

Peter von Bülow

Education

- 2007 **Doktoringenieur** (Doctor of Engineering)
University of Stuttgart, Institute for Lightweight Structures and Conceptual Design (ILEK) Institute Director and Dissertation Advisor: Werner Sobek
Dissertation: *An Intelligent Genetic Design Tool (IGDT) Applied to the Exploration of Architectural Trussed Structural Systems*
- 1991 **Master of Science in Civil Engineering**
University of Tennessee, Department of Civil Engineering
Thesis: *The Design, Construction and Testing of a Wooden Grid Shell*
- 1980 **Fulbright Scholar**
University of Stuttgart, Institute for Lightweight Structures. Director: Frei Otto
- 1979 **Bachelor of Architecture**
University of Tennessee, School of Architecture, with honors

Registration and Professional Societies

- 2019 **The Masonry Society** (TMS)
- 2015 **American Concrete Institute** (ACI)
- 2009 **Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture** (ACADIA)
- 2008 **American Institute of Architects** (AIA)
- 2004 **American Institute of Steel Construction** (AISC)
- 1999 **Registered Architect**. Baden-Württemberg, Germany (11197)
- 1998 **Registered Engineer**. Baden-Württemberg, Germany (5732)
- 1996 **The International Association of Shell and Spatial Structures** (IASS)
- 1980 **The Fulbright Association**

Academic Experience

- 2014-present **Professor in Architecture**. University of Michigan, Taubman College.
Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate courses in Structures.
- 2009-2014 **Associate Professor in Architecture**. University of Michigan, Taubman College.
- 2001-2009 **Assistant Professor in Architecture**. University of Michigan, Taubman College.
- 1994-1996 **Associate Professor in Architecture**. University of Tennessee, School of Architecture. Teaching courses in: structures, computer programming and design.
- 1982-1994 **Assistant Professor in Architecture**. University of Tennessee.

Professional Experience

- 2001 **RFR Stuttgart**, Germany. Architectural Engineer.
- 1998-2000 **Office of Swilbert Greiner**. Oberaichen, Germany. Architectural Engineer.
- 1997-1998 **Sonderkonstruktionen und Leichtbau GmbH** (SL). Oberaichen, Germany. Arch. Engineer.
- 1980 **Office of Robert Kennedy**. Knoxville, Tennessee. Architect.
- 1978 **Office of Jörg Anders**. Bonn, Germany. Architect.
- 1977 **Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg Baubehörde**, Schulbau (City Building Bureau for School Buildings). Hamburg, Germany. Architect Practicant.

Scholarly Work

Book

- 2007 von Buelow, P. **Genetically Engineered Architecture: design exploration with evolutionary computation.** AV Akademiker Verlag, Saarbrücken, Germany. ISBN 978-3-639-42628-1 (dissertation – see <http://www.umich.edu/~pvbuelow>)

Book Chapter

- 2002 von Buelow, P. **"Using Evolutionary Algorithms to Aid Designers of Architectural Structures"** in *Automation in Construction International Journal*. Vol. 1, Mar 2012.

Journal Articles

- 2024 M. Vatandoost, A. Ekhlassi, M. Golabchi, M. Rahbar, P. von Buelow. **"Fabrication methods of shell structures"** in *Automation in Construction International Journal*. Vol. 165, September 2024. ISSN 0926-5805, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.autcon.2024.105570>.
- 2022 Khodadadi, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Design exploration by using a genetic algorithm and the Theory of Inventive Problem Solving (TRIZ)"** in *Automation in Construction International Journal*. Vol. 141, September 2022. ISSN 0926-5805, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.autcon.2022.104354>
- 2020 Emami, N.; Giles, H.; von Buelow, P. **"Structural, daylighting, and energy performance of perforated concrete shell structures"** *Automation in Construction*. Volume 117, September 2020.
- 2016 Alaghmandan, Elnimeiri, Krawczyk and von Buelow. **Modifying Tall Building Form to Reduce the Along-Wind Effect"** *CTBUH Journal*. Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. Issue 2. pp. 34-39. 2016.
- 2014 Khodadadi, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Performance Based Exploration of Generative Design Solutions Using Formex Algebra"** *International Journal of Architectural Computing*. Vol.12, Issue 3. pp. 321-338. Sept. 2014.
- 2012 von Buelow, P. **"ParaGen: Performative Exploration of Generative Systems"** in *Journal of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures*. Vol. 53 (2012) No. 4, n. 174. pp. 271-284.
- 2012 Turrin, M., von Buelow, P., Kilian, A., Stouffs, R. **"Performative skins for passive climatic comfort: A parametric design process"** in *Automation in Construction International Journal*. Vol. 22, Mar 2012
ISSN 0926-5805, pp. 36-50
- 2011 Turrin, M., von Buelow, P., Stouffs, R. **"Design explorations of performance driven geometry in architectural design using parametric modeling and genetic algorithms"** in *Advanced Engineering Informatics*. Elsevier, Vol. 25, Issue 4, October 2011, pp. 656-675.
- 2011 van Embden Andres, M.V., Turrin, M., von Buelow, P. **"Architectural DNA: A genetic exploration of complex structures"** in *International Journal of Architectural Computing*. Multi-Science Publ., Vol. 9, Issue 2, pp. 133-150, 2011
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Suitability of Genetic Based Exploration in the Creative Design Process"** in *Digital Creativity*. Routledge, Vol.19, No.1, pp.51-61, 2008
- 2007 von Buelow, P. **"Advantages of Evolutionary Computation used for Exploration in the Creative Design Process"** in *Journal of Integrated Systems, Design, and Process Science*. Vol. 11, No. 3, September 2007.
- 2004 Synnes, K.; von Buelow, P. **"A Tree for a House: designing for super-mobility by means of digital craft"** in *Journal of Architectural Education*. eds. Cavanagh, Ted and Allen, Edward. Vol. 58. Issue 1. 2004.

