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Geometry Driven Pathways in Hierarchical Mechanical Metamaterials CORENTIN COULAIS, Leiden University / AMOLF, ALBERICO SABBADINI, Leiden University , MARTIN VAN HECKE, Leiden University / AMOLF — Using exactingly positioned vacancies in flexible tessellations of squares, we create novel hierarchical mechanical metamaterials that can exhibit multiple shape changes under mechanical actuation. By designing bending, buckling and self-contact interactions, we unravel the link between geometry and dynamical pathways and engineer 2D transformers, which explore complex sequences of symmetrical shapes.

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