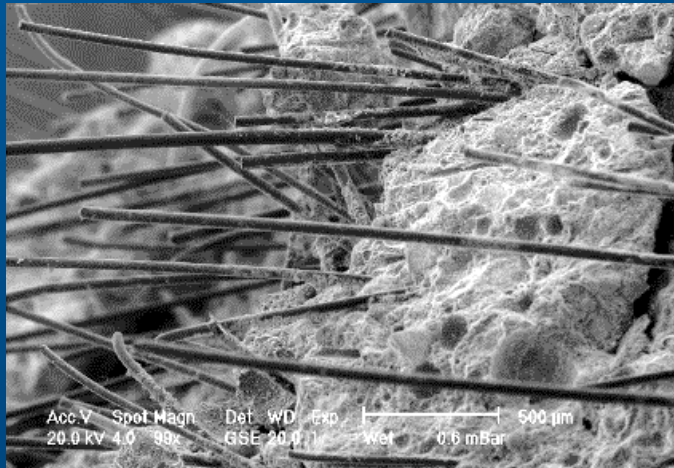


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Novel inorganic-bonded fiber composites and digital manufacturing technologies: A path to sustainable construction



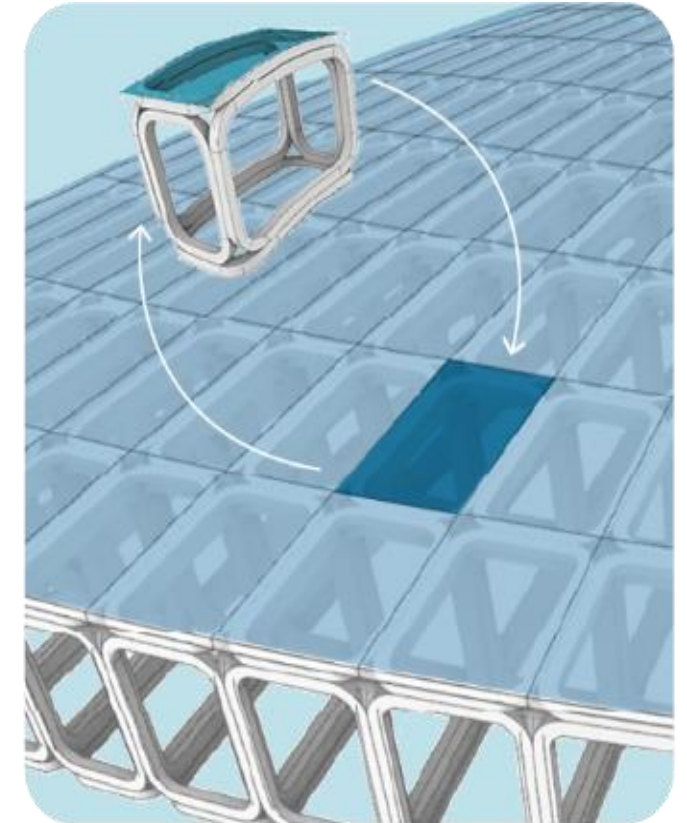
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Construction sector is responsible for

- 25% of climate-damaging greenhouse gases
- 40% of energy consumption
- 50% of material resources consumption

Toward Recourse-Efficient Structures

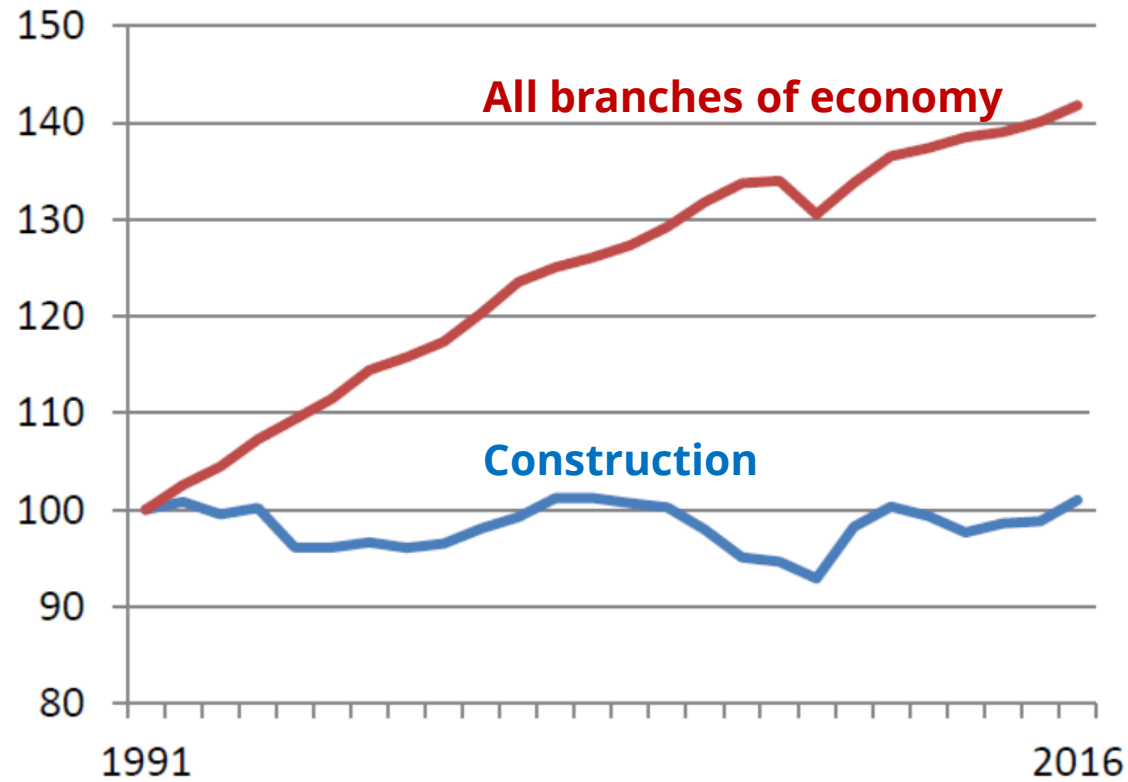
Structural Design



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Productivity and Scarcity of Skilled Labor

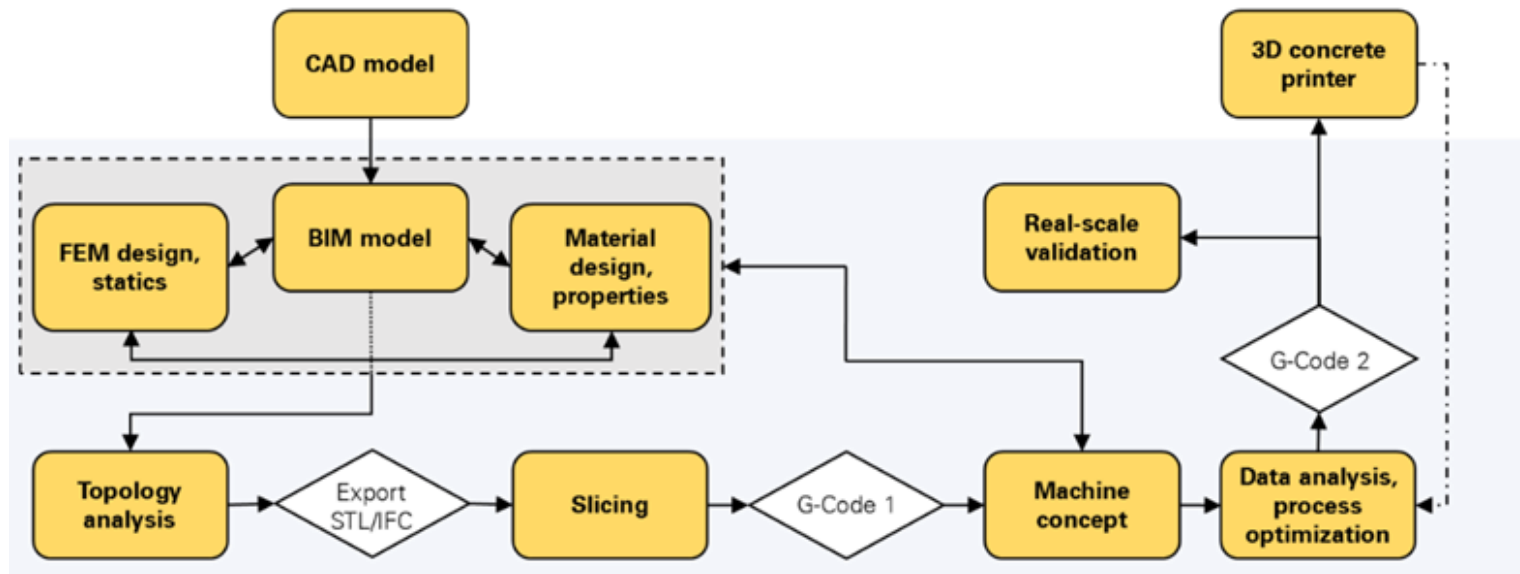
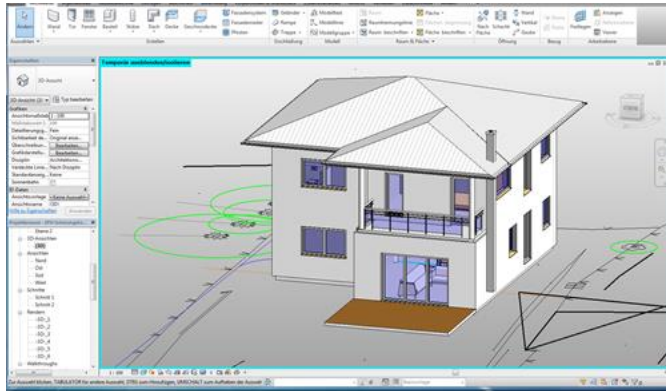
Productivity per labor hour



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Toward Digital Fabrication



Mechtcherine, Nerella, *Bautechnik* 95 (2018) 275-287

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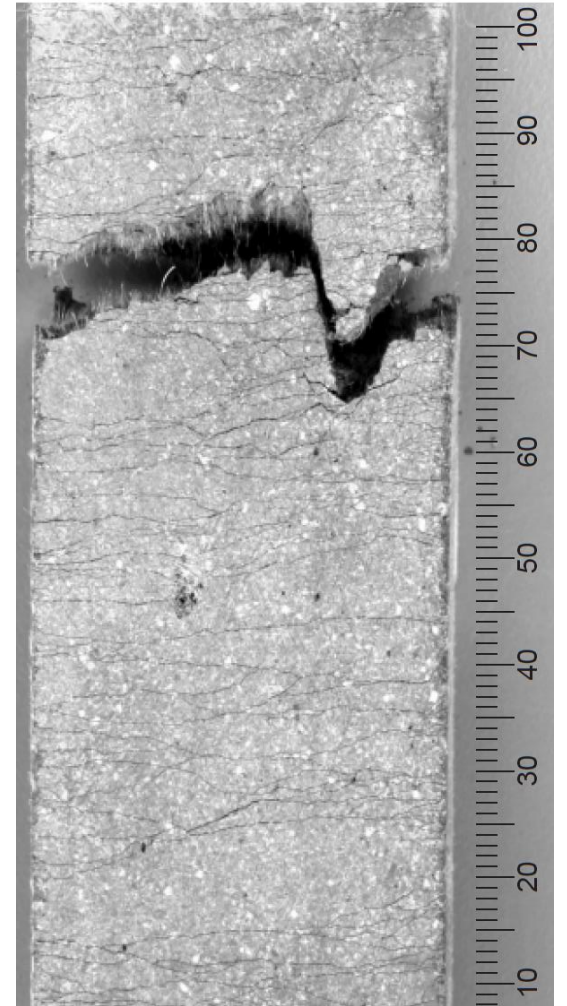
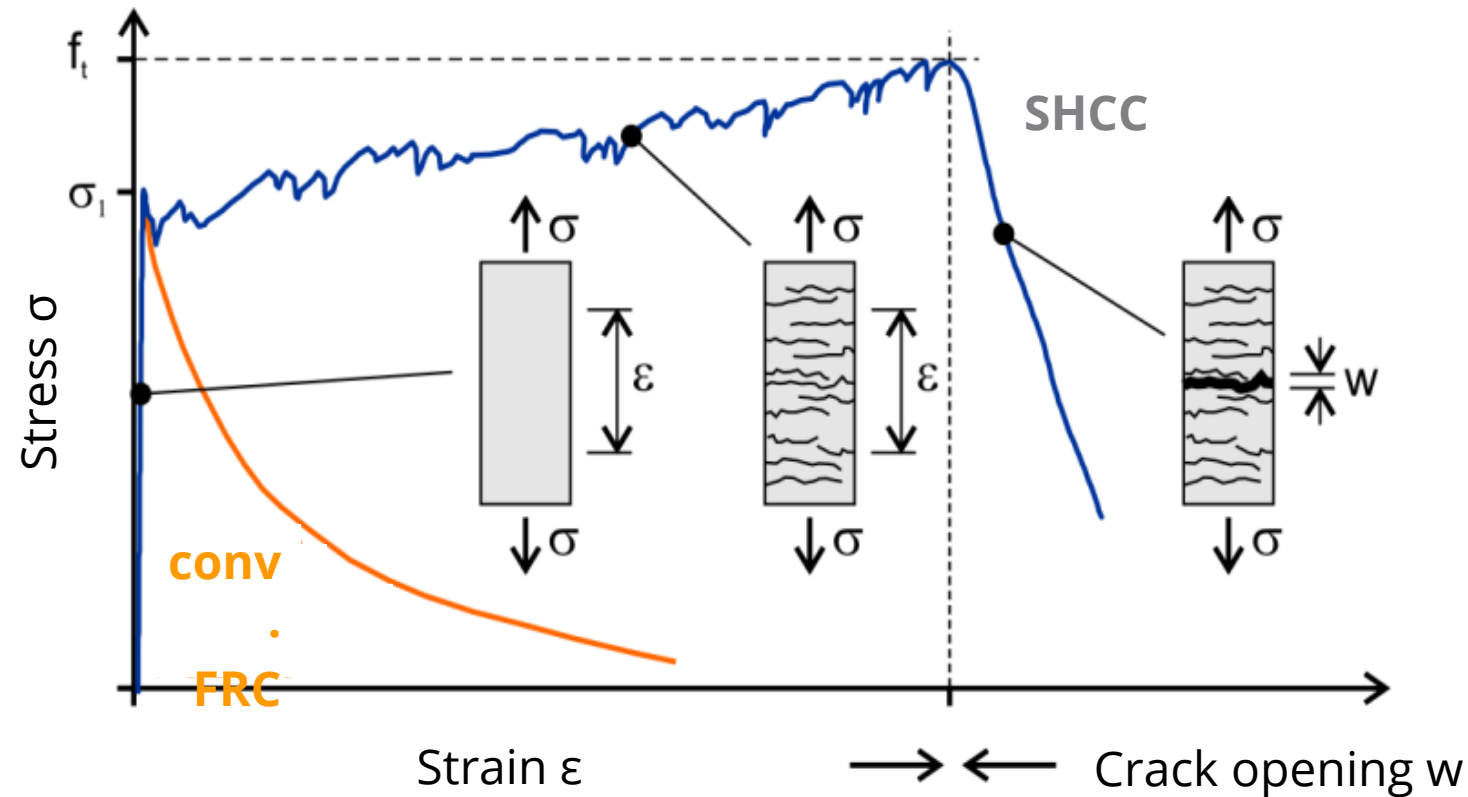
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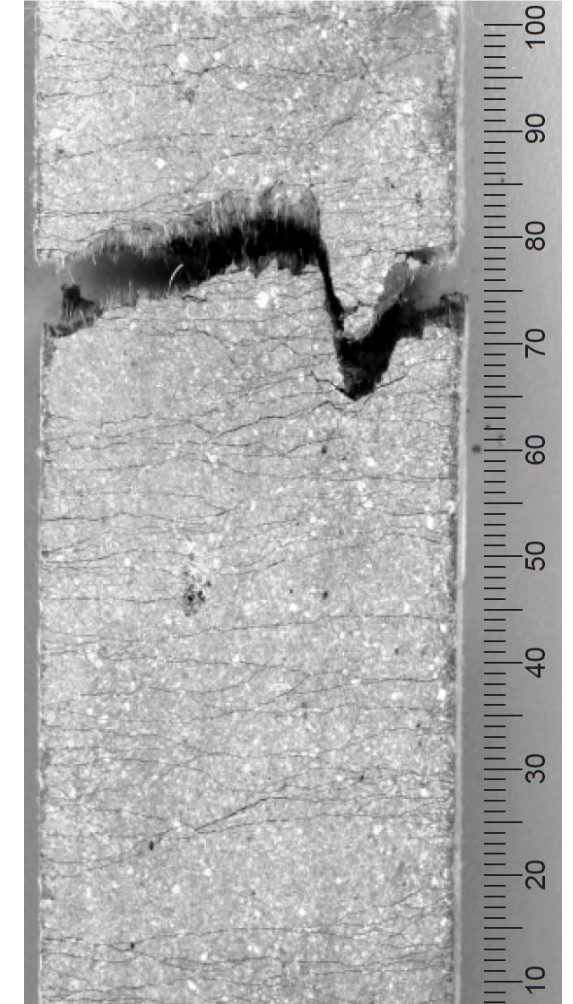
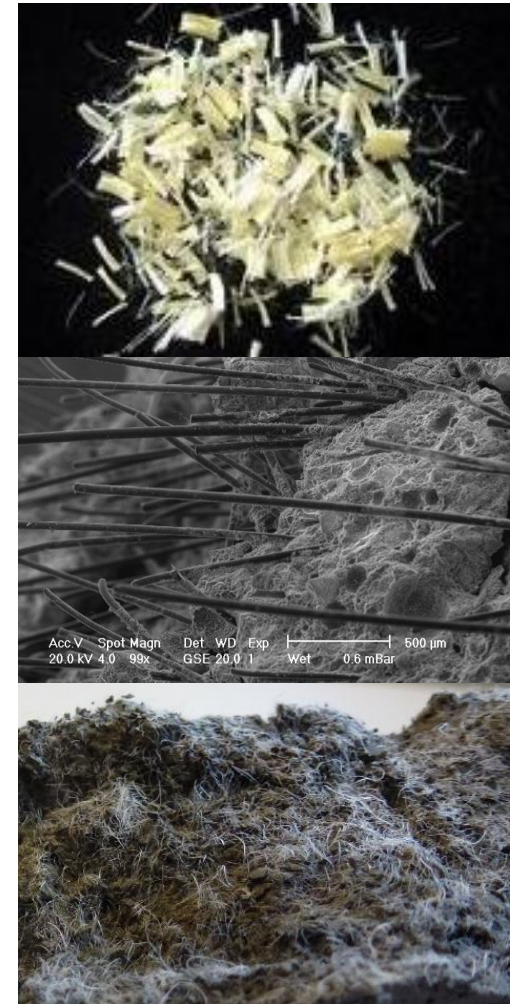
Novel Materials: Strain-hardening Cement-based Composite (SHCC)