Technical Reports

- 2007 von Buelow, P. **A Survey and Comparison of Biological Genetics and Evolutionary Computation.** University of Stuttgart, ILEK. Forschungsbericht 01-07.

Conference Papers (Peer Reviewed)

- 2024 Vatandoost, M.; McGee, W.; von Buelow, P. **"Ultra-thin-layered 3D-printed hollow core sections for concrete casting"**. In *Redefining the Art of Structural Design*, (IASS 2024). August 26-30, 2024, Zurich Switzerland.
- 2021 von Buelow, P.; Khodadadi, A. **"Computational form exploration of branching columns using concepts of formex algebra and the ParaGen method"**. in *Inspiring the Next Generation*, (IASS 2021). Aug. 23-27, 2021. Guilford, UK
- 2019 von Buelow, P. **"The combination of SQL database queries and stochastic search methods used to explore generative design solutions"**. in *Form and Force*, (IASS 2019). Oct. 7-10, 2019. Barcelona
- 2018 Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; von Buelow, P.; Mankouche, S.; Vliet, K. **"Inventory-constrained design method for application of natural tree crotches as heavy timber joinery"**. in the Texas Society of Architects 79th Annual Conference and Design Expo. Fort Worth, Texas. November, 2018.
- 2018 von Buelow, P.; Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; Mankouche, S.; Vliet, K. **"Combining parametric form generation and design exploration to produce a wooden reticulated shell using natural tree crotches"**. in *Creativity in Structural Design*, (IASS 2018). July 15-20, 2018. Boston, USA.
- 2018 Emami, N.; Giles, H.; von Buelow, P. **"Performative perforations: structural and daylighting performance assessment of Candela's High Life Textile Factory"**. in *Creativity in Structural Design*, (IASS 2018). July 15-20, 2018. Boston, USA.
- 2017 von Buelow, P. **"Choosing parents to produce better preforming children: a comparison of selection methods used for evolutionary search"**. in *Interfaces: architecture . engineering . science*, (IASS 2017). Sept. 25-28, 2017. Hamburg, Germany.
- 2017 Emami, N.; Giles, H.; von Buelow, P. **"Continuous to discrete: computational performative design and search of shell structures"**. in , (IASS 2017). Sept. 25-28, 2017. Hamburg, Germany.
- 2017 Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; von Buelow, P.; Seyedahmadian, A. **"A Performance Based Computational Method for Assembly Design of Reciprocal Architectural Systems with 2D Elements"**. in *Symposium on Simulation for Architecture and Urban Design (SimAUD 2017)*. ed. Michela Turrin. Proceedings of the 8th SimAUD Symposium. 22 - 24 May 2017, Toronto, Canada.
- 2016 Chaszar, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Multivariate Interactive Visualisation of Data for Multi-Objective Design Space Exploration"**. in *Spatial Structures in the 21st Century* (IASS 2016). Sep 26-30, 2016 Tokyo, Japan.
- 2016 Emami, N.; von Buelow, P. **"Teaching Structures to Architecture Students through Hands-On Activities"**. Canadian International Conference on Advances in Education, Teaching & Technology. 16-17 July, 2016 , Toronto, Canada.
- 2016 von Buelow, P. **"Genetically Enhanced Parametric Design in the Exploration of Architectural Solutions"**. in *Structures and Architecture - Beyond their Limits*. Ed. Paulo J. da Sousa Cruz. CRC Press 2016 (ICSA 2016) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1201/b20891>

- 2016 Chaszar, A.; von Buelow, P.; Turrin, M. **"Multivariate Interactive Visualization of Data in Generative Design"**. in *Symposium on Simulation for Architecture and Urban Design (SimAUD 2016)*. May 16-18, 2016 London, UK.
- 2015 Falk, A.; von Buelow, P.; Khodadadi, A. **"Form Exploration of Timber-based Folded Plate Domes"**. *Future Visions*. Proceedings of the IASS 2015 Symposium. 17 - 20 August 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2015 Yang, D.; Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P.; Paul, J. **"Multi-objective and multidisciplinary design optimization of large sports building envelopes: a case study"**. *Future Visions*. Proceedings of the IASS 2015 Symposium. 17 - 20 August 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2014 von Buelow, P. **"Using Database Storage to Improve Explorative Optimization of Form Critical Structures"** *Shells, Membranes and Spatial Structures: Footprints*. eds. R. Brasil and R. Pauletti. Proceedings of the IASS-SLTE 2014 Symposium. 15 - 19 September 2014, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2014 Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; von Buelow, P. **"Performance oriented generative design of structural double skin facades inspired by cell morphologies"** *Shells, Membranes and Spatial Structures: Footprints*. eds. R. Brasil and R. Pauletti. Proceedings of the IASS-SLTE 2014 Symposium. 15 - 19 September 2014, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2014 Emami, N.; Khodadadi, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Design of a Shading Screen Inspired by Persian Geometric Patterns: An Integrated Structural and Daylighting Performance Evaluation"** *Shells, Membranes and Spatial Structures: Footprints*. eds. R. Brasil and R. Pauletti. Proceedings of the IASS-SLTE 2014 Symposium. 15 - 19 September 2014, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2014 Omidfar, A.; Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; von Buelow, P. **"Performance-based design of a self-standing building skin; A methodology to integrate structural and daylight performance in a form exploration process"** *Shells, Membranes and Spatial Structures: Footprints*. eds. R. Brasil and R. Pauletti. Proceedings of the IASS-SLTE 2014 Symposium. 15 - 19 September 2014, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2014 Khodadadi, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Form Exploration and GA-Based Optimization of Lattice Towers Comparing with Shukhov Water Tower"** *Shells, Membranes and Spatial Structures: Footprints*. eds. R. Brasil and R. Pauletti. Proceedings of the IASS-SLTE 2014 Symposium. 15 - 19 September 2014, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2014 Khodadadi, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Dynamic Configuration Processing and Optimization of Forms (Exploring Truss-bridges)"** *1st International Conference on Engineering and Applied Sciences Optimization (OPT-i)*. 4-6 June 2014, Kos, Greece.
- 2014 Oliyan Torghabehi, O.; von Buelow, P. **"Genetic Based Form Exploration of Mid-Rise Structures Using Cell Morphologies"** in *Symposium on Simulation for Architecture and Urban Design (SimAud 2014)*. Society for Modeling and Simulation International (SCS) Simulation Series 2014. April 13–16, Tampa Florida
- 2013 von Buelow, P. **"Techniques for More Productive Genetic Design: Exploration with GAs using Non-Destructive Dynamic Populations"** in *Adaptive Architecture* eds Philip Beesley, Omar Khan and Michael Stacey. Proceedings of the Association for Computer-Aided Design in Architecture 2013 International Conference. October 24-26, 2013. Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

