

Hook-and-Loop fastener – application for the technical building equipment



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Problem statement

EIFS problems

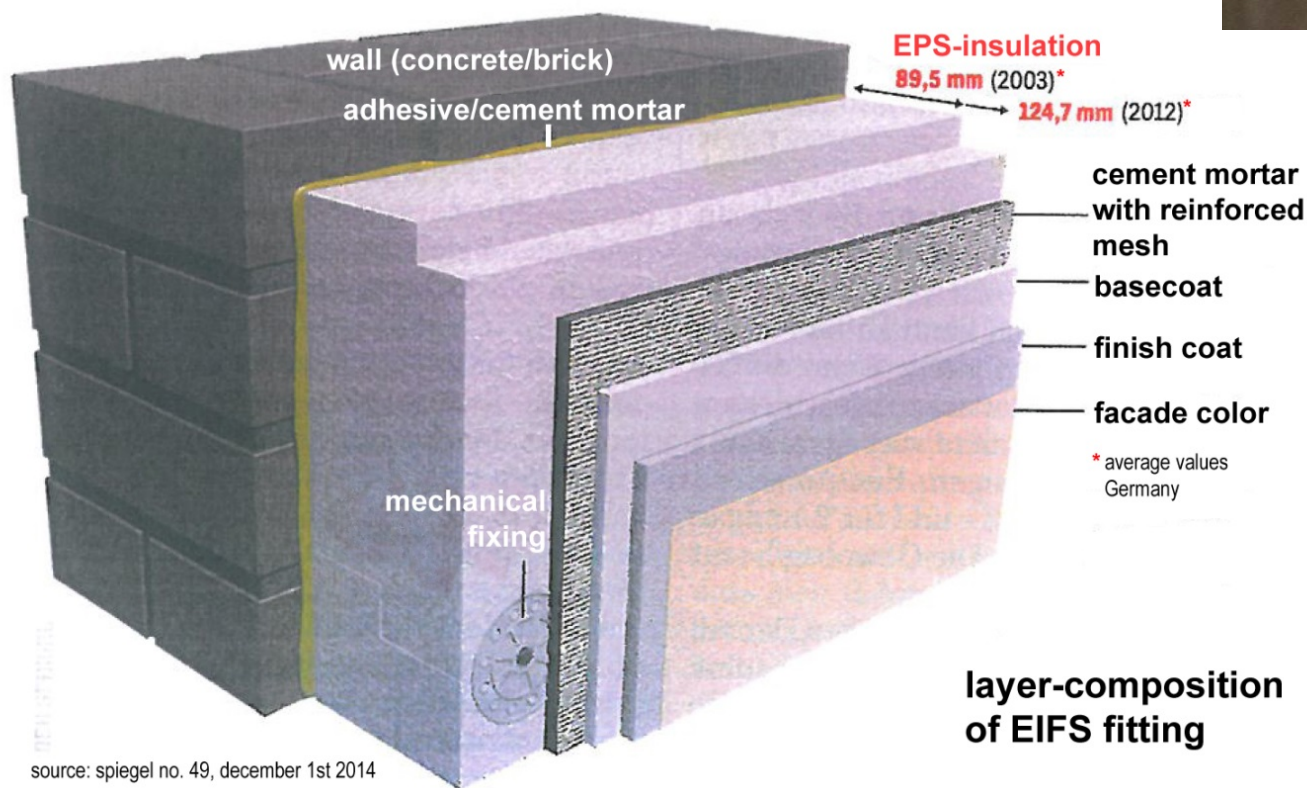
no recycling and no reuse (special waste)

Exterior Insulation Finishing System fitting:

_wall and insulation

_insulation and finish coat/plaster

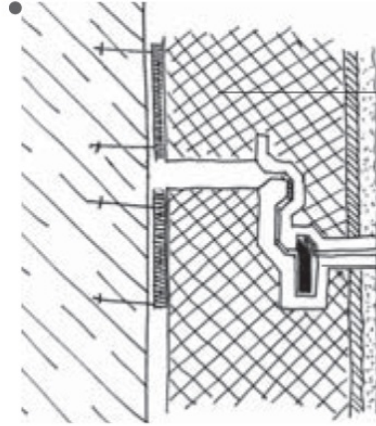
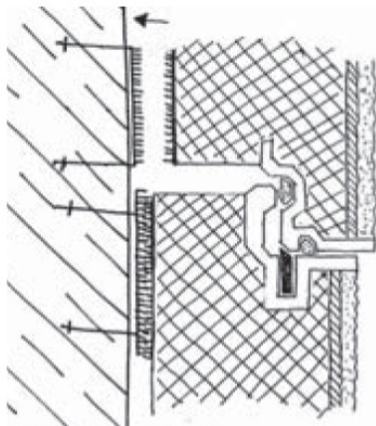
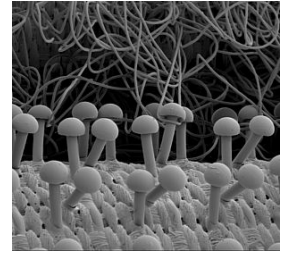
No separability of facade components



**layer-composition
of EIFS fitting**

Research project - facade4zeroWaste

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WDV-Fertigteil
Putz
Armierung
Dämmung (formstabil)

