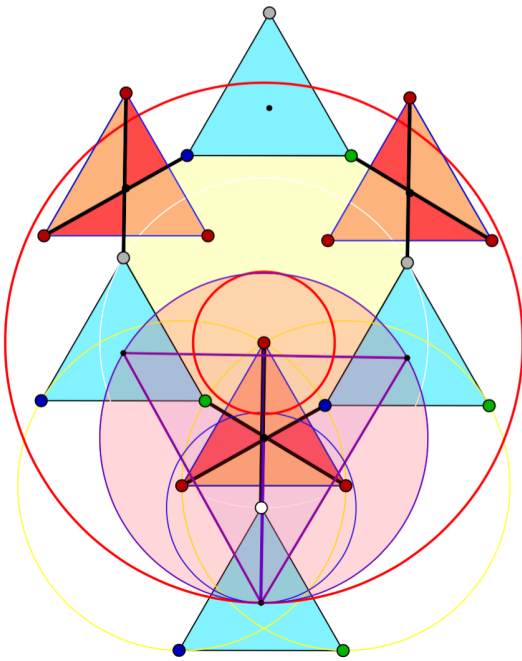


AUXETIC DEPLOYMENTS



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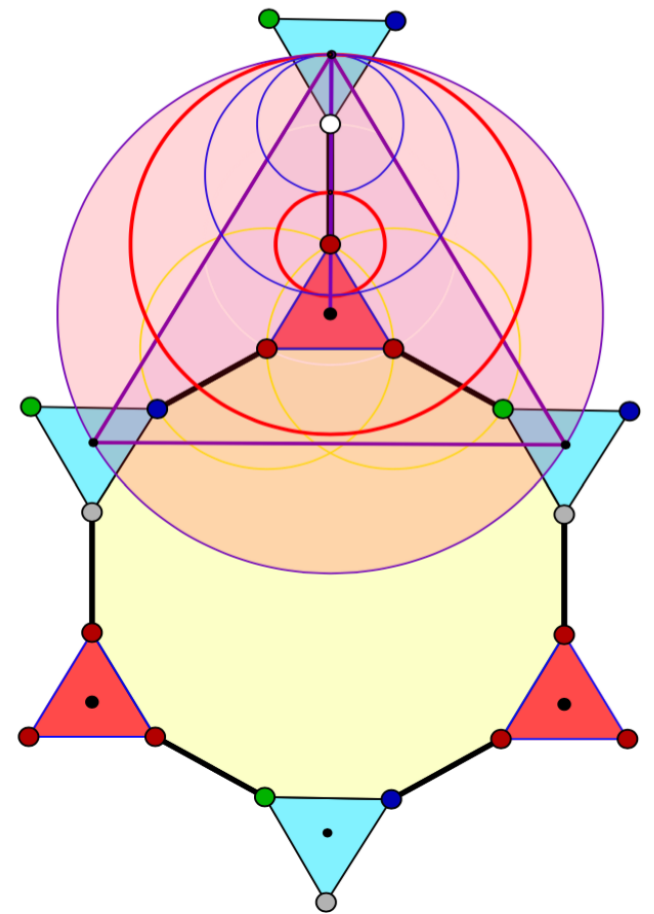
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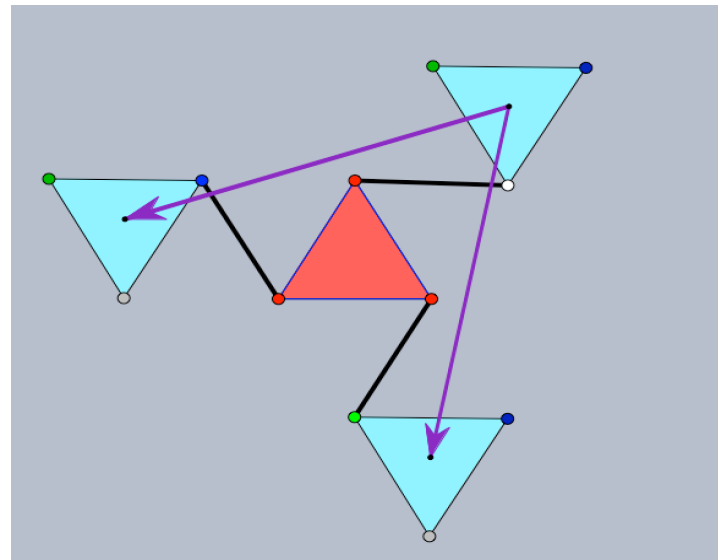
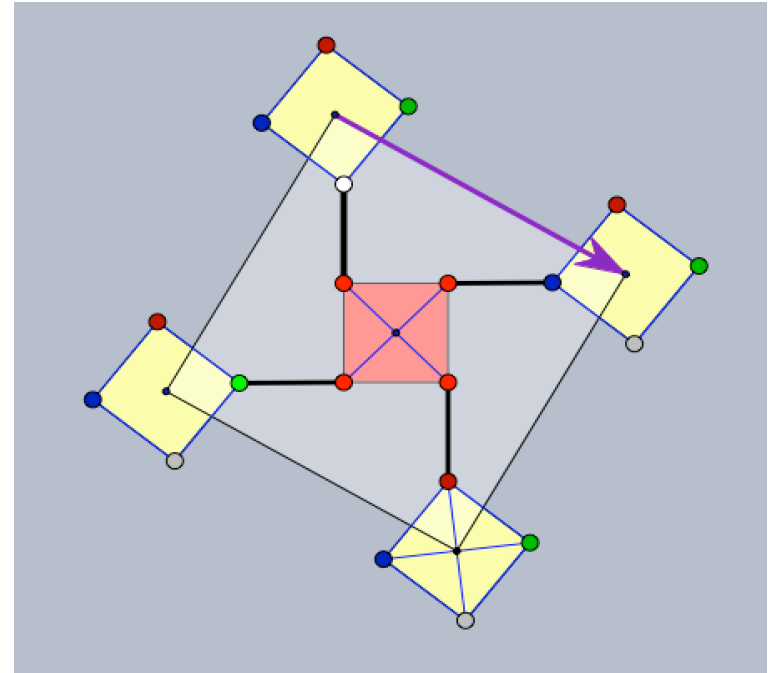
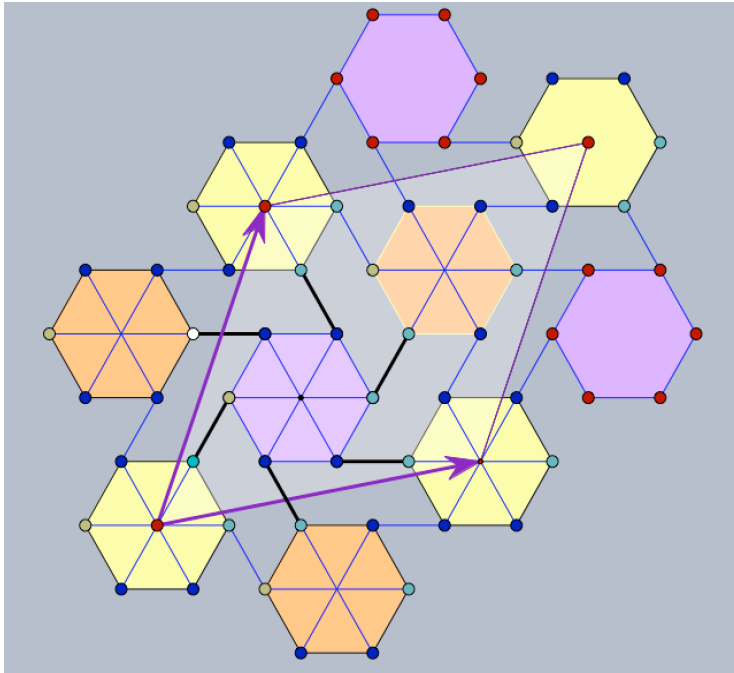
