# Counting rules for periodic frameworks

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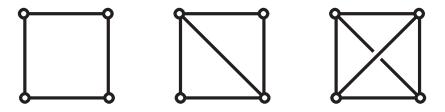
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# In 1864, James Clerk Maxwell wrote, in *On the calculation of the equilibrium and stiffness of frames,*

A frame of s points in space requires in general 3s-6 connecting lines to render it stiff. In those cases in which stiffness can be produced with a smaller number of lines, certain conditions must be fulfilled, rendering the case one of a maximum or minimum value of one or more of its lines. The stiffness of such frames is of an inferior order, as a small disturbing force may produce a displacement infinite in comparison with itself.

# Example of Maxwell counting in 2D

For a two-dimensional pin-jointed structure, Maxwell's statement would be that a structure with j joints would require, in general, 2j - 3 bars to be rigid.



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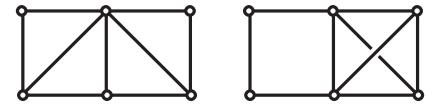
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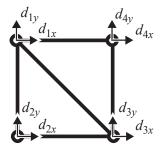
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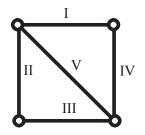
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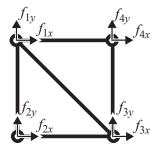


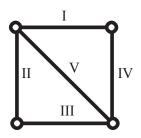


#### Nodal displacements

Bar extensions

Consider possible forces at the nodes and tensions in the bars:





Nodal forces

Bar tensions

**C** is the *compatibility* matrix, describing the (first order) relationship between joint displacements and bar extensions.

 $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{1x} \\ d_{1y} \\ d_{2x} \\ d_{2y} \\ d_{3x} \\ d_{3y} \\ d_{4x} \\ d_{4y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{I} \\ e_{II} \\ e_{III} \\ e_{IV} \\ e_{V} \end{bmatrix}$ 

Any solution to  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{d}=\mathbf{0}$  is either an internal mechanism, or a rigid-body mechanism.

 $\mathbf{Cd} = \mathbf{e}$ 

The tranpose of  $\mathbf{C}$  is the equilibrium matrix, describing the relationship between nodal forces, and internal forces in the bars

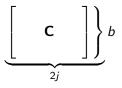
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# Proof of the Maxwell Calladine equation (in 2D)

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and so, for any value of r

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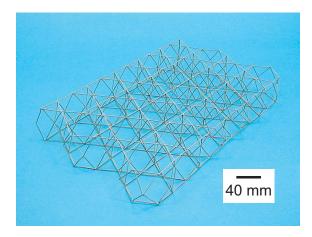
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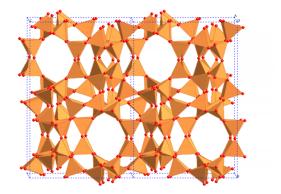
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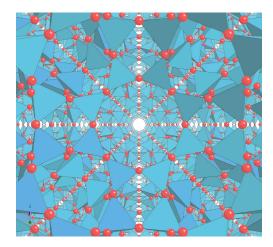
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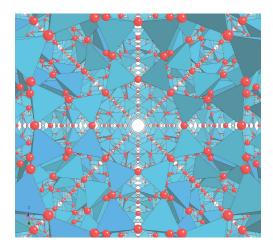
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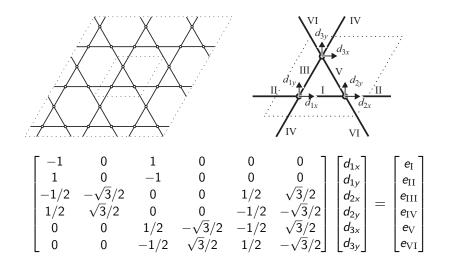


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The unexpected properties of these structures can be explored through counting

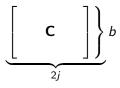
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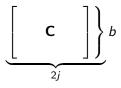


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#### Rotation is not an allowed rigid-body mode with a fixed unit cell

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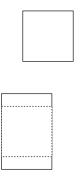
A better approach is to consider an 'augmented' compatibility matrix, where uniform deformation of the unit cell is allowed.

