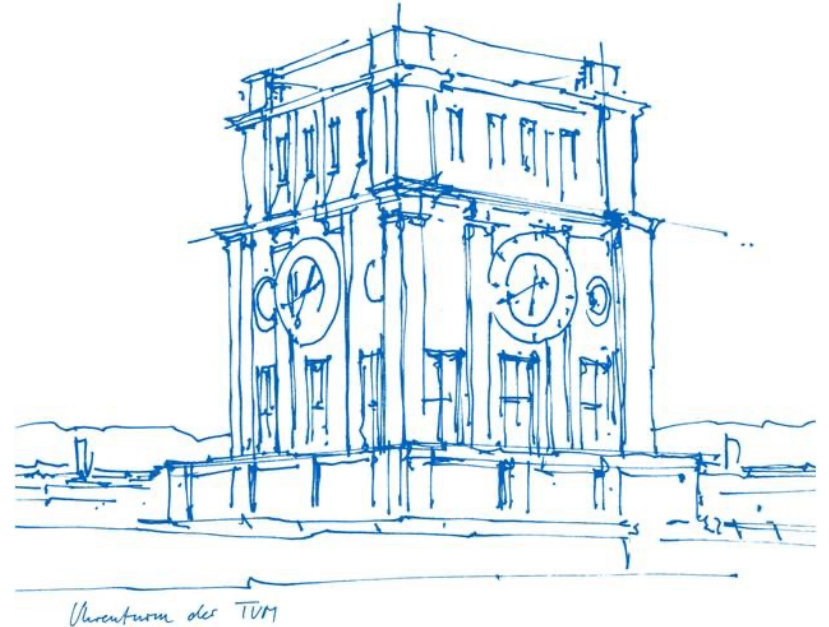


Parameterizations for bead-like regular shapes in node-based shape optimization

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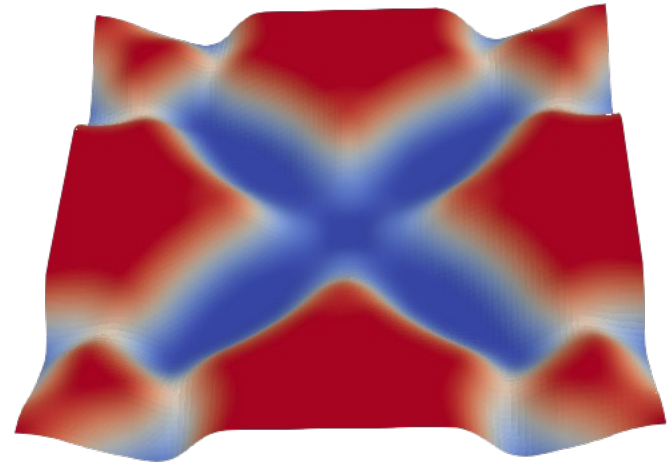
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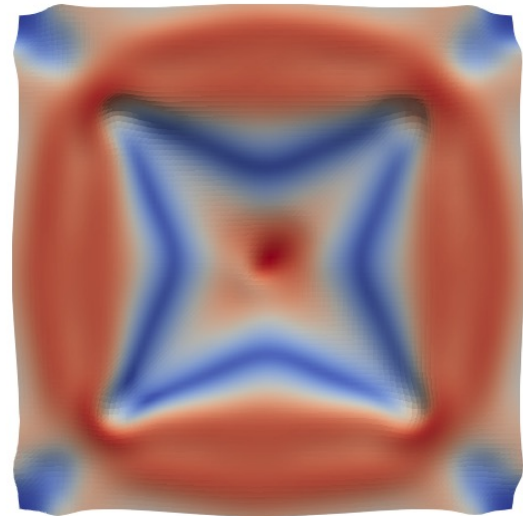
1. Introduction
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5. Enable full bead formation
6. Conclusion / Outlook



Introduction

Free-form node-based parameterization techniques:

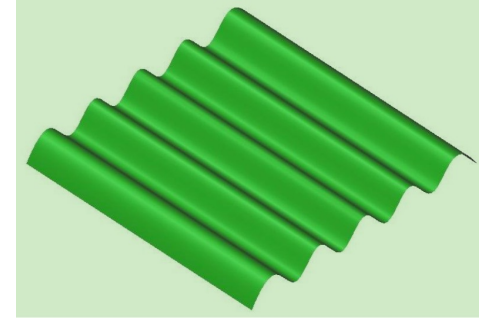
- Large freedom of optimal design
- Identification of patterns and interpretation of final shapes not straight forward



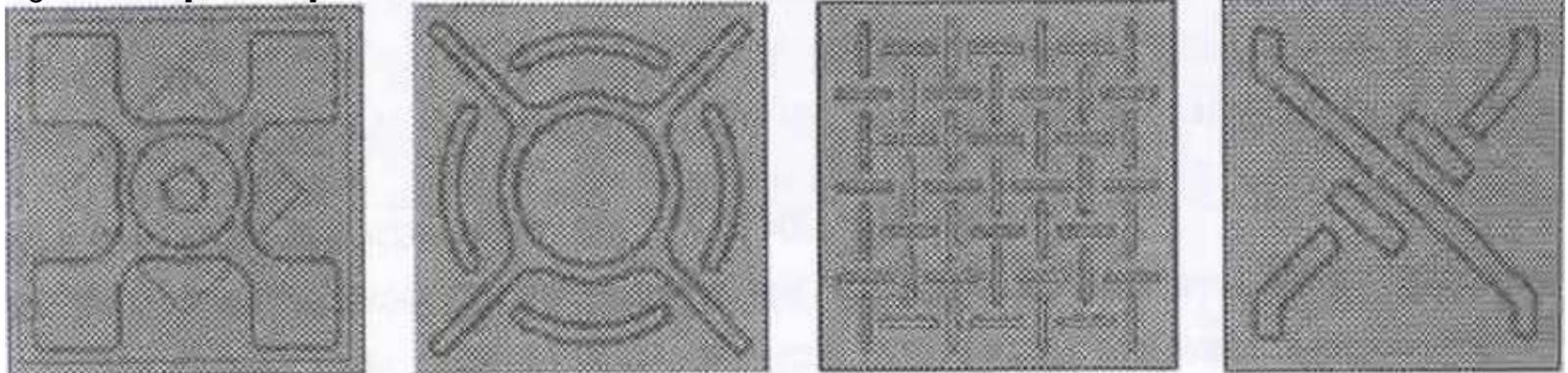
Introduction

- Bead shapes are preferred
- Patterns can be identified, interpreted

Figure from [Daoud]



