

# C-Frame design optimization for selective laser melting



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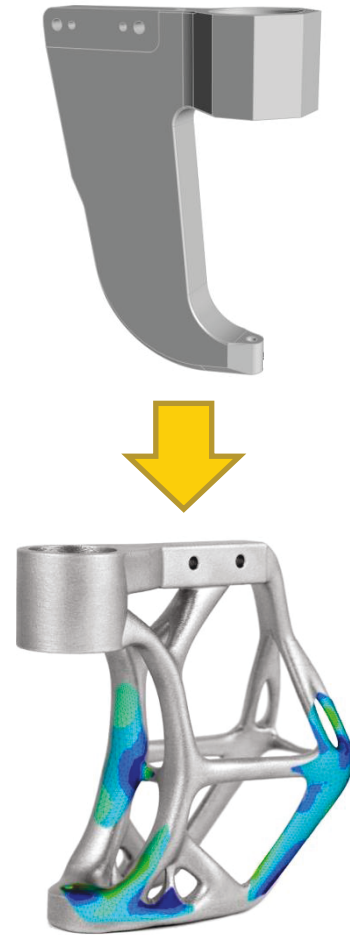
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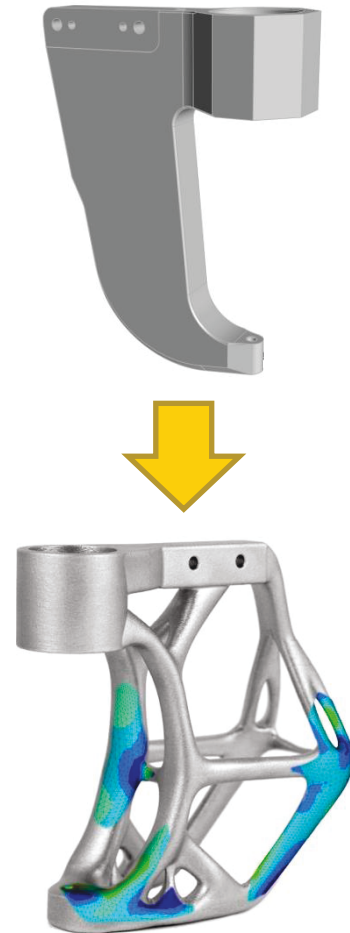
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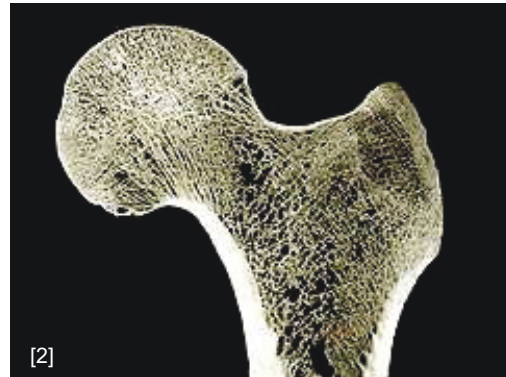
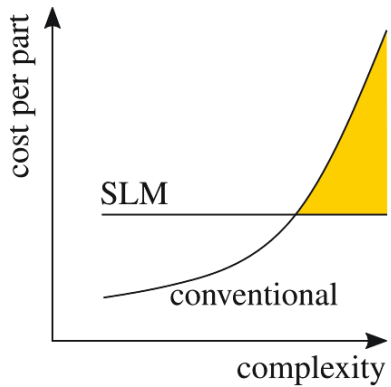
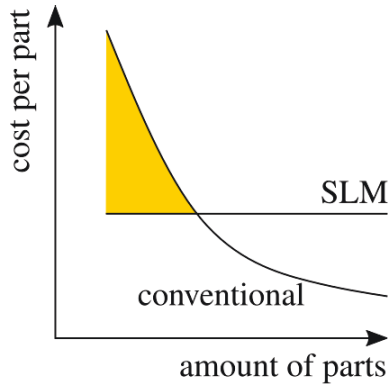


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## Vision

Why SLM\*

KLuB concept



**Manufacturing process**  
Laser driven design

**Lightweight design**

**Macroscale**  
Topology optimization

**Mesoscale**  
Lattice structures

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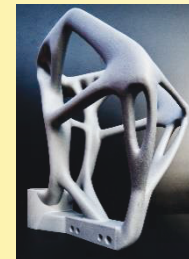
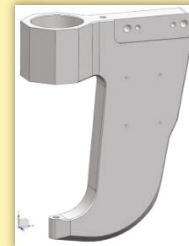
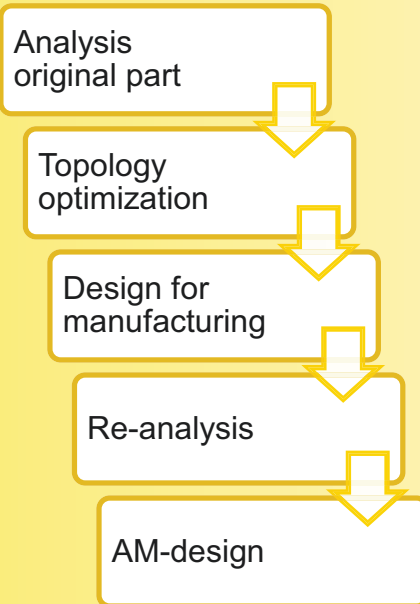
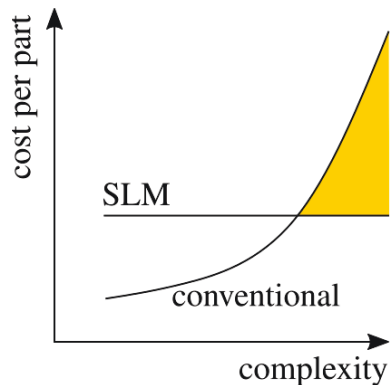
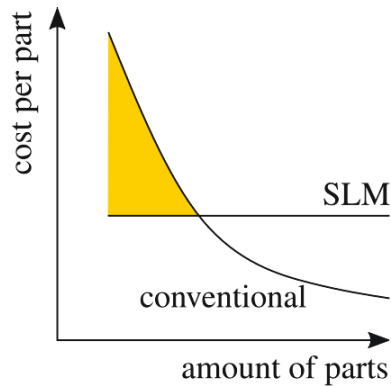
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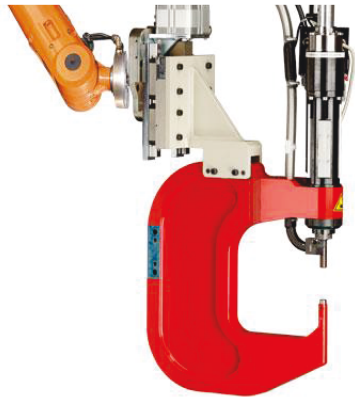
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Lattice structures

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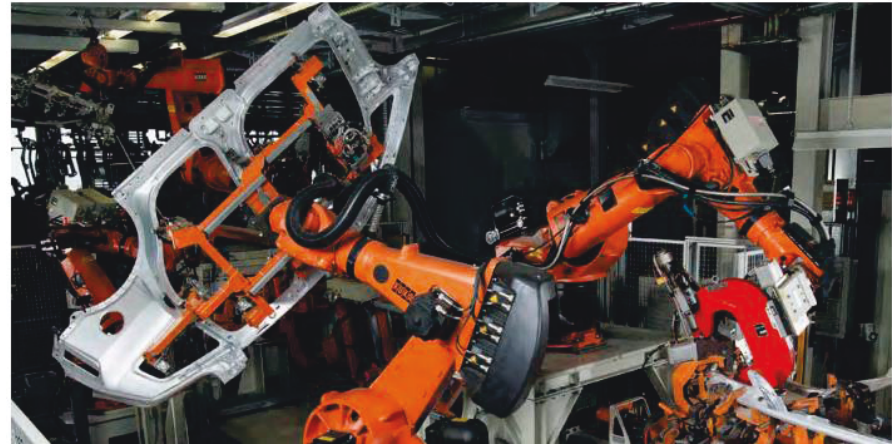
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## Frame of work

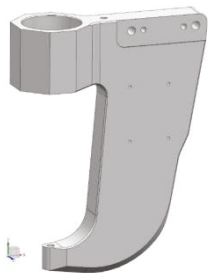


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**Topology  
optimization**



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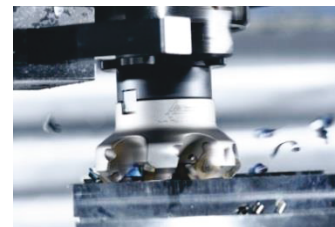


**Manufacturing, performance & costs**

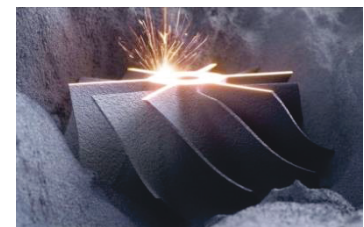
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AM



