

**Ammann Grid and Knot Structure  
of a Quasiperiodic Girih Pattern**

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## Historical Girih pattern

Internal angles are  
multiples of 36 degrees

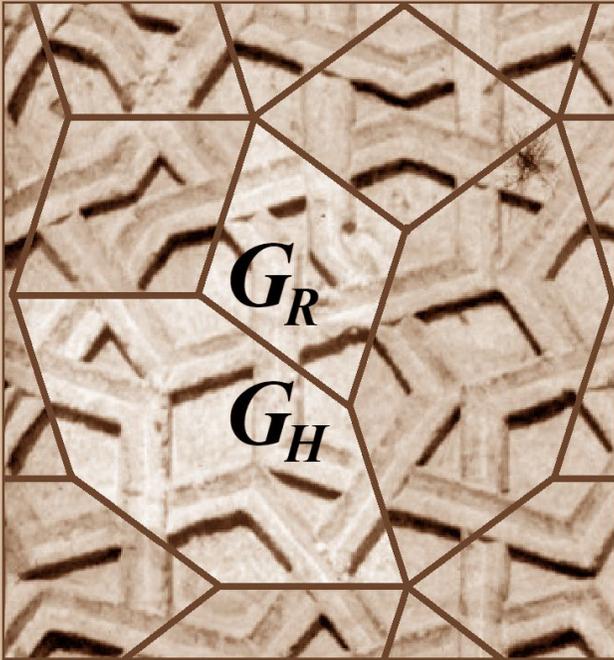
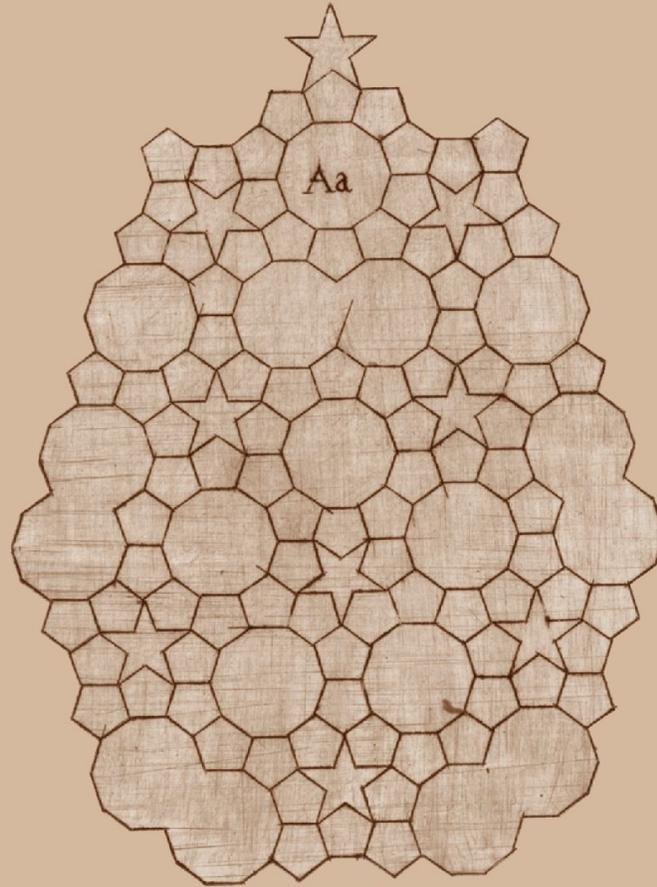


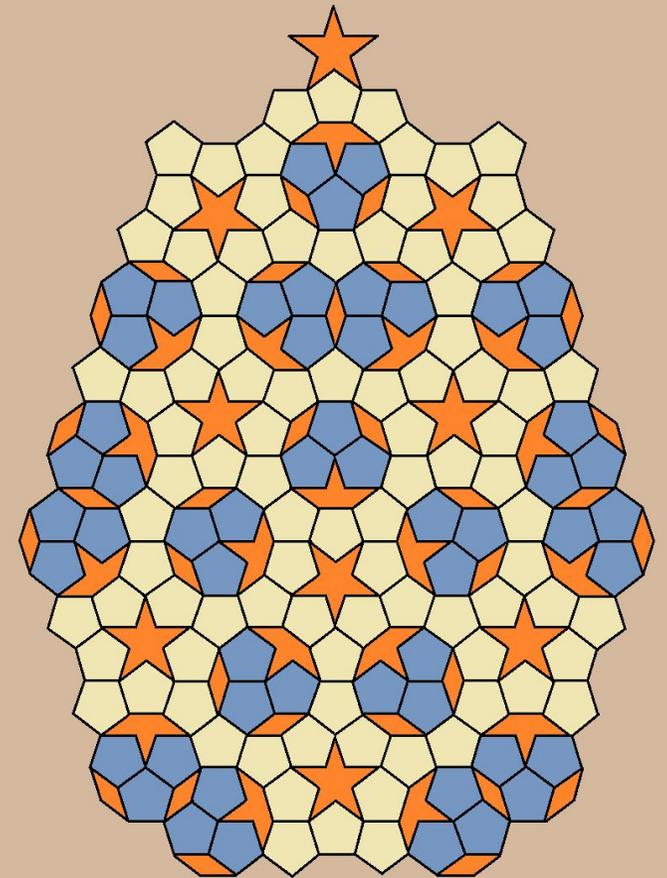
Figure 1(a)

## Kepler tiling Aa



(b)

## Penrose pentagon tiling



(c)

Penrose pentagon tiling

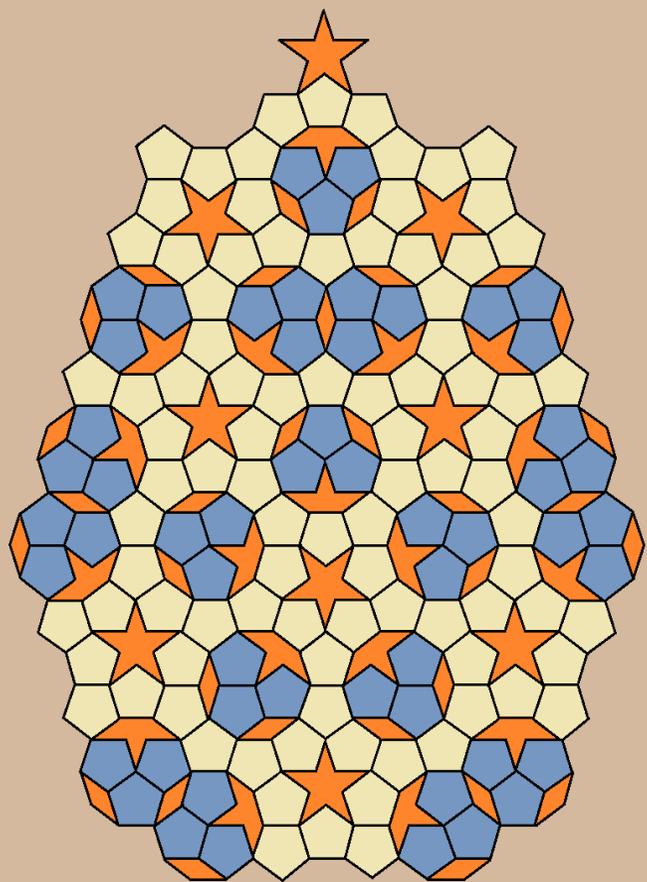
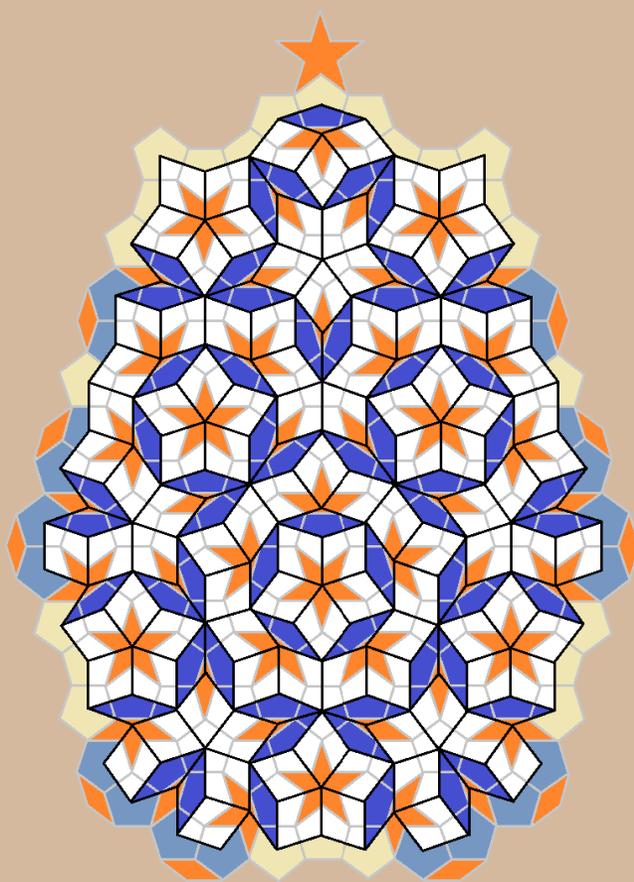


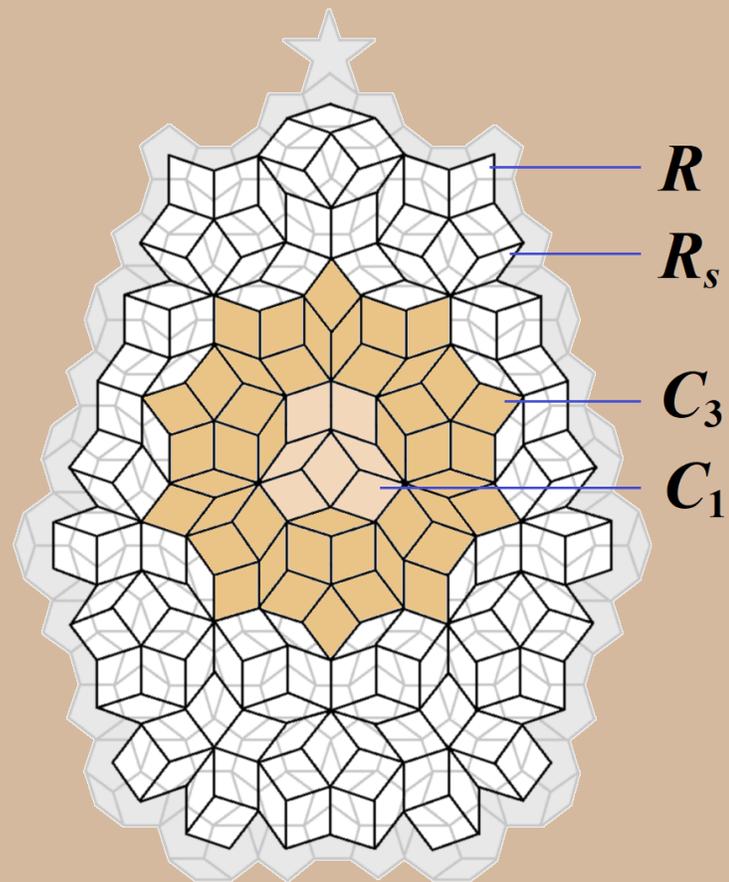
Figure 1(c)

Rhombus tiling derived



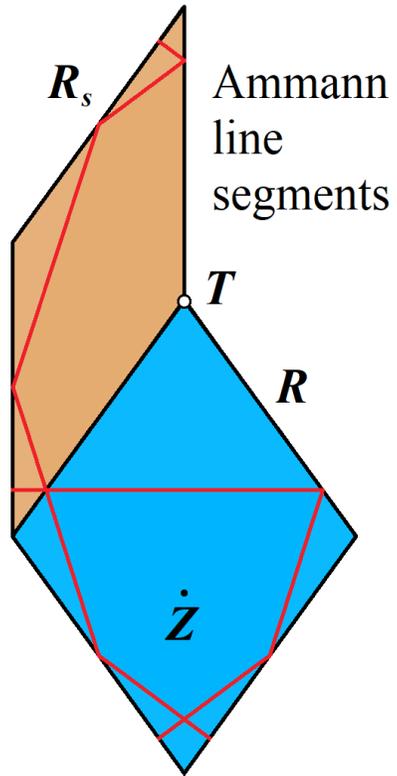
(d)

Rhombus tiling with  $C_3$



(e)

