

# Computation of toroidal Schnyder woods made simple and fast: from theory to practice

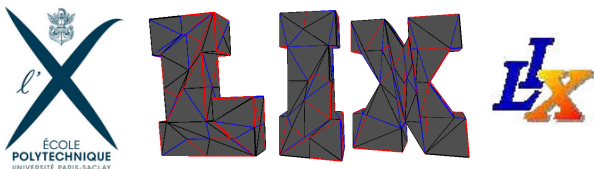
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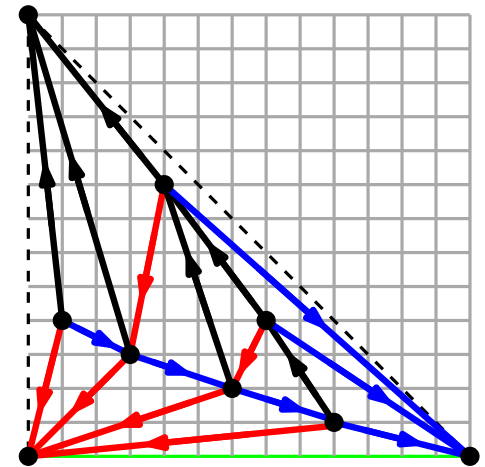
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# Main goals of this talk

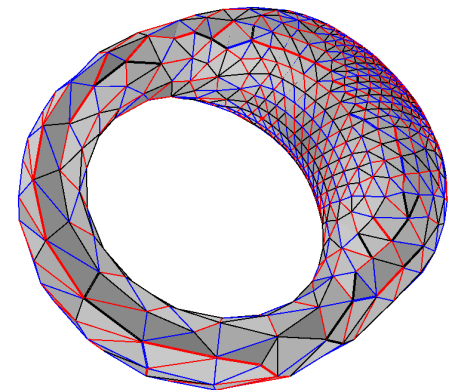
- either you do not know Schnyder woods

I will make you discover the magic world of Schnyder woods



- or you already encountered Schnyder woods

I will explain how to efficiently compute Schnyder woods for toroidal triangulations



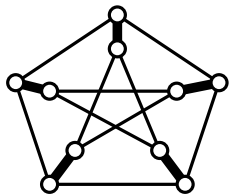
# Some facts about (planar) maps

("As I have known them")

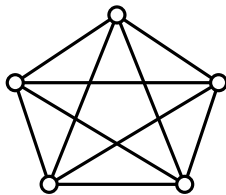
# Let us review some major results on planar graphs

**Kuratowski theorem (1930)** (cfr Wagner's theorem, 1937)

- $G$  contains neither  $K_5$  nor  $K_{3,3}$  as minors (or no subdivisions of  $K_5$  nor  $K_{3,3}$ )



$K_5$  is a minor of the Petersen graph



subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$

**Thm (Colin de Verdière, 1990)** Colin de Verdière invariant (multiplicity of  $\lambda_2$  eigenvalue of a generalized laplacian)

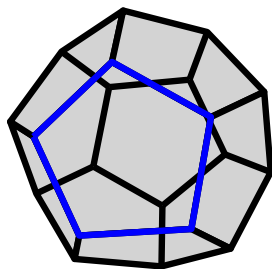
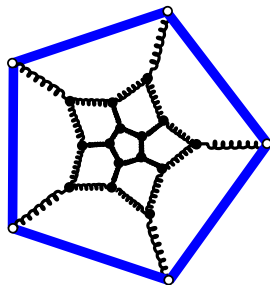
- $\mu(G) \leq 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & \dots & & \\ \dots & & \dots & & \\ \dots & & & \dots & \\ 0 & \dots & & & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L_G[i, k] = \begin{cases} \deg(v_i) \\ -A_G[i, j] \end{cases}$$

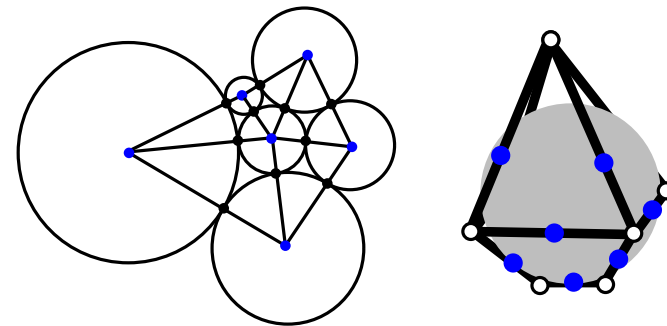
**Thm (Tutte barycentric method, 1963)**

**Every 3-connected planar graph  $G$  admits a convex representation in  $R^2$ .**



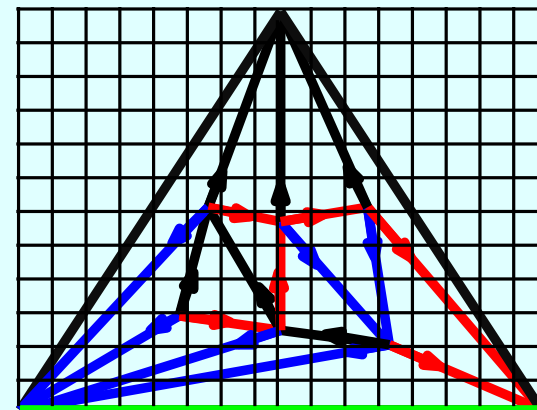
**Thm (Koebe-Andreiev-Thurston)**

**Every planar graph with  $n$  vertices is isomorphic to the intersection graph of  $n$  disks in the plane.**



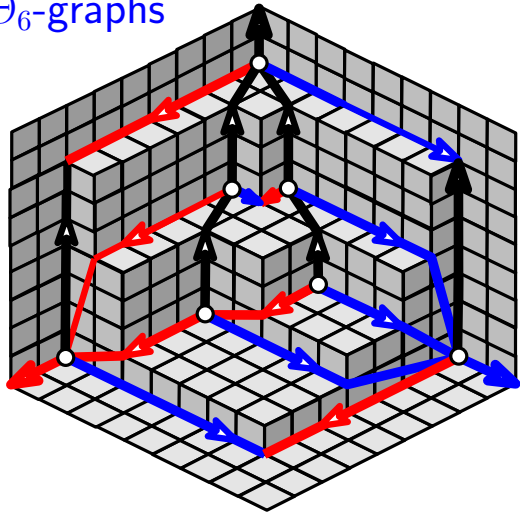
**Schnyder woods (Walter Schnyder '89)**

- planarity criterion via dimension of partial orders:  
 $\dim(G) \leq 3$
- linear-time grid drawing, with  $O(n) \times O(n)$  resolution



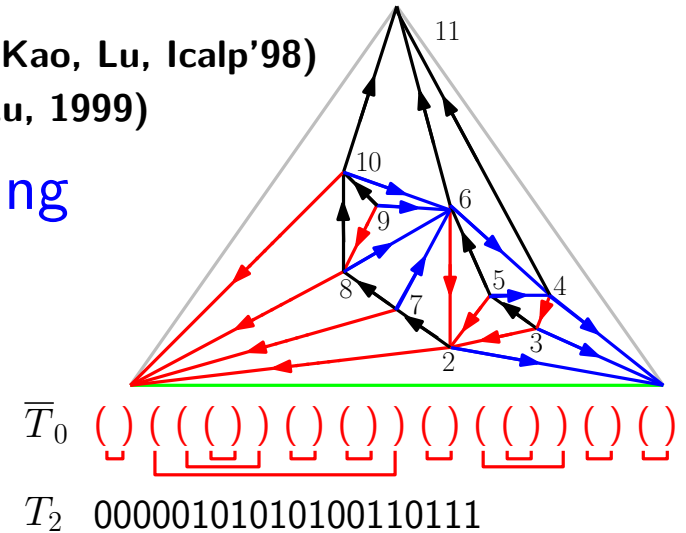
# Schnyder woods: some (classical) applications

[Felsner, Bonichon et al. '10, ...]  
geodesic embeddings on coplanar  
orthogonal surfaces, TD-Delaunay  
graphs and Half- $\Theta_6$ -graphs

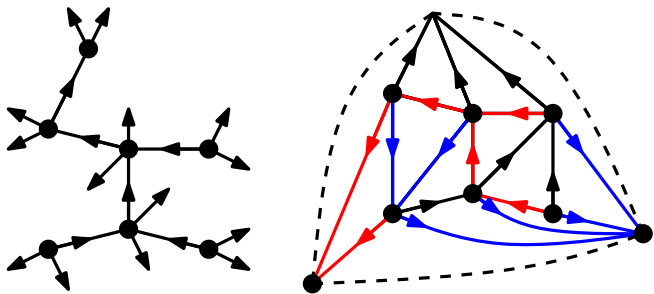


(Chuang, Garg, He, Kao, Lu, Icalp'98)  
(He, Kao, Lu, 1999)

Graph encoding



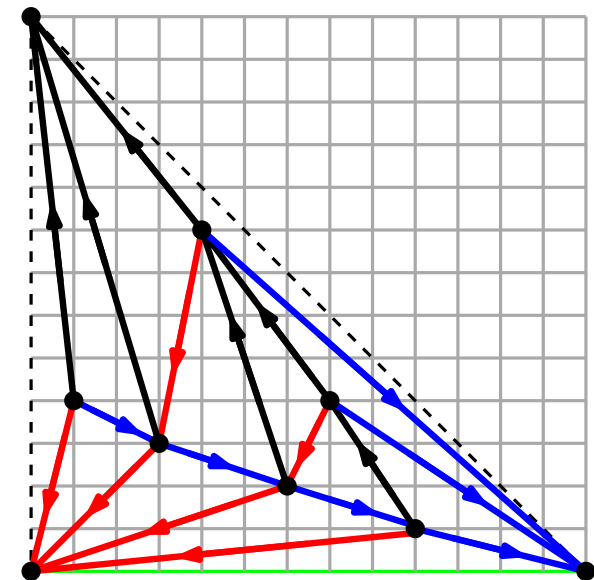
(Poulalhon-Schaeffer, Icalp 03)  
bijective counting, random generation



$$c_n = \frac{2(4n+1)!}{(3n+2)!(n+1)!}$$

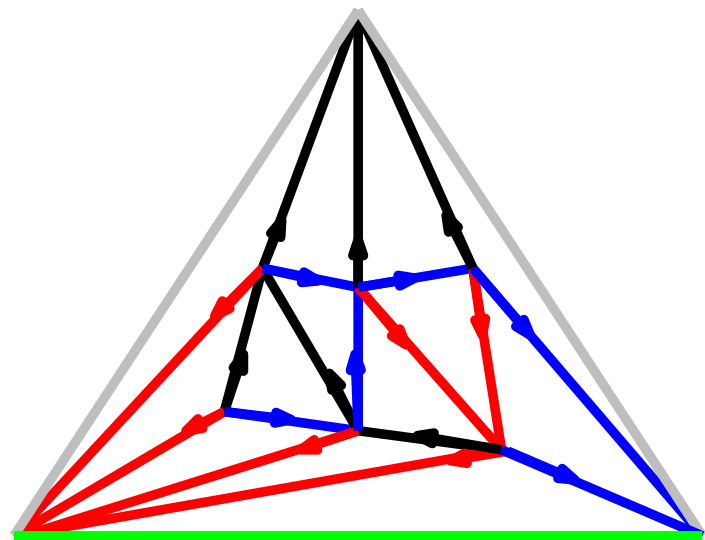
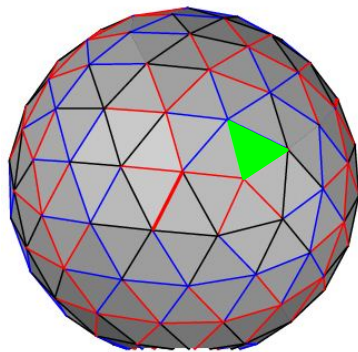
$\Rightarrow$  optimal encoding  $\approx 3.24$  bits/vertex

(Schnyder '90)  
Planar straight-line grid drawing (on a  $O(n \times n)$  grid)

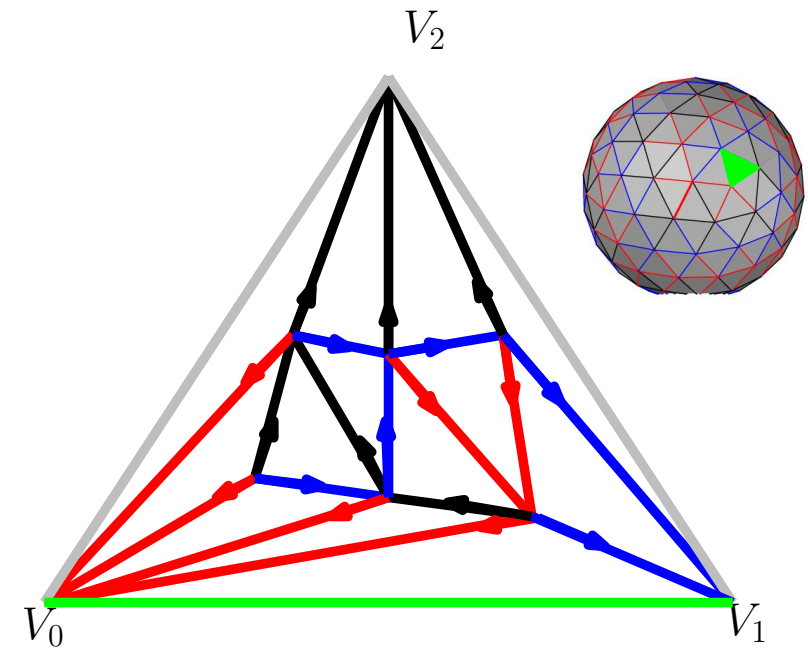
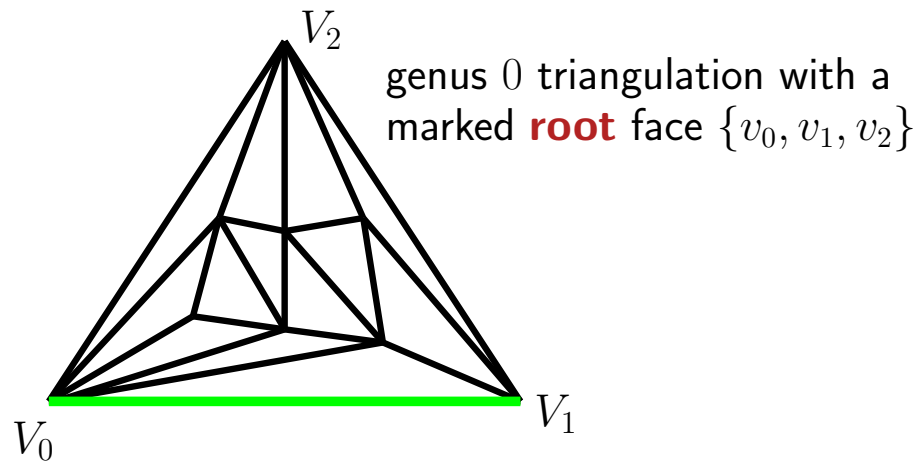


# (Planar) Schnyder woods

(definitions and main properties)

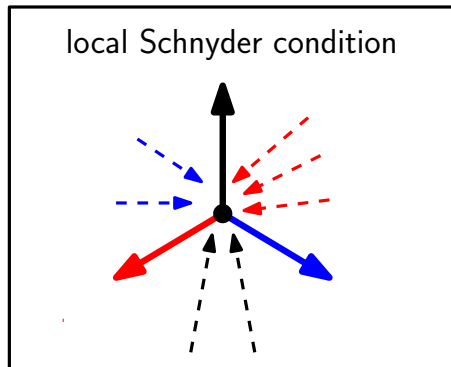


# Schnyder woods for genus 0 (plane) triangulations: definition



## Definition [Schnyder '90]

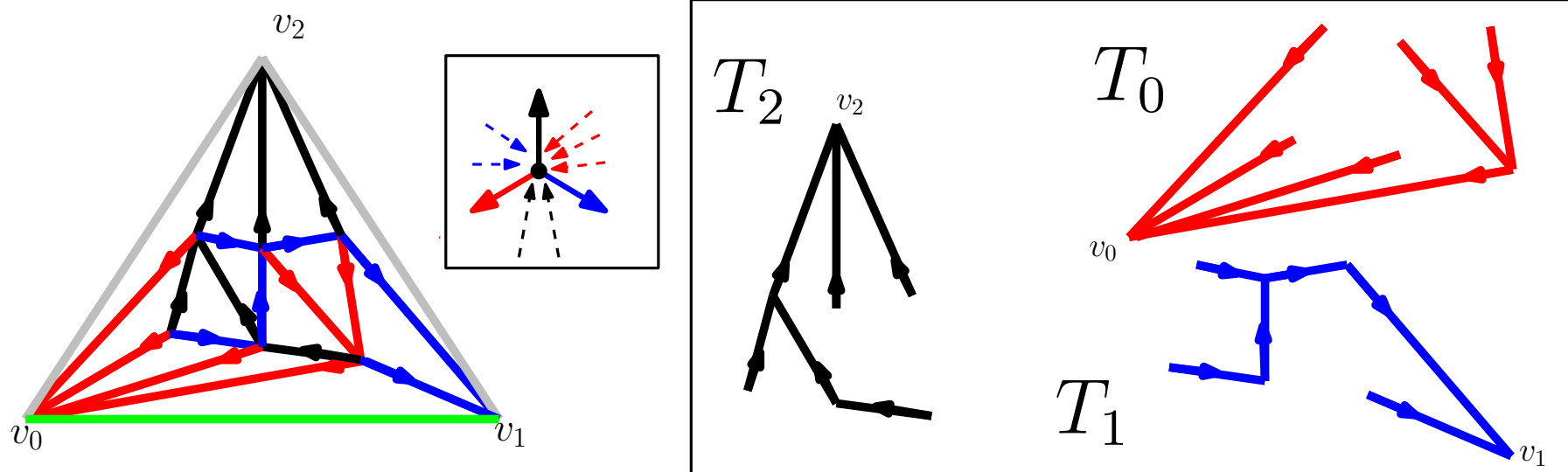
A **Schnyder wood** of a (rooted) planar triangulation is partition of all inner edges into three sets  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  such that



- i) edges are colored and oriented in such a way that each inner node has exactly one outgoing edge of each color
- ii) colors and orientations around each inner node must respect the local Schnyder condition
- iii) inner edges incident to  $V_i$  are of color  $i$  and oriented toward  $V_i$

# Spanning property of Schnyder woods

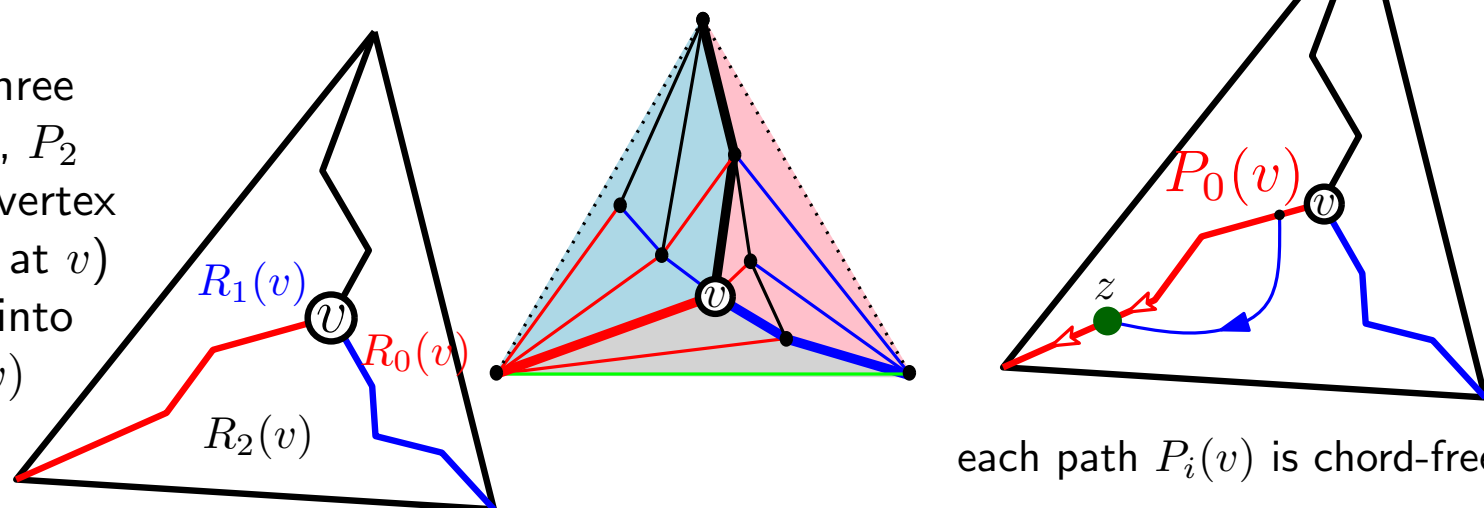
**Theorem** [Schnyder '90]  $T_i :=$  digraph defined by directed edges of color  $i$   
 The three sets  $T_0, T_1, T_2$  are spanning trees of  
 the inner vertices of  $\mathcal{T}$  (each rooted at vertex  $v_i$ )



