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It is known that we can put any incompressible surface into normal form and extending those techniques, we can put strongly irreducible surfaces into almost normal form. We will discuss a combinatorial approach to generalize Walsh's spinning techniques to include strongly irreducible surfaces. (Received September 22, 2015)