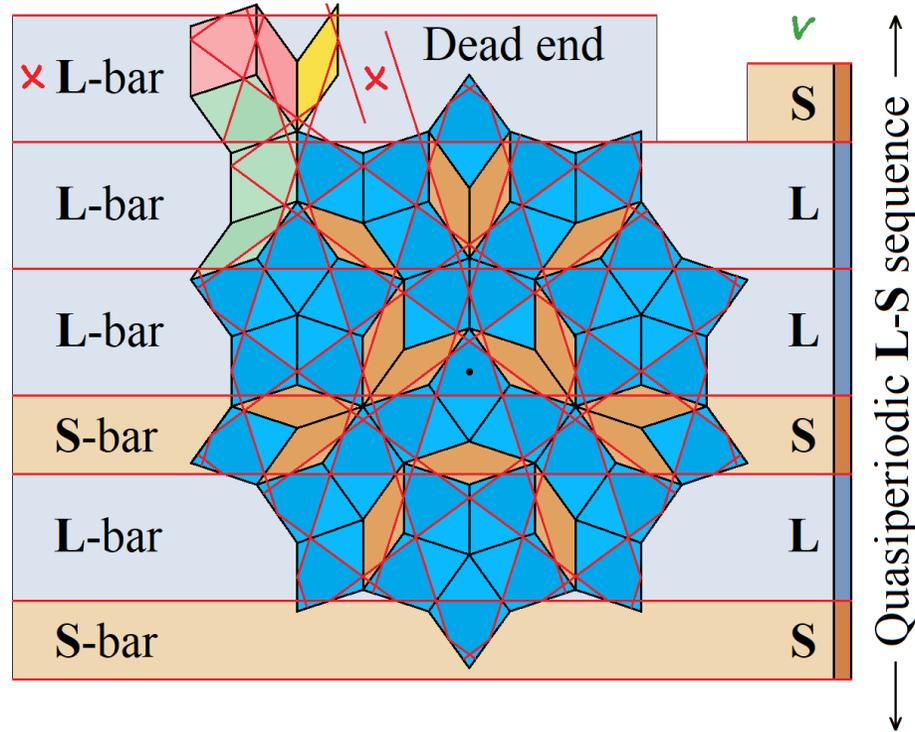
## Matching rules



Proto-rhombs

Figure 2(a)

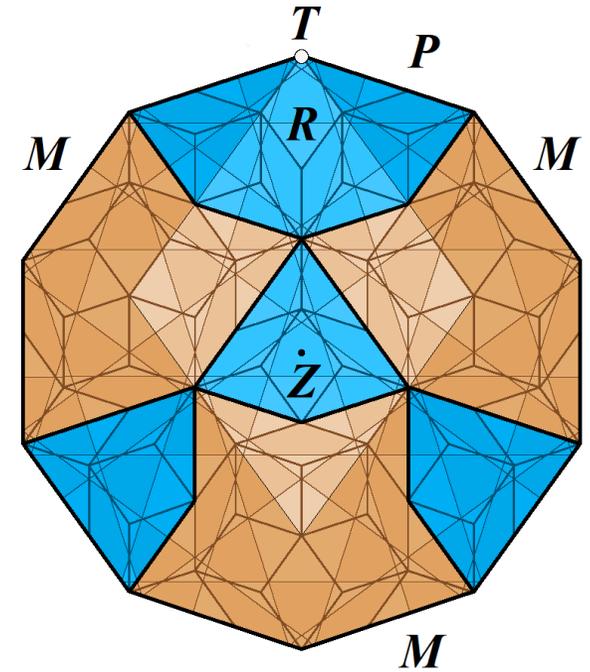
## Rule fulfillment in a cartwheel $C_3$



Continuous Ammann lines create a grid  
Above: Incompleteness of the rules

(b)

## Covering rules



Gummelt-Decagon  $P$   
(Rule also incomplete)

(c)

Substitution of the rhombus  $R_q$  and its Ammann lines, shown by the horizontal lines

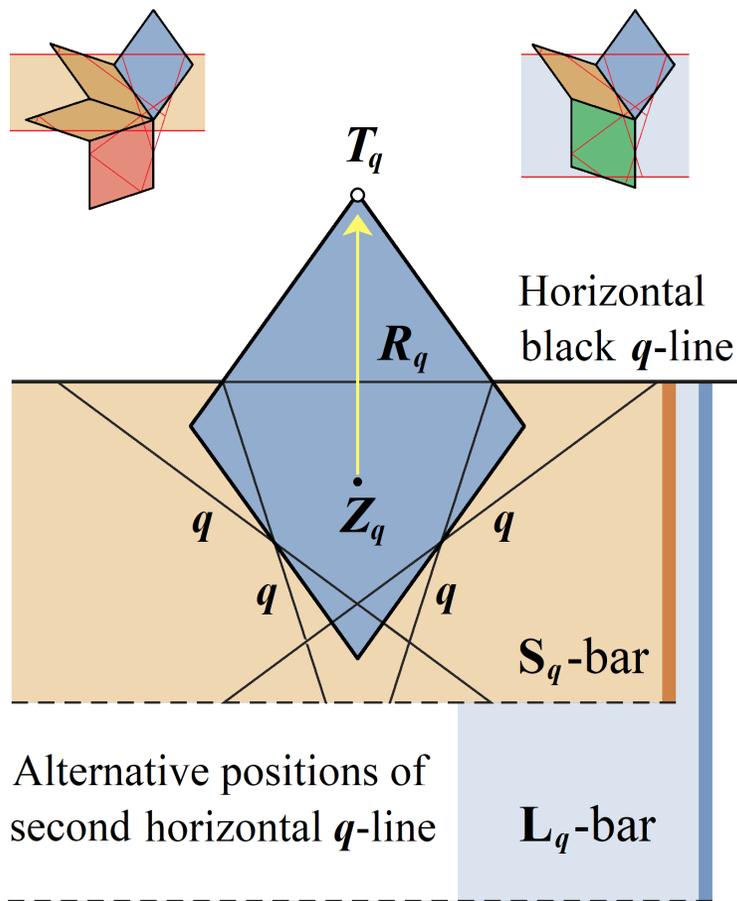
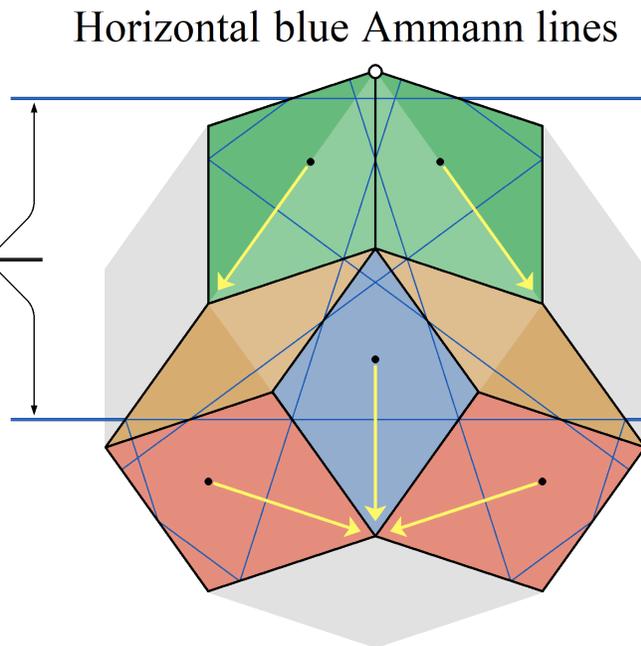


Figure 3(a)

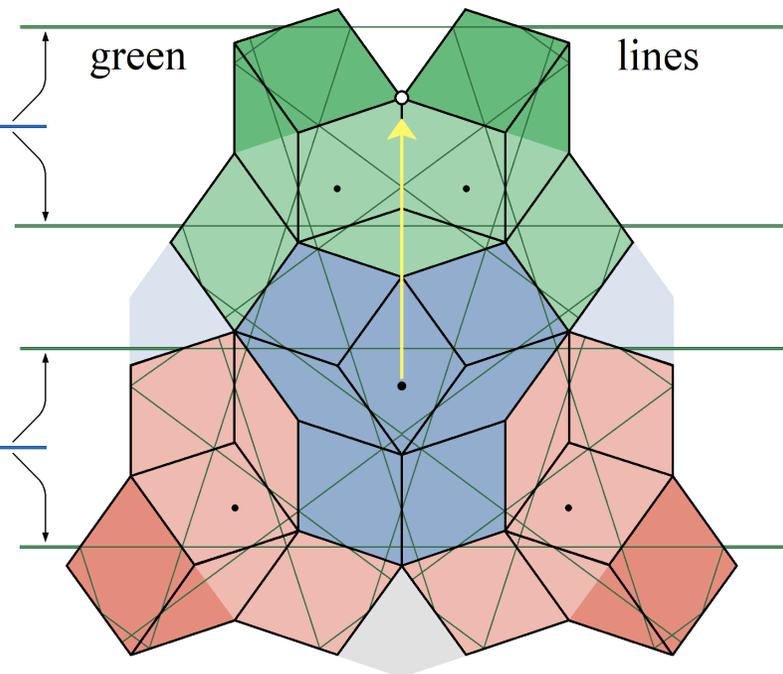
First Substitution



Cartwheel  $C_1$

(b)

Second substitution



Cartwheel  $C_2$

(c)

