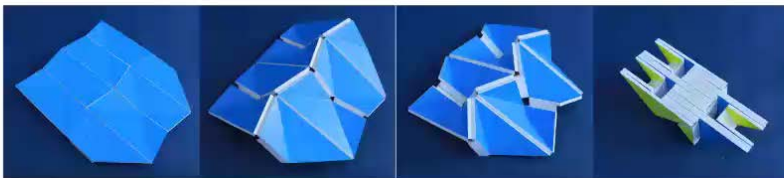
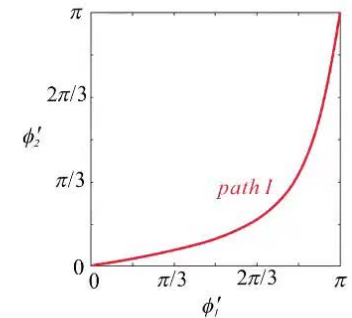


$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{2\pi}{9}, \quad \mu = 1 \quad \text{Path I}$$

$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{2\pi}{9}$$

$$\mu \neq 0$$

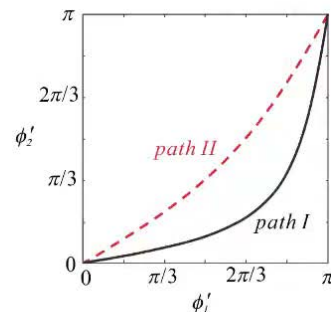
a smooth motion--*path I*



$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{2\pi}{9}$$

$$\mu = 1$$

bifurcation: one more smooth motion--*path II*



Path II

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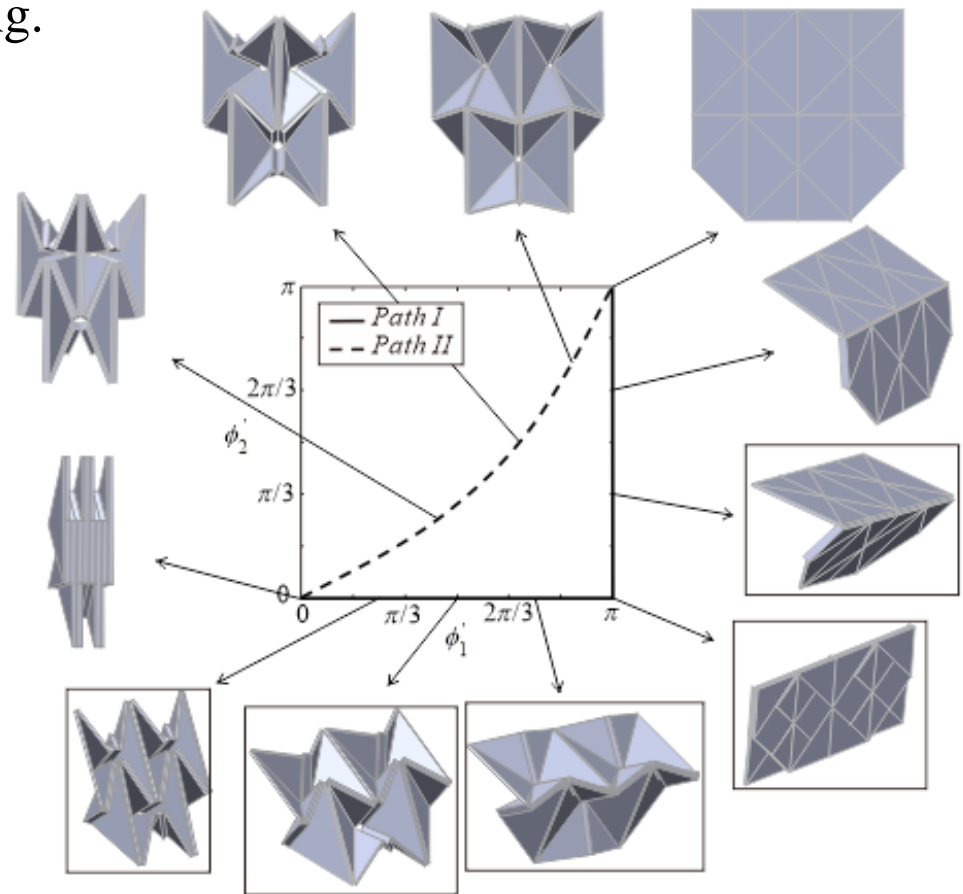
(e) For  $\mu = 1$ , when  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , Path I is in two-stage motion and blocked, but Path II can achieve smooth folding.

