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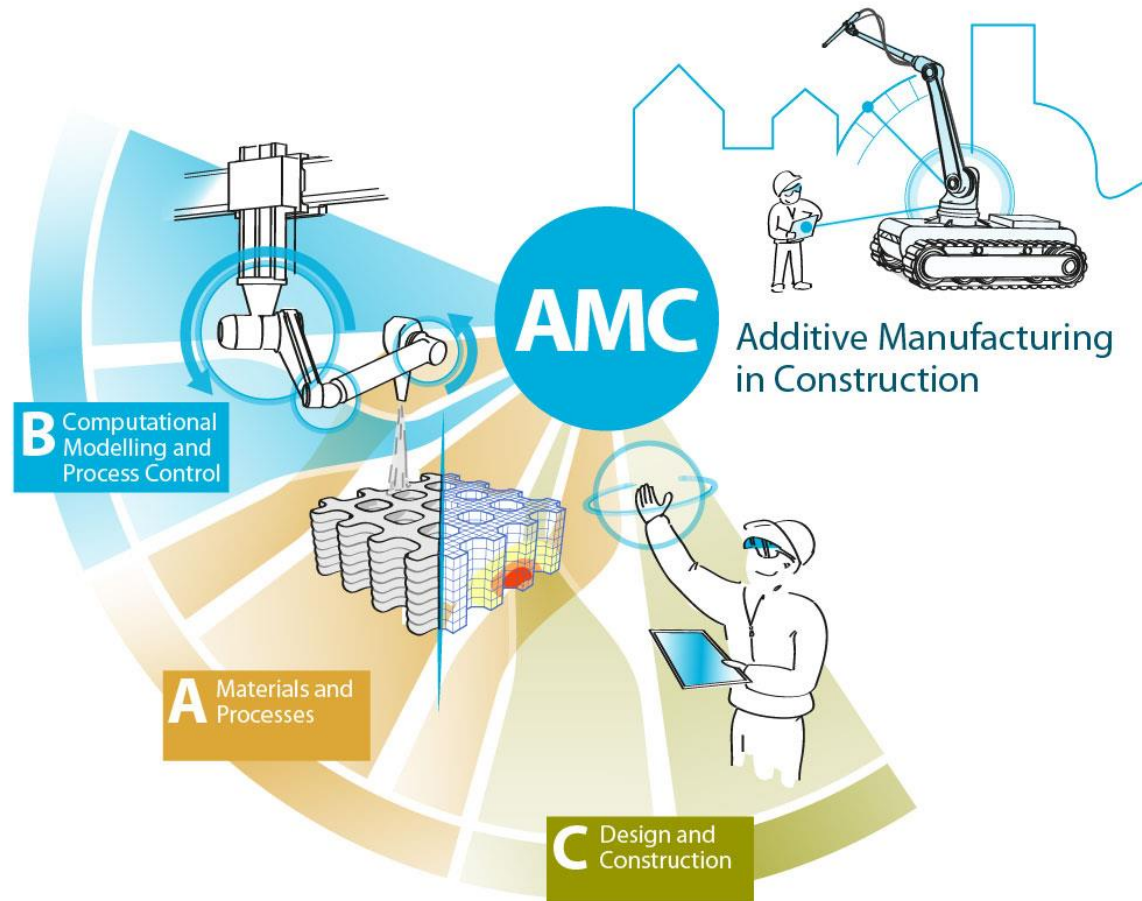
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The Challenge of Large Scale



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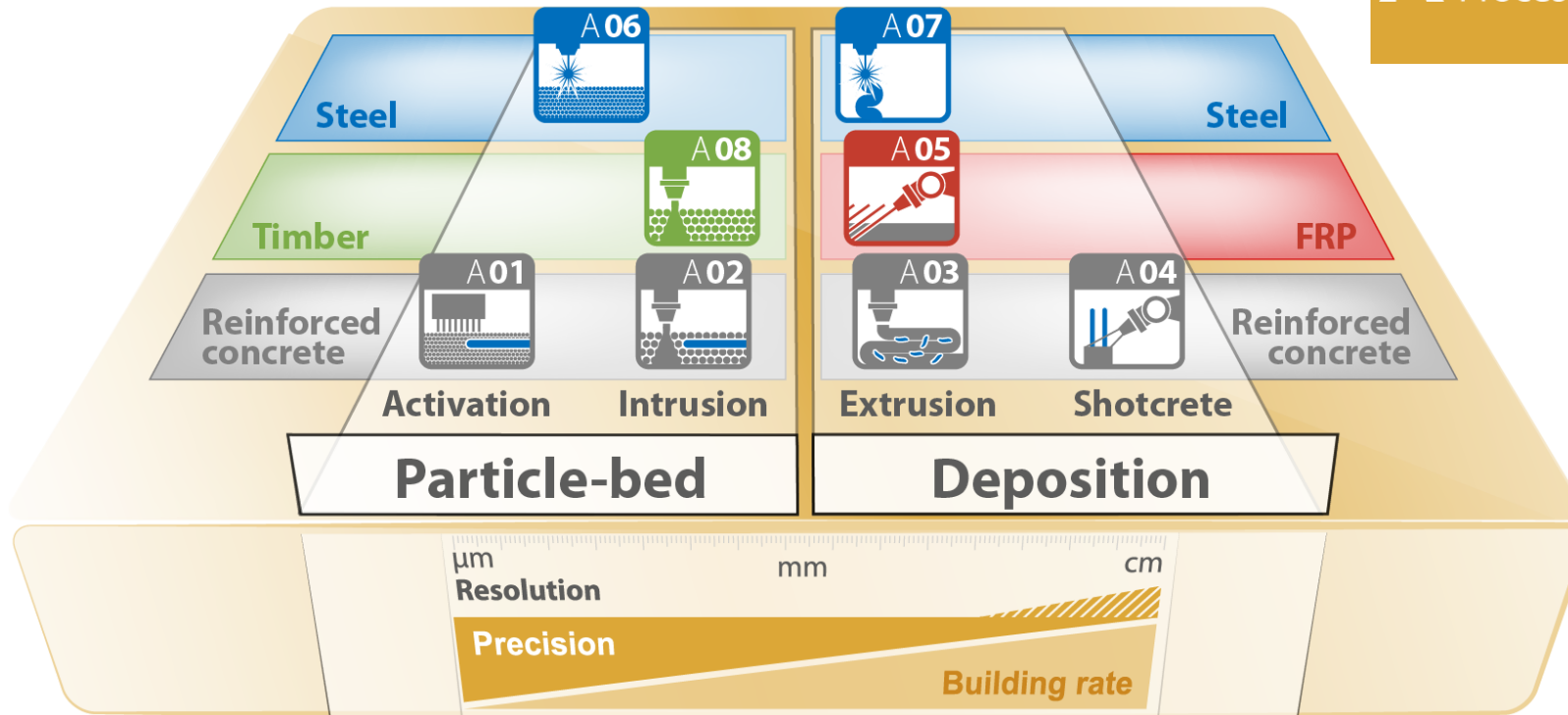


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material-process interaction as basic research approach

