

Constrained Space Deformation for Design Optimization

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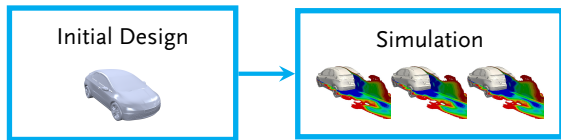
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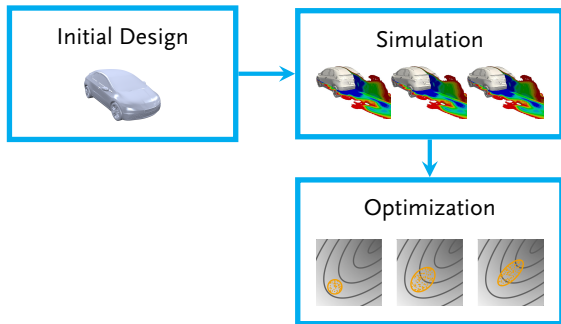
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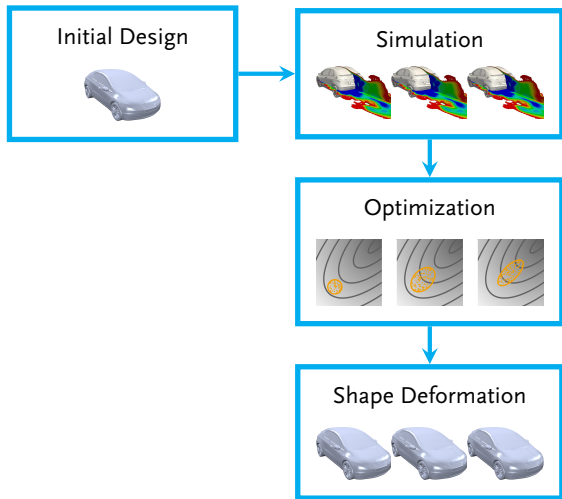
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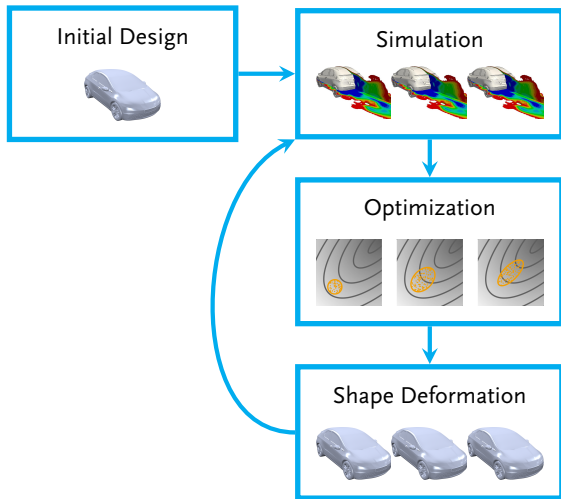
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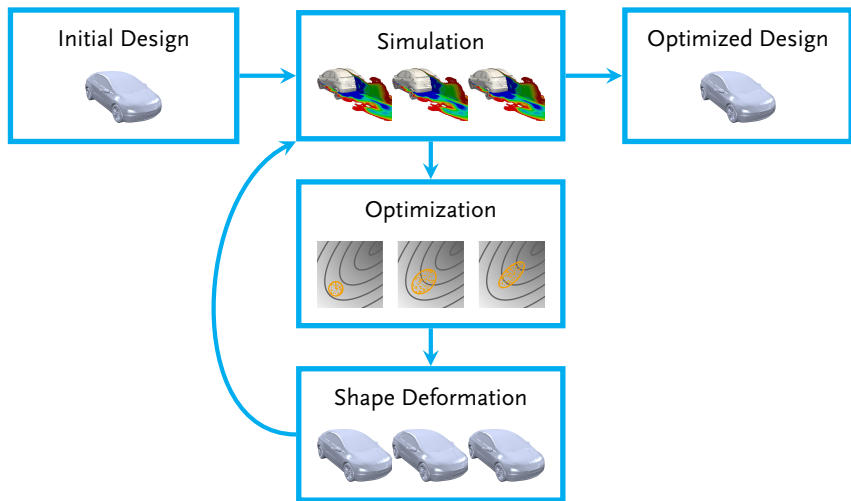
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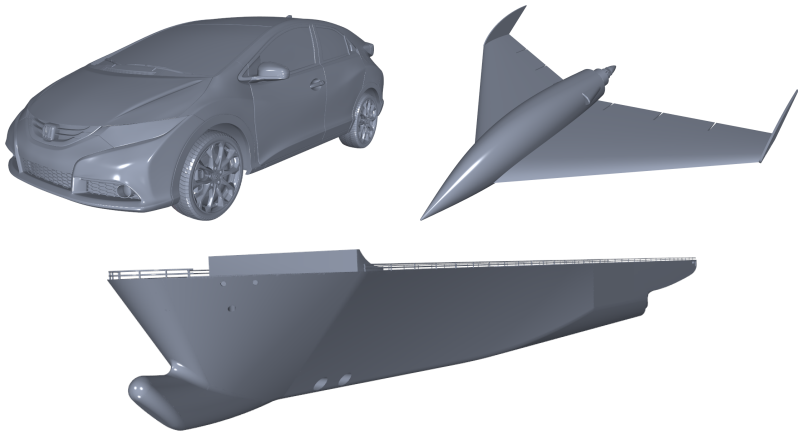