- Design parameters:

$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \mu = 1$$

- Singular point:

$$(\pi, \pi)$$

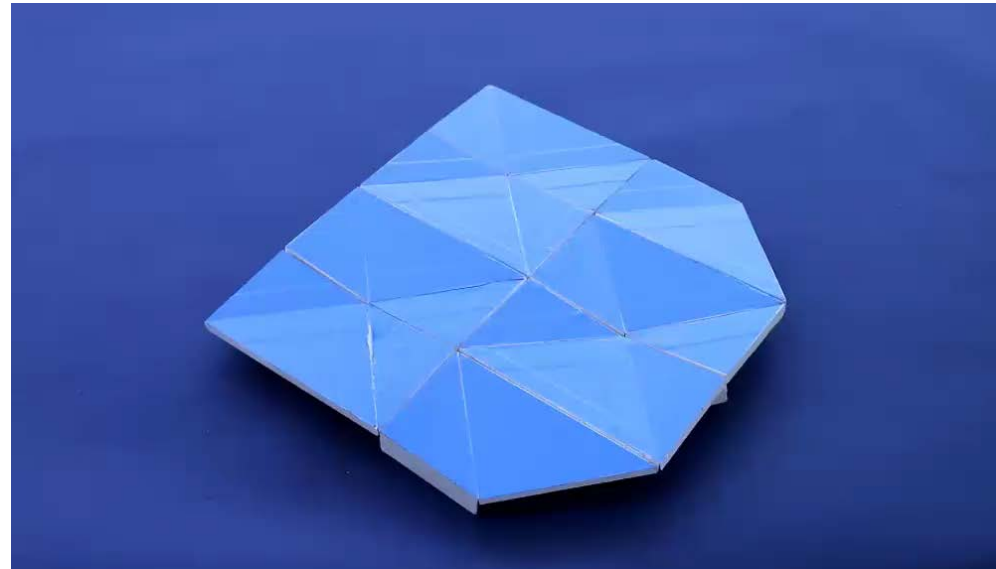


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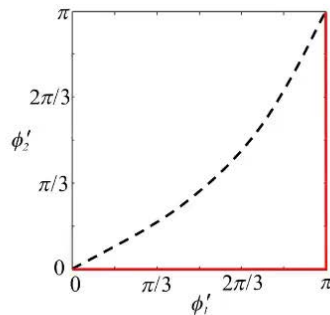
Path I



$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\mu = 1$$

bifurcation: a two-stage motion  
and blocked



Path II

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#### ➤ Summary

- ❑ The rigid origami of the waterbomb tessellation of both zero-thickness sheet and thick panel under the symmetric motion condition are analyzed.
- ❑ The condition of bifurcation for both zero-thickness sheet and thick panel :

$$\alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \beta$$

$$\mu = 1$$

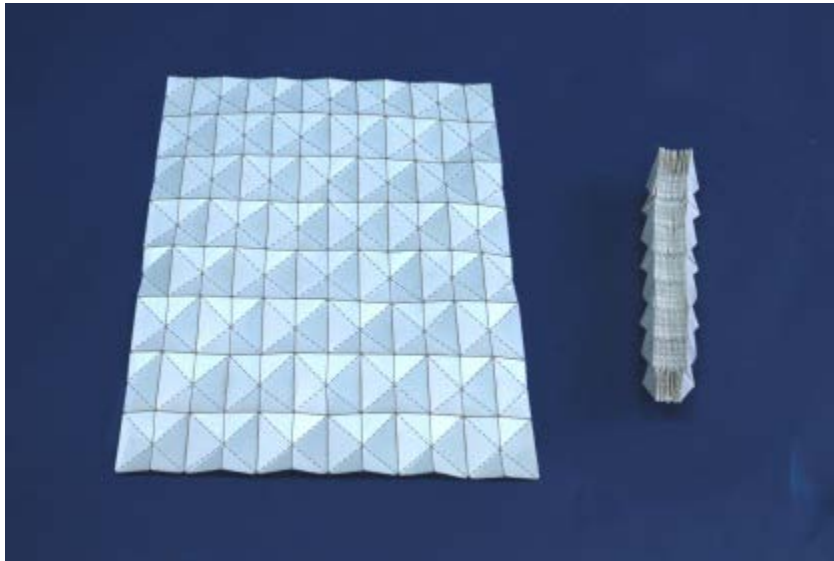
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## 4. Waterbomb origami tube