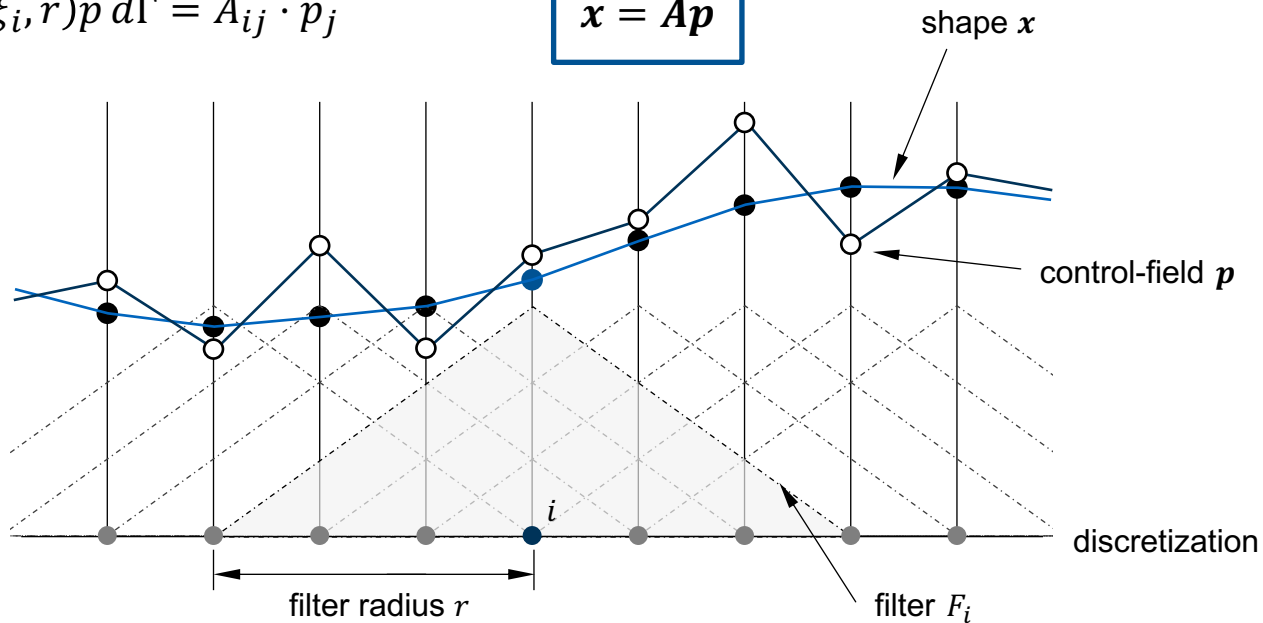
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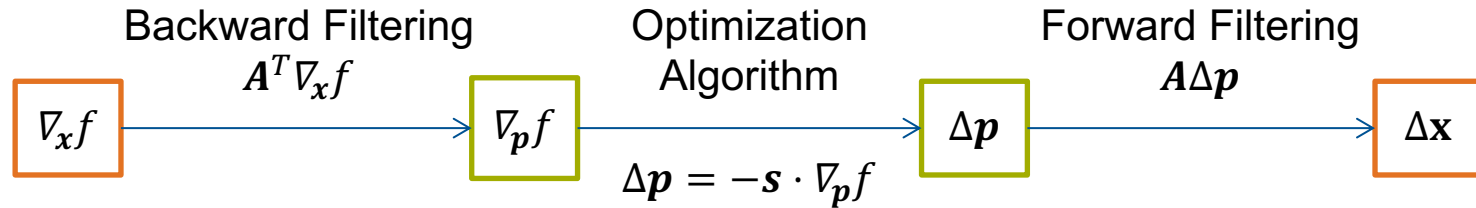
Vertex Morphing

$$x_i = \int F(\xi, \xi_i, r) p \, d\Gamma = A_{ij} \cdot p_j$$

$$x = Ap$$



Vertex Morphing

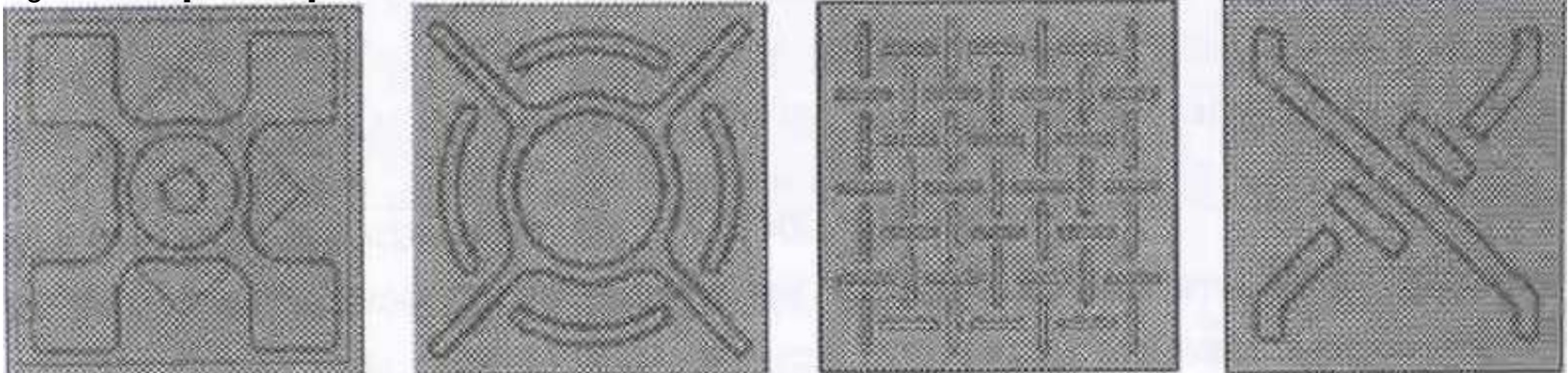


Detailed study: [Hojjat] [Bletzinger]

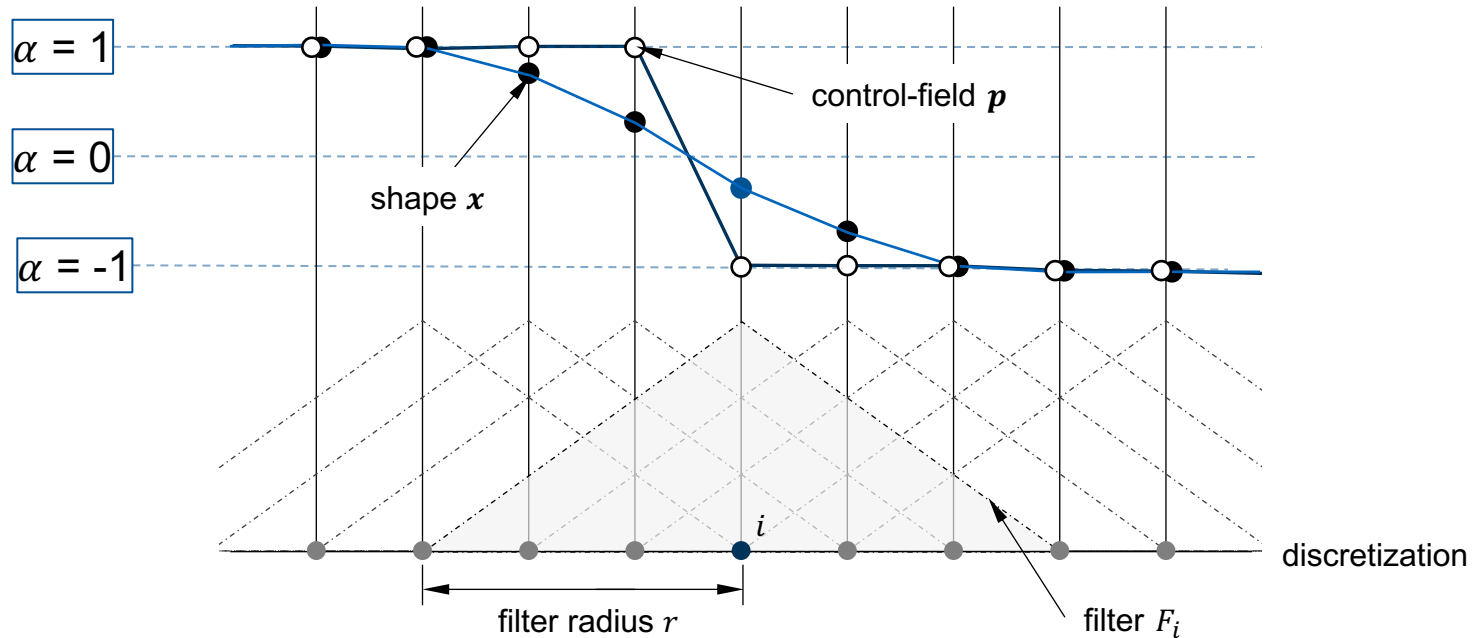
Bead Parameterization

- Start from initial flat plate
- Updates only in defined „bead direction“
- Bead parameter α goes from -1 (lower bound) to 1 (upper bound)