### Third substitution

### Ammann grid of the quasi-cell $Q$

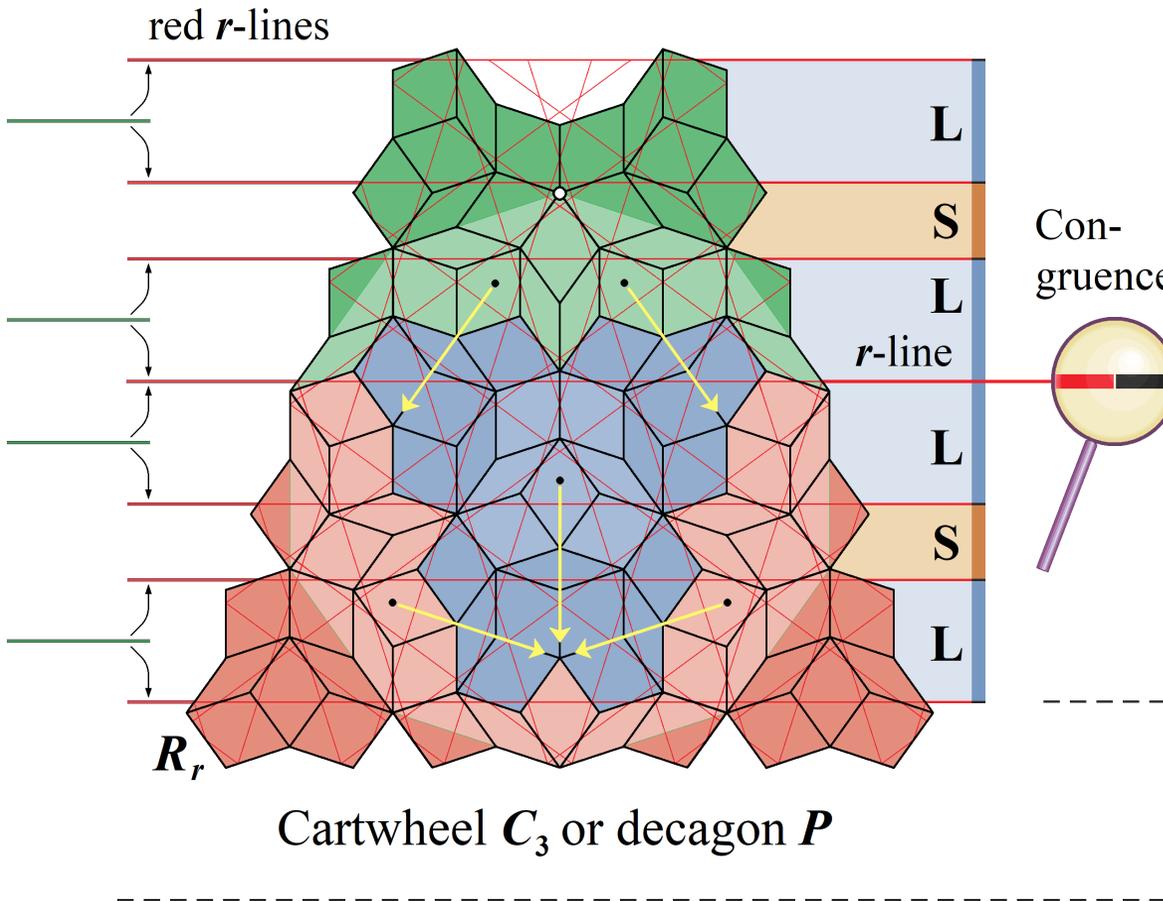
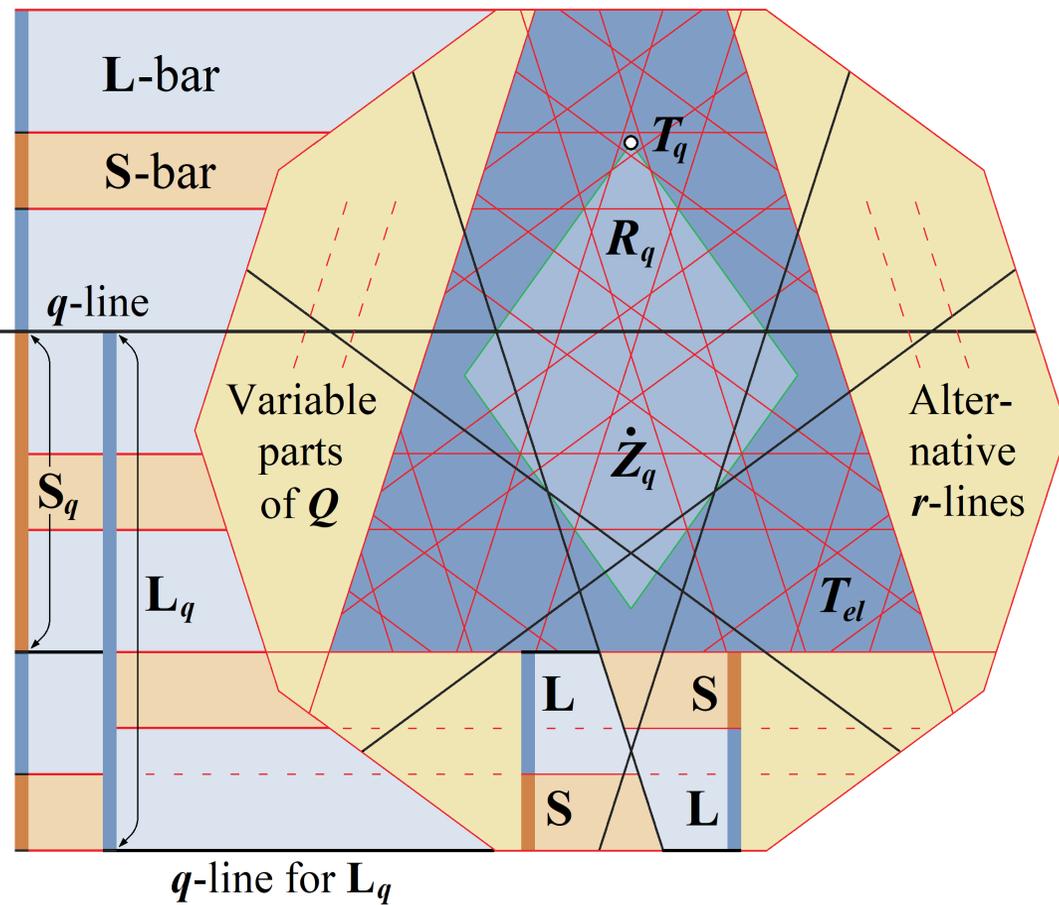


Figure 3(d)



(e)

# Girih pattern with highlighted Girih stencils

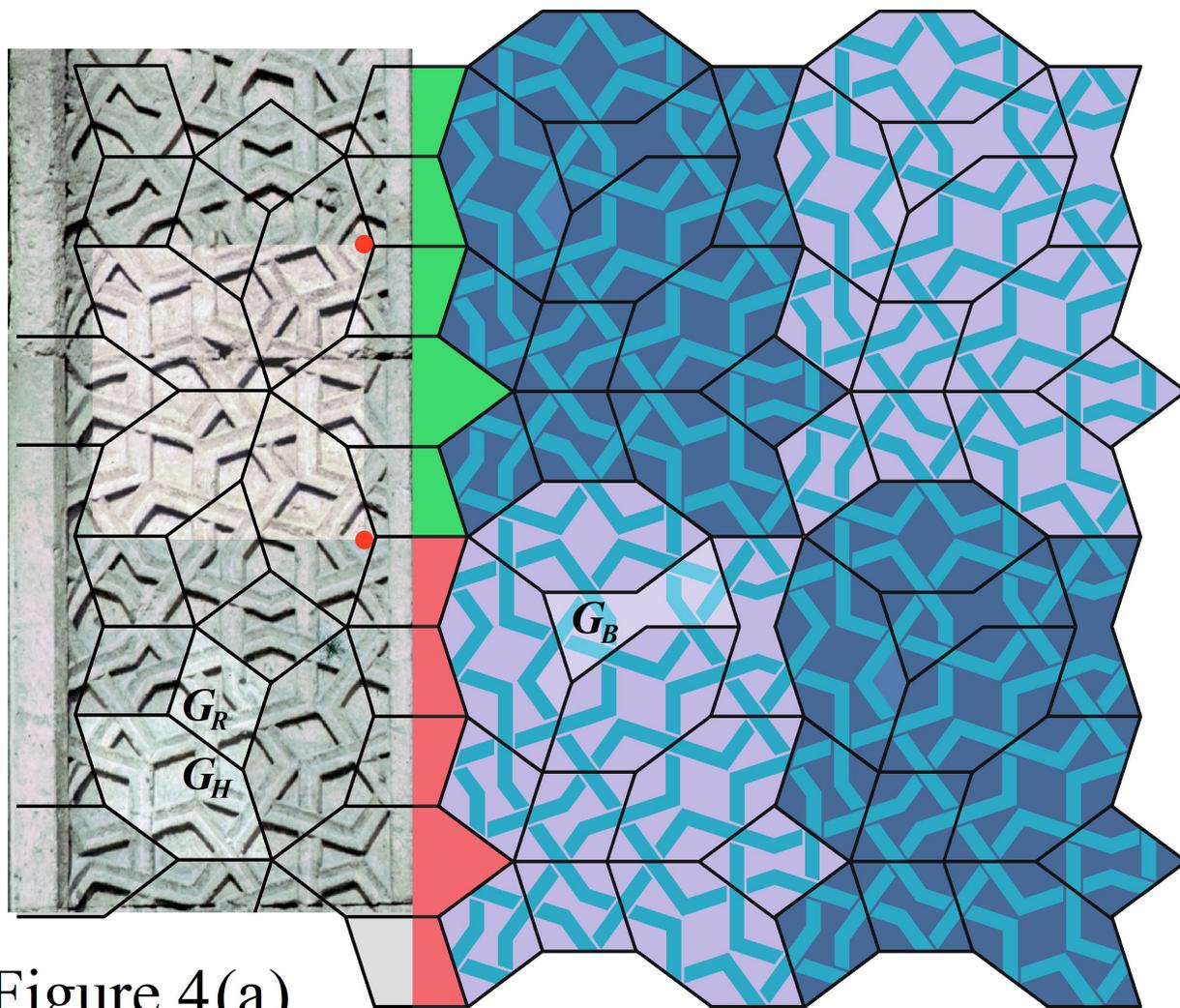
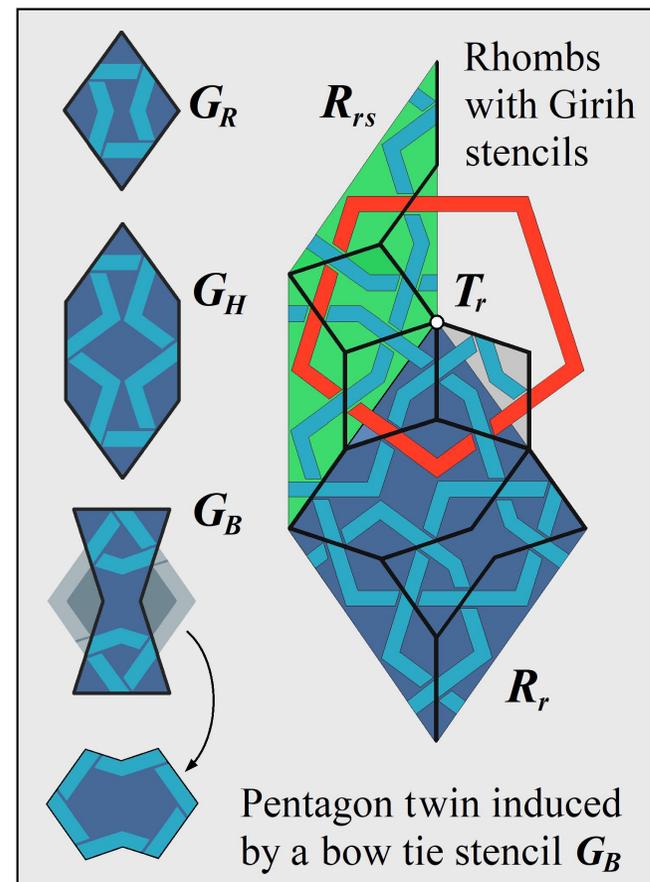


Figure 4(a)

# Incorporation into rhombs



(b)

## Incorporated stencils

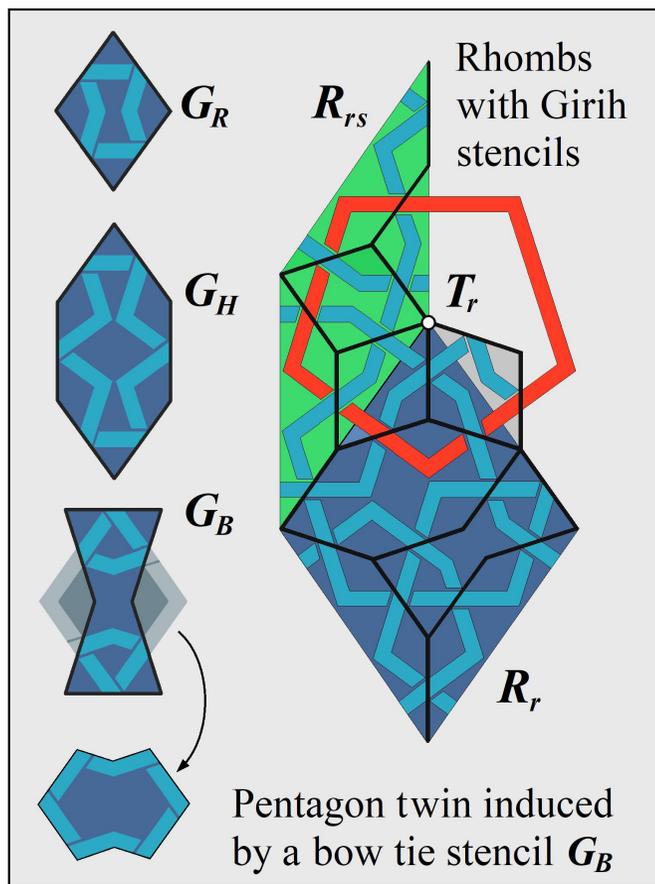
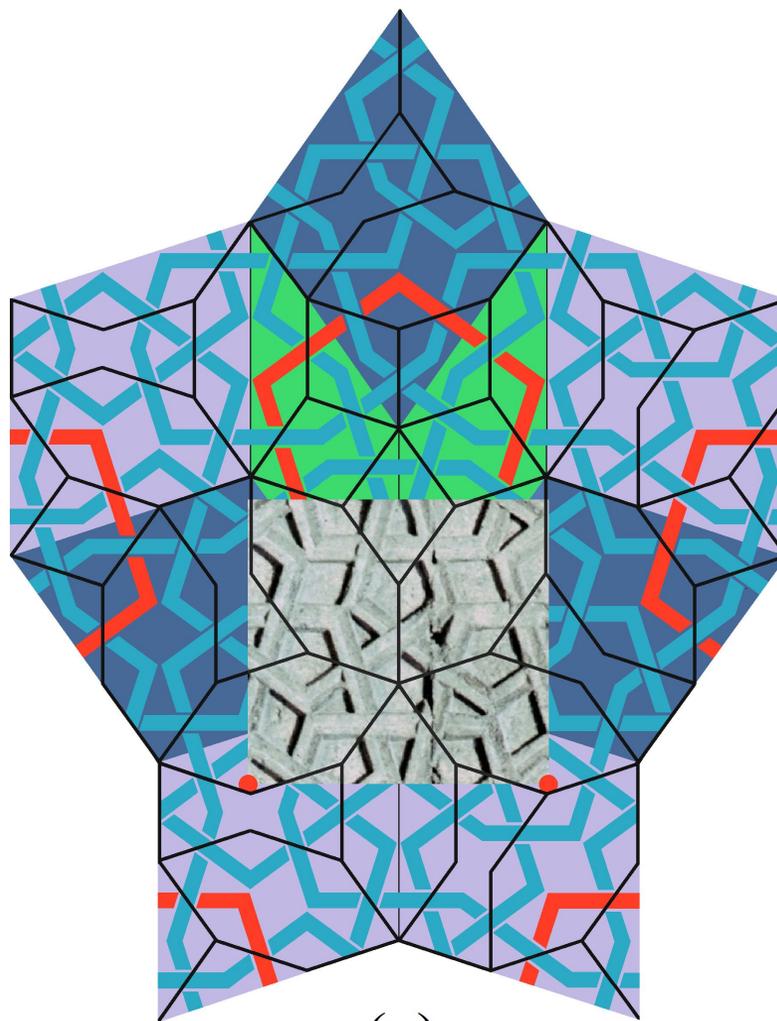


