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# GIROS

## ADVANCED STRUCTURAL OPTIMIZED PETRA IV GIRDER ASSEMBLY SET-UPS

Insights into the Girder Optimized Structures (GIROS) Project at the DESY Engineering and Innovation Day

19th of June 2025

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# ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING AT HAW HAMBURG

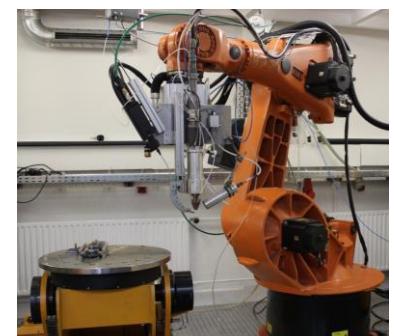
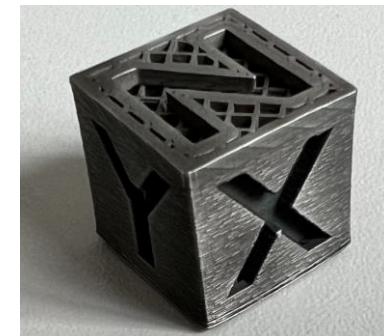
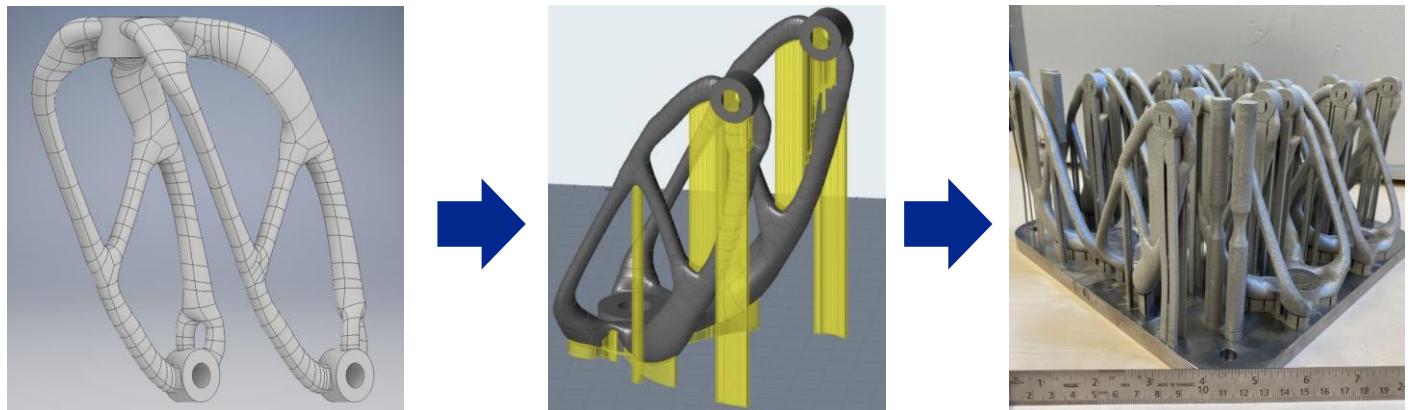
University teaching, Bachelor: ADDFT

- AM technologies (polymers/metals)
- AM process routes

3D Space: Prototypes and components, from and for students with FFF/SLS/DLP

Research:

- Sinter-based process routes (Ti/Al)
- Polymer recycling and quality



Sources: [Haw2025]

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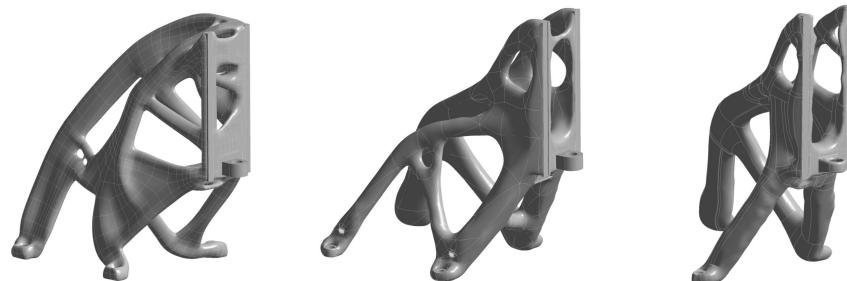
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University teaching, Bachelor: STROP

- Parameter optimization
- Topologie optimization



Source: TDAF-Designs von Müller, Streck, Werth and Andresen [Haw2025]

University teaching, Master: TDAF & NLO

- Optimization methods
- Design for additive Manufacturing and Optimization



Research

- Design for sinter-based additive manufacturing
- New optimization- and design algorithms