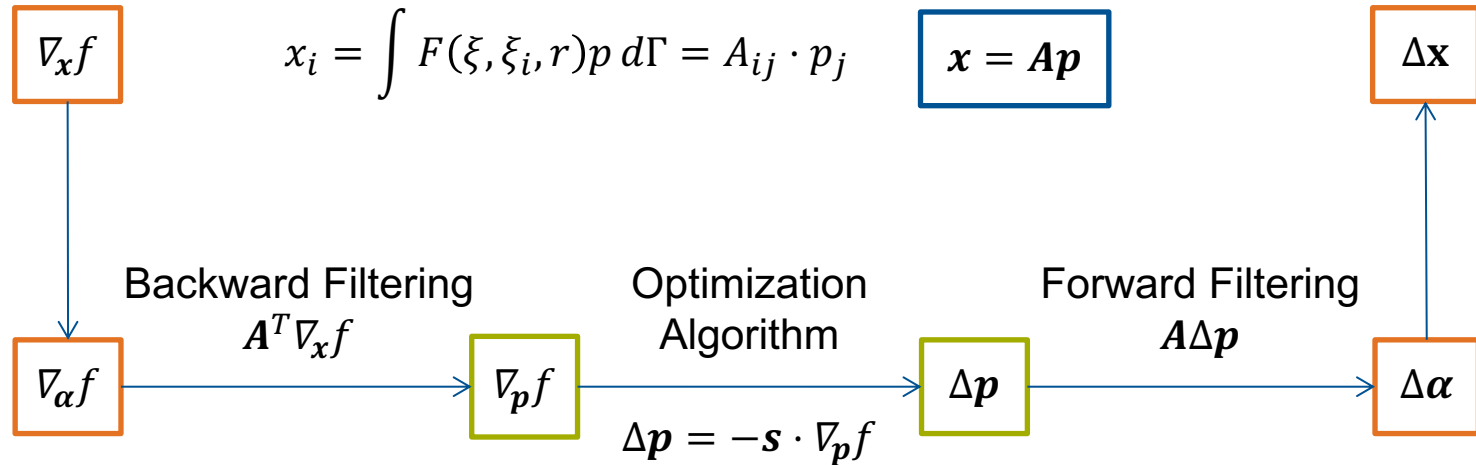
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Bead Parameterization



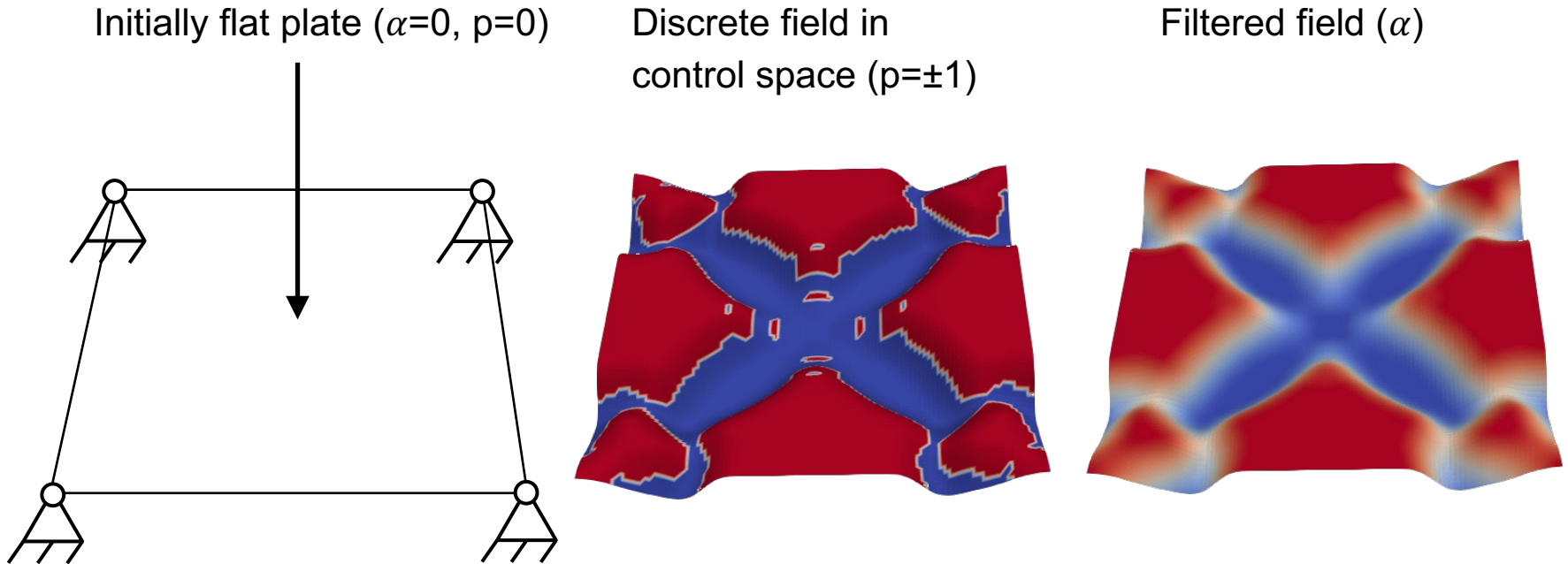
Bead Parameterization



Penalty term forces control values to go to either +1 or -1:

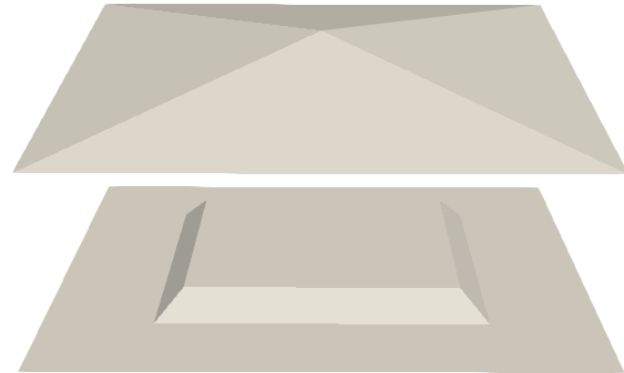
$$\sigma = -p^2 + 1$$

Bead Parameterization



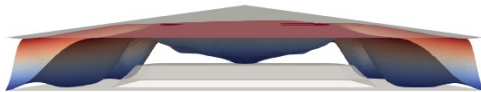
Variable Bead Height

- Starting from initial flat plate
- Using bounding geometries

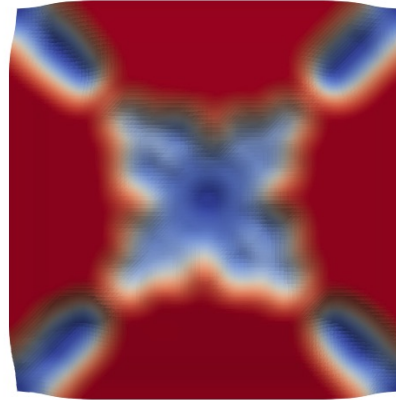


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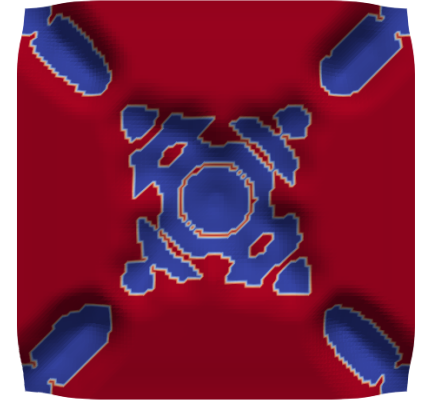
Filtered alpha field
side view



Filtered field top
view (α)

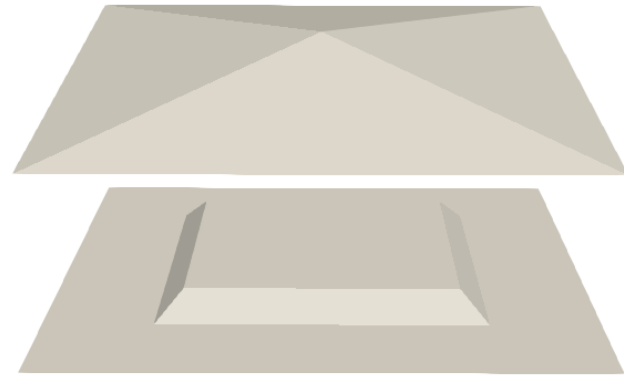


Discrete field in
control space ($p=\pm 1$)