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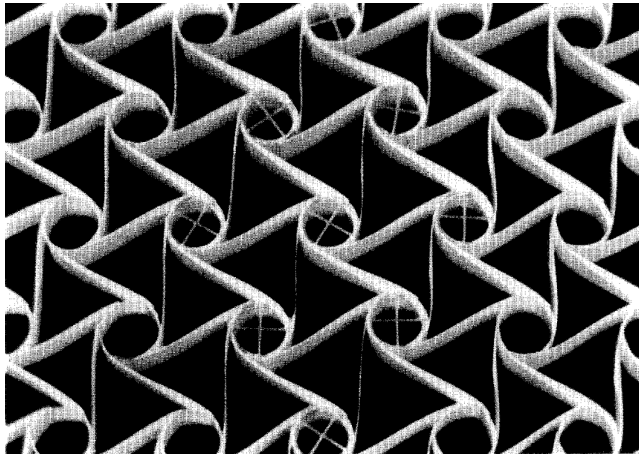
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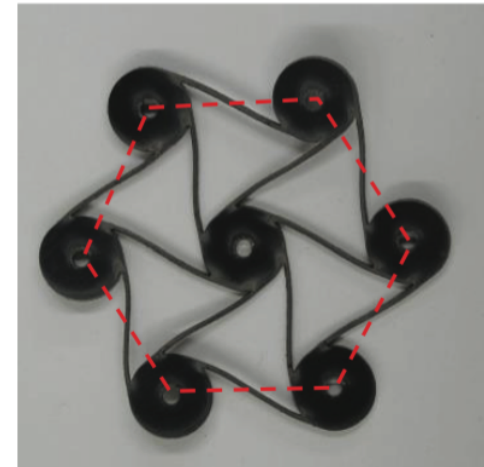
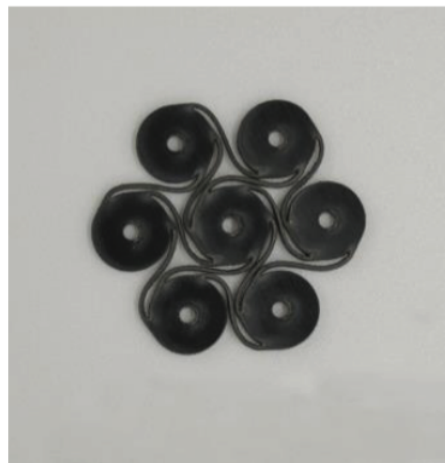
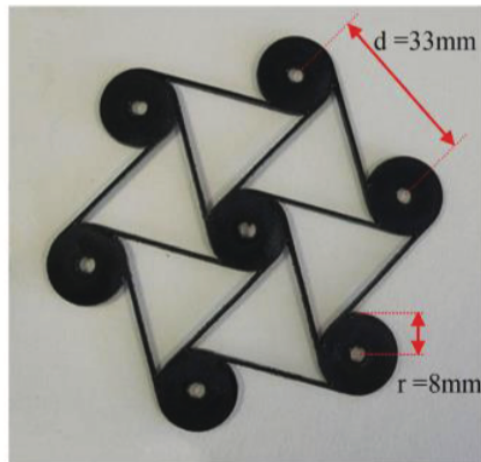
Three planar periodic frameworks



