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# Stitch Meshes for Modeling Knitted Clothing with Yarn-level Detail

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enables artists to create yarn-level models of knitted clothing very easily.



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- many nice pictures!





# Overview of the Process

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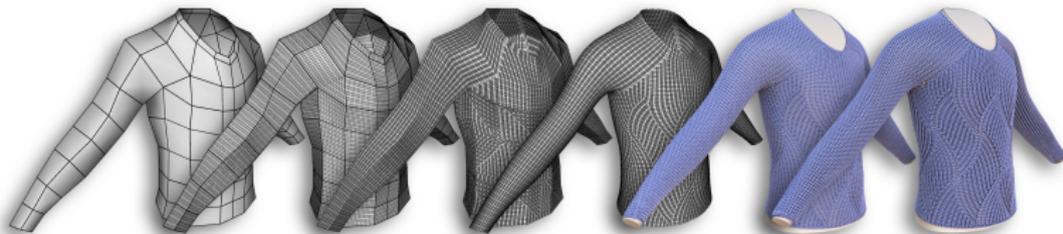
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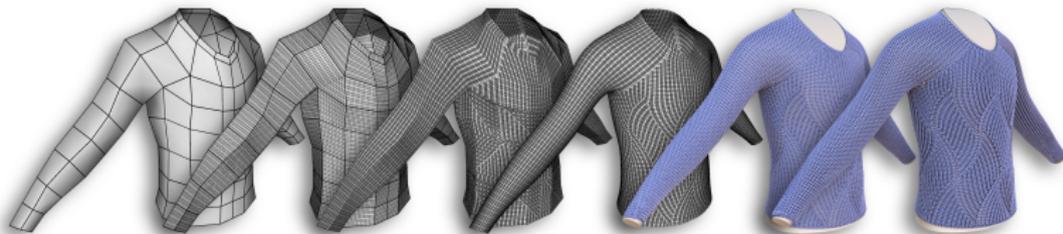
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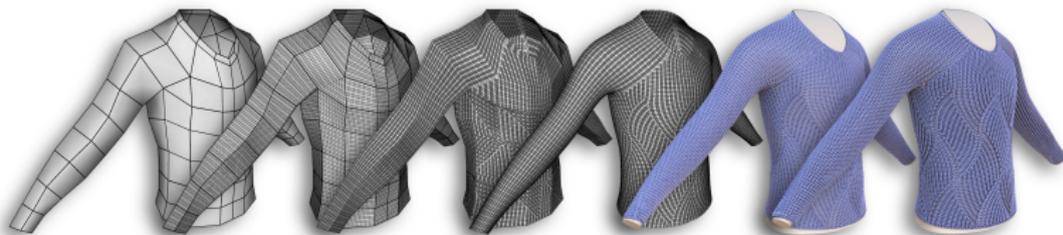
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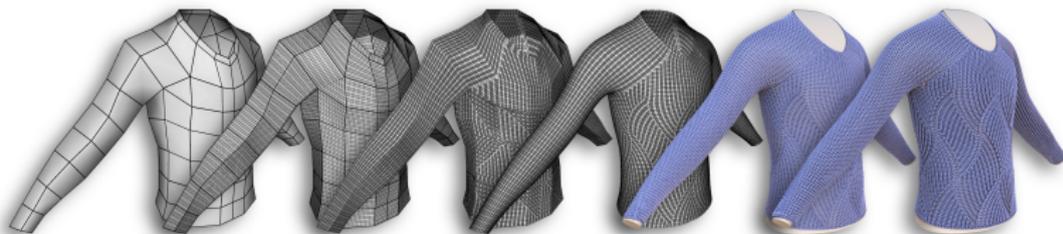
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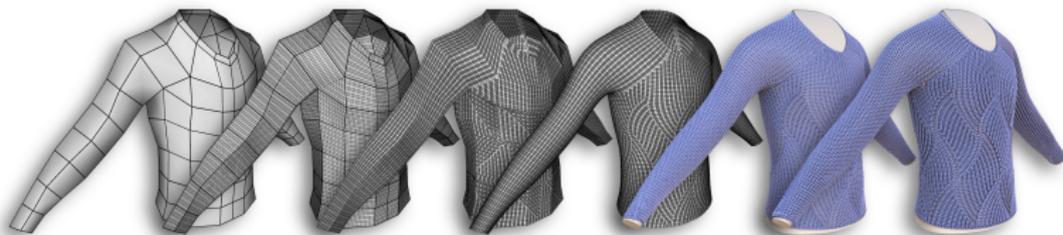
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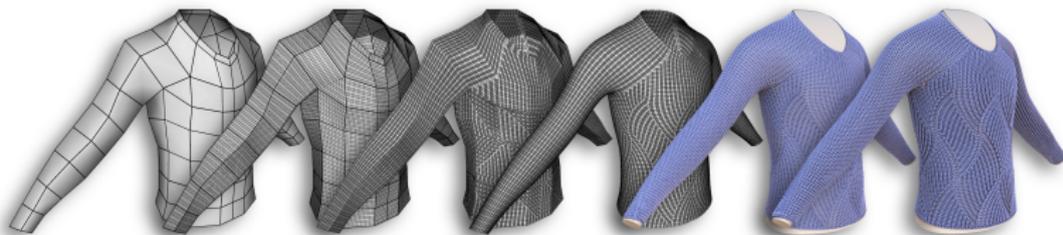
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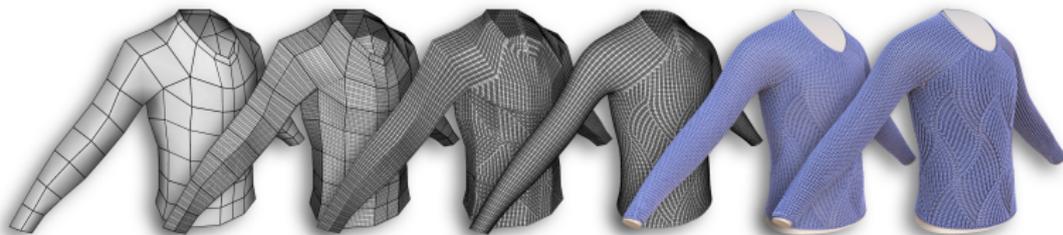
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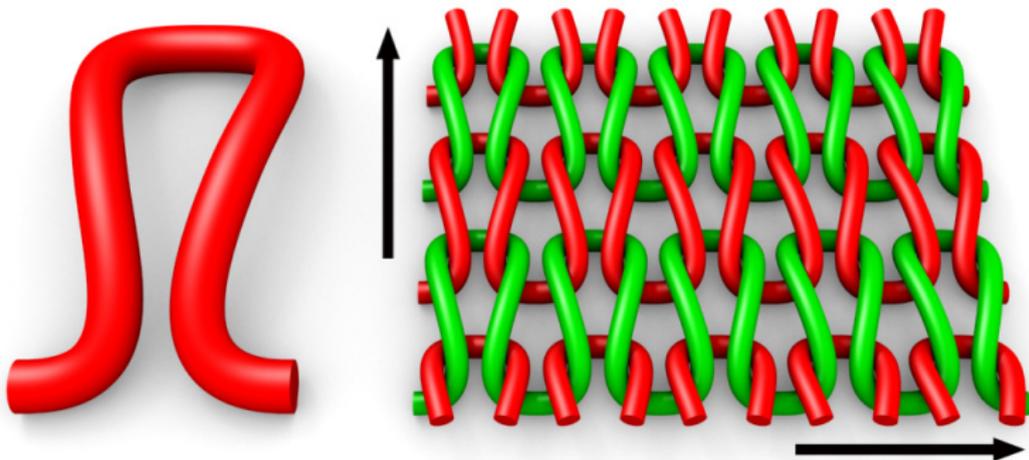
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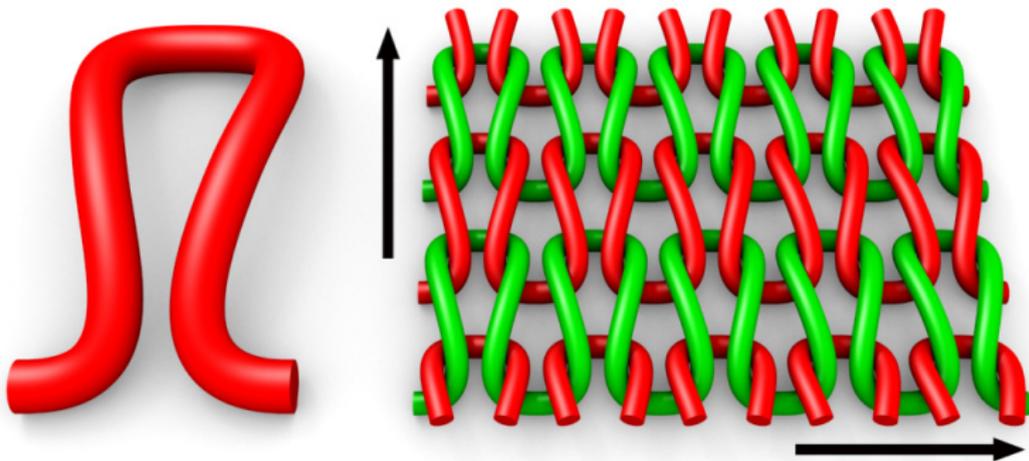
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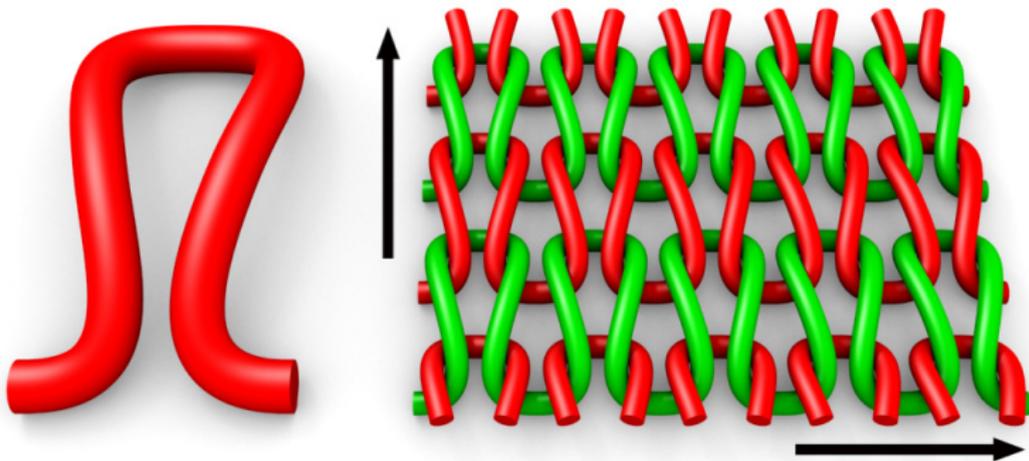
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- Knitting = Pulling yarn through loops of previous row
- Several ways to create those loops  $\Rightarrow$  **complexity**



