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Stitch Meshes for Modeling Knitted Clothing with Yarn-level Detail

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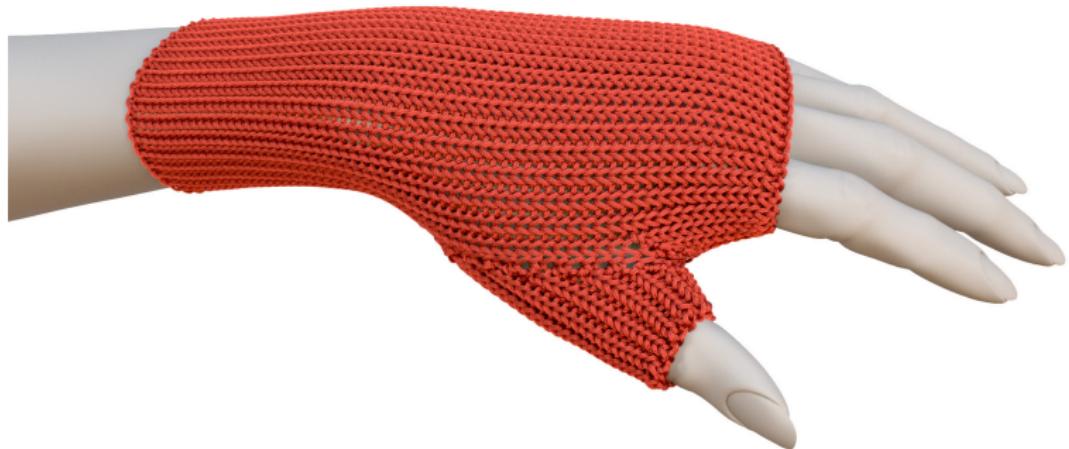
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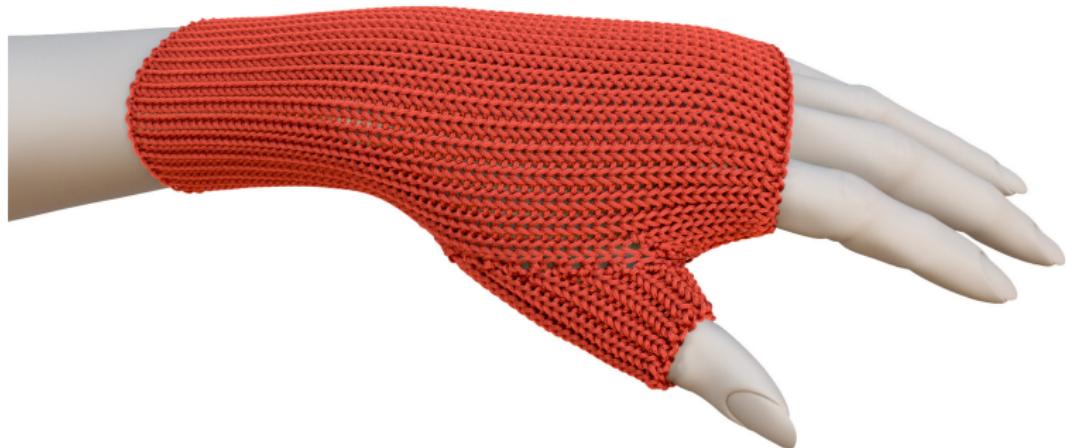
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enables artists to create yarn-level models of knitted clothing very easily.



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- **many nice pictures!**





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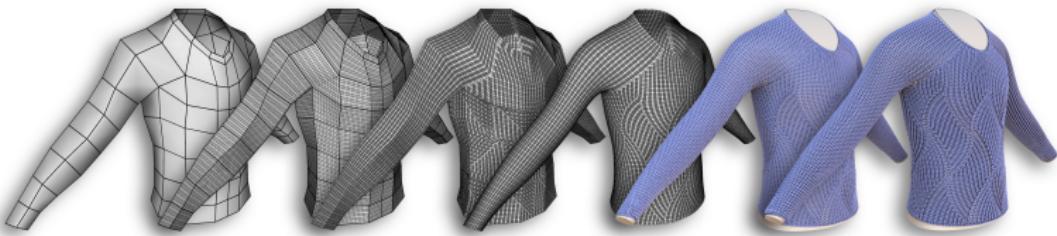
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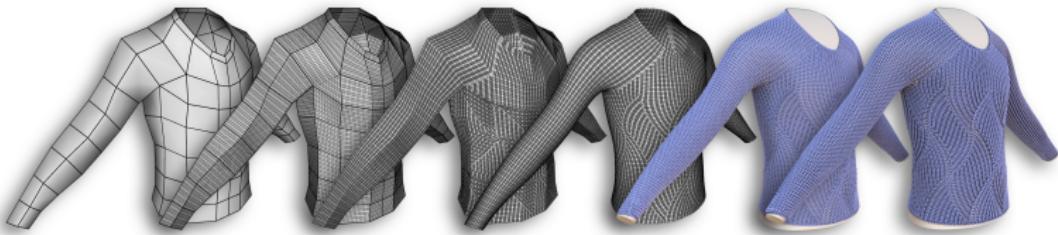
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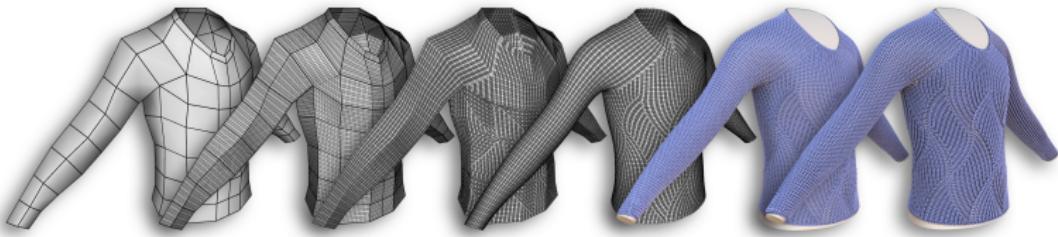
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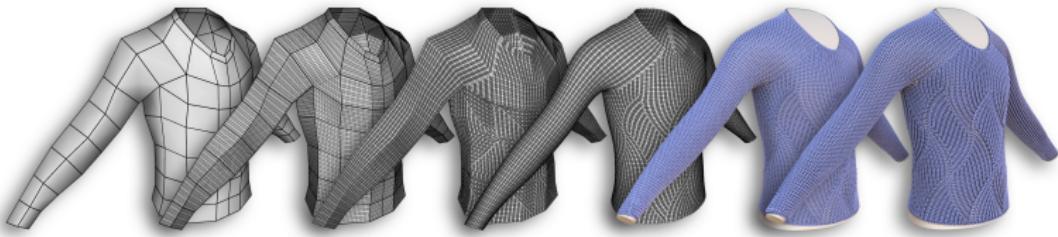
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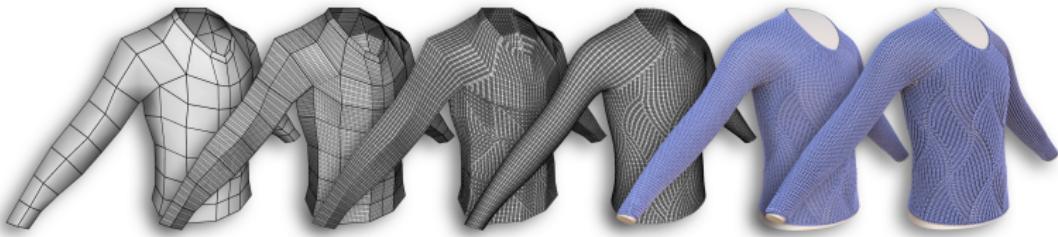
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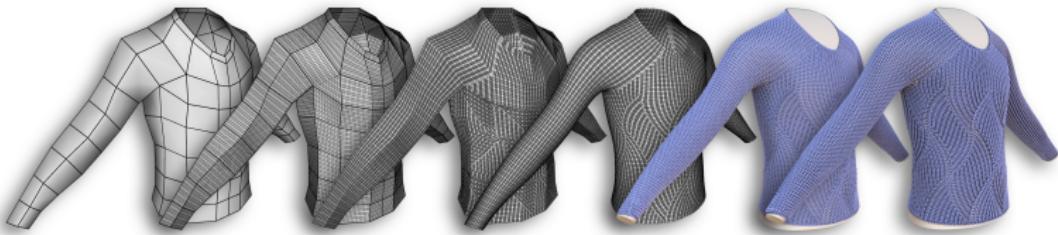
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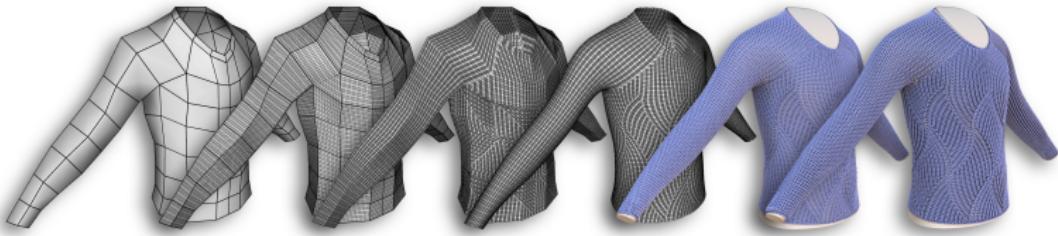
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- ⑥ Simulate at yarn level.