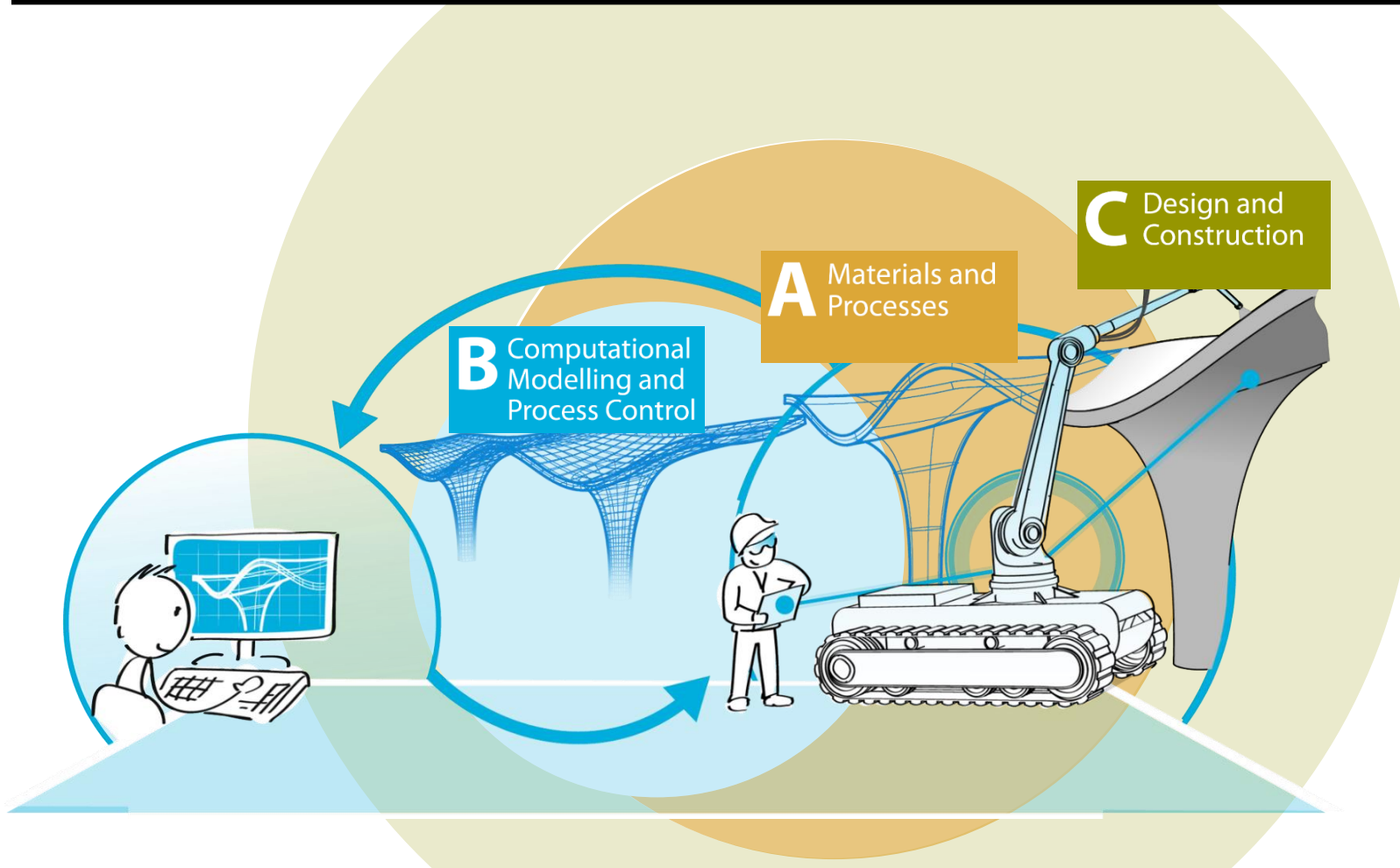
A Materials and Processes



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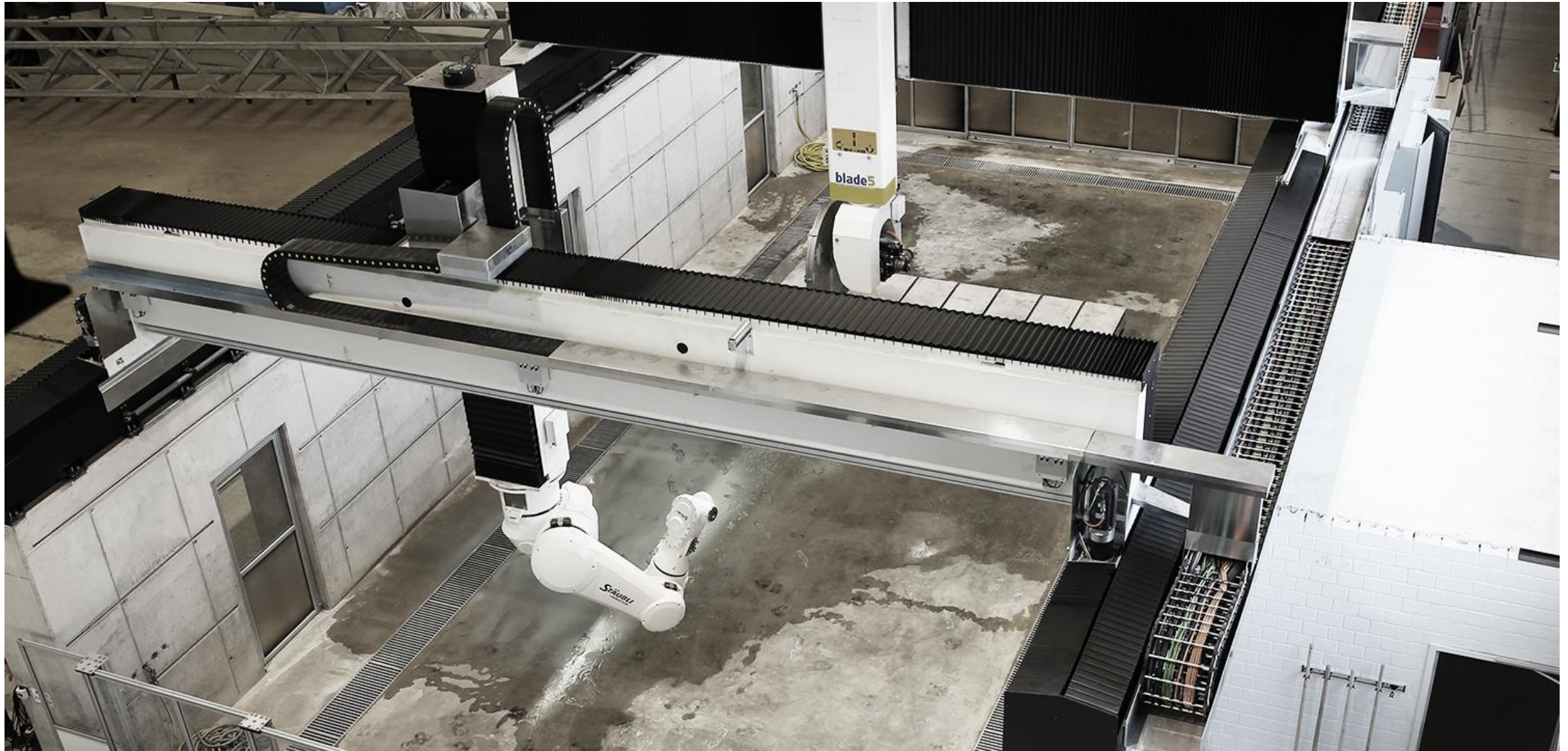
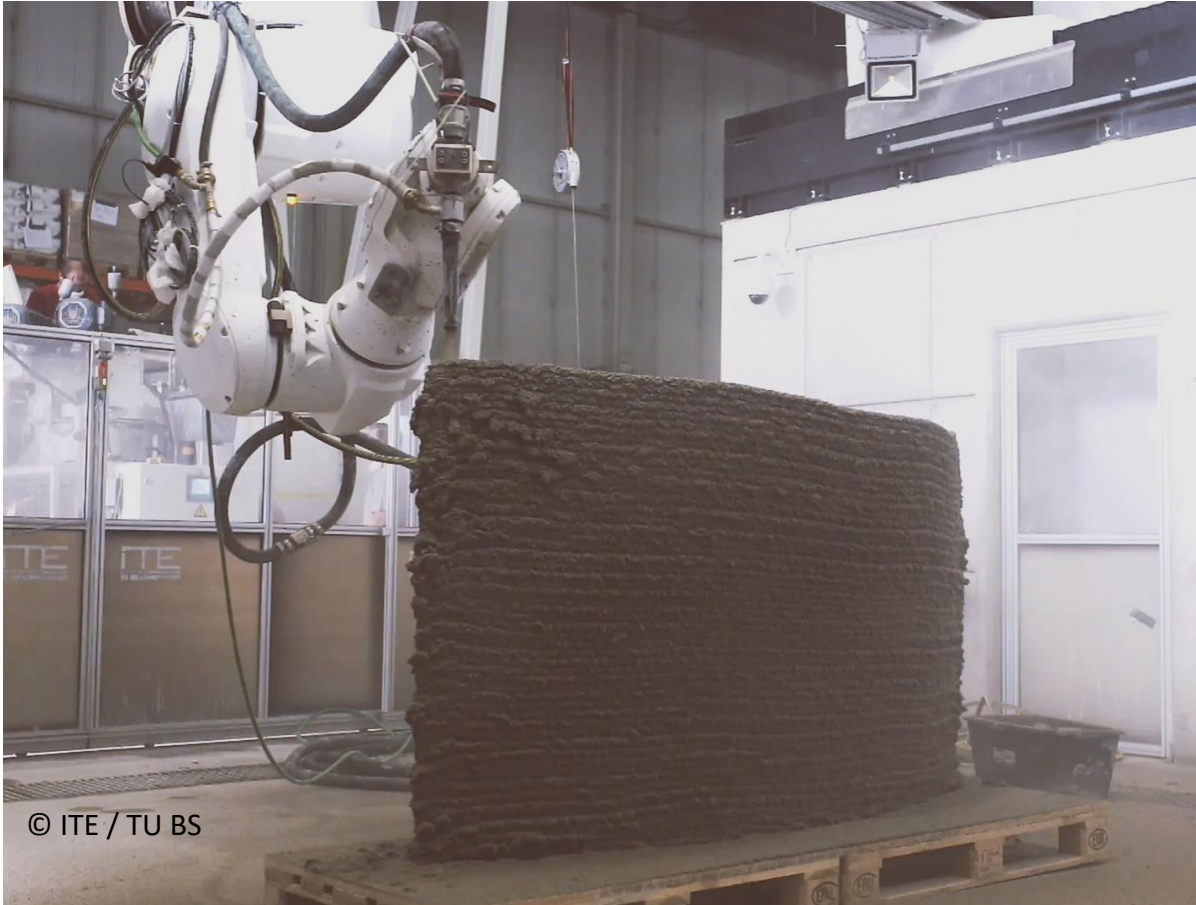


