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# Problem 4

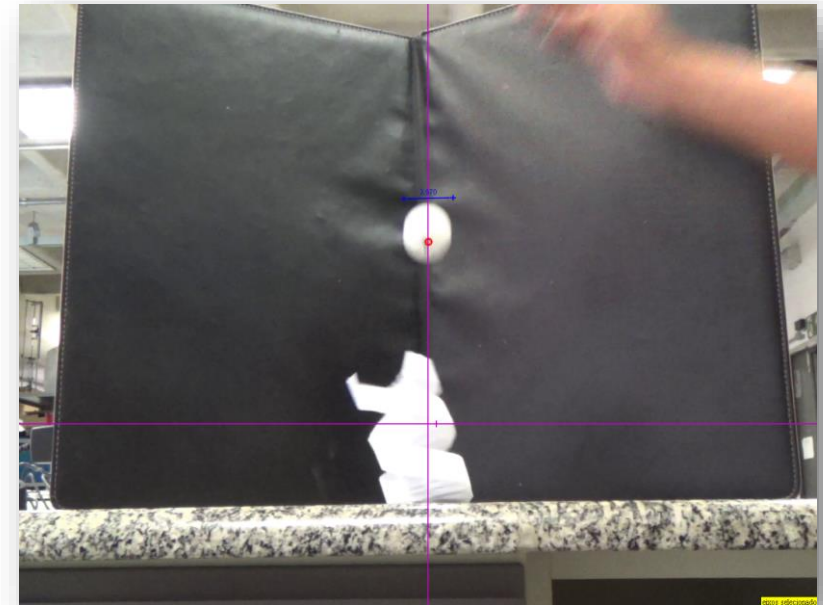
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# □ The problem

- Folded paper structures such as the Miura-ori origami can be programmed to exhibit a wide range of **elastic properties** depending on their **crease and defect patterns**. Design and build an origami cannon to vertically launch a standard Ping-Pong ball using only a **single uncut sheet of A4 paper (80g/m<sup>2</sup>)**. How is the height of the ball elevation related to the folding pattern? **Optimize your design to achieve the maximum height possible.**



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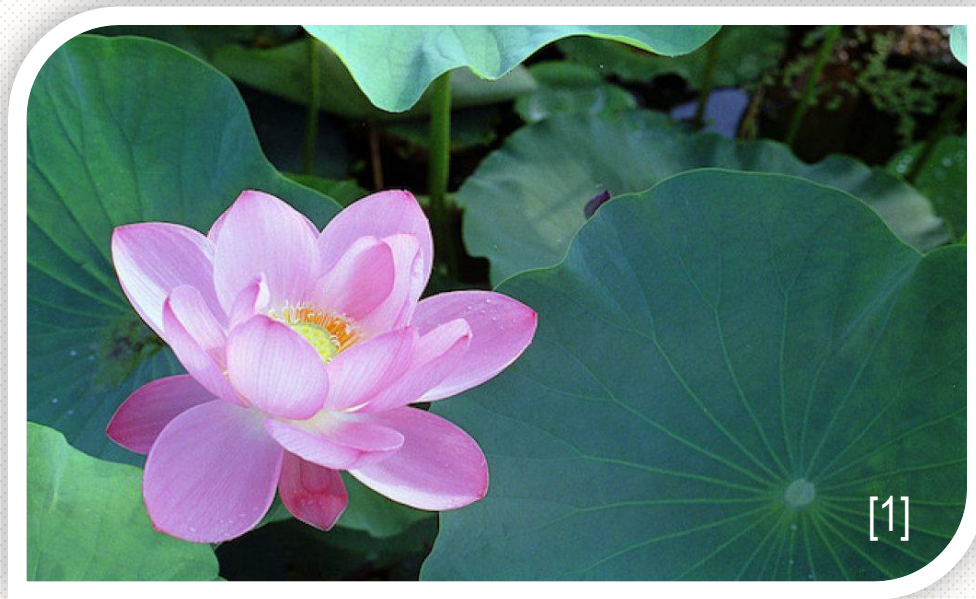
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# ☐ Metamaterials

- Origami metamaterials display, for example, auxetic behavior and multistability, the latter allowing reprogrammable configurations [3].



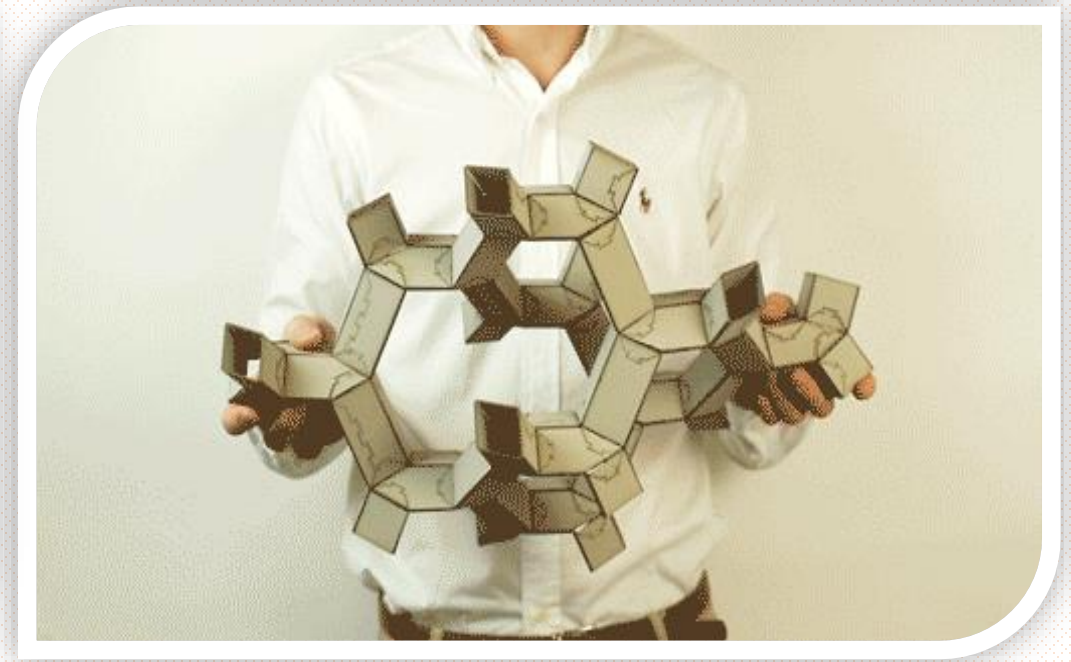
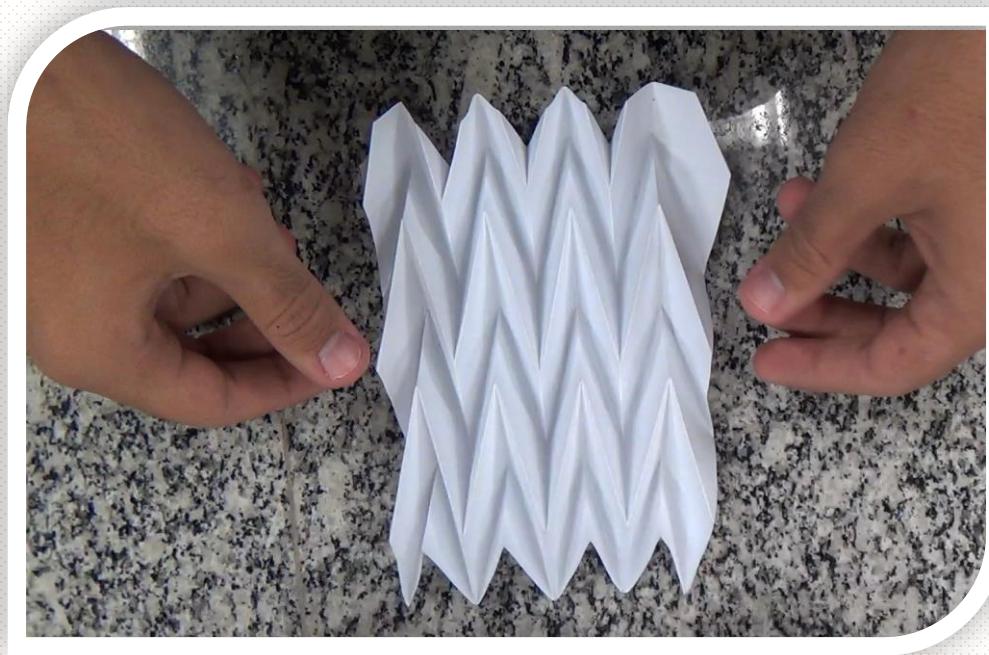
1. Flower petals



