



Rhizome 1.0 >2.0

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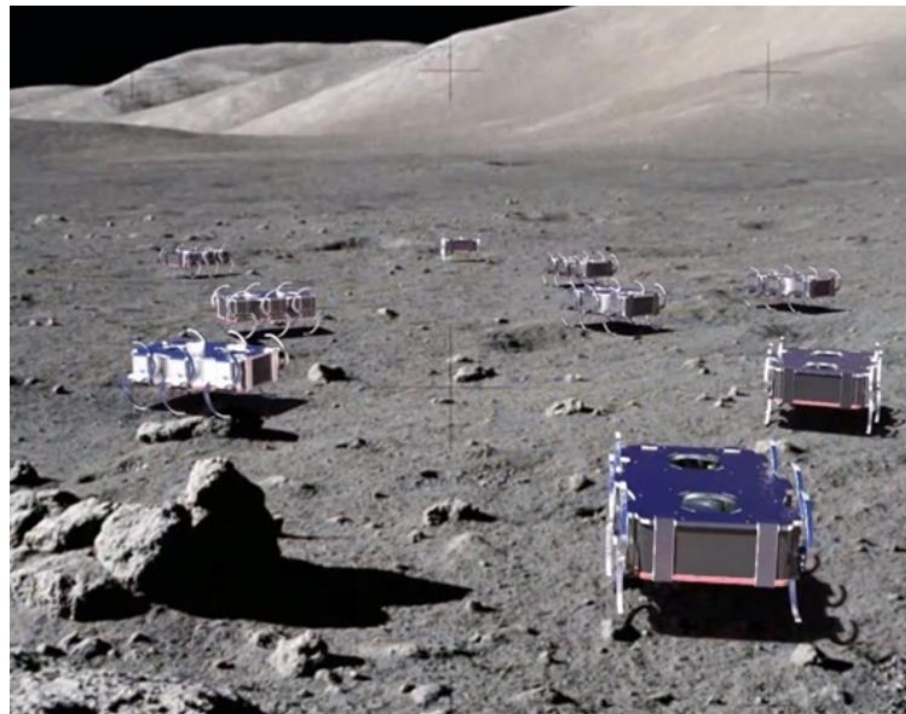
Overview

- + *Research background*
- + *State-of-the-art, research gap & research questions*
- + *Requirements habitat*
- + *Methodology*
- + *Publications*
- + *Next steps, GS courses, data management, planning*



Research Background

- + *Rhizome 1.0: ESA & Vertico funded project: proof of concept development*
- + *Rhizome 2.0: ESA & Vertico funded project: scale up capability of Rhizome 1.0*



Background: Rhizome 1.0



*3D-printing with aggregate
replacement by regolith simulant*



*HRI supported assembly of
3D-printed component mock-
up*



Rhizome 2.0





PhD within Rhizome 2.0

Design to Robotic Production (DR2P) & Human Robot Interaction (HRI)- assisted Design to Robotic Assembly (D2RA) of an Extraterrestrial Habitat with integrated Life Support System (LSS) and re-configurable furniture



State-of-the-art

- + *Marsha – 3D-printed with biopolymer basalt (Lee et al.,2022)*
- + *ICON - NASA habitat challenge –3D-printed with Lavacrete, cement- based concrete (Yashar et al.,2022)*
- + *LavaHive - Lava casting (Cowley et al.,2016)*
- + *Rhizome 1.0 - cement-based concrete (Bier et al.,2022)*
- + *Mars Ice House – water ice (Morris et al.,2022)*



Research gaps

D2RP

- + Integration of LSS, furniture, indoor garden*
- + 3D printing with geopolymers*

D2RA

- + Scaling up HRI-assisted robotic assembly*

D2RO

- + LSS and indoor garden*



Research questions

- + *What are scalability possibilities of D2RP and R/HRI-supported D2RA approaches in and off-site extra-terrestrial building processes?*
- + *To what extent are optimised material and component design (based on structural and thermal insulation considerations) scalable to building size?*
- + *What are modalities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) supported D2RA and Design to Robotic Operation (D2RO) methods to improve R/HRI-supported assembly and environmental control (i.e., LSS), respectively?*

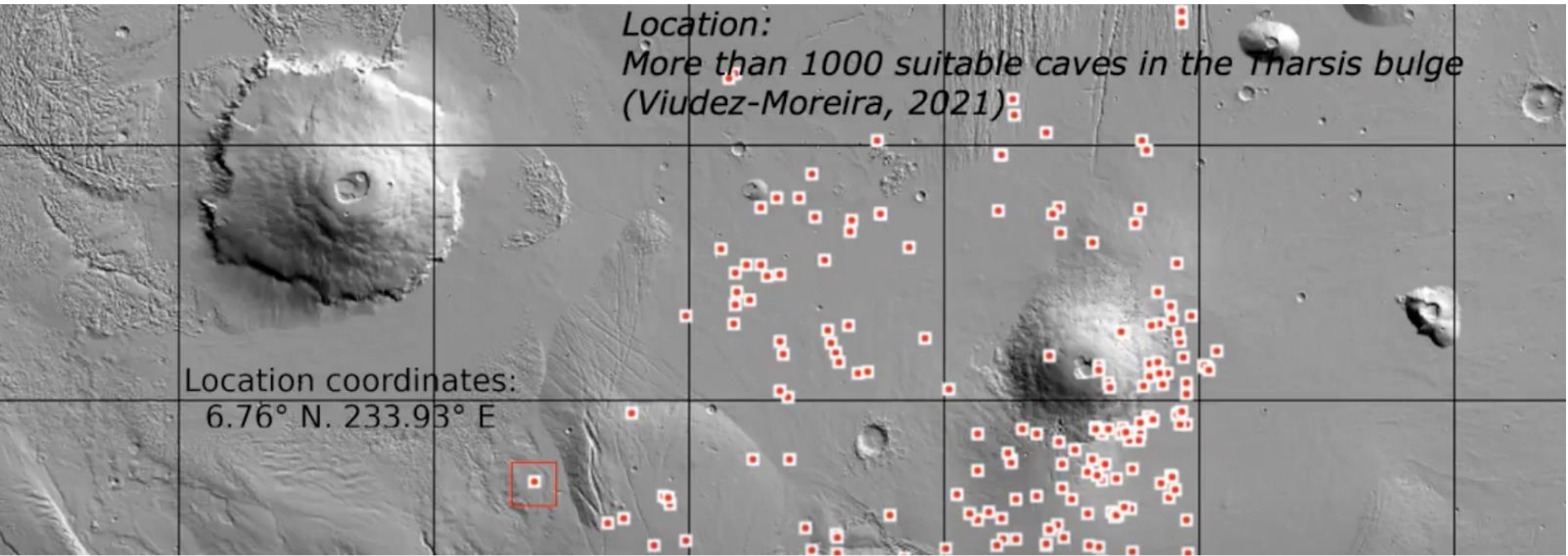
Location:

*More than 1000 suitable caves in the Marsis bulge
(Viudez-Moreira, 2021)*

Requirements habitat

- + *Environment (gravity: $3,71 \text{ m/s}^2$, temperature: -153° to 20° Celsius, mean average surface pressure: 0.60 kPa -> Δ Pressure $\approx 1 \text{ Bar}$, radiation and micrometeor shielding)*
- + *Architecture (In Situ Resource Utilisation (ISRU), printability, constructability, and operability; functions and LSS)*

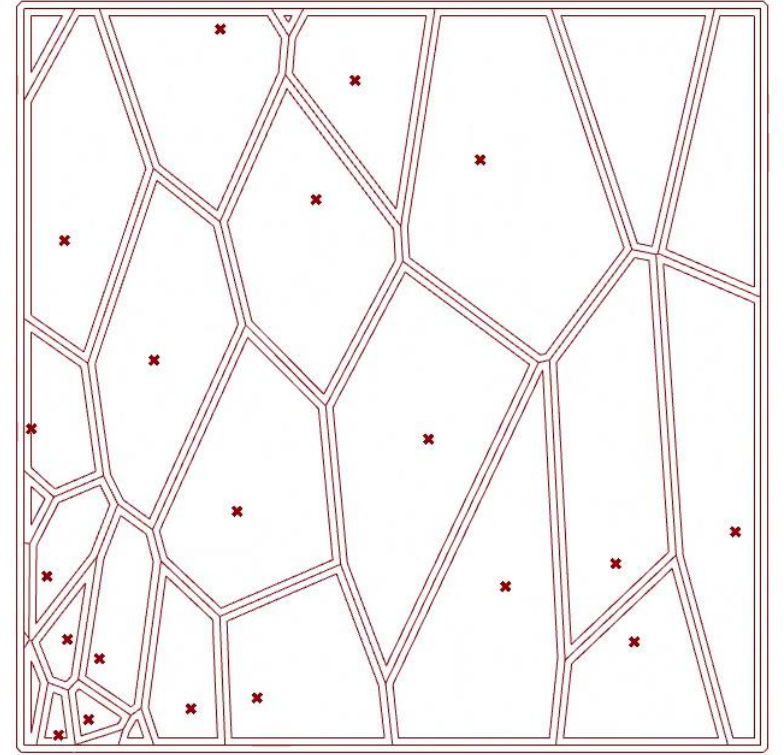
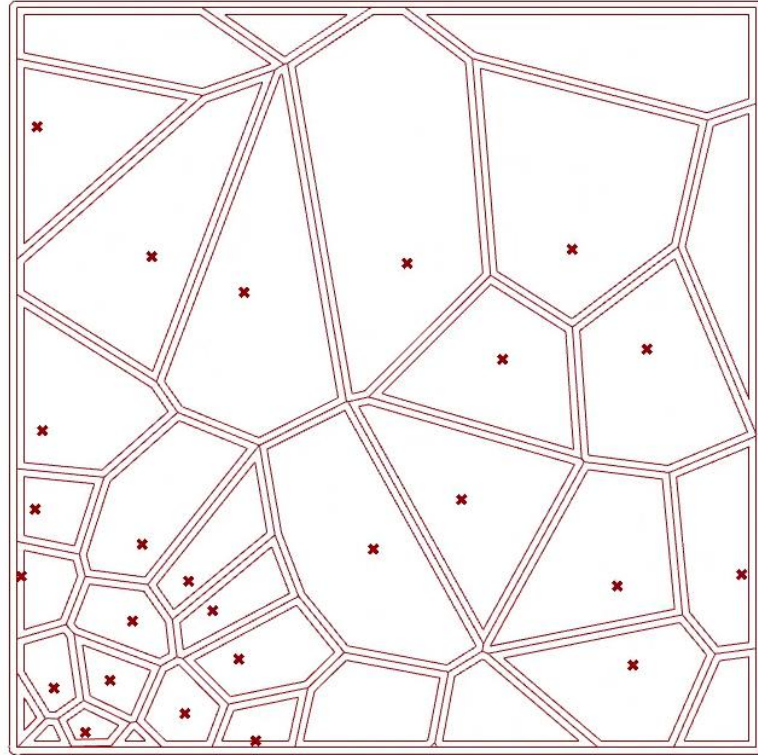
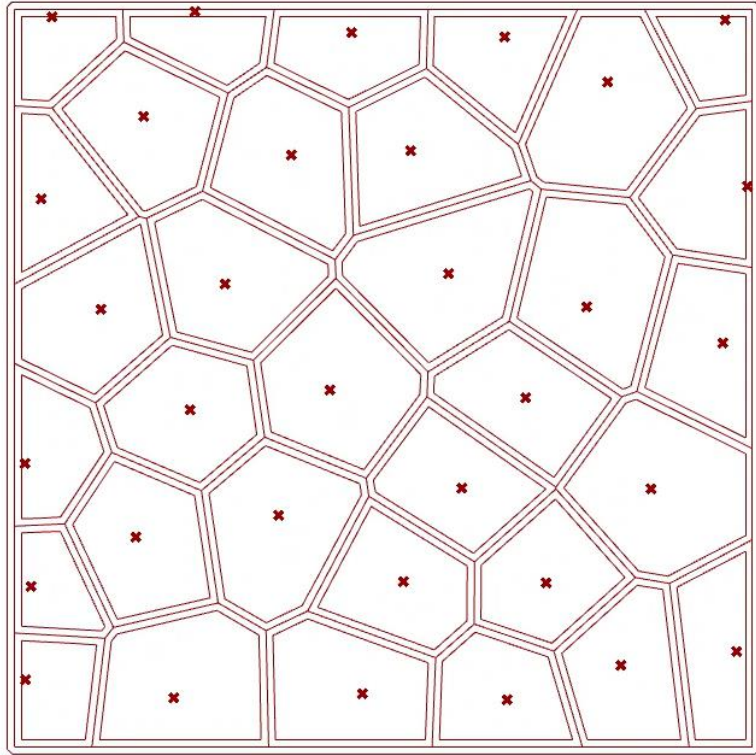
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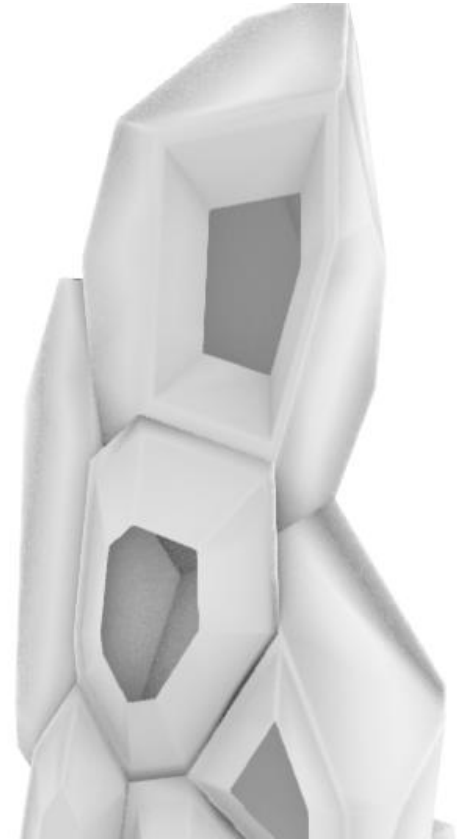
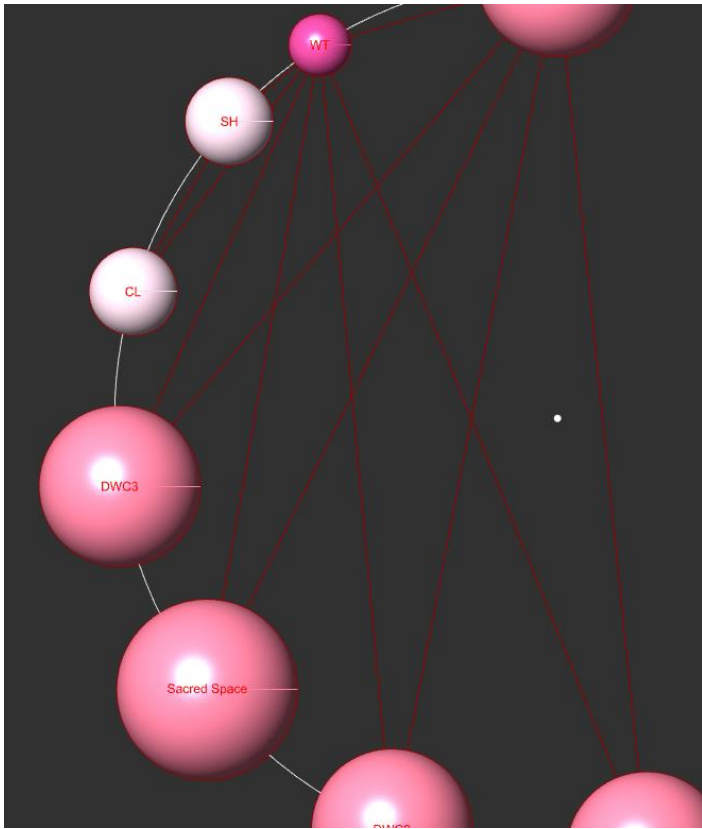
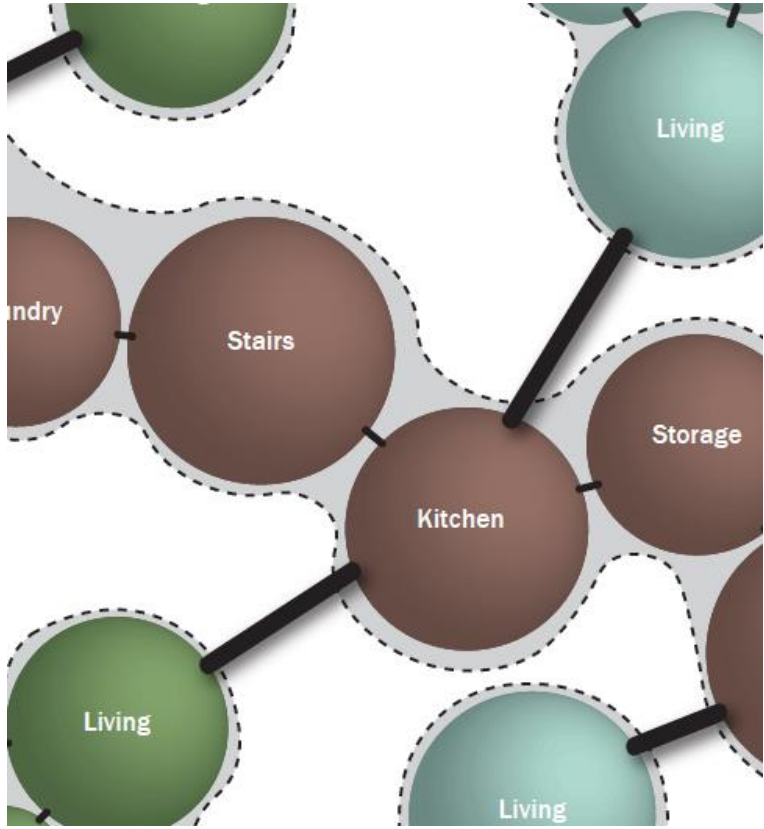
Lava tube location