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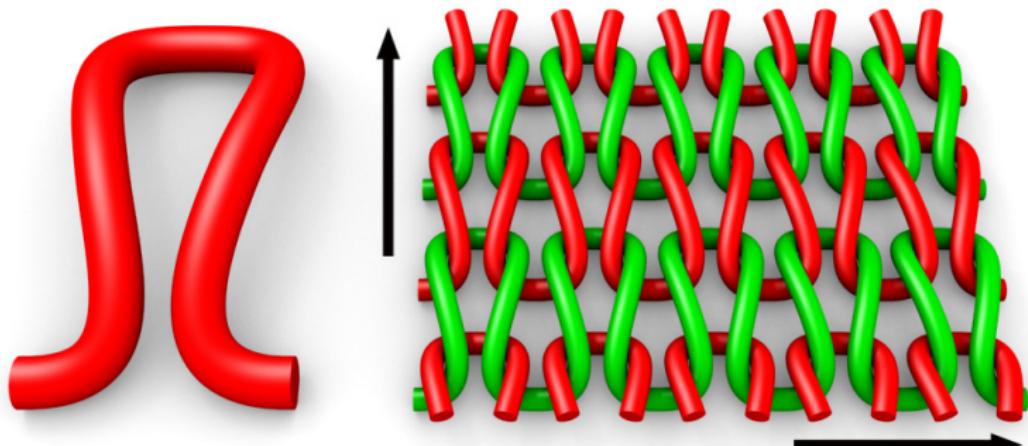
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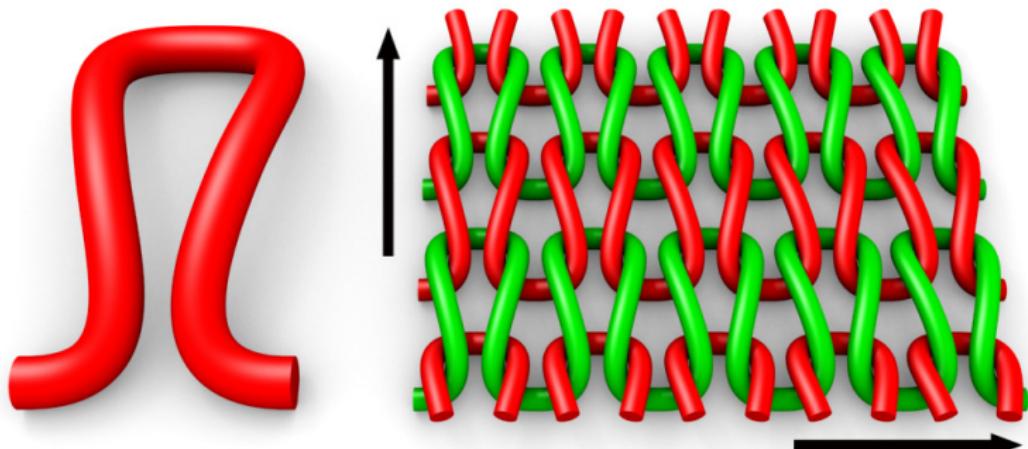
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- Knitting = Pulling yarn through loops of previous row



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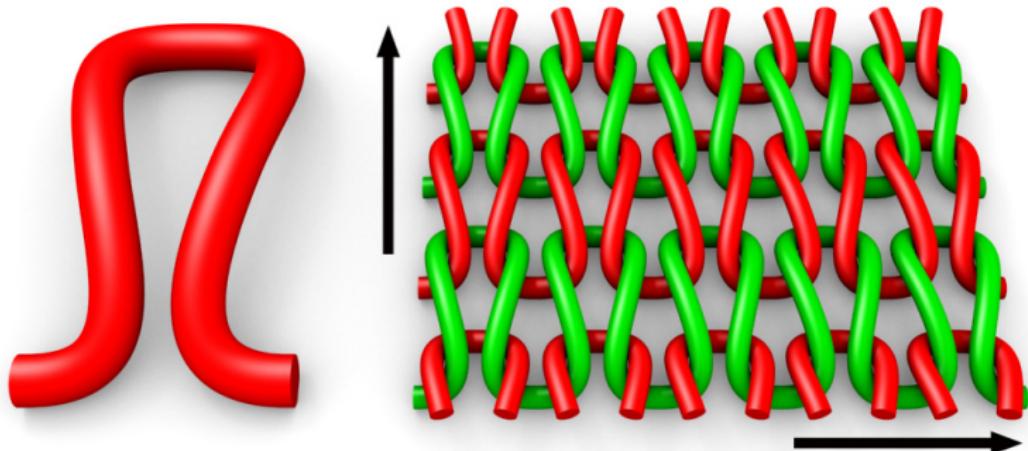
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- Basic unit: Loop.



- Knitting = Pulling yarn through loops of previous row
- Several ways to create those loops ⇒ complexity



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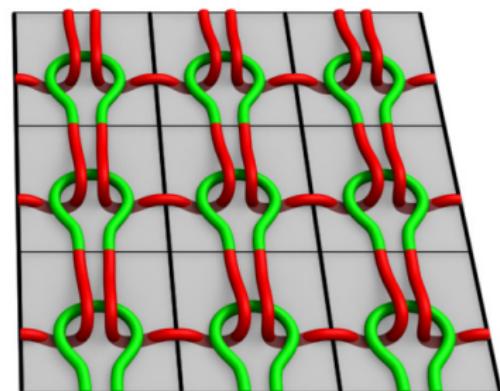
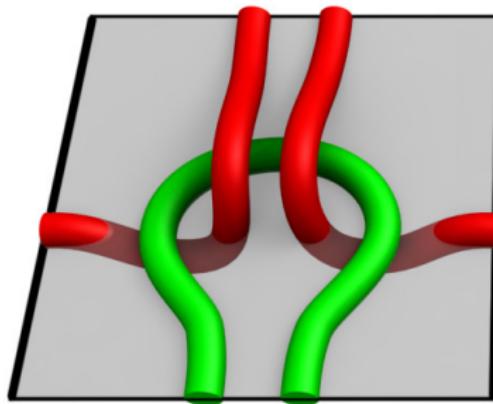
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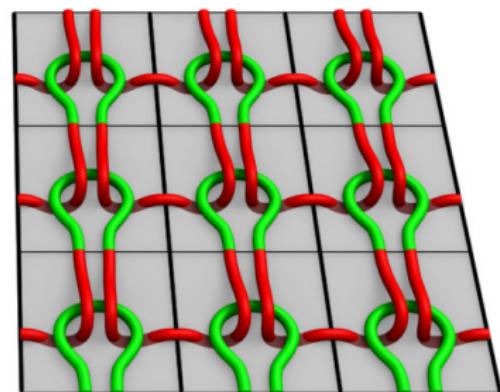
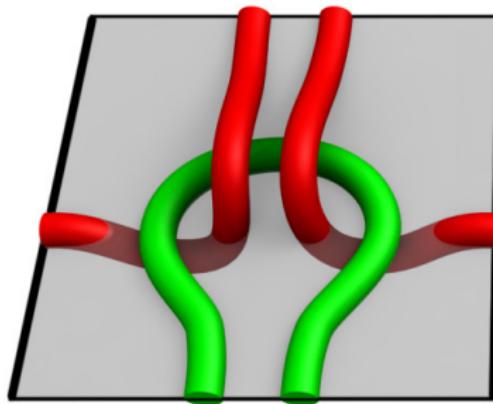
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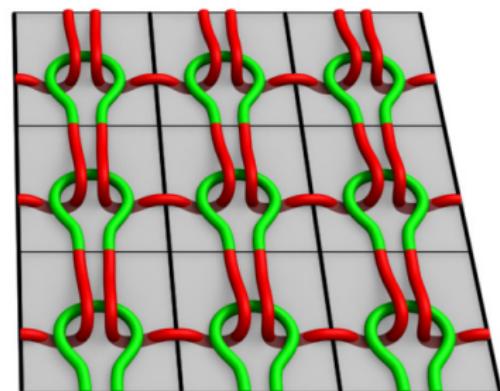
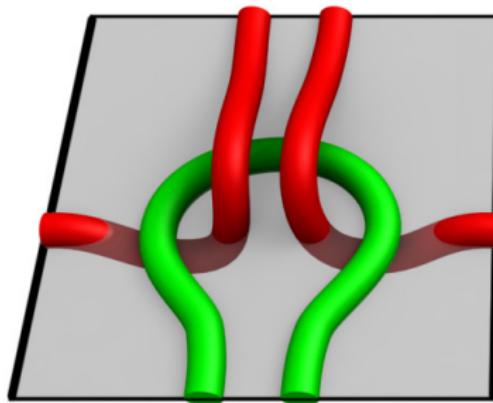
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- Easy abstraction of the yarn geometry