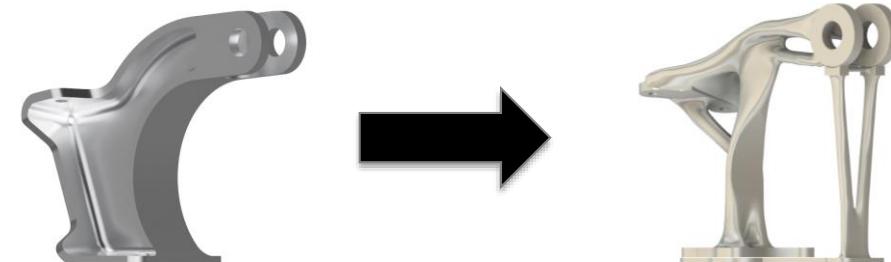
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Source: SIGNAL Projekt [Sig2025]

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# SIGNAL PROJEKT

Project start: 01. March 2023

Aim:

Development of sinter-based process routes for metallic AM components, cheaper than powder bed processes and ecologically friendly - the focus is on light metals.

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David  
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Gözükük



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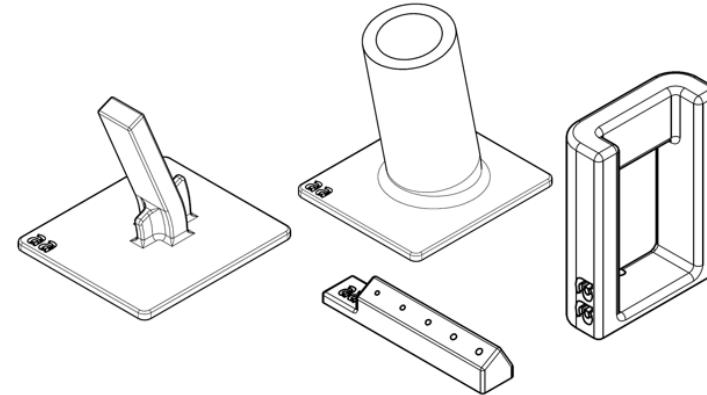
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FFF Printer FuseLab FL300M

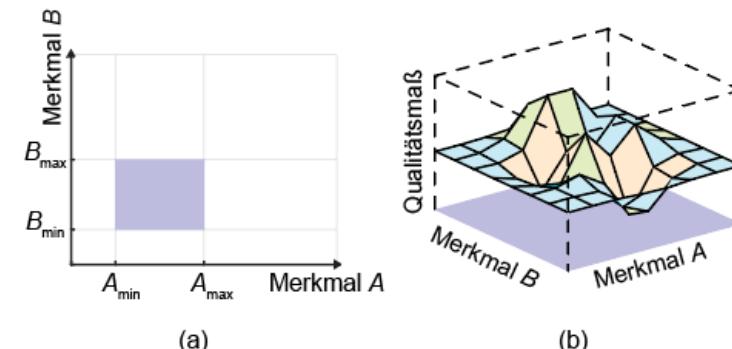


FGF Printer AIM3D ExAM 255



Modified specimen body based on VDI 3405

Source: SIGNAL Projekt [Sig2025]



(a) Determination of the process limits  
(b) Investigation of the geometric quality



HAWKS Racing Components



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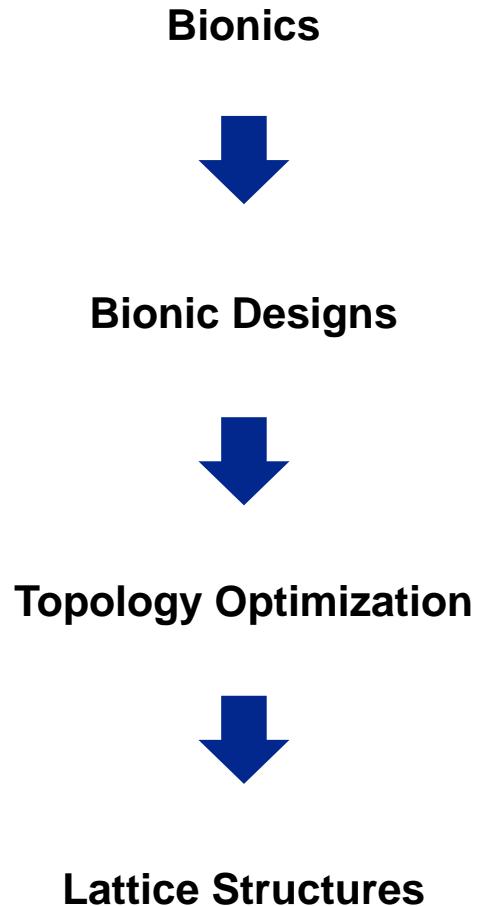
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# THE BASIS FOR TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION



Sources: [Vom2025], [Com2025], [Mem2025], [Sig2025], [Gre2025]



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# BIONICS

## Definition of Bionics (also known as biomimetics):

- Transferring natural principles to technology
- “Bionics” is formed by combining the terms biology and technics
  - Interdisciplinary field of research in which naturally arising processes or structures are adapted to technical developments



