

Coarse-Grained Fundamental Forms for Characterizing Isometries of Trapezoid-based Origami Metamaterials

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13 Investigations of origami tessellations as effective media reveal the ability to program the components of their elasticity tensor. However, existing efforts focus on crease patterns that are composed of parallelogram faces where the parallel lines constrain the quasi-static elastic response. In this work, crease patterns composed of more general trapezoid faces are considered and their low-energy linear response is explored. Deformations of such origami tessellations are modeled as linear isometries that do not stretch individual panels at the small scale yet map to non-isometric changes of coarse-grained fundamental forms that quantify how the effective medium strains and curves at the large scale. Two distinct mode shapes, a rigid breathing mode and a nonrigid shearing mode, are identified in the continuum model. A specific example, called Morph-derivative trapezoid-based origami, is presented with analytical expressions for its deformations in both the discrete and continuous models. A developable specimen is fabricated and tested to validate the analytical predictions. This work advances the continuum modeling of origami tessellations as effective media with the incorporation of more generic faces and ground states, thereby enabling the investigation of novel designs and applications.

INTRODUCTION

14 Origami sheets are two-dimensional surfaces with pre-
15 defined creases that control their three-dimensional re-
16 sponse to mechanical loads [1–4]. The fundamental prin-
17 ciple behind the behavior of origami is the difference be-
18 tween the energy scales of elastic deformations that bend
19 the panels (cubic in sheet thickness) and elastic deforma-
20 tions that stretch the panels (linear in sheet thickness).
21 This scaling leads to a quasi-static, low-energy response
22 dominated by the deformations that do not stretch the
23 panels, which we refer to as *linear isometries*. Since
24 this principle relies solely on the thickness of the sheet,
25 the linear isometries corresponding to a particular crease
26 pattern are largely material independent and therefore
27 realizable in both metallic [5–9] and polymeric [10–12]
28 materials over a range of length scales. Hence, an un-
29 derstanding of the origami kinematics tends to be more
30 consequential than an understanding of the origami dy-
31 namics for the design of origami metamaterials. There
32 are two specific applications of origami kinematics that
33 motivate our work.

34 The first application of interest is the class of isome-
35 tries referred to as *rigid folding mechanisms* that fold

36 the origami sheet along its predefined creases while keep-
37 ing the panels entirely rigid (no stretching or bending).
38 These rigid folding mechanisms are useful for the deploy-
39 ment and transformation of structures found in various
40 engineering applications including solar arrays [13, 14],
41 heart stents [15], and temporary shelters [16]. How-
42 ever, arbitrary quadrilateral-mesh crease patterns are not
43 rigidly foldable and a significant body of work is de-
44 voted towards the development of design principles [17–
45 22]. Moreover, arbitrary loads can lead to heterogeneous
46 actuation of the mechanism [23, 24] as well as undesirable
47 deformations due to the existence of isometries distinct
48 from the rigid folding mechanism [25] or the intersec-
49 tion of separate branches in the configuration space [26].
50 Therefore, efficient models for the response to external
51 loads can inform the methods for deployment and trans-
52 formation of origami structures along the programmed
53 rigid mechanism without exciting undesirable responses
54 via alternative low-energy instabilities.

55 The second application of interest is the continuum ap-
56 proximation (i.e., homogenization or coarse-graining) of
57 linear isometries in periodic origami tessellations. Such
58 approximations are valuable for both surface fitting [27]
59 and effective elasticity models [28–30], where deforma-
60 tions that do not stretch the individual panels generate
61 apparently non-isometric deformations at the large scale.
62 The main example in the existing literature is the class of

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63 parallelogram-based origami sheets, such as the Miura-
 64 origami crease pattern [31, 32]. An origami tessellation in
 65 this class is quasi-planar, in that its two primitive lat-
 66 tice vectors always lie in the same two-dimensional plane,
 67 and exhibits one rigid folding mechanism that changes its
 68 lattice vectors. Simultaneously, such a tessellation also
 69 exhibits two nonrigid linear isometries that bend the pan-
 70 ples in addition to folding the creases. Approximating the
 71 origami tessellation as a continuous sheet reveals that the
 72 rigid isometry generates in-plane strain, the first non-
 73 rigid isometry generates out-of-plane curvature, and the
 74 second nonrigid isometry generates out-of-plane twist-
 75 ing [31–36]. These three modes function as a basis for
 76 more general low-energy deformations in effect contin-
 77 uum models [29, 30]. Moreover, analytical calculations
 78 show the crease geometry necessarily pairs a hydrostatic
 79 (dilation) strain mode with an anticlastic (saddle) cur-
 80 vature mode and a deviatoric (pure shear) strain mode
 81 with a synclastic (dome) curvature mode [31–36].

82 Our work seeks to expand the investigation of
 83 parallelogram-based origami sheets to more generic tes-
 84 sellations which possess two crucial differences from those
 85 composed of parallelograms [37, 38]. The first differ-
 86 ence is that a generic tessellation is quasi-cylindrical,
 87 rather than quasi-planar, in that its two primitive lat-
 88 tice vectors rotate about a common axis from cell to cell.
 89 The second difference is that such a quasi-cylindrical tes-
 90 sellation exhibits two linear isometries (rather than the
 91 one rigid and two non-rigid isometries discussed in the
 92 previous paragraph) that retain the quasi-cylindrical ge-
 93 ometry while changing its radius, height, and symme-
 94 try axis. We investigate these two linear isometries in
 95 rigidly-foldable trapezoid-based origami (TBO) tessella-
 96 tions, for which the constituent trapezoid faces have one
 97 less symmetry than the previously investigated paralle-
 98 ogram faces, to exemplify continuum approximations for
 99 the linear isometries in quasi-cylindrical origami tessel-
 100 lations. We show exemplar TBO folded from cardstock
 101 in their ground state configurations in Figs. 1(A-D)(i)
 102 and in rigidly folded configurations in Figs. 1(A-D)(ii).
 103 While such rigid folding mechanisms of TBO are identi-
 104 fied for select geometries, such as the arc pattern, in pre-
 105 vious works [39, 40], our work also identifies and models
 106 the nonrigid isometries shown in Figs. 1(A-D)(iii). Our
 107 theoretical model has two components. The first com-
 108 ponent determines and solves the compatibility condi-
 109 tions for the linear isometries within a single cell, which
 110 we show can be represented using the compatibility di-
 111 agrams shown in Figs. 1(A-D)(iv) where the meaning of
 112 the line styles and colors is explained in Supplemental
 113 Appendix, TBO Examples. The second component maps
 114 these linear isometries to their continuum approximation,
 115 which decomposes into one rigid breathing mode and one
 116 nonrigid shearing mode. We showcase our analytical re-
 117 sults for a class of origami crease patterns derived from
 118 the geometry presented in Ref. [34] that we refer to as the
 119 Morph-derivative TBO and perform laboratory scale ex-
 120 periments on a specimen manufactured from polypropy-

121 lene.

RESULTS

123 Periodic origami tessellations with generic faces adopt
 124 quasi-cylindrical ground states generated by the two
 125 primitive lattice vectors ($\ell_{1,2}$) and the two primitive lat-
 126 tice rotation matrices ($\mathbf{S}_{1,2}$) (see Fig. 2A). As shown in
 127 Refs. [37, 38], the lattice rotations share a common axis
 128 (\hat{S}) about which local frames are rotated by the respec-
 129 tive lattice rotation angle ($\eta_{1,2}$) (see Supplemental Ap-
 130 pendix, Lattice Compatibility for further details). Fur-
 131 thermore, the lattice vector components orthogonal to
 132 \hat{S} define a unique radius of curvature (R). Thus, we
 133 coarse-grain the lattice-scale geometry by taking the dis-
 134 crete cell indices (n_1, n_2) to the continuous surface co-
 135 ordinates (φ, z) (see Methods, Coarse-Graining) and ap-
 136 proximate the cylindrical ground state via the embedding
 137 $\mathbf{X}(\varphi, z) = R \cos \varphi \hat{x} + R \sin \varphi \hat{y} + z \hat{z}$. From the embedding,
 138 we compute the tangent vectors $\mathbf{t}_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu \mathbf{X}$ (using sub-
 139 scripts μ, ν to denote the surface coordinates) and the
 140 normal vector $\hat{n} \equiv \mathbf{t}_\varphi \times \mathbf{t}_z / |\mathbf{t}_\varphi \times \mathbf{t}_z|$ to construct the first
 141 fundamental form $I_{\mu\nu} \equiv \mathbf{t}_\mu \cdot \mathbf{t}_\nu$, the second fundamental
 142 form $II_{\mu\nu} \equiv \hat{n} \cdot \partial_\mu \mathbf{t}_\nu$, and the shape operator $\mathcal{S} \equiv \mathbf{III}^{-1}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} R^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{II} &= \begin{pmatrix} -R & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{S} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{R} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

143 The shape operator has eigenvalues equal to the prin-
 144 cipal curvatures ($\kappa_1 = -1/R, \kappa_2 = 0$), eigenvectors equal
 145 to the principal directions ($\hat{v}_1 = (1, 0), \hat{v}_2 = (0, 1)$), de-
 146 terminant equal to the Gaussian curvature ($K = 0$), and
 147 trace equal to twice the mean curvature ($2H = -1/R$).