- Each face = certain yarn configuration
- Centered around the top part of one loop



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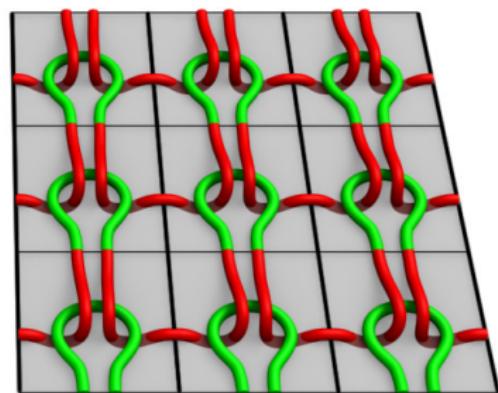
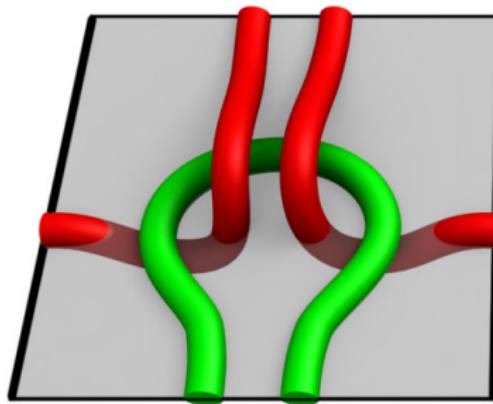
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- Geometry specified by control points

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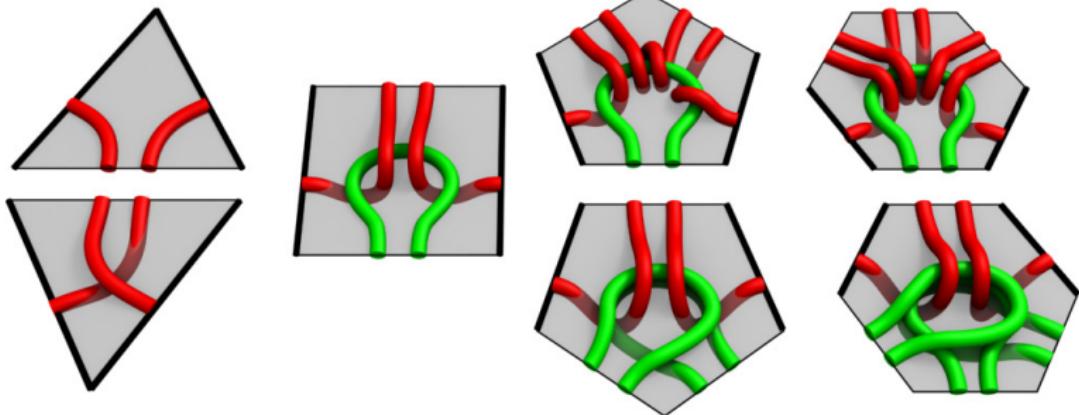
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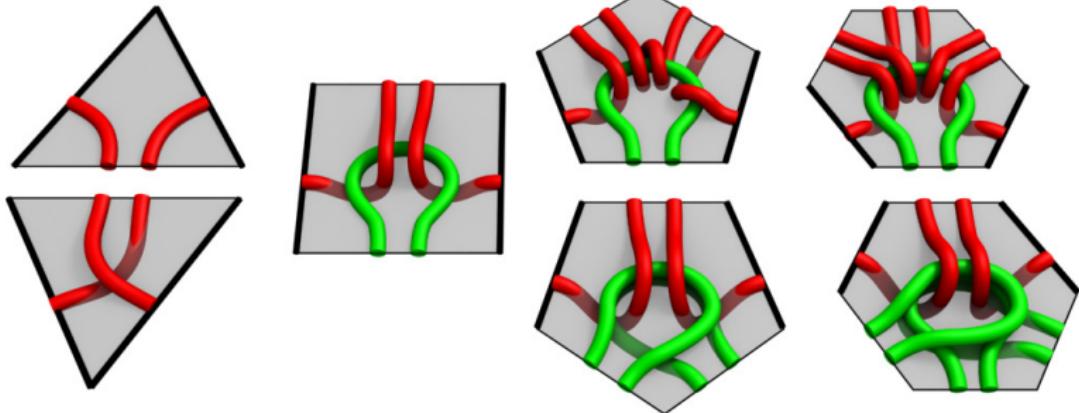
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- Rule: Two sides crossed by one yarn, others crossed by two yarns.

And Even More Stitch Types



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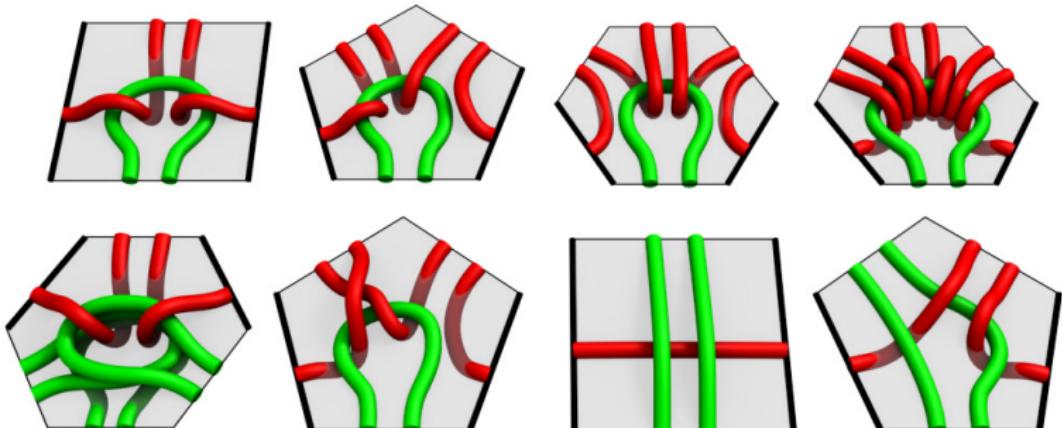
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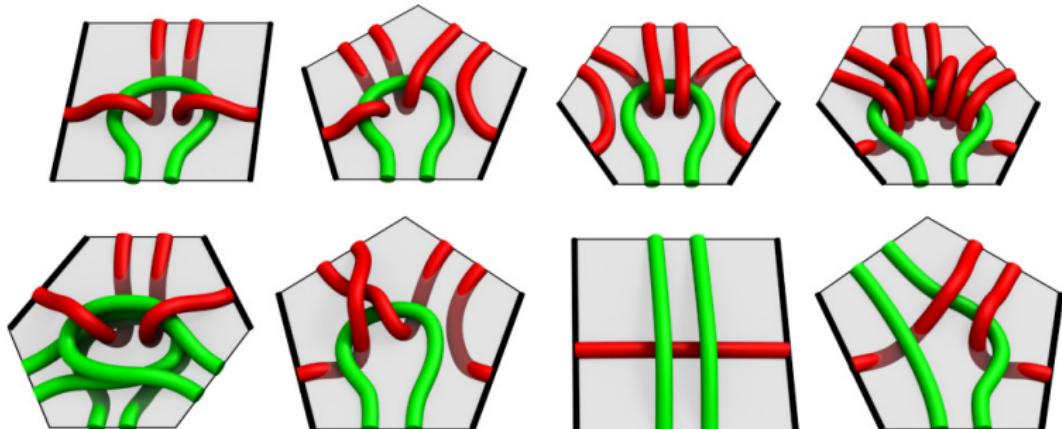
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- Can all be combined, form **rows!**

