

Weekly Review

09/02/21

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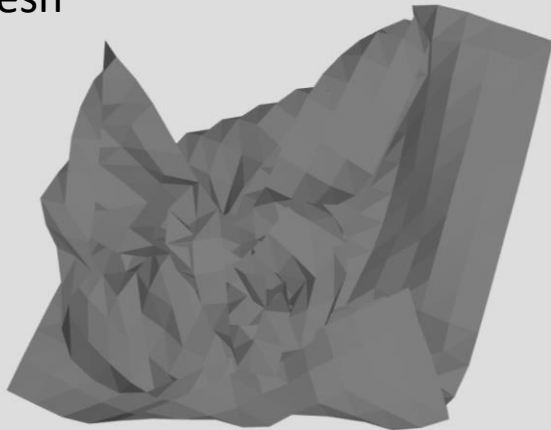
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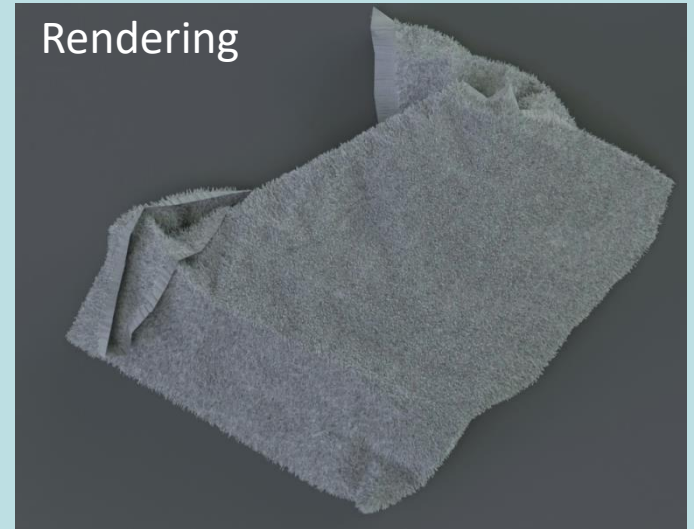
Mesh



Mujoco

Not needed : *use mujoco model initially*
(Need faster simulation and huge dataset)

Rendering



For later use : *sim-to-real transfer*

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One of the recent breakthroughs in robotics has been the development of model-free visual policy learning [26, 45, 1], where robotic algorithms can reason about interactions directly from raw sensory observations. This can alleviate the challenge of state estimation for deformable objects [33], since we can directly learn on images. Moreover, since these methods do not require an explicit model of the object [29], they can overcome the challenge of having complex deformable object dynamics.

- Pick points are selected on binary segmentation of the cloth image
- Reward is also computed from the segmentation

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Possible issues –

- Environment not set up correctly
- Not enough computation on laptop

Need better understanding of the repository !!!

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