

Additive Manufacturing

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Making news recently. London museum turns 3D-printed Liberator guns into works of art

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MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Can 3D Printing Revive America's Middle Class?

By Markens Vogelstein | September 16, 2013, 1:29 PM | Technology Editor

3D printing has been posited as the catalyst of the next industrial revolution. To make a difference to America's middle class, whose median annual household income has dropped by more than \$4,000 since 2000, the technology will have to bring about an economy as bustling as the first industrial revolution.

Fewer than one-third of Americans believe economic conditions will improve next year. Could 3D printing turn things around?

<http://techonomy.com/2013/09/can-3d-printing-revive-americas-middle-class/>

Printing out Particle Detectors with 3D-Printers – a Potentially Transformational Advance for HEP Instrumentation

M. Hohlmann

	Current capability	Performance goal
Printing resolution in x,y	~ 75 μm	~ 1 μm
Layer thickness in z	~ 50 μm	~ 1 μm
Print speed	10 cm/s	> 100 cm/s
Materials	Either polymers or metals	Polymer-metal composites
Object size	50 cm \times 50 cm \times 25 cm	200 cm \times 100 cm \times 10 cm

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What is Additive Manufacturing?

- Additive Manufacturing (AM) refers to a process by which digital 3D design data is used to build up a component in layers by depositing material. (from the International Committee F42 for Additive Manufacturing Technologies, ASTM).
- The term "3D printing" is increasingly used as a synonym for AM. However, the latter is more accurate in that it describes a professional production technique which is clearly distinguished from conventional methods of material removal. Instead of milling a workpiece from solid block, for example, AM builds up components layer by layer using materials which are available in fine powder form. A range of different metals, plastics and composite materials may be used.

From http://www.eos.info/additive_manufacturing/for_technology_interested

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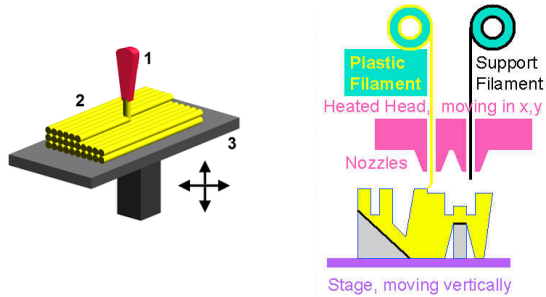
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- Good online reference: <http://www.solidconcepts.com/>
- Wikipedia is (surprisingly) sparse on technical details of AM.

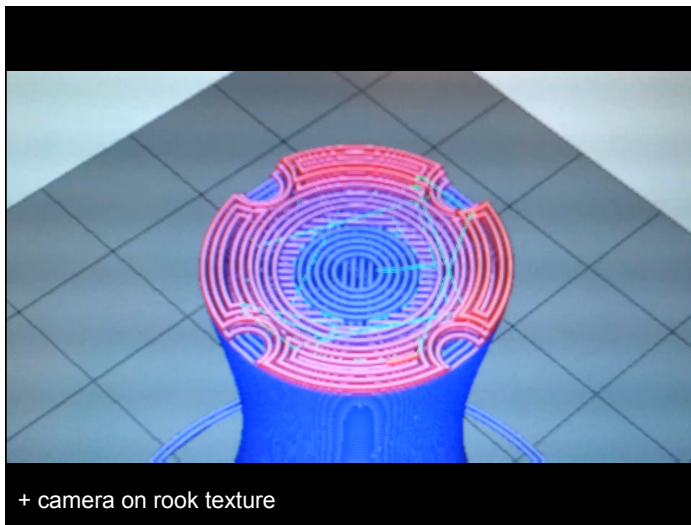
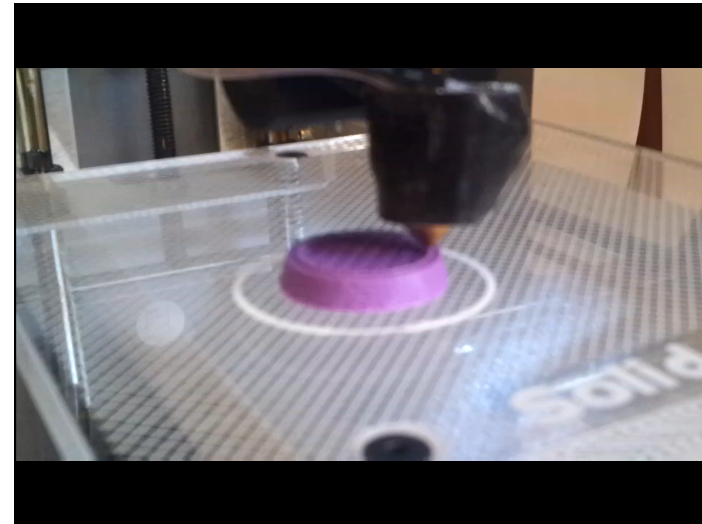
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Fused deposition modeling (FDM)

- A nozzle deposits molten polymer by an extrusion head onto a support structure or the part layer-by-layer.



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3D printer and 3D printing news

Price compare - 3D printers

Shop	Country	Manufacturer	Model	Assembled	Build envelope (W x H x M mm)	Image	Technology	Price (USD)	Lead time	Products: 3D printers (selected)
Makilo	Hong Kong	Makilo	A6 LT no heat bed	DIY kit	150x150x90		FFF	\$ 200.00	Not available yet	None/Not Selected
Printbot	USA	Printbot	Printbot Single	DIY kit	-		FFF	\$ 229.00	-	Order by Shop Manufacturer Model Assembled Kit/Kit/Not Selected
Makilo	Hong Kong	Makilo	A6 HT Acrylic with heat bed	DIY kit	150x150x90		FFF	\$ 200.00	Not available yet	Kit/Kit/Not Selected
Printo 3D	Singapore	Printo 3D	Baccasser 3D printer	Yes	150x150x120		FFF	\$ 347.00	Dec. 2013	Build Envelope Lead Time
Makilo	Hong Kong	Makilo	A6 HT Stainless	DIY kit	150x150x90		FFF	\$ 200.00	Not available yet	Special Needs Diameter Layer Thickness Resolution Precision Input Format Software System Compatibility Power Supply
Printbot	USA	Printbot	Printbot P	DIY kit	140x140x100		FFF	\$ 289.00	2-3 weeks	
Moshop	Canada	Moshop	Forma Model Full Kit Enclosed Print/Plastic Parts	DIY kit	200x200x140		FFF	\$ 439.00	In stock	Filters (Clear, Black)
Dumpod	UK	Dumpod	Dumpod Delta	Yes	180x180x200		FFF	\$ 463.00	May 2013	Countries: (1) USA (54) Singapore (4) Canada (6) UK (14) Europe (4) India (6) Japan (1) Korea (1) China (6) Germany (6) Italy (7) Taiwan (4) Seoul (1)
Moshop	Canada	Moshop	M6 CL Full Kit (Including all 3D parts)	DIY kit	170x150x170		FFF	\$ 458.00	In stock	
Printo 3D	USA	Printo 3D	Printo 3D Printer 2nd Generation	Yes	152x152x152		FFF	\$ 499.00	In stock	
Printo 3D	Singapore	Printo 3D	Printo 3D printer kit (assembled)	DIY kit	120x120x120		FFF	\$ 499.00	3 weeks	

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Fortus 900mc
The ultimate 3D production system

The Fortus 900mc is the most powerful Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) System. It's remarkably light, accurate and cost-effective.

