Additive Manufacturing

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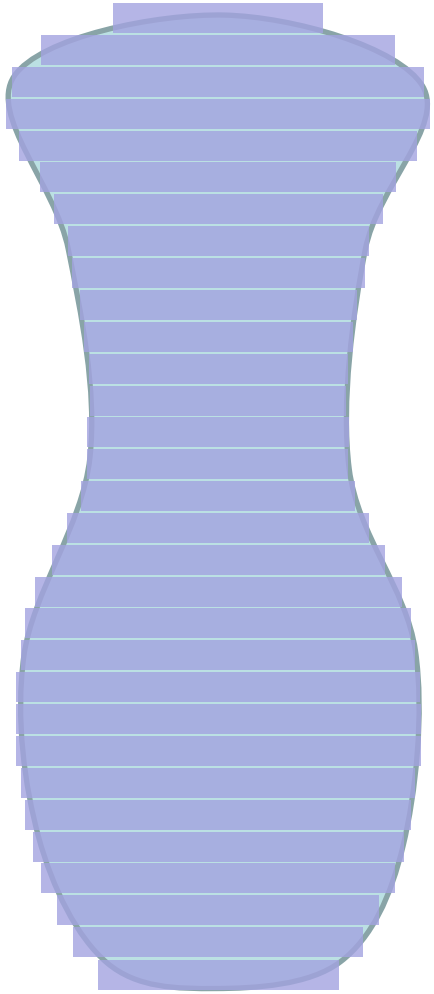
Reminder - Mini assignment!

- Design a unique, functional object that you would like to have
  - Pencil holder, chair, toy, lamp, etc…
  - Just a concept drawing or description

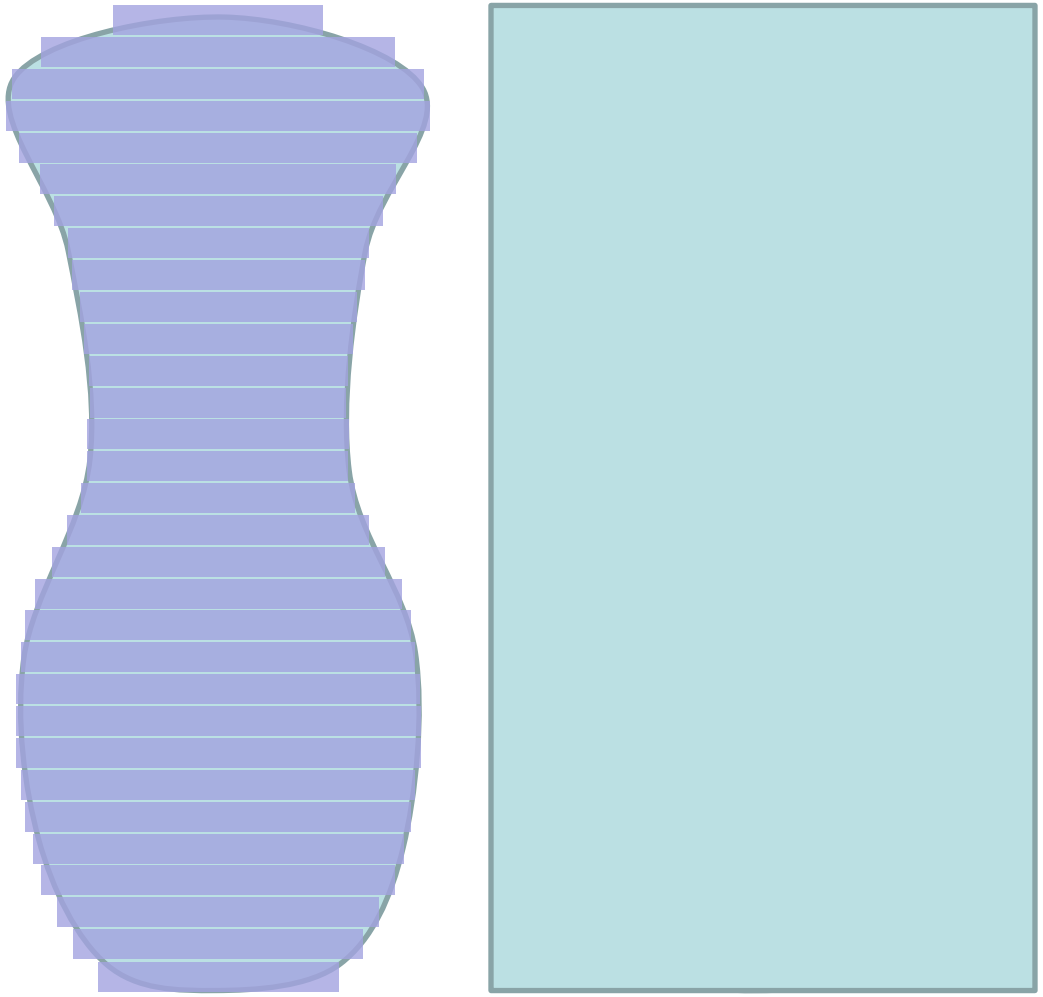
- Remember
  - Endless design opportunities
  - Think outside the box

Basics of 3D Printing



"3D Printing" coined at MIT in 1995

Additive vs. Subtractive Manufacturing



Much of current manufacturing is subtractive

Subtractive Manufacturing

Subtractive Manufacturing - Limitations

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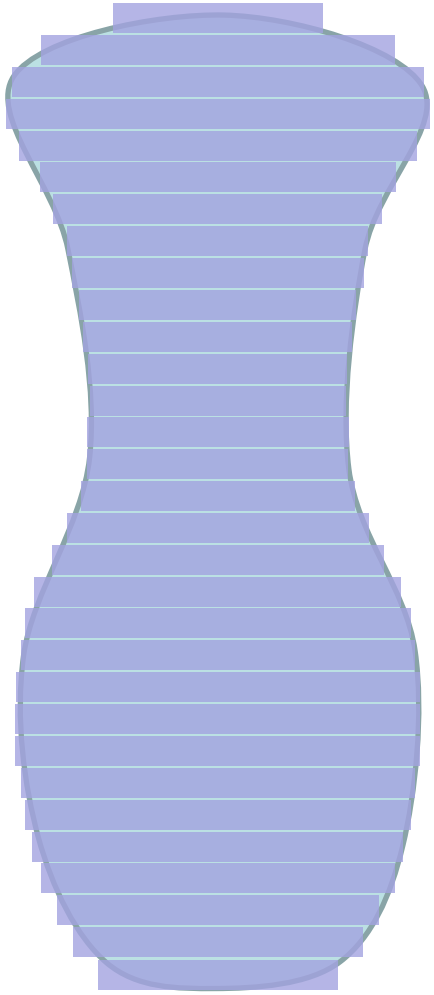
Basics of 3D Printing – possible issues?



- Overhangs & support structures
- Print direction
- Fill-in and hollow objects
- Materials
- Layer Resolution
- Price
- Safety and ease of operation
- Need for post-processing
- …

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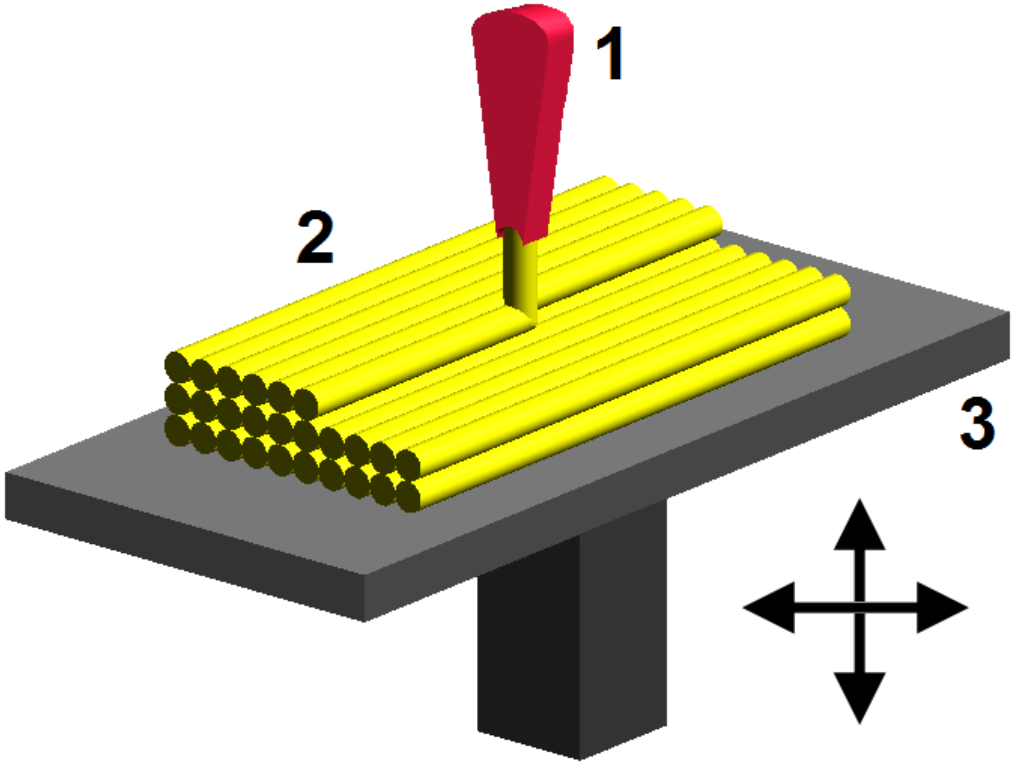
Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)

Developed by Scott and Lisa Crump in the late 80s

- FDM is trademarked by Stratasys
- AKA Fused Filament Fabrication (FFF)



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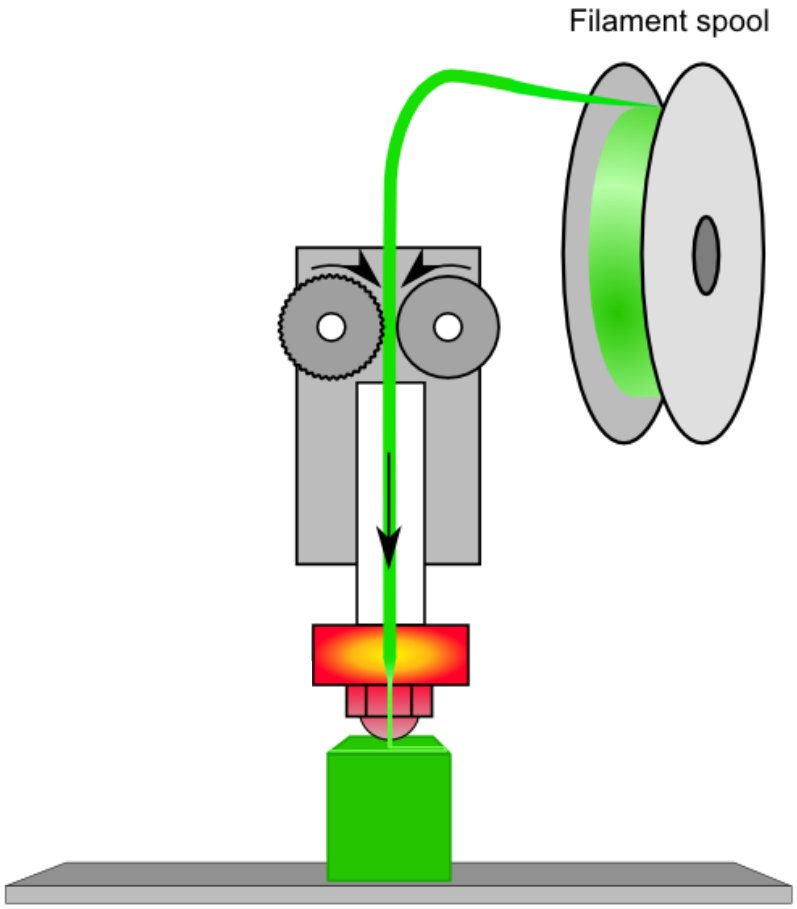


