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Highlights

- A compliant shell mechanism is designed that statically balances its own weight and an additional payload.
- The load-displacement response is tailored by using shape optimization.
- The design procedure can be used to create novel compliant shell mechanisms
- Two vacuum-formed physical demonstrators of an optimized shell have been constructed and tested.

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