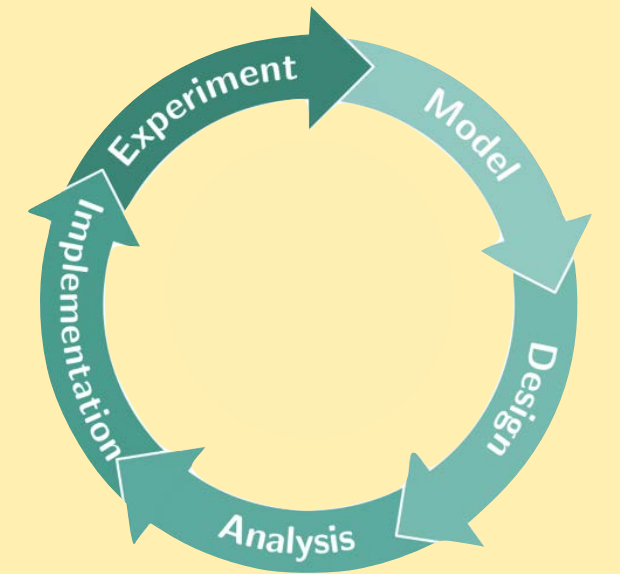


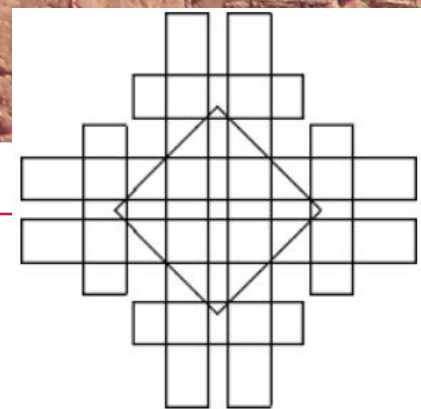
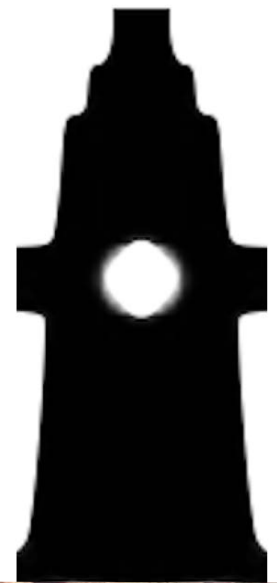
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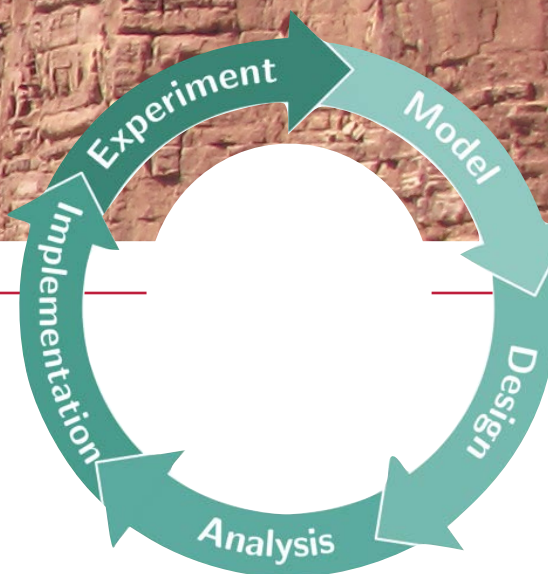
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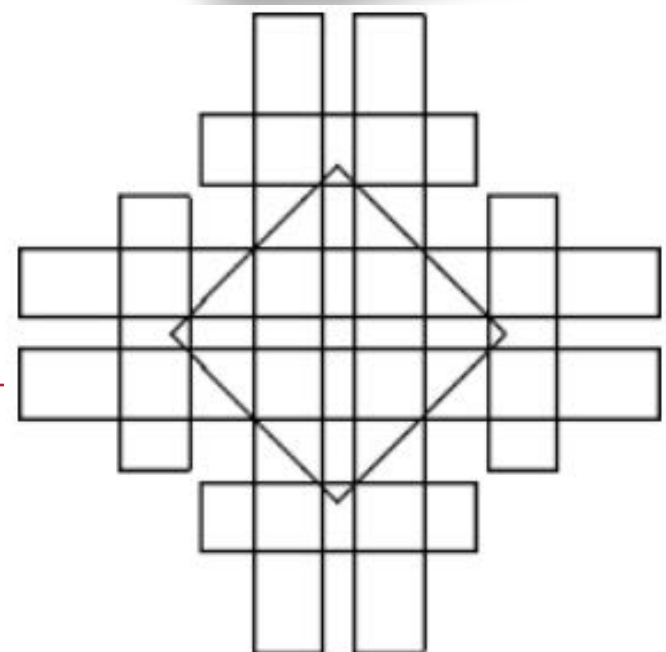
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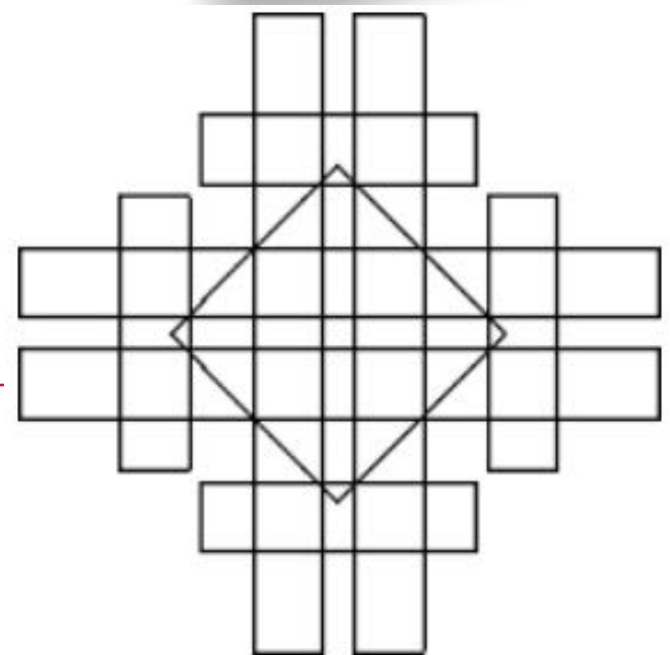
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In the midst of its success, however, the field is standing at a crossroads. There are two options: CG can use its successes as justification for keeping the pursuit of theoretical investigations as the centerpiece of its agenda. Or it can move towards building an effective pipeline with geometric computing. In the first case, CG might simply fall out of the economic loop altogether: it might even shrink to the status of a recreational activity. In the second case, CG might grow to become as indispensable to geometric computing as, say, civil engineering is to bridge-building. The choice is for the CG community to make.