148 As shown in Refs. [37, 38], at the lattice-scale, these
 149 origami sheets generically exhibit two linear isometries
 150 under periodic boundary conditions which change the
 151 lattice vectors ($\ell_{1,2} \rightarrow \ell_{1,2} + \Delta_{1,2}$) and the lattice ro-
 152 tation matrices ($\mathbf{S}_{1,2} \rightarrow (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{L}_{1,2})\mathbf{S}_{1,2}$), thereby induc-
 153 ing changes in the radius ($R \rightarrow R + \delta R$) and the rota-
 154 tion axis ($\hat{S} \rightarrow \hat{S} + \delta \hat{S}$) while preserving the cylindri-
 155 cal character to first order (see Supplemental Appendix,
 156 Lattice Compatibility). We write the generic deforma-
 157 tion $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{X} + \delta \mathbf{X}$ in terms of the vector field $\delta \mathbf{X} =$
 158 $\delta X_n (\cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin \varphi \hat{y}) + \delta X_\varphi (-\sin \varphi \hat{x} + \cos \varphi \hat{y}) + \delta X_z \hat{z}$
 159 and determine the changes in the radial direction (δX_n),
 160 the azimuthal direction (δX_φ), and the axial direction
 161 (δX_z) that are mutually consistent with cylindrical defor-
 162 mations below (see Supplemental Appendix, Continuum
 163 Deformations).

164 Since cylinders have zero Gaussian curvature, the de-
 165 formation must satisfy $\delta K = 0$. The in-plane strain

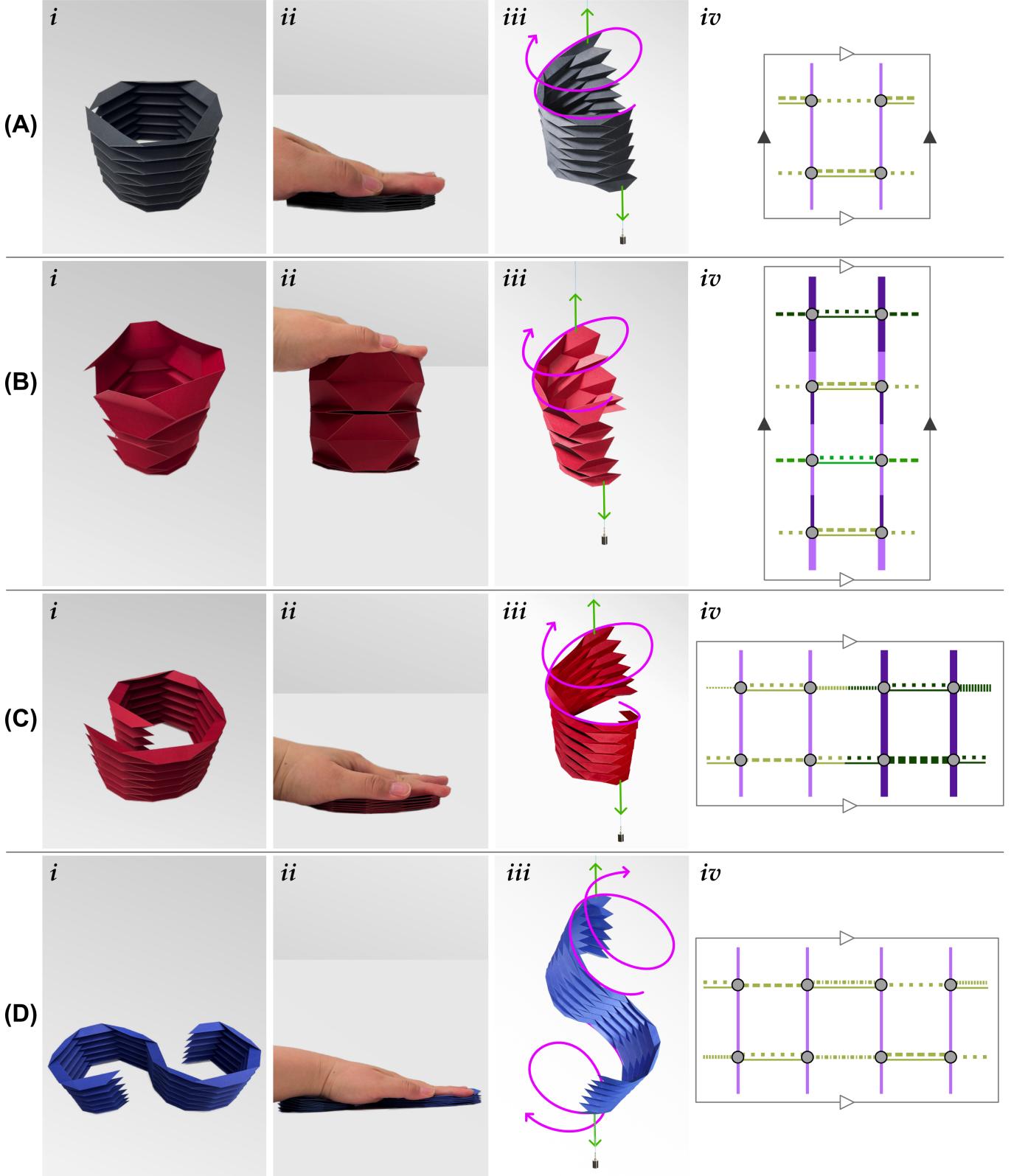


FIG. 1. Examples of trapezoid-based origami folded from cardstock (i) quasi-cylindrical ground states, (ii) rigid folding cylindrical isometry (iii) non-rigid shear isometry, and (iv) diagrammatic representation of compatibility conditions with line styles signifying the coupling between amplitudes on the adjoined vertices and triangles indicating periodic directions (see Supplemental Appendix, Example TBO for more details). (A) Cylindrical geometry from Miura-derivative. (B) Extension of the pattern in panel A exhibiting a locked configuration. (C) Archimedean spiral from a graded Miura-derivative pattern. (D) Lemniscate of Bernoulli from a graded Miura-derivative with a parallelogram interface.

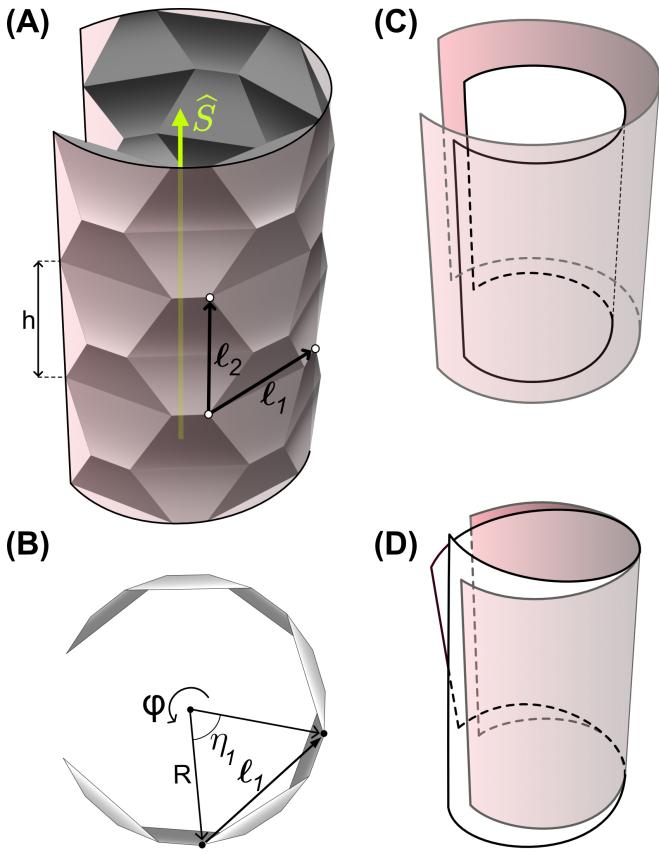


FIG. 2. Coarse-grained geometry. (A) Angled view of a quasi-cylindrical trapezoid-based origami tessellation with lattice vectors $\ell_{1,2}$, lattice rotation axis \hat{S} , and characteristic height h . (B) Top-down view of the tessellation shown in panel A with lattice rotation angle η_1 , radius R , and azimuthal surface coordinate φ . Continuum illustration of the (C) breathing mode and (D) shearing mode induced by the linear isometries of the tessellation shown in panel A.

