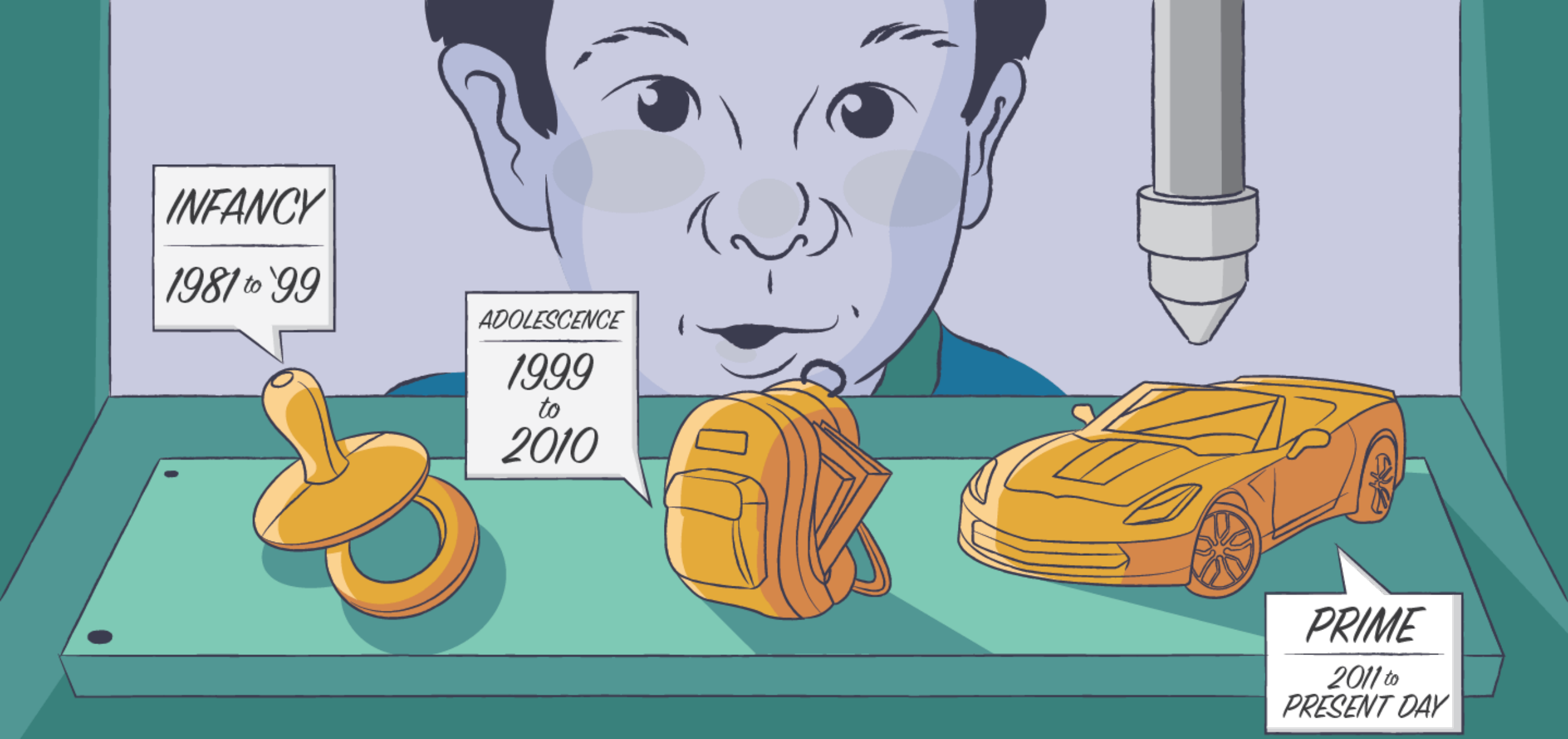




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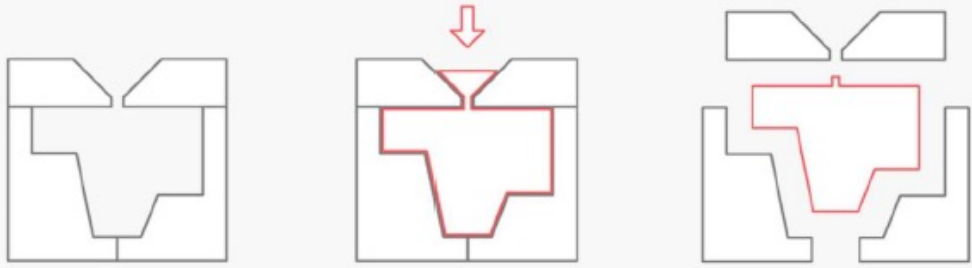
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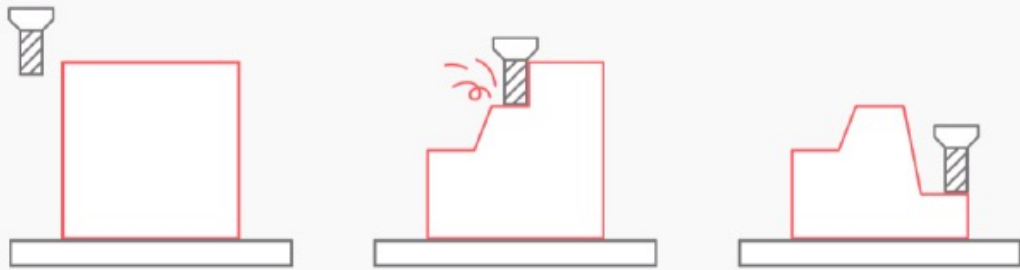


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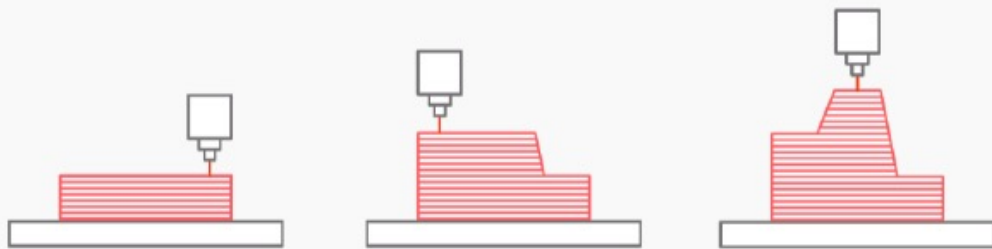
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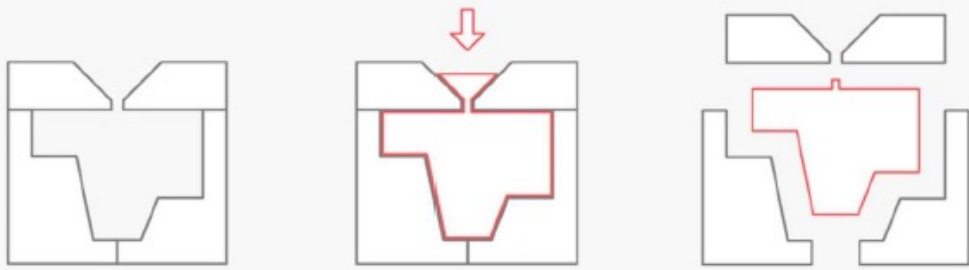
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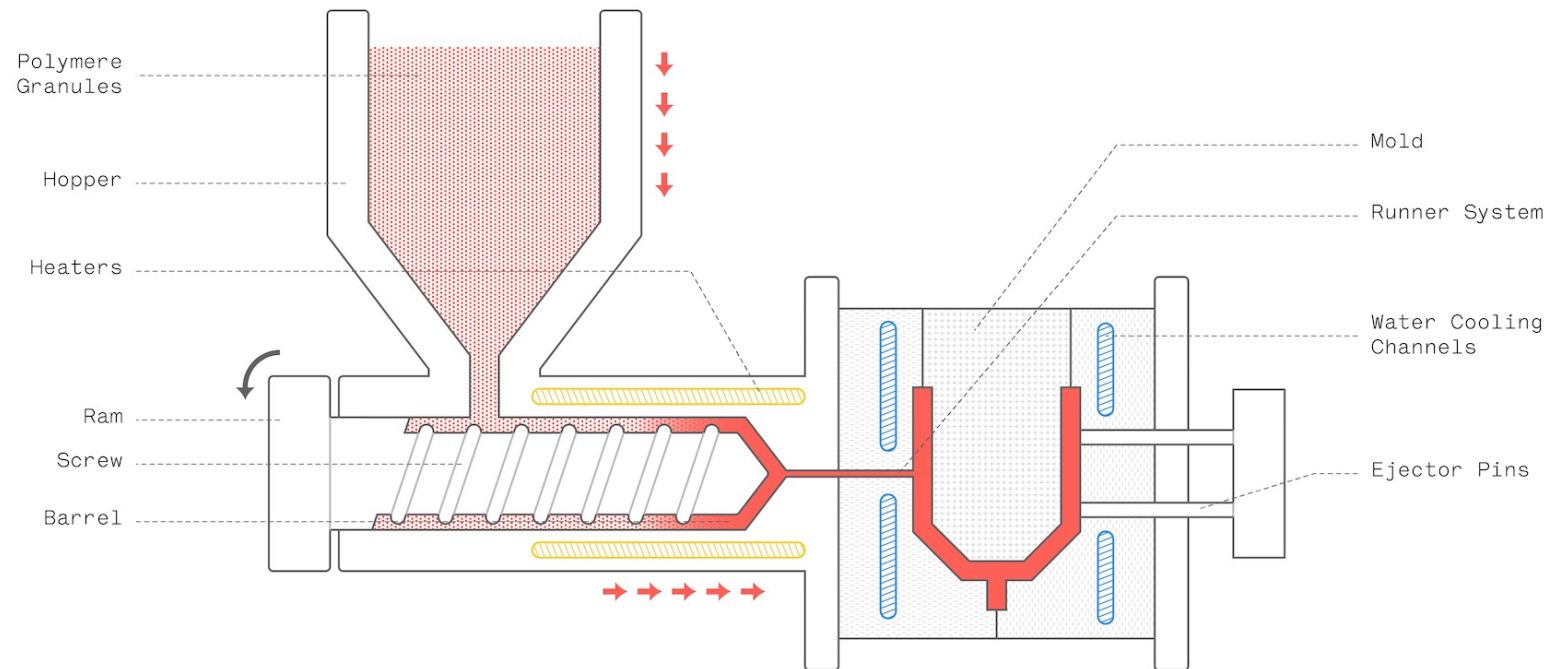
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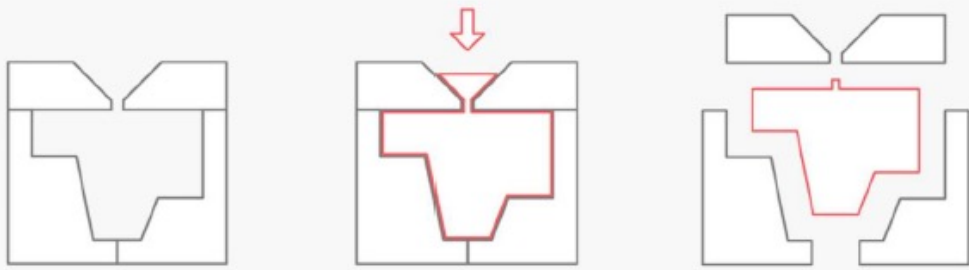


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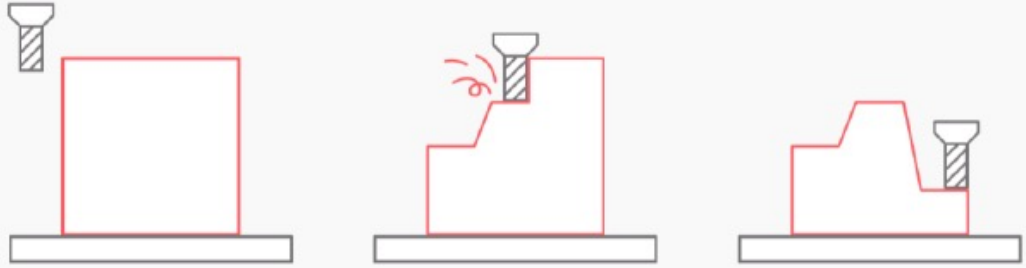


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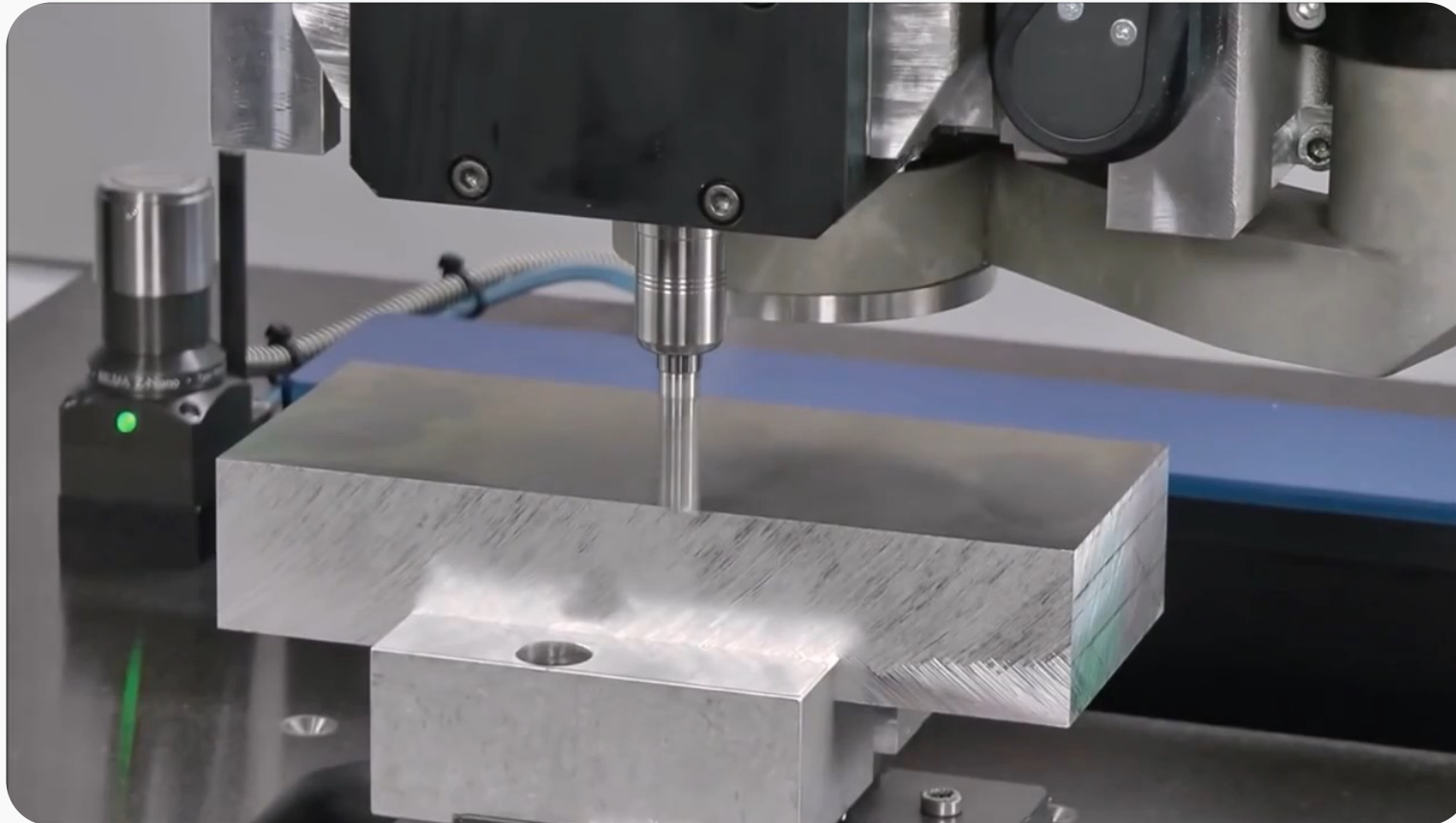