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# The Applied Track at SoCG: 1997-2001

1997, 13th SoCG  
C. Hoffman (Applied Track chair)  
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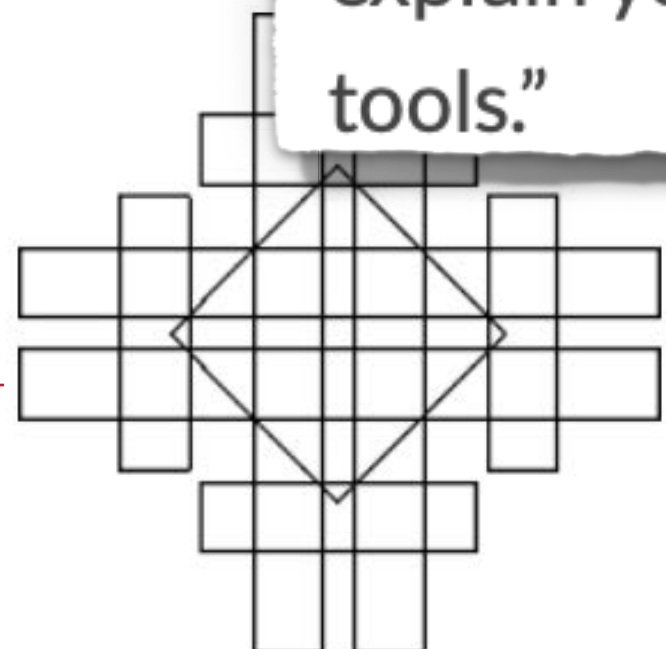
## “Applied” Papers at SoCG

### Ernie's 3D Pancakes

Let  $\Sigma$  be a combinatorial surface with  $n$  vertices, genus  $g$ , and  $b$  boundaries. Amen.