- 2013 von Buelow, P. **"Improving Generative Design through Selective Breeding"** in Beyond the Limits of Man. eds J.B. Obrębski and R. Tarczewski. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2013. 23-27 Sept, Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland.
- 2013 Pronk, A.; Dominicus, M.; von Buelow, P.; van Dijck, S.; van de Koppel, J. **"Rigidized Inflateables: An innovative production method for structurally optimized elements"** in *Proceedings of Structural Membranes 2013*, VI International Conference on Textile Composites and Inflatable Structures, K.-U.Bletzinger, B. Kröplin and E. Oñate (Eds). Munich, Germany.
- 2013 Pronk, A.; Dominicus, M.; von Buelow, P.; van Dijck, S.; van de Koppel, J. **"Producing optimized structures with inflatables structural membranes 2013"** in *Proceedings of Structural Membranes 2013*, VI International Conference on Textile Composites and Inflatable Structures, K.-U.Bletzinger, B. Kröplin and E. Oñate (Eds). Munich, Germany.
- 2013 Pronk, A.; Dominicus, M.; von Buelow, P.; van Dijck, S.; van de Koppel, J. **"Rigidized inflatable structures a production method for optimized structures"** in Beyond the Limits of Man. eds J.B. Obrębski and R. Tarczewski. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2013. 23-27 September, Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland.
- 2012 Falk, A.; von Buelow, P.; Kirkegaard, P. **"Folded Plate Structures as Building envelopes"** in World Conference on Timber Engineering 2012 (WCTE 2012) ed. Quenneville, P. Proceedings Vol. 4. pp. 155-164. Curran Associates, Inc. Dec 2012.
- 2011 von Buelow, P. **"Genetically Enhanced Parametric Design for Performance Optimization"** Proceedings of the 7th Seminar of the IASS Structural Morphology Group International. chair Borgart, Andrew. Sept. 17-18, 2011. London, UK.
- 2011 Falk, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Form Exploration of Folded Plate Timber Structures based on Performance Criteria"** in Taller, Longer, Lighter: Meeting growing demand with limited resources. eds. Nethercot, D. and Pellegrino, S. Proceedings of the 35th Annual Symposium of IABSE and the 52nd Annual Symposium of IASS. 20 Sept. – 23 Sept. 2011. London, UK.
- 2011 Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P.; Kilian, A.; Stouffs, R. **"Parametric modeling and optimization for adaptive architecture"** in Proceedings of 18th EG-ICE Workshop. European Group for Intelligent Computing in Engineering. 6-8, July 2011 Twente University, The Netherlands.
- 2010 Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P.; Kilian, A.; Sariyildiz, S. **"Performance-based design of SolSt; a roof system integrating structural morphology and solar energy transmittance"** in Spatial Structures – Temporary and Permanent. ed. Qilin Zhang. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2010. 28 Nov. – 12 Nov. 10. Shanghai, China.
- 2010 Falk, A.; Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P. **"Folded plate assemblies with branching column supports – interaction and control of overall shape"** in Spatial Structures – Temporary and Permanent. ed. Qilin Zhang. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2010. 28 Nov. – 12 Nov. 10. Shanghai, China.
- 2010 Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P.; Stouffs, R.; Kilian, A. **"Performance-oriented design of large passive solar roofs: A method for the integration of parametric modelling and genetic algorithms"** in *Future Cities*. Proceedings of the 28th Conference of eCAADe. ETH. Zurich. 15-18 Sept. 2010.