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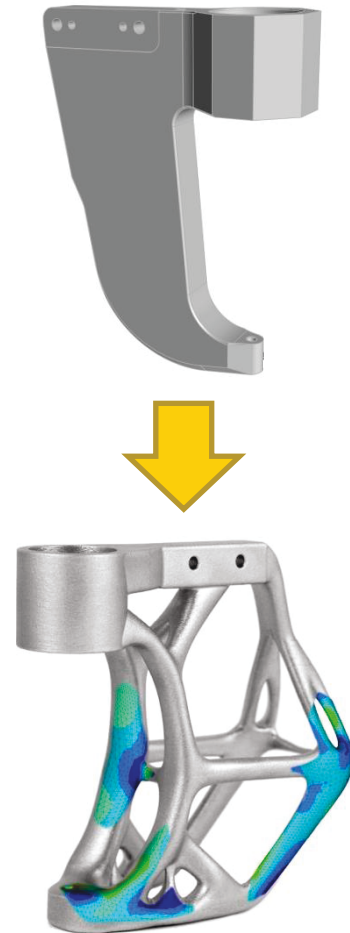
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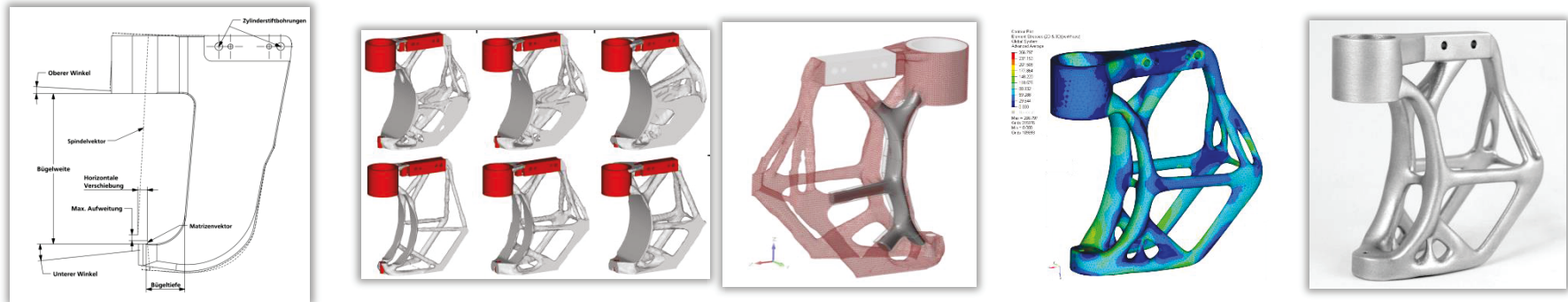
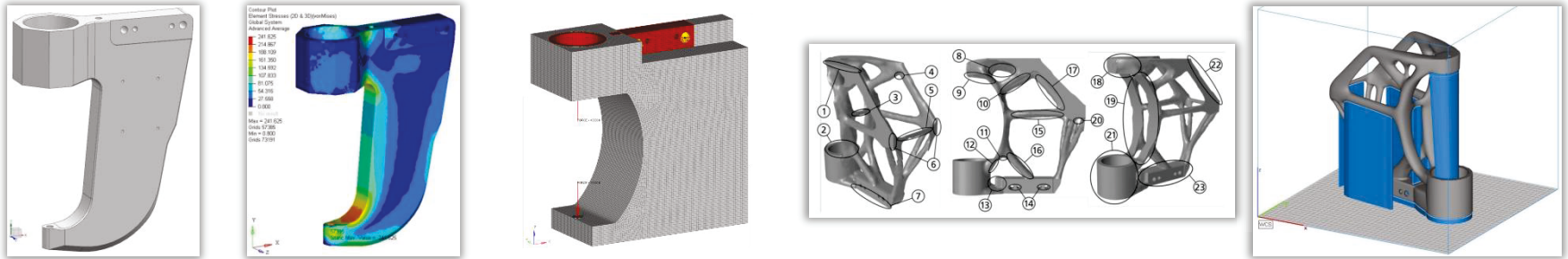
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# Methodology

## Workflow



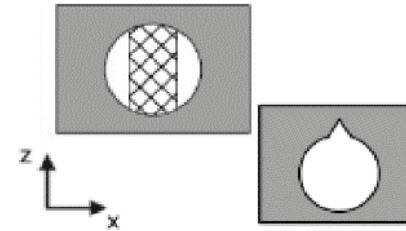


# Methodology

## Design rules

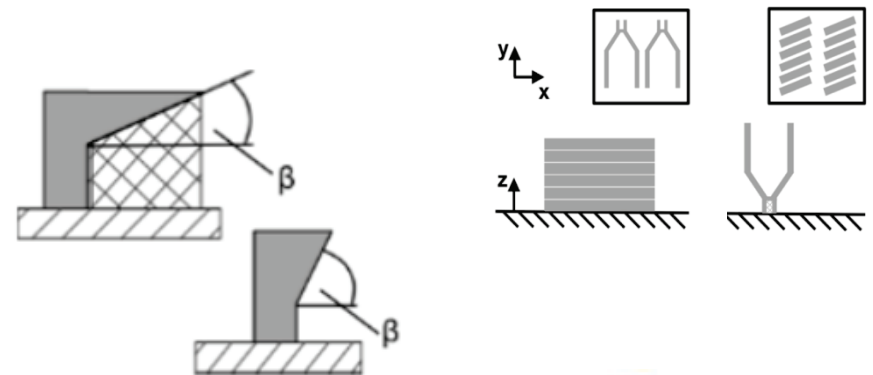
- **Product design**

- EMMELMANN, KRANZ, SCHMIDT



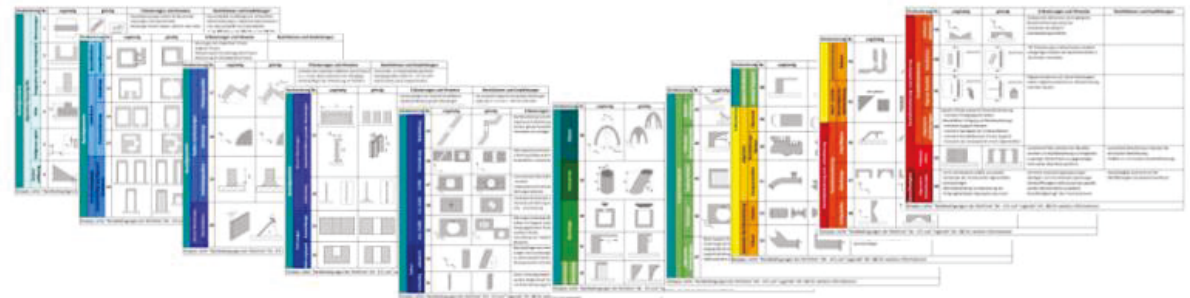
- **Manufacturing restrictions**

- BUCHBINDER, KRANZ, KRUTH, VDI



- **Costs estimation**

- ATZENI, GIBSON, KRANZ



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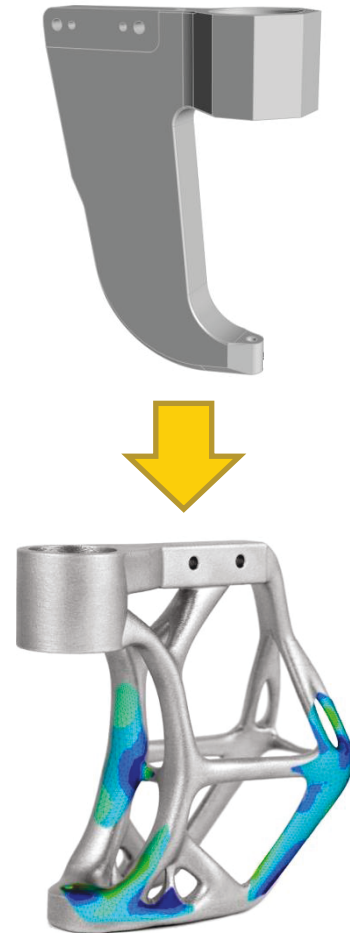
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# Topology optimization

## Model

Optimization goal

- Minimize stresses

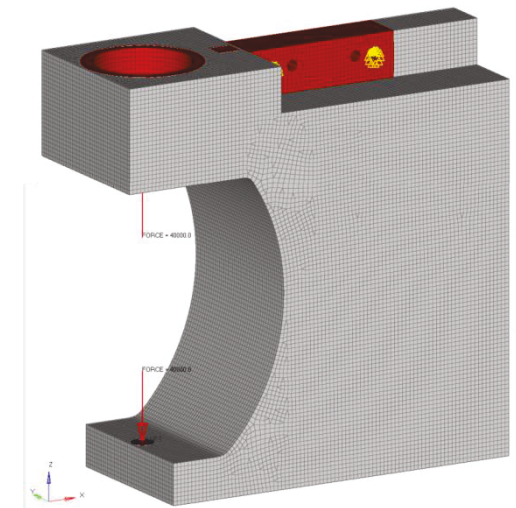
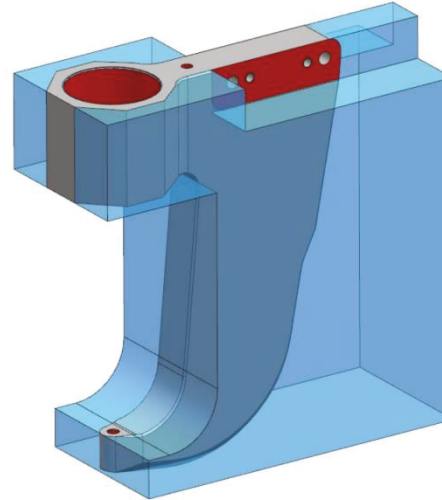
Parameter variation

- Design space
- Volume fraction
- Element dimension
- Manufacturing restrictions