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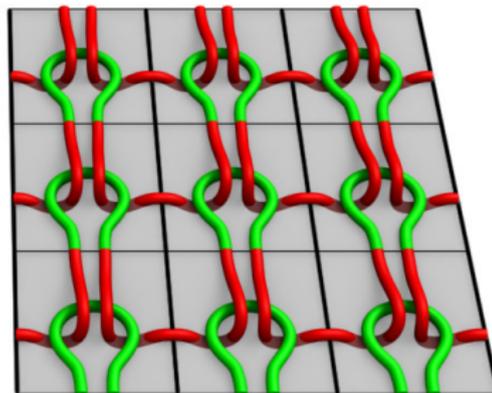
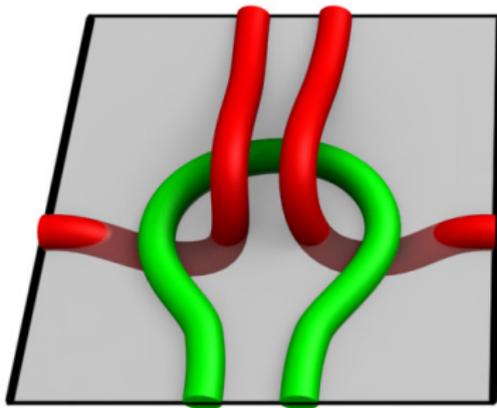
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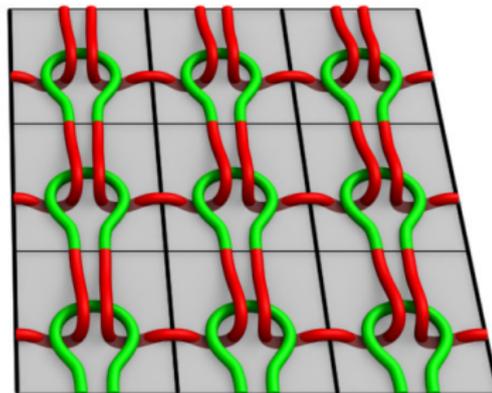
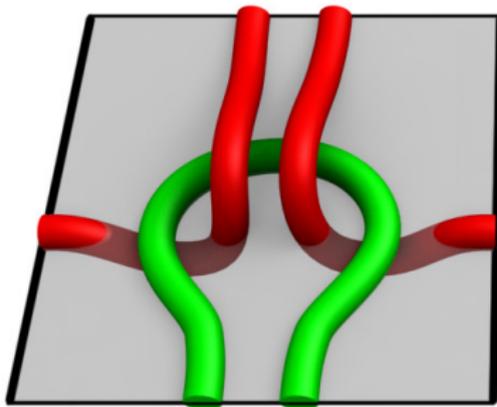
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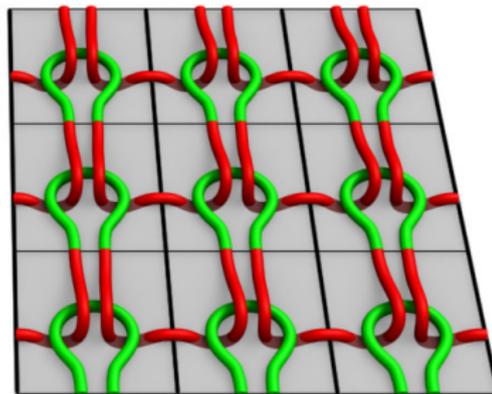
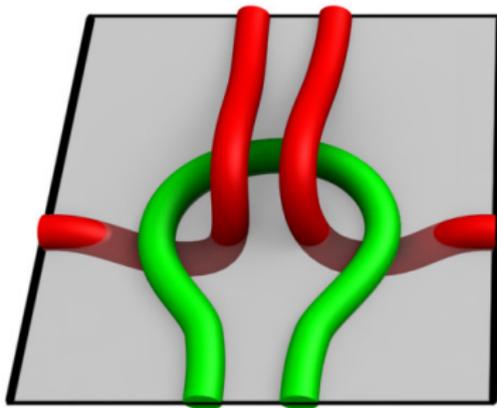
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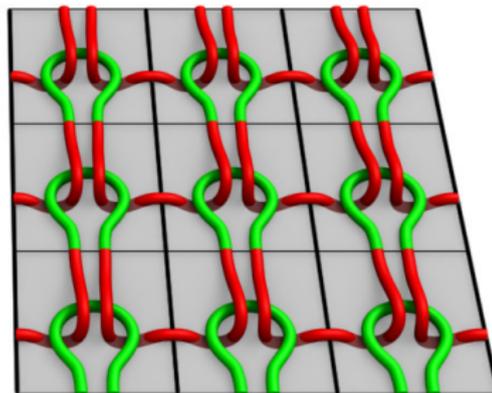
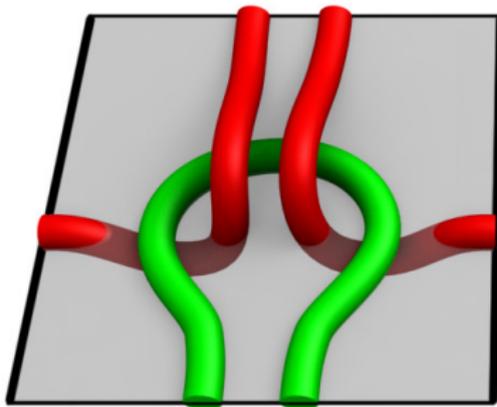
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- Geometry specified by control points