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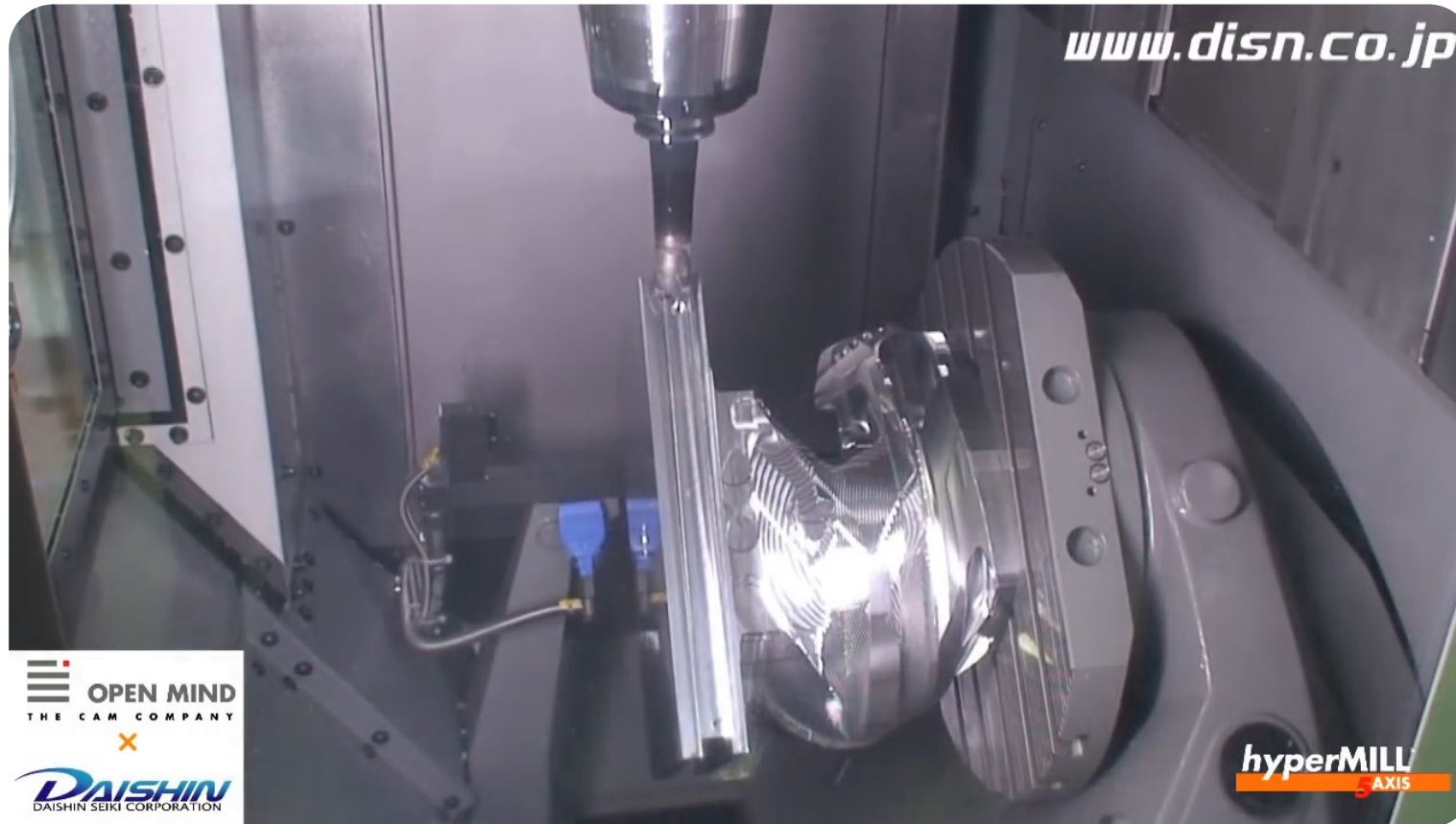
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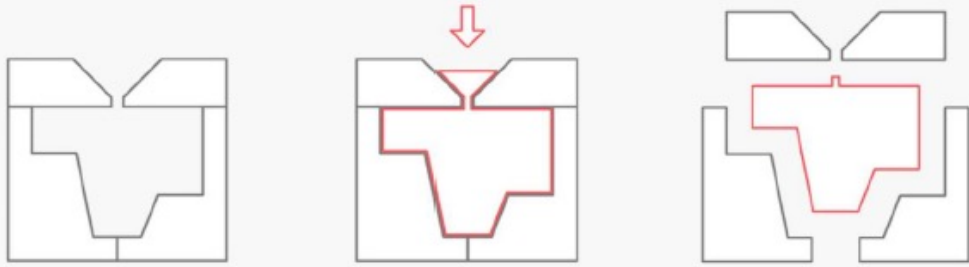




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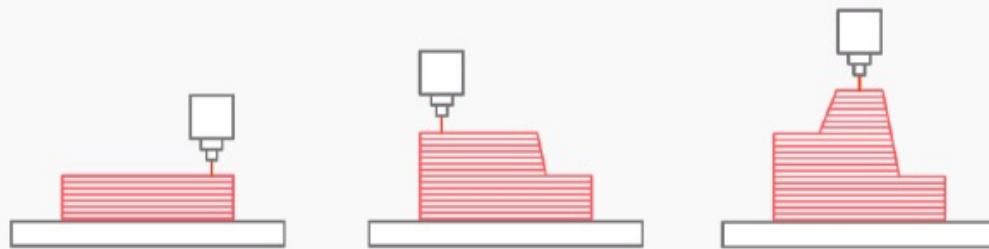
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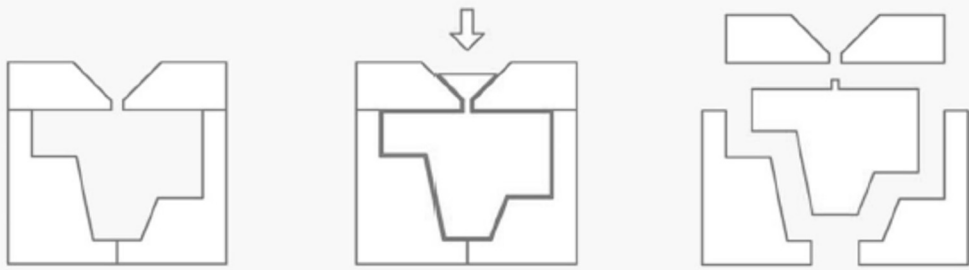
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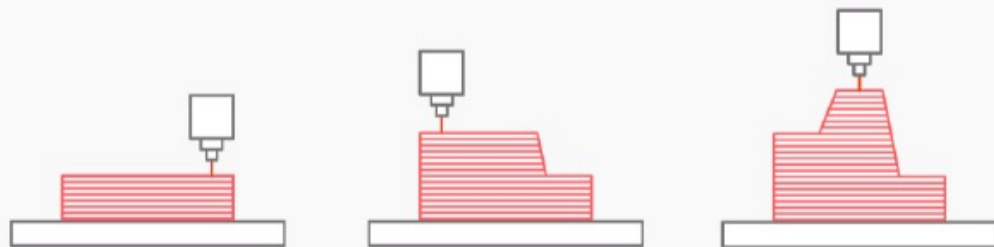
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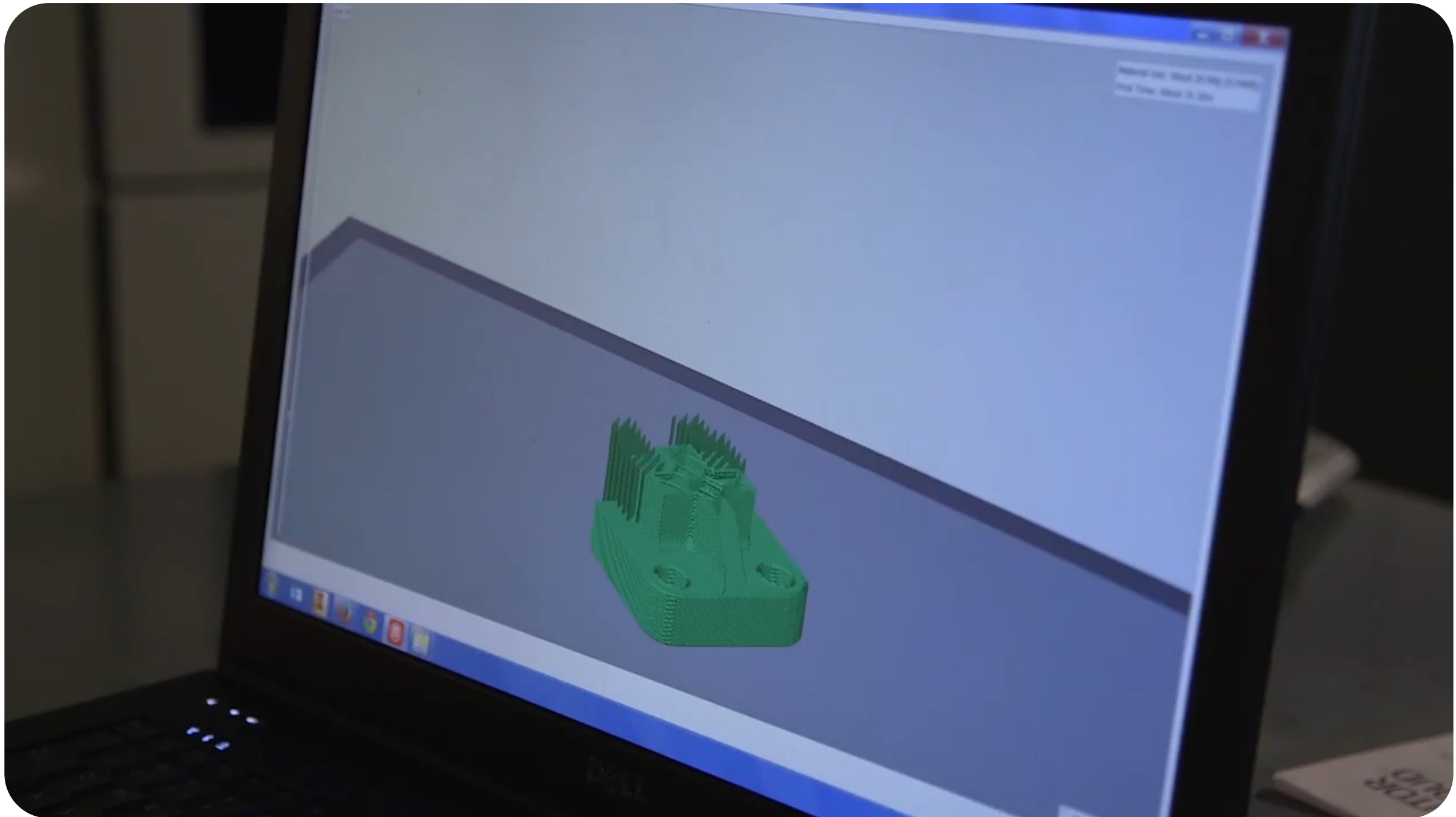
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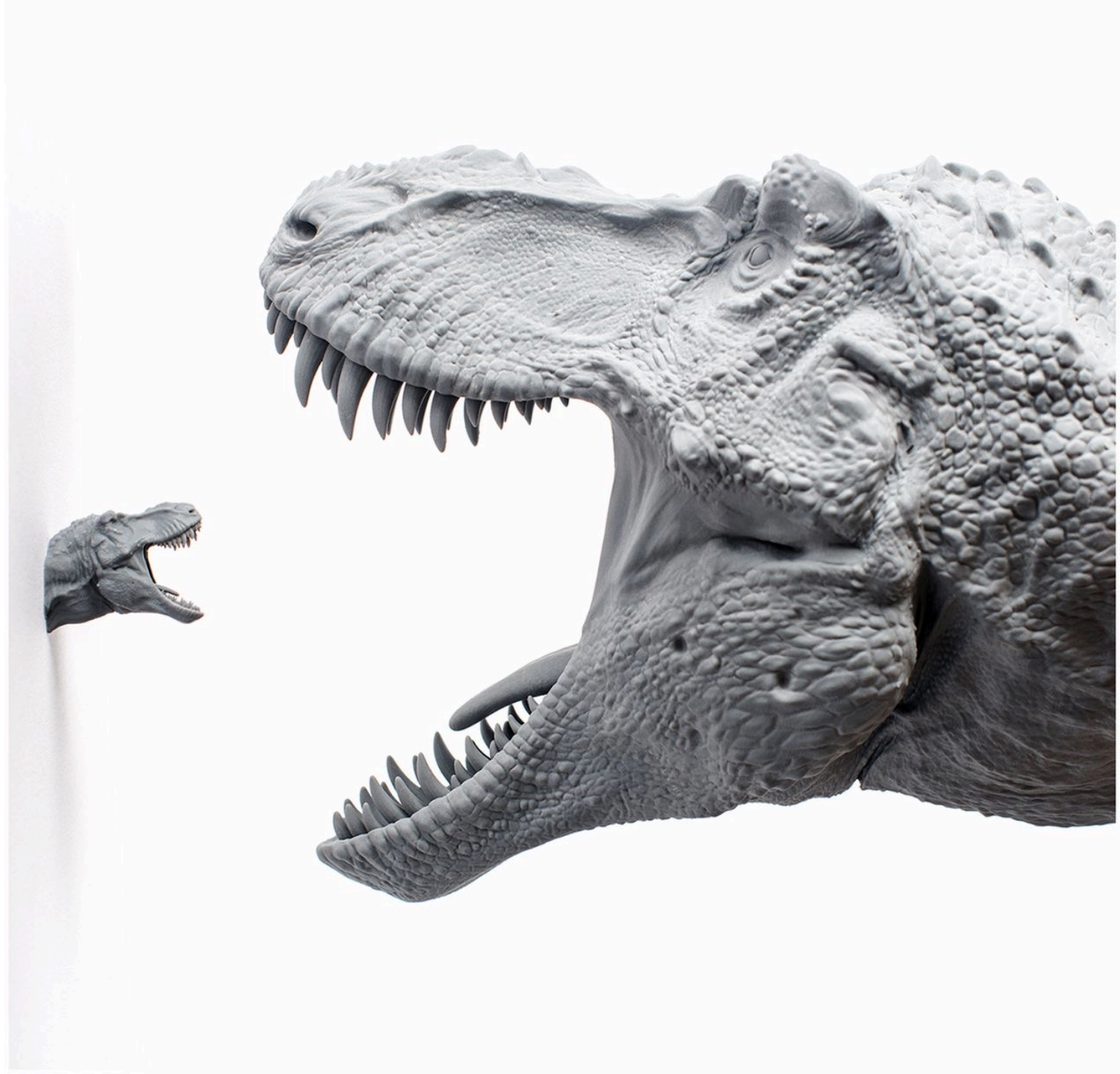
Benefits?