Behavior under uniaxial tensile loading



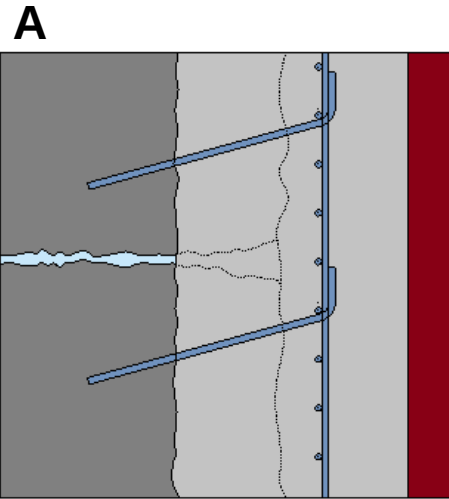
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Constituent	SHCC	LC3-SHCC
	[kg/m ³]	
Cement	505	599
Fly ash	621	-
Calcined clay	-	379
Limestone powder	-	190
Quartz sand 0.06/0.2	536	536
Water	338	359
Superplasticizer PCE	10	11
Stabilizer UWC	4	-
Fiber 12 mm	29 (PVA)	20 (HDPE)

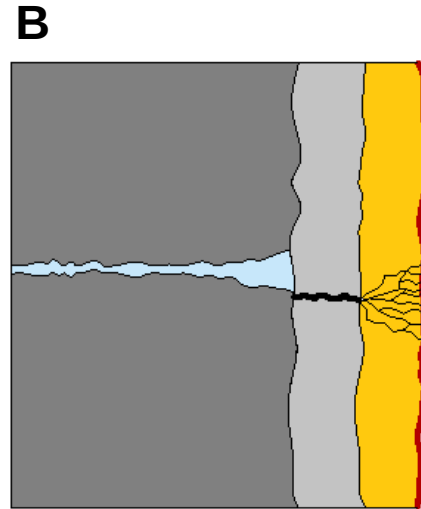


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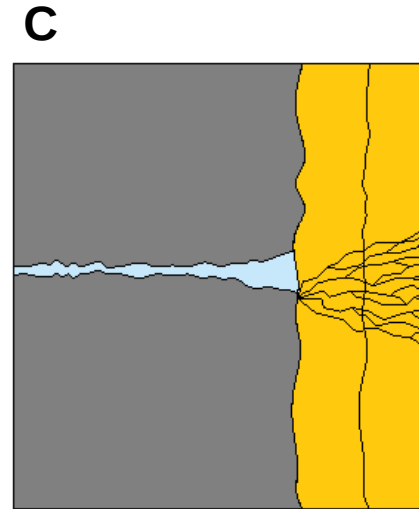
Use of SHCC for Rehabilitation of Concrete Structures



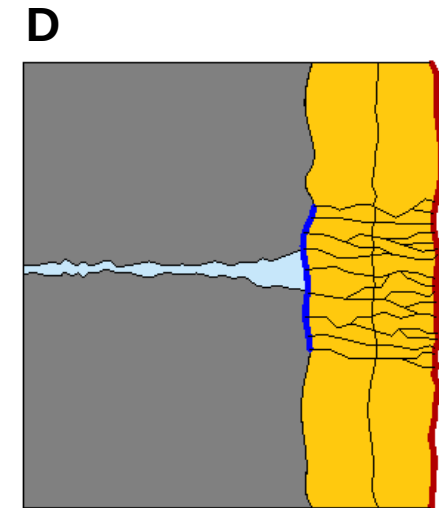
- steel reinforced concrete
- finishing layer



- 1 layer shotcrete
- 1 layer SHCC
- fine finish



- 2 layers SHCC
- fine finish



- local decoupling
- 2 layers SHCC
- fine finish

Müller, Mechtcherine, *ICCRRR 2018*, doi:10.1051/mateconf/201819909006

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Water storage power plant in Hohenwarte, Germany



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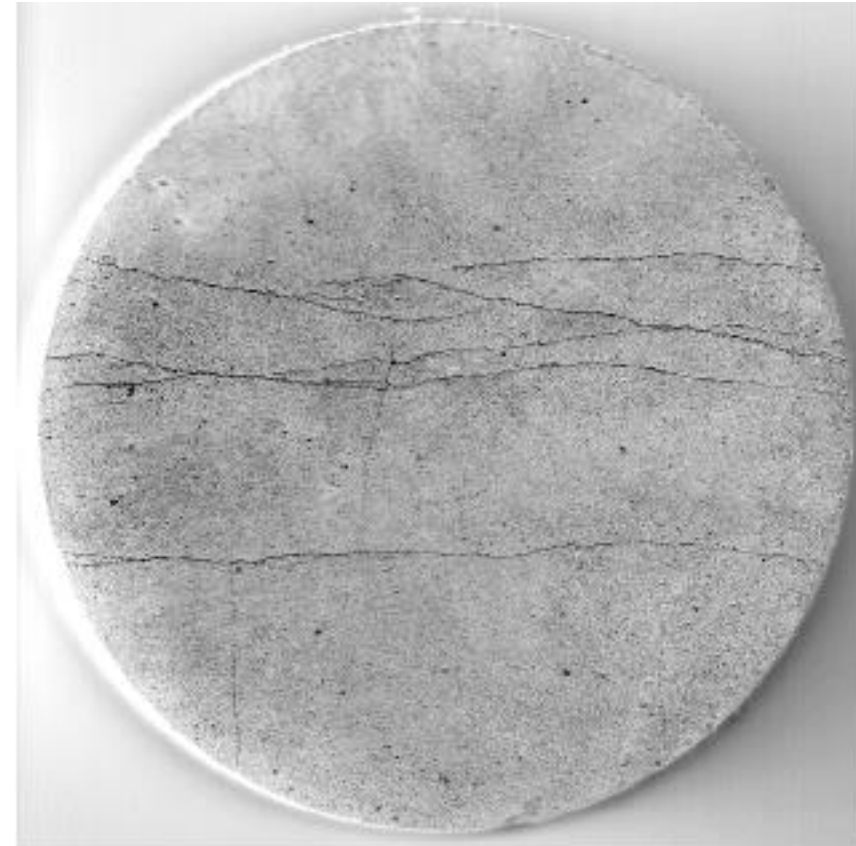


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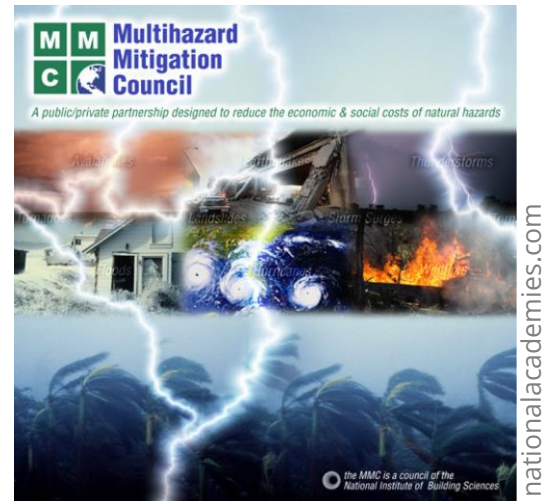
Crack in concrete substrate



Distributed fine cracks in SHCC

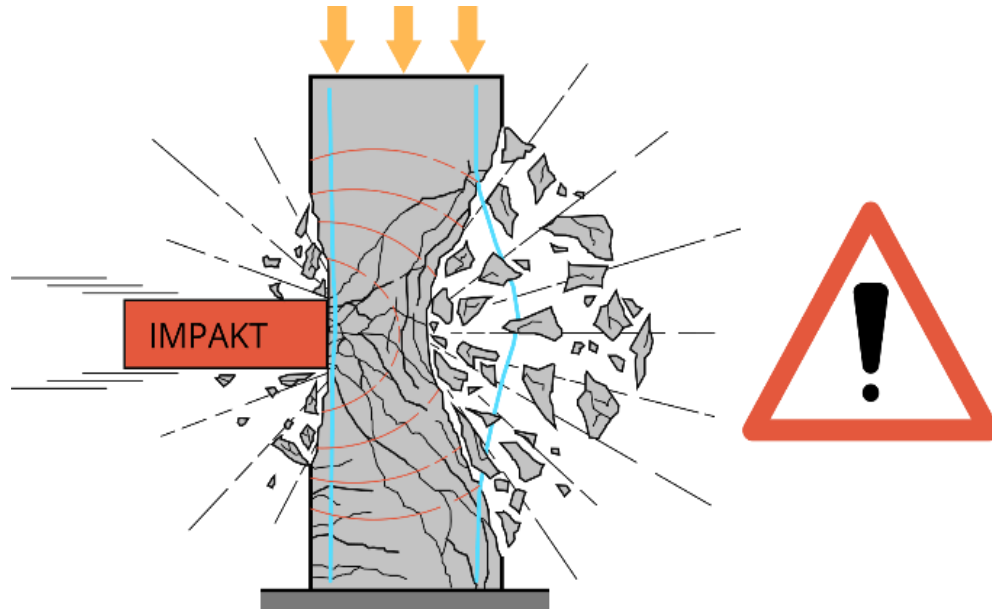
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Concrete Structures under Impact Loading

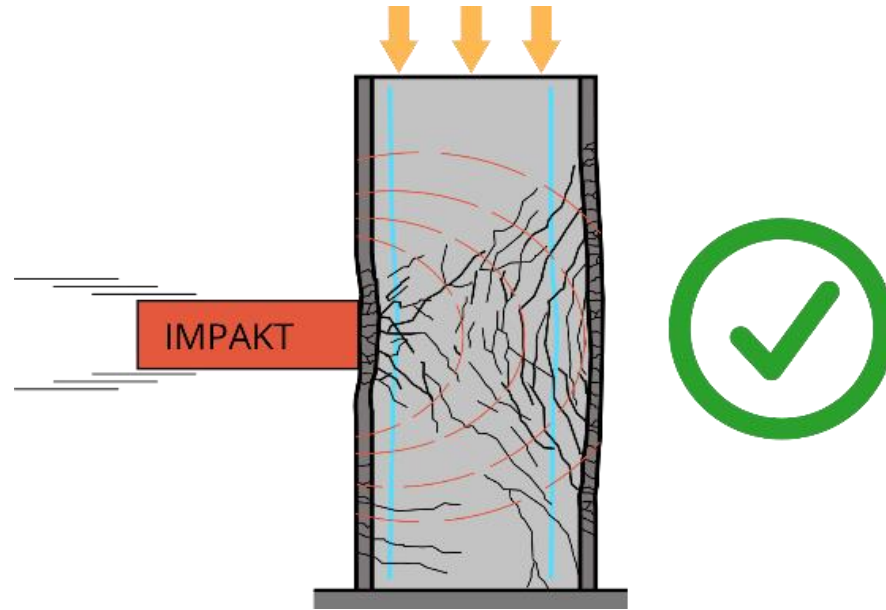


„A dollar spent on mitigation saves society an average of \$4.“

Strengthening of Concrete Structures Subject to Impact Loading

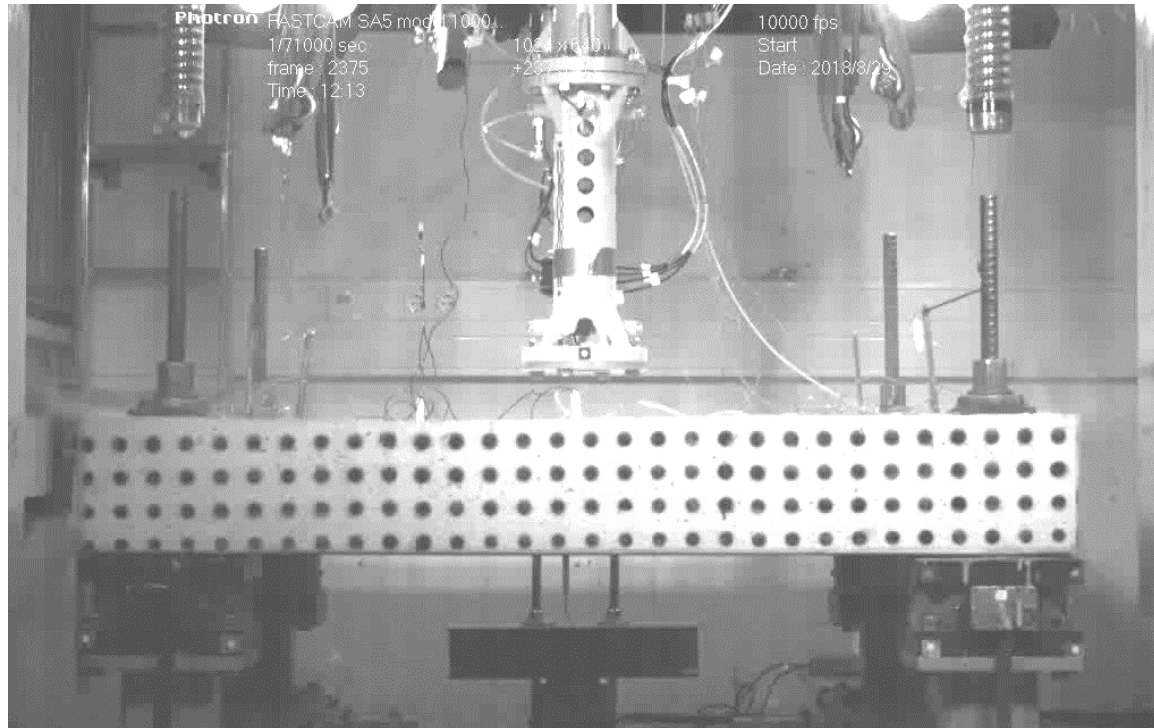


Steel reinforced concrete



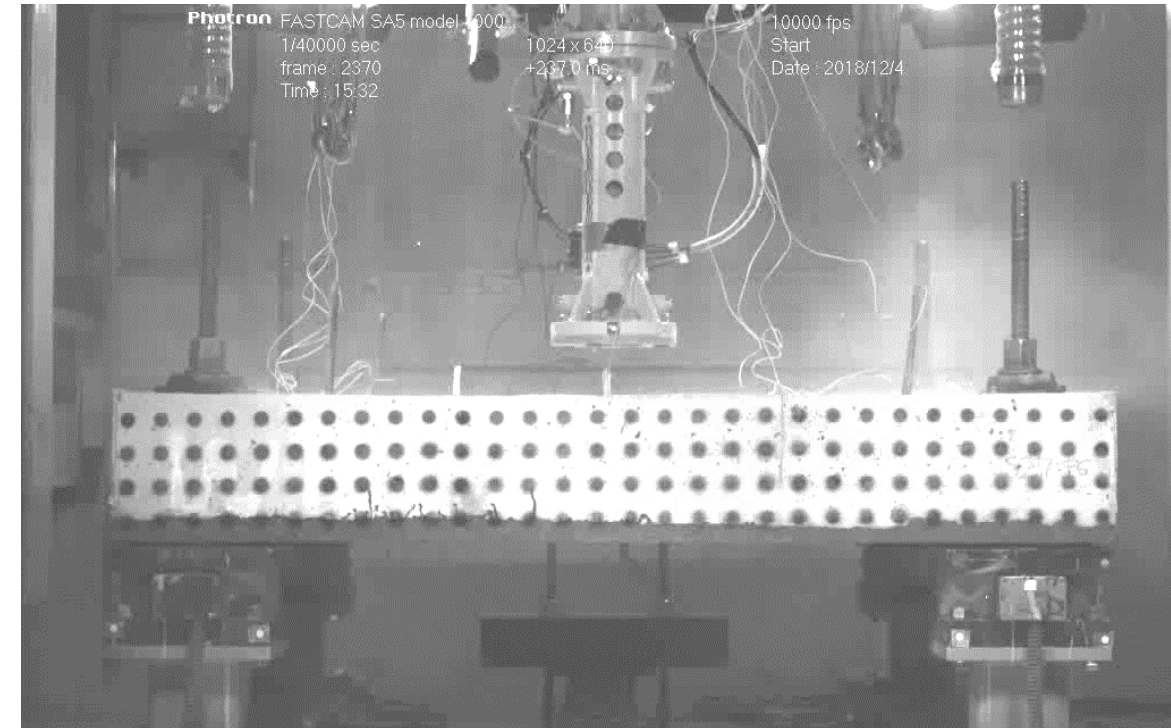
Strengthened with a mineral-based composite

Strengthening of Concrete Structures Subject to Impact Loading



PL122 53.9 m/s

without strengthening



PL128 54.1 m/s

with SHCC + carbon textile

Signorini, Bracklow, Hering, Butler, Leicht, Schubert, Beigh, Beckmann, Curbach, Mechtcherine: *Journal of Building Engineering* 80 (2023) 108037



