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## **3D Printing for Smart Constructions**

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#### **Abstract**

Advances in manufacturing have led to unmatched capabilities in construction speed, materials usage, and geometric flexibilities. This is especially true for 3D printing technologies, which hold the potential to improve the sustainability and resilience of civil infrastructure. Although 3D printing has been successfully demonstrated at large scales, such as in building concrete houses and a steel pedestrian bridge, the technology is yet to be widely accepted by the civil engineering community. In this talk, we review challenges impeding the acceptability of the technology, including the individuality of components that can introduce unacceptable levels of uncertainty, and discuss solutions that could empower field deployment of the technology. One of these solutions is the integration of structural health monitoring (SHM) systems. SHM can provide real-time condition assessments of 3D-printed parts, ensuring that they perform as designed and thus guaranteeing structural integrity during operation. The integration of SHM with data-driven algorithms, automation, and advanced manufacturing techniques has the great potential to improve sustainability and resilience to produce smart constructions.



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