Complexity is free

Perfect for one-off's – (cheaper, faster)

Empowers new designers

New materials



Compared to the other manufacturing approaches,
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The first commercial 3D printer
SLA-1 printer
1987



The first commercial **FDM**
3d printer
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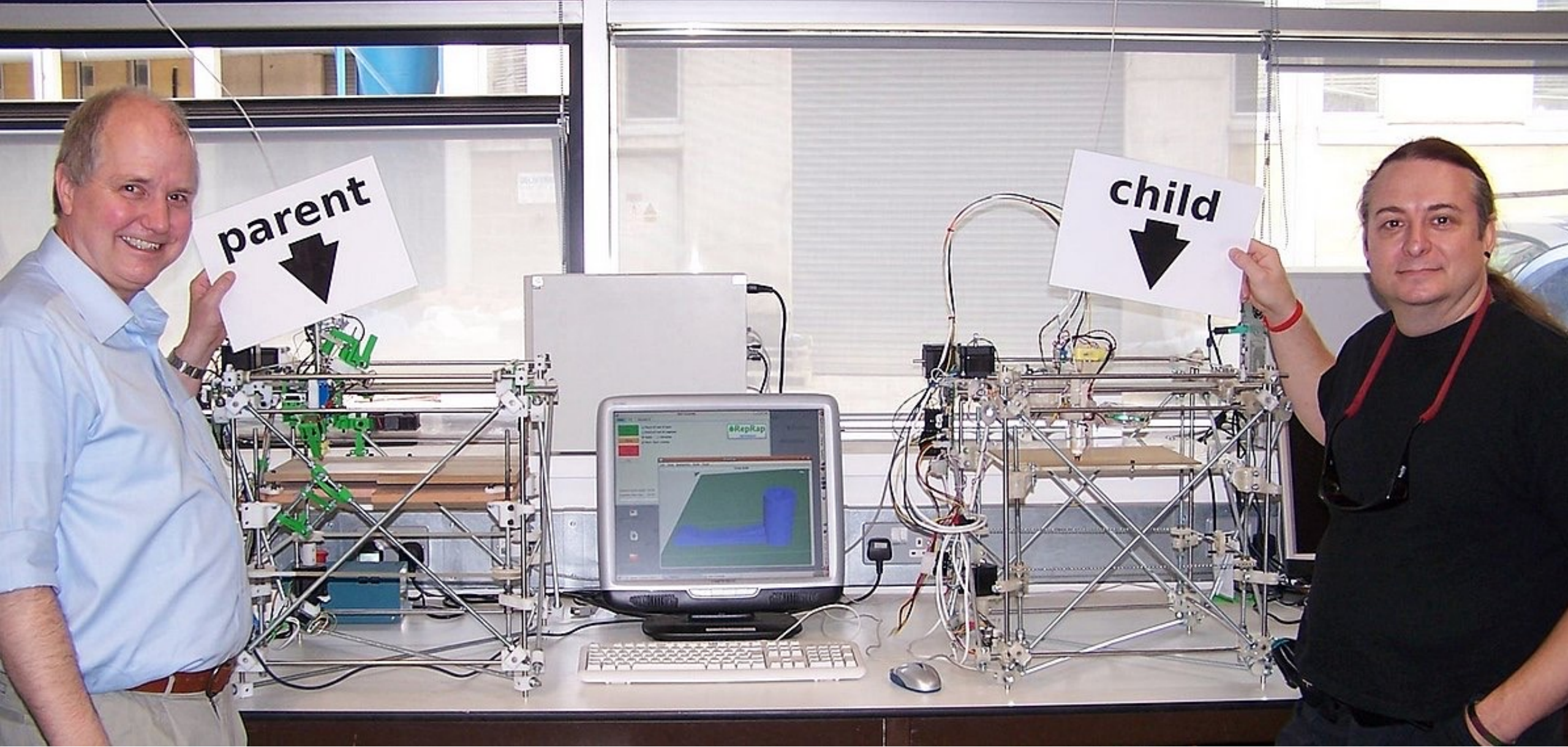
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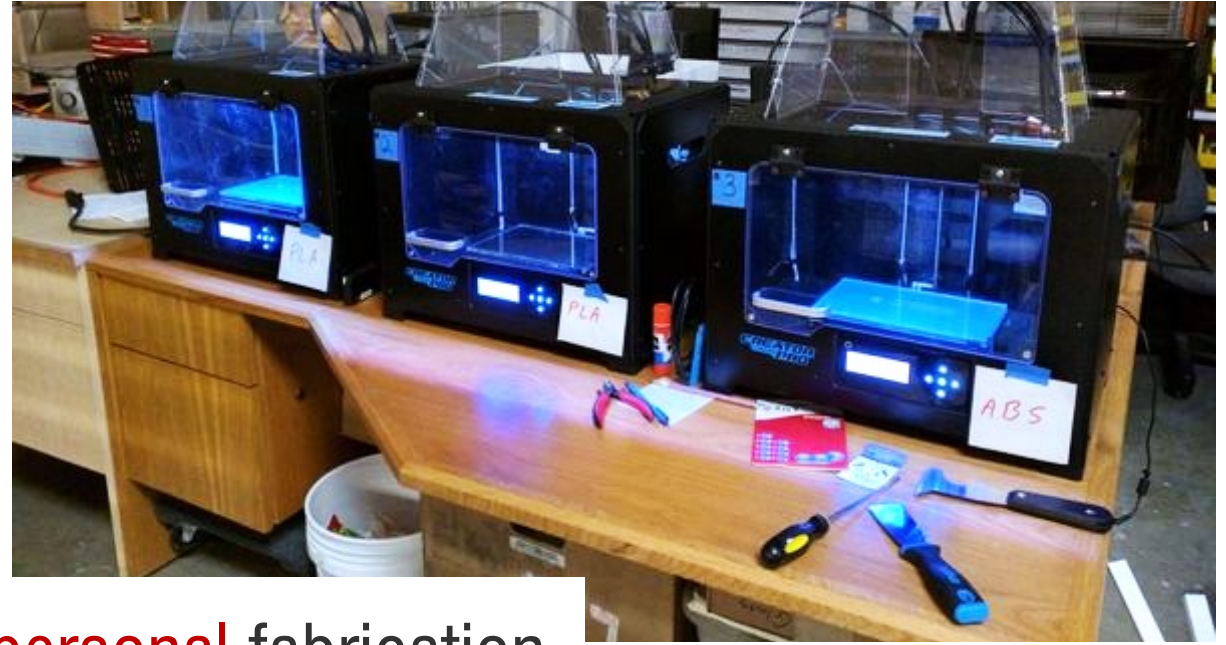
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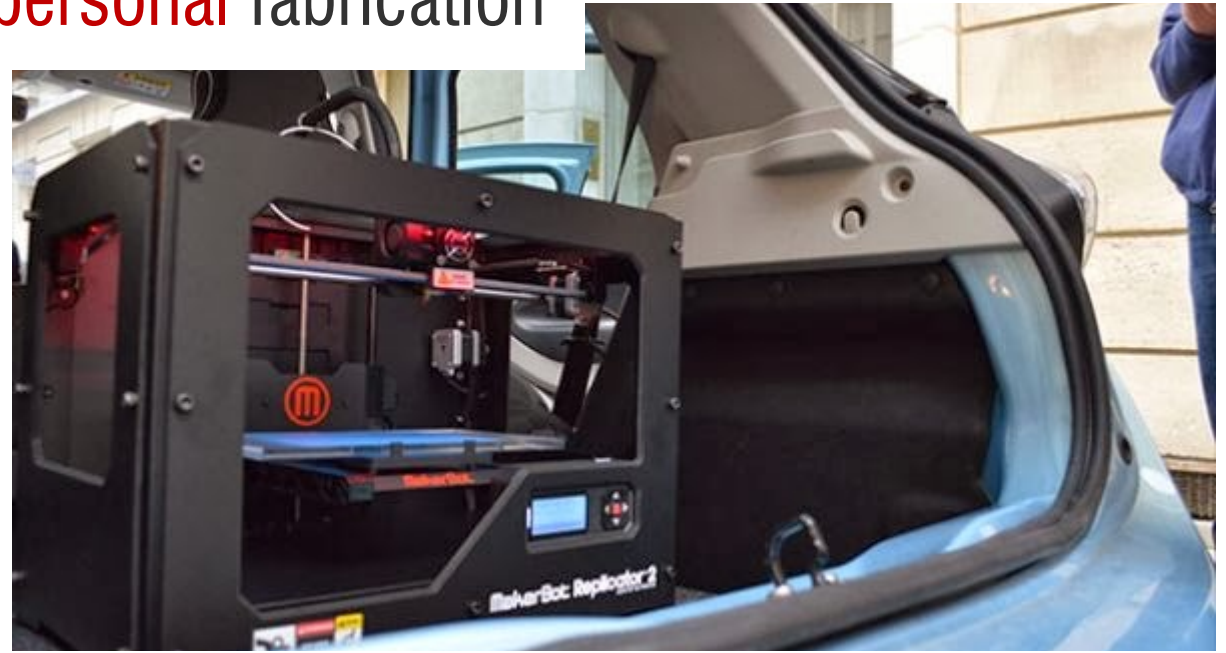
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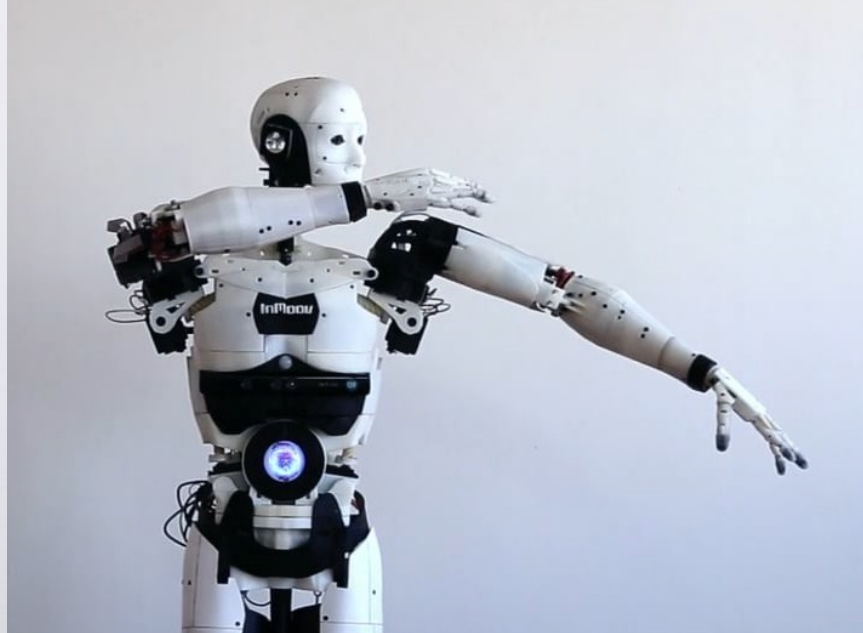
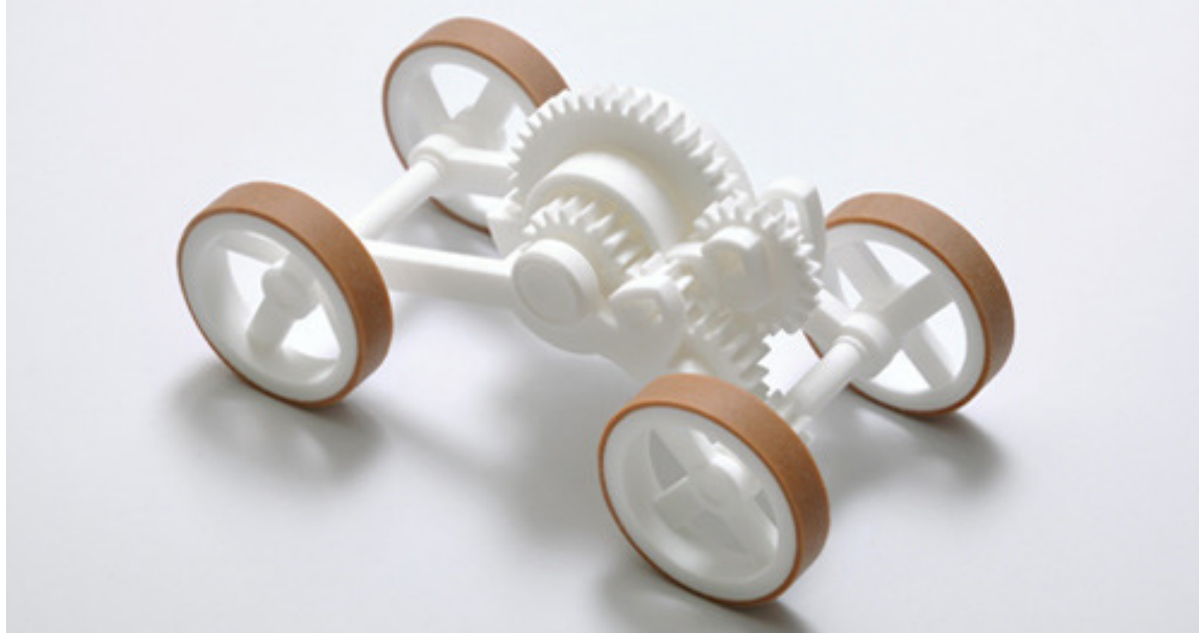
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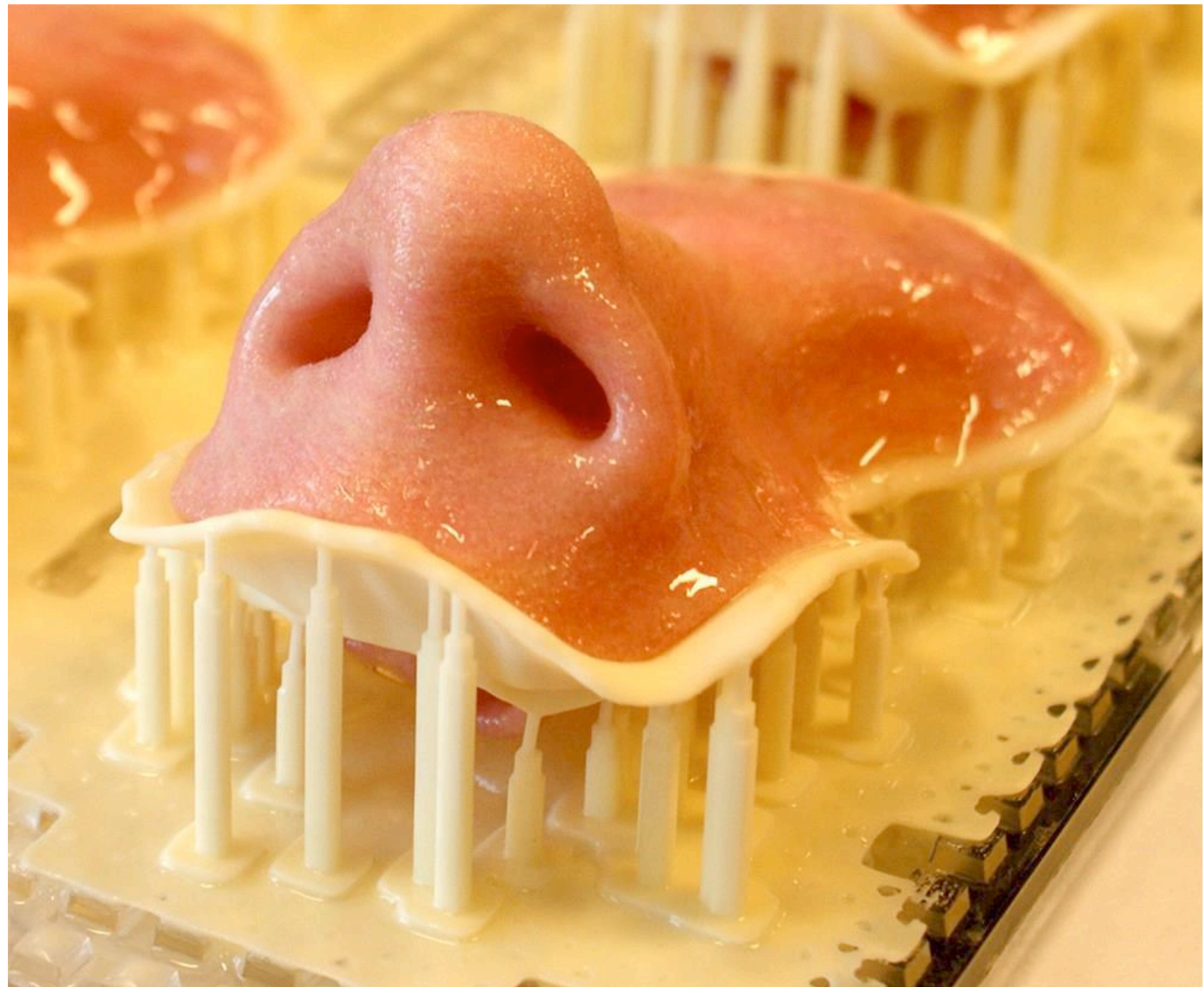
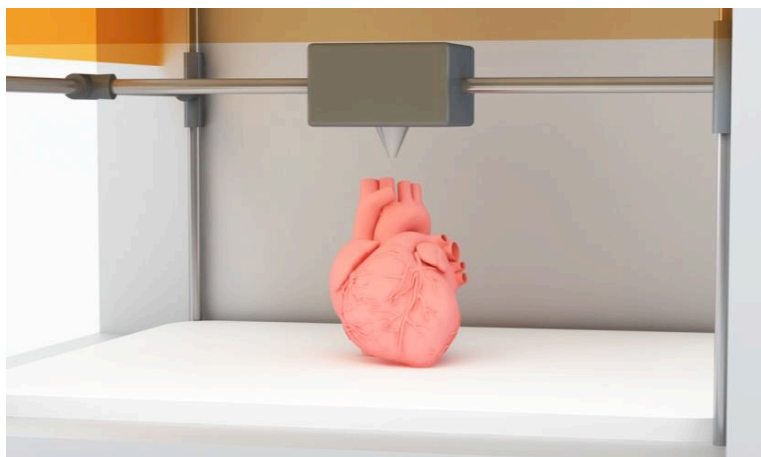
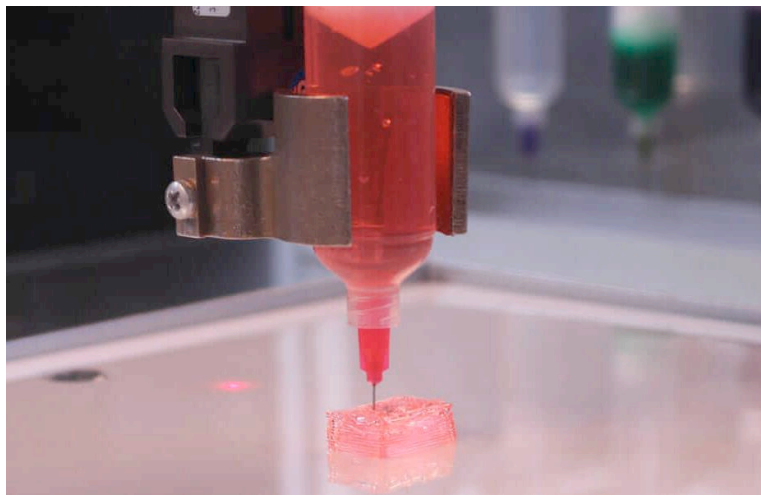
The “new era” of **personal** fabrication



