

Sipos et al. (2016), *Int. J. Solids Struct.*



# Modelling Wrinkling Behaviour of Large Floating Thin Offshore Structures

An application of Isogeometric Structural Analysis for Post-Buckling Analyses

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# Outline

Research Goal

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- Basics of Isogeometric Analysis

- Kirchhoff-Love shell theory

- Arc-Length methods

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# Research Goal

## Research question:

“How can *wrinkling formation* of large floating thin structures be numerically modelled with *Isogeometric Analysis*?”

## Research goal:

“Develop a *geometrically nonlinear* shell model based on *Kirchhoff-Love shell theory* and *Isogeometric Analysis* for *post-buckling analysis*.”

# Methods

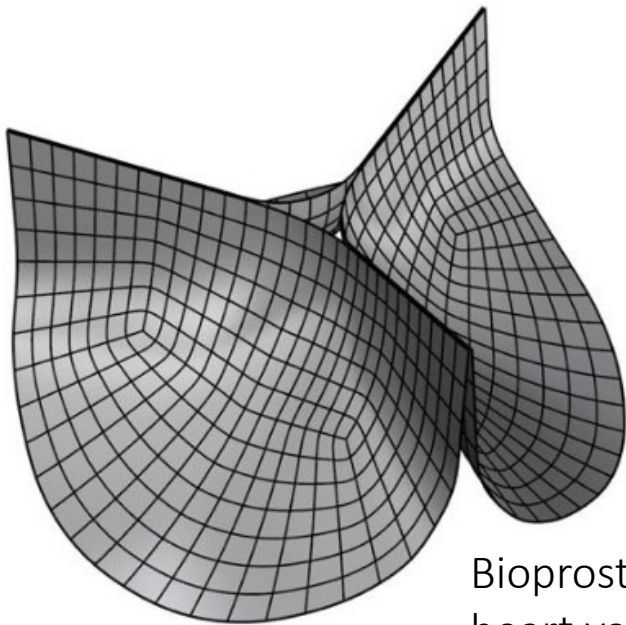
Basics of Isogeometric Analysis

# Basics of Isogeometric Analysis

## Philosophy

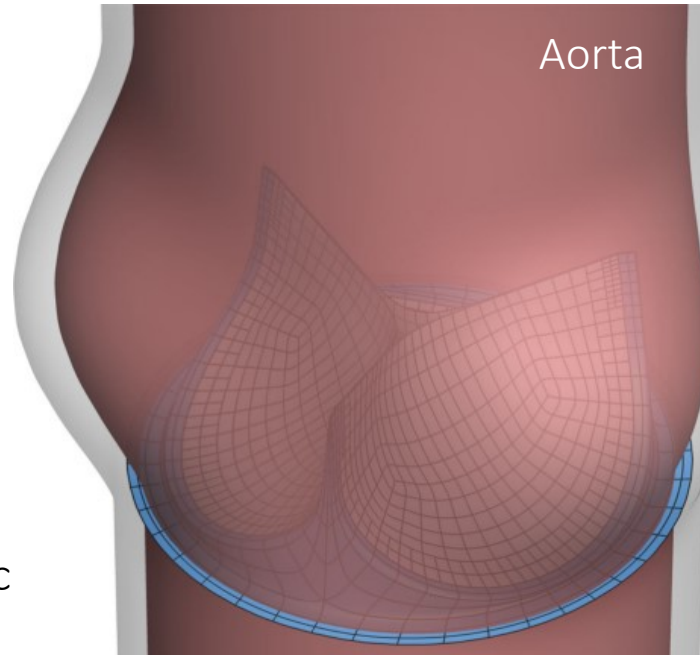
Seamless integration between Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Analysis.

(Parametric) Computer Aided Design

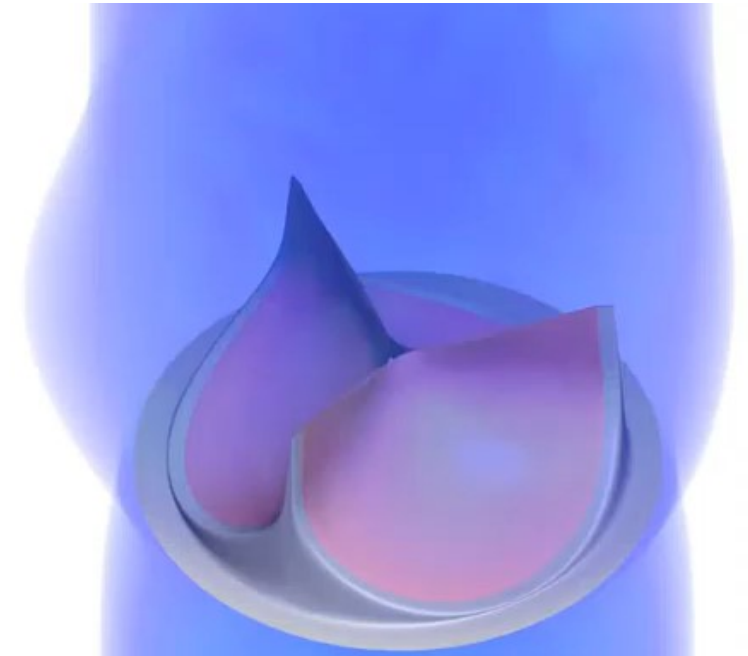


Bioprosthesis  
heart valves

Model Domain



Numerical Analysis

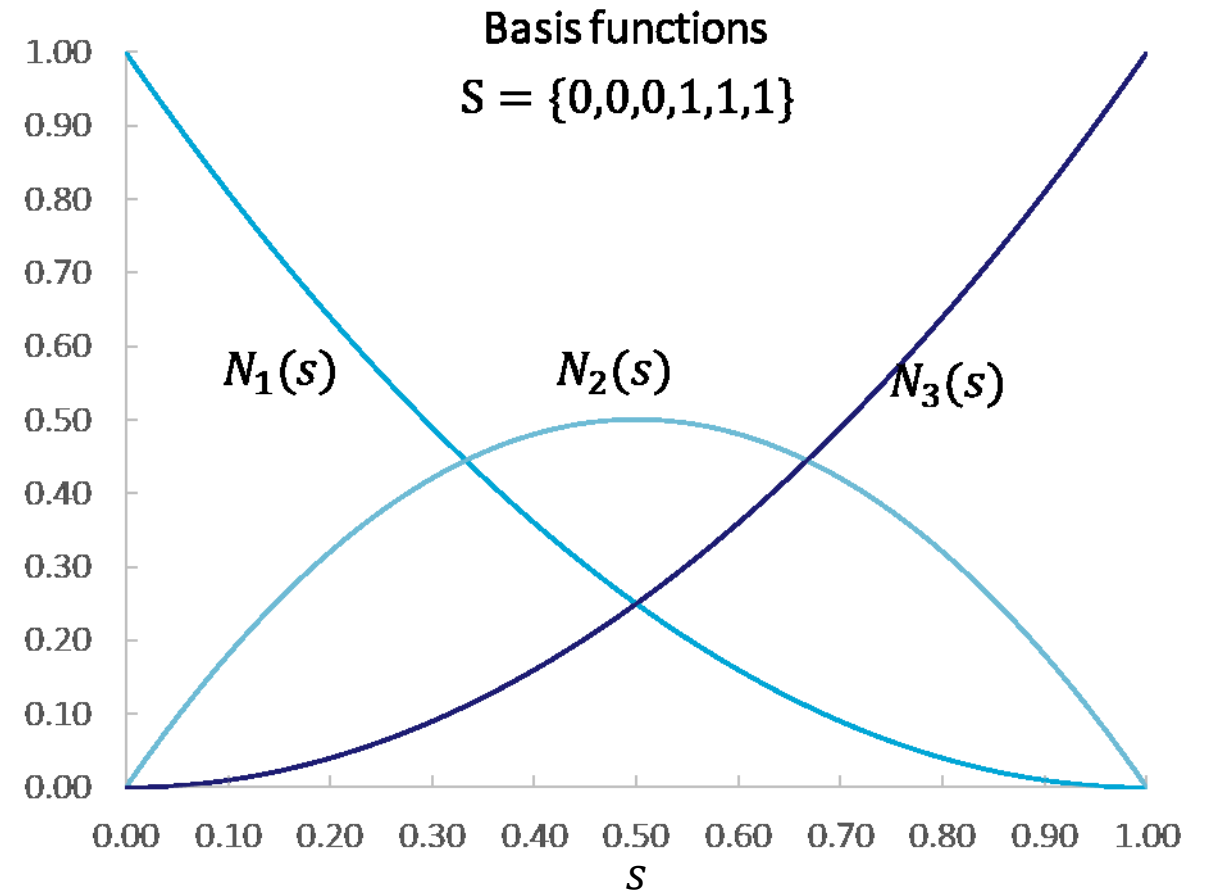
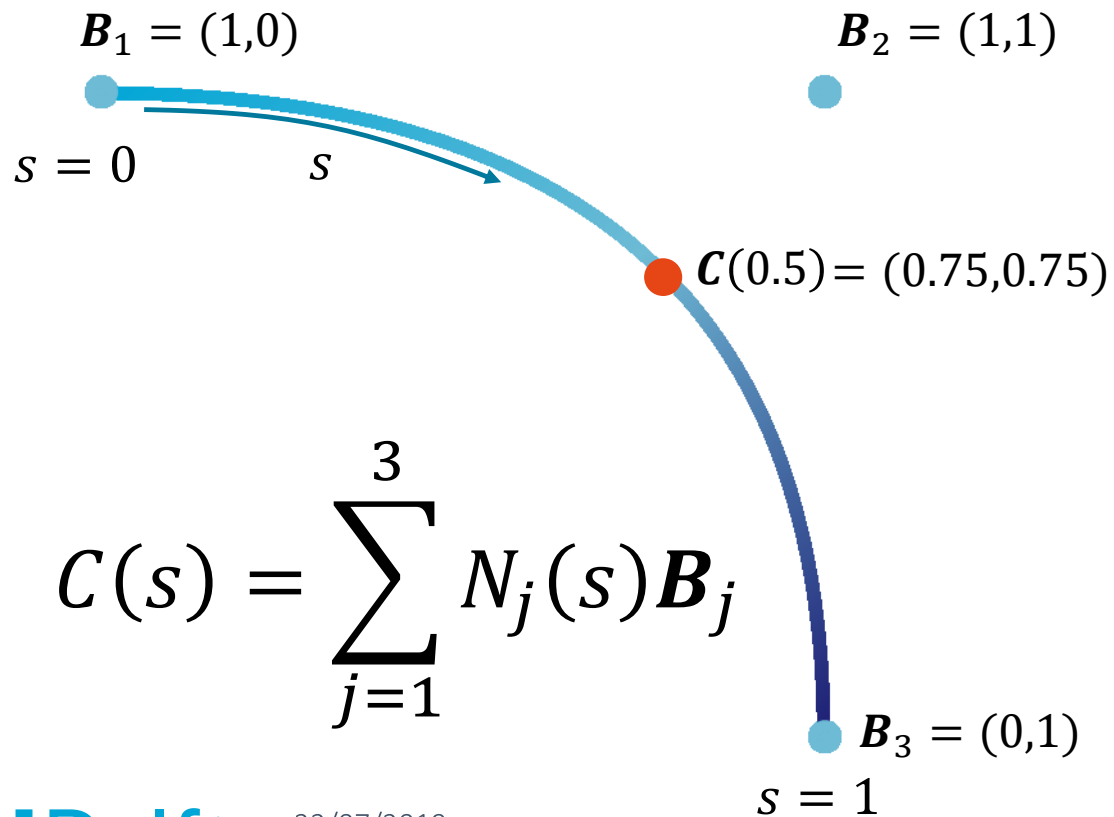