- 2010 Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P.; Stouffs, R. **"Structural morphologies and sun transmittance control: integrated parametric design using genetic algorithms"** in *Computing in Civil and Building Engineering, Proceedings of the International Conference*. ed. Tizani, W. Nottingham 30 June – 2 July 2010. Nottingham University Press, Paper No 168, pp.335-340.
- 2010 von Buelow, P.; Falk, A.; Turrin, M. **"Optimization of structural form using a genetic algorithm to search associative parametric geometry"** in *Structures & Architecture*. ed. Cruz, P. Proceedings of the First International Conference on Structures and Architecture (ICSA 2010). 21-23 July 2010. Guimarães, Portugal.
- 2009 von Buelow, P. **"A comparison of methods for using genetic algorithms to guide parametric associative design"** in *Evolution and Trends in Design, Analysis and Construction of Shell and Spatial Structures*. eds. Domingo, A. and Lazaro, C. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium. Valencia, Spain.
- 2009 von Buelow, P. **"Parametric exploration of discrete structures using evolutionary computation"** in *Evolution and Trends in Design, Analysis and Construction of Shell and Spatial Structures*. eds. Domingo, A. and Lazaro, C. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2009. Valencia, Spain.
- 2009 Falk, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Combined Timber Plate and Branching Column Systems – Variations and Development of System Interaction"** in *Evolution and Trends in Design, Analysis and Construction of Shell and Spatial Structures*. eds. Domingo, A. and Lazaro, C. Proceedings of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Symposium 2009. 28 Sept. – 2 Oct. 09. Valencia, Spain.
- 2009 van Embden Andres, M.; Turrin, M.; von Buelow, P. **"Structural DNA: Genetic Exploration of Biological Micro Structures for Architectural Applications"** in *Chang[e]ing Identities; Design, Culture + Technology*. Southwest ACSA Proceedings. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 15-17 Oct. 09.
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Design of a Modular Truss Structure as a Disaster Shelter using Evolutionary Computation"** in *Shell and Spatial Structures: New Materials and Technologies, New Designs and Innovations*. Acapulco, Mexico. 27-31 Oct. 08.
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Using Evolutionary Computation to explore geometry and topology without ground structures"** in *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Computation of Shell and Spatial Structures*, IASS-IACM, Ithaca, New York.
- 2008 Falk, A.; von Buelow, P. **"Exploration and Optimization of Combined Timber Plate and Branching Column Systems using Evolutionary Computation"** in *Shell and Spatial Structures: New Materials and Technologies, New Designs and Innovations*. Acapulco, Mexico. 27 Oct. 2008.
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Breeding Topology: special considerations for generative topology exploration using evolutionary computation"** in *ACADIA 2008: Silicon + Skin*. Proceedings of ACADIA ed. Kudless, A., Oct. 16-19 2008.
- 2007 von Buelow, P. **"A Geometric Comparison of Branching Structures in Tension and Compression versus Minimal Paths"** in *Shell and Spatial Structures: Structural Architecture – Towards the future looking to the past*. Venice, Italy. 3-6 December 2007.
- 2006 von Buelow, P. **"Following a Thread: A tree column for a tree house"** in *IASS 2006 International Symposium: 8th Asian Pacific Conference on New Shell and Spatial Structures*. Beijing, China. October 16-19, 2006.

- 2006 von Buelow, P. **"Breeding Bridges: Genetic based form exploration"** in *IASS 2006 International Symposium: 8th Asian Pacific Conference on New Shell and Spatial Structures*. Beijing, China. October 16-19, 2006.
- 2004 Johnson, S.; Tripeny, P.; von Buelow, P. **"Linking Analyses and Architectural Data: Why It's Harder than We Thought"** in *Fabrication: a conference examining the digital practice of architecture*, Proceedings of The Assoc. for CAD in Architecture. ed. Beesely, P. Toronto, Can.
- 1999 von Buelow, P. **"Development of an Intelligent Genetic Design Tool (IGDT) for Use in Architectural Engineering"** in *Proceedings of The Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and the Simulation of Behavior (AISB) 1999 Symposium on Creative Evolutionary Systems*.
- 1996 von Buelow, P. **"Applications of Genetic Algorithms in Optimal Truss Design"** in *Conceptual Design of Structures*. Proceedings of the International Association of Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS) Vol. 1, p. 178. University of Stuttgart, October 7-11, 1996.
- 1994 von Buelow, P. **"The Feasibility of Shells Made with Recycled Tires"** in *Design and Technological Innovation for the Environment: Proceedings of the 12th Annual ACSA Technology Conference*. Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, 1994.

Lectures and Articles (not reviewed)

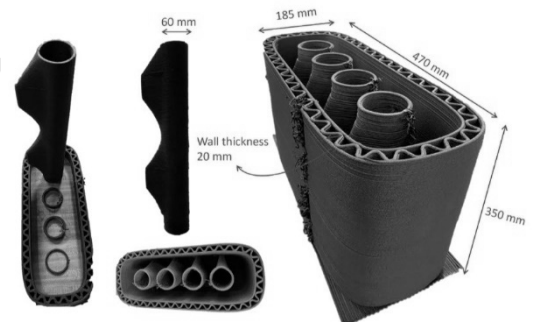
- 2025 von Buelow, P. **"A Focus on Wood"**. Material Conversations: material research at the UofM. Lecture at the Duderstadt Library of the University of Michigan.
- 2019 von Buelow, P. **"Genetically Enhanced Parametric Design for Performance Optimization and Design Exploration"** Presentation for Chi Epsilon - Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society Banquet, University of Michigan.
- 2018 Mankouche, S., von Buelow, P., Vliet, K. **"LIMB: Rethinking heavy timber joinery through analysis of tree crotches."** Presentation in *New Instrumentalities*. ACSA conference. Madrid, Spain.
- 2018 Mankouche, S., von Buelow, P., Vliet, K. **"LIMB: Rethinking heavy timber joinery through analysis of tree crotches."** Presentation in *The Ethical Imperative*. ACSA conference. Denver, CO.
- 2016 von Buelow, P. **"Design Explorations: Using ParaGen to explore parametric design by mapping performance"**. invited lecture TU Delft, Netherlands, Oct. 11, 2016
- 2014 von Buelow, P. **"From Database to Solution Space: exploring parametric design by mapping performance"**. invited lecture: Doctoral Colloquium (TCAUP), Feb. 12, 2014.
- 2014 von Buelow, P. **"ParaGen: a performance based form exploration method"**. invited lecture: *Selforganizing Forms and Processes*, Institute for Structure and Design (KoGe), University of Innsbruck, Jan. 18, 2014
- 2014 von Buelow, P. **"Using the ParaGen Method to Explore the Design Space"**. invited lecture TU Delft, Netherlands, Jan. 6, 2014
- 2013 von Buelow, P. **"Performative Design of Genetically Engineered Structures"**. invited lecture Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Apr 29, 2013
- 2012 von Buelow, P. **"ParaGen: using genetic search to explore performative design of parametric systems"**, invited lecture, Institute for Lightweight Structures and Conceptual Design (ILEK - director Werner Sobek) at the University of Stuttgart. Sept. 2012
- 2012 von Buelow, P. **"Genetically Enhanced Performative Design for Generative Systems"**, invited lecture, Lawrence Technological University. Southfield, Michigan. Feb. 2012