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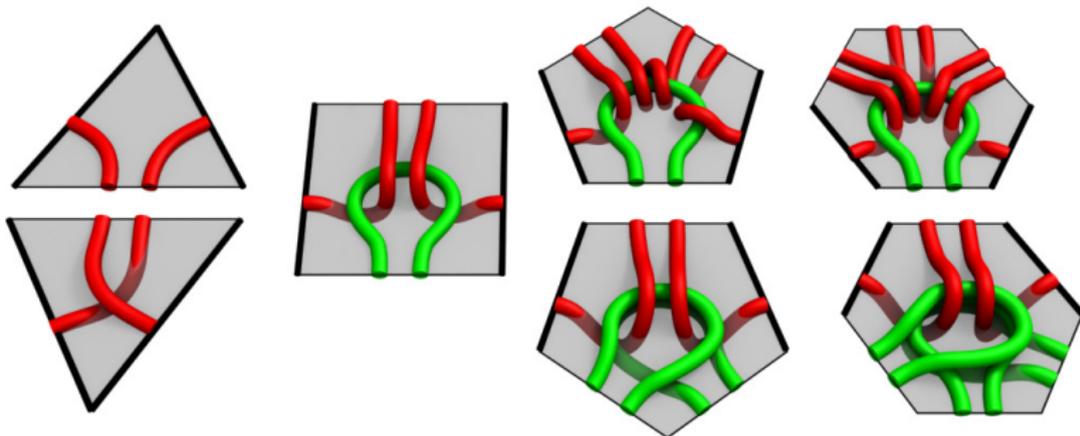
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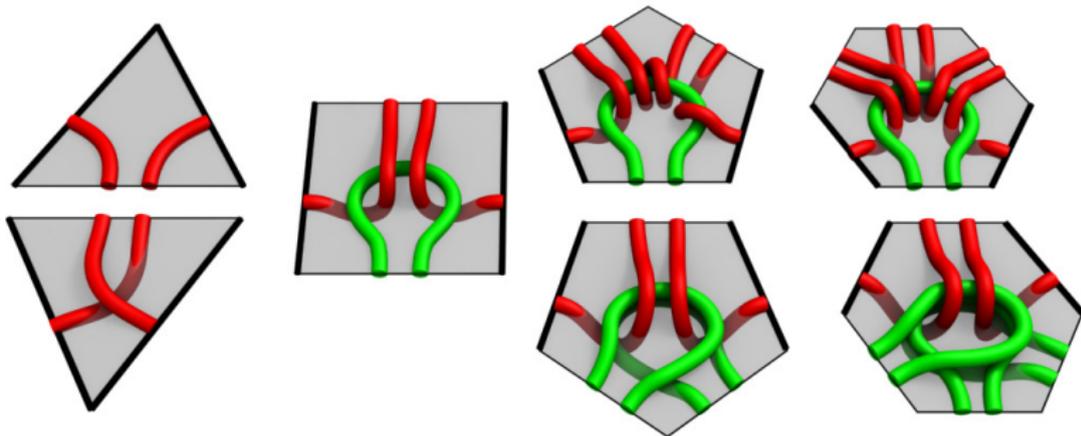
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- Rule: Two sides crossed by one yarn, others crossed by two yarns.



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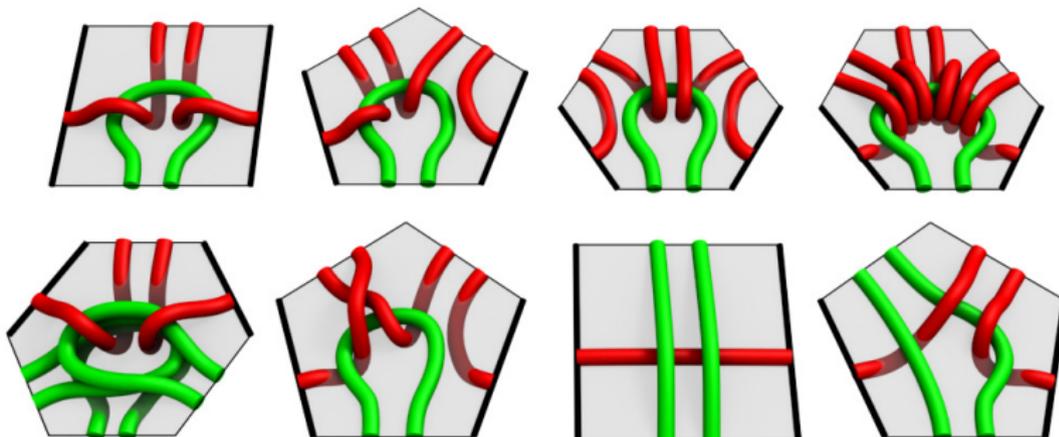
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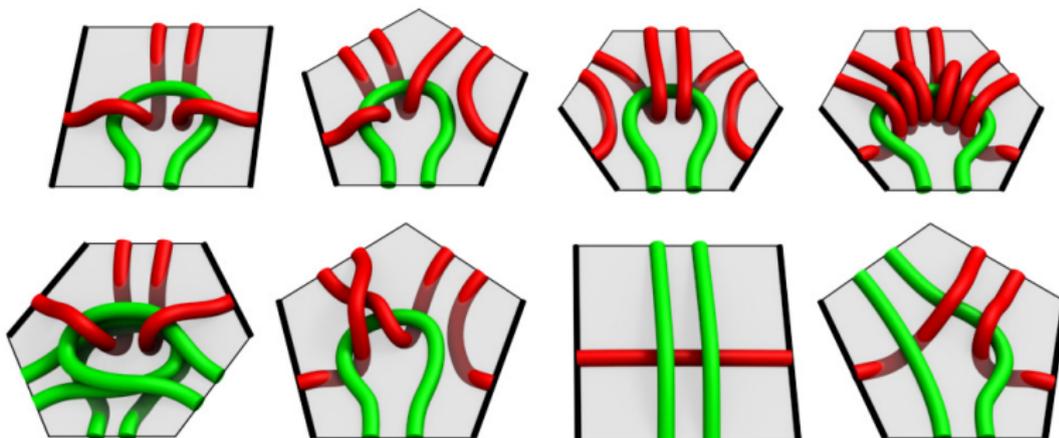
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- Can all be combined, form **rows**!