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Shotcrete 3D Printing (SC3DP), developed at the TU Braunschweig



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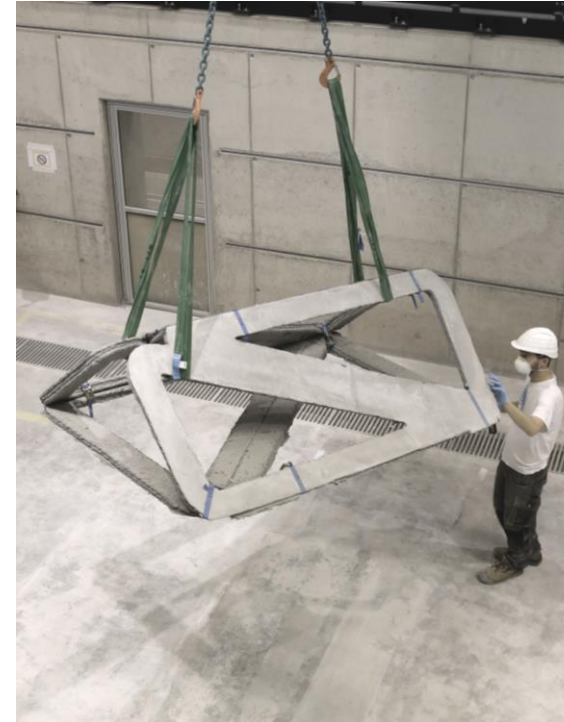
3D-printed structural concrete elements