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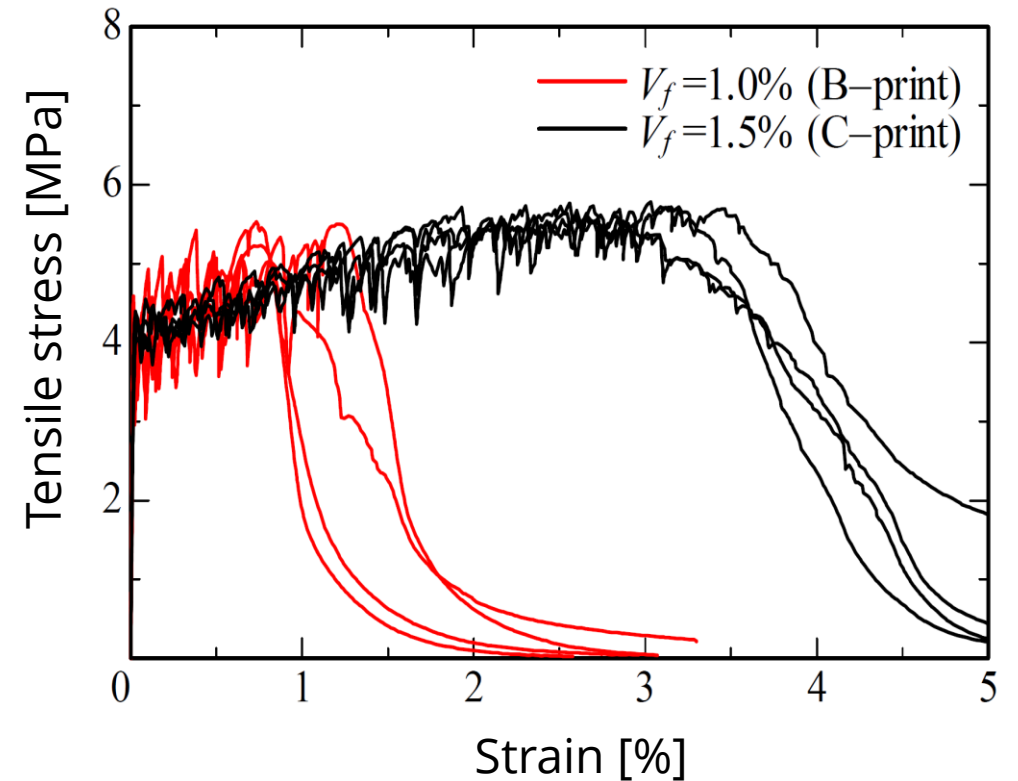


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3D Printing with Strain-hardening Cement-based Composite (SHCC)



Ogura, Nerella, Mechtcherine, *Materials* 11 (2018) 1375

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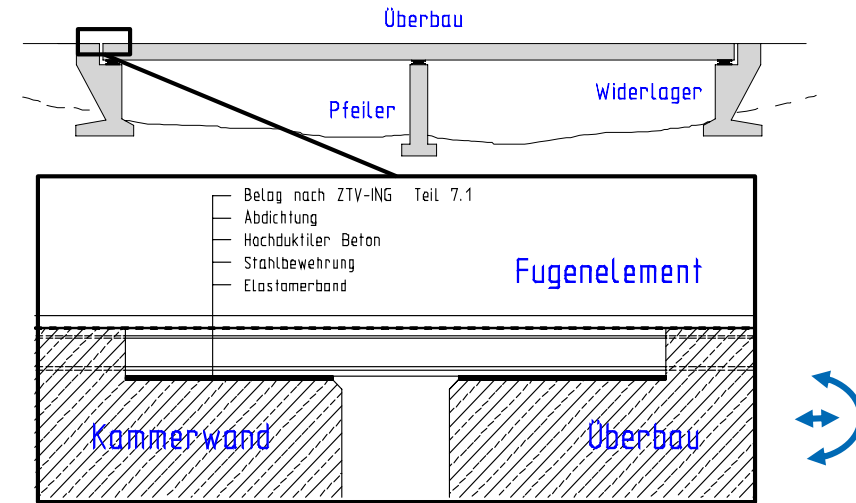
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SHCC: Further Application Examples



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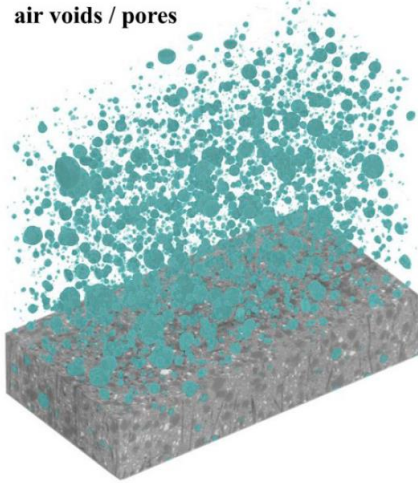


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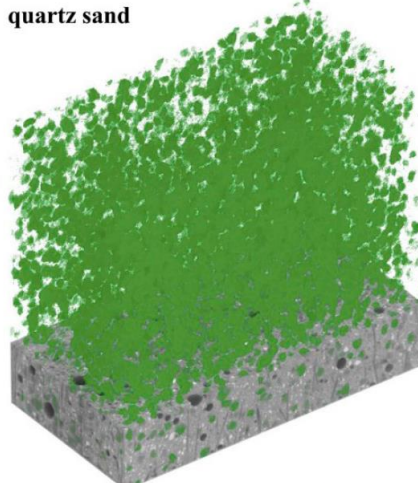
SHCC: Quantitative Analysis of the Composite's Microstructure

3D images of SHCC segmented by Deep Learning

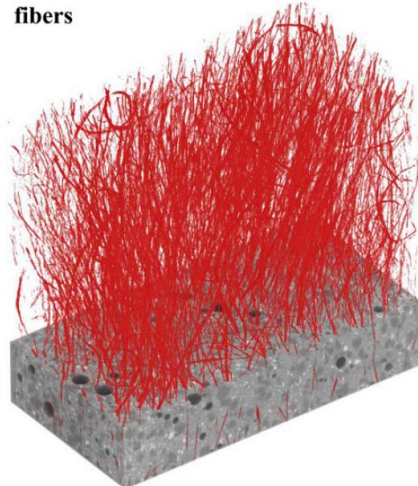
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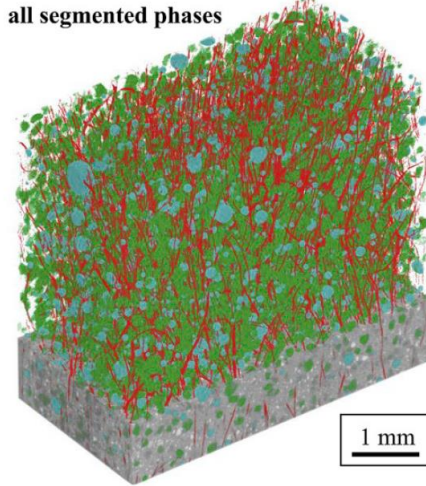
quartz sand



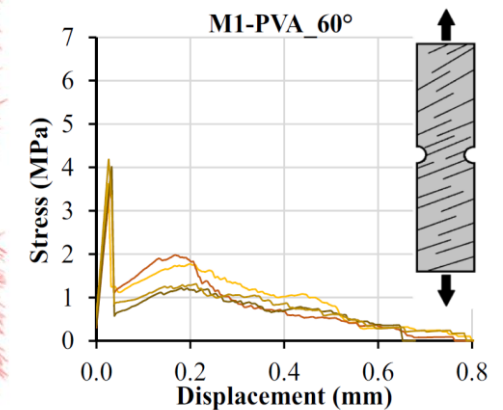
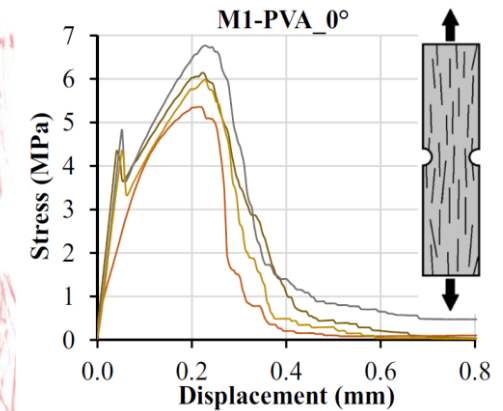
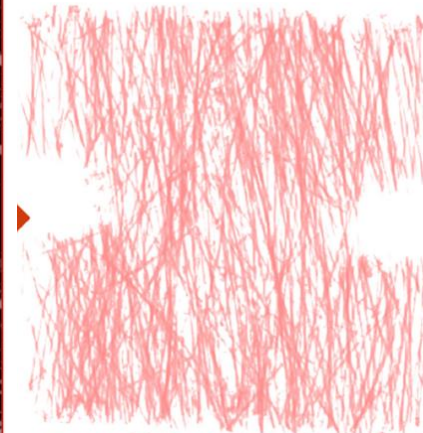
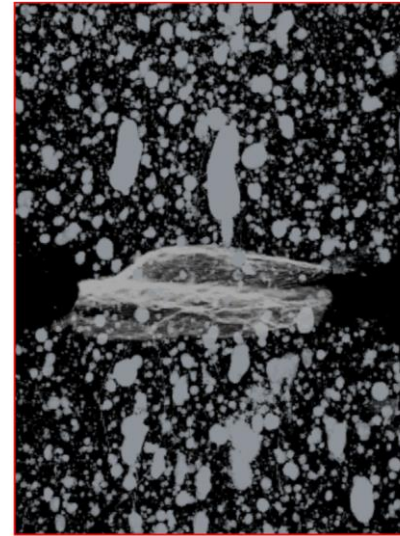
fibers



all segmented phases



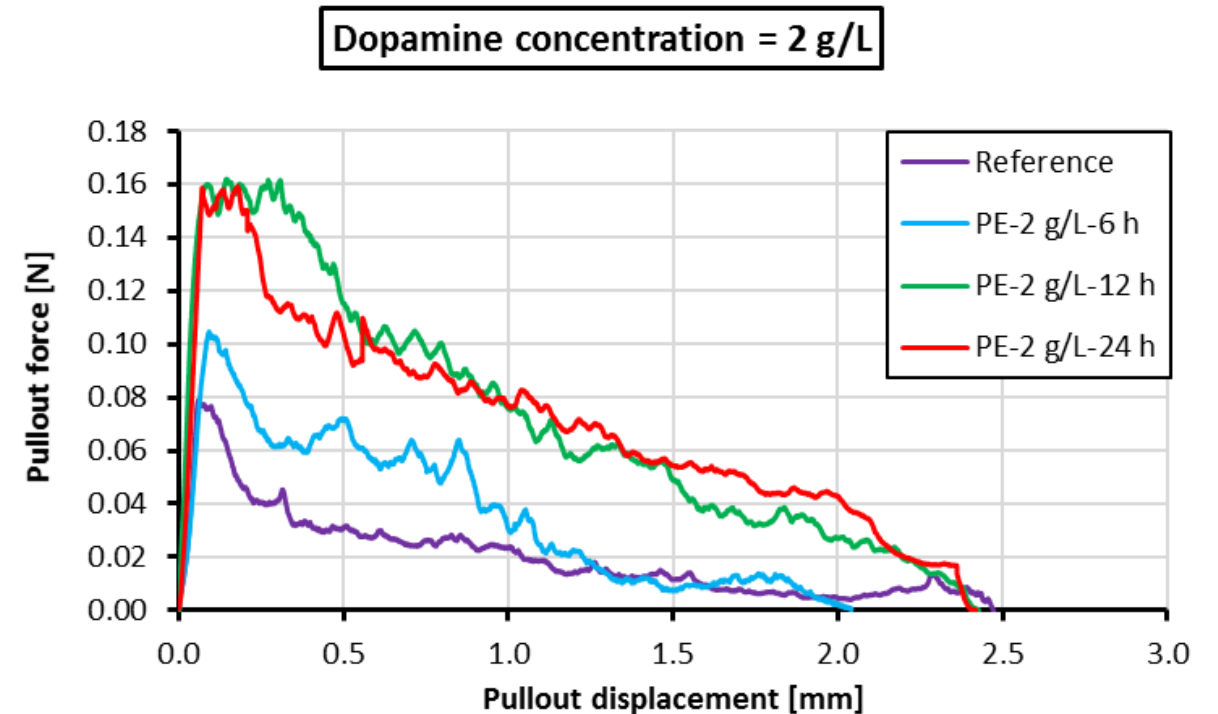
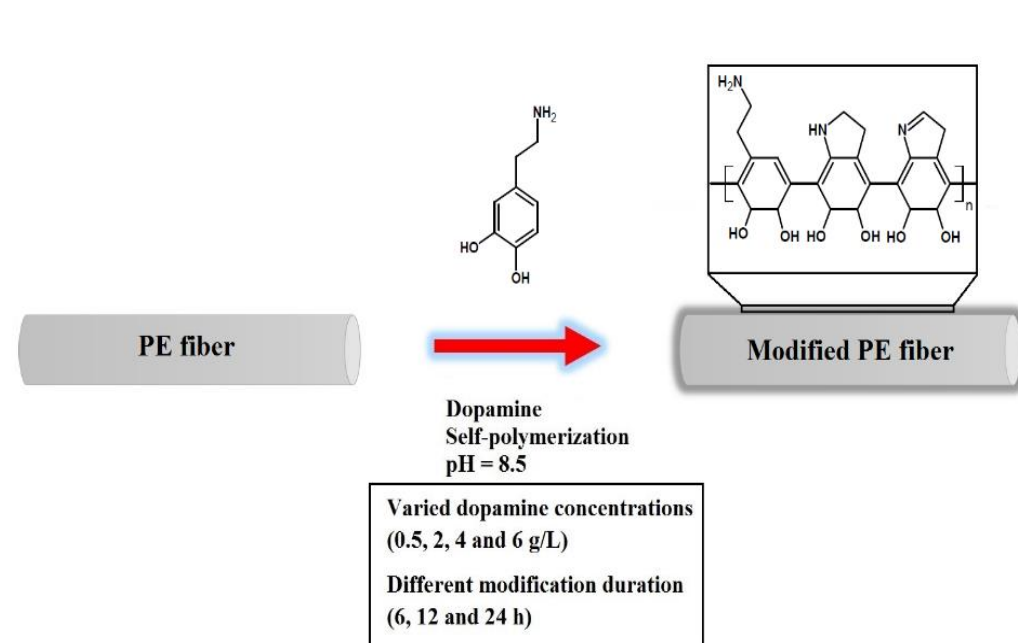
Segmented pores, cracks and fibers in SHCC under tensile load



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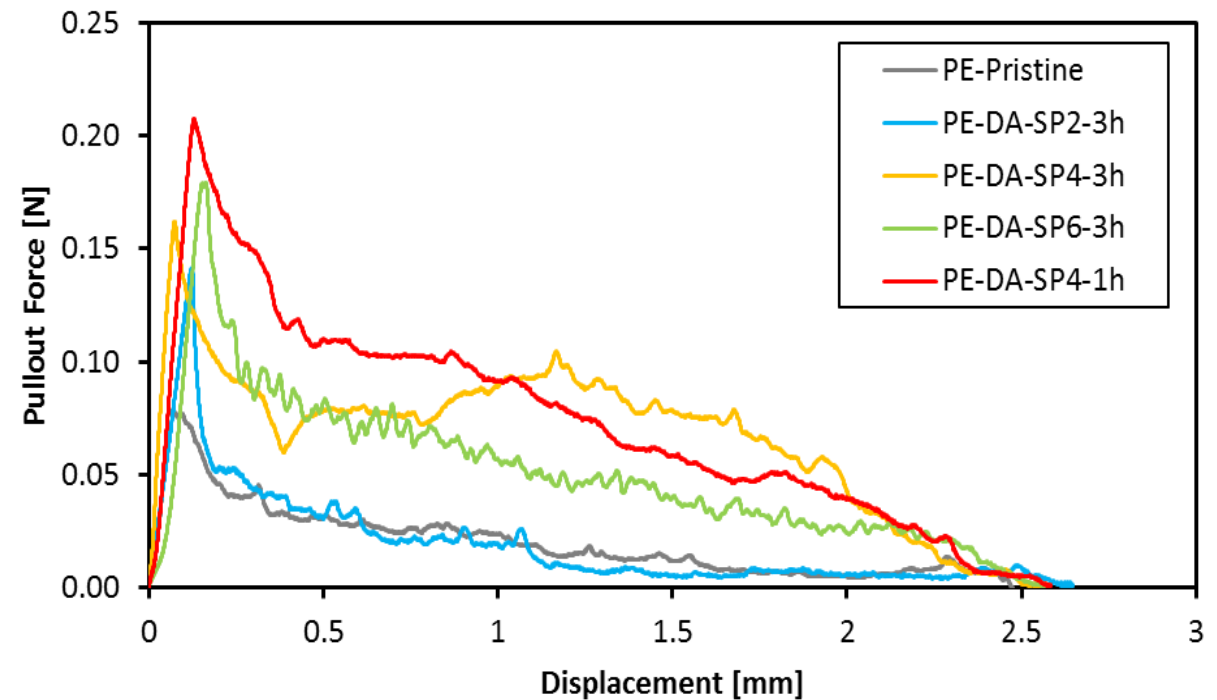
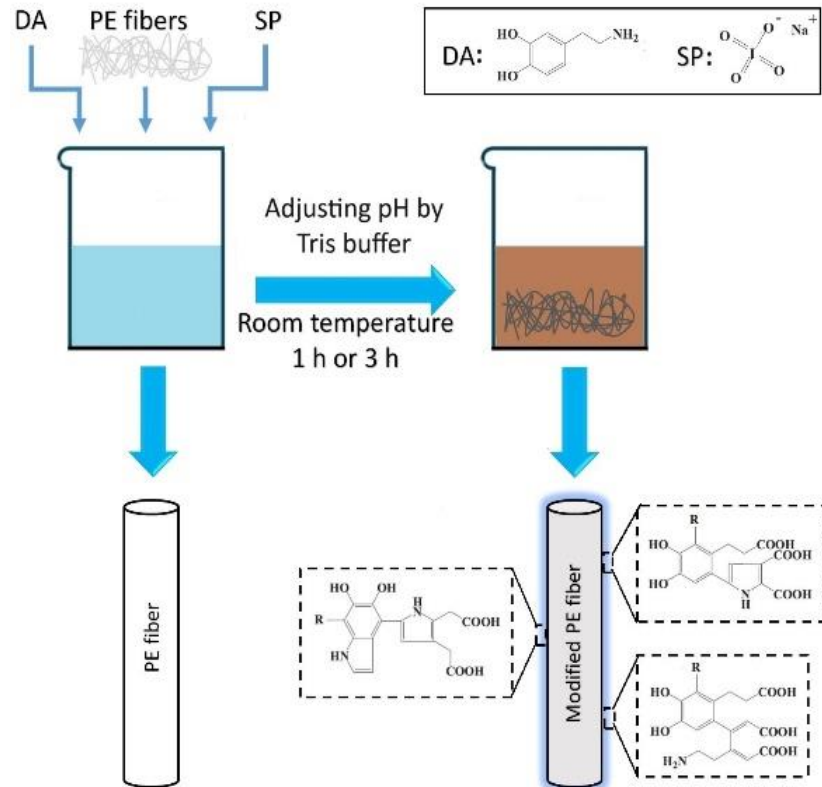
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SHCC: Bond Enhancement by Dopamine Modification