2. Insect wings

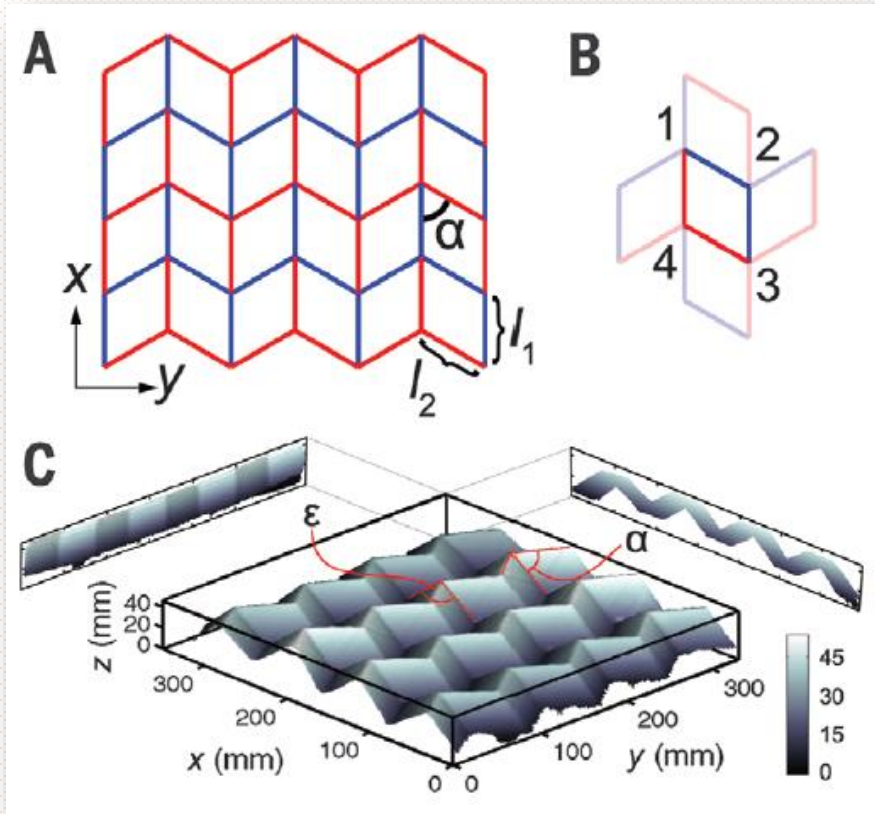
# ❑ Behavior of metamaterials

- Contraction and dilation of the system
- Movement in a given direction is reflected towards **another** direction



3. Configurable metamaterial

# □ Investigating Miura-Ori patterns



4. 3D reconstruction of Miura-Ori Patterns with geometric parameters

- Geometrical construction
- Based on creases and valleys
  - Can be characterized accordingly to different geometric angles and properties
- Very important: **Poisson's ration!**

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# □ Poisson's ratio- Why it is important

- From the references [1], we have that the origami's Poisson's ratio is negative!
- Therefore, it is an auxetic material

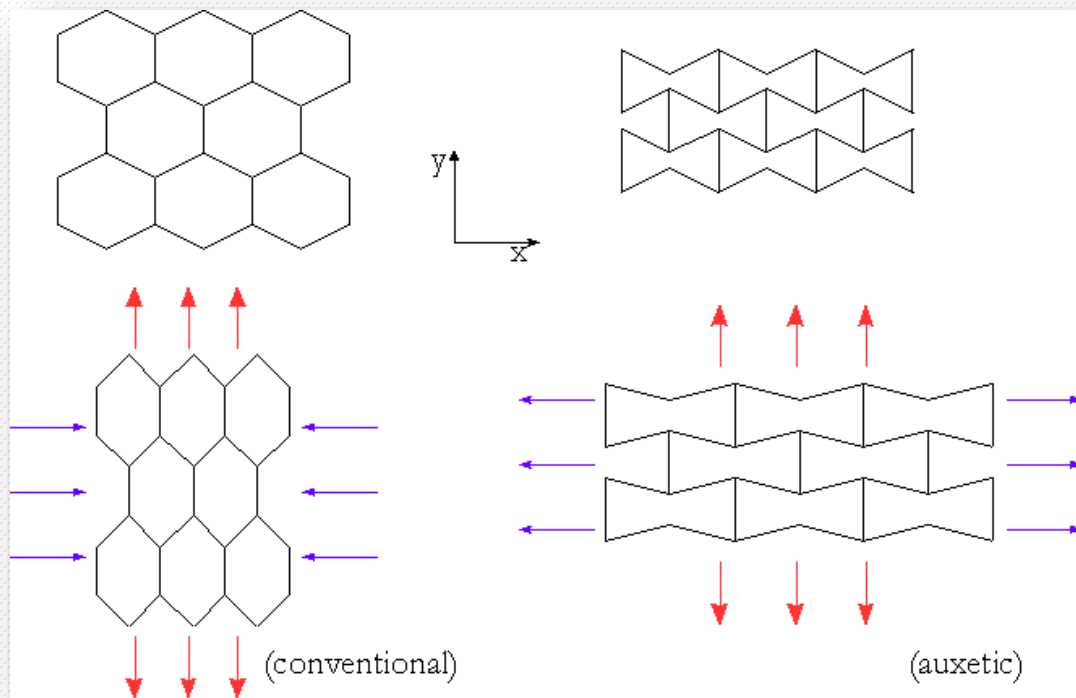
## Equations

$v$  = Poisson's ratio  
 $W$  = change in width  
 $L$  = change in length

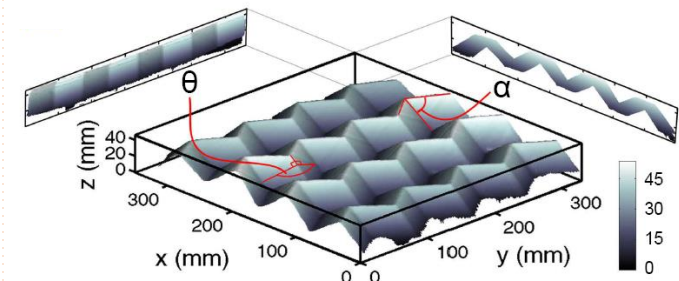
$$v = - \frac{W}{L} \frac{dL}{dW} \quad \text{General case}$$

Theoretical prediction for Miura-Ori

$$v = 1 - \frac{1}{\sin \alpha \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$



5. Behavior of an auxetic material



6. 3D modelling for Miura-Ori pattern

Reference [1], Image 6- Z.Y. Wei- "Geometric Mechanics of Periodic Pleated Origami"

Image 5- [https://groups.exeter.ac.uk/auxetic/auxetic\\_f2.html](https://groups.exeter.ac.uk/auxetic/auxetic_f2.html)

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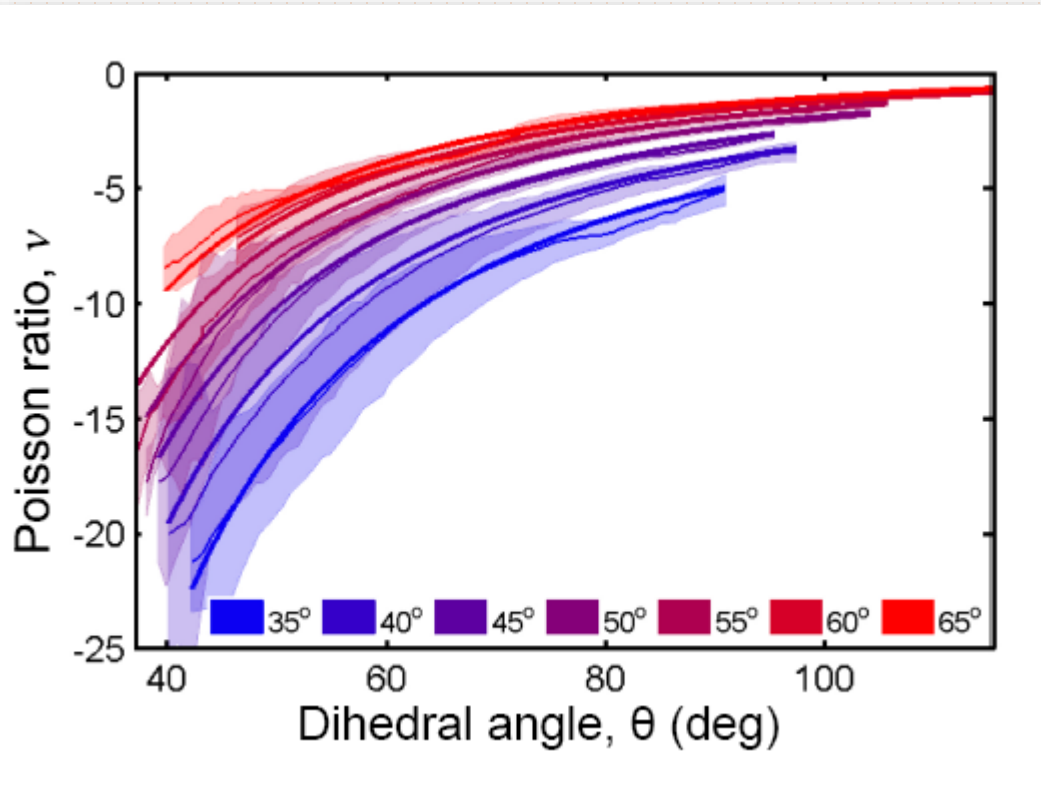
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# □ Negative Poisson's ratio- evidence