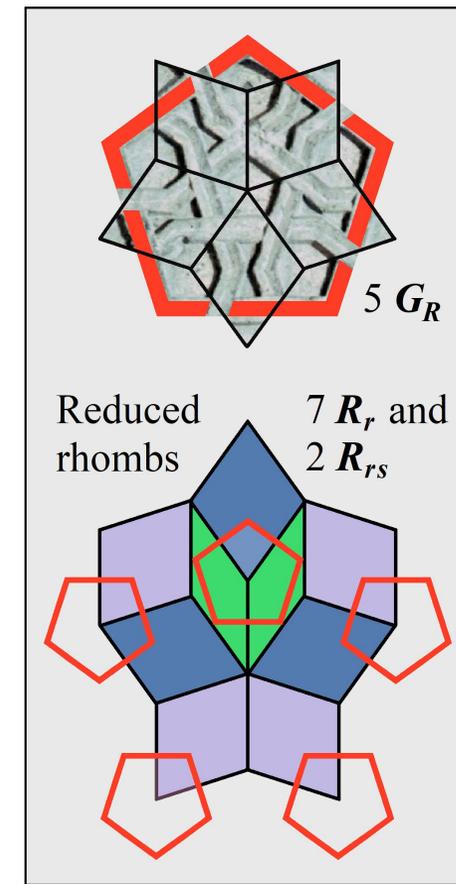
Figure 4(b)

## Quasiperiodic Girih pattern



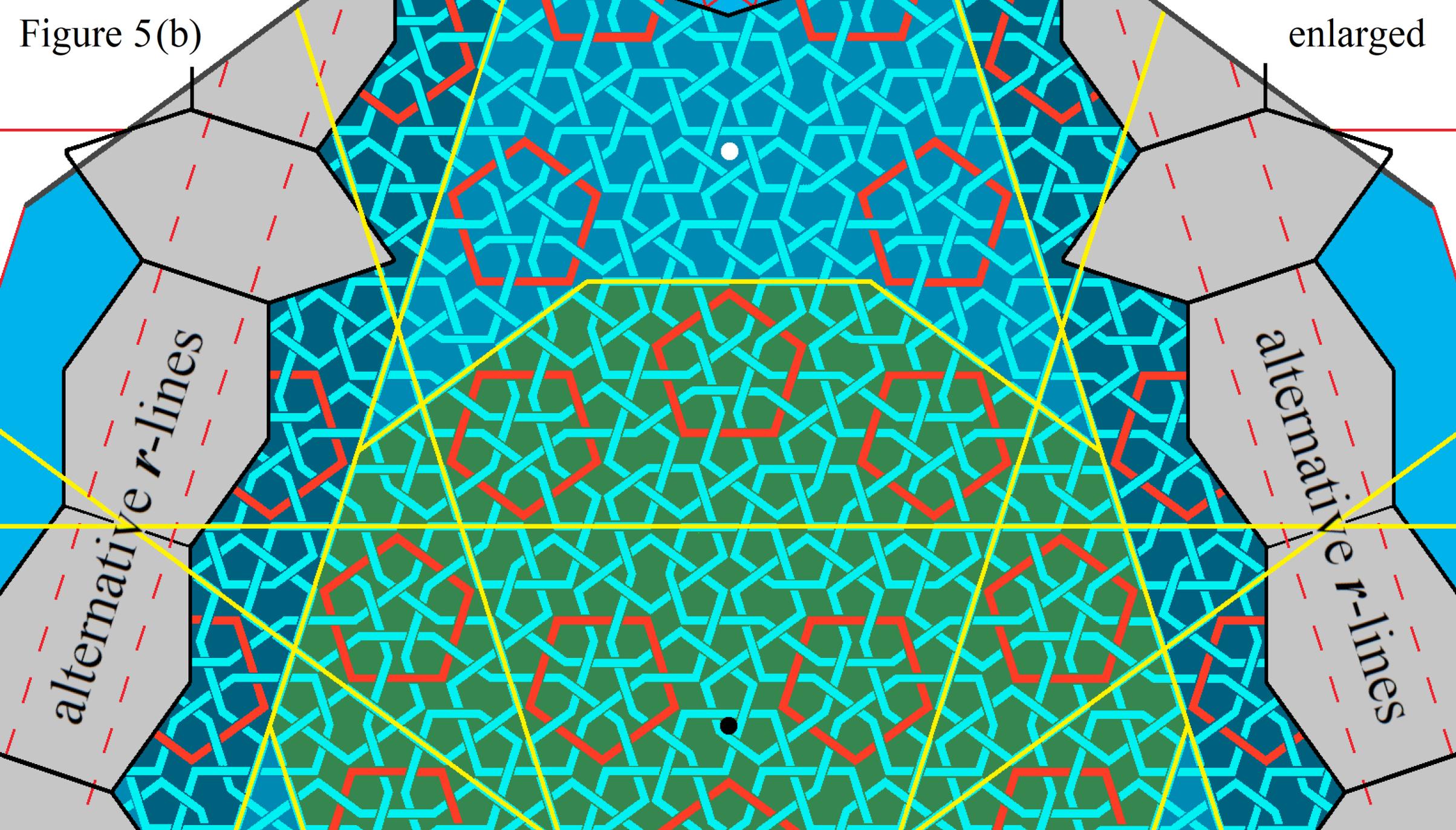
(c)

## Girih pentagons



(d)





$Q$  with specified lower flip type

Three specified flips & three Girih knot types

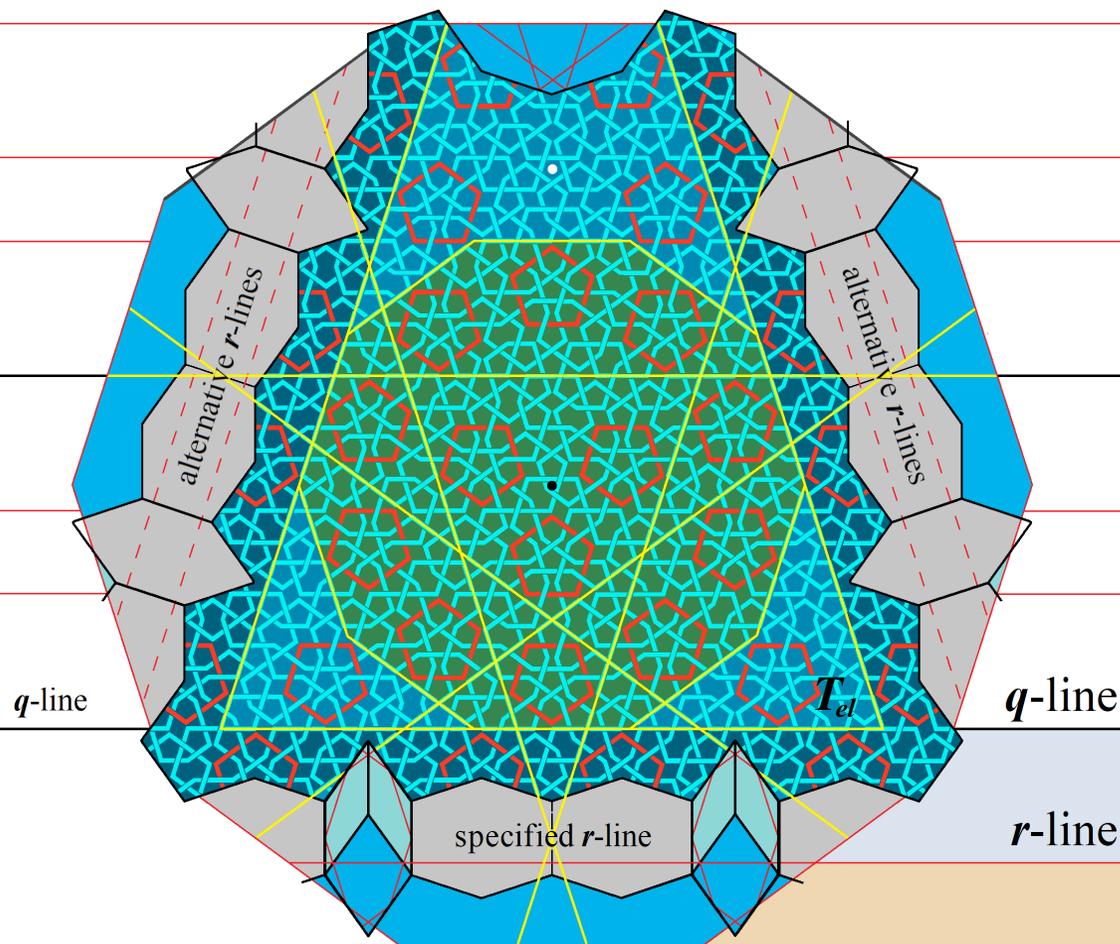
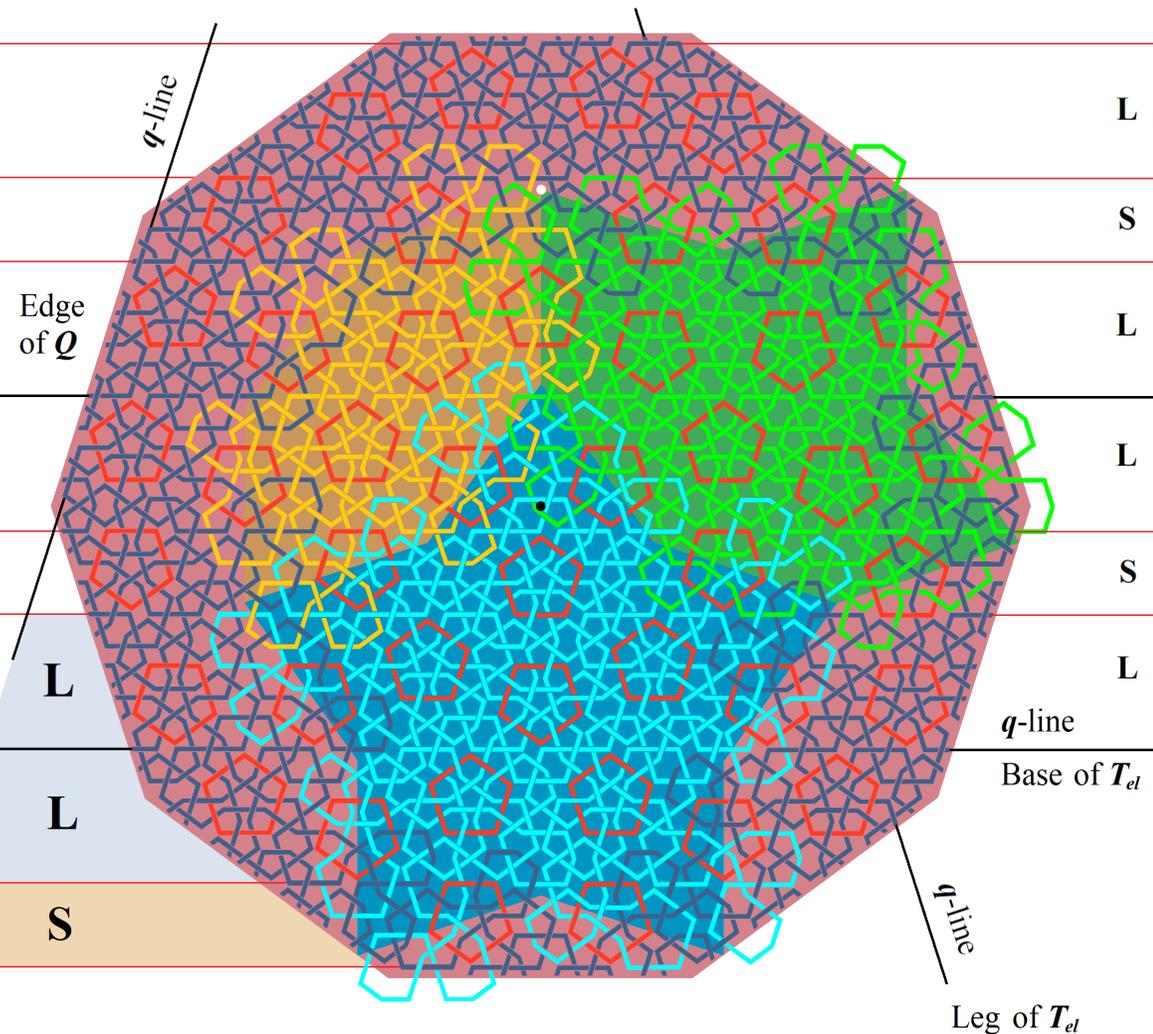
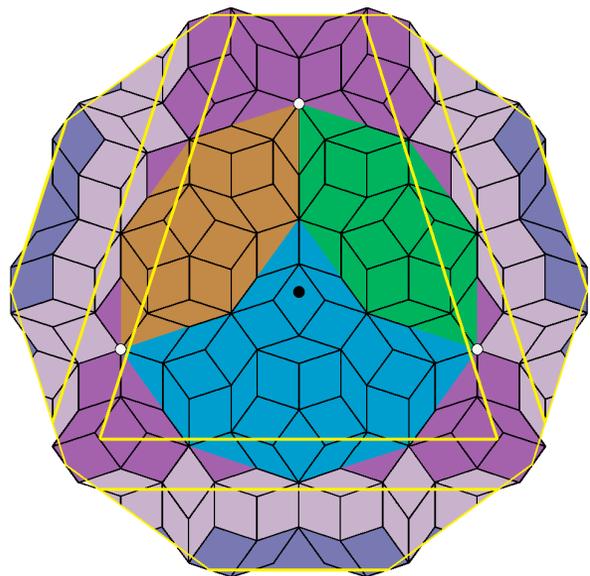