### ➤ Kinematics of the waterbomb tube

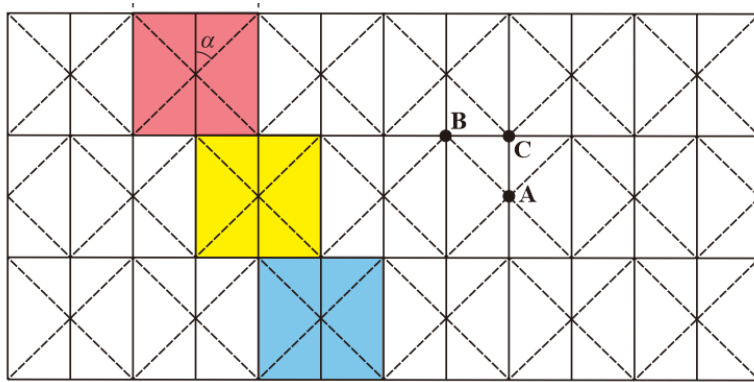


The motion of all waterbomb bases are the same

The motion of all waterbomb bases in the same layer are identical

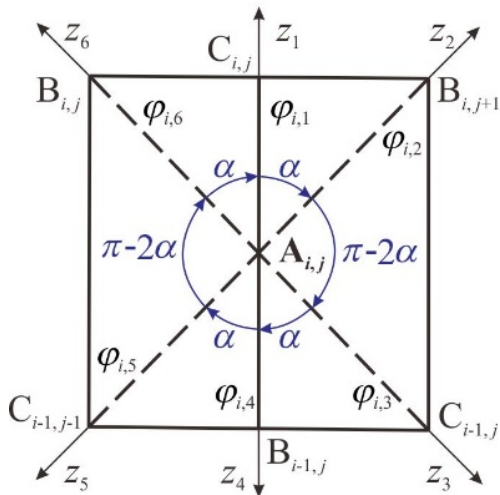
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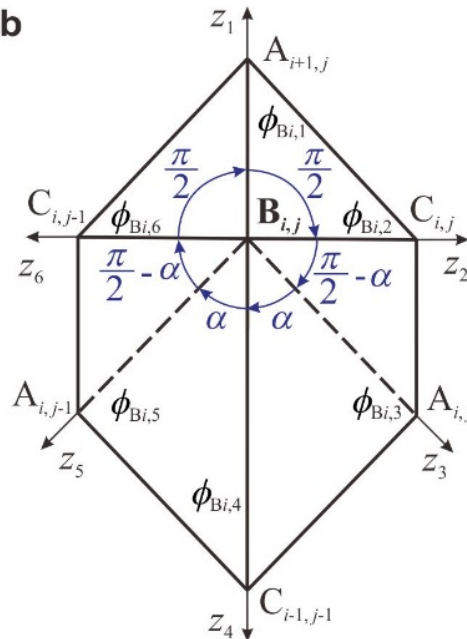


The waterbomb pattern can be treated as consisting of three kinds of linkages, **A**, **B** and **C**, which can be considered as *plane-symmetric spherical 6R linkages*

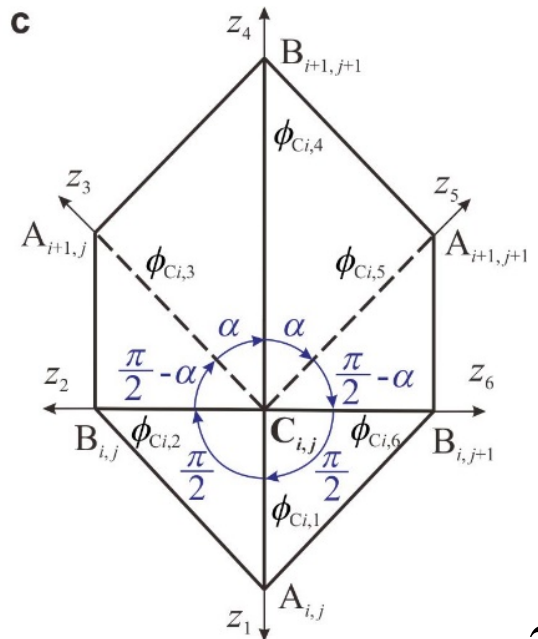
**a**



**b**



**c**



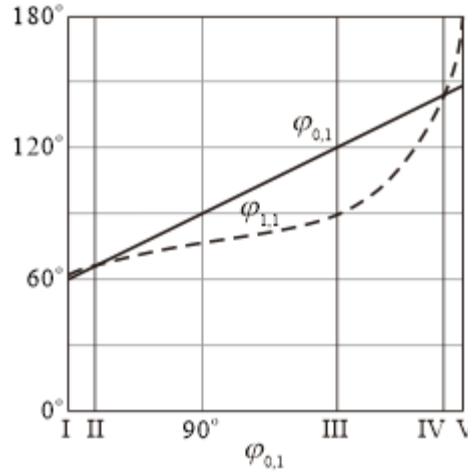
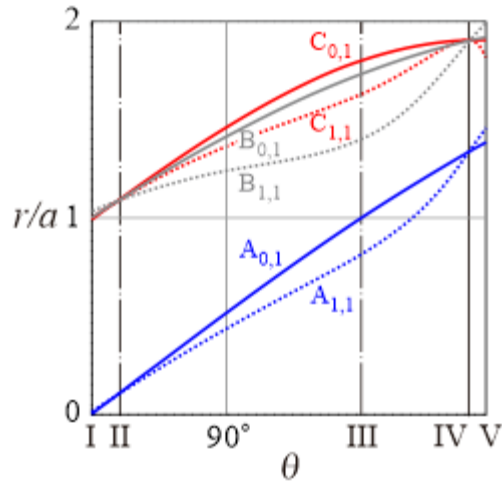
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## ➤ Kinematics of the waterbomb tube

	When $m$ is odd	When $m$ is even
3D view and projection		
constraints	<p>1. to form the cylindrical tessellation <math display="block">\frac{\phi_{B_{0,4}}}{2} + \frac{180^\circ}{n} = \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2}</math></p> <p>2. linkage <b>A</b> in the mid row 0 is line and plane symmetric</p>	<p>1. to form the cylindrical tessellation <math display="block">\cos \phi_{B_{0,4}} = 1 - \frac{2r_{A1}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n}}{a^2}</math></p> <p>2. linkages <b>B</b><sub>0</sub> and <b>C</b><sub>0</sub> are identical</p>