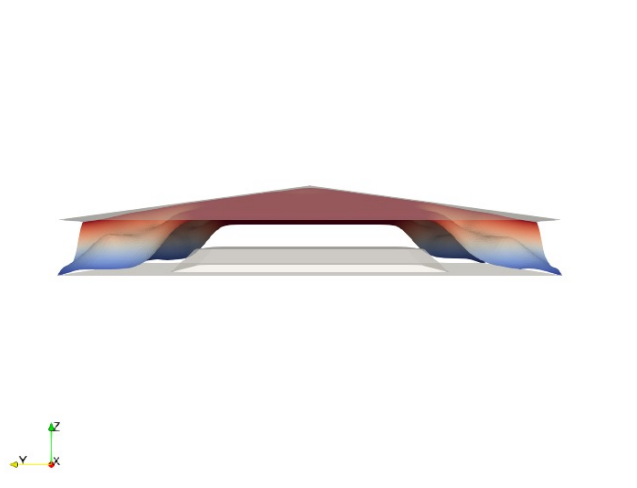


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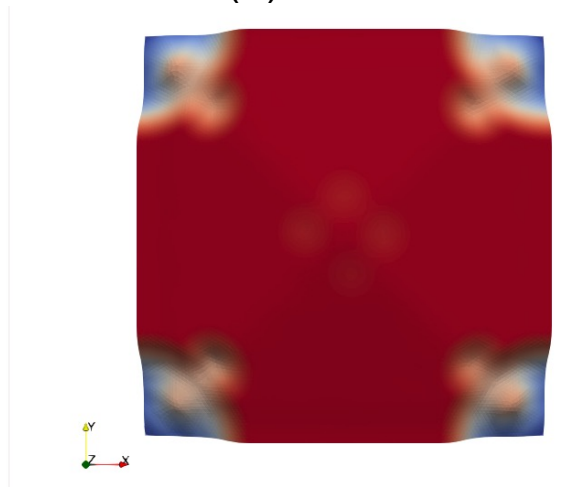
Starting from an initially non-flat geometry



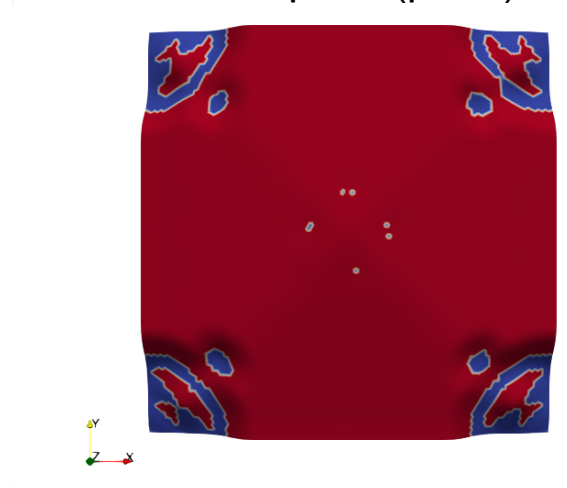
Variable Bead Height



Filtered field top view (α)



Discrete field in control space ($p=\pm 1$)



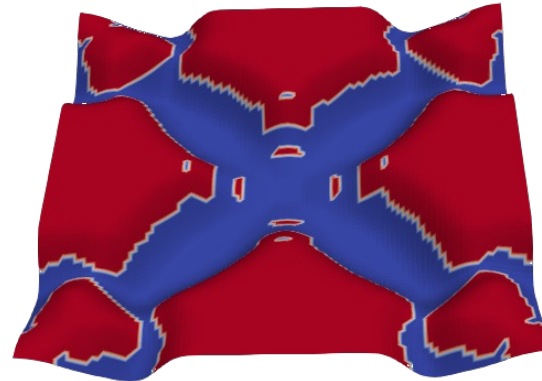
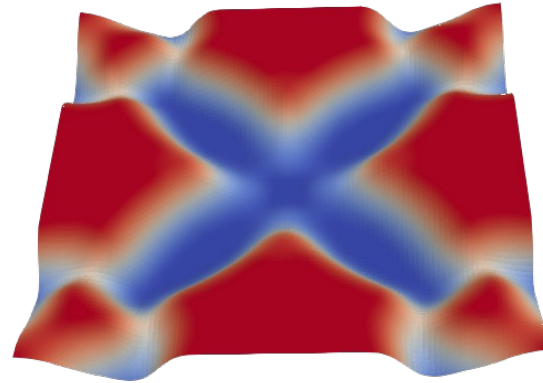
First Results

Bead patterns have been realized with

- Vertex Morphing
- Parameterization with bead parameter α
- Penalty
- Variable bead heights
- Initially curved geometry

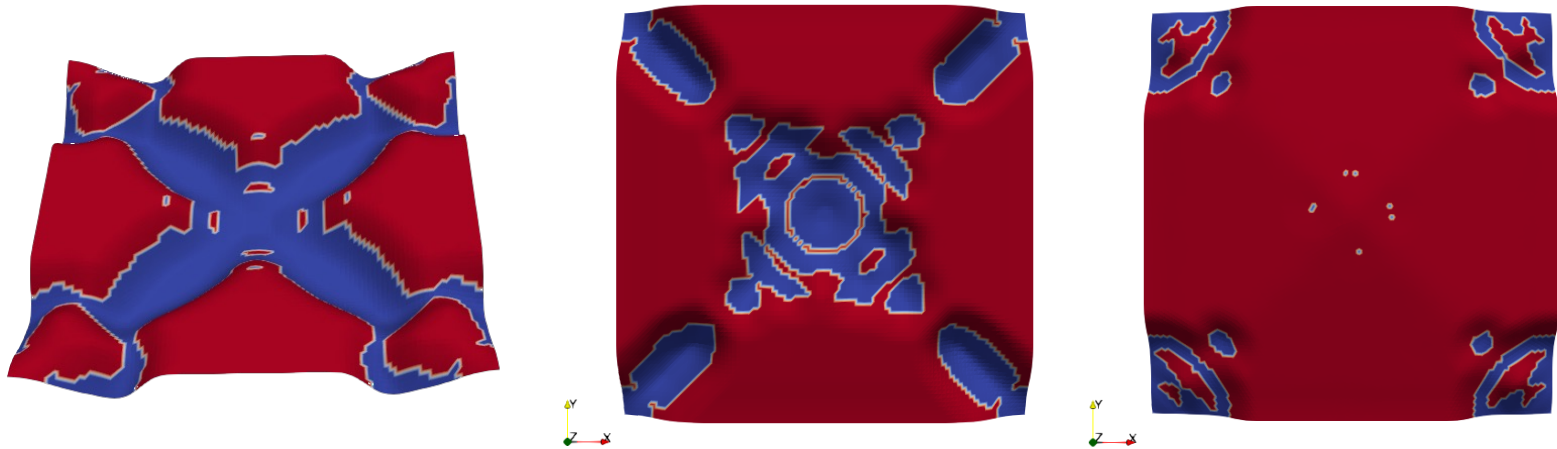
Problems:

- Avoid small bead “islands“
- Enable fully formed beads



Minimum Bead Member Size

Goal: avoid small islands in the discrete field and enable full beads



Minimum Bead Member Size – Literature

Approaches by [Guest] and [Carstensen] for minimum length scale control in topology optimization.

- Split up design variables in two phases: solid and void
- Apply (non-)linear weighting in every node's neighbourhood
- Push weighted values to ± 1 with regularized heaviside function
- Bring phases back together for final result

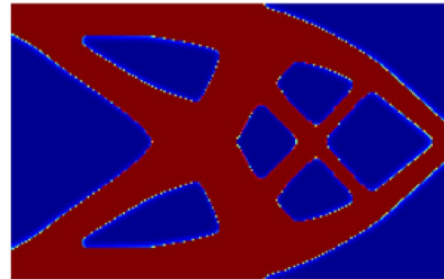
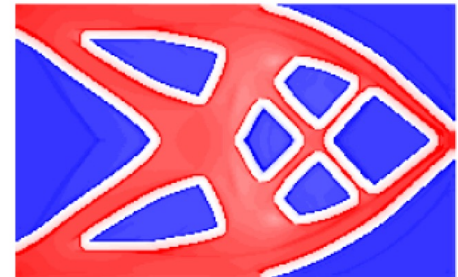
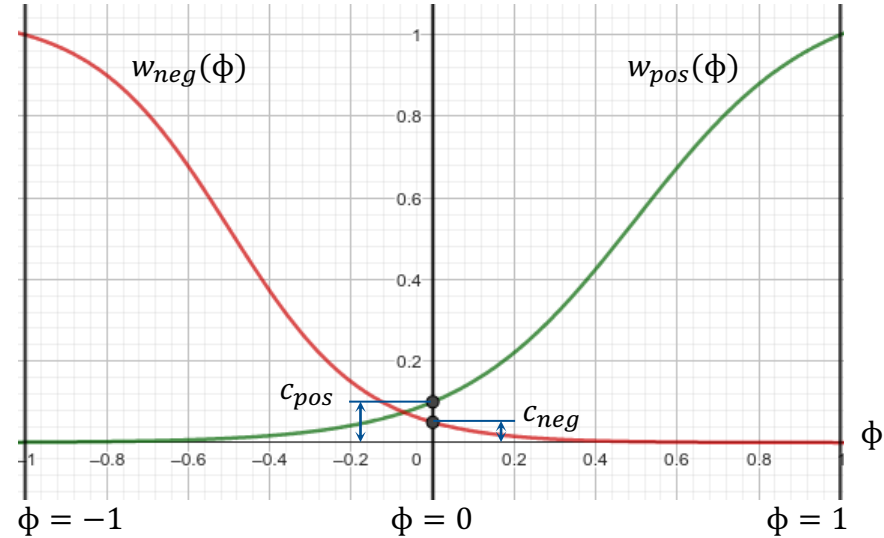