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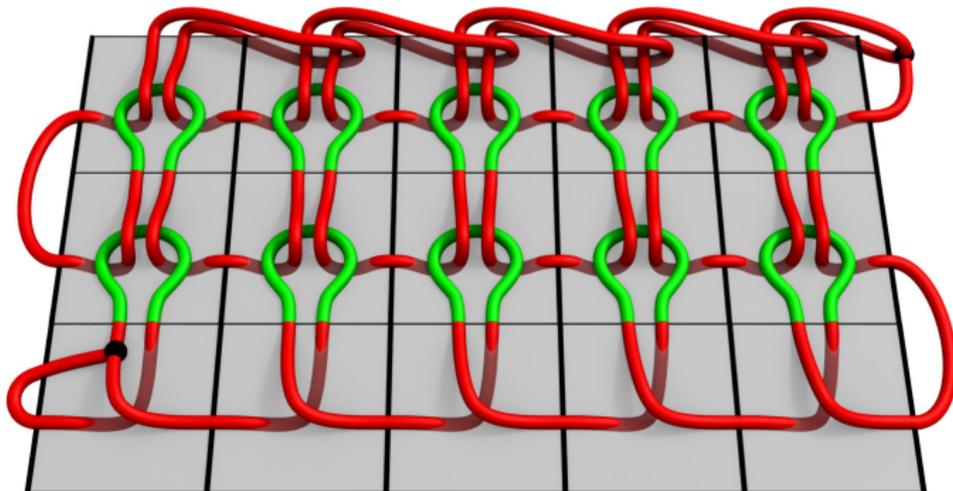
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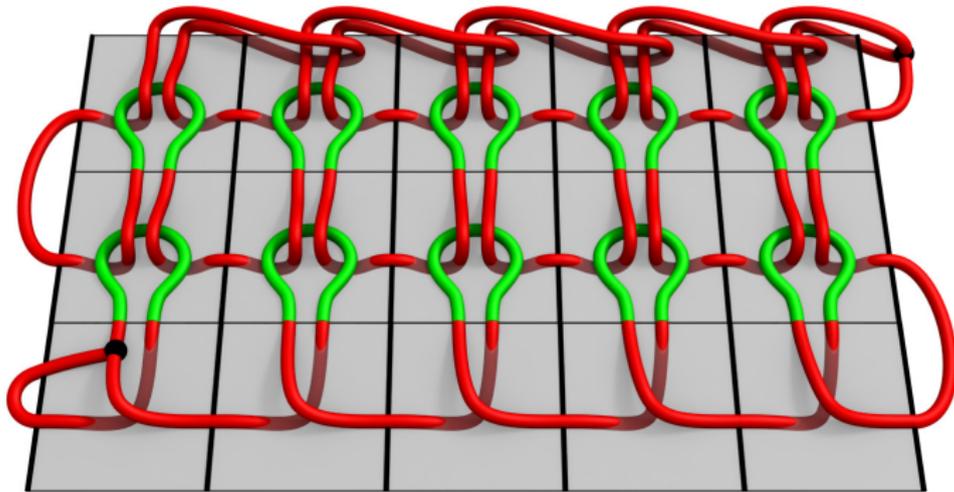
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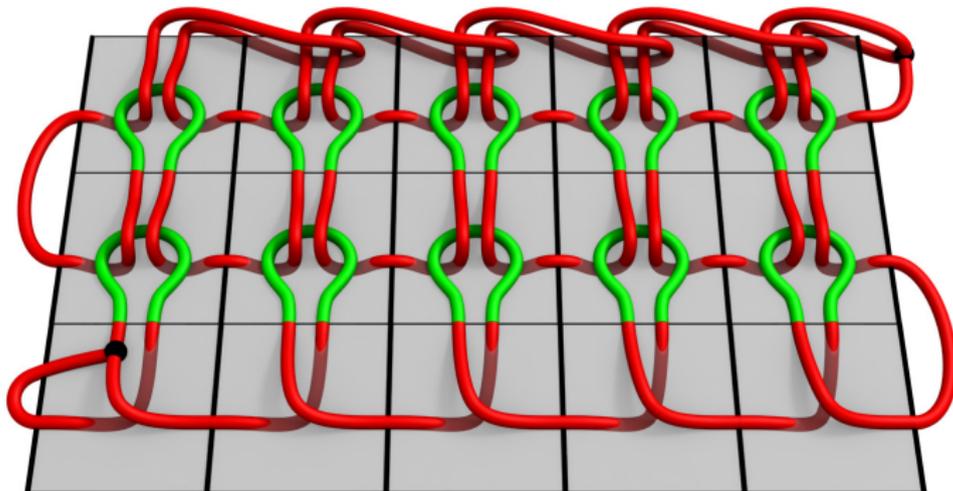
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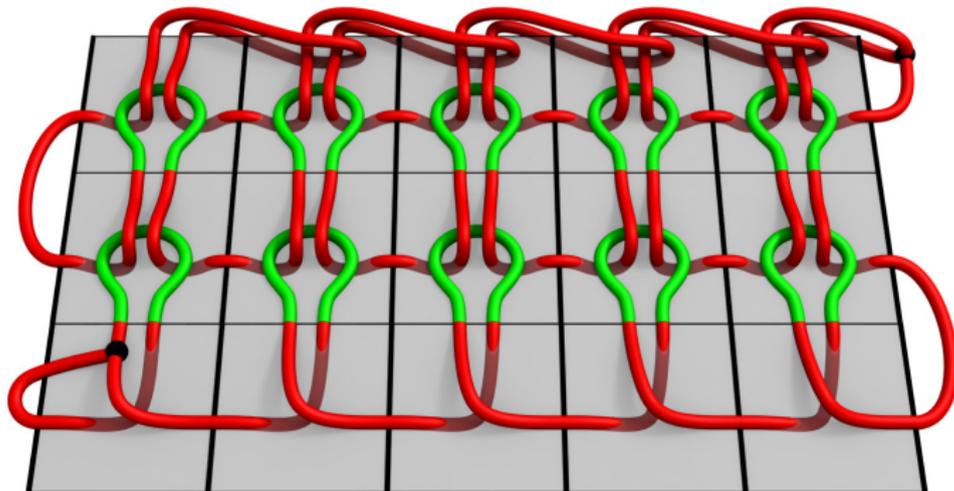
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- Bottom: **cast-ons**
- Top: **bind-offs**
- Side: Tie or connect to adjacent ends



# Tubes

Spiral versus Separate Rows: 0 – 1

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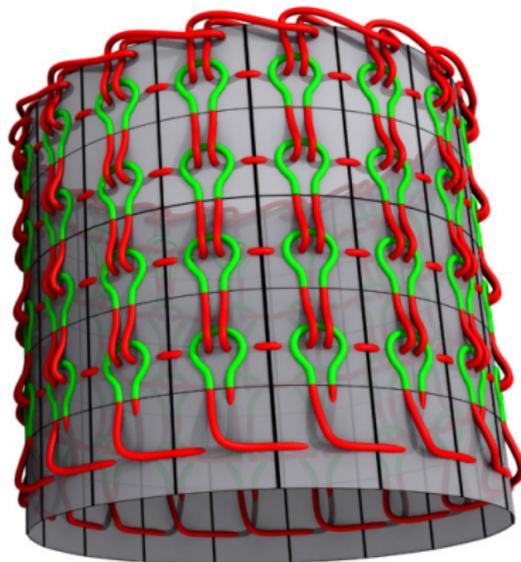
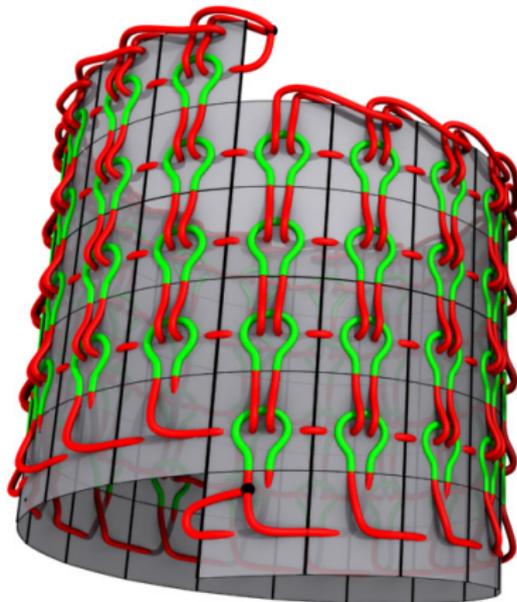
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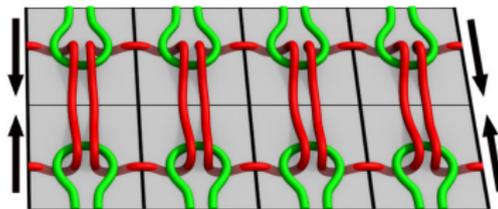
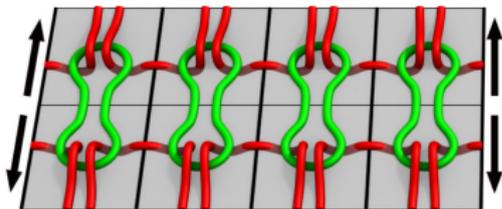
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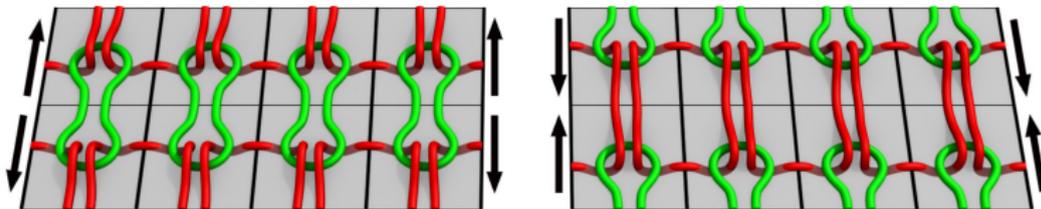
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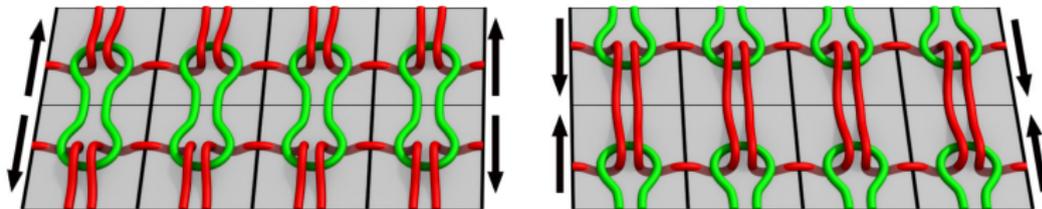
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- ... are handled automatically!
- No real-world structure, but looks plausible.



