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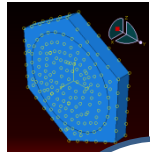
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# **TexGen Workshop**

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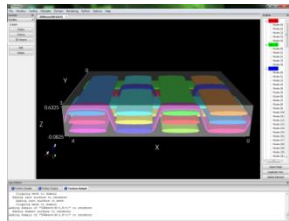
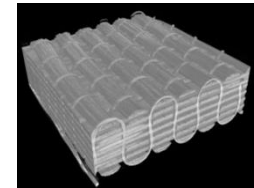
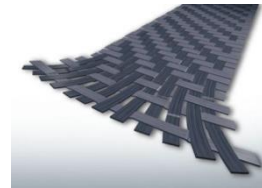


# TexGen Geometric Textile Modelling Software

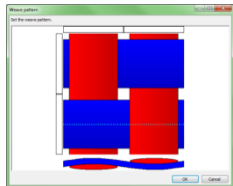


## Fibre/Micro-Scale

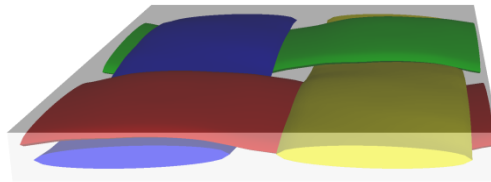
Micro-scale FEA simulations or analytical methods determine yarn properties



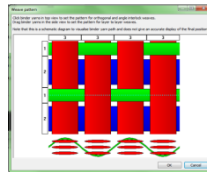
Generate textile geometry using TexGen GUI or script



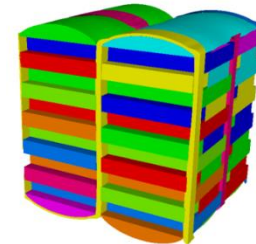
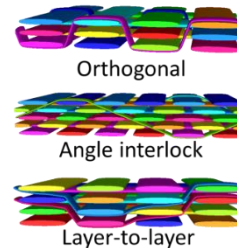
Automatically generate 2D and 2D sheared textiles



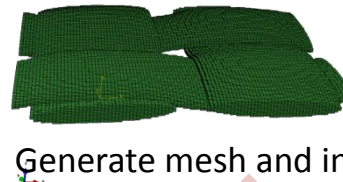
## Unit Cell/Meso-Scale



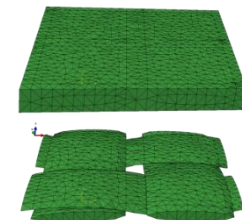
3D wizard generates idealised 3D textiles



Refinement of orthogonal weave to simulate compaction



Generate mesh and input files for FEA or CFD to predict material properties



Composite material properties extracted from meso-scale predictions are used to model structural components