Columns



Wall-type Elementes



Spatial Beam Structures



Horizontal Elements

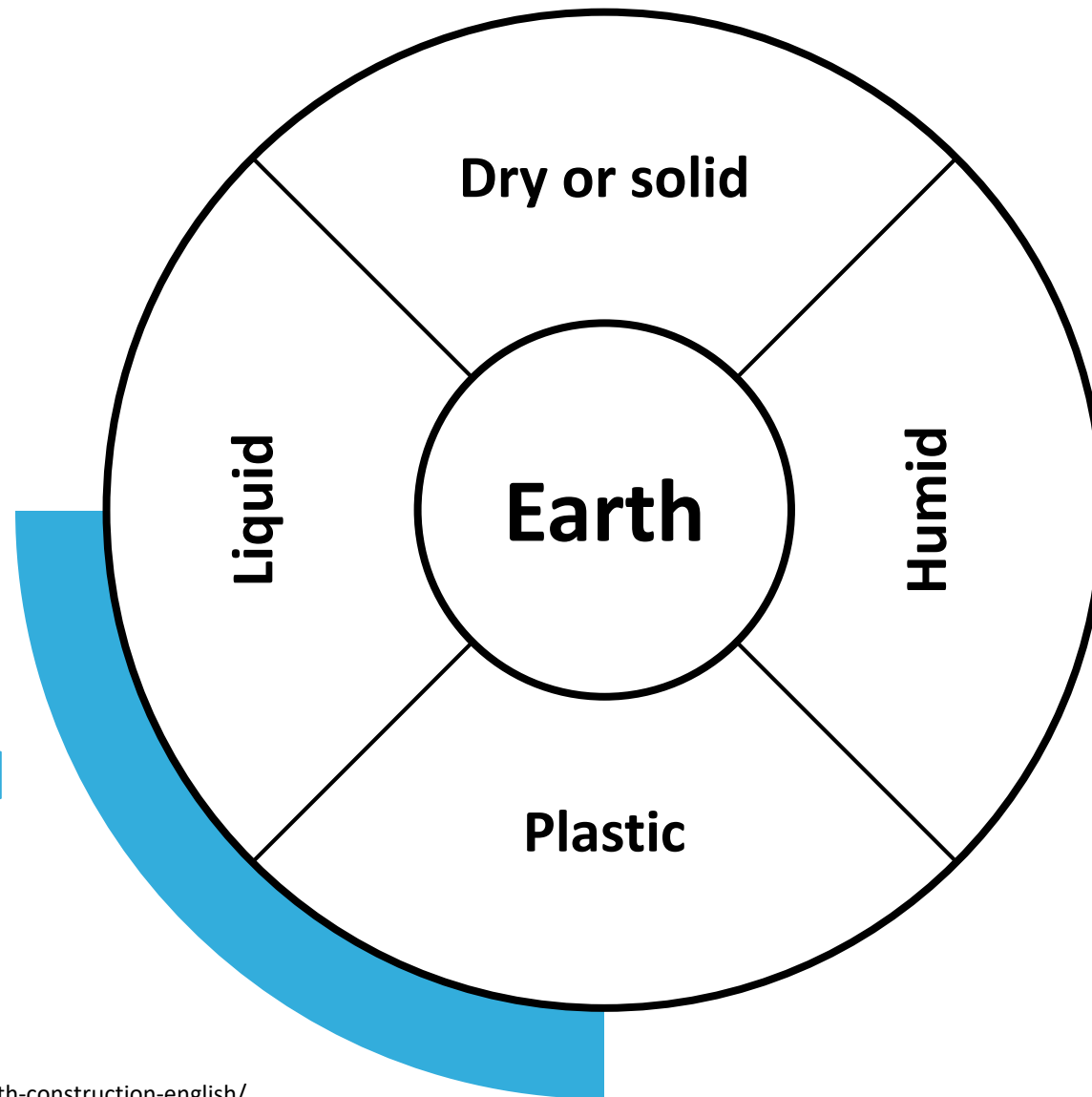
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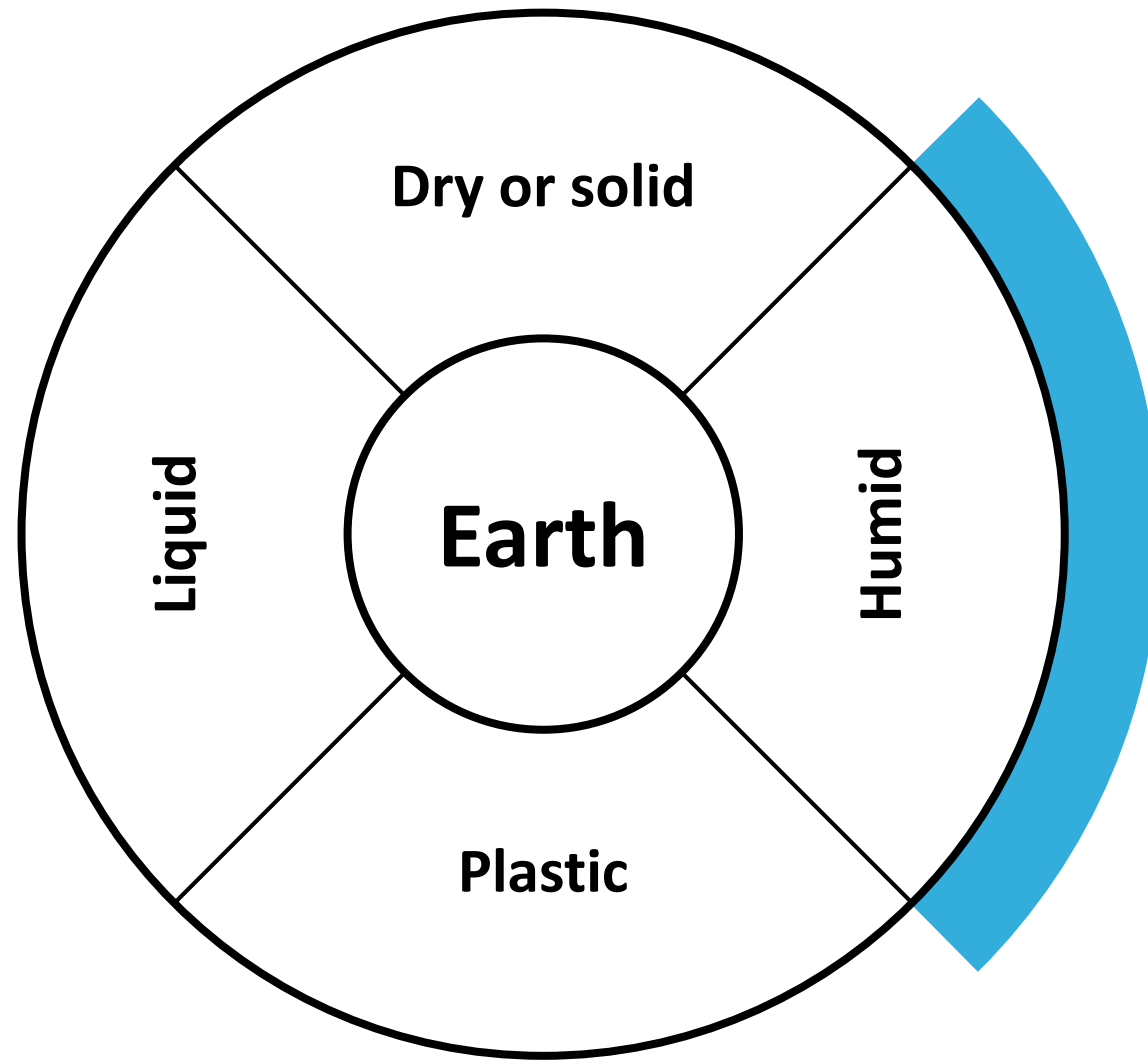


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**Extrusion-based
manufacturing
process**

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Rammed Earth

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Traditional Rammed Earth construction



Traditional Rammed Earth Construction | Detier (1981)

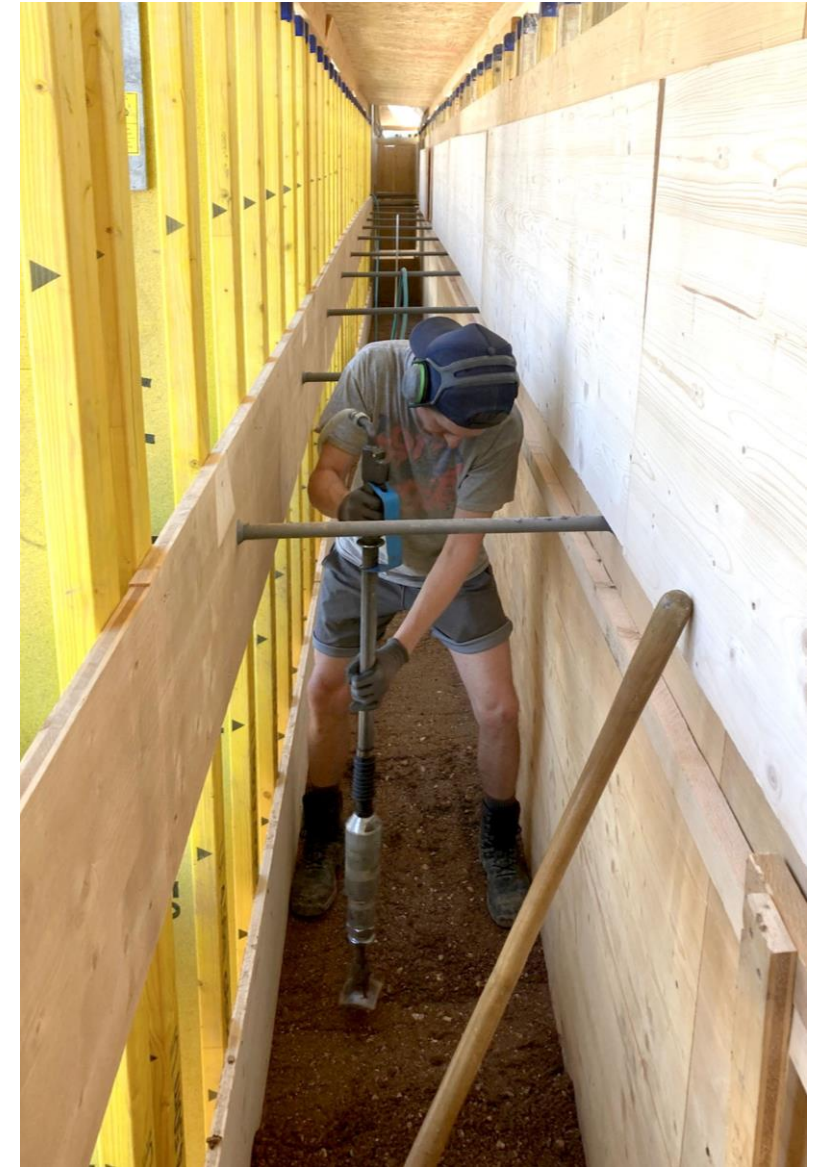
Mechanisation | Rammed earth construction nowadays