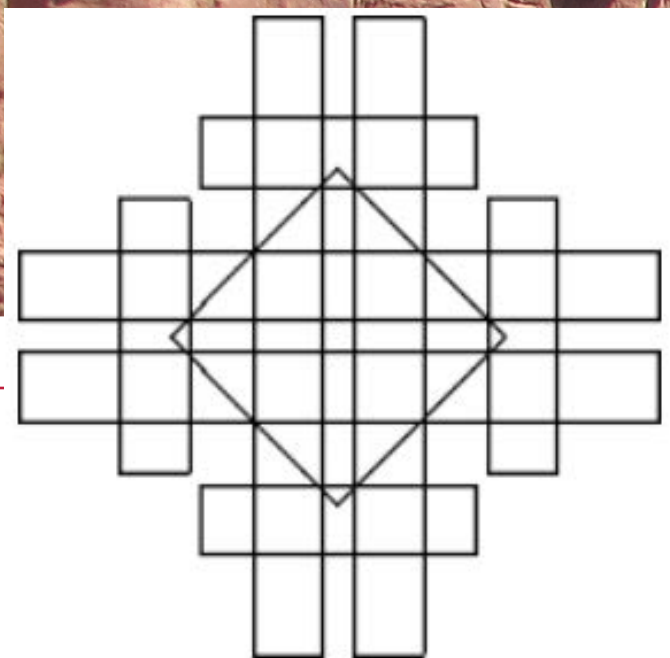
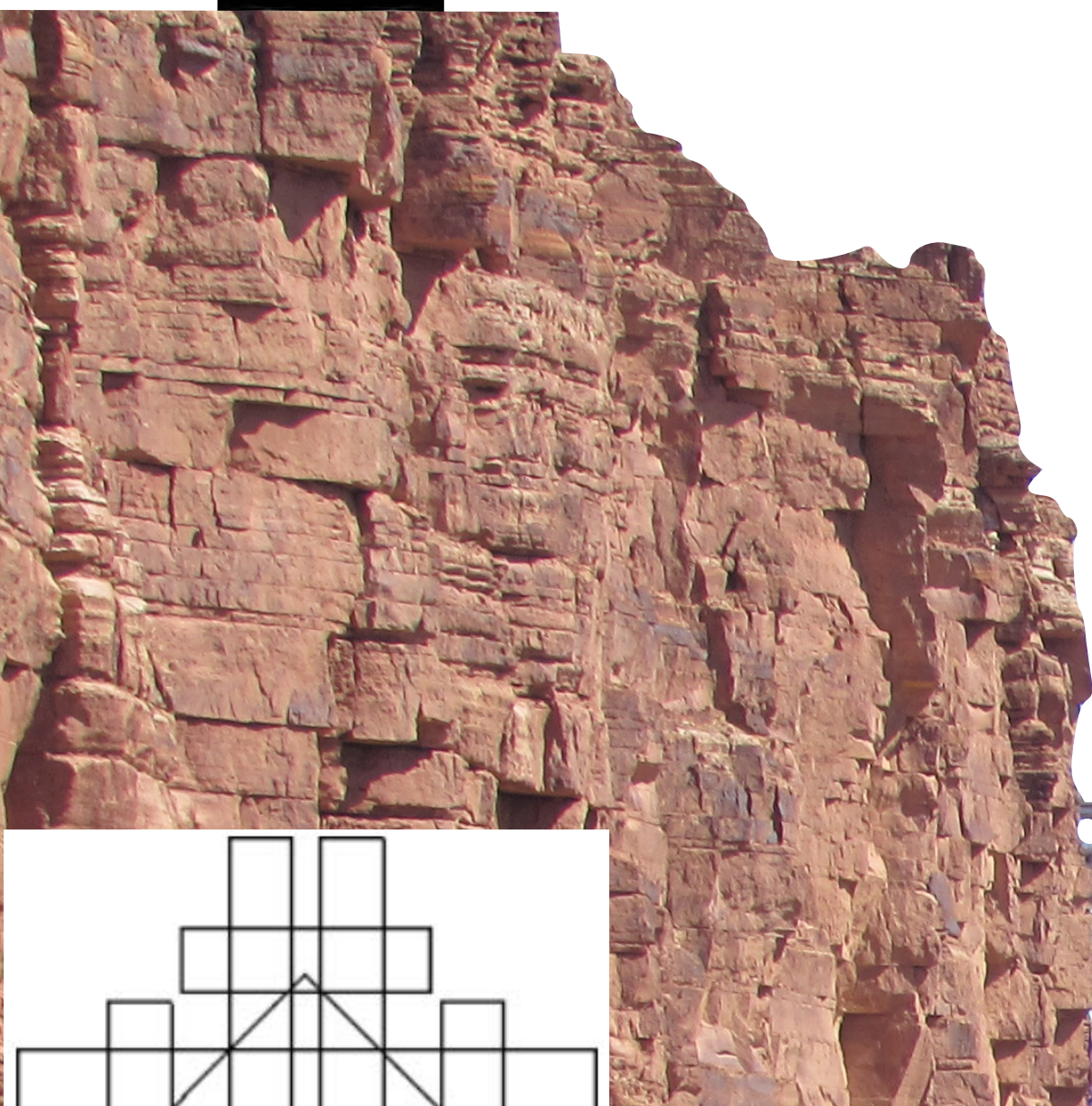
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But over the long haul, the applied track at SoCG has been a train wreck. Some of this failure stems from our community's ~~intellectual snobbery~~ unmitigated gall. The applied track was *really* introduced to bring potential customers of computational geometry to SoCG to see that, really, we're useful, honest. “You've been doing it all wrong,” we said. “Just explain your little geometric problem to us experts; we'll be able to solve it in no time, because we (unlike you) have the *right* tools.”