Klick-Metallprofile
mit integrierter Feder
und Dichtungen

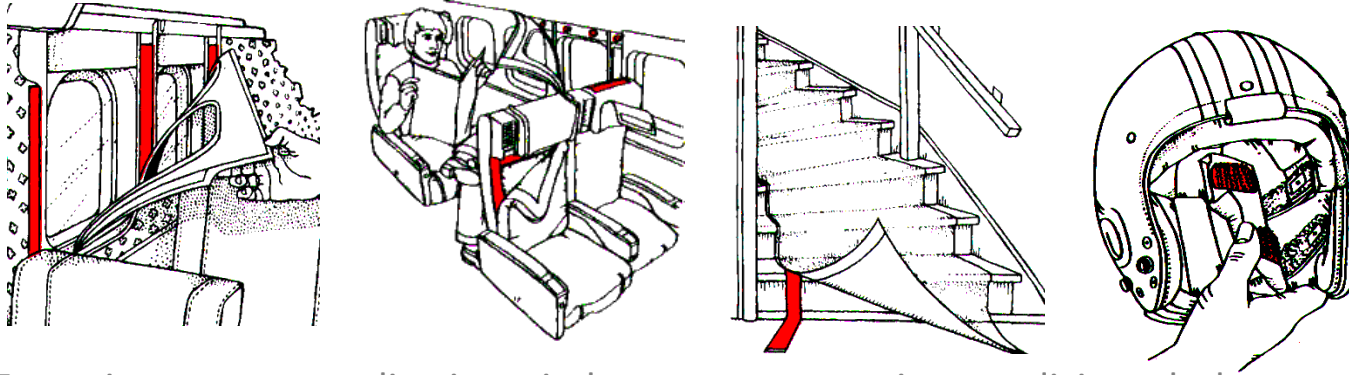


First idea prefabricated “**Click-System-Modul**” with fastener fixation / “Velcro”

Reuse but no single-origin separability (**Recycling**)

Is a Velcro fastener for the facade application even possible?

“barnacle” at flora and fauna - biological term



Fastening systems applications: industry, transportation, medicine, clothes, etc. almost at any branch, expect the **building construction branch**

The prickly heads of these plants are noted for easily catching onto fur and clothing , thus providing an excellent **mechanism for seed dispersal**.

The first artificial reclosable fastener fixation the “hook-and-loop fastener” was **conceived in 1941** by Swiss engineer, George de Maestra.

Hook-and-loop fasteners, are known as Velcro[®] in English, in German speaking countries as “**Klett**”.



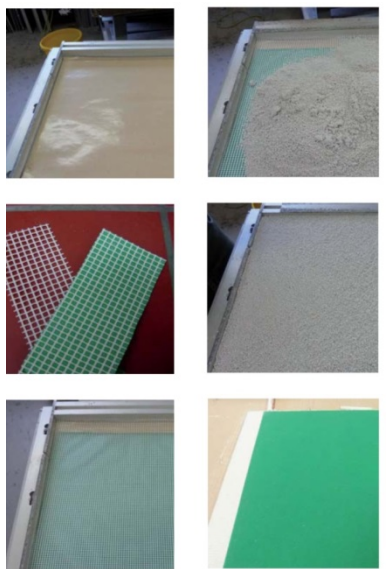
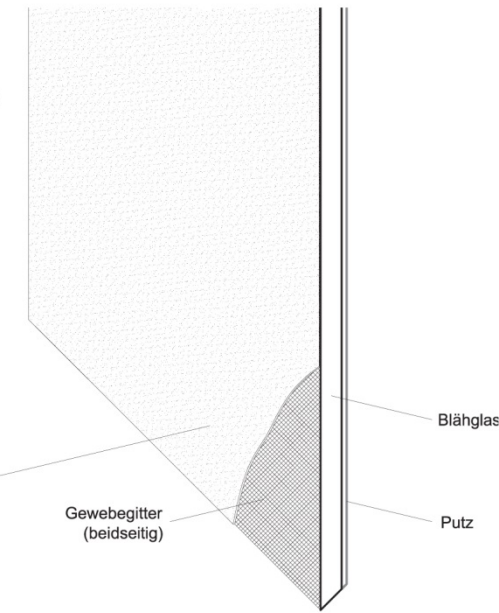
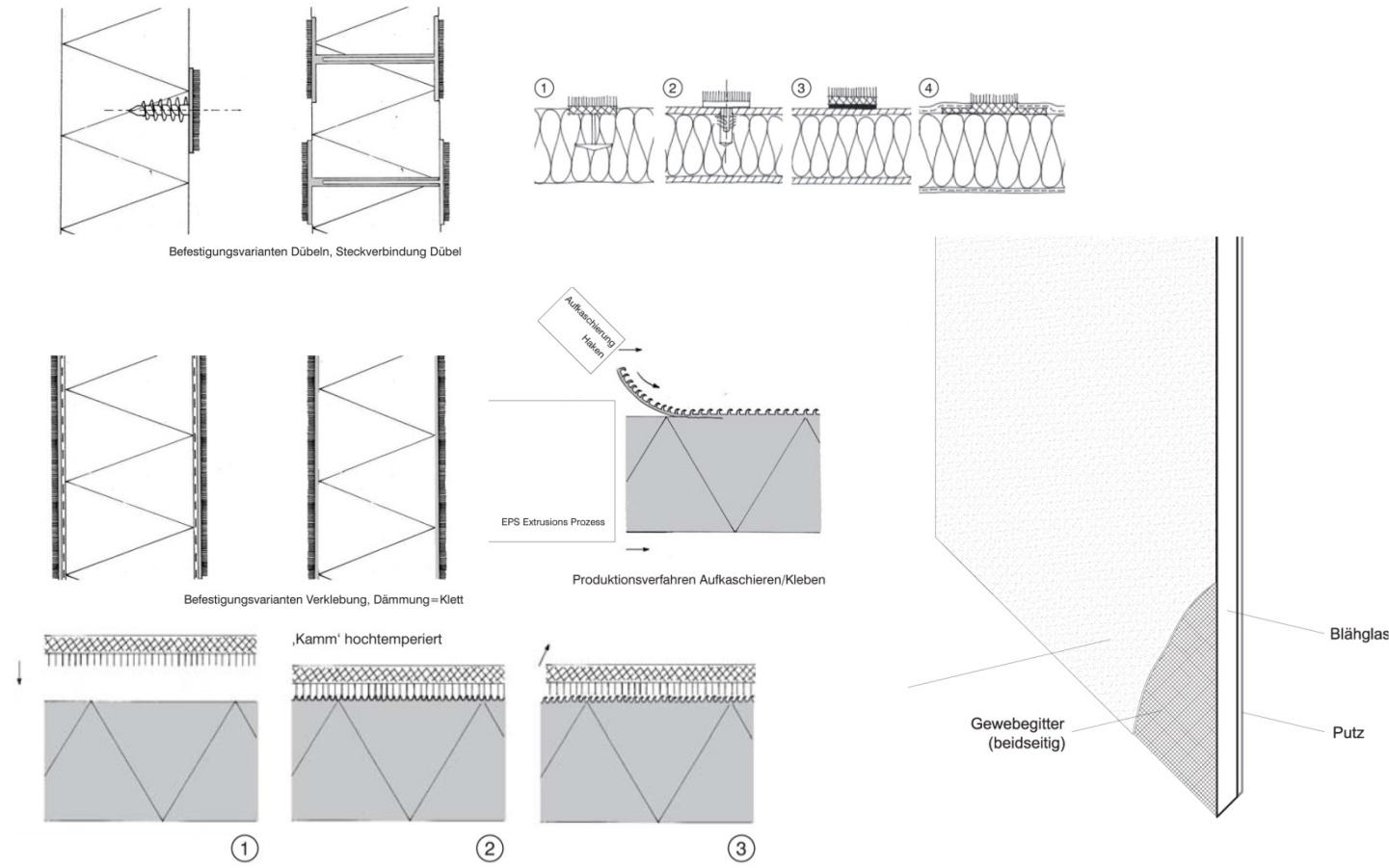
Development