What are the things we know that can be 3D printed?





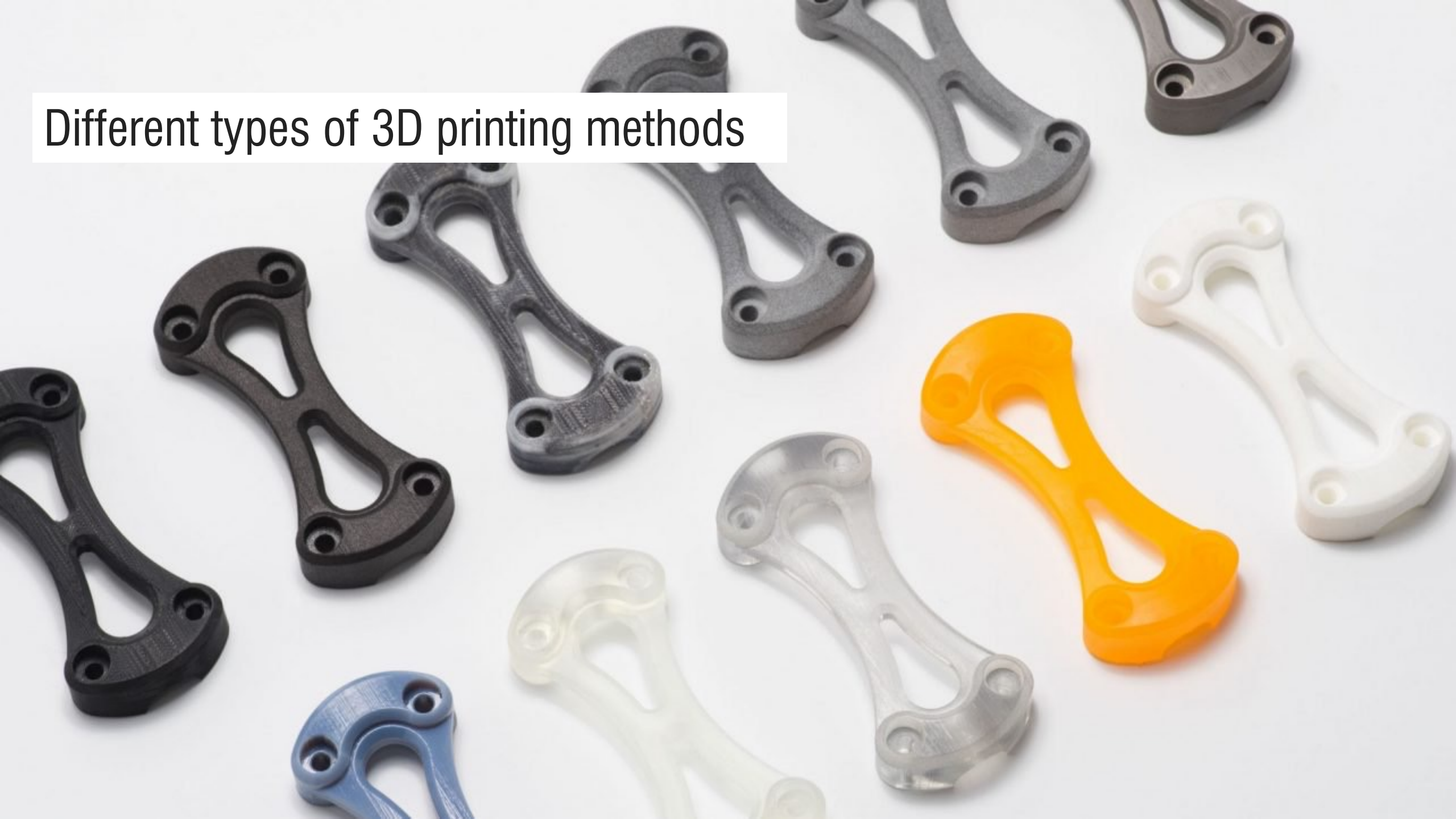




The Economist (Cover)