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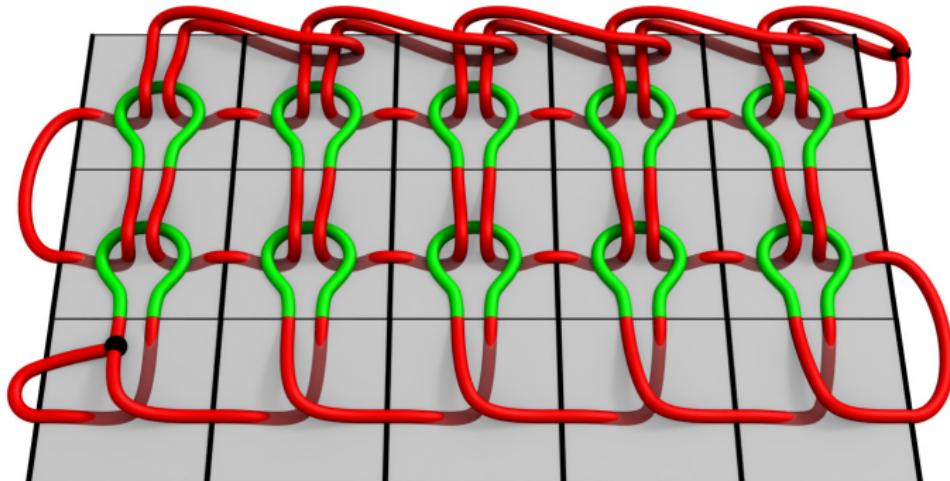
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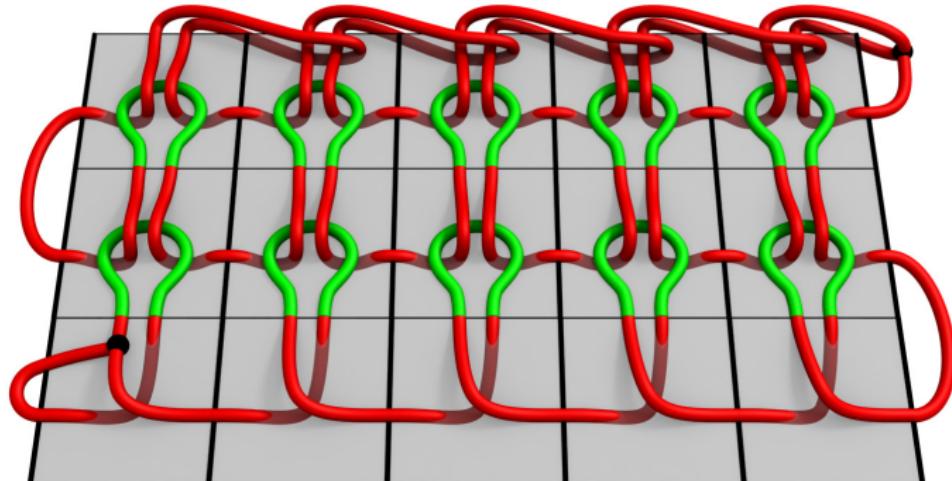
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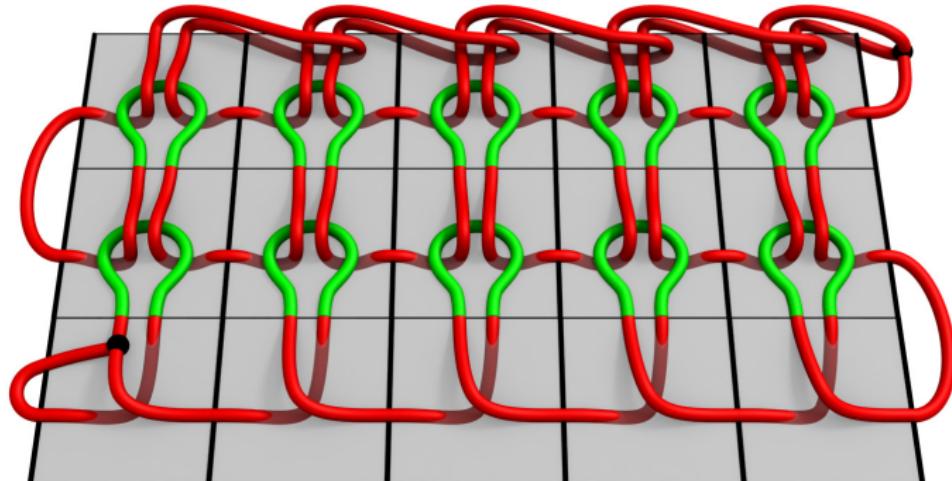
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- Bottom: cast-ons
- Top: bind-offs

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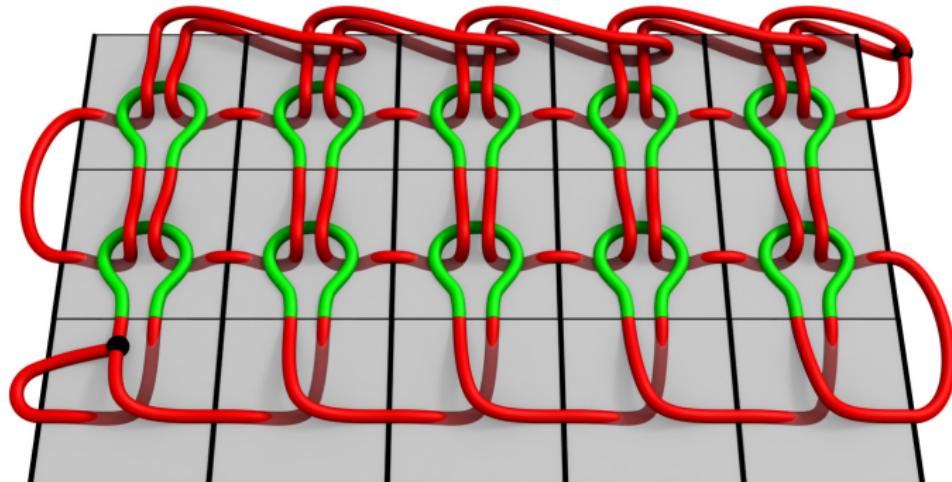
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- Bottom: **cast-ons**
- Top: **bind-offs**
- Side: Tie or connect to adjacent ends



Tubes

Spiral versus Separate Rows: 0 – 1

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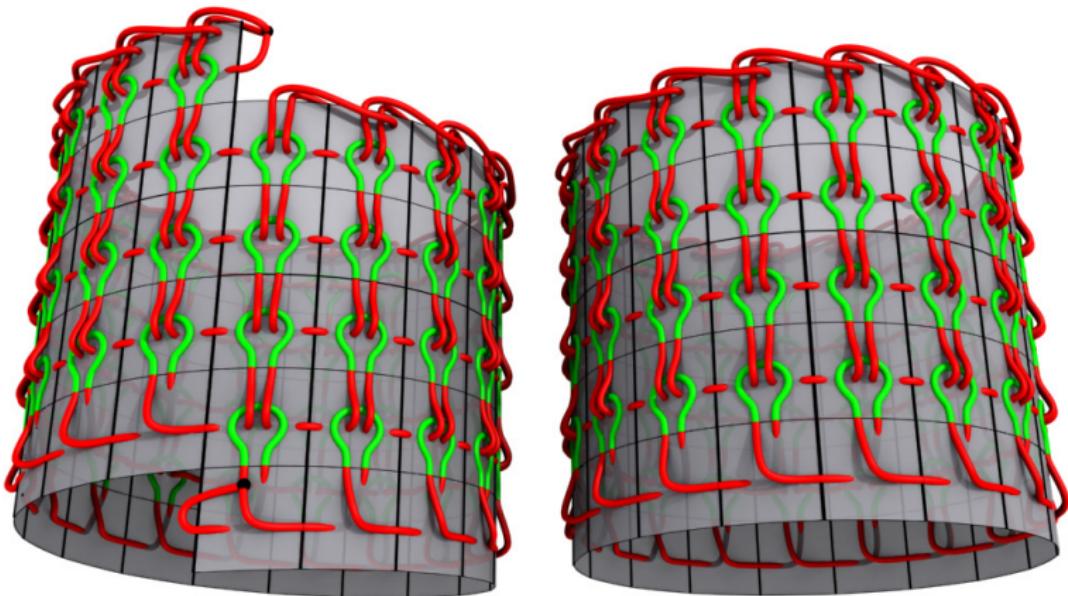
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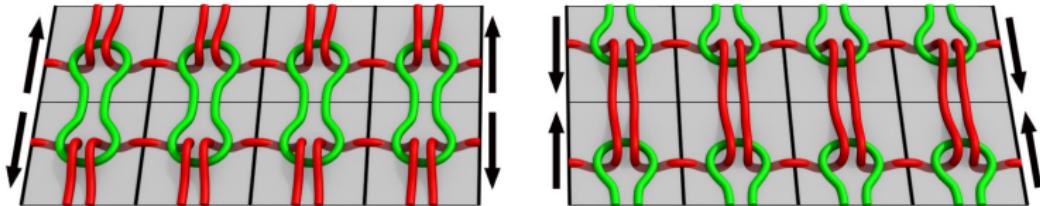
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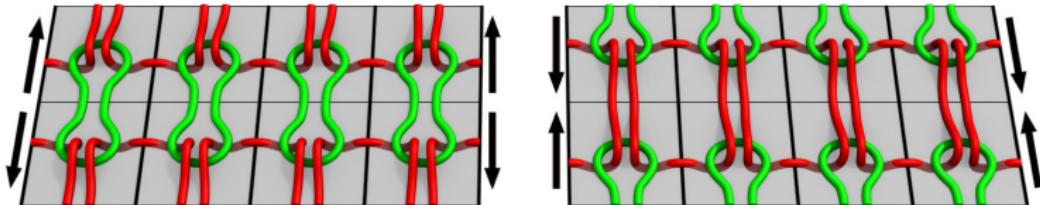
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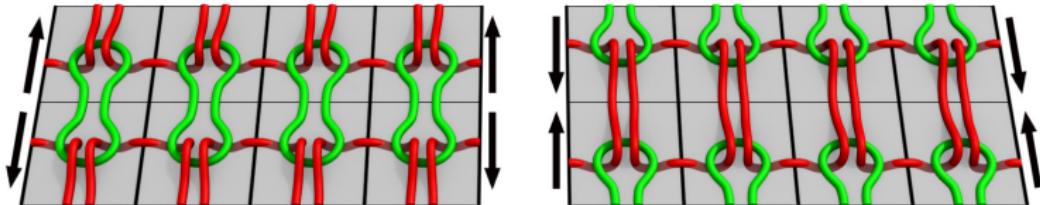
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- ... are handled automatically!
- No real-world structure, but looks plausible.