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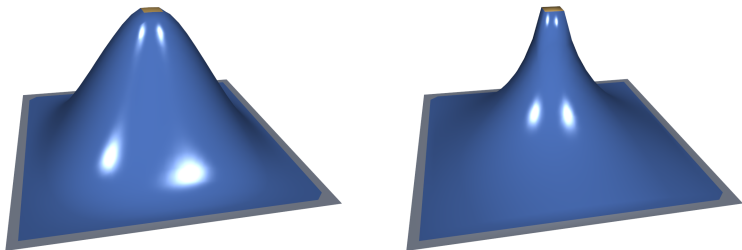
Common target designs are sheet metal *surfaces*



Mesh-Based Surface Deformation

Thin Shell Deformation ¹

- Physically-inspired technique suitable for sheet metal surfaces
- Flexible modeling of material behavior
- Based on the minimization of stretching and bending energies



1. Botsch et al., *On Linear Variational Surface Deformation Methods*, Trans. on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 2008

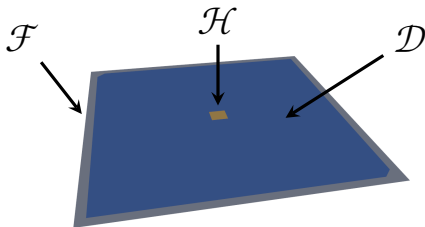
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Surface-Based Discretization