source: http://reprap.org

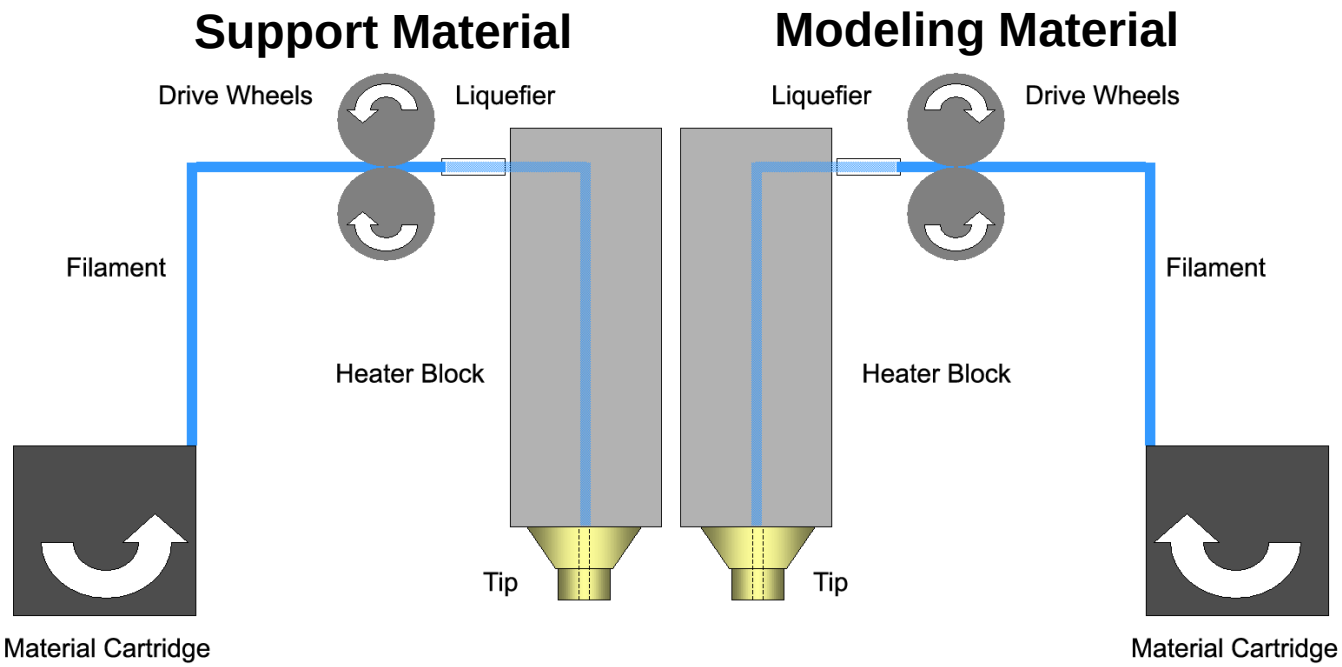
Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)

source: makerbot.com

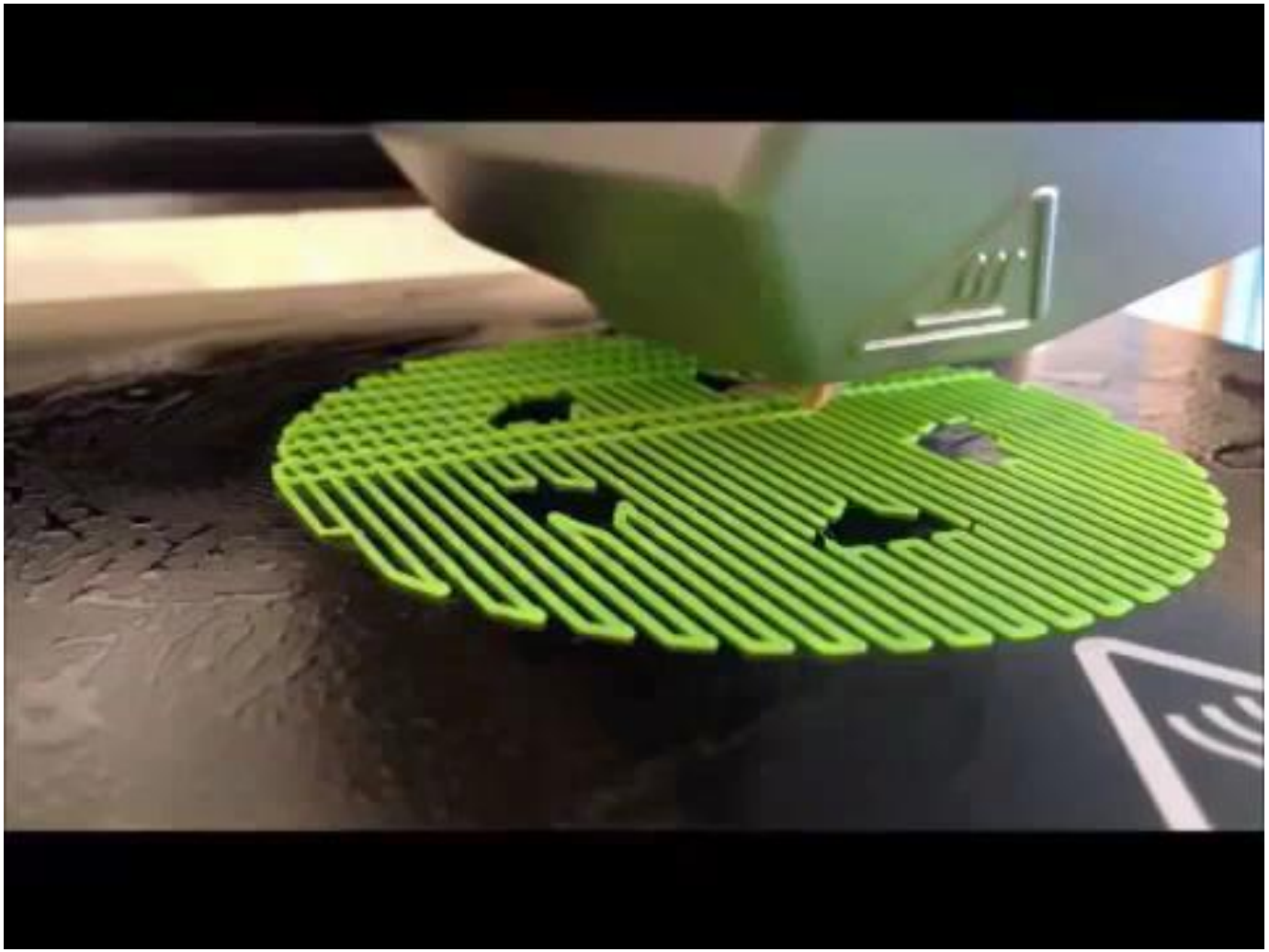
- Filament is made of thermoplastic materials
  - **Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)**
  - **Polylactide (PLA)** – biodegradable!
  - Many new materials

Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)

- Dual extruder machines exist
  - Temporary support structures can be made from water-soluble material
  - Two colors



FDM Process Timelapse



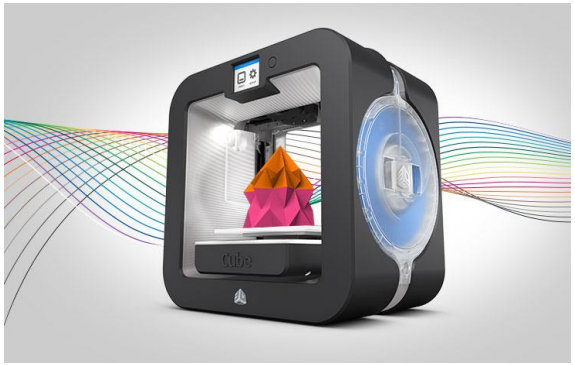
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ik39_sv-wgQ

Fused Deposition Modeling – Commercial Systems

- Stratasys
  - Dimension family
- Z resolution: 0.18 mm
- Build size: 8 x 8 x 12 inches
- Limited color
- Limited material types

Fused Deposition Modeling - Clones

- MakerBot
- Delta 3D Printer
- Ultimaker
- Cube from 3D Systems
- And many others



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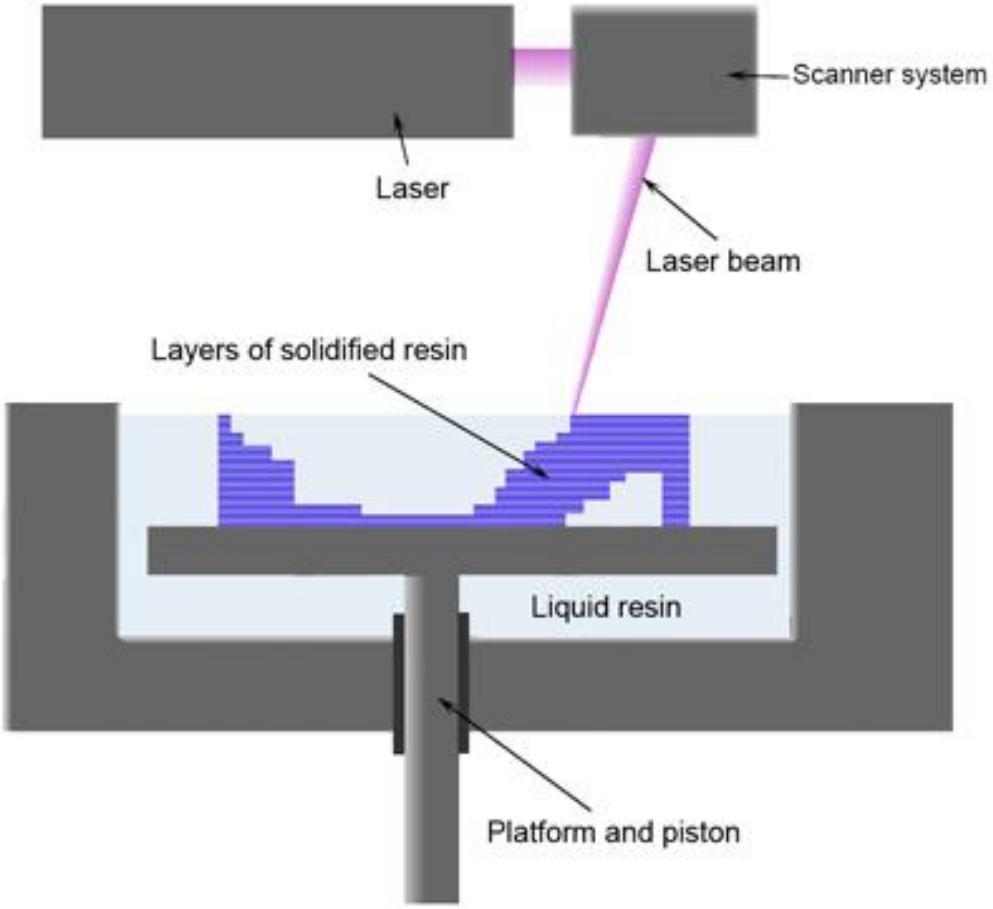
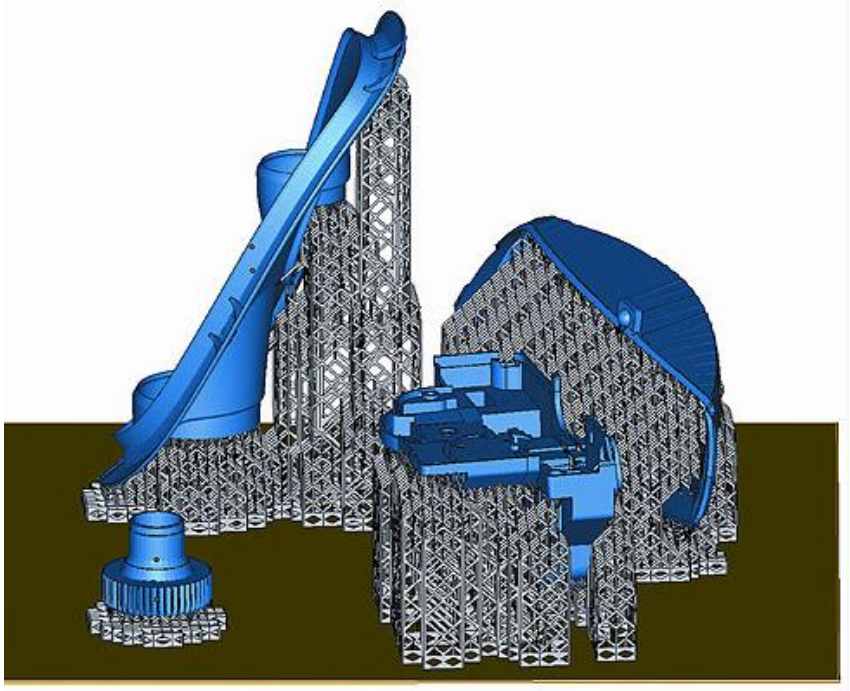
Stereolithography (SLA)