Figure 5 (b\*)

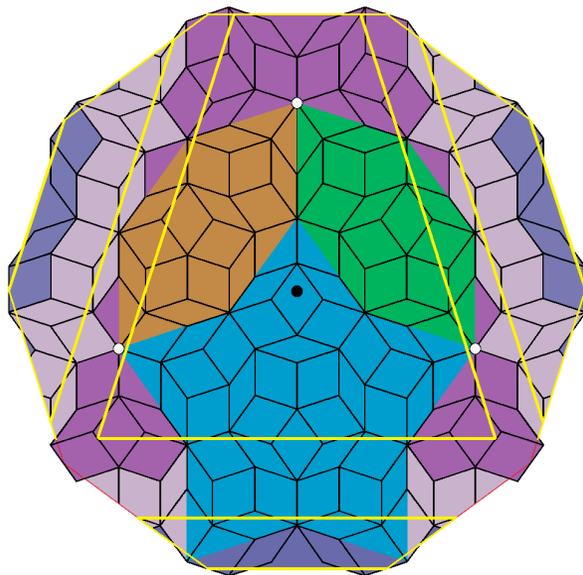


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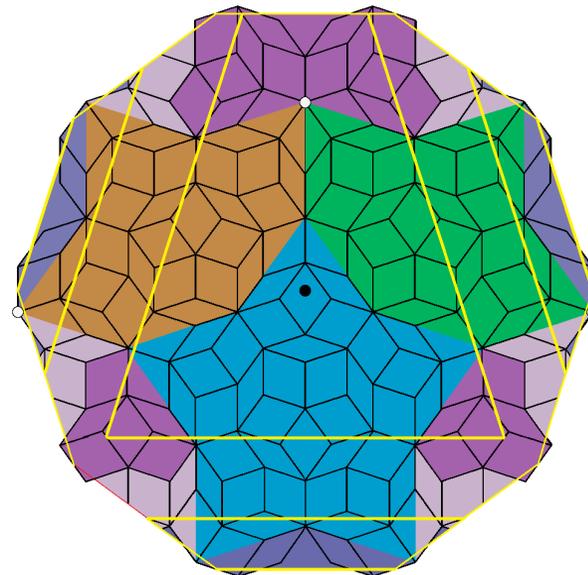
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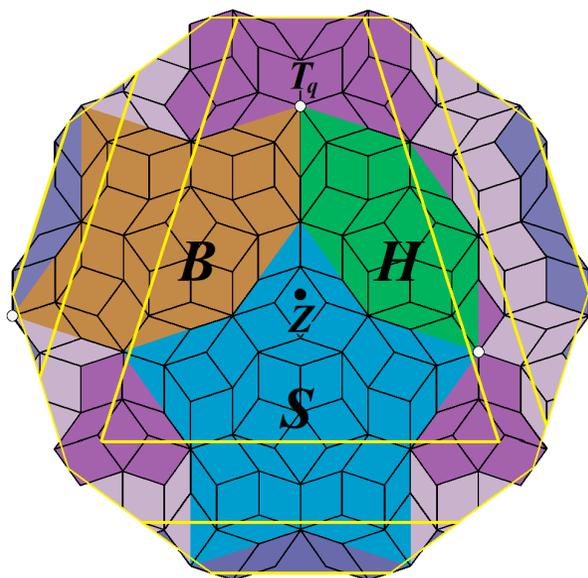
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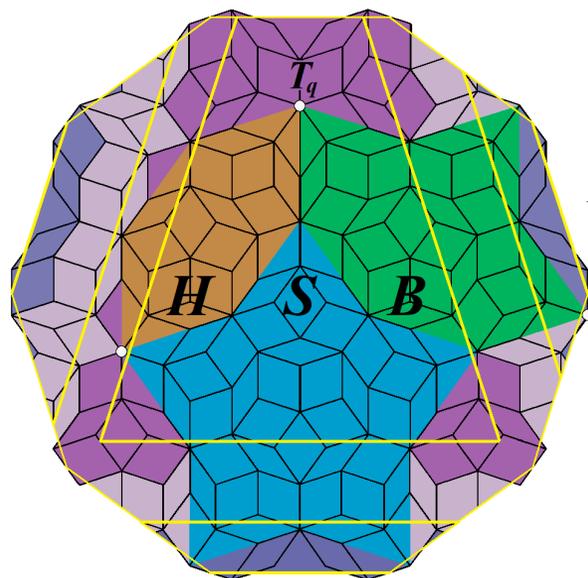
*B-S-B*



*B-S-H*



*H-S-B*



The five status types of the quasi-cell  $Q$

Figure 5(d)

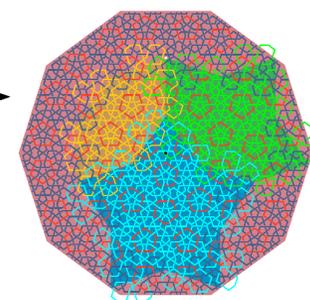


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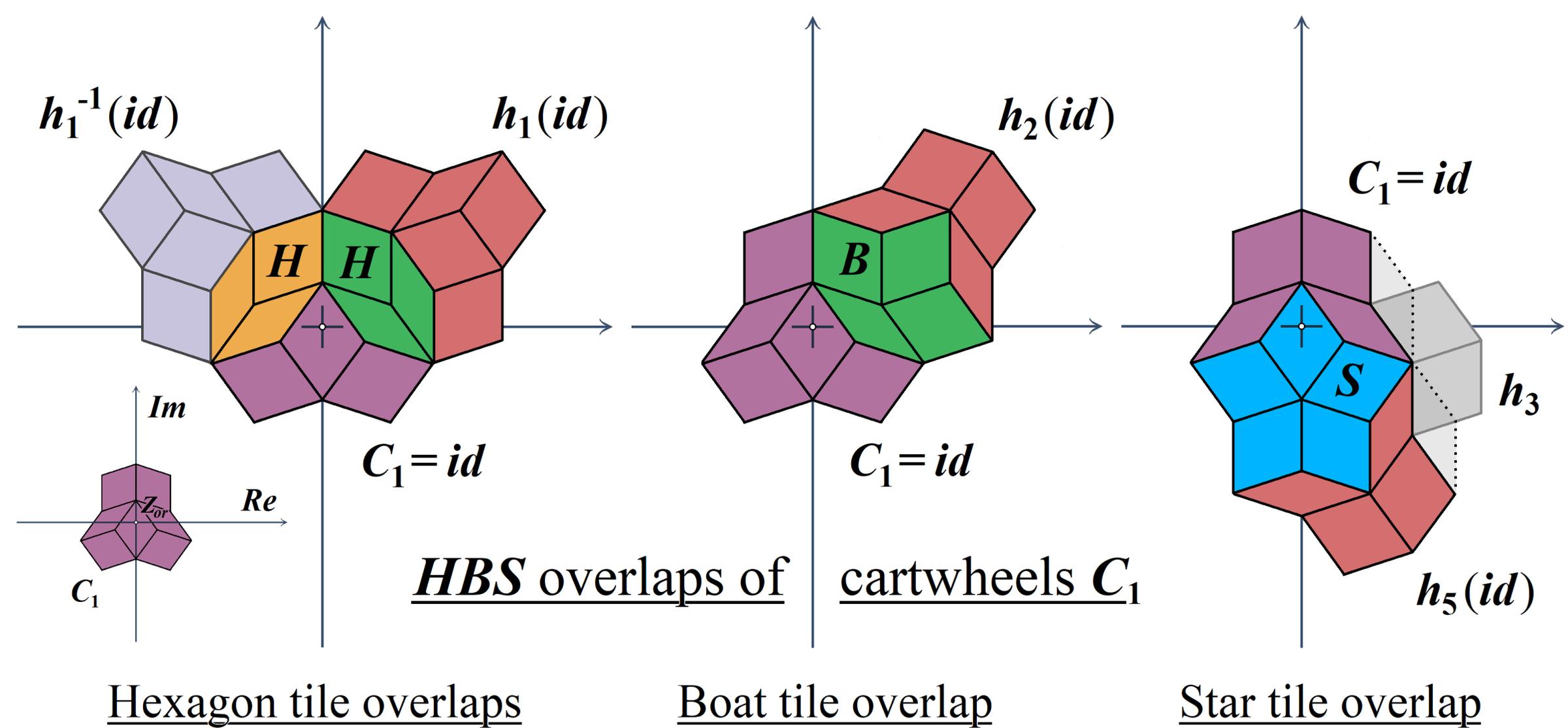


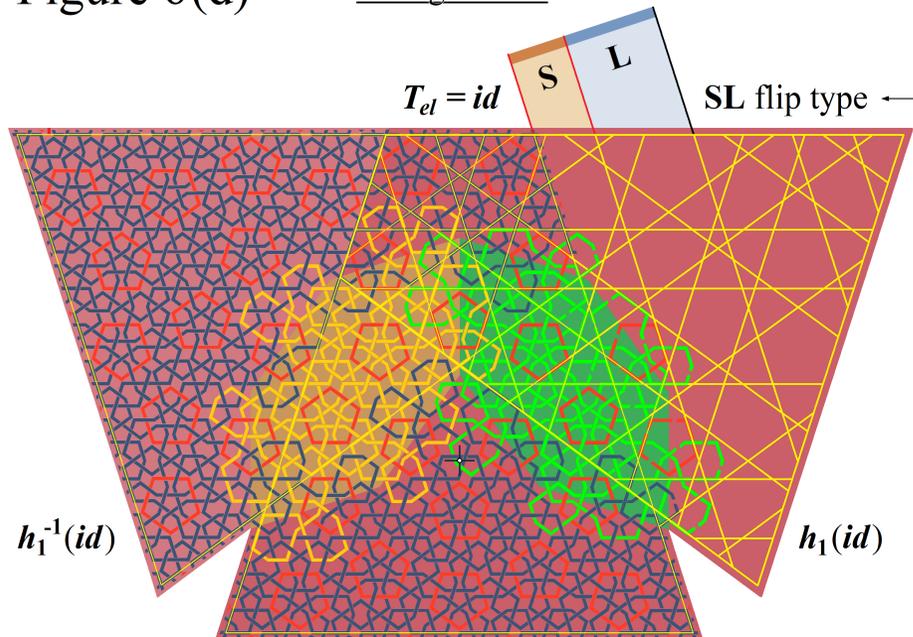
Figure 6(a)

