

Quality-assured flow production of lightweight UHPC rod elements using artificial neural networks

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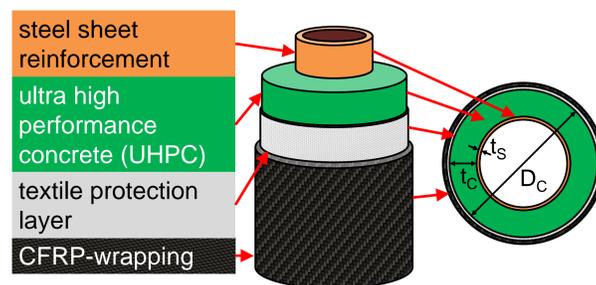
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Motivation: Flow Production of Lightweight Rod Elements for Trusses

Faster construction requires components that can be produced in flow production processes.

Rod shaped hollow elements (HUSC-Elements) made of ultra high performance concrete (UHPC), steel and carbon fiber reinforced polymers enable fast production processes with in-line quality assurance.

HUSC-Elements



Typical dimensions:

thickness of steel sheet $t_s = 4,0$ mm
thickness of concrete $t_c = 30,0$ mm
diameter of concrete $D_C = 360,0$ mm

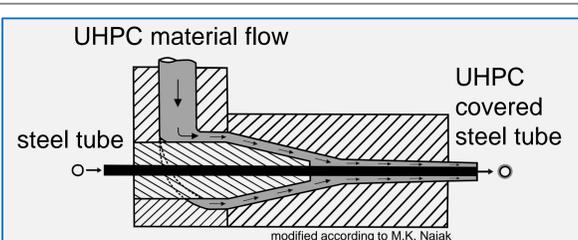
Form follows function – Benefits of the HUSC-Elements

- lightweight elements
- high buckling stability
- material and shape adaptable to a wide range of applications
- hollow space inside can be used for post tensioning and installations
- resource-efficient by material oriented design

Methods: Crosshead Extrusion and Artificial Intelligence

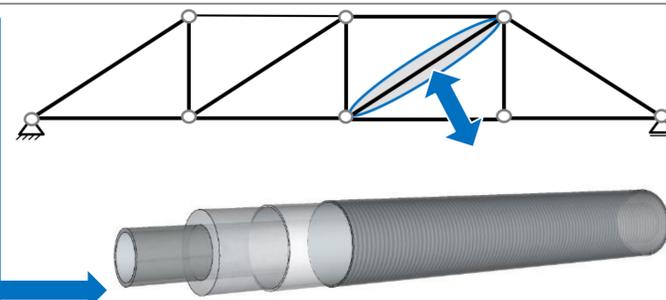
Aims

- modular frameworks for fast building and fast assembly on the construction site
- more efficient use of resources by high performance elements
- less waste and higher quality by extended quality assurance using artificial neural networks



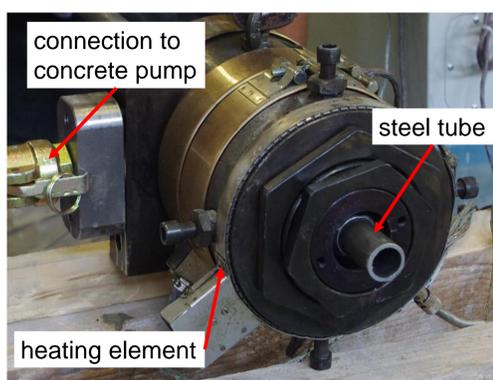
Extrusion process of HUSC-Elements

- continuous, automatic process
- no formwork needed
- no bending & relocating of steel reinforcement
- high dimensional accuracy
- data driven, self-learning quality assurance
- fast



Shape and material optimized **HUSC-Elements** as basic element for trusses

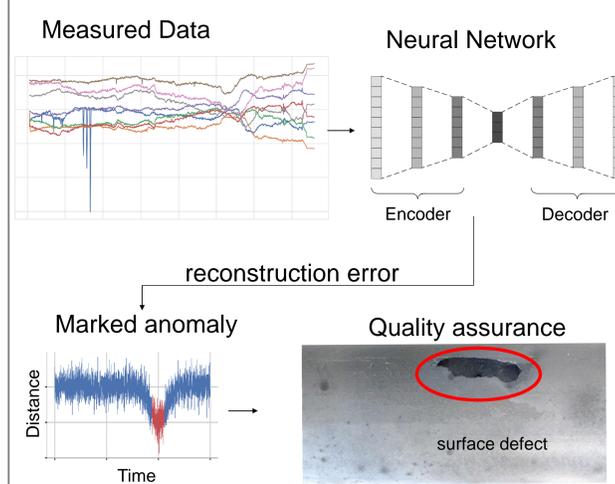
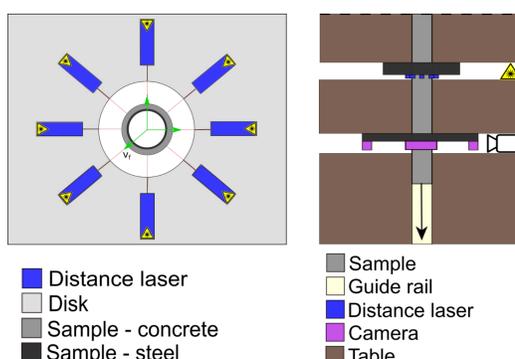
UHPC Crosshead Extrusion



crosshead extrusion device in lab scale

Quality monitoring using timeseries and image data using camera systems

- Distance lasers
- Cameras (Video, Stereo, Infrared)



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