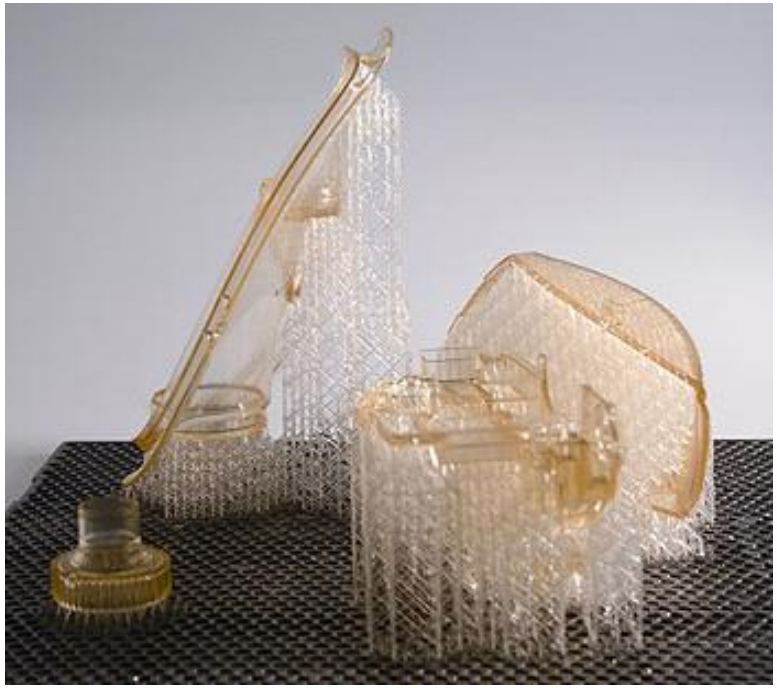


- SLA uses liquid photo-reactive resin
- Laser beam traces one layer on the surface of the resin
- Laser light cures and solidifies parts it hits
- The platform descends by one layer

Stereolithography (SLA)

- Support structure
  - thin support lattice can be broken off





Stereolithography Process

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=5L5vdpklrtU

Stereolithography - History

- Developed by Charles Hull in the 80s
  - Coined term stereolithography
  - Founded 3D Systems in 1986

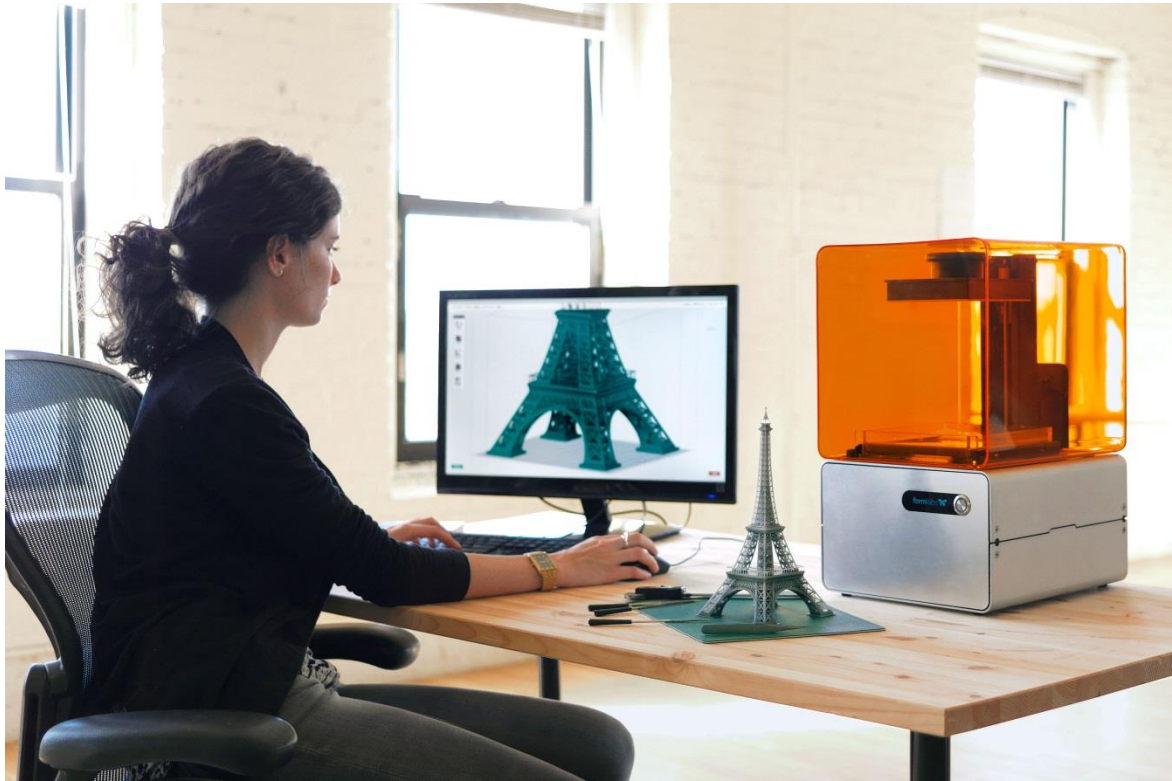
Charles Hull next to one of his latest 3D printers, the SLA7000

Stereolithography – 3D Systems

- Two main families
  - ProJet
  - iPro
- Build volume: varies, can be very large
- Resolution up to 0.05mm
- Materials (only one can be used):
  - photopolymers
  - clear, opaque, temperature resistant, ceramic-like, abs-like

Stereolithography - Clones

- Formlabs
  - Smaller build volume
  - Similar resolution
  - Much less expensive



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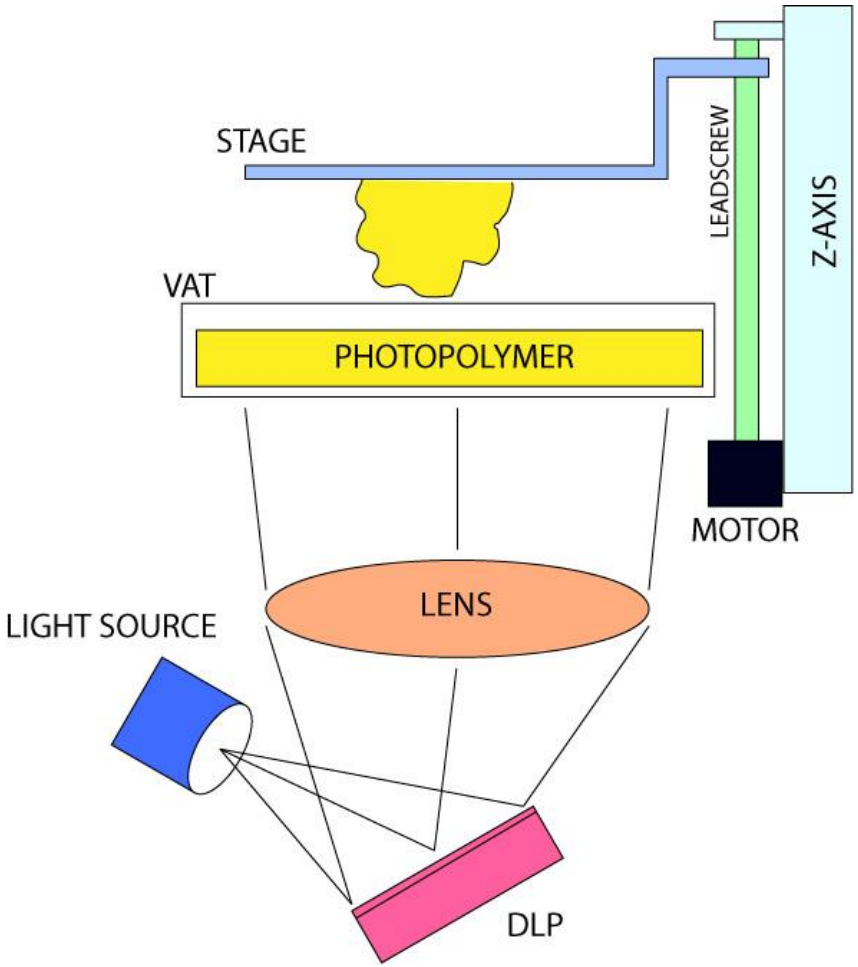
Digital Light Projector (DLP) 3D Printing



- DLP 3D also uses liquid ultraviolet curable photopolymer resin
- DLP exposes and solidifies one layer at a time on the surface of the resin
- The Z-axis moves by one layer

DLP 3D Printing Features

- Similar to SLA
  - laser+mirror is replaced by a projector
- Simple design
  - only one degree of freedom
- Faster than SLA
  - exposes one layer at a time
- Materials
  - same as SLA
- No additional support material
  - Lattice structure similar to SLA

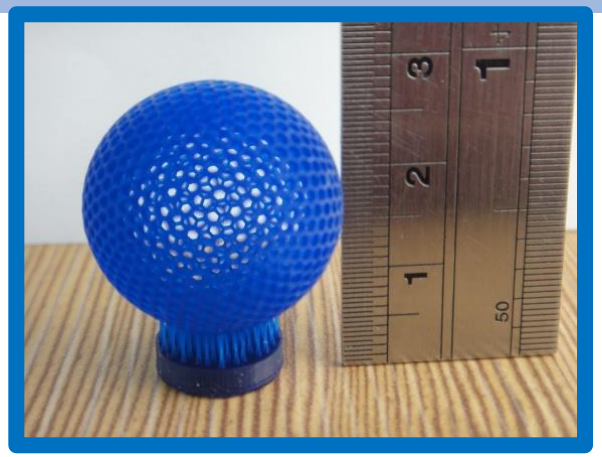
DLP 3D Printing – Commercial Systems

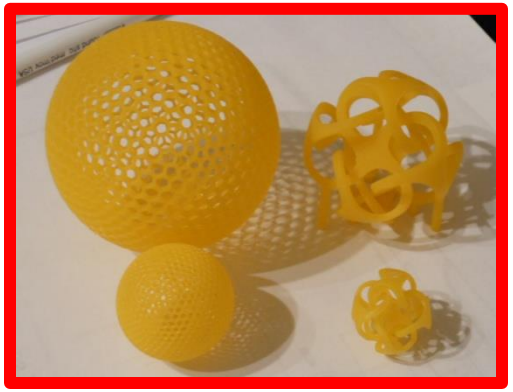
- Perfactory from EnvisionTec
  - http://www.envisiontec.de
  - Z resolution 50 microns
  - XY resolution 50 microns
  - projector resolution (2800x2100 pixels)
  - Build volume 5.5 x 4.1 x 9.1 inches

DLP 3D Printing - DIY

B9Creator

MiiCraft





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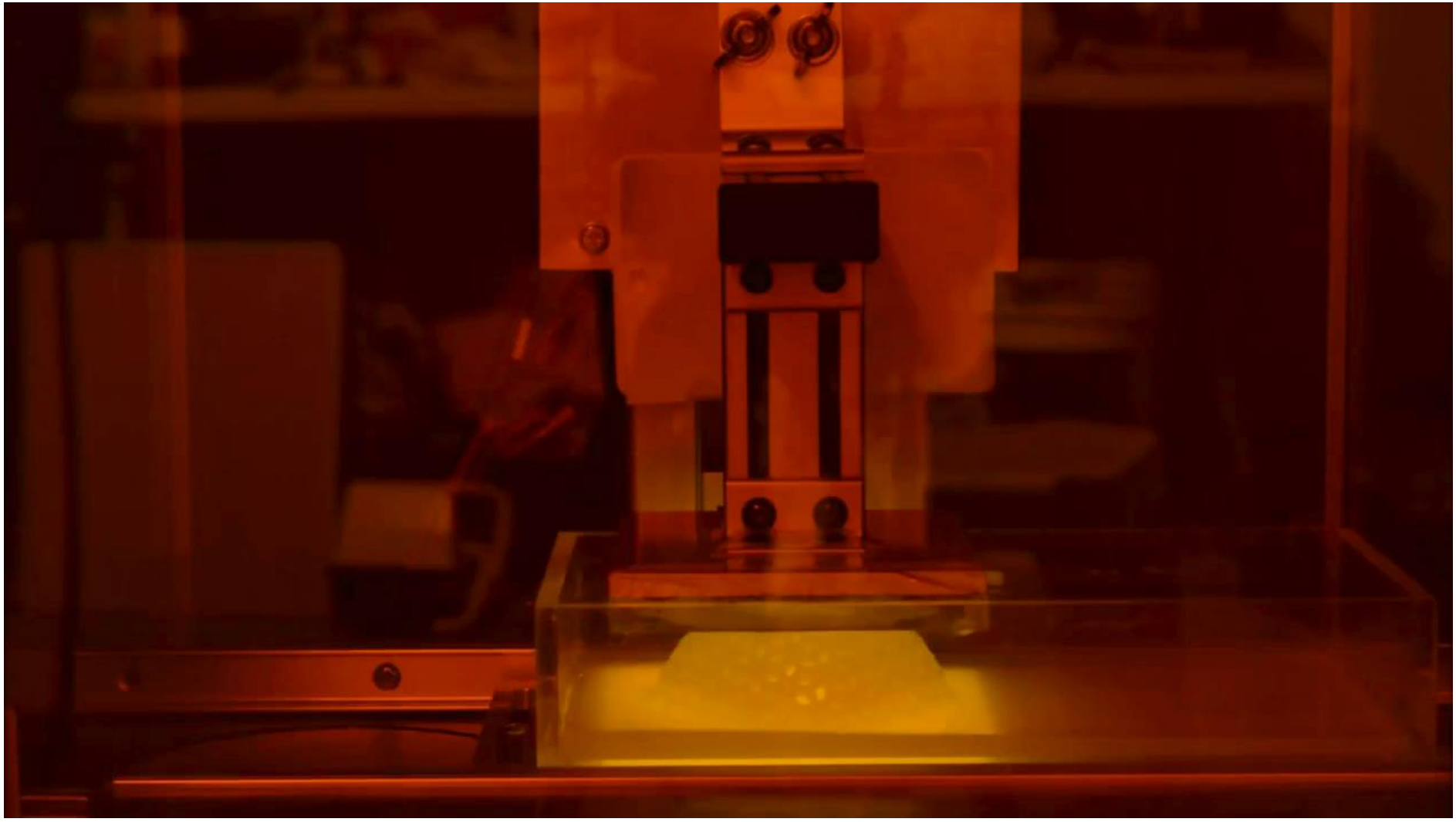
DLP 3D Printing – DIY Video