- Justifies the choosing of a Miura-Ori pattern for our investigations
- Now focusing **on the problem itself**



Achieving maximum heights with a Miura-Ori

7. Experiments for Miura-Ori patterns confirming the negative Poisson's ratio.

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# □ Energy on a Miura-Ori origami

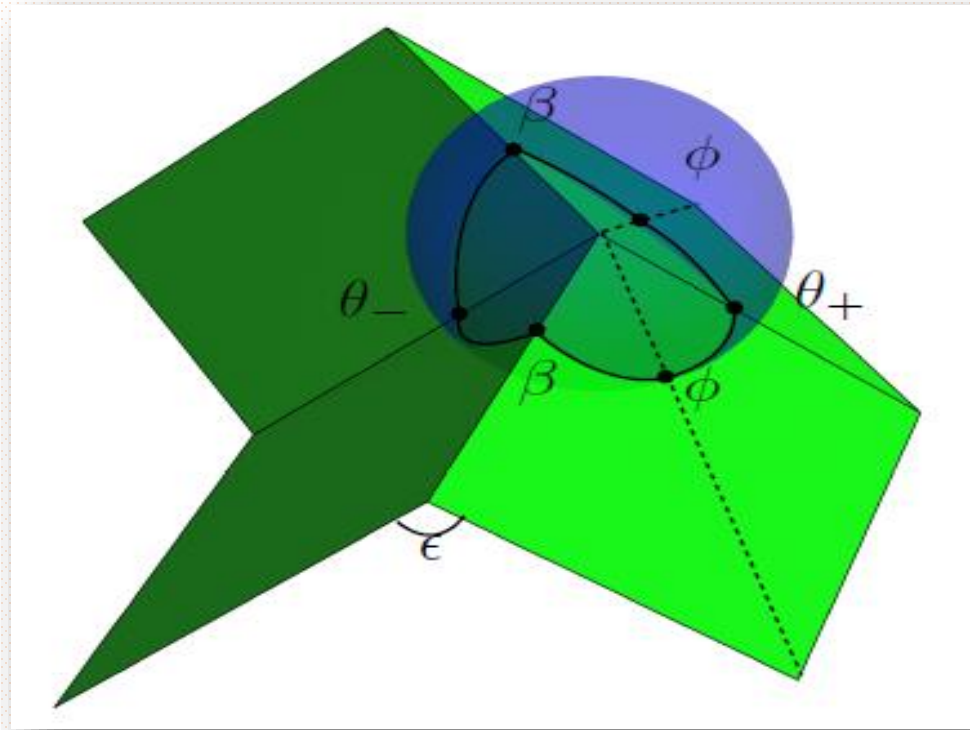
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$l = \text{fold length}$   
 $k_0 = \text{spring constant}$

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8. Angular schemes  
for a Miura-Ori folding  
pattern



Our model also  
considers  
pattern defects!

**Applied Angular Hooke's law**

$$\frac{U}{k_0 l} = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_+ - \theta_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\theta_- + \theta_0 - 2\pi)^2 + (\beta - \beta_0)^2 + (\phi - \pi)^2$$

*Non-dimensional approximation of the Energy behavior*

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# □ Energy on a Miura-Ori origami

## *Equations*

$l$  = fold length

$k_0$  = spring constant

$n$  = number of creases

$C$  = number of columns

$$\frac{U}{k_0} = \frac{l}{2} \left( (\theta_+ - \theta_0)^2 + (\theta_- + \theta_0 - 2\pi)^2 + 2(\beta - \beta_0)^2 \right)$$

- $l$  can be varied experimentally
- $k_0$  is constant for all experiments, same  $80 \frac{g}{cm^2}$  uncut sheet of paper
- Variation in ( $l * angle$ ) implies angular changes
- Different energies → different heights!

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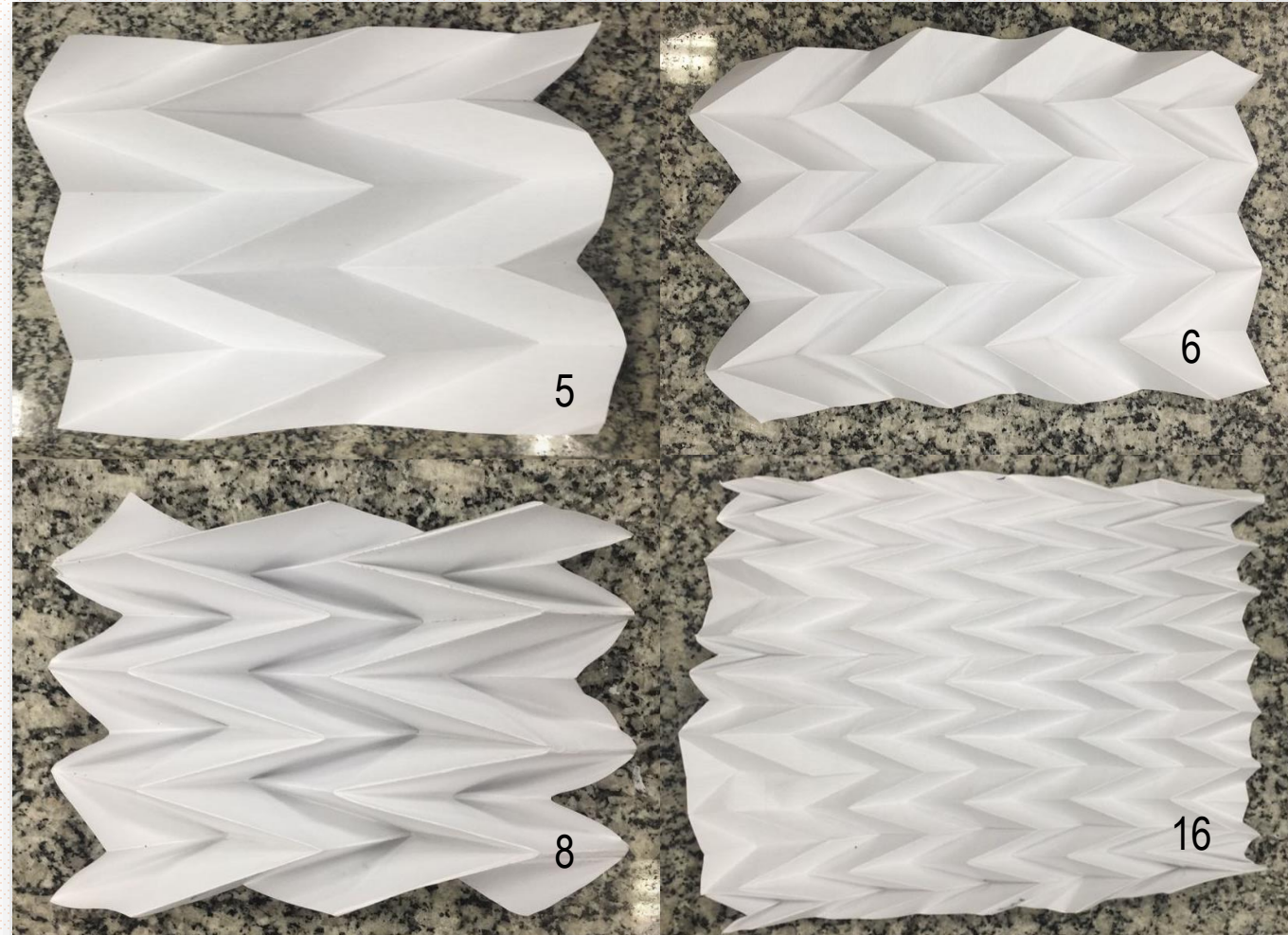
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# □ Experimental considerations