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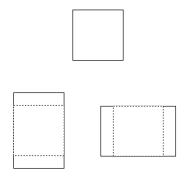
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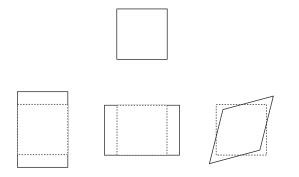
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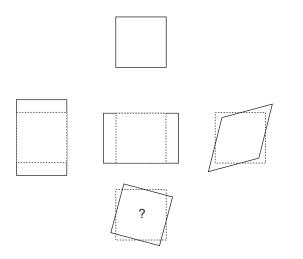
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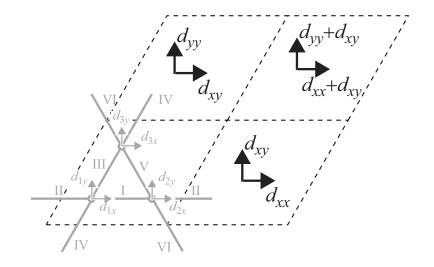


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Example: 'augmented' deformation vector for kagome



Augmented compatibility matrix for the kagome

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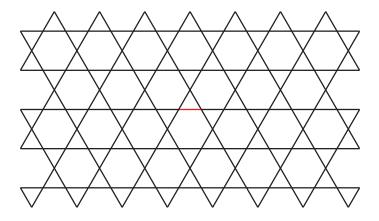
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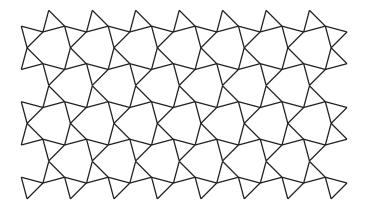
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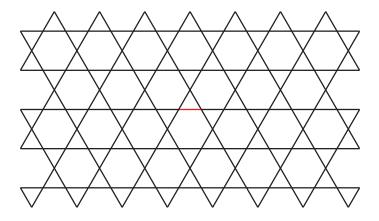
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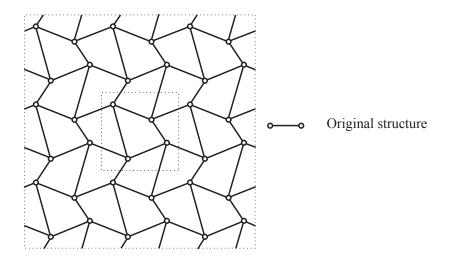
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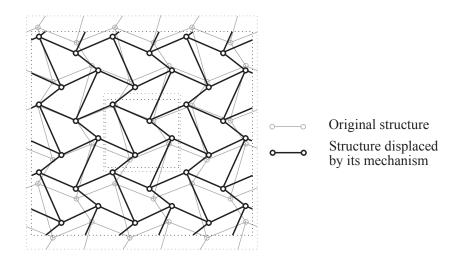


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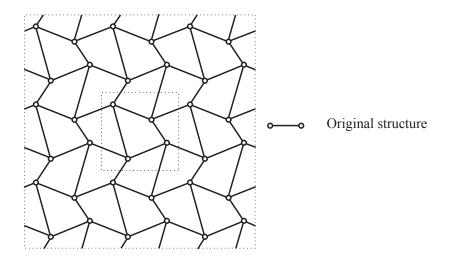


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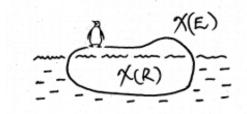
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Example: Euler's theorem

$$v + f = e + 2$$

becomes

$$\Gamma_{\sigma}(v) imes \Gamma_{\epsilon} + \Gamma_{\sigma}(f) = \Gamma_{\perp}(e) + \Gamma_{0} + \Gamma_{\epsilon}$$

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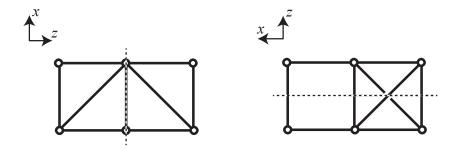
For any vector space V, we give the set of characters for all  $g \in G$ the symbol  $\Gamma_V$  and loosely call this the 'representation'. Most importantly, the structure of V as a summation of irreducible invariant vector spaces can be found directly from  $\Gamma_V$ , and hence we can consider this to count the dimensions of V in terms of dimensions of irreducible representations. Example:  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{C}_s$ , a single plane of reflection

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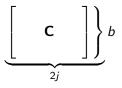
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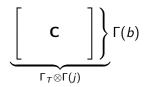
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Eliminating r gives the Maxwell-Calladine equation

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### Counting with symmetry for finite structures

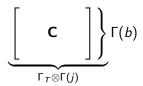
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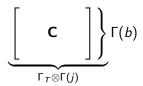


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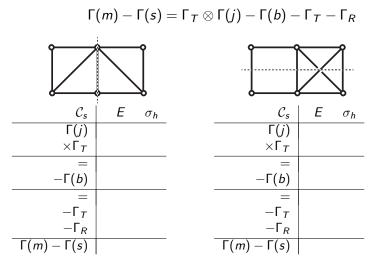