Figure from [Carstensen]



Minimum Bead Member Size

- New design variables ϕ
- Filtered and split up in two phases:
 - *Positive* phase for upper bound $\mu_{pos}(\phi)$
 - *Negative* phase for lower bound $\mu_{neg}(\phi)$
- Parameter: value c at $\phi = 0$ for hyperbolic tangent function ($c = c_{pos} = c_{neg}$)
- Bring together by $\mu(\phi) = \mu_{pos}(\phi) - \mu_{neg}(\phi)$



$$\mu_p^e = \frac{\sum_{i \in N_p^e} w(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e) \cdot w_p(\phi_i)}{\sum_{i \in N_p^e} w(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e)}$$

Formula from [Carstensen]

Minimum Bead Member Size

Hyperbolic tangent function

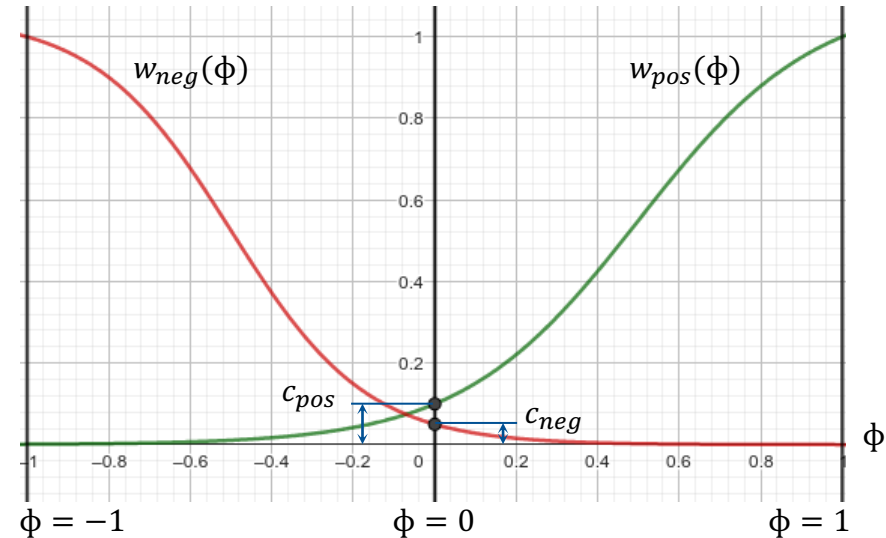
$$w_s(\phi) = \frac{1 + \alpha_s}{1 + \alpha_s \cdot e^{2n_s(\phi_{max} - \phi)}},$$

$$w_v(\phi) = \frac{1 + \alpha_v}{1 + \alpha_v \cdot e^{2n_v(\phi - \phi_{min})}},$$

where $\phi_{range} = \phi_{max} - \phi_{min}$ is used to evaluate n_p :

$$n_p = -\frac{2 \ln(\alpha_p)}{\phi_{range}}.$$

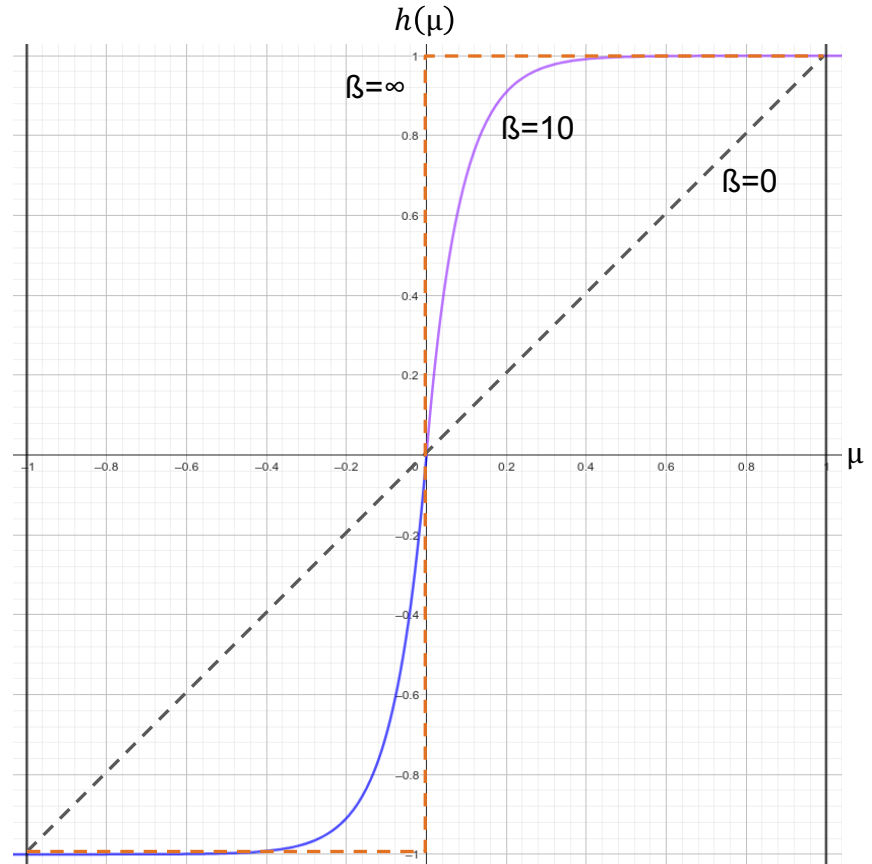
Formulae from [Carstensen]



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- Pushed to ± 1 by regularized heaviside function:

$$h(\mu) = 1 - (e^{-\beta\mu} - \mu e^{-\beta})$$
 - Parameter β is the regularizer for $h(\mu)$
 - β is increased similarly to penalty
- $p = h(\mu)$



Minimum Bead Member Size

$$\mu_p^e = \frac{\sum_{i \in N_p^e} w(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e) \cdot w_p(\phi_i)}{\sum_{i \in N_p^e} w(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e)},$$

$$w(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e) = \begin{cases} \frac{r_{min,p} - \|\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^e\|}{r_{min,p}} & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i \in N_p^e \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

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Minimum Bead Member Size

- Chain rule for sensitivities:

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi_i} = \sum_{e \in N} \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi_i}}_{\text{known}} = \sum_{e \in N} \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \phi_i}}_{\text{new contribution}}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mu} = \beta e^{-\beta \mu} + e^{-\beta}$$

