

- surface is a continuous two-dimensional object (with measurable area, not volume)
- it can be described as a record of a curve moving along another curve (and possibly continuously transforming) in the space
- parametric equations of a surface:
 - $x=x(u,v)$
 - $y=y(u,v)$
 - $z=z(u,v)$
 - or shortened as $B(t)=(x(u,v),y(u,v),z(u,v))$,
 - where $u,v \in (-\infty, \infty)$ are parameters
- Usually a surface is limited by parameters
 - $u \in \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ and $v \in \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$,
 - most often $u,v = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

→ **types of surfaces**

- algebraic – surfaces with known analytic equations
- geometric – surfaces with known geometric definition
- empiric – other surfaces

→ **isocurves of a surface**

- isocurve in u direction is a curve achieved by setting v parameter to a constant number
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→ **trimming of surfaces**

- each surface can be trimmed by a closed curve which is laying in the surface

→ **tangent plane and normal**

- through each point A of a surface there is passing an infinite number of curves → if A is a regular point for all the curves, their tangents are in one plane → this plane is a tangent plane of the surface in point A
- to find out the tangent plane, it is enough to find out tangents of two curves, e.g. isocurves
- a perpendicular line to the tangent plane is a normal

→ **continuity of a surface**

- each curve passing through point A has in this point geometric or parametric continuity of certain degree → the degree of continuity of the surface in this point is the minimum of all this continuities
- to find out the degree it is enough to find out the degree of isocurves

→ **curvature of the surface**

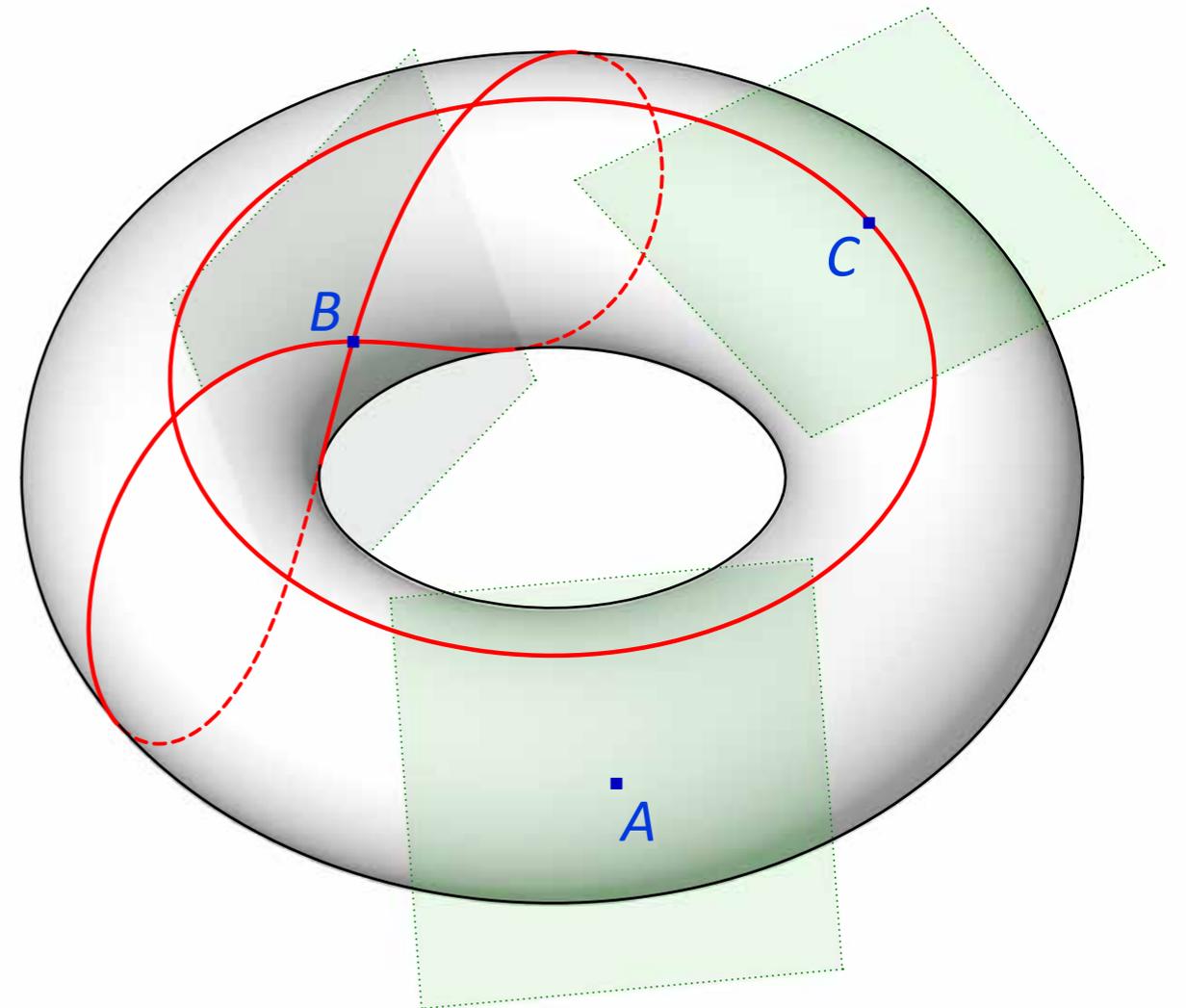
- *normal section* in point A is a curve obtained as an intersection of the surface and a plane containing the normal of the surface
- there is an infinite number of normal sections in point A
- each of these sections has its curvature in point A (called *normal curvature*)

→ for a surface these curvatures are defined:

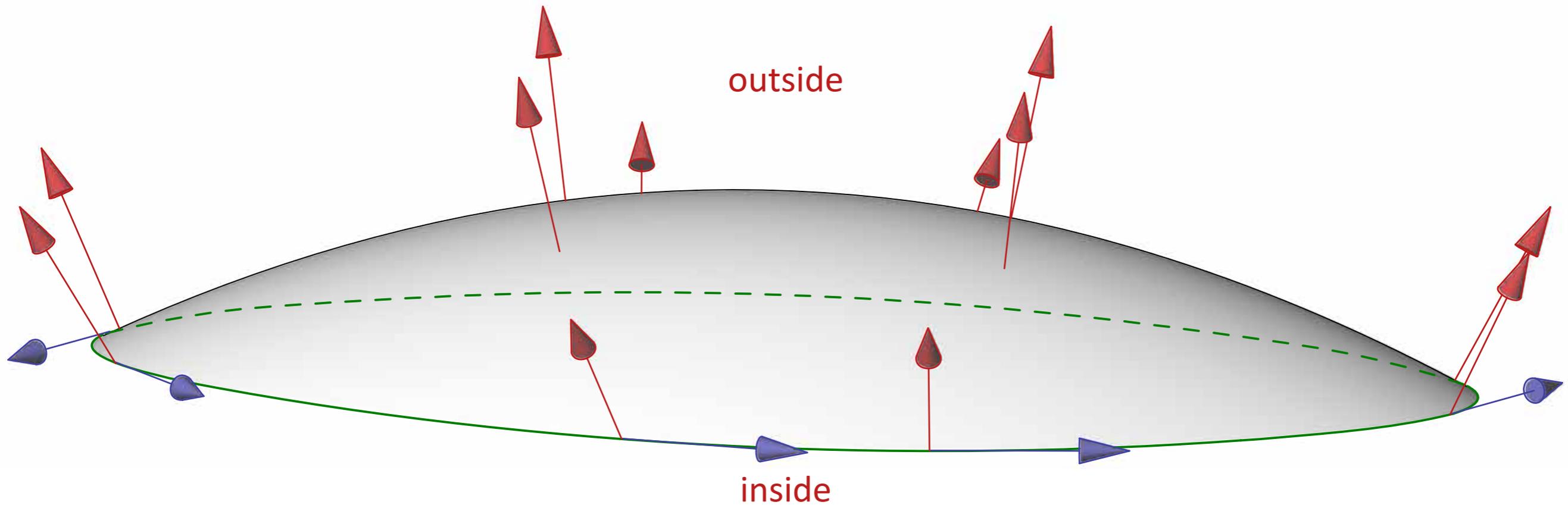
- *main curvatures* k_{\min} and k_{\max} are minimum and maximum normal curvatures; planes of these normal sections are perpendicular
- *mean curvature* $H = \frac{1}{2}(k_{\min} + k_{\max})$ is arithmetic average of main curvatures
- *Gaussian curvature* $K = k_{\min} \cdot k_{\max}$ is a product of main curvatures

→ **types of points on the surface:**

- elliptic point **A** – tangent plane is not intersecting the surface, main curvatures have the same direction ($K > 0$)
- hyperbolic points **B** – tangent plane is intersecting the surface in a curve with double point **B** ($K < 0$).
- parabolic points **C** – tangent plane is intersecting the surface in a curve with regular point in **C**, one of the main curvatures is zero ($K = 0$).
- planar points – tangent plane is touching in surrounding in a plane, both main curvatures are zero ($K = 0$).



→ (similar to curves' singular points there are multiple points, refraction points, conic points etc.)