# Theory and Practice

## Theory



## Practice



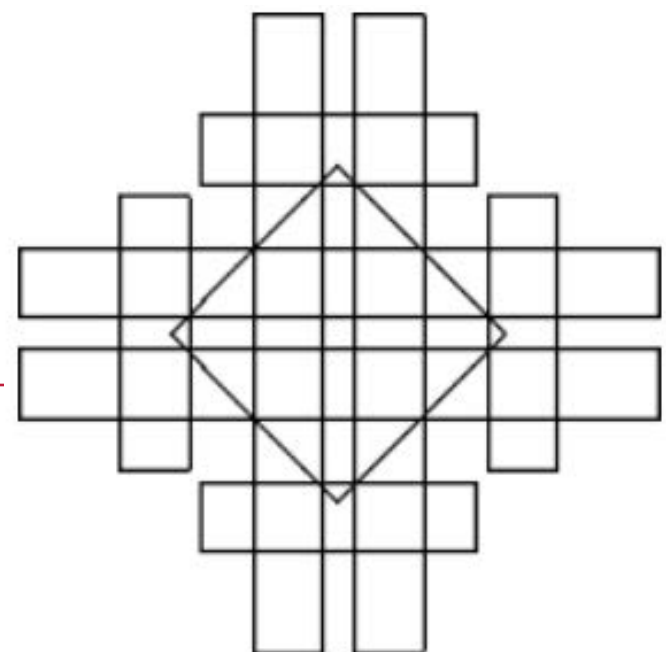
# Updates!

Bernard Chazelle <chazelle@cs.princeton.edu>  
Aw: SoCG and applications

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I strongly encourage you to do a new version of what I (and dozens of my friends) did 30 years ago. It's badly needed.

Being more open to applications is imperative. But there's also a thematic issue: SoCG features dozens and dozens of related problems, small islands in the ocean, all them kind of interesting in their own right. But what it's lacking

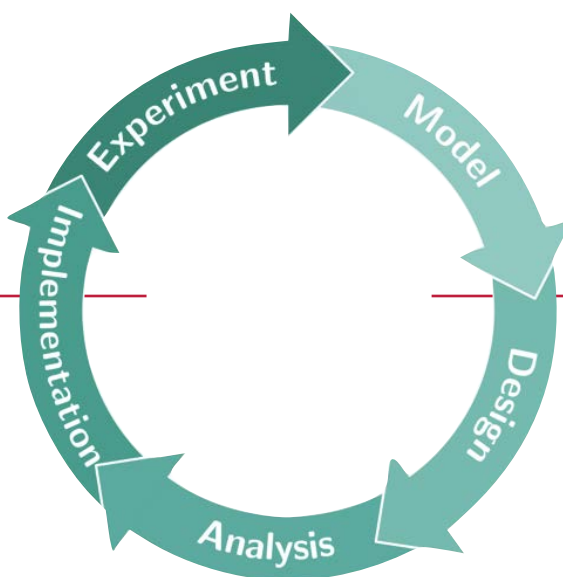
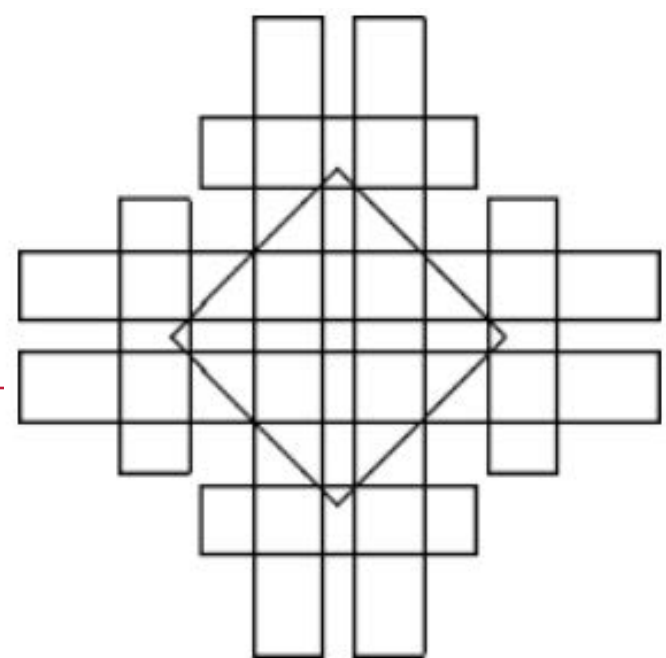