2 pools

- Conventional
- AM design

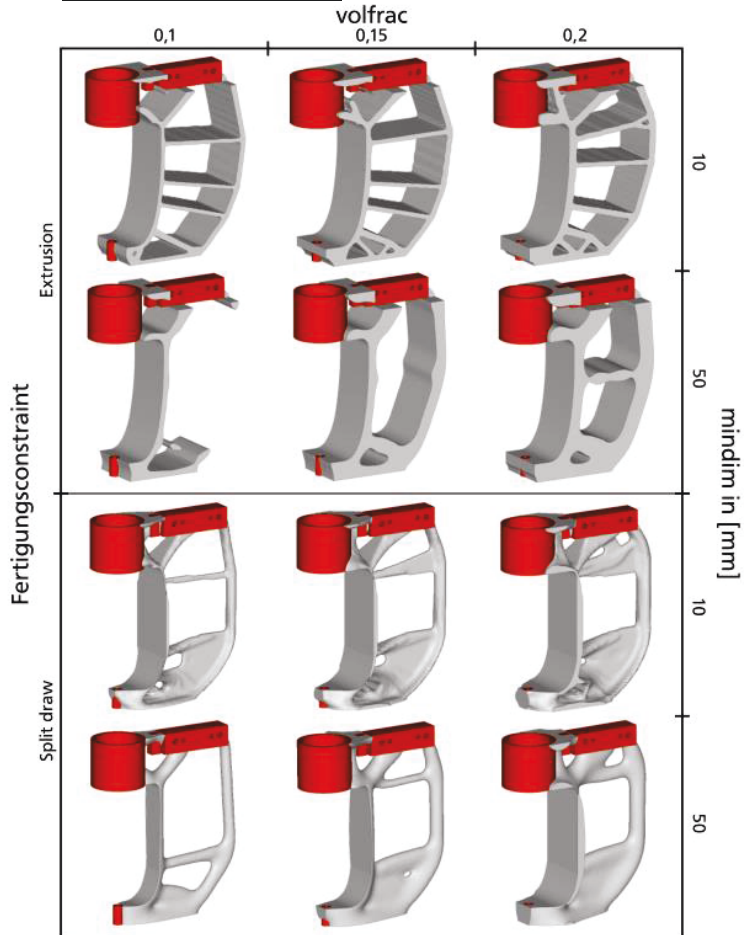
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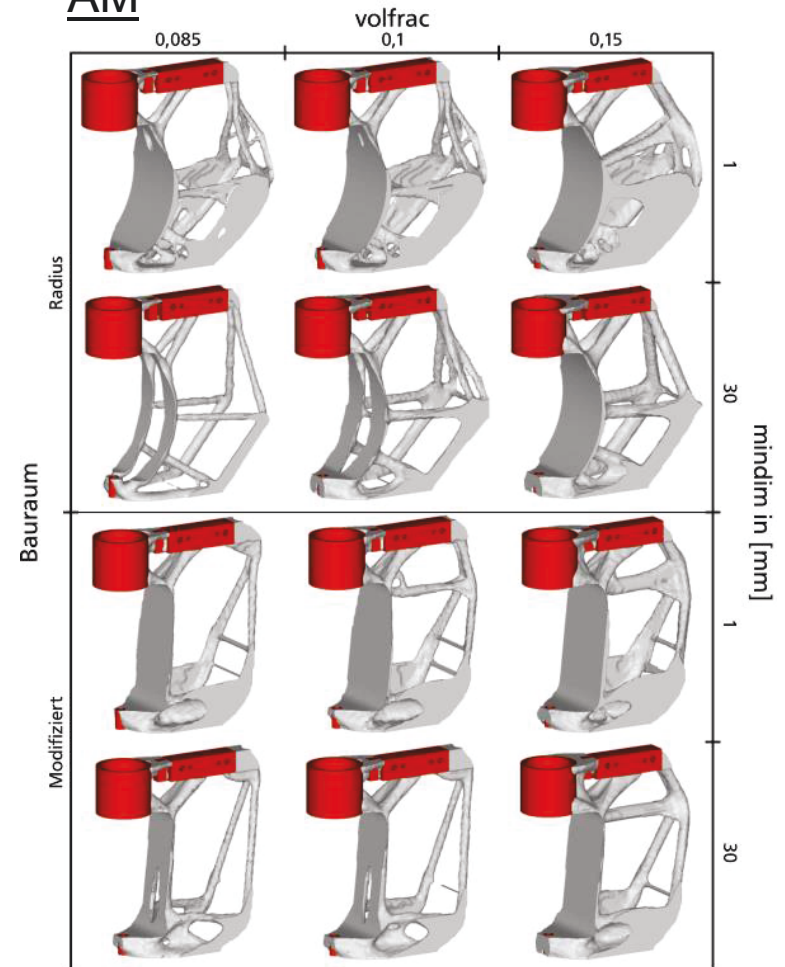
# Topology optimization

## Result pool

### Conventional



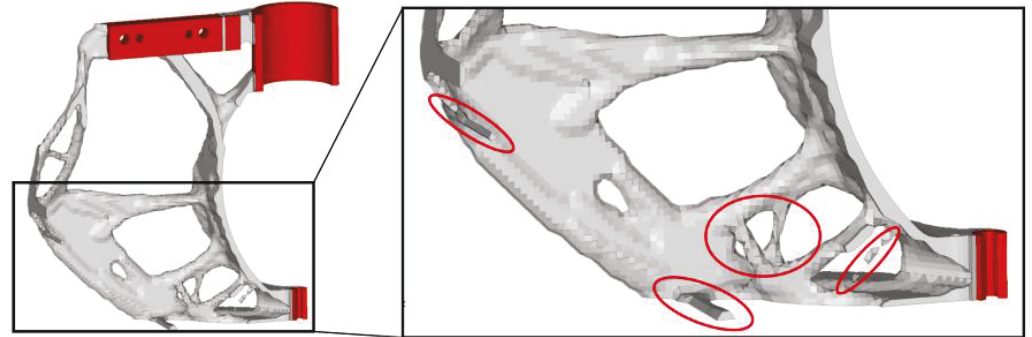
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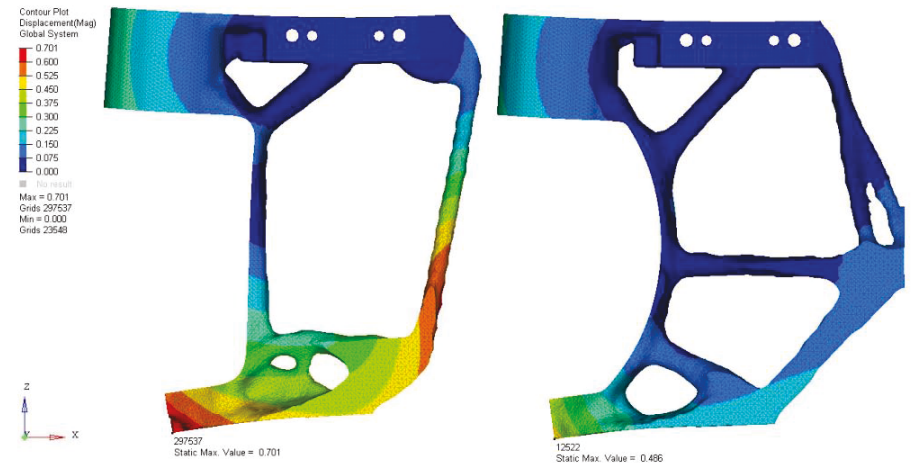
# Topology optimization

## Selection criteria

- Design
  - Thin walled structures
  - Material aggregation



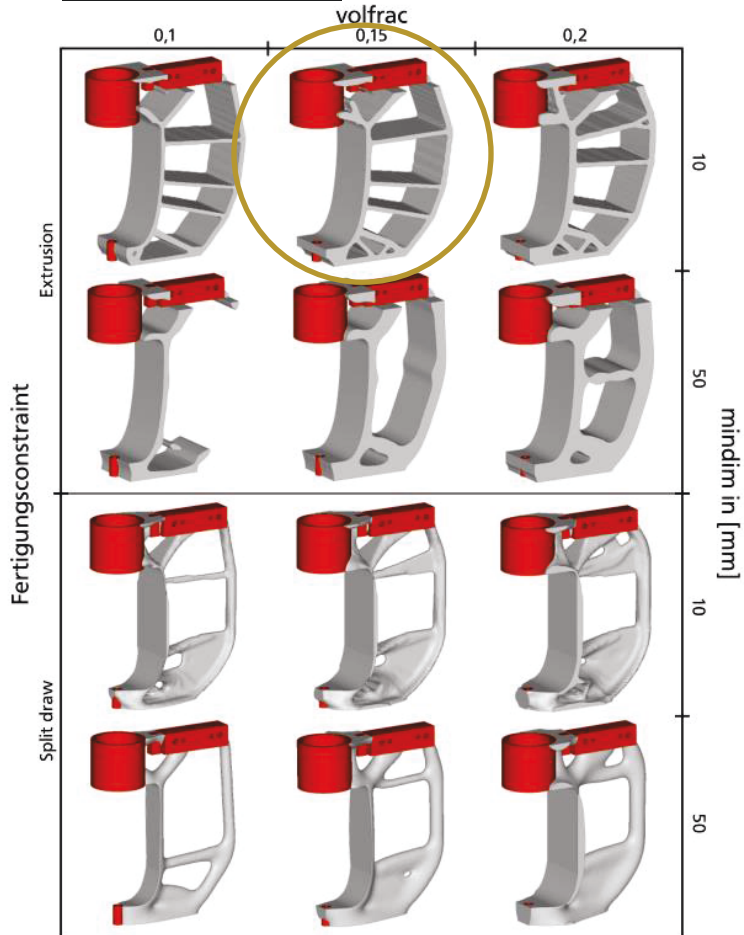
- Performance
  - Load distribution
  - Displacement



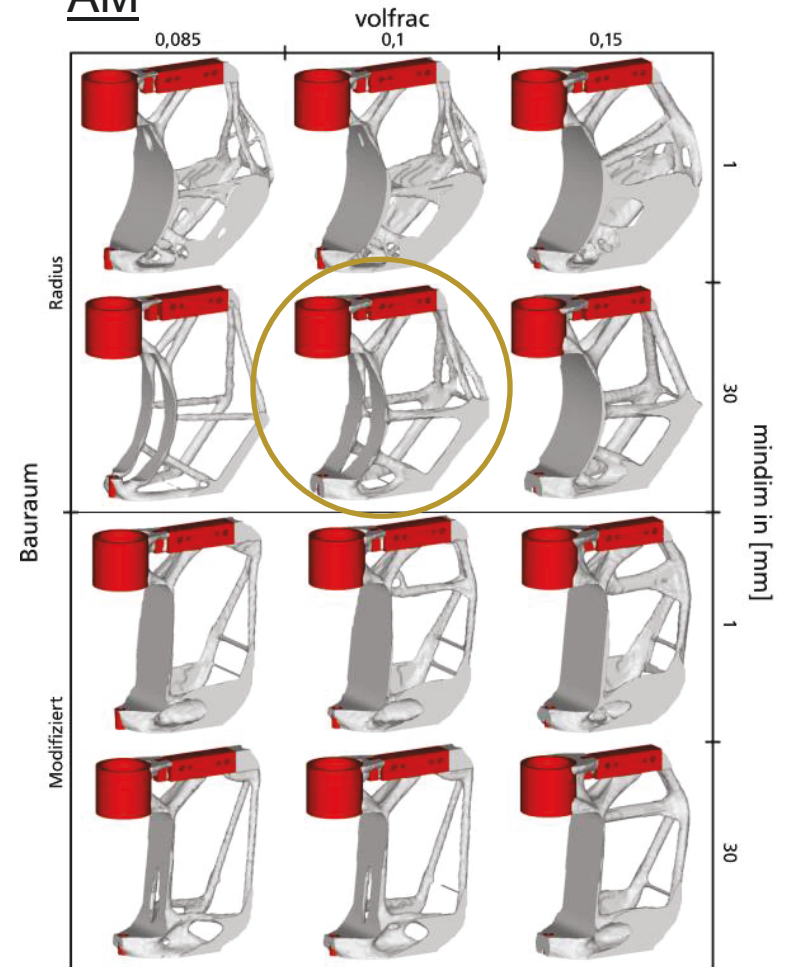
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## Chosen design