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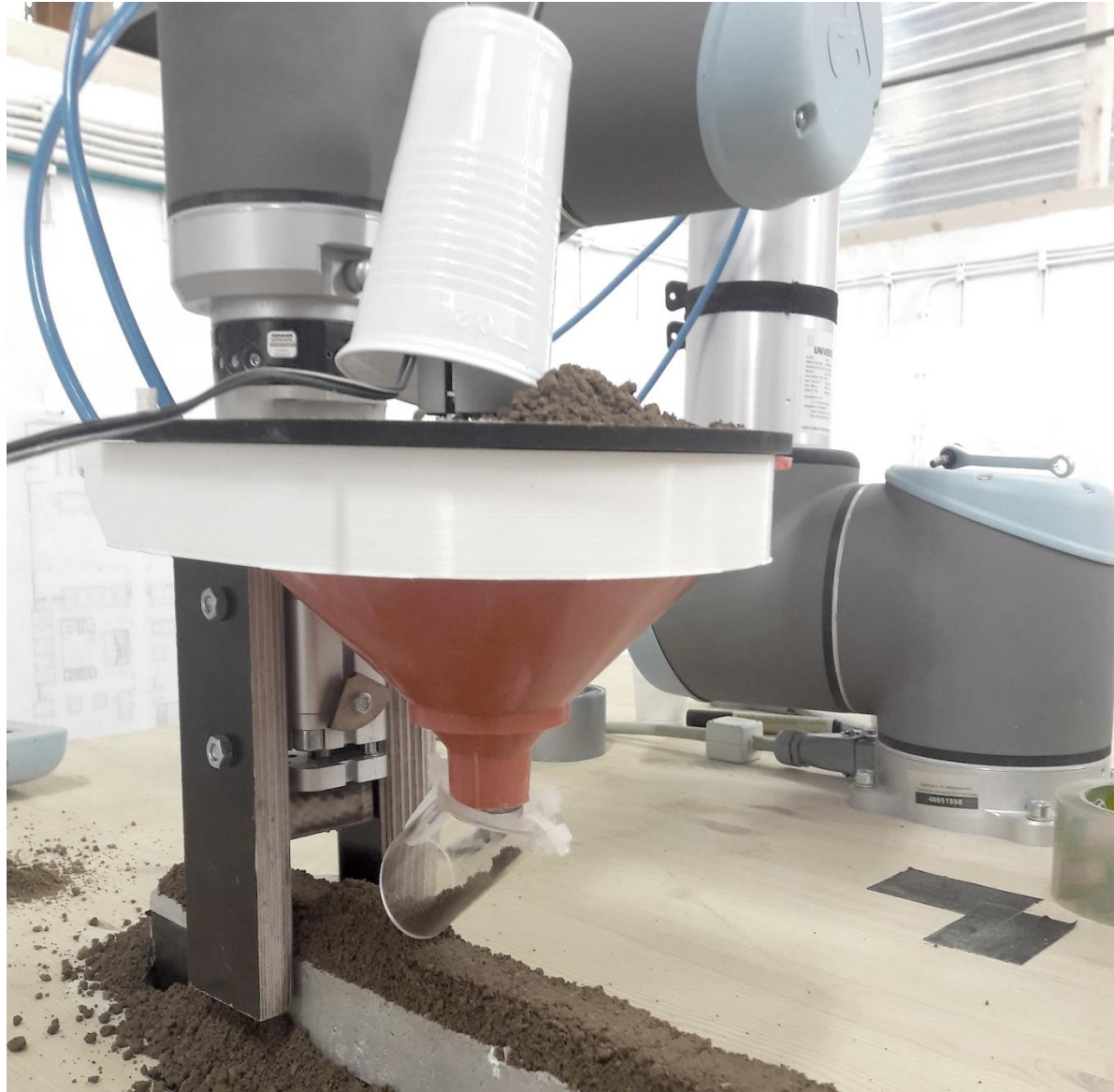


Material feeding | Image: J. Gosslar (2022)



Material Compaction | Image: J. Gosslar (2022)

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Preliminary student work | Images: J. Gossler

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Preliminary student work | Video: J. Gosslar