Siblings in materials literature



From D. Prall and R.S. Lakes:
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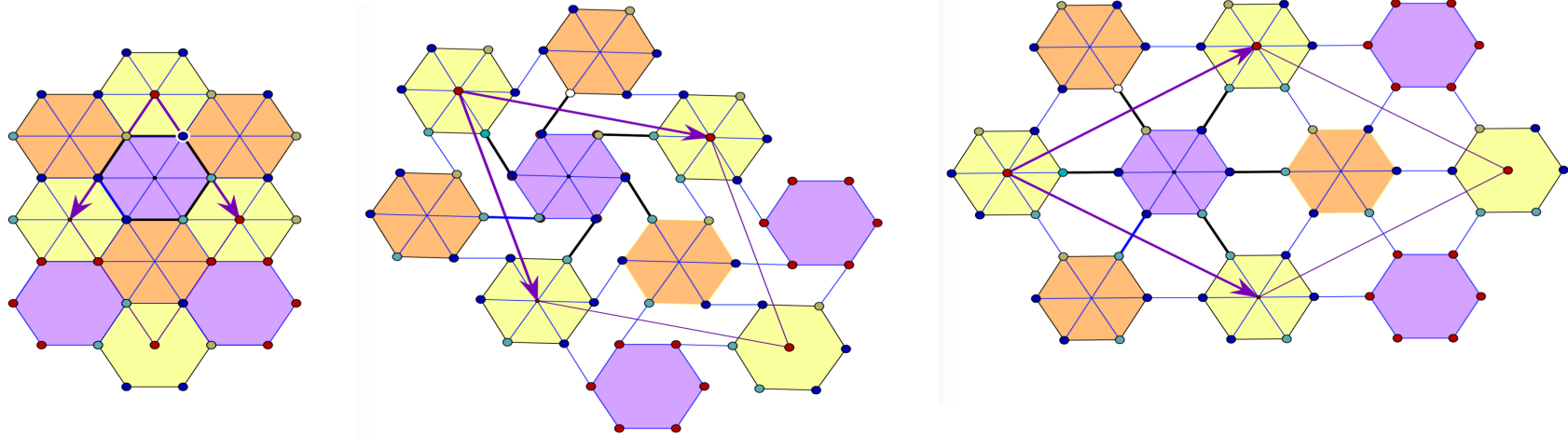
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Ornamental motifs