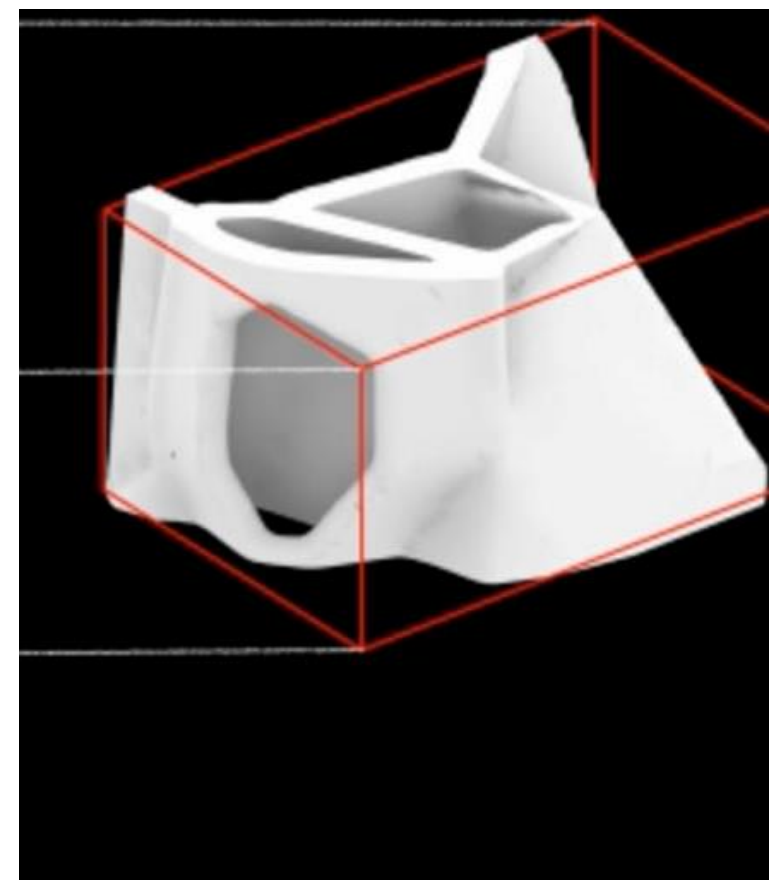
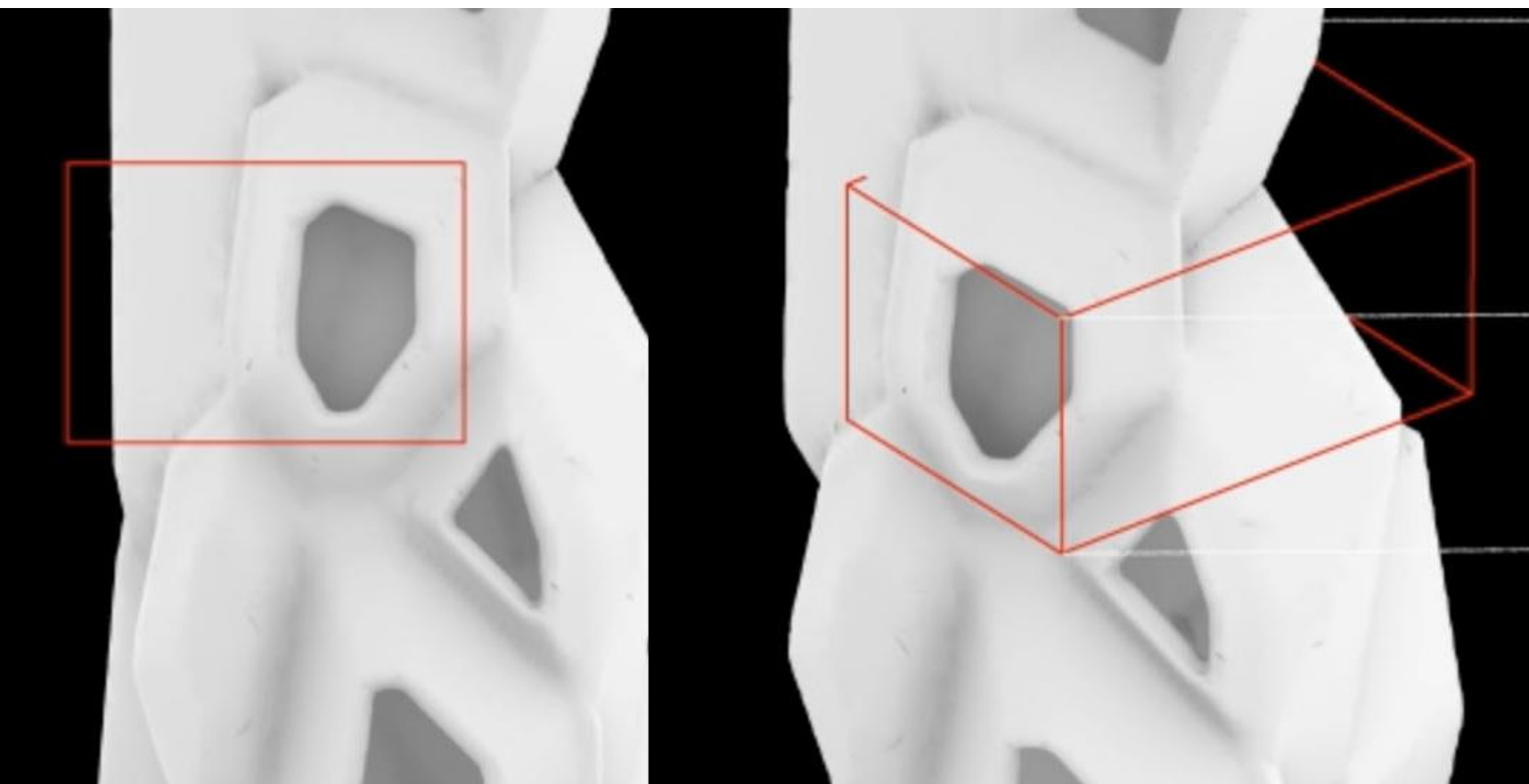
Methodology



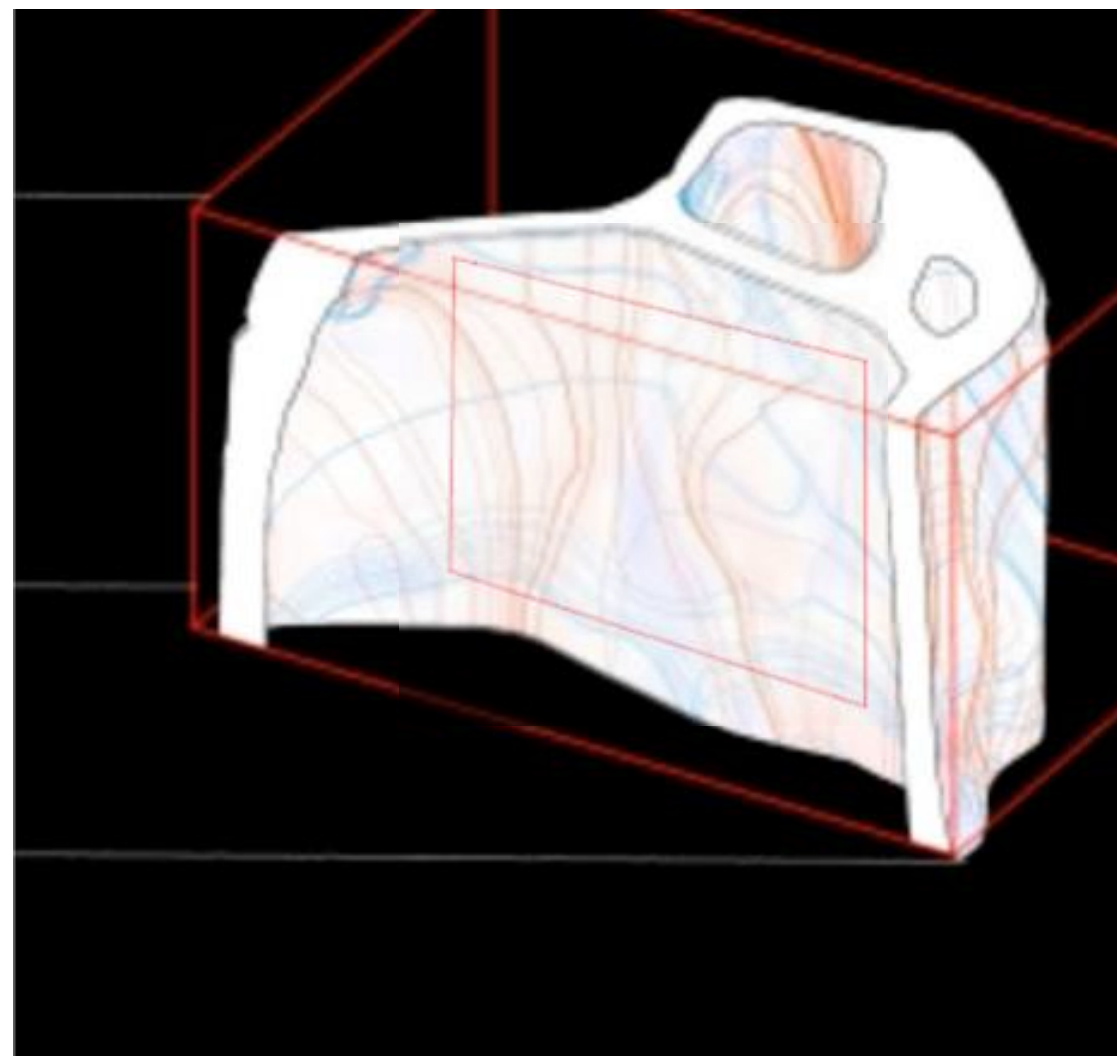
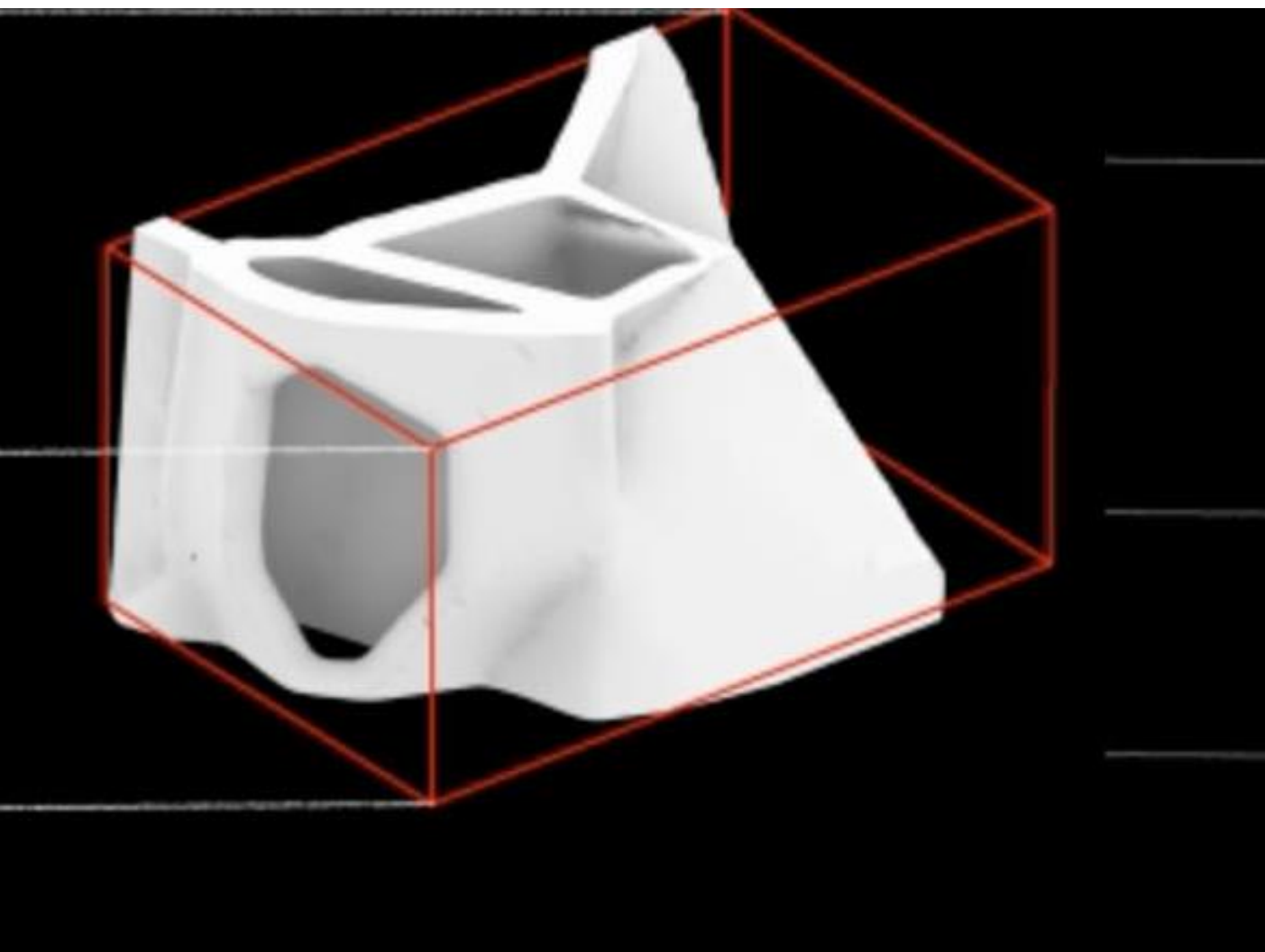
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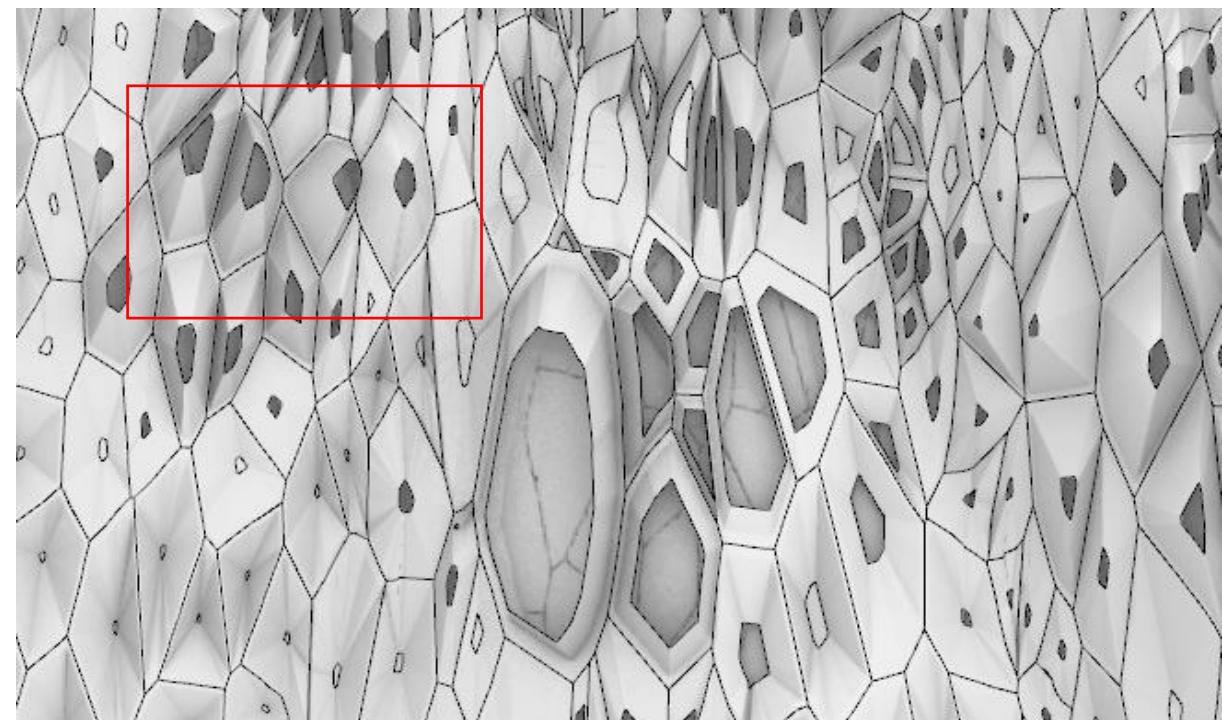