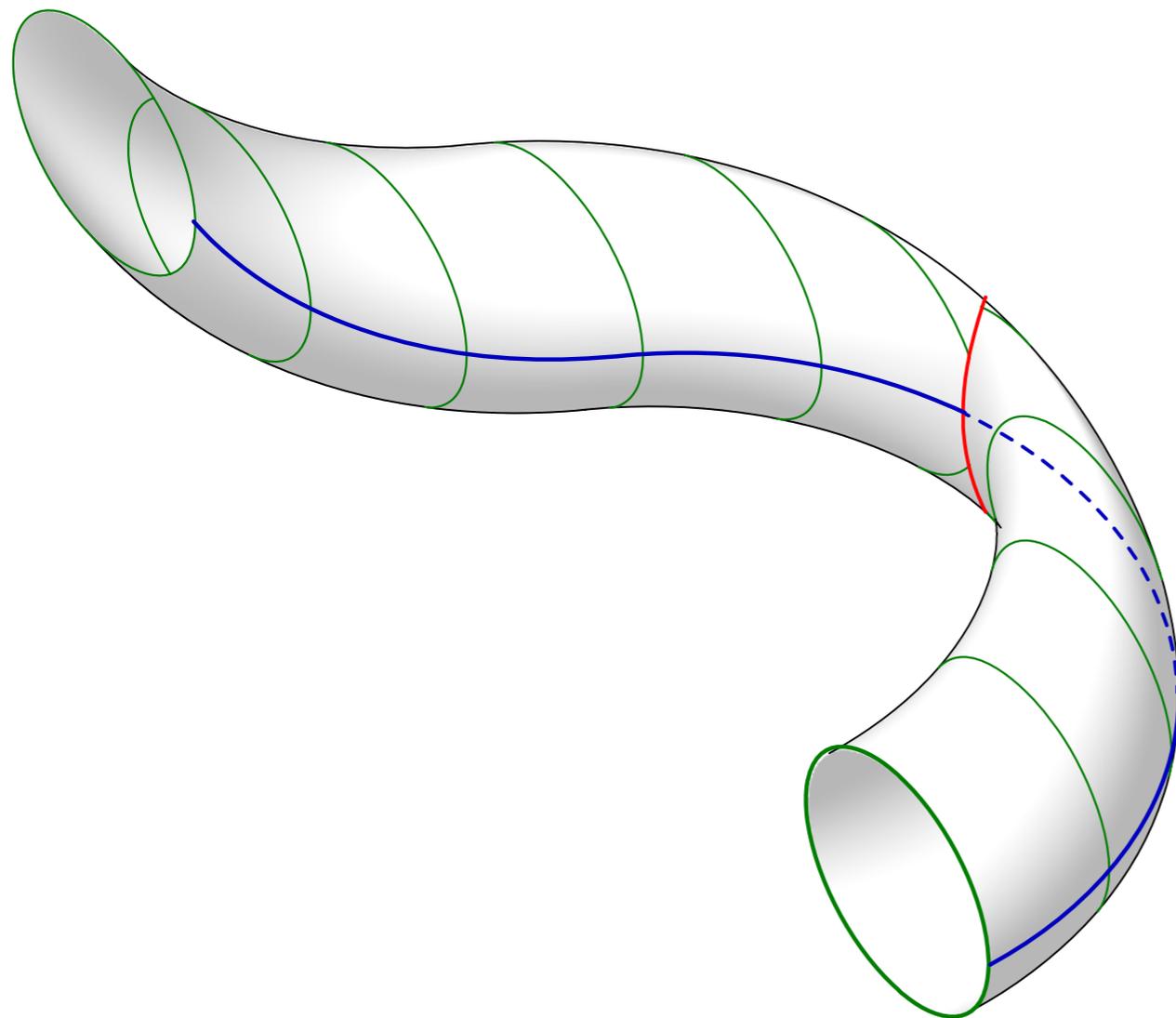
→ orientation of a surface

- convention: if a surface is observed from outside, curve which is a boundary of the surface is oriented counterclockwise
- orientation is important to model solids (to designed outside and inside of the solid) and rendering (in some programs surfaces are rendered only from outside)

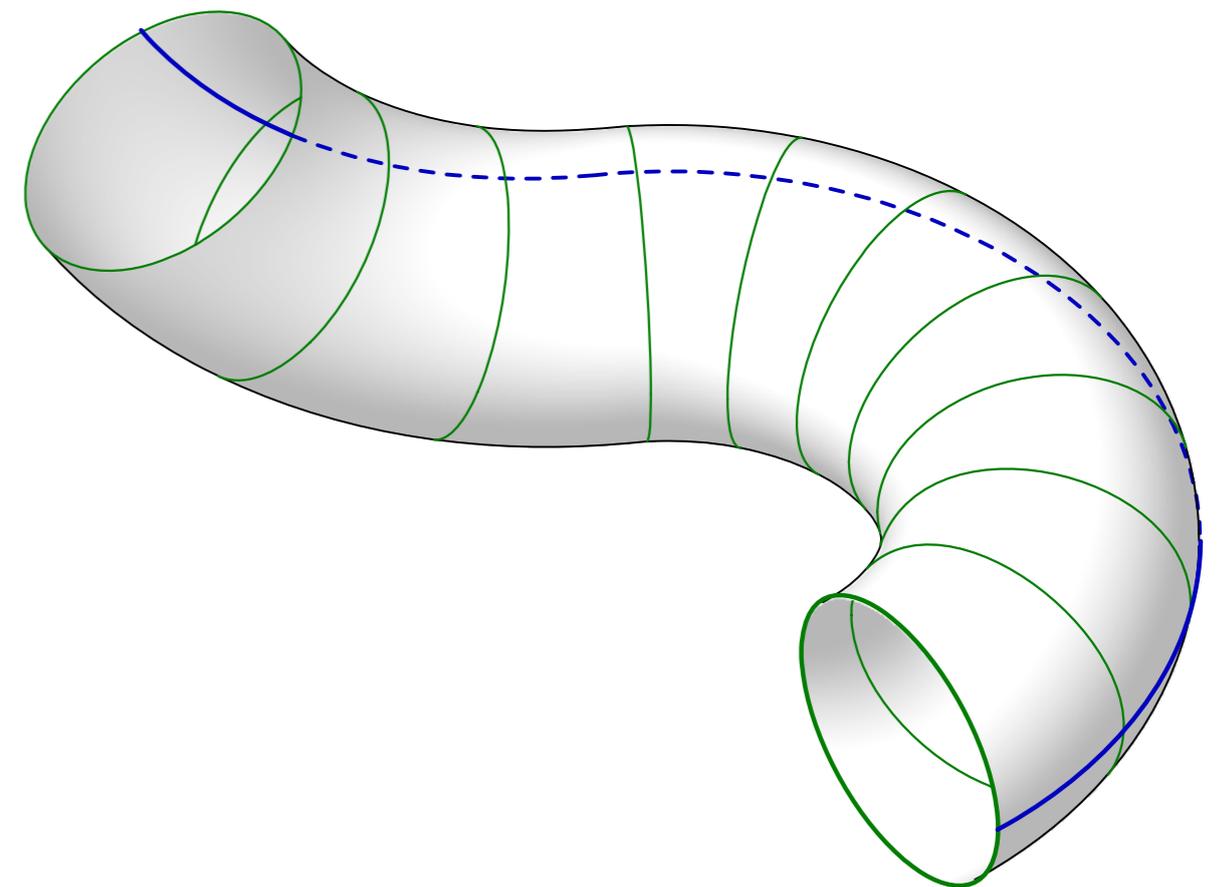
- straight two dimensional object; is given by:
 - three points A , B and C
 - or one point P_0 and two direction vectors \vec{m} and \vec{n}
 - or two intersecting lines
- plane has mean and Gaussian curvatures equal to zero in all its points
- parametric equation of plane:
 - $B(t) = P_0 + \vec{m}u + \vec{n}v$
 - where u and $v \in (-\infty, \infty)$ are parameters
 - P_0 is the point of surface for $u=0$ and $v=0$
 - m and \vec{n} are the direction vectors

- CAD systems represent surfaces in the following ways:
- by its geometric definition (translational, swept, rotational etc.) and its geometric properties → e.g. AutoCAD (since 2007), object *surface*
 - by approximation free form surfaces (NURBS surfaces) → e.g. Rhinoceros, object *surface* and *polysurface*
 - by polygonal mesh representation (most simple, used often as exchange format)