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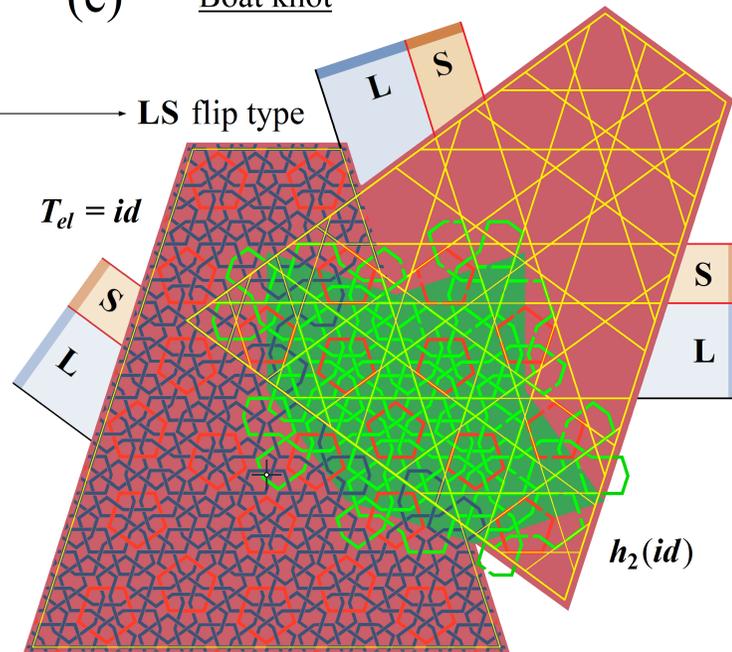
(c)

Figure 6(d)

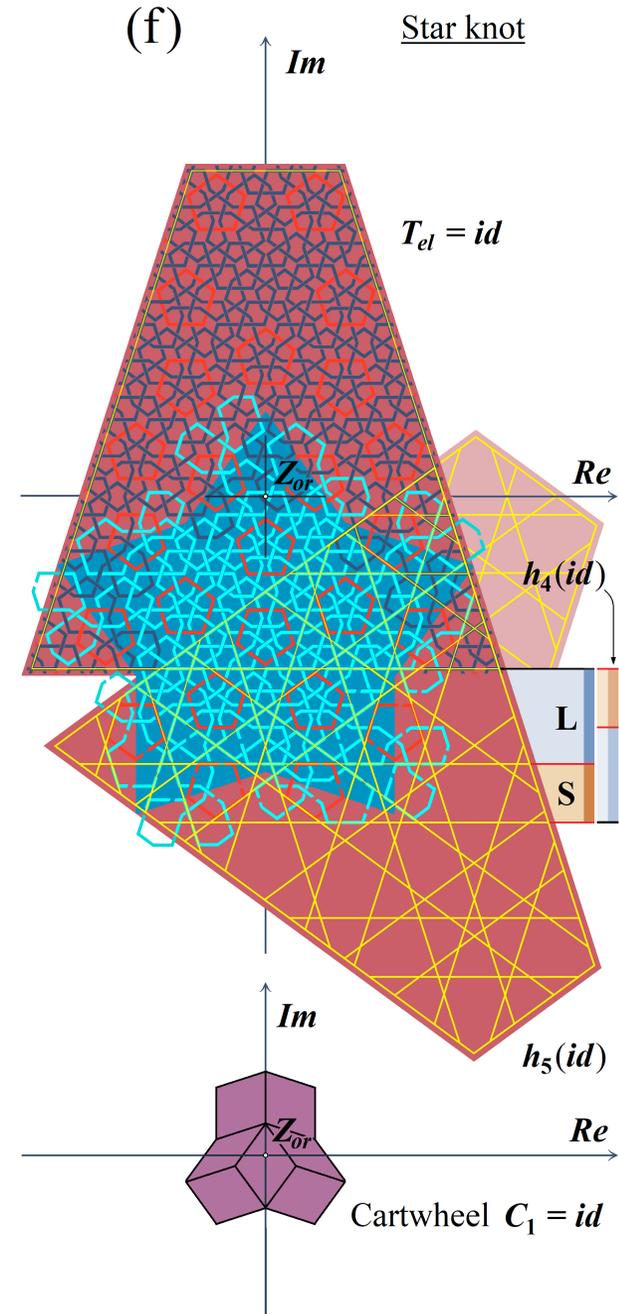
Hexagon knot



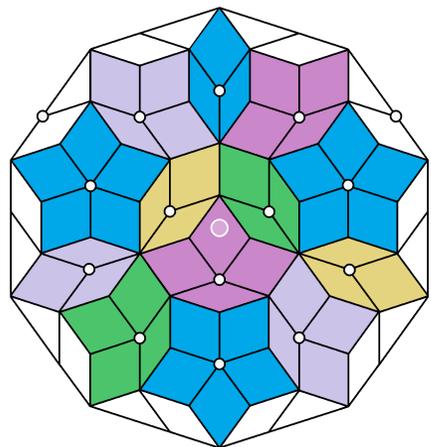
(e) Boat knot



(f) Star knot

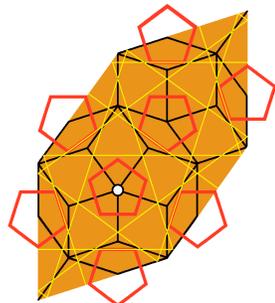


(g) HBS tiles in cartwheel order

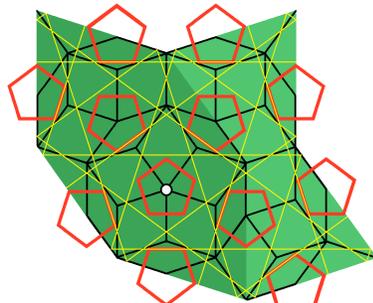


(h) HBS tiles with  $R_r$  rhombus structure, red Girih pentagons and subgrid

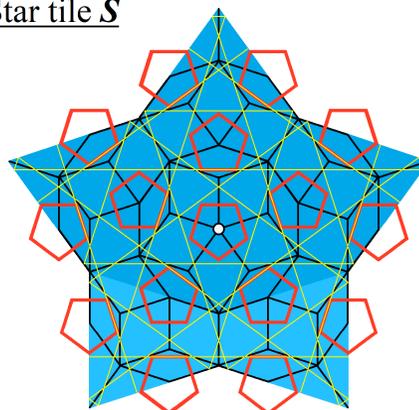
Hexagon tile  $H$



Boat tile  $B$



Star tile  $S$

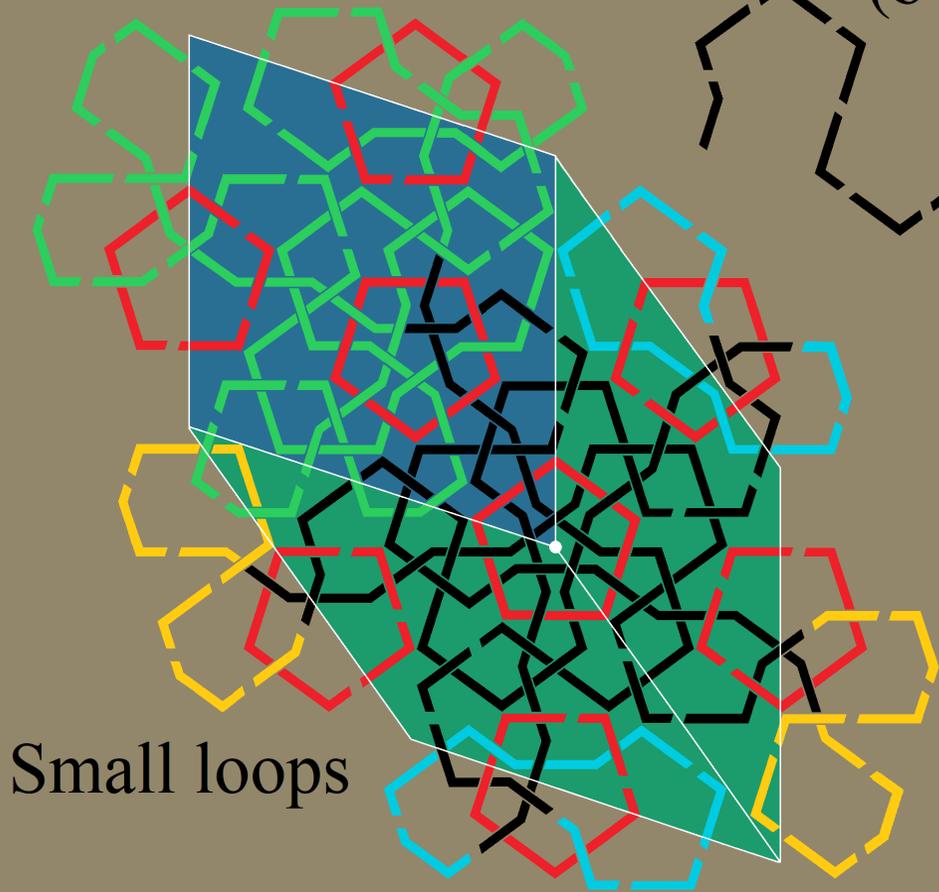


Knot components

Meander

( $b^*$ )