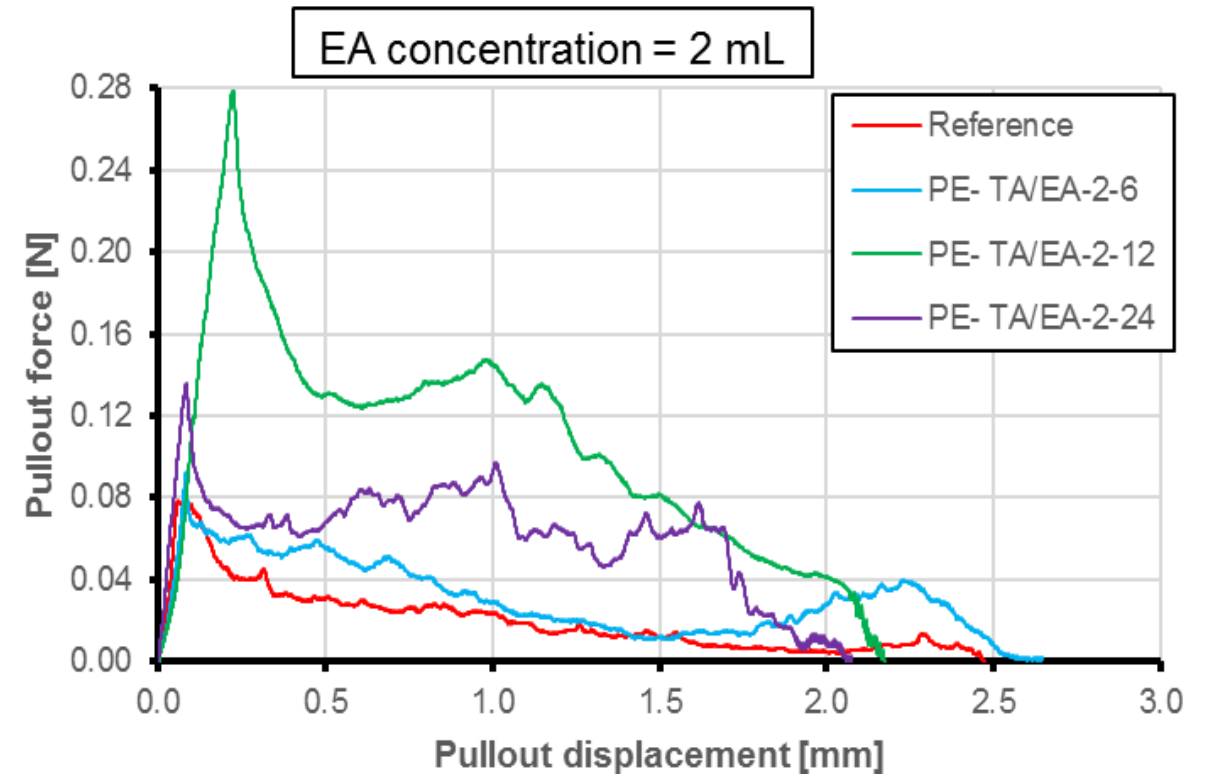
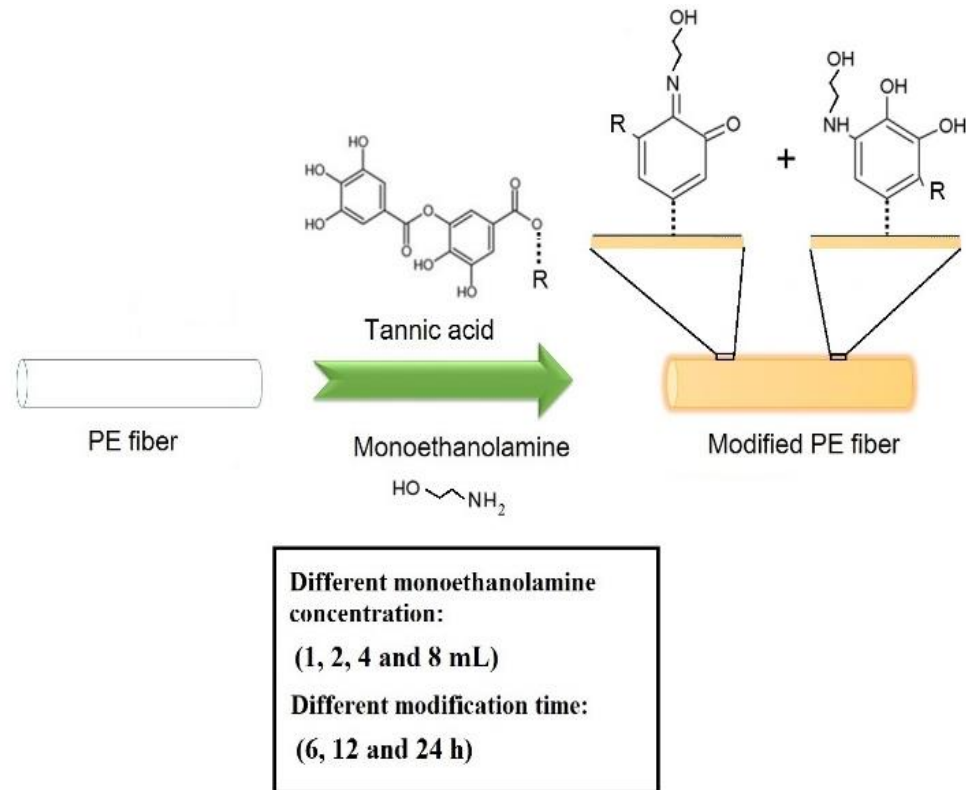
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SHCC: Bond Enhancement by Fast Dopamine Modification



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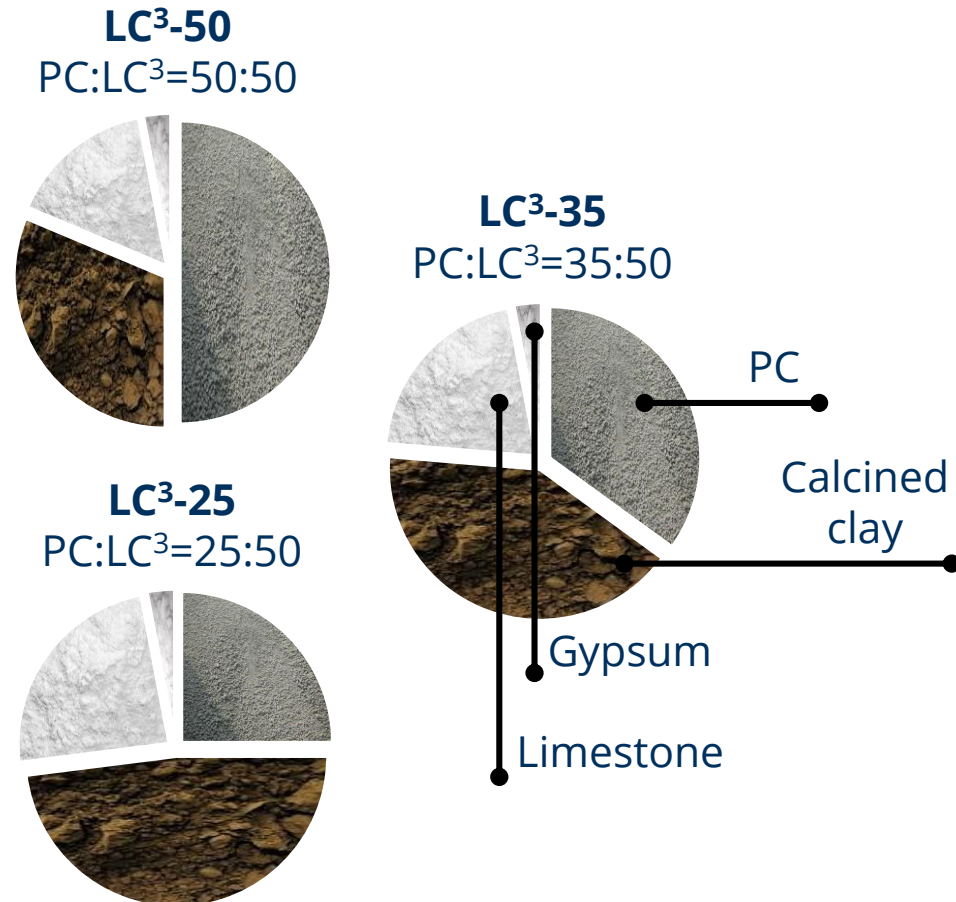
SHCC: Bond Enhancement by Tannic Acid Modification



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SHCC: Low-clinker, Low-cost Compositions

Low-clinker matrix



Low-cost and recyclable fibers

Polyethylene (PE)



Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

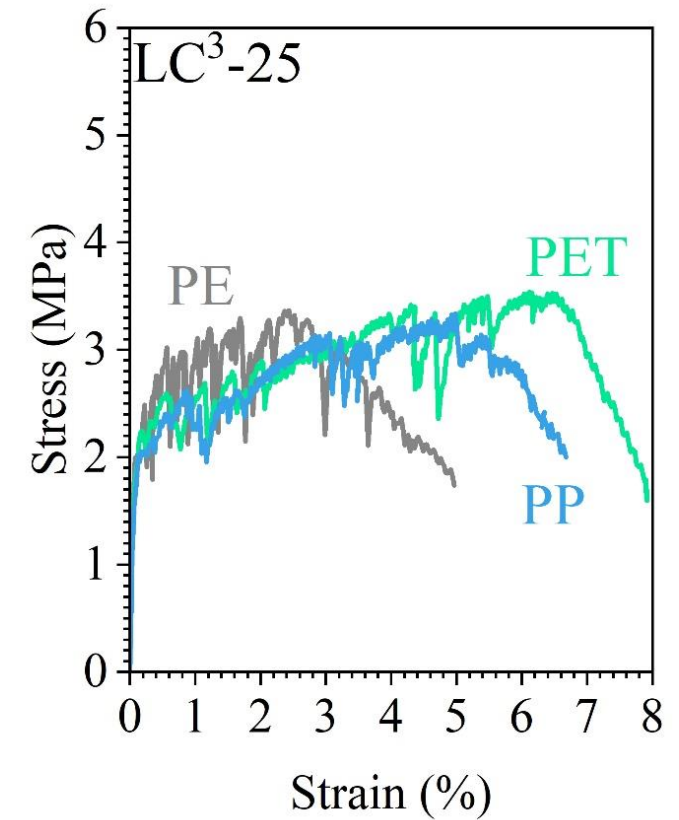
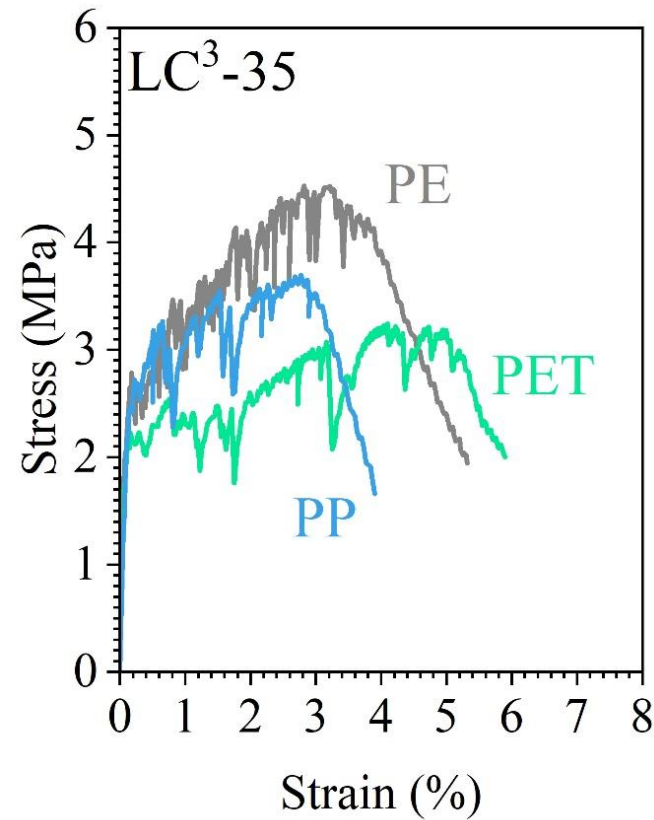
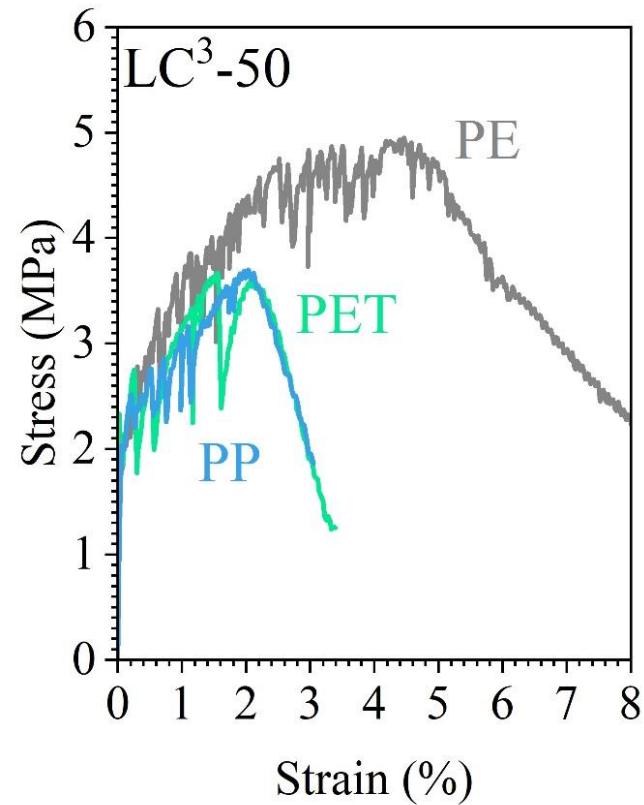


Polypropylene (PP)



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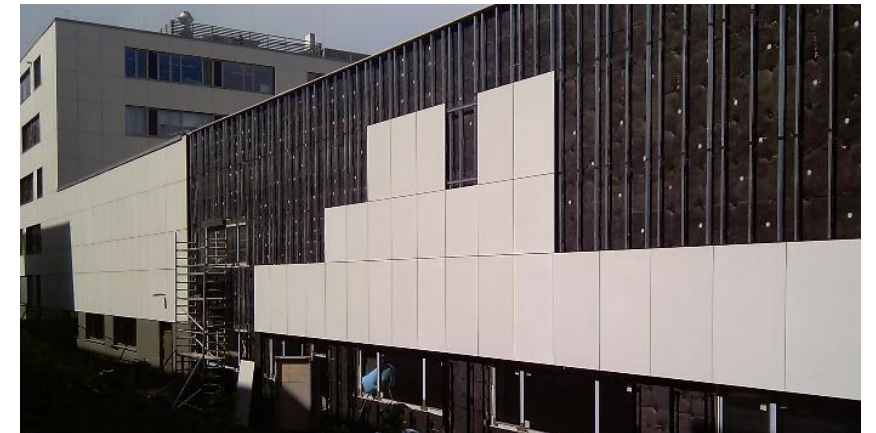


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Novel Materials: Use of Carbon Concrete Composites



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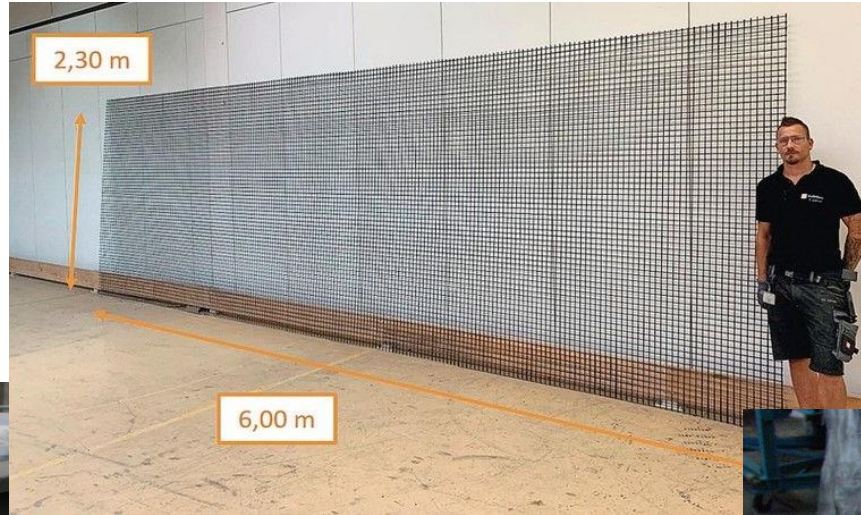


New construction

Carbon Concrete Composites: Stiffness of the Textile Reinforcement

Moderate stiffness

(e.g. impregnation with styrene butadiene rubber)



High stiffness

(e.g. impregnation with epoxy resin)