# Options

**1. Do nothing**

**2. Theoretical approach:** Develop a perfect solution

**3. Pragmatic approach:** Give it a try, evaluate, refine



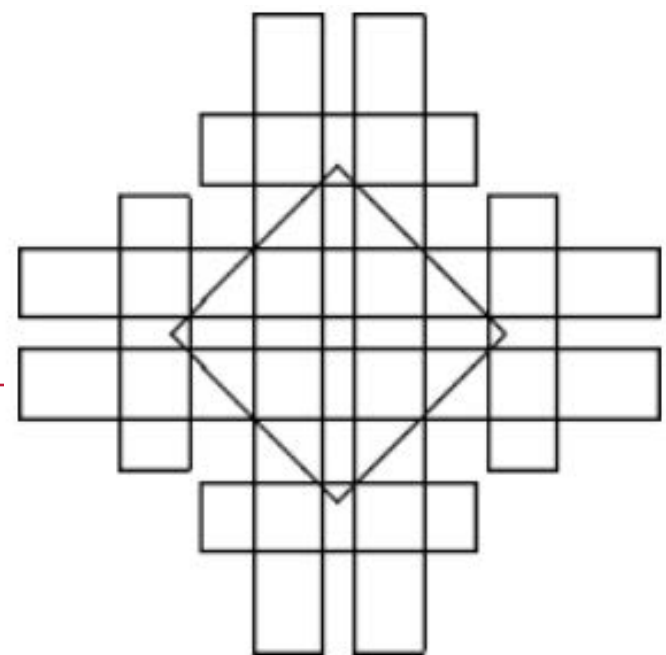


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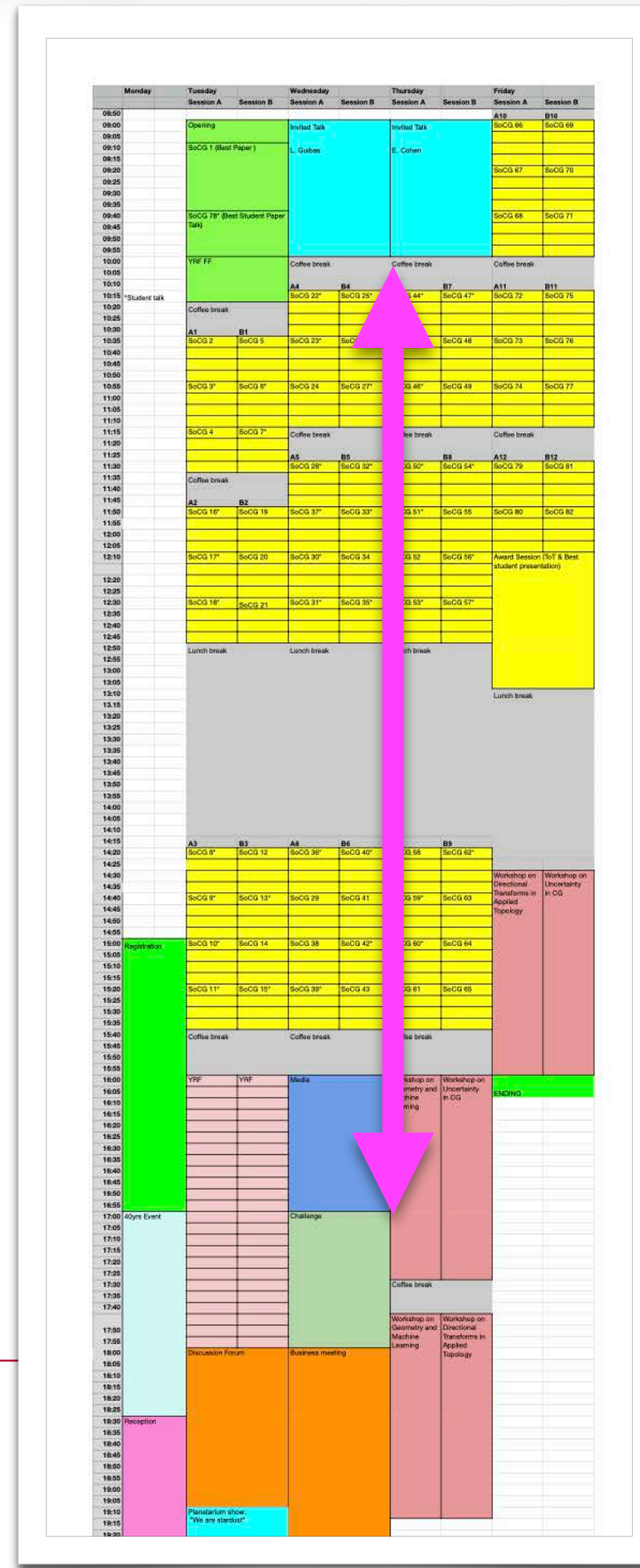
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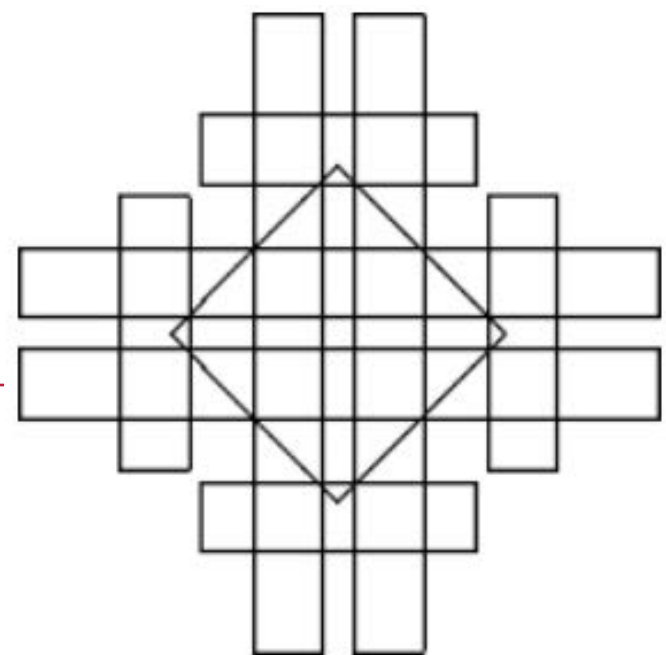
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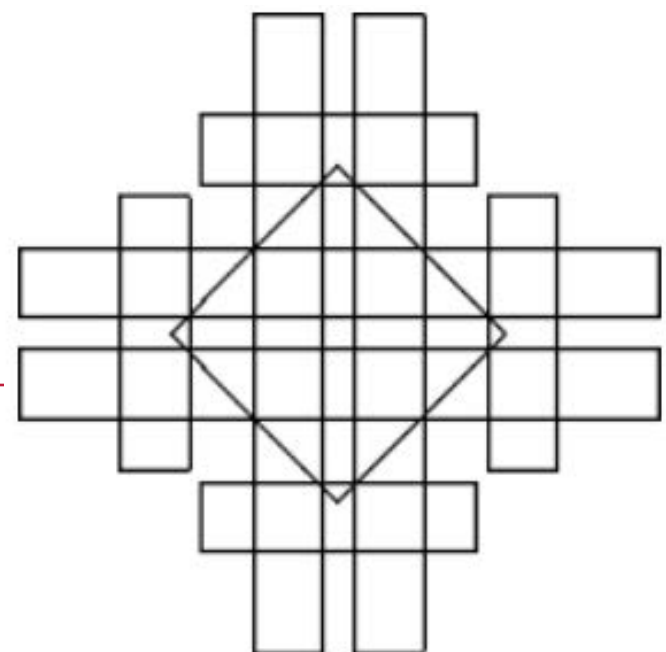