- Miura-Ori with 4 different number of folds
  - 5,6, 8, 16 folds



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# □ Angle measurements ( $\theta_0, \phi, \beta_0, \theta_+, \theta_-$ )

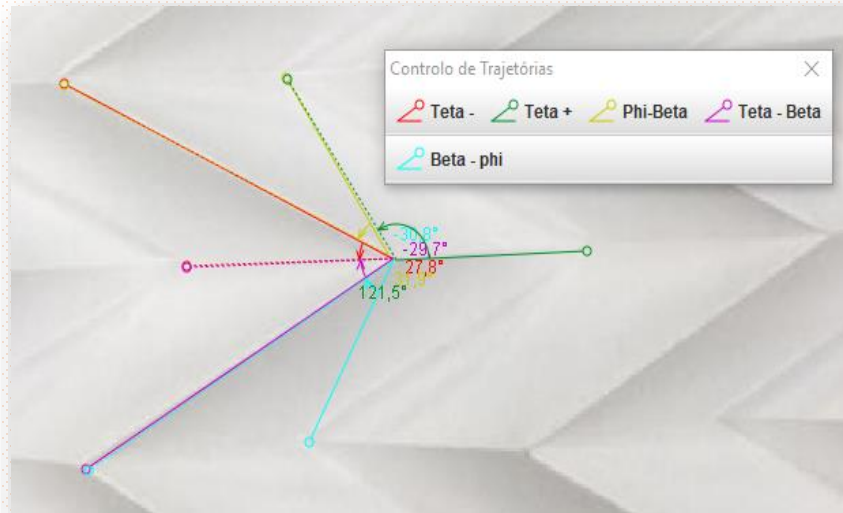
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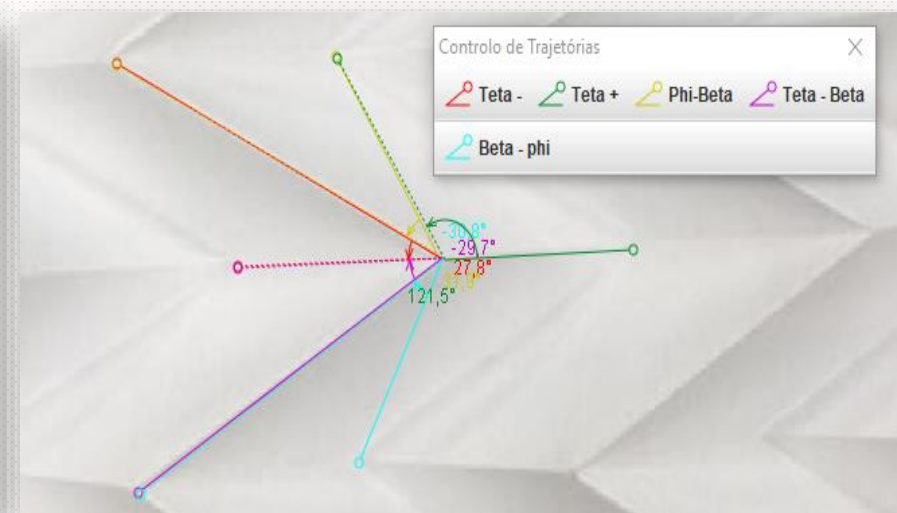
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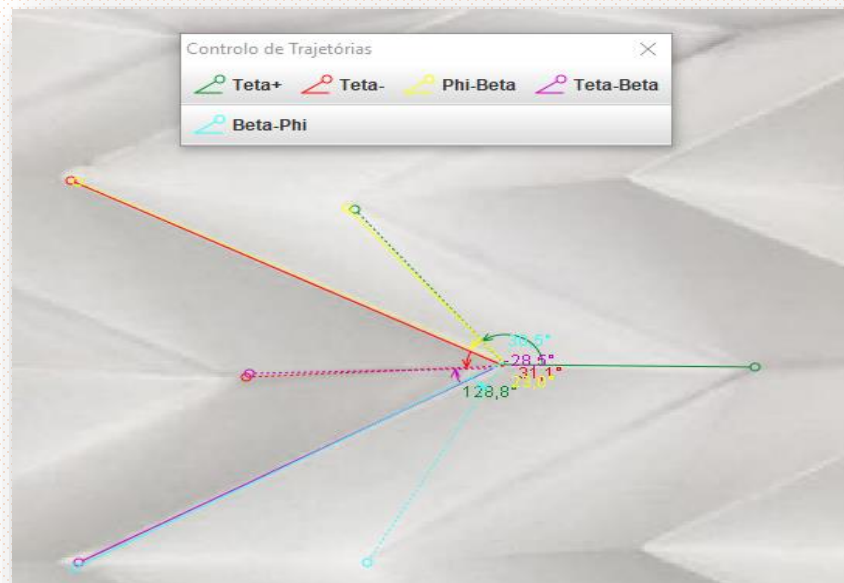
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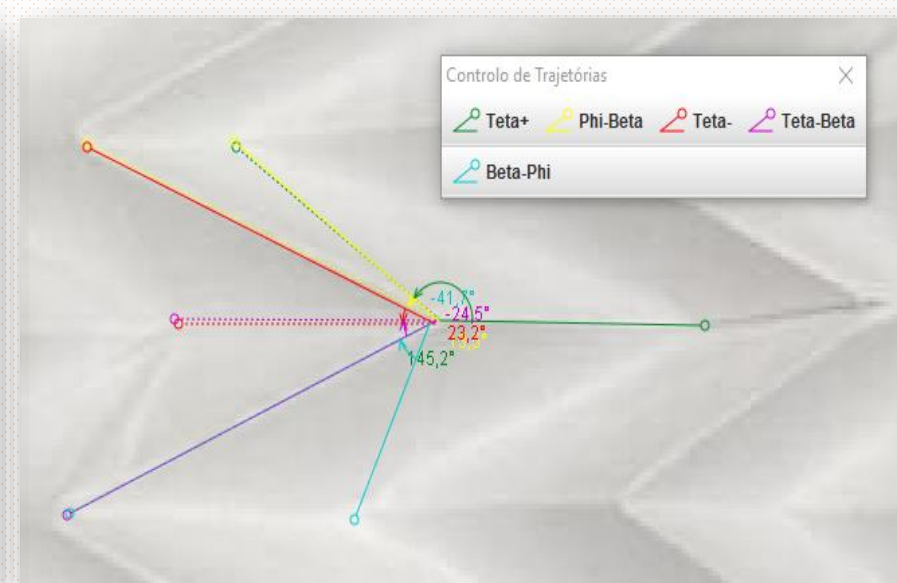
5 folds



6 folds



7 folds



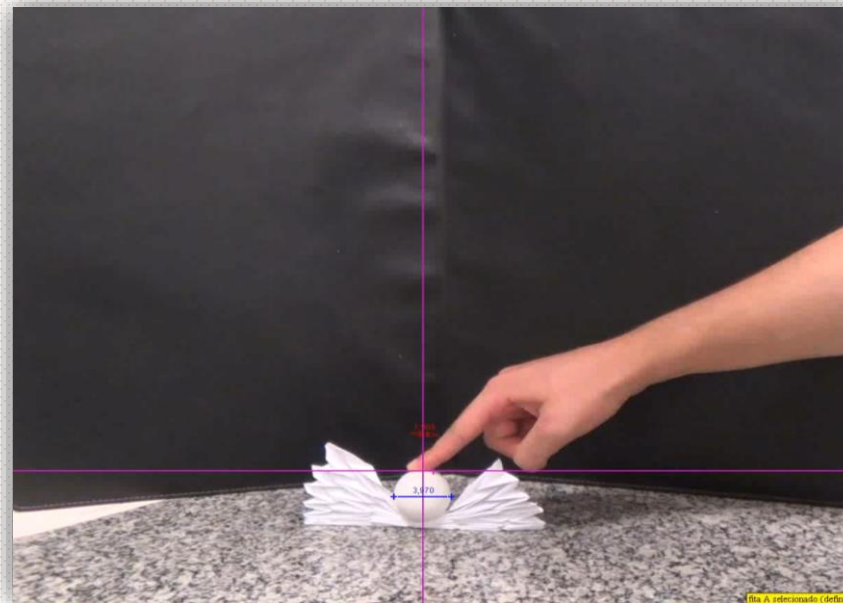
16 folds

# □ Experimental considerations

- Energy conversion

$$U_i = U_f$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{U_i}{k_0} = l \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\theta_+ - \theta_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\theta_- + \theta_0 - 2\pi)^2 + (\beta - \beta_0)^2 + (\phi - \pi)^2 \right] \\ U_f = mgh \end{array} \right.$$

Theoretically, we expect a linear behavior of  $\frac{U_i}{k_0}$  in function of  $U_f$ !