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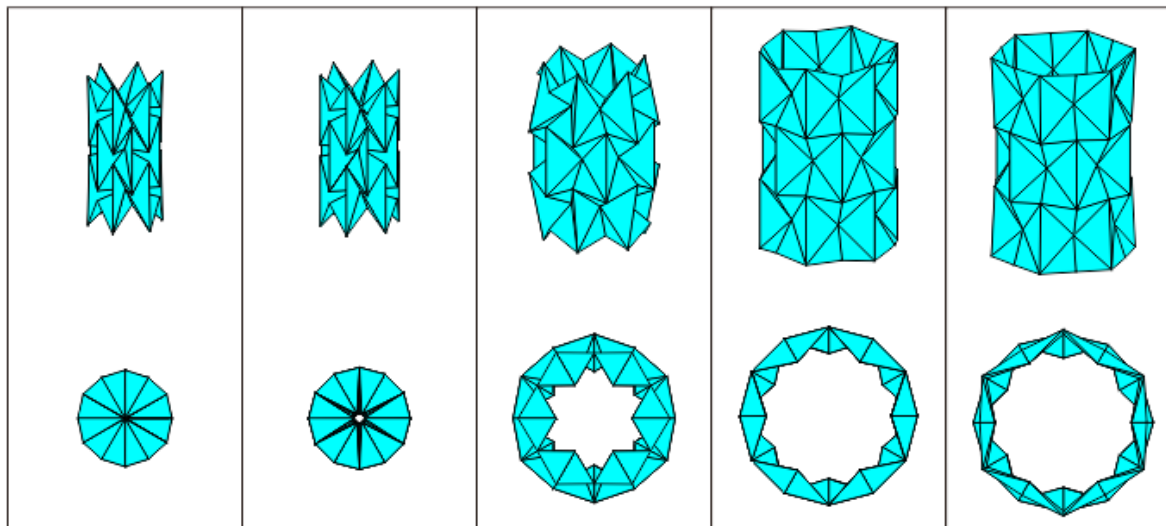
I: the most compact-folding cylindrical configuration

$$\varphi_{0,1\min} = \frac{360^\circ}{n}$$

V: the most deployed configuration

$$\varphi_{(m-1)/2,1} = 180^\circ \longrightarrow \varphi_{0,1\max}$$

II & IV: the configuration of cylinder with uniform radius



I:  $\theta = 60^\circ$

II:  $\theta = 65.88^\circ$

III:  $\theta = 120^\circ$

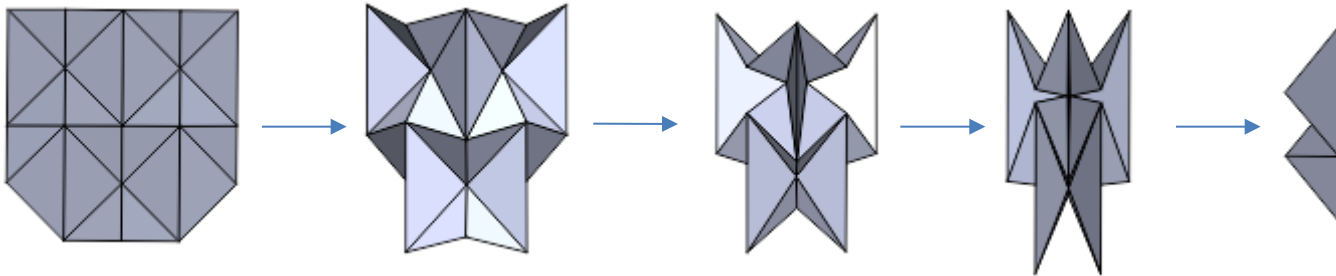
IV:  $\theta = 144^\circ$

V:  $\theta = 147.96^\circ$

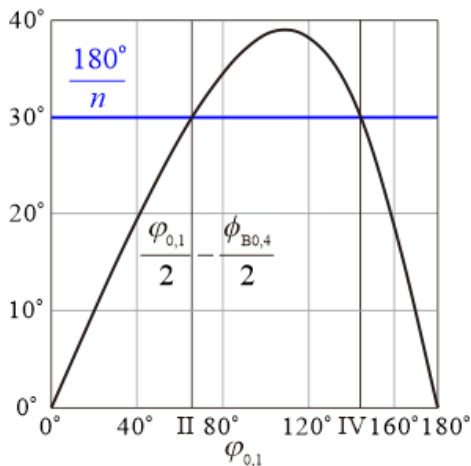
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## ➤ Kinematics of the waterbomb tube

Folding from a flat paper to the waterbomb cylinder:



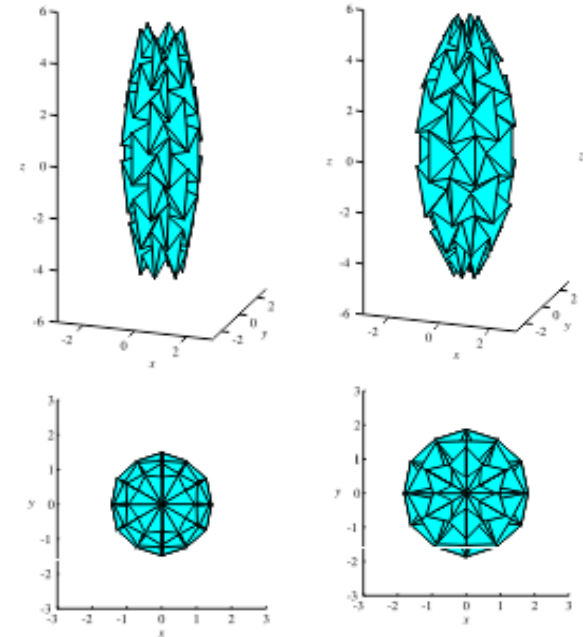
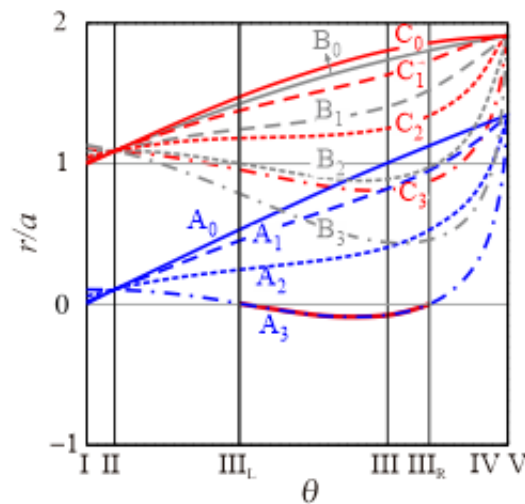
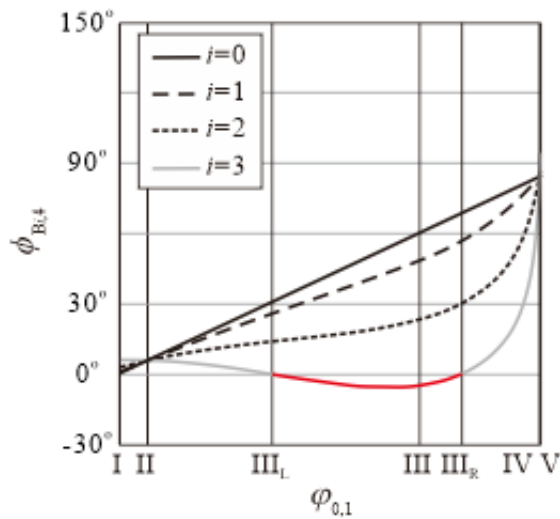
$$\tan \frac{\phi_{B0,4}}{2} = \frac{\tan \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} (\cos^4 \alpha \tan^4 \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} - 2 \cos 2\alpha \cos^2 \alpha \tan^2 \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} - \cos 2\alpha (\cos 2\alpha + 2))}{3 \cos^4 \alpha \tan^4 \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} + 2 \cos^2 \alpha \tan^2 \frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} - \cos^2 2\alpha}$$



$$\frac{\varphi_{0,1}}{2} - \frac{\phi_{B0,4}}{2} = \frac{180^\circ}{n} \longrightarrow \text{the configuration of cylinder with uniform radius}$$

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Kinematics of the waterbomb tube



III<sub>L</sub>:  $\theta = 90.72^\circ$

III<sub>R</sub>:  $\theta = 128.52^\circ$

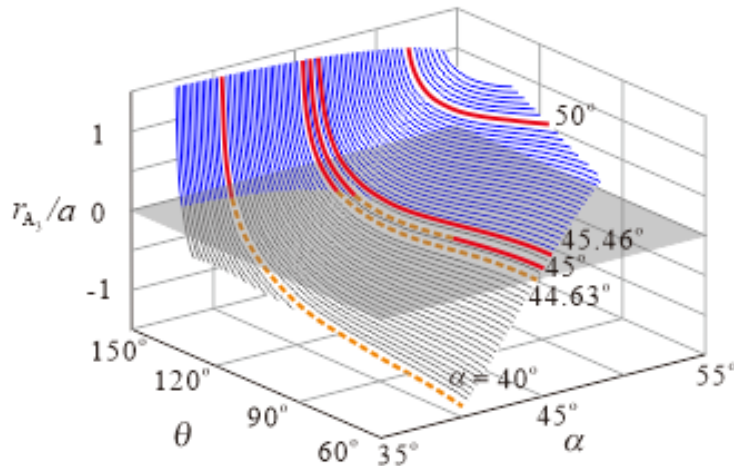
Another two special points — the interference at two ends of the tube

$$r_{Ai} = 0 \longrightarrow \phi_{Bi,4} = 0$$

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## ➤ Kinematics of the waterbomb tube

- The waterbomb tube with varying  $\alpha$  :



a. The mechanism-structure-mechanism transition is only observed within

$$44.63^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 45.46^\circ$$

b. In the range that  $45.46^\circ < \alpha < 48.62^\circ$ , the minimum of  $\theta$  remains constant while the maximum decreases with the increase of  $\alpha$ , making the range of rigid motion shrink.

