Translational tilings of the plane by a polygonal set

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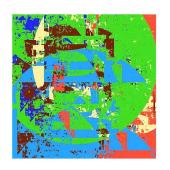
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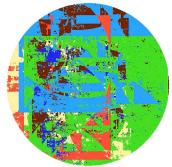
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Tarski's circle squaring problem with measurable pieces. Grabowski–Mathe–Pikhurko '16, Marks–Unger '16, Mathe–Noel–Pikhurko '22

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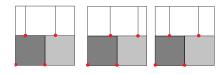


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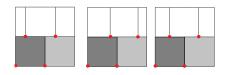


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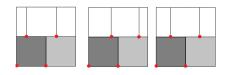


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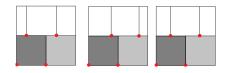


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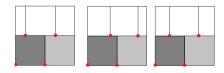


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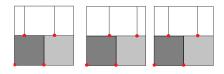


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Application 4.

Joint work with de Dios Pont, Greenfeld and Madrid.

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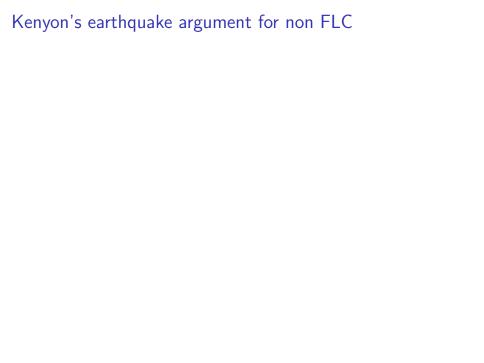
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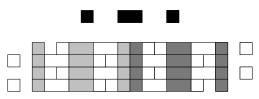
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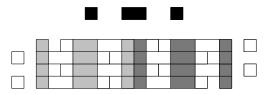
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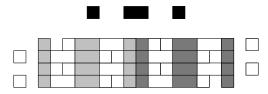
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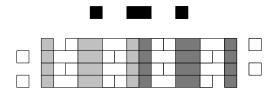
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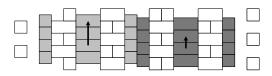
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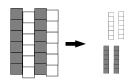
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Thank you!