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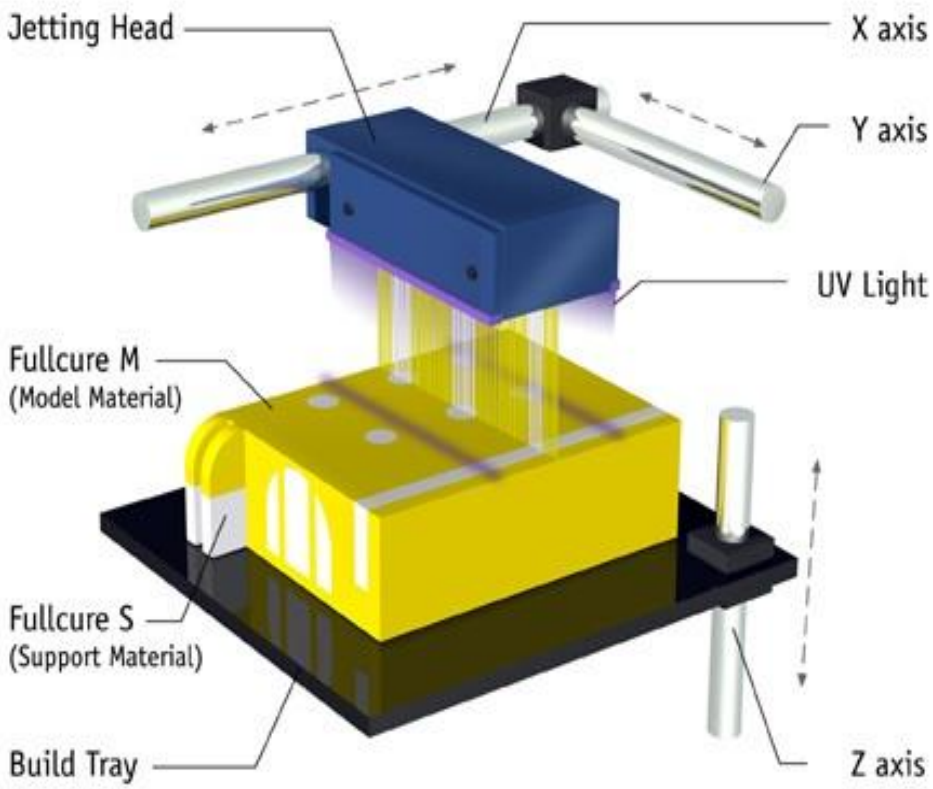
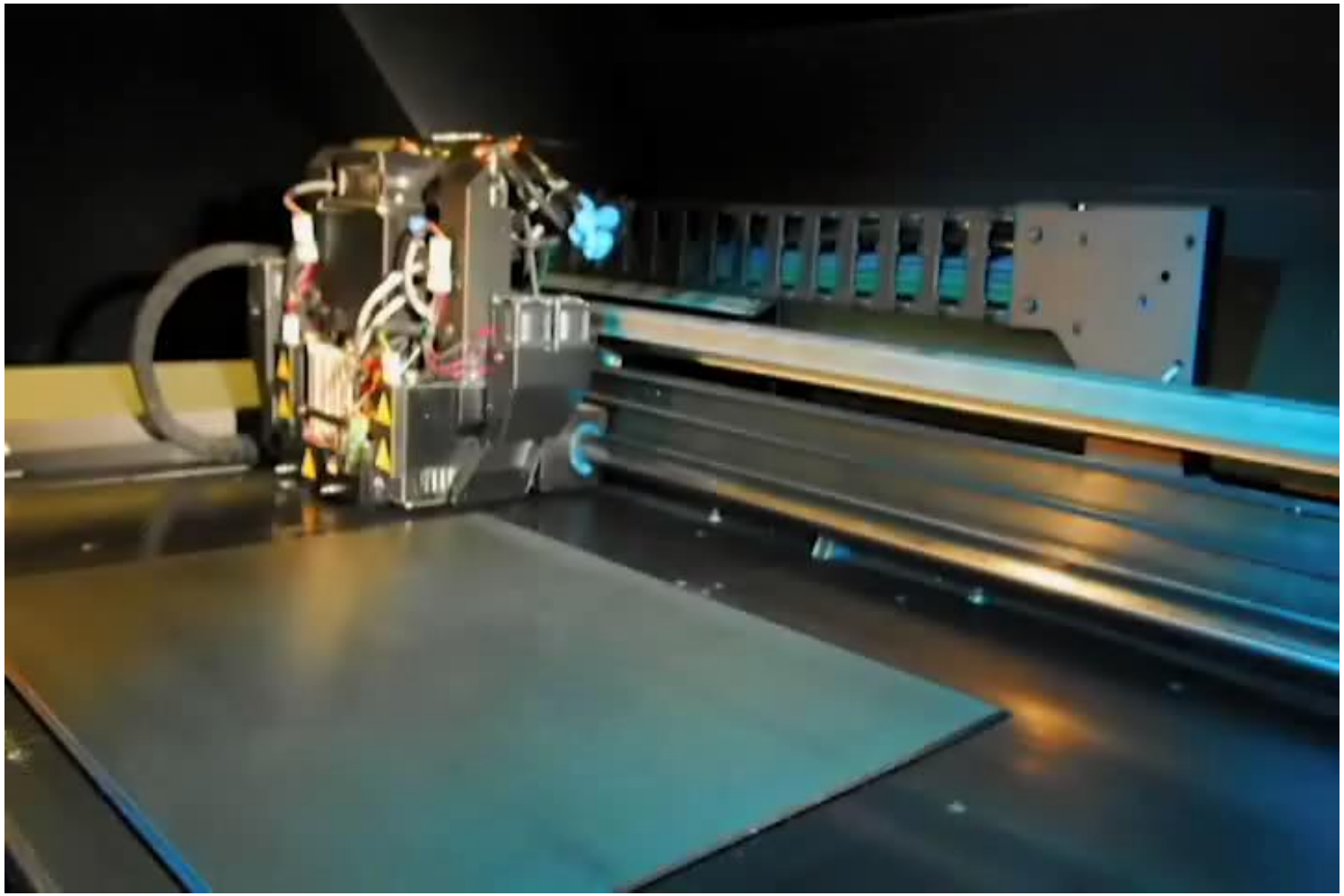
Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets



- Inkjet printhead jets liquid photopolymer and support material
- UV light cures photopolymer and support material
- Excess material is removed using a roller
- The platform descends by one layer

Source: http://www.engatech.com/Objet-3D-Printing-Technology.asp

Printing Process



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Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets Features

- Similar to SLA
  - Also uses photopolymers
- The only technology supporting multiple materials
  - Currently two + support material
- Materials
  - Photopolymers only
  - Can be mixed before curing -> graded materials
  - Soft, rigid, opaque, transparent, different colors

Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets - Commercial Systems

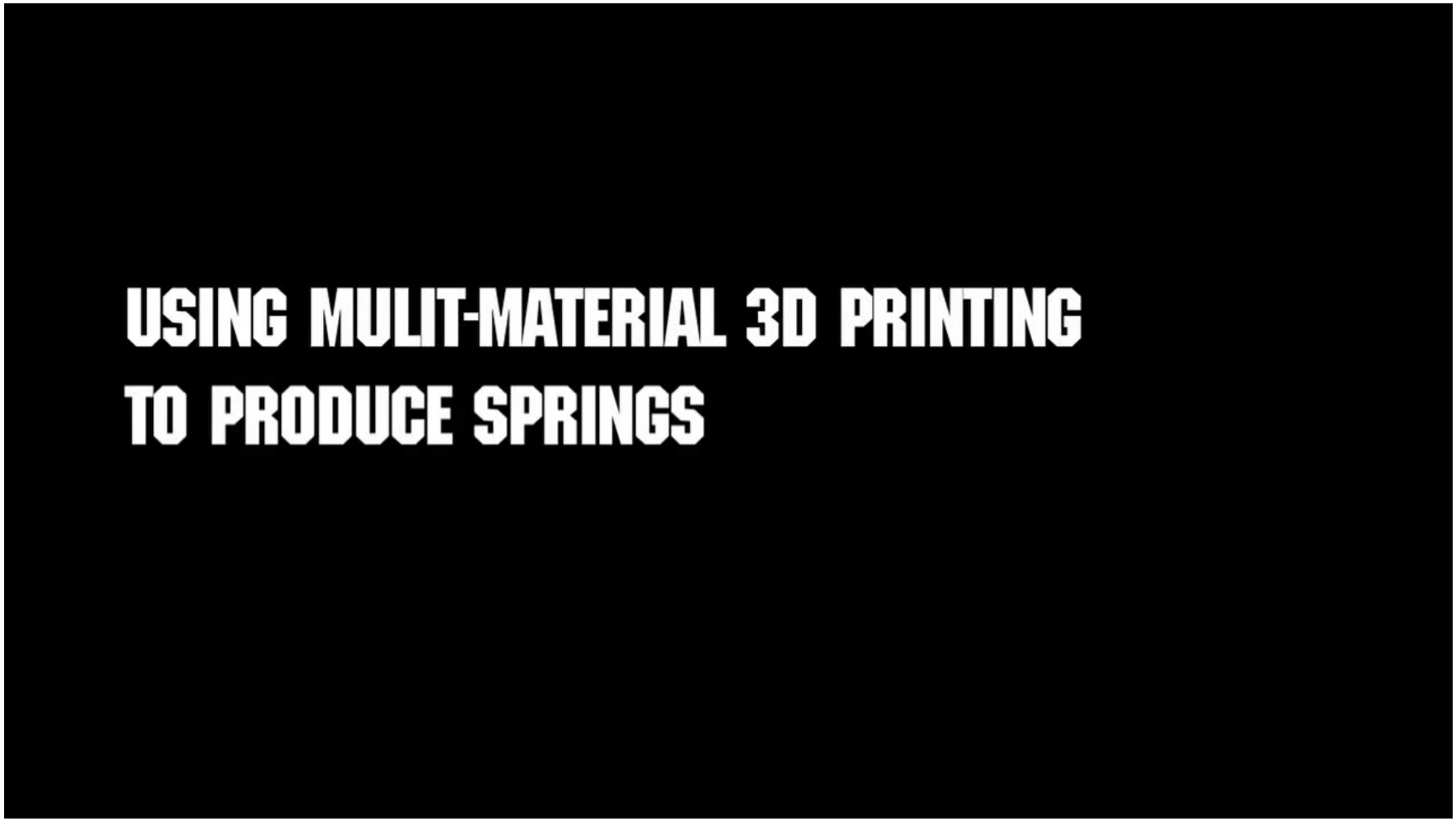
- Objet (now Stratasys)
  - Called PolyJet
  - Eden series (one material + support)
  - Connex series (two materials + support)
  - Build size: 19.3 x 15.4 x 7.9 inches
  - Z resolution: up to 16 microns (1600 dpi)
  - XY resolution 600 dpi