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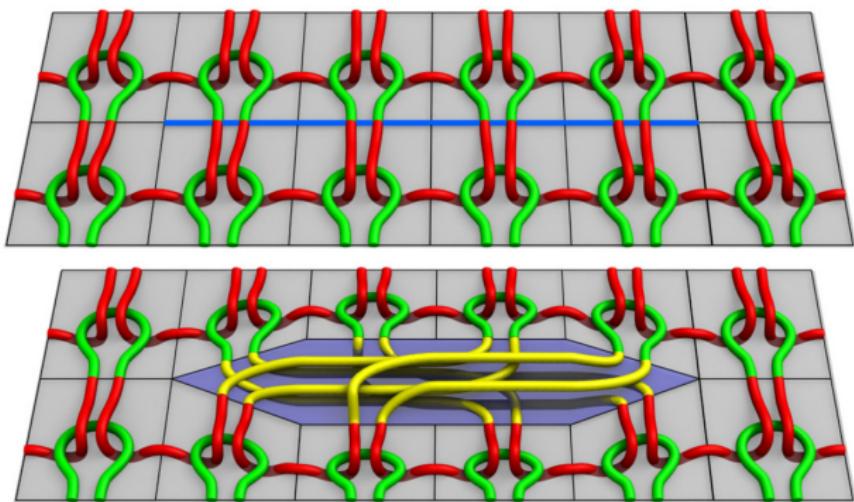
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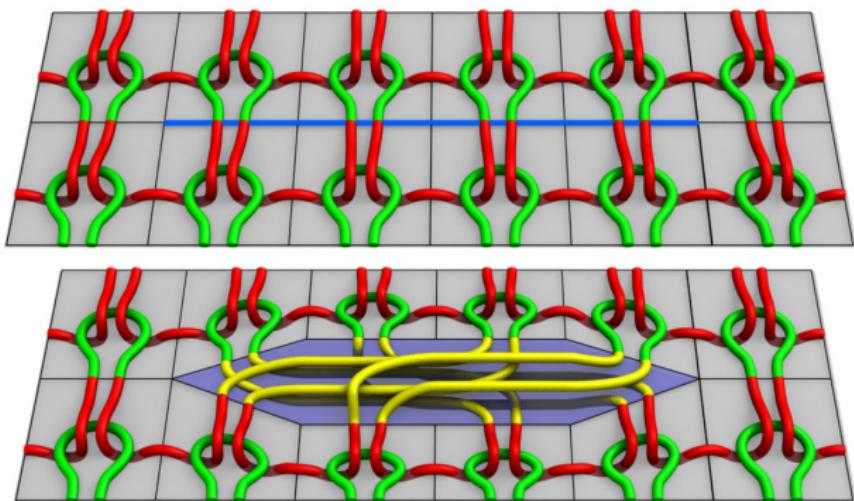
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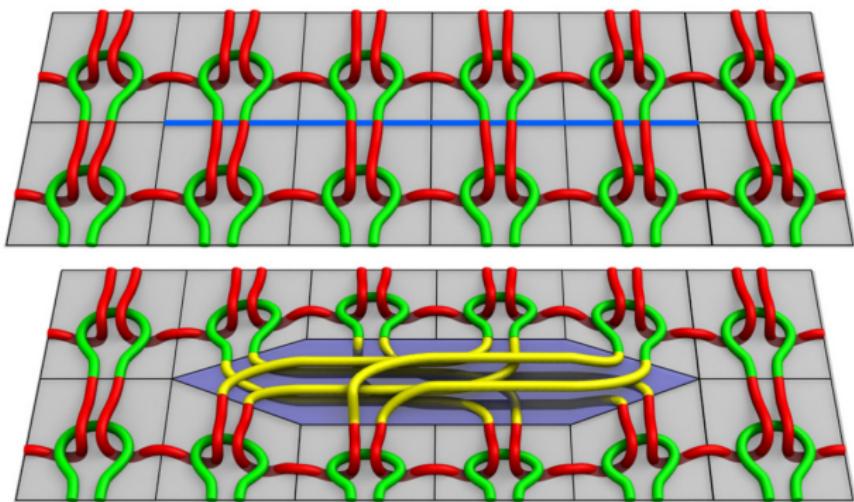
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- Assign cable edges to insert cable faces later.

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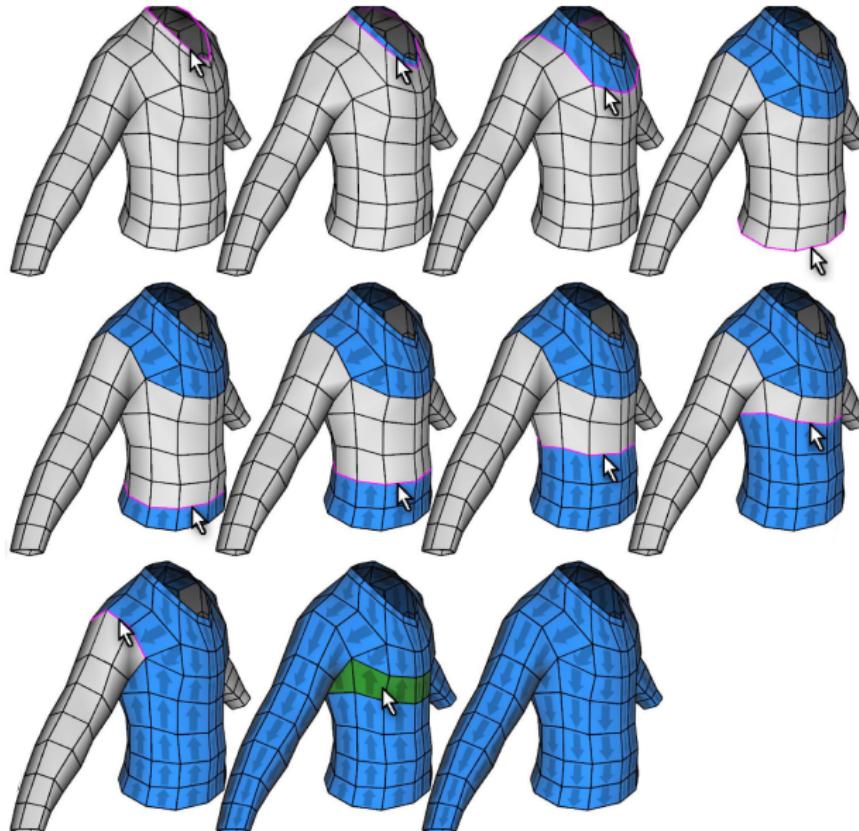
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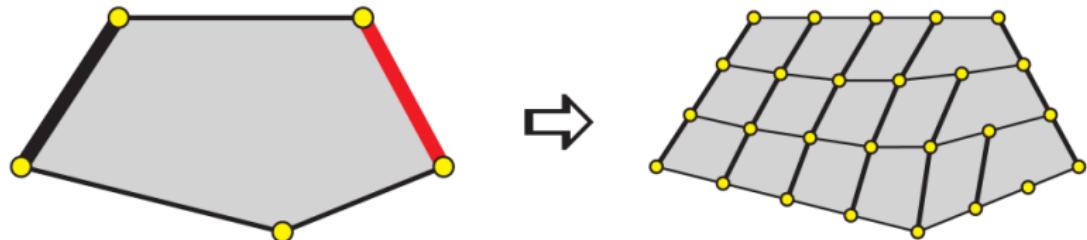
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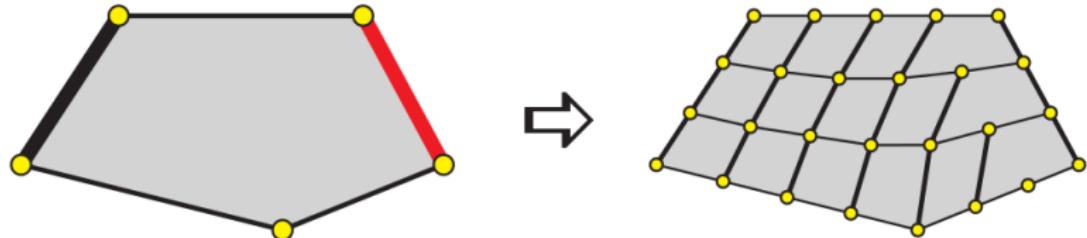
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Strategy for each face