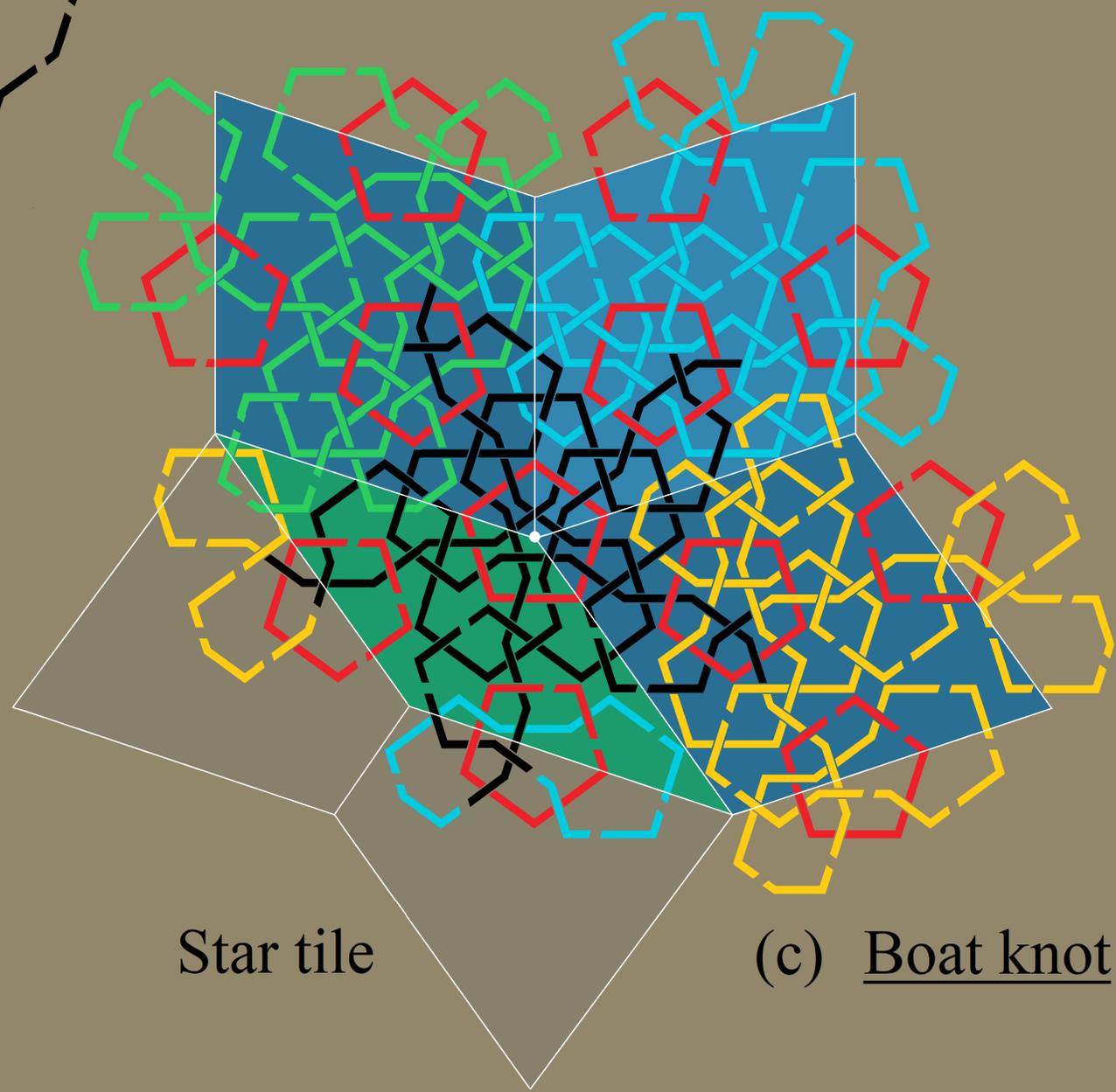
Large loop



Small loops

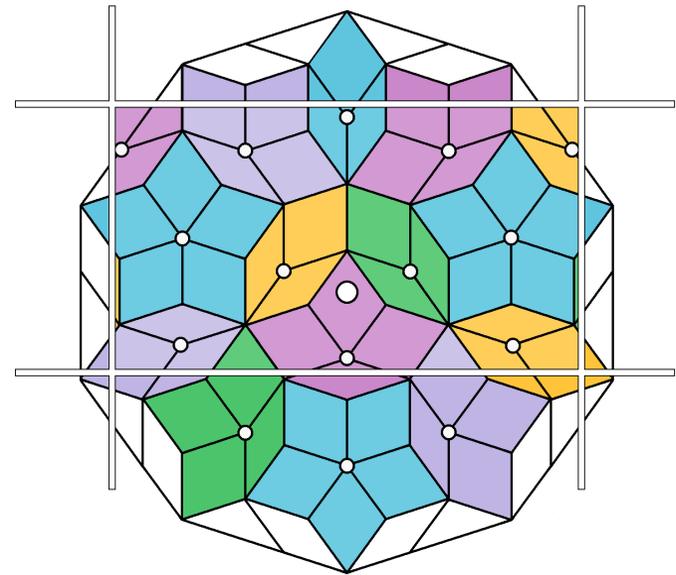
Figure 7(a)

Hexagon knot



Star tile

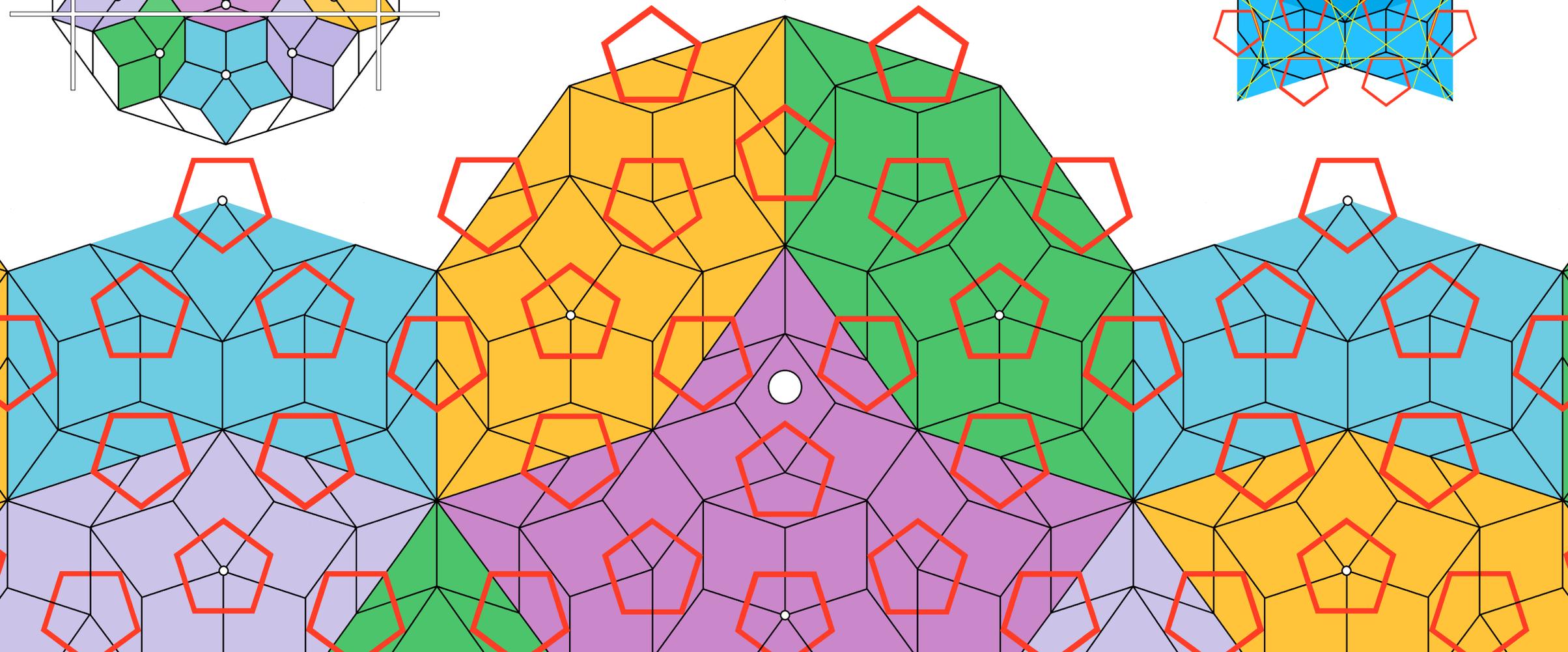
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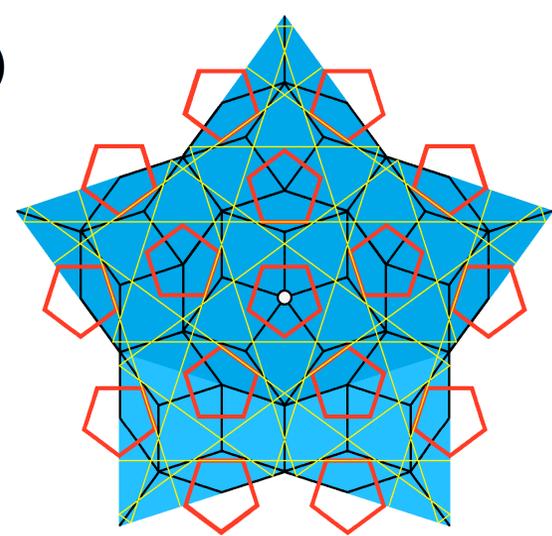
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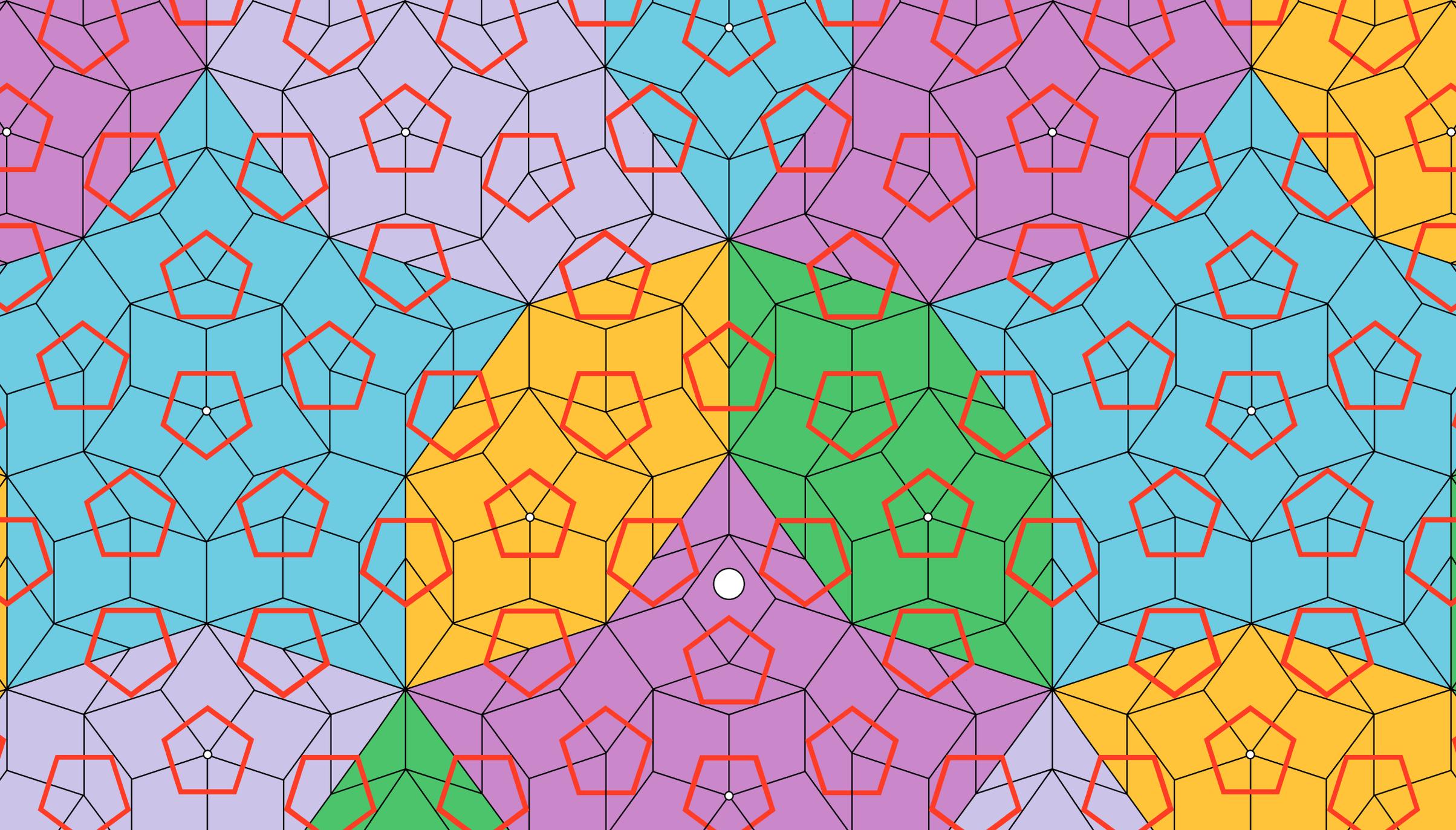
Figure 6