### Conventional



### AM



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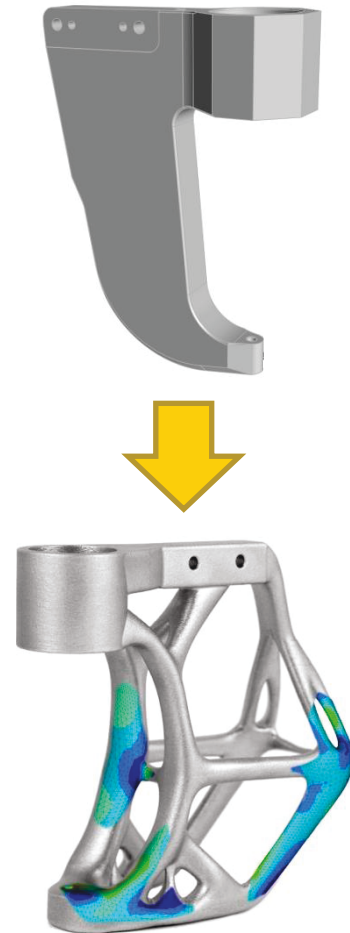
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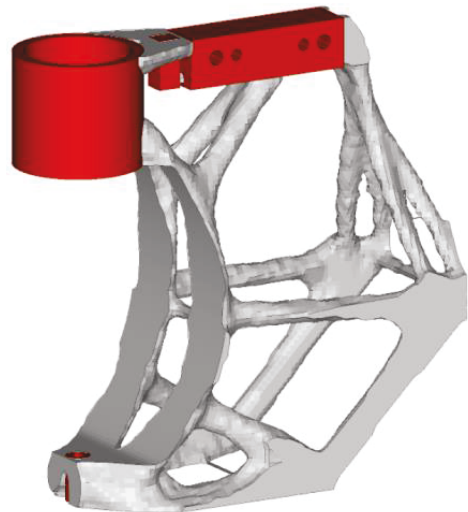
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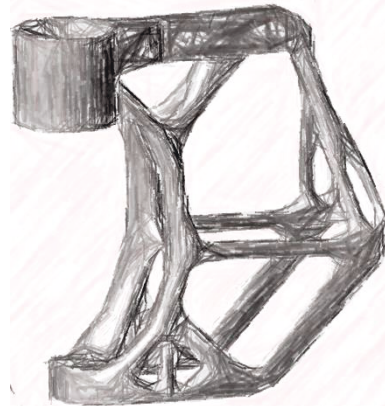


# Design for AM

## Principle

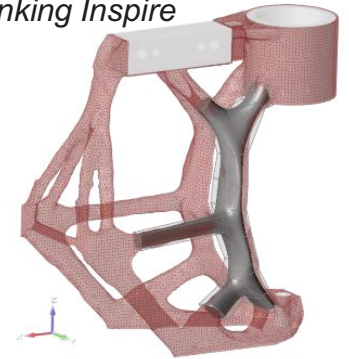


Template:  
Optimization solution

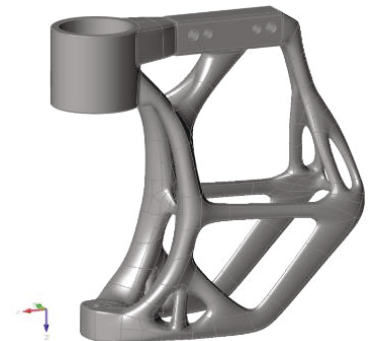
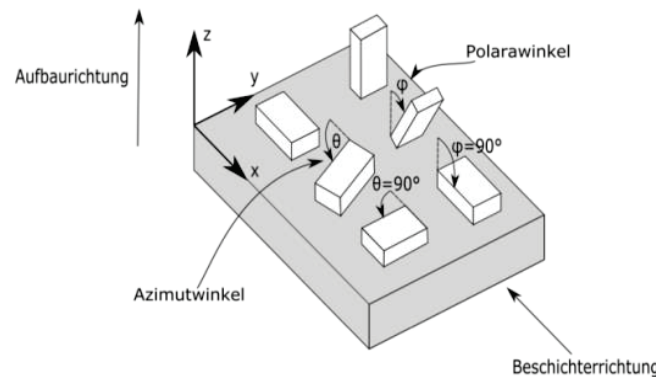


Re-design:  
Technical, economic

*SolidThinking Inspire*



Design for  
manufacturing

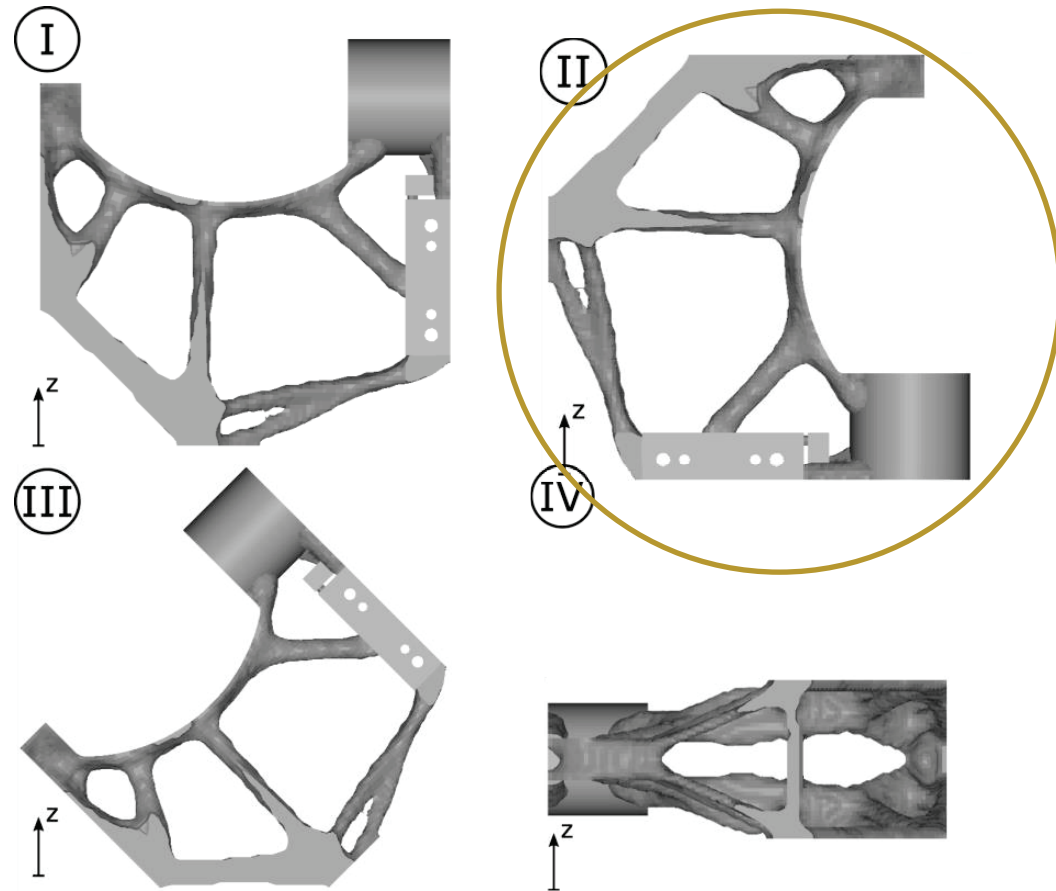




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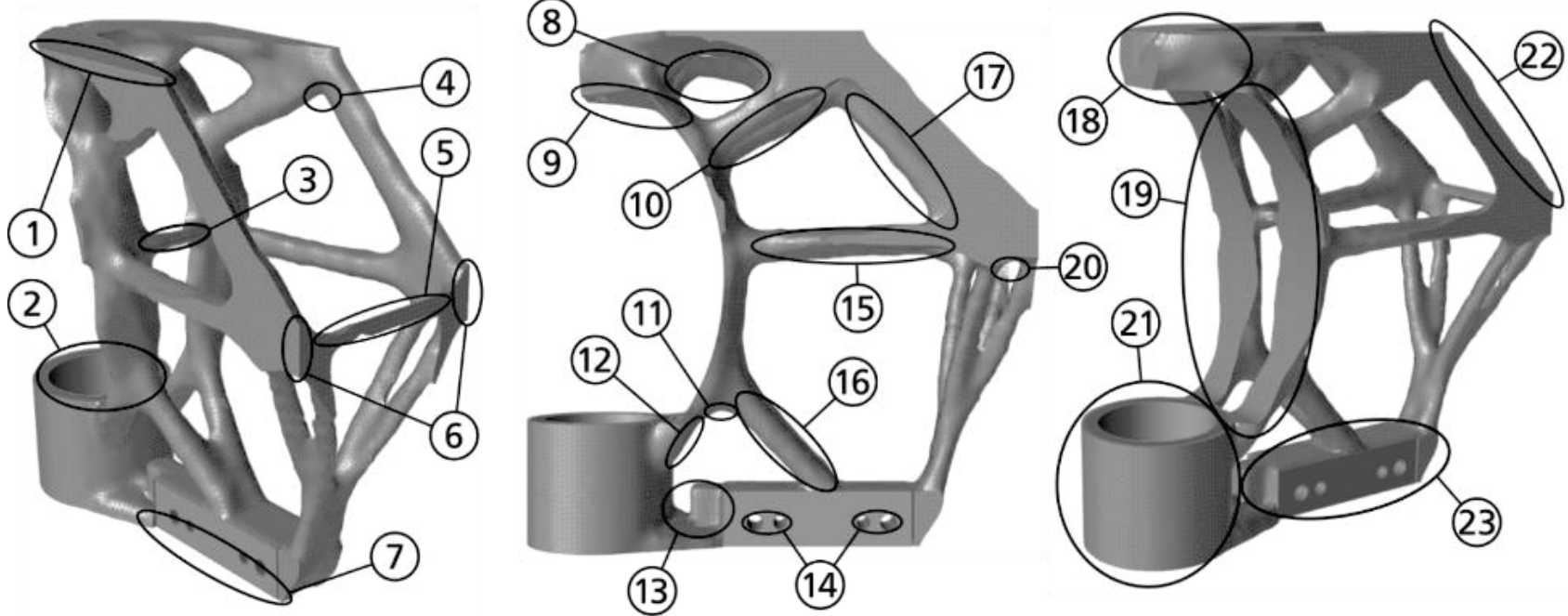
## Build strategy

- Build height
- Downskin areas
- Anisotropy
- Thermal deformations
- Support volume
- Post processing effort