From spatial requirements to building

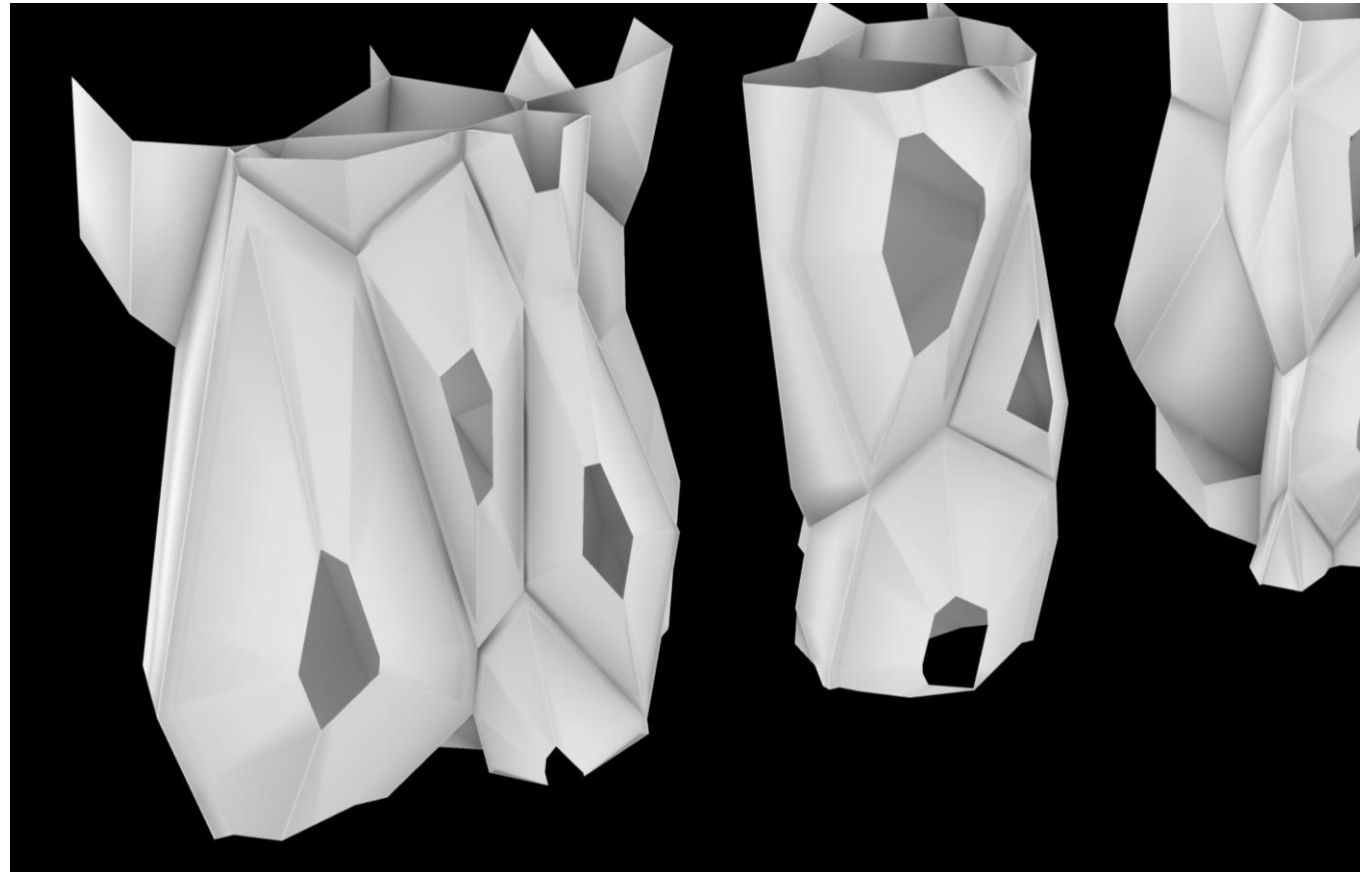
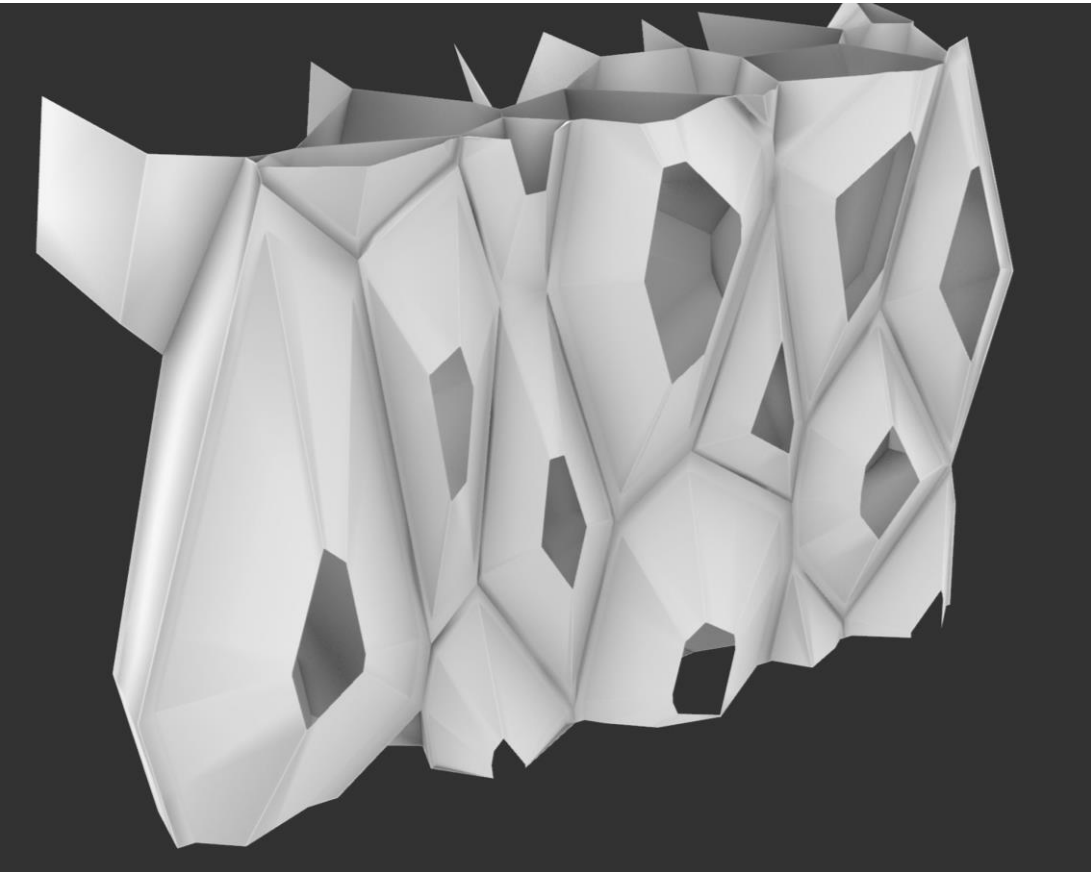