## Component/Macro-Scale

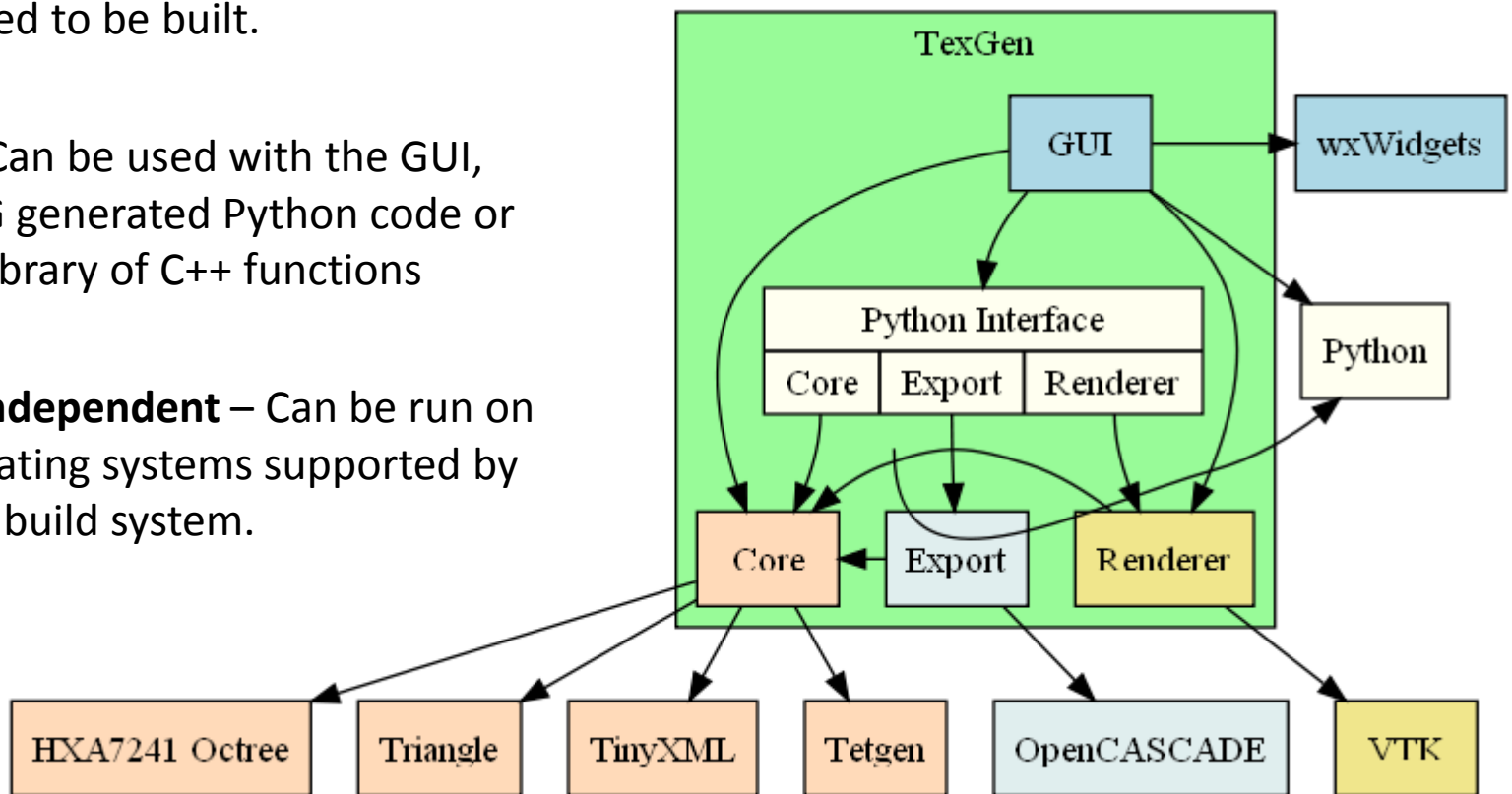




**Modular** -Core functionality is in the core module, graphics are in a renderer module; if not using visualisation, the renderer doesn't need to be built.

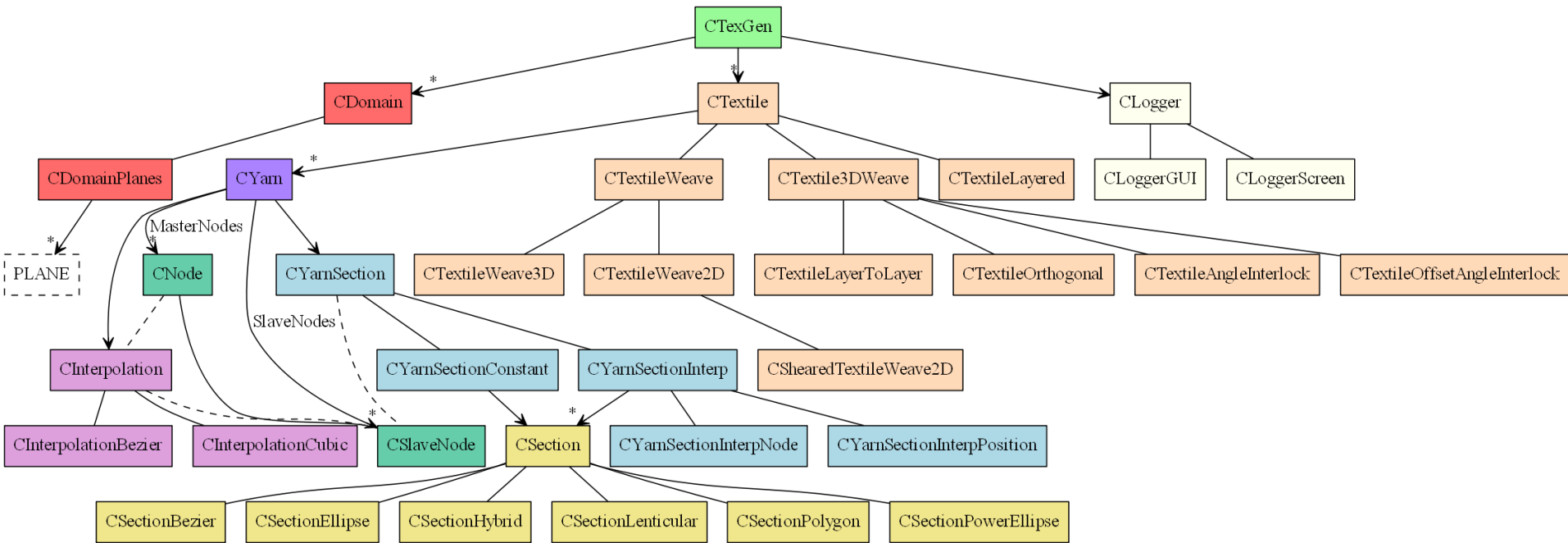
**Flexible** – Can be used with the GUI, using SWIG generated Python code or used as a library of C++ functions