# Design for AM

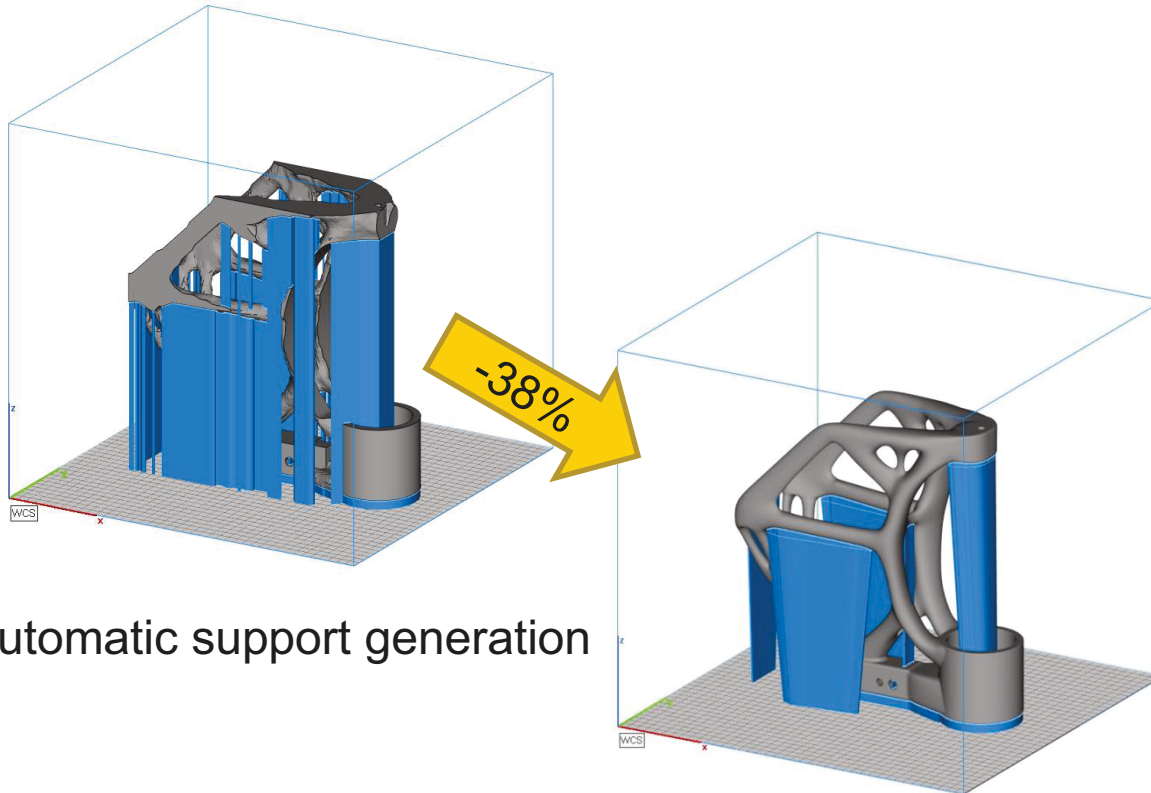
## Critical areas for re-design



- Sharp edged transitions
- Horizontal struts
- Effective diameter

- Critical downskin angle
- Functional surfaces
- Horizontal bores
- Material accumulations

# Design for AM Manufacturing



Automatic support generation

Reworked support



Manufactured part

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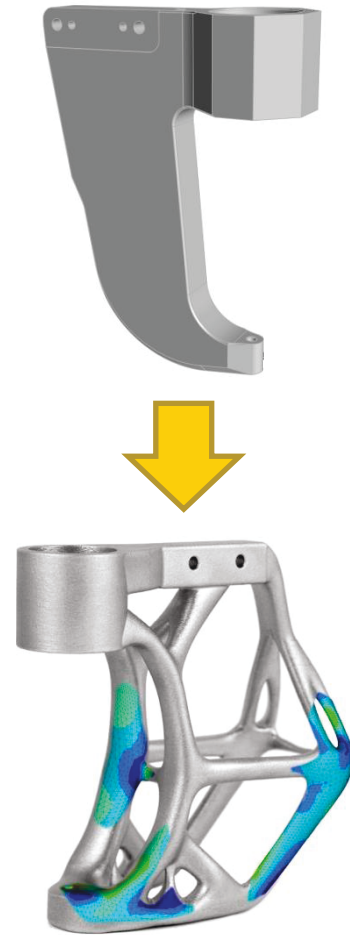
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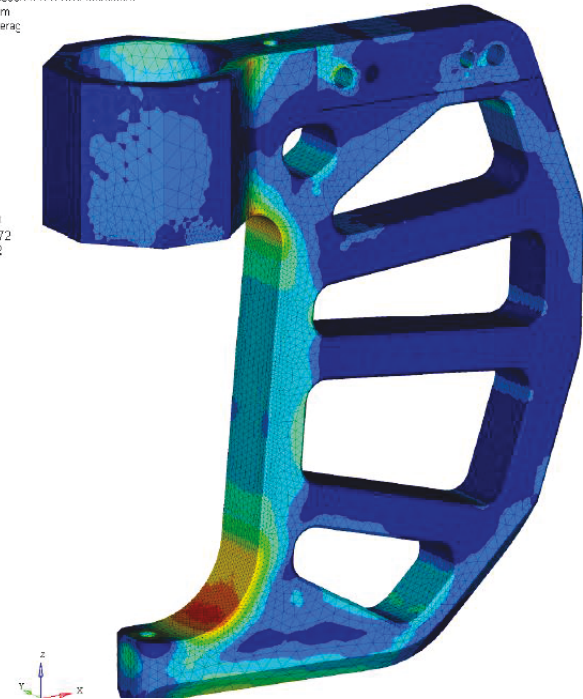
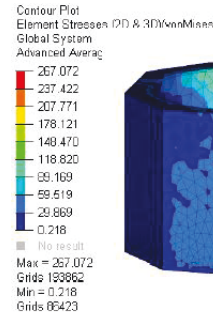
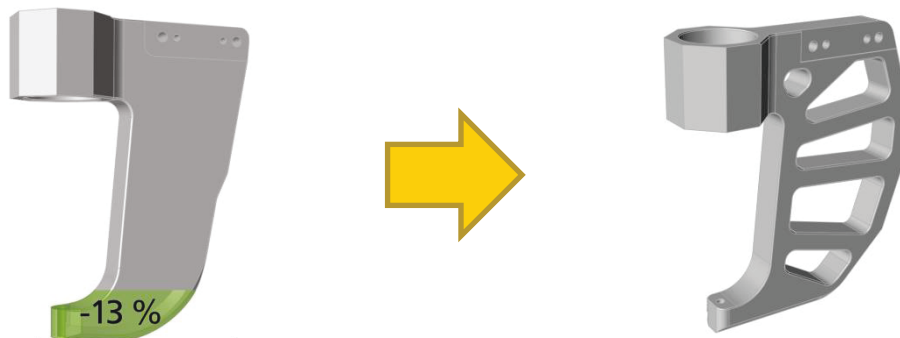
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# Evaluation

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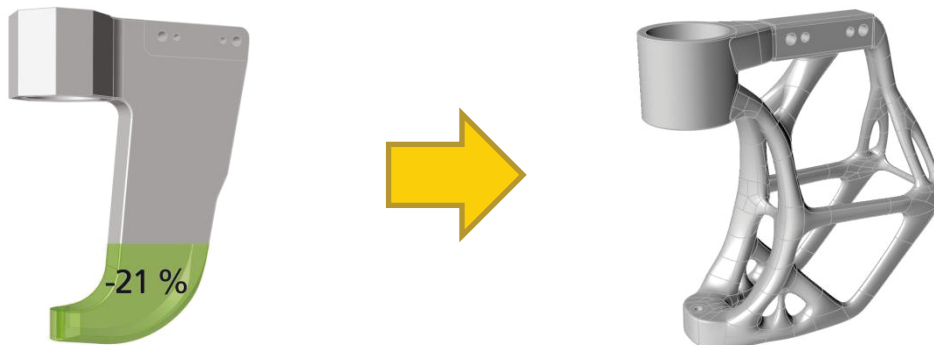
- Final design for 316L
- All requirements fulfilled
  - max. stress VON MISES 267 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - max. displacement 0,35 mm
  - bend angle 0,13°
- Weight about 13% reduced
  - Down to 9,3 kg
- Estimated cost: 850 €



# Evaluation

## AM design solution

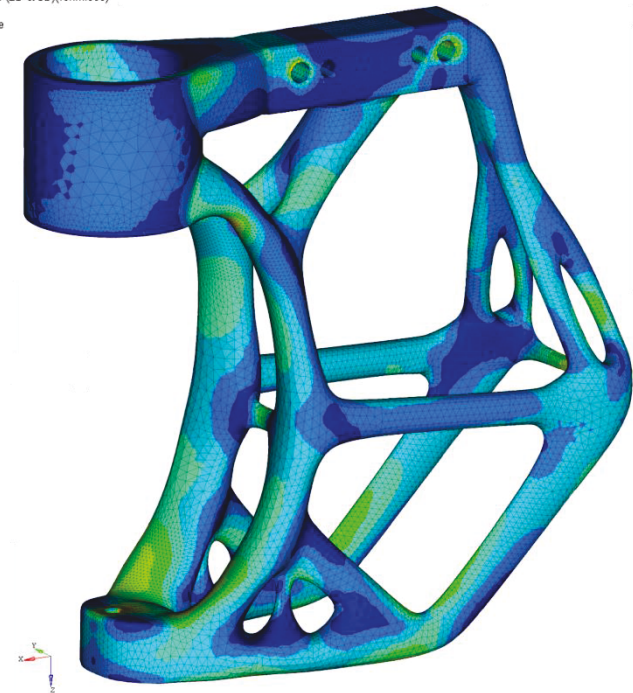
- Final design for 316L
- All requirements fulfilled
  - max. stress VON MISES 267 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - max. displacement 0,48 mm
  - bend angle 0,15°
- Weight about 21% reduced
  - Down to 8,5 kg
- Estimated cost: 1999 €



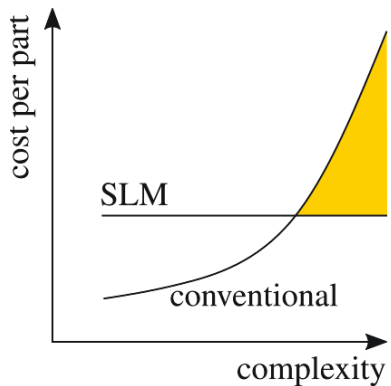
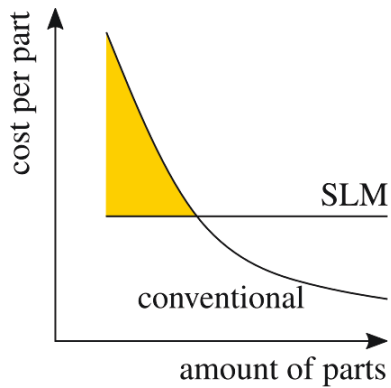
Contour Plot  
Element Stresses (2D & 3D)(vonMises)  
Global System  
Advanced Average