- 2011 Turrin, M., von Buelow, P., Stouffs, R., Sariyildiz, S. **"Interactive performance driven exploration of large design solution spaces"** AAAI 2011 Spring Symposium Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Design March 21 to 23, 2011 at Stanford University, California
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Morphogenic Explorations of 3D Tree Structures using Evolutionary Computation"**. Inter'l Workshop on Computational Morphogenesis 2008. Acapulco, Mexico. 23-24 Oct. 2008.
- 2008 von Buelow, P. **"Using Evolutionary Computation to explore geometry and topology without ground structures"**. Proceedings of the 6th Intl. Conf. on Computation of Shell and Spatial Structures. IASS-IACM 2008, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY.
- 2006 von Buelow, P. **"Mutate and Repair: Special operators for topology evolution of trusses"**. International Workshop on Computational Morphogenesis 2006. Nagoya, Japan.
- 2005 von Buelow, P. **"Branching Out: Structural steel supports a tree house designed for children with special needs"** in *Modern Steel Construction*. Vol 45., Number 9. pp 44-47
- 2005 von Buelow, P. **"Breeding Bridges at Michigan"** in *Steel Bridge News*, July 2005, Vol. 6, No. 3. AISC
- 2005 von Buelow, P. **"A Treehouse for Everyone"** in *Ventilator-Assisted Living*, Spring 2005, Vol. 19, No. 1
- 2003 von Buelow, P. **"Structuring Structures"** in *Connector: A Forum for Teachers of Technology in Schools of Architecture*. ed. Theodoropoulos, Christine. Univ. of Oregon, Spring 2003
- 2001 von Buelow, P. **"Exploring Structural Form Using Genetic Algorithms"**. ACSA Regional Conf. On Growth and Form: The Engineering of Nature.

Awards and Grants

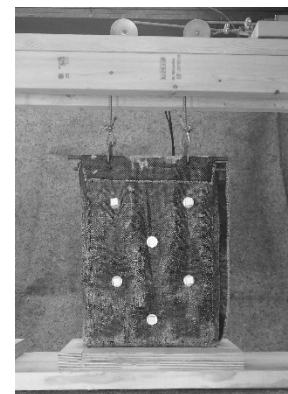
Ultra-thin-layered 3D-printed hollow core sections for concrete casting

2024 - 2025 Principal Investigator
 OVPR/RCI Award
 with Wes McGee and Mohsen Vatandoost
 Funding Level: \$22,700



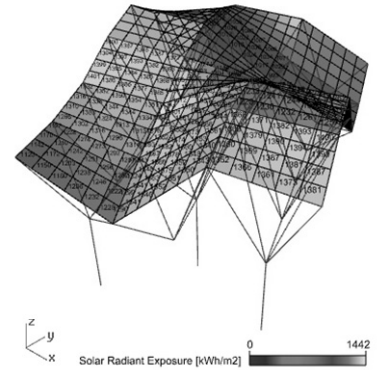
Fabric Formed Poured Earth

2023 - 2020 Principal Investigator
 Pressing Matters Grant
 with Charlie O'Geen
 Funding Level: \$30,000



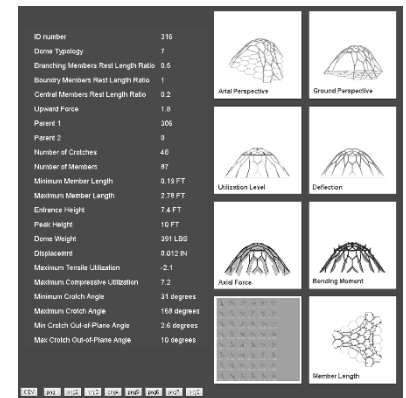
Detroit Design 139.

2019 - 2020 Consultant (pro bono)
Project The Seebaldt Pilot
Project Leader Constance Bodurow
Award selected for the Inclusive Futures
Exhibition



Limb: Rethinking Heavy Timber Joinery through Analysis of Tree Crotches.

2017-2018 Co- Investigator
Research through Making Grant, Taubman College
Funding Level: \$20,000.
12th Annual R&D Citation from *Architect* magazine.

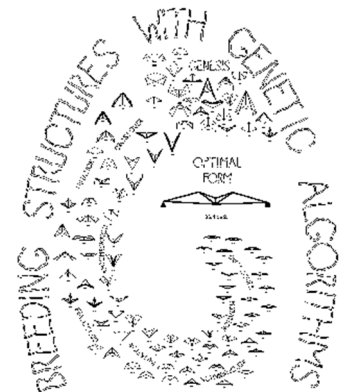


Development of ParaGen, a parametric design tool using genetic algorithms for performance based form exploration.

2009-2010 Principal Investigator
Professional Development Award, Taubman College
Funding Level: \$5,000.