Two big advantages: all the material options of the Fortus line of 3D Production Systems and a massive build envelope. Its only competition is the old way of doing things.

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3D Printers | Production Series | Fortus 900mc

Fortus 900mc Product Specs

Material:
 -ABS-ESD2
 -ABS-ESD3
 -ABS-ESD4
 -PC
 -PC-ABS
 -PCSE
 -ULTEM 9085

Build envelope:
 814 x 510 x 510 mm (32 x 20 x 20 in.)

Material delivery:
 Two bins each for material and support cartons

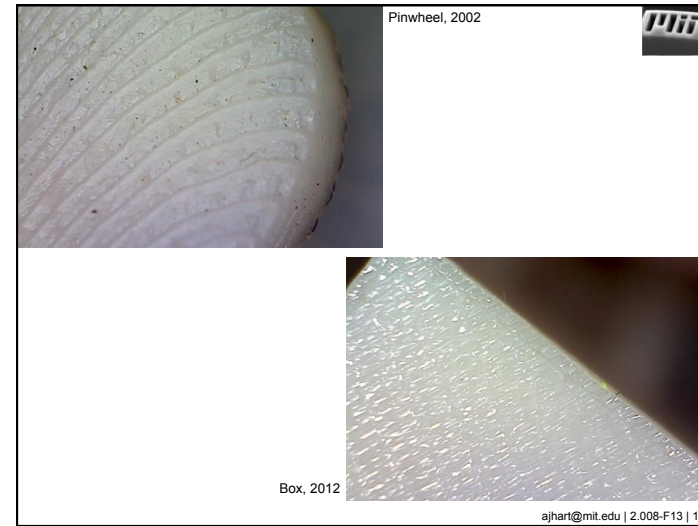
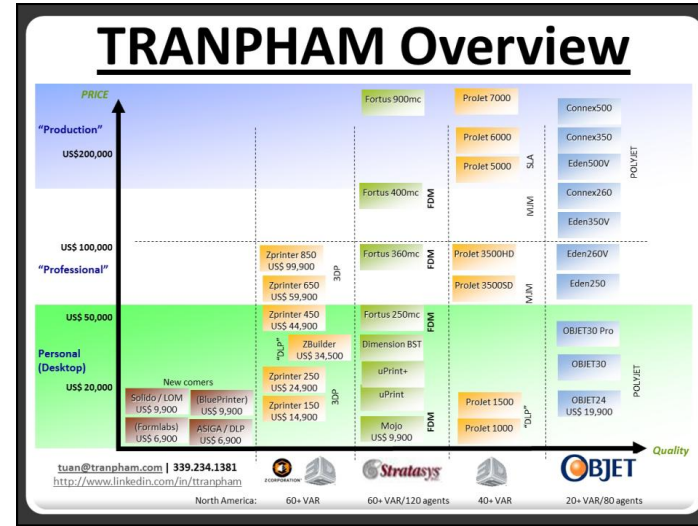
Layer thicknesses:
 -0.200 mm (0.010 in.)
 -0.254 mm (0.010 in.)
 -0.378 mm (0.015 in.)


Support structure:
 Available for most materials. Break-away for PC-ABS, ULTEM and PP/PA. Soluble or break-away for PC.

System storage:
 1.7 TB in built-in; 10 TB up to 12 TB (12 x 1 TB) in optional drive bay

Stratasys whitepapers:
<http://www.stratasys.com/resources/white-papers>

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Designation: F2792 – 12a

Standard Terminology for Additive Manufacturing Technologies^{1,2}

This standard is issued under the fixed designation F2792; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last revision. A superscript number in brackets indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.



1. Scope

1.1 This terminology includes terms, definitions of terms, descriptions of terms, nomenclature, and acronyms associated with additive manufacturing (AM) technologies in an effort to standardize terminology used by AM users, producers, researchers, educators, press/media and others.

Note 1—The subcommittee responsible for this standard will review definitions on a three-year basis to determine if the definition is still accurate as stated. Revisions will be made when determined to be necessary.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ISO Standard³*

ISO 10303-1:1994 Industrial automation systems and integration—Product data representation and exchange—Part 1: Overview and fundamental principles

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The definitions of the terms presented in this standard were created by this subcommittee. This standard does not purport to address safety concerns associated with the use of AM technologies. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use of additive manufacturing.

4. Additive Manufacturing Process Categories

4.1 The following terms provide a structure for grouping current and future AM machine technologies. These terms are useful for educational and standards-development purposes and are intended to clarify which machine types share process similarities. For many years, the additive manufacturing industry lacked categories for grouping AM technologies, which made it challenging educationally and when communicating information in both technical and non-technical settings. These process categories enable one to discuss a category of machines, rather than needing to explain an extensive list of commercial variations of a process methodology.

laser jetting, n—an additive manufacturing process in which a liquid bonding agent is selectively deposited to join powder materials.

directed energy deposition, n—an additive manufacturing process in which focused thermal energy is used to fuse materials by melting as they are being deposited.

Directing—“Focused thermal energy” means that an energy source (e.g., laser, electron beam, or plasma arc) is focused to melt the materials being deposited.

material extrusion, n—an additive manufacturing process in which material is selectively dispensed through a nozzle or orifice.

material jetting, n—an additive manufacturing process in which droplets of build material are selectively deposited.

Directing—Example materials include photopolymer and wax.

powder bed fusion, n—an additive manufacturing process in which thermal energy selectively fuses regions of a powder bed.

sheet lamination, n—an additive manufacturing process in which sheets of material are bonded to form an object.


vat photopolymerization, n—an additive manufacturing process in which liquid photopolymer in a vat is selectively cured by light-activated polymerization.

5. Terminology

5.1 *Definitions:*

3D printer, n—a machine used for 3D printing.

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3D printing

3D printing scales up

Digital manufacturing: There is a lot of hype around 3D printing. But is fact becoming integrated into the mainstream manufacturing?

...any commercial value in the manufacture of cast finished parts, and he has watched it proceed slowly.

Mr. Ciolek's broad-based manufacturing... he might see one thing adding manufacturing in cost about to replace mass manufacturing.

Even though the technology is improving, the finish and durability of some printed items can still fall short of what production requires. And for some 3D printers (such as those of industrial grade), the cost of mass production is not low. Nevertheless, 3D printers have their virtues, which is why they are starting to be used by some of the world's biggest manufacturers, such as Airbus, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin.