Different types of 3D printing methods



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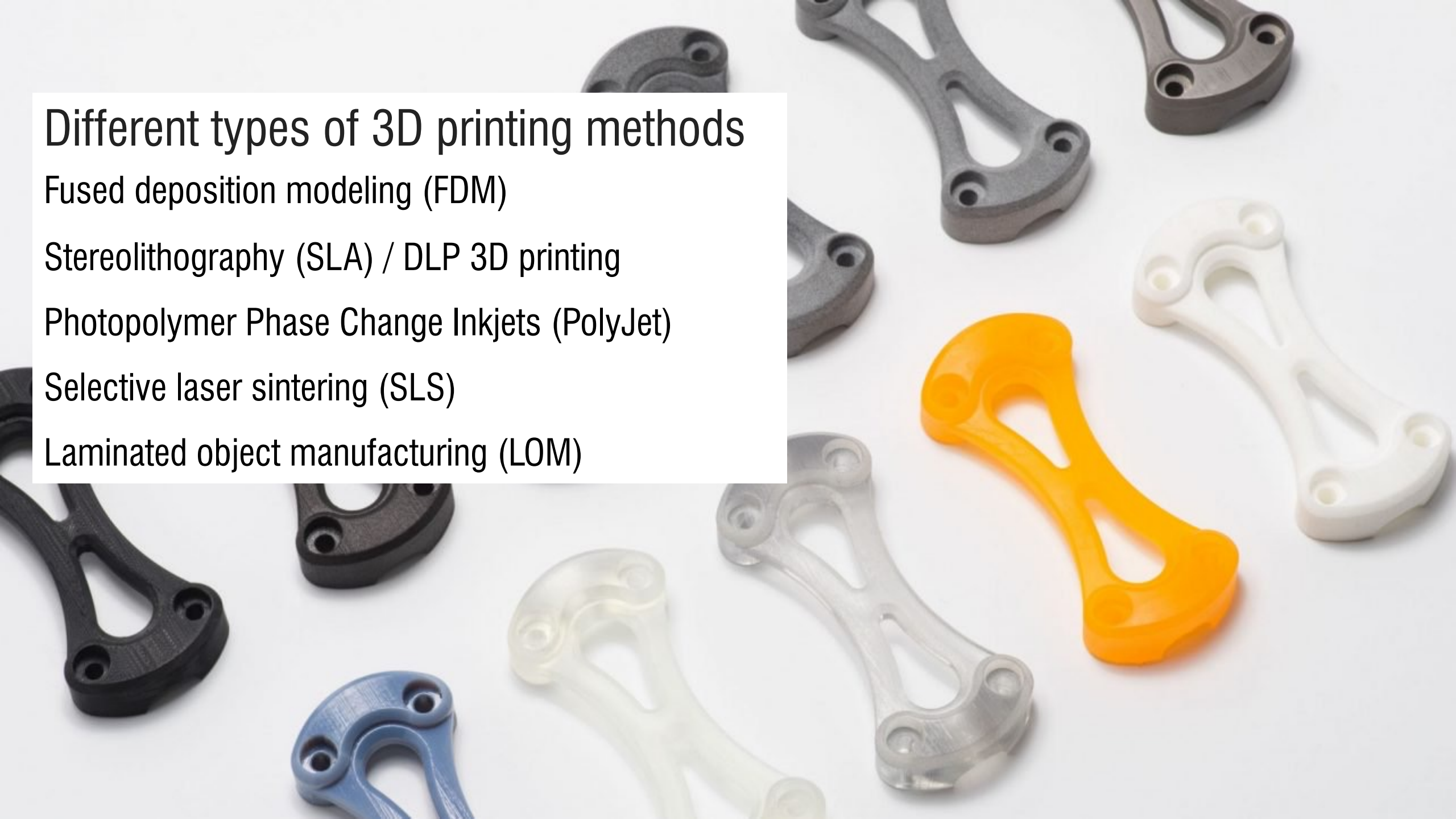
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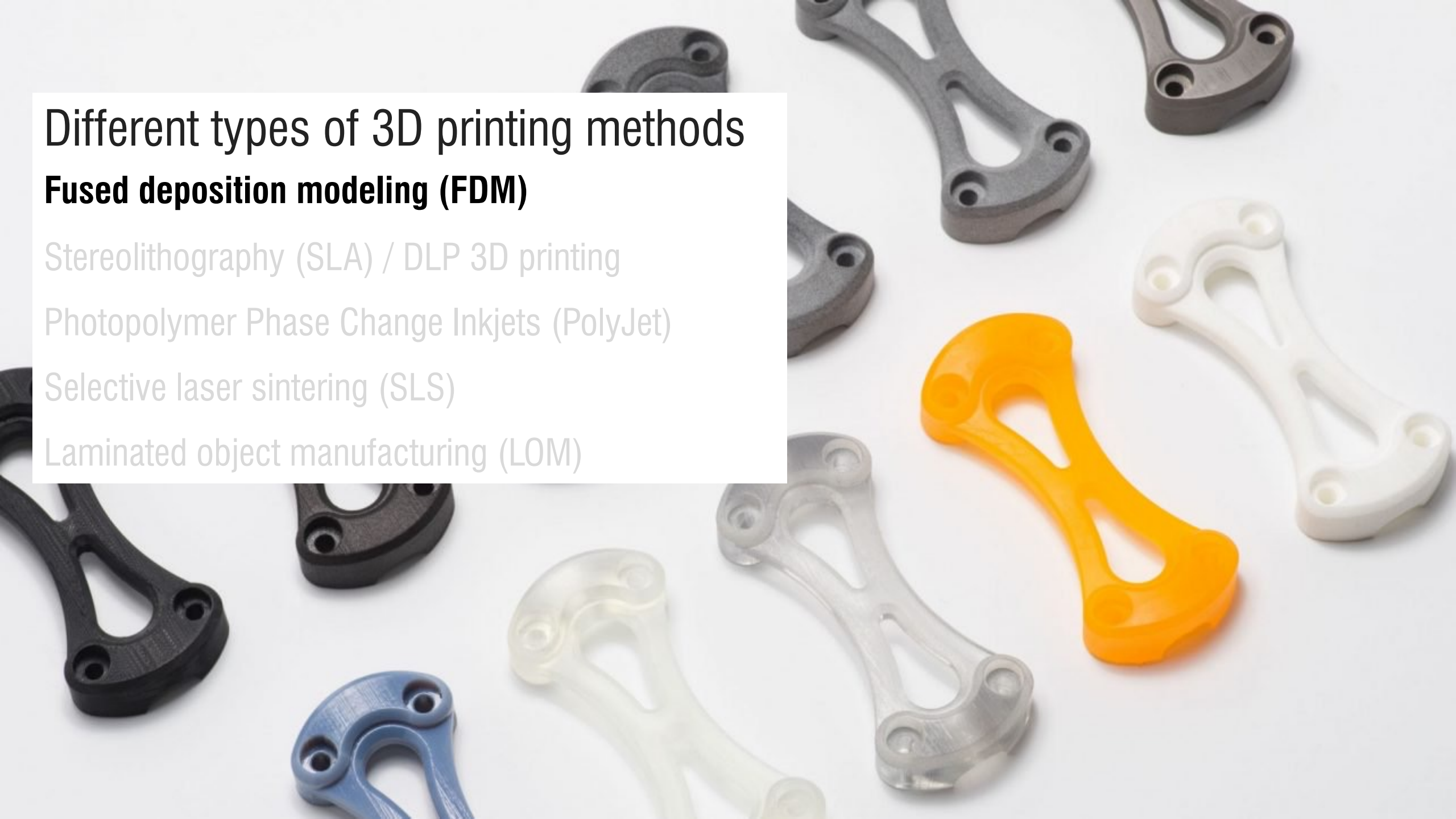
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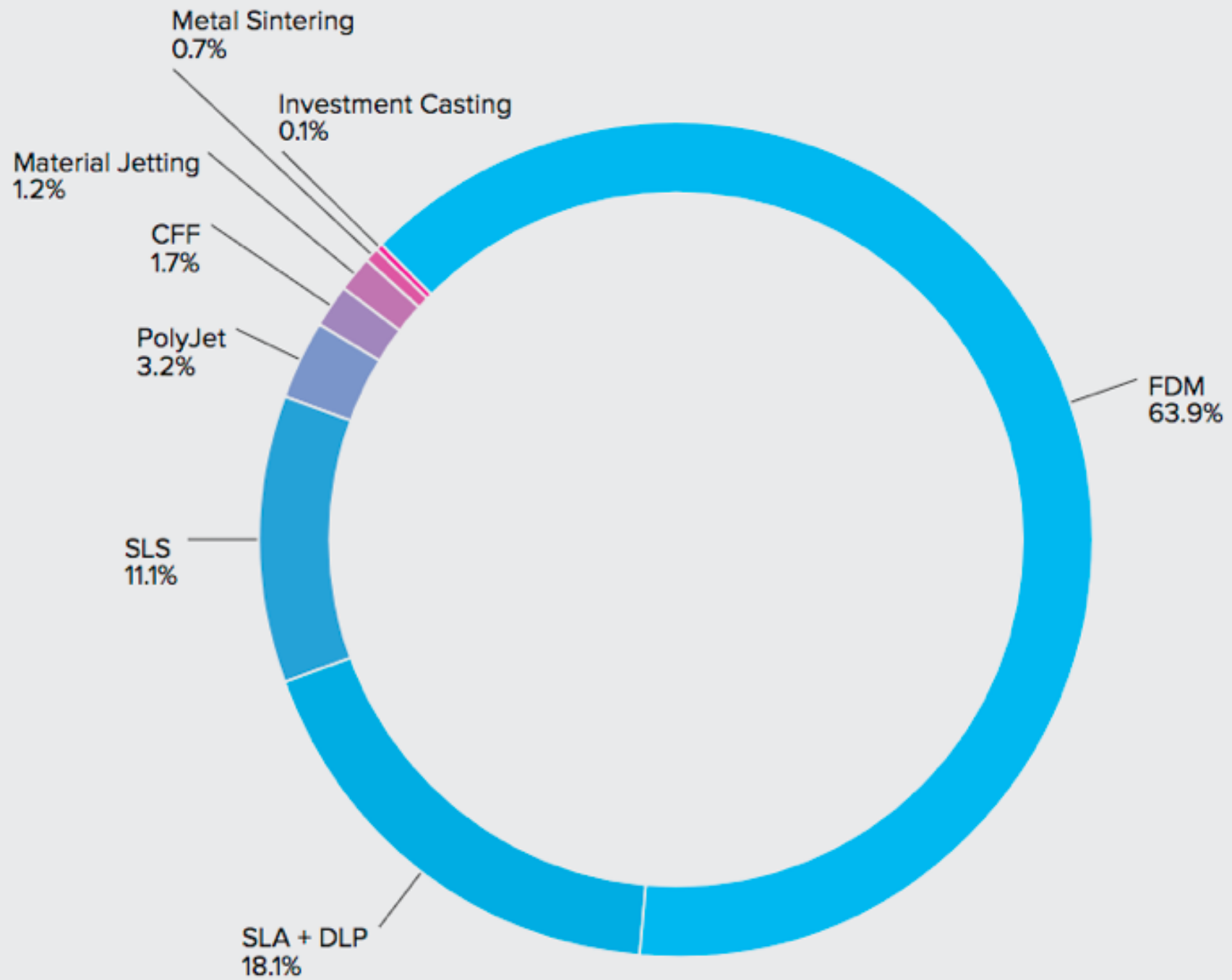
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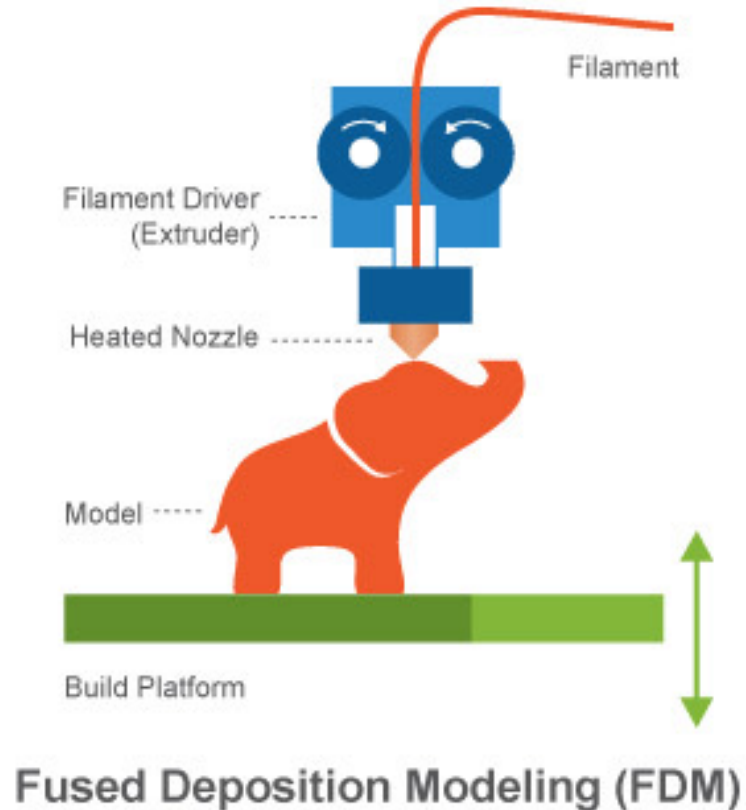
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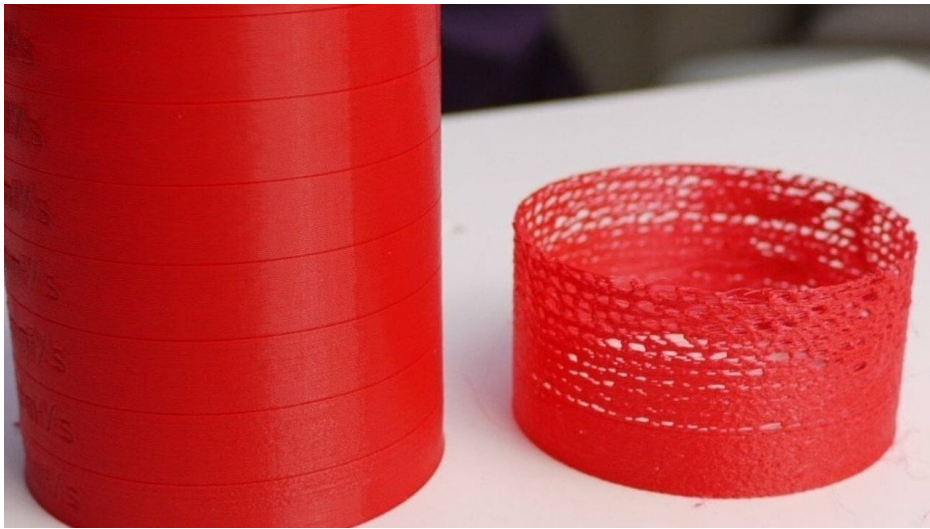


plastic filament on spools

pushed through a **hot extruder nozzle**

melts when going through the nozzle and solidifies when placed on the build platform

Common FDM printing problems



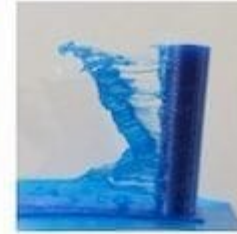
UNDER EXTRUSION



OVER EXTRUSION



HOLES OR GAPS IN TOP LAYER



STRINGING OR OOZING



OVERHEATING



FAILURE TO FEED FILAMENT OR STOPS MID PRINT



WEAK INFILL



GAPS BETWEEN INFILL AND OUTLINE



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SIDE LAYER SURFACE ISSUES



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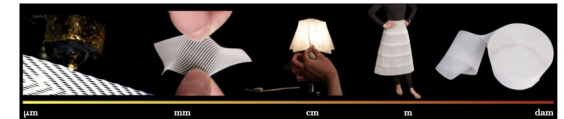


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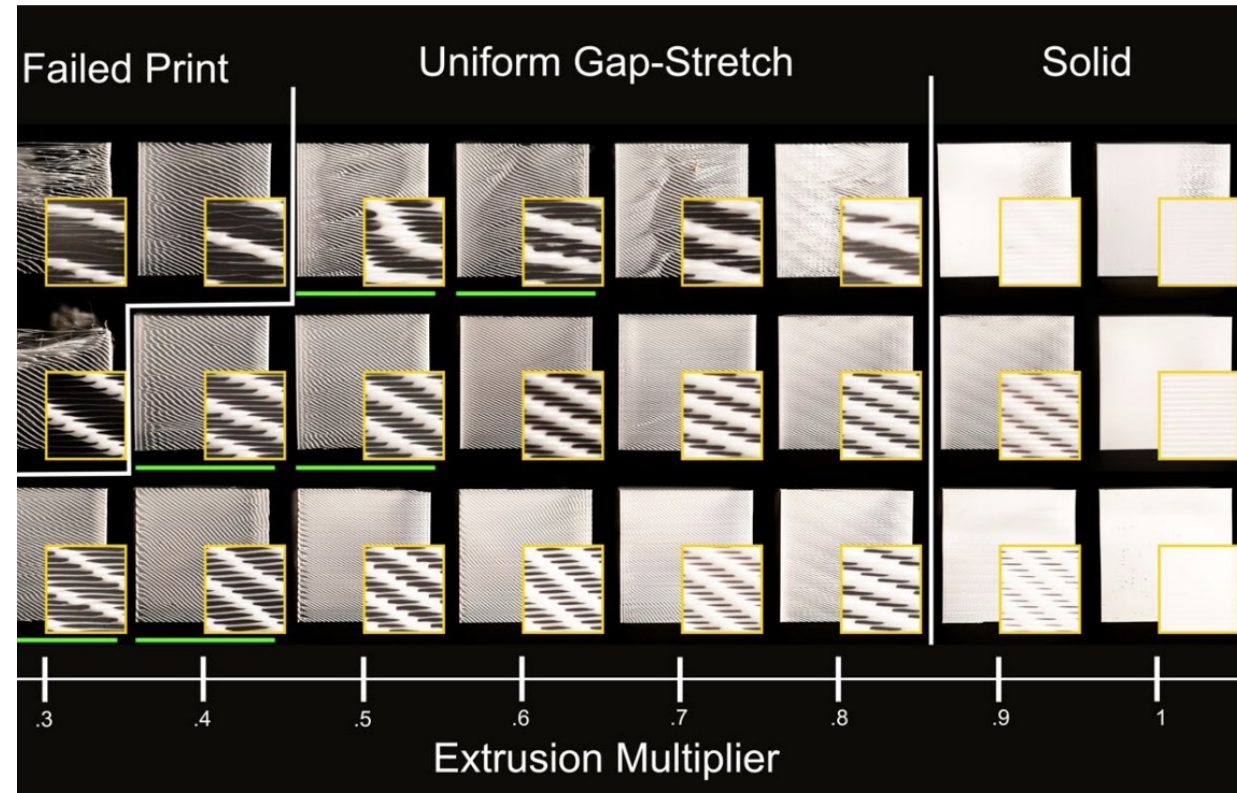
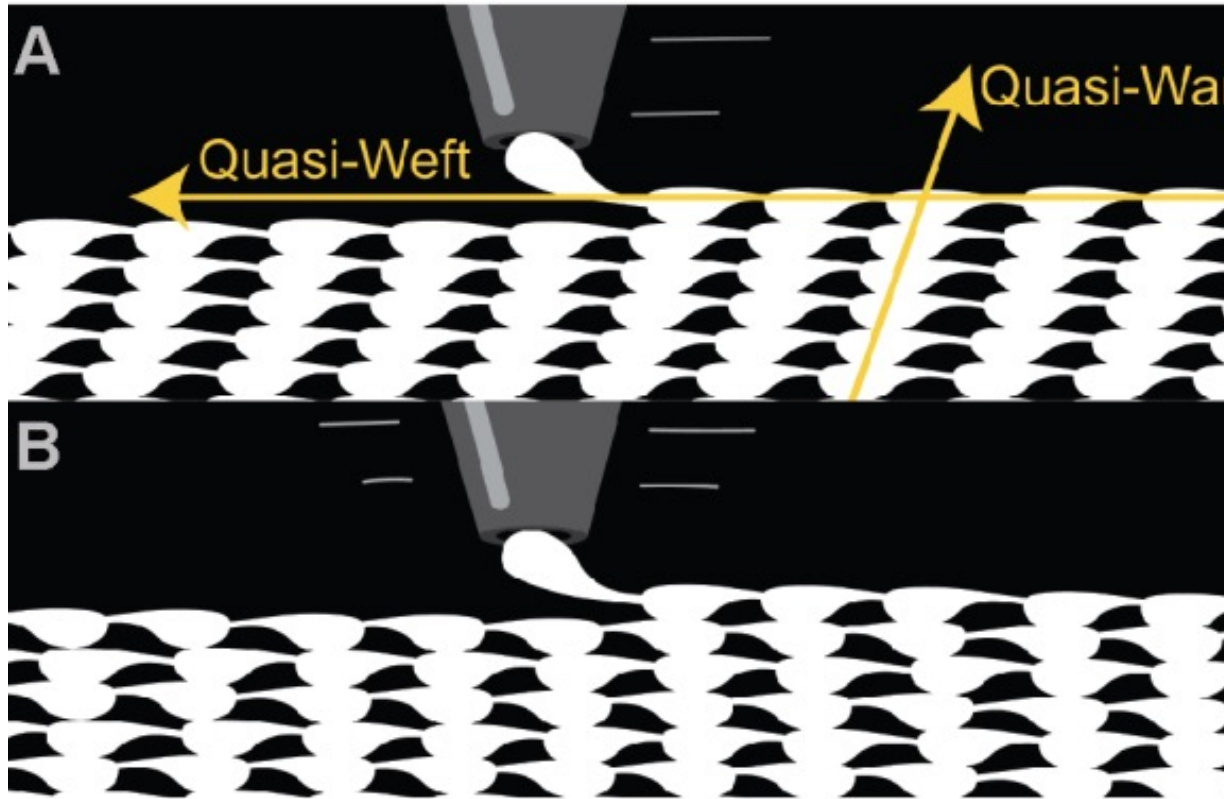
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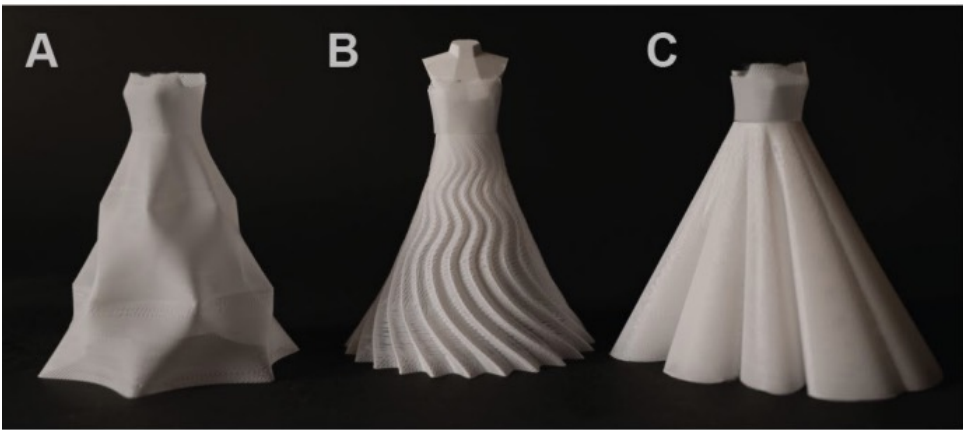