Fragment selection





Adaptive Voronoi distribution based on structural and functional optimisation



Componential logic based on assembly requirements



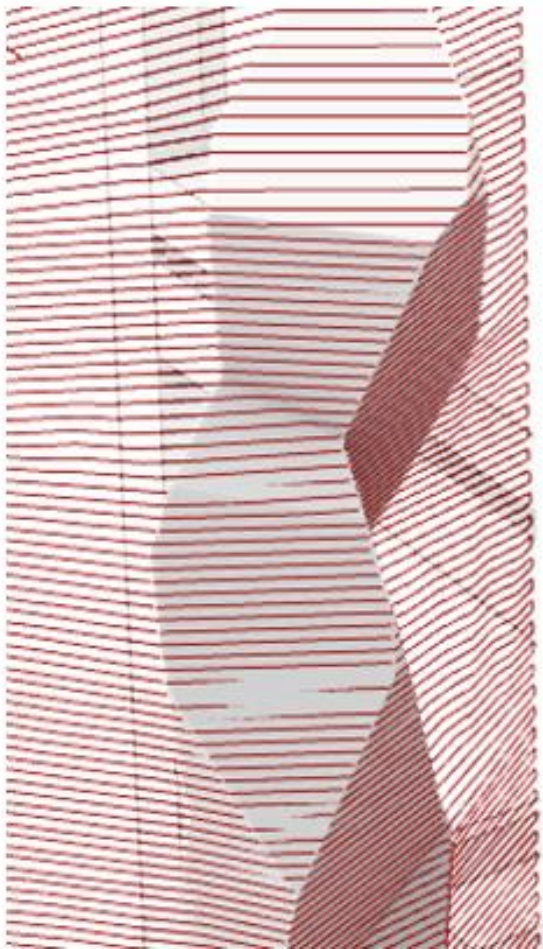
CV for vertical HRI-assisted assembly

State of the art: assembly of 1 component Rhizome 1.0

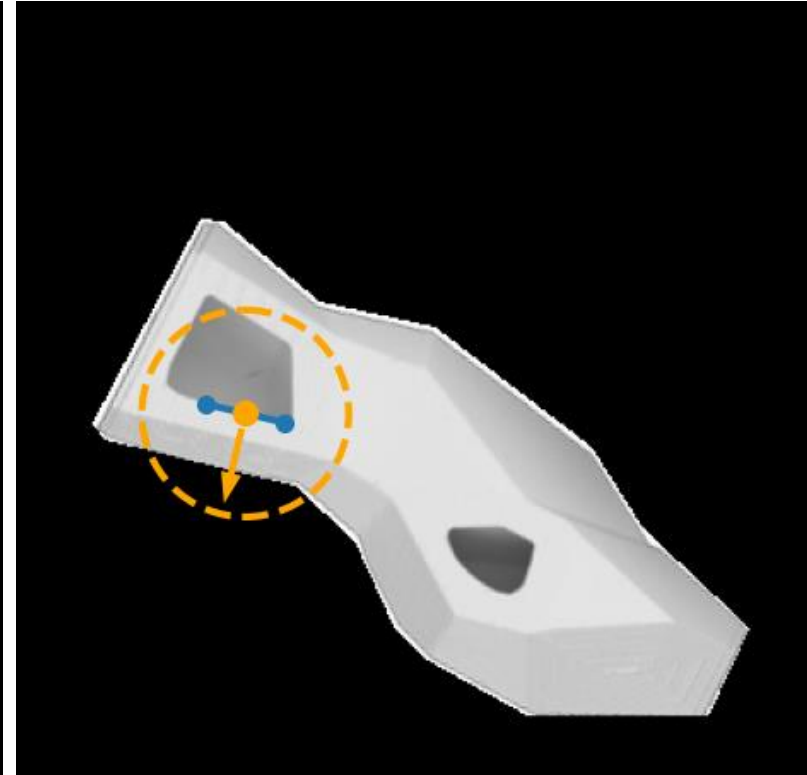
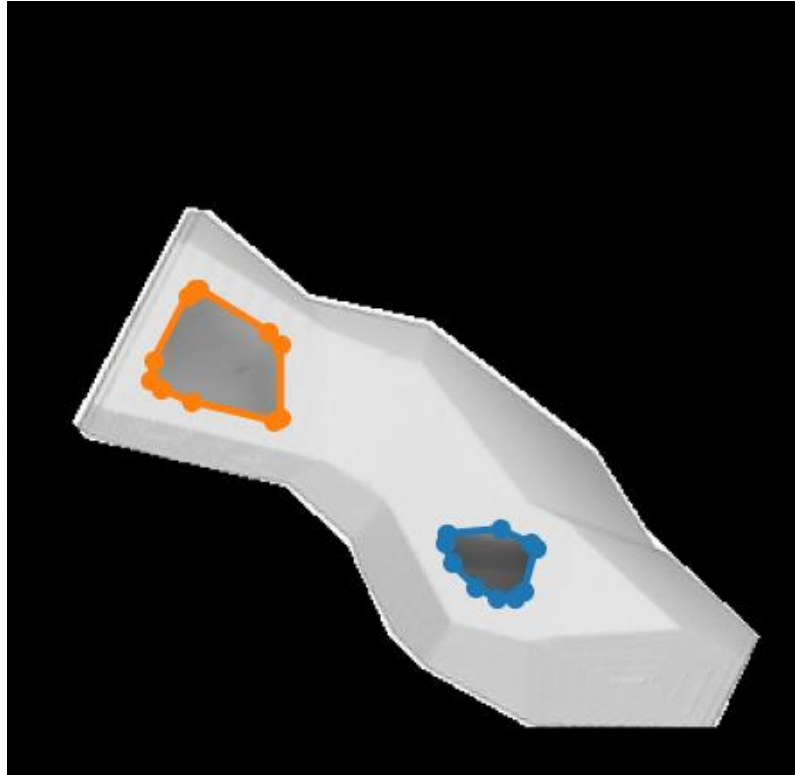
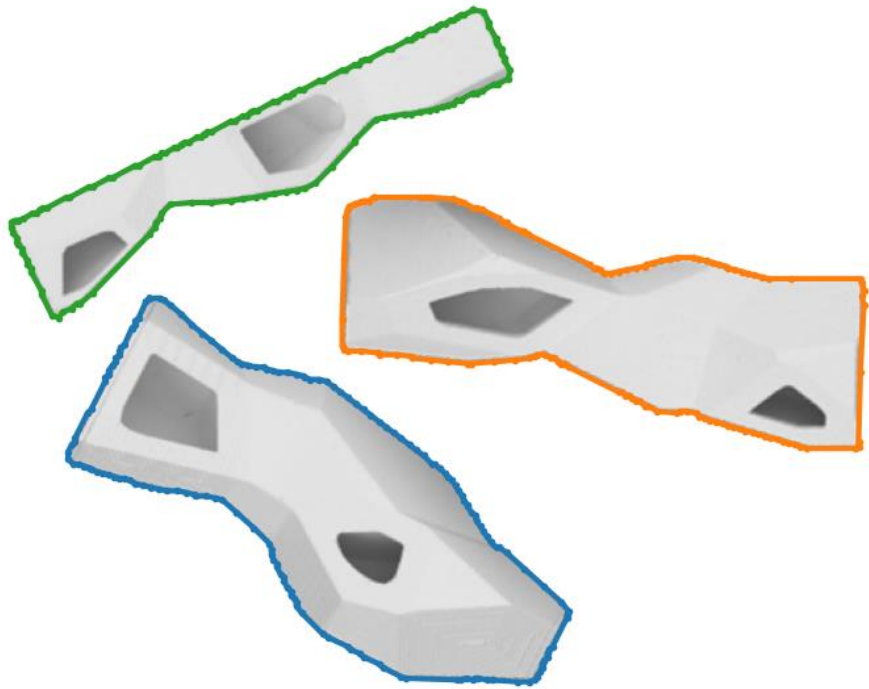
Research gap: HRI- assisted assembly of 2 components

Contributors: H.Bier, A. Hidding, M. Prendergast, L. Peternel

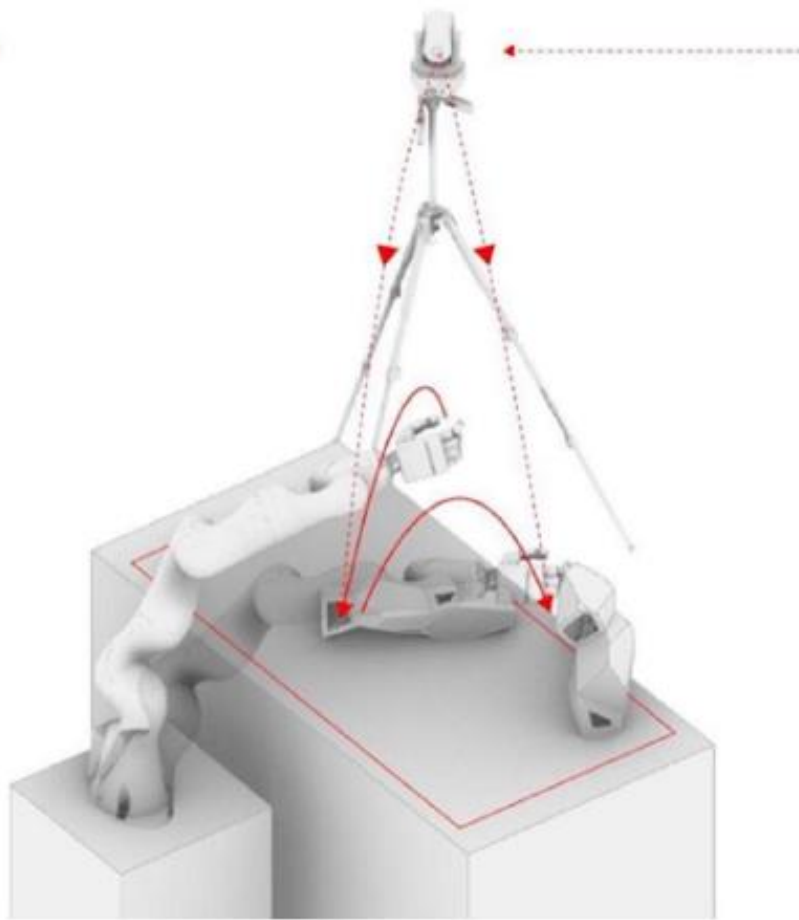
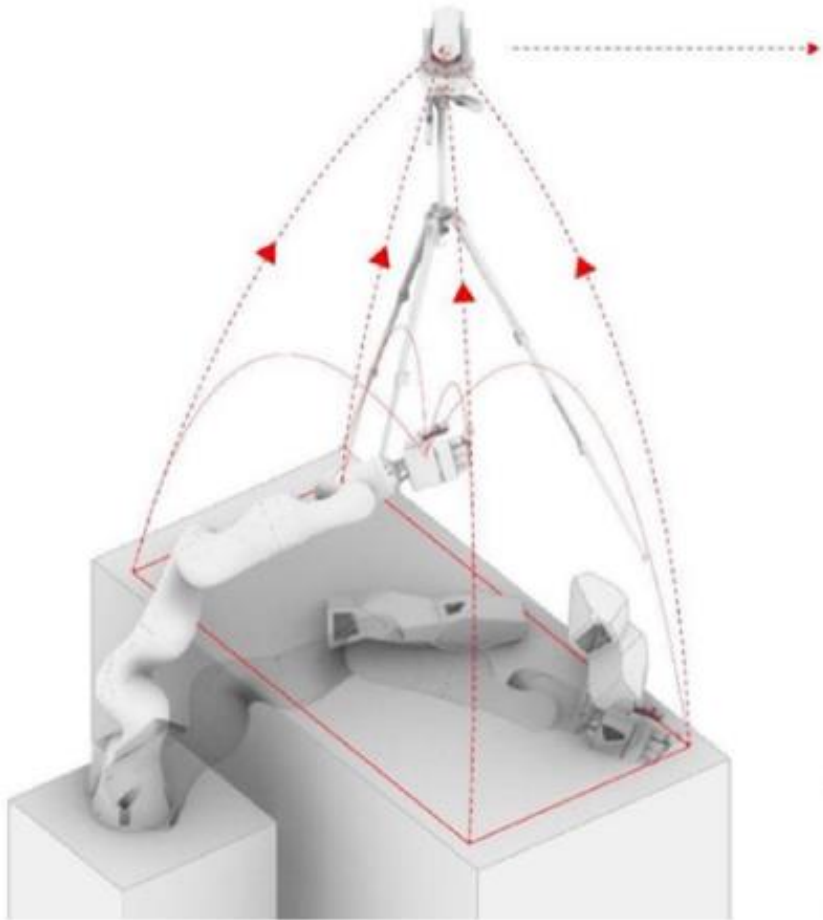
Contribution: supervision of students, D2RP of the mock-ups, HRI session data collection



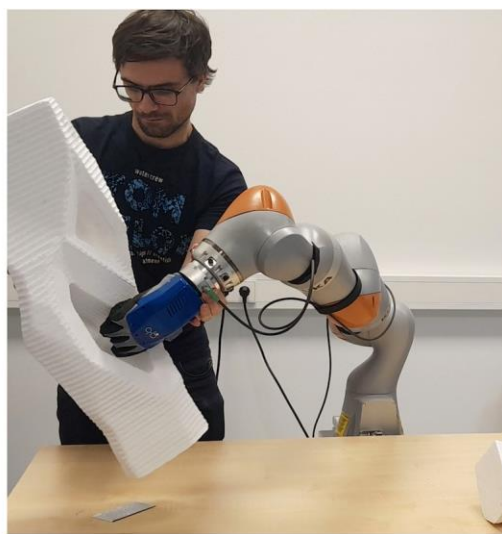
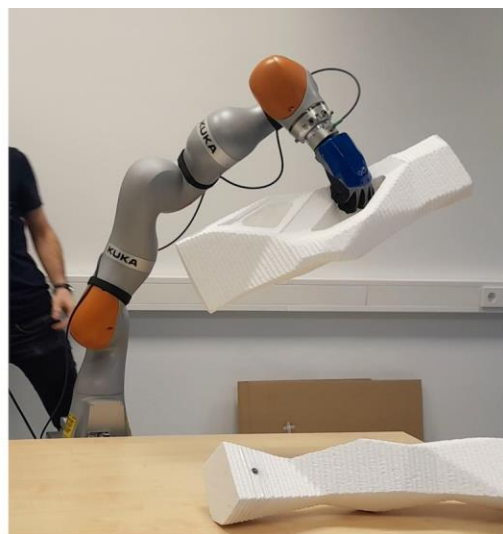
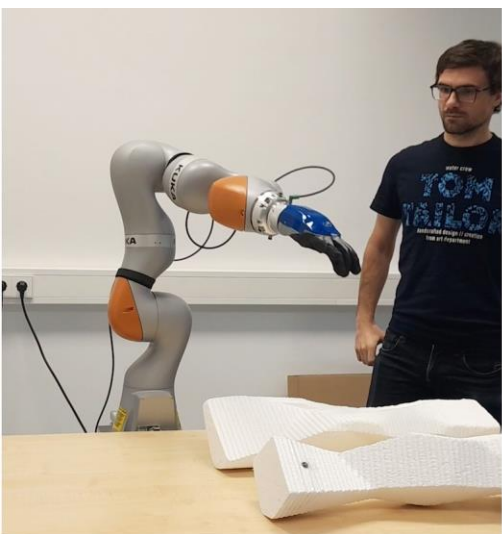
MSc2 workshop: mock-up @RB lab



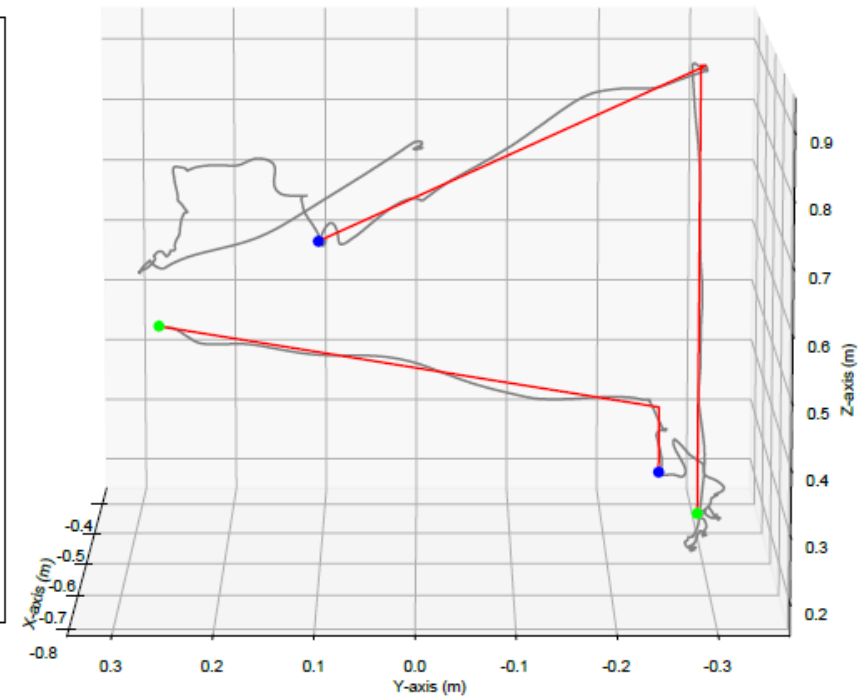
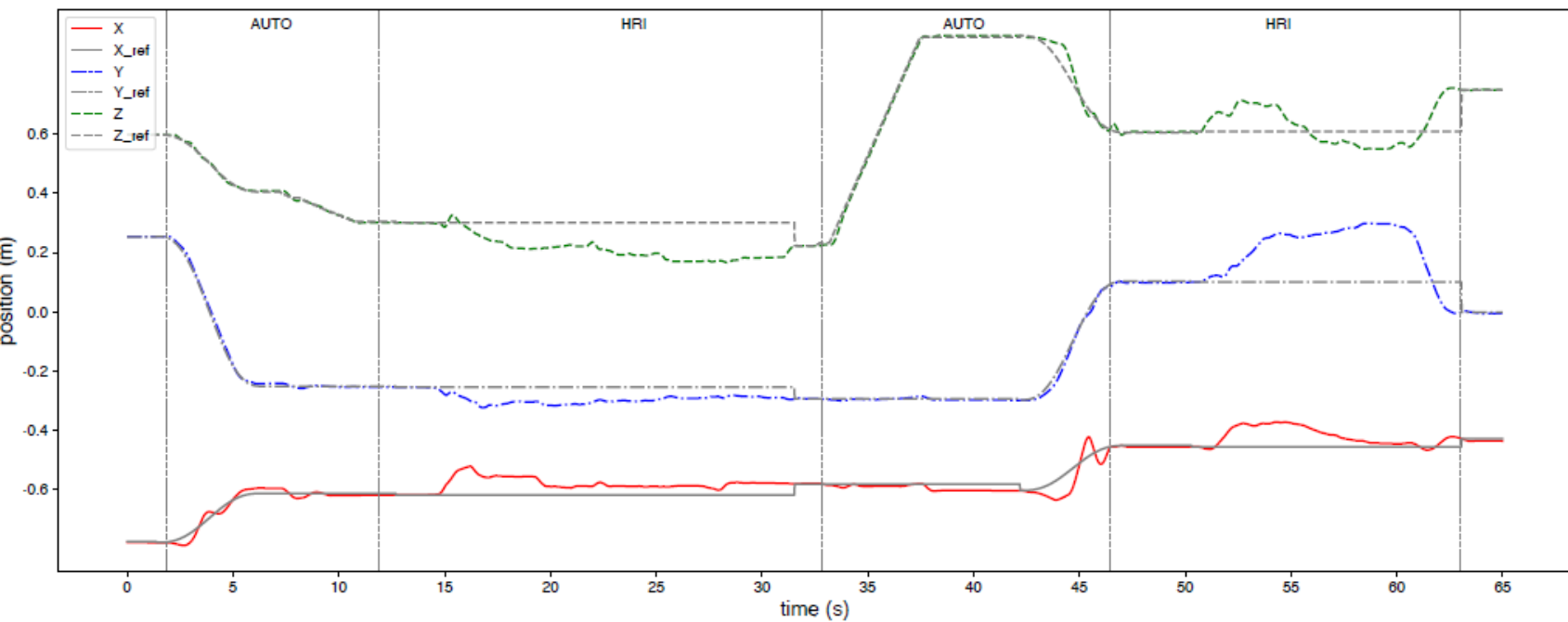
CV for HRI @AiDAPT lab