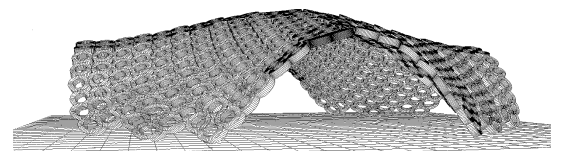
Intelligent Genetic Design Tools (IGDT) Applied to the Exploration of Architectural Trussed Structural Systems

1995 Principal Investigator
Professional Development Award, University of
Tennessee
Funding Level: \$15,000.



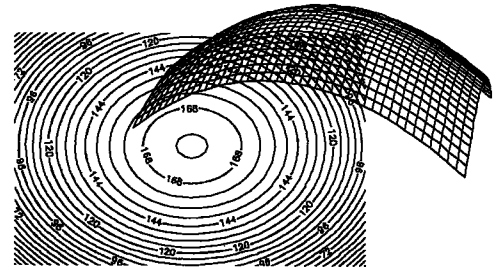
The Feasibility of Shells Made with Recycled Tires

1993-1994 Principal Investigator
Professional Development Award, University of
Tennessee and The Ronald McNair Program
Funding Level: \$4,900.



Full Scale Construction and Structural Testing of a Wooden Grid Shell

1983-1984 Principal Investigator
The University of Tennessee School of Architecture
Funding Level: all materials and equipment.

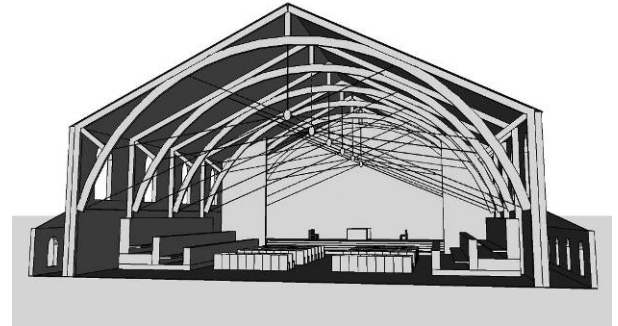


Professional Work

Design Projects

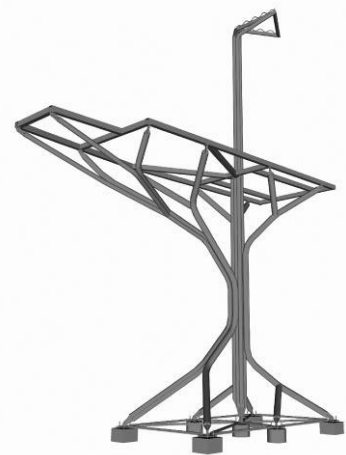
Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Chapel
Irondale, Alabama

Date: 2007
Engineer: Peter von Buelow
Responsibility: Structural concept exploration,
design analysis and 3D modeling



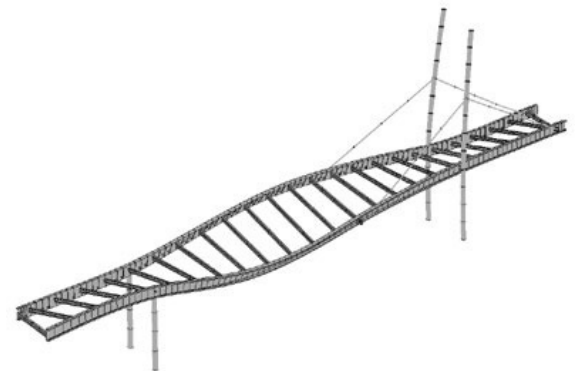
Craig Van Laanen Memorial Tree House
and Woodland Retreat **in Mayville, Michigan**

Date: 2002-04
Architect: Kristine Synnes
Engineer: Peter von Buelow
Responsibility: Structural concept, design,
analysis and detailing. 3D modeling of
steel tree and structural drawings.



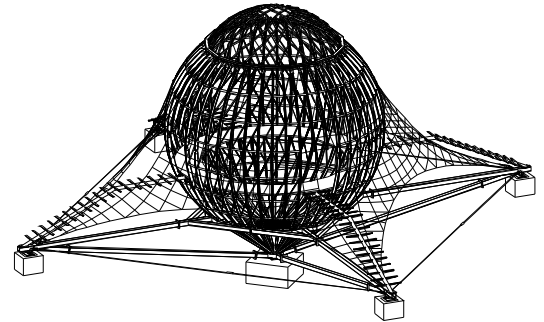
Petritor Pedestrian Bridge
Braunschweig, Germany

Date: 2001
Architect: Schultiz + Partner Architekten
BDA
Engineer: Dr.-Ing. Mathias Kutterer,
RFR - Stuttgart, Germany
Responsibility: Structural analysis and detailing.
3D modeling and development.



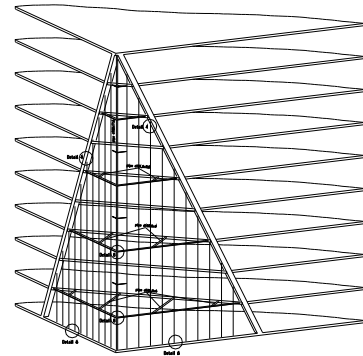
**"Eyeball", an Art Installation for
Expo 2000, Hannover**

Date: 1999-2000
 Artists: Carsten Höller and Rosemarie Trockel
 Contractor: Werner Lorke, Arge iO
 Architect: Jörg Esefeld, SCALA
 Consultant: Jürgen Hennicke, Stuttgart
 Engineer: Dr.-Ing. Switbert Greiner, Oberaichen, Germany
 Responsibility: Structural detailing, geometric development and 3D modeling for rapid prototyping, checking of shop drawings.
 Deutscher Verzinkerpreis 2001 Honorable Mention



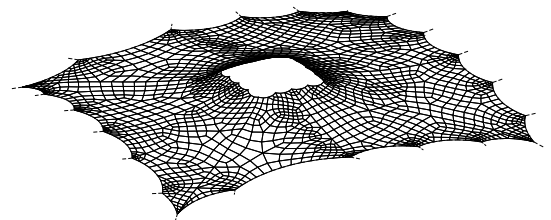
Shanghai 21st Century Tower - Sky Gardens

Date: 1999
 Architect: Murphy / Jahn, Chicago
 Eng. Cont.: Werner Sobek, Engineers, Stuttgart, Germany
 Engineer: Dr.-Ing. Switbert Greiner, Oberaichen, Germany
 Responsibility: Development of load patterns from windtunnel tests for FEA analysis. Checking of steel detailing and engineering drawings.