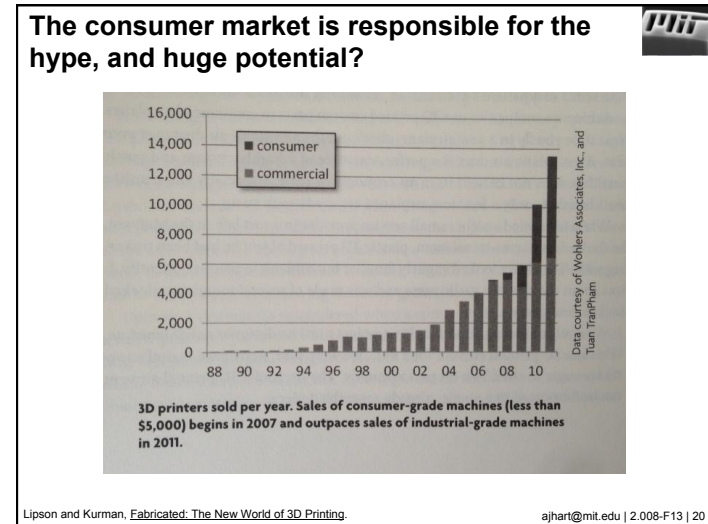
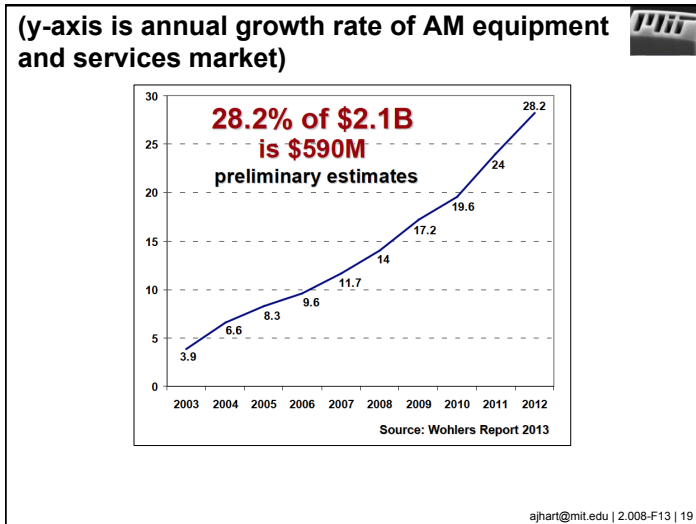
The market for 3D printers and services is small, but growing fast. Last year it was worth \$2.1 billion worldwide, up 24% from 2010, according to Wohlers Associates, a consultancy. As producers become more familiar with the technology, they are moving from prototyping to final products. Last year, Wohlers estimates more than 15% of the 3D printing market consisted of production-ready items.

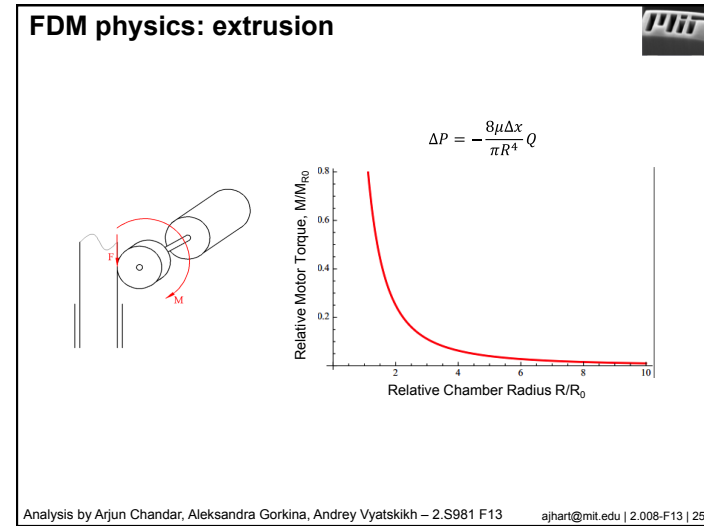
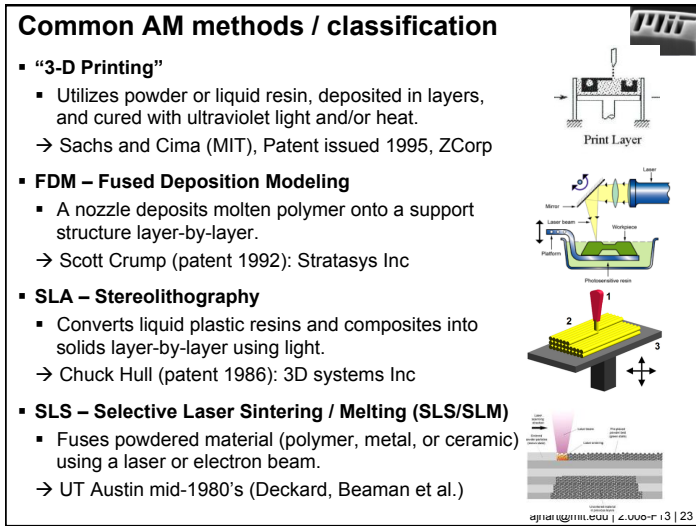
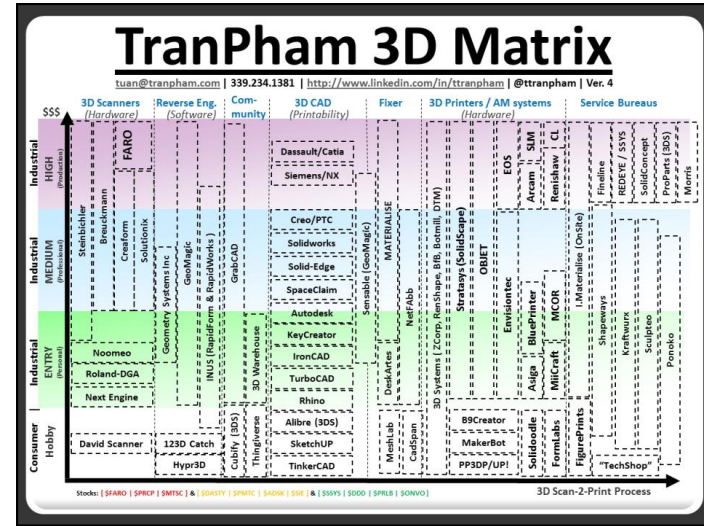
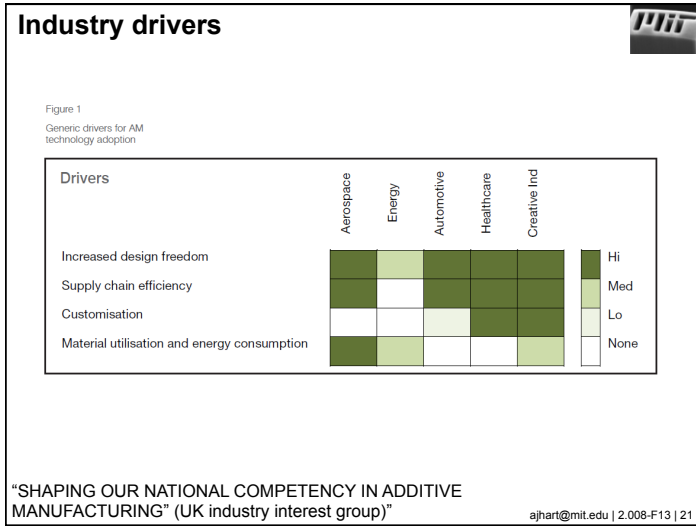
Some of these parts are taking shape in Bedford, N.H., in many cases they are low-volume items, such as components used in health-care diagnostic equipment or paper-making equipment. Other components, such as jet engine parts and fuel, will actually enhance mass production once the assembly line workers design and print custom tools to make it easier to build and produce parts. 3D printing plants are popping up and trial new production lines, some of them printed parts are used as temporary stand-ins for finished steel tools, which can take weeks to fabricate.