- surface is described as movement of one curve (profile) along another curve(s) (trajectory) with given conditions (parallel movement, rotation etc.); the profile can be continuously transforming



extruded surface



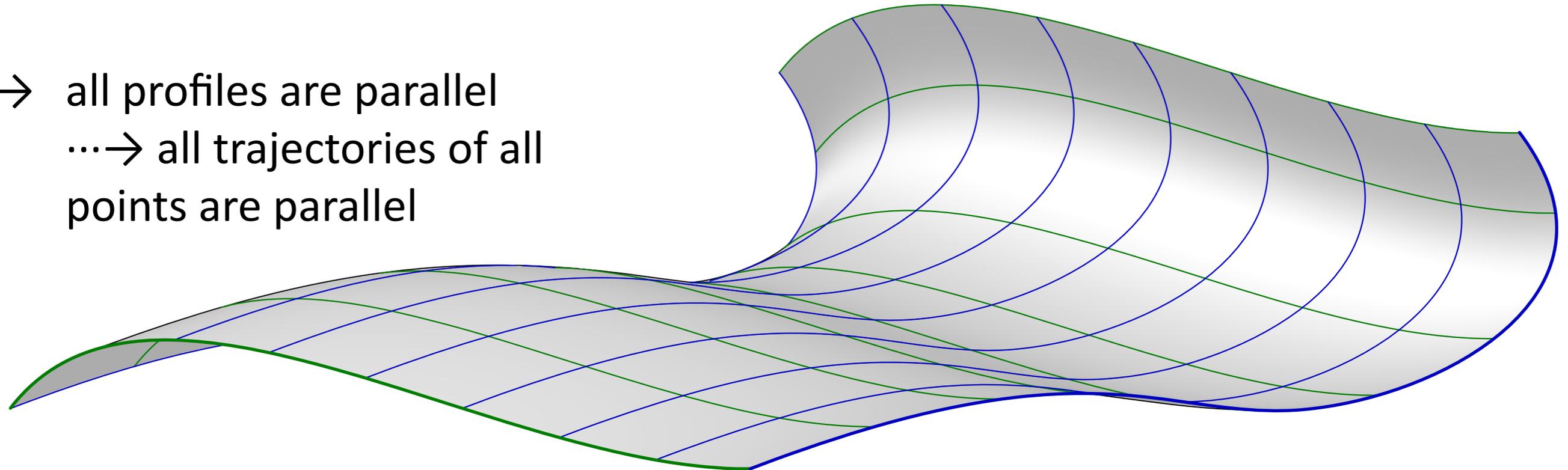
swept surface

← the same profile (green) and trajectory (blue) →

surfaces	movement conditions							special cases
	one trajectory	second trajectory	parallel movement	rotation with tangent	rot. around tangent	scaling profile	changing profile shape	
extruded surfaces (translational surfaces)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	cylindrical surfaces hyperbolic paraboloid
- with changing profile	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	○	conical surfaces cuneiform surfaces
swept surfaces	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	surfaces of revolution, helix and pipe surfaces
- with changing profile	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	○	channel surfaces
- with two trajectories	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	○	ruled surfaces, surfaces of pseudorevolution
twisted surfaces	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	○	○	helix surfaces, möbius stripe

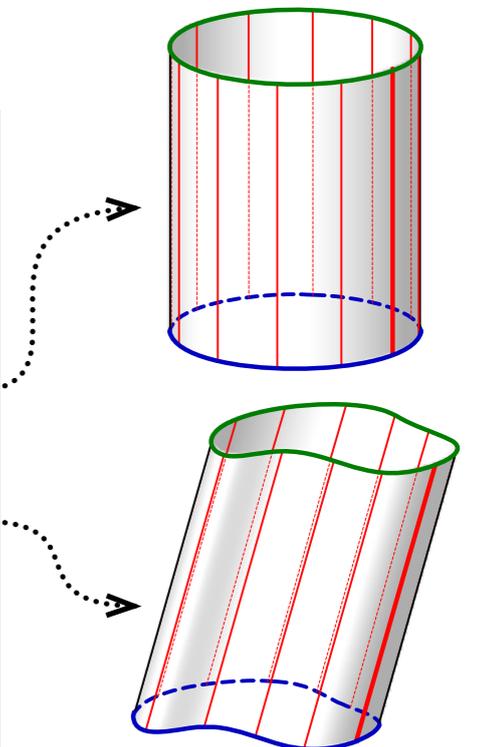
note: ○ shape change and / or non-uniform scaling is possible

- all profiles are parallel
- ...→ all trajectories of all points are parallel



- basic types of extruded surfaces:

trajectory	profile	resulting surface
line	line	plane
line	perpendicular circle	straight circular cylinder
line	any curve	cylindrical surface
parabola	parabola	hyperbolic paraboloid



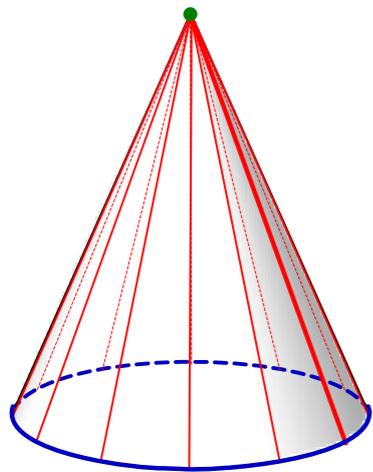
extruded surfaces

with changing profile

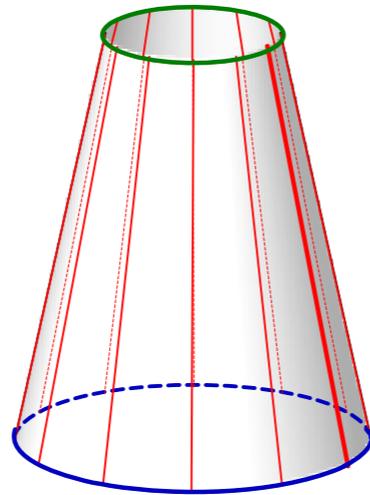
→ generalization of extruded surfaces

→ examples:

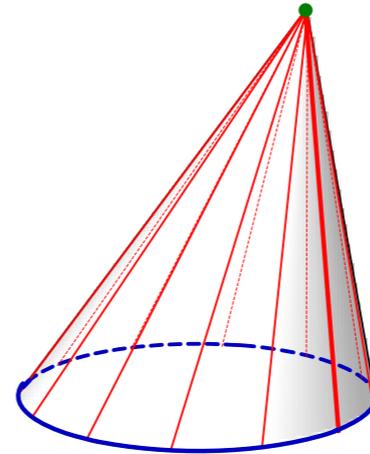
▪ conical surfaces



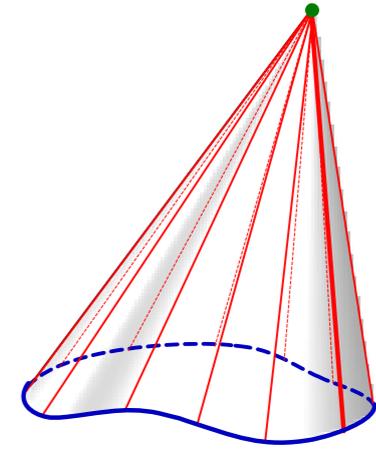
straight circular cone



straight circular blunted cone

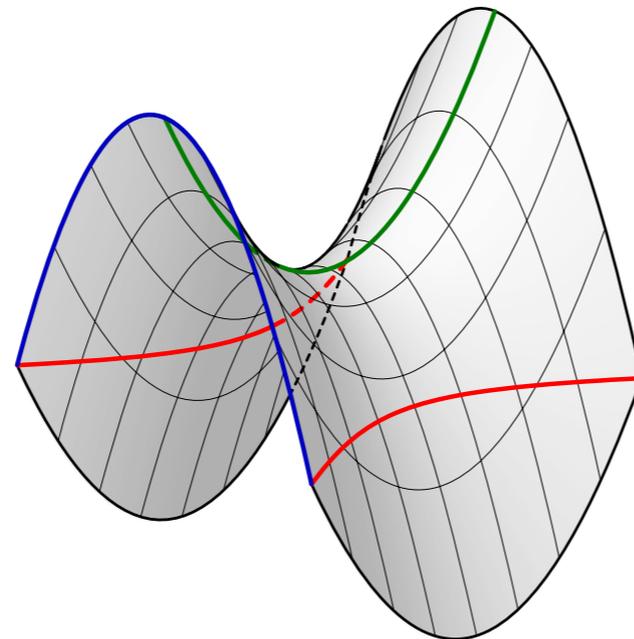


oblique circular cone



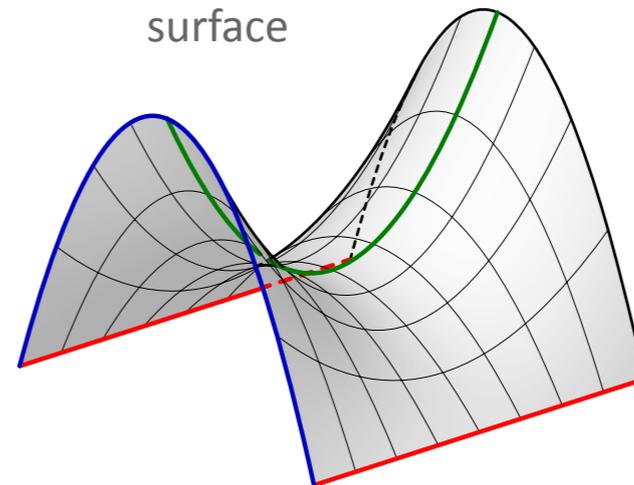
general oblique cone

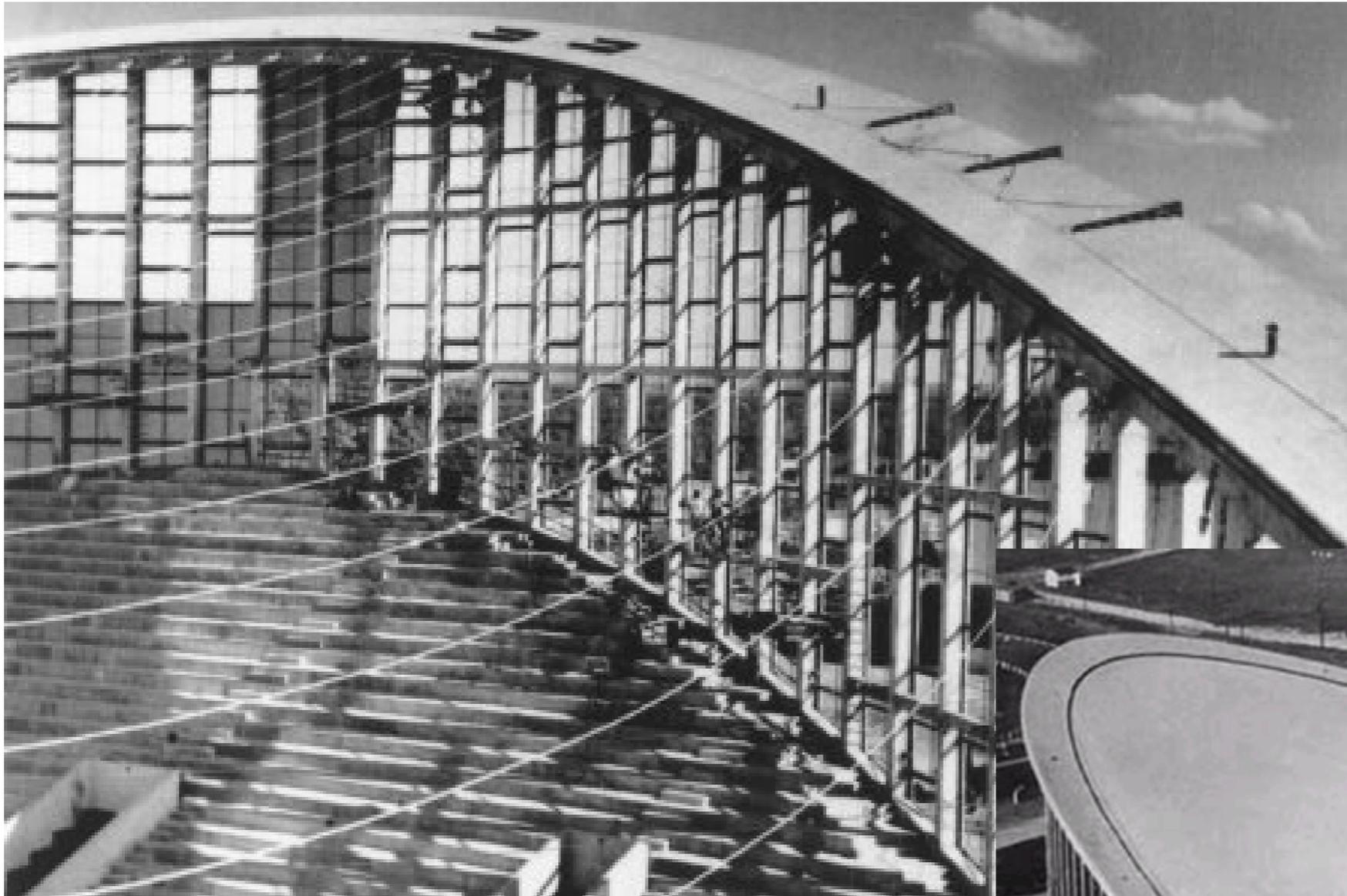