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# □ Proof of angular importance on the problem

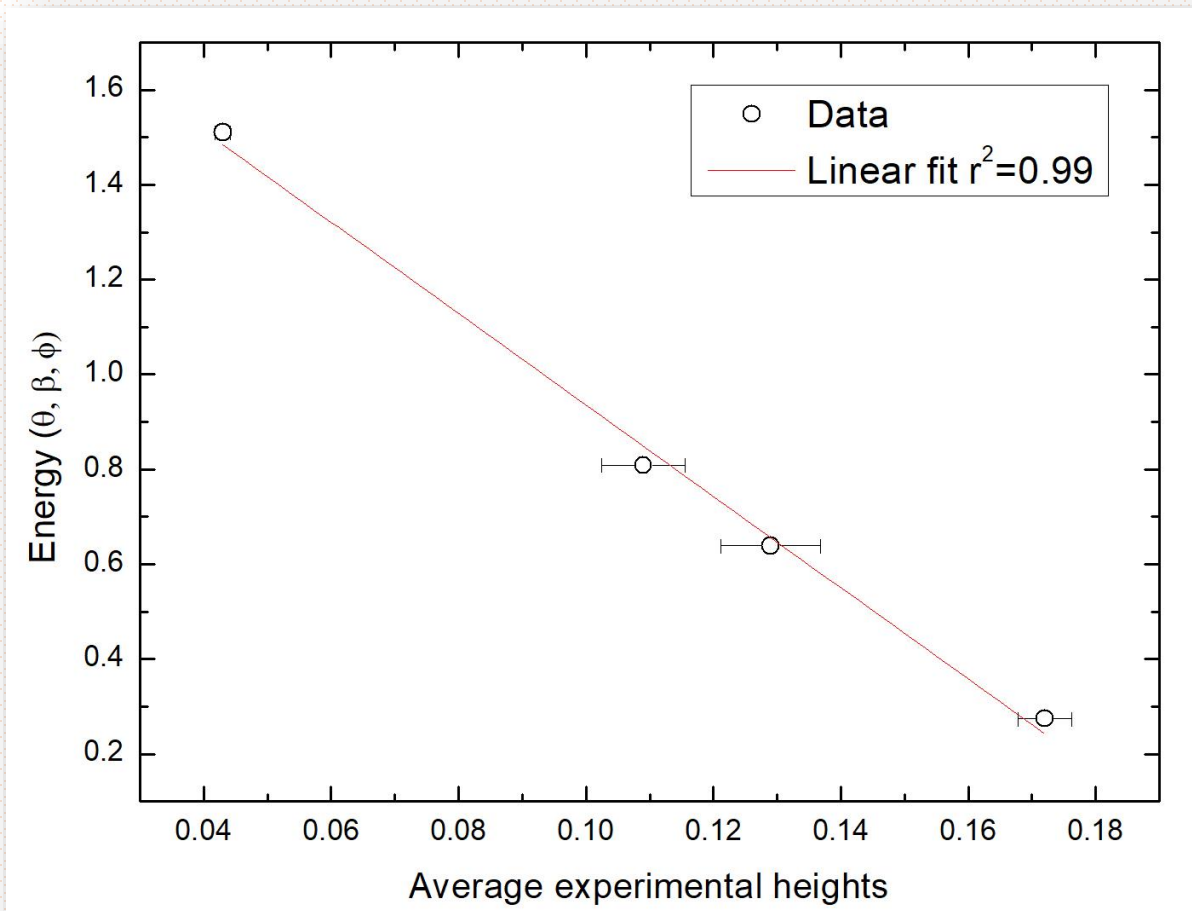
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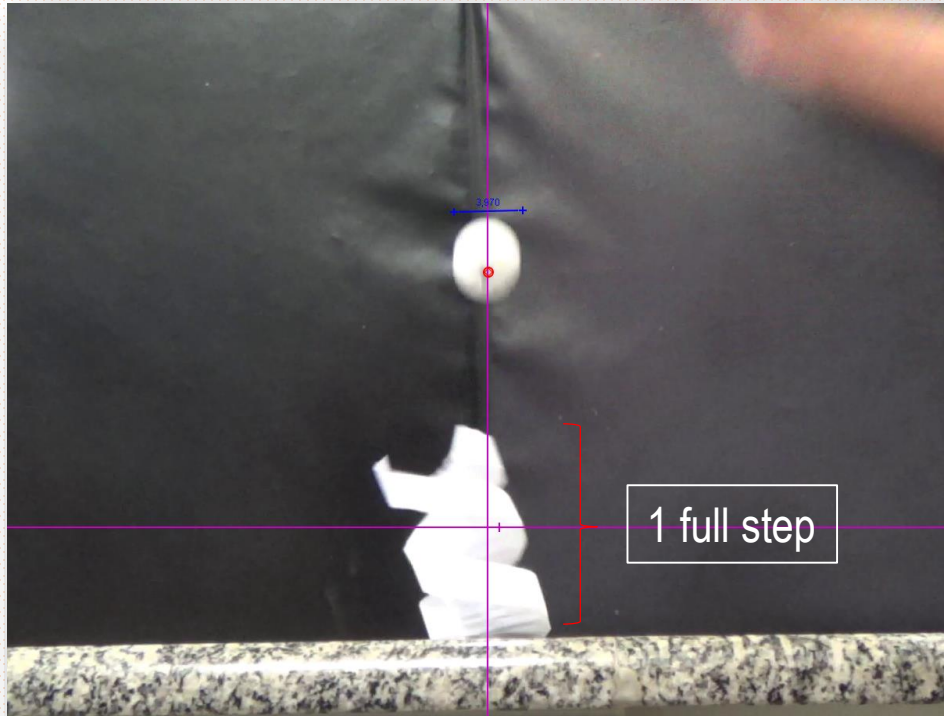


- Linear behavior is comproved for these four origamis!

$$\alpha \cong (9.6 \pm 0.4) \left[ \frac{a. u.}{A_h} \right]$$

# □ Helicoidal model

- Another way to build an origami pattern!



Measurement of a full step in centimeters

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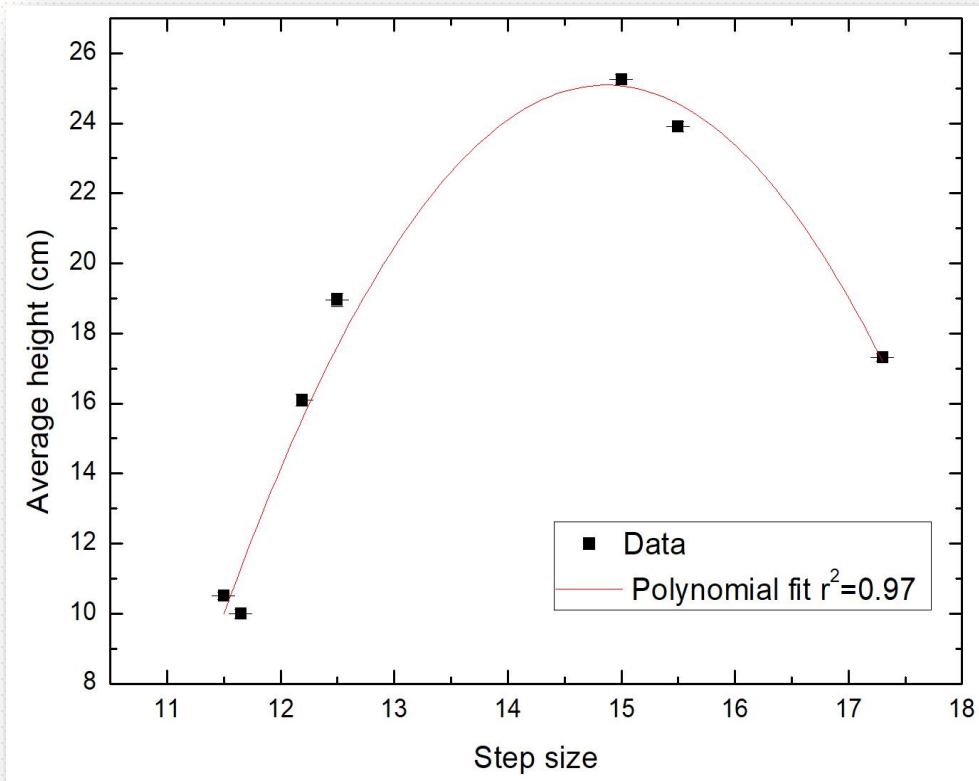
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# □ Helicoidal model