166 along the azimuthal and axial directions take arbitrary, but spatially constant, values ($\delta I_{\varphi\varphi} = \varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}$ and
167 $\delta I_{zz} = \varepsilon_{zz}$) because they are unconstrained by the cylindrical character of the deformation. Lastly, we consider a generic deformation as a linear combination of
171 a breathing mode that changes the first principal curvature ($\delta\kappa_1 = -\delta R/R^2$) without changing the principal
173 directions ($\delta\hat{v}_1 = (0, 0)$, $\delta\hat{v}_2 = (0, 0)$) and a shearing mode that changes the principal directions ($\delta\hat{v}_1 = (0, \sigma_1)$,
174 $\delta\hat{v}_2 = (\sigma_2, 0)$) without changing the first principal curvature ($\delta\kappa_1 = 0$). Such modes are the only two homogeneous deformations that maintain the cylindrical character (see Supplemental Appendix, Continuum Deformations). Here, $\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}$, ε_{zz} , δR , σ_1 , and σ_2 all depend implicitly on the geometry of the underlying crease pattern, and this relationship constitutes the basis of the origami sheets as mechanical metamaterials. We find that the breathing mode (illustrated in Fig. 2C) is quantified by
184 $\delta X_n = \delta R$, $\delta X_\varphi = (\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}/(2R) - \delta R)\varphi$, and $\delta X_z = \varepsilon_{zz}z/2$. The corresponding changes to the fundamental forms are

186 written:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \delta \mathbf{II} &= \begin{pmatrix} \delta R - \frac{\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}}{R} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \delta \mathbf{S} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta R}{R^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

187 We find that the shearing mode (illustrated in Fig. 2D)
188 is quantified by $\delta X_n = 0$, $\delta X_\varphi = \varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}\varphi/(2R) + \sigma_1 R z$, and
189 $\delta X_z = \varepsilon_{zz}z/2 + \sigma_2\varphi$. The corresponding changes to the
190 fundamental forms are written:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi} & R^2\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 \\ R^2\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \delta \mathbf{II} &= -\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}}{R} & R\sigma_1 \\ R\sigma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \delta \mathbf{S} &= \frac{1}{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_2 \\ -\sigma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

191 Our work focuses on applying the above analysis to the
192 particular case of rigidly foldable TBO, including all of
193 the crease patterns shown in Figs. 1(A-D)(i) and, more
194 generically, crease patterns for which the parallel edges
195 of the trapezoidal faces ensure $\ell_1 \perp \hat{S}$ and $\ell_2 \parallel \hat{S}$ along
196 the rigid folding configuration manifold. For the crease
197 pattern in Fig. 1(A)(i), the orientation of the lattice vec-
198 tors is because the subsequent parallel edges rotate the
199 faces by complementary dihedral angles so that there is
200 no net rotation, similar to the reason a parallelogram-
201 based origami sheet stays planar. However, for the
202 crease pattern in Fig. 1(B), the dihedral angles are not
203 complementary but still sum to 2π . The consequence
204 is that the rigid folding mechanism (demonstrated in
205 Figs. 1(A-D)(ii)) is characterized by the breathing mode
206 of Eqn. (2), and, by process of elimination, the remaining
207 isometry (demonstrated in Figs. 1(A-D)(iii)) is charac-
208 terized by the shearing mode of Eqn. (3). Interestingly,
209 the crease patterns shown in Figs. 1(C,D) exhibit similar
210 behavior despite having spatially varying crease patterns,
211 and hence spatially varying radii, that only repeat along
212 the rotation axis.

213 We provide more clarity on these modes by developing
214 unit cell compatibility conditions for the class of TBO
215 with parallel edges that alternate in length. Rather than
216 triangulating the crease pattern as frequently done in
217 previous works [31–35], we separately consider folding
218 degrees of freedom on the vertices, denoted by the *ver-
219 tex amplitudes* \mathcal{V} , and bending degrees of freedom on
220 the faces, denoted by the *face amplitudes* \mathcal{F} (see Meth-
221 ods, Linear Isometry Model) as introduced in Ref. [36]
222 for the special case of parallelogram-based origami. The
223 amplitude on a vertex maps to changes in the dihedral
224 angles, which are not required to be uniform along the
225 edge unless the isometry is rigid. Instead, a gradient

226 in the folding along a crease generates bending of the
 227 adjacent faces, as quantified by the respective face am-
 228 plitudes. For this reason, constraints on the face am-
 229 plitudes can be integrated out, thereby yielding compat-
 230 ibility conditions that map from vertex amplitudes to
 231 vertex constraints which we illustrate via the compati-
 232 bility diagrams shown in Figs. 1(A-D)(iv). Here, each
 233 node is assigned a vertex amplitude and the line style of
 234 the edges indicate coupling coefficients that depend on
 235 the crease geometry (see Supplemental Appendix, TBO
 236 Examples). When the coupling coefficients are uniform
 237 along the edges, such as in Fig. 1(A)(iv), the rigid mode
 238 ($\mathcal{F} = 0$ for all faces) is represented by uniform assignment
 239 of vertex amplitudes ($\mathcal{V} = 1$ for all vertices). In contrast,
 240 when the coupling coefficients are nonuniform along the
 241 edges, such as in Fig. 1(B)(iv), the vertex amplitudes of
 242 the rigid mode are proportional to one another to ensure
 243 the folding is uniform along the creases. In either case, we
 244 find that this family of TBO *always* exhibits a nonrigid
 245 mode represented by uniform face amplitudes ($\mathcal{F} = 1$ for
 246 all faces) and zero vertex amplitudes ($\mathcal{V} = 0$ for all ver-
 247 tices). Since the breathing (shearing) mode is generated
 248 by the rigid (nonrigid) isometry, its modal stiffness de-
 249 pends entirely on the stiffness of the creases (faces). This
 250 representation of the isometries effectively integrates the
 251 three-dimensional geometry out of the analysis to enable
 252 a succinct analytical classification of the modes.

253 **Analysis of Morph-derivative Trapezoid-based**
 254 **Origami**

255 We consider the family of Morph-derivative TBO, such
 256 as the example shown in Fig. 3(A). Similar to the fam-
 257 ily of Morph parallelogram-based origami introduced in
 258 Ref. [34], the unit cell of these periodic crease patterns is
 259 constructed from copies of a base vertex that is param-
 260 eterized by the two independently chosen sector angles
 261 α and β . The three remaining vertices of the cell have
 262 identical or supplementary ($\alpha' \equiv \pi - \alpha$, $\beta' \equiv \pi - \beta$) sector
 263 angles and the distinction in the present work is that the
 264 vertices are arranged to form trapezoid faces rather than
 265 parallelograms. We exclusively consider isosceles trape-
 266 zoids to simplify analytic expressions, but our model ap-
 267 plies to tessellations composed of more general trapezoids
 268 and with larger unit cells. Thus, each of the trapezoids
 269 has two legs of length q , one base of length p , and one
 270 base of either $s_\alpha \equiv p - 2q \cos \alpha$ or $s_\beta \equiv p + 2q \cos \beta$ (

271 see Fig. 3(B)). This yields the three-dimensional design
 272 space $(\alpha, \beta, q/p)$ for Morph-derivative TBO, where the
 273 magnitude of p dictates the scale of the system which
 274 has no role in our kinematic analysis.