Source: [Der2025], [Mem2025]

Prime example: The invention of the aeroplane based on flying birds

## Other important inventions based on bionics:

- General applications: Lotus effect, spider silk
- Fasteners: Gecko, burdock, suction cup
- Aircraft construction: Winglet, sharkskin
- Shipbuilding: Sharkskin, floating fern

Sources: [Bio2025], [Zie2025]



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# BIONIC DESIGNS

## Definition of Bionic Designs:

- The use of natural principles to develop high-performance, lightweight structures that are also more durable
- Modern approach for more efficient lightweight solutions

Generation through optimisations designed to achieve specific goals:

- Topology Optimization
- Generative Design
- Field Optimization
- The main aim is to recreate natural structures in order to create innovative and sustainable design solutions

Source: [Lig2025]



Sources: [Bau2025], [Vom2025], [Com2025]





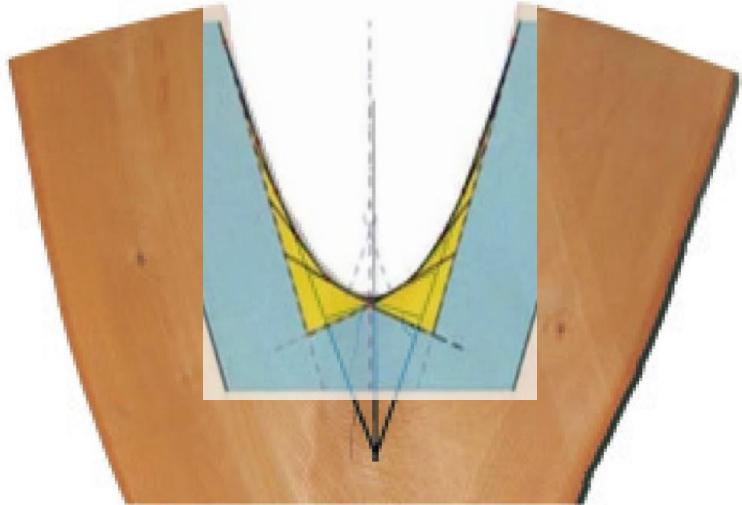
What can we learn  
from the way how  
trees grow...

## Definition of Topologie Optimization:

Computer-based calculation of a favourable topology for components under mechanical load

Based on the principle of tree or bone growth:

- Material forms at highly stressed areas
- Notch stresses are avoided as far as possible, which in turn leads to significantly reduced stresses in the component
- Rounded curves are generated by using the “method of tension triangles” in order to obtain significantly better structures than it is the case with conventional engineering designs
- Combining Topology Optimization with the design freedom of Additive Manufacturing offers many possibilities!



Source: [Haw2025]

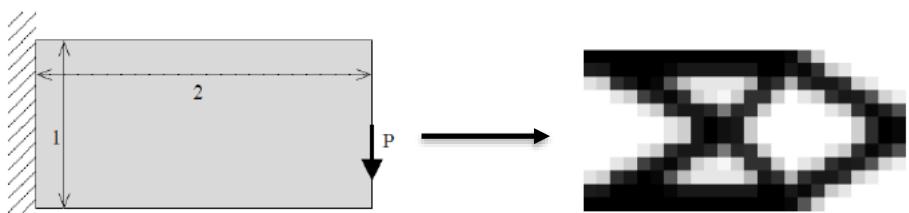
Sources: [Mat2005], [Mat2008], [Küf2007], [Sig2025]

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# TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION

Optimization formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\rho, U} : & \Phi(\rho, U) && \text{Objective function} \\ \text{s.t.} : & V(\rho) \leq V^* && \\ & g_i(\rho, U) \leq g_i^*, \quad i = 2, \dots, M && \text{Constraints} \\ & \rho_{min} \leq \rho \leq \rho_{max} && \text{Box constraints} \\ & K(\rho)U = F && \text{State equation (FE)} \end{aligned}$$



Source: [Dtu2025] [Aut2025]

# LATTICE STRUKTUREN

## Definition of Lattice Structures:

Cellular lattice structures integrated within a component, similar to the composition of the human bone

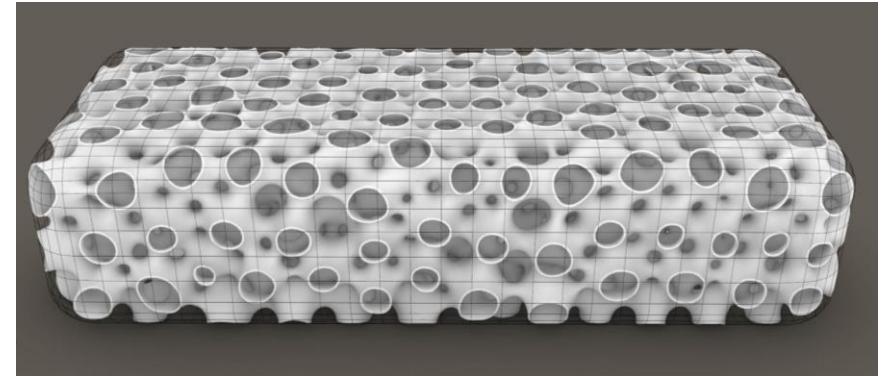
### Application areas:

- Lightweight designs
- Heat exchanger
- Energy absorber

Additive manufacturing is particularly suitable for producing the lattice structures

→ Challenge: Selecting the right lattice structure for the corresponding application and manufacturing process before integrating it appropriately into the component design

Source: [Nto2025]



Sources: [Spe2025], [Gre2025]



A large, healthy tree with a dense canopy of green leaves against a clear blue sky.

... and at what point  
does it become over-  
optimized?

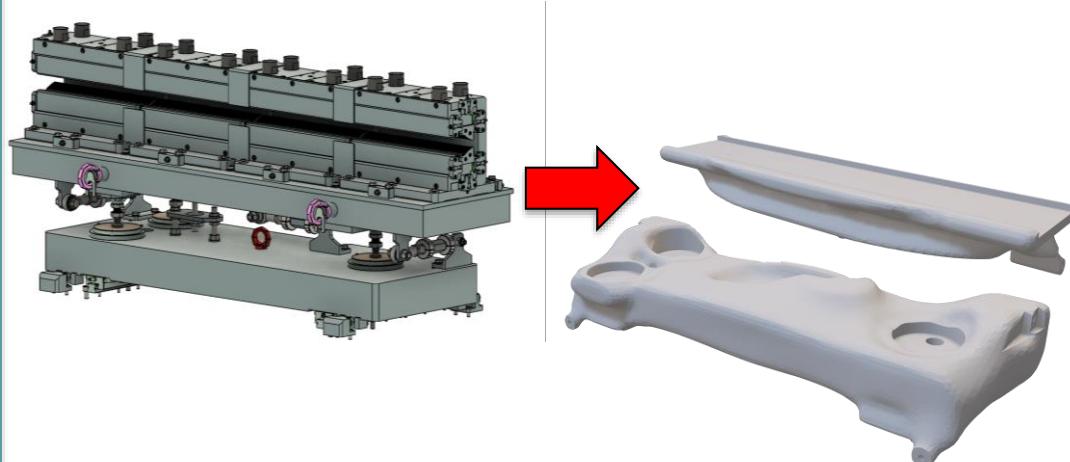
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Aim:

Development of design concepts for DESY PETRA IV Girder assembly set-ups by applying emerging optimization algorithms - the focus is on aluminium.

## Girder Optimized Structures



Partners:



Software:



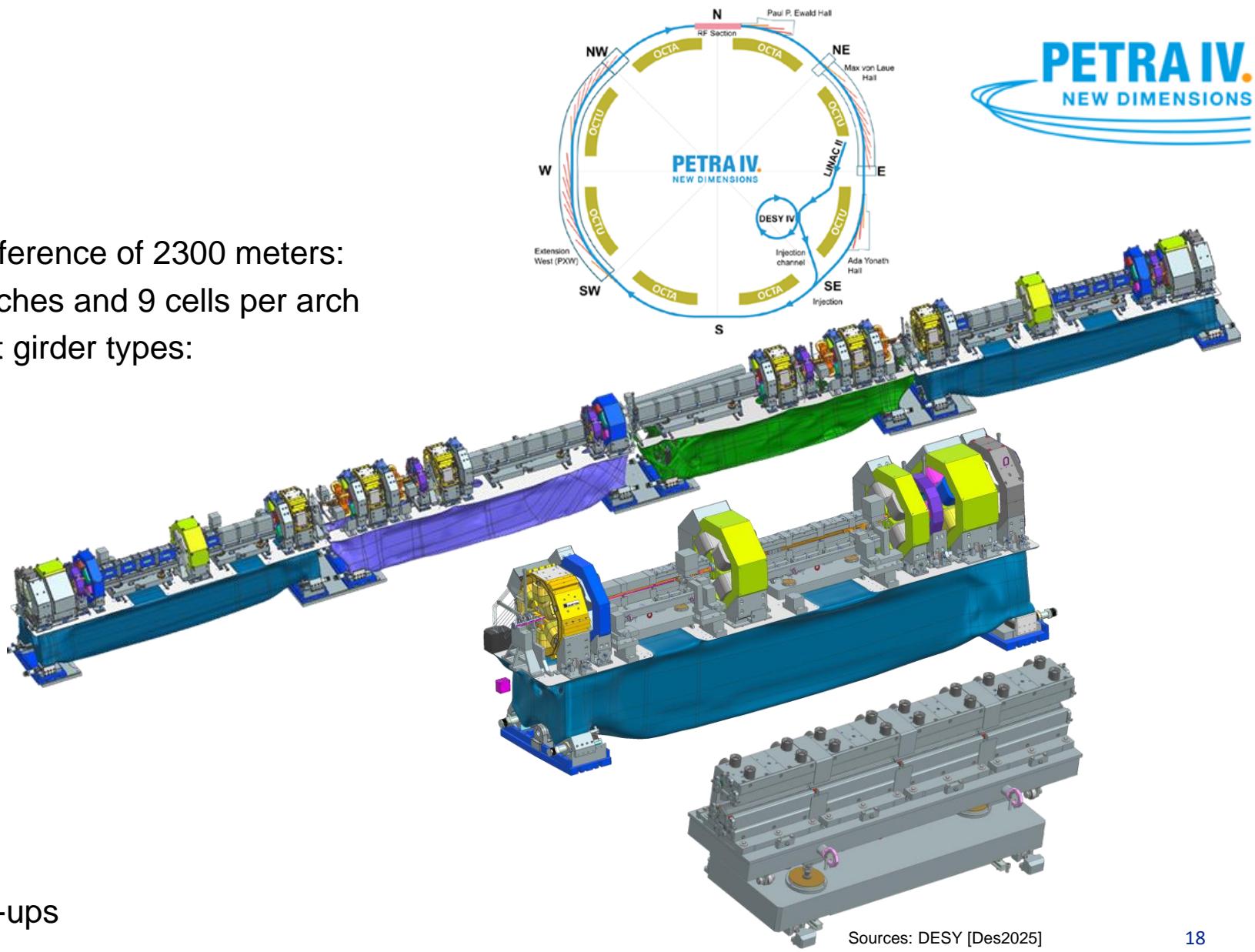
MSC Apex  
Generative Design



# PETRA IV ACCELERATOR

PETRA IV Circular tunnel has a circumference of 2300 meters:

- Girders are built in a circle with 8 arches and 9 cells per arch
- Four girders per cell, with 4 different girder types:
  - 72x Alpha
  - 72x Beta
  - 72x Gamma
  - 72x Delta
- In total 288 Girder
- Girder dimension:
  - 800 mm high
  - 900 mm wide
  - 4000-4700 mm long
- Girder total weight is 12 tons:
  - 5 tons for the Girder itself
  - 7 tons for the assembly set-ups

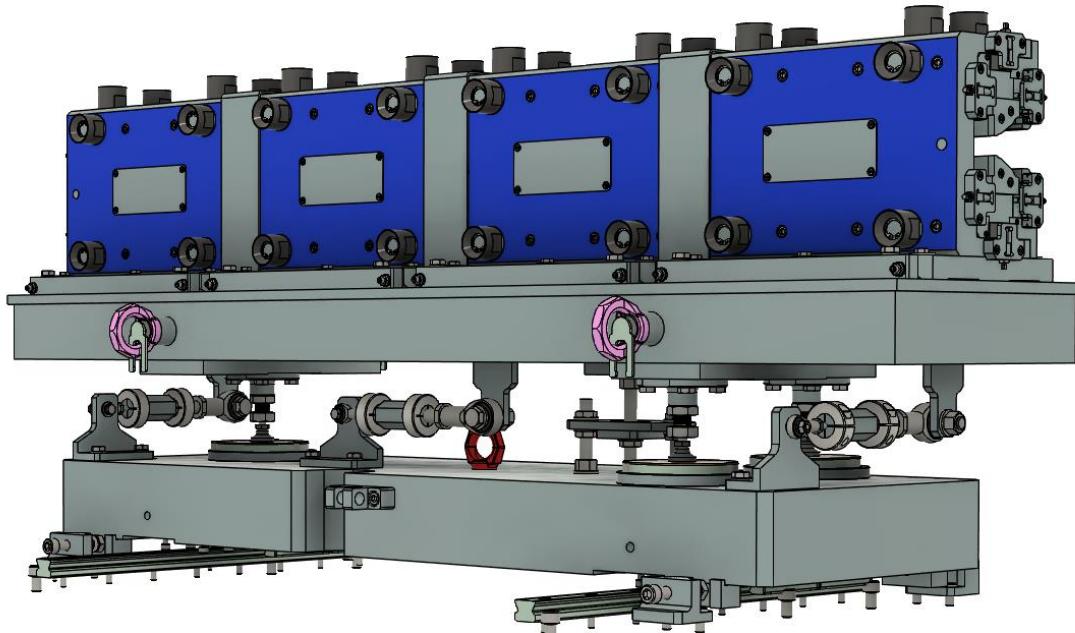


Sources: DESY [Des2025]

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Requirements for optimized assembly set-ups for the PETRA IV Girder:

- Lightweight form construction: Weight reduction
- Lightweight material construction: Replacing steel with aluminium
- Frequency optimization: Higher than 100 Hz
- Function integration: Combine all assembly set-up components