266.797
237.153
207.508
177.864
148.220
118.576
88.932
59.288
29.644
0.000

■ No result  
Max = 266.797  
Grids 215976  
Min = 0.000  
Grids 109693



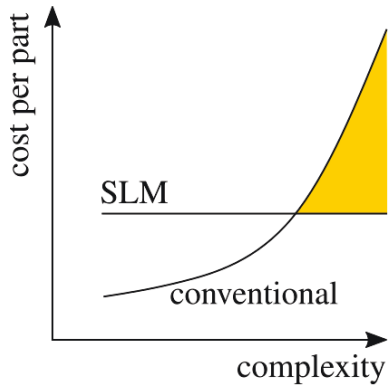
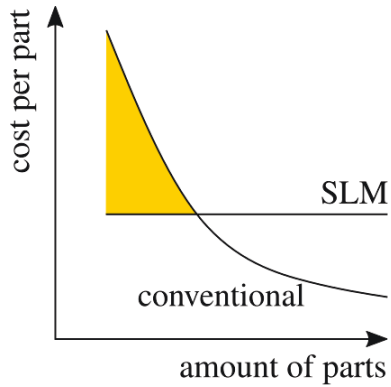
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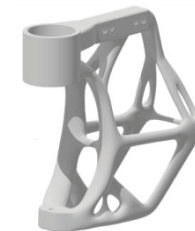
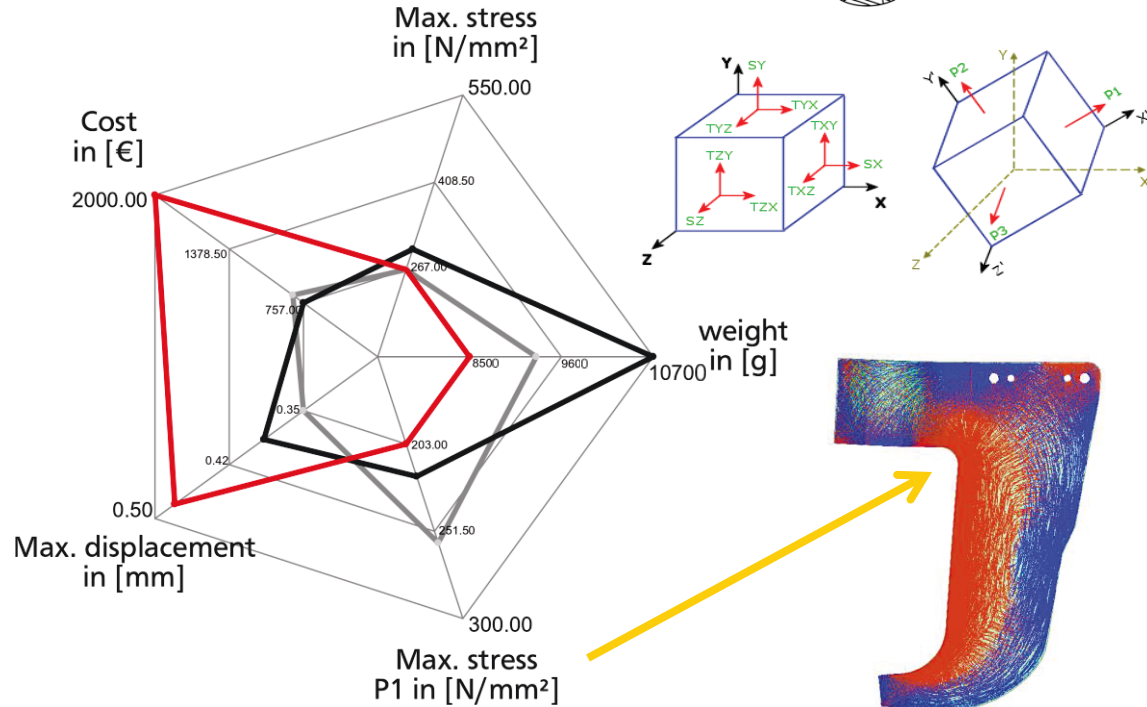
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	Original part	Milling solution	AM solution
Weight	10.7kg	9.3kg	8.5kg
Material	DIN 1.2738	DIN 1.2738	316L
Costs	756.99€	846.09€	1998.75€
Manufact. time	3.5h	4h	49h
Max. disp.	0.39mm	0.35mm	0.48mm
Max. equiv. stress	300.1MPa	267.1MPa	266.8MPa
Scrap material	41.7kg	49kg	<1kg
Frame depth	50mm	50mm	55mm

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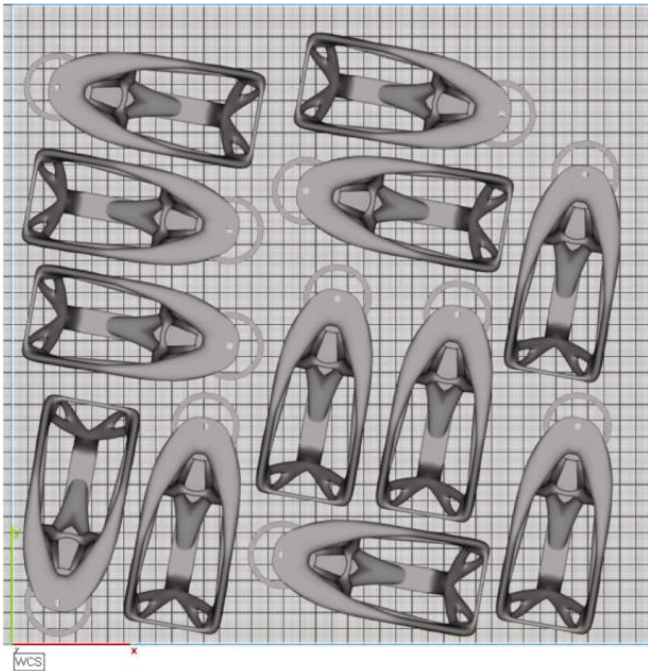
■ Milling solution

■ AM-solution



# Evaluation

## Cost scenario for serial production of the AM part



Higher part number in build chamber for scaled C-clamp

- Cost prediction for 2023
  - ↗ build rates
  - ↗ machine cost
  - ↘ material cost
  - ↘ post-processing effort

1255 €

- Scaled C-clamp (50%)
  - ↘ part height
  - ↗ number of parts per job

258 €

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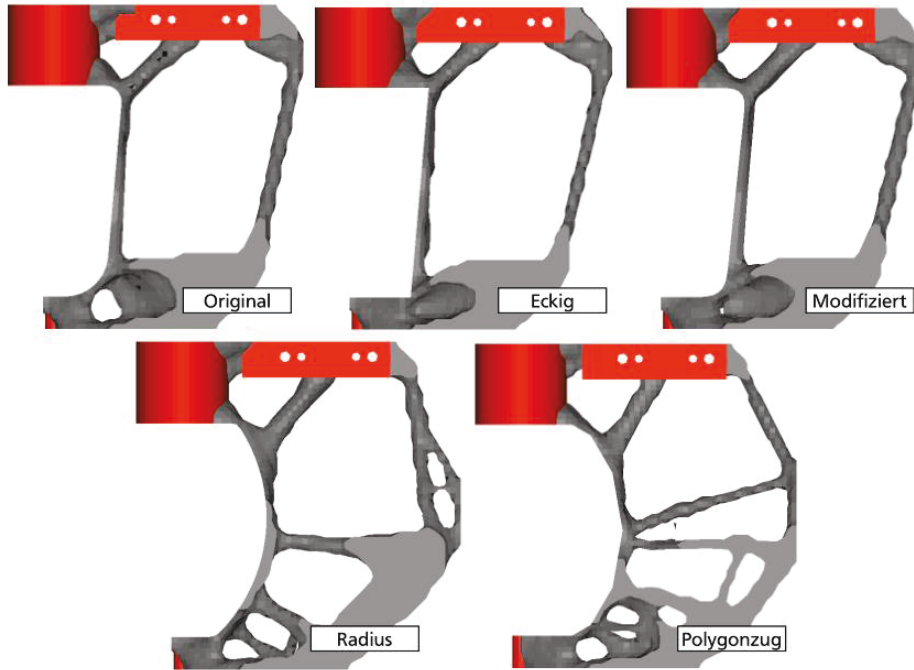


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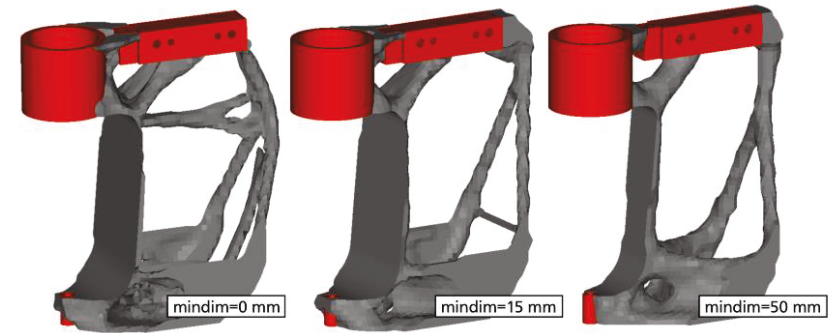
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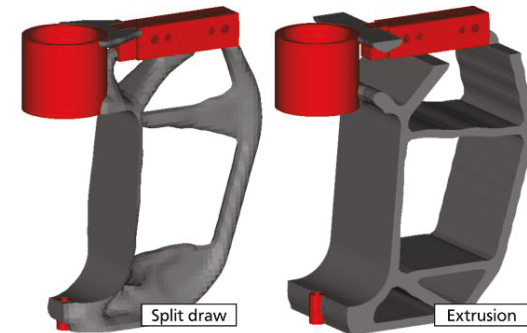
## Preliminary studies