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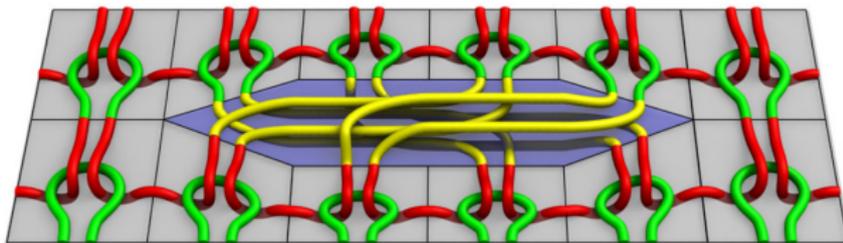
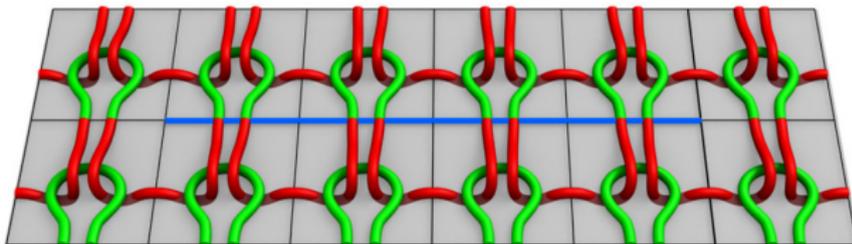
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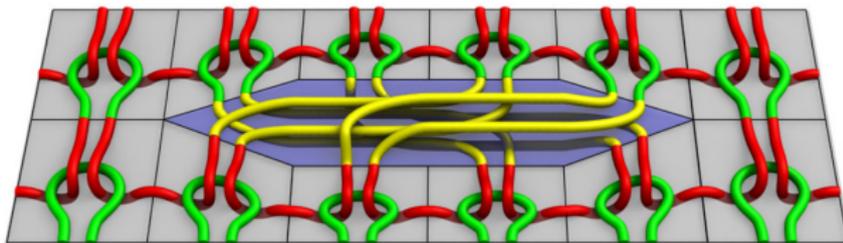
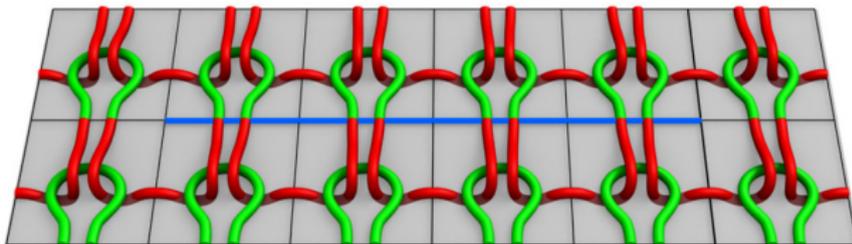
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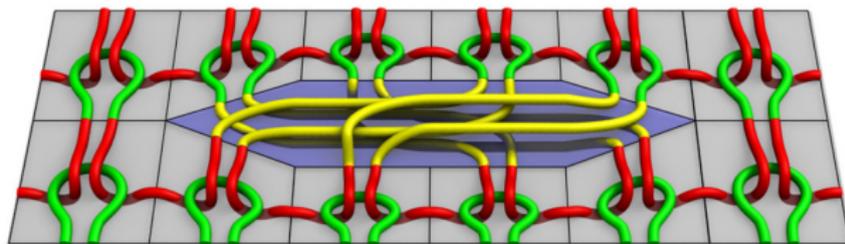
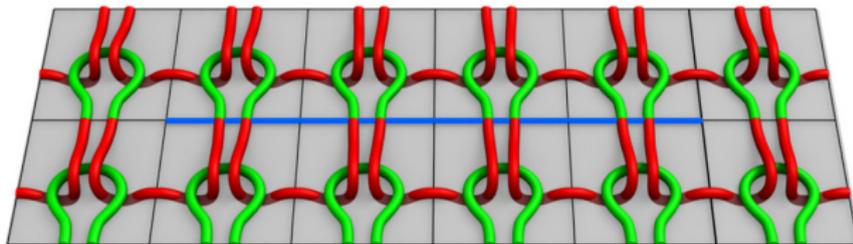
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- Need to permutate the connection of some faces?
- Assign cable edges to insert cable faces later.



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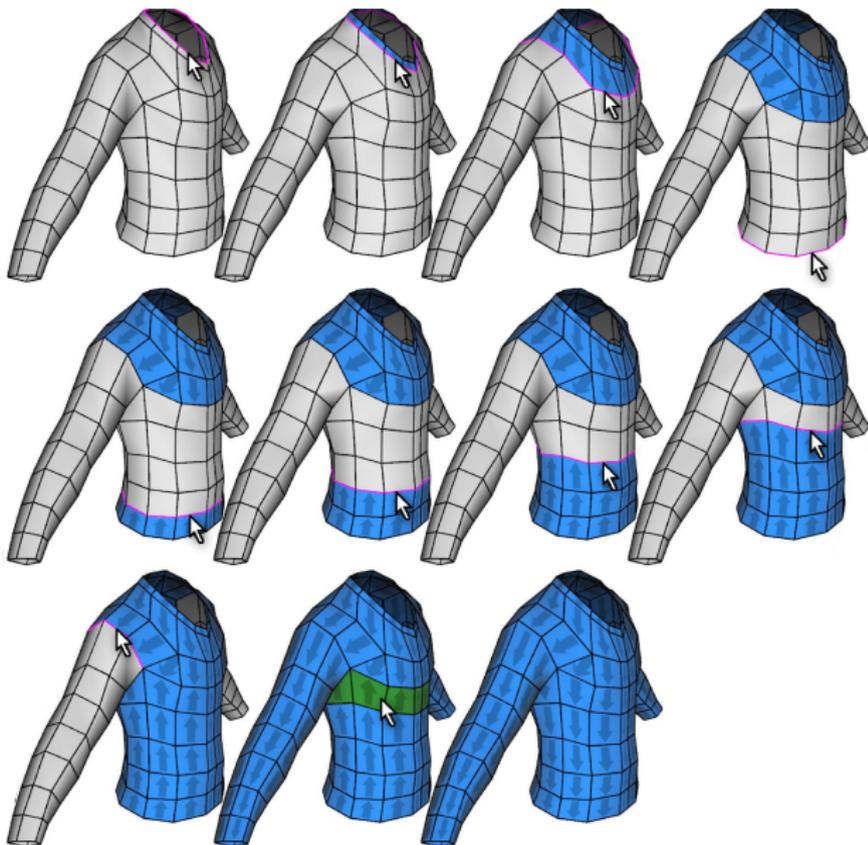
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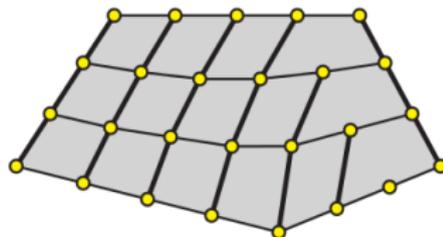
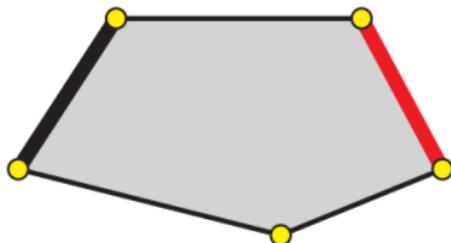
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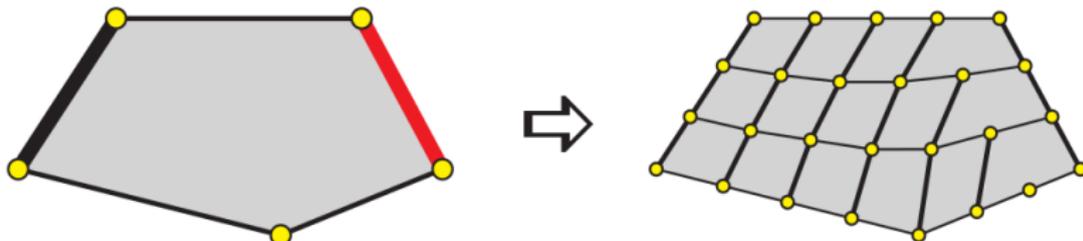
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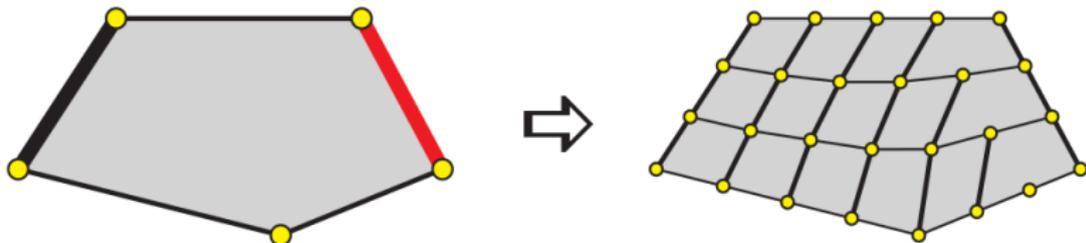
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### Strategy for each face