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**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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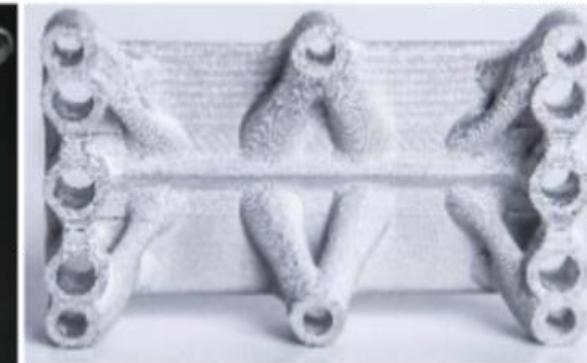
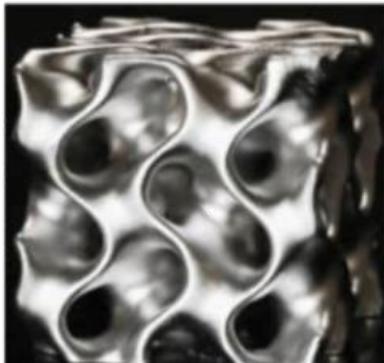
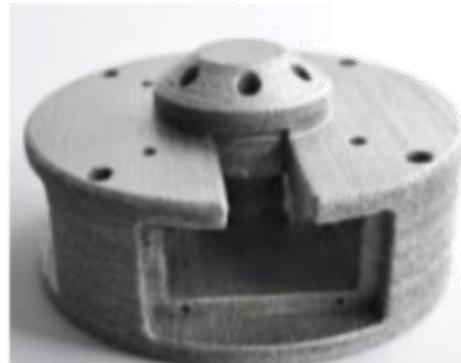
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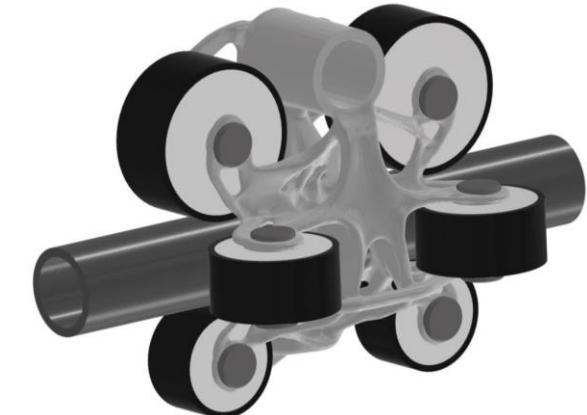
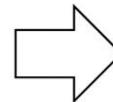
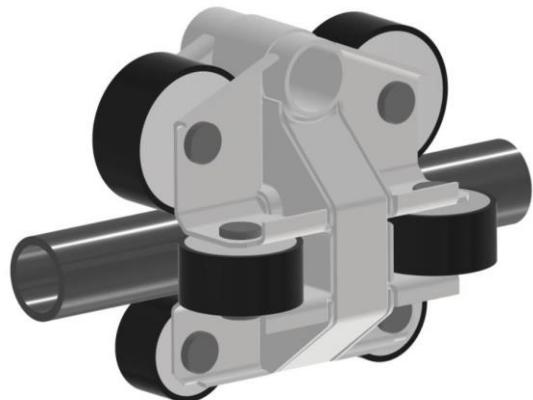
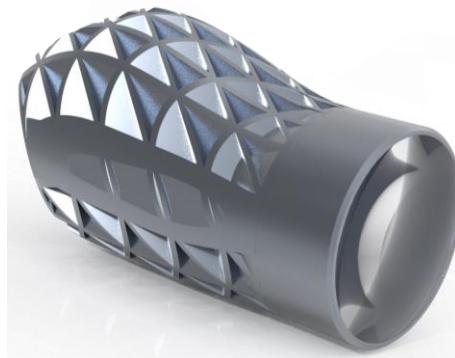
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Sources: TDAF students teams, with friendly approval