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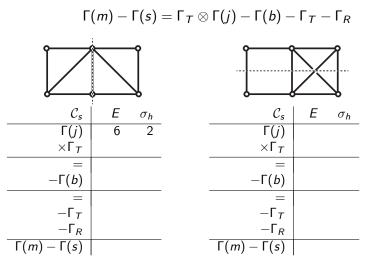
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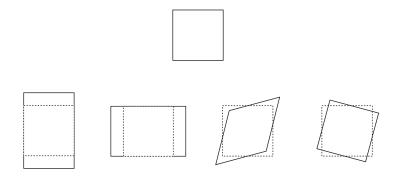
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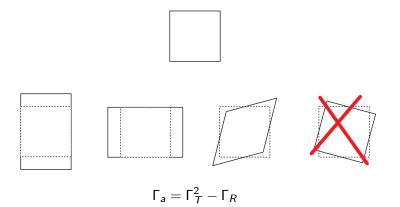
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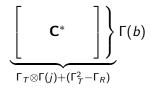
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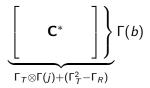
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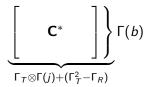
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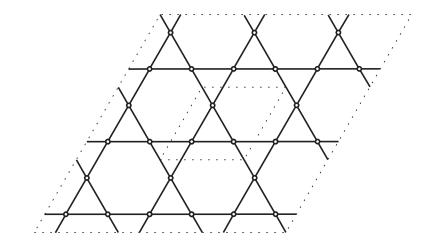
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The complete geometric symmetry group of a repetitive structure is a *space group* (plane/wallpaper group in 2D) which has infinite order. However, by identifying components that are equivalent under a displacement, we can factor our the infinite displacement group, leaving us with a point group with which we can work.

Example: counting symmetries for the kagome lattice



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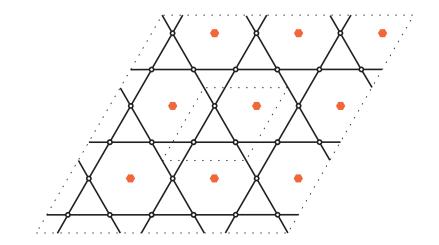
- ▶ Plane Group *p*6*m*
- Point Group  $C_{6v}$

## Components preserved by E

| $C_{6v}$                                   | E  | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>6</sub> | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> | <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> | $3\sigma_v$ | $3\sigma_d$ |
|--|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Г(j)                                       | 3  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $\times \Gamma_T$                          | 2  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
|  | 6  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $-\Gamma(b)$                               | -6 |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| =  | 0  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $= -\Gamma_T \\ -\Gamma_R \\ +\Gamma_T^2 $ | -2 |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $-\Gamma_R$                                | -1 |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$                              | 4  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$                    | 1  |                         |                         |                       |             |             |

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# The kagome lattice — $C_6$ axes



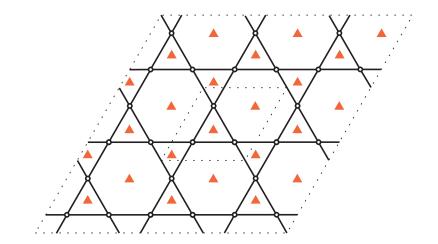
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|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Γ(j)                    | 3  | 0                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| =<br>-Γ <sub>T</sub>    | -2 | -1                      |                         |                       |             |             |
| $-\Gamma_R$             | -1 | -1                      |                         |                       |             |             |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      |                         |                       |             |             |

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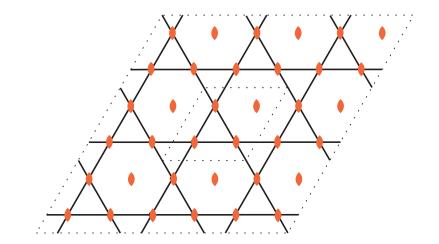
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| $C_{6v}$                | E  | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>6</sub> | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> | <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> | $3\sigma_v$ | $3\sigma_d$ |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         |    | 0                       |                         |                       |             |             |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       | -1                      |                       |             |             |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       | 0                       |                       |             |             |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       | 0                       |                       |             |             |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       | 0                       |                       |             |             |
| -                       | 1  | -1                      |                         |                       |             |             |
|                         |    | -1                      |                         |                       |             |             |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       | 1                       |                       |             |             |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      | 1                       |                       |             |             |

