

Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research

Bionic lightweight construction and functional morphology

About this organisation

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With its innovative research, excellent scientific infrastructure and many years of expertise, the Alfred Wegener Institute investigates practically all areas of the Earth system. This always goes hand in hand with the development of technical innovations. ELiSE lightweight construction is a patented bionic product development process based on the natural lightweight structures of plankton organisms such as diatoms and radiolarians.

With ELiSE Engineering, we offer a broad spectrum of engineering services. A strong link between design, calculation and optimisation provides an excellent basis for developing efficient and customer-specific lightweight construction solutions. For the automated transfer of biological construction methods to technical products, we rely on the use of specially developed algorithms. By skilfully combining FE analyses, topology optimisations and geometry generation, we optimise products with extremely efficient bionic stiffeners. We work in research projects for innovative lightweight construction. To this end, we have access to unique infrastructure and expertise such as scientific collections, micromechanical tests, microscopy processes and algorithms for generating and optimising lightweight construction solutions.

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Organisation type

Non-university research institution

Sectors

No specific sector

Employees

500 and more

Turnover

More than €50m

Funding

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Main areas covered Structural optimisation

Infrastructure CAD, FEM, algorithms, optimisation

Certifications

Keywords Bionic lightweight construction, algorithms

Memberships

Overview of lightweighting expertise

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Research Development Manufacturing & Supply

Offer

Products

Services & consulting

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
Field of technology			
Design & layout Lightweight design, Lightweight construction concepts	✓	✓	
<i>Functional integration</i>			
<i>Measuring and testing technology</i>			
Modelling and simulation Loads & stress, Optimisation, Structural mechanics	✓	✓	
<i>Plant construction & automation</i>			
<i>Recycling technologies</i>			
Manufacturing process			
Additive manufacturing 3D printing, Selective laser melting (SLM, LPBF, ...), Selective laser sintering (SLS), Stereolithography	✓	✓	
<i>Coating (surface engineering)</i>			
<i>Fibre composite technology</i>			
<i>Forming</i>			
<i>Joining</i>			
<i>Material property alteration</i>			
<i>Primary forming</i>			
<i>Processing and separating</i>			
<i>Textile technology</i>			

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Material			
<i>Biogenic materials</i>			
<i>Cellular materials (foam materials)</i>			
<i>Composites</i>			
<i>Fibres</i>			
<i>Functional materials</i>			
<i>Metals</i>			
<i>Plastics</i>			
<i>Structural ceramics</i>			
<i>(Technical) textiles</i>			

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