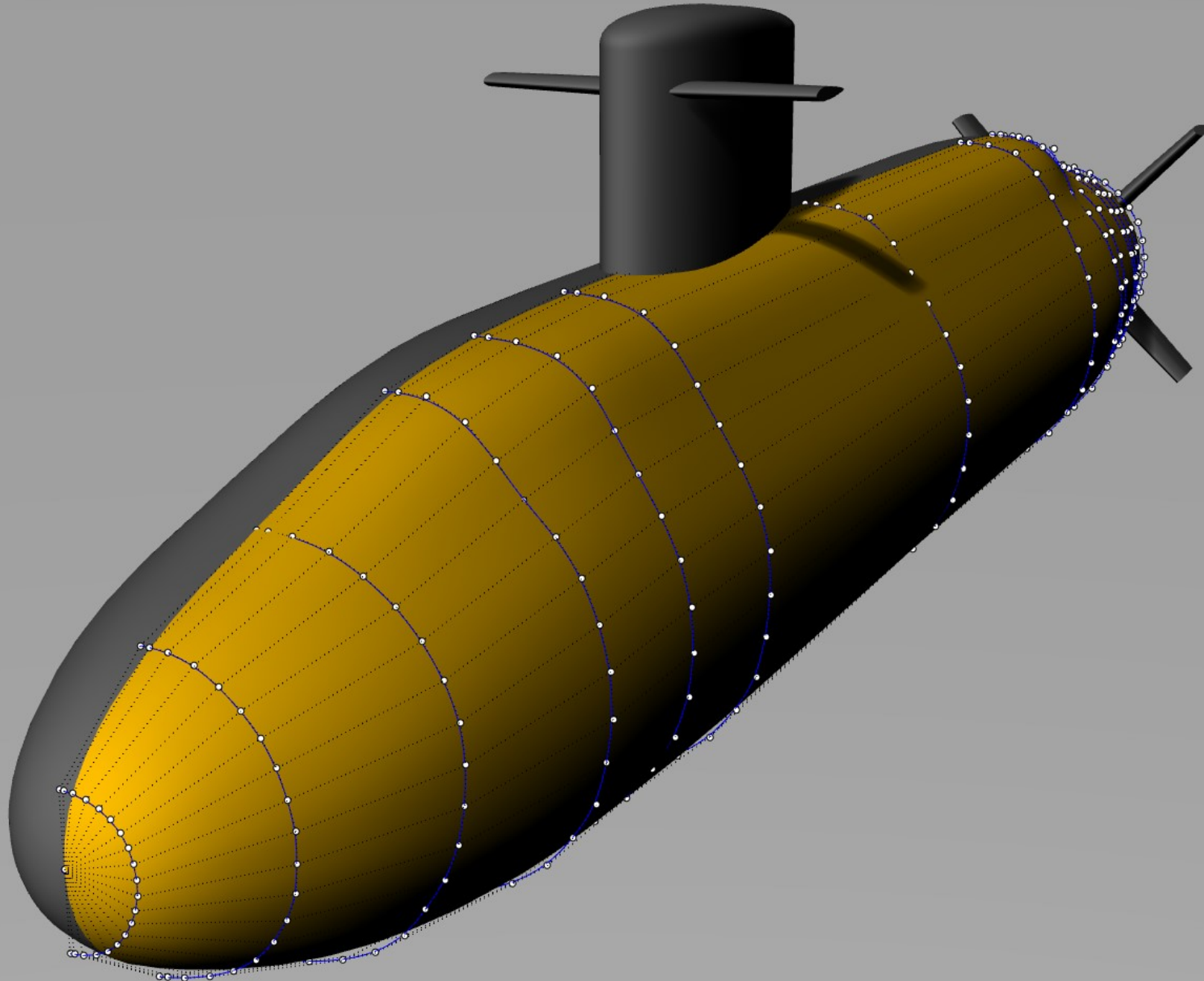
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# Basics of Isogeometric Analysis

## Mathematical Concepts (1)

B-spline curve

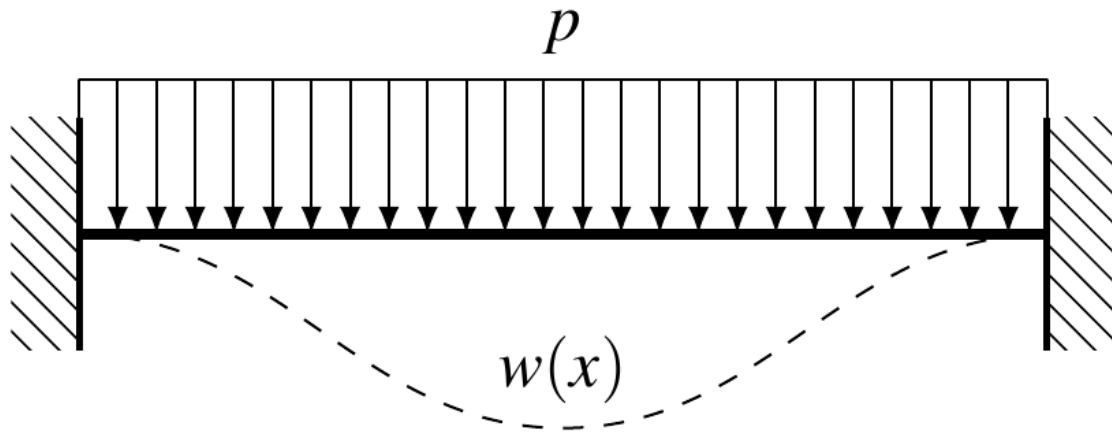






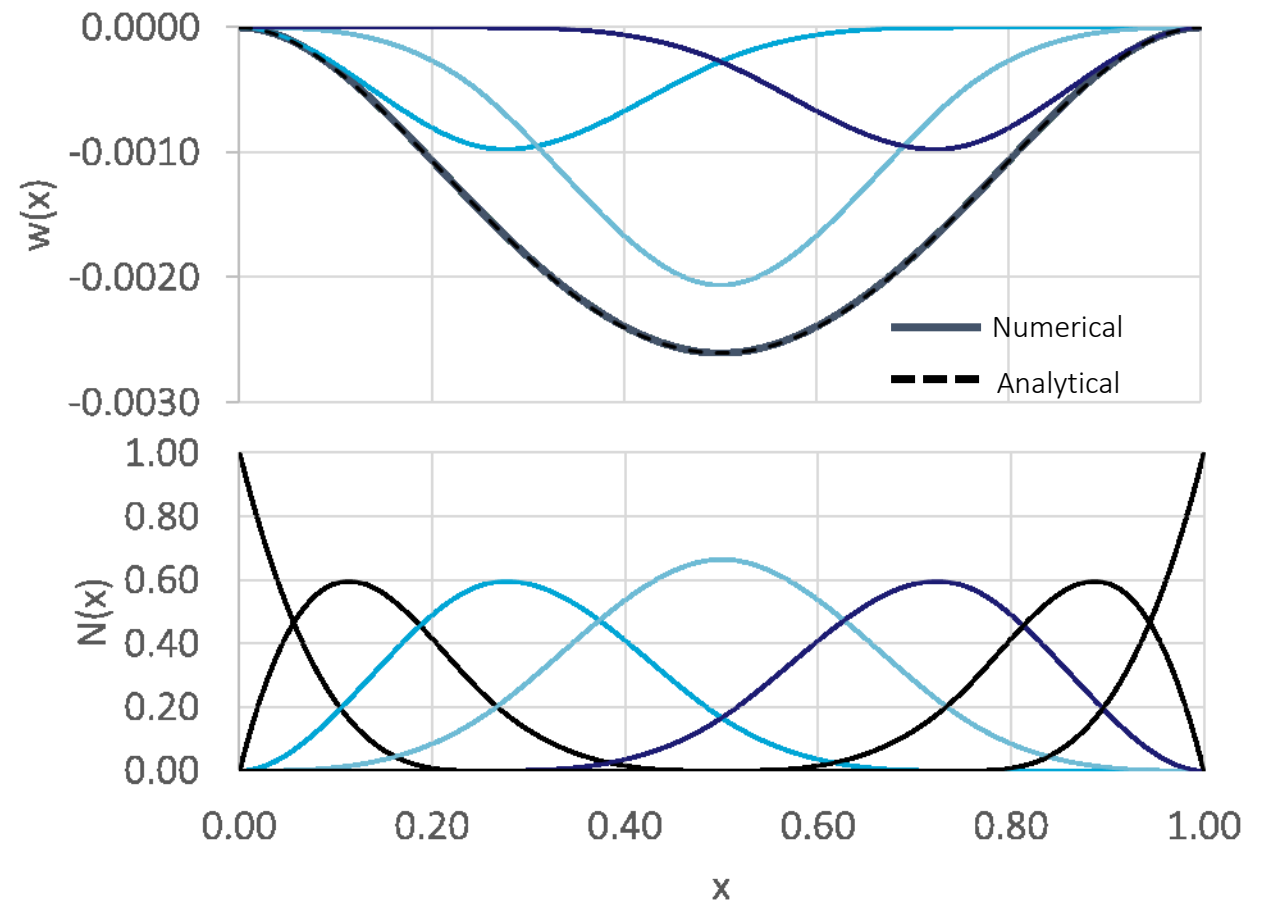
# Basics of Isogeometric Analysis

## Mathematical Concepts (2)



$$w(x) \approx \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j N_j(x)$$

*k-refinement* Piecewise-polynomial basis ( $p = 2$ )