**Platform independent** – Can be run on most operating systems supported by the Cmake build system.





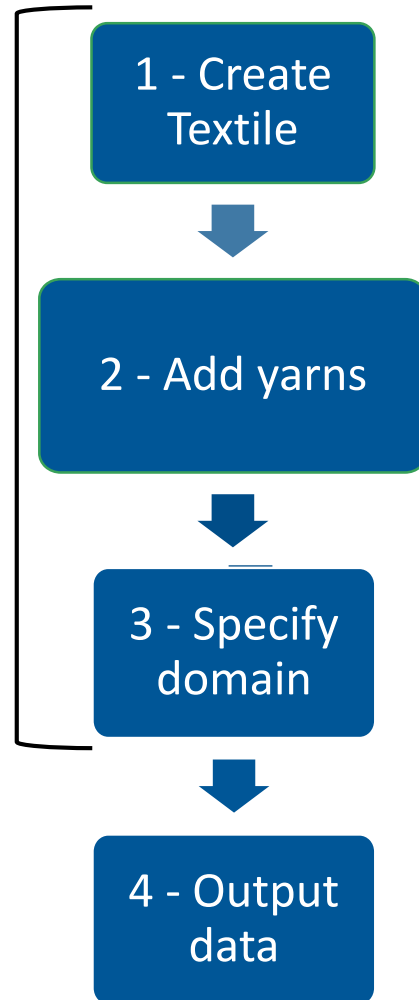
# TexGen Class Hierarchy





# Generating a Textile

Steps combined  
and performed  
automatically in  
2D and 3D  
wizards



Create yarn path  
Assign sections  
Select interpolation  
Assign repeats  
Assign fibre properties

Each step individually using either  
GUI, Python script or C++ API  
functions



Each textile is created in a Ctextile object

**GUI:** Select *Textiles* -> *Create Empty* ( Step 1 )

**Python:**

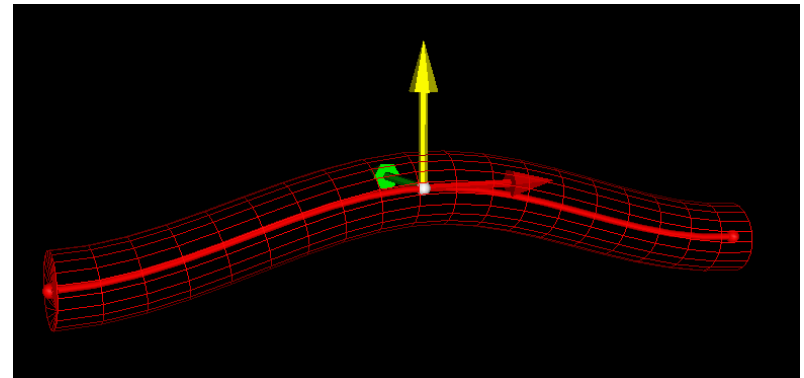
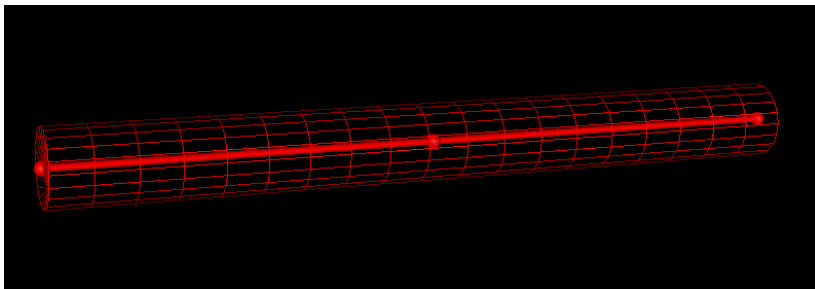
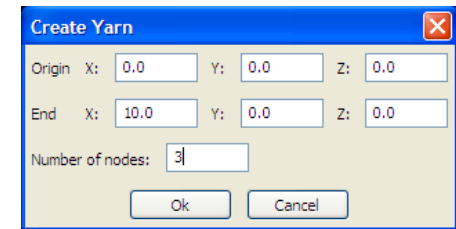
```
Textile = CTextile()
```

Yarns are denoted by a set of Master Nodes

**GUI:** Select *Modeller*->*Create Yarn* ( Step 2 )

**Python:**

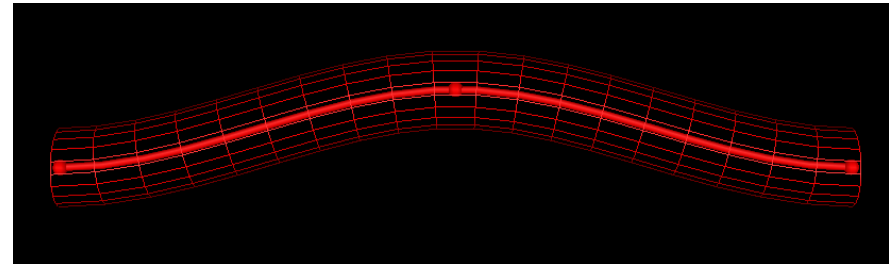
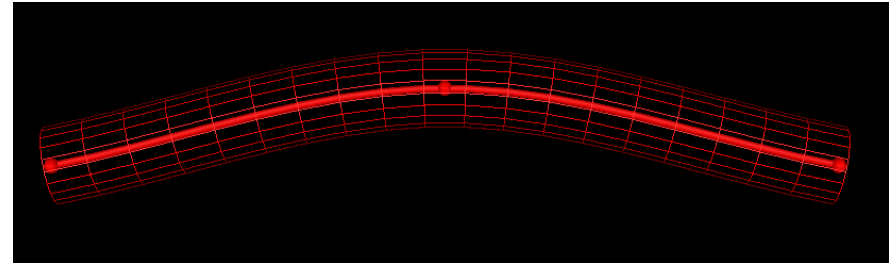
```
Yarn = CYarn()  
Yarn.AddNode(CNode(XYZ(0,0,0)))  
Yarn.AddNode(CNode(XYZ(5,0,1)))  
Yarn.AddNode(CNode(XYZ(10,0,0)))
```