275 Such a crease pattern has a rigid folding mecha-
 276 nism that we parameterize via the dihedral angle γ from
 277 which the remaining dihedral angles shown in Fig. 3(C)
 278 ($\theta, \theta'' \equiv 2\pi - \theta, \psi$, and $\psi'' \equiv 2\pi - \psi$) are determined. The
 279 configuration manifold for a geometry with N_1 cells in the
 280 azimuthal direction is bounded by the closure condition

281 of the faces $\gamma = \pi$ shown in Fig. 3(F) and the closure con-
 282 dition of the cylinder $\eta N_1 = 2\pi$ shown in Fig. 3(H). We
 283 find these conditions restrict the space of viable configu-
 284 rations and system sizes, but we do not provide a thor-
 285 ough exploration of the design space in this work. We
 286 write the explicit expressions for the geometry along the
 287 rigid folding mechanism in Methods, Morph-derivative
 288 TBO Geometry. We compute the coarse-grained funda-
 289 mental forms for a generic ground state then we use the
 290 mean curvature to determine the radius and the Jacobian
 291 to determine the characteristic height:

$$R = \frac{1}{4} (p + s_\beta + (p + s_\alpha) \cos \frac{\eta}{2}) \csc \frac{\eta}{2}, \quad (4)$$

$$h = 2q \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma \csc \frac{\eta}{2}. \quad (5)$$

292 We find the components of the fundamental forms exactly
 293 match those shown in Eqn. (1). We show the radius as
 294 a function of the height along the configuration manifold
 295 in Fig. 3(E), and use the inset to highlight a change in
 296 slope after the cylinder reaches its maximum height as
 297 shown in Fig. 3(G). Since we have explicit formulae for
 298 the radius and the height, it is straightforward to expand
 299 the fundamental forms about infinitesimal changes to the
 300 dihedral angle γ along the rigid mechanism (see Supple-
 301 mental Appendix, Morph-derivative Isometries). How-
 302 ever, we utilize our framework for the rigid isometry to
 303 compare it with existing methods.

304 We first construct the compatibility diagram shown
 305 in Fig. 3(D) to determine the amplitude representation
 306 for the rigid isometry. Since there are three unique di-
 307 hedral angles, we define the three folding coefficients
 308 $\zeta \equiv \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$, $\xi \equiv \sin \alpha^2 \sin \theta$, and $\chi \equiv \sin \beta^2 \sin \psi$
 309 to quantify the respective changes in the dihedral an-
 310 gles $\delta\gamma$, $-\delta\psi$, and $-\delta\theta$. We see each edge of the dia-
 311 gram has a single color, and therefore conclude the rigid
 312 isometry of the mode is represented by the vertex ampli-
 313 tudes $\mathcal{V}^a = \mathcal{V}^b = \mathcal{V}^c = \mathcal{V}^d = 1$ and the face amplitudes
 314 $\mathcal{F}^A = \mathcal{F}^B = \mathcal{F}^C = \mathcal{F}^D = 0$. We integrate the changes
 315 in the lattice vectors and the lattice rotation matrices,
 316 then average according to our coarse-graining procedure
 317 to find:

$$\delta R = \frac{\zeta^2}{4} \left(p + s_\alpha + (p + s_\beta) \cos \frac{\eta}{2} \right) \csc^3 \frac{\eta}{2}, \quad (6)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi} = \zeta^2 \csc \eta R \left(4R \sin \frac{\eta}{4} + (p + s_\alpha) \cos \frac{\eta}{2} \right), \quad (7)$$

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = 2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2}, \quad (8)$$

318 where we determine $\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}$ and ε_{zz} directly from $\delta I_{\varphi\varphi}$ and
 319 δI_{zz} , respectively. These results are self-consistent with
 320 the continuum model which equates $\delta I_{\varphi\varphi} = \delta R - \varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}/R$
 321 and $\delta S_{\varphi\varphi} = \delta R/R^2$, and we obtain them using a
 322 slight adjustment to the averaging step of our coarse-
 323 graining procedure (see Supplemental Appendix, Morph-
 324 derivative Isometries). However, the Jacobian relating

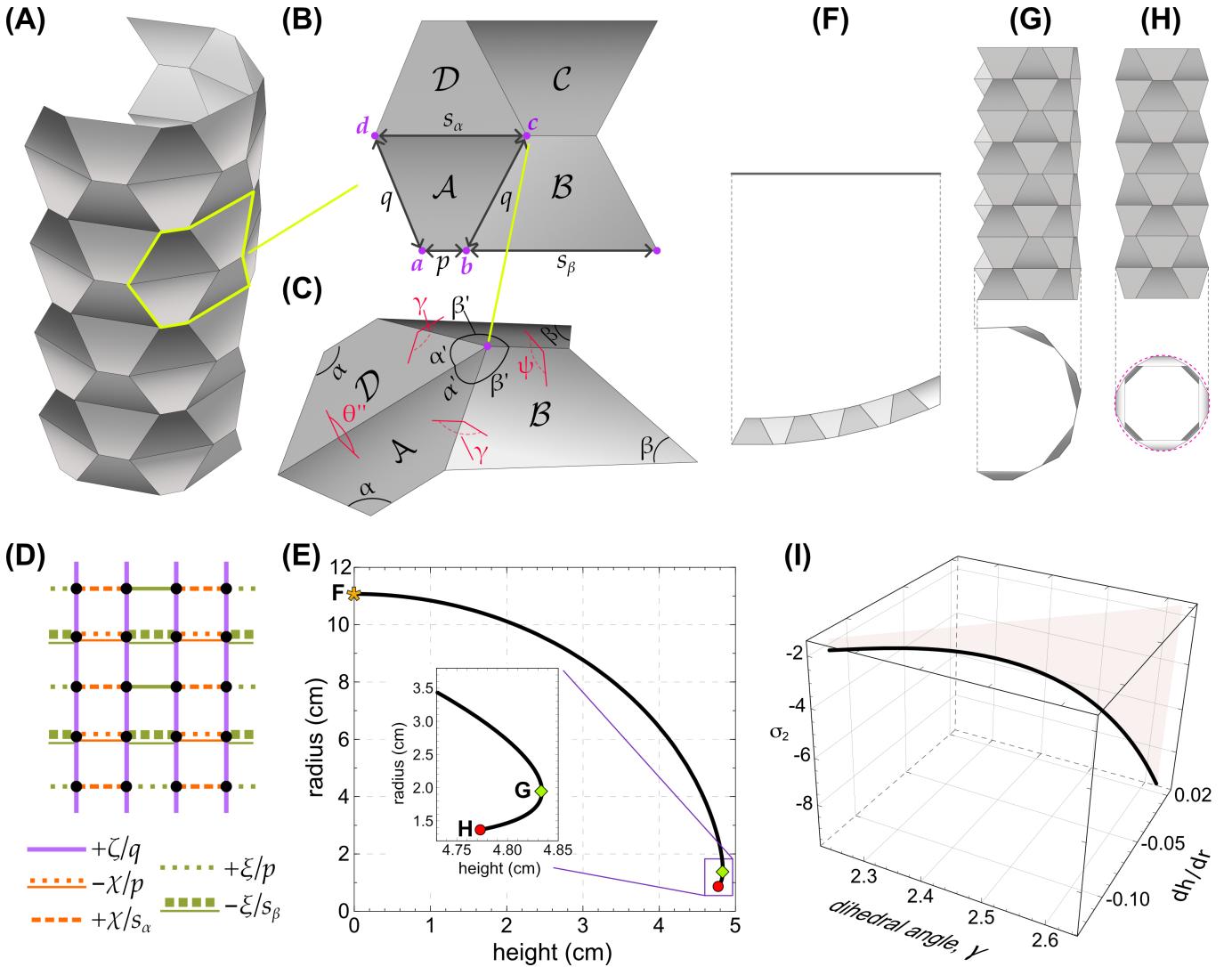


FIG. 3. Morph-derivative trapezoid-based origami. (A) Perspective view of an example configuration with $N_1 = 4$ cells in the azimuthal direction and $N_2 = 4$ cells in the axial direction. (B) Primitive cell with vertices labeled *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*, faces labeled \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} , and \mathcal{D} , and edge lengths labeled $p = 1$, $q = 0.7$, s_α , and s_β . (C) Sector angles labeled $\alpha = 1.1$, $\alpha' \equiv \pi - \alpha$, $\beta = 2.1$, $\beta' \equiv \pi - \beta$ and dihedral angles labeled γ , ψ , $\psi'' \equiv 2\pi - \psi$, and θ , $\theta'' \equiv 2\pi - \theta$. (D) Compatibility diagram for vertex amplitudes with edges representing the coupling coefficients based on the folding coefficients ζ , ξ , and χ . (E) Nonlinear evolution of the height and radius of the crease pattern shown in panel A along the rigid folding mode, with the flat folded state shown in panel F, maximal height state shown in panel G, and closed state shown in panel H. (F-H) Front and top-down views of states labeled in panels E, I. (I) Linear response along the configuration manifold as a function of the dihedral angle, γ , quantified by the pitch p induced by the non-rigid mode and the ratio dh/dR of the rigid mode.

the discrete lattice coordinates to the continuous surface coordinates plays an important role here: the terms entering the fundamental forms in Eqn. (2) are not given by the partial derivative of those in Eqn. (1) with respect to the dihedral angle that functions as the configuration parameter. Instead, the strains arise from the derivatives of the Jacobian which highlights the way the lattice geometry gives rise to the effective behavior of the material. The axial strain ε_{zz} maps to changes in the height $\delta h = h\varepsilon_{zz}/2$ of the cylinder whereas the azimuthal strain $\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi}$ opens or closes the cylinder without changing its curvature, which instead are characterized by δR . We con-

sider the ratio $\delta h/\delta R$ analogously to the Poisson's ratio but instead characterizing the relative amount of axial stretching and radial dilation. We see from our expressions in Eqns. (6, 8) that when one of the dihedral angles (ψ or θ) changes its mountain/valley assignment this ratio changes signs, which is the same observation made for the Poisson's ratio in parallelogram-based origami. This further illustrates the functionality of Morph-derivative TBO as a transformable mechanical metamaterial.