## Mono-chromatic paths

### Lemma

For each inner vertex  $v$  the three  
 monochromatic paths  $P_0, P_1, P_2$   
 directed from  $v$  toward each vertex  
 $V_i$  are vertex disjoint (except at  $v$ )  
 and partition the inner faces into  
 three sets  $R_0(v), R_1(v), R_2(v)$



each path  $P_i(v)$  is chord-free

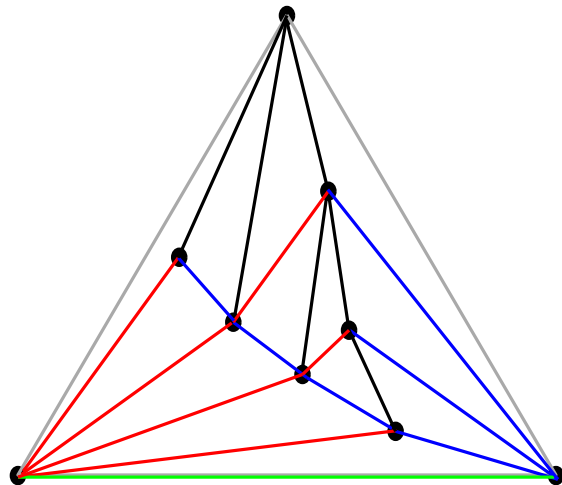
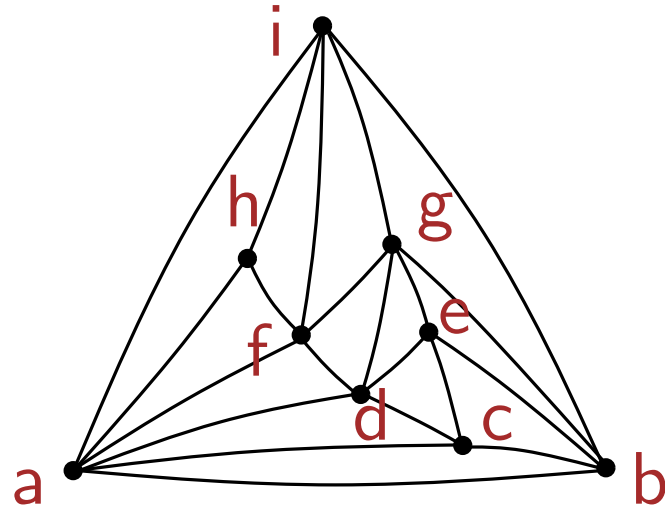


# Schnyder drawings: face counting algorithm

## Theorem (Schnyder, Soda '90)

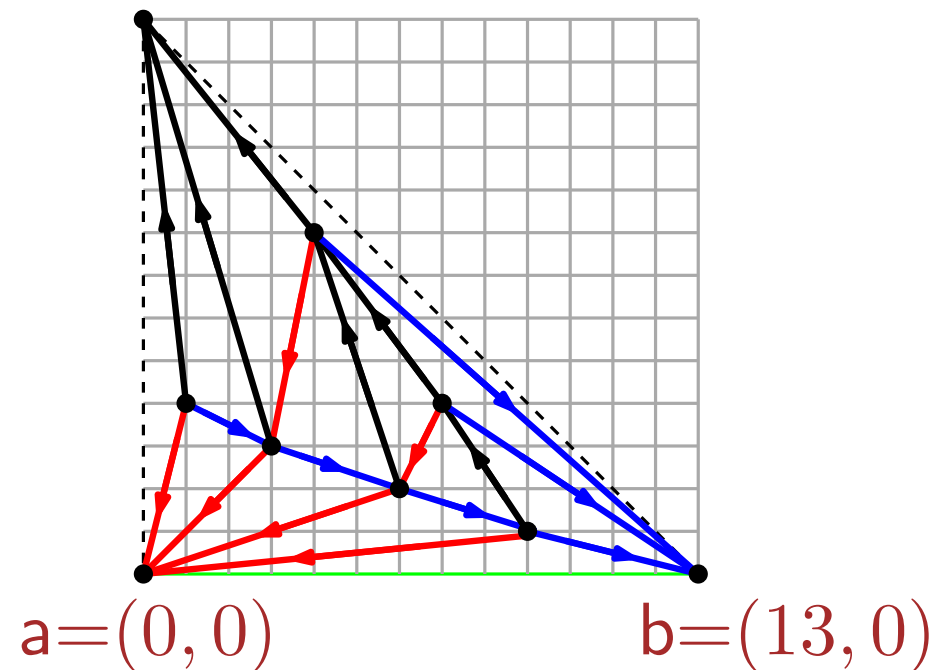
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Input: a planar triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$



$\mathcal{T}$  endowed with a Schnyder wood

Output:  
a straight-line planar grid-drawing of  $\mathcal{T}$

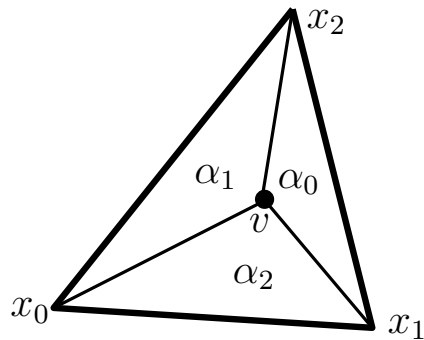


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$$v = \alpha_0 x_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2$$

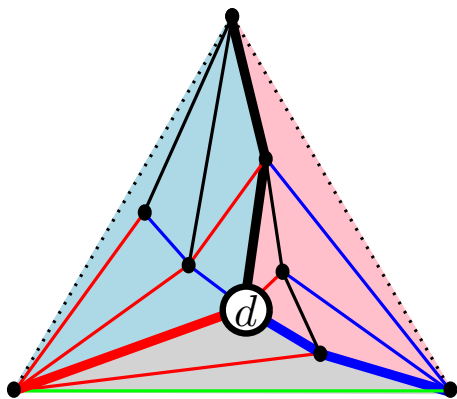
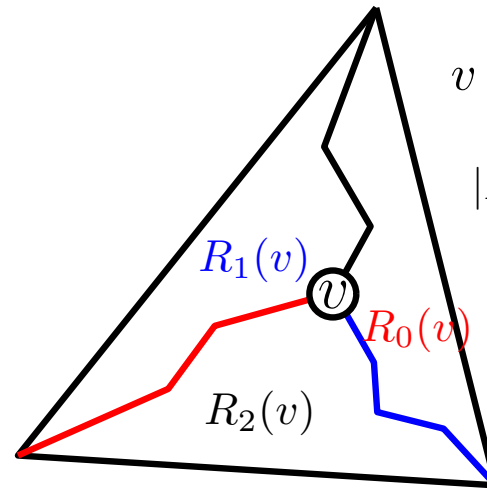


$\alpha_i$  is the normalized area of the triangle  $(x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, v)$

$$v := \frac{|R_0(v)|}{|F|-1} x_0 + \frac{|R_1(v)|}{|F|-1} x_1 + \frac{|R_2(v)|}{|F|-1} x_2$$

$|R_i(v)|$  is the number of triangles in  $R_i(v)$

$|F| - 1 = 2n - 5$  is the number of inner triangles



$$a \rightarrow (13, 0, 0)$$

$$b \rightarrow (0, 13, 0)$$

$$c \rightarrow (9, 3, 1)$$

$$d \rightarrow (5, 6, 2)$$

$$e \rightarrow (2, 7, 4)$$

$$f \rightarrow (7, 3, 3)$$

$$g \rightarrow (1, 4, 8)$$

$$h \rightarrow (8, 1, 4)$$

$$i \rightarrow (0, 0, 13)$$

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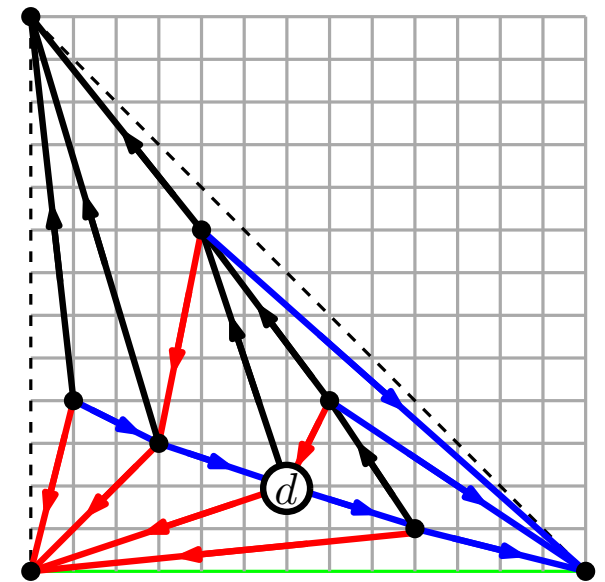
$$f \rightarrow (3, 3)$$

$$g \rightarrow (4, 8)$$

$$h \rightarrow (1, 4)$$

$$i \rightarrow (0, 13)$$

$$b = (0, 13)$$



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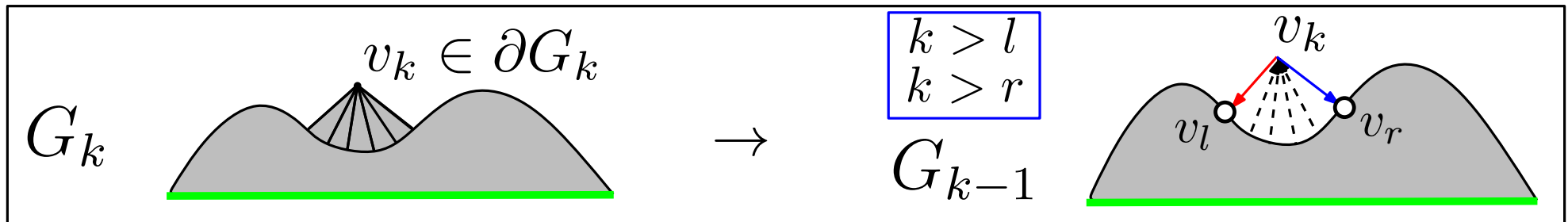
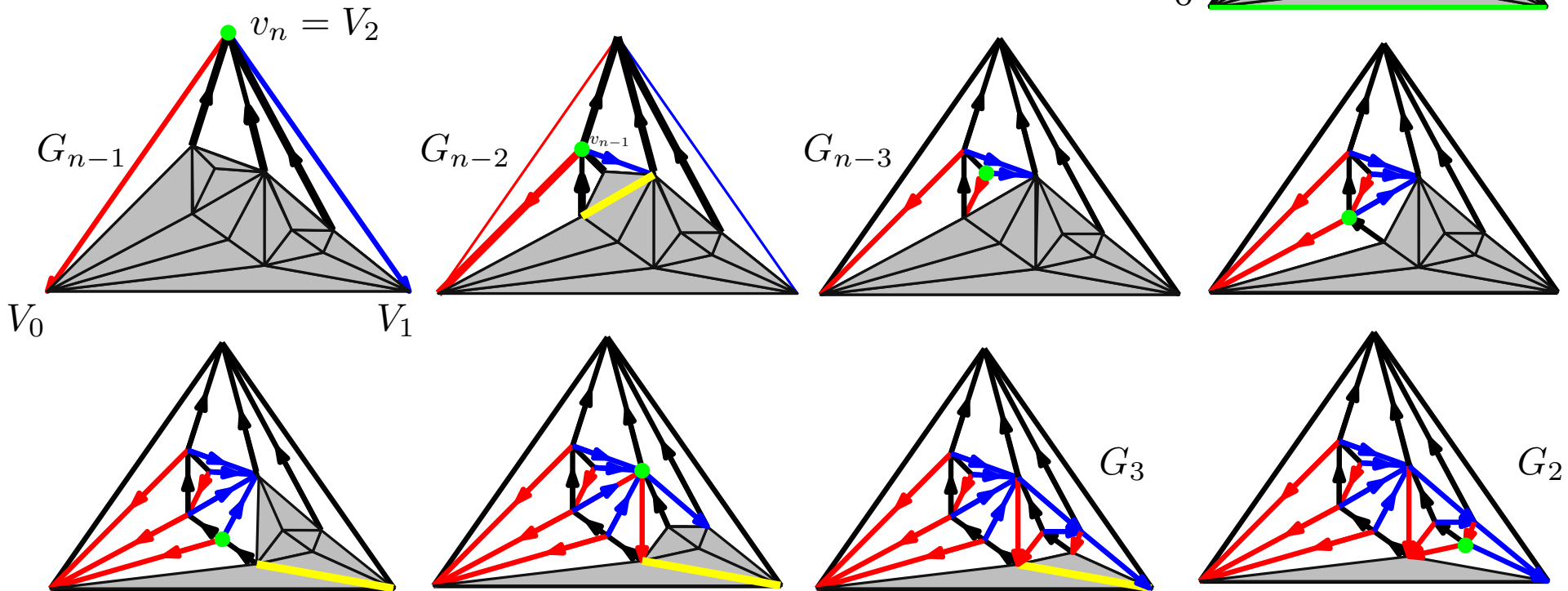
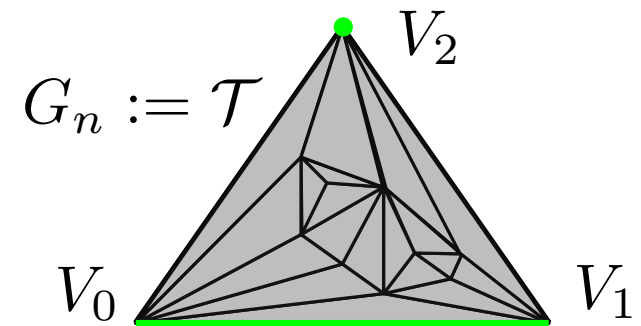
# Linear-time computation of (planar) Schnyder woods

use Canonical Orderings [De Fraysseix, Pach, Pollack '89]

## Theorem (Brehm, 2000)

A Schnyder wood can be computed in linear-time  
(via a sequence of  $n - 2$  vertex shellings)

Remove at each step a vertex  $v$  on the boundary  $\partial G_k$   
(with no incident chordal edges in the gray region)

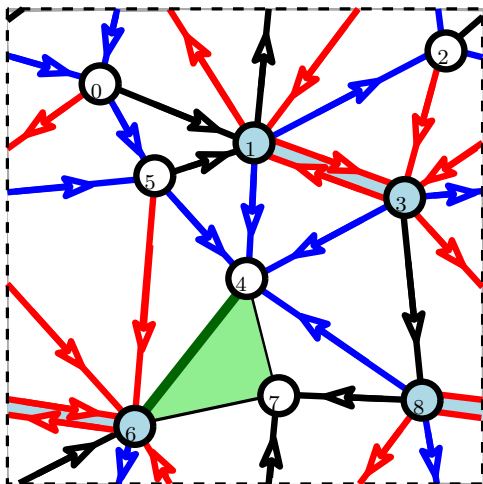


# Schnyder woods for higher genus surfaces

## $g$ -Schnyder woods

[Castelli Aleardi, Fusy, Lewiner, SoCG'08]

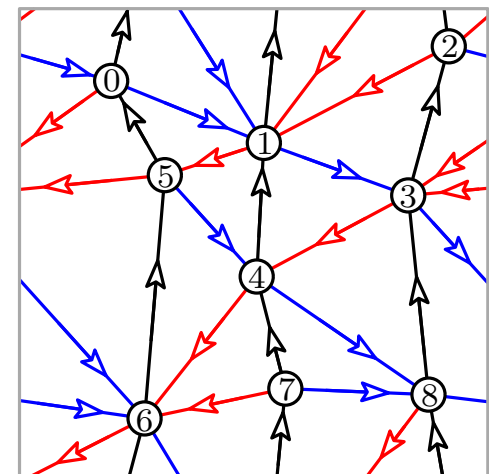
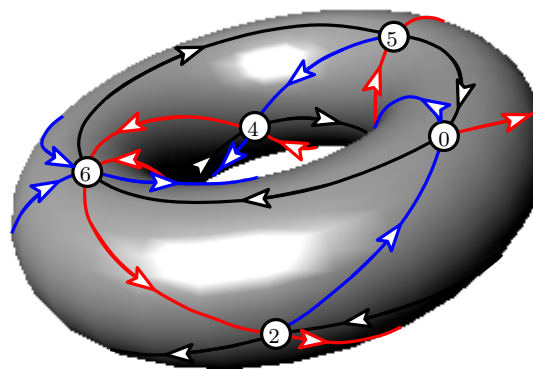
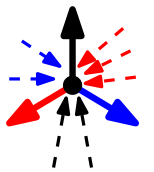
Schnyder local rule valid **almost everywhere** (except  $O(g)$  vertices)



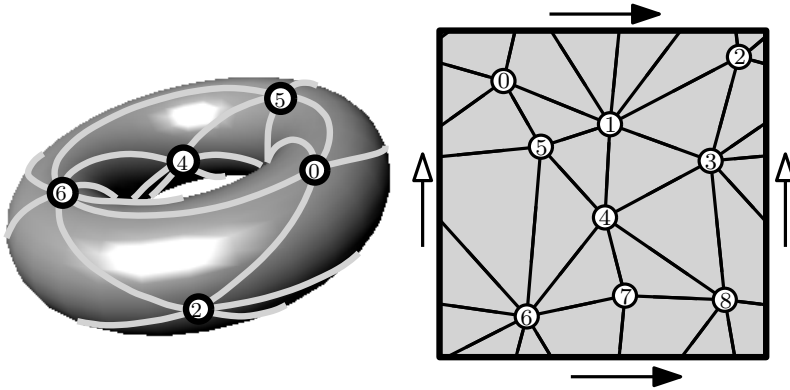
## Toroidal Schnyder woods ( $g=1$ )

[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Schnyder local rule valid at each vertex

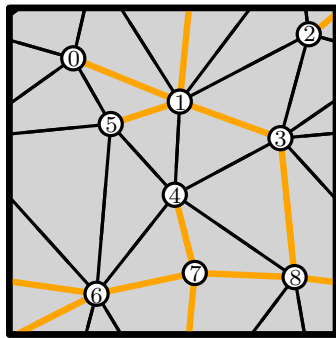


# Planarization: from the torus back to the plane

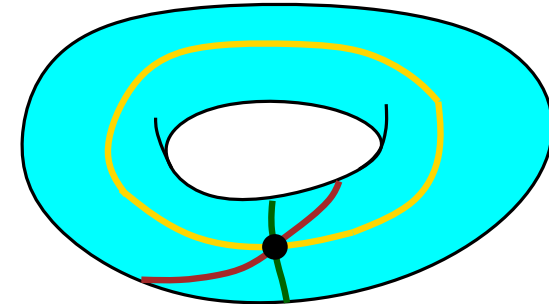
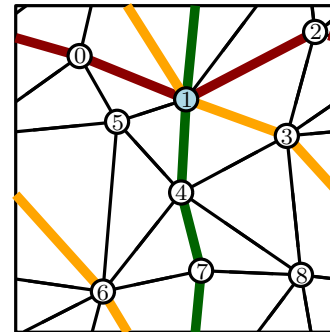


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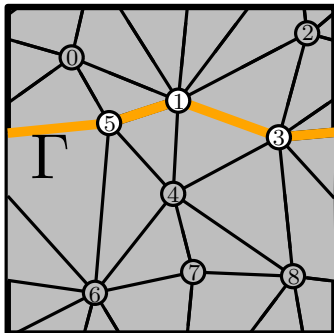
A simple toroidal triangulation contains **three non-contractible and non-homotopic cycles that all intersect on one vertex** and that are pairwise disjoint otherwise.