Process efficiency through precise process control

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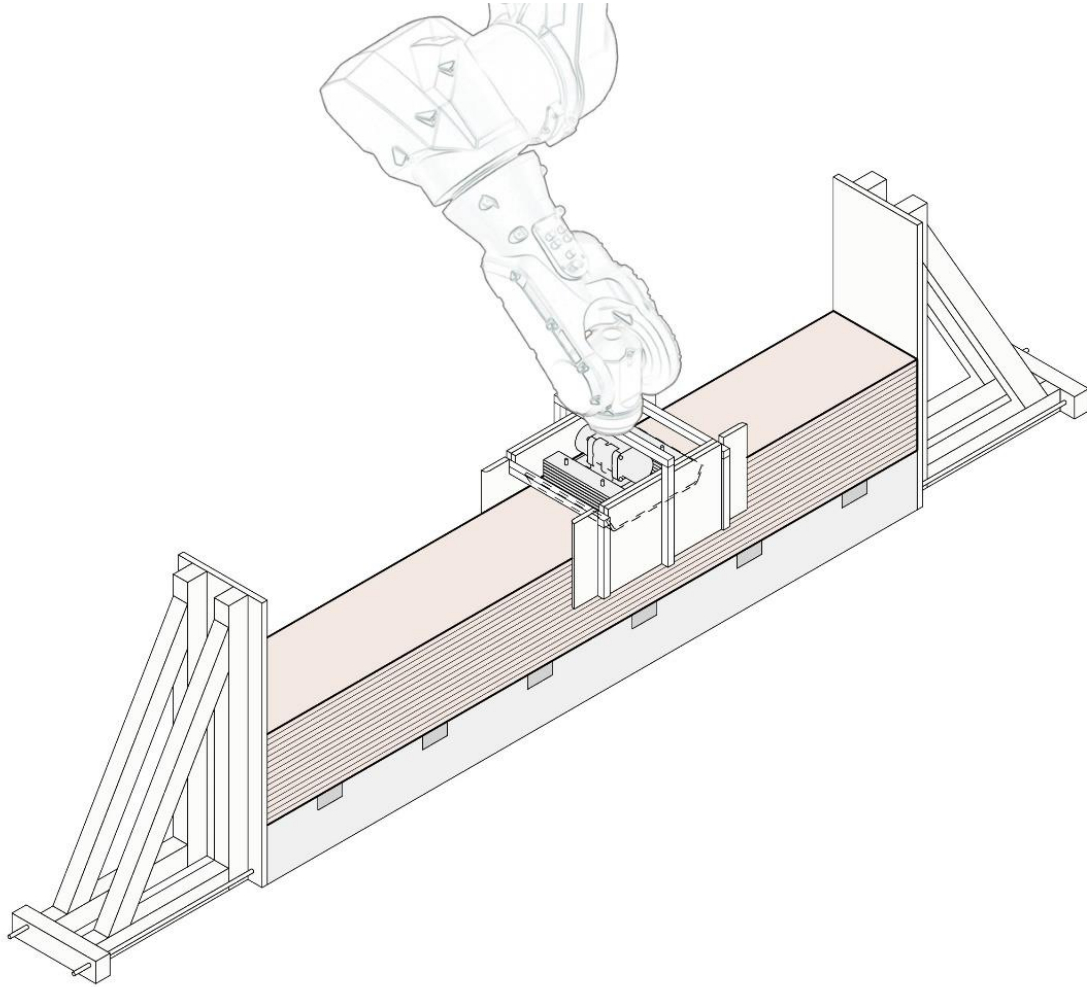
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Digitalisation | Robot aided rammed earth construction



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Concept | Robot end effector

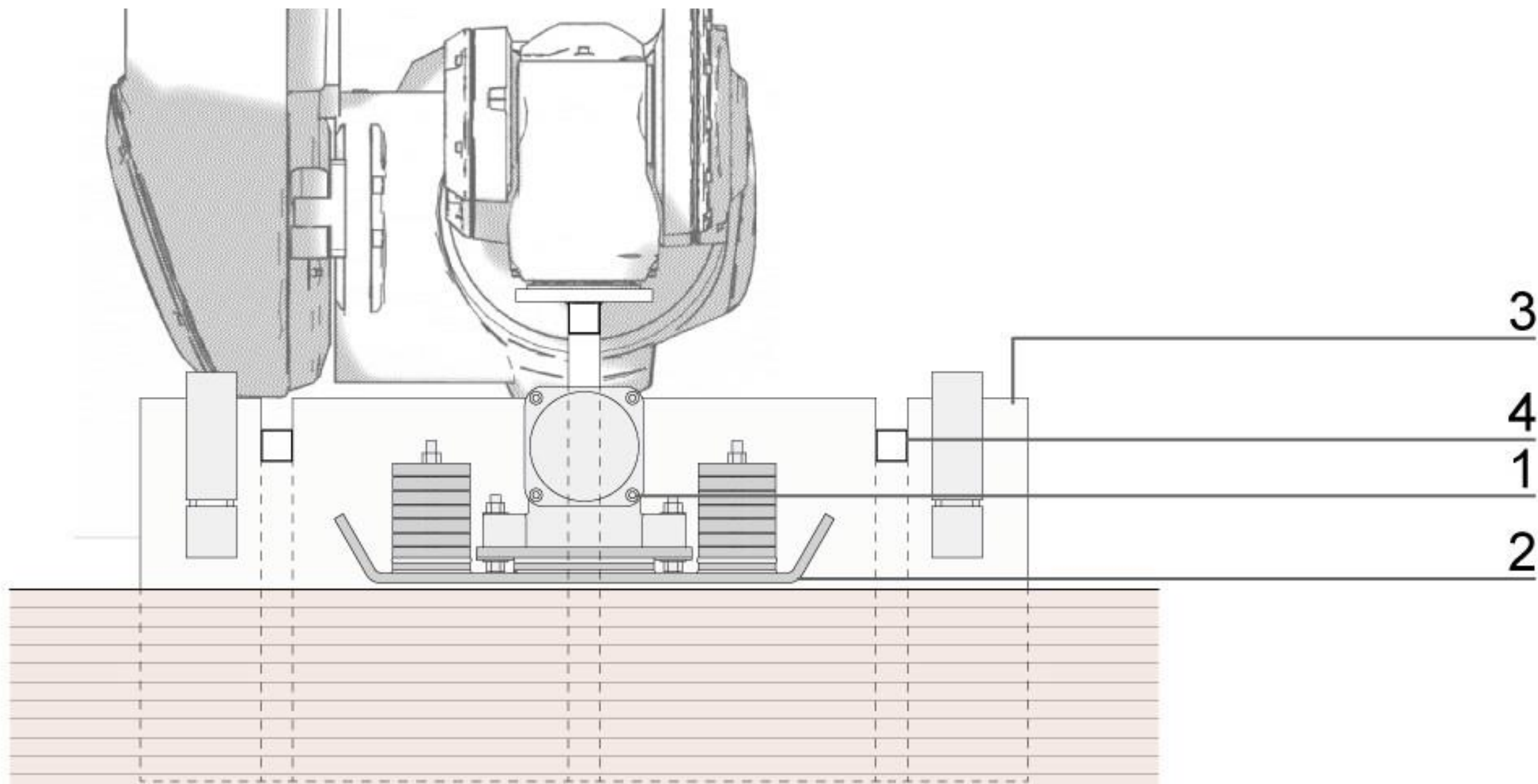


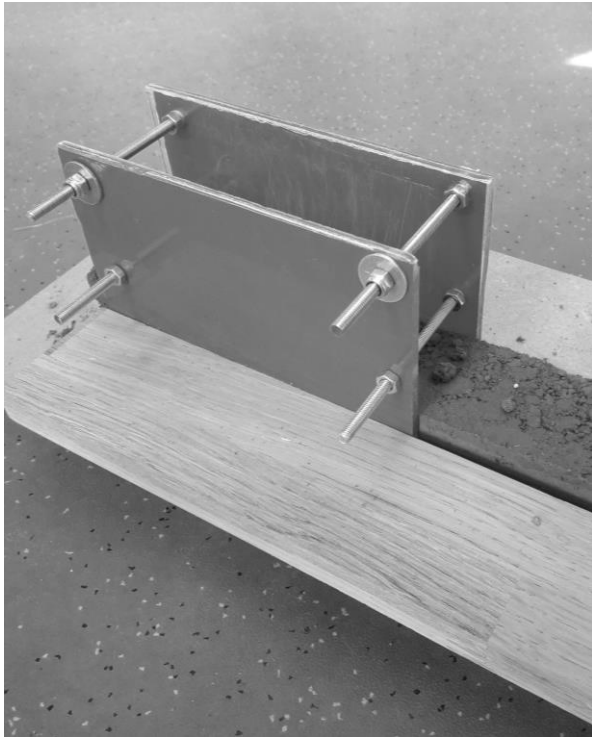
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Scaling up of the robotic rammed earth process