- Plotting results for the helicoidal model



- Quadratic fit!
- Explanation: a direct conversion of energy from the elastic one stored in the origami (completely) into the height of the ball!

$$y = y_0 + B_1x + B_2x^2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_1 = (39.63446 \pm 0.465) \\ B_2 = (-1.3313 \pm 0.01) \end{array} \right.$$

# □ Distribution for both experimental models

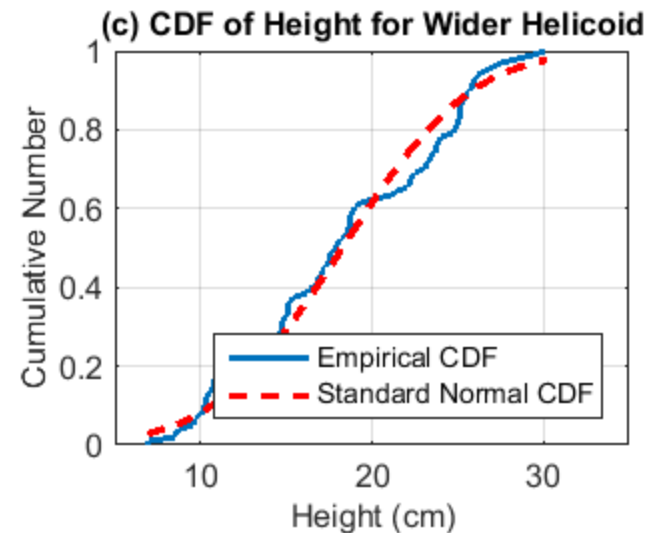
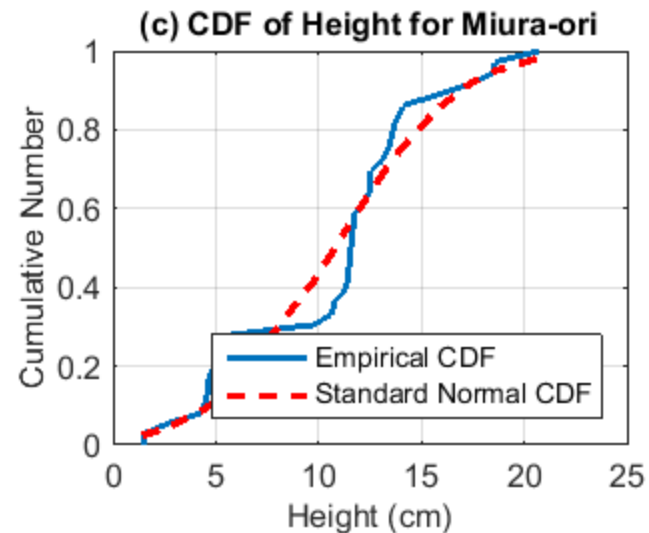
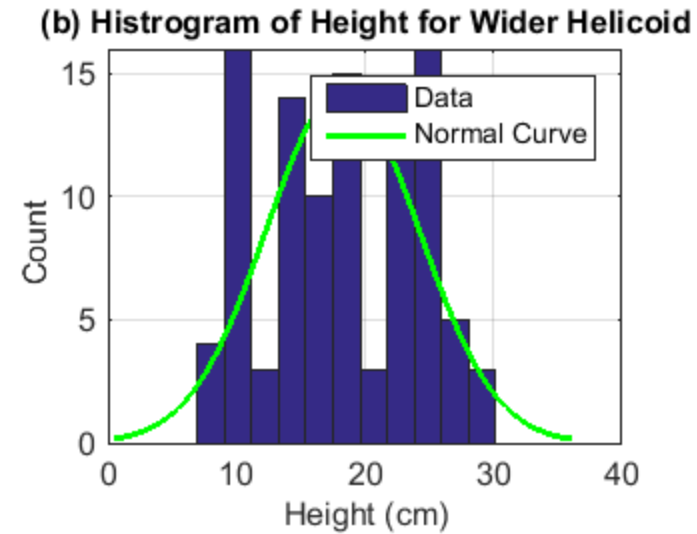
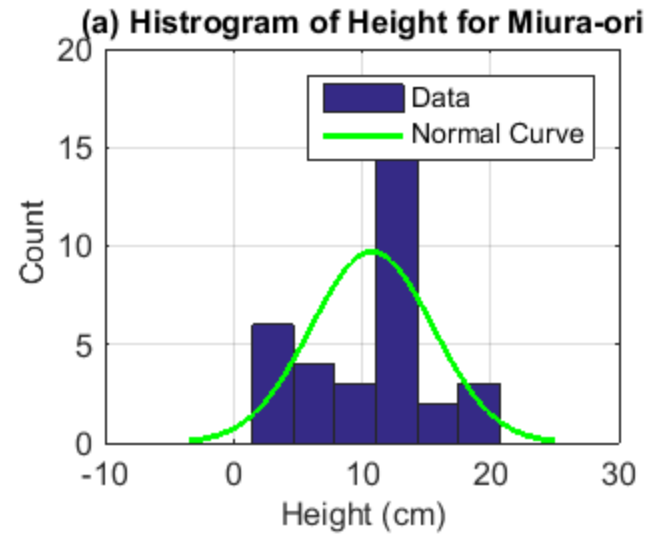
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# □ All experimental results

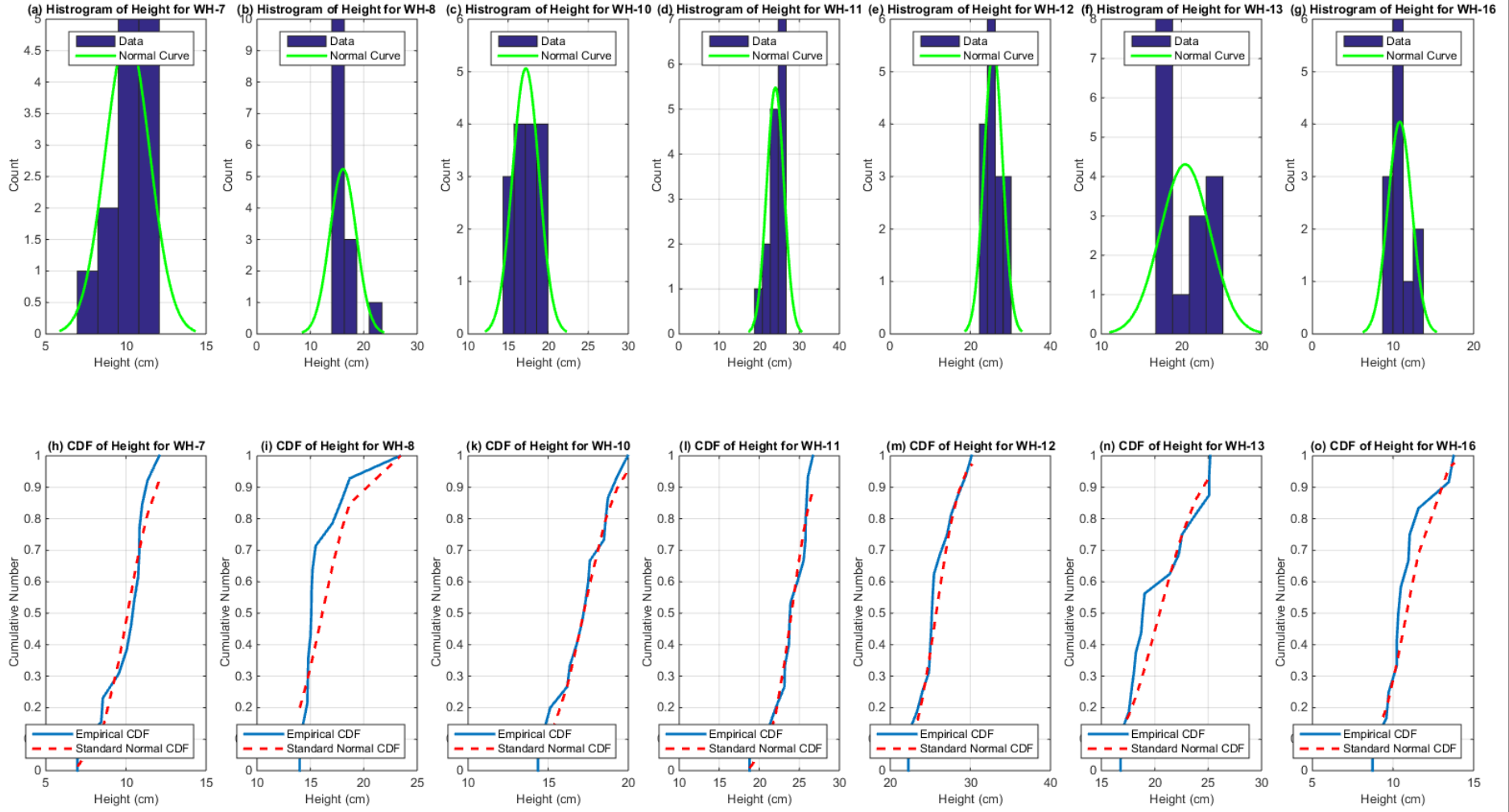
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# ☐ Heights achieved with all origamis