▪ cuneiform surfaces



hyperbolic paraboloid

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hacar's surface

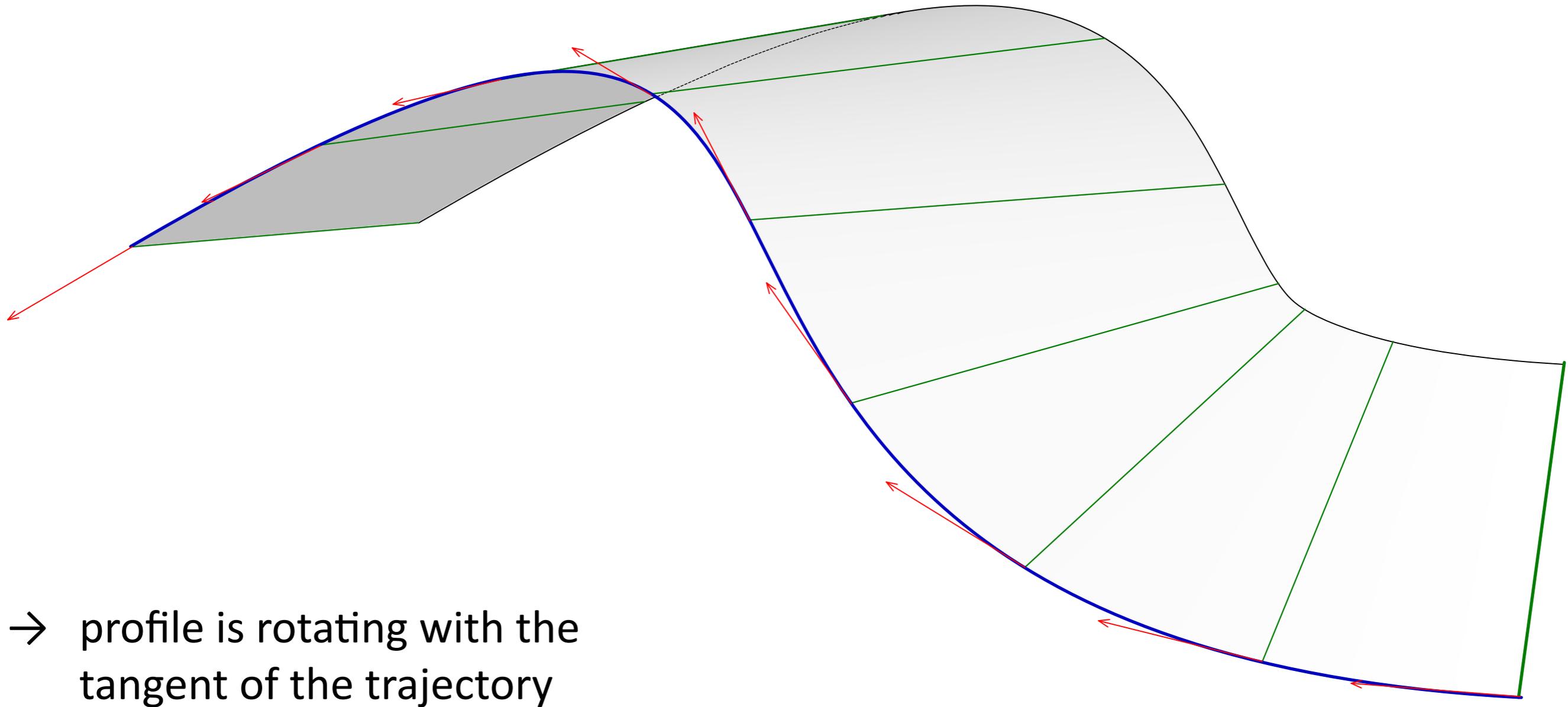




J.S. Dorton Arena (Paraboleum), Raleigh, USA, Maciej Nowicki and William H. Dietrick, 1952 [photo www.arcaro.org and www.c20society.org.uk]