Deconstructed solution

Basis functions

# Methods

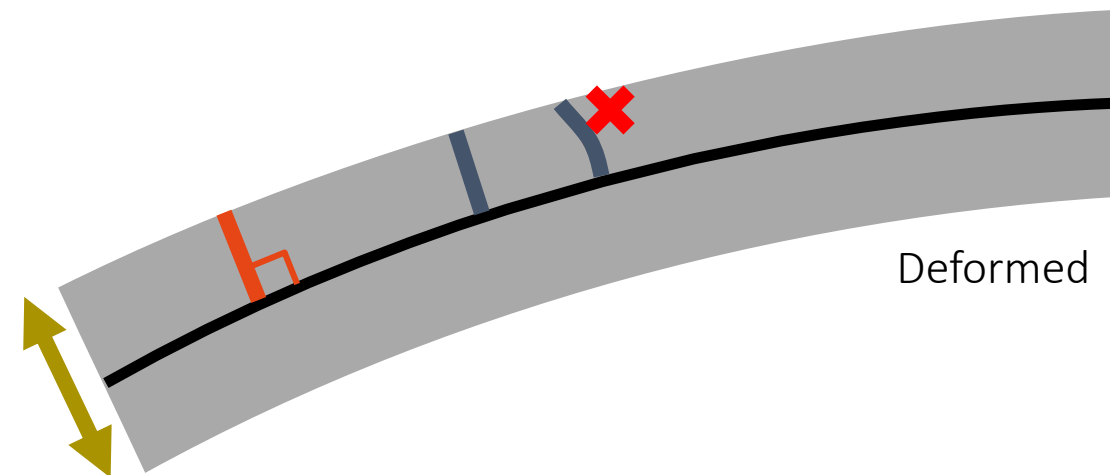
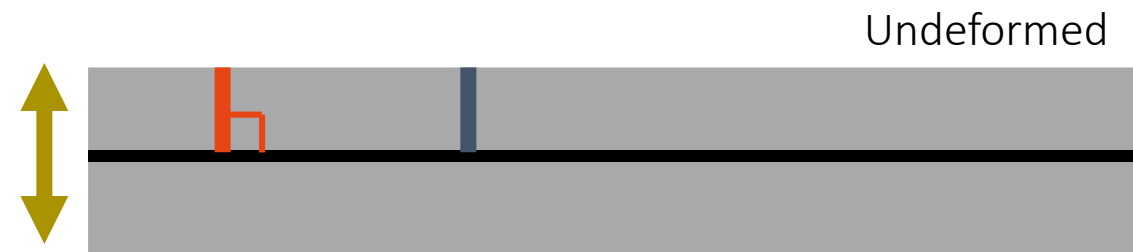
(Geometrically Nonlinear) Kirchhoff-Love Shell  
Formulation

# Isogeometric Shell Model

## Kirchhoff-Love Shell Model

1. Straight lines normal to the mid-surface remain normal to the mid-surface after deformation
2. Straight lines normal to the mid-surface remain straight after deformation
3. The thickness of the shell does not change during deformation

Valid for low thickness vs. geometry dimensions

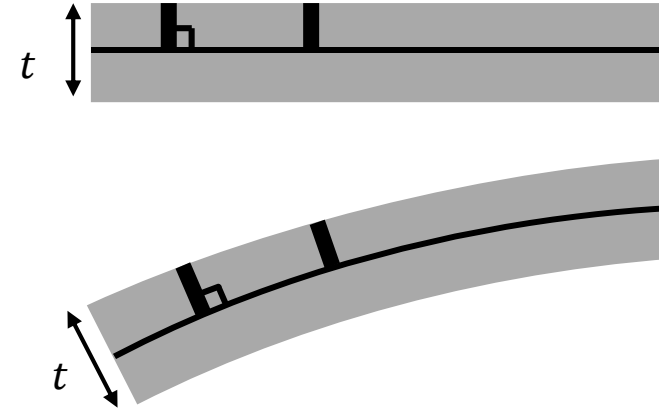
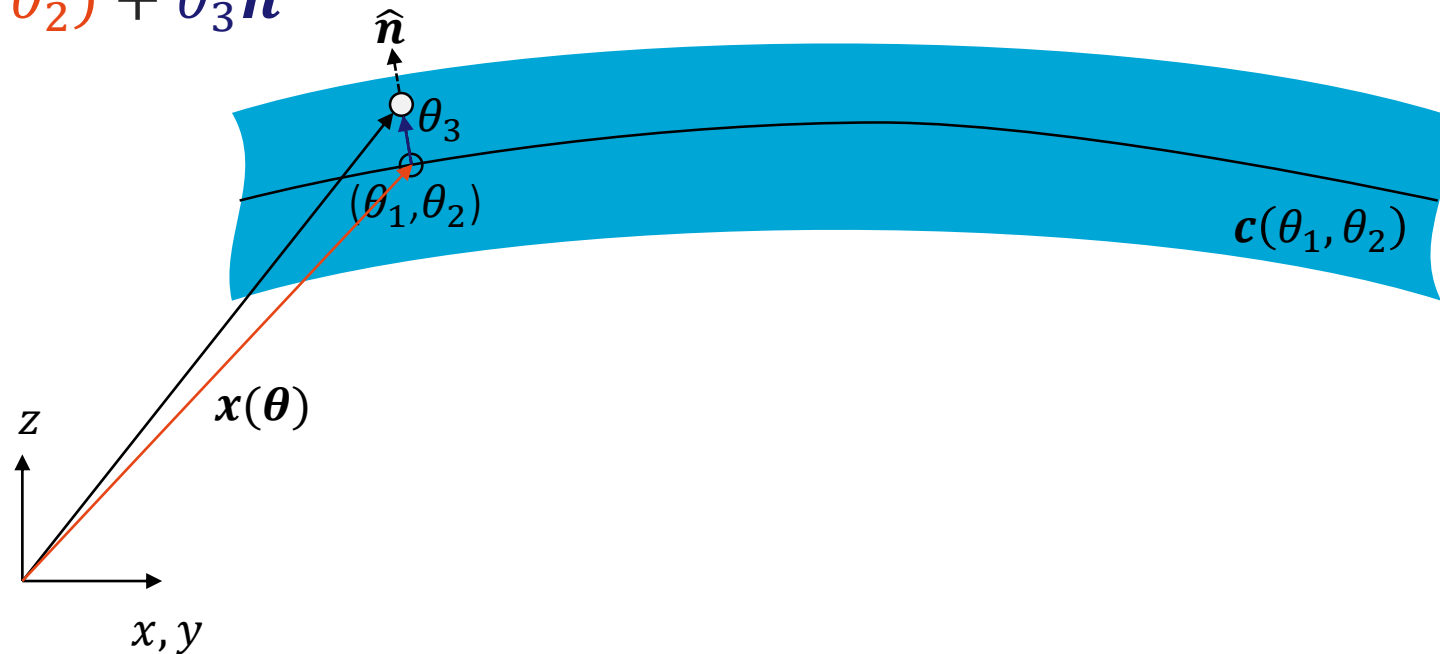


# Kirchhoff-Love Shell

## Coordinate System

Any point  $\mathbf{x}$  on the (un)deformed shell can be represented by:

$$\mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{c}(\theta_1, \theta_2) + \theta_3 \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$