Connection between VELCRO and building component
Industry manufacturing - practicable and cheap

Manufacturing insulation or façade panel with integrated Velcro

Idea:
insulation with integrated Velcro –during production process
_ laminate Klett during EPS extrusion
_ bed of heated nails to extrude Velcro

Finally:
façade panel (recycled glass) with
integrated Velcro fleece laminating during
production process
StoVerotec Lauingen Germany



Certification Testings



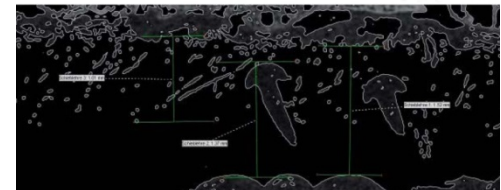
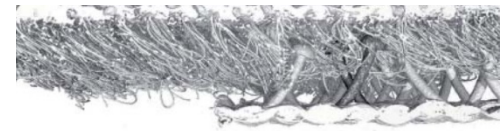
weather resistant (long life span)
EOTA test-application (European Organisation for Technical Assessment)
weathering-test ETAG 04 (European Technical Approval Guidelines)

Construction statics (without glue)
wind suction and pressure test - ETAG 017 (European Technical Approval Guidelines)

fire behaviour, reduce risk of fire
SBI Single Buring Item EN 13823 at IBS-Institute Linz

Fastener fixation tests
with CT (Computer Tomography)