- Discretize on the mesh using standard differential operators ²

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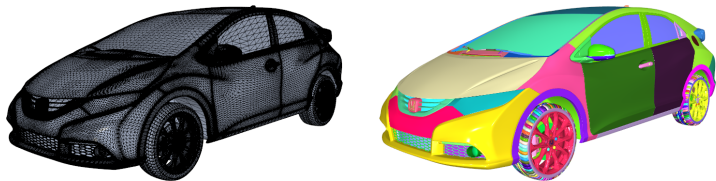
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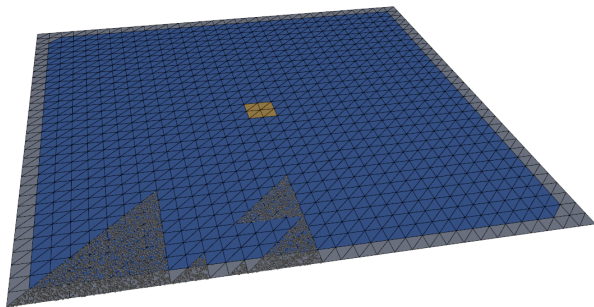
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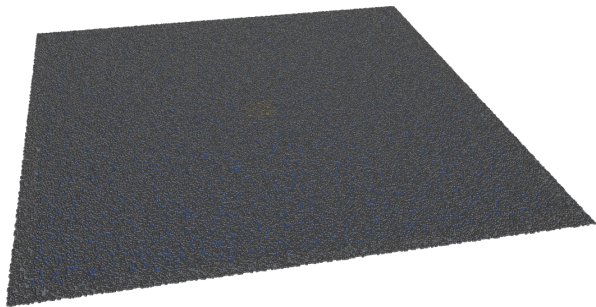
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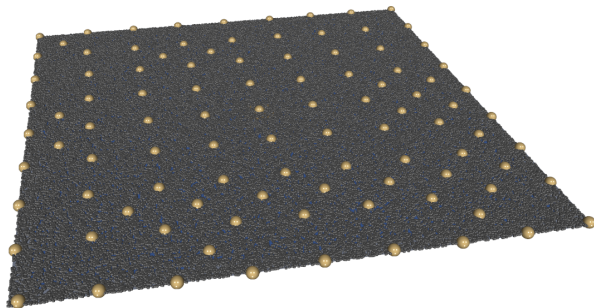
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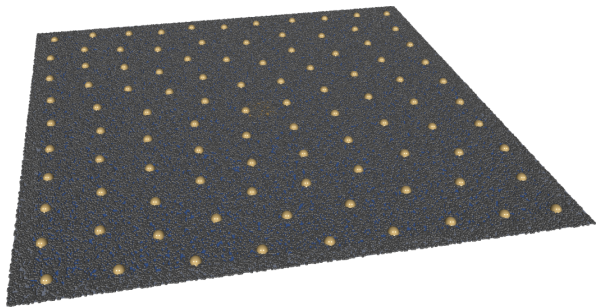
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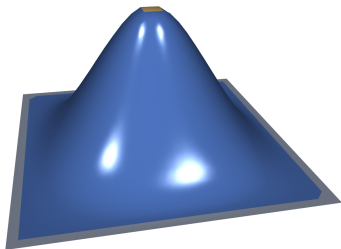
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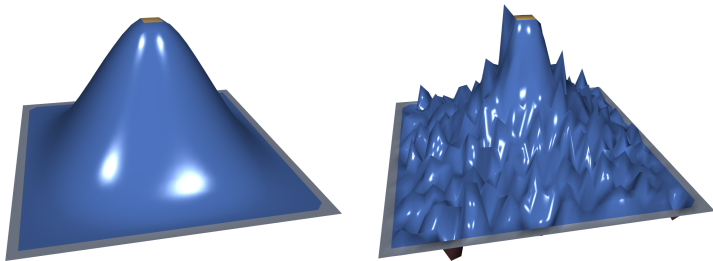


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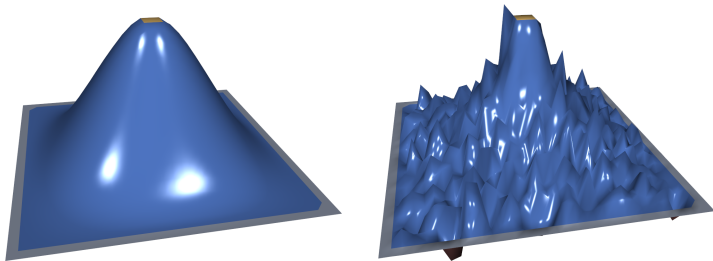


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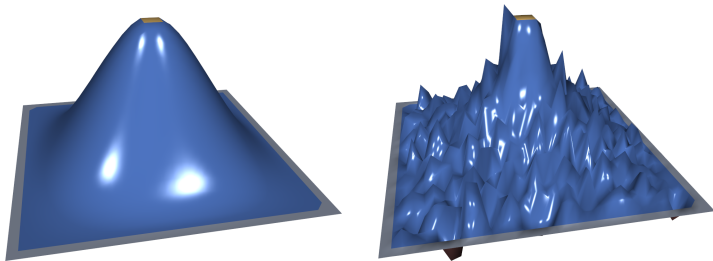


