## Geometry of Flat Origami Triangulations





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## Origami in nature and engineering



#### Saito et al, PNAS 2017





Andresen et al, PRE 2007





J.-H. Na et al., Adv. Mat. 2015















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### What does it tell us near the **flat** state?



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motions







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#### vertical U displacements

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Negative eigenvector maximizes Gaussian curvature





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### The two nappes correspond to popped up and popped down configurations!

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### Bézout's theorem: at most 2^2 solutions













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# How to show that all vertex sign patterns are realized twice?









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# Maybe we're in good shape...













# One crease pattern with fixed M-V labels : two branches!



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# Summary:

## The flat state is **singular**, but self stresses help us navigate...

2<sup>V</sup>int branches from **popping vertices up / down**?

Do these second-order motions generically extend to continuous motions?

















# Thanks!

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