We repeat this analysis for the nonrigid isometry which we cannot describe in terms of changes to the dihedral angles exclusively. Since this crease pattern falls within

349 the broader set of TBO that our theory applies to, the
 350 nonrigid isometry is represented by the vertex amplitudes
 351 $\mathcal{V}^a = \mathcal{V}^b = \mathcal{V}^c = \mathcal{V}^d = 0$ and the face amplitudes $\mathcal{F}^A =$
 352 $\mathcal{F}^B = \mathcal{F}^C = \mathcal{F}^D = 1$. We again integrate the changes
 353 in the lattice vectors and the lattice rotation matrices,
 354 then average according to our coarse-graining procedure
 355 to find:

$$\sigma_1 = 1, \quad (9)$$

$$\sigma_2 = -R^2 - \frac{1}{4}(p^2 + s_\alpha s_\beta) \tan \frac{\eta}{2} \csc \frac{\eta}{2}, \quad (10)$$

356 where we determine σ_1 and σ_2 directly from $\mathcal{S}_{z\varphi} = \sigma_1/R$
 357 and $\mathcal{S}_{\varphi z} = \sigma_2/R$ and find that the diagonal compo-
 358 nents of the strain vanish: $\varepsilon_{\varphi\varphi} = \varepsilon_{zz} = 0$. We confirm
 359 these quantities are self consistent with $\delta I_{\varphi z} = \delta I_{z\varphi} =$
 360 $R^2 \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$, $\delta \Pi_{\varphi z} = \delta \Pi_{z\varphi} = R \sigma_1$ without any adjust-
 361 ment to the averaging step of our coarse-graining pro-
 362 cedure. Here, there is an apparent discrepancy regard-
 363 ing the units of σ_1 and σ_2 : from dimensional analysis
 364 of Eqn. (3), σ_1 must have units of inverse area and σ_2
 365 must be dimensionless. However, our calculations lead-
 366 ing to Eqns. (9, 10) use a dimensionless face amplitude to
 367 simplify our calculations while the integration framework
 368 assumes the face amplitude has units of inverse length.
 369 This is in contrast to the vertex amplitudes which are
 370 always dimensionless. Introducing such a length scale,
 371 for example from the square root of the cell area, re-
 372 solves the apparent discrepancy. The self consistency of
 373 our results relies on both the averaging process in our
 374 coarse-graining method and the inclusion of the Jacobian
 375 to transform from the discrete lattice coordinates to the
 376 continuous surface coordinates. While for the nonrigid
 377 isometries of parallelogram-based origami the averaging
 378 is also important, the Jacobian may be neglected because
 379 the ground states are quasi-periodic.

380 Experiments of Miura-derivative Trapezoid-based 381 Origami

382 We fabricate and test an example Morph-derivative
 383 TBO crease pattern (see Methods, Fabrication and Test-
 384 ing). We select a developable pattern ($\beta = \pi - \alpha$) so
 385 that we can construct the crease pattern from a mono-
 386 lithic sheet (see Fig. 4(A)) rather than the assembly of
 387 individual panels, such as done in Ref. [41]. For this rea-
 388 son, we refer to this family of crease patterns as Miura-
 389 derivative TBO, whereas it is called the arc pattern in
 390 previous work [39, 40]. Since the sector angles are not
 391 independently chosen, these crease patterns have a two-
 392 dimensional design space parameterized by $(\alpha, q/p)$ with
 393 the geometry indicated in Figs. 4(B,C,E) and the com-
 394 patibility diagram illustrated on the cell geometry in
 395 Fig. 4(D). After fabrication, the creases undergo plas-
 396 tic deformation and adopt the quasi-cylindrical ground
 397 state shown in Fig. 4(F); the tessellation tends to return
 398 to this particular configuration after any deformation.

399 We perform a quantitative test of the nonlinear rigid
 400 isometry and a qualitative test of the linear nonrigid
 401 isometry. For the rigid isometry, we focus on the re-
 402 lationship between the height and radius then compare
 403 with our analytical theory. Rather than averaging over
 404 the vertices, which could lead to the accumulation of sys-
 405 tematic error, we measure the radii of the innermost (R_i)
 406 and outermost (R_e) components of the cross section. We
 407 show the experimentally measured values and the ana-
 408 lytical predictions in Fig. 4(G), along with images of the
 409 exact configurations measured in Fig. 5. We see good
 410 agreement between the measurements and predictions
 411 until the tessellation becomes fairly flattened at configu-
 412 ration 8. We attribute this discrepancy, which becomes
 413 more pronounced as the tessellation flattens further, to
 414 systematic error arising from the large angle subtended
 415 by the radial measurement. For the nonrigid isometry, we
 416 focus on the general shape induced under loading condi-
 417 tions incompatible with the rigid mode. We show the
 418 response of the sample loaded and supported from op-
 419 posite corners in Fig. 4(H). We see the type of shearing
 420 mode that is consistent with the mode shape shown in
 421 Fig. 2(D) based on our analytical calculations.

422 DISCUSSION

423 Our work develops analytical expressions for the large-
 424 scale low-energy deformations of rigidly foldable TBO
 425 and demonstrates the validity of our theory through ex-
 426 periment. We identify TBO as an architecture for con-
 427 trol of shearing and breathing modes of surfaces through
 428 the geometry of the underlying crease pattern. Interest-
 429 ingly, we find the mountain/valley assignment controls
 430 the sign of the slope of the height-radius profile in the
 431 same way that the assignment controls the Poisson's ratio
 432 of parallelogram-based origami [34]. These results show-
 433 case new functionality for origami as mechanical meta-
 434 materials. Further development is required for the exper-
 435 imental demonstration of isometries in non-developable
 436 TBO, as well as the quantitative validation of the rigid
 437 isometry near the flattened state and the nonrigid isom-
 438 etry along the configuration manifold. We note that the
 439 nonrigid isometries of parallelogram-based origami still
 440 require the development of an experimental apparatus
 441 for their quantitative validation.

442 The theory developed in the present work connects
 443 the discrete representation to the continuum represen-
 444 tation of locally uniform isometric deformations in TBO,
 445 thereby characterizing their low-energy kinematics at the
 446 large scale. It remains to test this theory with more
 447 general trapezoid crease patterns via analytical or nu-
 448 merical calculations. However, the underlying principles
 449 extend to quadrilateral-mesh origami sheets without par-
 450 allel edges, where the breathing mode and the shearing
 451 mode are coupled along the configuration manifold, as
 452 well as axisymmetric origami such as those in Refs. [42–
 453 44], where the size of the faces changes between cells so