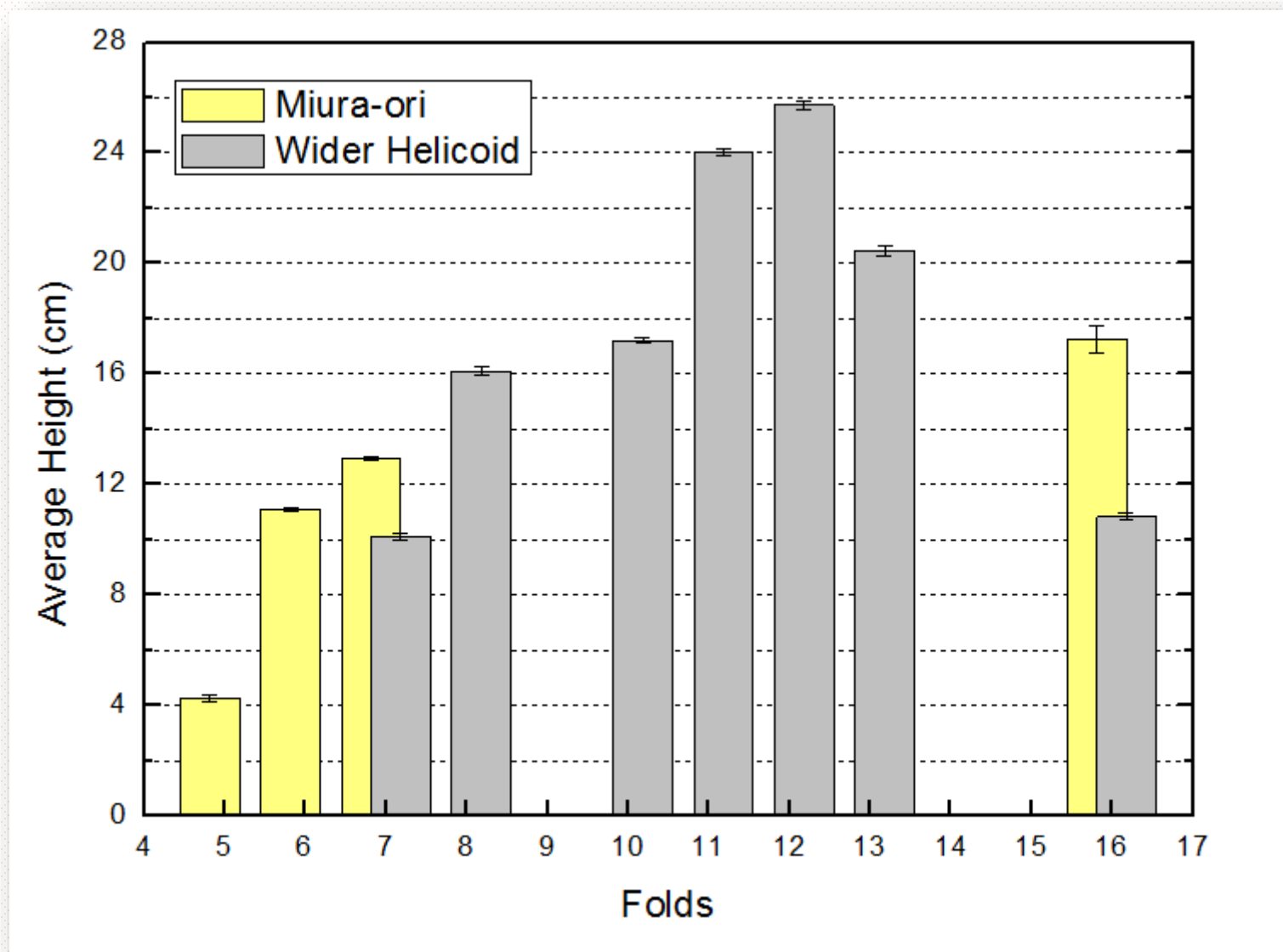
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# □ Summary

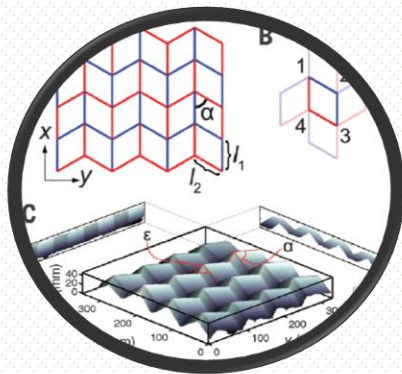
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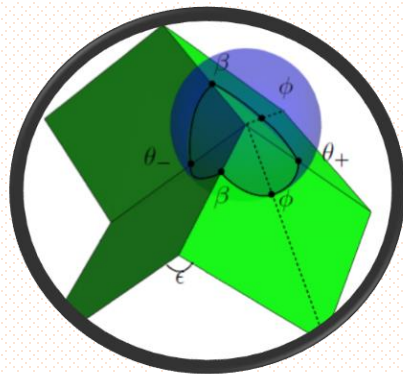
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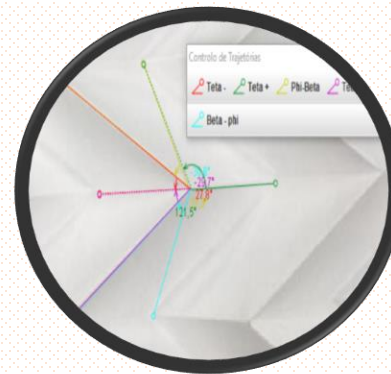
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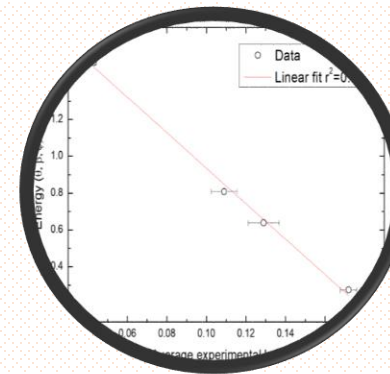
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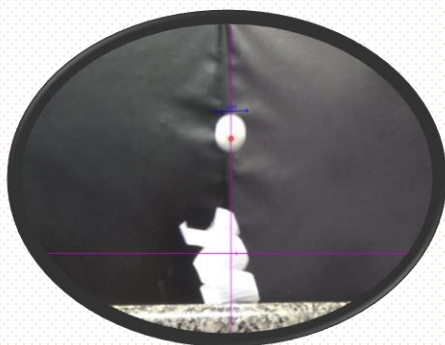
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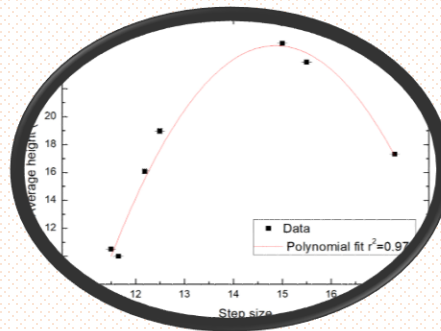
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Linear fit for results!