# Kirchhoff-Love Shell

## Nonlinearities

Geometric Nonlinearity



Material Nonlinearity

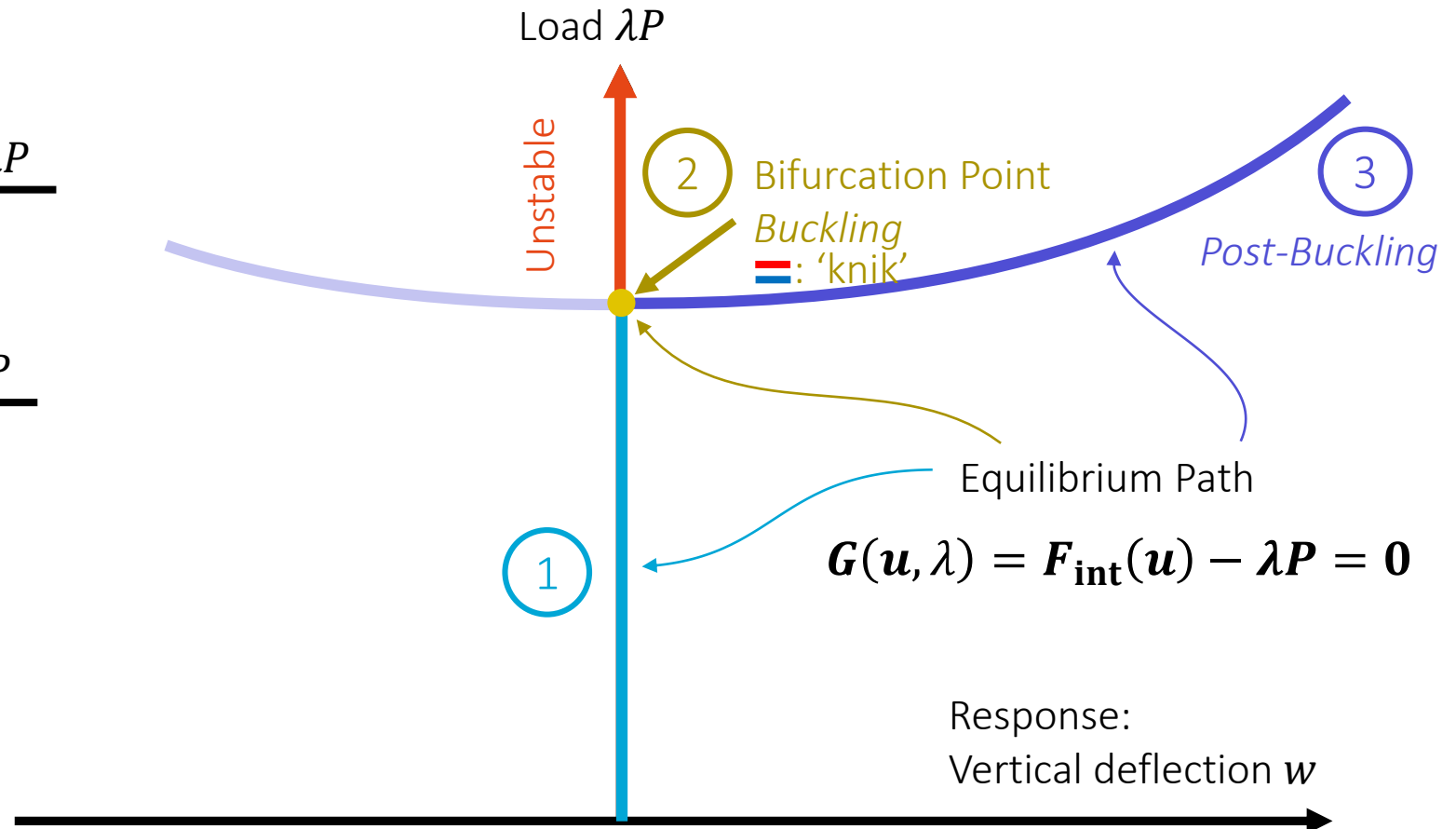
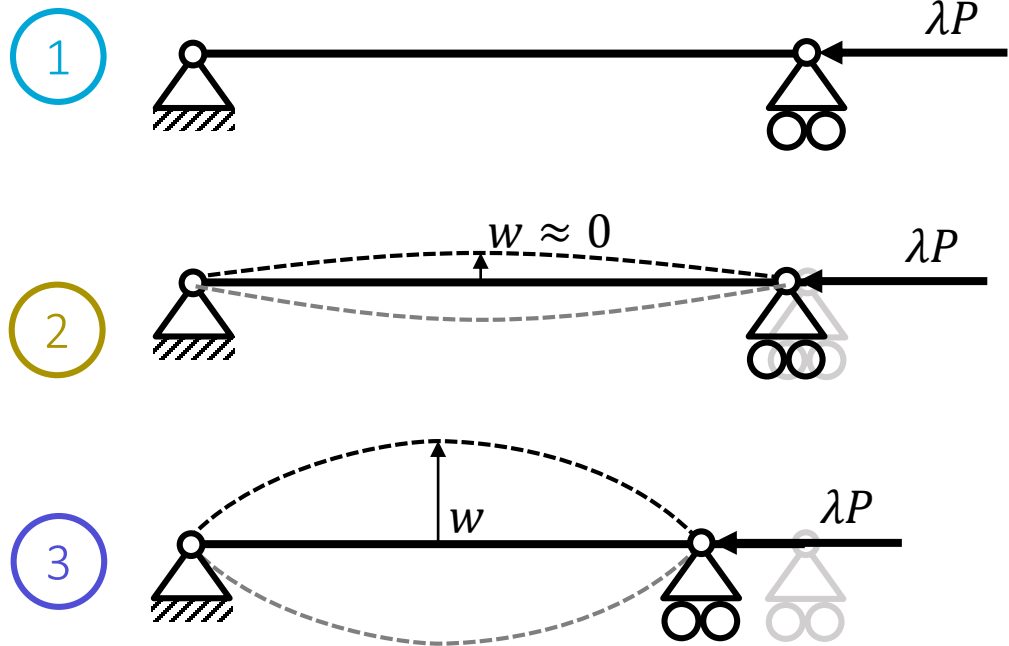


# Methods

Extended Arc-Length Method

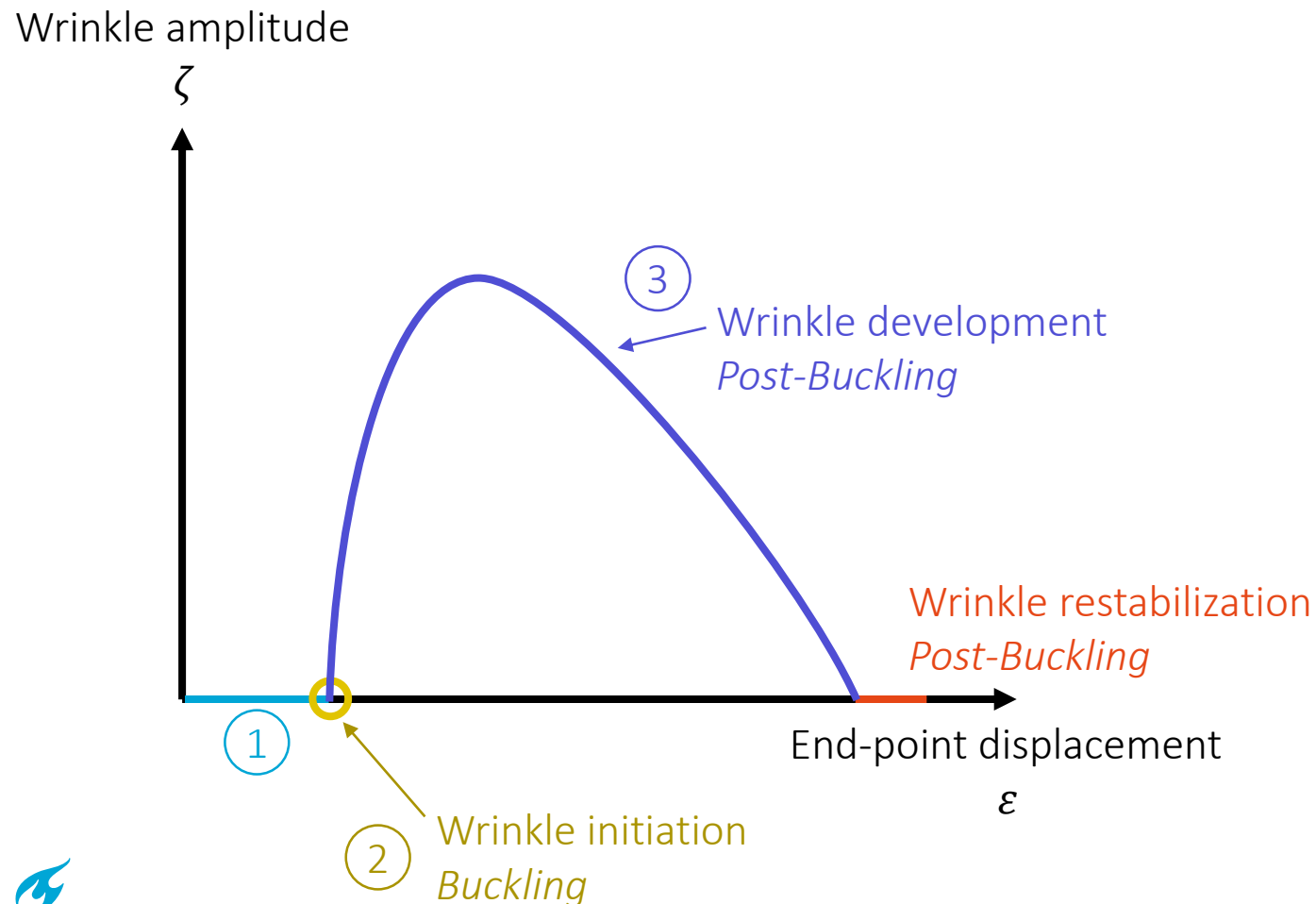
# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Buckling and Post-Buckling