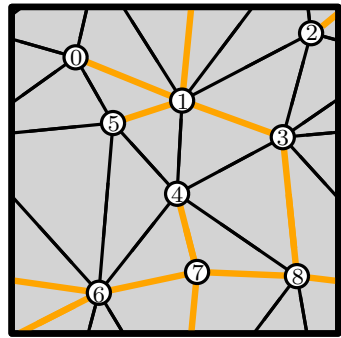
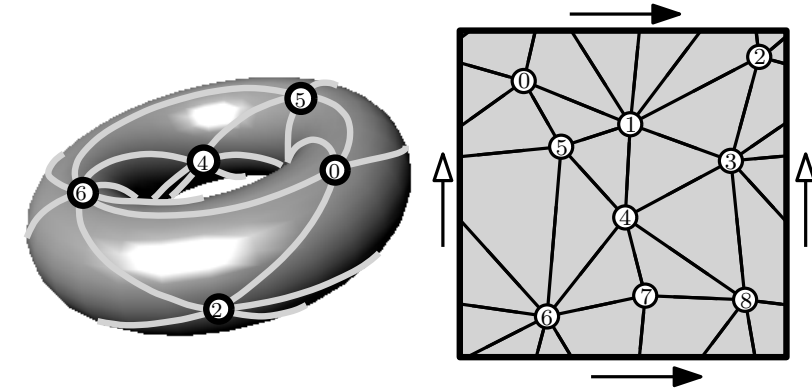
$G$  cut-graph



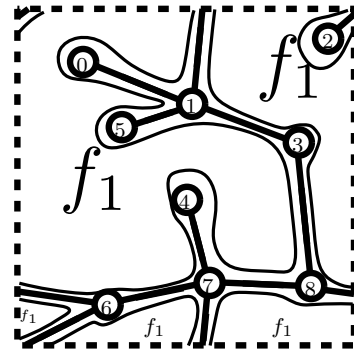
$\Gamma$  non-contractible cycle



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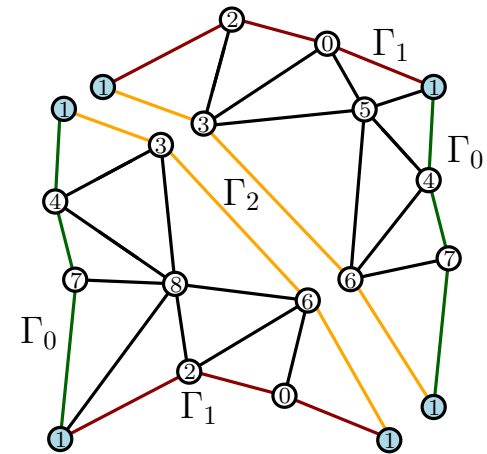
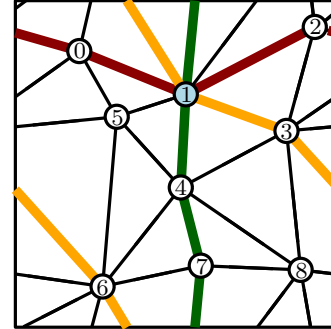
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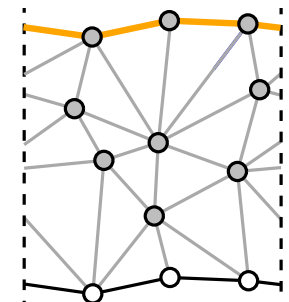
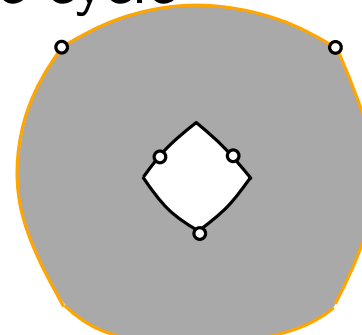
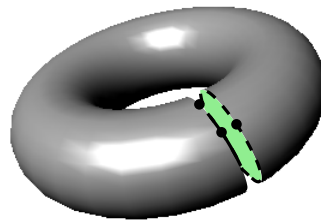
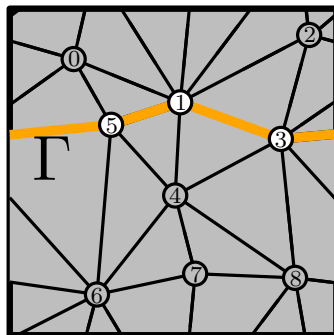
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split along  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$



(two planar quasi-triangulations)

$\Gamma$  non-contractible cycle



cylindric triangulation: planar triangulation with two boundaries

# Toroidal Schnyder woods: definition

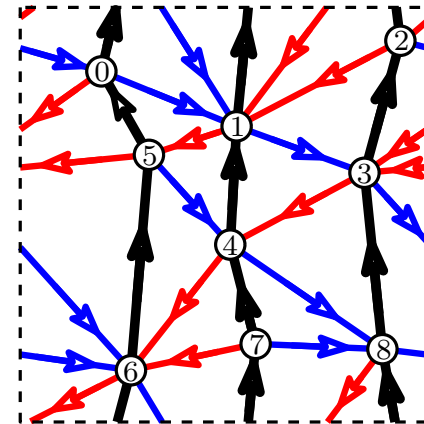
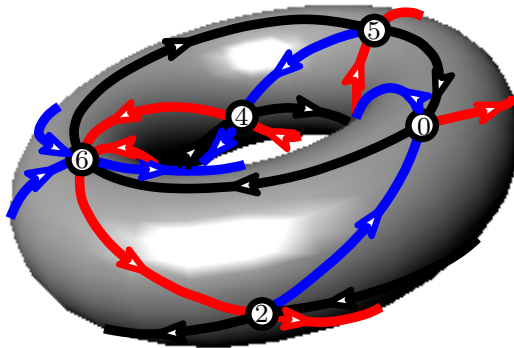
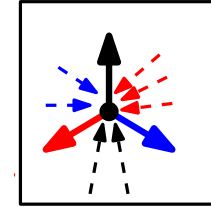
[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

**Remark:** in the toroidal case ( $g = 1$ )  
 $n - e + f = 2 - 2g$

$$e = 3n$$

**Def. Toroidal Schnyder woods** [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

- 3-orientation + Schnyder local rule valid at each vertex



toroidal Schnyder wood

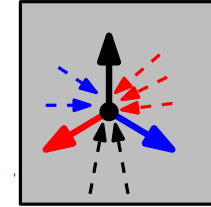
# Toroidal Schnyder woods vs. 3-orientations

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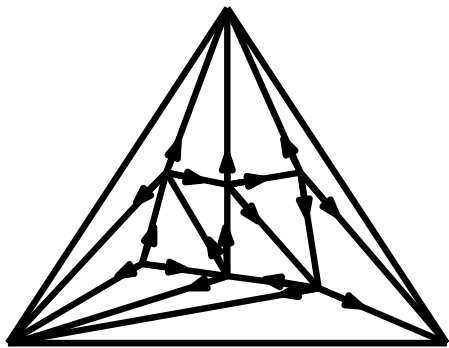
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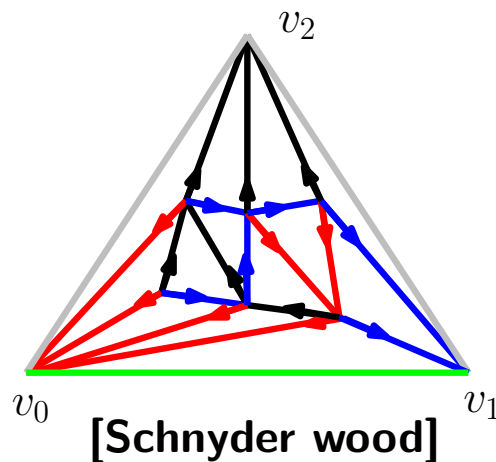
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**Remark:** unlike the planar case, some 3-orientations do not lead to valid Schnyder woods



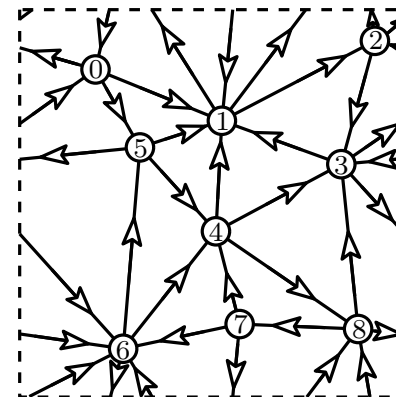
[3-orientation]



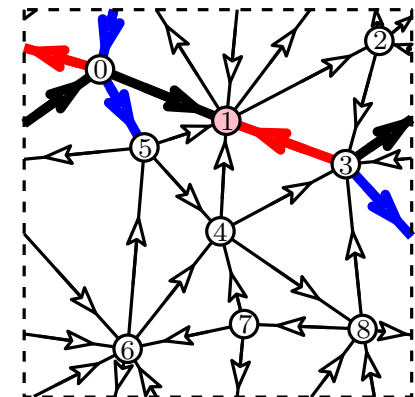
[Schnyder wood]

(in the plane there is a bijection between 3-orientations and Schnyder woods)

valid 3-orientation



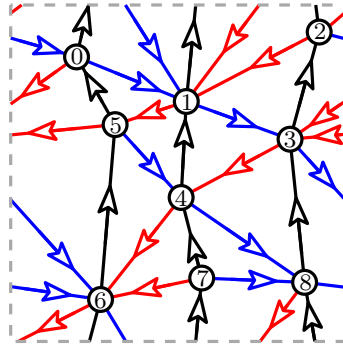
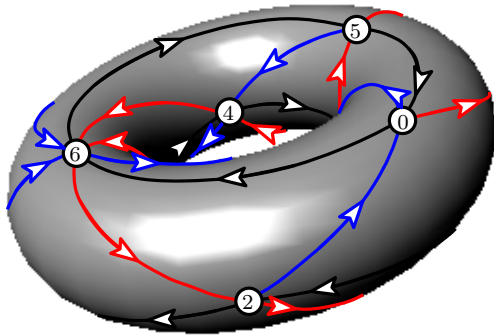
not valid toroidal Schnyder wood



(the local Schnyder rule cannot be propagated everywhere)

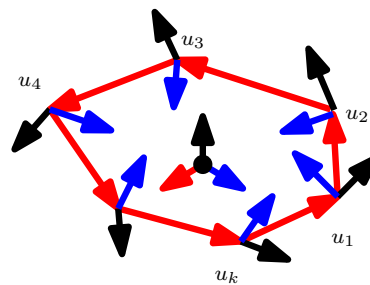
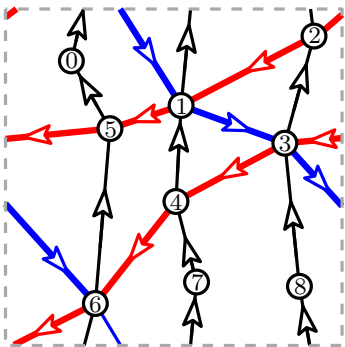


# Toroidal Schnyder woods: cycles



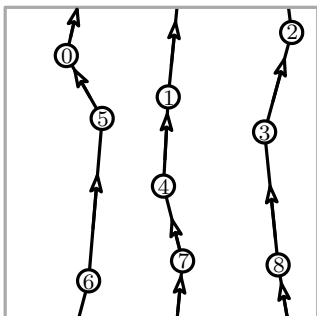
toroidal Schnyder wood

- toroidal Schnyder woods must contain a (mono-chromatic) cycle in each color:  $e = 3n$   
( $n$  edges in each color)
- mono-chromatic cycles are non-contractibles



Remark: the inner region of a contractible mono-chromatic cycle is a (planar) topological disk

- some colors may define disconnected components



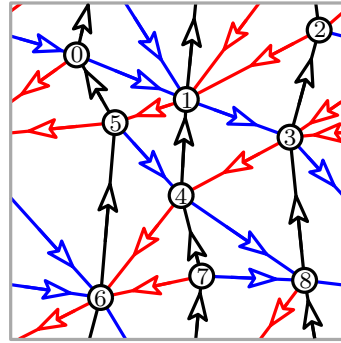
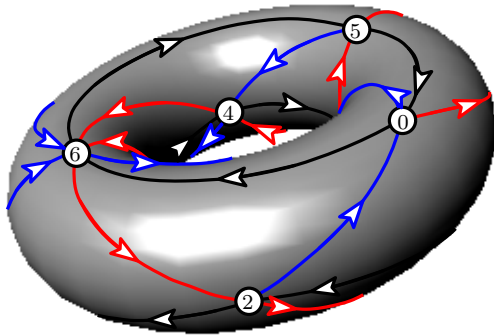
(there are 3 disjoint mono-chromatic cycles of color 2)

**Open problem:** is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components

n	# irreducible triangulations	#triangulations (g = 1)
7	1	1
8	4	7
9	15	112
10	1	2109
11	—	37867

(true for all triangulations of size at most  $n = 11$ )

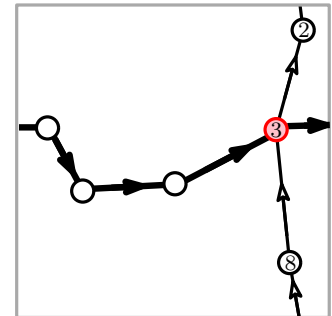
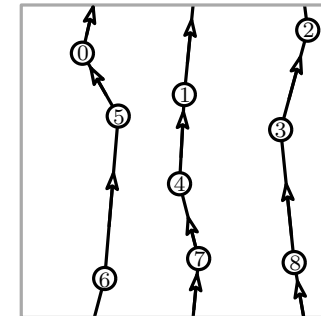
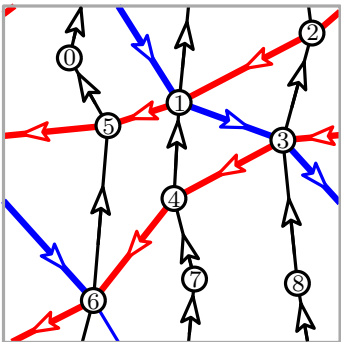
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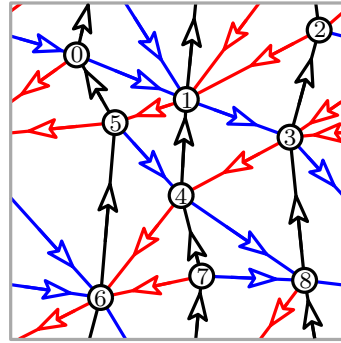
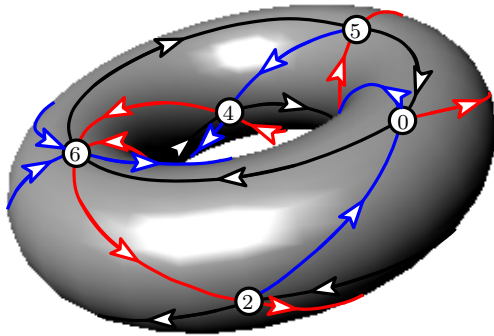
toroidal Schnyder wood

- toroidal Schnyder woods must contain a (mono-chromatic) cycle in each color:  $e = 3n$
- mono-chromatic cycles are non-contractibles

all mono-chromatic cycles of the same color are:  
homotopic and disjoint (parallel) and oriented in  
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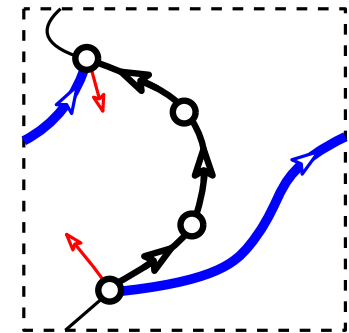
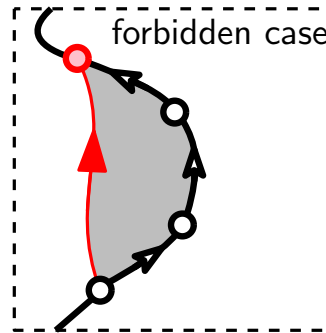
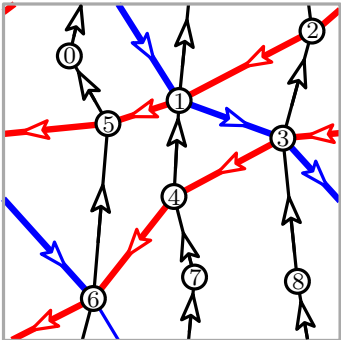


# Toroidal Schnyder woods: cycles



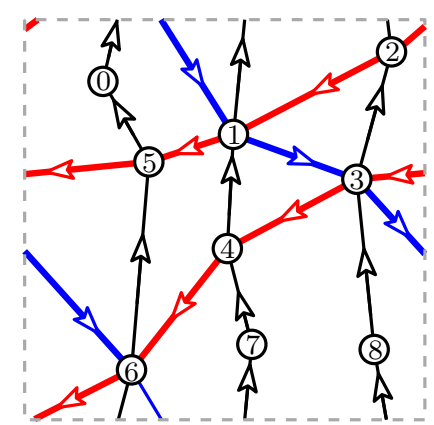
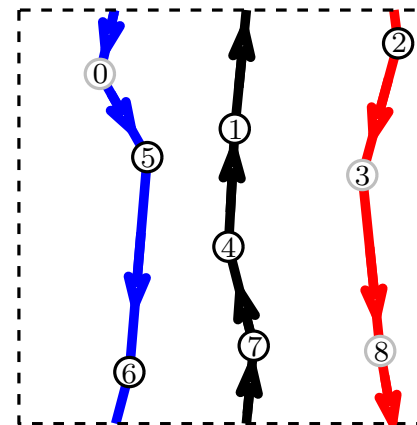
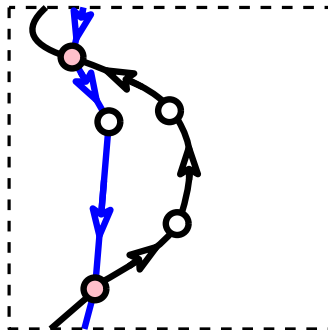
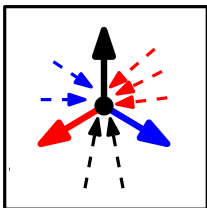
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- mono-chromatic cycles are non-contractibles



mono-chromatic paths  $P_i(v)$  may have incident chords

- all mono-chromatic cycles of different colors are:
  - either homotopic and disjoint (parallel) or crossing

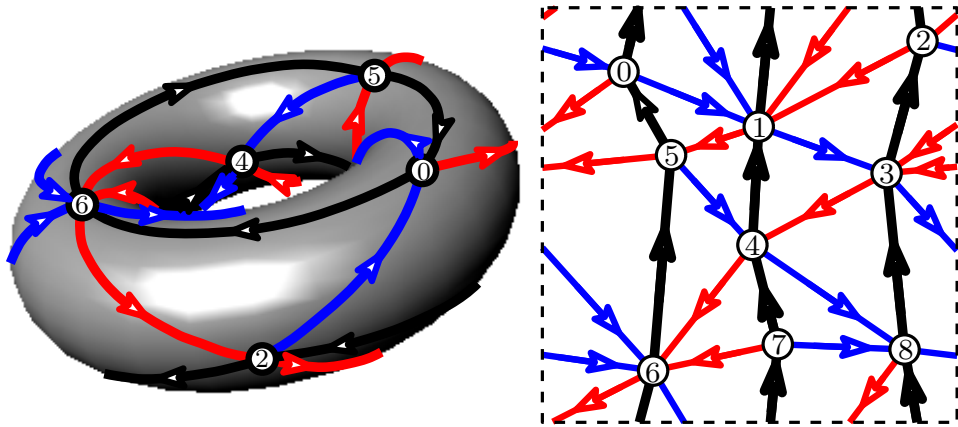


# Crossing cycles: a hierarchy of Schnyder woods

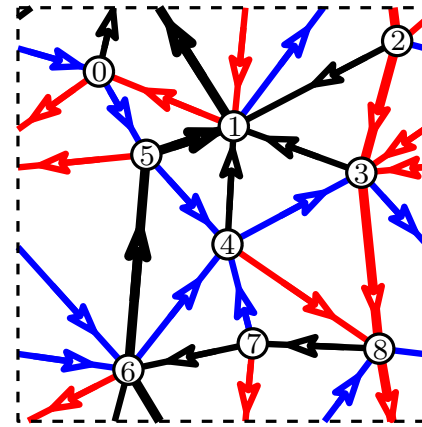
**Toroidal Schnyder woods** [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Toroidal Schnyder woods can be:

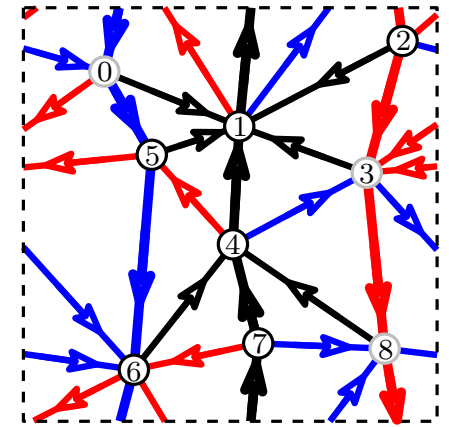
- **crossing**: every monochromatic cycle intersects at least one monochromatic cycle of each color
- only **half-crossing**: only two mono-chromatic cycles are pairwise crossing
- **non-crossing**: all mono-chromatic  $i$ -cycles are parallel (non crossing)



**crossing** Schnyder wood

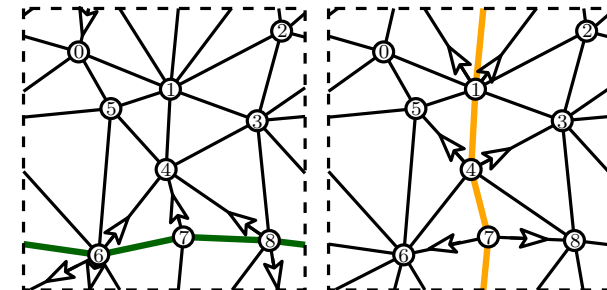


**half-crossing**  
Schnyder wood



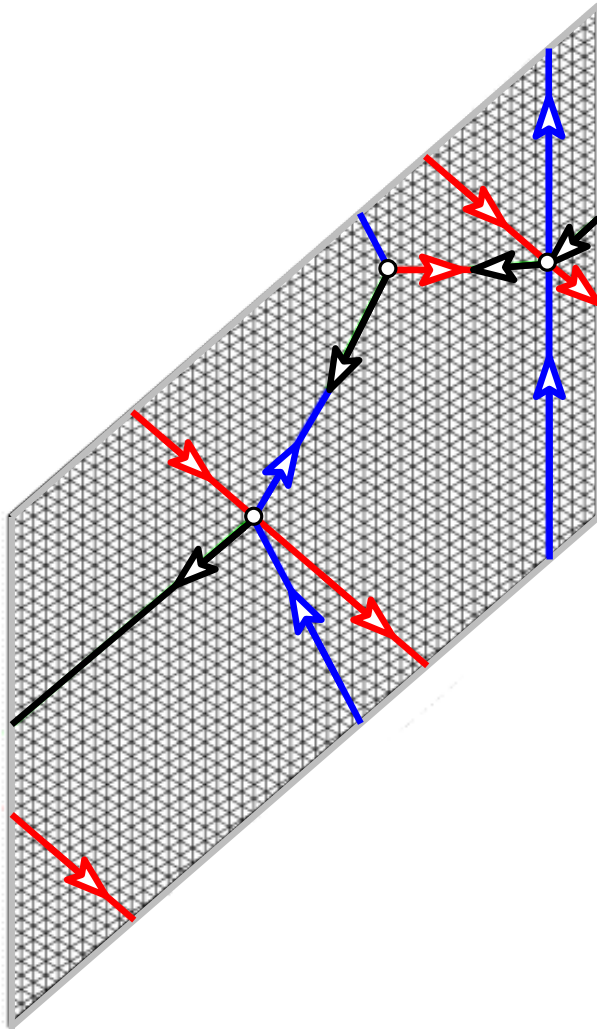
the Schnyder wood is  
**non-crossing**

the Schnyder wood  
is **balanced**



# Crossing Schnyder woods are relevant for defining toroidal Schnyder (periodic) drawings

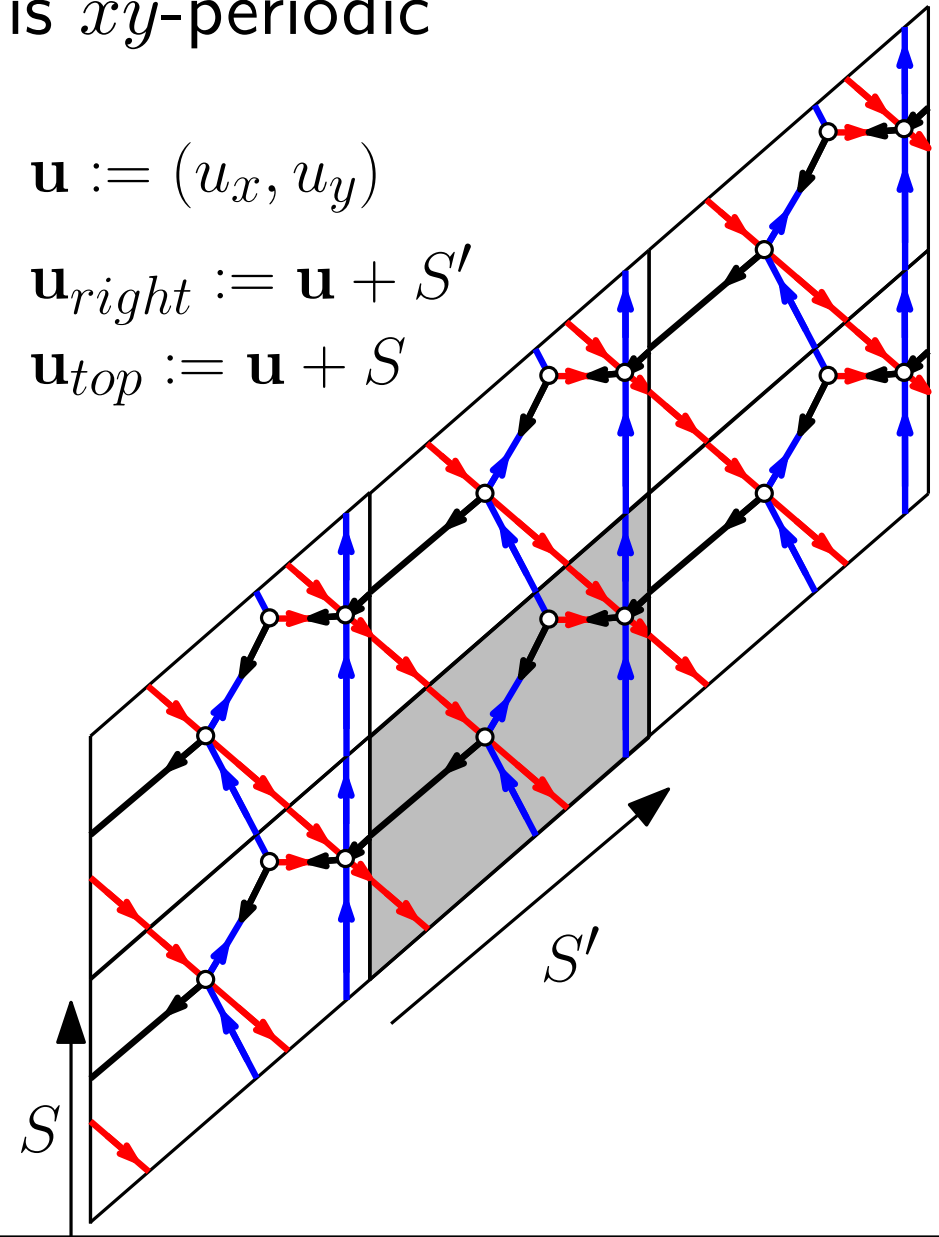
**Goal:** try to generalize the region counting method to obtain a straight-line grid drawing which is  $xy$ -periodic



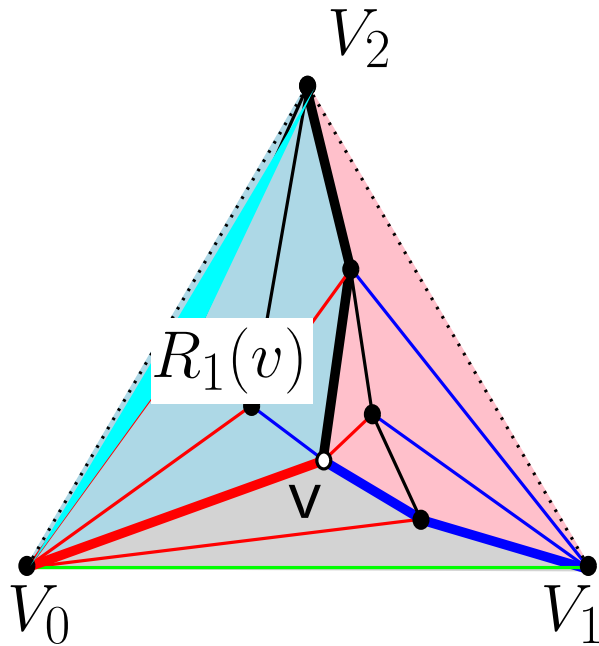
$$\mathbf{u} := (u_x, u_y)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{right} := \mathbf{u} + S'$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{top} := \mathbf{u} + S$$



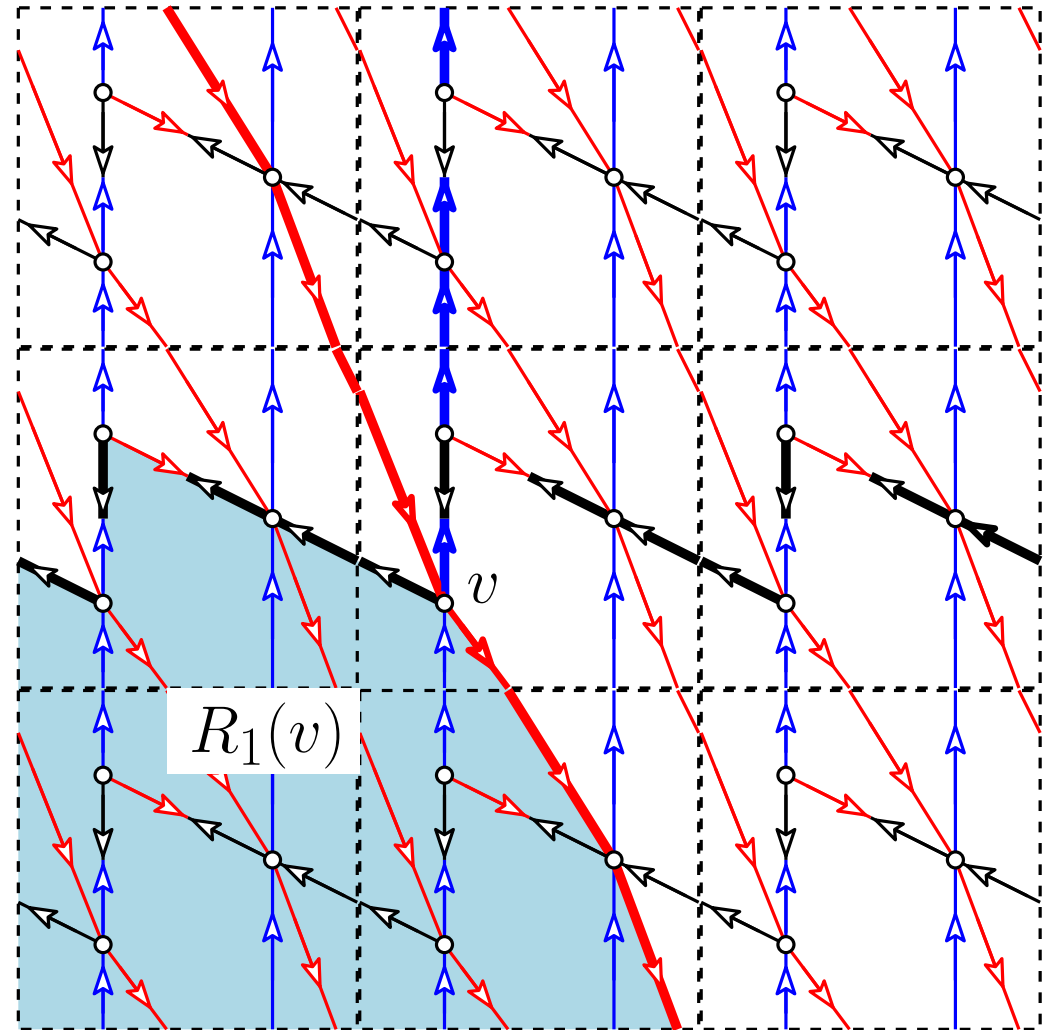
# Regions are defined by crossing cycles



region  $R_i(v)$  is defined by two (crossing) paths outgoing from vertex  $v$

$$v =: \frac{|R_0(v)|}{|F|-1} V_0 + \frac{|R_1(v)|}{|F|-1} V_1 + \frac{|R_2(v)|}{|F|-1} V_2$$

In the toroidal case: regions are unbounded  
(in the universal cover)



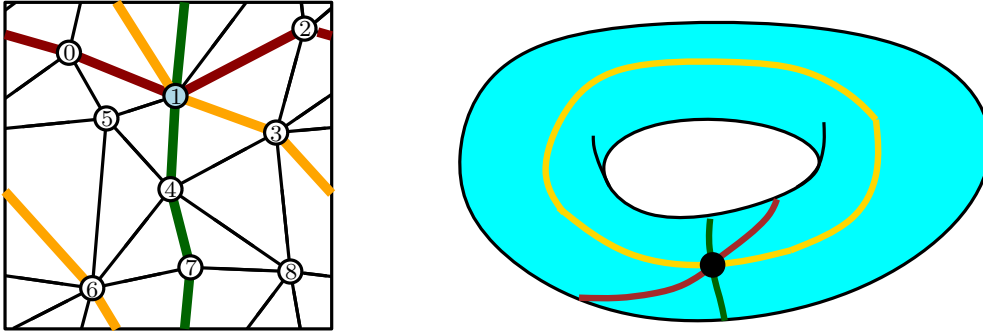
Regions are defined if cycles are crossing

# Toroidal Schnyder woods: existence I

**Thm**[Fijavz, unpublished]

[for simple toroidal triangulations]  
(no multiple edges, no loops)

A simple toroidal triangulation contains three non-contractible and non-homotopic cycles that all intersect on one vertex and that are pairwise disjoint otherwise.



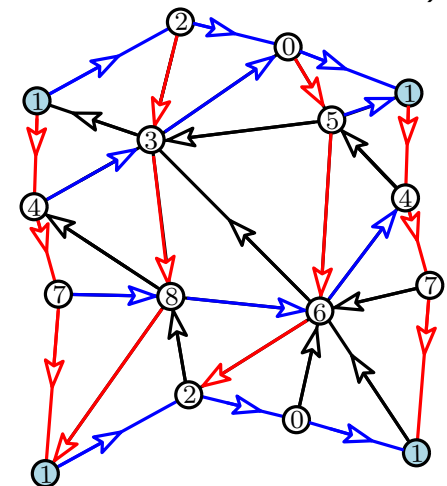
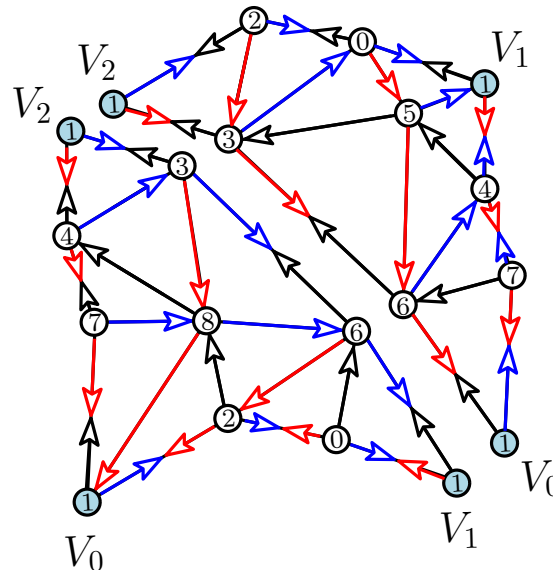
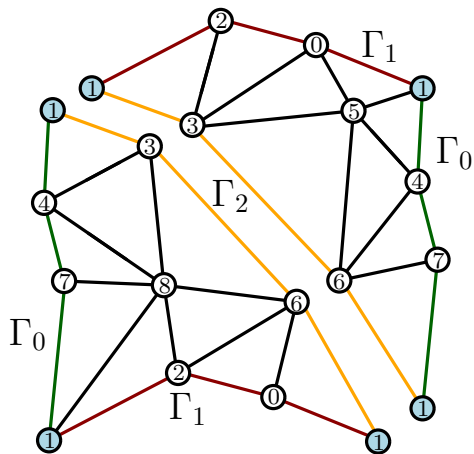
**Corollary**[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14]

Any simple toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal **crossing Schnyder wood**

**split** along  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$

(two planar quasi-triangulations)

**crossing** toroidal Schnyder wood  
(for simple triangulations)





# Toroidal Schnyder woods: existence II

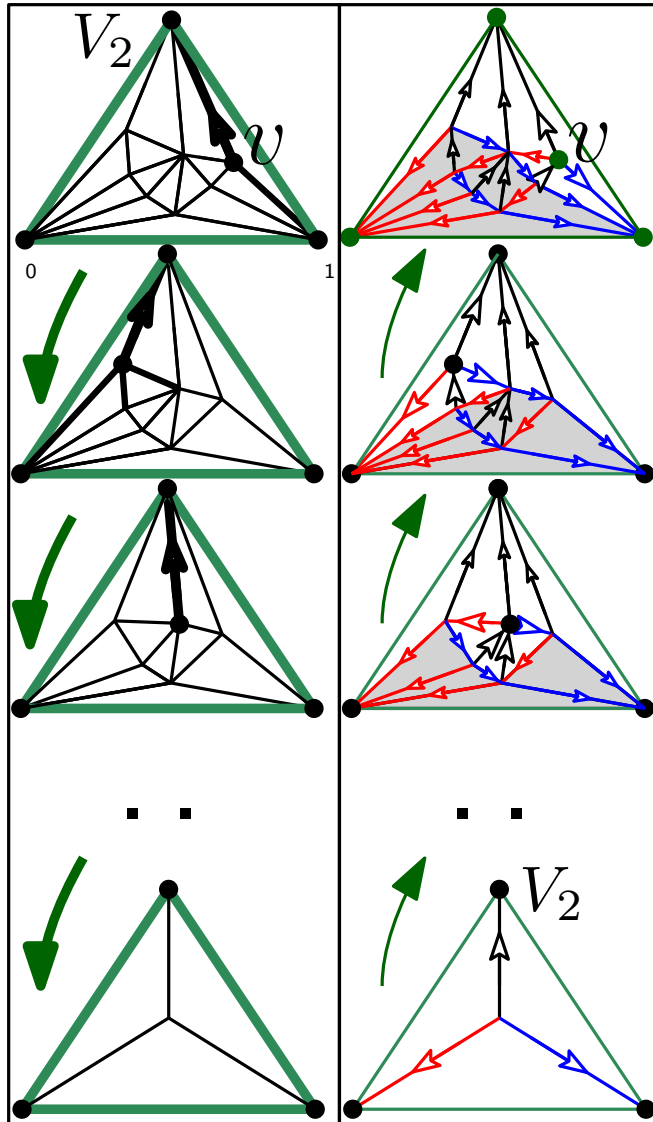
**Thm**[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14] (for general toroidal triangulations and maps)