Helicoid model



Quadratic fit due to elastic properties

**Maximized jump: helicoid model with  
step size of 15 cm!  
 $h_A \sim (26 \pm 0.05) \text{ cm}$**



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## □ Appendix

# □ Distribution for all Miura-Ori results

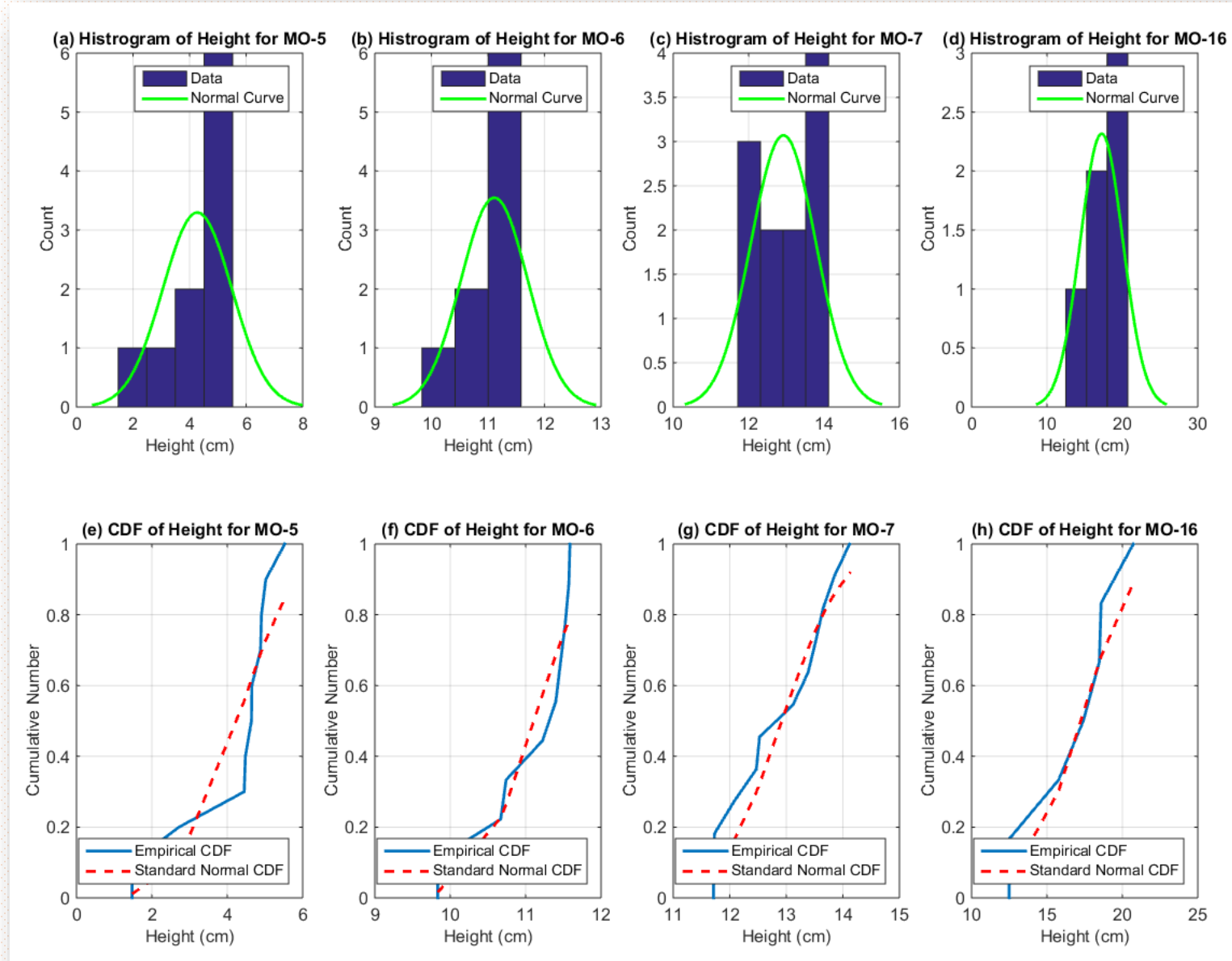
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# □ Experimental results for both designs

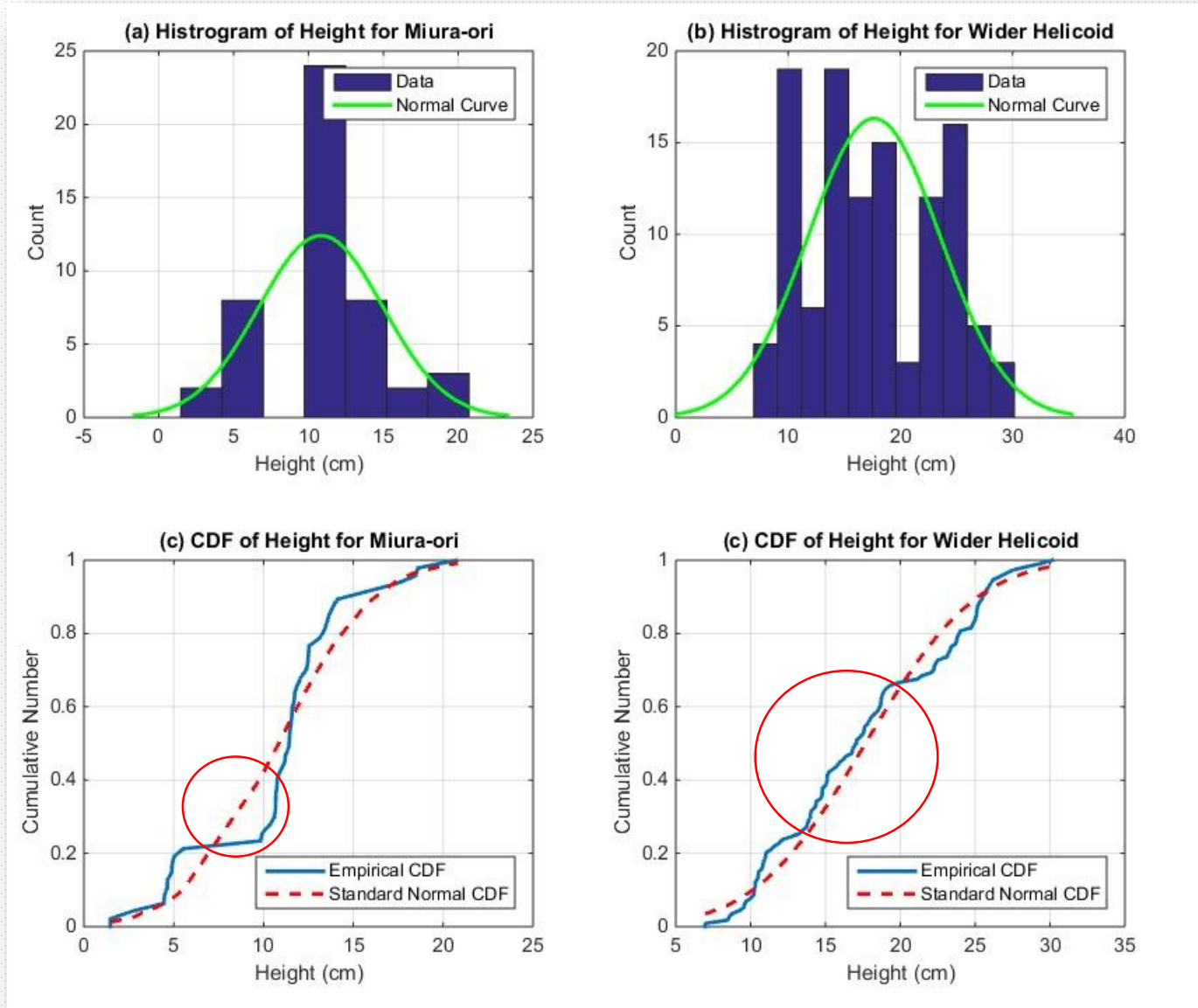
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