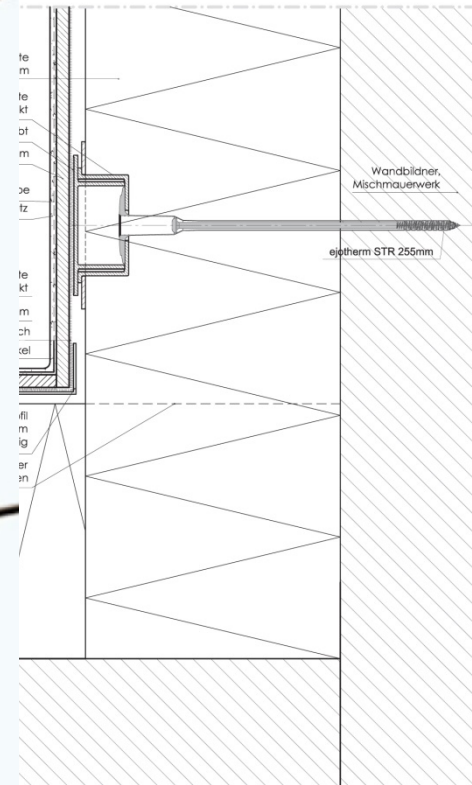
weathering-tests and static tests



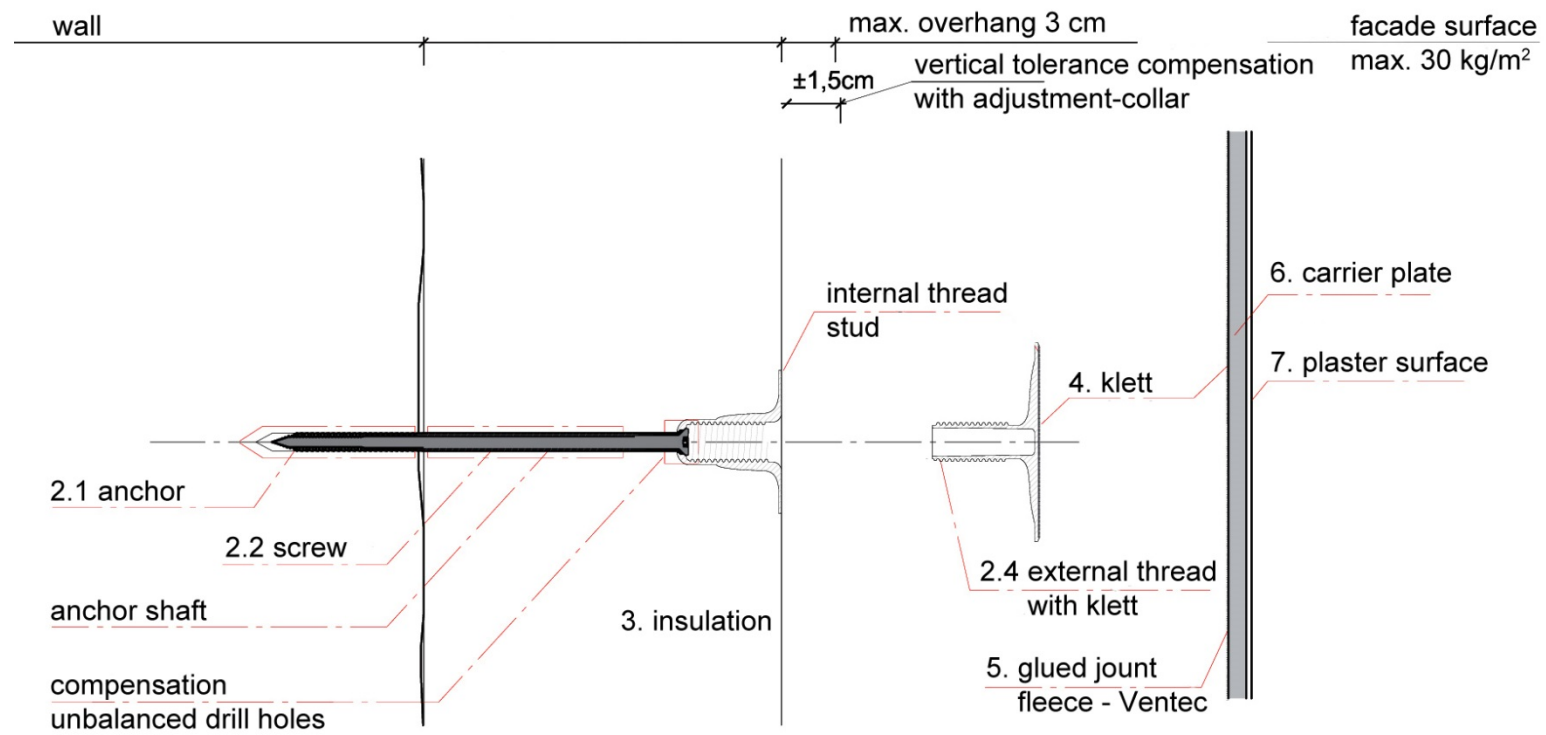
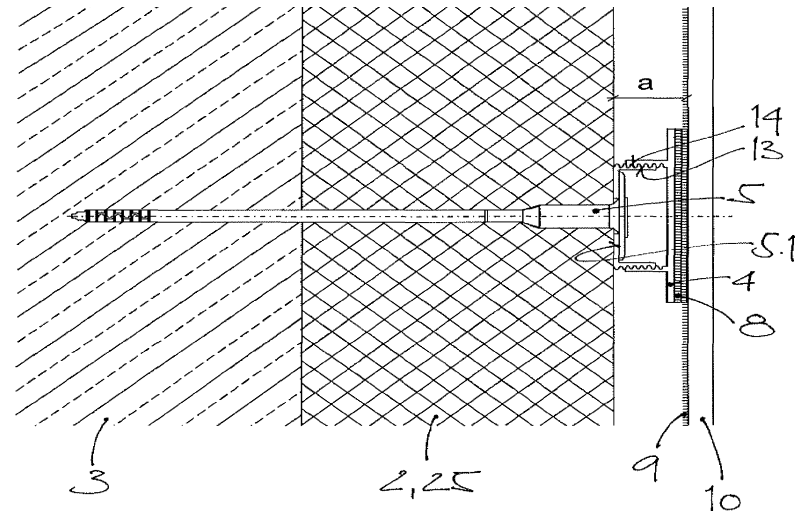
Certification - development of crucial details - corners and openings