Sample Fabricated Objects

Source: Objet Geometries

Rubber-like Materials

Multiple Materials



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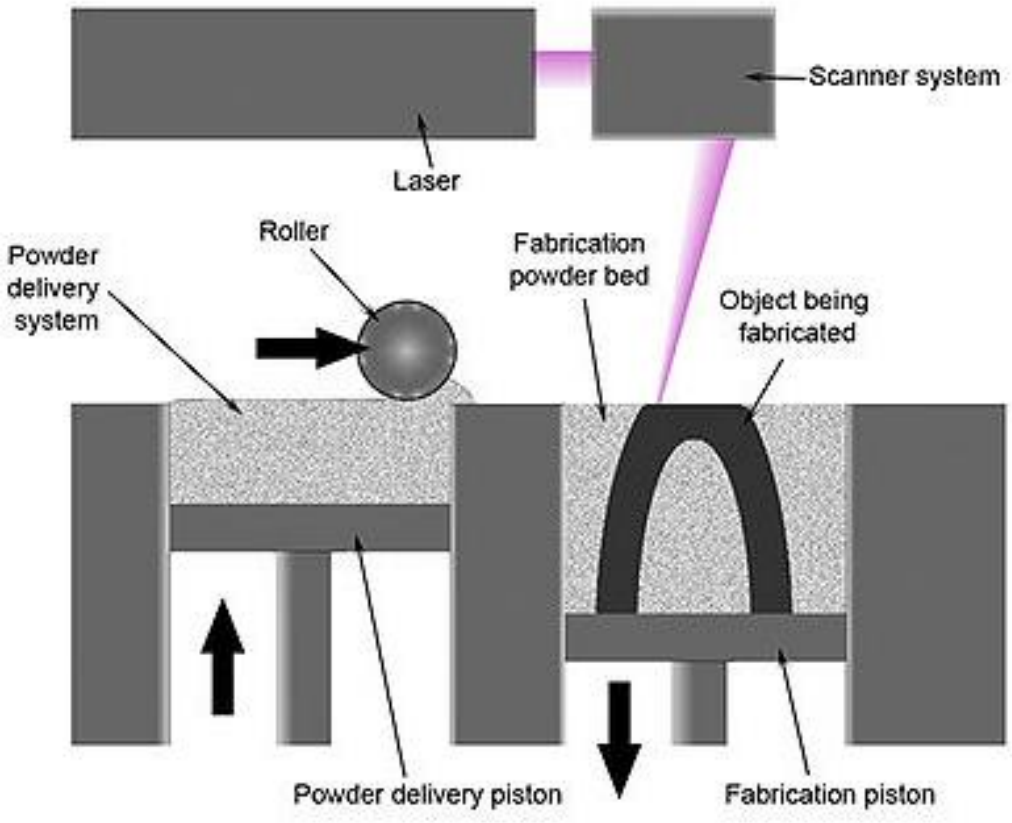

- SLS and DMLS use a bed of small particles (made of plastic, metal, ceramic, or glass)
- High-power laser traces one layer on the surface of the powder bed fusing the particles
- The platform descends by one layer and more material is added

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective_laser_sintering

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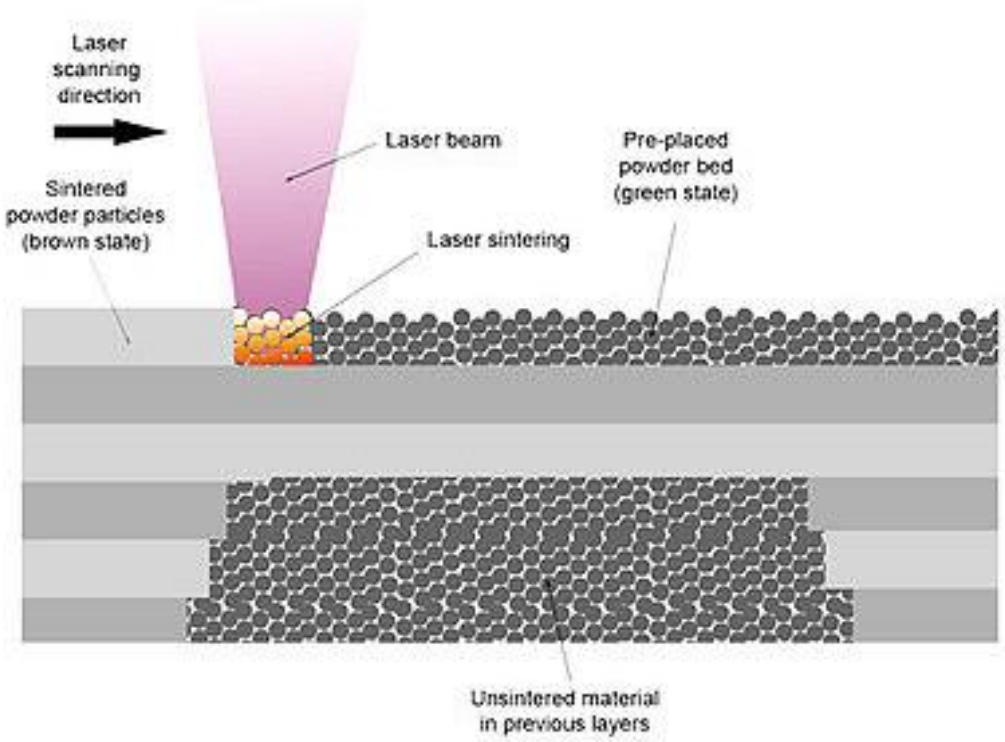

- SLS and DMLS use a bed of small particles (made of plastic, metal, ceramic, or glass)
- High-power laser traces one layer on the surface of the powder bed melting/fusing the particles
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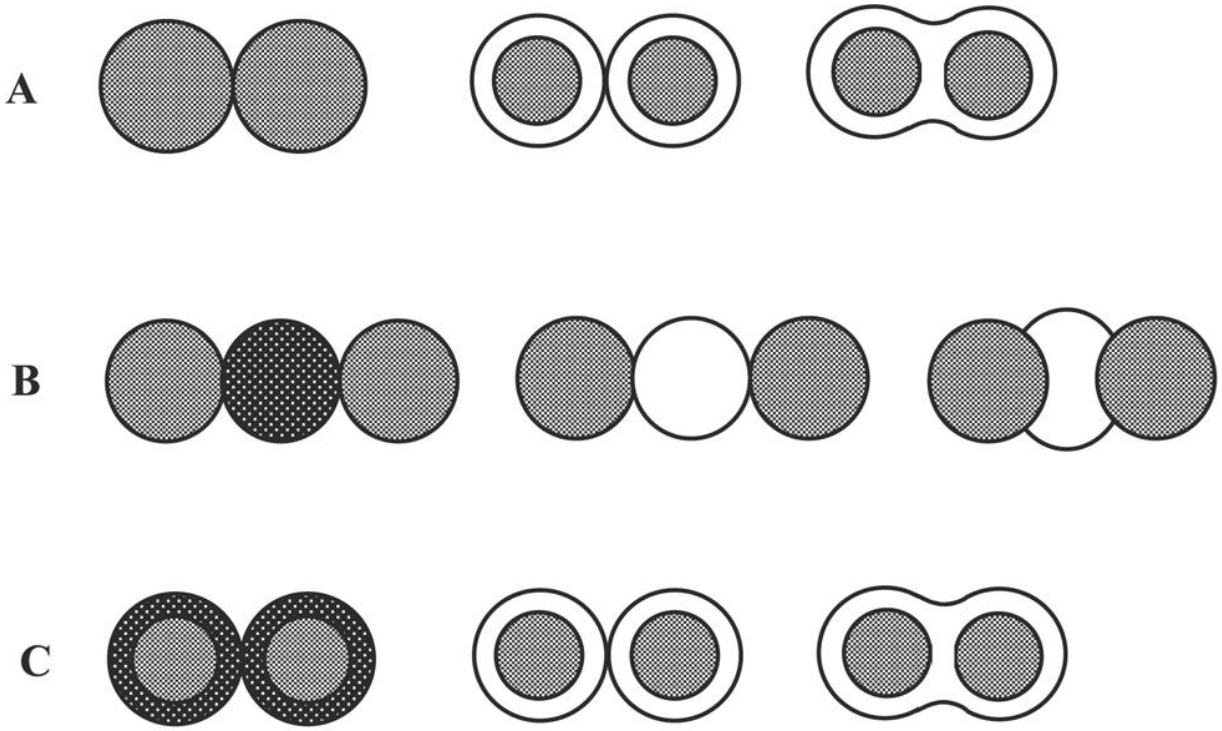
SLS & DMLS Features

- Laser and scanner system
  - Similar do SLA but laser is more powerful
- Bulk material can be preheated
  - Reduces the required energy to melt it
- Materials
  - One material at a time
  - Glass, polymers (e.g., nylon, polysterine), metals (e.g., steel, titanium, alloys), ceramic
- Does not require support structure
  - Overhangs are supported by powder material

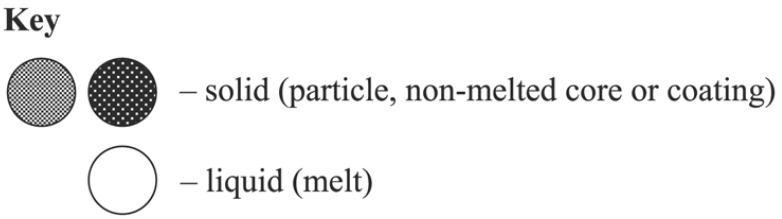
Single- and Two-Component Powders



A – single-component metal powder

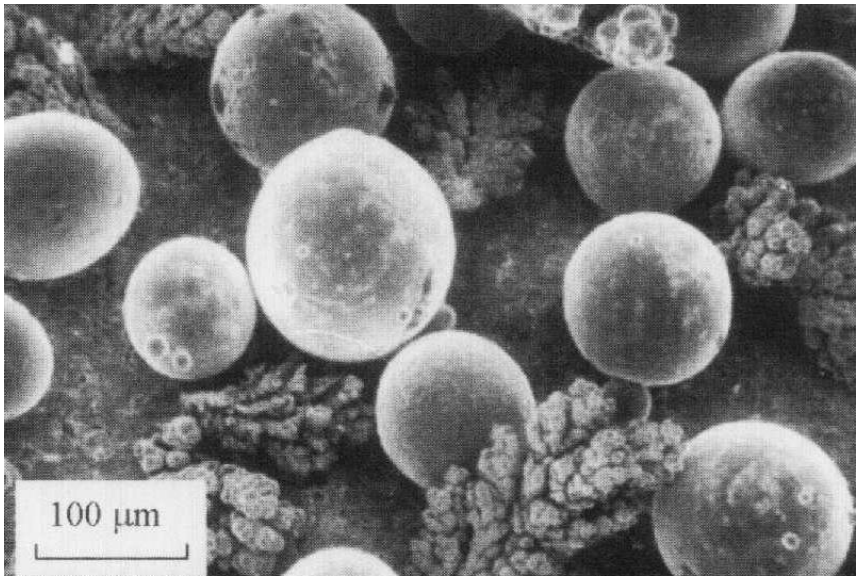
B – two-component metal/metal powder mixter