Any toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal **crossing Schnyder wood**

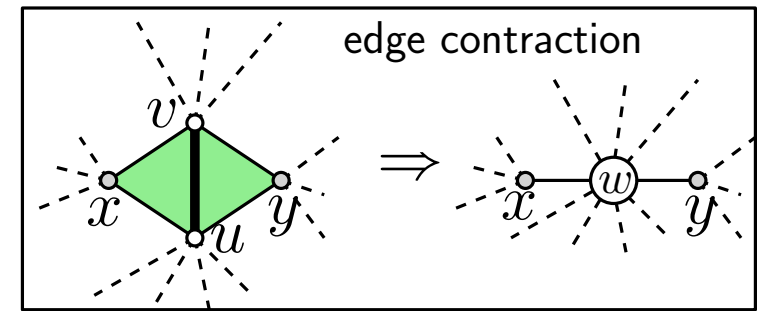
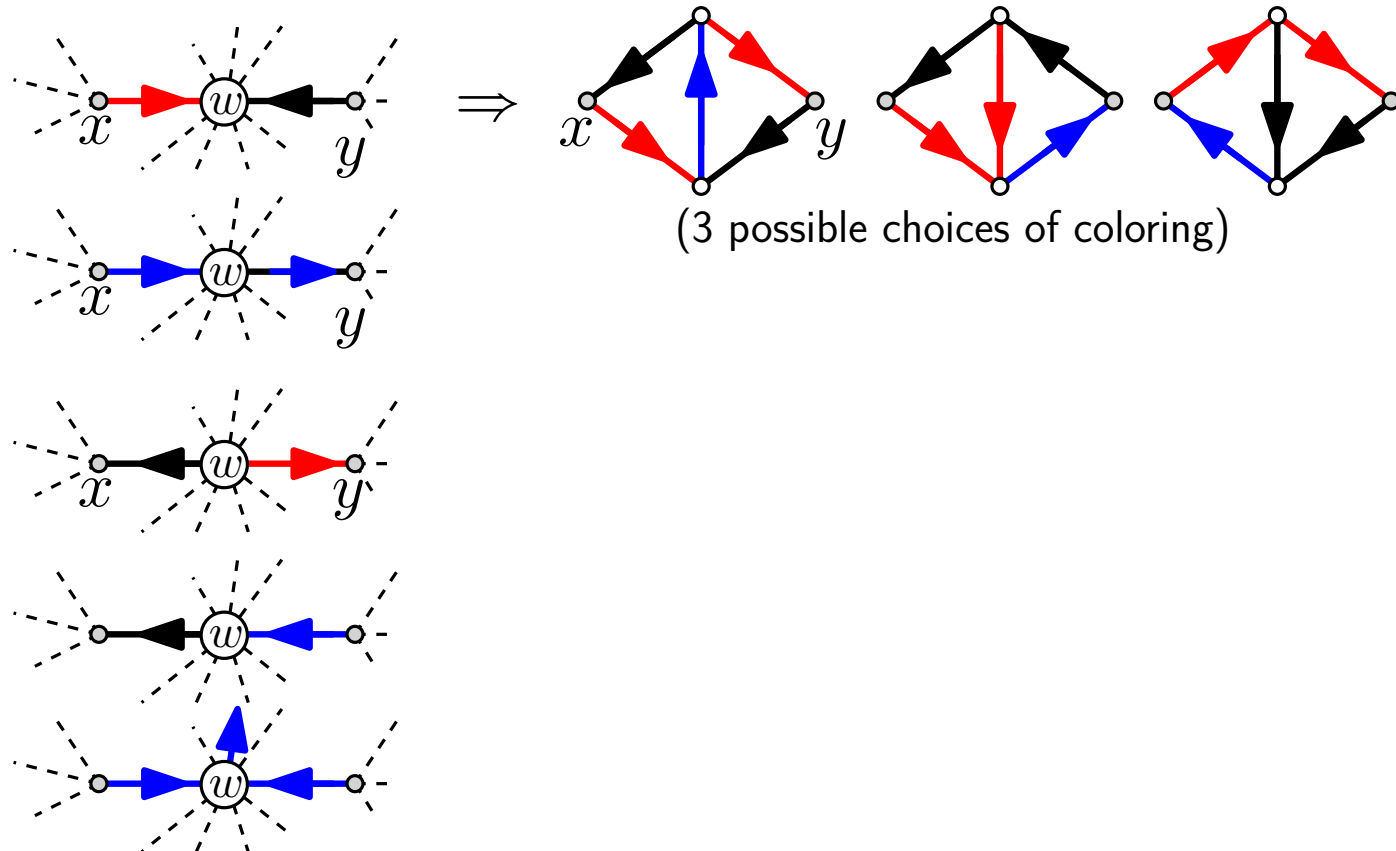
computation of (planar) Schnyder woods

first phase: perform edge contractions

second phase: perform edge expansion+edge coloring



(several cases to distinguish during the decontraction)



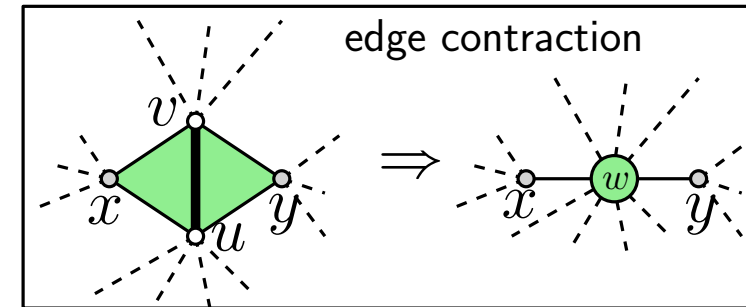


# Toroidal Schnyder woods: existence II

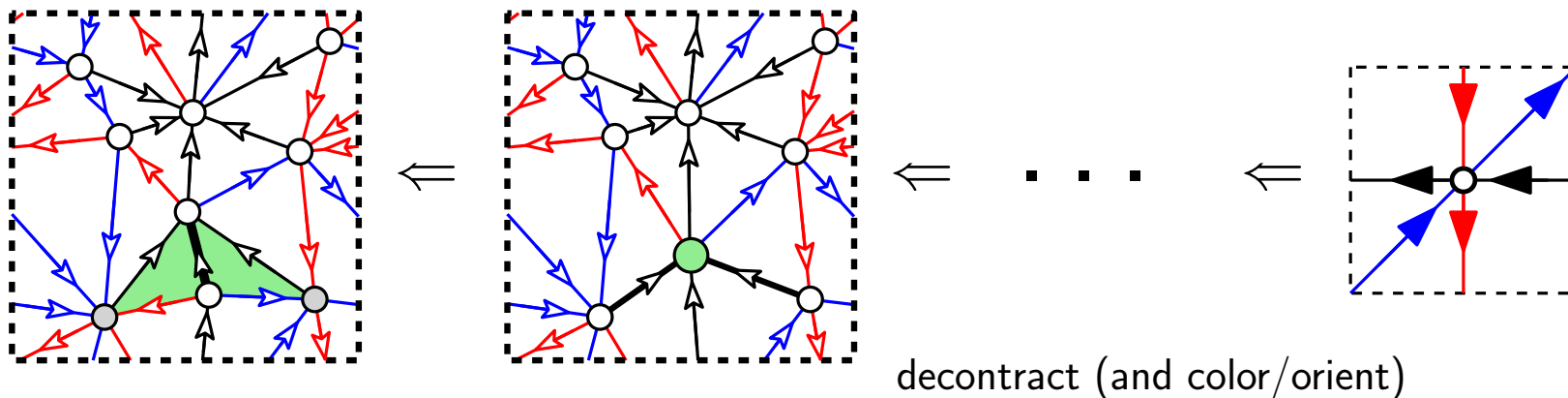
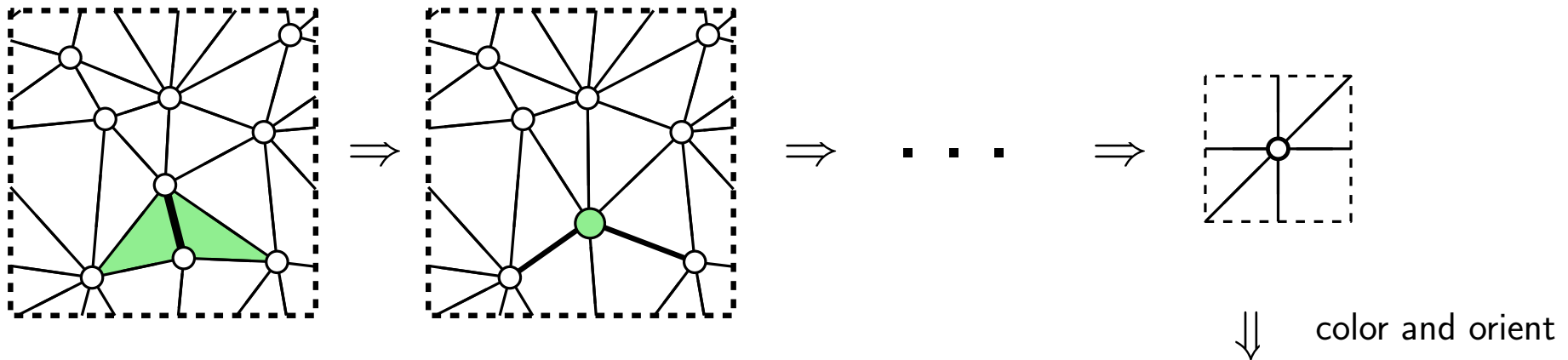
**Thm**[Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14] (for general toroidal triangulations and maps)

Any toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal **crossing Schnyder wood**

**remark:** maintaining the crossing property can require quadratic time



perform (carefully) a sequence of  $n - 1$  edge contractions



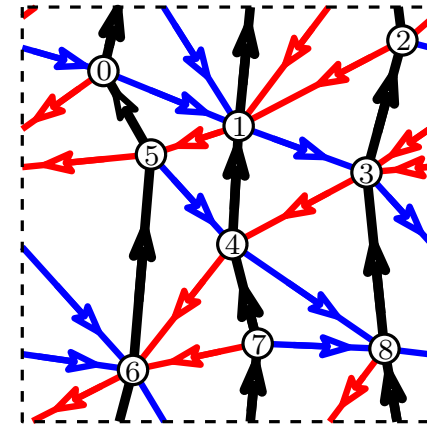
decontract (and color/orient)

# Open problems

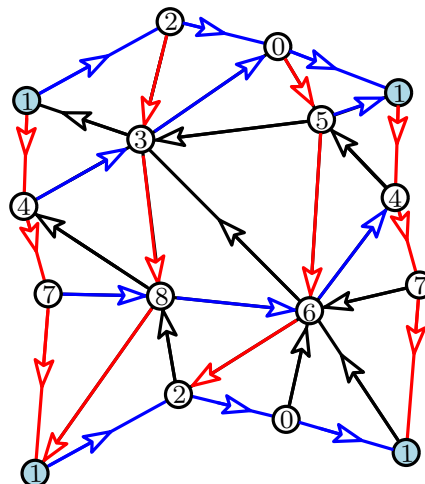
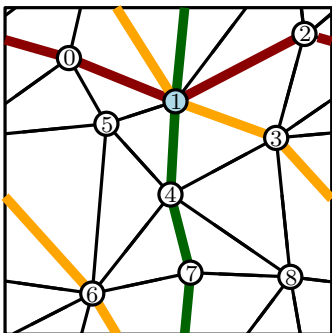
## Open problem [Lévêque, 2015]

Is it possible to compute crossing toroidal Schnyder woods via vertex shellings?

**Open problem:** [Goncalves Lévêque, DCG'14] is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood which is crossing and with connected mono-chromatic components (one for each color)?



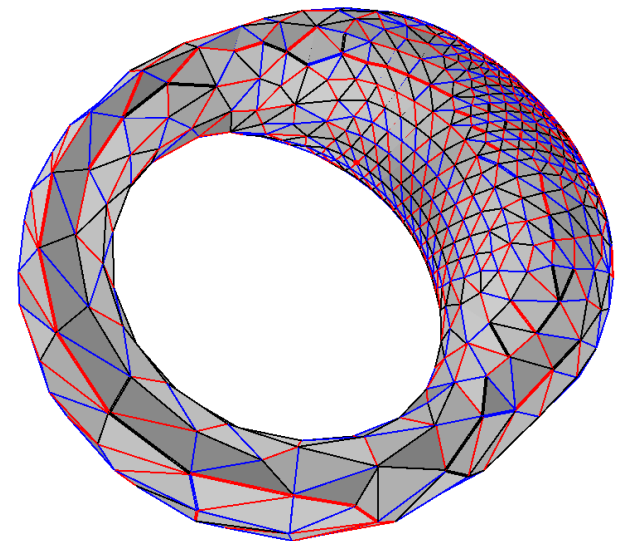
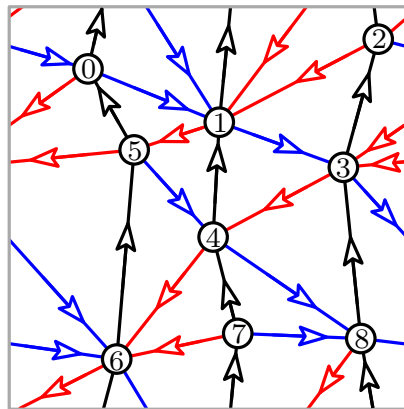
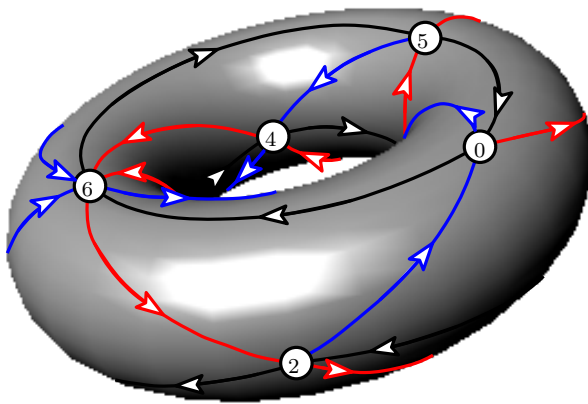
3 disjoint mono-chromatic cycles of color 2  
Mono-chromatic cycles of color 0 and 1 are connected



**Open problem:** is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components and such the intersection of the three cycles is a single vertex?

## Our contribution:

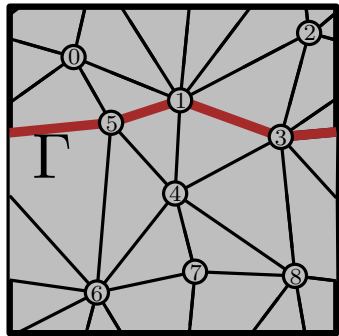
Computing in linear time (crossing) Schnyder woods with  
at least two monochromatic connected components  
(via vertex shellings)



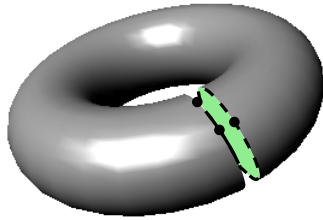
# Toroidal Schnyder woods via (cylindric) canonical orderings (not necessarily crossing Schnyder woods)

First step: compute a (chord-free)  
non-contractible cycle  $\Gamma$

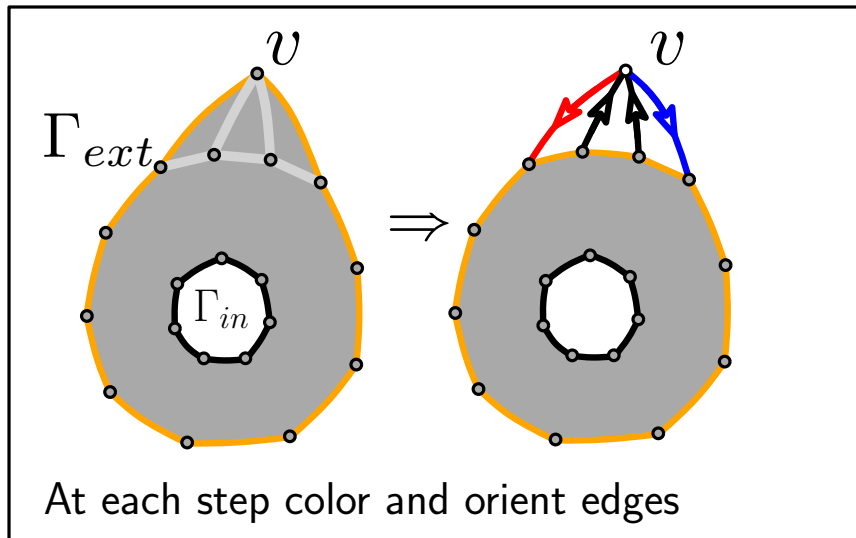
Cut along the cycle  $\Gamma$



(cylindric triangulation)



$\Gamma$  is split into two copies:  $\Gamma_{ext}$  and  $\Gamma_{in}$

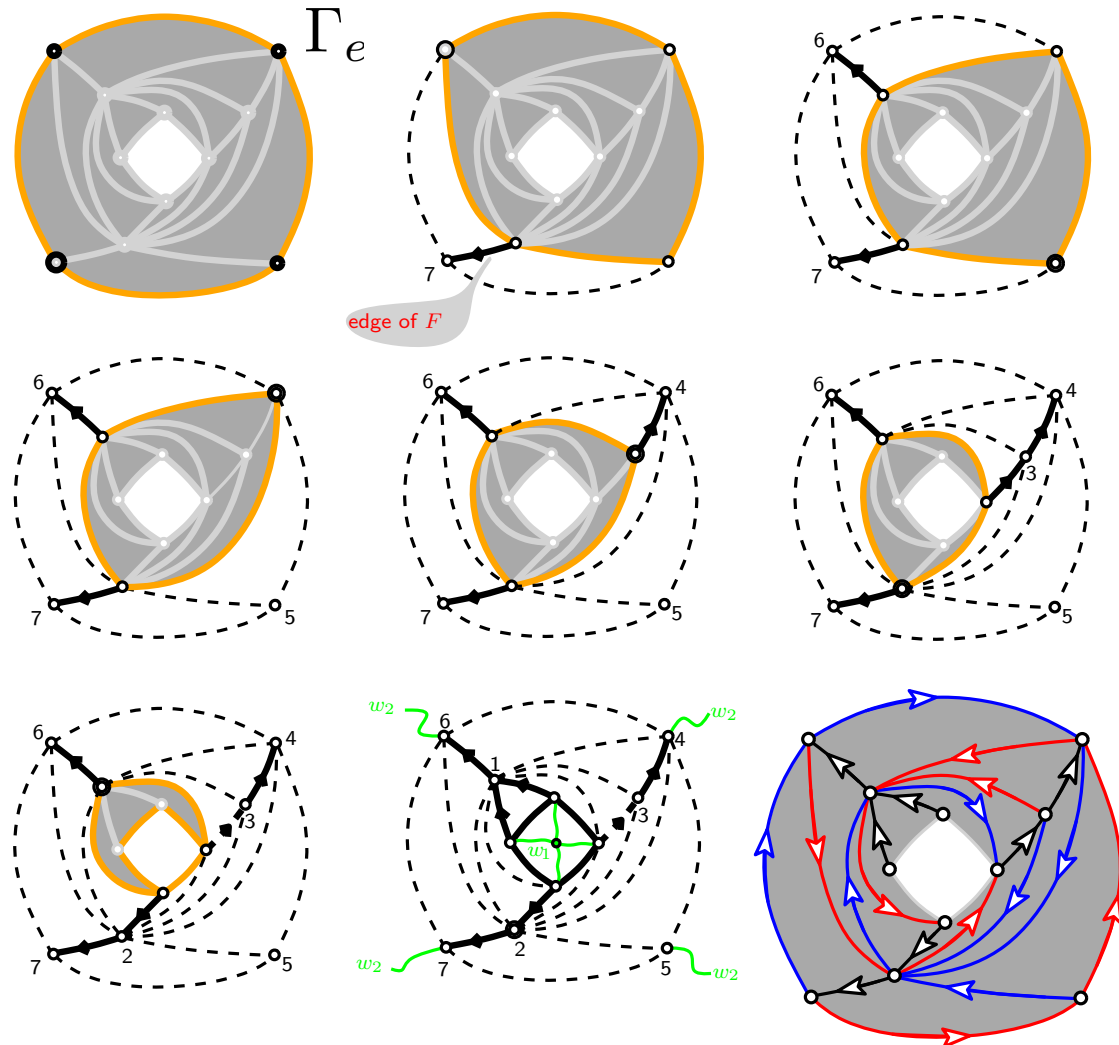


## Corollary

Any simple toroidal triangulation admits a toroidal (not necessarily crossing) Schnyder wood