*Path planning @CoR lab
@iSpaRo2024*



HRI –supported D2RA @CoR lab



Recorded HRI path data @CoR lab



Clustering for robotic assembly

State of the art: topological interlocking of Voronoi based geometry

Research gap: combined K-means + Voronoi based interlocking

Contributors: F.Cheng, A. Hidding, F. Alsaggaf, H.Bier

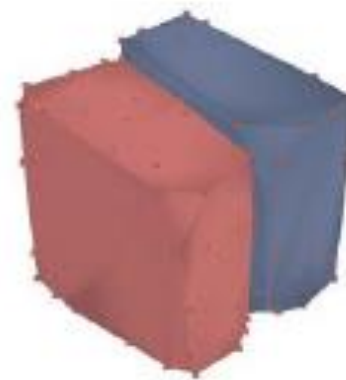
Contribution: D2RP of components, 3D models of Voronoi based components and building skin



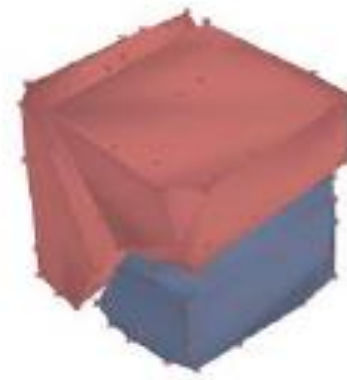
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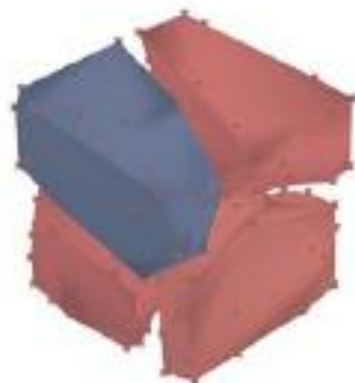
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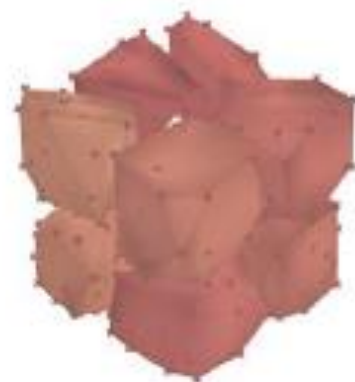
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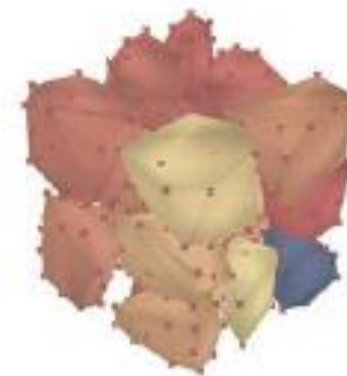
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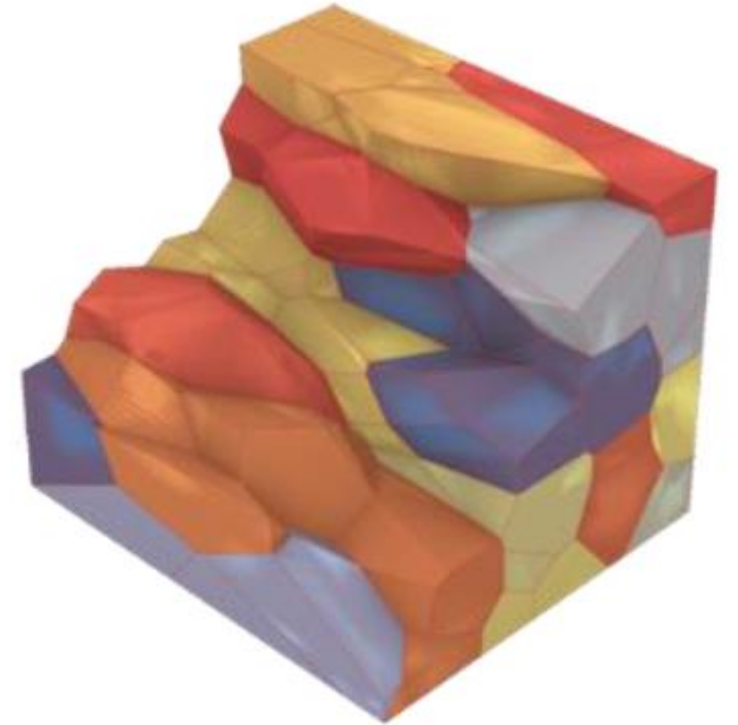
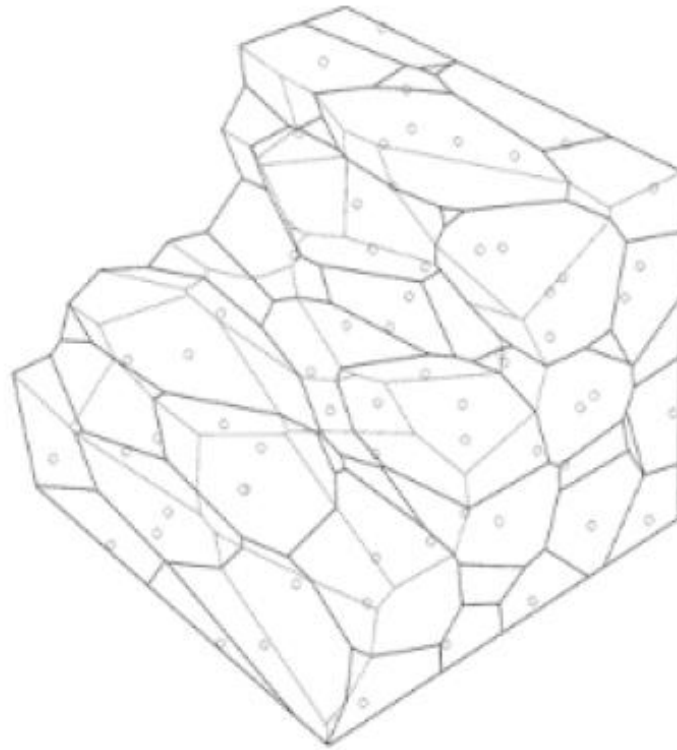


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N=20

Point cloud to K-means clustering



*Point cloud to Voronoi cell
clustering & component
interlocking*



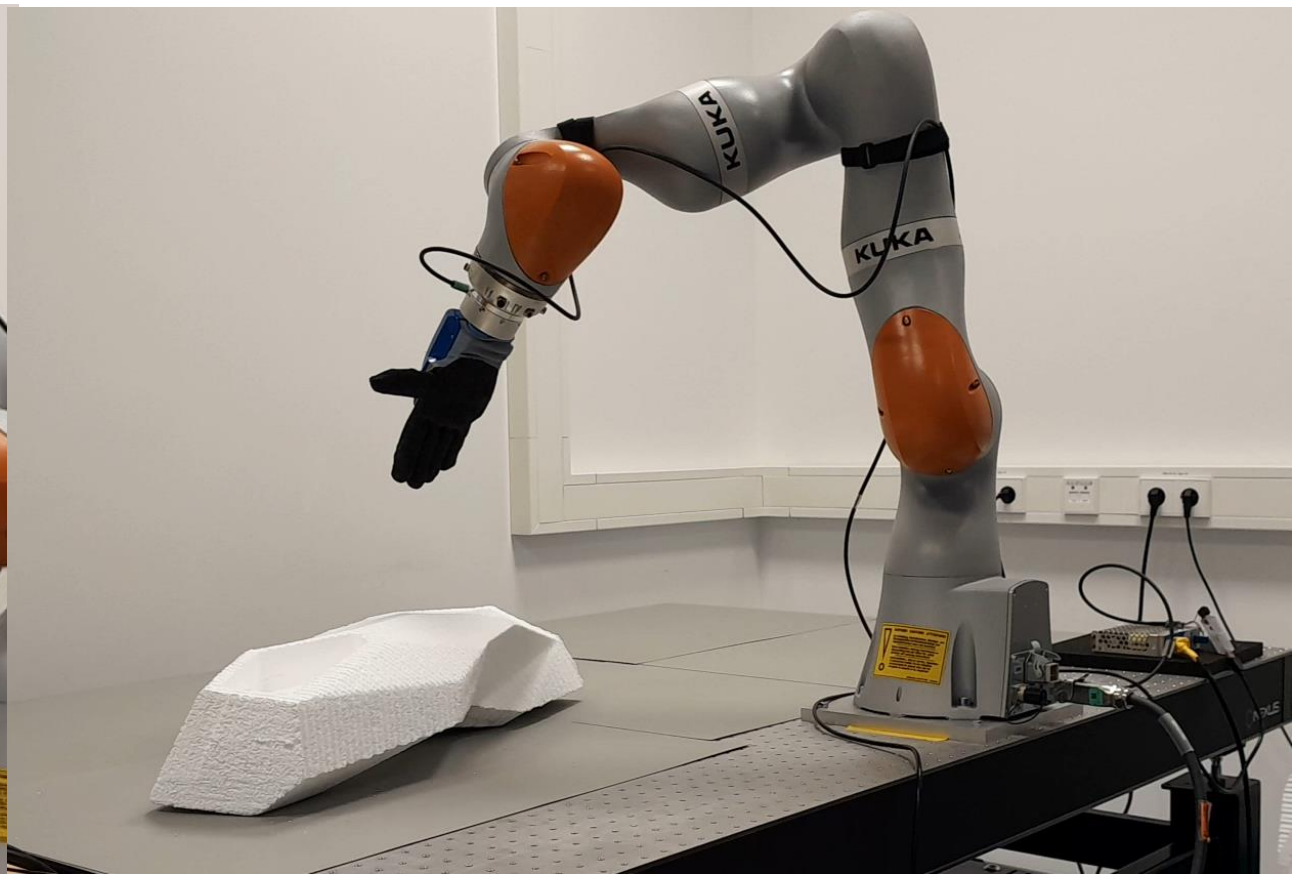
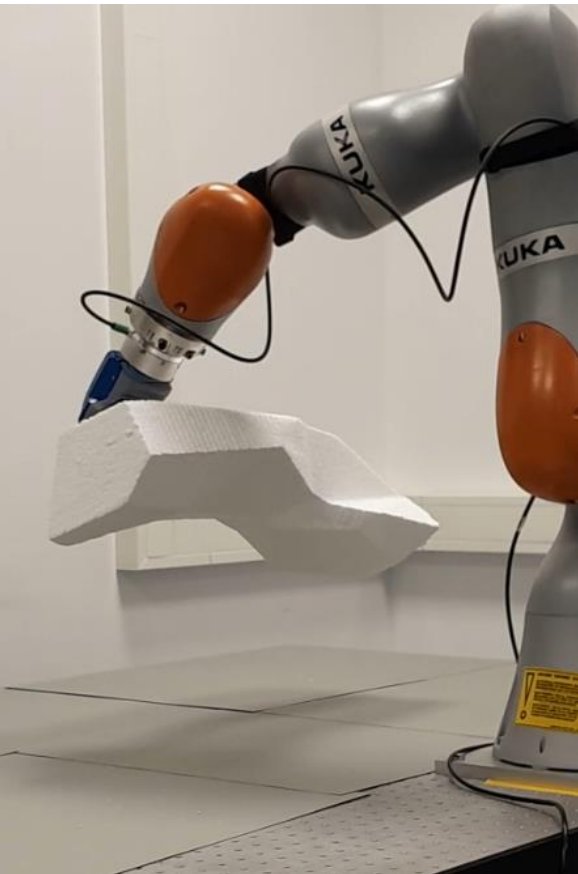
CV for horizontal HRI-assisted assembly