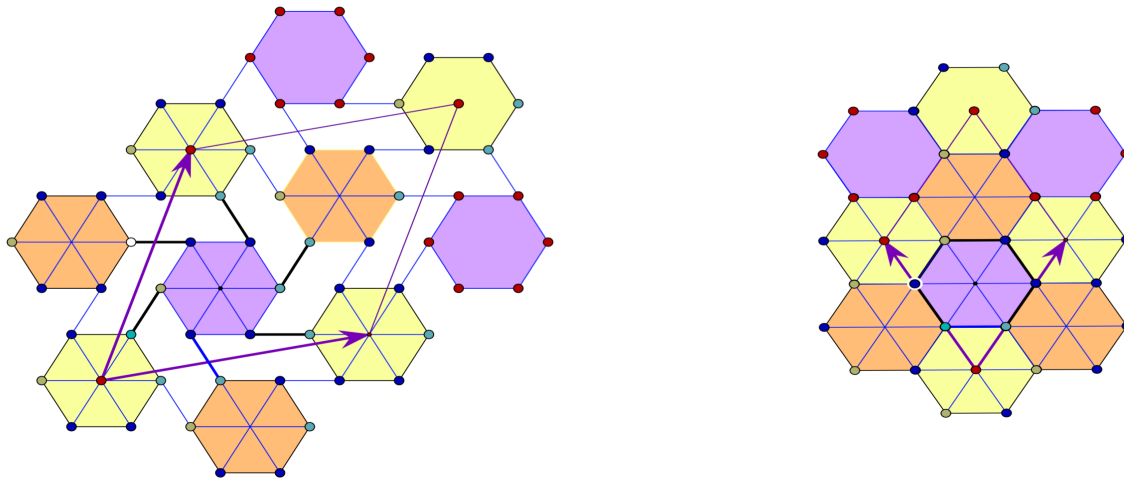


Tiles, Ottoman period, Iznik 1560.
Harvard Art Museums.

From tiling to full deployment



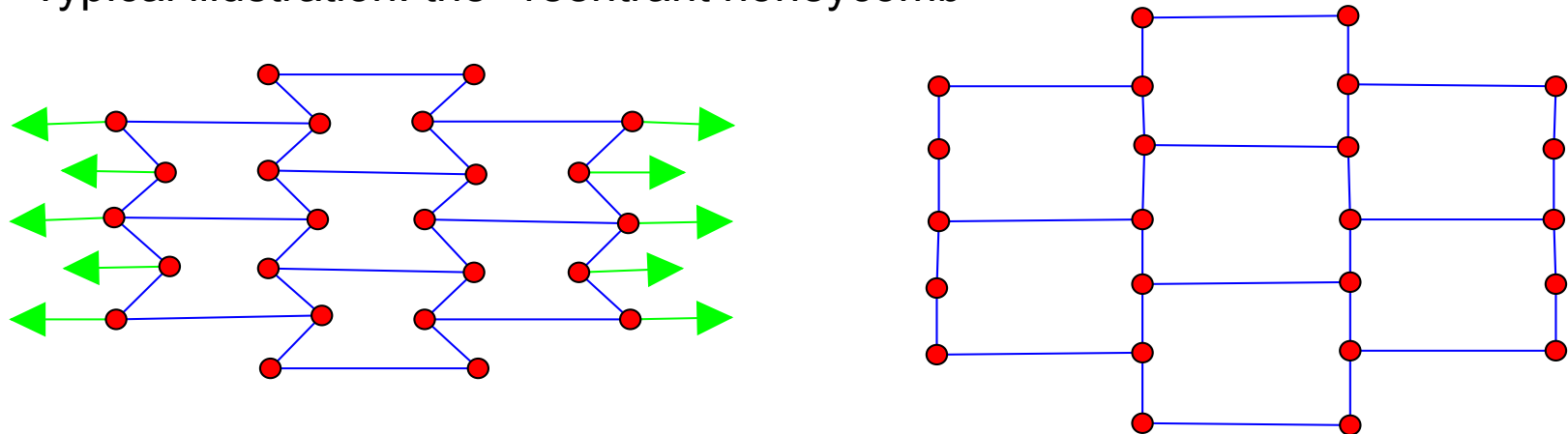
The framework with hexagons has a single degree of freedom and a unique deformation trajectory.