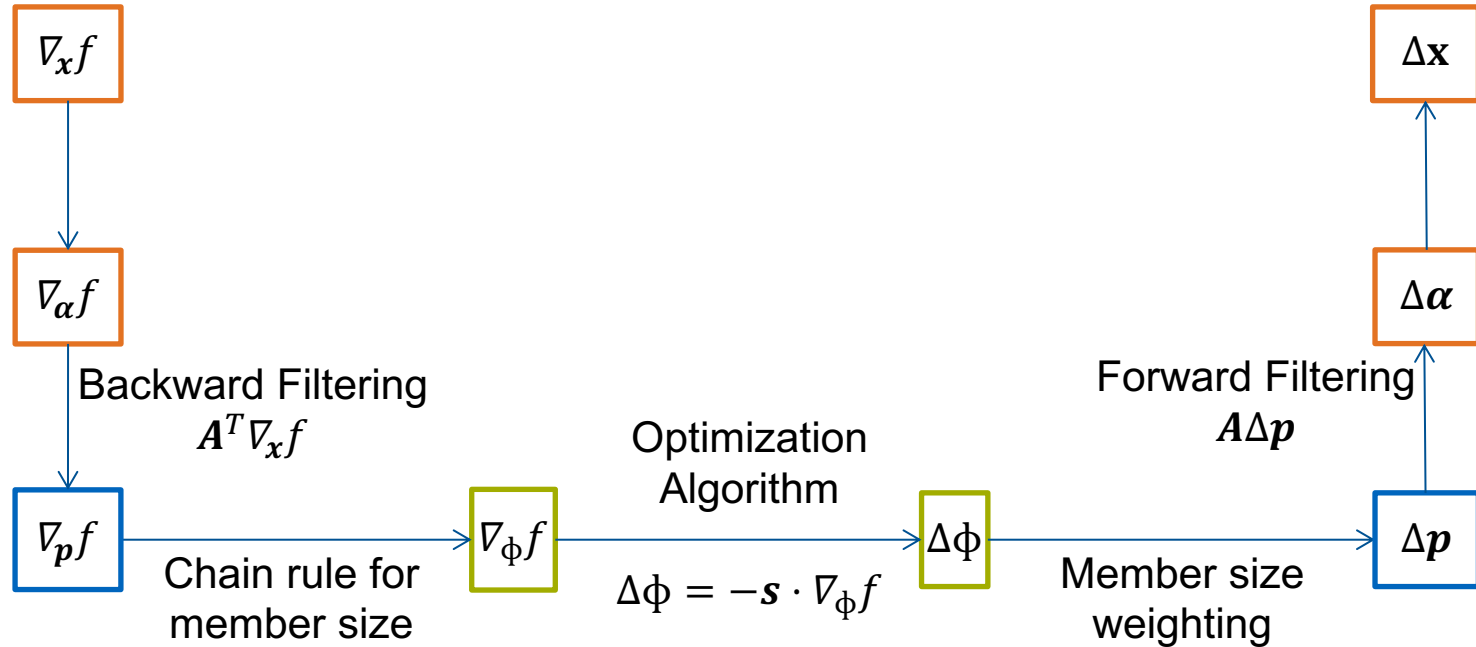
$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial w_{pos}}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial w_{neg}}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_{pos}}{\partial \phi_i} = \frac{1 + \alpha_s}{(1 + \alpha_s \cdot e^{2n_s(\phi_{max} - \phi_i)})^2} \cdot 2 \alpha_s n_s e^{2n_s(\phi_{max} - \phi_i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_{neg}}{\partial \phi_i} = \frac{1 + \alpha_v}{(1 + \alpha_v \cdot e^{2n_v(\phi_i - \phi_{min})})^2} \cdot (-2) \alpha_v n_v e^{2n_v(\phi_i - \phi_{min})}$$

Formulae from [Carstensen]

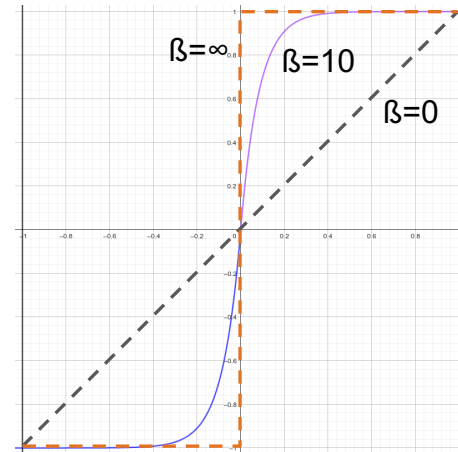
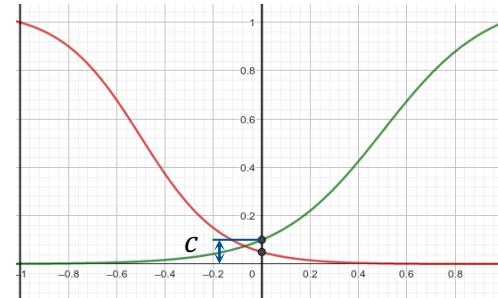
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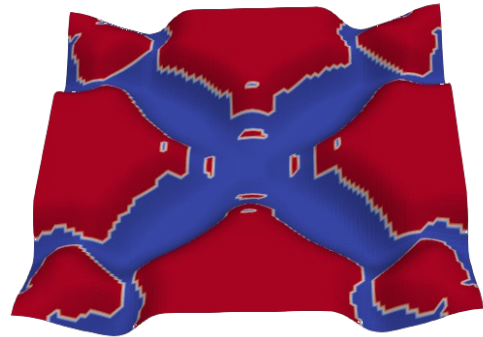
Parameters of the problem:

- Nonlinear weighting in μ is defined by parameter c
- Regularizer for the heaviside function β (increases similar to the penalty previously)

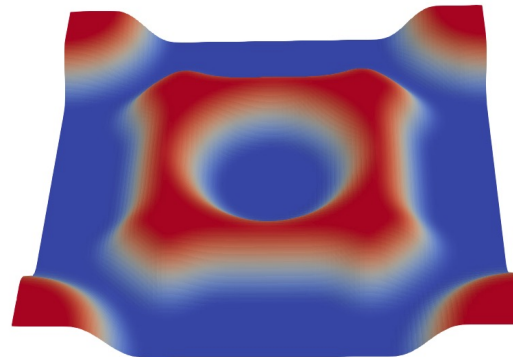


Minimum Bead Member Size – Results

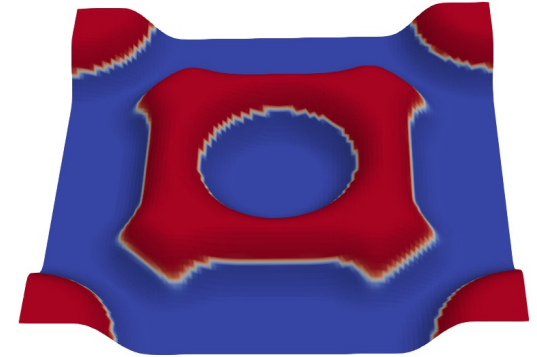
- $c = 0.01$
- Increase of β : $\beta^* = 1.1$



Filtered field top
view (α)

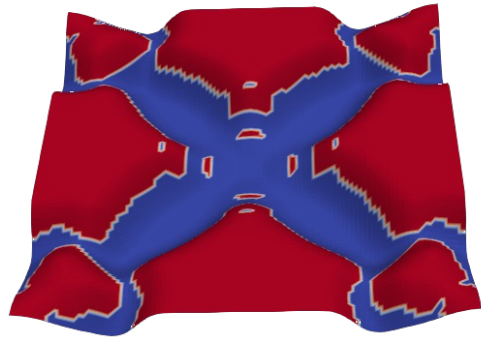


Discrete field in
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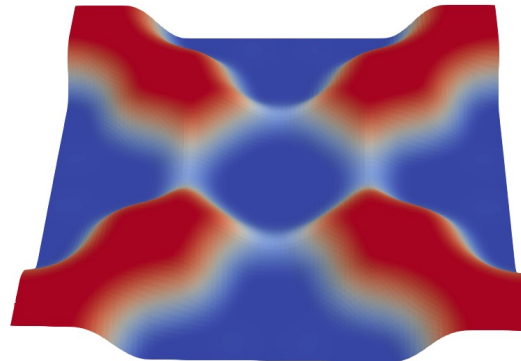