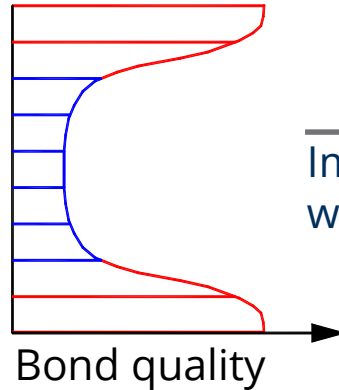
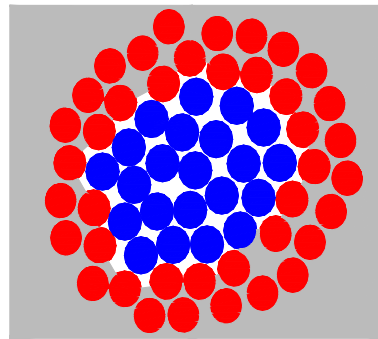


High flexibility

(no impregnation)
“The gift of water” by Jackie Brookner, NY

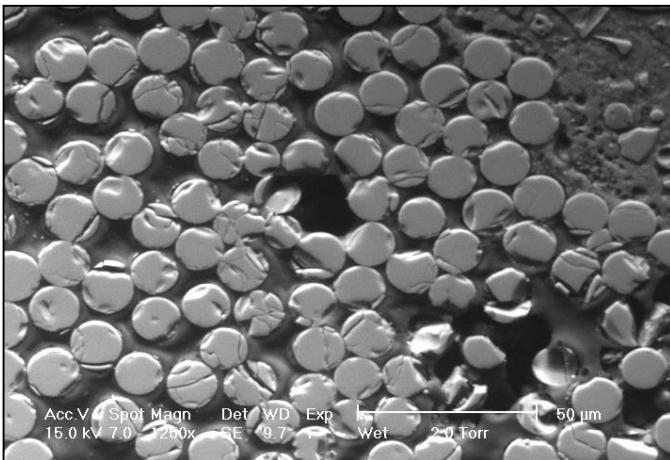
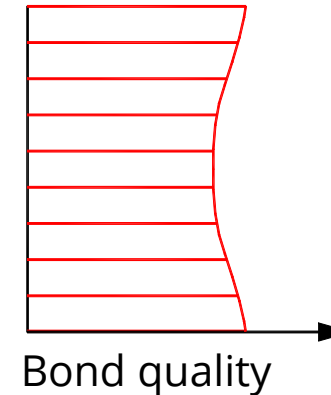
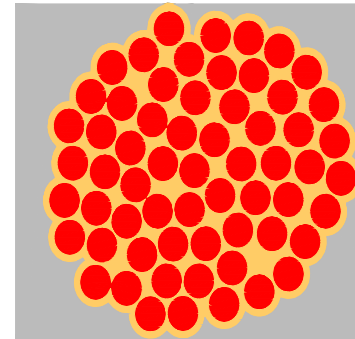
Carbon Concrete Composites: Impregnation of Textile and Bond Behavior

Yarn without polymer



Impregnation
with polymers

Yarn with coating/impregnation



- better bond between the filaments
→ *higher strength and strain capacity*
- easier handling of textile
- additional protective film
→ *prevention of fiber damage*
(→ *enhanced durability, e.g. for basalt*)

Why Looking for Alternatives to Polymer Impregnation?

- Lower temperature dependence of mechanical performance
→ larger spectrum of applications
- Better bond to cement-based matrices
- Higher durability and sustainability
- Easier processability and higher flexibility in production
- Lower costs



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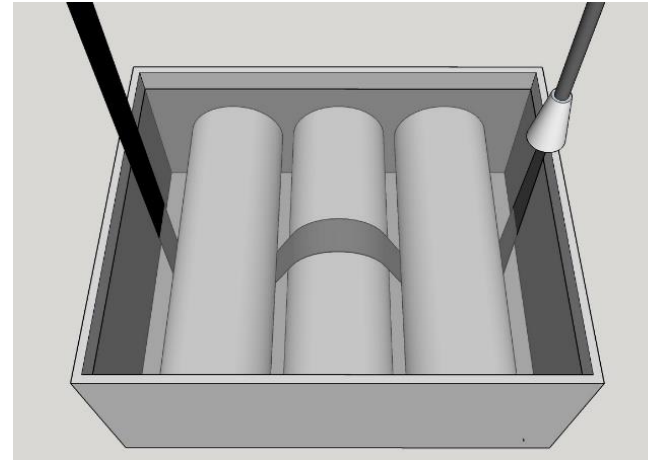
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→ **Solution: Mineral-bonded carbon fiber reinforcement**

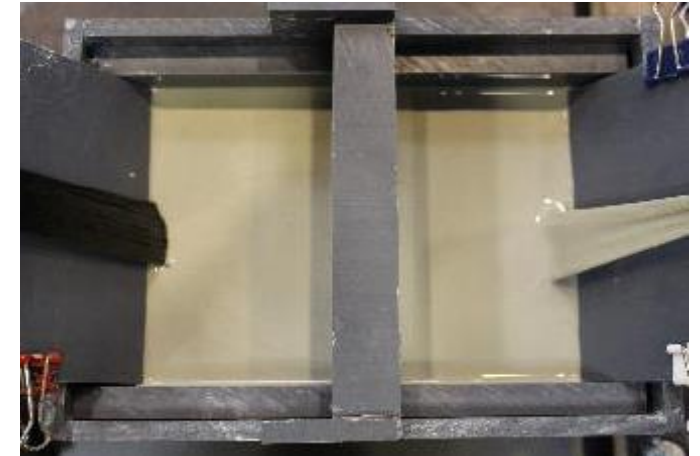
Mineral Impregnated Carbon Fiber Composite Reinforcement (MFC)



Three-roll-padder



Impregnation



Shaping



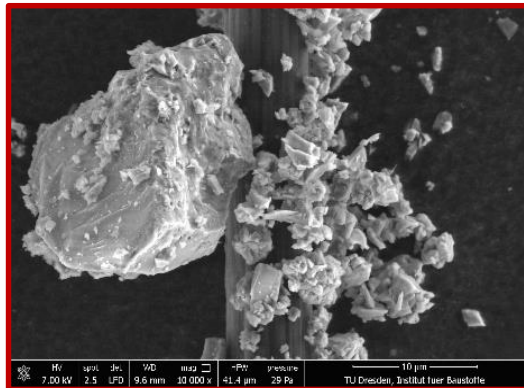
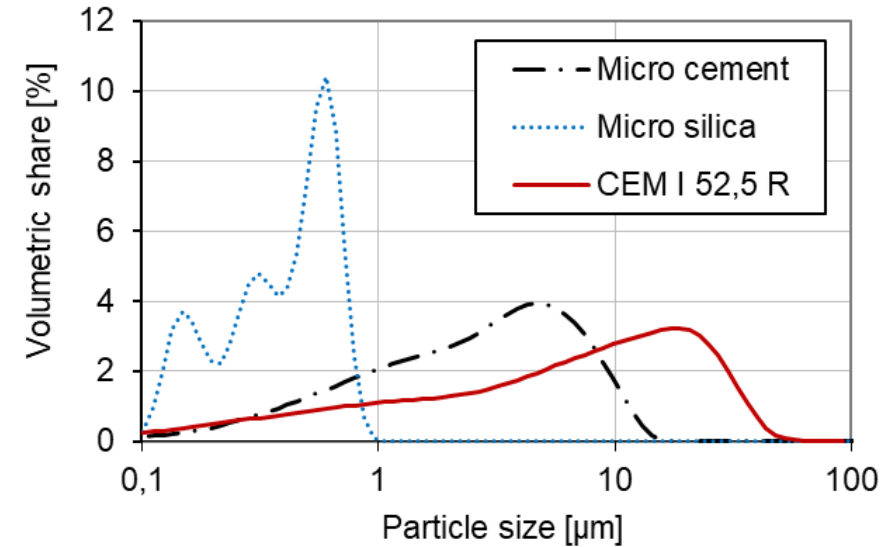
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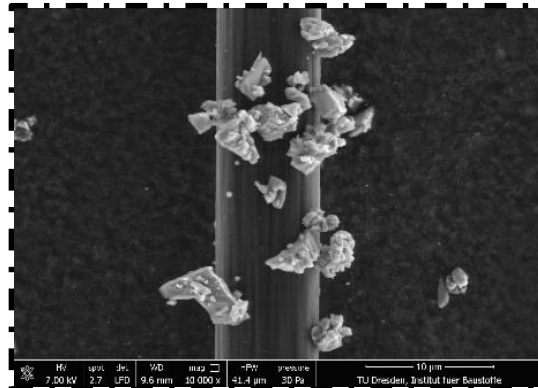
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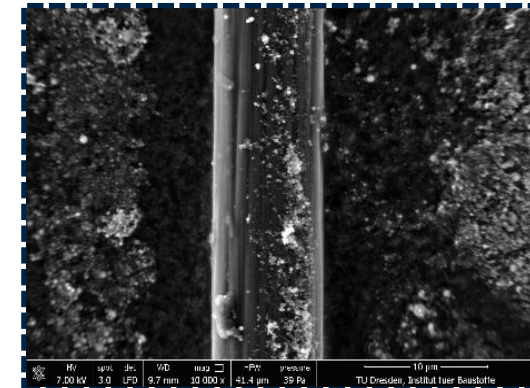
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CEM 52.5



micro-cement with D95 < 9 µm



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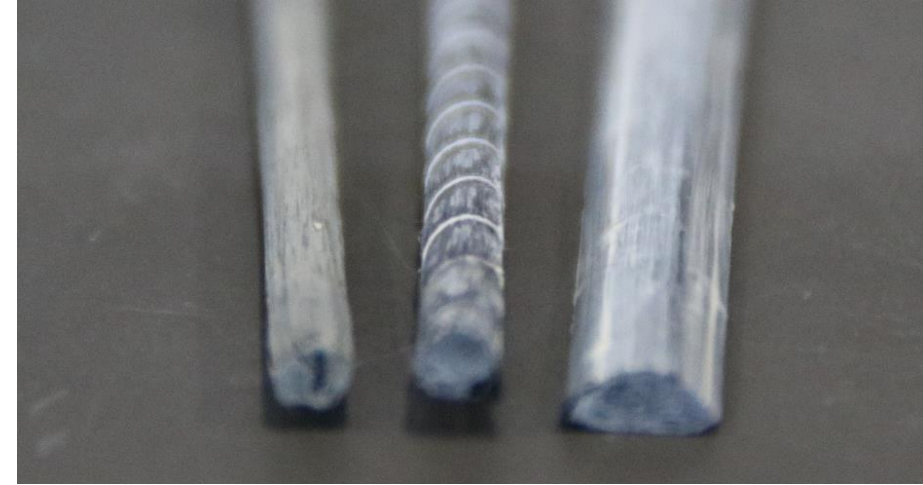
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Microcement bonded

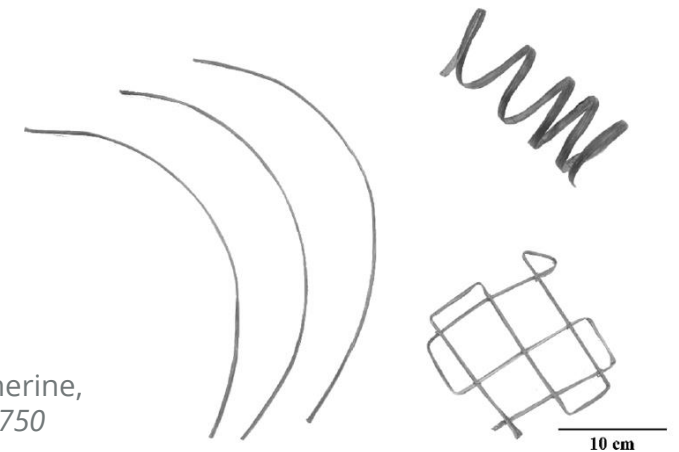


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Geopolymer bonded, treatment by ohmic heat



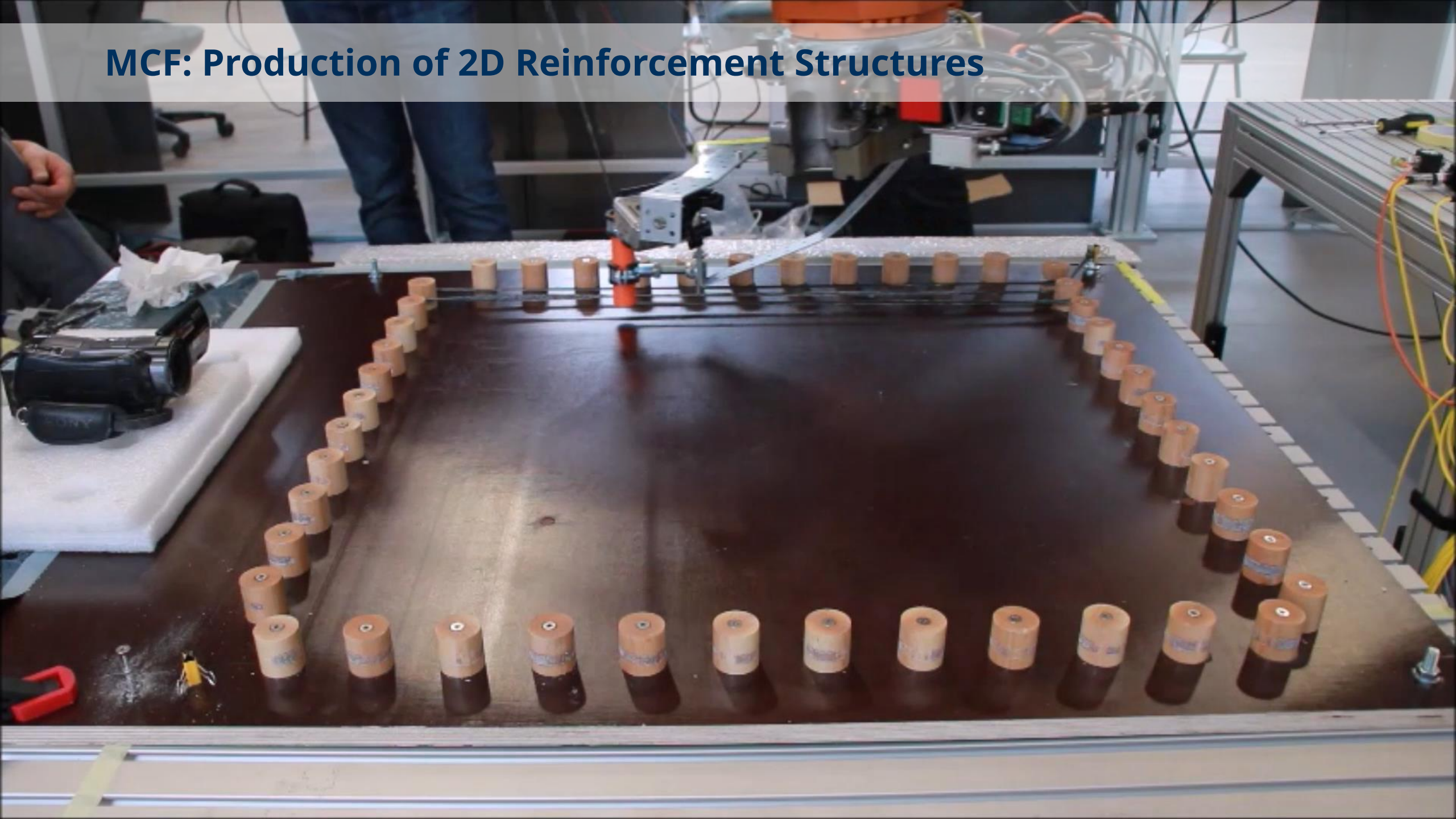
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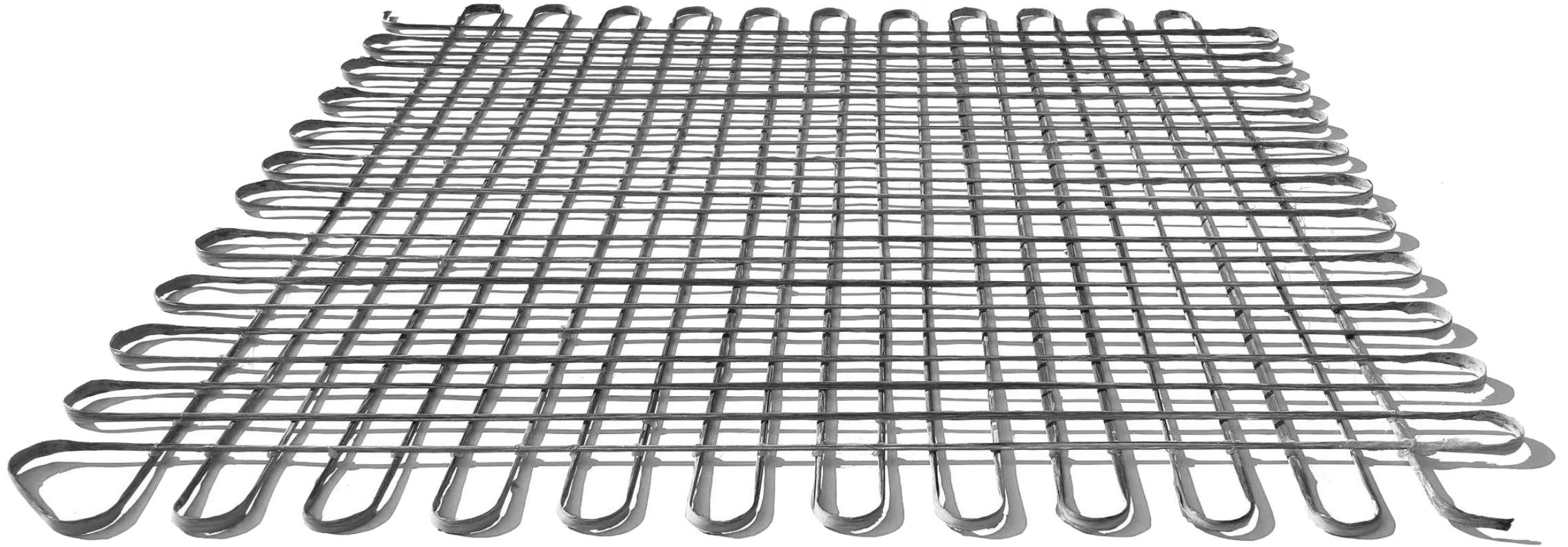
MCF: Production of 1D Reinforcement