Proof of concept

Prototype 1

Prototype 2



Manual slipform | Photo: J. Gosslar

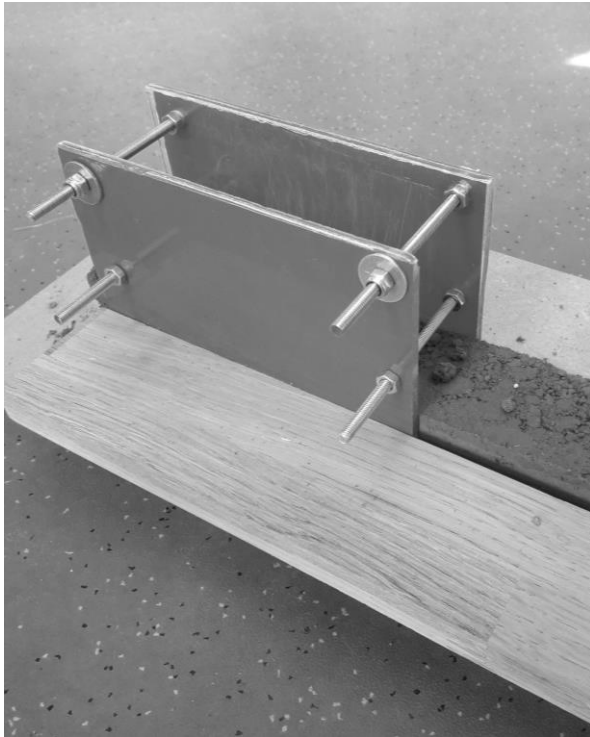
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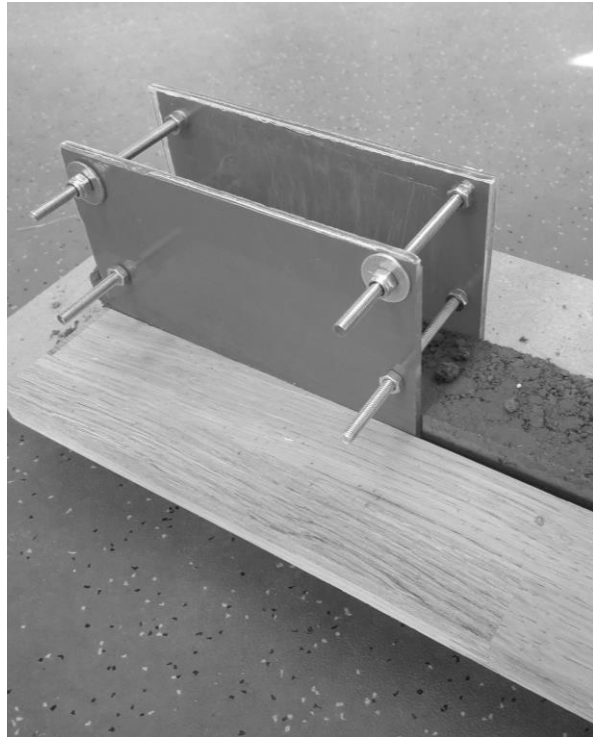
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Prototypical process development



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Active slipform and digitally controllable compaction