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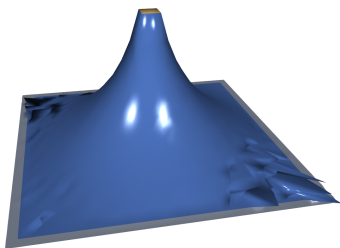
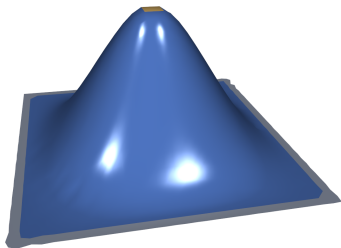
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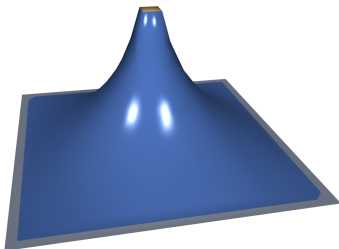
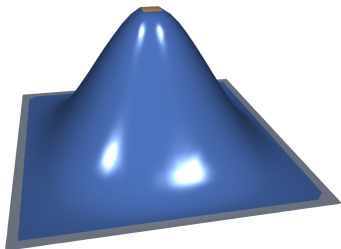


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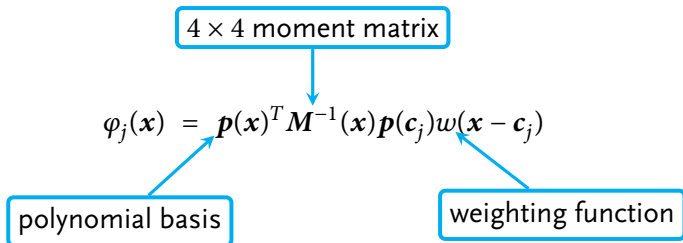
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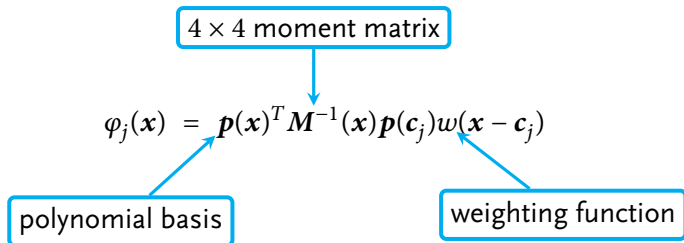
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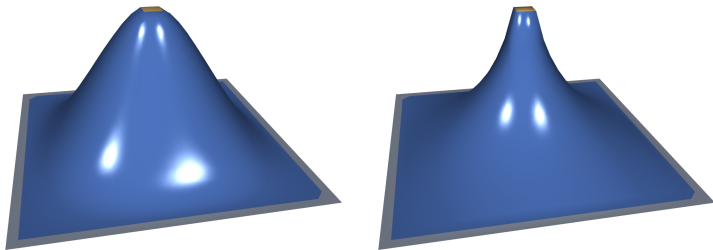
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- More complex form, inversion of $\mathbf{M}$ required

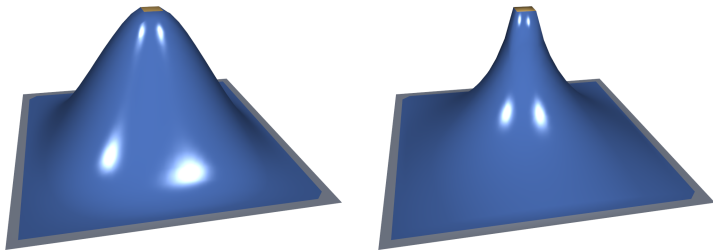
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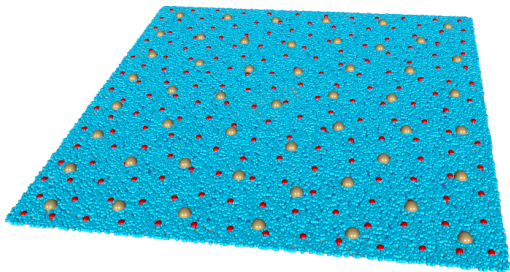
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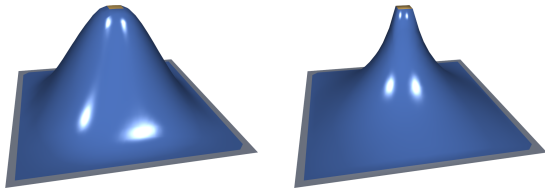
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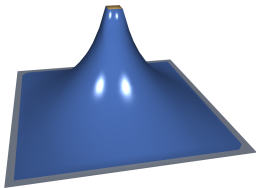
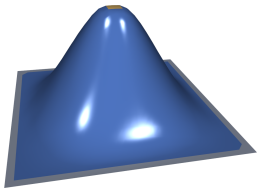
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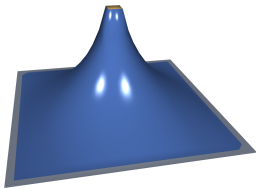
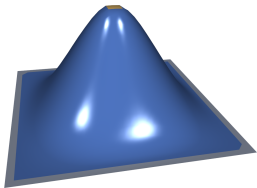