problem: corner detail fixation, no areal bonding but only point loads

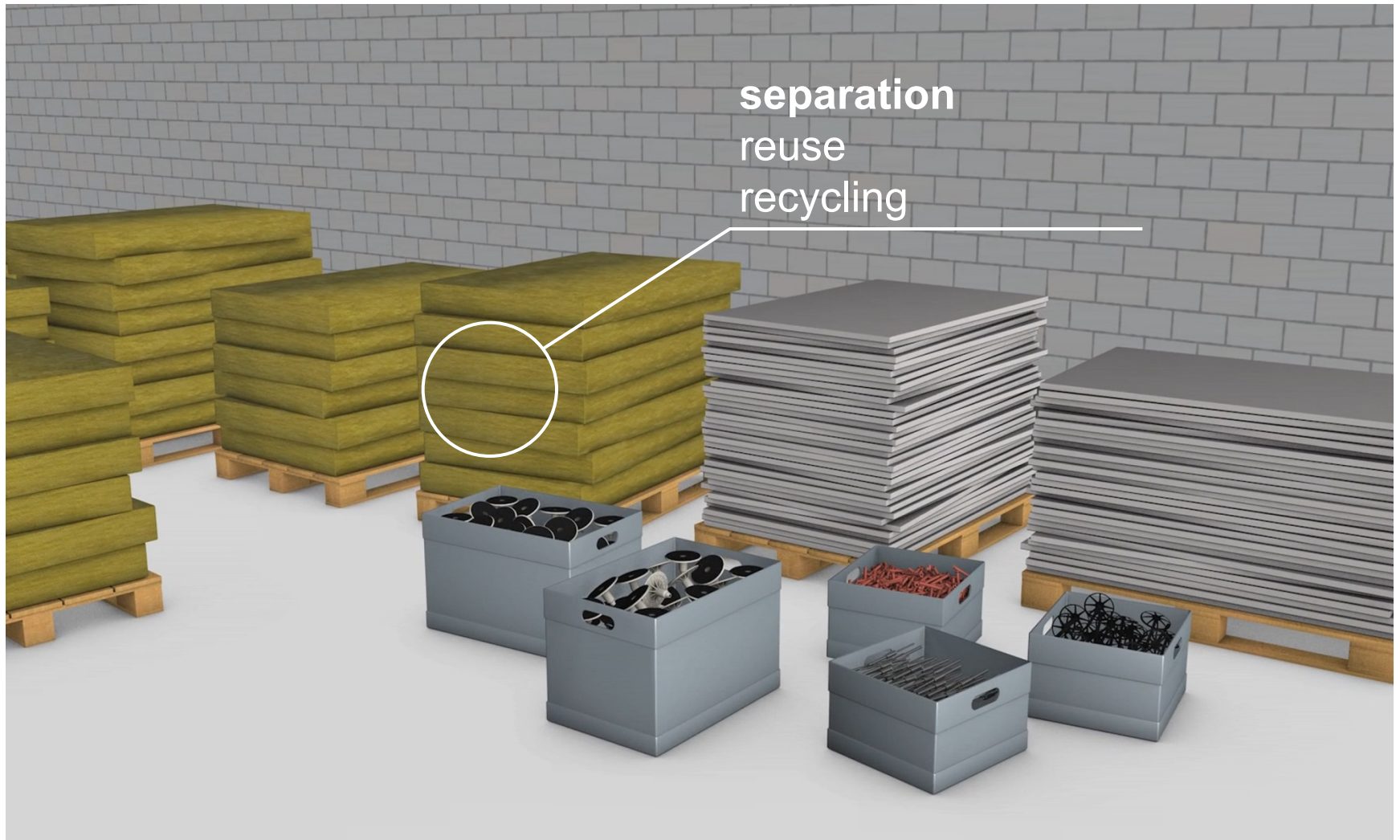
developing Velcro-corner-angle



Grip fixing instead of adhesive –
Exterior Insulation Finishing Systems (EIFS)
as a sorted recyclable façade system
with reclosable Velcro fastener fixation



StoSystain R: Grip fixing instead of adhesive



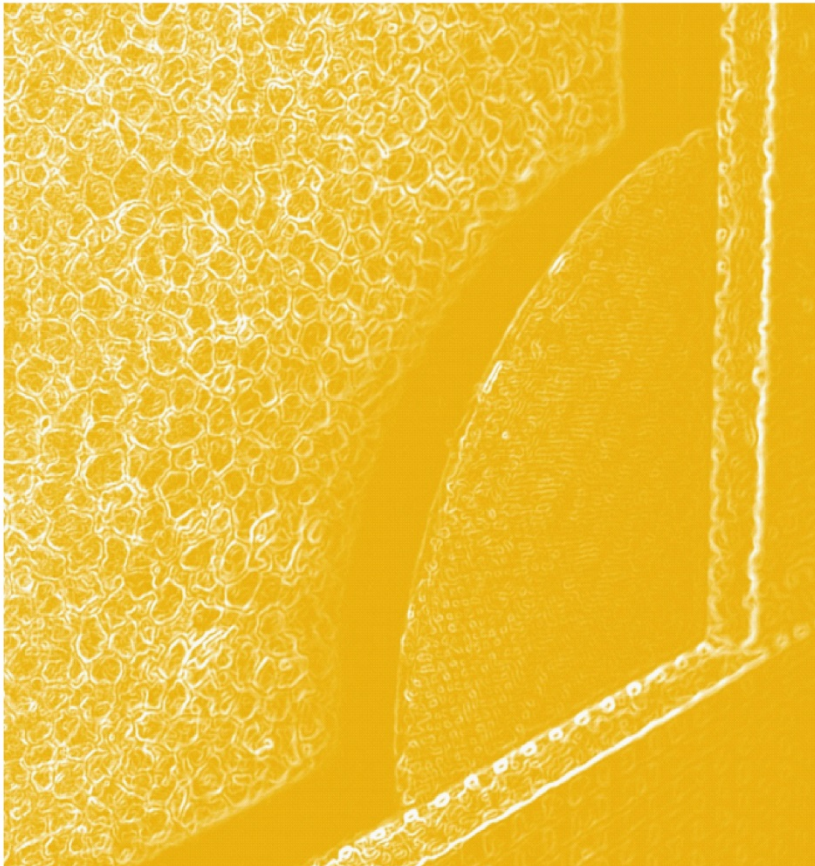
European Recycling Award 2015

Award-Winning Project „facade4zeroWaste“

08 May 2015, Rotterdam, NL



European Quality Association for Recycling e.V.



