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### **Recycled 3D Staircase**

A Highly Customized Robotically Manufactured 3D Printed Staircase

SECTORS INVOLVED: Construction · Additive Manufacturing · Circularity & Recycling





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### Team



### Hyperion Robotics + Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (IAAC)



Experts in concrete 3D printing, with know-how in :

- 3D printing concrete made of geopolymer and recycled material
- Automation and control of the extruder and the pump
- Automation of cable placement within the 3D printed layer





Experts in sustainable architecture and digital fabrication, with knowhow in

- 3D Printing with clay mortar and natural material
- 3D scanning and sensor analysis for 3D Printing
- Real time control of robot for 3D printing

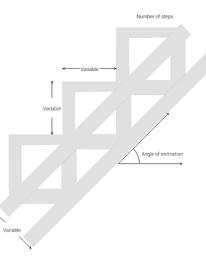
### Context - market



### 3D Printed outdoors slope stairs



#### **Precast slope stairs**



**3D-Printed slope stairs** 

#### Industry market :

After interviewing concrete precast industry leaders (Luja Betoni, Rudus, Topwerk), we discovered that 3D-Printing offers novel opportunities for manufacturing outdoors slope stairs:

- Slope stairs are supported by a hill - do not require reinforcement
- Slopes and sizes of hills vary greatly - many can't be produced from an adjustable mold

#### 3D printed solution :

- Completely customizable
- Requires only 2 people to produce
- Requires less than 1 hour to print
- Material is printed in a structurally efficient way (lattice beam) - up to 70% material saved
- Up to 97% upcycled mortars -Low CO2 footprint

### Context - material



### Up to 97% upcycled mortars



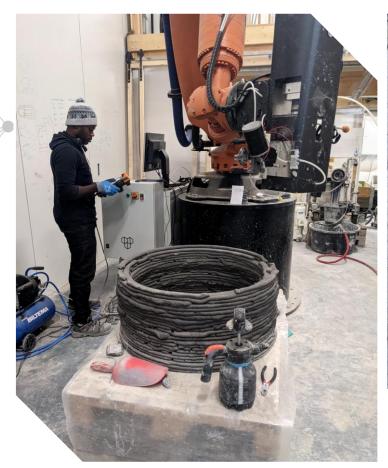
New opportunities from research in geopolymer :

- Binder and aggregate are upcycled from industrial waste from mining, steel industry, coal plants and demolition.
- Up to 80 MPA compressive strength
- Cement-based mortar up to 70% recycled - 90 kg of CO2/ton
- Alkali activated mortar up to 97% recycled - 15 kg of CO2/ton

# Context



### Inconsistent output when extruding upcycled mortars



Alkali-activated just add water mortar



Mortar based on paper-pulp industry waste product

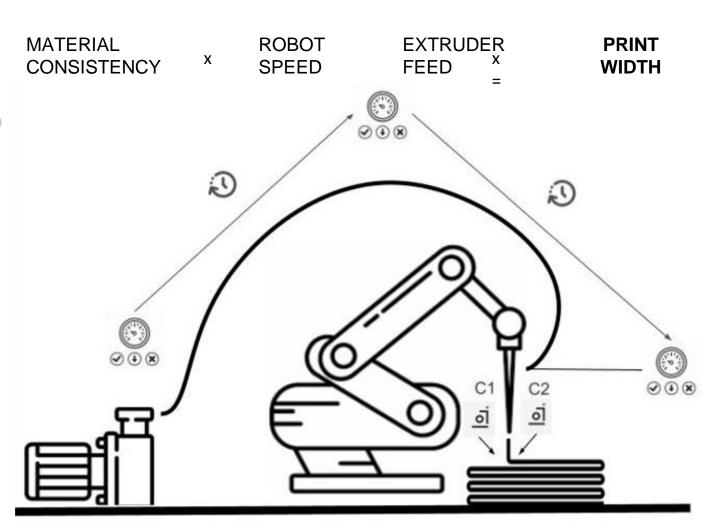


Mortar based on cement and steel industry waste products

# Development



### Monitoring opportunities



# Printing width variation caused by:

- Material Inconsistencies
- Pump worn out
- Weather conditions.
- Geometry (intersection /
  double lines / corner)
- Path acceleration and deceleration ?

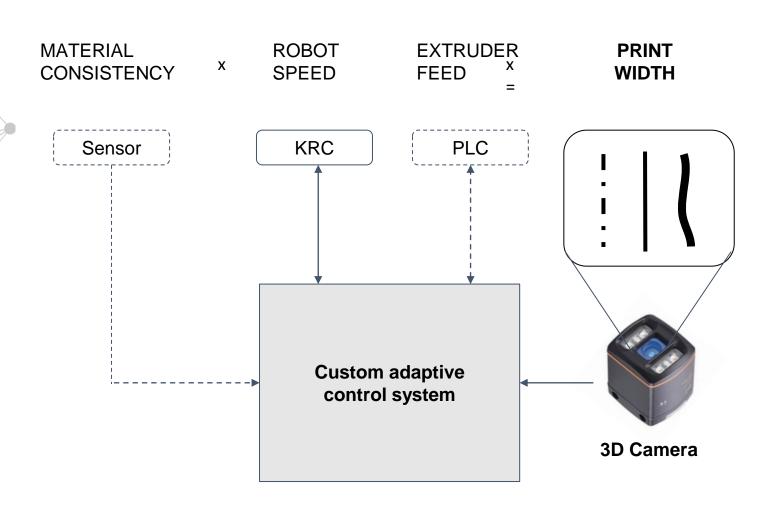
#### Digital control possible on

- Robot speed
- Extruder feed

# Development



### Control System



#### Implementation RoadMap

Development towards TRL5 Focus on the relation between print width vs robot speed, with the following substeps:

- Defining the most suitable
   3D camera, data storage, and
   adaptive control algorithms.
- Testing various camera and algorithm on simple 3d printed geometry
- upgrading sensor & light system for full integration
- Technology transfer between
   IAAC and Hyperion
- Calibrating on various material conditions
- Testing on complex geometry
- Testing in production condition.
- Finalising of the recycled 3D staircase prototype.

# Support



#### Metabuilding

We believe that the Metabuilding project is a unique opportunity for us to increase our technology capabilities, which will help us solve some practical and big challenges that construction and the concrete industry face. The combination of our automation and optimization technology (3D printing) and the use of sustainable materials, are key to revolutionizing one of the least automated industries and this project will be an important milestone for us to get there.

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