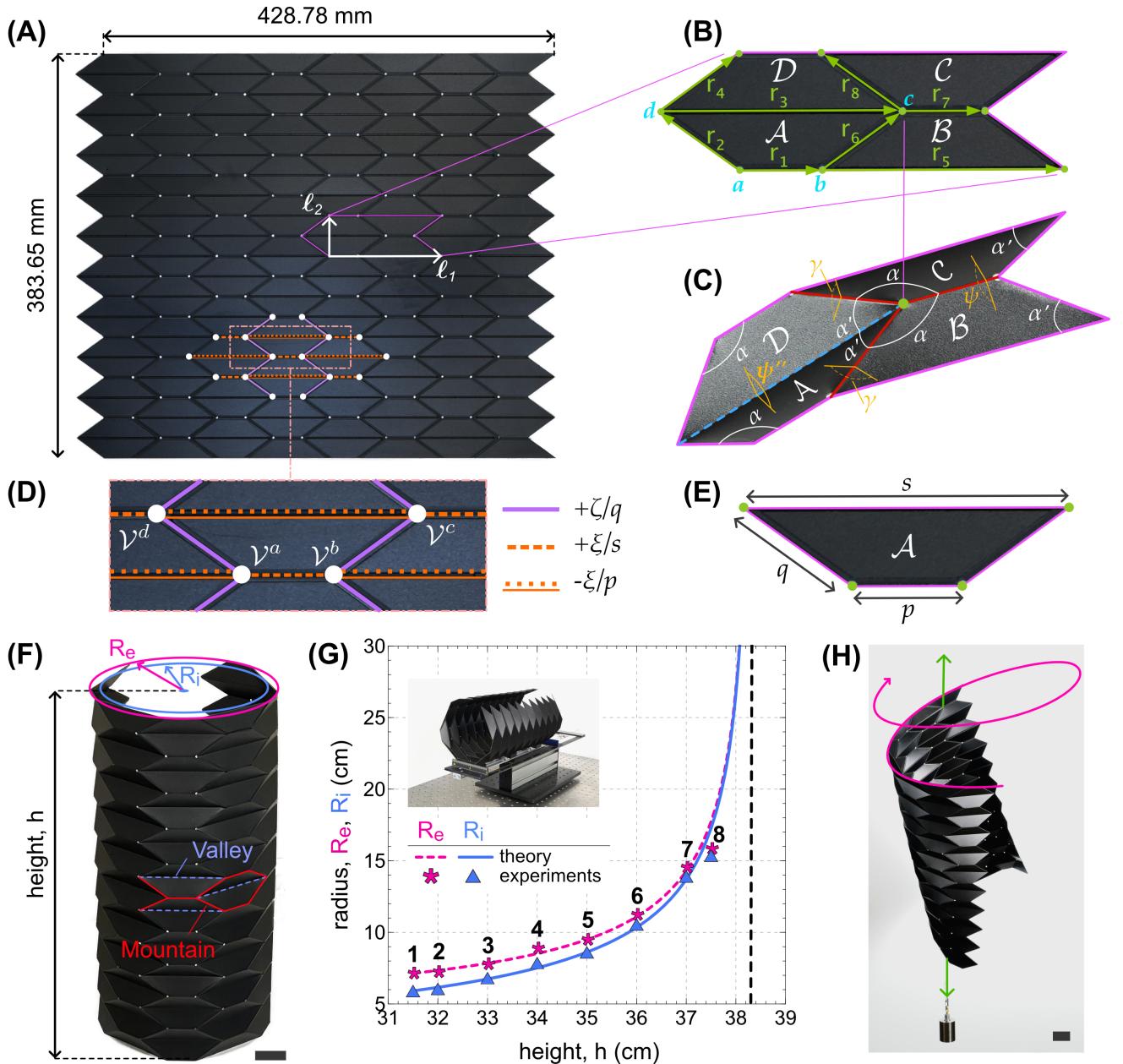


FIG. 4. Fabricated Miura-derivative trapezoid-based origami. (A) Fabricated tessellation with primitive lattice vectors $\ell_{1,2}$. (B) Primitive cell vertices labeled a, b, c , and d and faces labeled $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, and \mathcal{D} . (C) Sector angles labeled α and $\alpha' \equiv \pi - \alpha$ and dihedral angles labeled γ, ψ , and $\psi'' \equiv 2\pi - \psi$. (D) Compatibility diagram with amplitudes $\mathcal{V}^a, \mathcal{V}^b, \mathcal{V}^c$, and \mathcal{V}^d on the corresponding vertices and colors indicating the coupling coefficients $\zeta/q, -\xi/s$, and $+\xi/p$. (E) Edge lengths labeled p, q , and s . (F) View of folded specimen with height h , exterior radius R_e , and interior radius R_i with the mountain valley assignment of the folded creases indicated. (G) Radius as a function of height comparing experimental measurements with theoretical predictions. Black dashed line indicates flattened state. (H) Excitation of the non-rigid isometry. Scale bar is 30 mm in both panels (F) and (H).

454 that the continuum theory may adopt a conformally flat
 455 metric. Furthermore, our methods extend to spatially-
 456 varying isometries, such as those explored linearly for
 457 parallelogram-based origami [45, 46] (see Supplemental
 458 Appendix, Bloch-periodic Isometries) and nonlinearly for
 459 the cylindrical waterbomb origami [47], where the fun-
 460 damental forms and their derivatives are intimately re-

461 lated via the Gauss-Codazzi equations in the continuum
 462 regime [48]. In addition to characterizing the kinematics, quanti-
 463 fying the stiffness of the breathing and shearing modes
 464 is important for the application of our theory towards
 465 origami engineering. Such modal stiffness is frequently
 466 modeled via a truss model with Hookean potentials
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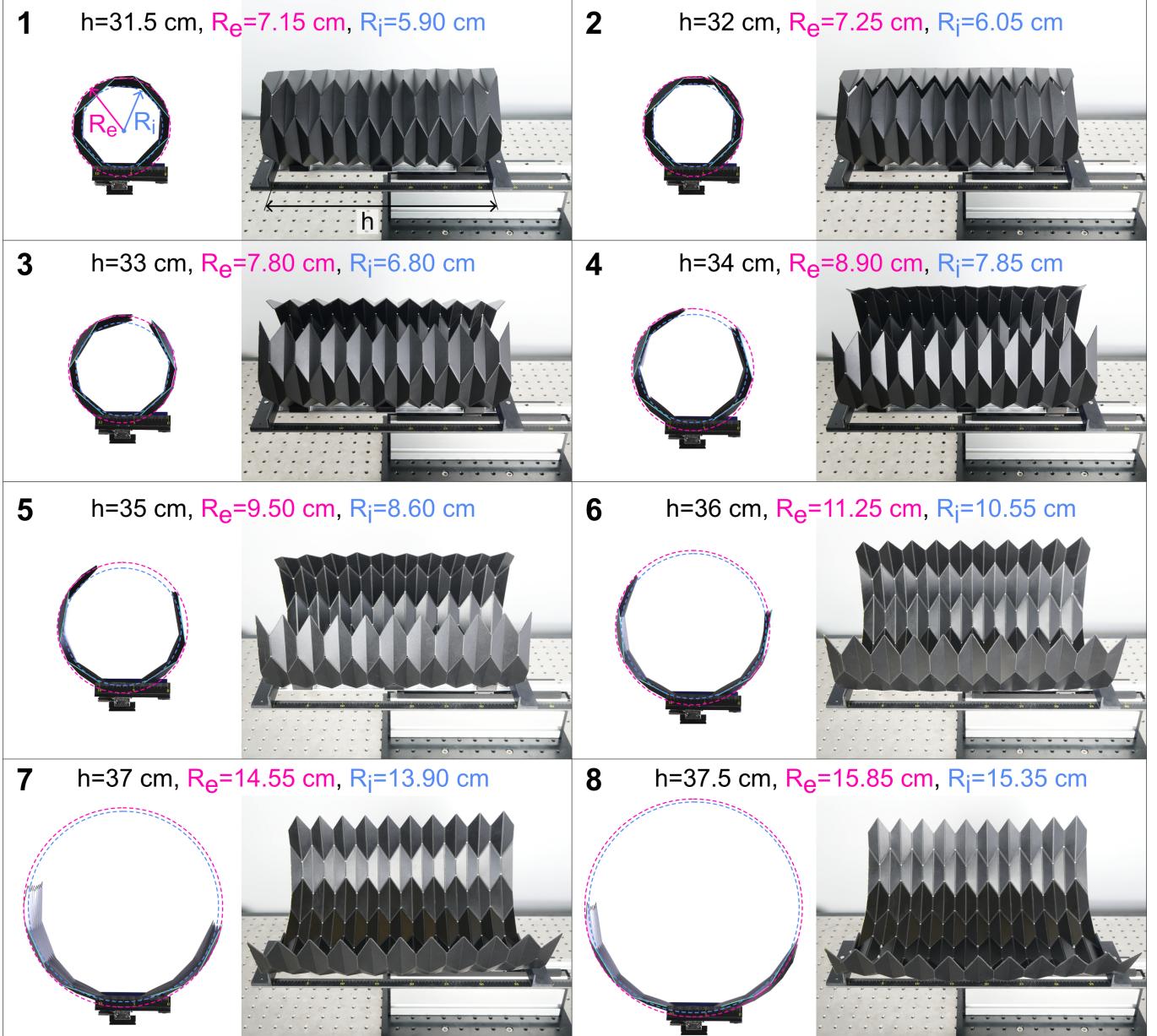


FIG. 5. Rigid folding experiments of Miura-derivative trapezoid-based origami of the corresponding measurements shown in Fig. 4G with height h , inner radius R_i , and exterior radius R_e . The numbers correspond to those marked in Fig. 4(G)

468 for the folding, bending, and stretching of the pan-
 469 els [46, 49, 50]. In contrast to our theory, such truss
 470 models utilize virtual creases across the diagonals of the
 471 panels to quantify panel bending. Since our theory at-
 472 tempts to directly model the deflection field of the panels
 473 instead, it may be possible to equate the stiffness asso-
 474 ciated with the vertex amplitudes and the face ampliti-
 475 tudes with scaling relations based on the dimensions of
 476 the panels and the elastic moduli of the constituent ma-
 477 terial. This could be especially valuable for the design of
 478 impact mitigating origami crash-boxes that utilize trape-
 479 zoidal faces [51].