State-of-the-art: vertical assembly of Voronoi based components

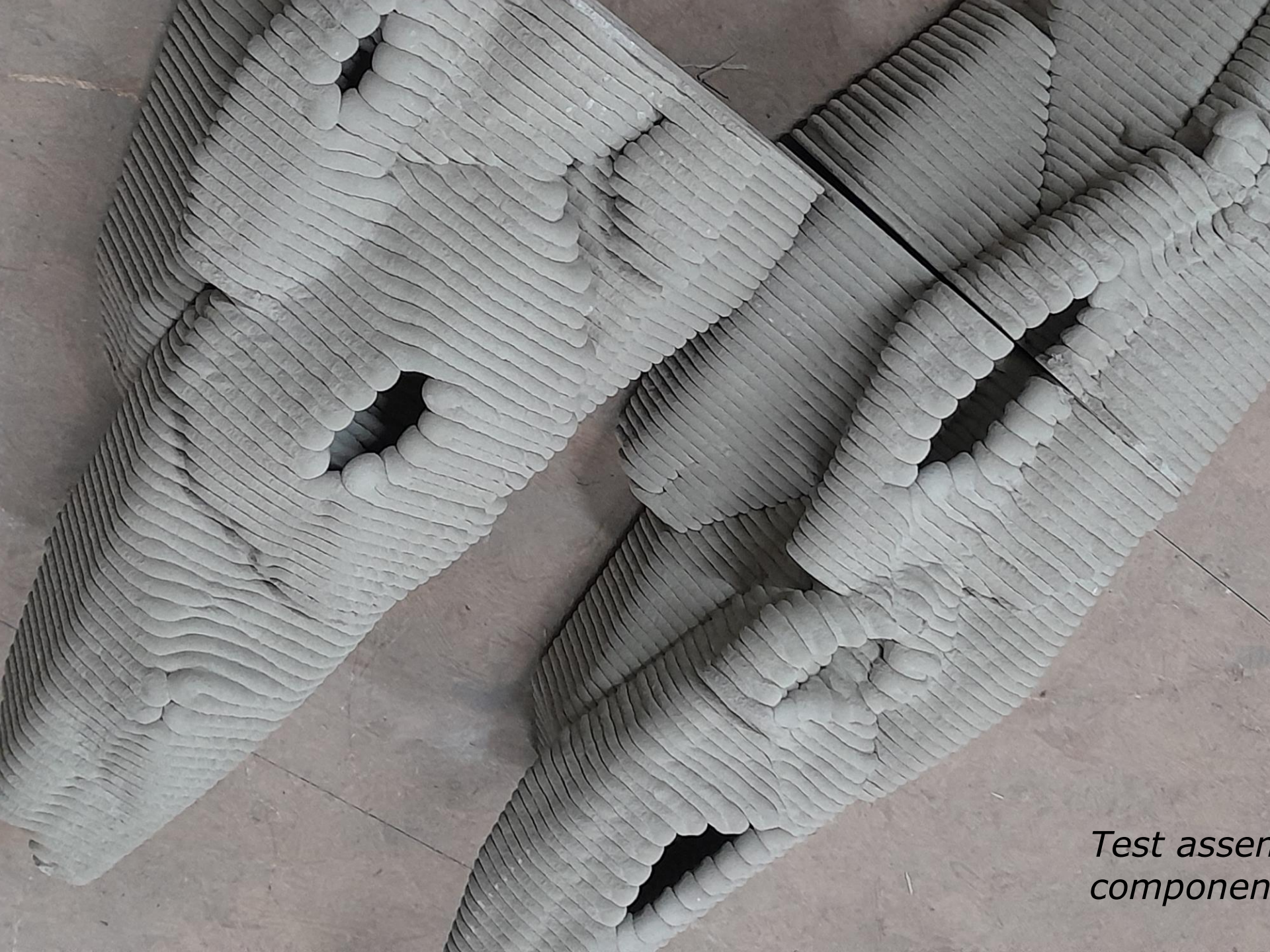
Research gap: the horizontal assembly of multiple components

Contributors: A. Hidding, H. Bier, L. Peternel, M. Prendergast

Contribution: D2RP of components, CV detection script, HRI script



*Horizontal assembly @CoR
lab*



Test assembly of 3D printed components



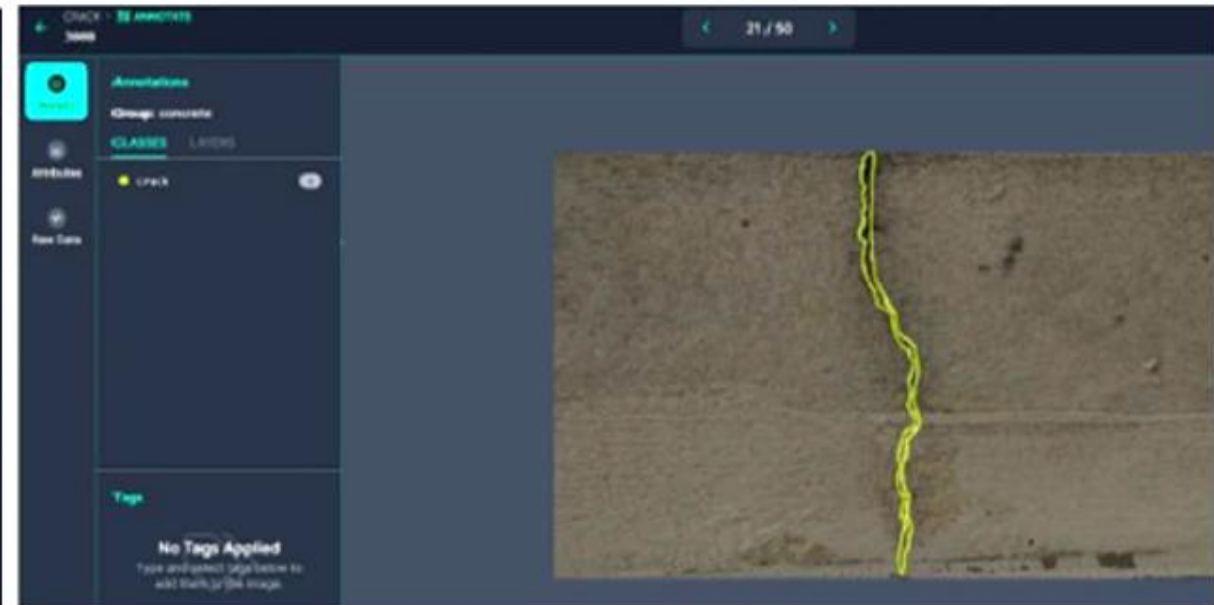
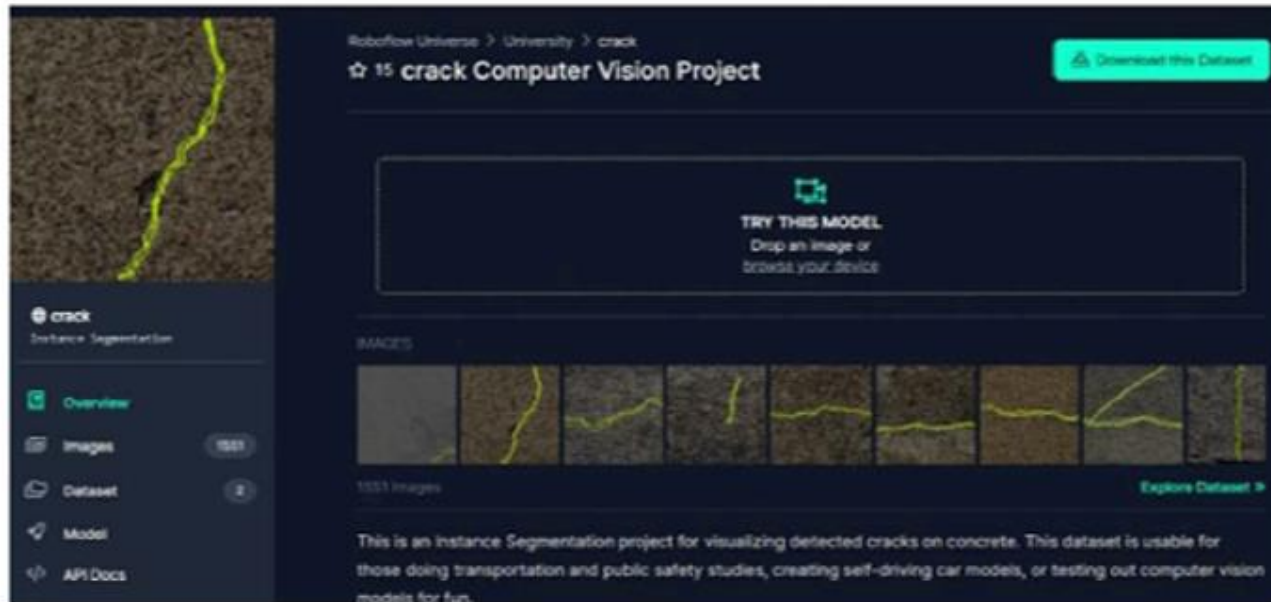
CV for crack detection

State-of-the-art: CV for crack detection for cast concrete

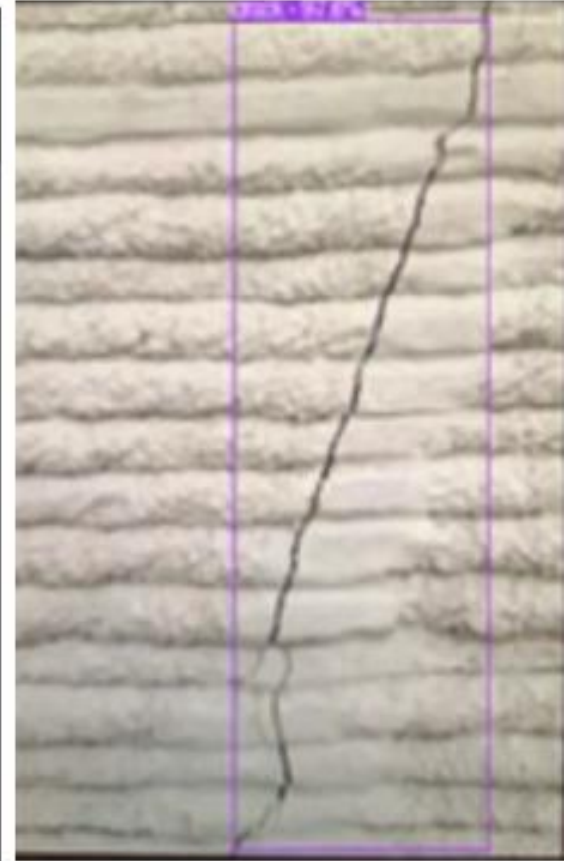
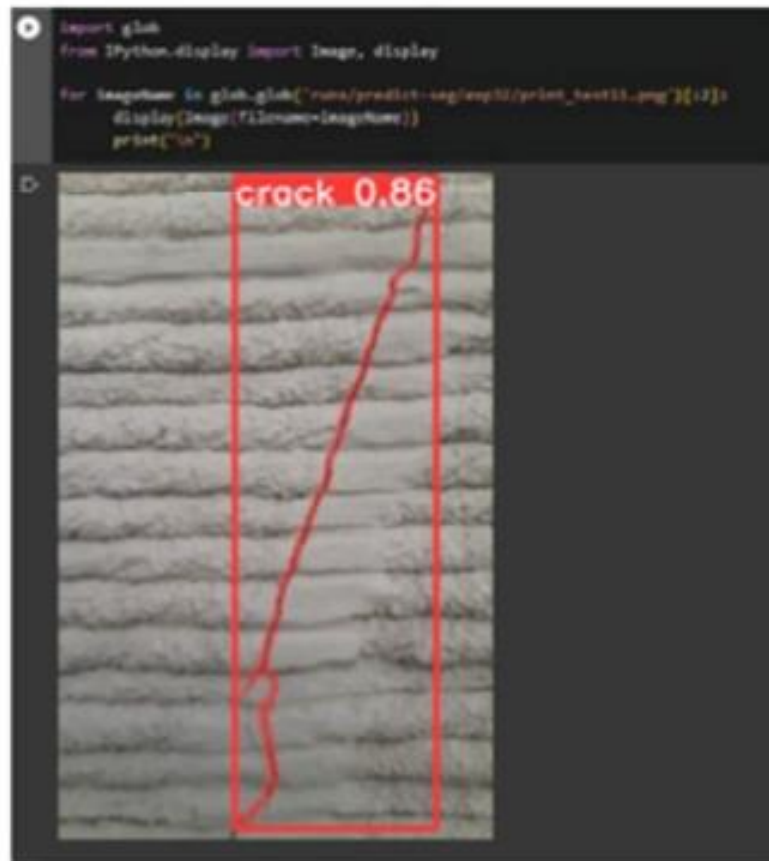
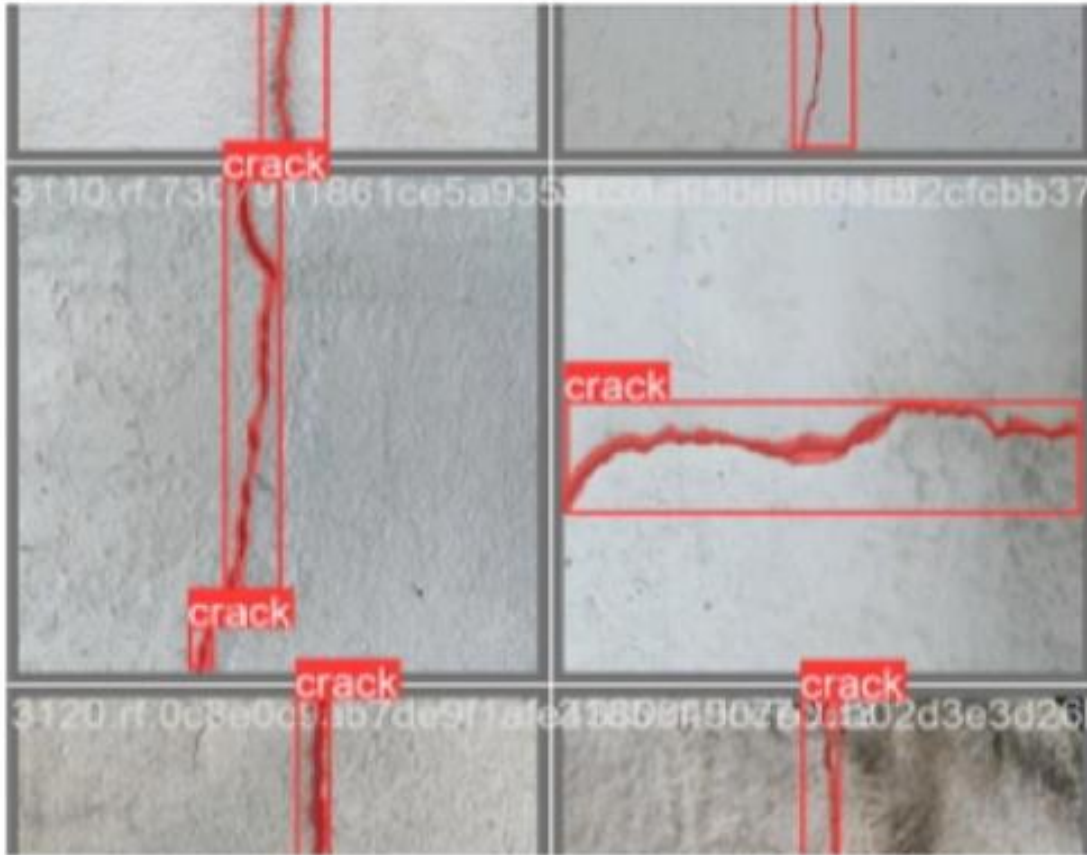
Research gap: extension of CV crack detection to 3D-printed concrete

Contributors: H. Bier, A. Hidding, J. Lewandowska, and G. Calabrese

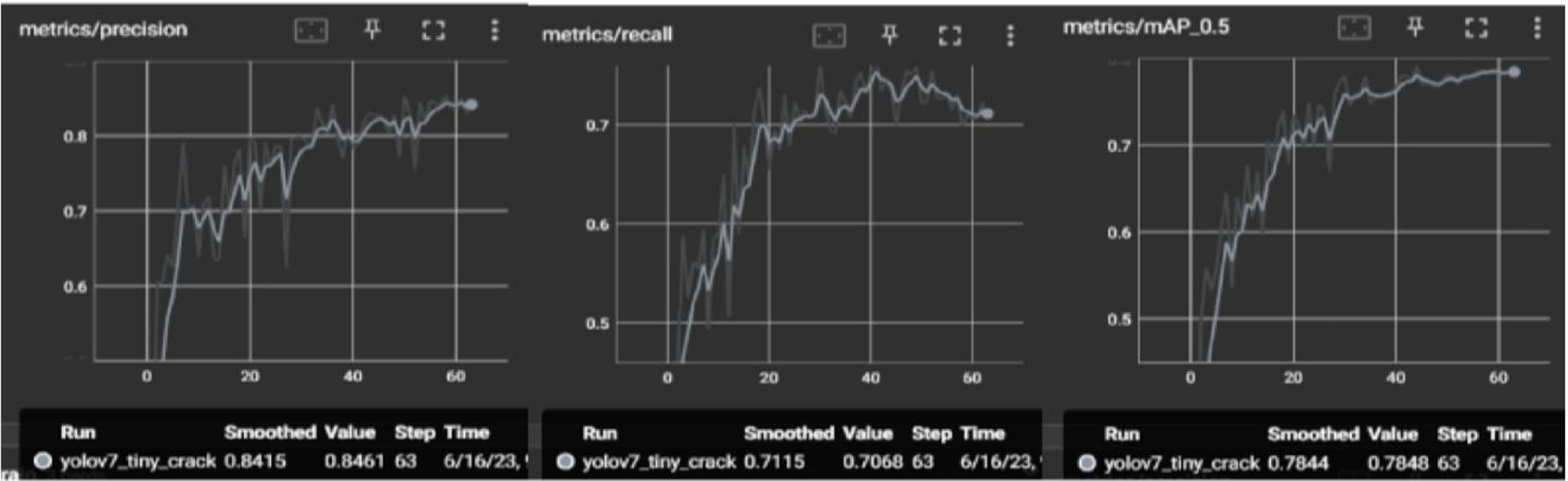
Contribution: Supervision of the MSc 2 students



*Dataset for crack detection
@Digital Concrete 2024*



*Data for 3D-printed concrete
@Digital Concrete 2024*



Results for CV crack detection @Digital Concrete 2024



CV for reconfiguration

State-of-the-art: integrated sensor-actuator networks that involve some level of intelligence

Research gap: integration of AI-supported in design approach, relying on D2RPA&O methods

Contributors: H.Bier, A. Hidding, S. Brancart, A. Luna-Navarro, S. Khademi and C. van Engelenburg

Contribution: Supervision of MSc2 students and D2RP of variable stiffness cushions



CV for HRI-assisted planting

State-of-the-art: robotic planting, limited HRI

Research gap: increase collaboration between human and robot

Contributors: H.Bier, A. Hidding, M. Prendergast, (...)