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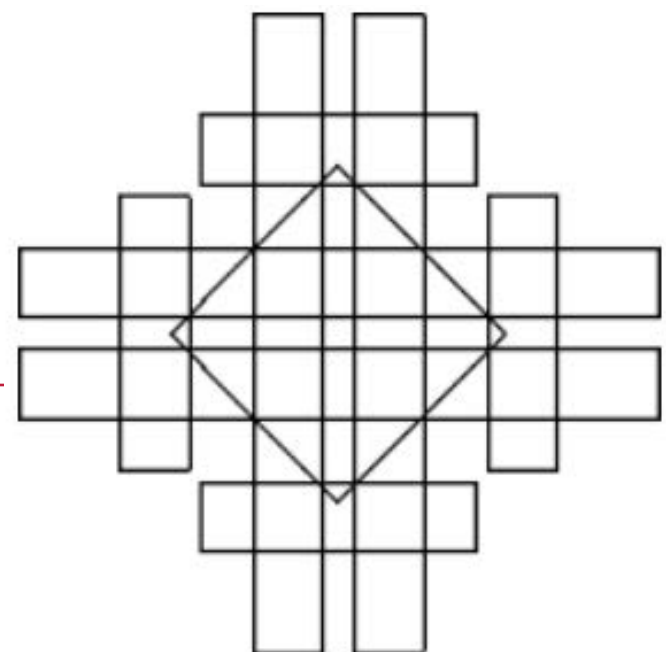
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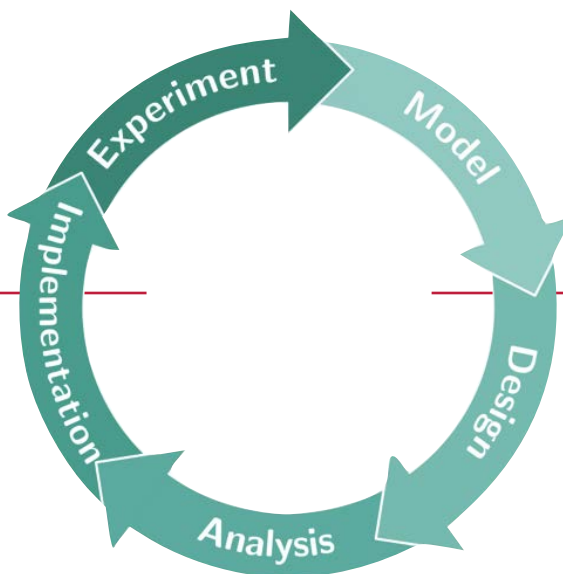