C – two-component metal/metal coated powder

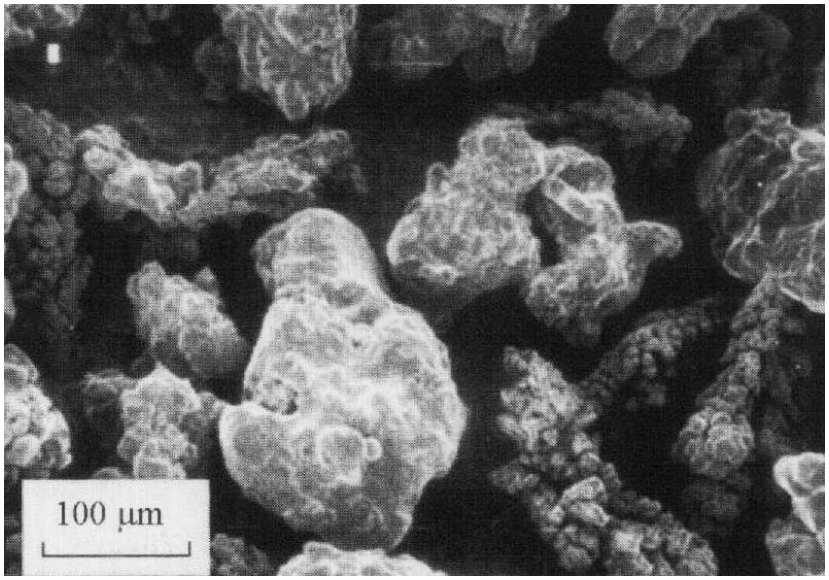


Source: Tolochko et al. 2003

Raw Powder Particles



Raw Ni-alloy-Cu powder mixture



Raw Fe-Cu powder mixture

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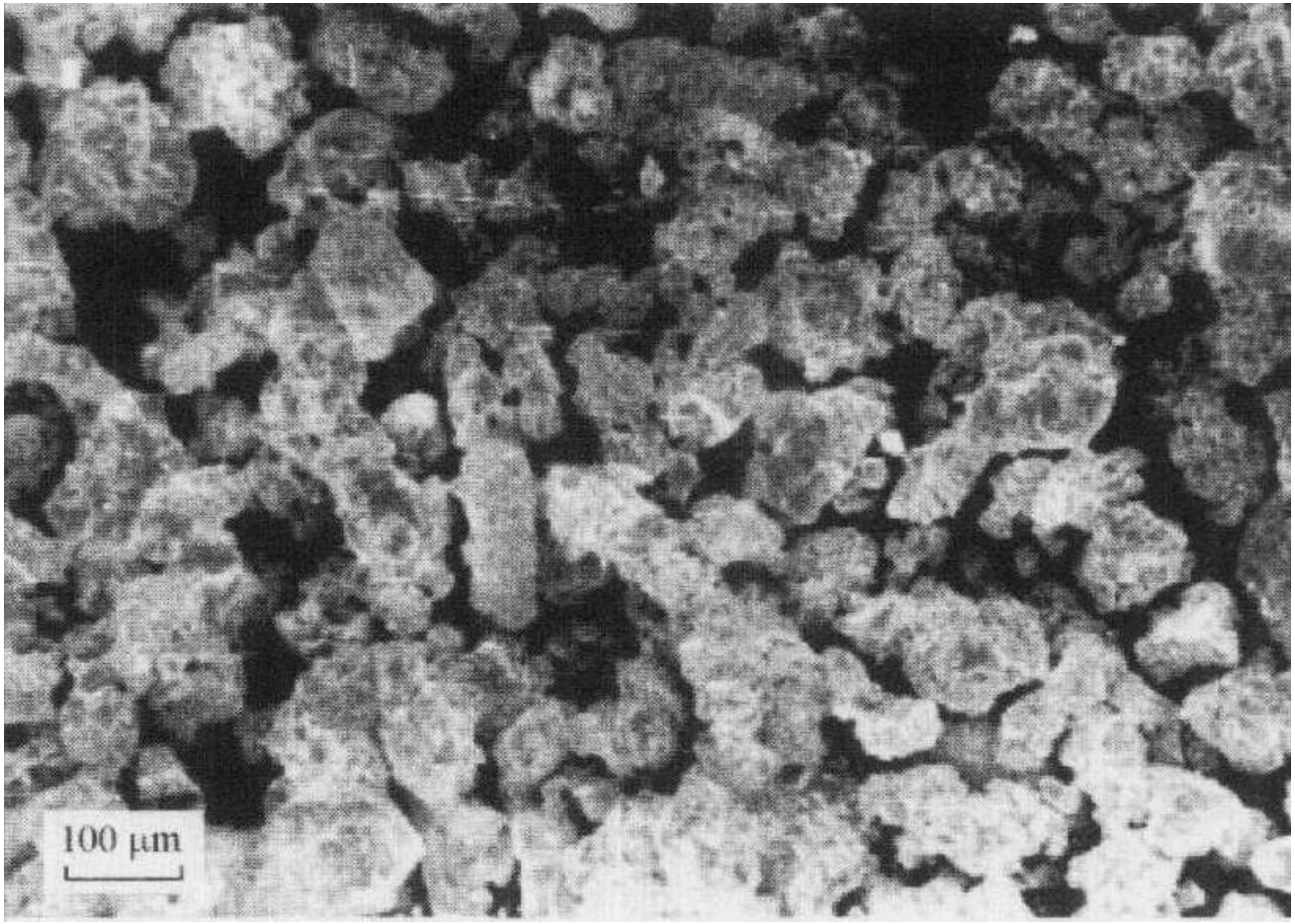
Sintered Powders



Single component Fe powder **after** sintering

Source: Tolochko et al. 2003

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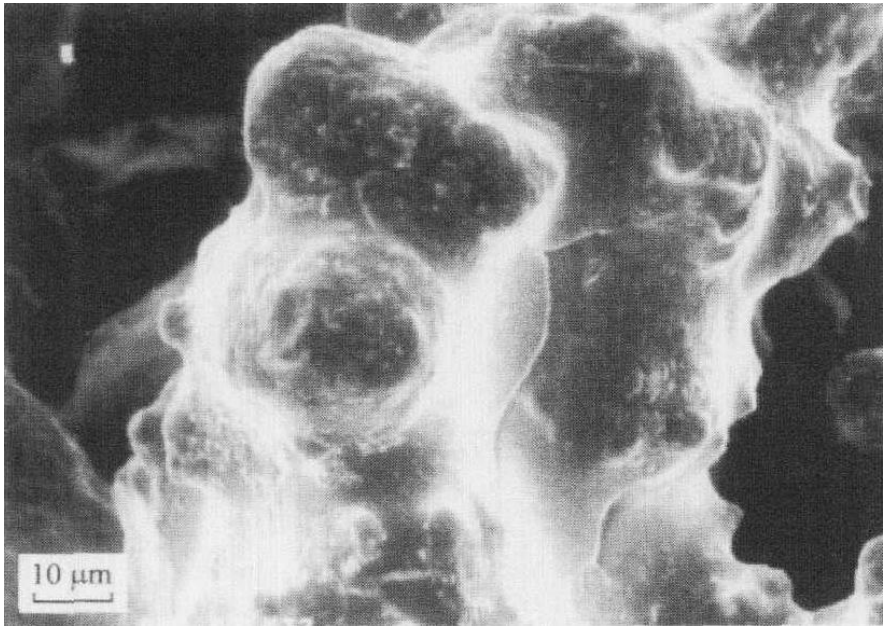

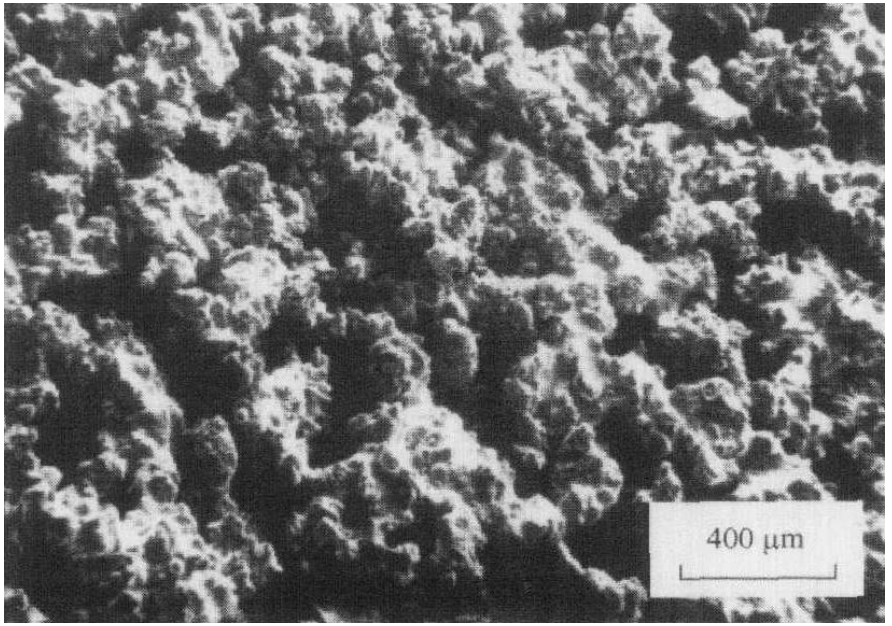

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SLS & DMLS Process

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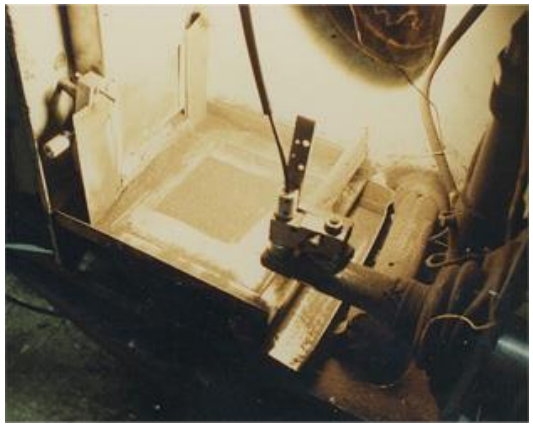
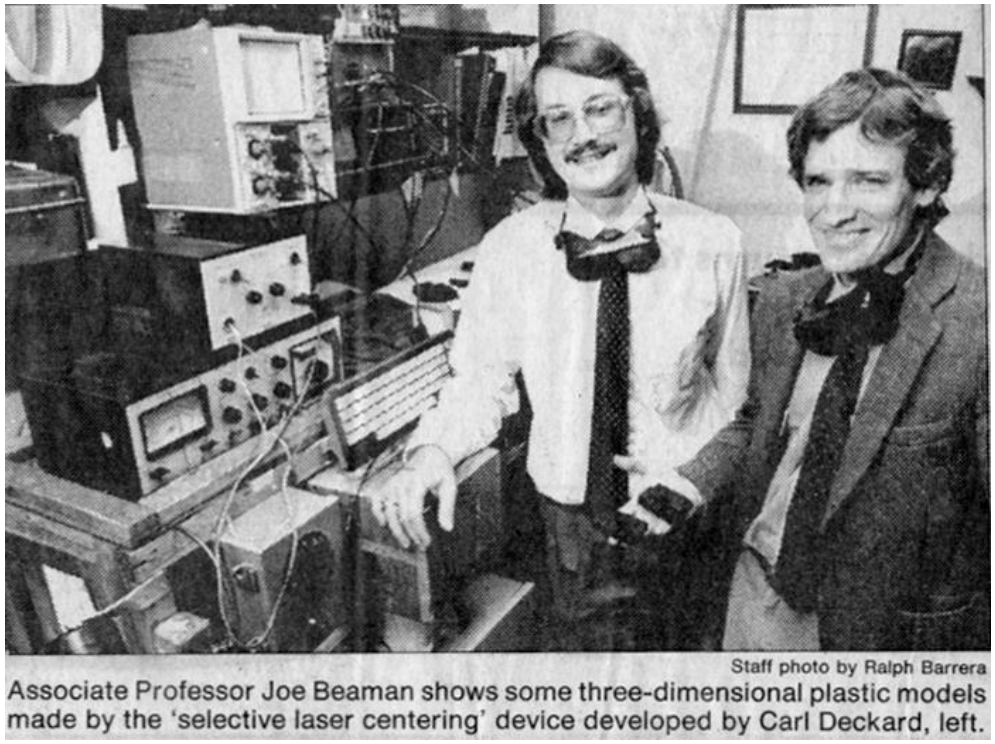
SLS & DMLS - History

- Invented at UT Austin by Joe Beaman and Carl Deckard (80s)



This is part of the original machine, nicknamed Betsy, made by Carl Deckard as a graduate student in 1986.

One of the first attempts at making an object with selective laser sintering.



Staff photo by Ralph Barrera

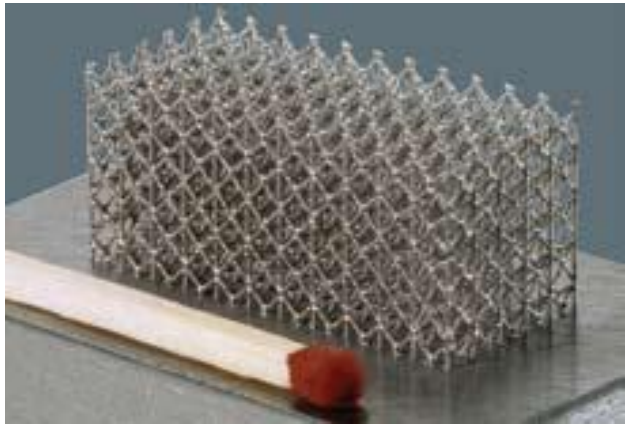
Associate Professor Joe Beaman shows some three-dimensional plastic models made by the 'selective laser centering' device developed by Carl Deckard, left.