- Tessellate its edges



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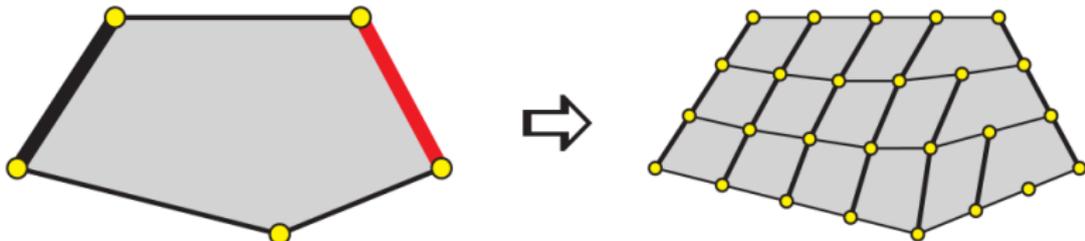
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### Strategy for each face

- Tessellate its edges
- Determine number of rows



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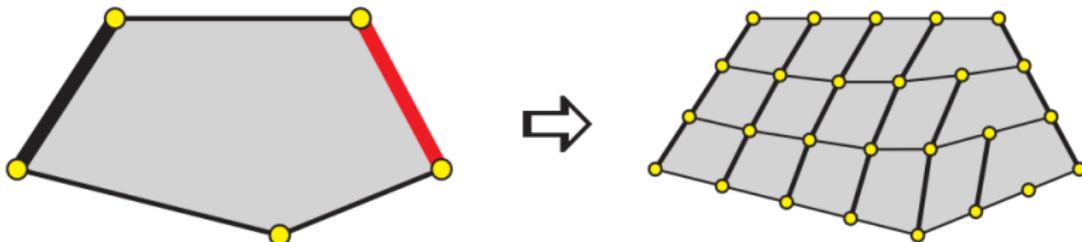
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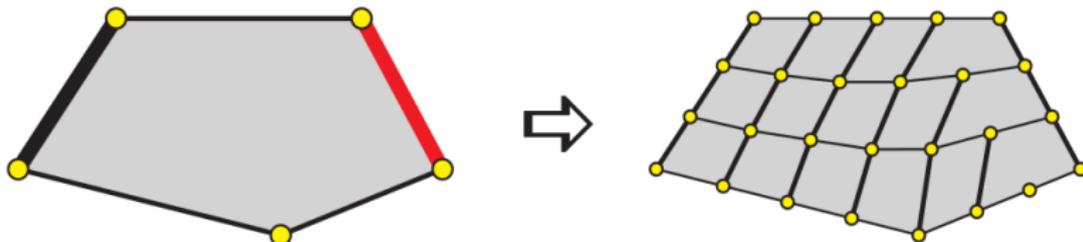
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### Strategy for each face

- Tessellate its edges
- Determine number of rows
- Determine the number of stitches on each row
- Insert increases/decreases, if necessary

# Step 3: Editing the stitch mesh



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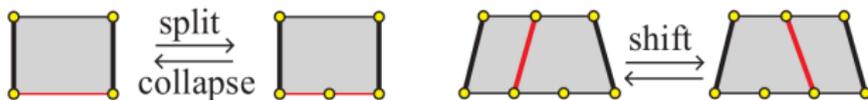
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- Operations on the mesh:



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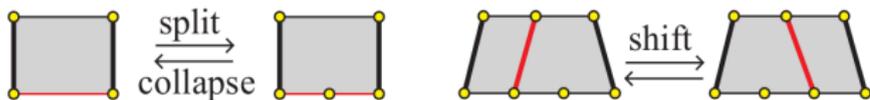
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- Operations on the mesh:



- User can set stitch types and create patterns



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Insert yarn now? No, would look unrealistic.  $\Rightarrow$  Simulation!

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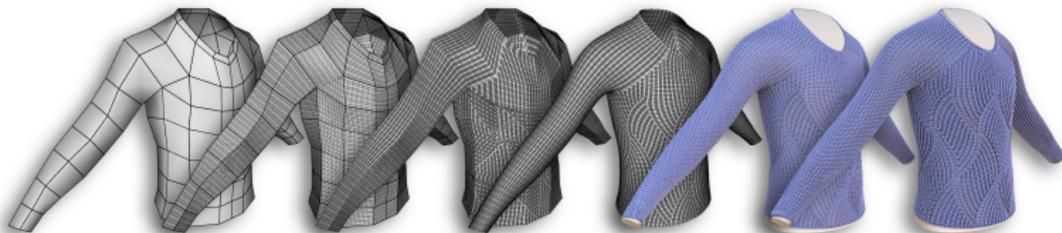
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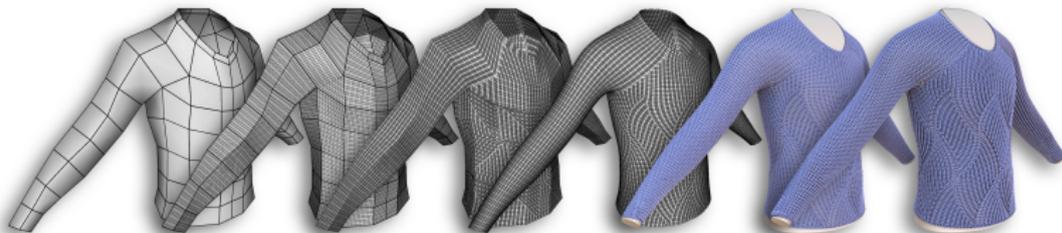
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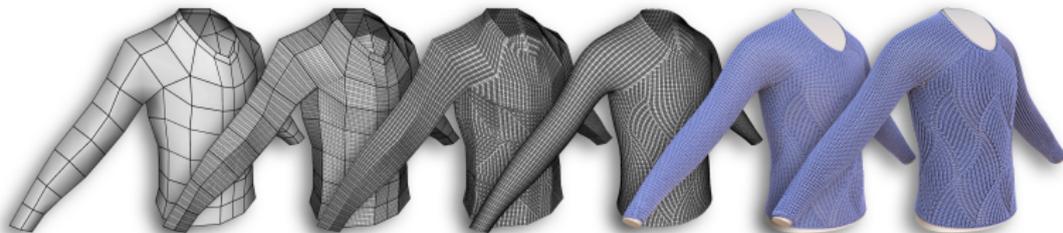
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- 4 (Cheap) mesh-based relaxation



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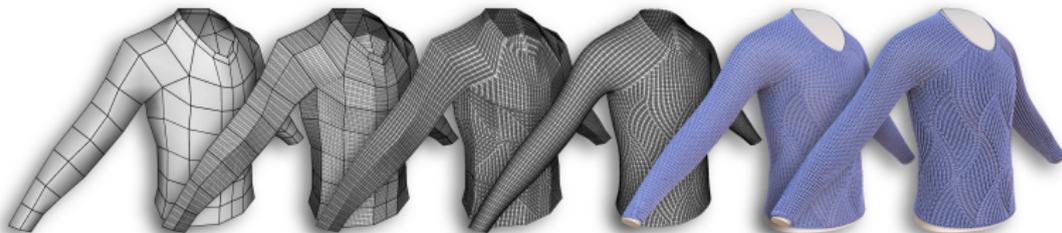
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### Overview

- ④ (Cheap) mesh-based relaxation
- ⑤ Yarn generation



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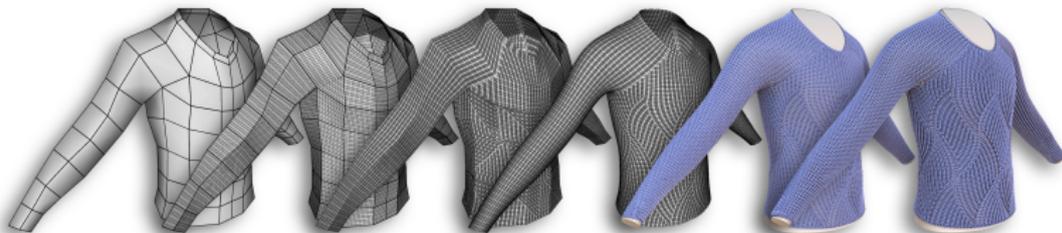
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## Overview

- ④ (Cheap) mesh-based relaxation
- ⑤ Yarn generation
- ⑥ (Expensive) yarn-level relaxation



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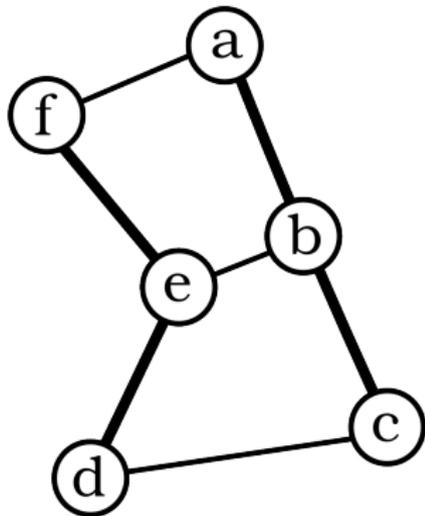
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only