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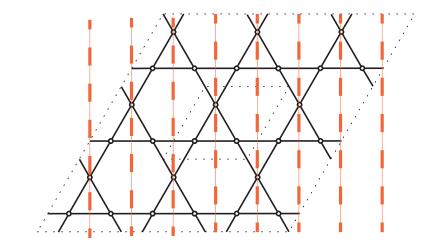
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| $C_{6v}$                | E  | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>6</sub> | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> | <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> | $3\sigma_v$ | $3\sigma_d$ |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Γ(j)                    | 3  | 0                       | 0                       | 3                     |             |             |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       | -1                      | -2                    |             |             |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    |             |             |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       | 0                       | 0                     |             |             |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    |             |             |
|                         |    |                         | 1                       |                       |             |             |
|                         |    |                         | -1                      |                       |             |             |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       | 1                       | 4                     |             |             |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    |             |             |

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## The kagome lattice — $\sigma_{\nu}$ lines



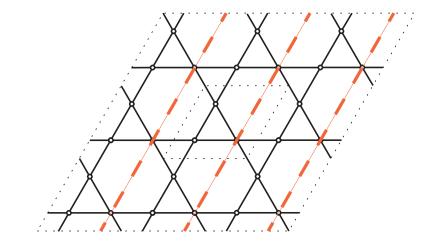
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|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Г(j)                    | 3  | 0                       | 0                       | 3                     | 1           |             |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       | -1                      | -2                    | 0           |             |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | 0           |             |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       | 0                       | 0                     | -2          |             |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | -2          |             |
| $-\Gamma_T$             | -2 | -1                      | 1                       | 2                     | 0           |             |
|                         |    |                         | -1                      |                       |             |             |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       | 1                       | 4                     | 0           |             |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    | -1          |             |

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## Components preserved by $\sigma_d$

| $C_{6v}$                | E  | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>6</sub> | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> | <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> | $3\sigma_v$ | $3\sigma_d$ |  |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Г(j)                    | 3  | 0                       | 0                       | 3                     | 1           | 1           |  |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       | -1                      | -2                    | 0           | 0           |  |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | 0           | 0           |  |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       | 0                       | 0                     | -2          | 0           |  |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | -2          | 0           |  |
| $-\Gamma_T$             | -2 | -1                      | 1                       | 2                     | 0           | 0           |  |
|                         | 1  | -1                      |                         |                       |             | 1           |  |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       | 1                       | 4                     | 0           | 0           |  |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    | -1          | 1           |  |

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## Character table for $C_{6\nu}$

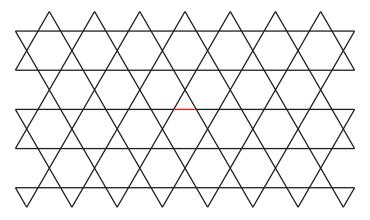
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|----------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| $A_1$    | 1 | 1                       | 1                       | 1                     | 1           | 1           | Ζ                  |
| $A_2$    | 1 | 1                       | 1                       | 1                     | -1          | -1          | Rz                 |
| $B_1$    | 1 | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    | 1           | -1          |                    |
| $B_2$    | 1 | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    | -1          | 1           |                    |
| $E_1$    | 2 | 1                       | -1                      | -2                    | 0           | 0           | $(x, y)(R_x, R_y)$ |
| $E_2$    | 2 | -1                      | -1                      | 2                     | 0           | 0           |                    |
|          |   |                         |                         |                       |             |             |                    |

## Decomposition into irreducible representations for each representation

| $C_{6v}$                | E  | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>6</sub> | 2 <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> | <i>C</i> <sub>2</sub> | $3\sigma_v$ | $3\sigma_d$ |                          |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Γ(j)                    | 3  | 0                       | 0                       | 3                     | 1           | 1           | $A_1 + E_2$              |
| $\times \Gamma_T$       | 2  | 1                       | -1                      | -2                    | 0           | 0           | $E_1$                    |
| =                       | 6  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | 0           | 0           | $B_1 + B_2 + 2E_1$       |
| $-\Gamma(b)$            | -6 | 0                       | 0                       | 0                     | -2          | 0           | $-A_1 - B_1 - E_1 - E_2$ |
| =                       | 0  | 0                       | 0                       | -6                    | -2          | 0           | $-A_1 + B_2 + E_1 - E_2$ |
| $-\Gamma_T$             | -2 | -1                      | 1                       | 2                     | 0           | 0           | $-E_1$                   |
| $-\Gamma_R$             | -1 | -1                      | -1                      | -1                    | 1           | 1           | $-A_2$                   |
| $+\Gamma_T^2$           | 4  | 1                       | 1                       | 4                     | 0           | 0           | $A_1 + A_2 + E_2$        |
| $\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(s)$ | 1  | -1                      | 1                       | -1                    | -1          | 1           | <i>B</i> <sub>2</sub>    |