A path is generated between the master nodes by an interpolation function

**GUI:** Select *Modeller* -> *Interpolation*

- Bezier spline
- Natural cubic spline
- Linear spline
- Periodic – select to maintain continuity across yarn repeats



**Python:**

```
Yarn.AssignInterpolation(CInterpolationCubic())
```

Defaults to periodic, send False as parameter to CInterpolationCubic() for non-periodic interpolation

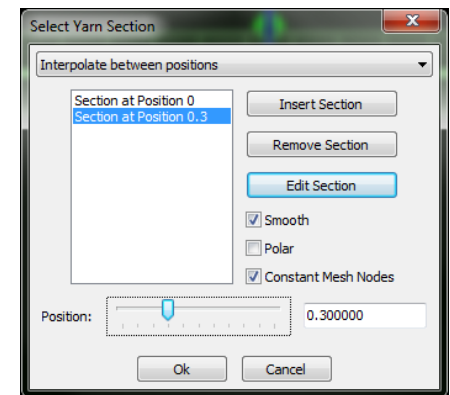
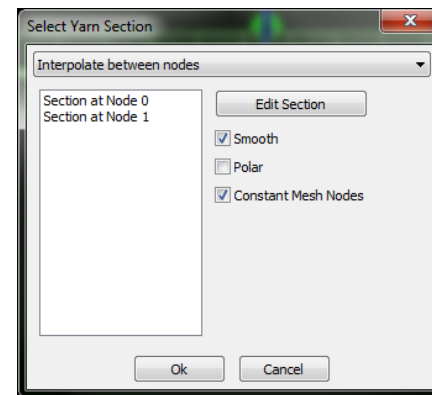


Yarn cross-sections are specified as 2D sections perpendicular to the yarn tangent

By default the cross-section is constant along the length of the yarn or an interpolation method can be chosen

**GUI:** Select *Modeller* -> *Assign Section*

- Select interpolation
  - Constant
  - Interpolate between nodes
  - Interpolate between positions

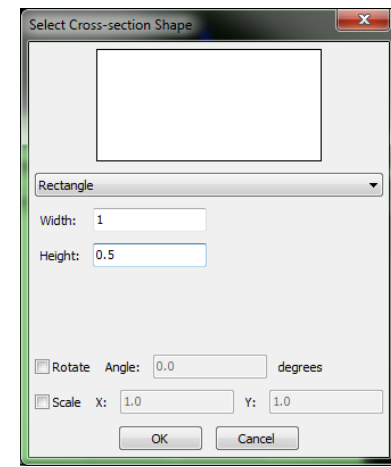
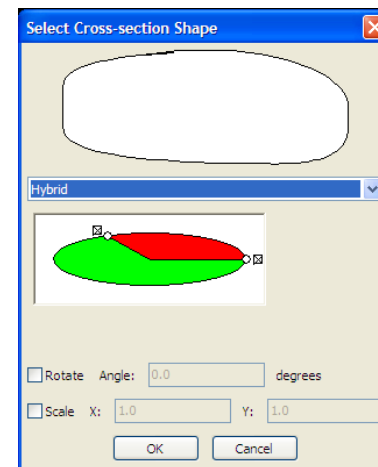
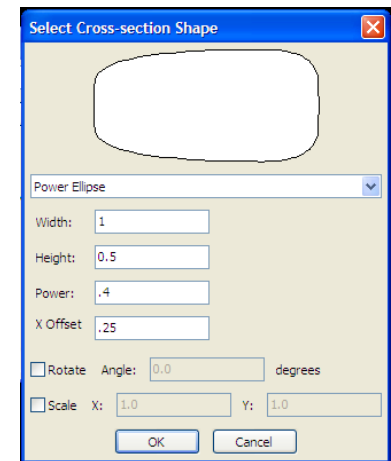
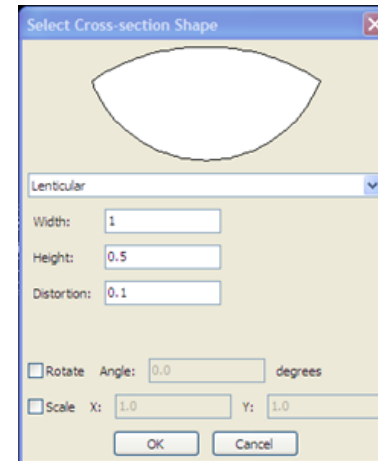