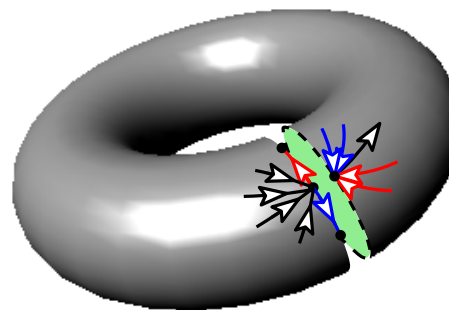
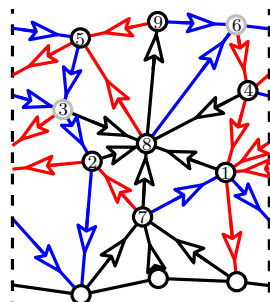
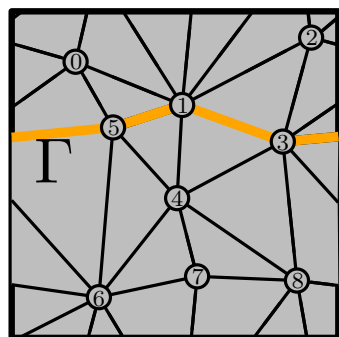
Compute a **cylindric canonical ordering**  
[Castelli Aleardi, Fusy, Devillers, GD2012]

Perform an incremental vertex shelling, starting from  $\Gamma_{ext}$



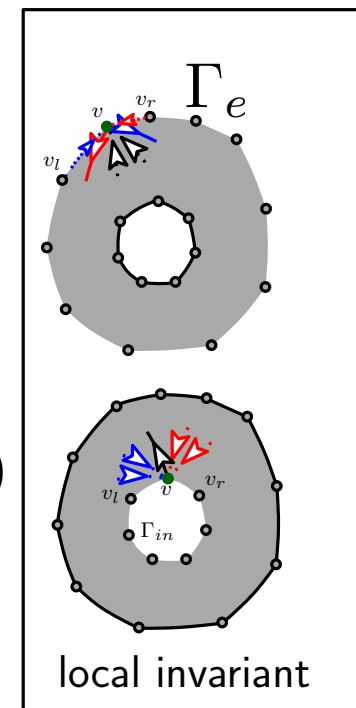
# Algo 1: Toroidal Schnyder woods via (cylindric) canonical orderings

(not necessarily crossing Schnyder woods)

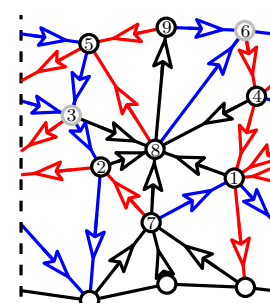
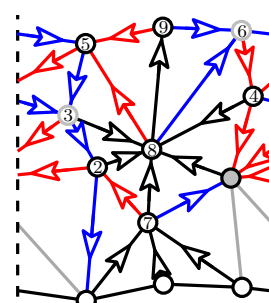
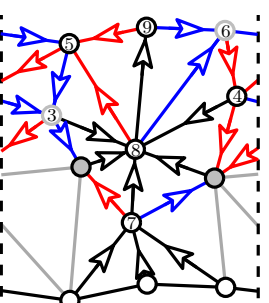
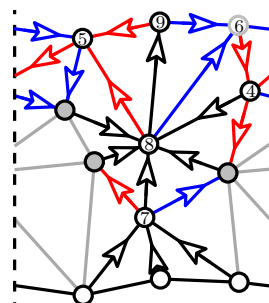
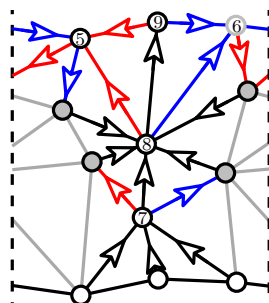
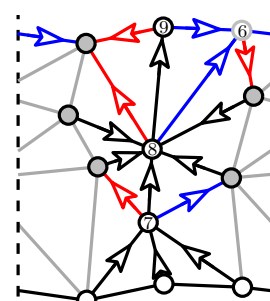
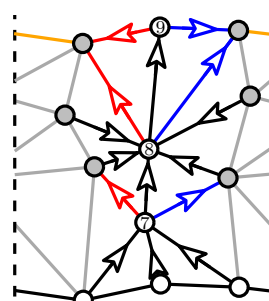
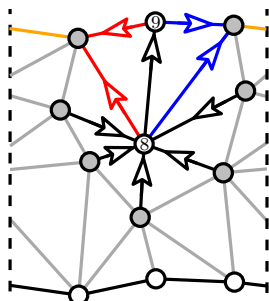
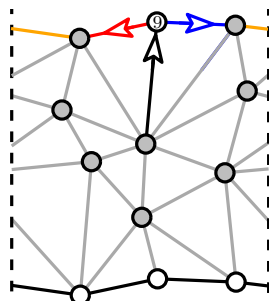
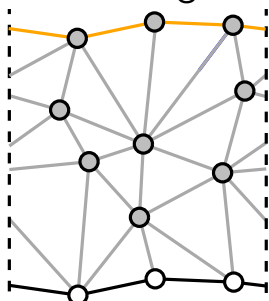


glue together the two boundaries

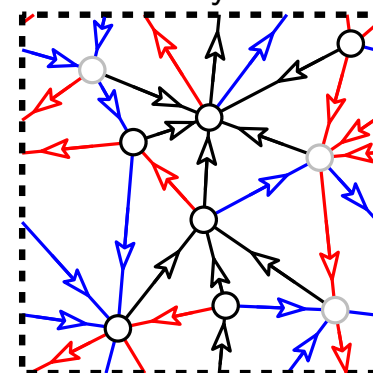
(the local Schnyder woods remains satisfied on  $\Gamma$ )



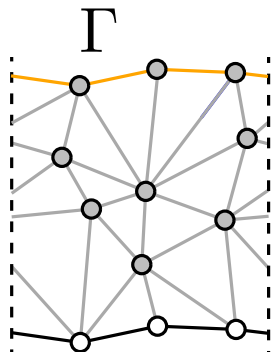
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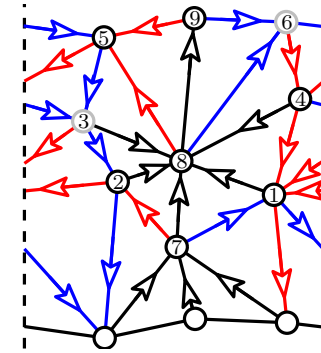
Toroidal Schnyder wood



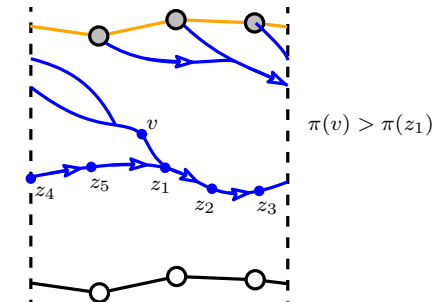
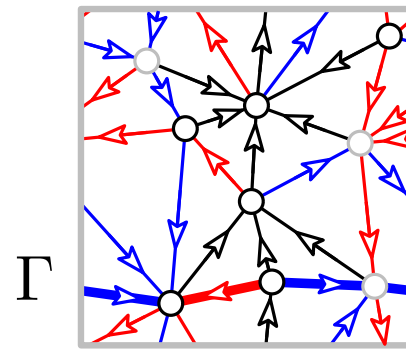
# Structural properties of Schnyder woods computed by Algo 1



- edges of  $\Gamma$  are either 0 or 1
- 0 and 1-paths are oriented downward
- 2-paths are oriented upward
- 0, 1 and 2-paths cross the cycle  $\Gamma$

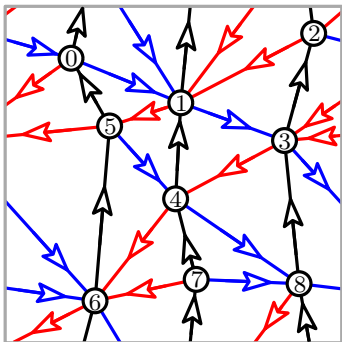


- 0, 1 and 2-cycles are never homotopic to  $\Gamma$

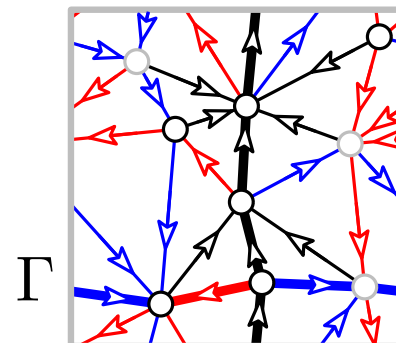


$$\pi(z_1) > \pi(z_2) > \pi(z_3) > \dots \pi(z_5) > \pi(z_1)$$

- If the Schnyder wood is (at least) half-crossing then the 0-cycles and 1-cycles are pairwise crossing



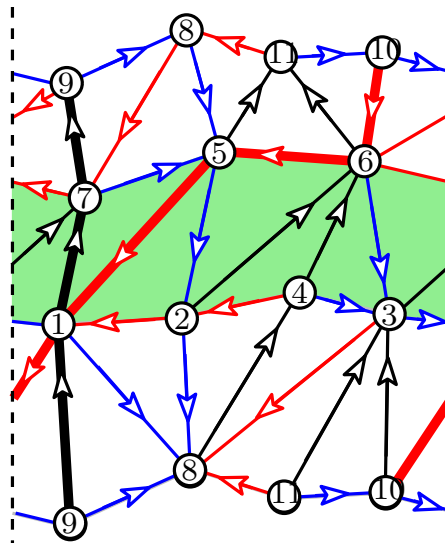
crossing Schnyder wood



the Schnyder wood may be NOT crossing  
but it is at least **balanced**

edges on  $\Gamma$  are either blue or red

# Toward half-crossing Schnyder woods (with one connected mono-chromatic component)

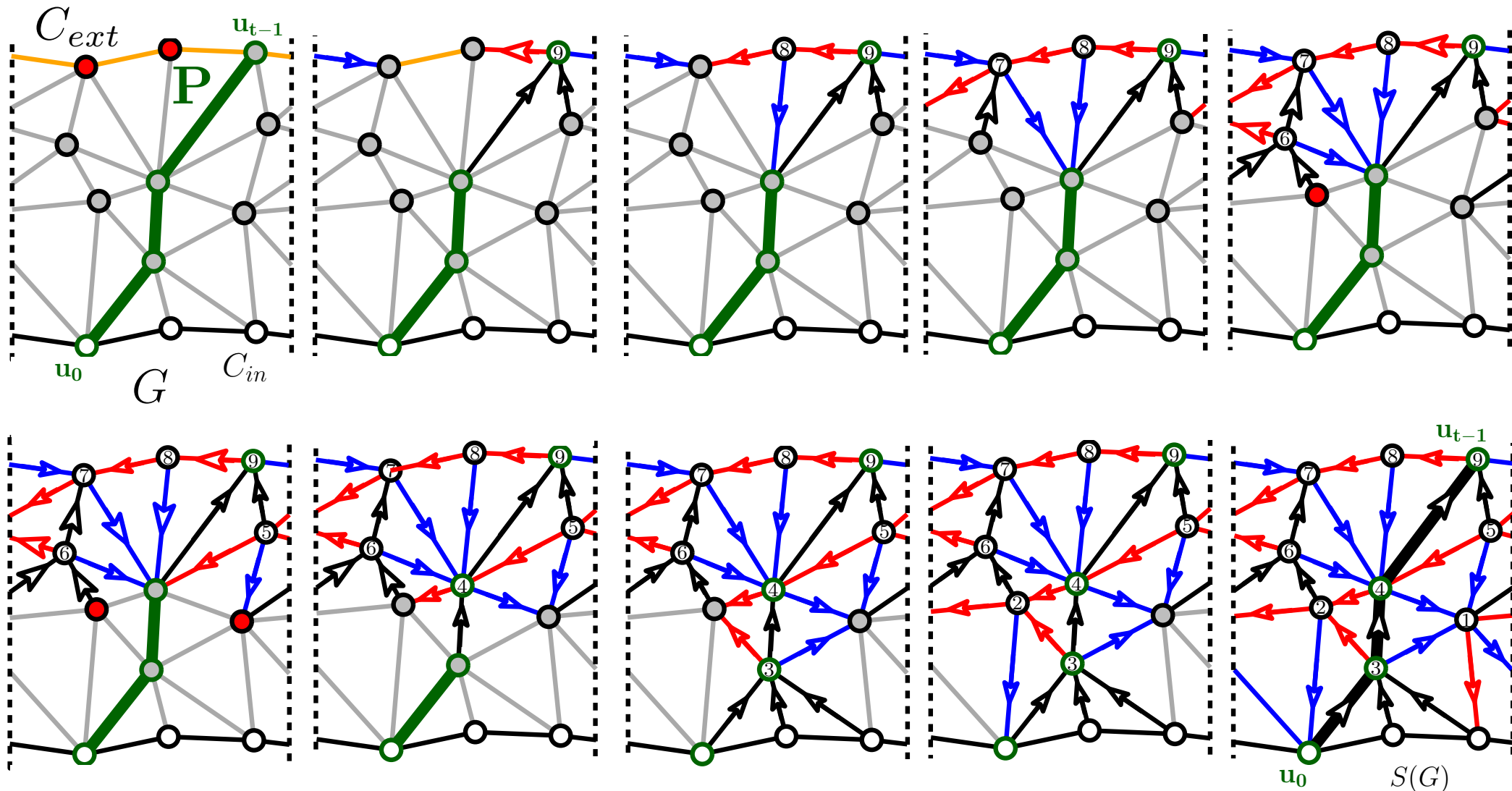


# $P$ -constrained (cylindric) Schnyder woods

Input: a cylindric triangulation  $G$  and a chord-free path  $P := \{u_0, \dots, u_{t-1}\}$   
 the path  $P$  must intersect the two boundary cycles only at  $u_0$  and  $u_{t-1}$

Output: a Schnyder wood  $S_P(G)$  such that the edges of  $P$  are of color 2

Solution: perform vertex shellings only for (boundary) vertices which are not adjacent to an inner vertex of  $P$

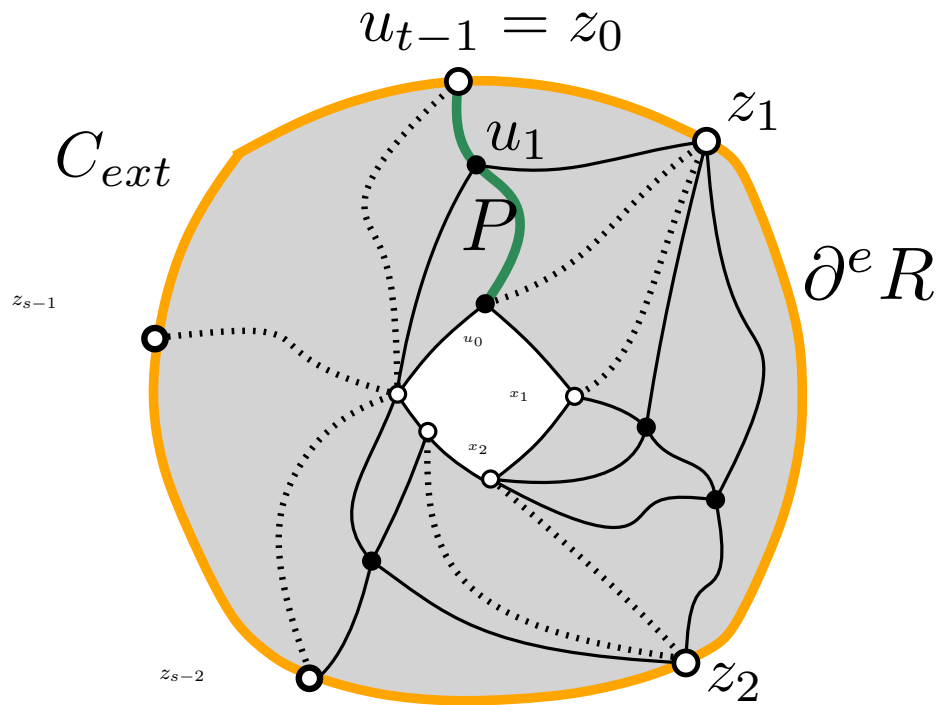




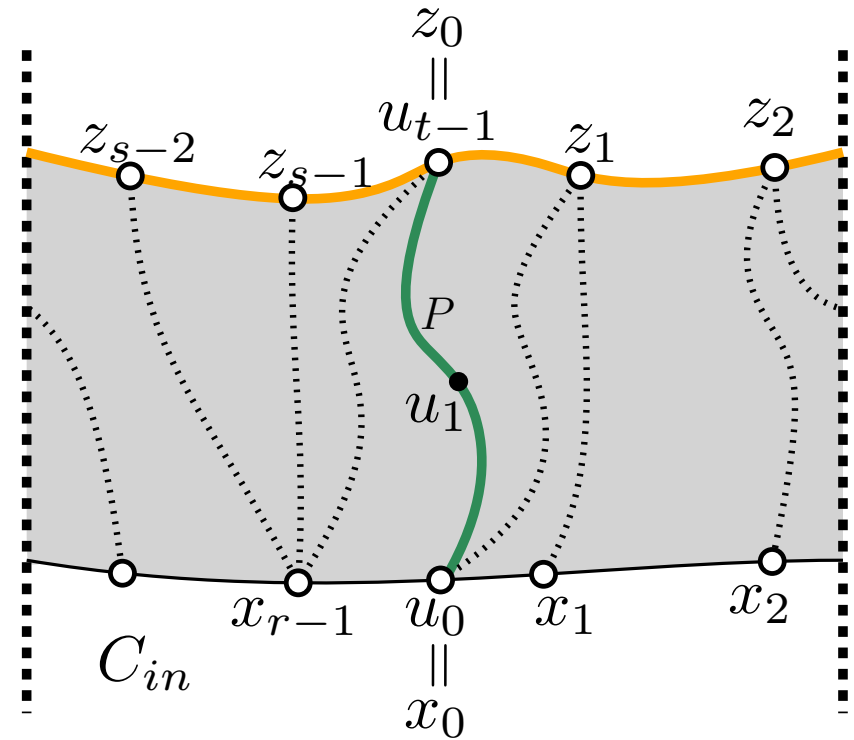
# Definition of a river

Def: a **river** is a cylindric triangulation such that the two boundaries are disjoint and chordless and such every vertex is incident to a non-trivial chord (connecting the two boundaries)