Contribution: Software pipeline, CV implementation, HRI script and demo robot operator



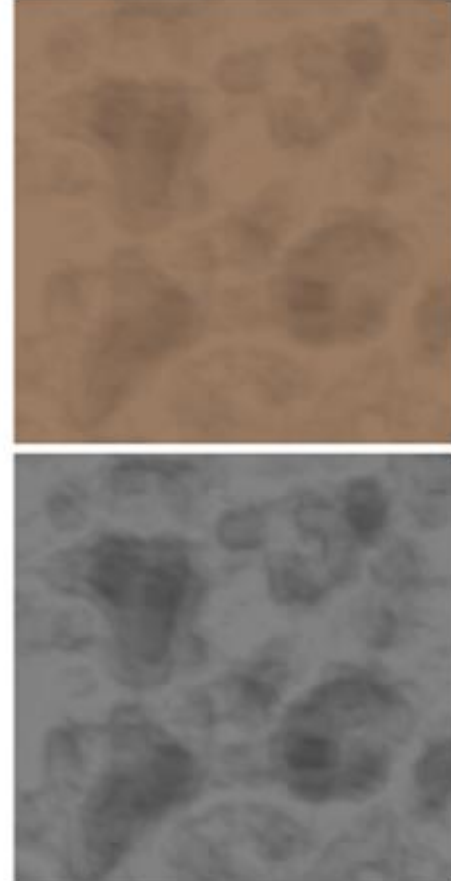
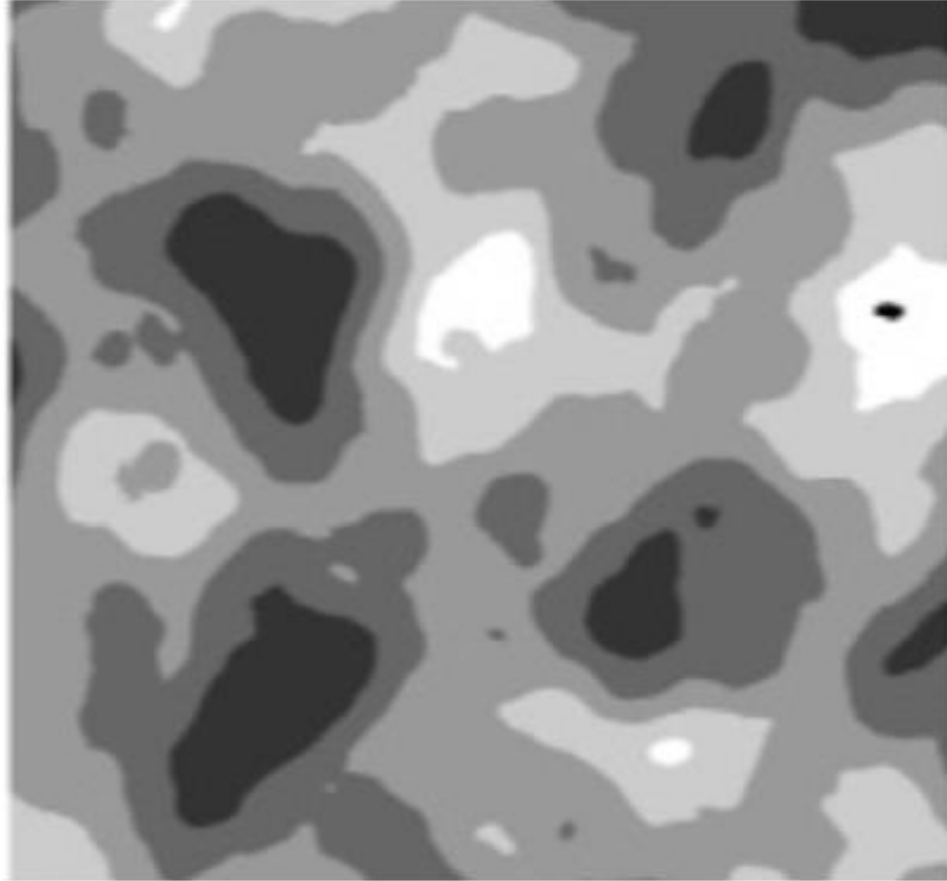
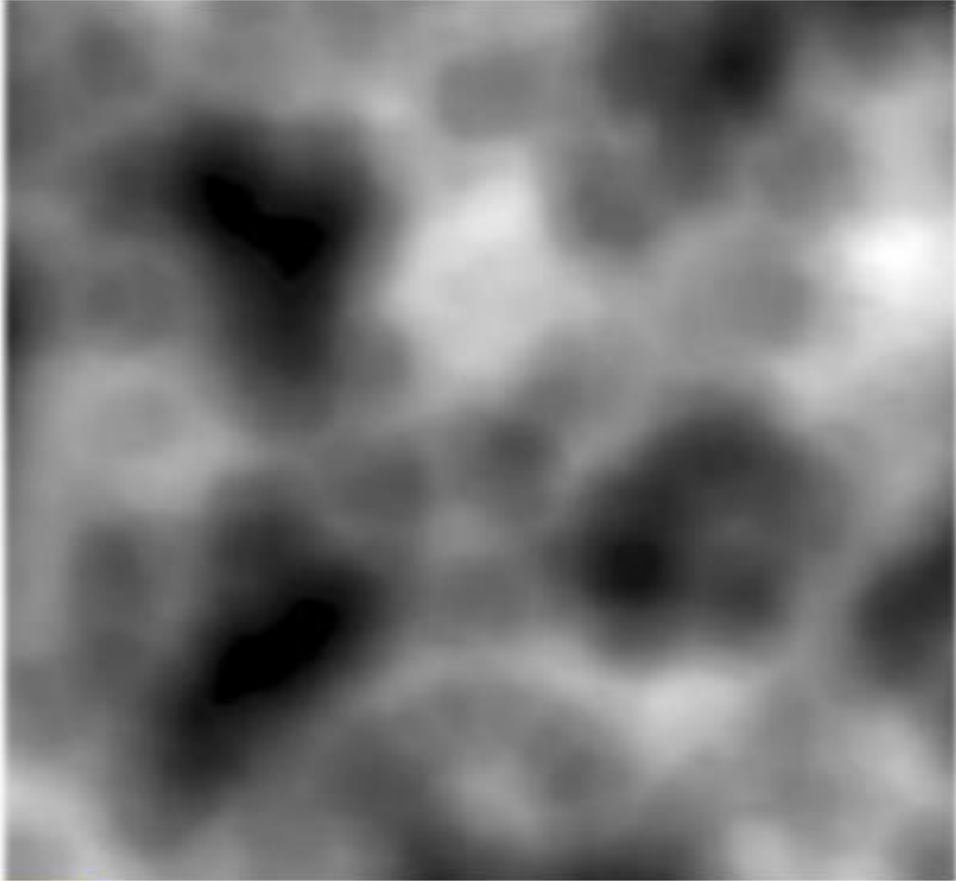
CV for terrain mapping

State of the Art: LIDAR / CV and ML approaches for space exploration and construction.

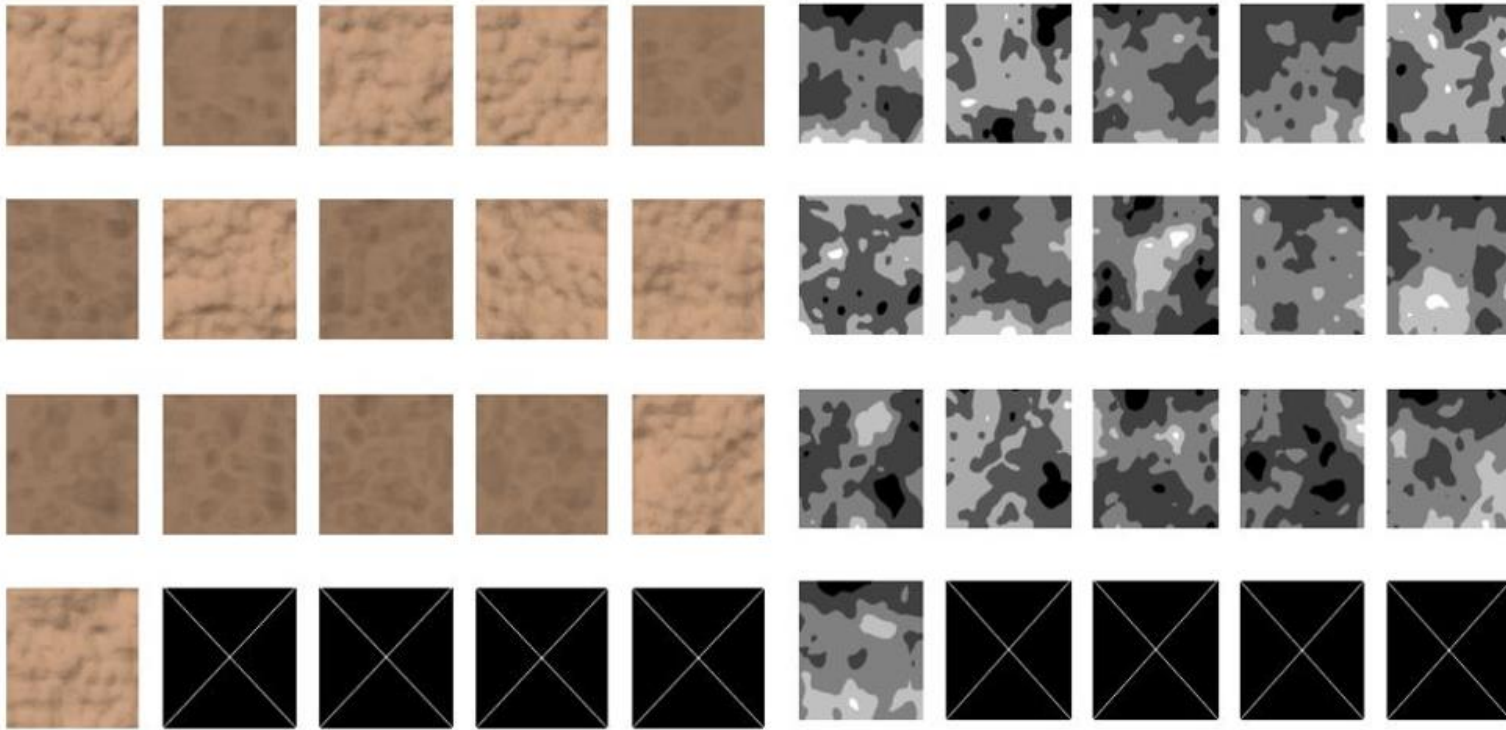
Research Gap: Present research uniquely focuses on the fusion of CV and 3D printing technology in Lava Tube environments

Contributors: G. Calabrese, A. Hidding, H. Bier, C. Engelenburg, S. Kahdemi

Contribution: Perlin Noise syntetic dataset – parametric generator script



*Synthetic dataset for ML
@AiDAPT lab > fieldtrip*



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▶ from torchvision.models.segmentation import deeplabv3_mobilenet_v3_large, DeepLabV3_MobileNet_V3_Large_Weights
import torch.nn as nn # Import nn module from PyTorch

weights = DeepLabV3_MobileNet_V3_Large_Weights.DEFAULT
model = deeplabv3_mobilenet_v3_large(weights=weights)

# Change final classification layer to have the correct amount of classes
NCLASSES = 6 # Replace with the number of classes you have
model.classifier[4] = nn.Conv2d(in_channels=256, out_channels=NCLASSES, kernel_size=1, stride=1)

# Check model architecture
print(model)

↳ Downloading: "https://download.pytorch.org/models/deeplabv3_mobilenet_v3_large-fc3c493d.pth" to /root/.cache/torch/
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*CV-supported terrain mapping
@AiDAPT lab > fieldtrip*