Auxetic behavior

In elasticity theory, auxetic behavior is an expression of negative Poisson's ratios. Given two orthogonal directions, a stretch in the first direction leads to a widening in the second (orthogonal) direction.

Typical illustration: the “reentrant honeycomb”



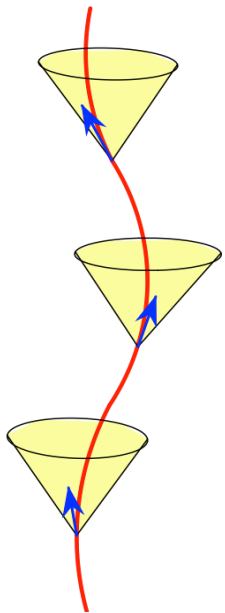
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Geometric auxetics

For periodic frameworks, there is a purely geometric approach to auxetic behavior, based on the evolution of the periodicity lattice.

Definition. A one-parameter deformation of a periodic framework is an auxetic path when for any $t_1 < t_2$, the linear operator taking the period lattice Λ_{t_2} to Λ_{t_1} is a contraction i.e. has operator norm at most 1.



Theorem: A one-parameter deformation of a periodic framework is an auxetic path when the curve given by the Gram matrices of a basis of periods has all velocity vectors (tangents) in the positive semidefinite cone.

This is analogous to 'causal-lines' in special relativity i.e. curves with all their tangents in the 'light cone'.

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Infinitesimal auxetic deformations and spectrahedral cones

For a d -periodic framework F , the connection between auxetics and spectrahedra is provided by the Gram map

$$\text{Deformation space } (F) \longrightarrow \text{Sym}(d \times d)$$

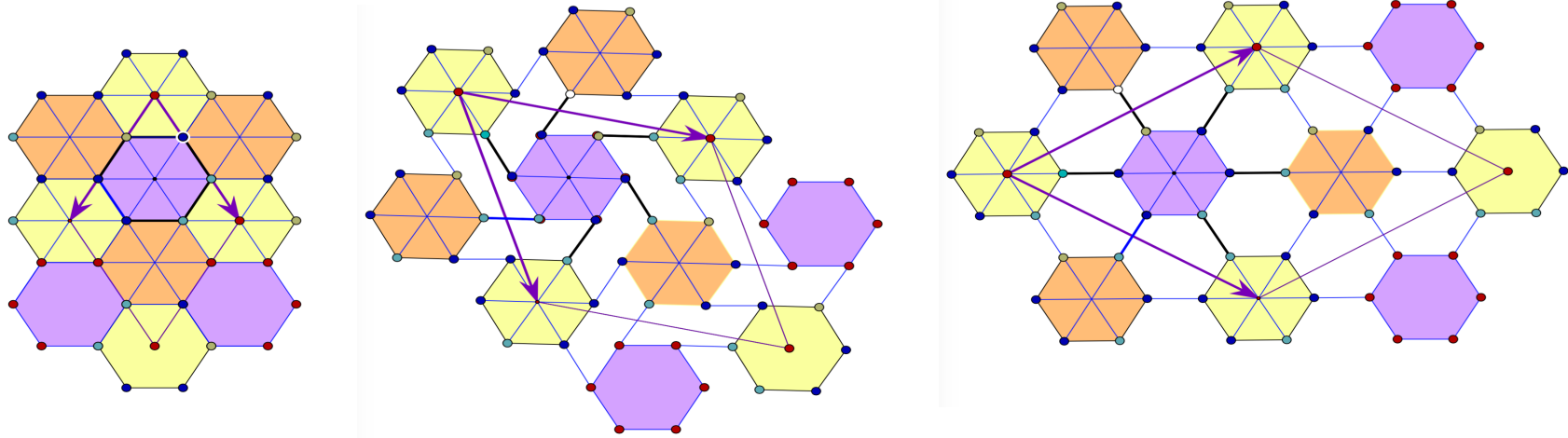
expressing the variation of the Gram matrix for a chosen set of generators of the periodicity lattice. Infinitesimally, we obtain a linear (i.e. tangent) map:

$$\text{Infinitesimal deformations } (F) \longrightarrow \text{Sym}(d \times d)$$

The image of this linear map, intersected with the positive semidefinite cone in $\text{Sym}(d \times d)$, defines a **spectrahedral cone**.