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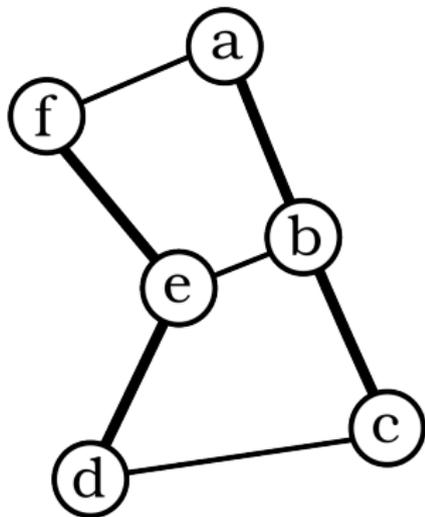
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:





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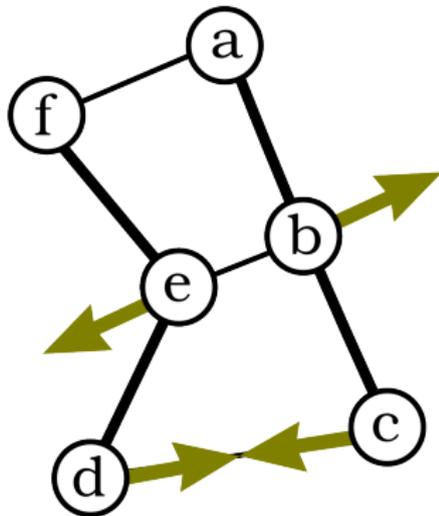
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:
  - **Stretch forces** try to keep connected vertices at pre-calculated rest distance





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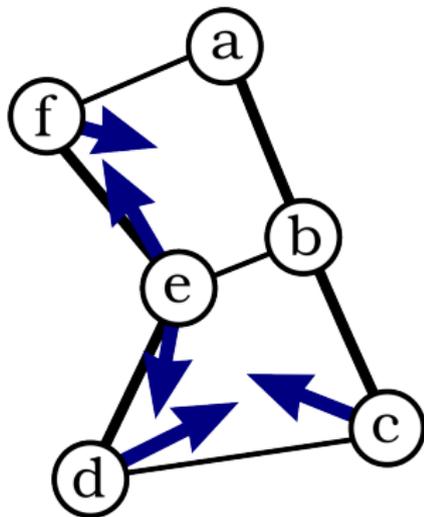
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:
  - **Stretch forces** try to keep connected vertices at pre-calculated rest distance
  - **Shear forces** try to give a rectangular shape to each sub-quad





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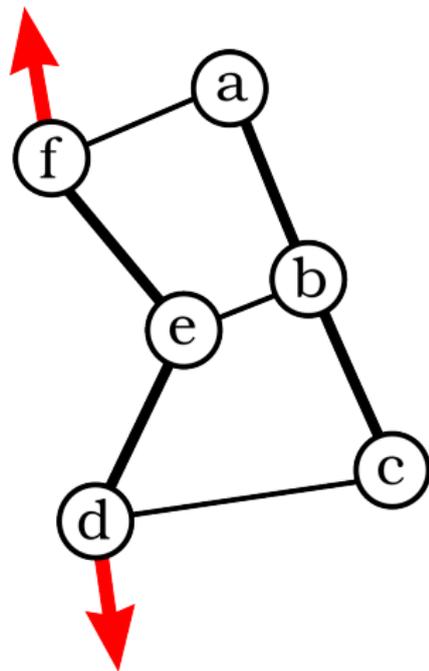
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  - **Wale strut forces** try to stiffen wale edges on consecutive rows





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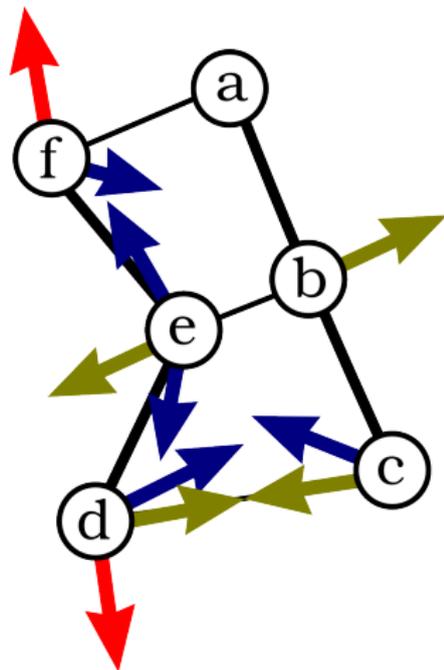
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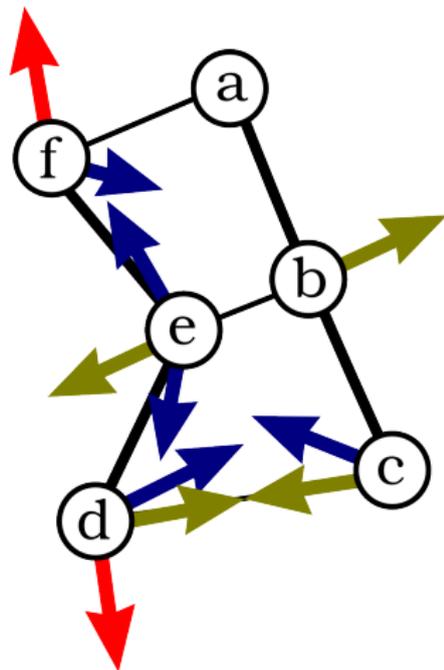
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  - **Wale strut forces** try to stiffen wale edges on consecutive rows
- Simulate this system until stable





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- 1 Insert cable faces at previously described cable edges.



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- 1 Insert cable faces at previously described cable edges.
- 2 Create yarn curves for each face of the stitch mesh.



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- 1 Insert cable faces at previously described cable edges.
- 2 Create yarn curves for each face of the stitch mesh.
- 3 Handle borders of the model.



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- Adaptive contact linearization
- Without gravity



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- Adaptive contact linearization
- Without gravity
- Constraints for shape preservation



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- Perform relaxation until change per step falls below threshold



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- Perform relaxation until change per step falls below threshold
- Finally, perform a few steps with gravity to form wrinkles



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Guess: Photo or Rendering?

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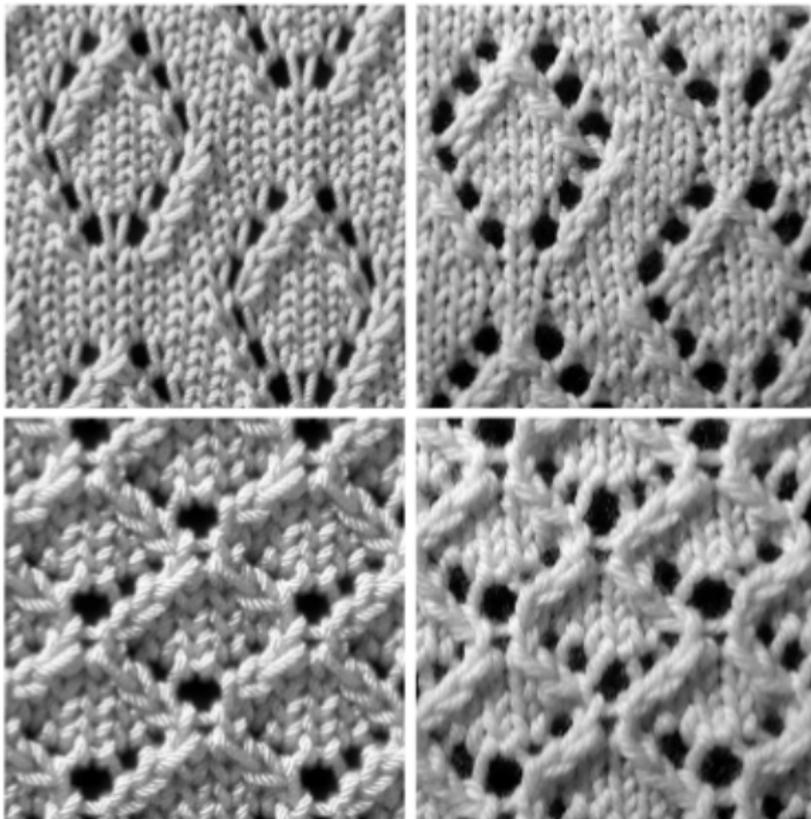
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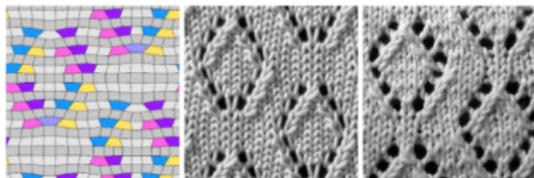
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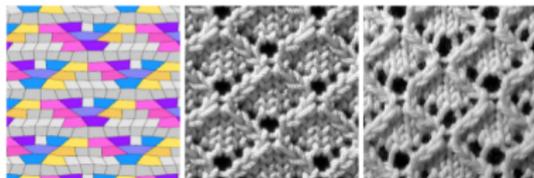
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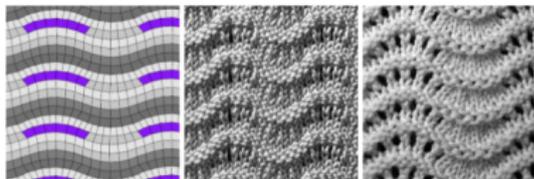
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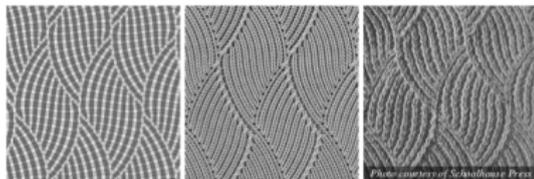
Mrs. Montague's Pattern [Matthews 1984]