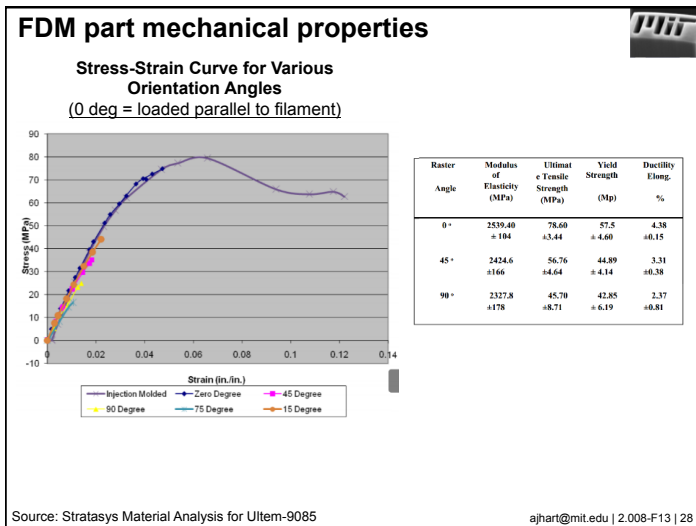
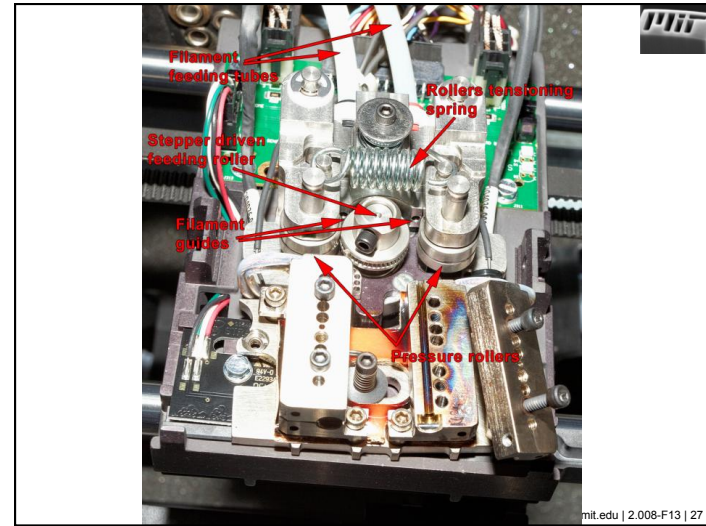
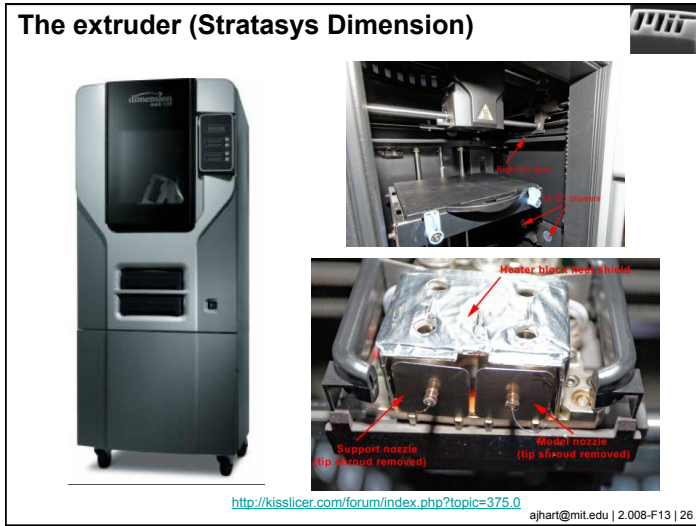
Hard to find spare parts are also being printed. In one case, a helicopter engine part was printed in the air. The carrier was required to land in a remote location. The part was Douglas for the job because of lack of local parts. Production of these aircraft engines long ago, and the airline was struggling to find parts for its new fleet. It was a 3D printed part that saved the day.

There is a printed part in an airplane guide system from the last year.

An 3D printer got better and printed smaller, improve the quality and flexibility of parts. It is becoming harder to distinguish between 3D printing and traditional fact. Despite the hype, industrial grade 3D printing is still a niche market.

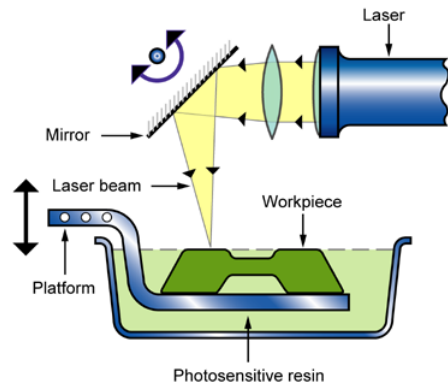







Stereolithography (SLA)

- Principle: converts photo sensitive liquid resins and composites into solids layer-by-layer using light (usually UV)



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Printing Properties

Technology:	Stereolithography (SLA)
Canvas Size:	125 x 125 x 145 mm 4.9 x 4.9 x 6.5 in
Feature Size: X/Y Axis Resolution	300 microns* (0.012 in) * See F.A.Q.
Min Layer Thickness: Z Axis Resolution	25 microns (0.001 inches)
Supports:	Auto Generated Easily Removable

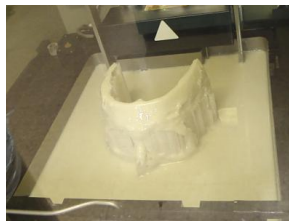
Form 1

Dimensions:	30 x 28 x 45 cm 12 x 11 x 18 in
Weight:	8 kg 18 lbs
Power Requirements:	100-240V 1.5A 50/60Hz 60W


Material Properties

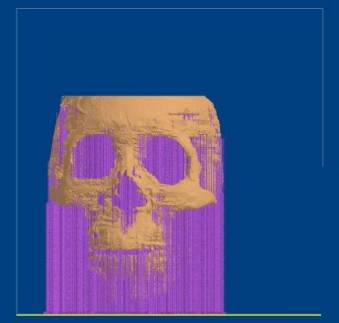
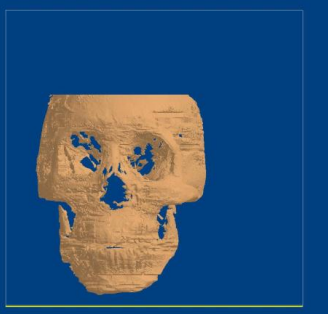
- Acrylate Photopolymer Resin
- Long shelf life when not exposed to light
- Easily remove extra resin from parts using Form Finish
- Safe to use in a controlled environment
- Low environmental impact with proper disposal

SLA skull prototype (*video)