MCF: Production of 2D Reinforcement Structures

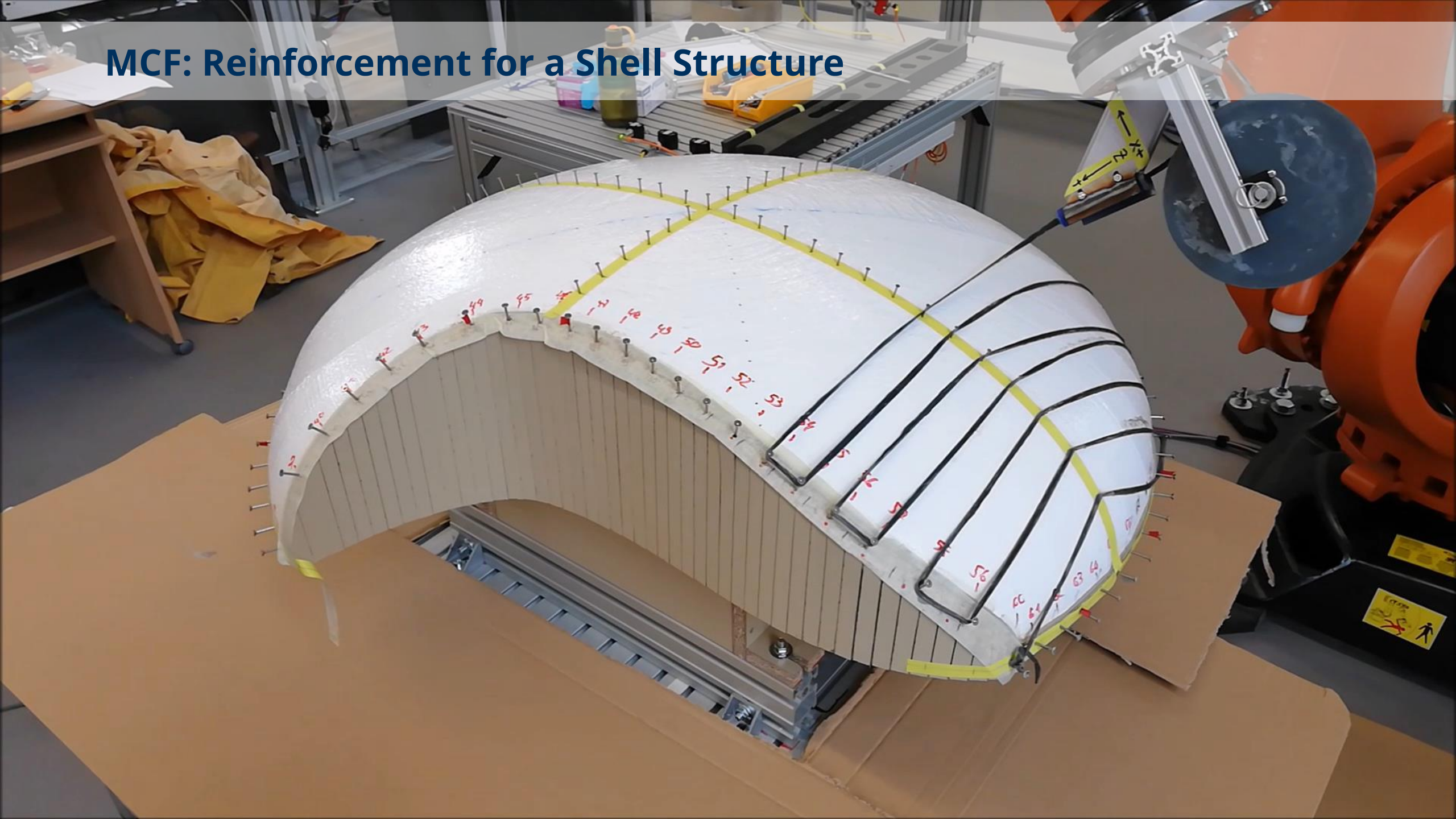


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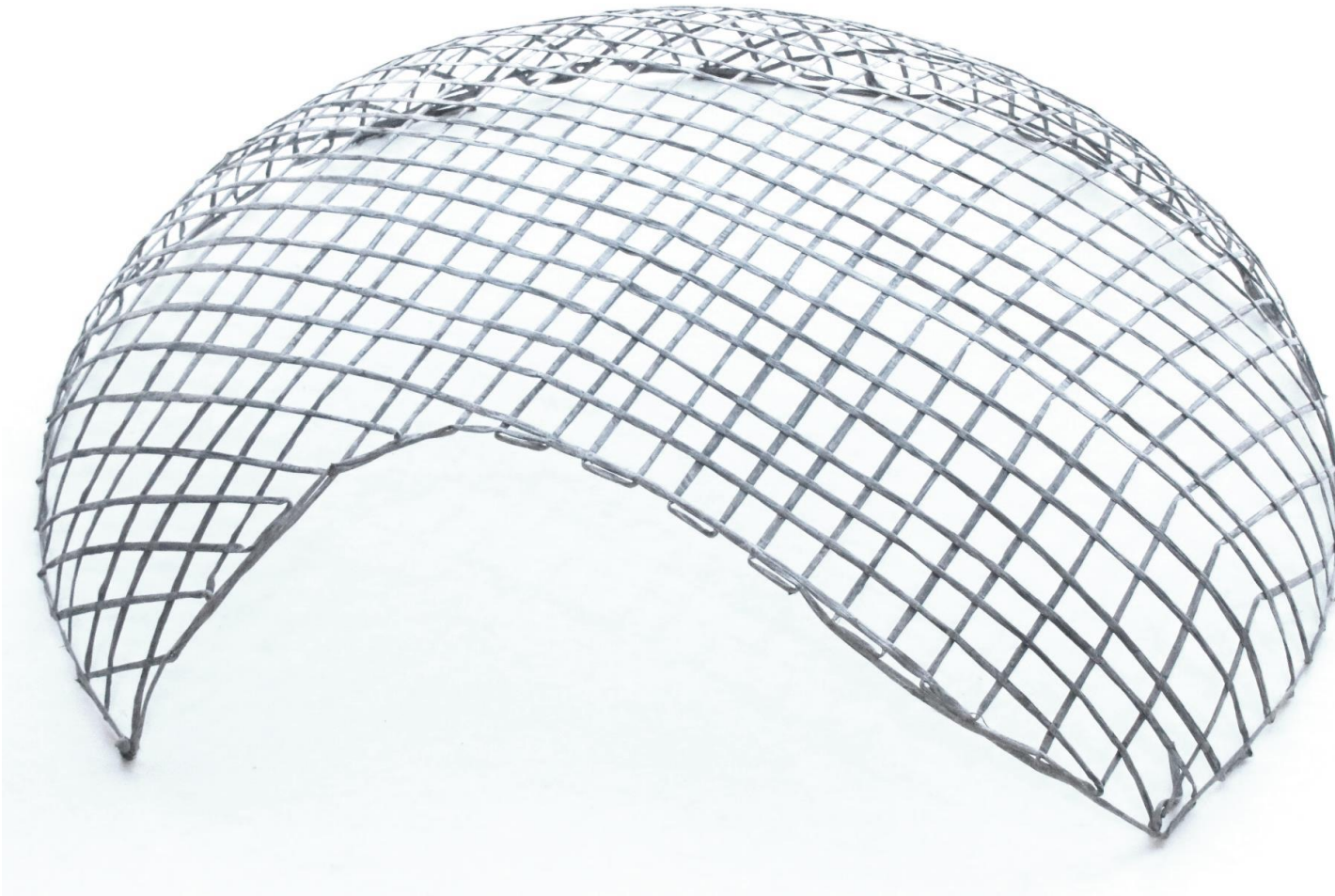


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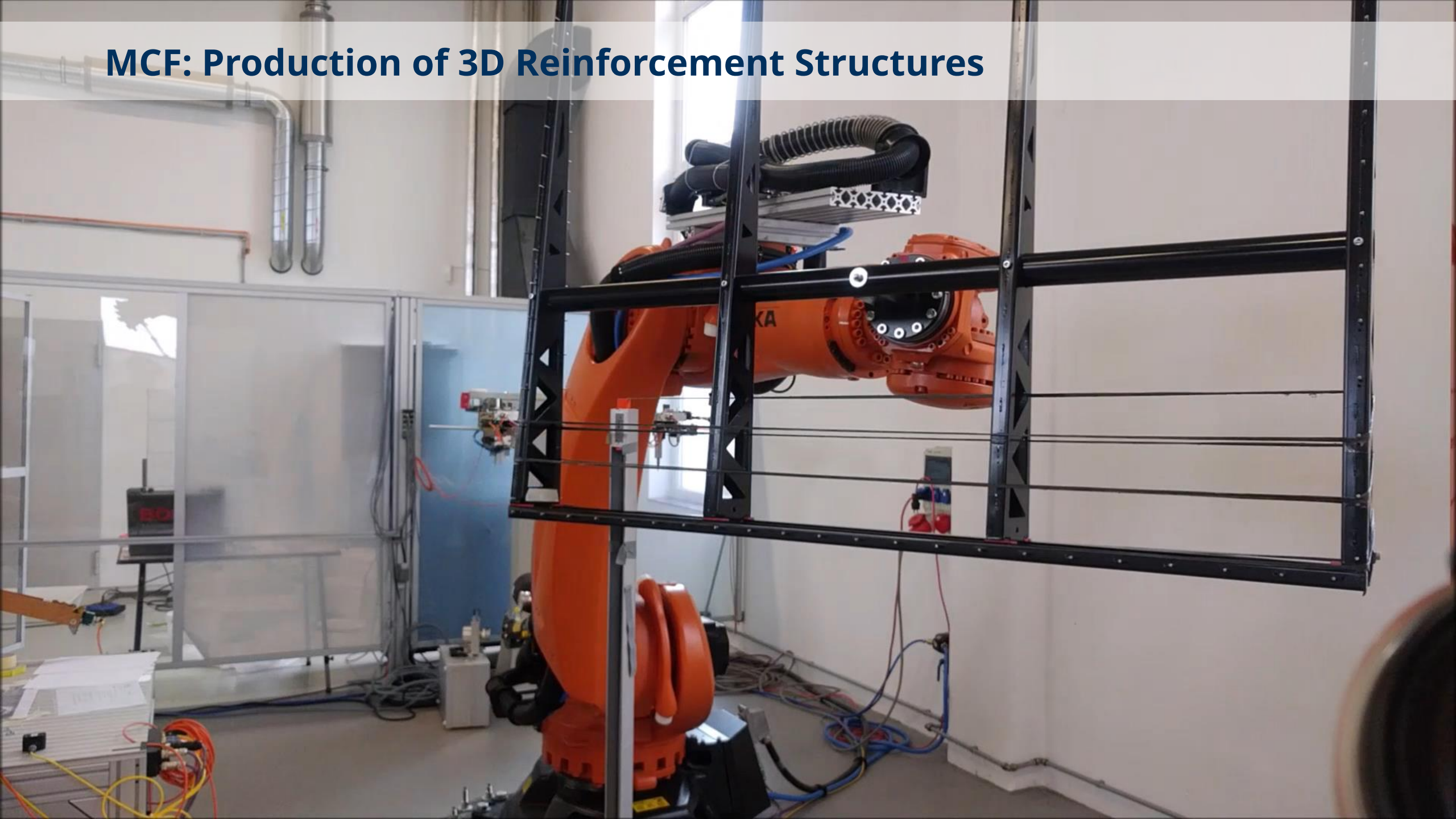


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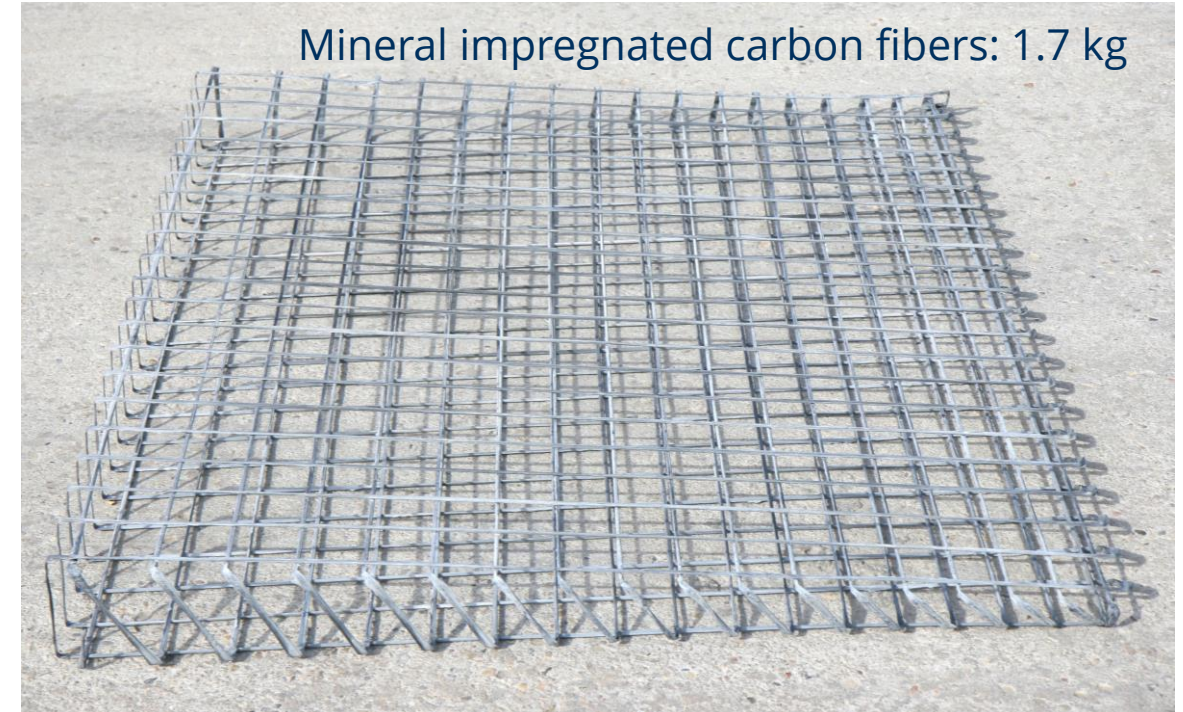


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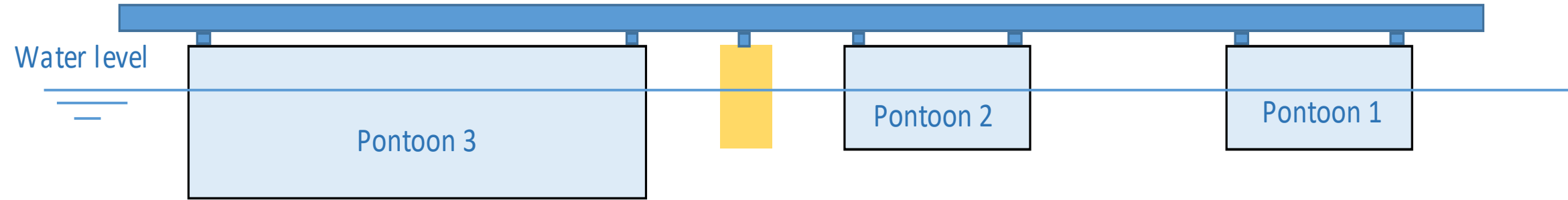


MCF: Completed 3D Reinforcement Structure for a Balcony Slab

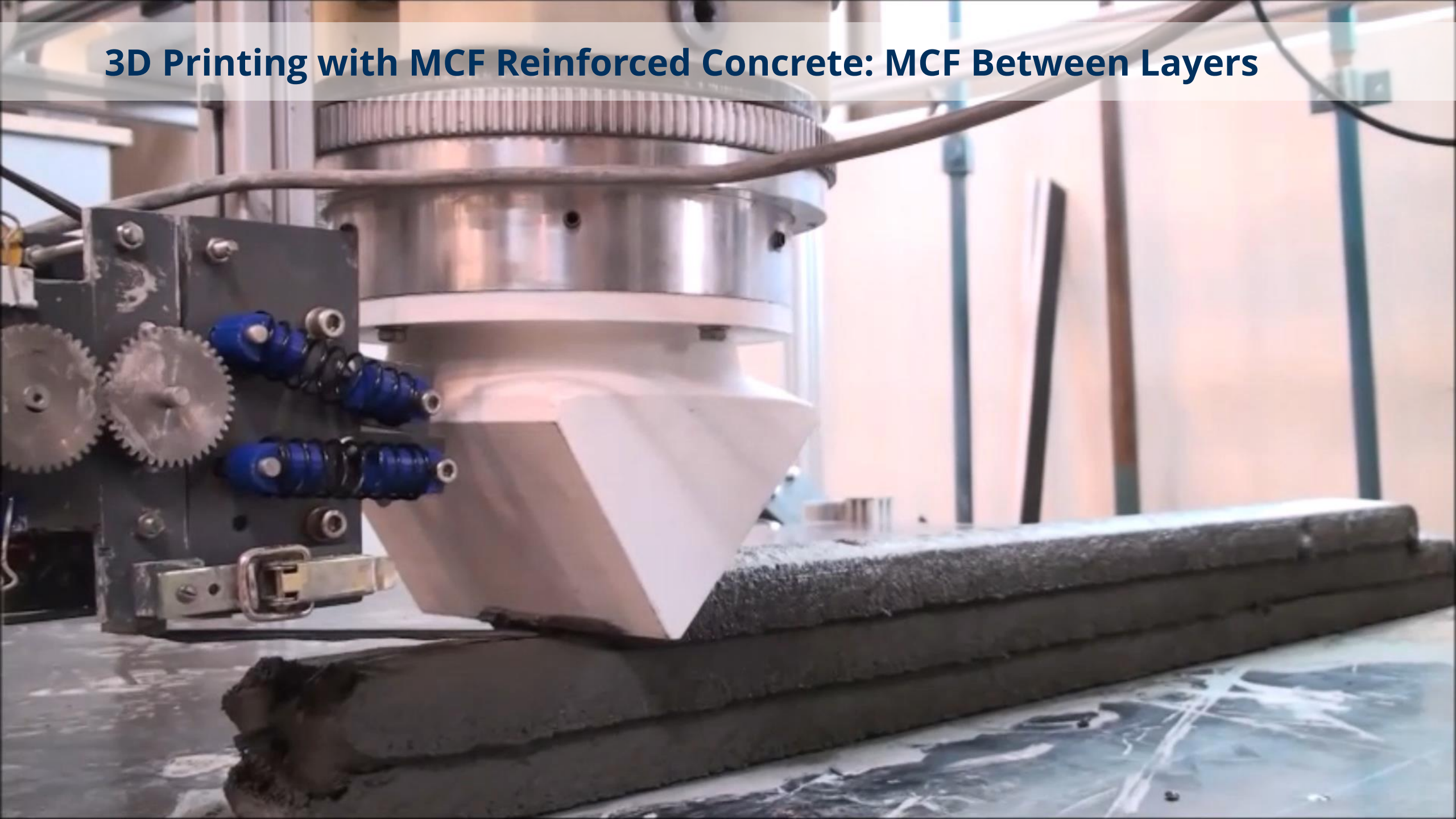


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Pontoon Made with MCF Reinforcement