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Research title:

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sorted recyclable façade system with reclosable
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Innovation Award for
Architecture and Building
Product „**StoSystem R**“
Awarded from AIT and XIA
on the Building Fair in Munich



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Public funded exploratory project

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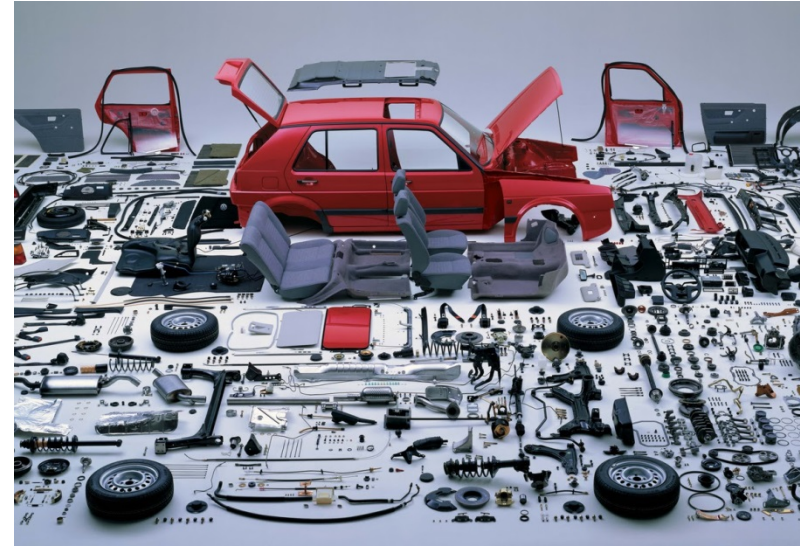
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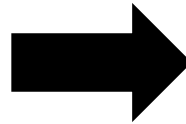
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Avoiding waste production and improving recycling

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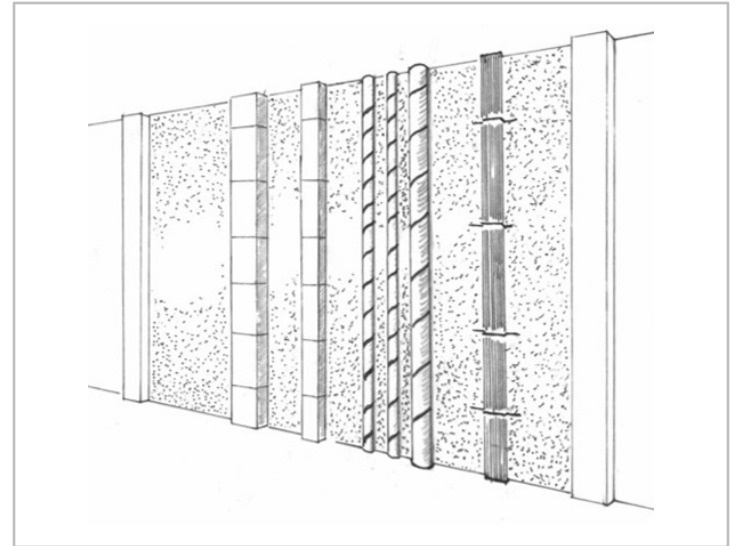
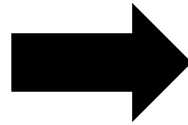
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Creating more flexibility in the implementation

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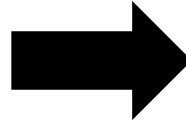
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Less destruction of building components

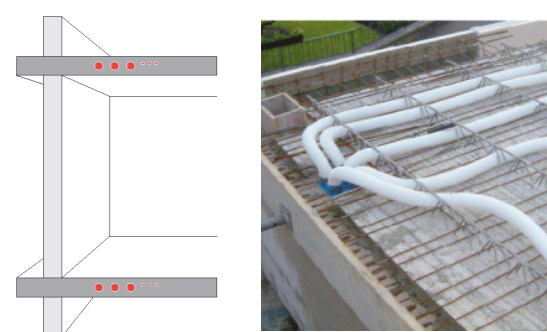
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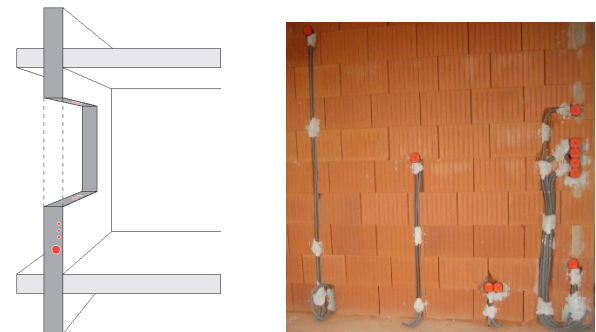