Design space



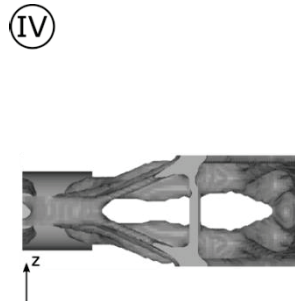
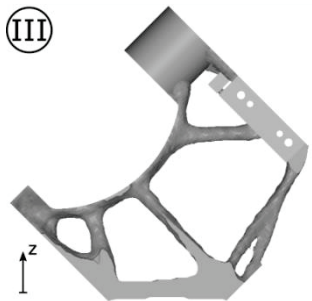
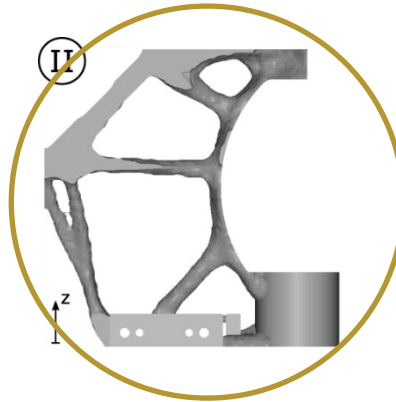
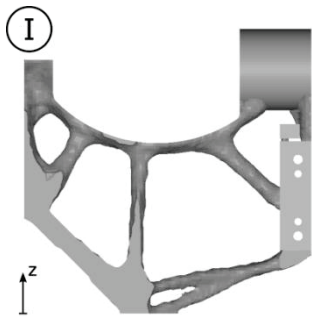
Element minimal dimension



Manufacturing constraints

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## Build strategy



### Wirtschaftliche Bewertung

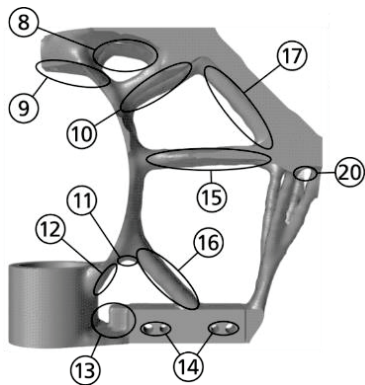
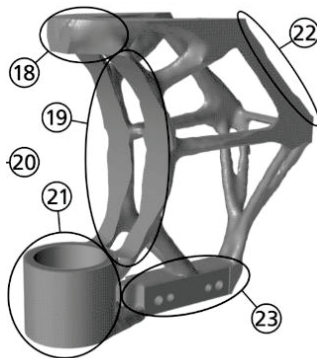
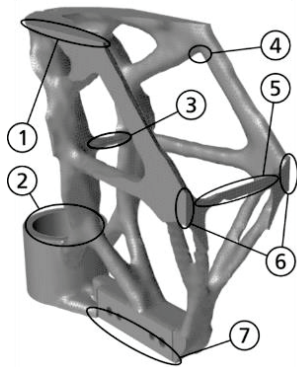
	ABS I	ABS II	ABS III	ABS IV
<b>Prozesskosten</b>				
Aufbauhöhe	1	1	0	2
Supportvolumen	1	1	2	0
Ausnutzung Bauplattform	1	1	1	1
<b>Nachbearbeitungsaufwand</b>				
Downskin-Flächen	1	2	0	1
Supportvolumen	1	1	2	0
Abtrennaufwand	2	1	1	0
Aufwand Supportentfernung	0	2	0	0

### Technische Bewertung

	ABS I	ABS II	ABS III	ABS IV
<b>Verzug</b>				
Horizontale Flächen	2	1	2	0
Zusammenwachsende Strukturen	0	1	1	2
<b>Bauteilqualität</b>				
Downskin-Flächen	1	2	0	1
Fertigungsbedingte Anisotropie	1	0	1	2
<b>Gesamtpunkte</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>

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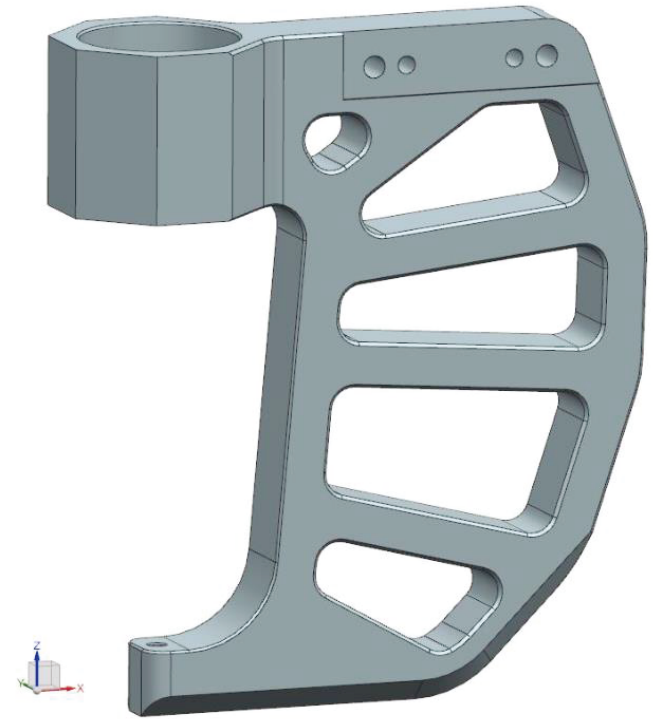
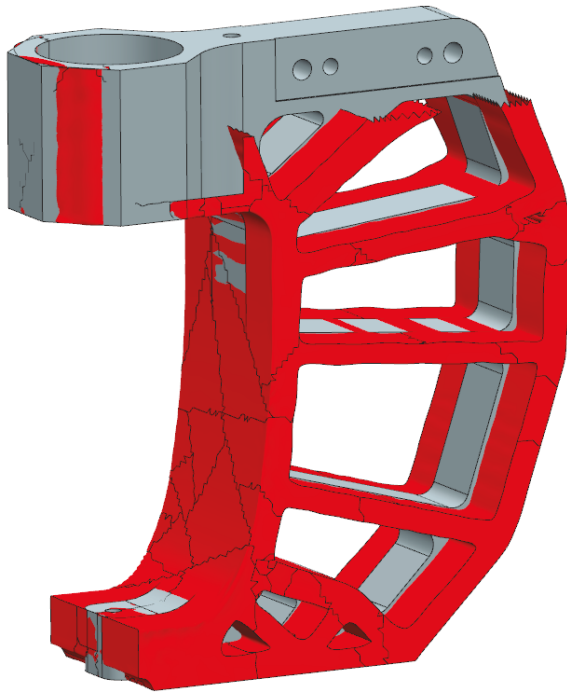
## Critical areas for re-design



No.	Issue	Comment / Measures
1	Sharp-edged junction	Round off
2	Sharp-edged junction	Round off
3	Horizontal strut	Adjust or employ support structures
4	Maximum diameter exceeded	Decrease diameter
5	Horizontal strut	Adjust or employ support structures
6	Sharp-edged junction	Round off
7	Sharp-edged junction	Round off
8	Threshold angle not complied with	Adjust angle, employ vertical strut
9	Threshold angle not complied with, functional area	Post-processing required, employ oversize, employ support structures
10	Threshold angle not complied with	Adjust angle
11	Maximum diameter exceeded	Decrease diameter
12	Threshold angle not complied with	Adjust angle
13	Sharp-edged junction	Round off, fill gap
14	Horizontal boreholes	Employ support structures, post-processing required
15	Horizontal strut	Not adjustable, employ support structures
16	Threshold angle not complied with	Adjust angle
17	Threshold angle not complied with	Adjust angle
18	Material accumulation	Remove material
19	Critical areas	Post-processing required
20	Maximum diameter exceeded	Decrease diameter
21	Functional areas	Post-processing required, employ oversize
22	Sharp-edged junction	Round off
23	Functional areas and material accumulations	Post-processing required, employ oversize, remove material

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## Re-design of the milling solution



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## Structural analysis – Material data

Stainless steel alloy 316L

- $E = 190\text{GPa}$
- $\nu = 0.3$

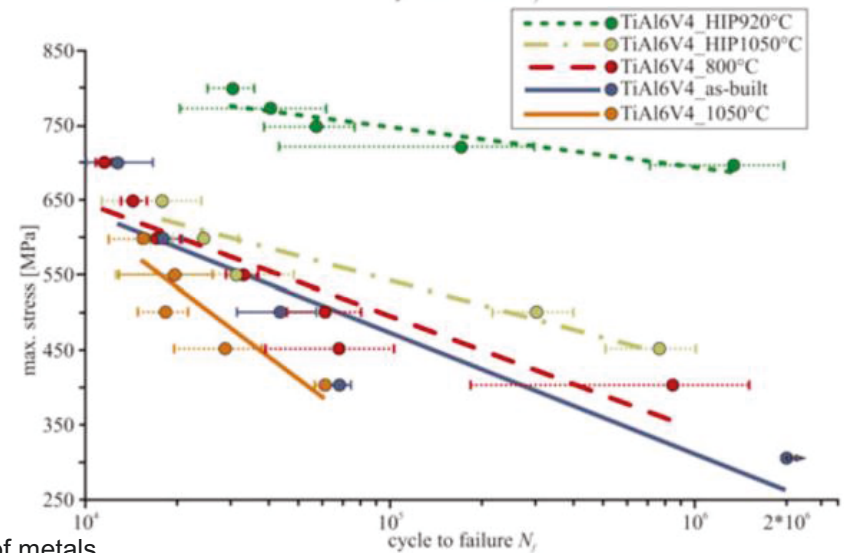
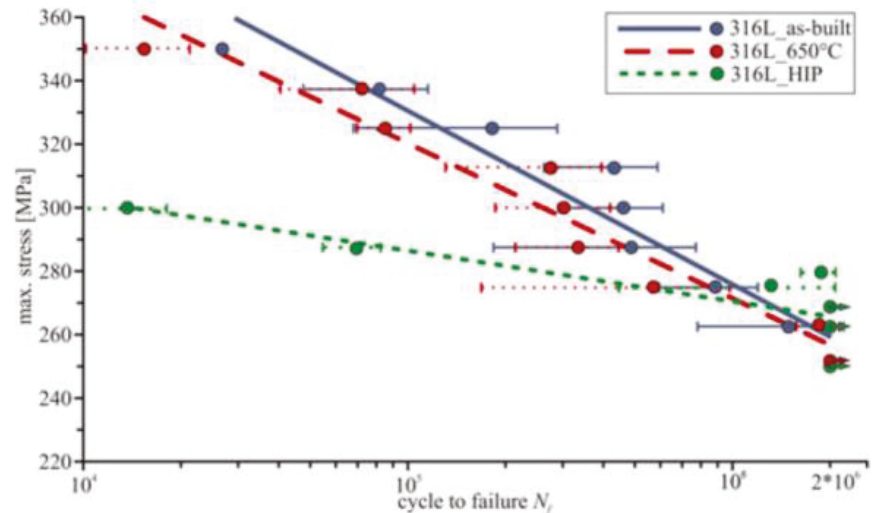
E-Modul (in GPa)	Quelle	Kommentar
$184 \pm 20$	<i>SLM Solutions</i> [dat18a]	Ohne Nachbehandlung
$193,1 \pm 4,1$	ZHANG [ZDC13]	Ohne Nachbehandlung
$207,2 \pm 6,85$	MARBURY [Mar17]	Spannungsarmglühen
$190 \pm 10$	<i>Renishaw</i> [dat17c]	In Aufbaurichtung, 316L-0407 (Kohlenstoffarme Legierung)
200	<i>Concept Laser GmbH</i> [dat17a]	Spannungsarmglühen