Source:
http://www.me.utexas.edu/news/2012/0612_selective_laser_sintering.php

Commercial Systems

- 3D Systems
  - sPro family & Pro DM
- EOS GmbH
  - Formiga and EOSINT family
- Requires powerful laser
  - 30W for SLS
  - 400W for DMLS
- Layer thickness: 0.02 – 0.08mm

Sample Fabricated Parts



Sources: http://www.bridgesmathart.org , http://www.freedomofcreation.com

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3D printed, titanium central wing spar

Airbus wing brackets

Source: ponoko.com, 3dprintingindustry.com

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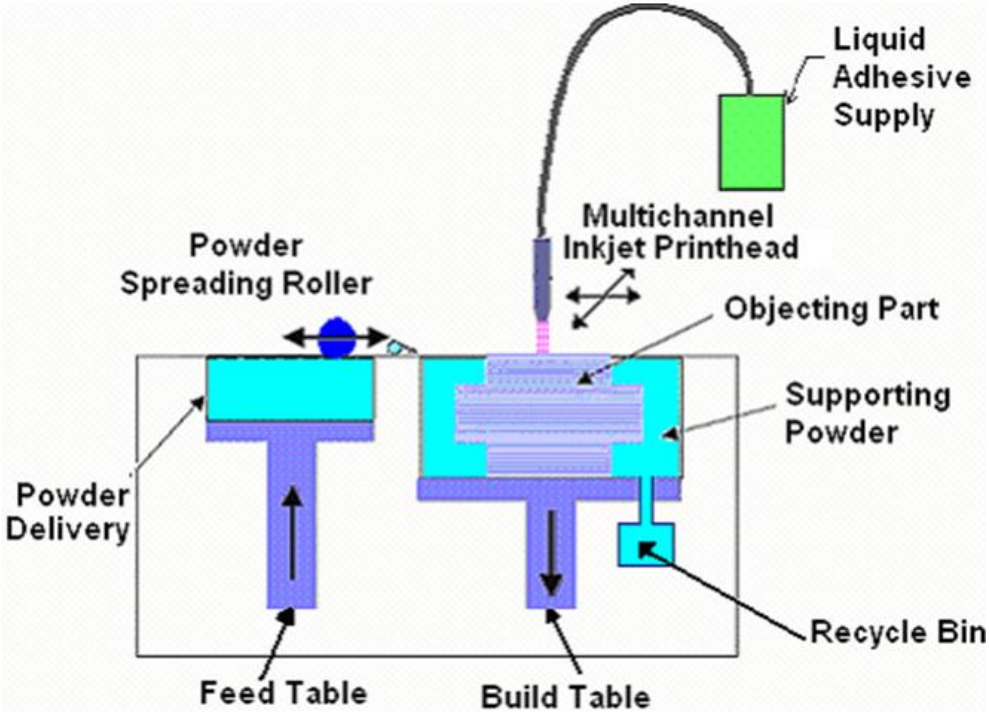
Plaster-based 3D Printing



- This method uses a bed of small plaster particles
- Inkjet printhead prints with liquid adhesive (possibly colored), one layer on the surface of the powder bed fusing the particles
- The platform descends by one layer and more material is added

Source: Zhou and Lu, 2011

Plaster-based 3D Printing Features

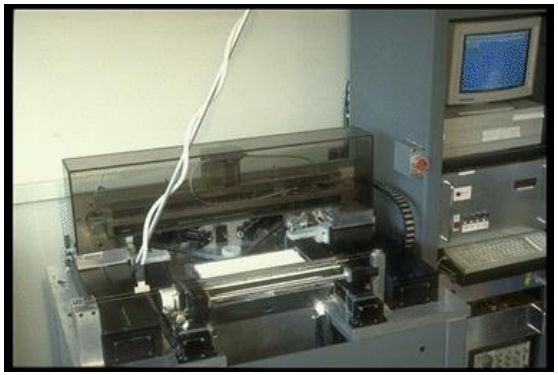
- Similar to SLS and DMLS
  - Also uses granular materials
  - Uses inkjet printhead instead of laser
  - Glues particles instead of melting them
- Does not require support structure
  - Overhangs are supported by powder material
- The only technology supporting full-color printing
- Materials
  - Plaster only
  - Color can be applied (typically on/near the surface)
- Brittle, requires post-processing

Plaster-based 3D Printing Process

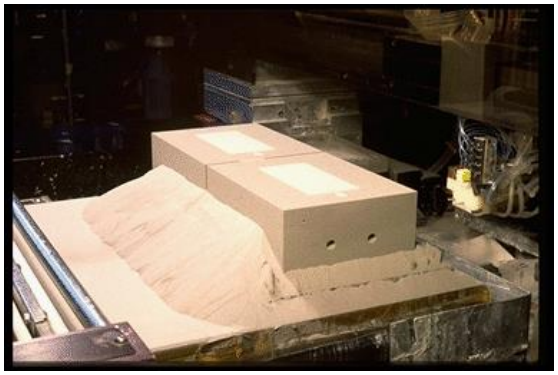
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnFxujCyD70

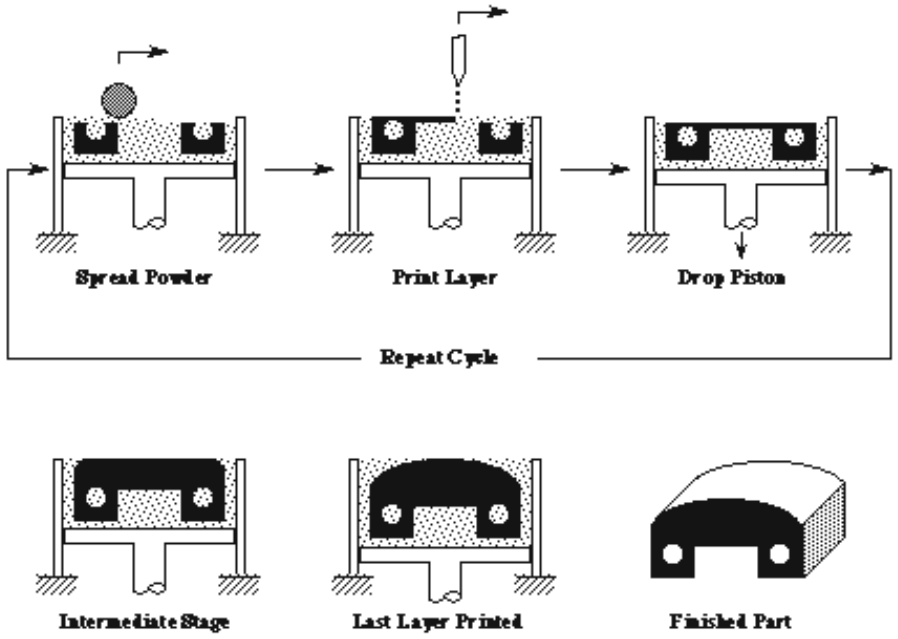
Plaster-based 3D Printing - History

- Developed at MIT
  - http://web.mit.edu/tdp/www/whatis3dp.html
- Commercialized by Z Corporation in 1995



MIT Alpha Machine





Plaster-based 3D Printing – Commercial Systems

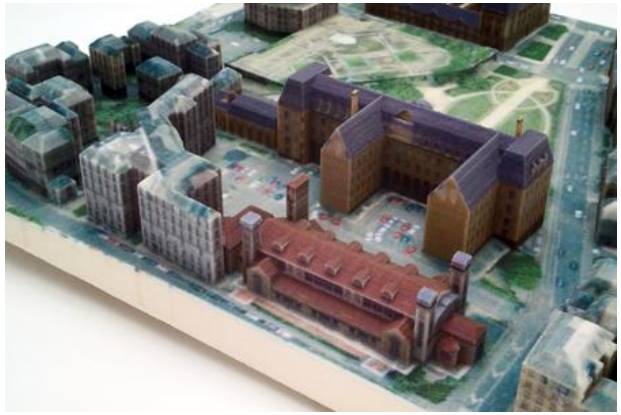
- Z Corporation (now 3D Systems)
  - Z-Printer family
  - Uses HP inkjet print heads
  - 390K colors
  - XY resolution: 600 x 540dpi
  - Z resolution: 0.1mm
  - Build size: 20 x 15 x 9 inches

ZPrinter® 250

ZPrinter® 850

Source: Z corporation

Fabricated Parts



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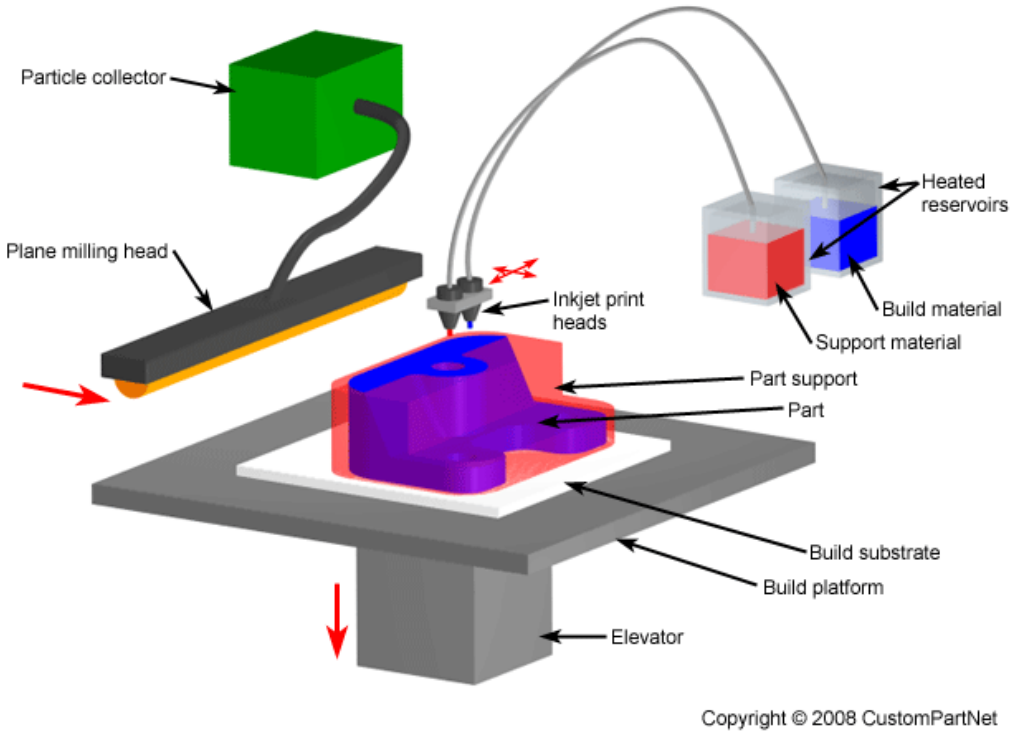
Thermal Phase Change Inkjets



- Inkjet printhead jets heated liquid plastic and support material (wax)
- Material droplets solidify as they cool down
- Excess material is removed using a milling head to make a uniform thickness layer
- Particles are vacuumed away
- The platform descends by one layer

Source: http://www.additive3d.com/bpm.htm

Thermal Phase Change Inkjets Features

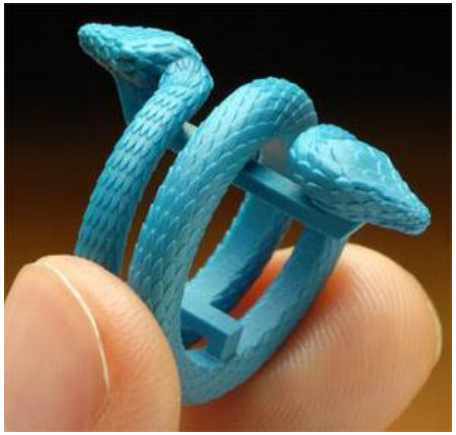
- Extremely high resolution
- Slow printing time
- Materials
  - Limited: plastics and waxes
- Support material
  - Wax: easy to remove
- Manufactured objects are used as casting pattern but almost never as final functional parts

Thermal Phase Change Inkjets – Commercial Systems

- Produced by Solidscape (now Stratasys)
  - 3Z Pro
  - XY resolution: 5000 x 5000 dpi
  - Y resolution: 8000 dpi
  - Build volume: 6 x 6 x 4 inches

Source: http://www.solid-scape.com

Sample Fabricated Parts



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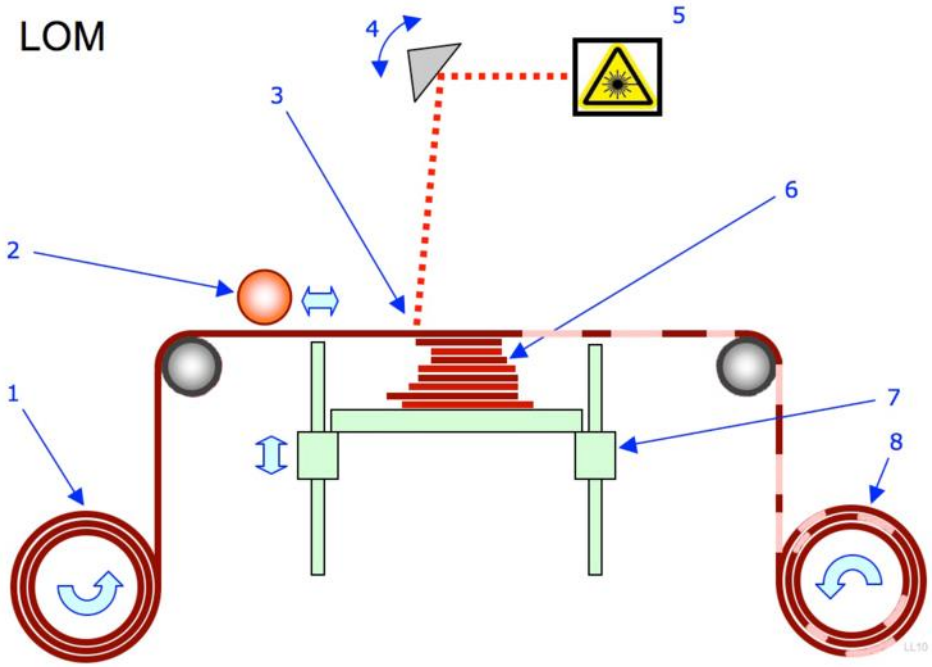
Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM)