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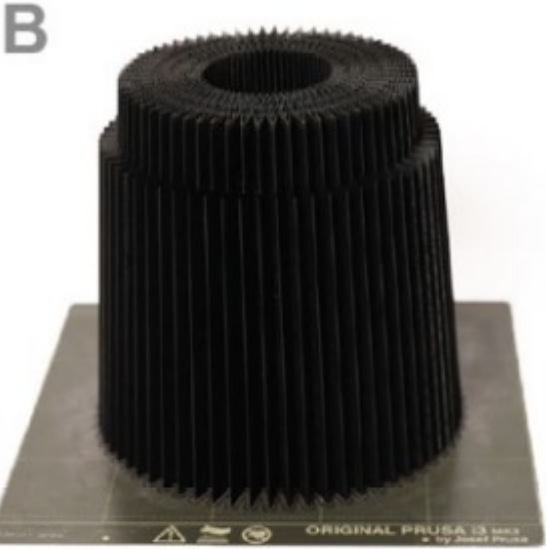
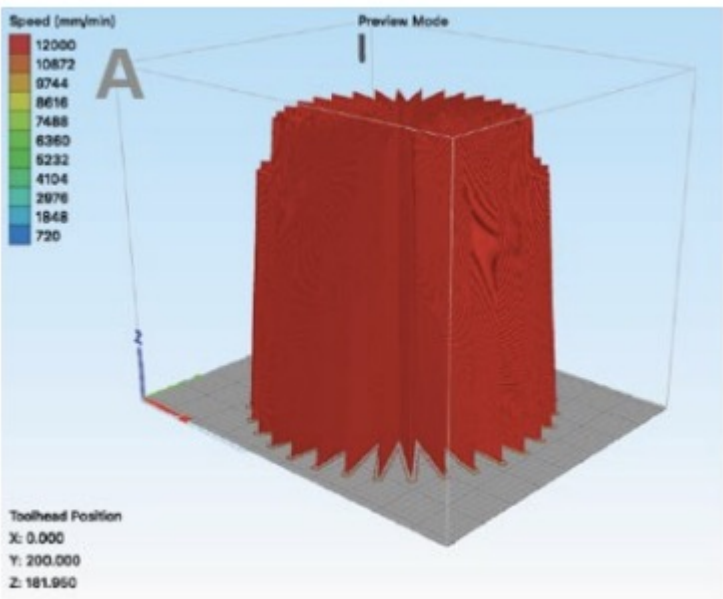


Figure 7: A) The digital version of the pleated skirt design. B) The 3D printed version. C) The unpacked version worn.

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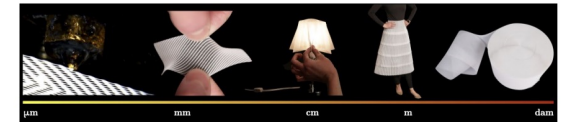


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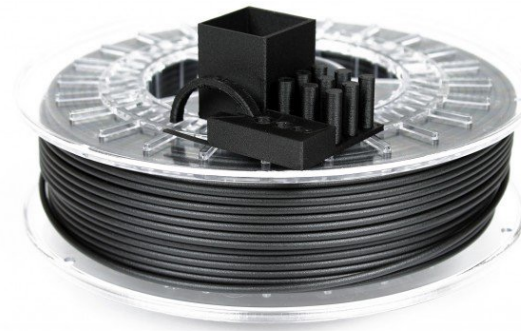
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Flexible PLA



Wood PLA

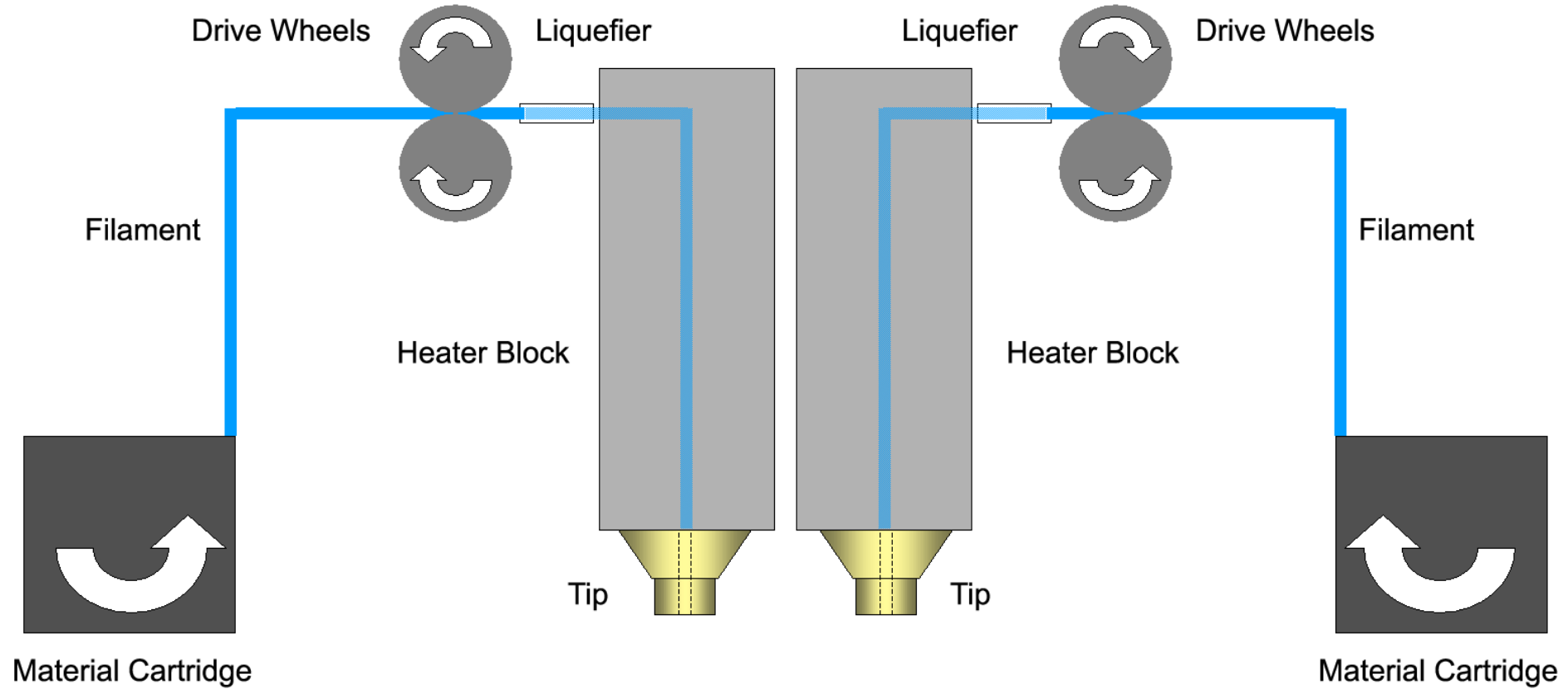


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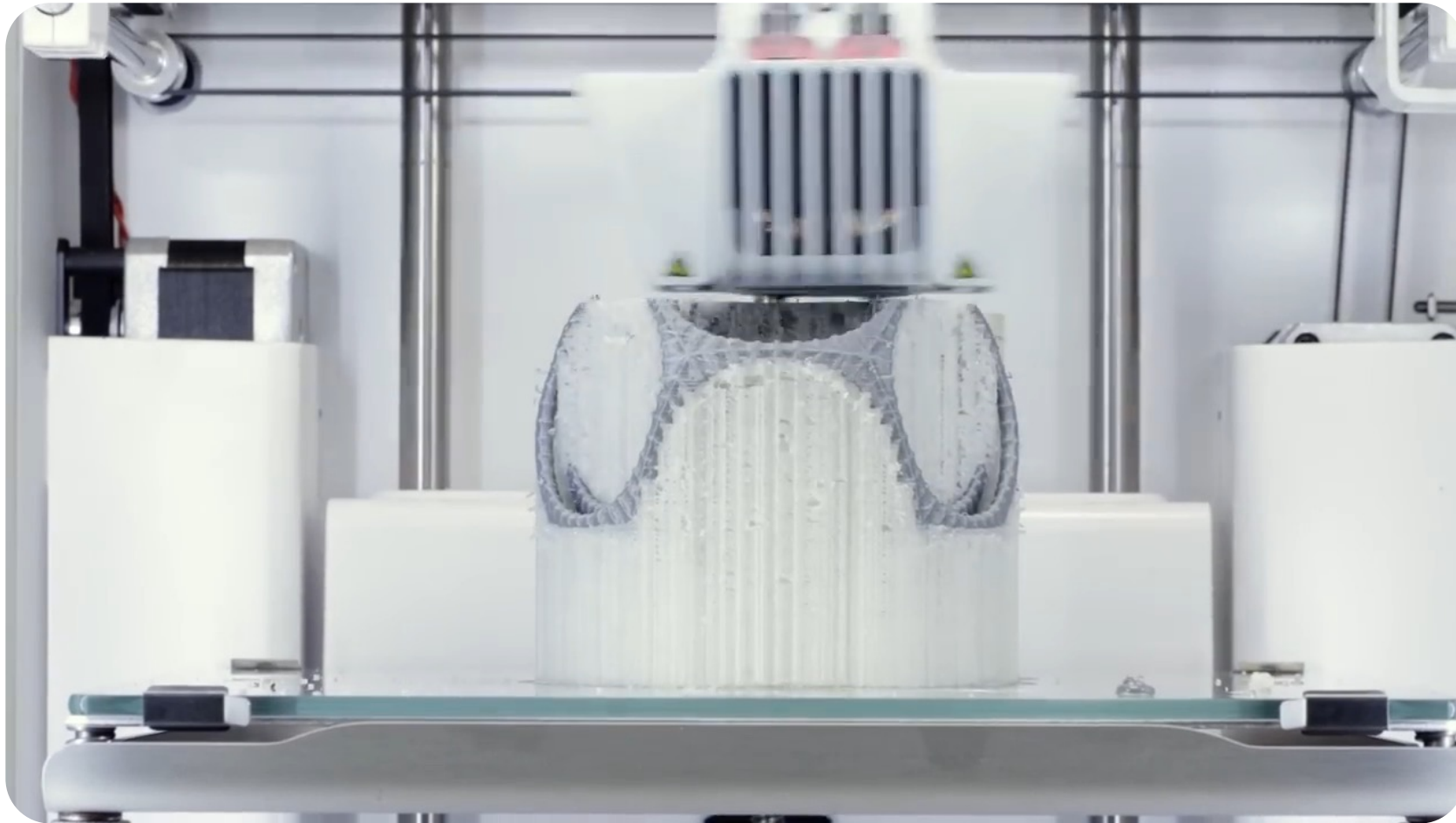


Fused deposition modeling (FDM)

Dual extruder machines



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To provide more design flexibility, an emerging stream of research investigates how to embed customized interactive elements directly within the fabricated object [23, 19, 18, 6, 22]. However, while capacitive sensing is the main technique used in commercial devices for capturing touch, this was not

accessible to users who seeked to fabricate 3D prints with embedded capacitive sensing. 3D printed capacitive touch sensing is not only challenging because it requires 3D printing of embedded conductors and electrodes; it is also challenging because existing designs for flat 2D touch sensors do not transfer well to complex 3D geometries.