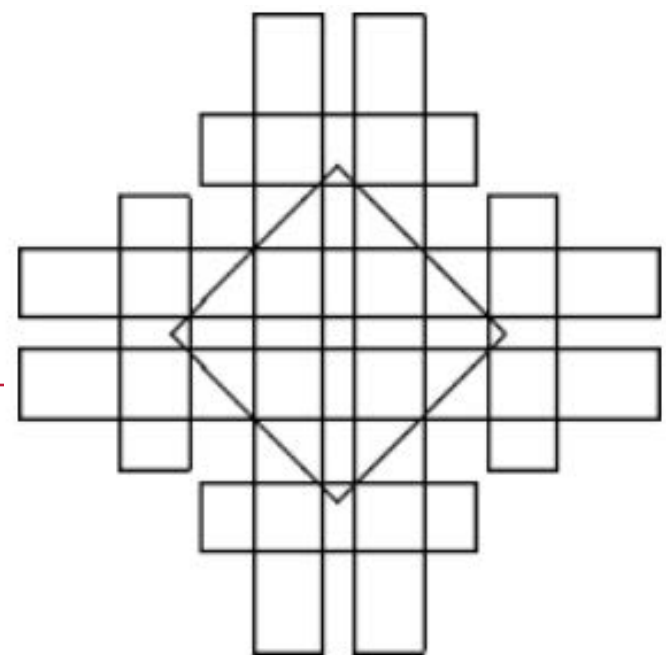
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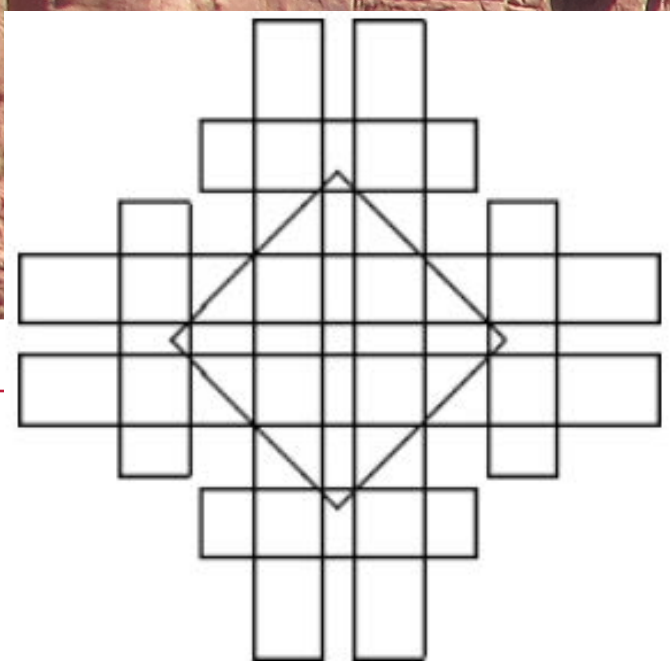
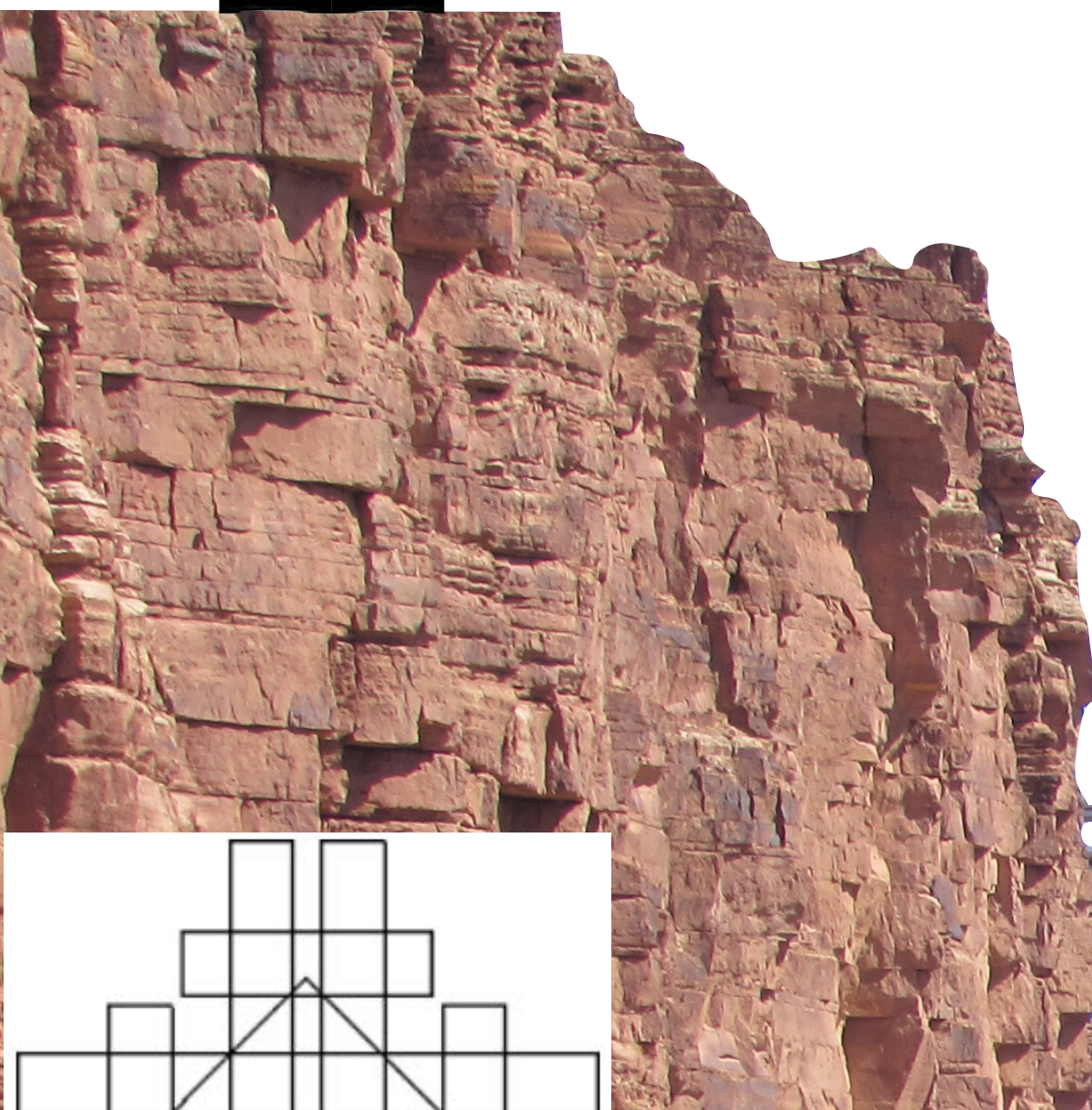
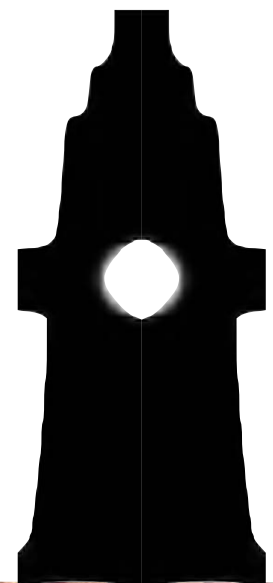
# Proposal