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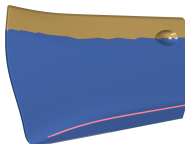
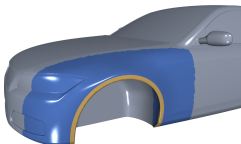
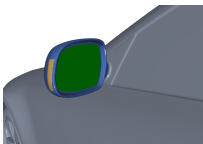
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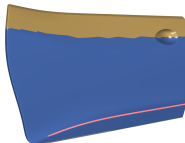
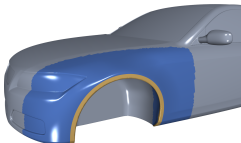
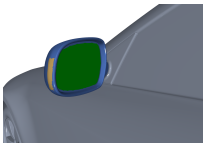
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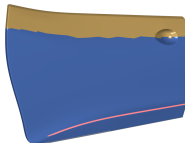
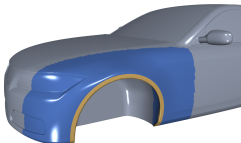
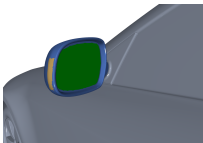
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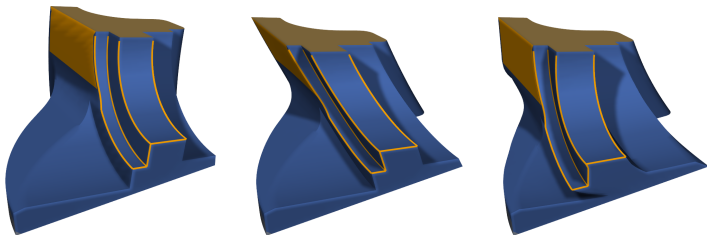
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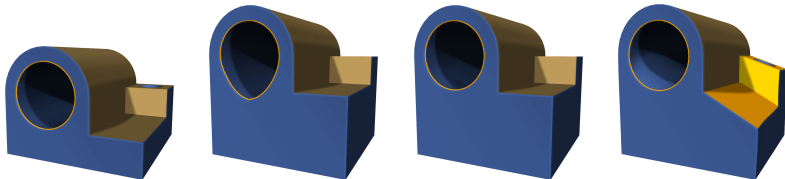
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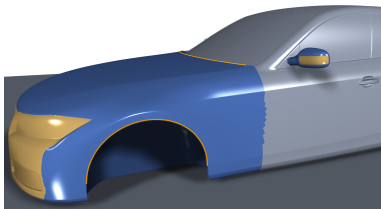
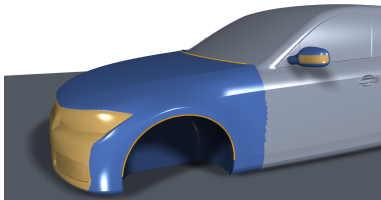
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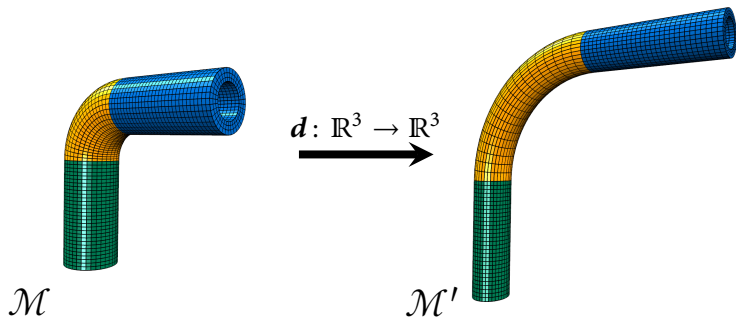
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Volume Deformation Examples

Comparison to previous results⁵

- Original mesh quality: 0.98
- After RBF deformation: 0.951
- Using our new method: 0.954



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Thanks for your attention!