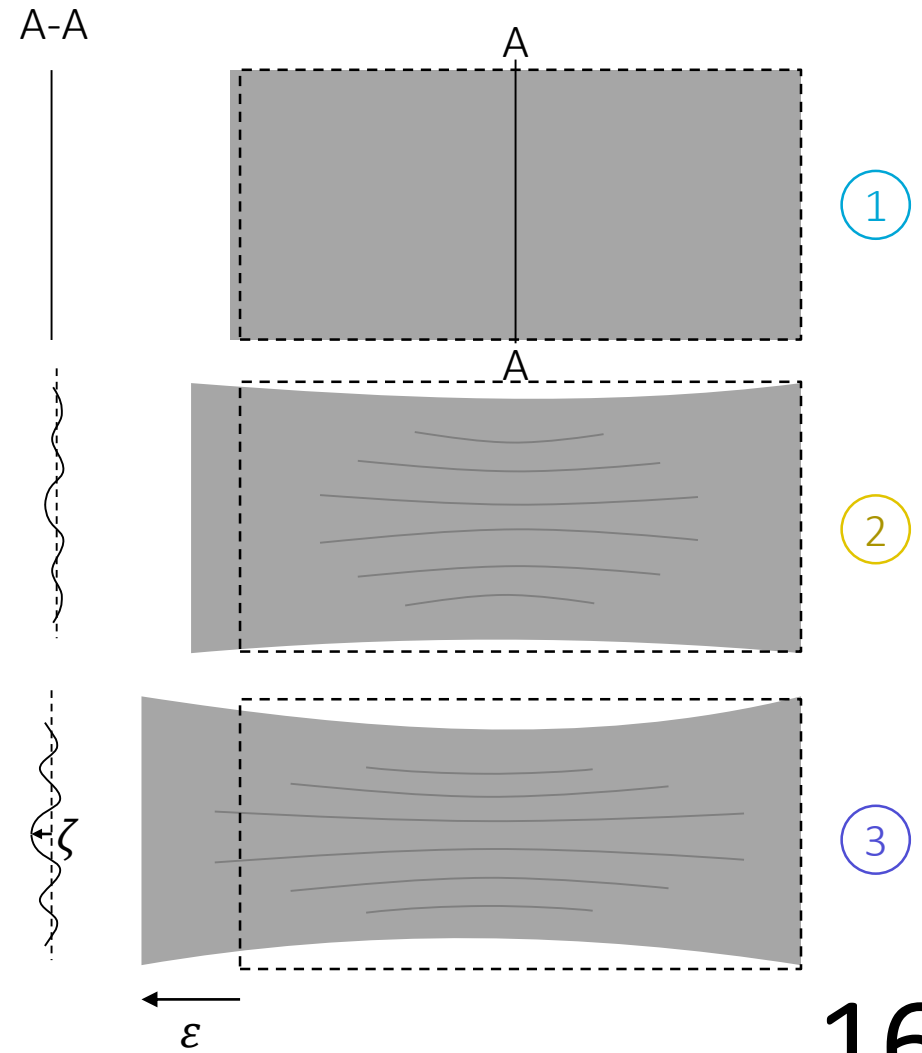


# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Wrinkling



Sketch of cross-section

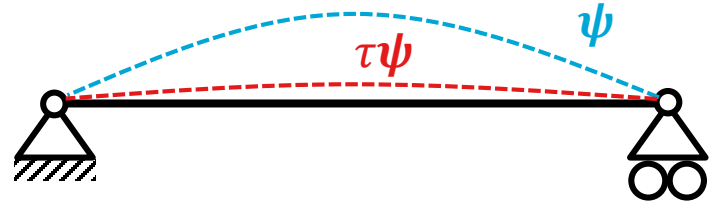




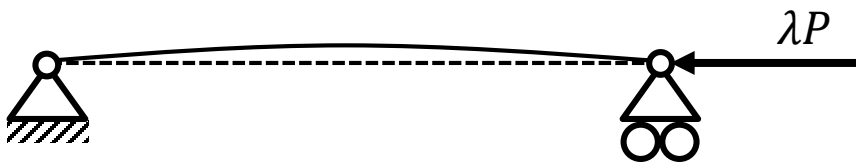
# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Ordinary Routine

1. Apply initial perturbation  $\psi$  with magnitude  $\tau$  to undeformed geometry



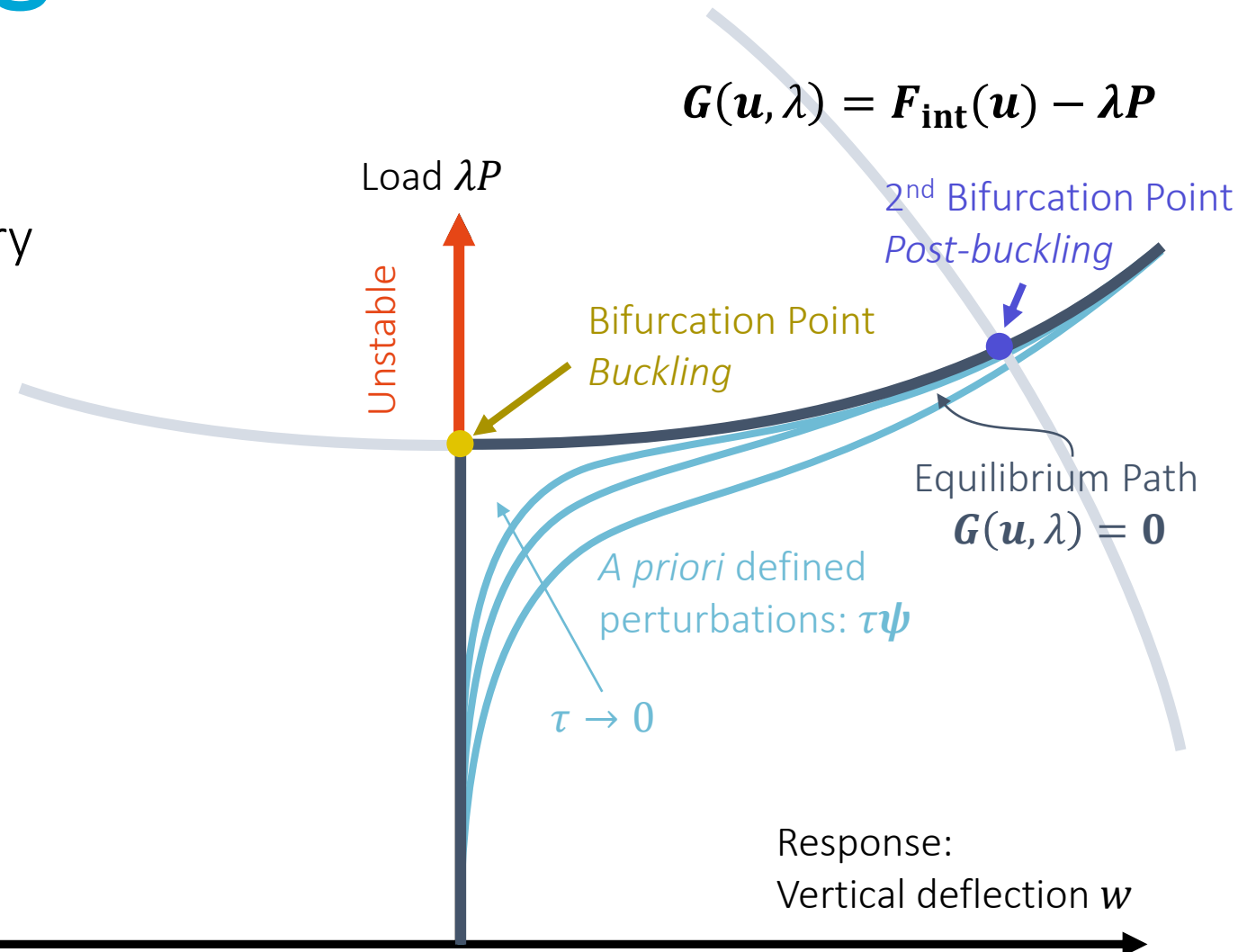
2. Compute the equilibrium path



### Disadvantages

Choice of  $\psi$  and  $\tau$  subjective

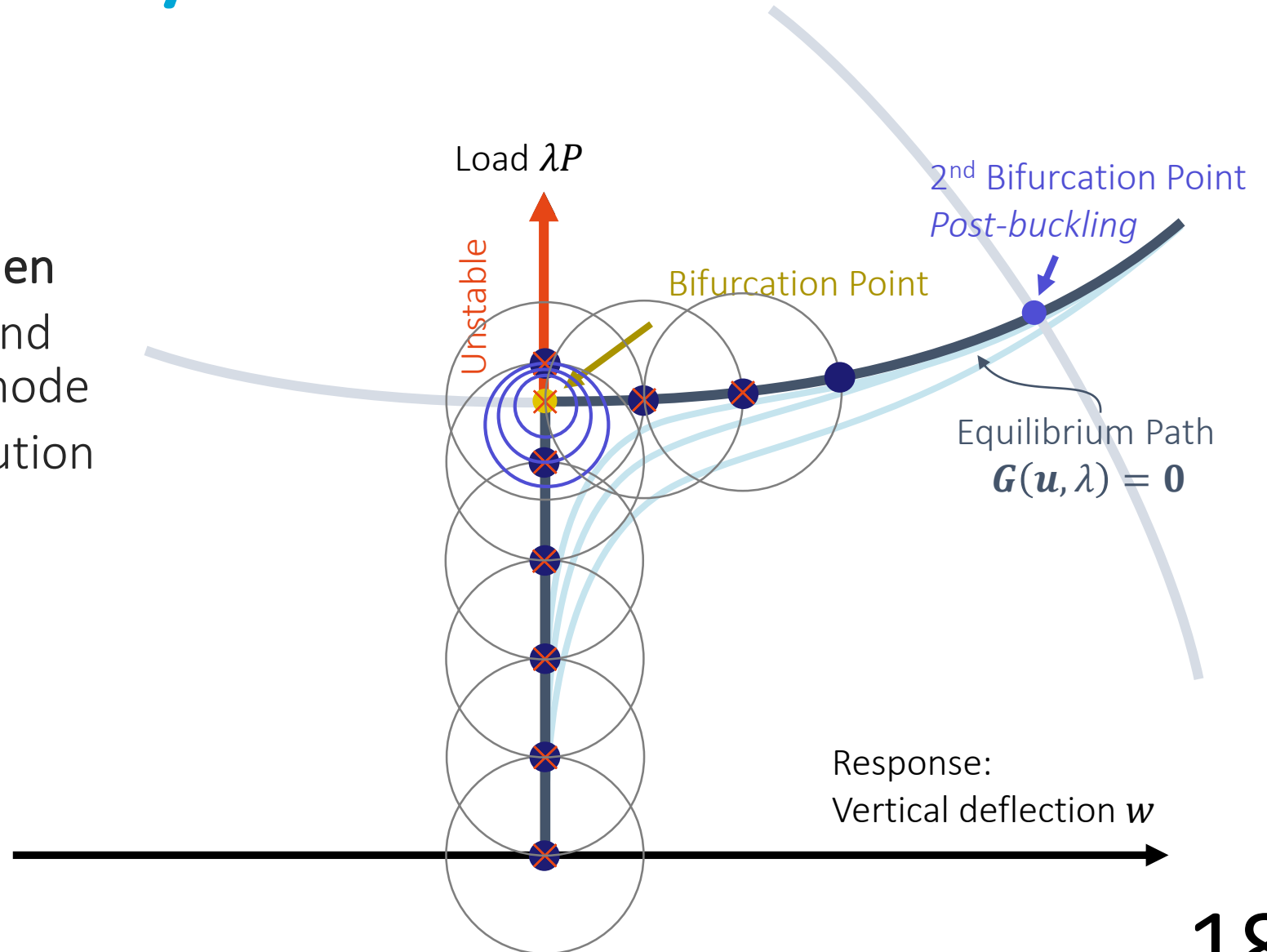
What about secondary bifurcations?