• **1:** 6 Axis Industrial Robot suspended from gantry

• **2:** Steel frame

• **3:** Active slip form

• **4:** Compaction device

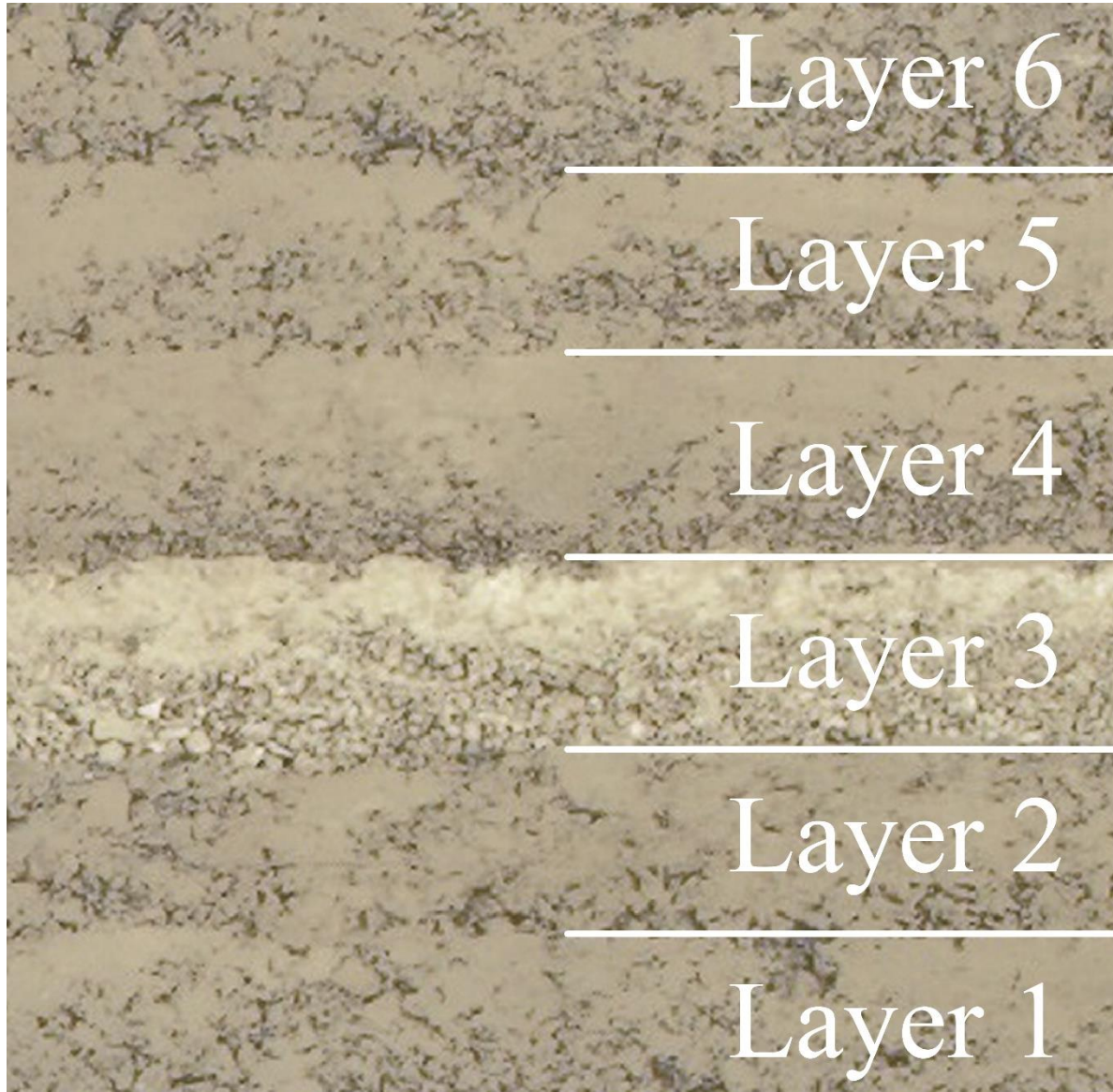
Compaction device | ITE/ TUBS

Wall element – cooperative process and automated material feeding

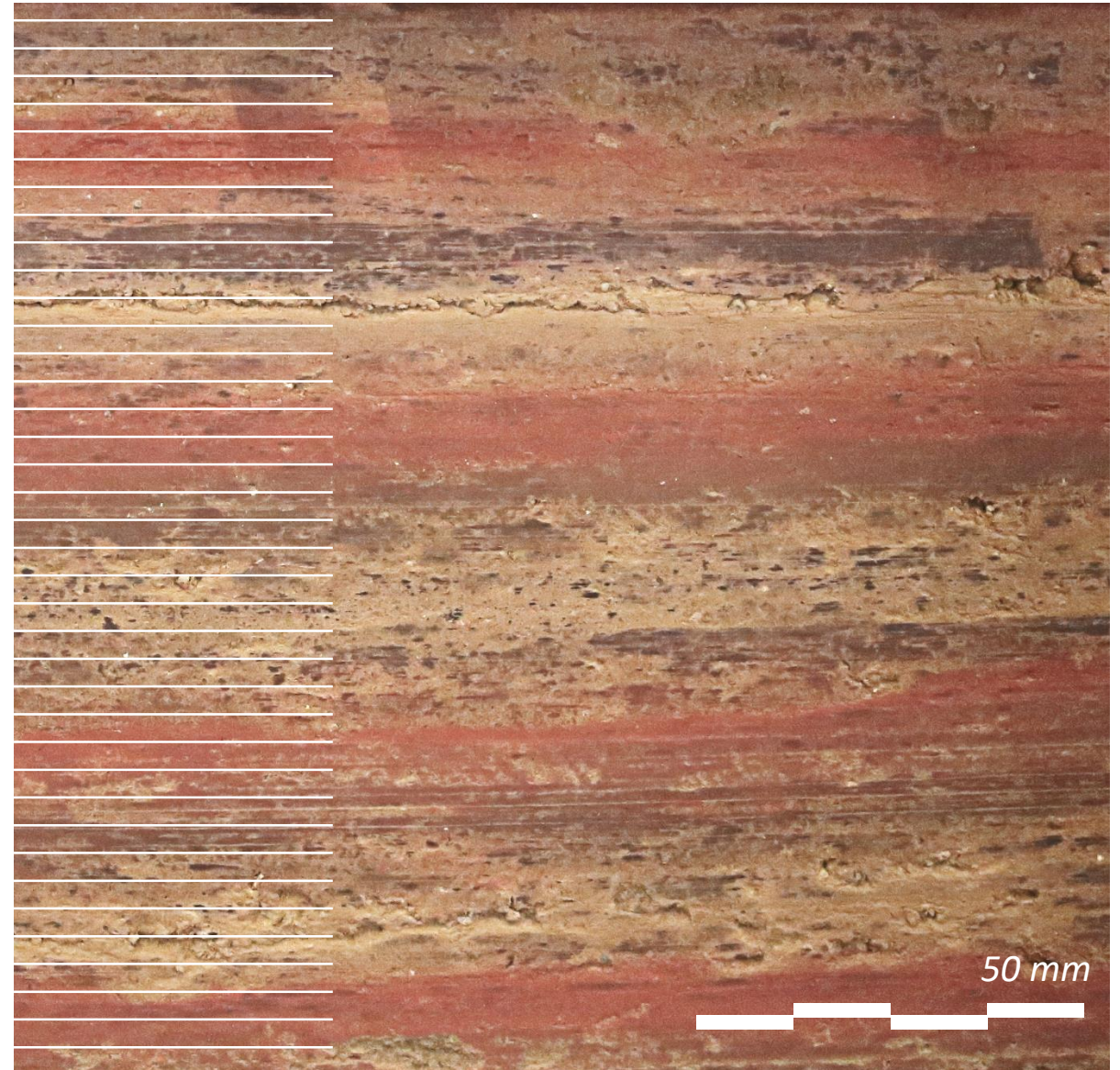


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Layer height vs. consistent material properties



Rammed Earth Surface compaction | © Claytech Lehmbaumstoffe



Robotic rammed earth surface compaction | © ITE / TUBS

Subtractive Post Processing of Rammed Earth



Subtraktive Nachbearbeitung mittels CNC-Kreissäge am DBFL | Abb.: ITE/TUBS

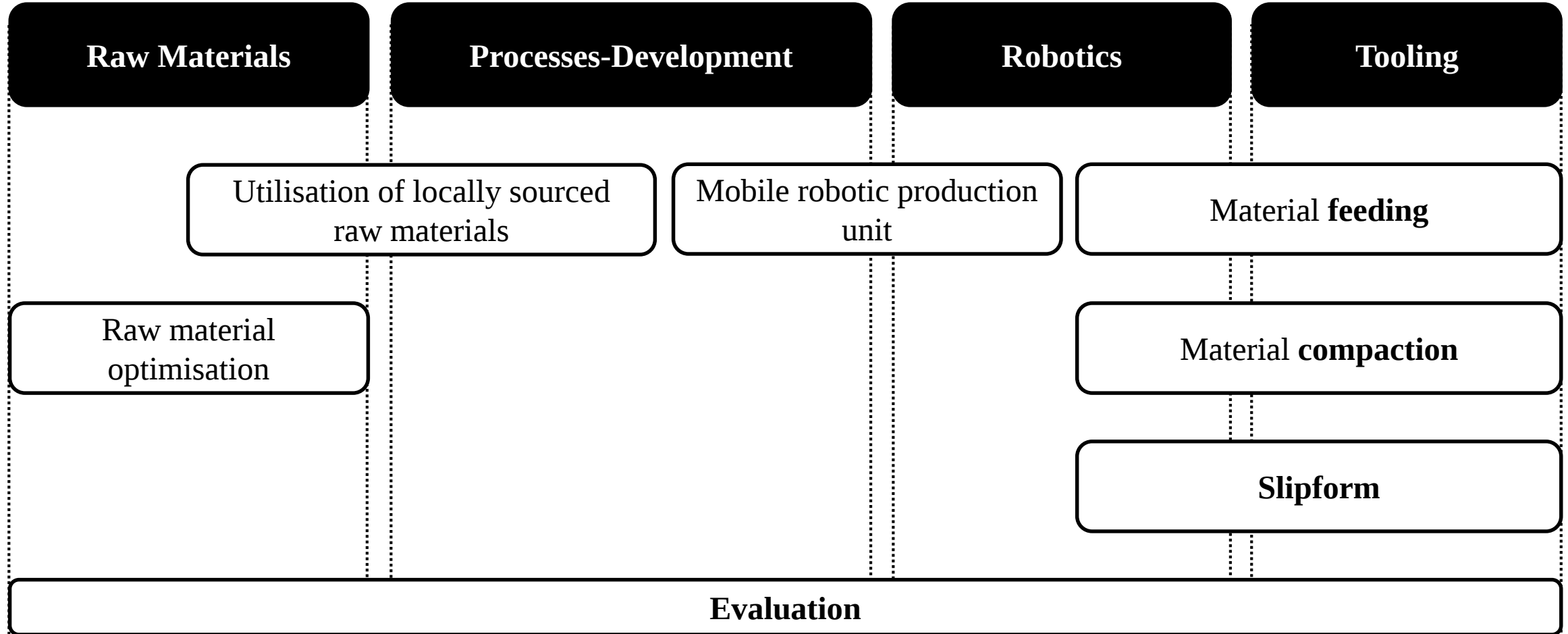
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Schnittbild eines erdfeucht bearbeiteten Stampflehmprobekörpers mittels CNC-Kreissäge | ITE/TUBS



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