- 1. Discuss:** Now!
- 2. Task Force:** Vote at BM, let new SC appoint TF
- 3. Elaborate:** Continue discussion, work out details
- 4. Vote:** Electronically, some time soon
- 5. Try out:** When?
- 6. Improve:** Try, evaluate, refine



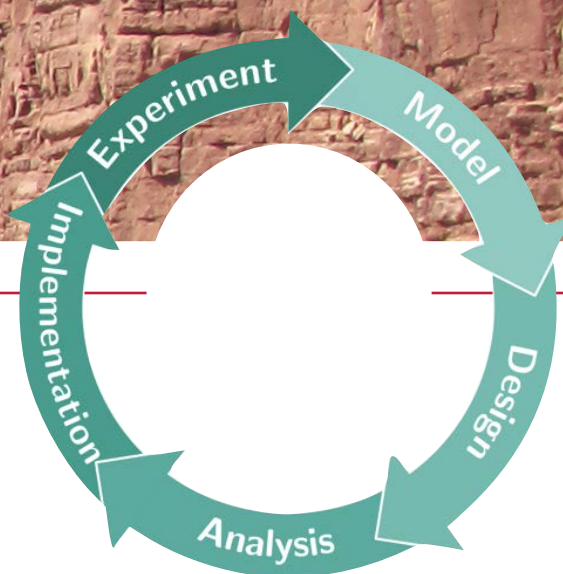
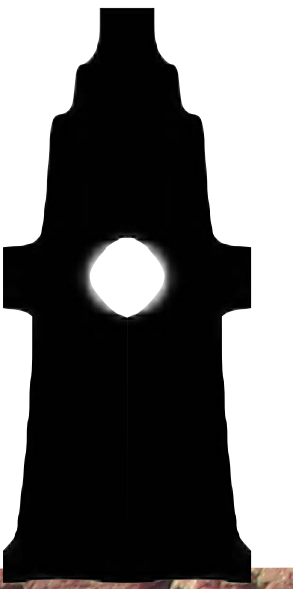
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