Increasing the attractiveness of the handicraft profession

Aim of project: Potential for use of Velcro at technical building equipment



Cable arrangement in horizontal building components



Cable arrangement in vertical building components



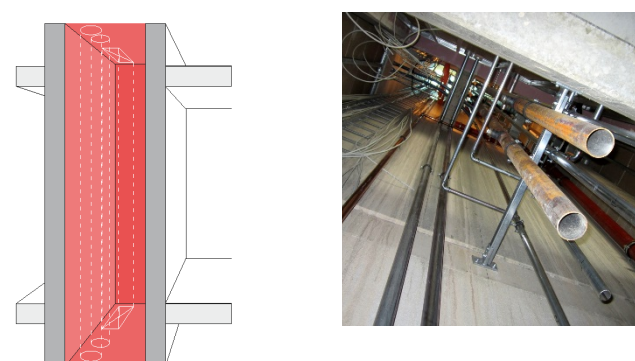
Cable arrangement below horizontal building components



Cable arrangement in front of vertical building components



Cable arrangement above horizontal building components



Cable arrangement inside vertical installation shafts

Aim of project:

Application:

- _Installation of sanitary components
- _Insulation of water and ventilation pipes
- _Fixation of electrical installations

The aim was to develop concepts for the production of surfaces with hook-and-loop-compatible surfaces in buildings, which could serve as a base-surface for simplified mounting of building's installation lines.

Aims:

- _Simplified assembly processes
- _Flexible mountings and adaptability
- _Damage-free connections



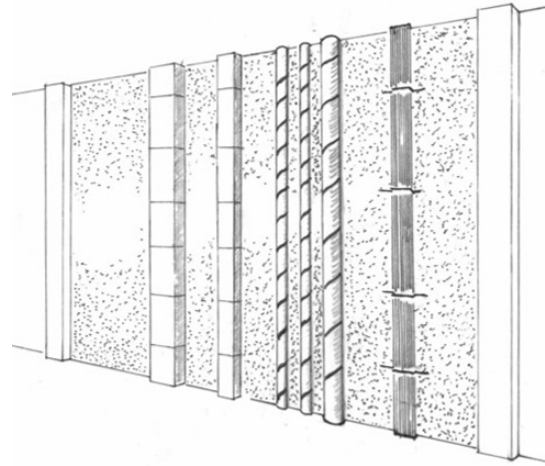
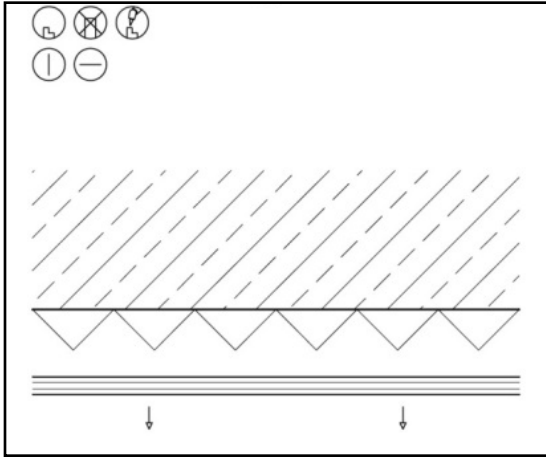
Results

Based on the innovation matrix, a total of 143 concepts for connections between Velcro and building materials were developed



Laboratory Tests

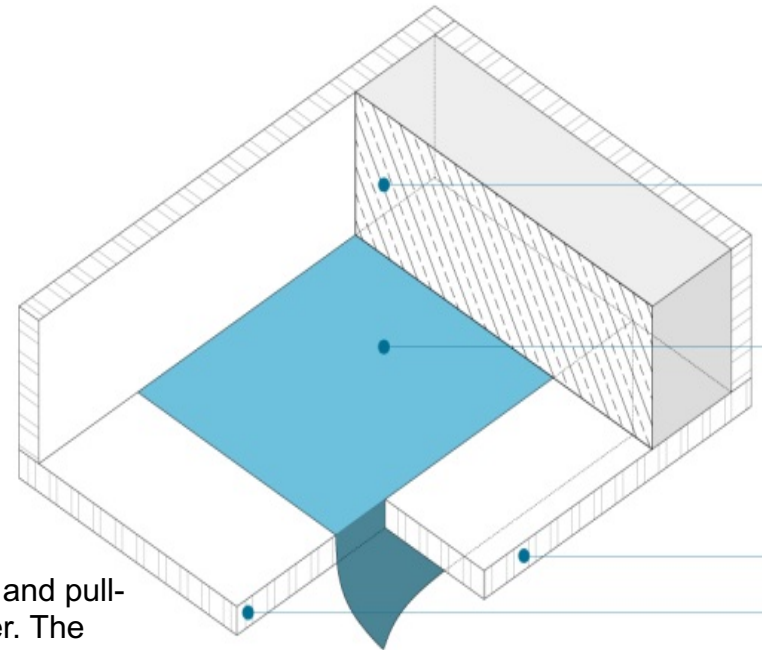
Promising concepts have been physically tested by the Laboratory of Structural Engineering at Graz University of Technology.



Testing concept, Fixations of the inserted Hook-and Loop-fastener



Experimental Setup of the peeling and pull-out tension test with Loop-Fastener. The width of the test strip is 5 cm.