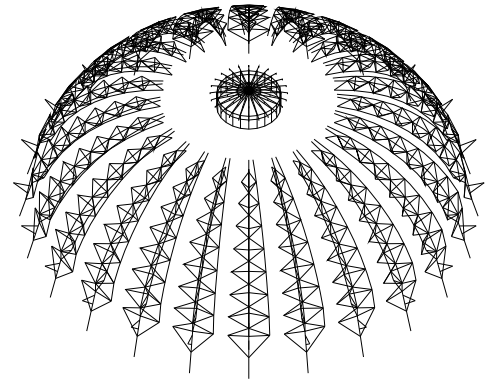
Textile Courtyard Coverings at Oberbaum City in Berlin

Date: 1998-1999
 Eng. Cont.: Leonhardt, Andrä + Partners, Berlin Affiliate
 Engineer: Dr.-Ing. Switbert Greiner, Oberaichen, Germany
 Responsibility: Detailing design of the fasteners, development of cutting pattern, production of all construction drawings.



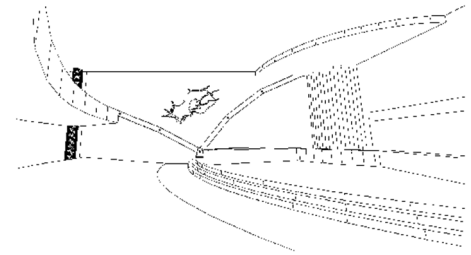
Masjid Wilayah Mosque in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: 1997-1998
Architect: Specialty and Lightweight
Construction (SL-Rasch)
Leinfelden-Echterdingen,
Germany
Engineer: Dr.-Ing. Switbert Greiner
Oberaichen, Germany
Responsibility: Detailing design of the steel structure.
Overseeing production of
construction drawings.



Knoxville, Knox County and the Bridge

Date: 1989
Architect: Morna Livingston
Engineer: Peter von Buelow
Sponsor: City of Knoxville
Responsibility: Design, analysis and erection.



Teaching

Award

2011 Donna M. Salzer Award for Teaching Excellence

Dissertation Committees

2024	Alireza Fazel	co-chair	
2024	Budianastas Prastyatama	chair	
2024	Stephanie Bunt	committee member	(diss. at Penn. State)
2021	Deok-Oh Woo	committee member	
2020	Omid Torghabehi	chair	
2019	Anahita Khodadadi	chair	
2019	Azadeh Omidfar	committee member	
2018	Niloufar Emami	co-chair	
2017	Ha Nguyen	committee member	
2016	Nuri Bae	committee member	
2016	Jong-Jin Park	committee member	(diss. at Univ. of Melbourne)
2016	Rudai Shan	committee member	
2014	Michela Turrin	committee member	(diss. at TU Delft)
2014	Sung Kwon Jung	committee member	
2013	Joost van de Koppel	committee member	(thesis at TU Eindhoven)
2013	Stan van Dijck	committee member	(thesis at TU Eindhoven)
2012	Aysu Berk	co-chair	
2012	Sentagi Utami	committee member	

At the University of Michigan (2001 – present):

Structures Courses

ARCH 314	Structures I (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 324	Structures II (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 504	Masonry Structures (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 544	Wood Structures (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 514	Frame Structures (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 527	Integrative Systems (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 534	Reinforced Concrete Structures (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 739	Independent Research (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 810	Tutorial Studies (1 credit hrs.)
ARCH 819	Supervised Research (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 825	Area Seminar: Building Technology (3 credit hrs.)
ARCH 839	Research Practicum (4 credit hrs.)
ARCH 990	Dissertation Precandidate
ARCH 995	Dissertation Candidate (8 credit hrs.)

At the University of Tennessee (1983 – 1995):

Structures Courses

ARC 232	Introduction to Architectural Technology (3 credit hrs.)
ARC 331/332	Architectural Structures I/II (4 credit hrs.)
ARC 334	Advanced Architectural Structures (3 credit hrs.)
ARC 431	Structural and Mechanical Applications (4 credit hrs.)

Computer Utilization

ARC 231	Computer Applications in Design I (3 credit hrs.)
ARC 432	Computer Applications in Design II (3 credit hrs.)

Design

ARC 101/102	Introduction to the Built Environment (3 credit hrs.); Visual Design (2 credit hrs.)
ARC 121/122	Drawing and Perception / Abstraction (2 credit hrs.)
ARC 171/172	Design Fundamentals I/II (4 credit hrs.)
ARC 489	Structural Innovations Studio (6 credit hrs.)