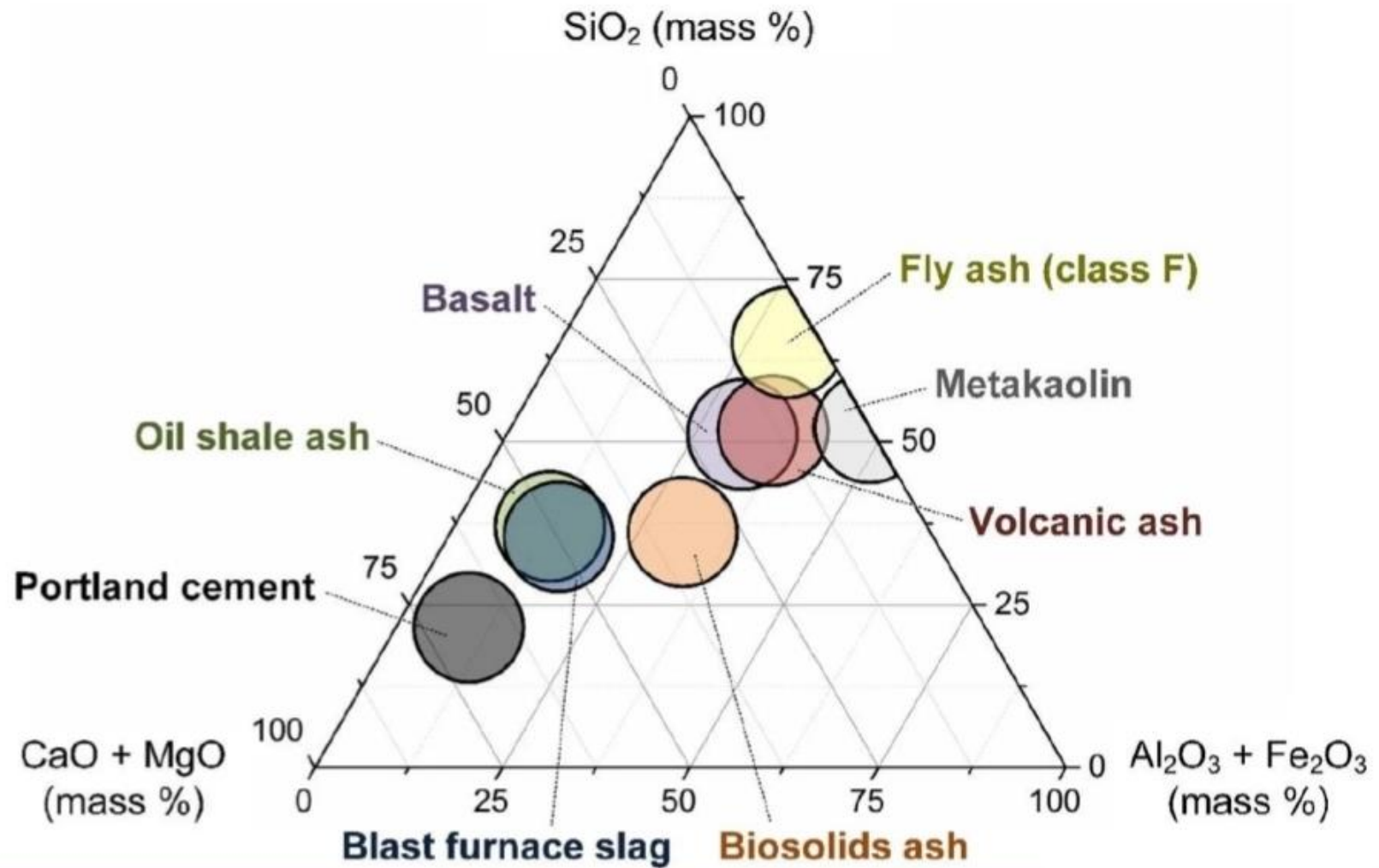
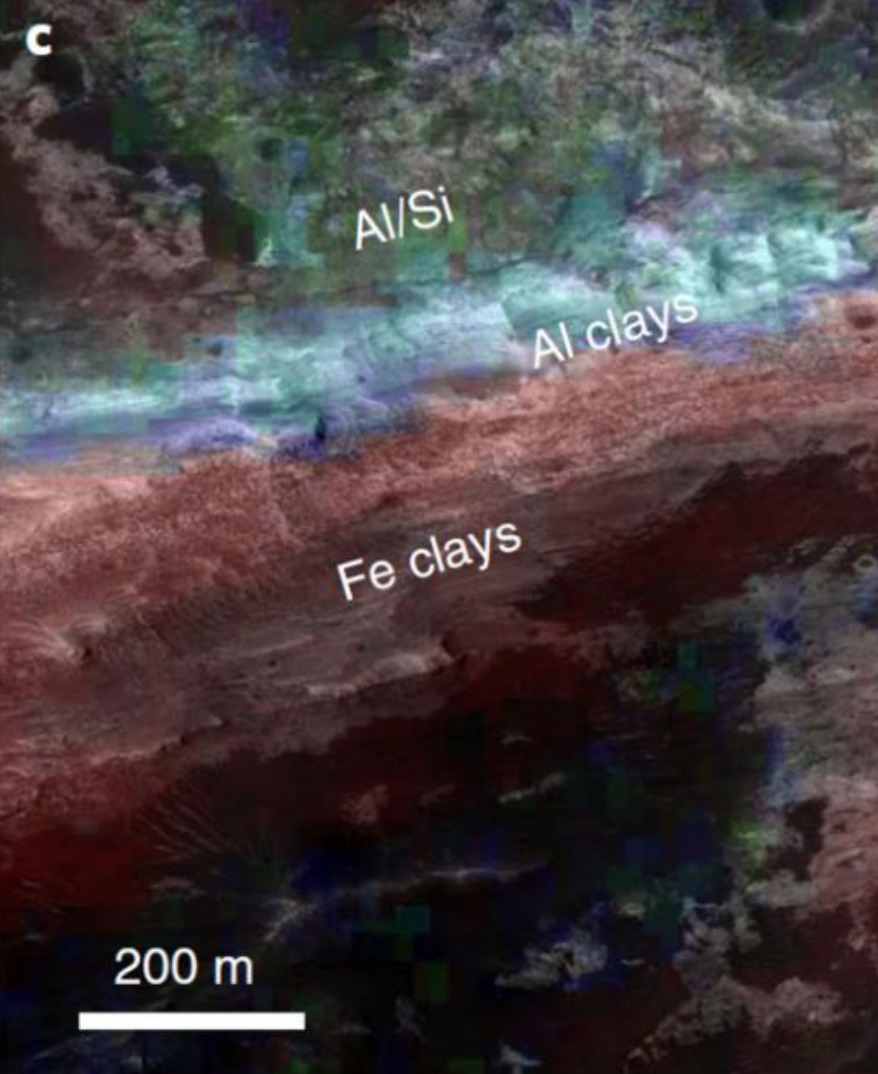
Geopolymer material development

State-of-the-art: Phosphate + Martian simulant geopolymer

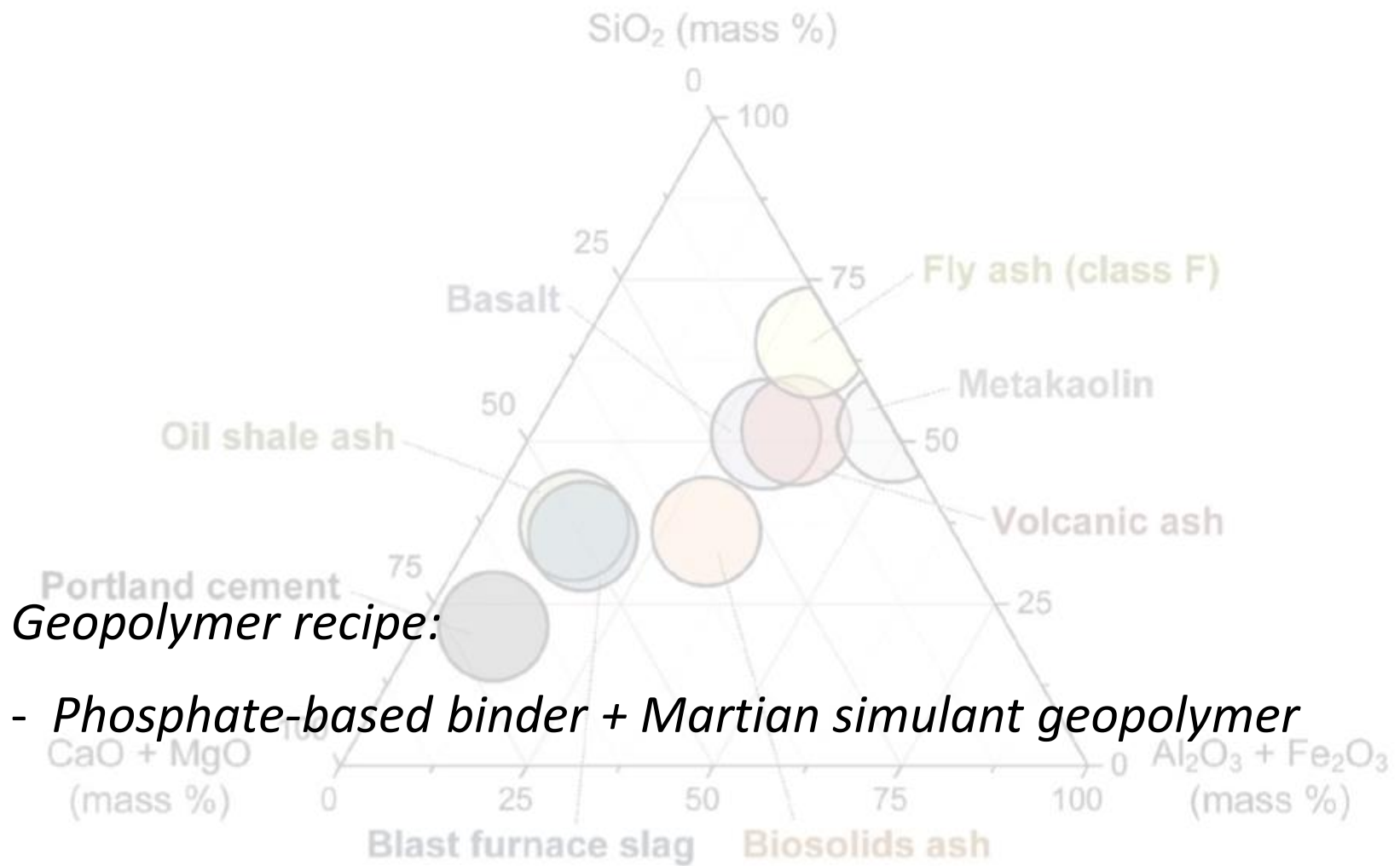
Research gap: Phosphate + Martian simulant based on volcanic ash

Contributors: H.Bier, A. Hidding, G. Calabrese, E. Chen

Contribution: Literature review, material experiments, HMP student supervision



ISRU material & chemical composition (Bishop et al., 2018) (Deventer et al., 2020)



Geopolymer recipe (Buchner et al., 2017)

JSC Mars-1**Martian
Surface
Fines C-1**

<u>Oxide</u>	<u>Wt.%*</u>	<u>Wt.%**</u>	<u>Wt.%***</u>
SiO ₂	34.5	43.7	43
Al ₂ O ₃	18.5	23.4	7.5
TiO ₂	3.0	3.8	0.65
FeO	2.8	3.5	n.d.
Fe ₂ O ₃	9.3	11.8	17.6
MnO	0.2	0.3	n.a.
CaO	4.9	6.2	6
MgO	2.7	3.4	6
K ₂ O	0.5	0.6	0
Na ₂ O	1.9	2.4	n.a.
P ₂ O ₅	0.7	0.9	n.a.
SO ₃	n.a.	n.a.	7
Cl	n.a.	n.a.	0.7

- ▶ SiO₂ (silicium) 44%
- ▶ Al₂O₃ (aluminium) 13,9 %
- ▶ Na₂O (natrium) 3,1%
- ▶ MgO (magnesium) 9,0%
- ▶ P₂O₅ (fosfor) 0,5%
- ▶ CaO (calcium) 11%
- ▶ K₂O (kalium) 3,5%
- ▶ Fe₂O₃ (ijzer) 11%
- ▶ TiO₂ (titanium) 2,7%

*JSC Mars-1 simulant (left)
(Carlton et al., 1997), ground
Lava (right) (Praxis, 2024)*

Next steps (2024-25)

- + *Componential interlocking logic for complex building envelope*
- + *Geopolymer characterization (with HPM students)*
- + *Moonshot+ Lunar Architecture and Infrastructure inter-faculties graduation pilot*
- + *CV-supported lava tube mapping in Sicily (with U Palermo and U Padova)*
- + *AI-supported design of complex building envelope and HRI-supported assembly (with MSc 2-4 students)*
- + *Vertico: robotic milling of 3D printed concrete for interlocking / informed surfaces*
- + *Vertico: concrete cracking, shrinkage and environmental control investigation*

11 Co-authored Publications (2023-24)

+ *The role of AI in architecture (work in progress)*

+ *AI-supported approach for Human-Building Interaction*

+ *Advancing Design-to-Robotic-Production and -Assembly of Underground Habitats on Mars*

+ *Review of Cementless Materials for 3D Printing of off- and on-Earth Habitats*

+ *Developing a Computer Vision Application for Crack Detection*

+ *Computer Vision for Terrain Mapping and 3D Printing In-situ of Extra/-terrestrial Habitats*

+ *Exploring Aspects of In-Situ vs. Prefab 3D Printing for CO2-free Pop-up Architecture*

+ *Computer Vision- and Human-Robot Interaction-supported Assembly for Collaborative off-earth Habitat Construction*

+ *Artificial Intelligence Supported Site Mapping for Building Pop-up Habitats*

+ *Clustering and Topological Interlocking for Robotic Assembly*

+ *Developing a CV- and HRI-supported Approach for Robotic Planting Designed for Integrated Greenhouses*

GS courses (7 GS completed)

- + PhD Start-up Module A-I and II: Introduction to the Graduate School and Navigating the PhD Life (1 GS credits)
- + RO47002: Machine Learning for Robotics (5 GS credits)
- + PhD Start-up Module A-III: Conquering Challenges (0.5 GS credits)
- + PhD Start-up Module B: Scientific Integrity (0.5 GS credits)
- + Robotics / HRI (start 2nd September)
- + FAIR course (ongoing)

Co-tutoring students

- + 18 RB lab MSc 2 students 5 ECTS: Moon station
- + 6 RB lab HMP students 20 ECTS: shallow foundations, geopolymers, integration of LSS, etc.
- + 1 CoR lab MSc 3-4 student 45 ECTS: HRI for assembly

Chapters Thesis ($\pm 25\%$ complete)

+ Introduction

+ Computational Voronoi-based Habitat Design with Integrated Life Support System

+ Robotic Production of 3D-Printed Components from Cementless Concrete

+ HRI-supported Assembly of Voronoi-based Interlocking Components

+ Conclusions; References; Appendix

Data management

Depending on the level of development data is shared and archived on

<http://cpa.roboticbuilding.eu/>, <https://research.tudelft.nl/>,

<https://repository.tudelft.nl/>, and/ or <https://data.4tu.nl/>.

Conferences:

+ *Computer Vision- and Human-Robot Interaction-supported Assembly for Collaborative off-Earth Habitat Construction @ FICTA-2024, London (online), 7th of June 2024*

+ *Developing a CV- and HRI-supported Approach for Robotic Planting Designed for Integrated Greenhouses @ UPADSD, Florence, 22nd – 24th, Oct 2024*

+ *Developing a Computer Vision Application for Crack Detection @ Digital concrete 2024, Munich, Germany, 4th -6th September 2024*

Planning

Year 1:

1.1 Literature review, 1.2 Material research, 1.3 Printing studies, 1.4 Archiving and publication

Year 2:

2.1 Development of computational model, 2.2 Simulation and testing, assembly, 2.3 Archiving and publication

Year 3:

3.1 Large-scale prototyping, 3.2 Material characterization and testing, 3.3 Simulation and testing of coating, 3.4 Simulation and testing of sensor-actuator system, 3.5 Archiving and publication

Year 4:

4.1 Dissertation, archiving, and publication