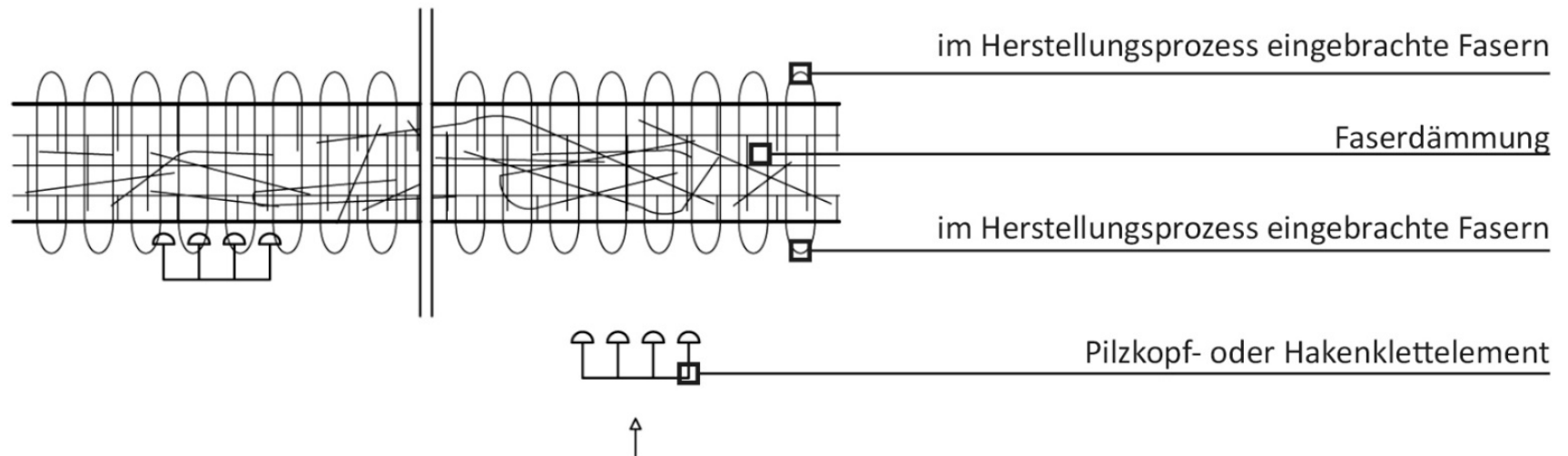


Results

Velcro compatible fibre insulation

The structure of a fibre insulation enables reversible mounting with a hook or mushroom-head fixation. A hook-and-loop connection always requires two components or connection partners, a loop element and a hook or mushroom element.

This invention uses the insulation as the loop component.



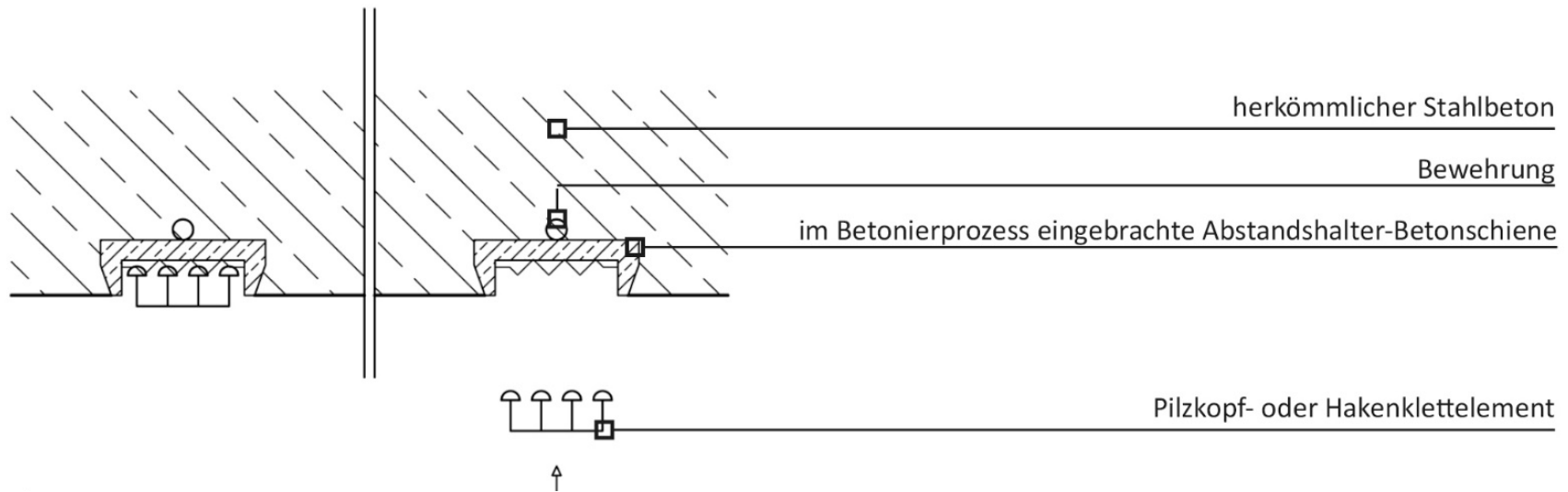
Results

Velcro-suitable loop elements integrated in concrete

Inventor's notification and patent grant

The core idea of the invention is the joint of a socket or track with loop (or hook) element with concrete by the use of the concreting process itself. Afterwards the loopsurface can be used for reversibel mounting of the technical building equipment (TGA) or further applications.

Spacers between reinforcement and concrete surface.



The further development either in the form of a state-funded project or together with corresponding and well-known partner companies will be the focus of the future research work.

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Thank you very much for your attention!!!



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