Service

University Service

2025-2021	Laboratory and Research Safety Committee (LRSC)
2021	Interviewed candidate for Asst. Prof. in CEE
2016-2019	Grievance Committee
2016, 17, 23	Rackham Graduate Exercises - Marshal
2014	Provost's Task Team on Engaged Education and Digital Learning
2011-2014	Faculty Senate Assembly member
2010-2014	University Rules Committee
2011-2014	UMOR grant reviewer (OVPR)
2007-2009	Faculty Senate Assembly member

College Service

2024, 21-19,15	Promotion and Tenure Committee
2018	Reappointment Review Committee
2018	Opportunity Hire Committee
2018	Post Doc Fellowship Committee
2014, 09	Tenure (interim) Review Committee
2013, 10	Architecture Chair Search Committee
2013, 09	Architecture Faculty Search Committee

Program Service

2025-08	Ph.D. Admissions Committee
2023,22-20,18	EPC
2021–20, 2014-13,2007–05	Ph.D. Advisory Committee (area representative for technology)
2025-24 22-02	Admissions Committee
2018, 13	LEO Faculty Review Committee
2012	Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee
2012	Physics Requirement Review Committee

Academic Service

Tenure/Promotion Reviews

2024	Rice University - External Reviewer
2024	The Pennsylvania State University
2023	University of Washington - External Reviewer
2023	City College of New York - External Reviewer
2023	National University of Singapore - External Reviewer
2022	Syracuse University - External Reviewer
2021	Georgia Institute of Technology - External Reviewer
2020	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - External Reviewer
2018	University of Southern California - External Reviewer
2018	Kent State University - External Reviewer
2017	University of Virginia - External Reviewer
2016	University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign - External Reviewer
2016	KU Leuven, Review of senior research professor (senior BOFZAP) - External Reviewer
2013	Syracuse University. Architecture Faculty - External Reviewer
2013	Washington State Univ. Architecture Faculty - External Reviewer

Conference Session Chair / Paper Reviews

2025-13,08	<i>International Assoc. of Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS)</i> - Reviewer / Session Chair
2025-16	Hangai Prize Committee (IASS)
2024-13	Simulation for Architecture and Urban Design (SimAUD). – Reviewer
2023	CAAD Futurers, Delft - Reviewer
2016,14	Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA). – Reviewer
2016	IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation - Reviewer
2015,13,11	Design Modelling Symposium - Reviewer
2006	<i>Intelligent System Design and Applications</i> – Reviewer

Academic Service (cont.)

Journal / Book / Research Grant Reviews

2025, 22	International Journal of Architectural Computing – Reviewer
2025	Simulation for Architecture and Urban Design (SimAUD)
2025, 23,18,16,15,13	Automation in Construction - Reviewer
2024	Structures - Reviewer
2020,18	Journal of Building Engineering - Reviewer
2021,17,14	Engineering Structures Journal. Elsevier - Reviewer
2019	Artificial Intelligence for Eng. Design, Analysis and Manufacturing (AIEDAM) - Reviewer
2018	Journal of Computational Design and Engineering – Reviewer
2018	Journal of Brazilian Society of Mechanical Sciences and Engineering. – Reviewer
2018	Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) – Proposal Review / Referee
2018-10	Built. Int'l J. of Building, Urban, Interior and Landscape Tech. Editorial Board
2018	Computer-Aided Design and Applications - Reviewer
2017,16,11	Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Proposal Review / Referee
2016	Frontiers in Robotics and AI - Reviewer
2016	Construction & Building Materials, Elsevier – Reviewer
2016,15,13,12	International Journal of Space Structures, Multi-Science Publ. - Reviewer
2015	Evolutionary Computation Journal - Review
2015	Applied Energy Journal - Review
2015	Artificial Intelligence for Eng. Design, Analysis and Manufacturing - Reviewer
2015	Oxford Press – Book Review
2015, 14	KU Leuven, Research Council Grant Review
2014	Journal of Cultural Heritage. Elsevier - Reviewer
2013	Buildings. MDPI Publishing. - Journal Paper Reviewer
2012	Building Structures Illustrated, John Wiley & Sons Publishers - Book Review
2012	Spatial Structures, Laurence King Publishing - Book Review
2011	Journal of Architectural Education - Reviewer

Pro Bono

2025, 18	Structural inspection / repair of steeple and attic platforms, St Joseph Oratory – built 1855
2024	Student Design for a Communal Carbon Capture Kiosk - Consultant
2021	Structural analysis and code compliance for balcony rail of Old St. Patrick – built 1877
2021	Structural analysis for chimney swift shelters in Detroit
2019	Consulting with Constance Bodurow for TechTown Detroit, StartStudio
2017	Dynamic structural inspection / repair of bell carriage St Joseph Oratory – built 1855
2016	Structural inspection of rectory basement, St Joseph Oratory – built 1855, Detroit, MI
2013	Structural inspection of the steeple, St Josaphat's Church – built 1889, Detroit, MI
2013	Entrance re-design for ADA criteria, St Patrick's Church – built 1878, MI
2012	Structural inspection of foundation, St Josaphat's Church – built 1889, Detroit, MI
2011	Optimization analysis of natural lighting for below grade space for Miles Christi
2006	Structural analysis of choir loft, St Josaphat's Church – built 1889, Detroit, MI
2005-06	Architectural Engineering consultant for Miles Christi monastery and retreat center
2005	Matthaei Botanical Garden, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Structural analysis, and recommendations for upgrade of 15,000 SF greenhouse
2002-04	Craig Van Laanen Memorial Tree House and Woodland Retreat, Mayville, Mich Structural design and analysis, fabrication shop drawings, construction supervision

Public Service

1984-Present	Member / officer of The Knights of Columbus
2004-2023	Committee member for Boy Scout Troop 447, Dexter, Michigan
2004	"Certificate of Appreciation" from the Univ. of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns, for work on the Trail's Edge Camp for handicapped children
2001-06	Taught a series of art, architecture and engineering classes in different public and private schools, K-12
2001-1997	Design consultation and help with erection of several frame supported fabric structures for the KPE - German scouting organization
1996-88	American Institute of Architects (AIA) sponsored Scout Explorer Post advisor and contact with the Tennessee School of Architecture