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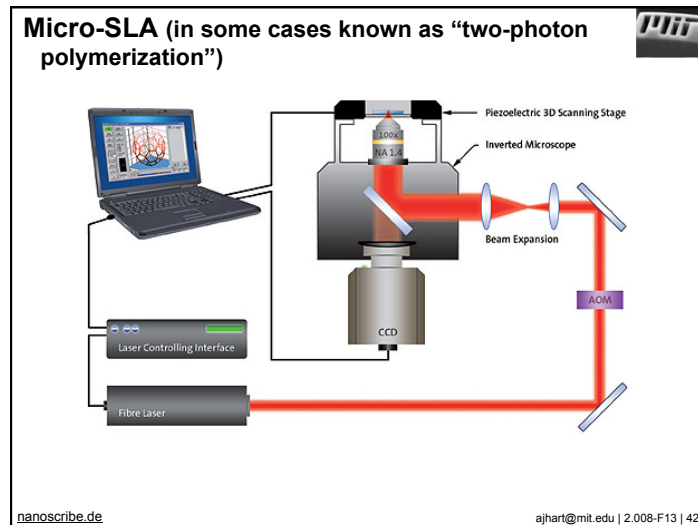
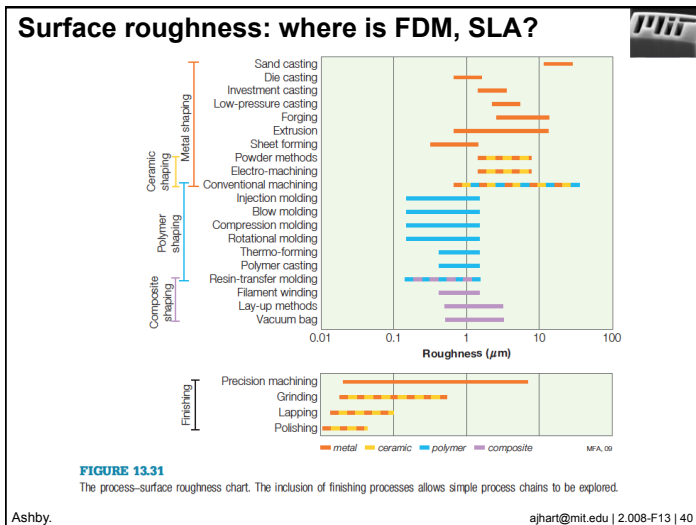
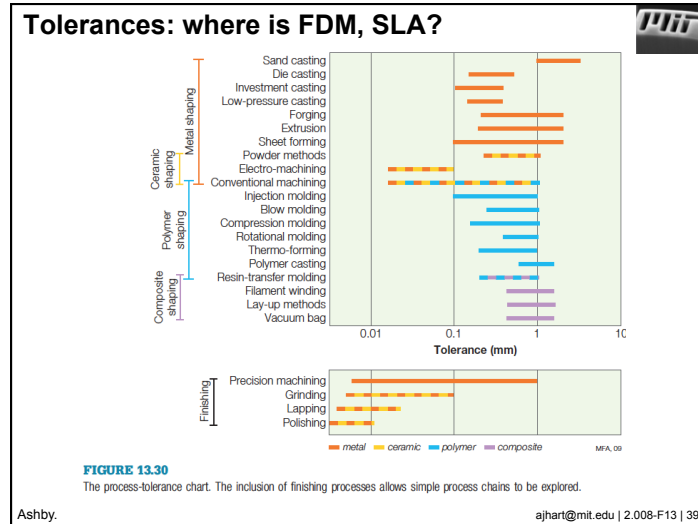


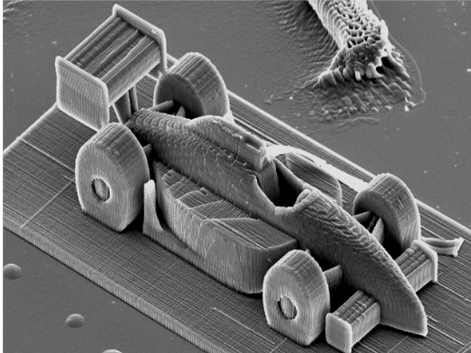
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F1 car 0.285 mm long!

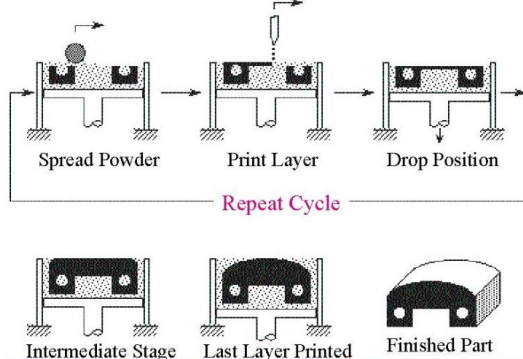


A 285-Micrometer Indy Car Printed With Two-Photon Lithography Captured by a scanning electron microscope. *Vienna University of Technology*

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“3D printing” (as it was named)

- Utilizes ink-jet technology to apply binder to powder, deposited in layers, and binder is cured (optionally with added ultraviolet light and/or heat)



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United States Patent [19] **Patent Number: 5,387,380**

Cima et al. [45] **Date of Patent: Feb. 7, 1995**

[54] **THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING TECHNIQUES** [58] **Field of Search** 264/63, 69, 71, 109, 266/113, 123, 126, 308; 425/130, 218, 425; 222/171

[75] **Inventors:** Michael Cima, Lexington; Emanuel Sachs, Somerville; Taitlin Fan, Cambridge; James F. Bredt, Watertown; Steven P. Michaels, Melrose; Satbir Khanuja, Cambridge; Alan Lauder, Boston; Sang-Joon J. Lee, Cambridge; David Bracciano, Cambridge; Alain Corodeau, Cambridge; Harald Tuerck, Cambridge, all of Mass.

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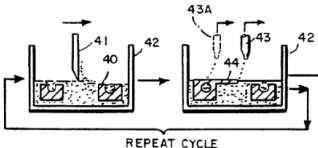
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What is claimed is:

1. A process for making a component comprising the steps of


- (1) depositing a preselected quantity of a powder material;
- (2) spreading said powder material in a layer of preselected thickness over a predetermined confined region;
- (3) applying a further material to selected regions of said layer of powder material which will cause said layer of powder material to become bonded at said selected regions;
- (4) repeating steps (1), (2) and (3) a selected number of times to produce a selected number of successive layers, said further material causing said successive layers to become bonded to each other;
- (5) removing unbonded powder material which is not at said one or more selected regions to provide the component.

2. A process as set forth in claim 1 wherein said powder comprises essentially spherical particles.



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Example “3D printed” parts (quality?)



Z-corp 3D printer

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Powder 3D printing (Z-Corp)

The University of Iowa College Of Liberal Arts And Sciences
3D Printing Service - Z Corp ZPrinter 650

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Selective laser sintering (SLS)

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Selective laser sintering (SLS)

General functional principle of laser-sintering

EOS
e-Manufacturing Solutions

3D geometry model

Application of a thin layer of powder

Powered laser is used to sinter the cross-section of the part

Building platform is lowered

The next layer of powder is applied

After each powder layer is applied, the process repeats itself until the part is complete

Laser powder is removed

Completed part

Thin layer of heat fusible powder is laid out

Laser bonds the powder together

Table indexes down.