# Post-Buckling Analysis

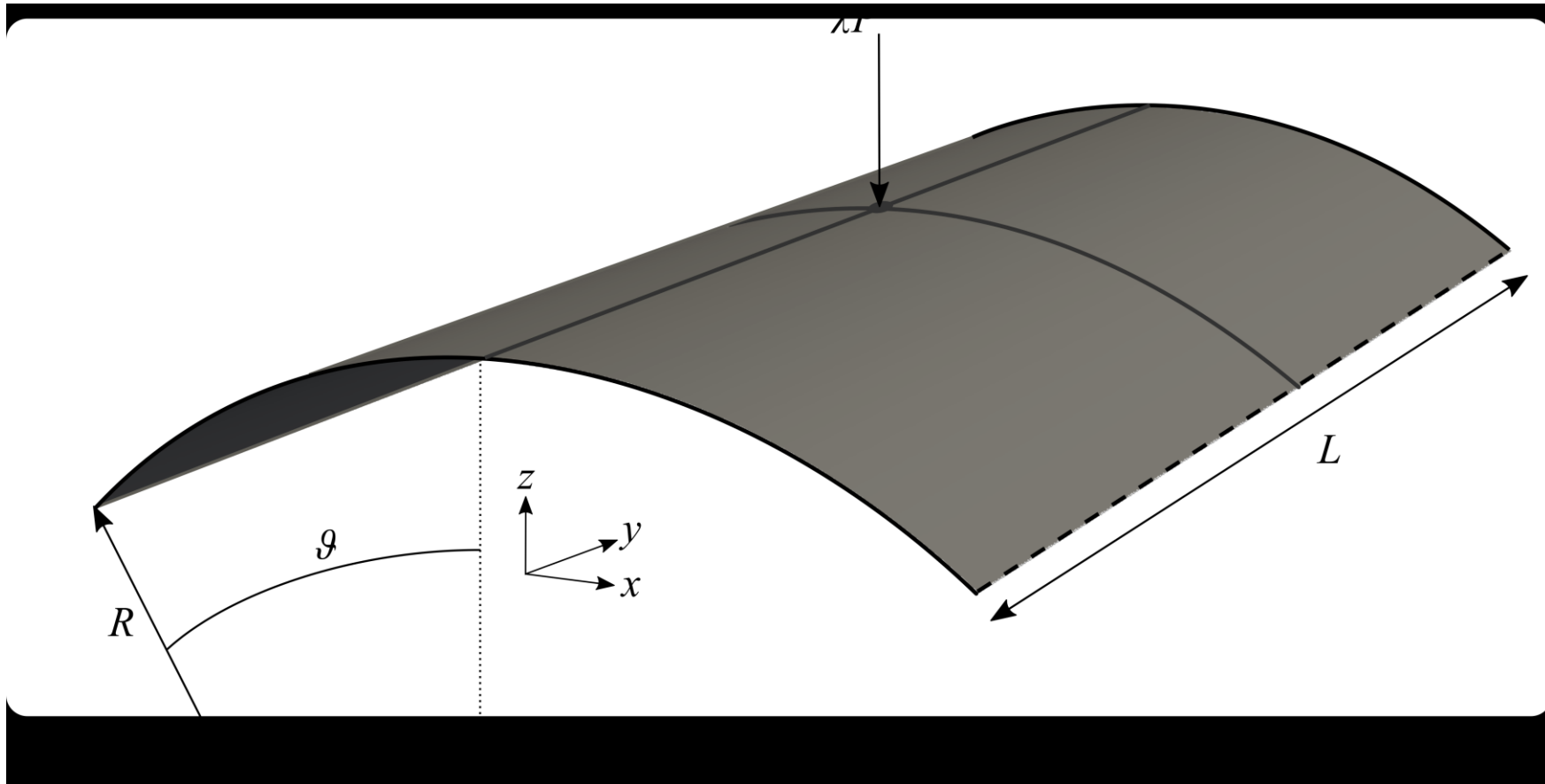
## Present Algorithm

1. Follow equilibrium path
2. **If** unstable branch found **then**
  - a. Compute *singular* point and corresponding buckling mode
  - b. Apply deformation to solution
  - c. Return to 1.



# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Path-Following



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Load Control

Displacement Control

Arc-Length Control

# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Bifurcation Point Indication

Property of singular point:

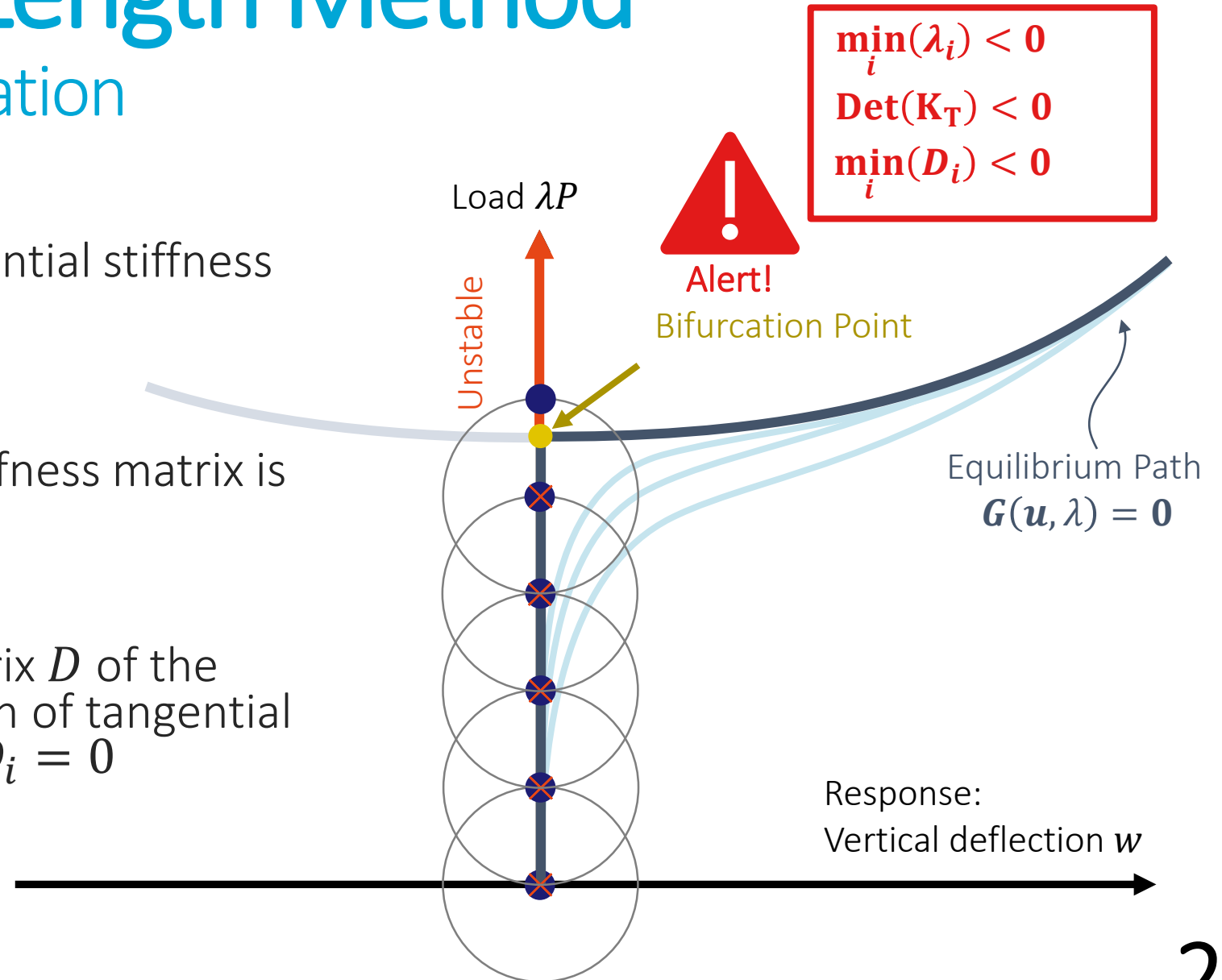
Minimum eigenvalue of tangential stiffness matrix is zero:  $\min_i \lambda_i = 0$

Or

Determinant of tangential stiffness matrix is zero:  $\text{Det}(K_T) = 0$

Or

Lowest value of diagonal matrix  $D$  of the  $LDL^T$  Cholesky-decomposition of tangential stiffness matrix is zero:  $\min_i D_i = 0$



