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**Numerical Fixed-domain Approaches to PDE-constrained Shape Optimization
with Objective Functionals Concentrated on the Boundary of the Unknown
Shape**

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Abstract: Fixed domain techniques using penalization and regularization have successfully been applied in the numerical treatment of PDE-constrained shape optimization. However, objective functionals concentrated on the boundary present considerable difficulties. We present a new approach founded on ODE-based boundary representations and employing the directional derivative of the boundary functional. This approach will be compared with a stochastic method, where descent directions are generated randomly. Numerical results illustrating and assessing both methods will be presented.