# Yarn Cross-Sections – Section Specification

Cross-sections are specified at the locations given by the section interpolation

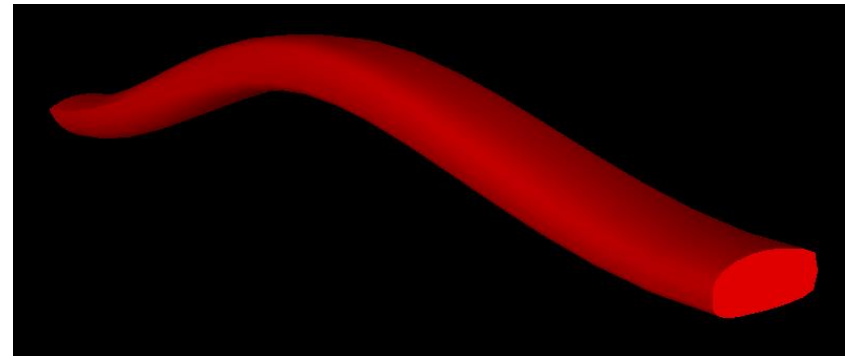
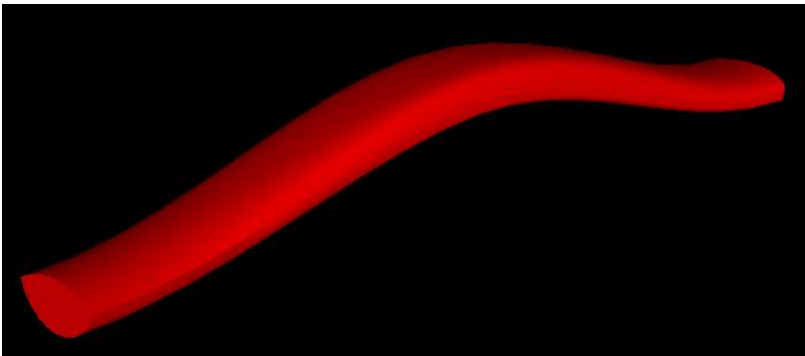
Available cross-sections:

- Ellipse
- Lenticular
- Power ellipse
- Hybrid
- Rectangle
  - Use rather than power ellipse with power = 0 to generate uniform section meshes
- Polygon
  - Only by scripting



## Python:

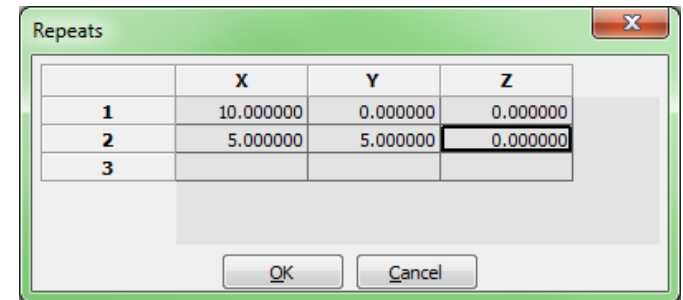
```
YarnSections = CYarnSectionInterpNode()  
YarnSections.AddSection( CSectionLenticular(1.0,0.5,0.1) )  
YarnSections.AddSection( CSectionPowerEllipse(1.0,0.5,0.4,0.25) )  
  
# Hybrid Section  
Top = CSectionEllipse( 1.0, 0.4 )  
Bottom = CSectionPowerEllipse( 1.0, 0.4, 0.4, 0.25 )  
YarnSections.AddSection( CSectionHybrid( Top, Bottom ) )  
  
Yarn.AssignSection( YarnSections )  
Textile.AddYarn(Yarn)
```



Yarn repeats allow a given yarn section to be repeated as specified by a set of vectors (in theory, allowing an infinite textile)

**GUI:** Select *Modeller* -> *Assign Repeats*

- Specify a set of repeat vectors



**Python:**

```
Yarn.AddRepeat (XYZ (10, 0, 0))  
Yarn.AddRepeat (XYZ (5, 5, 0))
```

The domain restricts the model to a specific region

- Specified by a set of convex planes
- Typically, but not always, the unit cell

## GUI:

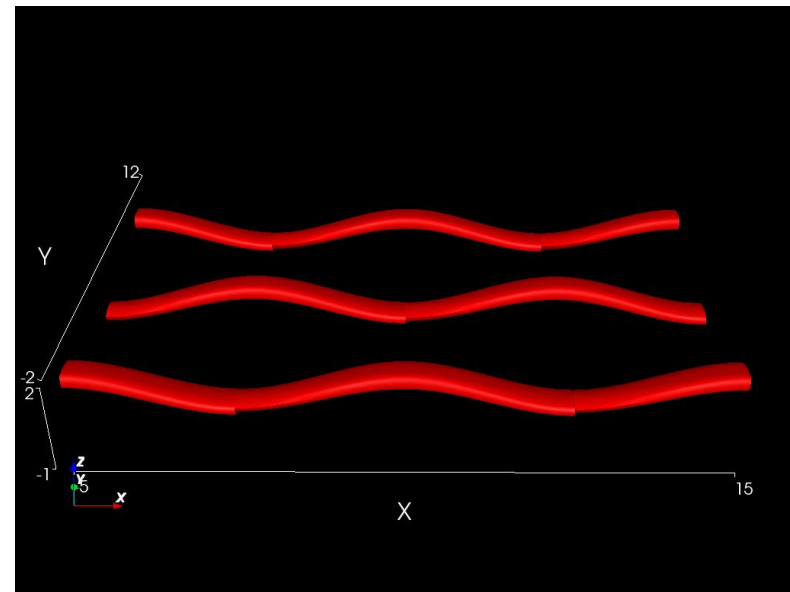
Select *Domain* -> *Create Box*

- Input minimum and maximum x,y,z values for bounding box

Or

Select *Domain* -> *Create Planes*

- Input required number of planes specified by the unit normal to the plane and its distance from the origin