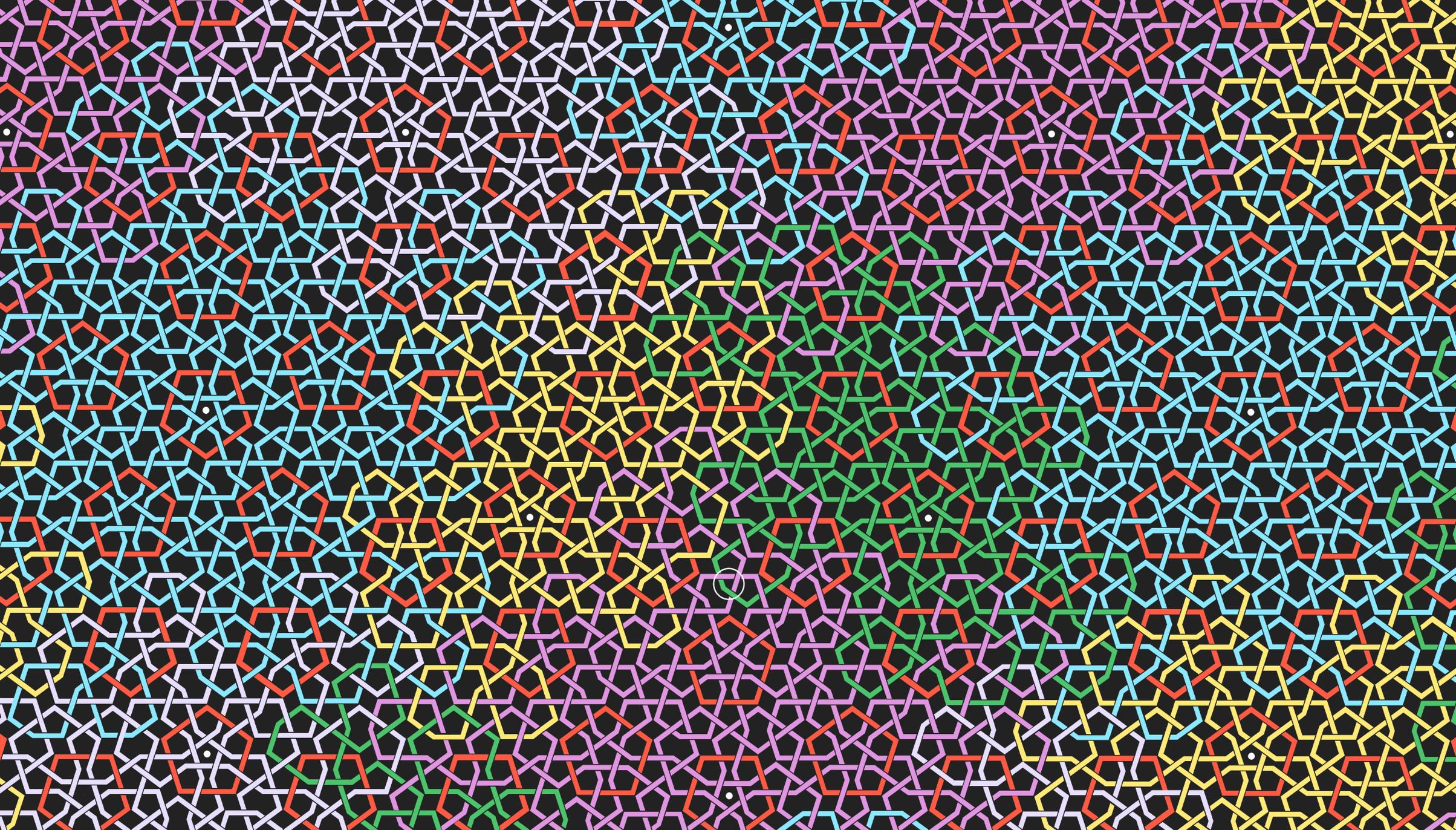
(g)  
enlarged



(h)

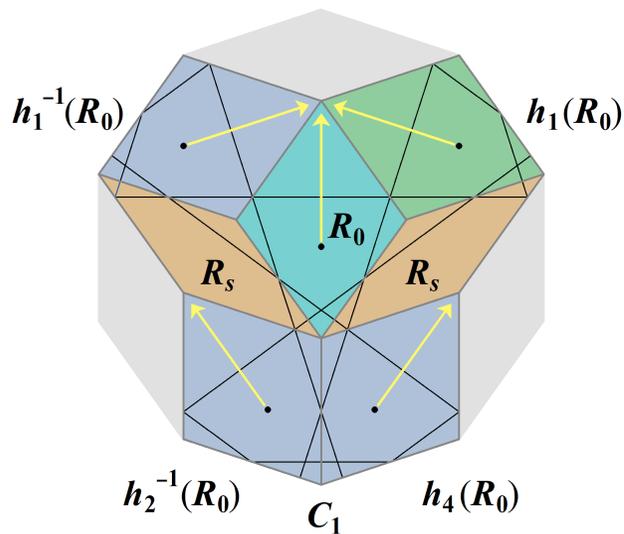






# Admissible and forbidden transformations controlled by the quasiperiodic succession algorithm

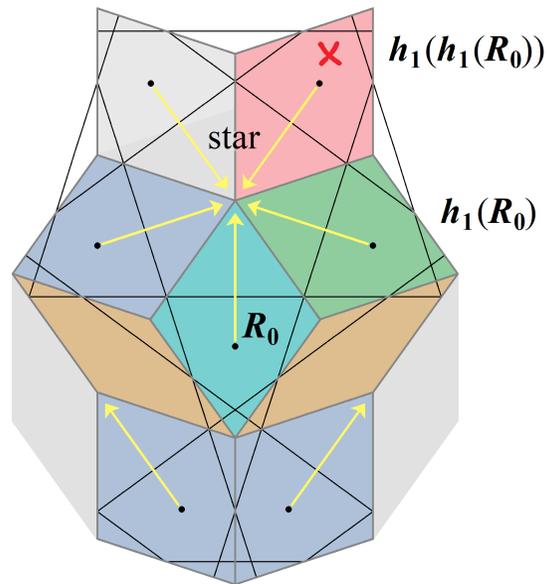
Each rhombus tiling which is generated by the succession algorithm consists on cartwheels nested inside each other with a start rhombus  $R_0$  in the center of  $C_1$ .



Fulfillment of:  
 Matching rules: ✓  
 Succession rule: ✓

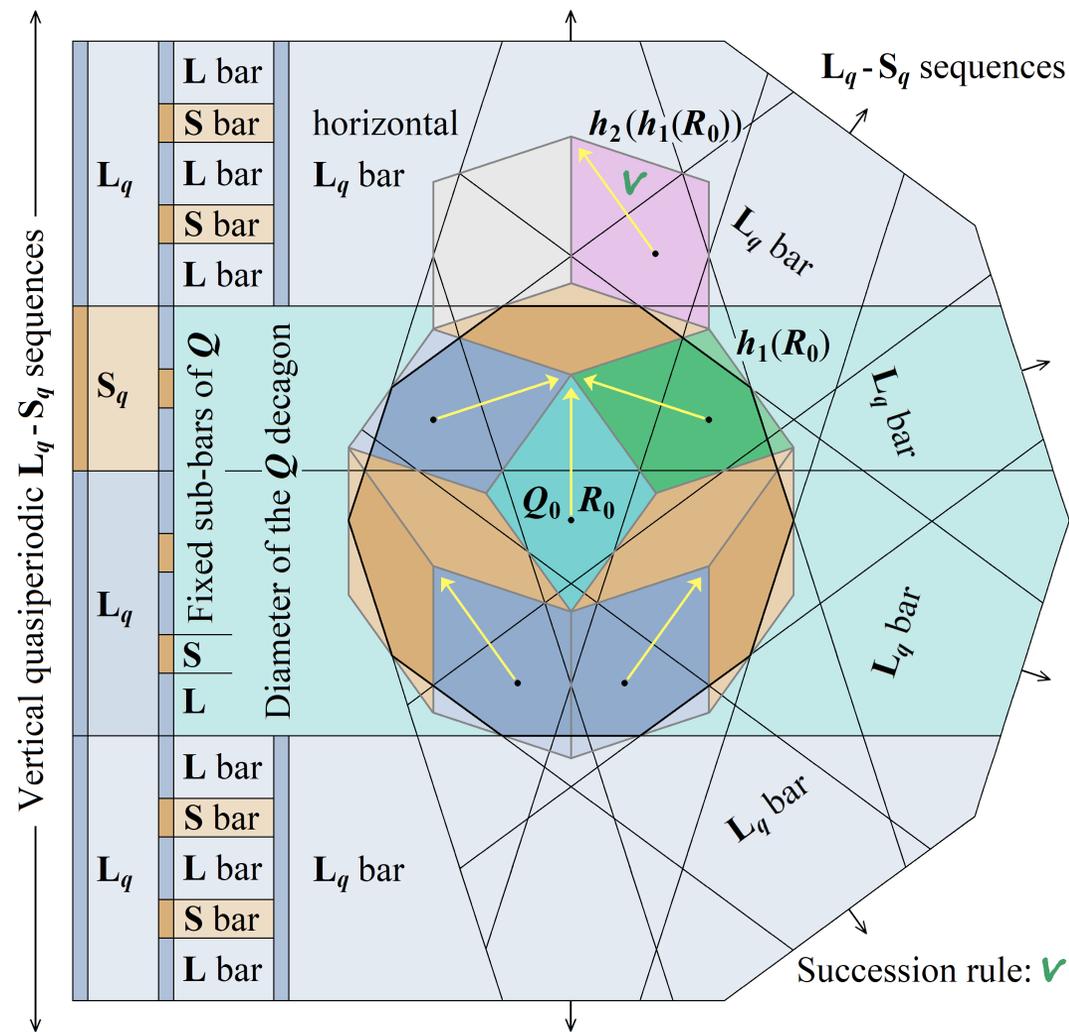
Figure A(a)

Therefore  $R_0$  cannot belong to a rhombus star as shown below.



Fulfillment of:  
 Matching rules: ✓  
 Succession rule: ✗

(b)



(c)

# Scale value correlation of overlapping quasi-cells $Q$ shown by the transformation $h_1(Q)$

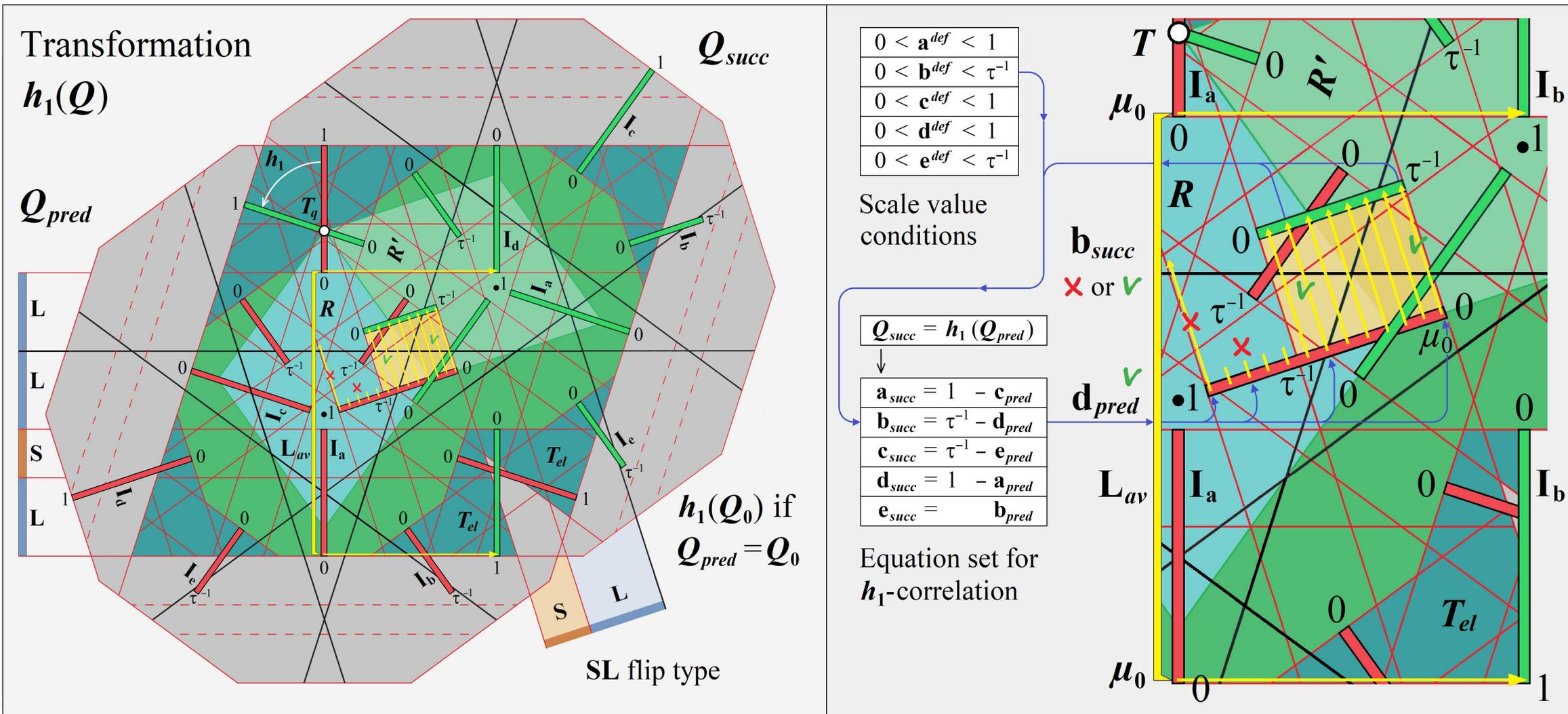


Figure B(a)

(b)