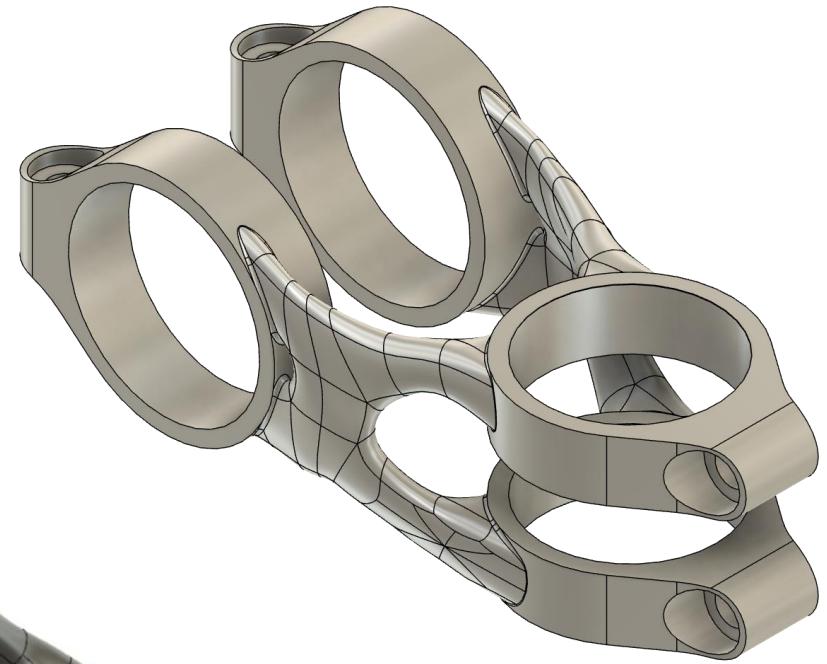
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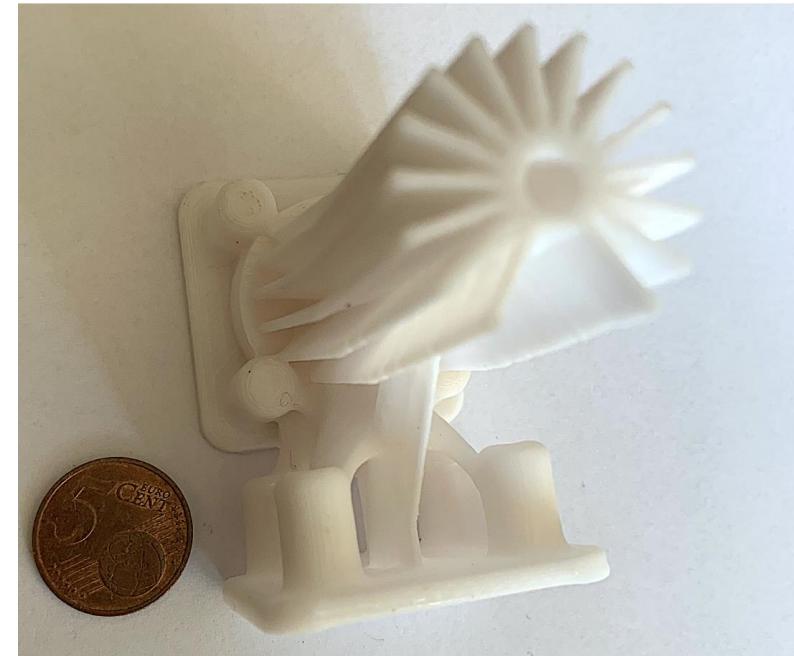
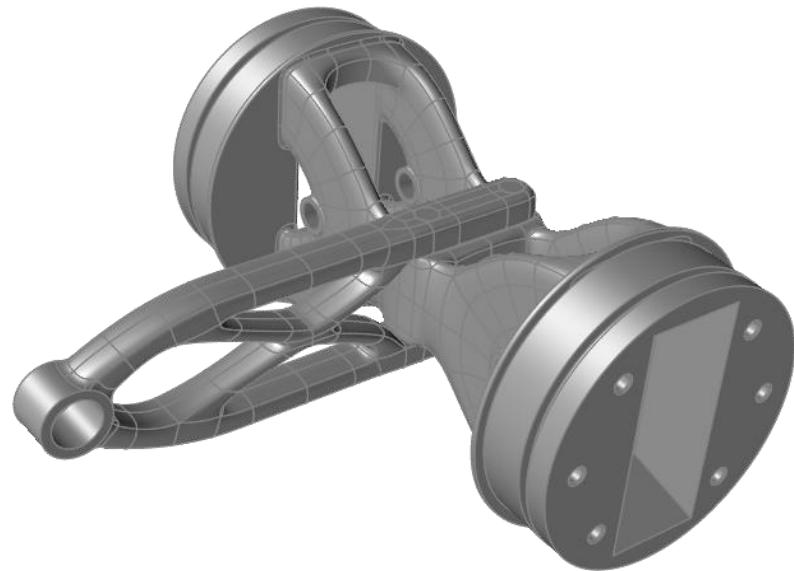
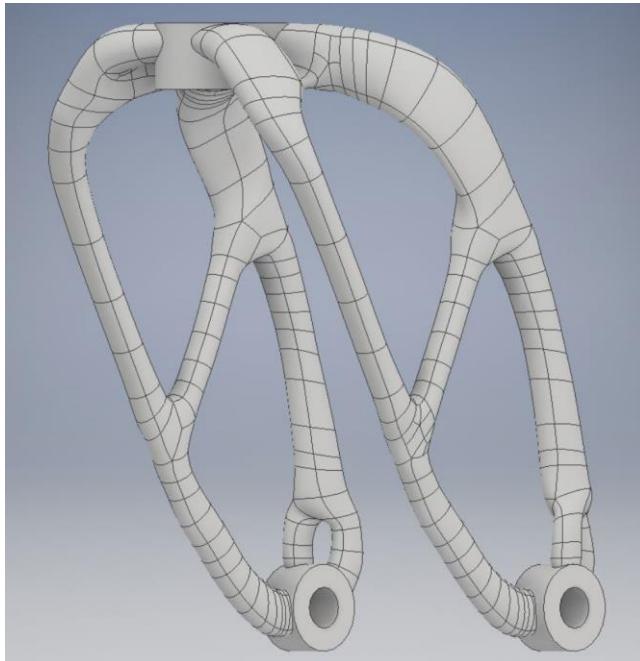