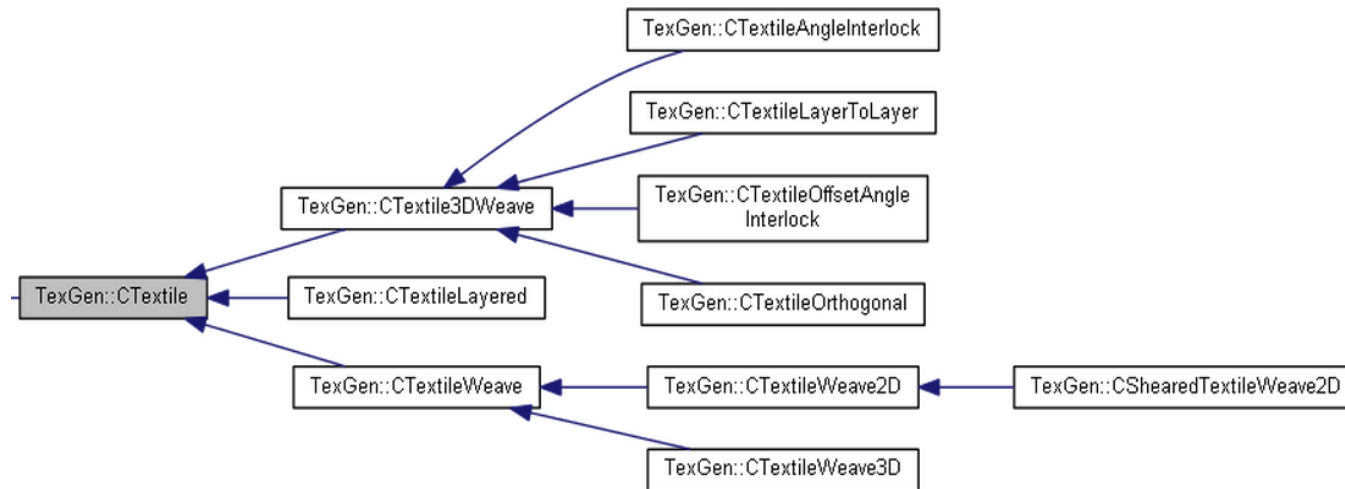
## Python:

```
Textile.AssignDomain(CDomainPlanes(XYZ(-5,-2,-1),XYZ(15,12,2)))
```

```
AddTextile("Workshop", Textile)
```

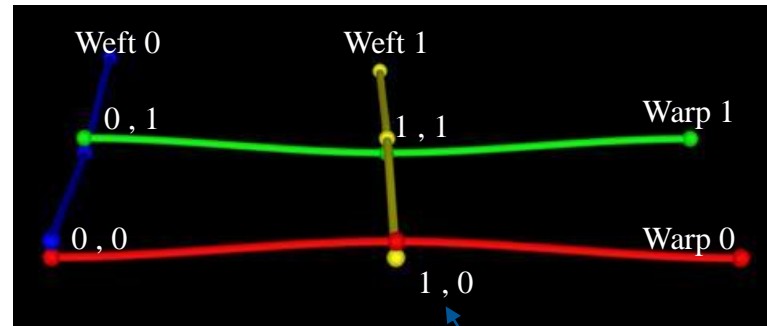
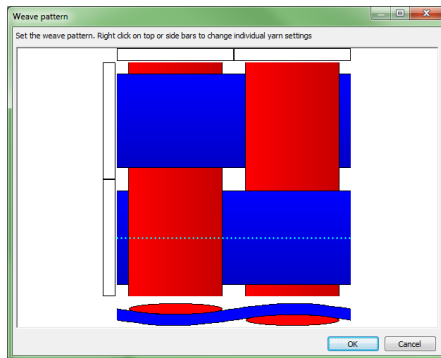


Predefined weave patterns are generated using classes which use Ctextile as a base class. They are used to input weave pattern information which then automatically generate the yarns.