Thus: **infinitesimal auxetic cones** are **linear pre-images of spectrahedral cones**.

Auxetic deployment



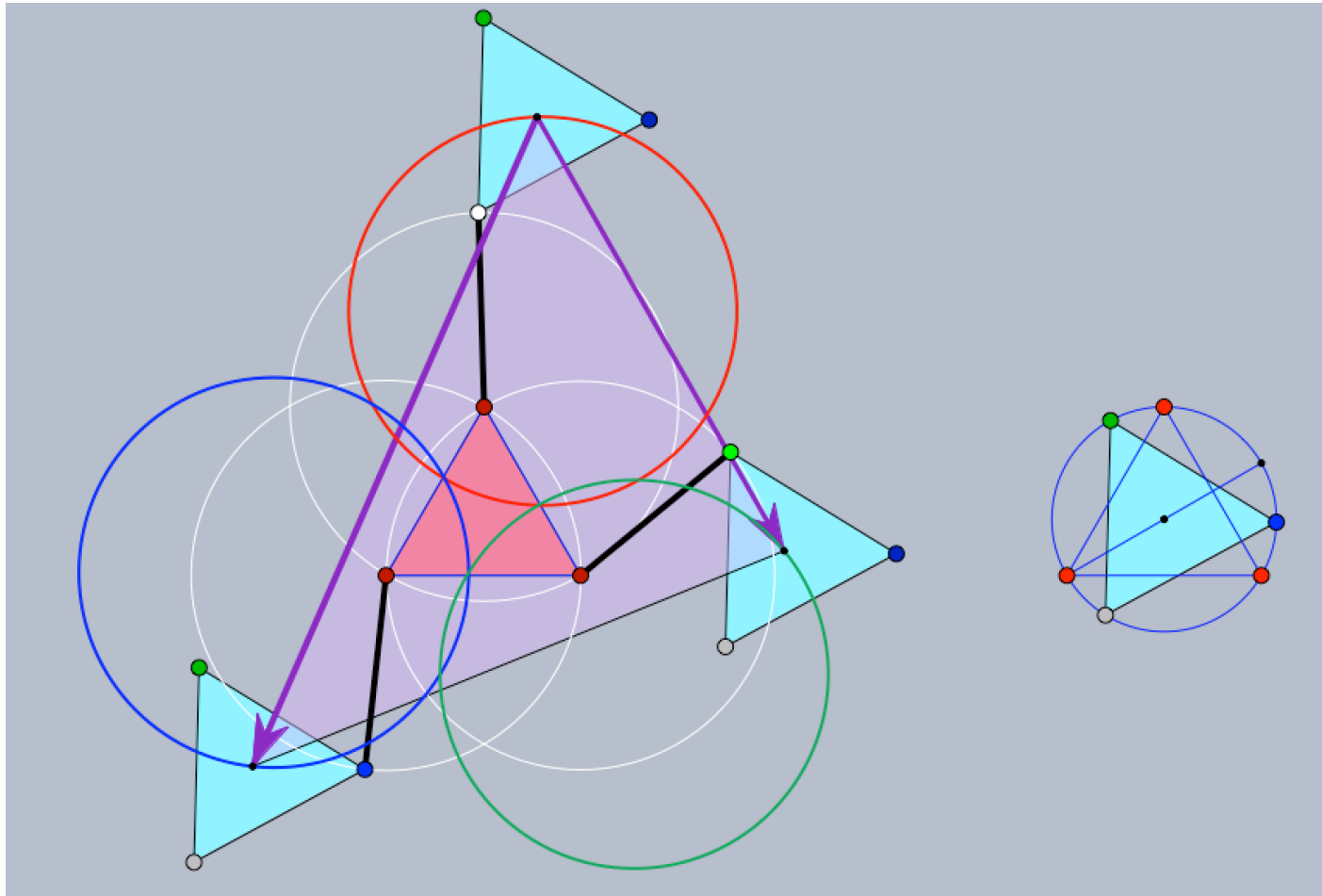
This deployment deformation is auxetic since the Gram map goes to increasing scalar multiples of the Gram matrix for the tiling.