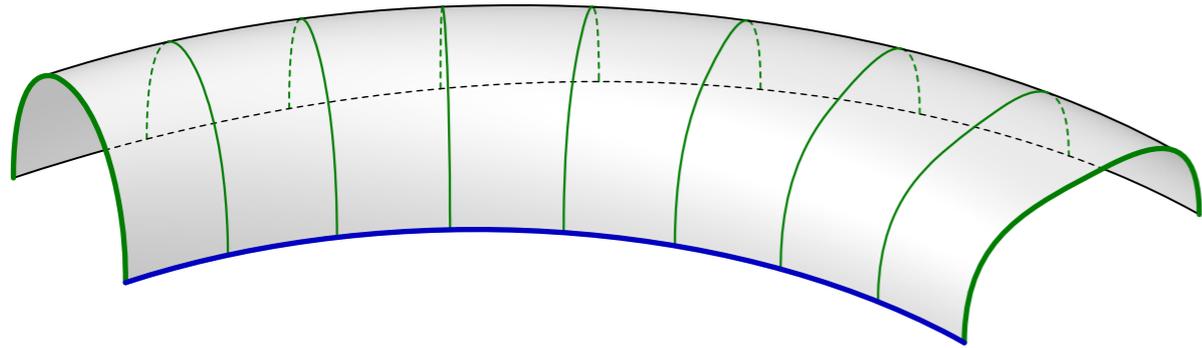
Pavilion V, Brno Trade Fair, Czech Republic, Jaroslav Dokoupil, 2000 [photo ŽS Brno, a. s.]



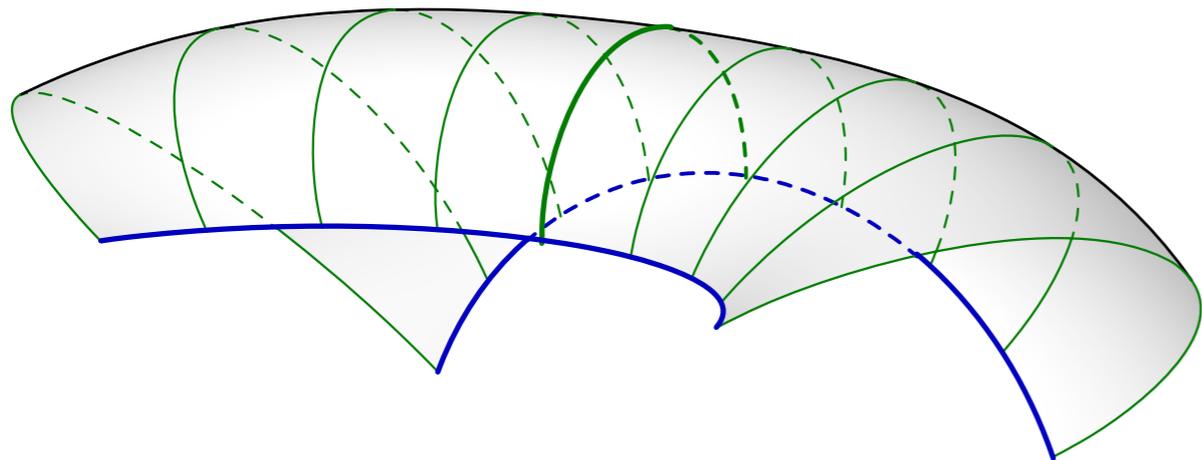
swept surfaces

generalization and special cases

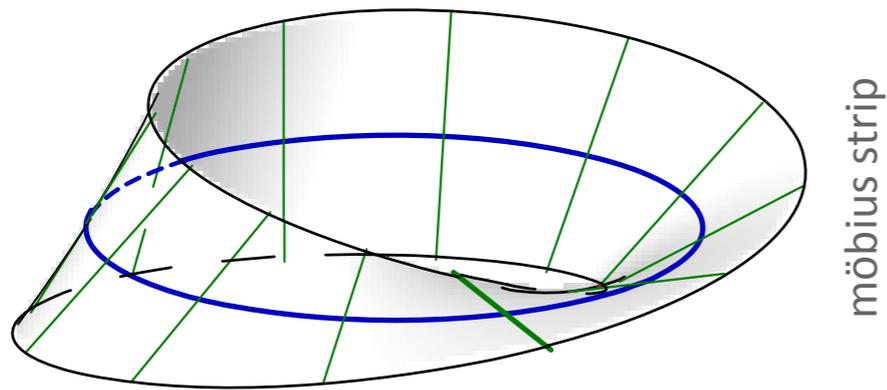
→ swept surfaces with changing profile



→ swept surfaces with two profiles

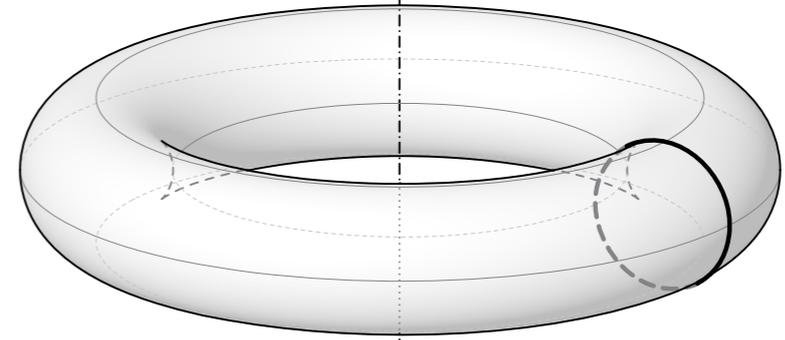


→ twisted surfaces

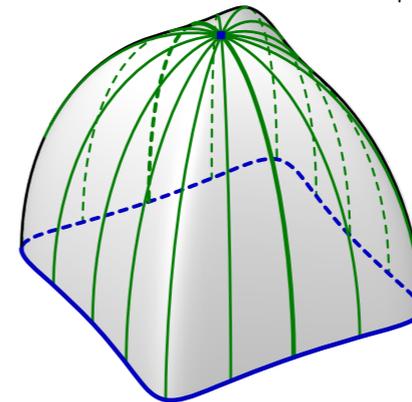


→ special cases:

- surfaces of revolution



- surfaces of pseudorevolution



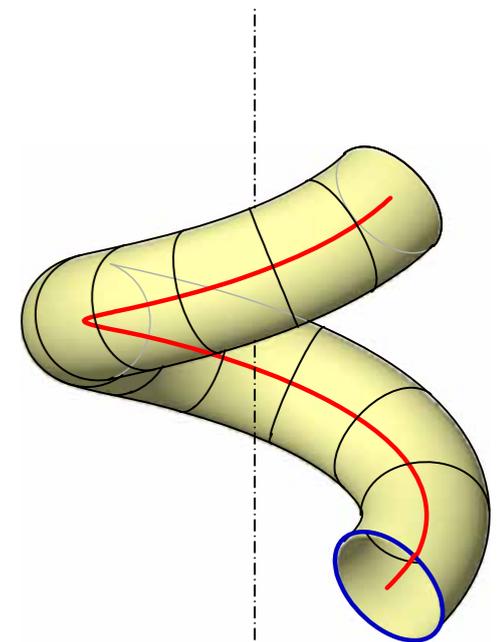
- helix surfaces

- ruled surfaces

- Möbius' strips

- pipe surfaces

- channel surfaces





Aéroport Charles de Gaulle
- Aérogare 2F,
Roissy-en-France, France,
Paul Andreu, 1999

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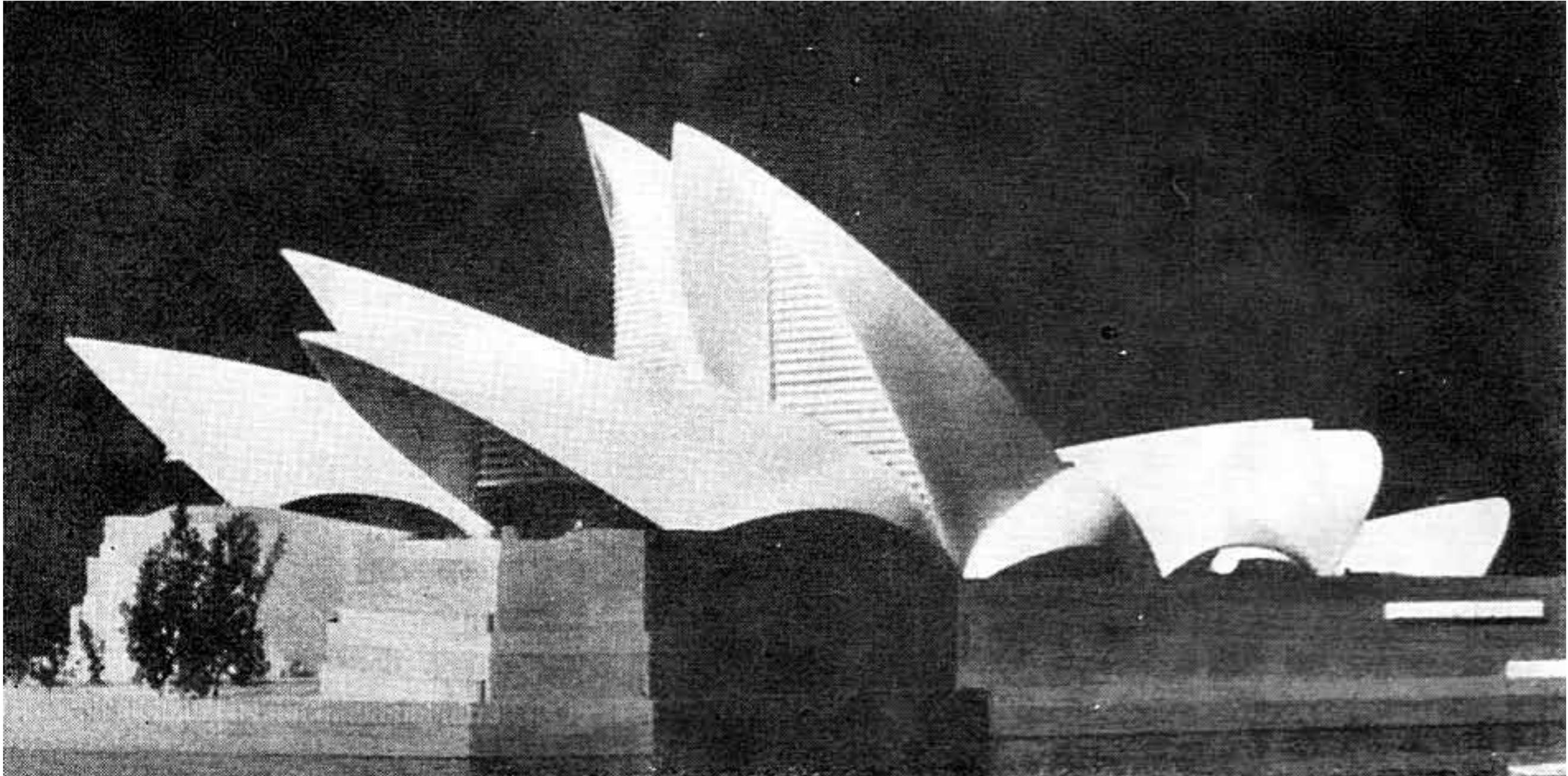
ARCAM,
Amsterdam, Netherlands,
René van Zuuk, 2003

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Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Parc la Villette, Paris, France, Adrien Fainsilber, 1986

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Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia, Jørn Utzon, 1973

[photo from Felix Haas: *Architektura 20. století*]



Auditorio de Tenerife, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canaria, Spain, Santiago Calatrava, 2003

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