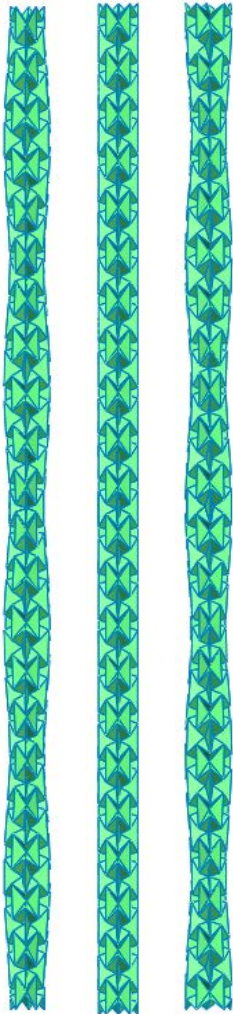
c. In the range that  $48.62^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 51.4^\circ$ , the minimum of  $\theta$  decreases as well as the maximum with the increase of  $\alpha$ , so does the range of rigid motion.

d. When  $\alpha < 44.63^\circ$ , the minimum of  $\theta$  remains constant while the maximum  $\theta$  decreases with the decrease of  $\alpha$ , making the range of rigid motion shrink.

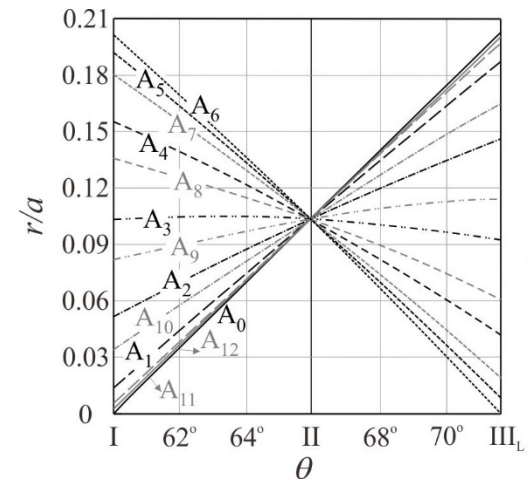
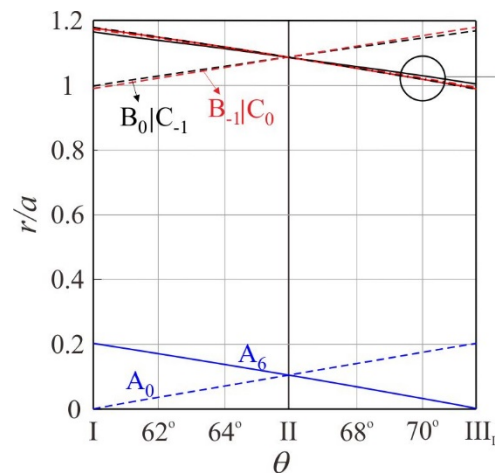
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## ➤ Waterbomb wave

- The waterbomb tube with increasing  $m$  — waterbomb wave



The condition with wave:  $\theta_I < \theta_{II} < \theta_{III_L}$



$$n = 6 \quad m = 25 \quad \alpha = 45^\circ$$

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Waterbomb wave

waterbomb wave when  $\alpha = 45^\circ$

n	$\theta_1$	$\theta_{II}$	$\theta_{III}$	m (with interference)	range
5	72°	85.98°	100.6°	33	28.6°
6	60°	65.94°	71.64°	13	11.64°
7	51.43°	54.74°	57.94°	15	6.51°
8	45°	47.07°	49.09°	17	4.09°
9	40°	41.40°	42.76°	19	2.76°
10	36°	36.99°	37.96°	21	1.96°
11	32.73°	33.46°	34.17°	23	1.44°
12	30°	30.55°	31.09°	25	1.09°
13	27.70°	28.12°	28.54°	27	0.84°
14	25.72°	26.06°	26.39°	29	0.67°
15	24°	24.28°	24.54°	31	0.54°
16	22.5°	22.73°	22.94°	33	0.44°
17	21.18°	21.36°	21.54°	35	0.36°
18	20°	20.16°	20.31°	37	0.31°
19	18.95°	19.08°	19.21°	39	0.26°
20	18°	18.11°	18.22°	39	0.22°

The range of the wave shrinks with the increase of  $n$

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Waterbomb wave

waterbomb wave when  $\alpha < 45^\circ$

n	$\alpha$	$\theta_I$	$\theta_{II}$	$\theta_{III_L}$	m (with interference)	range
5	44.7°	72°	81.32°	90.6°	33	18.6°
	44.5°		77.96°	84.06°	35	12.06°
	44.3°		74.36°	76.67°	35	4.67°
	44.18°		72.04°	72°	/	/
6	44.9°	60°	64.38°	68.52°	13	8.52°
	44.8°		62.65°	65.25°	13	5.25°
	44.7°		60.92°	61.74°	39	1.74°
	44.65°		60.06°	60.03°	/	/
7	44.9°	51.43°	52.94°	54.32°	15	2.89°
	44.85°		51.94°	52.40°	15	0.97°
	44.83°		51.48°	51.43°	/	/

- The values of  $\theta_{II}$  and  $\theta_{III_L}$  reduce with the decrease of  $\alpha$ , so does the range of wave.
- The range of  $\alpha$  where there exists wave decreases with the increase of  $n$ .