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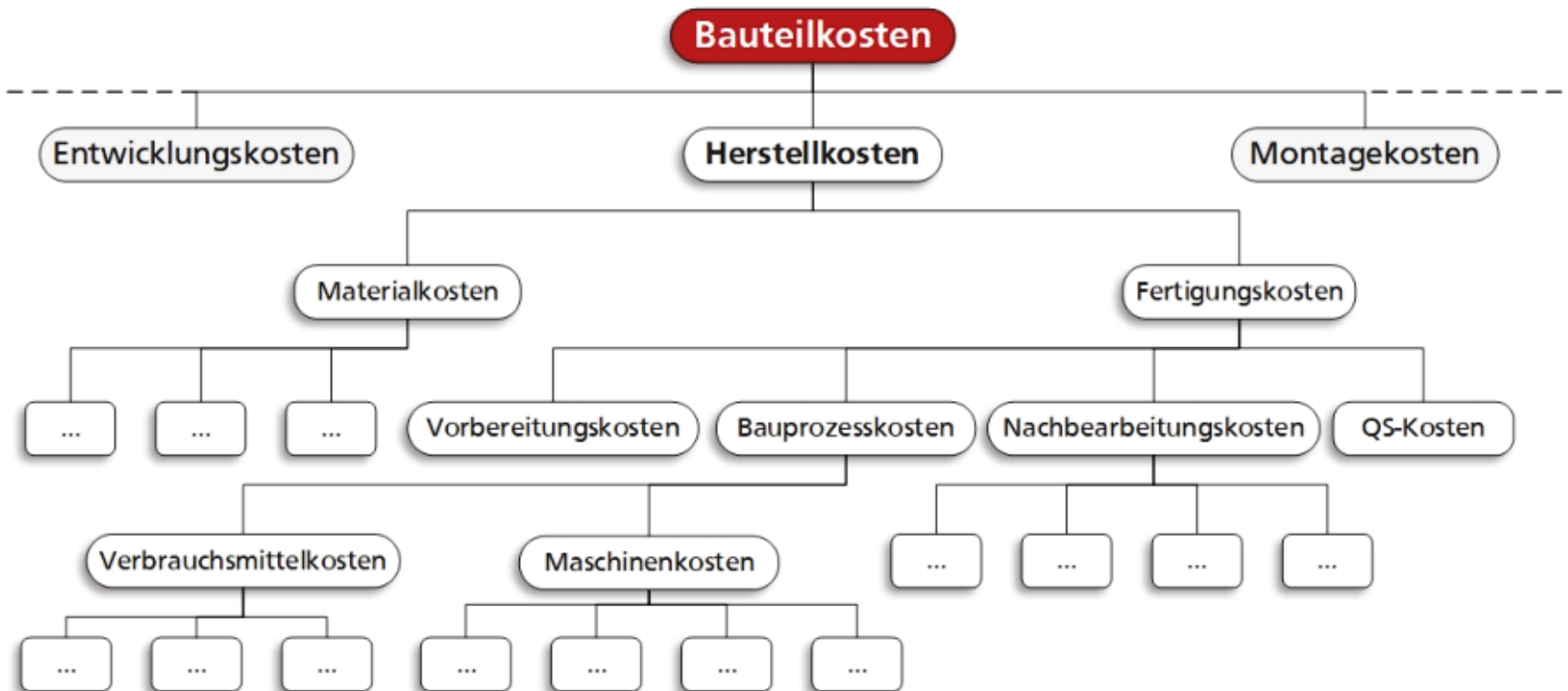
## Fatigue assessment for AM parts

- **316L**
  - Post treatment not necessary
- **TiAl6V4**
  - HIP @920 °C
- **AlSi10Mg**
  - Build platform temperature 300 °C
  - Heat treatment
- **Inconel 939**
  - Post treatment not necessary



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## Costs estimation – Principle



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## Costs estimation – Milling solution



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Parameter	Value	Unit
Volume of half-finished part	7446112	mm <sup>3</sup>
Density	7.83	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Material price	7.20	€/kg
Material costs $M$	419.78	€
Part volume $V$	1191141	mm <sup>3</sup>
Part surface	170359	mm <sup>2</sup>
Ablation rate roughing	228	cm <sup>3</sup> /min
Removal volume roughing	6084612	mm <sup>3</sup>
Oversize	1	mm
Milling time roughing	27	min
Ablation rate smoothing	7000	mm <sup>3</sup> /min
Removal volume smoothing	139775	mm <sup>3</sup>
Milling time smoothing	24	min
Percentage of functional areas	24	%
Ablation rate finishing	5000	mm <sup>2</sup> /min
Cutting depth finishing	0.1	mm
Finishing area	33546	mm <sup>2</sup>
Milling time finishing	8.2	min
Hourly machinery rate	40	€/h
Duration reclamping operations	80	min
Machine costs	92.8	€
Tooling costs	100.00	€
Labour costs	25	€/h
Setup time	90	min
Total personnel costs	70.84	€
Tooling costs surcharge	5	%
Personnel costs surcharge	200	%
Overhead costs	162.67	€
<b>Manufacturing costs</b>	<b>846.09</b>	<b>€</b>

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## Costs estimation – AM solution



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Parameter	Value	Unit
Material costs $P_{316L}$	89	€/kg
Part volume $V_{SLM}$	1094	cm <sup>3</sup>
Support volume $V_S$	91	cm <sup>3</sup>
Material volume $V$	1185	cm <sup>3</sup>
Material density $\rho_{316L}$	7.9	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Number of parts	3	-
Material costs $M_{SLM} (N=1)$	833.17	€
Material costs $M_{SLM} (N=3)$	2499.51	€
Preparation time $t_{prep}$	0.5	h
Labour costs $P_{lab}$	25	€/h
Preparatory costs $P_{prep}$	12.50	€
Part height $H$	301	mm
Coating time per layer $t_c$	12	s
Layer thickness $h$	40	µm
Volume rate $R_v$	50	cm <sup>3</sup> /h
Build time $t_{build} (N=1)$	48.8	h
Build time $t_{build} (N=3)$	96.2	h
Machine utilization rate $U$	4320	h/year
Acquisition costs $P_A$	500000	€
Service life $t_s$	8	years
Maintenance costs $P_{main}$	24000	€/year
Consumables costs $P_{cons}$	3000	€/year
Energy costs $P_E$	10000	€/year
Rental costs $P_R$	3640	€/year
Build process costs $P_{build} (N=1)$	1165.10	€
Build process costs $P_{build} (N=3)$	2296.78	€
Postprocessing effort $t_{post}$	1.52	h/kg
Postprocessing costs $P_{Post} (N=1)$	355.74	€
Postprocessing costs $P_{Post} (N=3)$	1067.21	€
Quality assurance costs $P_{qual} (N=1)$	61.00	€
Quality assurance costs $P_{qual} (N=3)$	120.25	€
Production costs $P_{SLM} (N=1)$	1594.34	€
Production costs $P_{SLM} (N=3)$	3496.74	€
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{SLM} (N=1)</math></b>	<b>2427.51</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{SLM} (N=3)</math></b>	<b>1998.75</b>	<b>€</b>

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## Costs estimation – AM solution



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### Downscaled

Parameter	Value	Unit
Part volume $V_{\text{SLM}}$	135	cm <sup>3</sup>
Support volume $V_{\text{s}}$	18	cm <sup>3</sup>
Material volume $V$	153	cm <sup>3</sup>
Number of parts per batch $N$	12	-
Material costs $M_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)$	107.57	€
Material costs $M_{\text{SLM}} (N=12)$	1290.89	€
Preparatory costs $P_{\text{prep}}$	12.50	€
Part height $H$	150	mm
Build time $t_{\text{build}} (N=1)$	15.56	h
Build time $t_{\text{build}} (N=12)$	49.22	h
Build process costs $P_{\text{build}} (N=1)$	371.50	€
Build process costs $P_{\text{build}} (N=12)$	1175.13	€
Postprocessing costs $P_{\text{Post}} (N=1)$	45.93	€
Postprocessing costs $P_{\text{Post}} (N=12)$	551.17	€
Quality assurance costs $(N=1)$	19.45	€
Quality assurance costs $(N=12)$	61.53	€
Production costs $P_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)$	449.38	€
Production costs $P_{\text{SLM}} (N=12)$	1800.33	€
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)</math></b>	<b>556.95</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{\text{SLM}} (N=12)</math></b>	<b>257.60</b>	<b>€</b>

### Downscaled 2023

Parameter	Value	Unit
Material costs $P_{316L}$	30	€/kg
Material costs $M_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)$	280.85	€
Material costs $M_{\text{SLM}} (N=3)$	842.54	€
Preparatory costs $P_{\text{prep}}$	12.50	€
Volume rate $R_v$	80	cm <sup>3</sup> /h
Build time $t_{\text{build}} (N=1)$	39.9	h
Build time $t_{\text{build}} (N=3)$	69.5	h
Acquisition costs $P_A$	800000	€
Build process costs $P_{\text{build}} (N=1)$	1298.97	€
Build process costs $P_{\text{build}} (N=3)$	2262.62	€
Postprocessing effort $t_{\text{post}}$	0.96	h/kg
Postprocessing costs $P_{\text{Post}} (N=1)$	224.68	€
Postprocessing costs $P_{\text{Post}} (N=3)$	647.03	€
Production costs $P_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)$	1536.15	€
Production costs $P_{\text{SLM}} (N=3)$	2922.15	€
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{\text{SLM}} (N=1)</math></b>	<b>1817.00</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Manufacturing costs <math>c_{\text{SLM}} (N=3)</math></b>	<b>1254.90</b>	<b>€</b>