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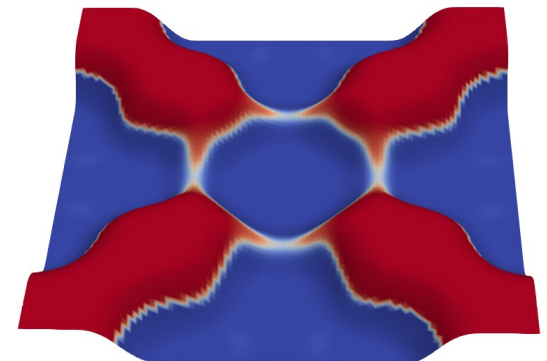
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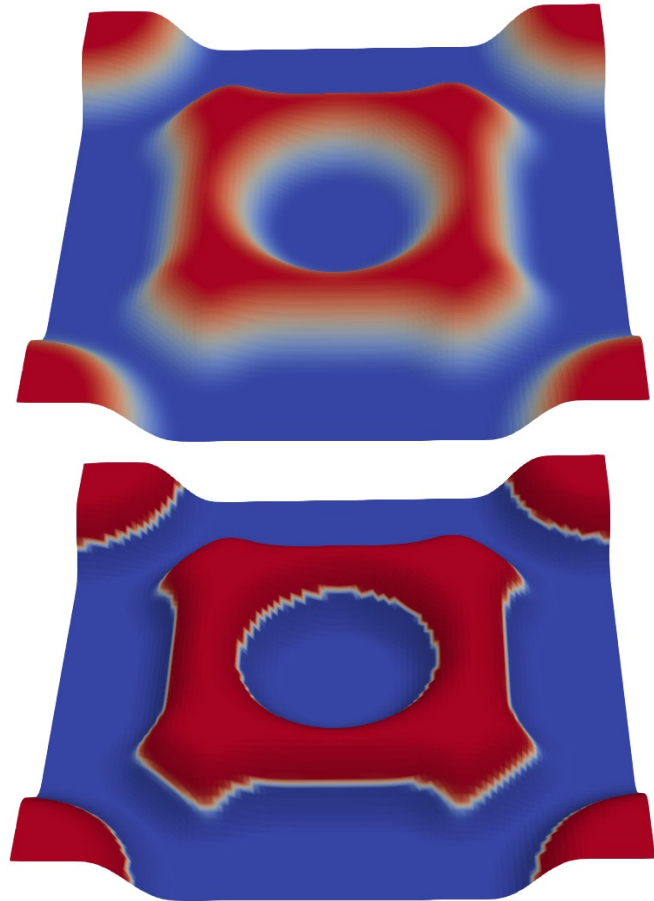
Conclusions / Outlook

Bead patterns have been realized with

- Vertex Morphing
- Parameterization with bead parameter α
- Penalty
- Variable bead heights
- Initially curved geometry
- Fully formed beads ✓

Outlook:

- Study influence of member size parameters
- Create feature based beads



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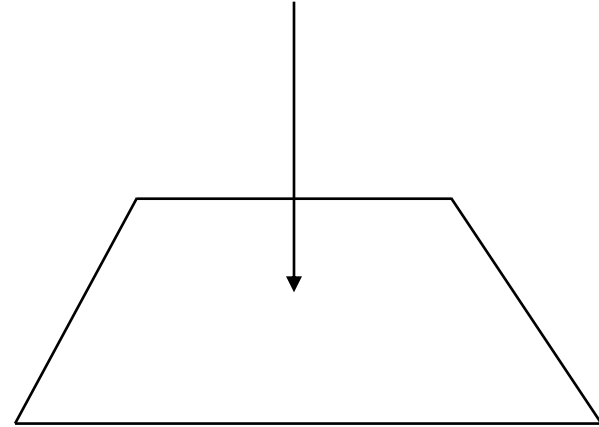
Bead Parameterization Approach

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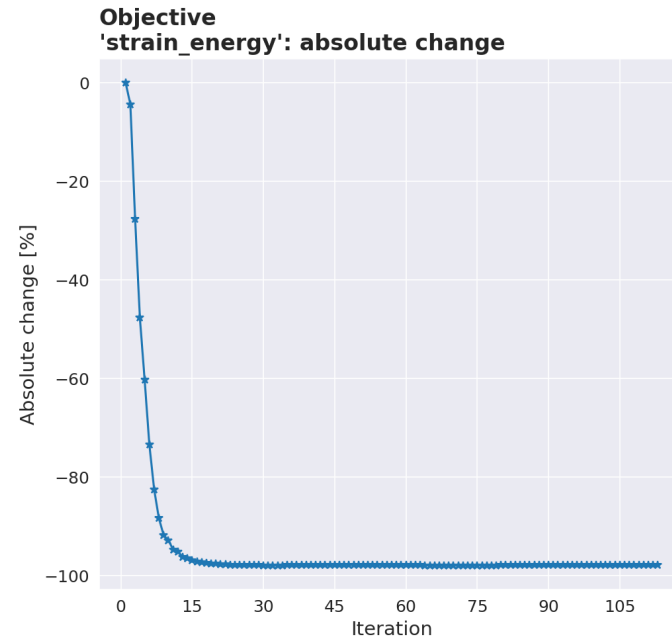
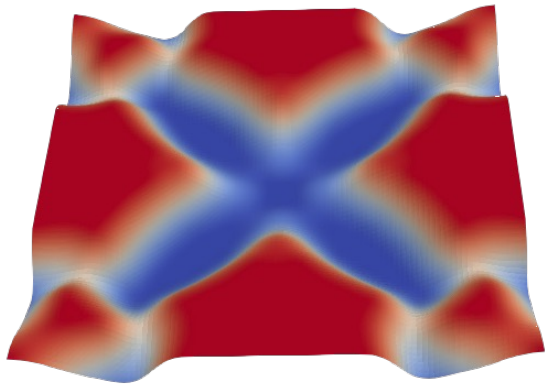
Initial design: flat plate

- Dimensions: 100 x 100
- Bead height: 5
- Filter radius: 7.5
- Thickness: 1
- Bead direction: vertical