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Waterbomb wave

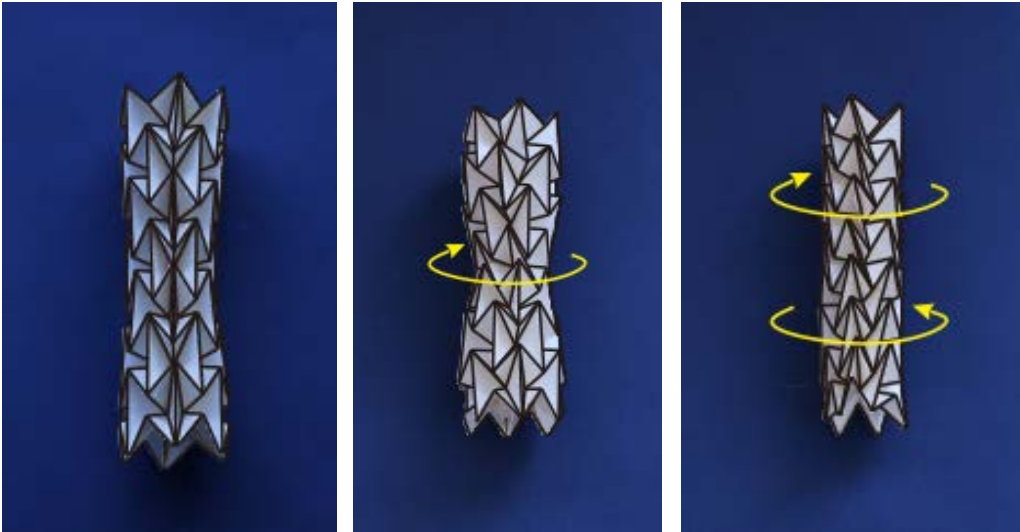
waterbomb wave when  $\alpha > 45^\circ$

n	$\alpha$	$\theta_I$	$\theta_{II}$	$\theta_{III_L}$	m (with interference)	range
5	45.2°	72°	88.98°	107.97°	33	35.97°
	45.4°		91.90°	117.48°	13	45.48°
	45.5°	74.92°	93.31°	128.37°	no interference	56.37°
	45.6°		94.80°	127.98°	no interference	53.06°
	45.8°		97.71°	127.11°	no interference	46.40°
	46.68°		113.68°	115.58°	117.41°	no interference
6	45.5°	60°	73.00°	85.27°	33	25.27°
	46°		79.11°	97.28°	11	37.28°
	46.5°		84.50°	108.97°	11	48.97°
	47.335°		92.60°	141.30°	no interference	81.30°
	47.343°	60.13°	92.66°	141.33°	no interference	81.20°
	48°	72.39°	98.52°	140°	no interference	67.61°
	49°	88.75°	106.97°	139.50°	no interference	50.75°
	50.90°	127°	128.17°	129.44°	no interference	128.04° - 128.64°

- The value of  $\theta_{II}$  increases with the increase of  $\alpha$ , while  $\theta_{III_L}$  and the range increase first and then decrease.
- The range of  $\alpha$  where there exists wave increases with the increase of  $n$ .

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Twist of waterbomb tube

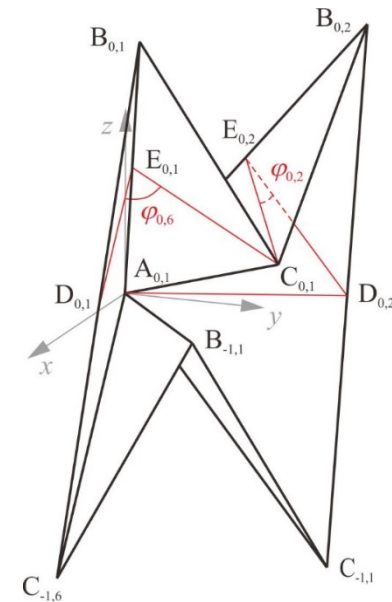


Question:

Is the twist motion rigid and when the twist begins ?

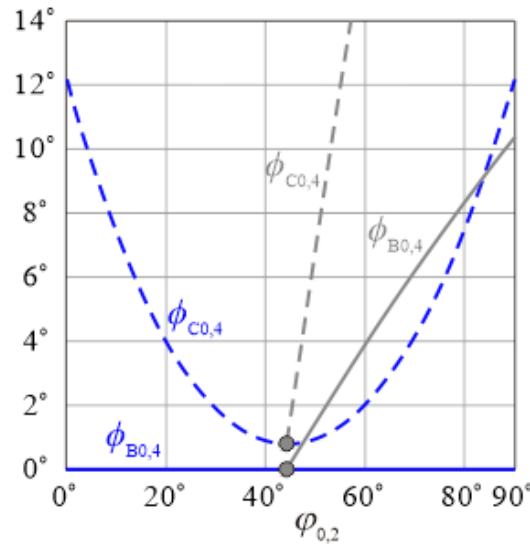
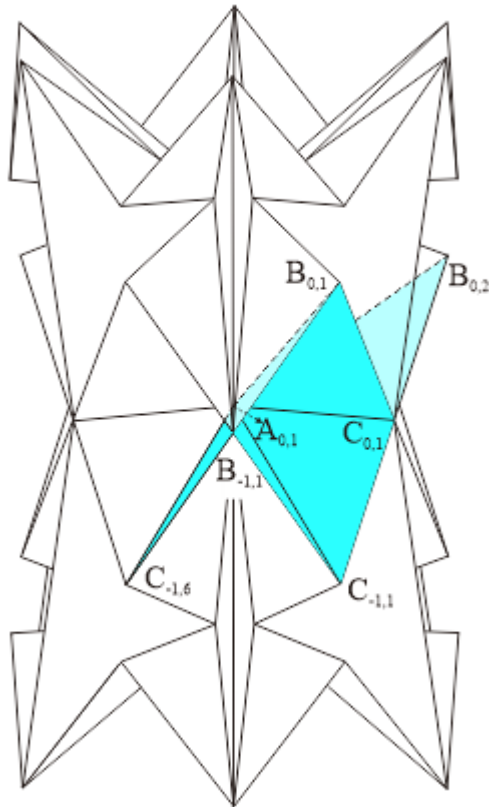
Answer:

The mid row of the cylinder is assumed to be fully squeezed when twist begins.



# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Twist of waterbomb tube



Conclusions:

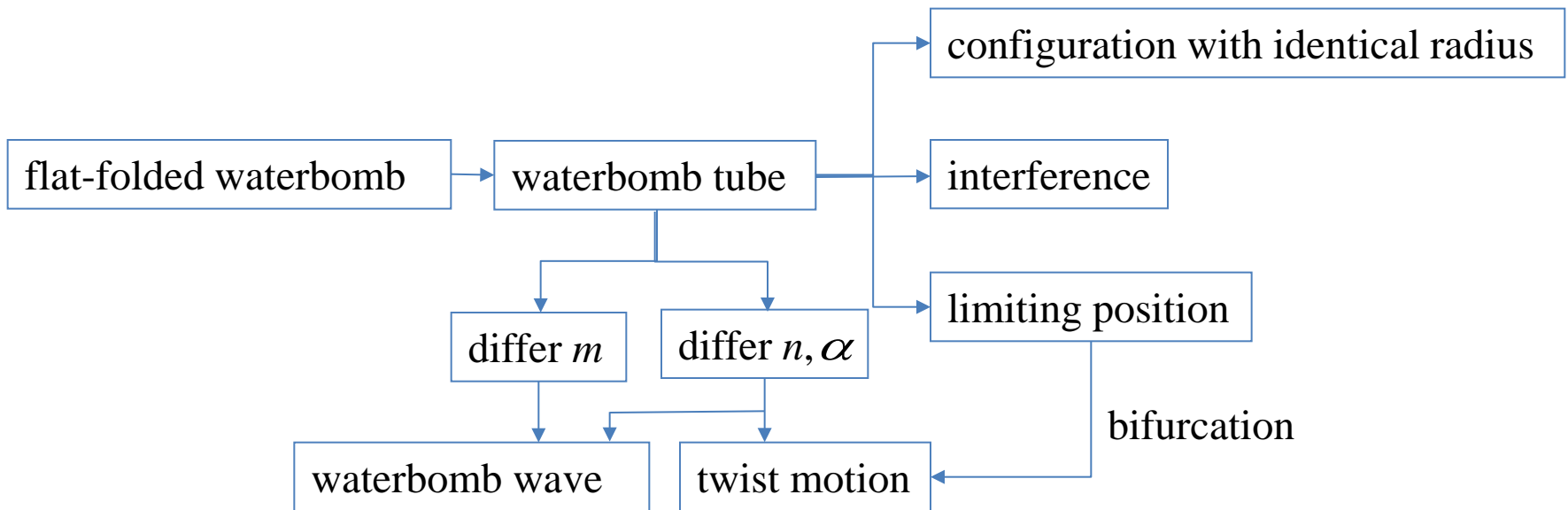
a. the twist of the mid row is a rigid motion

b. the subsequent twist of neighbouring rows cannot occur without material deformation

c. The configuration where the mid row is fully squeezed is a bifurcation position.

# 4. Waterbomb origami tube

## ➤ Summary

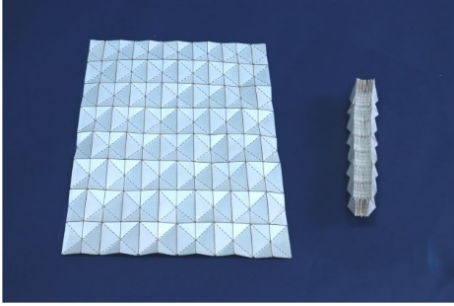


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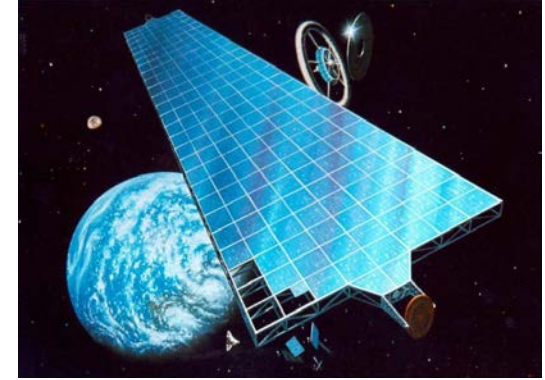
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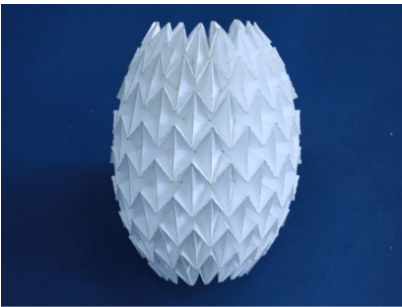
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