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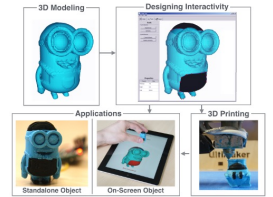


Figure 1: The Capricate Fabrication Pipeline (black parts are touch-sensitive).

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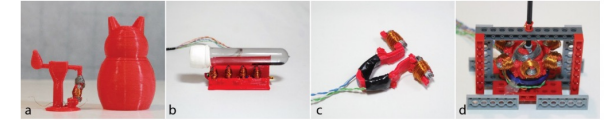


Figure 1. 3D printed electromagnetic devices. a) Solenoid used to actuate the cat hand; b) A Ferrofluid display; c) A movement sensor based on coupling strength; d) The stator and the rotor of a reluctance motor. The electromagnetic components are printed with a soft iron core, wound in place, and multiple layer of copper wire.

ABSTRACT

We introduce a new form of low-cost 3D printer to print interactive electromechanical objects with *wound in place* coils. At the heart of this printer is a mechanism for depositing wire within a five degree of freedom (5DOF) fused deposition modeling (FDM) 3D printer. Copper wire can be used with this mechanism to form coils which induce magnetic fields as a current is passed through them. Soft iron wire can additionally be used to form components with high magnetic permeability which are thus able to shape and direct these magnetic fields to where they are needed. When fabricated with structural plastic elements, this allows simple but complete custom electromagnetic devices to be 3D printed. As examples, we demonstrate the fabrication of a solenoid actuator for the arm of a *Lucky Cat* figurine, a 6-pole motor stepper stator, a reluctance motor rotor and a Ferrofluid display. In addition, we show how printed coils which generate small currents in response to user actions can be used as input sensors in interactive devices.

Author Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

3D printing technology has moved beyond simply instantiating 3D geometries to printing functional and interactive objects. Recent work has considered how a range of functional objects might be fabricated, including 3D printed optical components [30], speakers [11], hydraulic robots [14], and pneumatic devices for haptic feedback [28]. By using conductive filament, ink, or fabric sheets, several projects also explored embedding three-dimensional conductive traces inside printed objects to create simple electronic devices [24, 29, 17]. This opens the possibility of eventually using 3D printing for the on-demand fabrication of highly custom interactive devices, as well as greatly expanding our ability to rapidly prototype sophisticated devices. However, to date we have not been able to directly fabricate most functional devices needing actuators, but instead these required either assembly with, or addition of, pre-manufactured parts into a print.

In this paper, we introduce a new type of 3D printer that can print interactive objects with embedded electromagnetic coil components such as those illustrated in Figure 1, including a solenoid actuator for the arm of a *Lucky Cat* figurine (Figure 1a), a Ferrofluid display (Figure 1b), an electromagnetic input sensor (Figure 1c), and both the stator and rotor for an

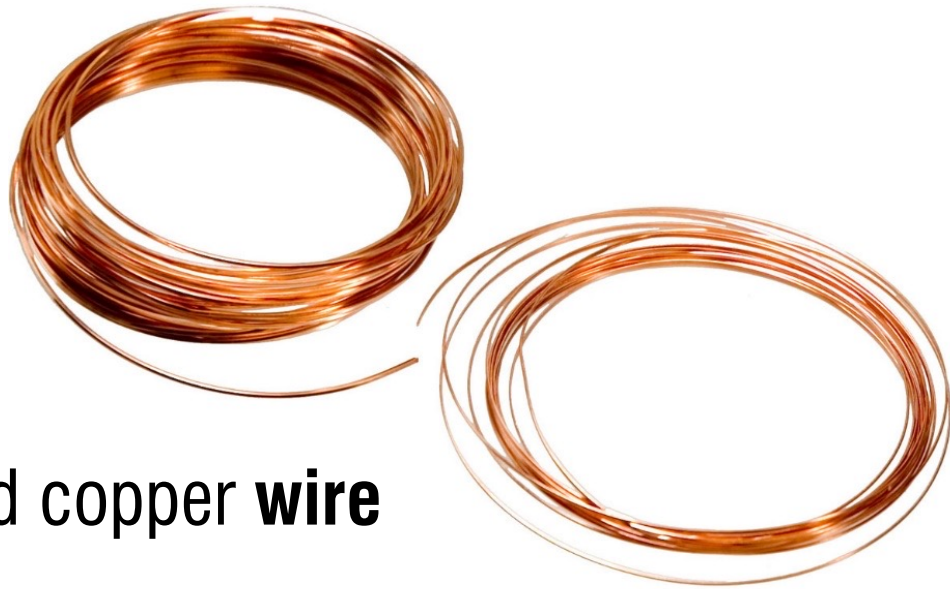
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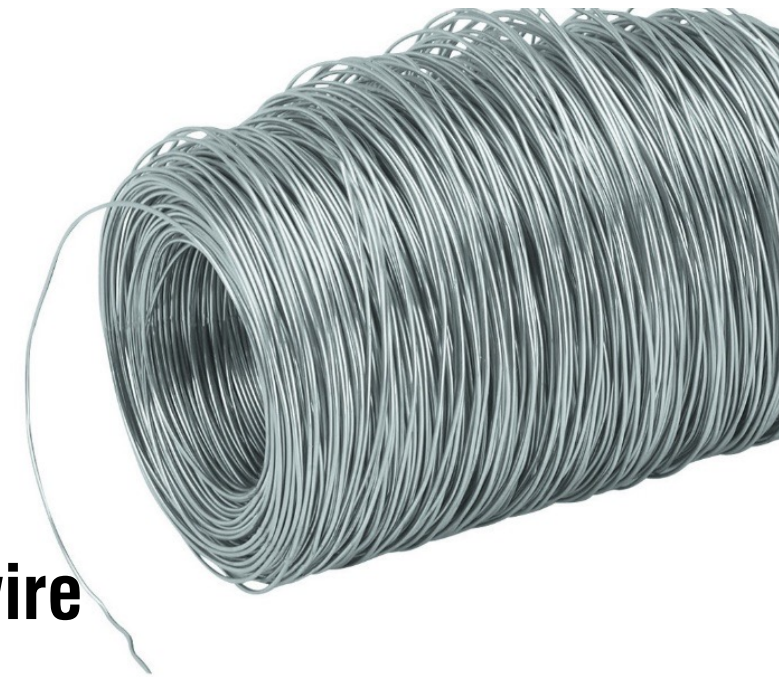
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Winding continuous strands of **wire**
inside a 3D printed object across printed layers