Roller lays out a new layer of powder

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Betsy: An Evolutionary Academic Machine

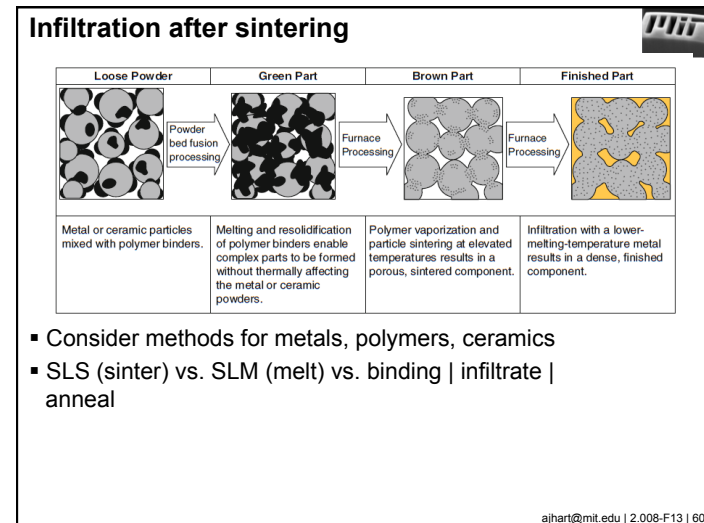
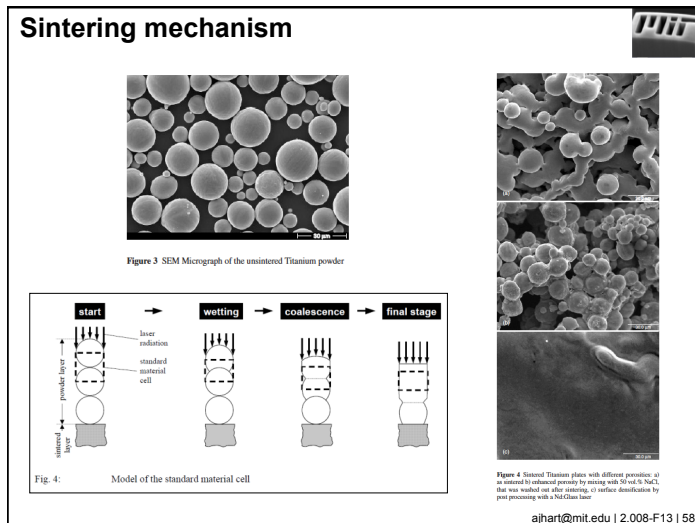
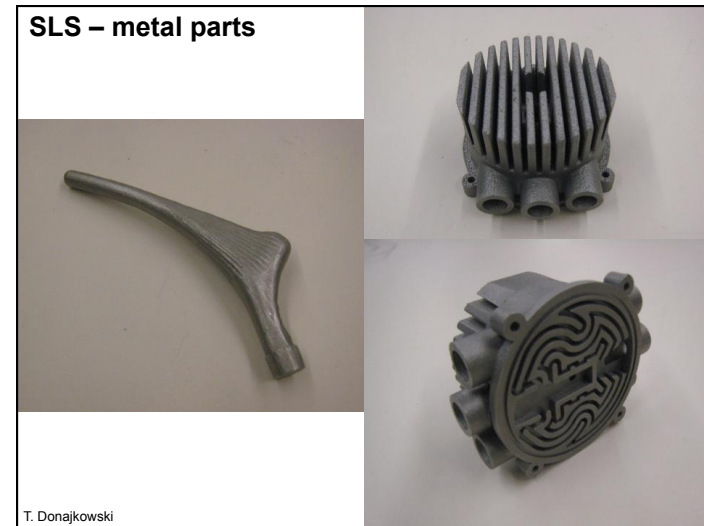
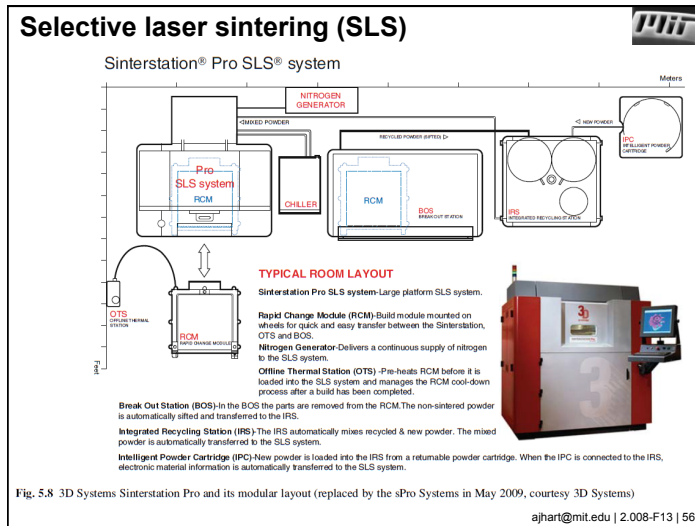
While waiting for more equipment, Deckard figured out a way to regulate the laser with a computer. He used a **Commodore 64** computer and made a custom board to control it, with all the hand-assembled programming able to fit into 4KB. Once he had established good enough parameters that the parts were strong enough to handle, he brought a part to Beaman who told him to write it up for his master's degree.

After completing his master's in 1986, Deckard decided to stay at UT as a Ph.D. student to continue working on the project. He and Dr. Beaman, who was the Principal Investigator (PI), received a \$30,000 grant from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** to advance the technology, building another academic machine nicknamed "**Betsy**." They improved the system by enclosing it in an electrical box and adding a counter-rotating roller for more even powder deposition, which Deckard had previously been controlling by hand using a device similar to a saltshaker. By this point, the parts coming out of Deckard's machine were good enough to use as casting patterns for real parts.

Instrumentation for the Betsy machine: an oscilloscope, Deckard's custom board, a Commodore 64, and scanner drivers.