The 2D wizard in the TexGen GUI creates weaves using the CTextileWeave2D class

Whether the warp and weft are up or down is stored for each x,y position



**GUI:** Set using Weave Pattern dialog

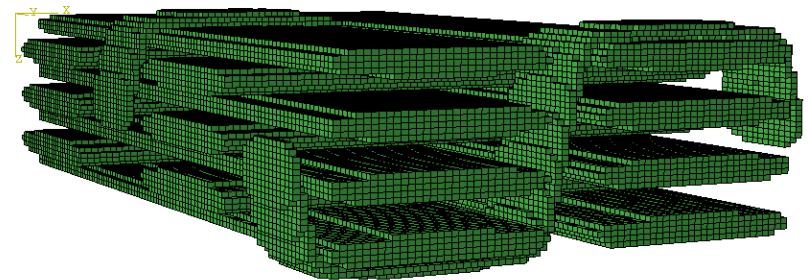
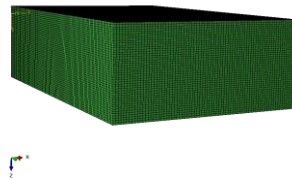
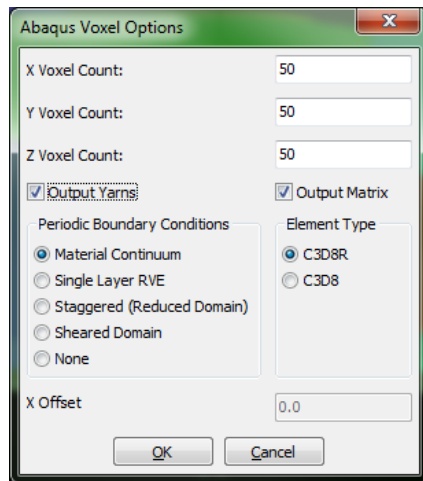
**Python:**

```
weave = CTextileWeave2D( numWefts,...  
numWarps,spacing, thickness )  
weave.SwapPosition(0, 0)  
weave.SwapPosition(1, 1)
```

x, y position  
Values stored: 0, 1  
(Weft down, warp up)

**GUI:** Select *File -> Export -> ABAQUS File -> ABAQUS Voxel File*

- Hex elements
- Periodic boundary conditions and steps for extraction of material properties
- [http://texgen.sourceforge.net/index.php/Extraction\\_of\\_Material\\_Properties\\_using\\_Voxel\\_Meshing\\_and\\_Abaqus](http://texgen.sourceforge.net/index.php/Extraction_of_Material_Properties_using_Voxel_Meshing_and_Abaqus)

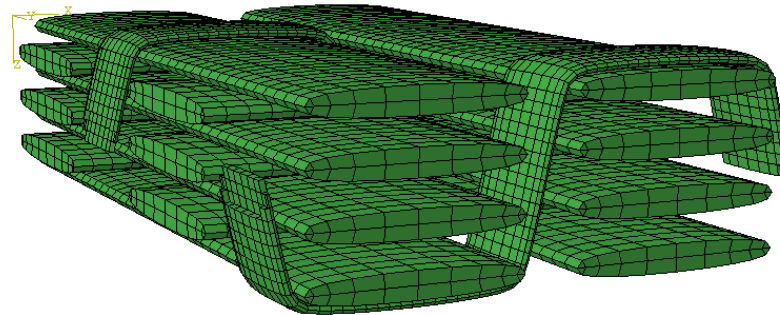
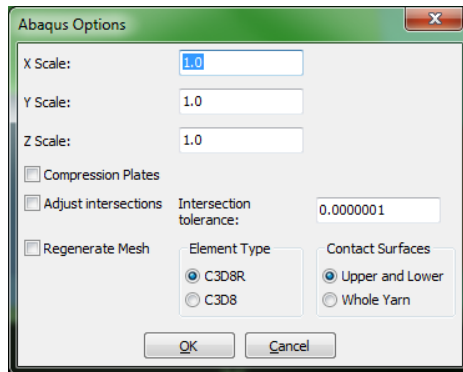


All ABAQUS exports include additional .ori and .eld files containing element orientation, fibre volume fraction and yarn information.



**GUI:** Select *File -> Export -> ABAQUS File -> ABAQUS Dry FibreFile*

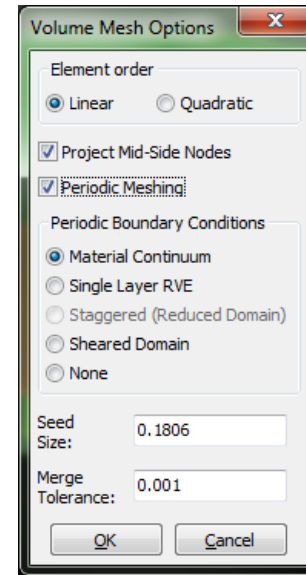
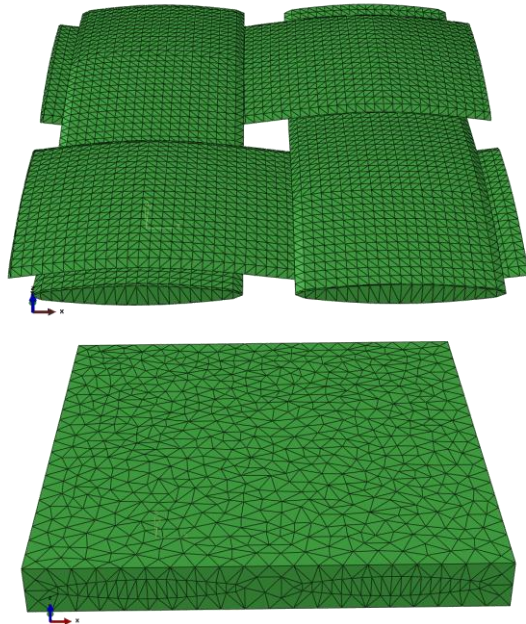
- Conformal mesh using hex and wedge elements
- Uses weave pattern information to generate contact surfaces
- Correction for small intersections