$$C_{ext} = \{z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{s-1}\}$$

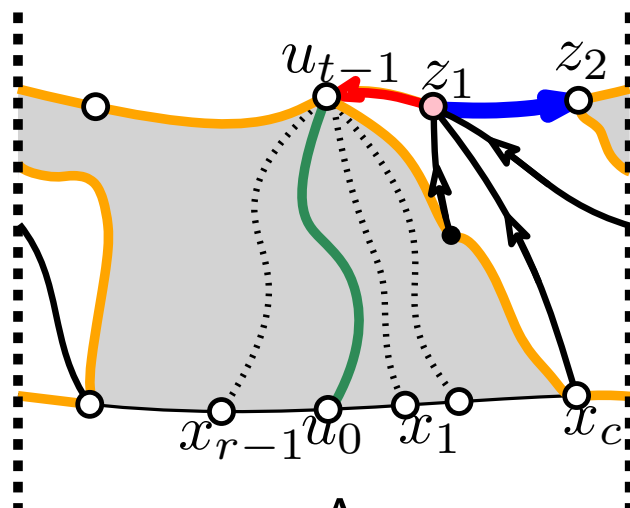


$$C_{in} = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{r-1}\}$$

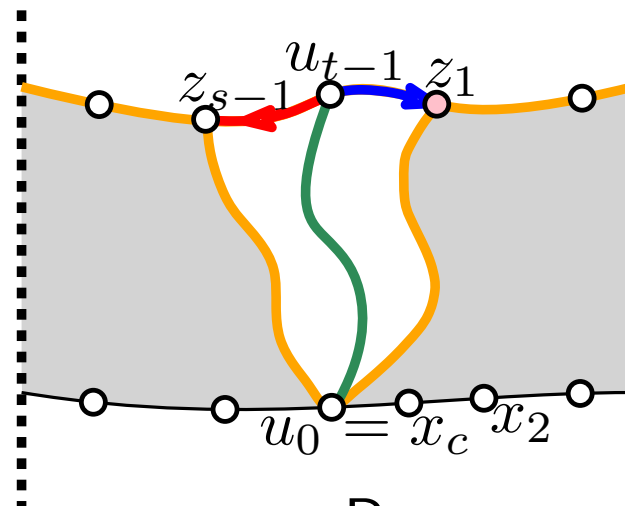


# Right-most traversal of a river

$u_{t-1}$  has chords both at the left and the right of  $P$



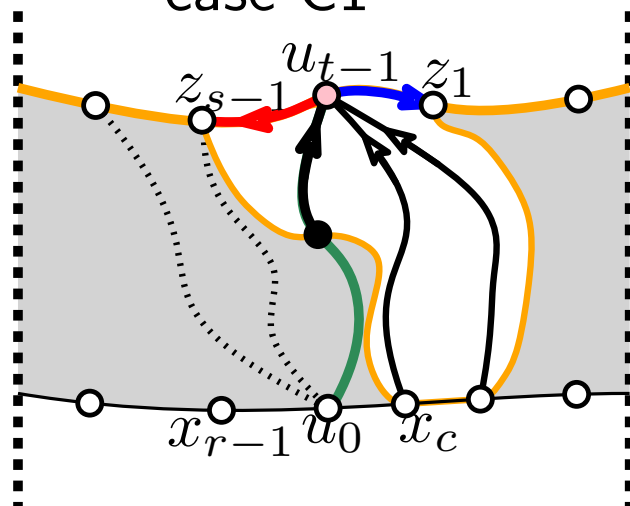
case A



case B

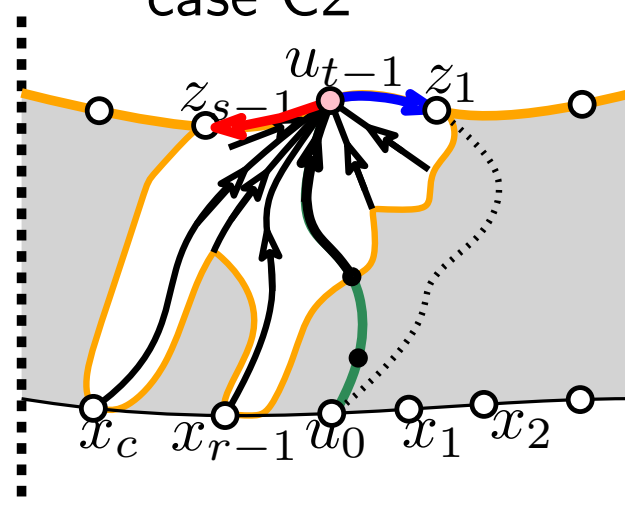
$u_{t-1}$  has no chords other than  $(u_0, u_{t-1})$

case C1



no chord  $(u_{t-1}, \bar{x})$  at the left of  $P$

case C2



no chord  $(u_{t-1}, \bar{x})$  at the right of  $P$

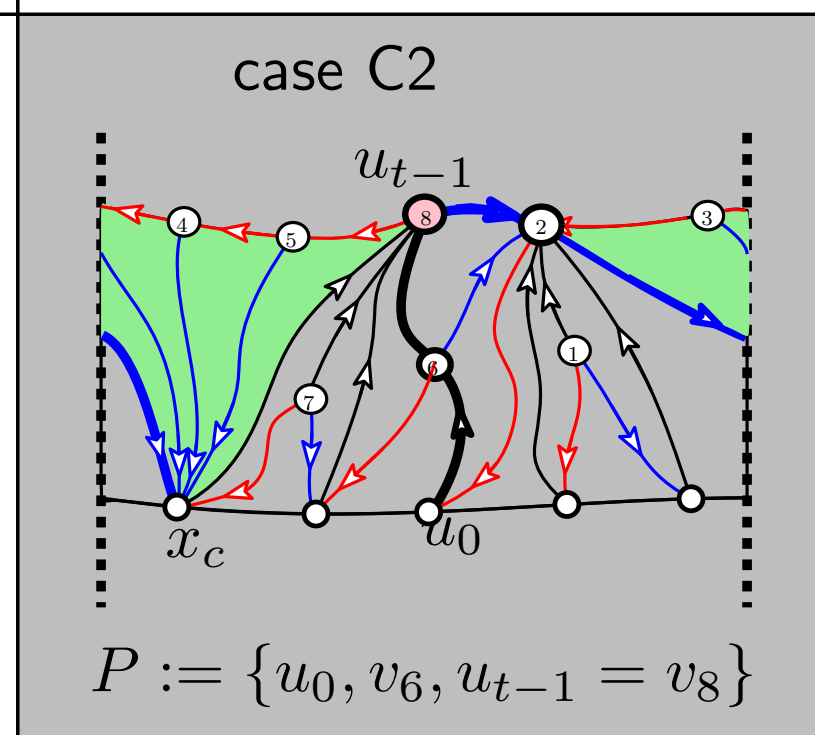
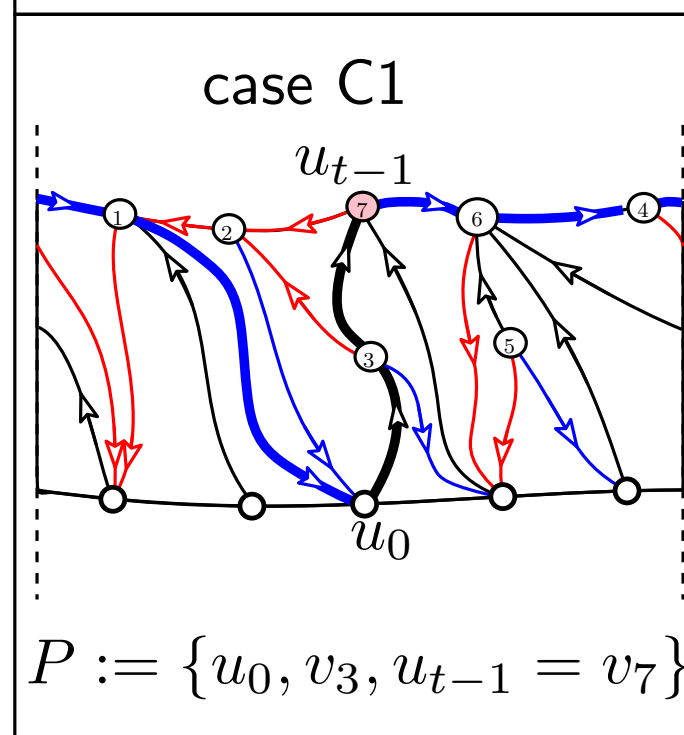
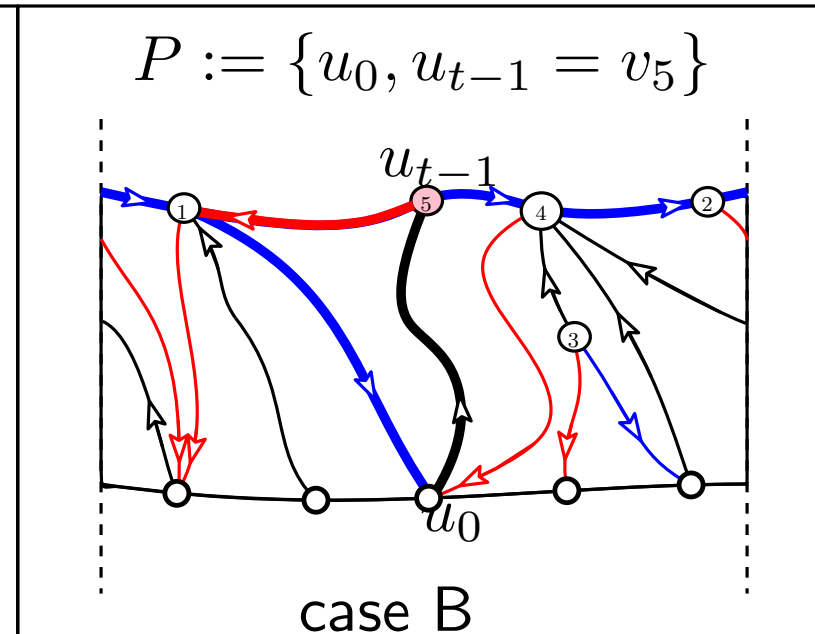
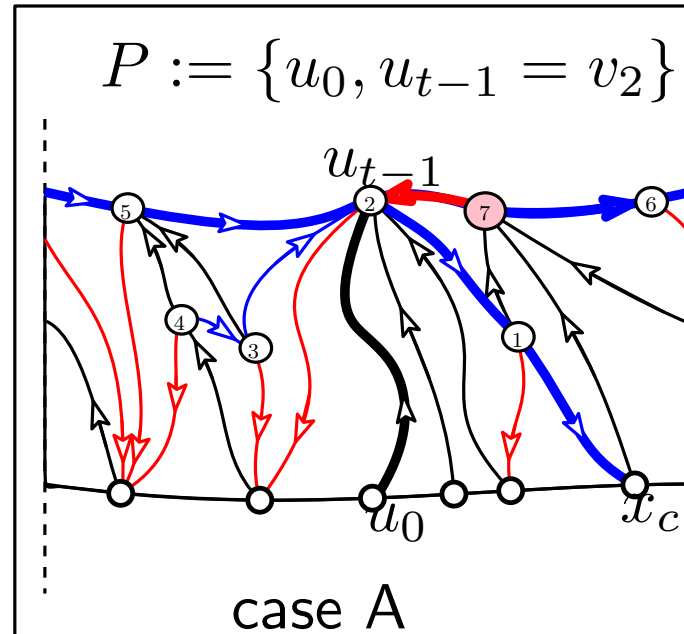
# Right-most traversal of a river

**Right-most** traversal: remove at each step the left-most vertex without chords

## Lemma

In cases (A), (B) and (C<sub>1</sub>), the blue path  $P_1$  visits all vertices on the top boundary and crosses  $P$  either at  $u_0$  or at  $u_{t-1}$

In case (C<sub>2</sub>), the blue path  $P_1$  may not cover all top boundary vertices (not crossing  $P$ ), but then there exists a ccw-oriented (contractible) cycle (green region)



# An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods

Algo 2 Half-crossing Schnyder woods (with a connected mono-chromatic component)

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**Result:** a half-crossing Schnyder wood

// Pre-processing step

cut  $\mathcal{T}$  along  $\Gamma$ : let  $G$  be the resulting cylindric triangulation ;  
compute a river  $R$  and the partition  $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$  ;

// First pass

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{top})$  of  $G_{top}$  ;

choose an arbitrary non trivial chord  $e = (x, z)$  of  $R$  ;

$P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$  ;

if  $z$  has **type (A), (B) or (C1)** then

run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

else

run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

end

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{bottom})$  of  $G_{bottom}$  ;

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

if the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are crossing in  $S(\mathcal{T})$  then

return  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

end

// Run a second pass on  $R$

$\gamma_2 \leftarrow$  any 2-cycle of  $S(\mathcal{T})$ ; // Remark: the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are parallel

$P_2 \leftarrow \gamma_2 \cap R$ ; // restriction of  $\gamma_2$  to the river  $R$

$u \leftarrow \partial^e R \cap P_2$  ;

if  $u$  has **type (A), (B) or (C1)** then

run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

else

run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

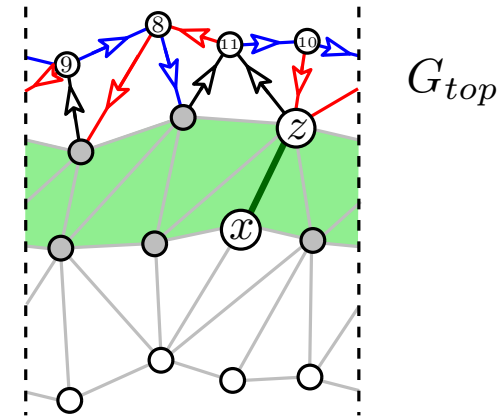
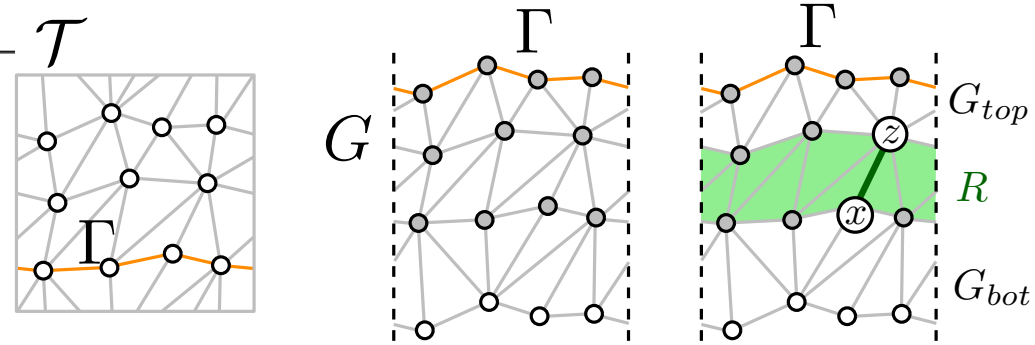
$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

end

// Remark:  $S(G_{bottom})$  and  $S(G_{top})$  are  $P_2$ -constrained

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

return  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;



compute  $S(G_{top})$

$$P = \{x, z\}$$

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compute a river  $R$  and the partition  $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$  ;

// First pass

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{top})$  of  $G_{top}$  ;

choose an arbitrary non trivial chord  $e = (x, z)$  of  $R$  ;

$P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$  ;

**if**  $z$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) **then**

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

**else**

    run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

**end**

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{bottom})$  of  $G_{bottom}$  ;

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

**if** the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are crossing in  $S(\mathcal{T})$  **then**

**return**  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

**end**

// Run a second pass on  $R$

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$u \leftarrow \partial^e R \cap P_2$  ;

**if**  $u$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) **then**

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

**else**

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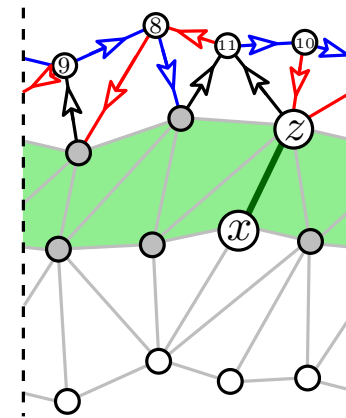
$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

**end**

// Remark:  $S(G_{bottom})$  and  $S(G_{top})$  are  $P_2$ -constrained

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

**return**  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

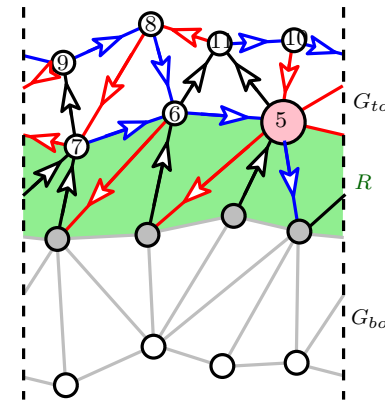


$G_{top}$

(sometimes) one pass suffices

$$P = \{x, z\}$$

compute a constrained rightmost traversal of  $R$



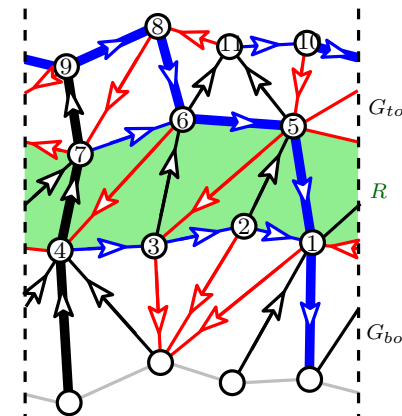
$G_{top}$

$R$

$G_{bot}$

$z$  has type A

compute  $S(G_{bot})$



$G_{top}$

$R$

$G_{bot}$

There is one connected (blue) 1-cycle, crossing the 2-cycles

return the Schnyder wood

# An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods

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**Data:** a simple toroidal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ , a non-contractible chordless cycle  $\Gamma$

**Result:** a half-crossing Schnyder wood

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compute a river  $R$  and the partition  $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$  ;

// First pass

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{top})$  of  $G_{top}$  ;

choose an arbitrary non trivial chord  $e = (x, z)$  of  $R$  ;

$P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$  ;

**if**  $z$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) **then**

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

**else**

    run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

**end**

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{bottom})$  of  $G_{bottom}$  ;

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

**if** the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are crossing in  $S(\mathcal{T})$  **then**

**return**  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

**end**

// Run a second pass on  $R$

$\gamma_2 \leftarrow$  any 2-cycle of  $S(\mathcal{T})$ ; // Remark: the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are parallel

$P_2 \leftarrow \gamma_2 \cap R$ ; // restriction of  $\gamma_2$  to the river  $R$

$u \leftarrow \partial^e R \cap P_2$  ;

**if**  $u$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) **then**

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

**else**

    run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

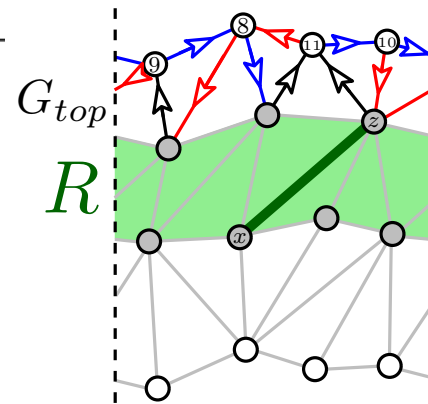
$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

**end**

// Remark:  $S(G_{bottom})$  and  $S(G_{top})$  are  $P_2$ -constrained

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

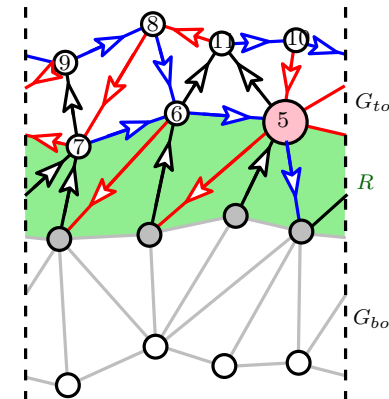
**return**  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;



(sometimes) two passes are required

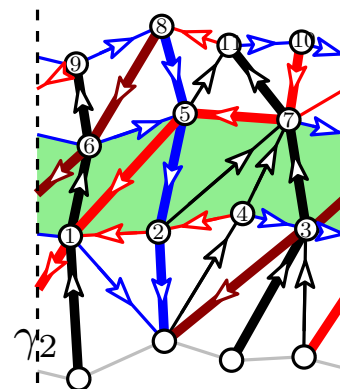
$$P = \{x, z\}$$

compute a constrained rightmost traversal of  $R$



$z$  has type  $C_1$

compute  $S(G_{bot})$



there is one connected 1-cycle  
the (blue) 1-cycle and (black)  
2-cycles are NOT crossing  
(red) 0-cycles cross (black)  
2-cycles but have 2 components