One of the intermediate parts that Deckard created with Betsy once he had begun improving the scan parameters of his machine.

http://www.me.utexas.edu/news/2012/07/12_sls_history.php (Betsy, Godzilla, Bambi, etc..) ajhart@mit.edu | 2.008-F13 | 54



Dyson SLA/SLS prototyping

- Likely chosen due to combination of geometry, material properties, throughput.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nICLNZq3vC4>



<http://vacuumcleaners-reviews.net/>

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Simultaneous deposition and fusion “Laser Engineered Net Shaping” (Sandia Natl Labs)

- <http://www.optomec.com/Additive-Manufacturing-Technology/Laser-Additive-Manufacturing>

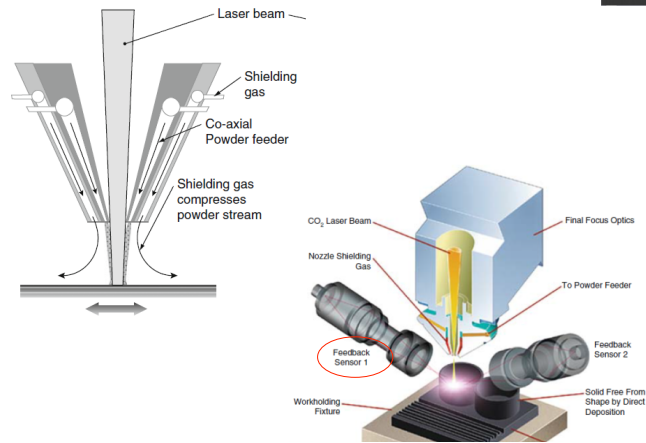


LENS 850R No Sound

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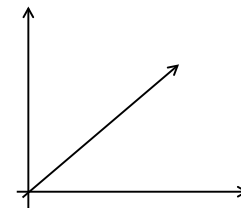
LENS nozzle designs



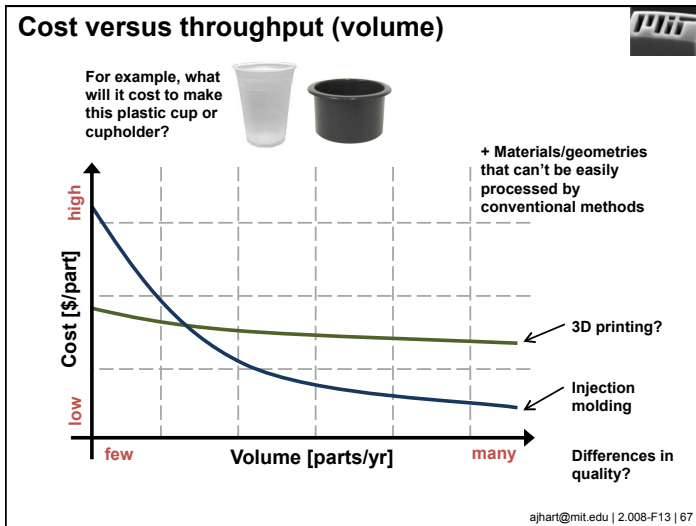
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Unifying attributes of AM methods?

- Deposition/bonding method
- Material (e.g., polymer, metal, ceramic, bio)
- Scale / geometry
- Other?



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- ### Real applications and markets
- High value personalized products
 - Rapid prototyping and tooling (esp. for short run manufacturing)
 - Components that have advantageous attributes if made by AM
 - e.g., save material if made by AM, materials not easily machined
 - begin with markets that can afford low throughput, e.g., aerospace, medical
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Invisalign

- Market cap. \$3.72B 9/10/2013
- 2012: revenue \$0.5B, net income \$0.05B



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Invisalign process (as of Kalpakjian): take tooth impression (mold), 3D scan mold, calculate aligner geometry, make aligner molds by SLA, thermoform aligners

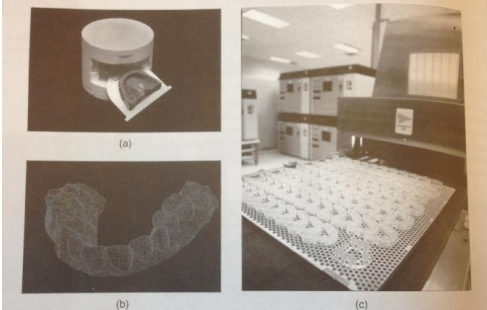
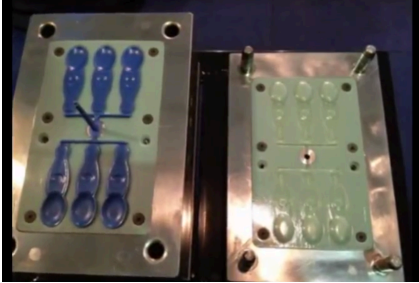


FIGURE 20.17 The manufacturing sequence for Invisalign orthodontic aligners. (a) Creation of a polymer impression of the patient's teeth. (b) Computer modeling to produce CAD representations of desired tooth profiles. (c) Production of incremental models of desired tooth movement; an aligner is produced by thermoforming a transparent plastic sheet against this model. Source: Courtesy of Alip Technology, Inc.

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Short run injection molding



- "Using 3D printing to make injection mold tools can not only save time but also expense over aluminum or steel molds."
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Aircraft parts

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Systems that print mechanical components with metal powder could be used to build lighter, more efficient airplanes.


By Stuart Nathan on August 23, 2011



Before and after: Two versions of a hinge for a jet-engine cover. Attract the capabilities of 3-D printing. The one in the background is made with conventional manufacturing methods. The printed piece in the foreground weighs half as much. <http://bit.ly/2Ue36a3>

Chris Turner, an engineer at EADS Innovation Works near Bristol, England, twists a lever on a bony black machine, and a porthole opens to reveal a dark cavity with a floor covered in gray powder. An invisible beam sweeps across the powder, and sparks fly. The box is an additive-layer manufacturing machine, sometimes known as a 3-D printer, and it is making a small part for an Airbus A320 jetliner. EADS, which owns Airbus, hopes the device can transform manufacturing. Among other things, it could produce parts that make airplanes lighter, so they use less fuel.

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Proposed "organ printing" method

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Fig. 4. Roadmap for organ printing.

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Critical enablers of continued growth

- AM processes (seminal patents expired or expiring soon)
 - Needs for improvement (RATE, quality, COST, flexibility?)
- Printable materials, e.g.,
 - Aerospace-grade plastic that can make replacement toilet parts for out-of-production aircraft
 - Biocompatible plastics for hearing aids
 - Powders for SLS (or aerosol jet) deposition of different metals and semiconductors; "structured materials LLC"
- CAD systems and file formats
- 3D scanners
- Data infrastructure
- Standards!

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Standard Terminology for Additive Manufacturing Technologies^{1,2}

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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology includes terms, definitions of terms, descriptions of terms, nomenclature, and acronyms associated with additive-manufacturing (AM) technologies in an effort to standardize terminology used by AM users, producers, researchers, educators, press/media and others.

NOTE 1—The subcommittee responsible for this standard will review definitions on a three-year basis to determine if the definition is still accurate as stated. Revisions will be made when determined to be necessary.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ISO Standard:³

ISO 10303 -1:1994 Industrial automation systems and integration -- Product data representation and exchange -- Part 1: Overview and fundamental principles

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The definitions of the terms presented in this standard were created by this subcommittee. This standard does not purport to address safety concerns associated with the use of AM technologies. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use of additive manufacturing.

4. Additive Manufacturing Process Categories

4.1 The following terms provide a structure for grouping current and future AM machine technologies. These terms are useful for educational and standards-development purposes and are intended to clarify which machine types share process-

ing similarities. For many years, the additive manufacturing industry lacked categories for grouping AM technologies, which made it challenging educationally and when communicating information in both technical and non-technical settings. These process categories enable one to discuss a category of machines, rather than needing to explain an extensive list of commercial variations of a process methodology.

binder jetting, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which a liquid bonding agent is selectively deposited to join powder materials.

directed energy deposition, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which focused thermal energy is used to fuse materials by melting as they are being deposited.