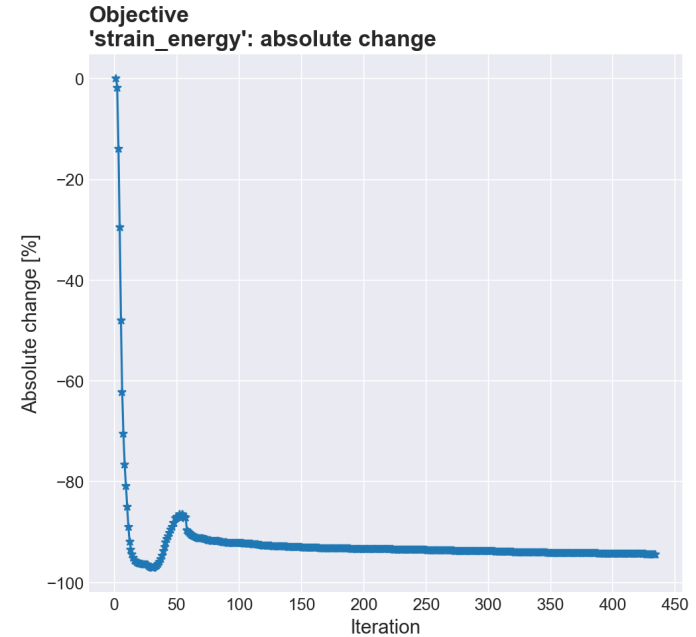
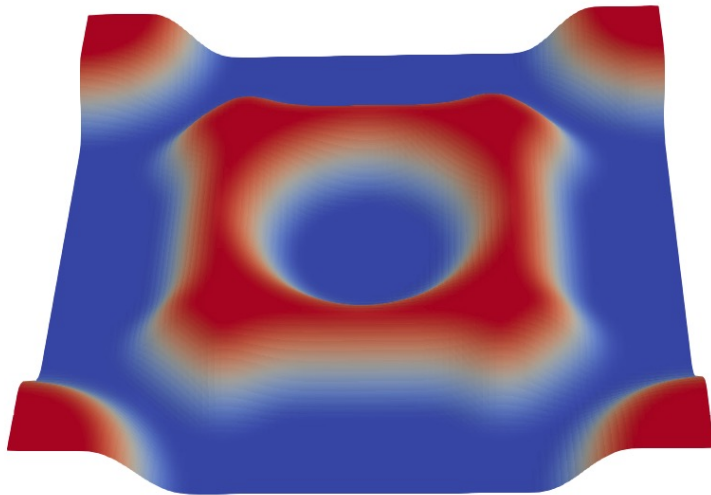
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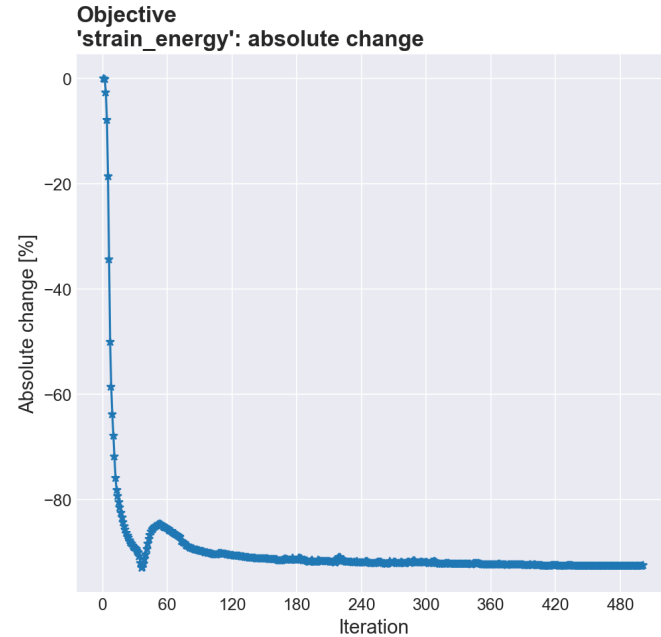
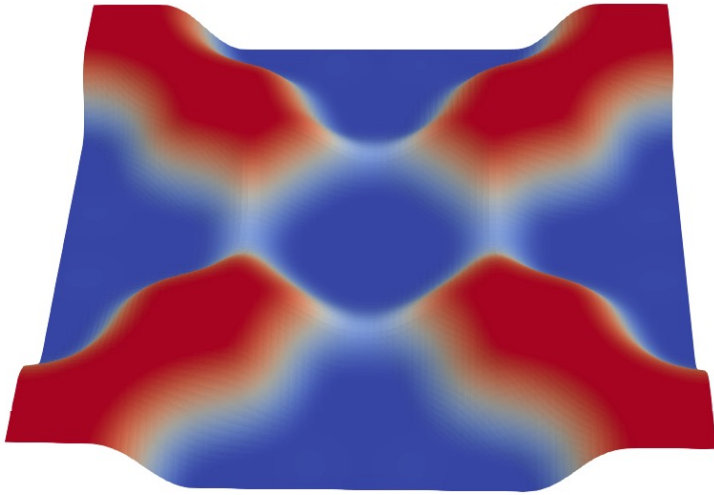
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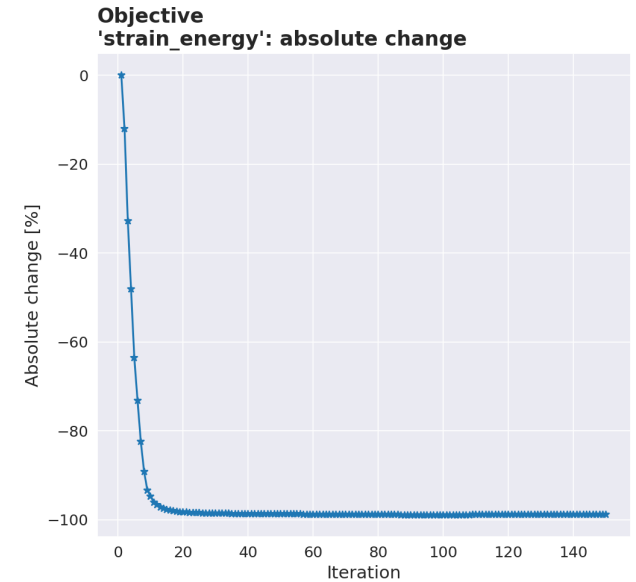
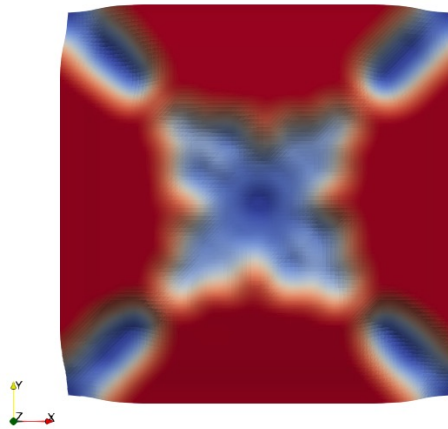
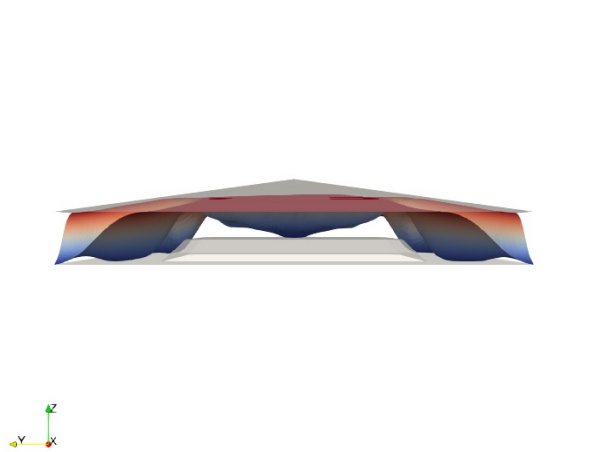
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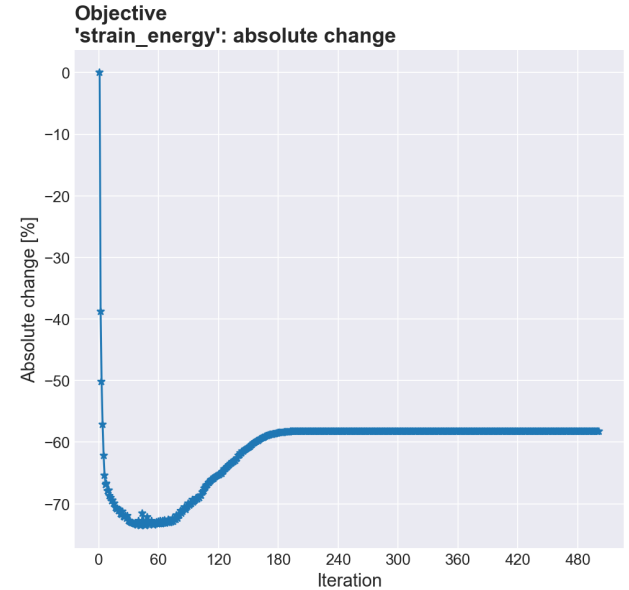
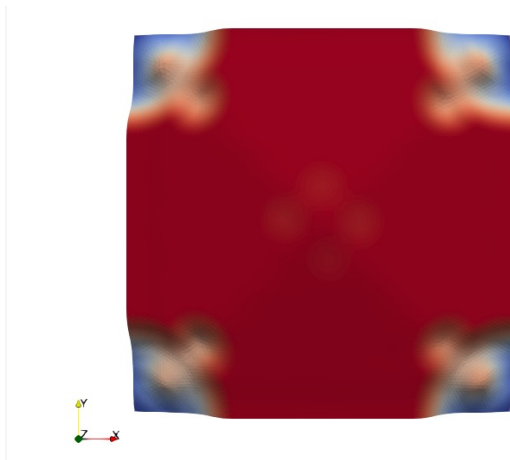
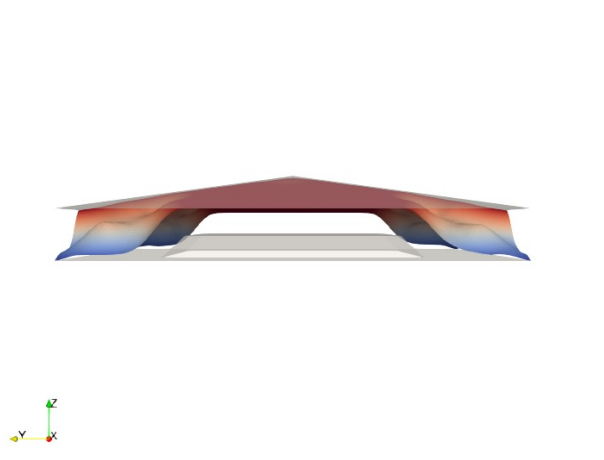
Performance original bead parameterization



Performance variable bead height parameterization



Performance initially curved geometry



Vertex Morphing

Filtering technique

Image with standard/simple optimization workflow (raw sensitivities – opt algo – design update)

Maps the sensitivities from design space to „control space“ and maps the „control updates“ back to design space (figure)

Use control design variables p that describe the actual geometry x (shape parameterization) related by: $x = A(p)$ with A the transformation (or scaling) matrix from the design (control) field s to the actual geometry x .

Vertex Morphing

Notes from Majids Dissertation:

- The essence of the method is the filtering of the sensitivity field as well as the shape update vector by help of a suitable parametrization.
- The filtering (regularization) operations are derived consistently from the chain rule of differentiation
- Elaborate variable transformation enhanced with a suitable dimensional reduction for mesh quality regularization.
- explicit