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METHODS

Coarse-Graining

We coarse-grain the ground states of a periodic origami tessellation by averaging its primitive lattice vectors over all admissible primitive unit cells to determine the coarse-grained tangent vectors of the tessellation. We do this in two steps. First, we average the lattice vectors over the copies of a standard unit cell that change which vertex is located at the origin and denote the result $\bar{\ell}_\mu$. For example, one copy has vertex a at the origin with lattice vectors pointing between vertex a in adjacent cells and

491 another copy has vertex b at the origin with lattice vec-
 492 tors pointing between vertex b in adjacent cells. Second,
 493 we average these copies between adjacent cells so that
 494 the forwards and backwards tangent vectors are equal
 495 and opposite. This yields our definition for the coarse-
 496 grained tangent vectors:

$$\mathbf{t}_\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{S}^{-1})\bar{\ell}_\mu. \quad (11)$$

497 Additionally, we average the cell-to-cell change in the
 498 primitive lattice vectors over all admissible primitive unit
 499 cells to determine the change in the coarse-grained tan-
 500 gent vectors. We do this by averaging over the change
 501 in the tangent vector defined in Eqn. (11) from an initial
 502 cell to the subsequent cell and from the previous cell to
 503 the initial cell so that the forwards and backwards deriva-
 504 tives of the tangent vectors are equal and opposite. Since
 505 the change in the tangent vectors is given by the action of
 506 the lattice rotation matrix or its inverse, this yields our
 507 definition for the derivative of the coarse-grained tangent
 508 vectors:

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{t}_\nu \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{S}_\nu - \mathbf{S}_\nu^{-1})\mathbf{t}_\mu. \quad (12)$$

509 These partial derivatives satisfy $\partial_\mu \mathbf{t}_\nu = \partial_\nu \mathbf{t}_\mu$. The in-
 510 dices of Eqns. (11, 12) remain the cell indices (n_1, n_2) .
 511 We transform to the continuous surface coordinates ($\hat{e}_1 =$
 512 $\varphi, \hat{e}_2 = z$) via the Jacobian $J_{\mu\nu} = \partial \hat{e}_\mu / \partial n_\nu$. For the
 513 trapezoid-based origami crease patterns we consider, we
 514 have $J_{\varphi 1} = 1/\sin \eta$, $J_{z2} = 1/h$, and $J_{\varphi 2} = J_{z1} = 0$, where
 515 η is the lattice rotation angle and h is the magnitude of
 516 the second lattice vector.

517 We similarly coarse-grain the infinitesimal deformation
 518 of the periodic origami tessellation generated from a ho-
 519 mogeneous isometry by averaging the corresponding lat-
 520 tice displacement (Δ_μ) and lattice angular velocity (\mathbf{L}_μ)
 521 over all primitive unit cells. We again do this in two
 522 steps. First, we average the lattice displacement and lat-
 523 tice angular velocity over the same set of standard unit
 524 cells used to compute $\bar{\ell}_\mu$ above. Here, there are an addi-
 525 tional four copies of each standard cell distinguished by
 526 the orientation of the frame for each of the four corners
 527 that meet at the vertex set at the origin. We denote the
 528 results $\bar{\Delta}_\mu$ and $\bar{\mathbf{L}}_\mu$. Second, we expand Eqns. (11, 12) in
 529 terms of these quantities:

$$\delta \mathbf{t}_\mu = \frac{1}{2}((\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{S}_\mu^{-1})\bar{\Delta}_\mu - \mathbf{S}_\mu^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{L}}_\mu\bar{\ell}_\mu), \quad (13)$$

$$\delta \partial_\mu \mathbf{t}_\nu = \frac{1}{2}\left((\mathbf{S}_\nu - \mathbf{S}_\nu^{-1})\delta \mathbf{t}_\mu + (\bar{\mathbf{L}}_\nu \mathbf{S}_\mu + \mathbf{S}_\mu^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{L}}_\nu)\bar{\ell}_\mu\right). \quad (14)$$

530 Again, the partial derivatives satisfy $\delta \partial_\mu \mathbf{t}_\nu = \delta \partial_\nu \mathbf{t}_\mu$ and
 531 we transform from the discrete cell indices to the con-
 532 tinuous surface coordinates via the Jacobian. While

533 we do not compute an embedding directly, this proce-
 534 dure is sufficient to compute the fundamental forms and
 535 characterize the geometry of the origami tessellations.
 536 These methods extend to the crease patterns shown in
 537 Figs. 1(C,D) that are not periodic in the azimuthal direc-
 538 tion but are still composed of cellular building blocks by
 539 performing the first step of our averaging between anal-
 540 ogous, but nonequivalent, vertices in both the forward
 541 and backwards directions.

Linear Isometry Model

543 We model the linear isometries via the angular velocity
 544 field, denoted $\boldsymbol{\omega}$, which generates the infinitesimal rota-
 545 tion of elements of the sheet. We parameterize this angu-
 546 lar velocity field via amplitudes on the vertices, denoted
 547 \mathcal{V}^a , and amplitudes on the faces, denoted \mathcal{F}^A , where we
 548 use lowercase (uppercase) Latin superscripts to label the
 549 vertex (face) within the primitive unit cell that the am-
 550 plitude is assigned to. The meaning of the amplitudes is
 551 as follows. The difference in the angular velocity between
 552 the corners of two faces that meet at vertex a and share
 553 the i^{th} edge of the vertex is:

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\omega} = (-1)^i \mathcal{V}^a \zeta_i^a, \quad (15)$$

$$\zeta_i^a \equiv \hat{r}_{i+1}^a \times \hat{r}_{i+2}^a \cdot \hat{r}_{i+3}^a, \quad (16)$$

554 with i defined cyclically on the four edges emanating from
 555 vertex a and \hat{r}_i^a the corresponding edge direction. We re-
 556 fer to the triple products ζ_i^a as the triple products, which
 557 we can write explicitly as functions of the sector and di-
 558 hedral angles. This local solution ensures that the net
 559 rotation around the vertex vanishes to first order in the
 560 angular velocity. Similarly, the difference in the angular
 561 velocity between the corners of face A that share the i^{th}
 562 edge of the face is:

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\omega} = (-1)^i \mathcal{F}^A \lambda_i^A, \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda_i^A \equiv \begin{cases} |\mathbf{r}_{i+2}^A|, & \text{parallel edges,} \\ |\mathbf{r}_i^A|, & \text{non-parallel edges} \end{cases}, \quad (18)$$

563 with i defined cyclically on the four edges bounding face
 564 A and $|\mathbf{r}_i^A|$ the corresponding edge length. This local
 565 solution ensures that the net rotation and displacement
 566 around the face vanishes to first order in the angular
 567 velocity.

568 We compute the net change in the orientation between
 569 any two corners of the origami tessellation by choosing
 570 a path composed of corner-to-corner segments and sum-
 571 ming over the amplitude-dependent contributions to the
 572 angular velocity from Eqns. (15, 17). Similarly, we com-
 573 pute the net change in the position between any two cor-
 574 ners by computing the change in the orientation between
 575 the starting corner and each corner along the path, then

576 summing each of their cross products with the subsequent
 577 corner-to-corner segment along the path. The am-
 578 plitudes are constrained such that the total change in
 579 the angular velocity on a loop around any edge vanishes.
 580 These conditions ensure that both the net rotation and
 581 net displacement over any closed loop of the tessellation
 582 vanishes, and consequently that none of the elements of
 583 the sheet stretch to first order in the angular velocity. We
 584 provide a detailed derivation in Supplemental Appendix,
 585 Linear Isometry Compatibility Conditions.