[Animation 1 here.](#)

The framework with squares (3 dof) and the framework with triangles (4 dof) present genuine possibilities of [auxetic deployment design](#).

[We will focus on the framework with articulated triangles.](#)

Geometric underpinnings

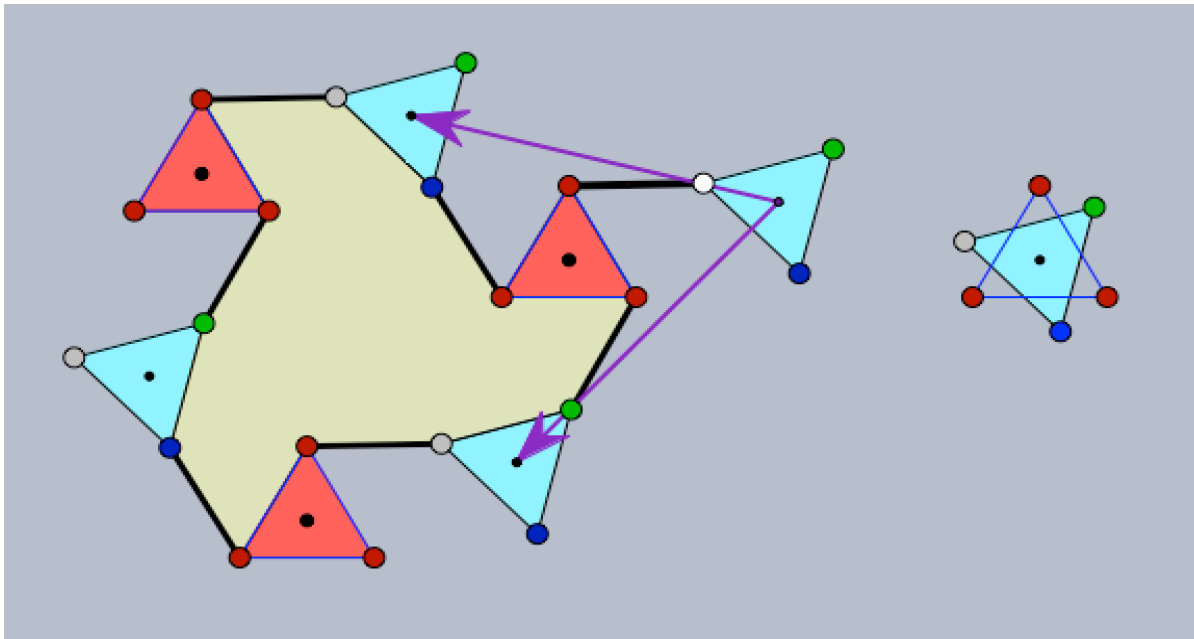


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Typology of growth

EXPANSION implies AUXETIC BEHAVIOR
implies AREA INCREASE.

We consider the [unit cell area function](#) on a 2-parameter subfamily where the threefold rotational symmetry of the framework is preserved.

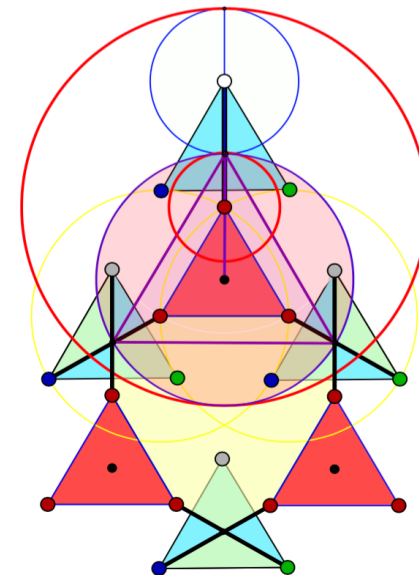


Animation 3
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Properties (on 2-torus)

- The Gram map gives scalar multiples of the tiling Gram matrix, hence **area increasing deformations are auxetic**.
- The **area function is a Morse function** on the 2-torus. It has six critical points: the absolute maximum, three critical points of index one and two absolute minima (for vanishing area).

A critical configuration of index one.



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