# Extended Arc-Length Method

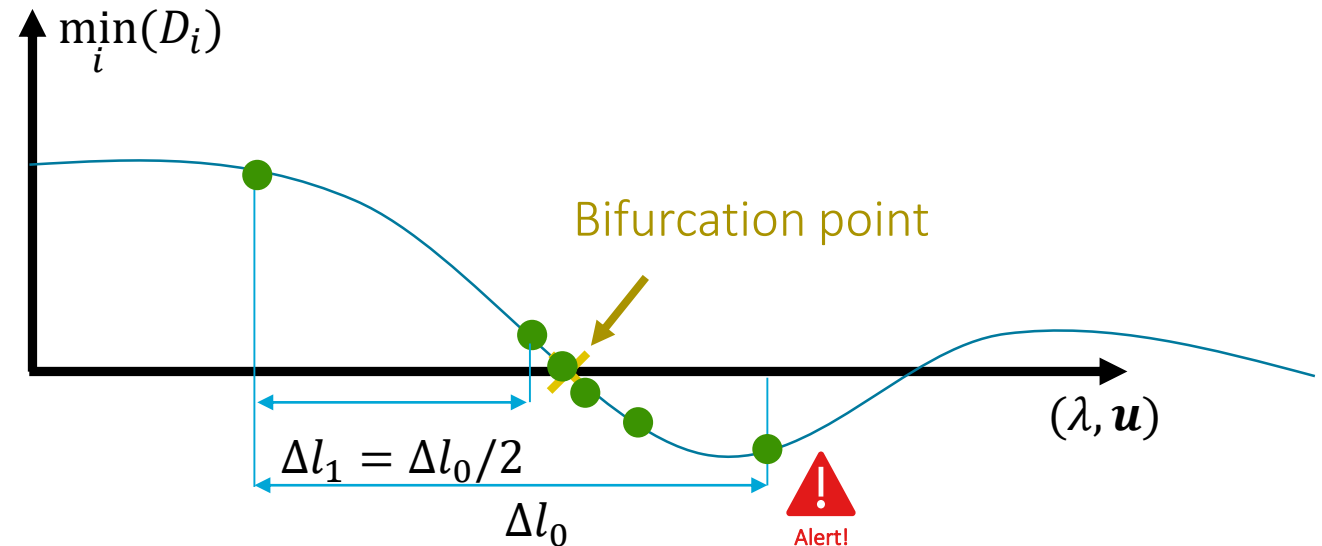
## Bifurcation Point Approach

1. Bisection algorithm
  - a. Robust
  - b. Slowly converging (i.e. approaching)
2. Extended arc-length method, additional constraint equations:

$$K_T \boldsymbol{\psi} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$l(\boldsymbol{\psi}) = \|\boldsymbol{\psi}\| - 1 = 0$$

- a. Less robust
- b. Fast convergence

Until  $|\min_i D_i| < \text{tolerance}$



# Extended Arc-Length Method

## Branch Switching

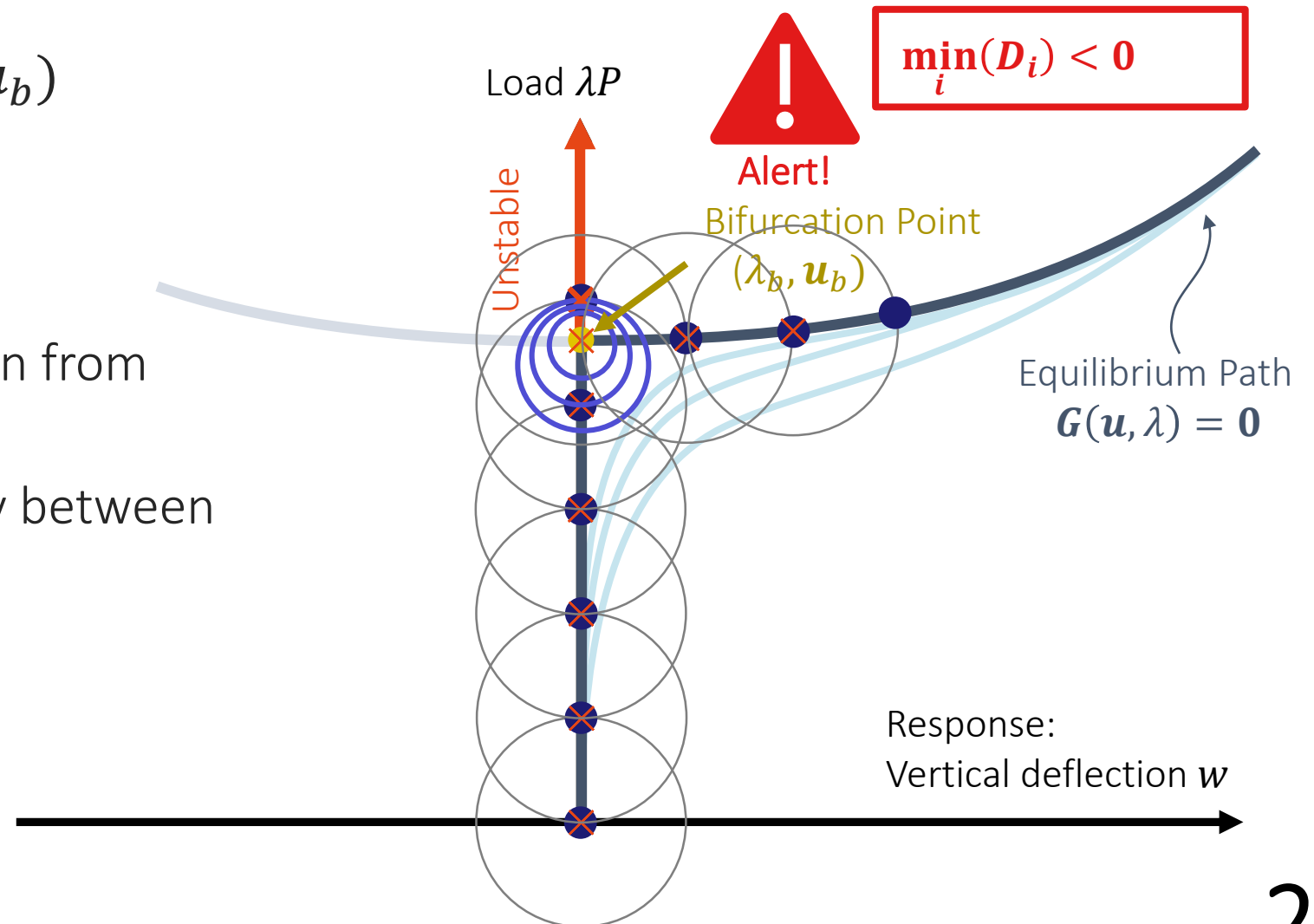
Bifurcation point found:  $(\lambda_b, \mathbf{u}_b)$

Branch-switching by:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}_b + \tau\boldsymbol{\psi} \\ \lambda &= \lambda_b\end{aligned}$$

Buckling mode shape  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  known from extended method

Tuning magnitude  $\tau$ ; generally between  $10^{-3}$  and  $10^{-4}$



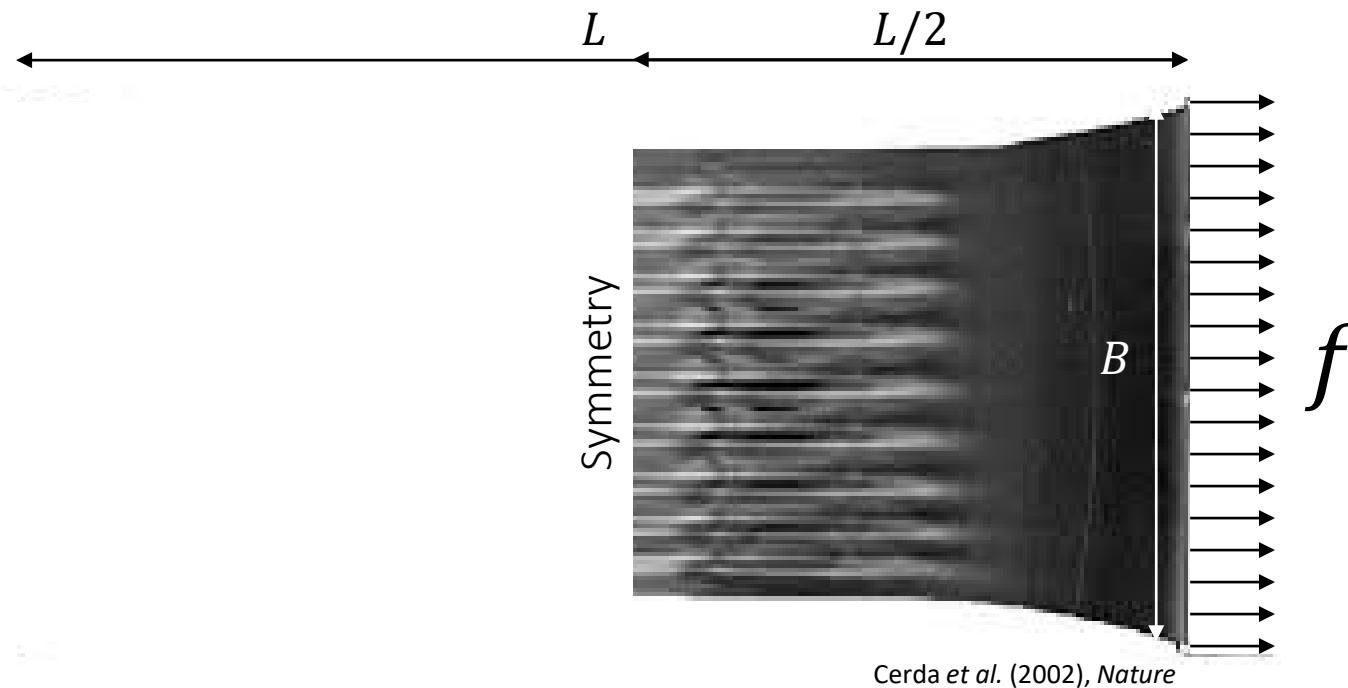
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Stretched Thin Sheet