586 Morph-derivative Trapezoid-based Origami 587 Geometry

588 We write the vertex basis vectors and the primitive
 589 lattice vectors for the family of Morph-derivative TBO
 590 with vertex a at the origin of the primitive unit cell as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_a &= (0, 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{r}_b &= (p, 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{r}_c &= \left(s_\alpha + q \cos \alpha, q \sin \alpha \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, q \sin \alpha \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right), \\ \mathbf{r}_d &= \left(q \cos \alpha, q \sin \alpha \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, q \sin \alpha \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_1 &= \left(p + s_\beta \cos \frac{\eta}{2}, s_\beta \sin \frac{\eta}{2}, 0\right), \\ \ell_2 &= \left(0, 0, \frac{2q \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin \frac{\eta}{2}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

591 For all unit cells that appear in the averaging process,
 592 the lattice rotation angle is:

$$\eta = 2(\pi - \delta), \quad (21)$$

593 where we parameterize the dihedral angles entering
 594 Eqns. (19, 20, 21) through standard application of spher-
 595 ical geometry [52]:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 2 \arctan \left(\frac{\cos \beta - \cos \alpha \cos \delta}{\sin \alpha \sin \delta}, \frac{\sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin \delta} \right), \\ \psi &= 2 \arctan \left(\frac{\cos \alpha - \cos \beta \cos \delta}{\sin \beta \sin \delta}, \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{\sin \delta} \right), \\ \delta &\equiv \arccos(\cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

596 Fabrication and Testing

597 We fabricate the Miura-derivative TBO by milling a 1
 598 mm thick black polypropylene sheet using a 3-axis CNC
 599 milling machine (Roland EGX-600, accuracy 10 μm),
 600 as illustrated in Fig. 6(A) and previously achieved in
 601 Refs [41, 53]. We form the mountain/valley creases by
 602 engraving 0.9 mm into the polypropylene sheet using a
 603 ball-end tool with a radius of 1 mm. To facilitate un-
 604 constrained folding, we add 2 mm diameter holes to each

605 vertex of the tessellation. This measure is crucial for pre-
 606 venting stress concentration where multiple creases con-
 607 verge, taking into account the non-zero thickness of the
 608 actual sample. Finally, since the Miura-derivative TBO
 609 is developable, we manually fold the milled/engraved
 610 polypropylene sheet.

611 We measure the height-radius profile along the non-
 612 linear rigid isometry of the fabricated Miura-derivative
 613 TBO using the experimental setup illustrated in
 614 Fig. 6(B,C). The setup consists of a linear slide system
 615 equipped with several sliders connected to an optical ta-
 616 ble and is arranged horizontally to mitigate gravitational
 617 effects. We connect the sample to a linear slide system
 618 via three sliders: one in the middle and the other two at
 619 its ends. Each slider is equipped with a locking system to
 620 maintain the sample at a fixed height. We affix PMMA
 621 spacers to the sliders using 2 mm diameter bolts, as illus-
 622 trated in Fig. 6(B), to ensure secure connection between
 623 the sample and the sliders. Additionally, we connect two
 624 L-shaped plates to extra sliders to induce the rigid fold-
 625 ing of the tessellation and establish the desired height
 626 for the sample. We design these plates to apply com-
 627 pression and tension to the sample, thereby facilitating
 628 both folding and unfolding.

629 We integrate two rulers into the setup: one to verify
 630 the imposed height of the sample and the other as a ref-
 631 erence scale bar for post-processing analysis of captured
 632 photos. We position two cameras, oriented orthogonal
 633 to one another, to capture images of the sample as we
 634 induce the rigid folding motion. We position the first
 635 camera (Sony Alpha 9) in front of the sample to cap-
 636 ture the frontal view, thereby facilitating the estimation
 637 of the radius. This camera is equipped with a telephoto
 638 G Master FE 100-400 mm lens to minimize distortion
 639 and enhance contrast between the foreground and the
 640 background. We position the second camera (Sony Al-
 641 pha 6300) to the side of the sample to capture the lateral
 642 view, thereby facilitating the estimation of the height.
 643 This camera is equipped with a Vario-Tessar T* FE 24-
 644 70 mm lens.

645 The experiments proceeded as follows. A specific
 646 height is imposed on the sample using the L-shaped
 647 plates and the sample is secured in this configuration
 648 by locking the sliders with the locking system. We use a
 649 tape measure at various positions along the circular edge
 650 of the tessellation to manually verify the uniformity of
 651 the sample height. We then capture a photo with each of
 652 the two cameras in the locked configuration. We repeat
 653 this process for eight different configurations, specifically
 654 imposing heights of 31.5 cm, 32 cm, 33 cm, 34 cm, 35
 655 cm, 36 cm, 37 cm, and 37.5 cm. Finally, we estimate
 656 the relationship between the height and radius via post-
 657 processing of these photos.

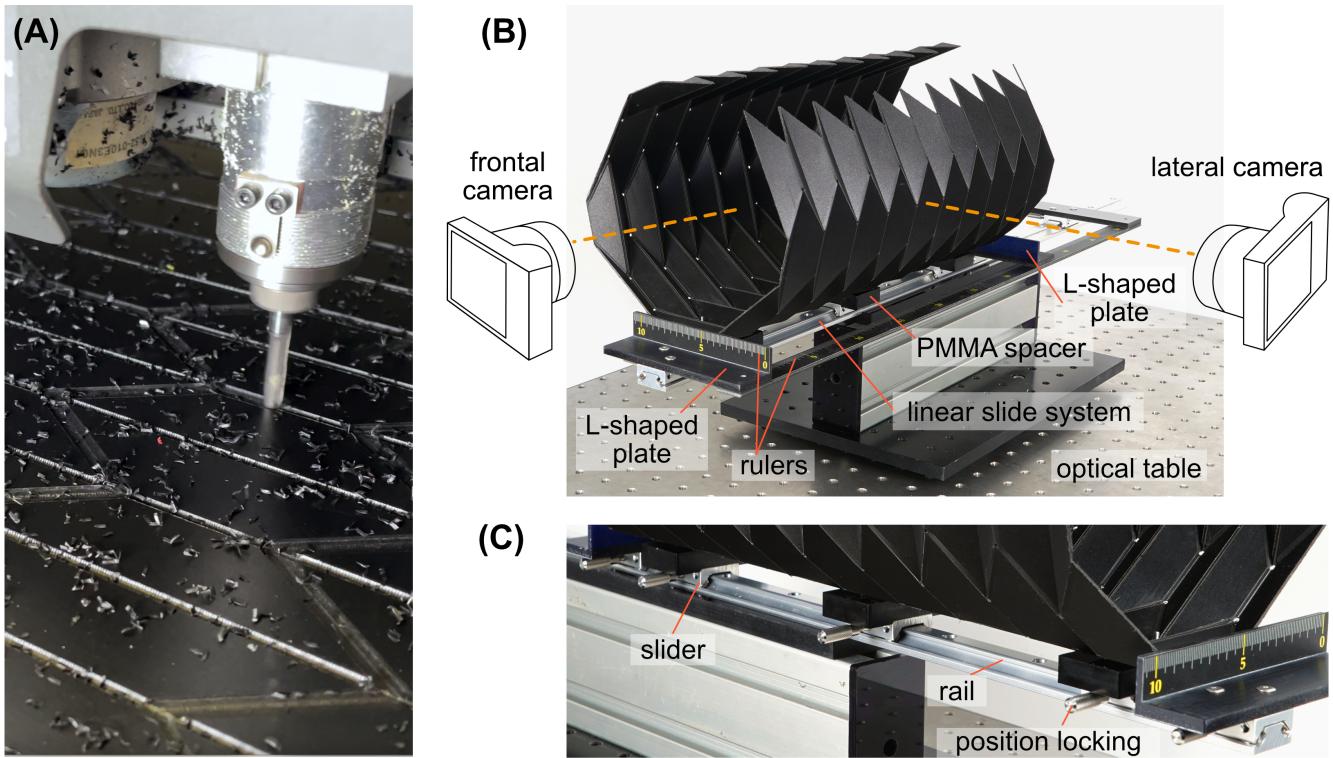


FIG. 6. (A) Manufacturing of trapezoid-based origami by a CNC milling machine. (B) Setup designed to perform the nonlinear rigid isometry experiments on the trapezoid-based origami. (C) Details of the setup showing the linear slide system used to change the configuration of the specimen during the experiments. The sample is constrained through multiple sliders inserted into a rail.

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