3D Printing with MCF Reinforced Concrete: MCF Between Layers



3D Printing with MCF Reinforced Concrete: Into the Layers



Video: TU Dresden

3D Printing with MCF Reinforced Concrete: Into the Layers



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Integration of MCF into 3D Concrete Printing



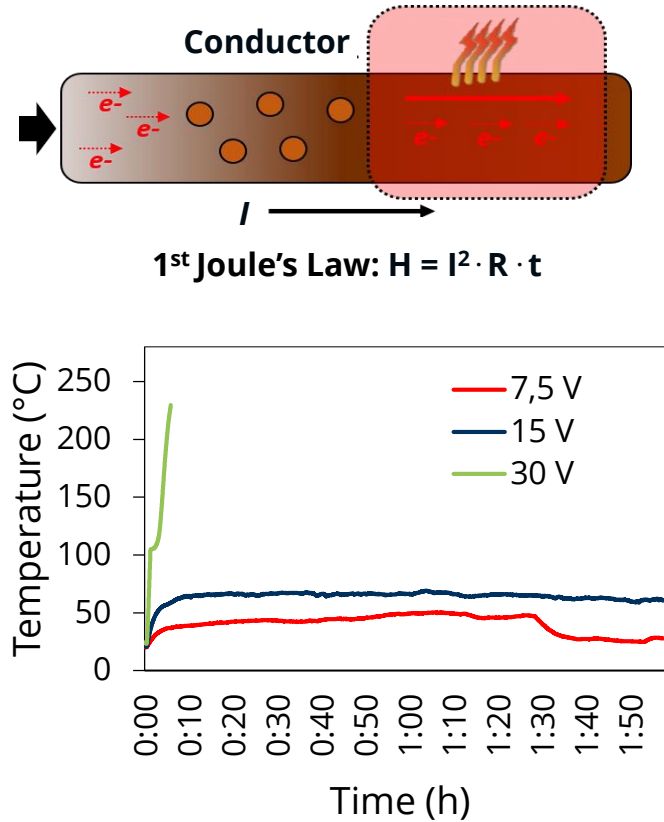
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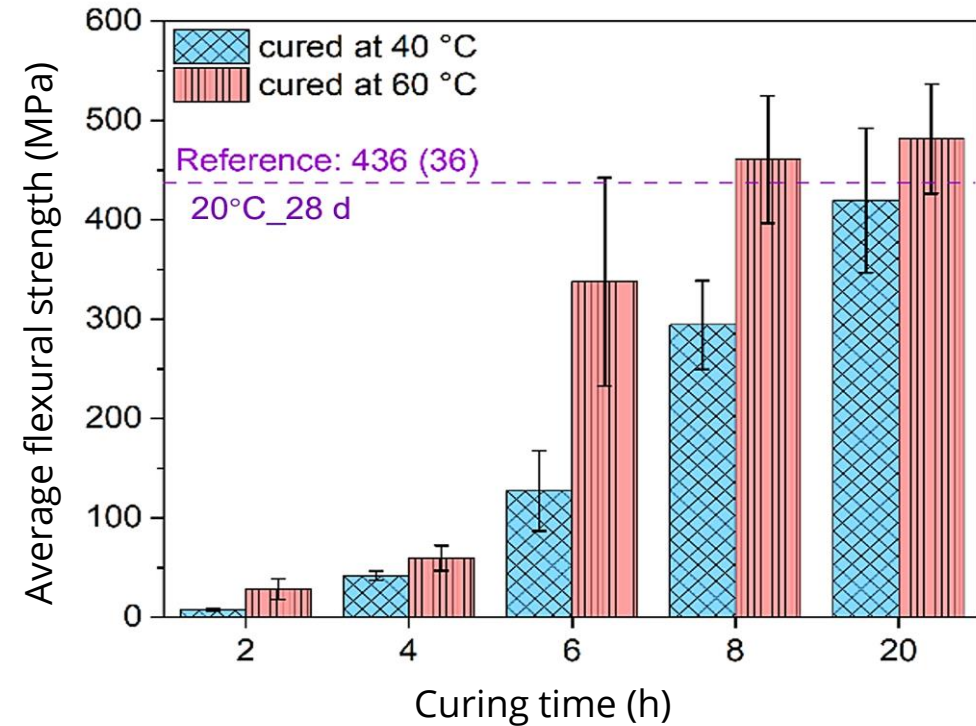
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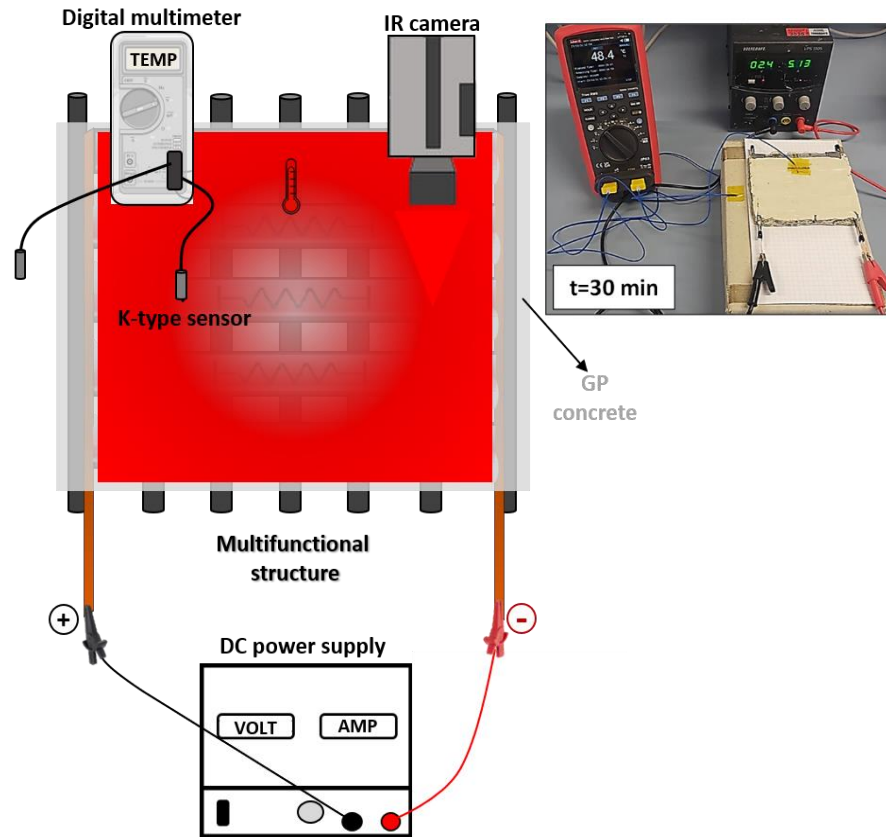


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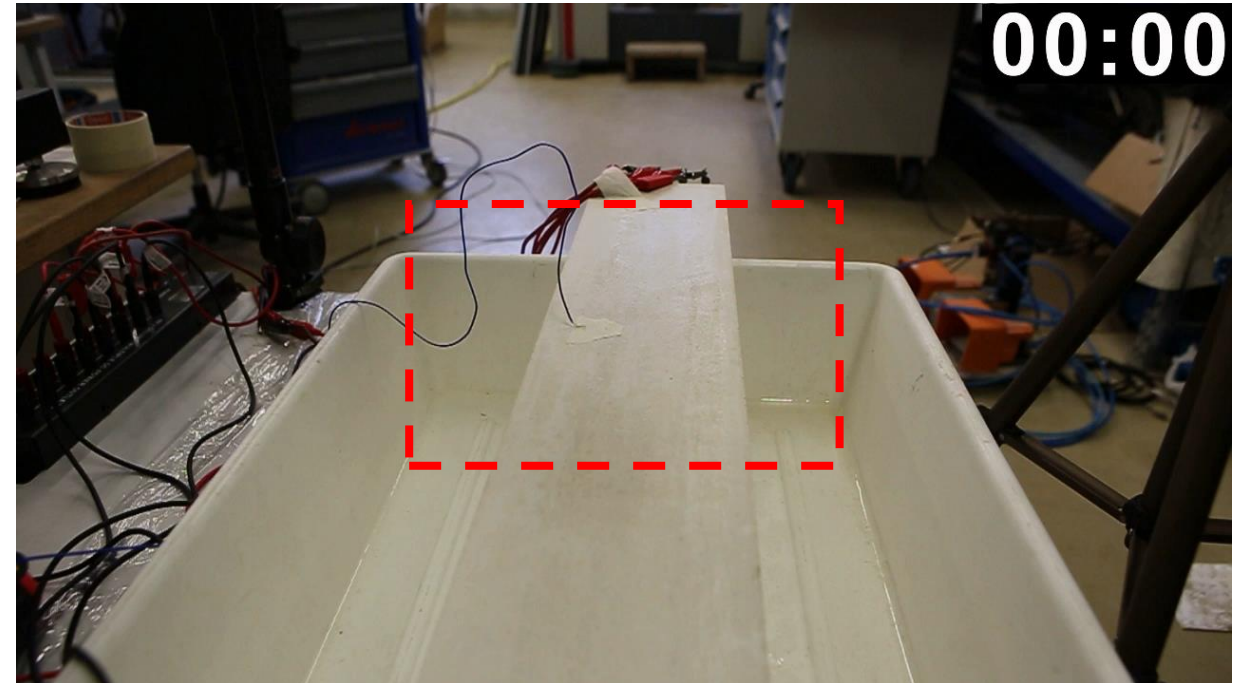


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De-icing Capacity of MFC Reinforced Concrete Layer by Joule Heating



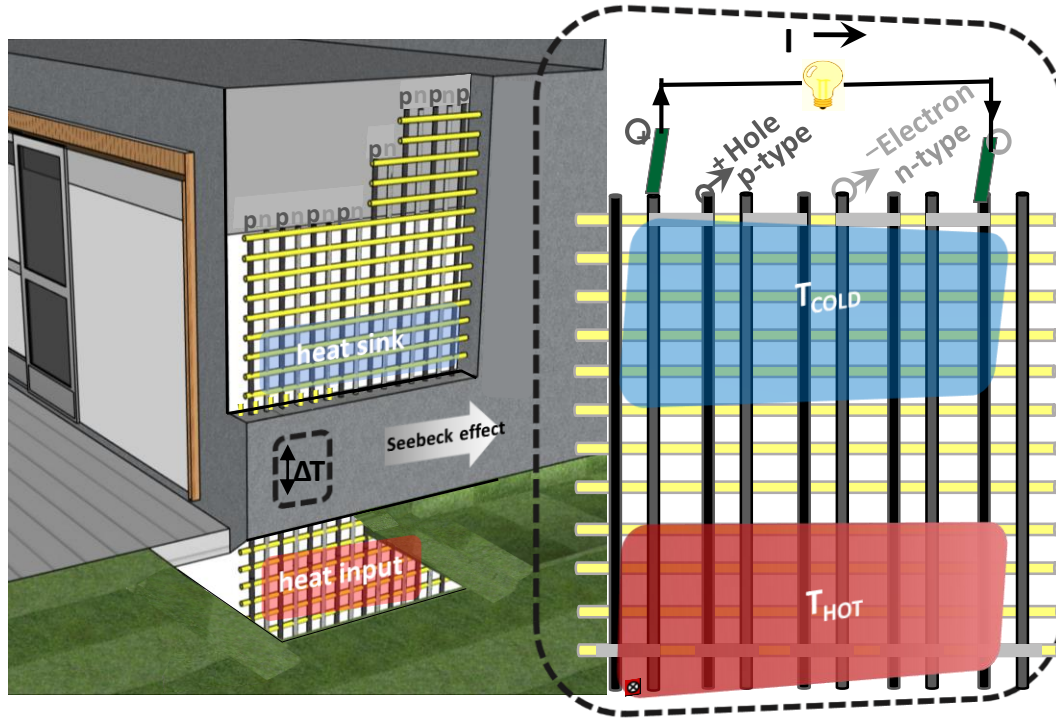
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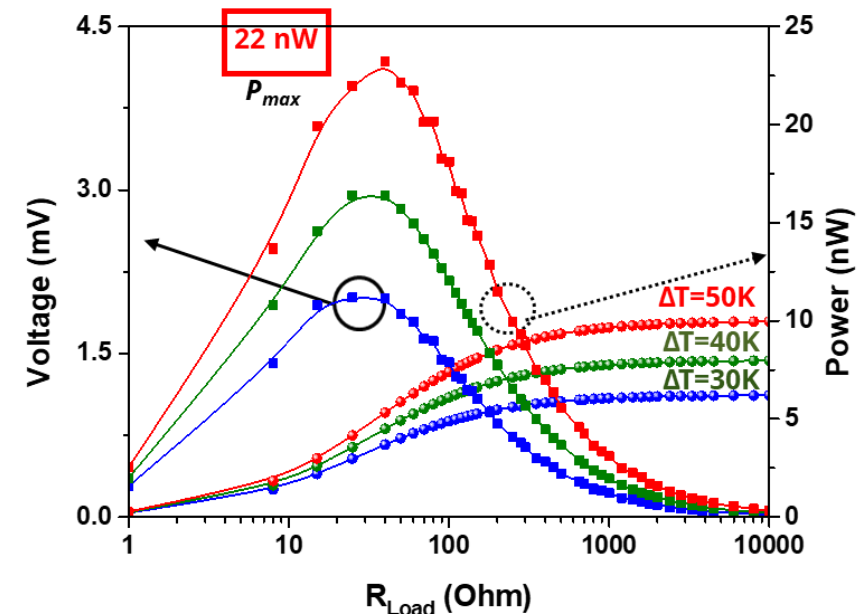
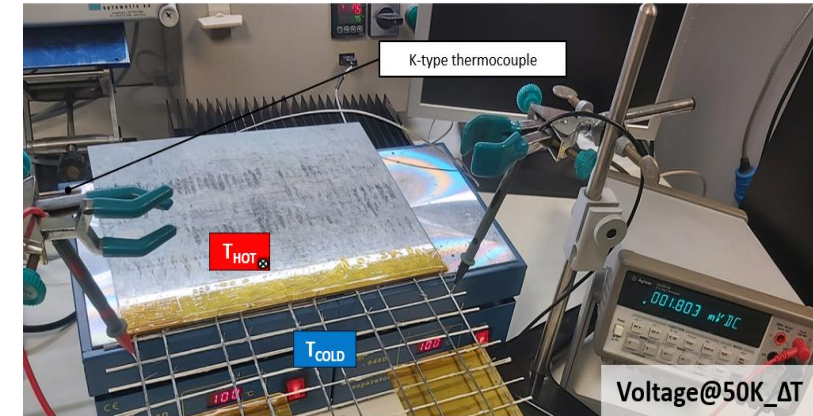
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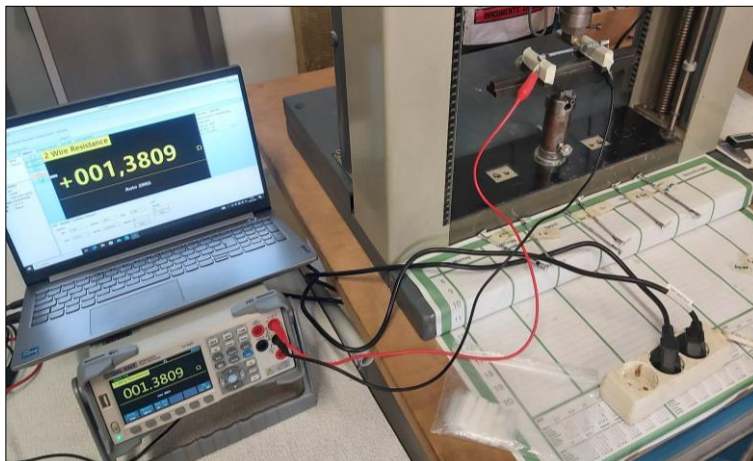
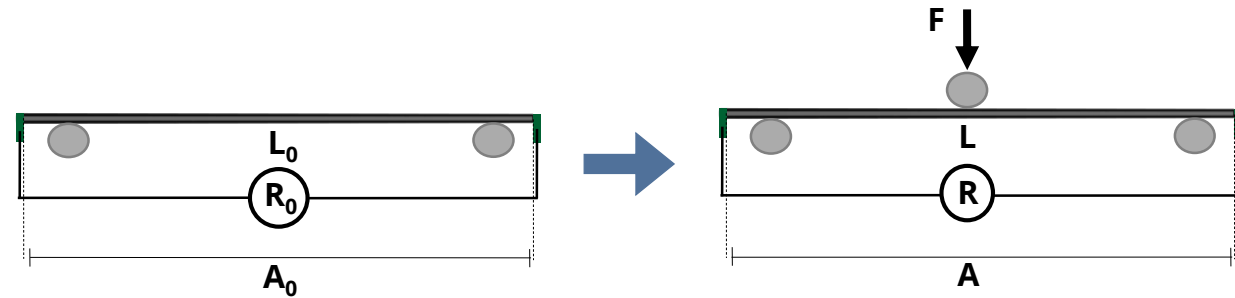
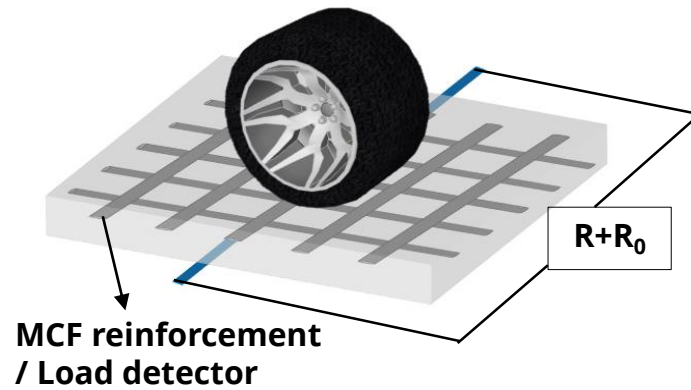