**we need a second pass**  
(black) 2-cycles are chord-free



# An algorithm for half-crossing Schnyder woods

Algo 2 Half-crossing Schnyder woods (with a connected mono-chromatic component)

**Data:** a simple toroidal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ , a non-contractible chordless cycle  $\Gamma$

**Result:** a half-crossing Schnyder wood

// Pre-processing step

cut  $\mathcal{T}$  along  $\Gamma$ : let  $G$  be the resulting cylindric triangulation ;

compute a river  $R$  and the partition  $G = G_{top} \cup R \cup G_{bottom}$  ;

// First pass

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{top})$  of  $G_{top}$  ;

choose an arbitrary non trivial chord  $e = (x, z)$  of  $R$  ;

$P \leftarrow \{x, z\}$  ;

if  $z$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) then

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

else

    run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

end

compute a Schnyder wood  $S(G_{bottom})$  of  $G_{bottom}$  ;

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

if the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are crossing in  $S(\mathcal{T})$  then

    return  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

end

// Run a second pass on  $R$

$\gamma_2 \leftarrow$  any 2-cycle of  $S(\mathcal{T})$ ; // Remark: the  $r$ -cycle and 2-cycles are parallel

$P_2 \leftarrow \gamma_2 \cap R$ ; // restriction of  $\gamma_2$  to the river  $R$

$u \leftarrow \partial^e R \cap P_2$  ;

if  $u$  has **type** (A), (B) or (C1) then

    run the right-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 1$  ;

else

    run the left-most  $P$ -constrained traversal of  $(R, P_2)$  ;

$r \leftarrow 0$  ;

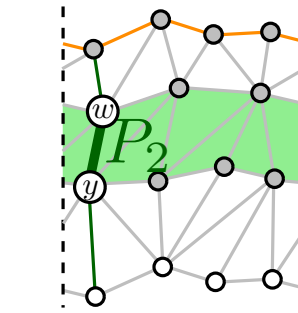
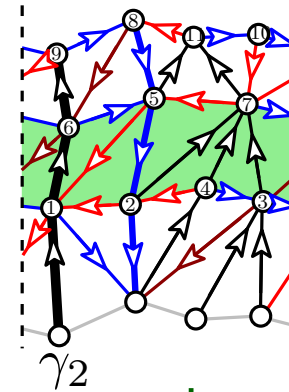
end

// Remark:  $S(G_{bottom})$  and  $S(G_{top})$  are  $P_2$ -constrained

glue boundary cycles together and let  $S(\mathcal{T}) = S(G_{bottom}) \cup S(R) \cup S(G_{top})$  ;

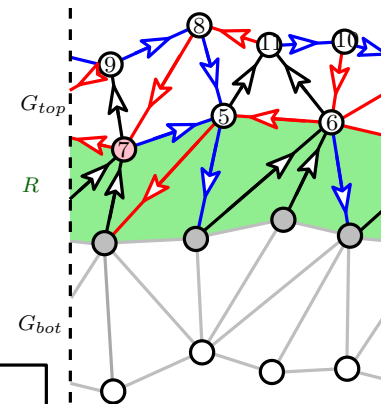
return  $S(\mathcal{T})$  ;

Run the second pass



$\gamma_2$  is chord-free

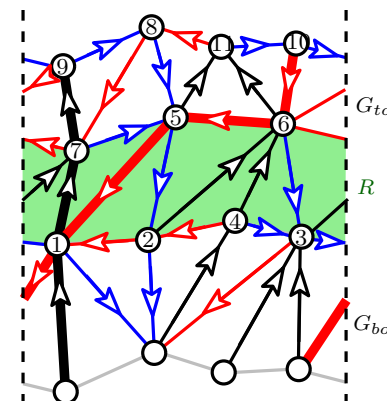
choose  $P_2 = \{y, w\} := \gamma_2 \cap R$



$w$  has type  $C_2$

compute a constrained leftmost traversal of  $R$

compute  $S(G_{bot})$  we need a second pass

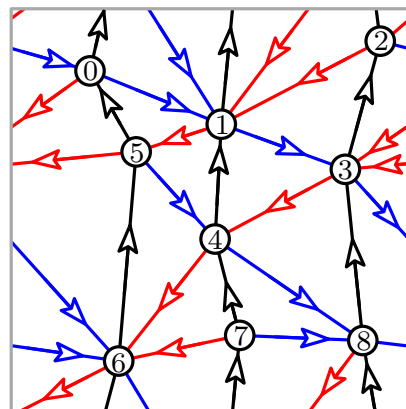
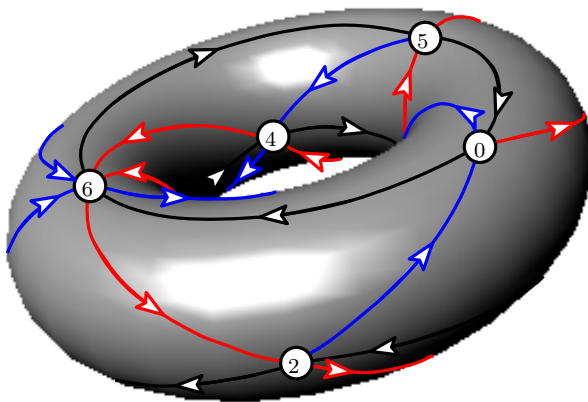


there is only one connected 0-cycle

the 0-cycle(s) and the 2-cycle are crossing

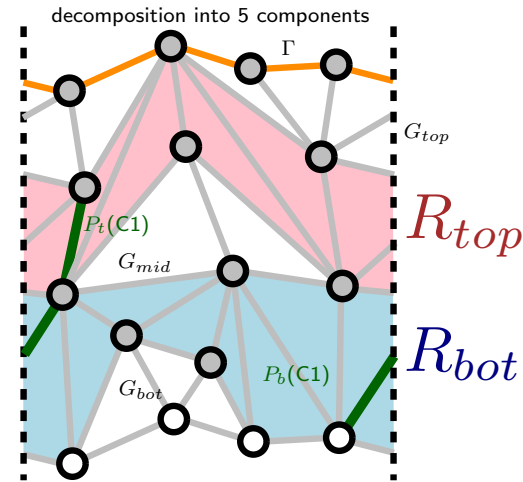
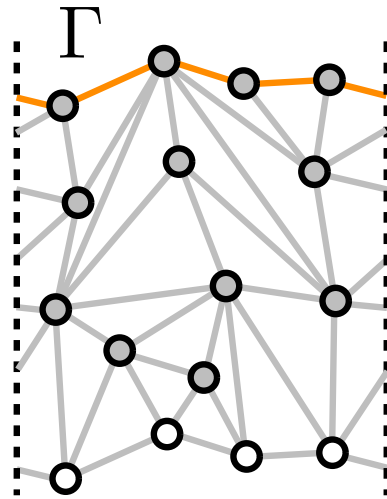
# Toward crossing Schnyder woods

(with two connected mono-chromatic components)

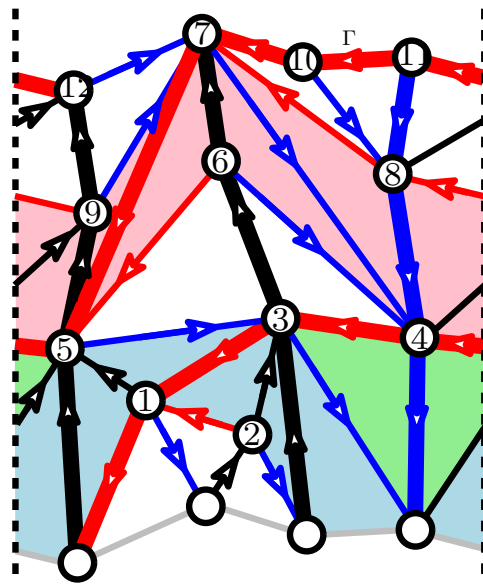




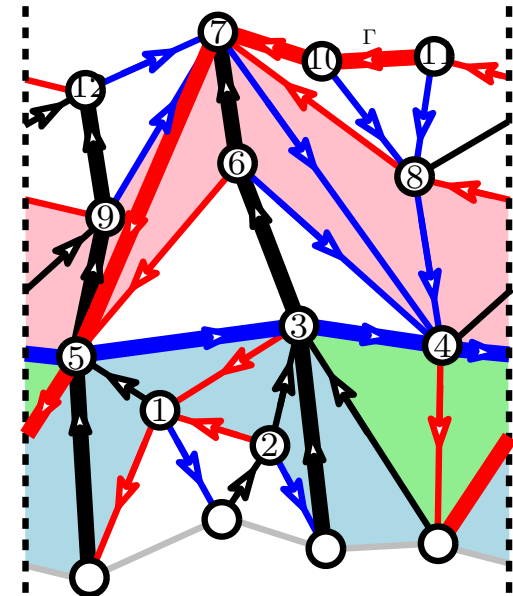
# An algorithm for crossing Schnyder woods



compute two non overlapping rivers



the 2-cycles and the 1-cycle are NOT crossing

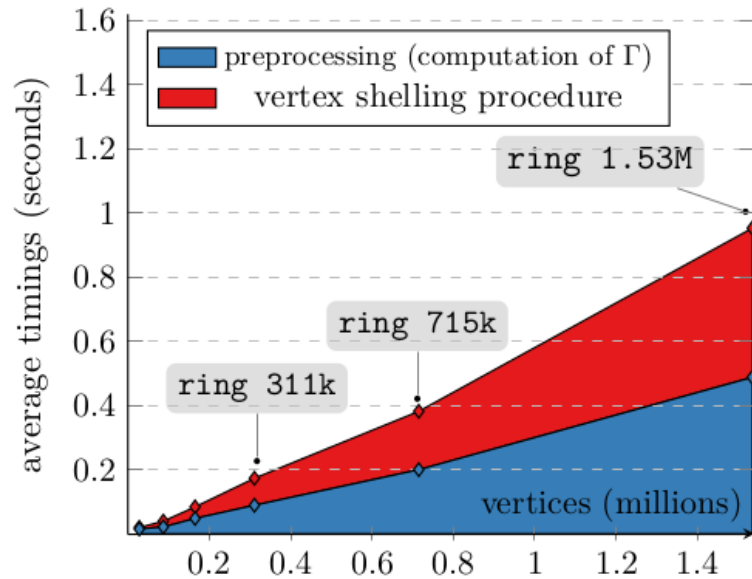


crossing after reversing

half-crossing before reversing  
an oriented cycle in  $R_{bot}$  to be reversed

# **Experimental results**

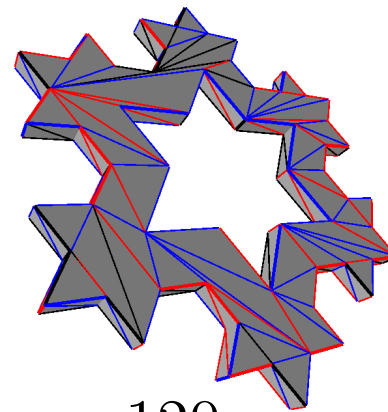
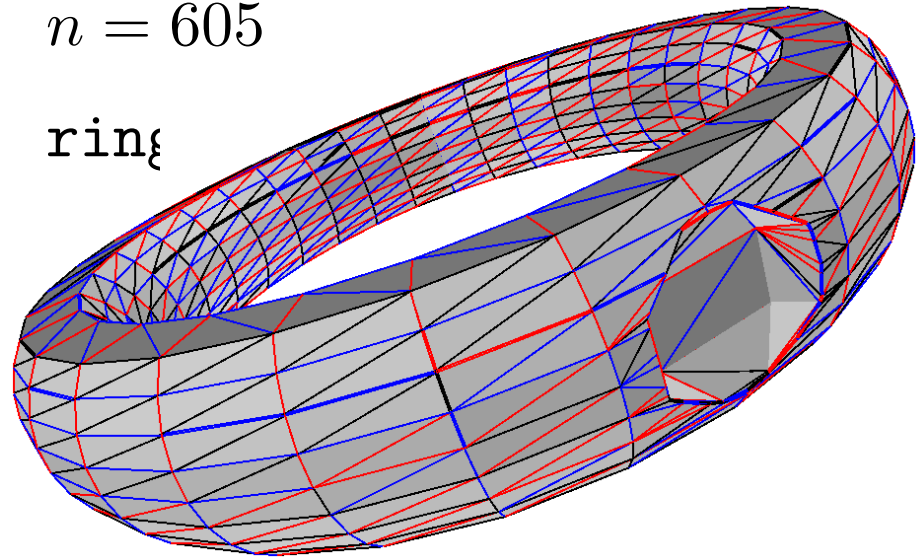
# Fast linear-time implementation



(with Java 1.8, on a Dell Laptop,  
Intel core i7 2.6GHz, 8GB RAM)

$n = 605$

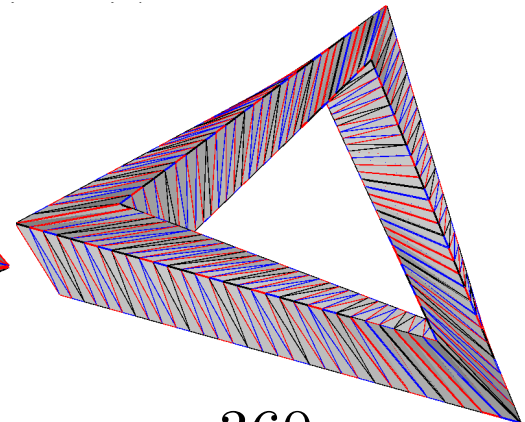
ring



$n = 120$

Koch

snowflake

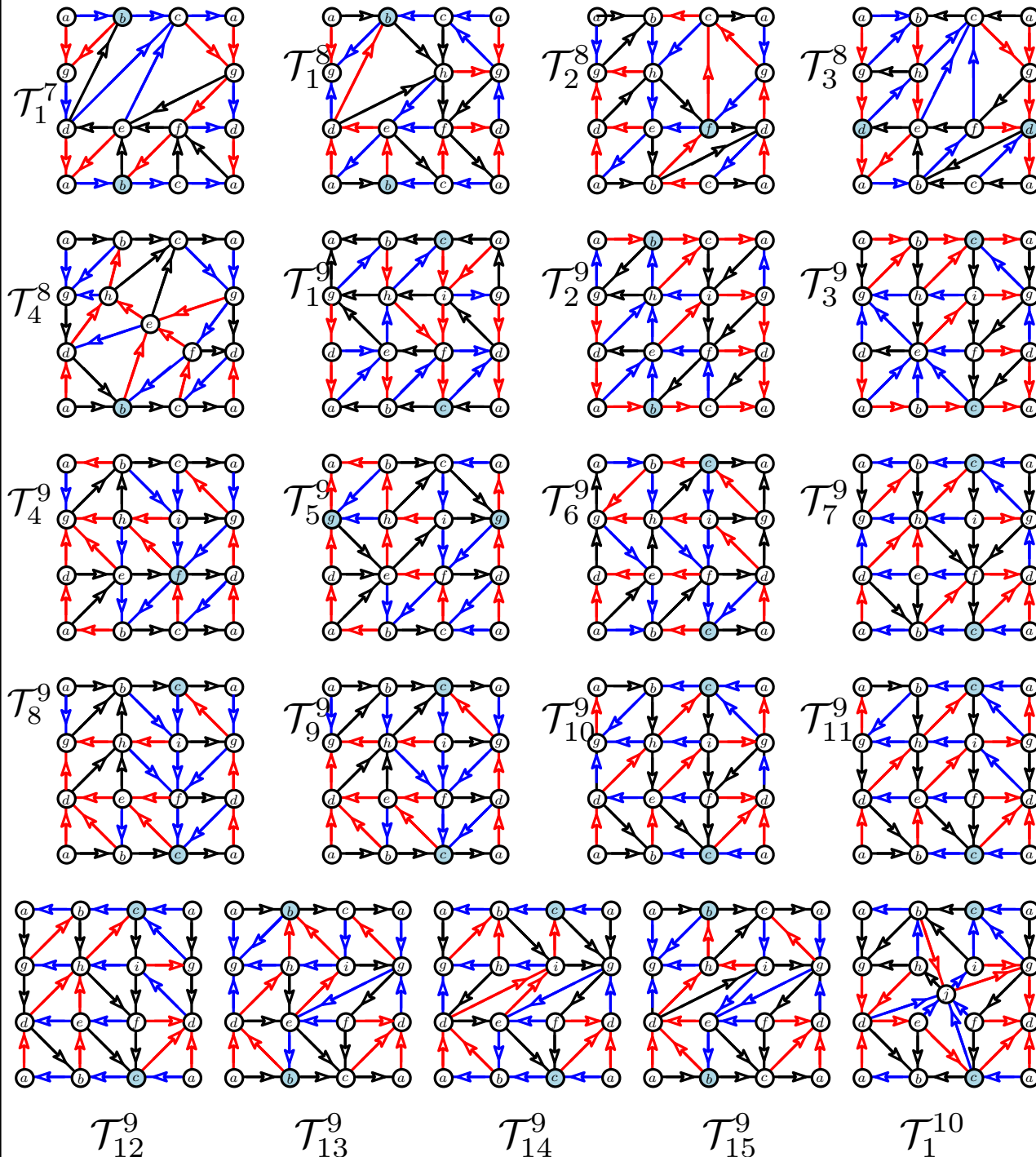


$n = 360$

Penrose

triangle

# Conjectures on toroidal Schnyder woods: experimental confirmation



**Open problem:** is it possible to find (at least) one toroidal Schnyder wood with connected mono-chromatic components and such the intersection of the three cycles is a single vertex?

(true for all triangulations of size at most  $n = 11$ )

n	# irreducible triangulations	#triangulations (g = 1)
7	1	1
8	4	7
9	15	112
10	1	2109
11	—	37867

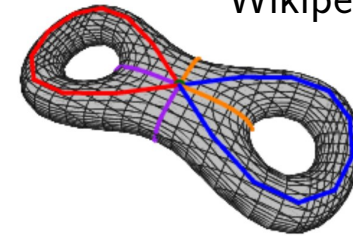
triangulations are generated with **surftri** software [Sulanke, 2006]

## **Concluding remarks**

# Schnyder woods for $g \geq 2$

**Thm** (3-orientations for graphs on surfaces, of arbitrary genus)  
[Albar Goncalves Knauer, 2014]

Any triangulation of a surface (the sphere and the projective plane) admits a '3-orientation': orientation without sinks  
s.t. every vertex has outdegree divisible by three

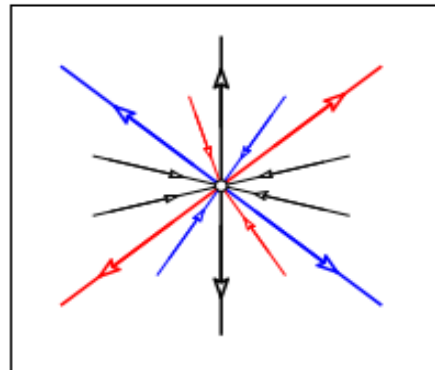


Wikipedia picture

**Open problem** [Goncalves Knauer L  v  que, 2016]  
Existence of Schnyder woods for higher genus triangulations

Multiple local Schnyder condition:  
the outdegree of every vertex is a **positive** multiple of 3.

(there are no **sinks**)



**Thm** [Suagee, 2021]

Simple triangulations of genus  $g \geq 1$  having  
"large" **edgewidth** do admit Schnyder woods

$$\text{edgewidth} \geq 40(2^g - 1)$$

(size of the smallest non contractible cycle)

## Experimental confirmation ( $g = 2$ )

exhaustive generation of all 3-orientations  
for all triangulations with  $g = 2$ ,  $n \leq 11$

**All simple triangulations of genus  $g = 2$   
and size  $\leq 11$  admit Schnyder woods**

n	# irreducible triangulations	#triangulations ( $g = 2$ )
7	—	—
8	—	—
9	—	—
10	865	865
11	26276	113506

**surftri** software [Sulanke, 2006]

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