Die Komplexität der Bauteile variiert stark!

Die Tiefe der jeweils erwarteten Detaillierung/Analyse muss angepasst werden!

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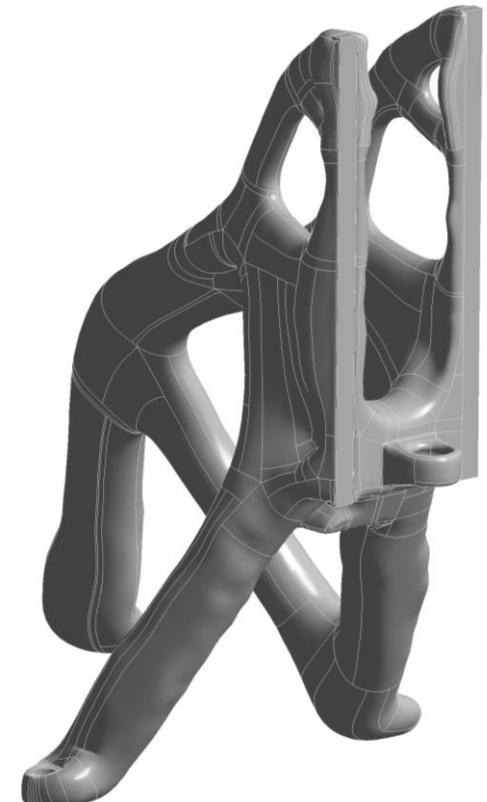
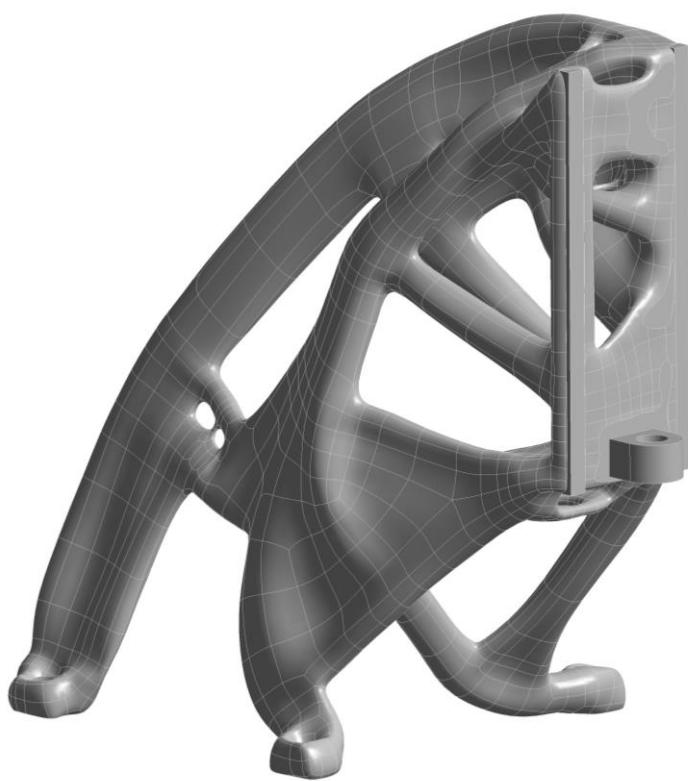
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Die Teams werden zur Zusammenarbeit mit FabLabs und zur Herstellung von Anschauungsprototypen ermutigt.

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Einige Beispiele für TDAF Bauteile:



- Trend: Hersteller von Optimierungssoftware setzen auf unterschiedliche Solver.  
Unsere Studierenden erleben die Unterschiede

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# TDAF MASTERMODUL

## FREIE WAHL DER TOOLS IN DEN KONSTRUKTIONSTEAMS

Beispiele für Konstruktionsaufgaben und von den Teams benutze Tools:

- Steifigkeitsoptimierte Mikroskophalterung:  **nTop**    
- E-Scooter Struktur:  **HEXAGON**  
- Einpresswerkzeug:      
- Kfz-Tuning-Federbein:    
- ... (schon ca. 65 Projekte in sieben Semestern durchgeführt)