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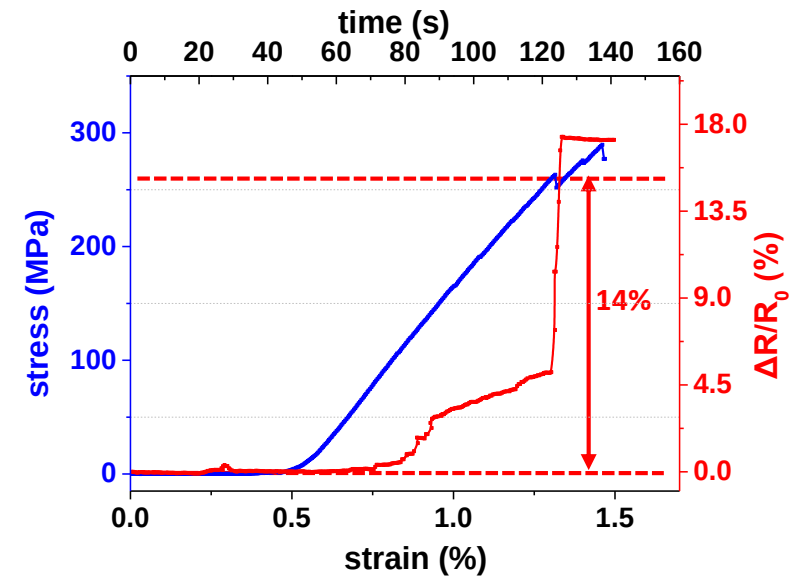
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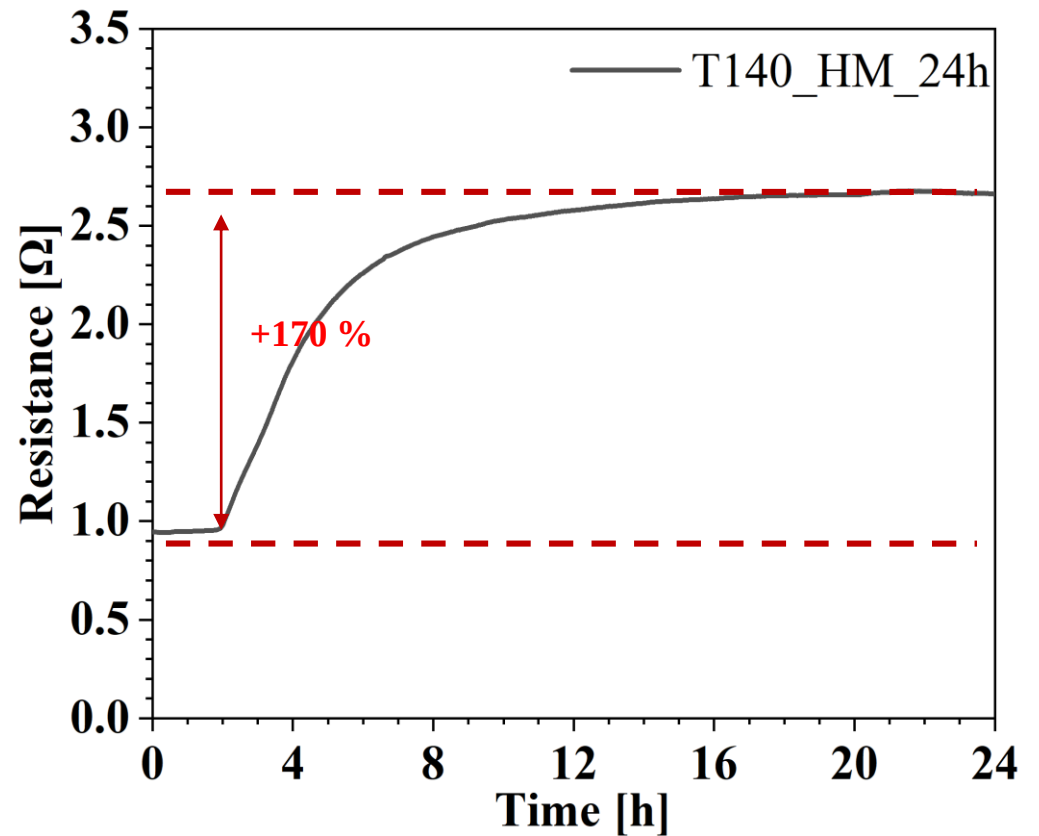
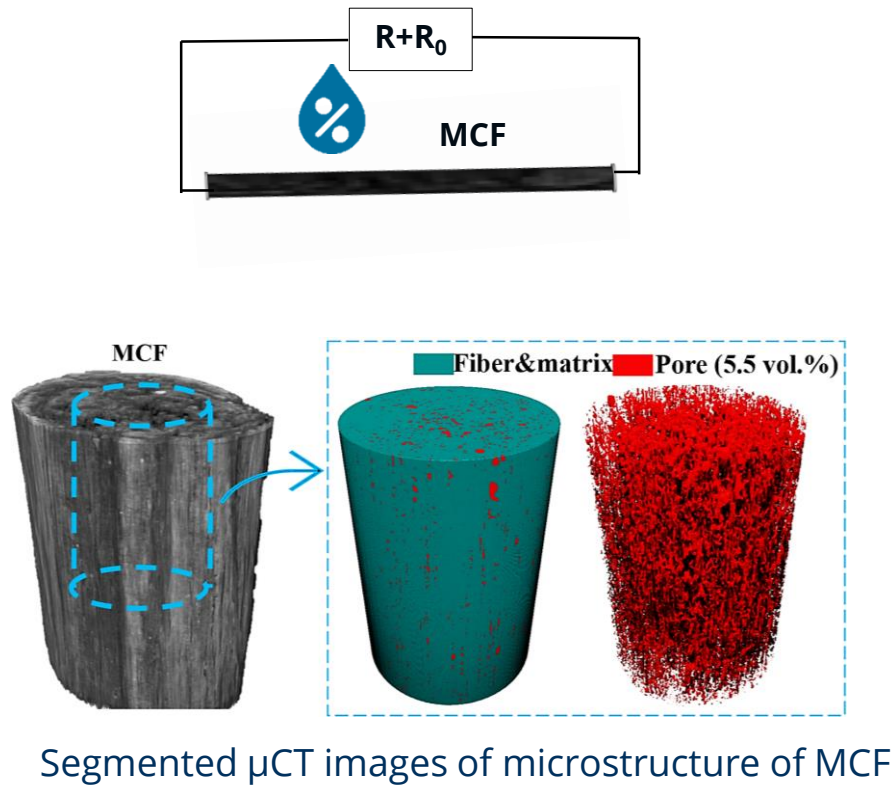
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Test setup of MFC under static flexural loading



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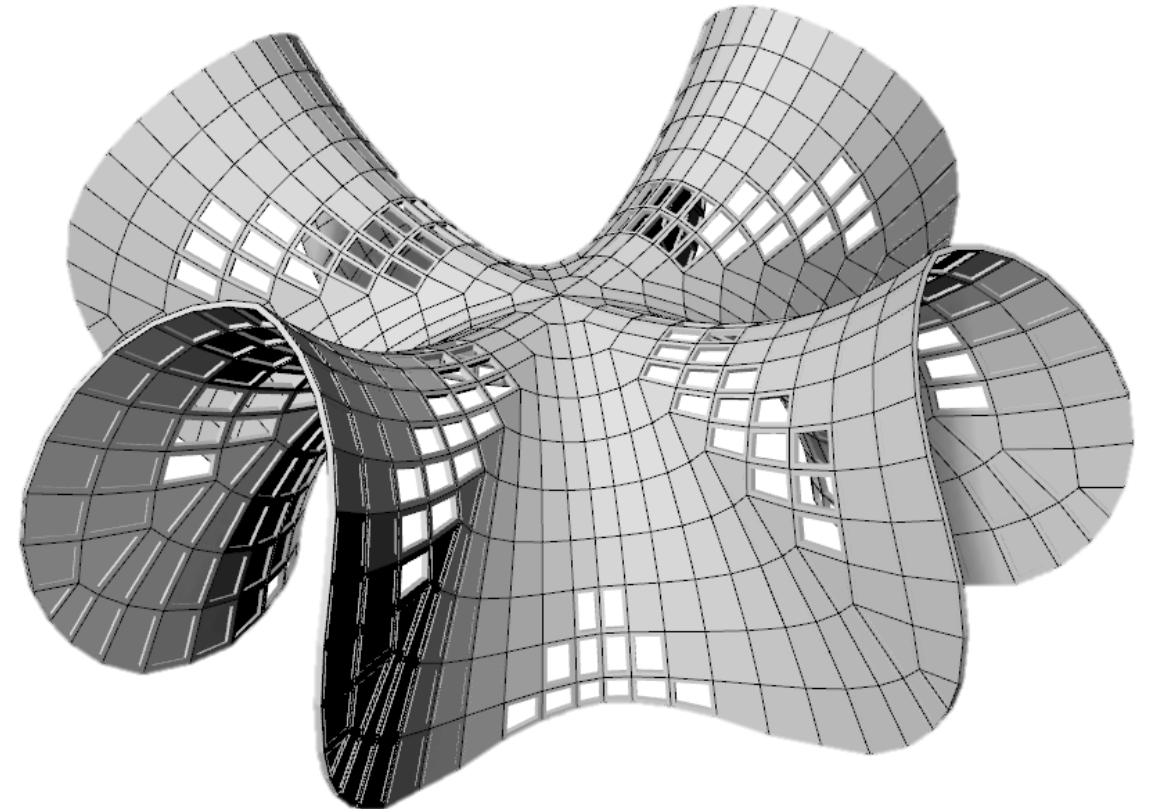
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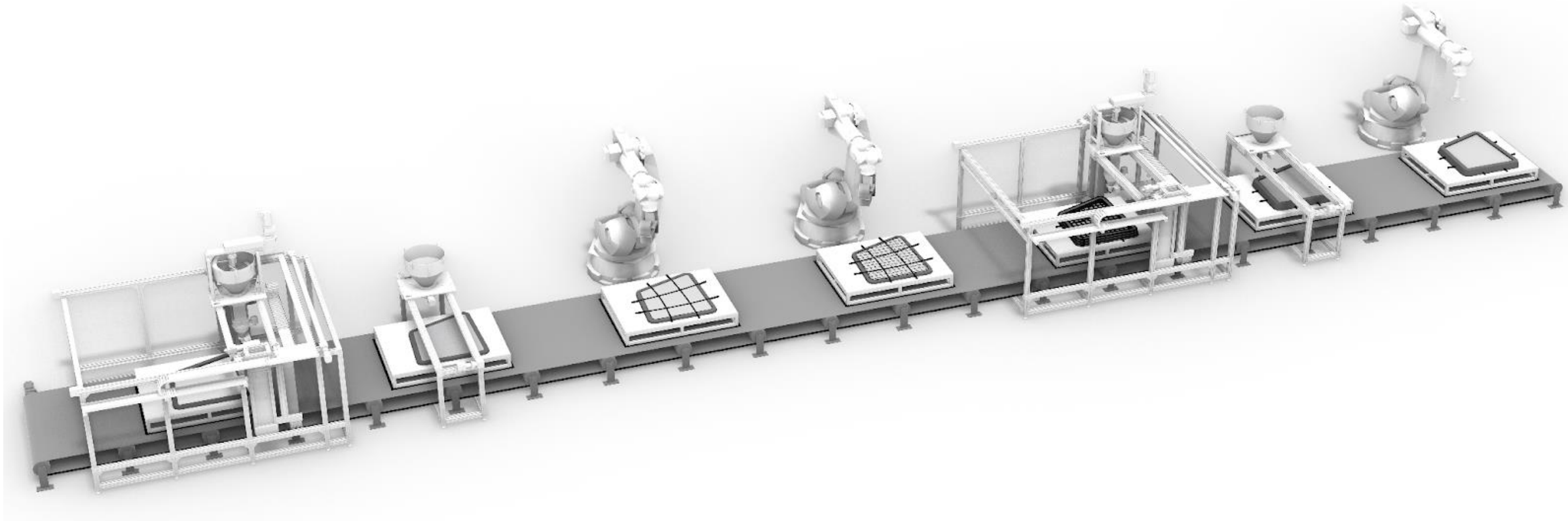
Shell structure made of prefabricated modules



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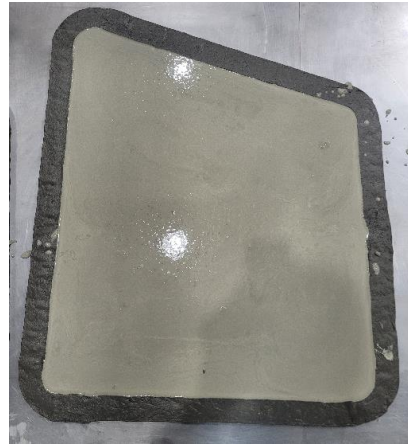


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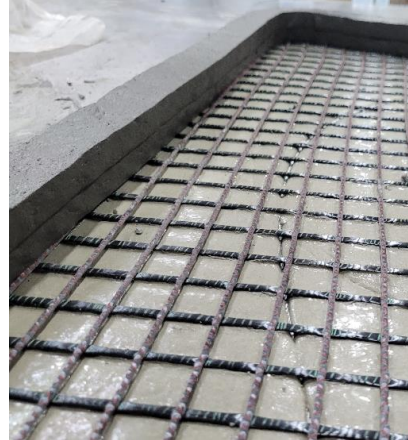
Step 2: Casting



Step 3: Placing cable



Step 4: Reinforcement



Step 5: 3D printing



Step 6: Casting



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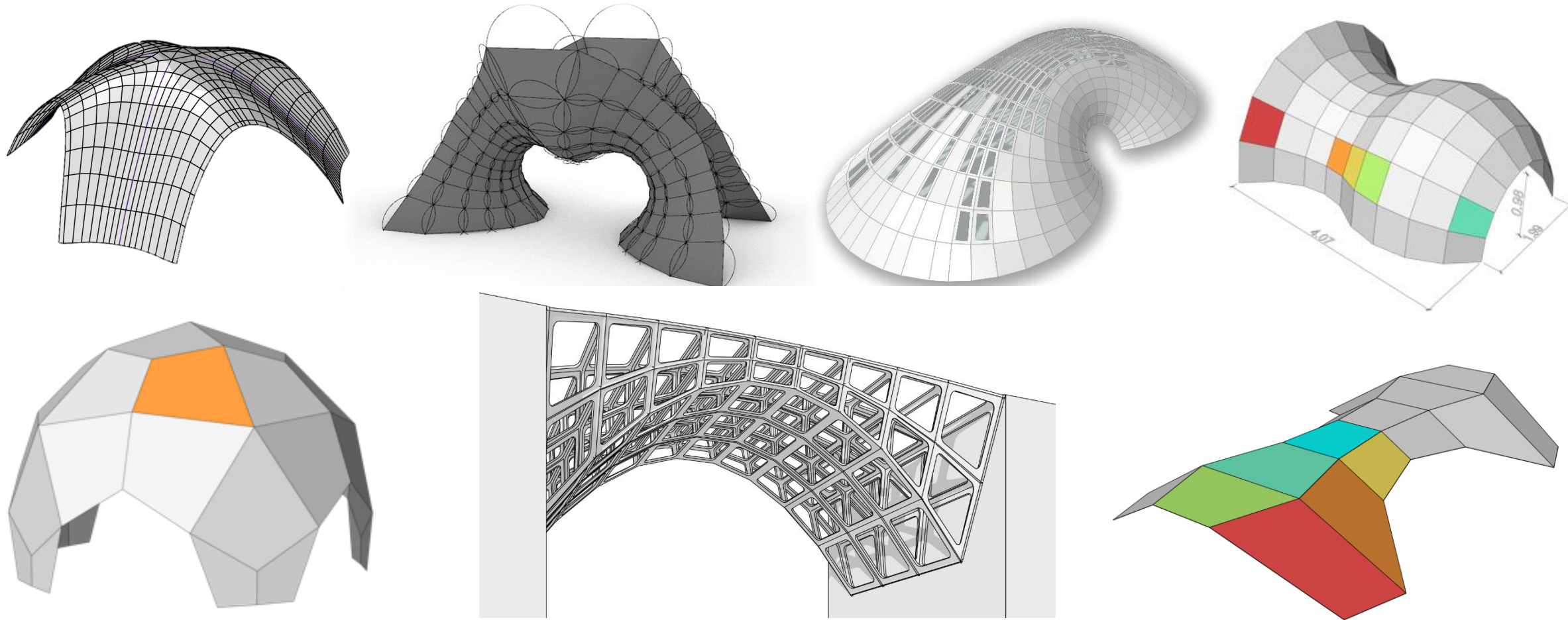


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