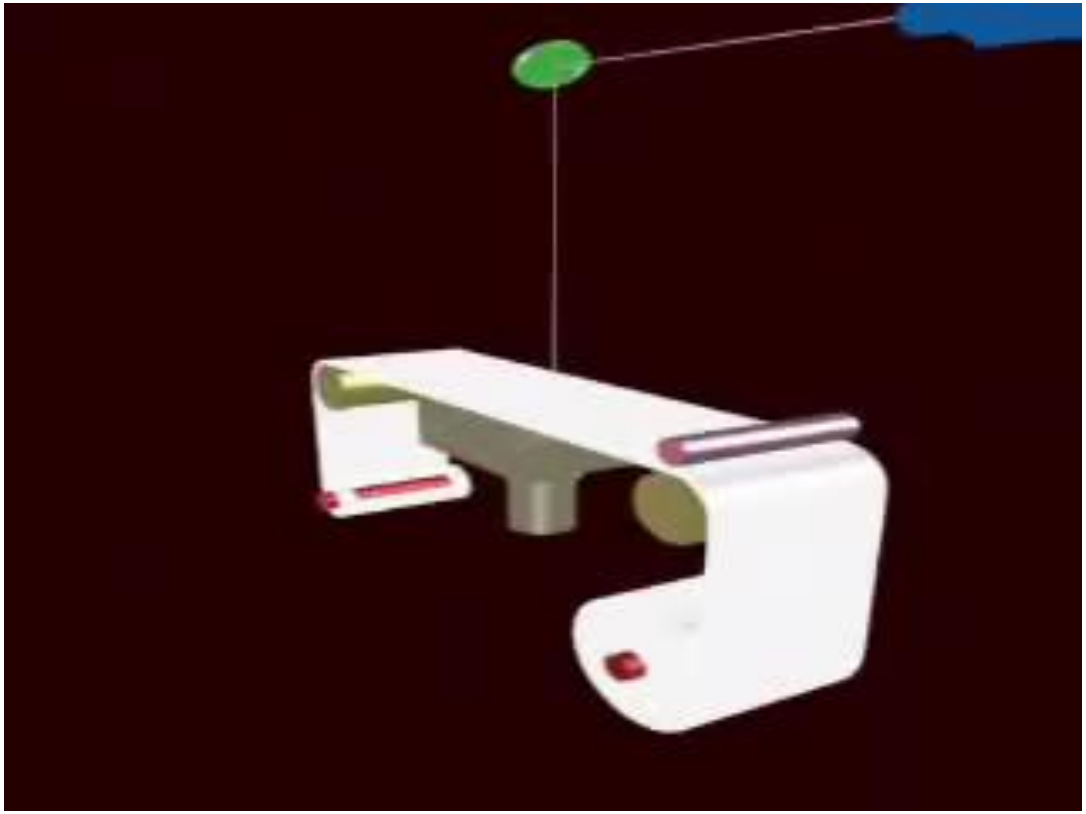


1 Foil supply. 2 Heated roller. 3 Laser beam. 4. Scanning prism. 5 Laser unit. 6 Layers. 7 Moving platform. 8 Waste.

- Sheet is adhered to a substrate with a heated roller
- Laser traces desired dimensions of prototype
- Laser cross hatches non-part area to facilitate waste removal
- Platform with completed layer moves down out of the way
- Fresh sheet of material is rolled into position
- Platform moves up into position to receive next layer

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laminated_object_manufacturing

Printing Process



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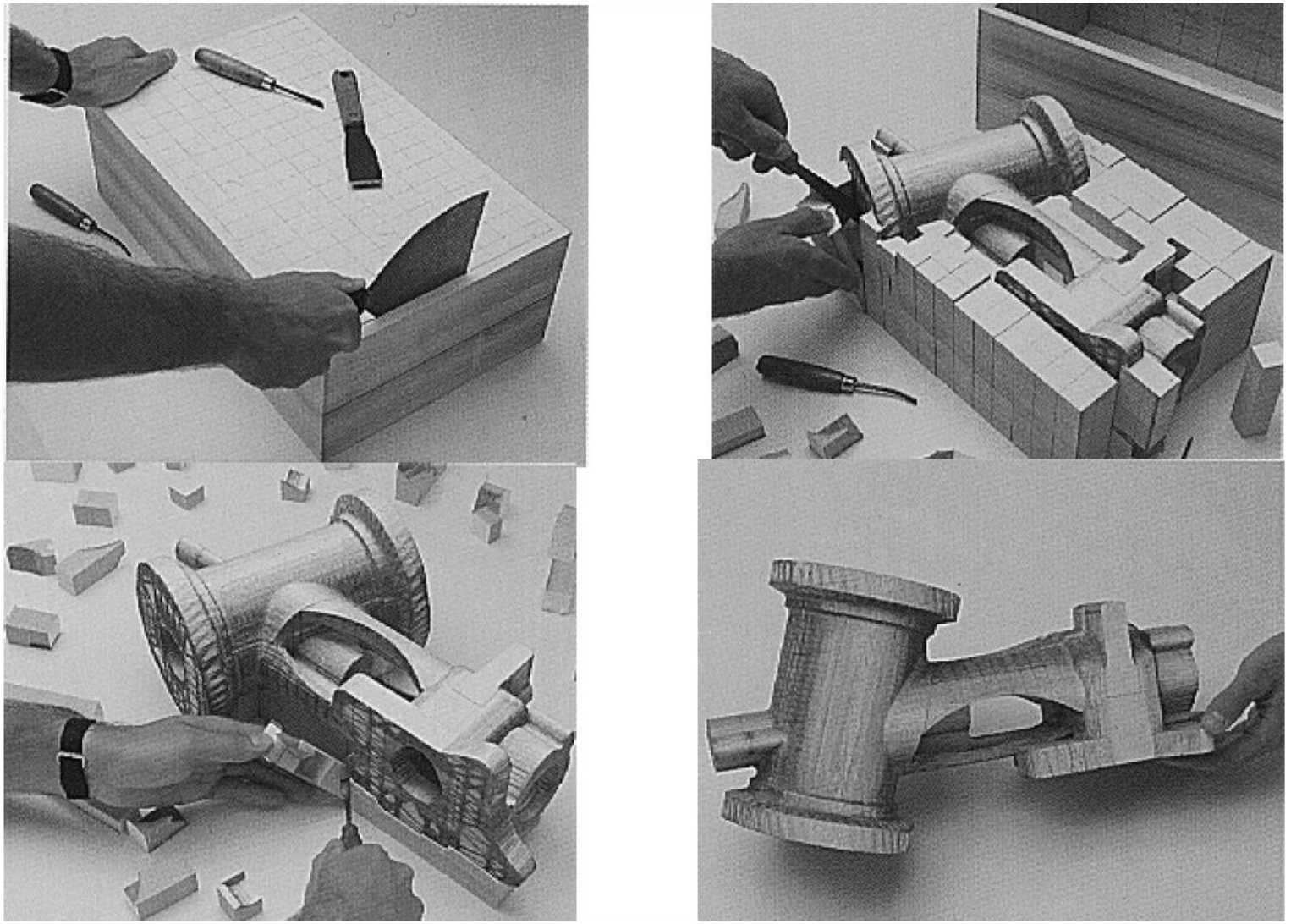
Laminated Object Manufacturing Features

- Inexpensive – low material cost
- Print resolution is lower than other methods
- Color can be added using additional printhead
- Materials
  - Paper (most common), plastics, composites, metal, ceramics
- Support material
  - Same material can be used as support

Support Material



Source: http://blog.nus.edu.sg/u0804594/common-rp-techniques/laminated-object-manufacturing-lom/

Commercial Systems

- Helisys (now Cubic Technologies)
  - SD300
  - Build Size 160 x 210 x 135 mm
  - Z resolution: 0.3 mm
  - XY resolution 0.2 mm
  - Build material – plastics

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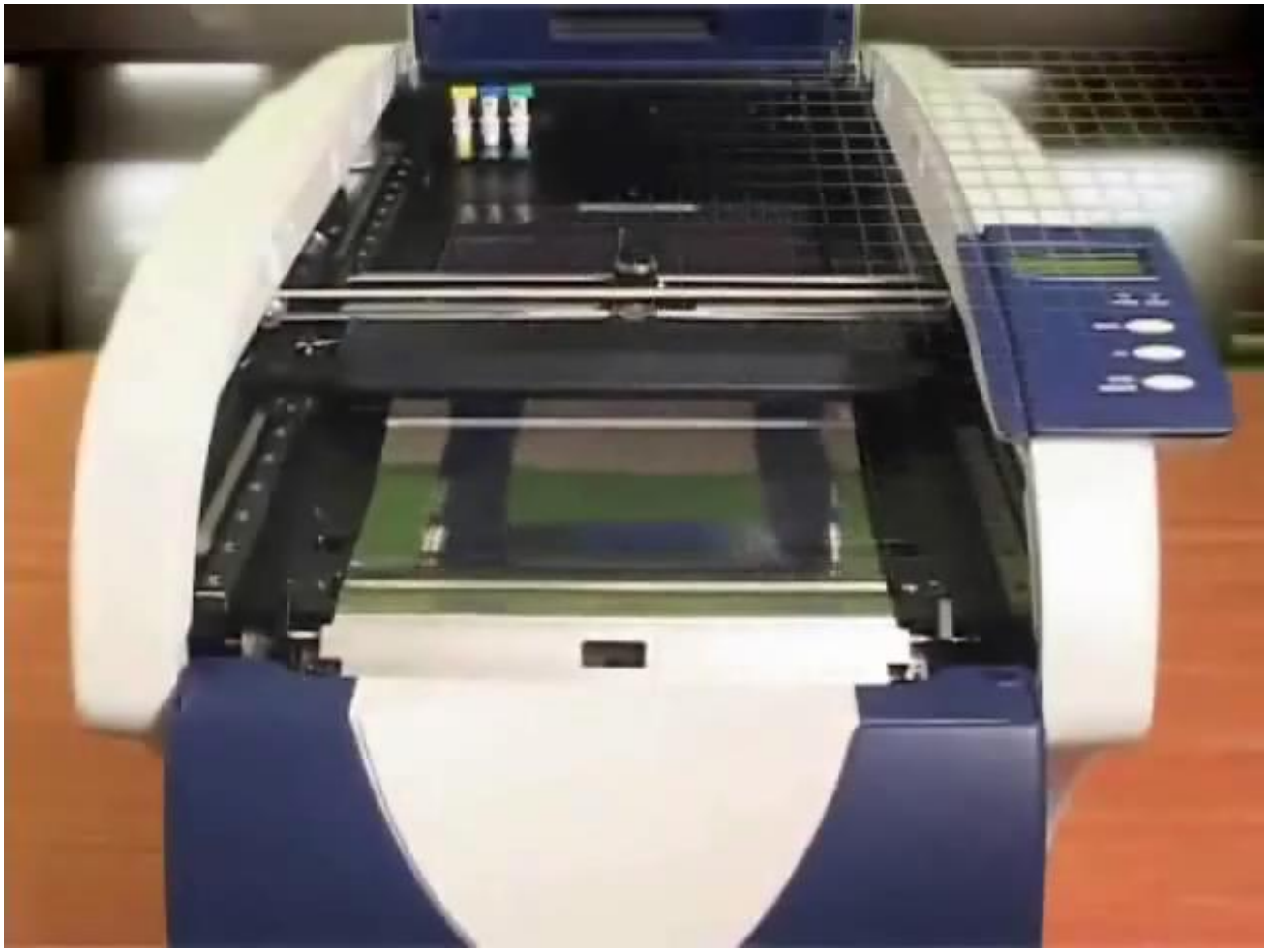

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