Openwork Trellis Pattern [Matthews 1984]



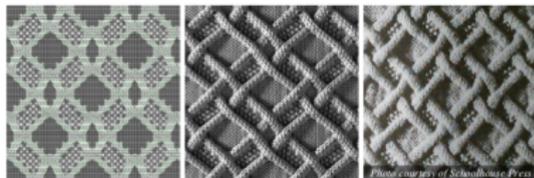
Ridged Feather Pattern [Matthews 1984]



Flame Ribbing Pattern [Walker 2001]



Braid Cables Pattern [Allen et al. 2008]



Cable Work Pattern [Walker 2001]

Stitch Mesh color coding (odd rows are slightly darker):

$k$ 
  $p$ 
  $ky$ 
  $yk$ 
  $yky$ 
  $d_{12}k$ 
  $d_{21}k$



... as well as Full-scale Garments

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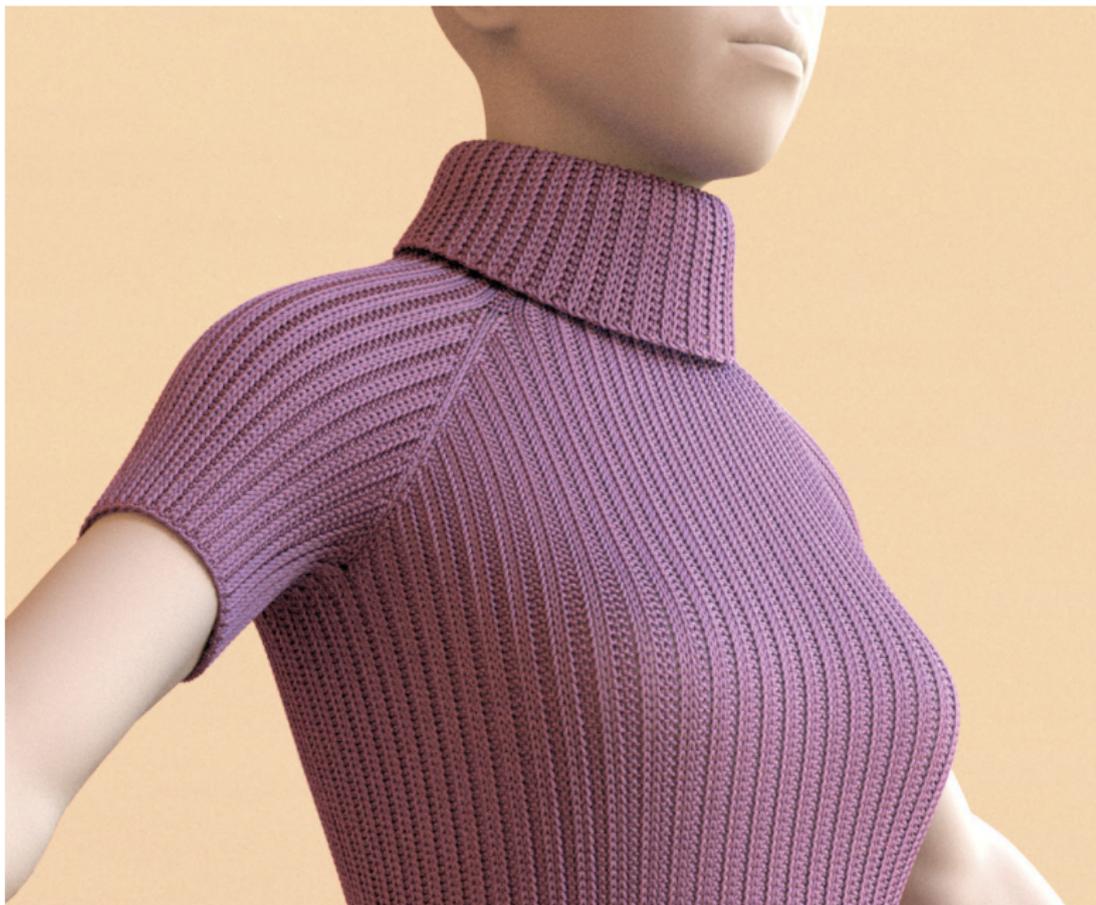
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Image	Stitch Faces	MBR time	YLR time
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Dress	60,732	6 min.	11 hours





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- Slow yarn-level relaxation → speed it up, optimize for some patterns

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- Slow yarn-level relaxation → speed it up, optimize for some patterns
- Tool requires a “sane” input mesh → allow any mesh

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# Limitations and Future Directions

- Slow yarn-level relaxation → speed it up, optimize for some patterns
- Tool requires a “sane” input mesh → allow any mesh
- Stitch mesh cannot handle layers (pockets) or stitched-together parts

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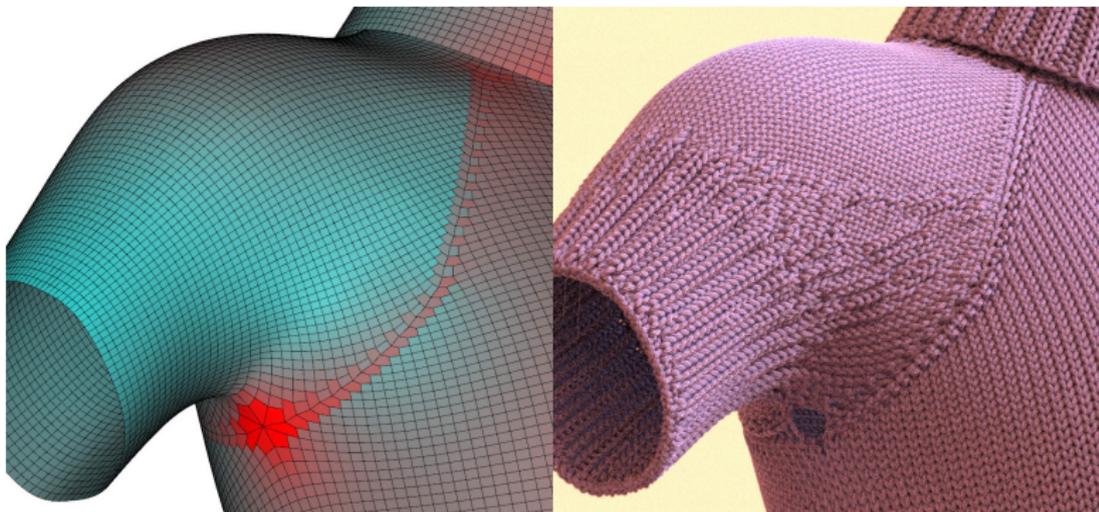
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# Limitations and Future Directions

- Slow yarn-level relaxation → speed it up, optimize for some patterns
- Tool requires a “sane” input mesh → allow any mesh
- Stitch mesh cannot handle layers (pockets) or stitched-together parts
- Stitches can be stretched apart or wrinkle → adapt number of stitches automatically



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- Thank you for your attention!





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- Question time!