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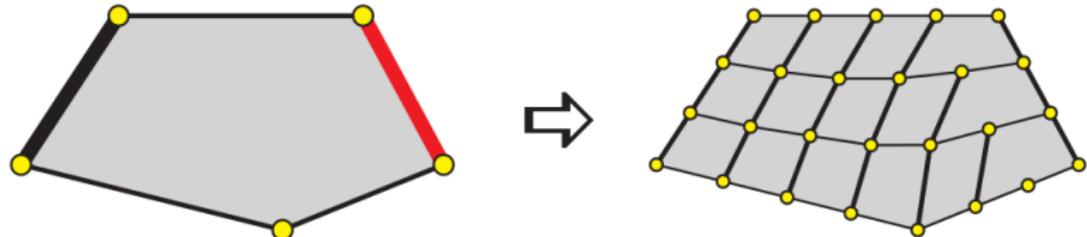
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Strategy for each face

- Tessellate its edges



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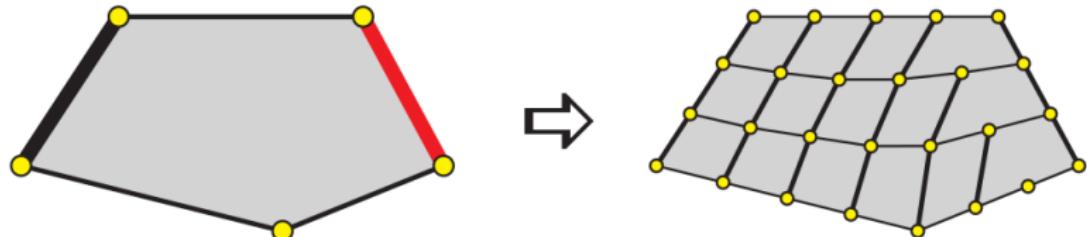
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- Determine number of rows



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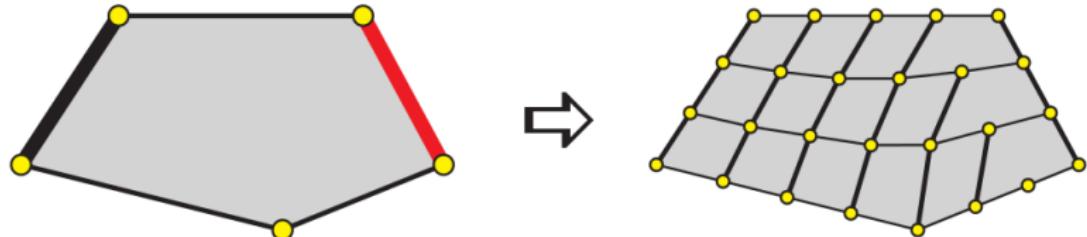
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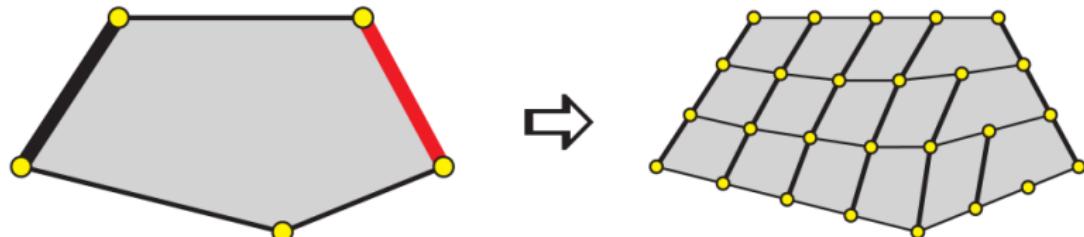
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Strategy for each face

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

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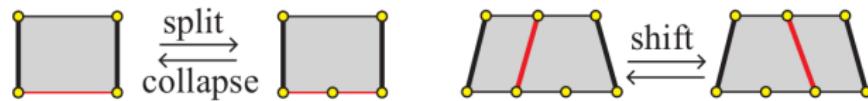
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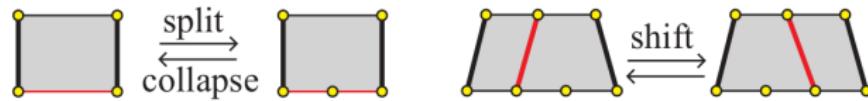
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- User can set stitch types and create patterns

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



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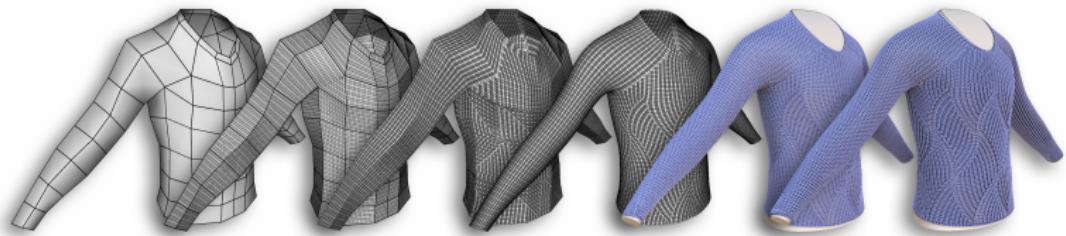
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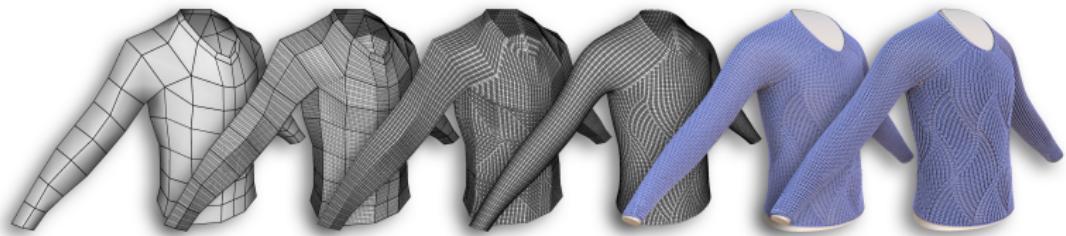
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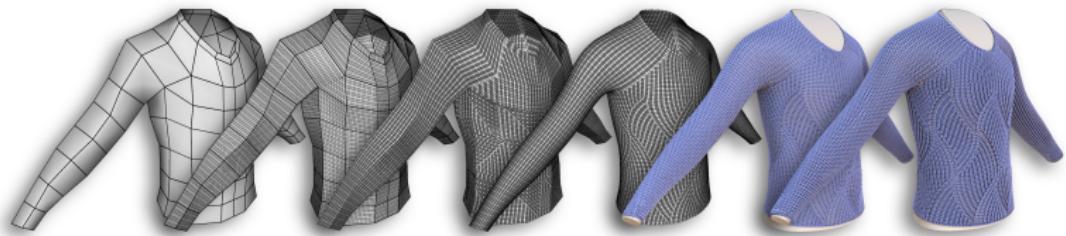
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Overview

- ④ (Cheap) mesh-based relaxation



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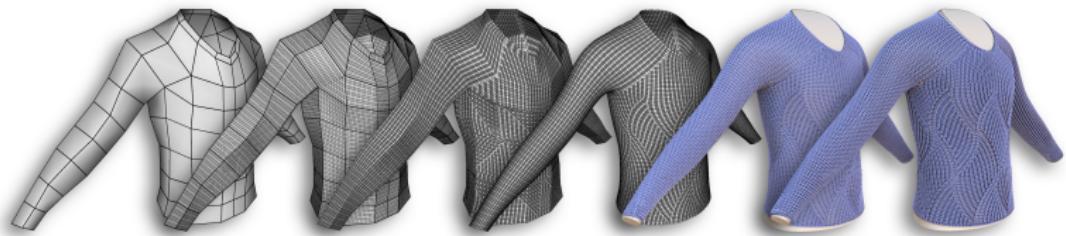
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- ⑤ Yarn generation