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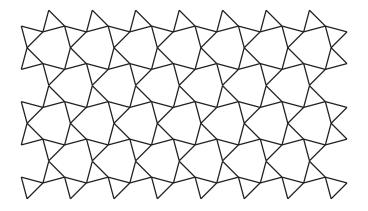
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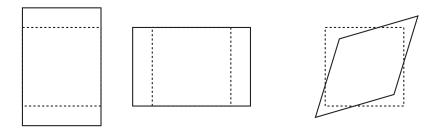
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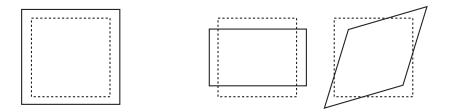
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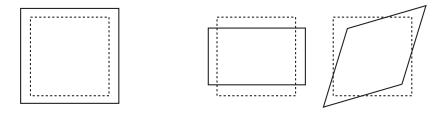
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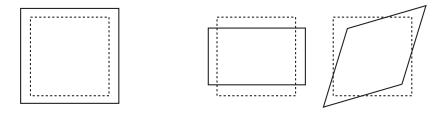


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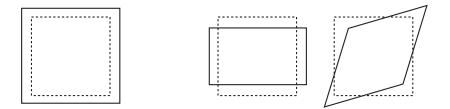
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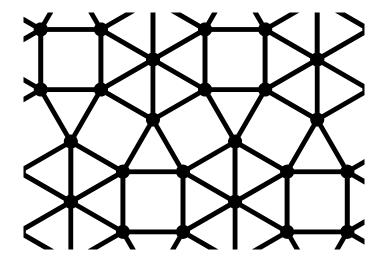
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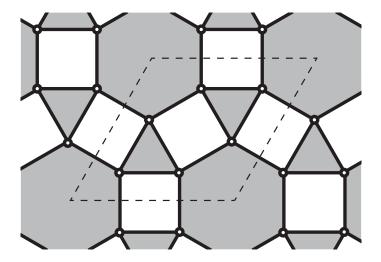
To give a Poisson's ratio close to -1, we should also ensure that the equiauxetic mode is the *only* mode that doesn't require stretching of bars.

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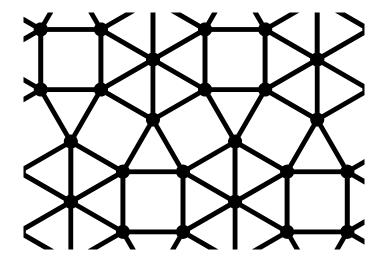
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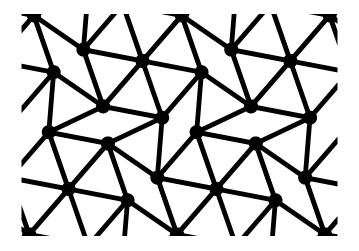


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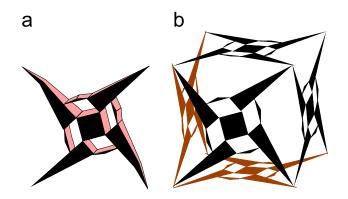
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The only possibility is to find some special geometry that overconstrains the structure, but still allows one totally symmetric mode. One possible 3D example

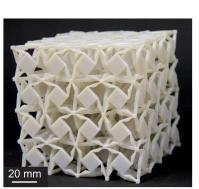
Given by Milton<sup>1</sup>.

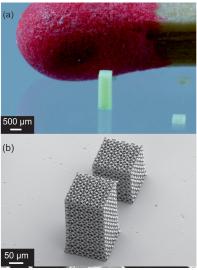


<sup>1</sup>Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids, 61-(2013) 1543-156  $\sim$   $\ge$  9 q c

## A meta-material based on the Milton example

Bückmann et al.<sup>2</sup> have manufactured the meta-material shown, and measured a Poisson's ratio of -0.76.





<sup>2</sup>New Journal of Physics (2014) 16 033032

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## Conclusion

Any counting rule will have a symmetry-extended counterpart.

- These rules allow strong statements to be made about placement of structural components to achieve particular structural behaviour.
- Symmetry helps show where we should look to achieve limiting *equiauxetic* behaviour, with ν close to -1.