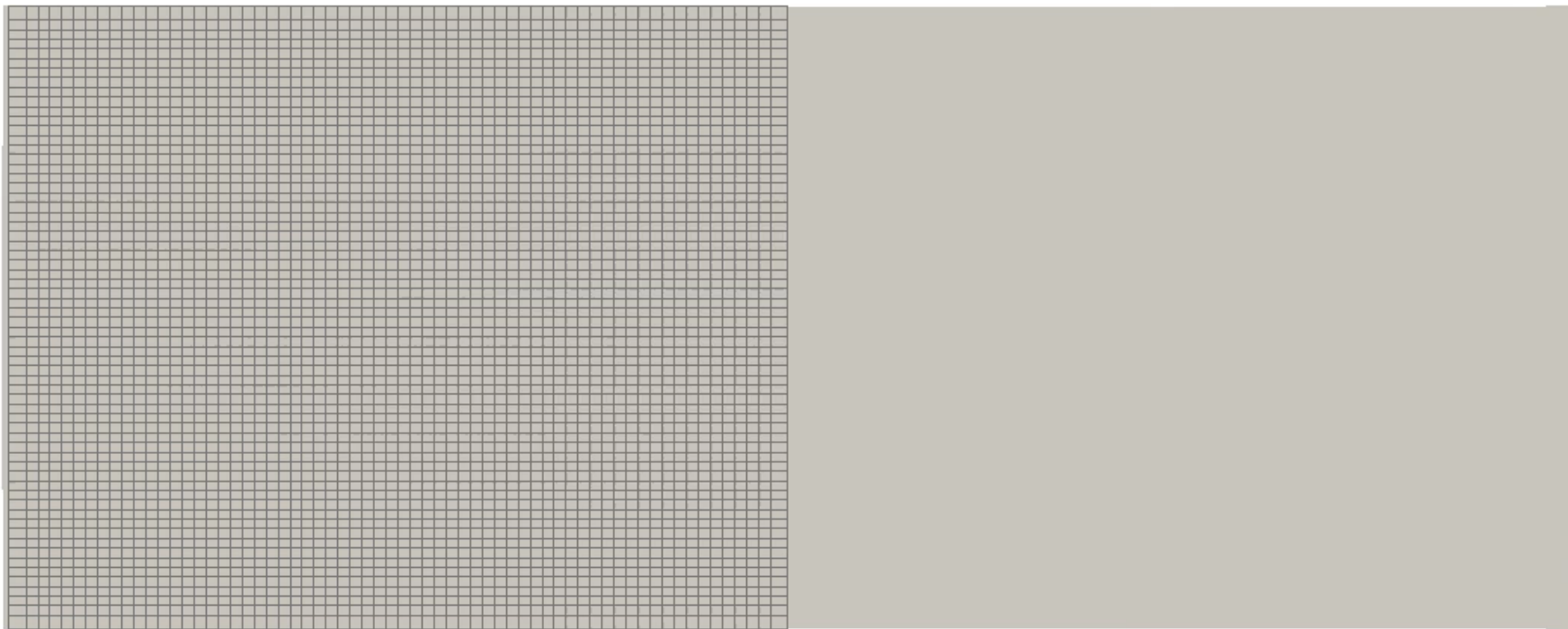
# Stretched Thin Sheet

## Model



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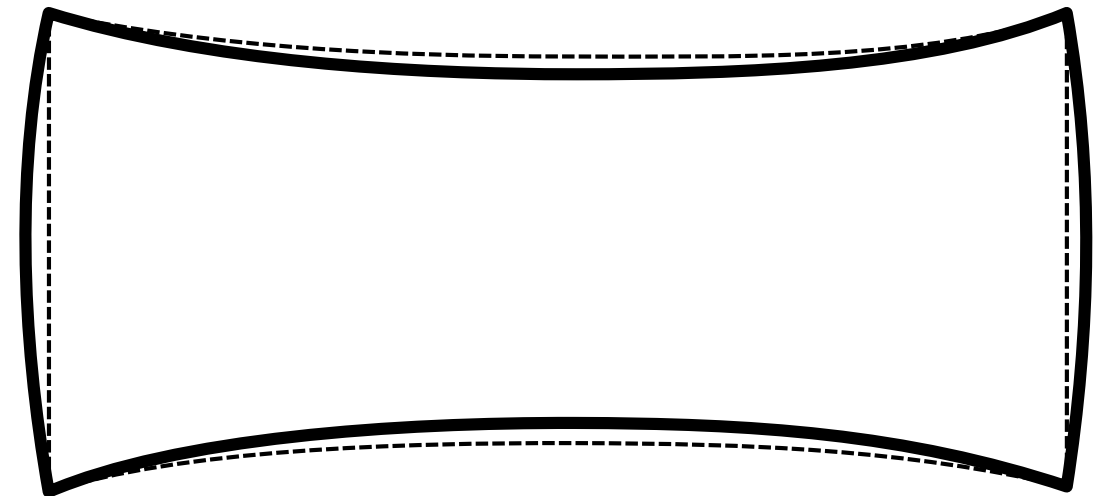
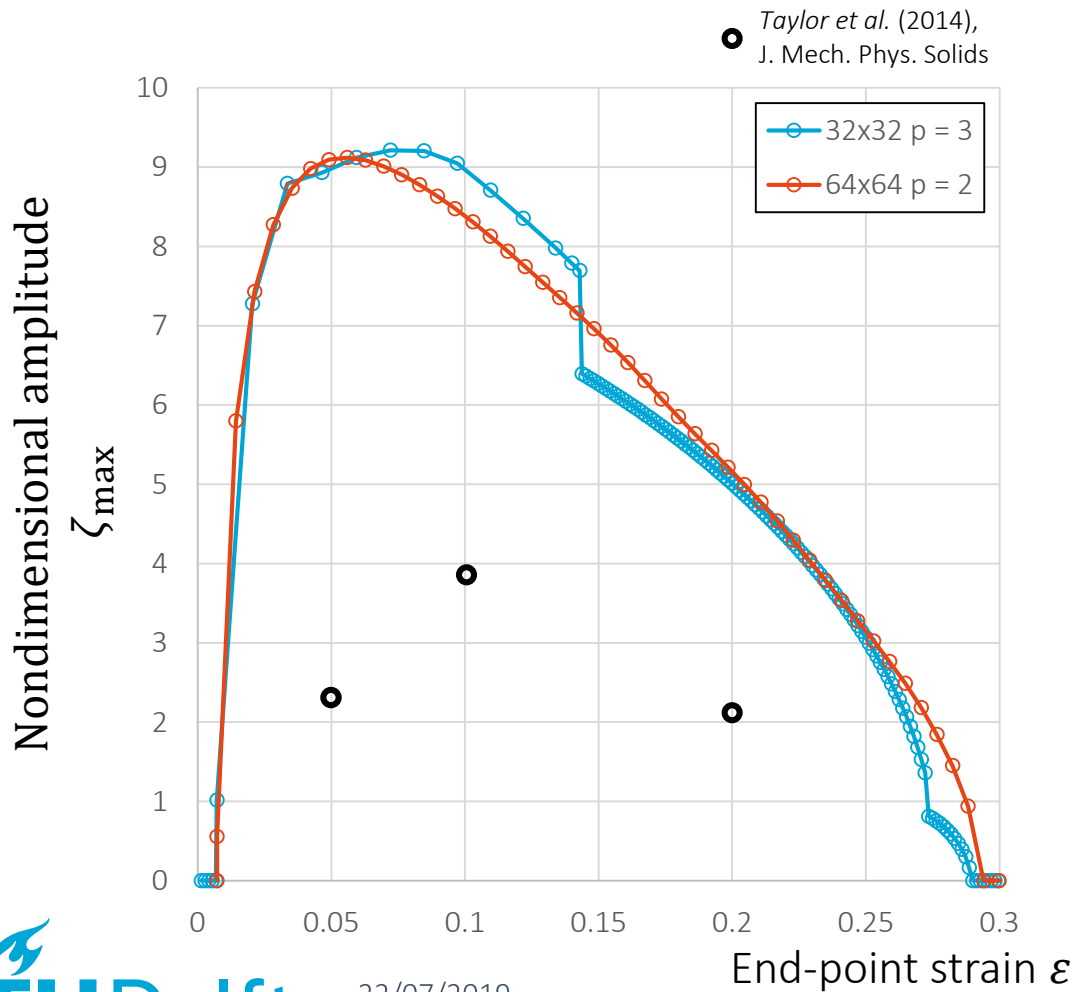
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Symmetric solution plotted for reference

# Stretched Thin Sheet

## Results



# Conclusions & Recommendations

# Conclusions

Research question: “How can *wrinkling formation* of large floating thin structures be numerically modelled with *Isogeometric Analysis*?”

## Model perspective

Isogeometric Kirchhoff-Love shell model applicable to wrinkling of thin sheets.

Present arc-length method provides post-buckling modelling technique without *a priori* user input

Fine mesh needed for wrinkling prediction in stretched sheet

# Recommendations

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## Model perspective

Adaptive mesh refinement

Straight edges of the stretched thin sheet

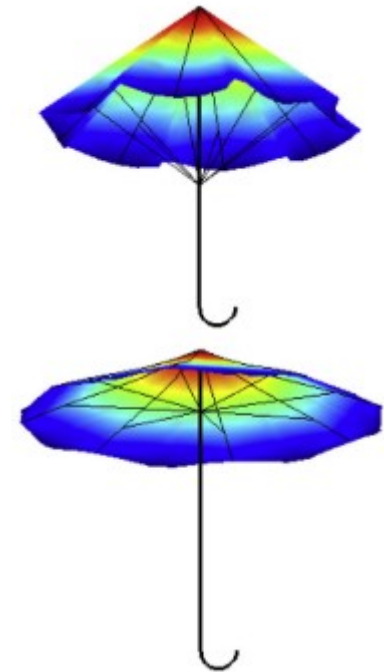
## Model applicability

Multi-patch coupling for more complex domains;

Periodic basis functions for circular domains

Element Coupling

Composite and rubber material models



*Raknes et al. (2013),  
Comput. Methods Appl. Mech. Eng.*

Questions?