## From tilings to fibers

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## Outline

Proteins and interfaces
(2) Tilings of the plane
(3) Fibers

## Proteins

PROTEIN: sequence of amino acids that folds and realises a biological function



## $\alpha$-coiled interface





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Focus on one interface geometry: two aligned $\beta$-strands


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* less understood than $\alpha$-coil; "planar" geometry: much less constrained than $\alpha$
* many pathologies (Alzheimer, Parkinson, cholera, ...)
classes: continuous $\beta$-sheet, $\beta$-sandwich


## In the cell



## Circle



## Circles





FIGure: Heptamer 4H56 in the PDB with each chain adjacent to 2 other chains. Remark that in the beta barrel the adjacency between pairs of chains is the same as in the other part of the heptamer. This implies an oligomerization with exactly 1 interface.


Figure: Abstract view of $C_{4}$ symmetry. A tetramer formed by a single interface between the part $/$ and $\bar{l}$. Each chain is adjacent via the interface to exactly 2 other chains



Figure: Protein oligomers and fibers. A. Protein oligomer. Cholera toxin B pentamer ( $C t x B_{5}$ ) is shown (PDB code 3CHB). B. Oligomer to fiber transition. Each monomer is indicated by a different color.

## Tilings of the plane

## Définition

A polyomino is the interior of a closed non intersecting path in a square lattice.


## Tilings of the plane

## Definitions

A tiling by translation of a polyomino $P$ is a covering of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ by translation of copies of $P$ without overlapping or hole.


## Tilings by translation



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## Tilings of the plane

Isometries of the plane : translation, rotation, reflection and glide reflection.
17 crystalographic groups for the plane (Bravais 1847).


The 17 crystallographic groups are represented at the Alhambra of Grenada (by artists around 1350).

## Cristallographic groups



## Tilings of the plane by translation

## Definitions

Let bw be a boundary word of $P$, i.e. a word on the alphabet $\{a, b, \bar{a}, \bar{b}\}$ where $a$ codes right step, $b$ up step, $\bar{a}$ left step and $\bar{b}$ down step which codes the boundary of the polyomino $P$.

bw is defined up to circular permutations of letters.

## Beauquier-Nivat's Theorem

## Theorem [Beauquier-Nivat 1991]

A polyomino $P$ tiles the plane by translation if and only if the boundary word bw of $P$ is equal to $X Y Z \bar{X} \bar{Y} \bar{Z}$ or $X Y \bar{X} \bar{Y}$ with $X, Y, Z \in\{a, b, \bar{a}, \bar{b}\}^{*}$ and where
$\bar{w}=\overline{w_{1} w_{2} \cdots w_{n}}=\bar{w}_{n} \bar{w}_{n-1} \cdots \bar{w}_{1}$ with $w_{i} \in\{a, b, \bar{a}, \bar{b}\}$.

## Tiling models

According to Beauquier-Nivat's Theorem, we have 2 ways of tilings the plane by translations:

If the boundary word is $X Y Z \bar{X} \bar{Y} \bar{Z}$, we talk about pseudo-hexagon.
If the boundary word is $X Y \bar{X} \bar{Y}$, we talk about pseudo-square.

## Tilings by translation



## Lattice periodic tilings

## Definition

A tiling is called lattice periodic if it is invariant under the translation by two non-collinear vectors.

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b)


FIGURE: Tiling by a mino and the 4 adjacent tiles of the grey mino


FIgure: Tiling of the plane by a domino like a pseudo square and the 4 adjacent tiles of the grey domino


FIGURE: Tiling of the plane by a domino like a pseudo hexagon and the $\mathbf{6}$ adjacent tiles of the grey domino


Figure: A thin cross that doesn't tile the plane


FIGURE: Two regular tilings of the plane by the same polyomino


## FIGURE: Spider silk.

## From regular tilings of the plane to tilings of a fiber



FIGURE: From tiling to cylinder by using the translation of 8 times the vector $\vec{e}_{1}$.


FIGURE: Two boundaries in correspondence by the translation $\left.4 \vec{v}_{1}+2 \vec{v}_{2}\right)$


FIGURE: Fiber with a pseudo square shape. Each tile is surrounded by 4 tiles.


## Figure: Tobacco Mosaic Virus.



Figure: Tobacco Mosaic Virus : an example of tiling of a fiber with 4 adjacent chains.


Figure: Tobacco Mosaic Virus : a 17-mer.


FIGURE: Fiber with a pseudo hexagon shape. Each tile is surrounded by 6 tiles. Remark that pseudo hexagon shapes appear in particular when there is a tilt on the fiber.


FIGURE: 3J1R : an example of tiling of a fiber with 6 adjacent chains.

## From fold plasticity to fibers : the P53 case



FIgure: A. The p53 tetrameric domain is made of $\mathbf{2}$ dimers. Each monomer is made of a $\beta$-strand followed by a small helix ended by a long $\alpha$-helix parallel to the $\beta$-strand (1SAK). The residue R337 is sensitive to mutation.

## Tiling fibers by $n$-mers



FIGURE: Fiber 3J2U with a tetramer inside each pseudo hexagon


## FIGURE: Fiber with a dimer inside each pseudo hexagon



FIGURE: Replacement of each pseudo square by a tetramer.


FIGURE: Replacement of a pseudo square and of a pseudo hexagon.


FIGURE: Replacement of pseudo square by 2 non regular pentamers.


FIGURE: Double asymmetrical pentamer (Tachylectin).

## From 1-periodical tiling to fibers



Figure: Non regular tiling with dominoes. The grey domino is surrounded by 5 dominoes thus this tiling is certainly not regular. Remark that the horizontal strips are invariant by the horizontal vector $\vec{v}_{1}$ and also by the vector $3 \vec{v}_{1}$. Thus we are able to map the left border to the right border in order to form a non bounded height cylinder.


FIGURE: Non regular tiling and stair case shape.