DISCUSSION—"Focused thermal energy" means that an energy source (e.g., laser, electron beam, or plasma arc) is focused to melt the materials being deposited.

material extrusion, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which material is selectively dispensed through a nozzle or orifice.

material jetting, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which droplets of build material are selectively deposited.

DISCUSSION—Example materials include photopolymer and wax.

powder bed fusion, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which thermal energy selectively fuses regions of a powder bed.

sheet lamination, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which sheets of material are bonded to form an object.

vat photopolymerization, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which liquid photopolymer in a vat is selectively cured by light-activated polymerization.

5. Terminology

5.1 Definitions:

3D printer, *n*—a machine used for 3D printing.

3D printing, *n*—the fabrication of objects through the deposition of a material using a print head, nozzle, or another printer technology.

DISCUSSION—Term often used synonymously with additive manufacturing; in particular associated with machines that are low end in price and/or overall capability.

¹ This terminology is under the jurisdiction of Committee F42 on Additive Manufacturing Technologies and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F42.91 on Terminology.

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3D scanning, *n*—a method of acquiring the shape and size of an object as a 3-dimensional representation by recording x,y,z coordinates on the object’s surface and through software the collection of points is converted into digital data.

DISCUSSION—Typical methods use some amount of automation, coupled with a touch probe, optical sensor, or other device. Synonym: 3D digitizing.

additive manufacturing (AM), *n*—a process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies. Synonyms: additive fabrication, additive processes, additive techniques, additive layer manufacturing, layer manufacturing, and freeform fabrication.

additive systems, *n*—machines used for additive manufacturing.

binder jetting, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which a liquid bonding agent is selectively deposited to join powder materials.

direct metal laser sintering (DMLS®), *n*—a powder bed fusion process used to make metal parts directly from metal powders without intermediate “green” or “brown” parts; term denotes metal-based laser sintering systems from EOS GmbH - Electro Optical Systems. Synonym: direct metal laser melting.

directed energy deposition, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which focused thermal energy is used to fuse materials by melting as they are being deposited.

DISCUSSION—“Focused thermal energy” means that an energy source (e.g., laser, electron beam, or plasma arc) is focused to melt the materials being deposited.

facet, *n*—typically a three- or four-sided polygon that represents an element of a 3D polygonal mesh surface or model; triangular facets are used in STL files.

fused deposition modeling (FDM®), *n*—a material extrusion process used to make thermoplastic parts through heated extrusion and deposition of materials layer by layer; term denotes machines built by Stratasys, Inc.

laser sintering (LS), *n*—a powder bed fusion process used to produce objects from powdered materials using one or more lasers to selectively fuse or melt the particles at the surface, layer by layer, in an enclosed chamber.

DISCUSSION—Most LS machines partially or fully melt the materials they process. The word “sintering” is a historical term and a misnomer, as the process typically involves full or partial melting, as opposed to traditional powdered metal sintering using a mold and heat and/or pressure.

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powder bed fusion, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which thermal energy selectively fuses regions of a powder bed.

prototype tooling, *n*—molds, dies, and other devices used to produce prototypes; sometimes referred to as bridge tooling or soft tooling.

rapid prototyping, *n*—additive manufacturing of a design, often iterative, for form, fit, or functional testing, or combination thereof.

rapid tooling, *n*—the use of additive manufacturing to make tools or tooling quickly, either directly, by making parts that serve as the actual tools or tooling components, such as mold inserts, or indirectly, by producing patterns that are, in turn, used in a secondary process to produce the actual tools.

rapid tooling, *n*—*in machining processes*, the production of tools or tooling quickly by subtractive manufacturing methods, such as CNC milling, etc.

reverse engineering, *n*—*in additive manufacturing*, method of creating a digital representation from a physical object to define its shape, dimensions, and internal and external features.

selective laser sintering (SLS®), *n*—denotes the LS process and machines from 3D Systems Corporation.

sheet lamination, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which sheets of material are bonded to form an object.

stereolithography (SL), *n*—a vat photopolymerization process used to produce parts from photopolymer materials in a liquid state using one or more lasers to selectively cure to a predetermined thickness and harden the material into shape layer upon layer.

stereolithography apparatus (SLA®), *n*—denotes the SL machines from 3D Systems Corporation.

subtractive manufacturing, *n*—making objects by removing of material (for example, milling, drilling, grinding, carving, etc.) from a bulk solid to leave a desired shape, as opposed to additive manufacturing.

surface model, *n*—a mathematical or digital representation of an object as a set of planar or curved surfaces, or both, that may or may not represent a closed volume.

DISCUSSION—May consist of Bezier B-spline surfaces or NURBS surfaces. A surface model may also consist of a mesh of polygons, such as triangles, although this approach approximates the exact shape of the model.

tool, tooling, *n*—a mold, die, or other device used in various manufacturing and fabricating processes such as plastic injection molding, thermoforming, blow molding, vacuum casting, die casting, sheet metal stamping, hydroforming, forging, composite lay-up tools, machining and assembly fixtures, etc.

vat photopolymerization, *n*—an additive manufacturing process in which liquid photopolymer in a vat is selectively cured by light-activated polymerization.

5.2 Acronyms:

CAD, *n*—Computer-Aided Design. The use of computers for the design of real or virtual objects.

CAM, *n*—Computer-Aided Manufacturing. Typically refers to systems that use surface data to drive CNC machines, such as digitally-driven mills and lathes, to produce parts, molds, and dies.

CNC, *n*—Computer Numerical Control. Computerized control of machines for manufacturing.

DISCUSSION—Common CNC machines include mills, lathes, grinders, and flame, laser, and water-jet cutters.

IGES, *n*—Initial Graphics Exchange Specification, a platform neutral CAD data exchange format intended for exchange of product geometry and geometry annotation information; IGES version 5.3 was superseded by ISO 10303, STEP in 2006.

DISCUSSION—IGES is the common name for a United States National Bureau of Standards standard NBSIR 80-1978, Digital Representation for Communication of Product Definition Data, which was approved by ANSI first as ANS Y14.26M-1981 and later as ANS USPRO/IPO-100-1996.

PDES, *n*—Product Data Exchange Specification or Product Data Exchange using STEP.

DISCUSSION—originally a product data exchange specification developed in the 1980s by the IGES/PDES Organization, a program of US Product Data Association (USPRO), it was adopted as the basis for and subsequently superseded by ISO 10303 STEP.

STEP, *n*—Standard for the Exchange of Product Model Data.

DISCUSSION—The common name for ISO 10303 that “provides a representation of product information, along with the necessary mechanisms and definitions to enable product data to be exchanged. [The standard] applies to the representation of product information, including components and assemblies; the exchange of product data, including storing, transferring, accessing, and archiving.”

STL, *n*—*in additive manufacturing*, file format for 3D model data used by machines to build physical parts; STL is the de facto standard interface for additive manufacturing systems. STL originated from the term stereolithography.

DISCUSSION—The STL format, in binary and ASCII forms, uses triangular facets to approximate the shape of an object. The format lists the vertices, ordered by the right-hand rule, and unit normals of the triangles, and excludes CAD model attributes.

6. Keywords

6.1 additive manufacturing; rapid prototyping; 3D printing

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