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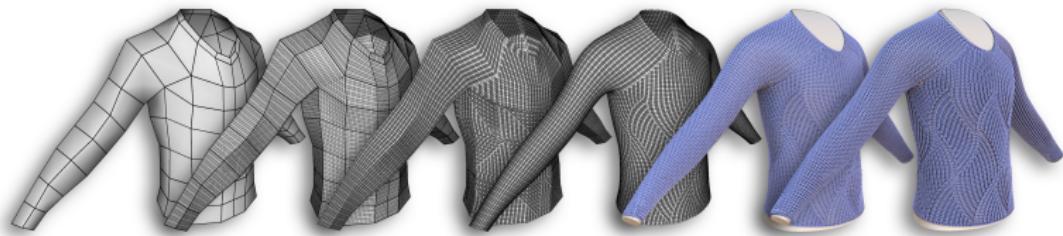
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- ④ (Cheap) mesh-based relaxation
- ⑤ Yarn generation
- ⑥ (Expensive) yarn-level relaxation



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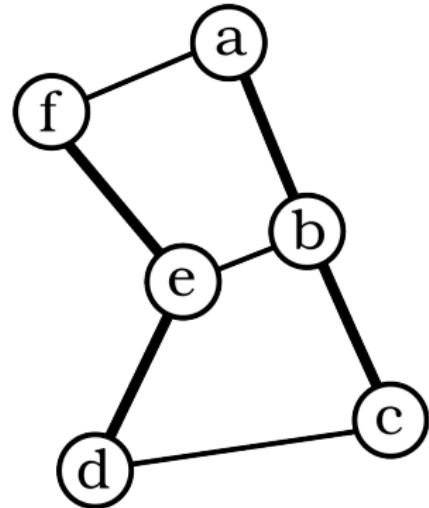
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only





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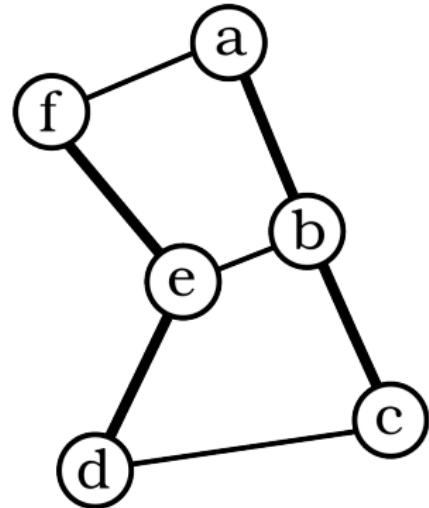
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:



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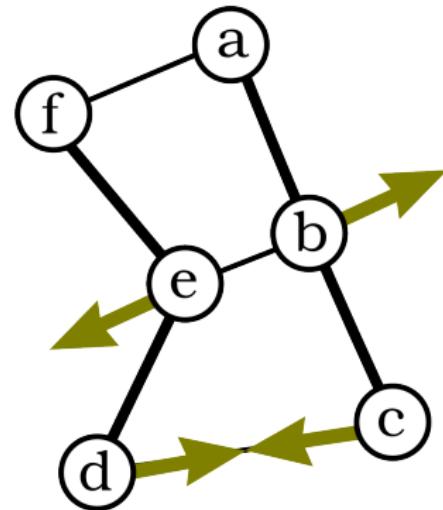
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:
 - **Stretch forces** try to keep connected vertices at pre-calculated rest distance





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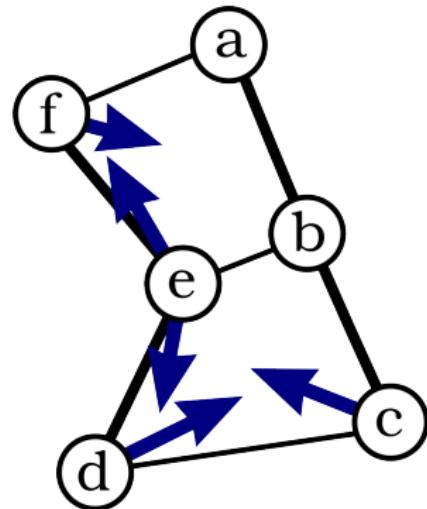
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:
 - **Stretch forces** try to keep connected vertices at pre-calculated rest distance
 - **Shear forces** try to give a rectangular shape to each sub-quad





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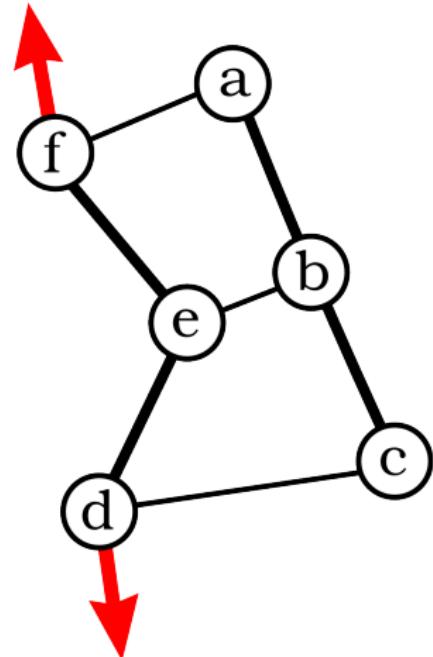
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- Simulation of the stitch mesh only
- Define three forces:
 - **Stretch forces** try to keep connected vertices at pre-calculated rest distance
 - **Shear forces** try to give a rectangular shape to each sub-quadrilateral
 - **Wale strut forces** try to stiffen wale edges on consecutive rows





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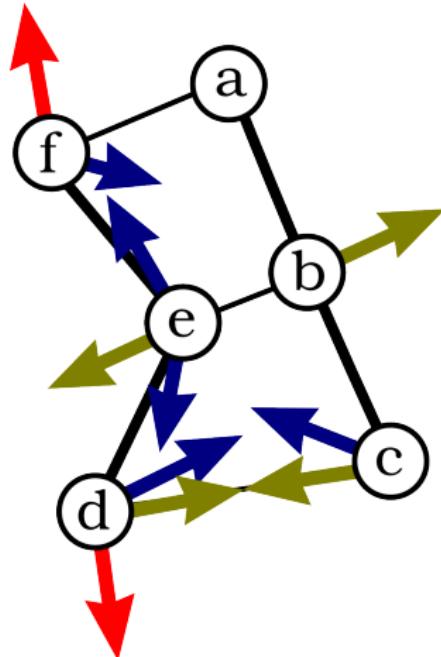
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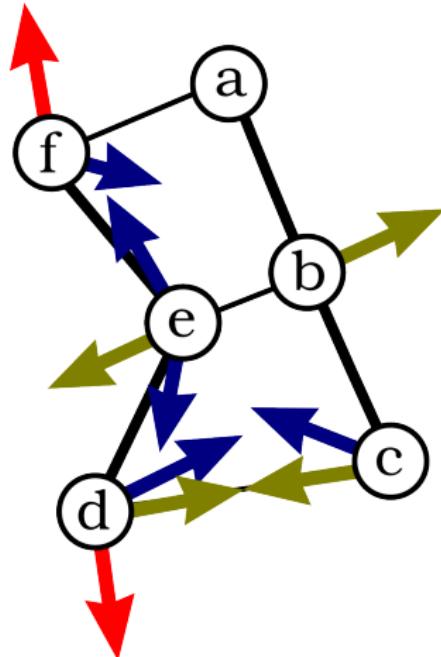
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 - **Wale strut forces** try to stiffen wale edges on consecutive rows
- Simulate this system until stable





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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