## Volume Mesh

**GUI:** Select *File* -> *Export* -> *Volume Mesh*

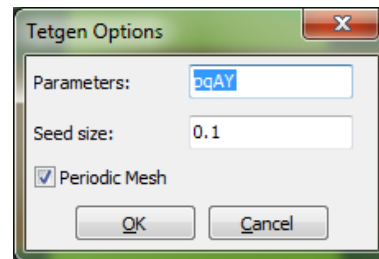
- Tetrahedral elements
- Save as ABAQUS .inp file or .vtu
- Works best for 2D weaves



## Tetgen Export

**GUI:** Select *File* -> *Export* -> *Tetgen Mesh*

- Tetrahedral elements
- Save as ABAQUS .inp file
- May need to introduce gap between yarns for export to be successful
- Uses Tetgen library: <http://wias-berlin.de/software/index.jsp?id=TetGen&lang=1>

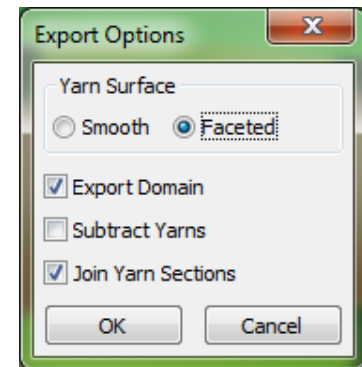




The geometry alone can be exported in IGES, STEP or stl format. No orientations, volume fractions or properties are exported.

**GUI:** Select *File -> Export -> IGES File*  
or *-> STEP File*

- This option uses the OpenCASCADE library.
- The 'Smooth' option may be unsuccessful for more complex geometries
- 'Join Yarn Sections' will remove joins at repeat boundaries but is much slower

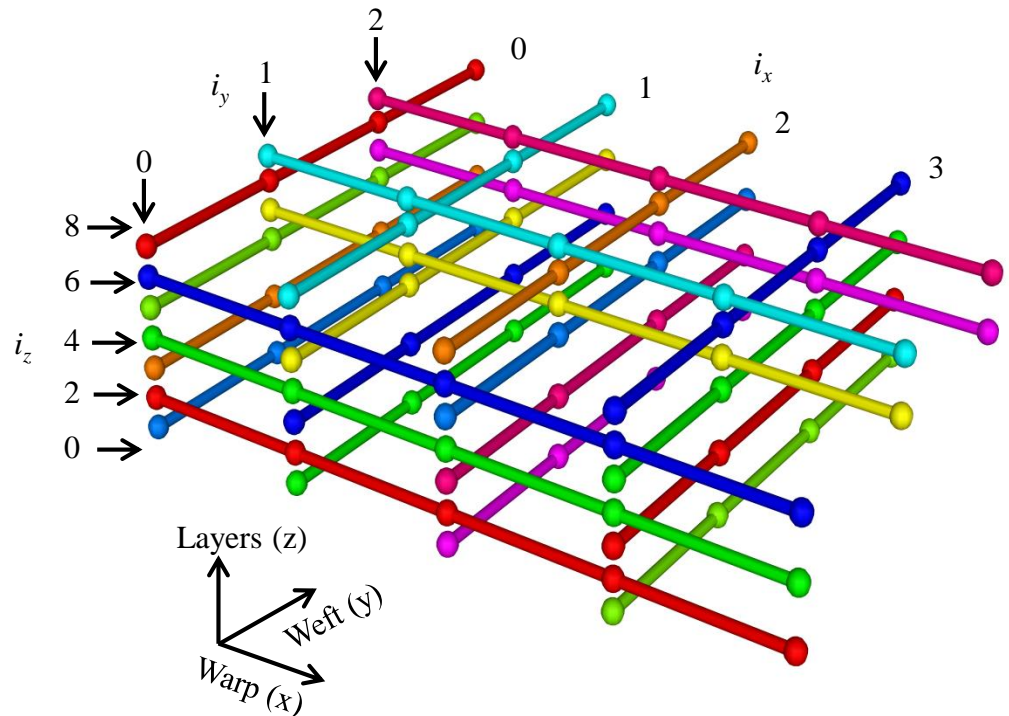


**GUI:** Select *File -> Export -> Surface Mesh*

- Exports the surface mesh as displayed by *Rendering -> X-Ray*
- Saves in .vtu or .stl format

## These all use the CTextile3DWeave base class

- Creates a grid of points at the yarn crossovers, specified in the GUI by the Weave Pattern dialog
- Each point may be warp, weft or no yarn
- The derived classes then automatically generate the yarn paths from this data
- Textiles using the base class can be created using a Python script





User Guide:

[http://texgen.sourceforge.net/index.php/User\\_Guide](http://texgen.sourceforge.net/index.php/User_Guide)

Scripting Guide:

<https://github.com/louisepb/TexGenScriptingGuide>

TexGen source code:

<https://github.com/louisepb/TexGen>

Workshop materials:

<https://github.com/louisepb/ICMAC2018-Workshop>