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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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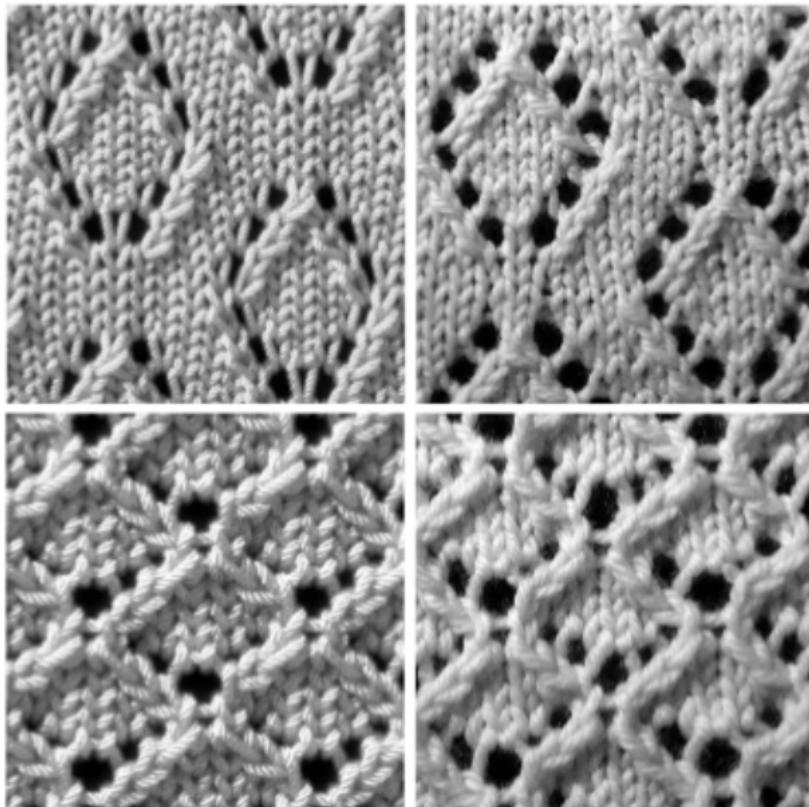
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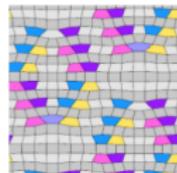
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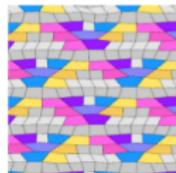
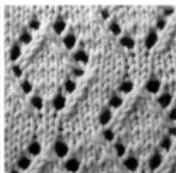
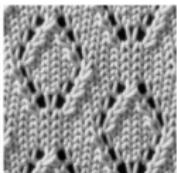
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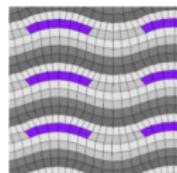
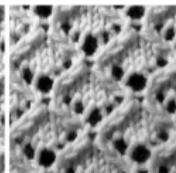
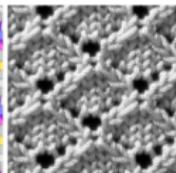
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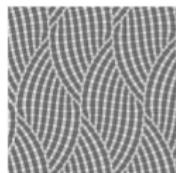
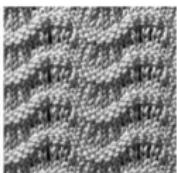
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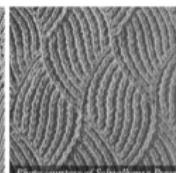
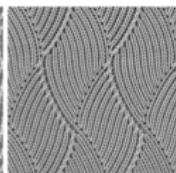
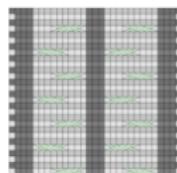


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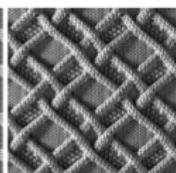


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Stitch Mesh color coding (odd rows are slightly darker):





.... as well as Full-scale Garments

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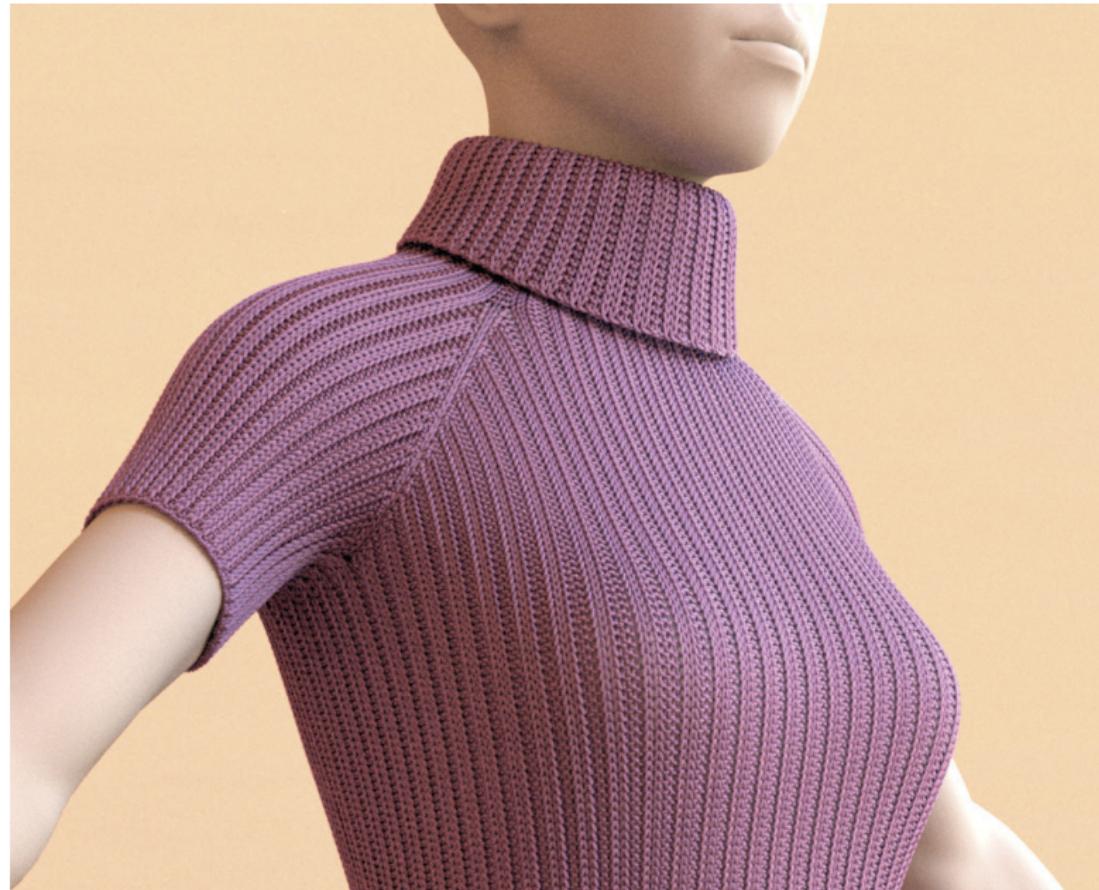
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Image	Stitch Faces	MBR time	YLR time



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Dress	60,732	6 min.	11 hours





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Alien 2	13,440	3 min.	33 hours





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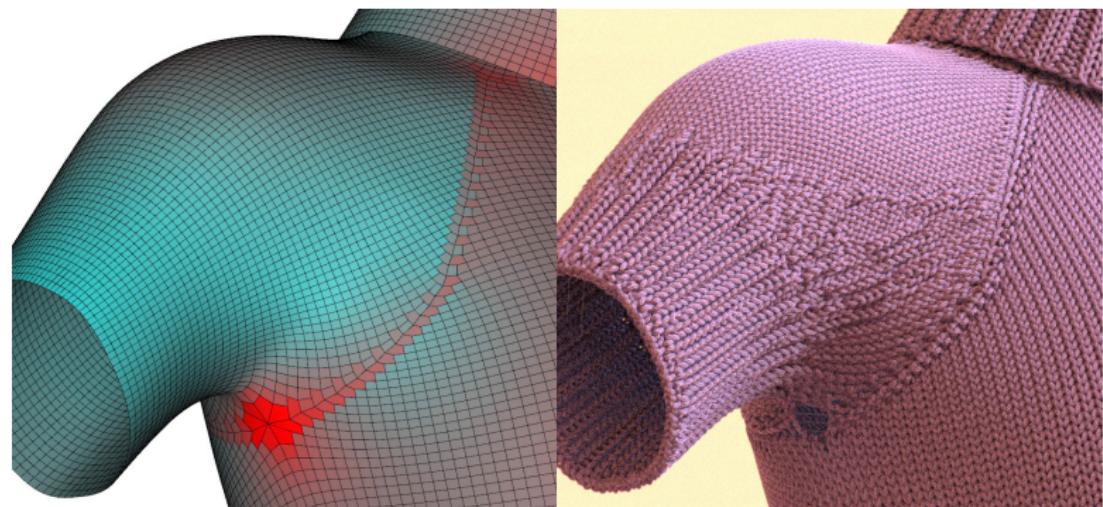
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- Slow yarn-level relaxation → speed it up, optimize for some patterns
- Tool requires a “sane” input mesh → allow any mesh
- Stitch mesh cannot handle layers (pockets) or stitched-together parts
- Stitches can be stretched apart or wrinkle → adapt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



- Thank you for your attention!

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- Thank you for your attention!
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