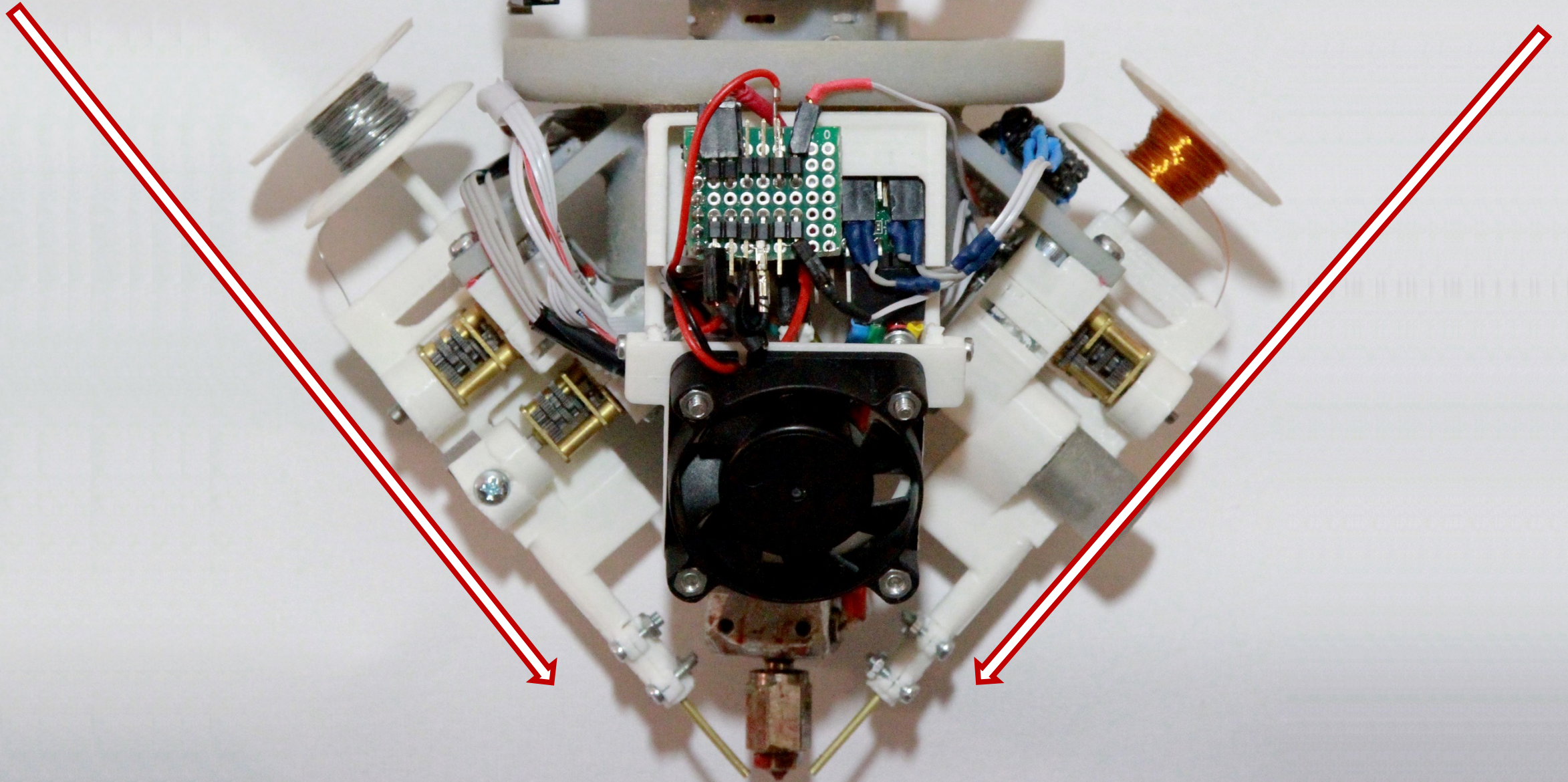


Isolated copper **wire**

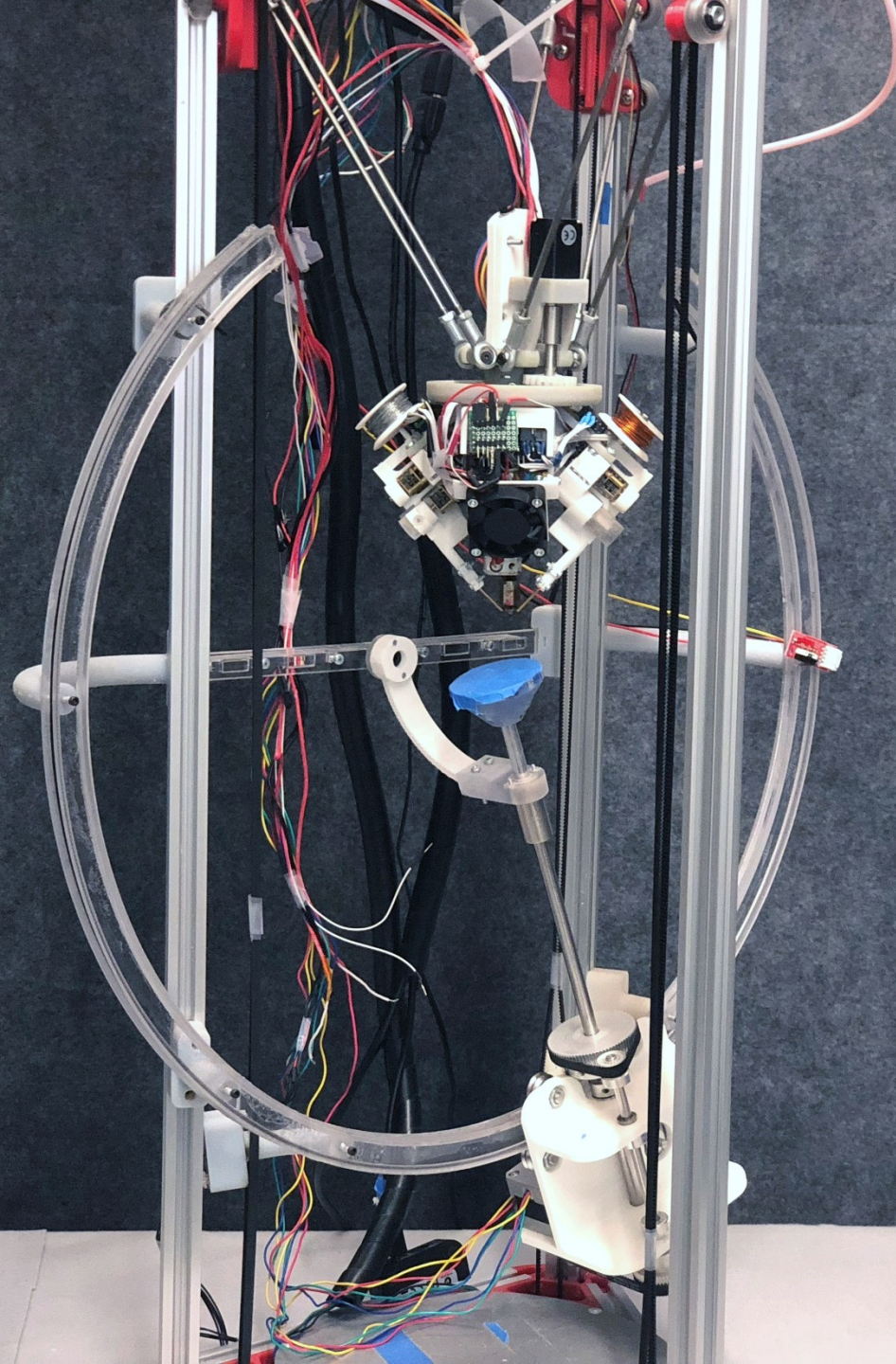


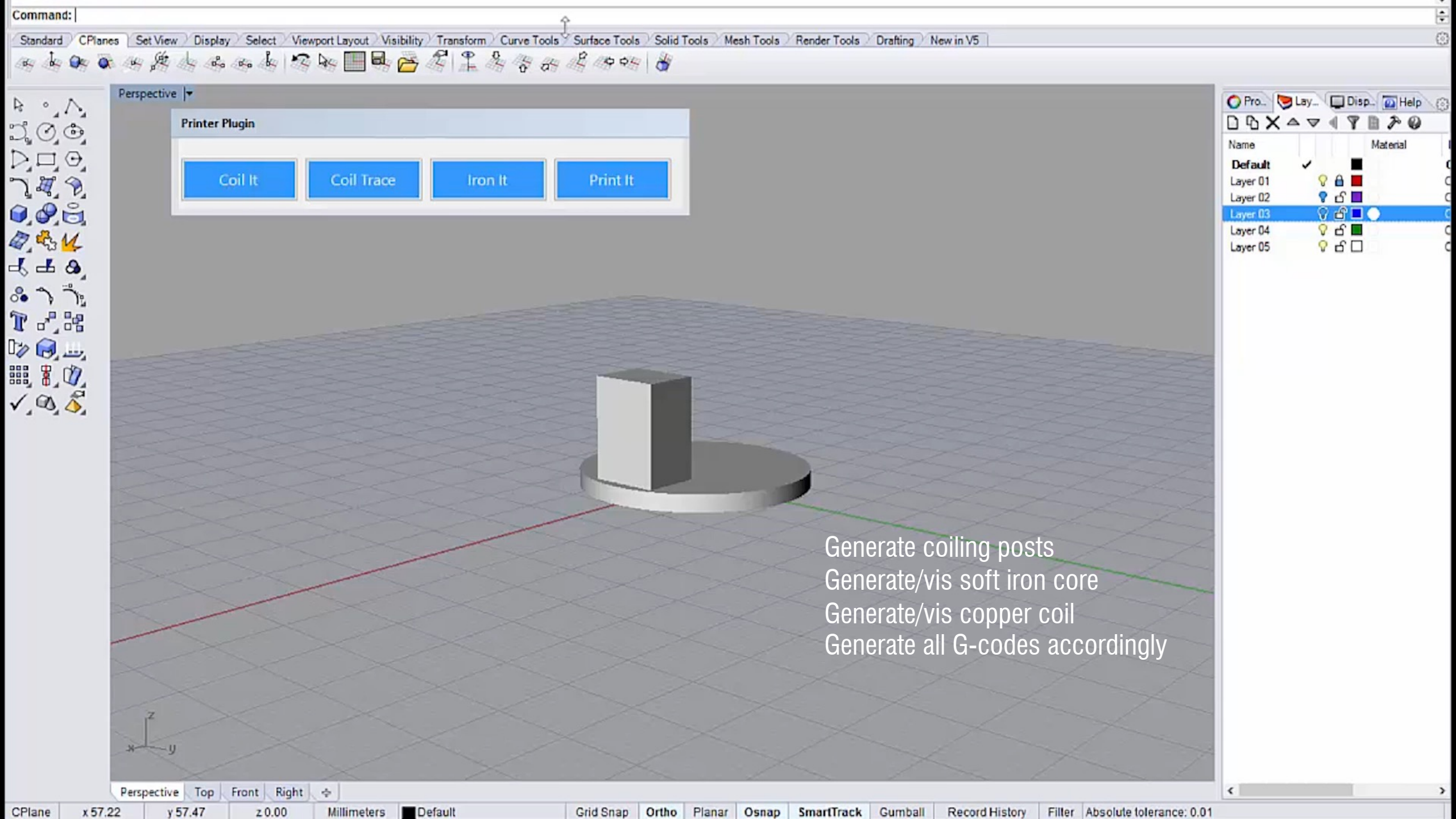
Soft iron **wire**

Printer head design



5DOF printing platform



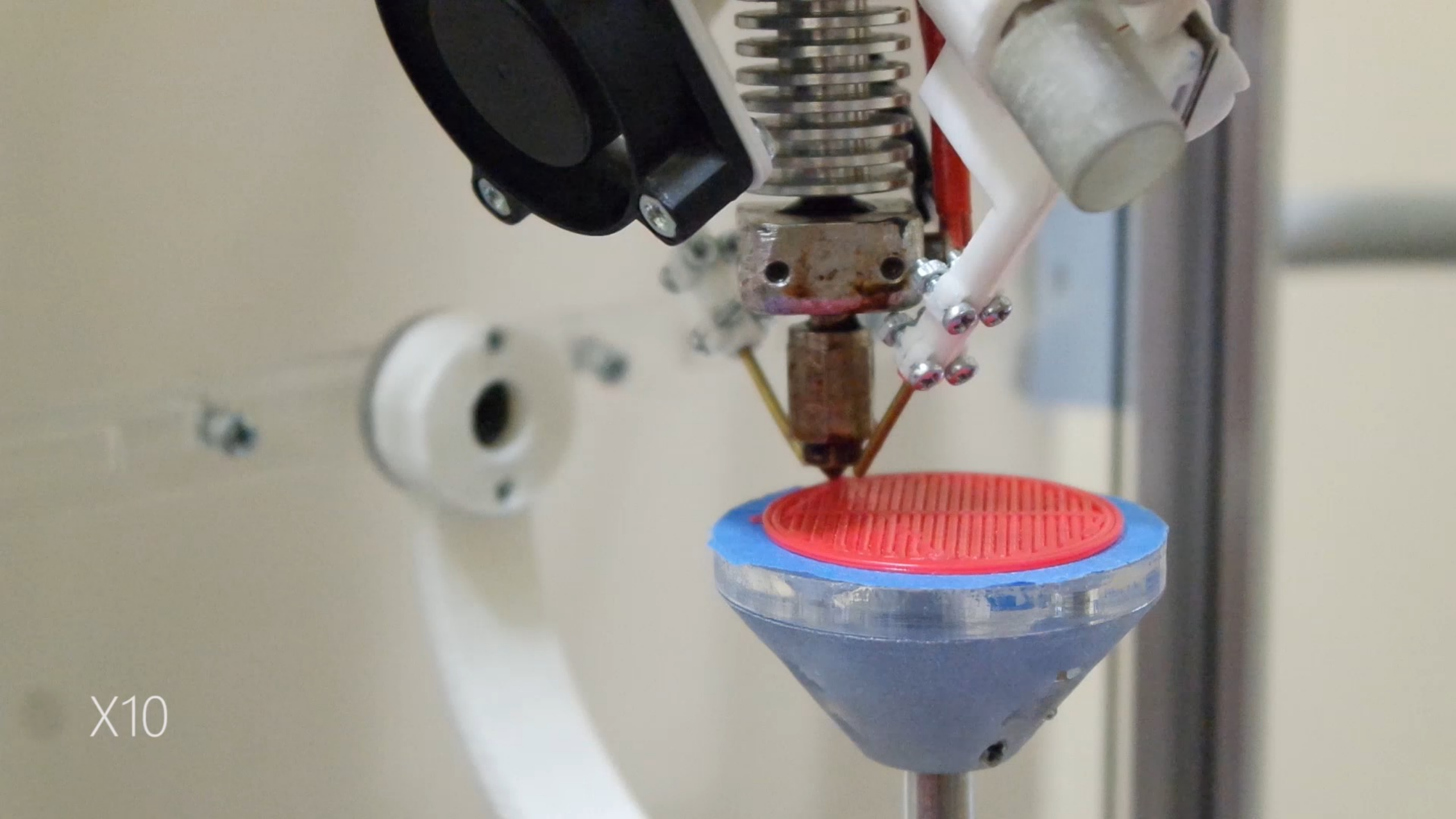


Printer Plugin

Coil It Coil Trace Iron It Print It

Generate coiling posts
Generate/vis soft iron core
Generate/vis copper coil
Generate all G-codes accordingly

Name	Material
Default	✓
Layer 01	⚙️ 🔒 🔴
Layer 02	⚙️ 🔒 🟪
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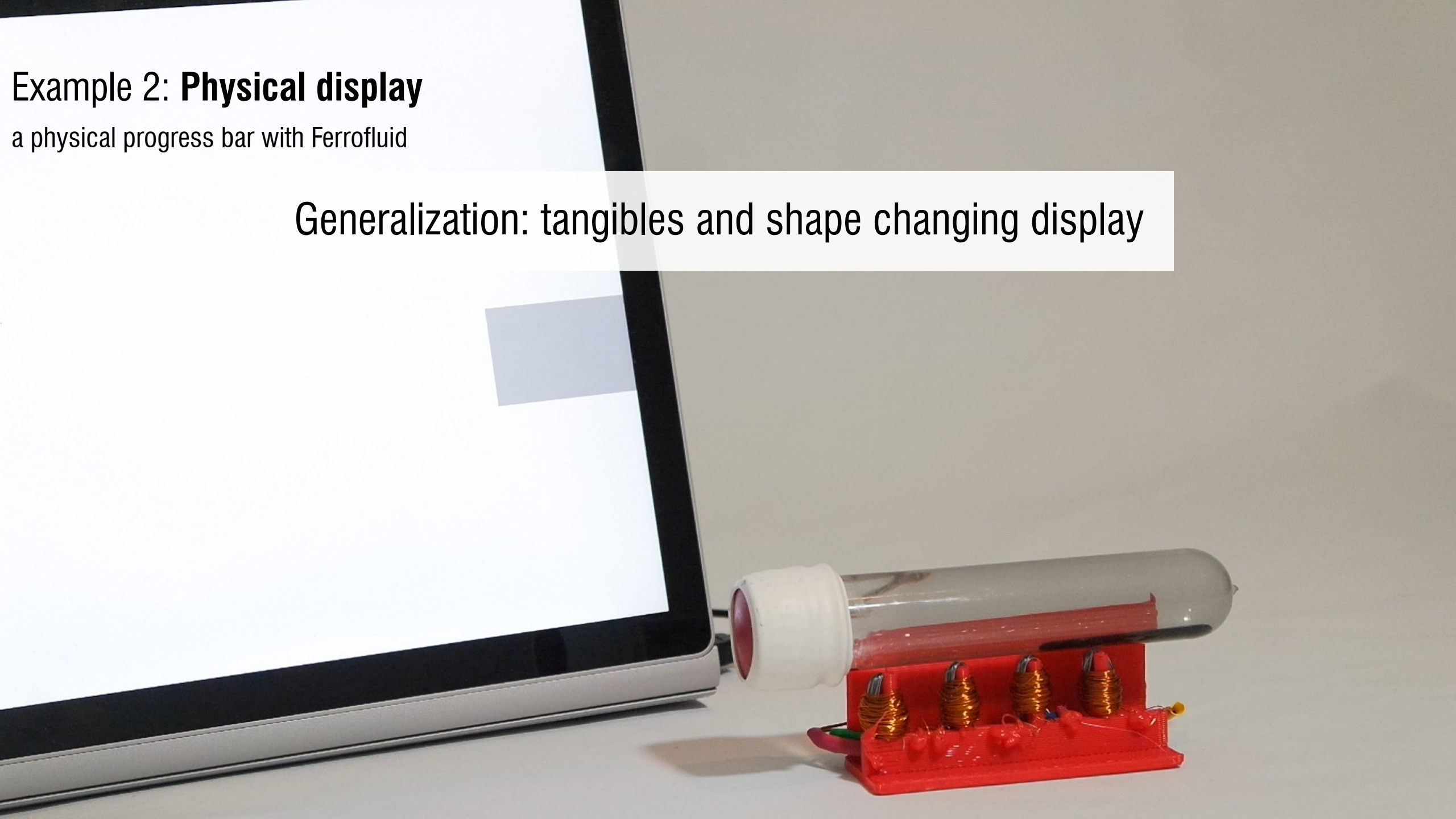


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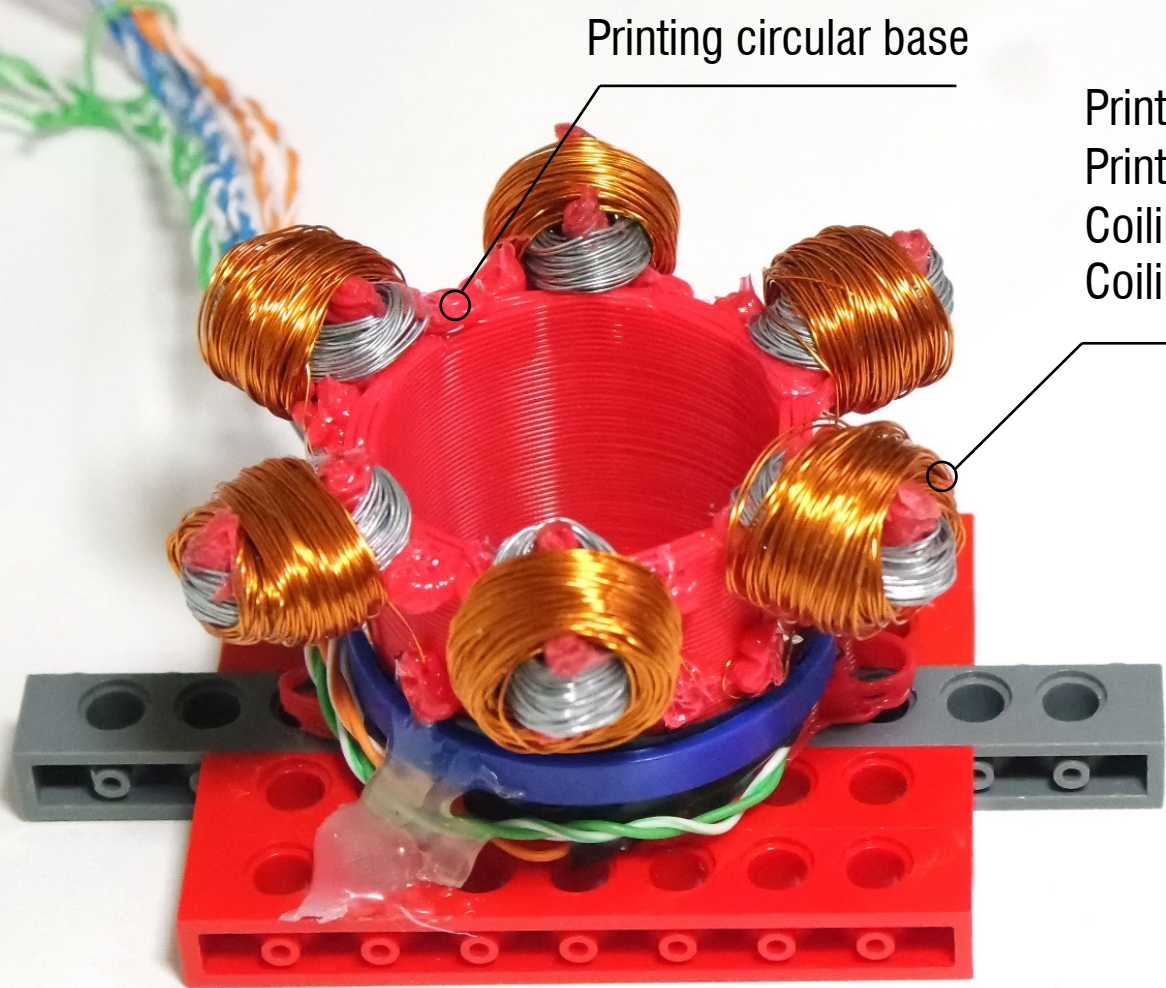
Example 2: **Physical display**

a physical progress bar with Ferrofluid

Generalization: tangibles and shape changing display



Example 4: Printing motors



Printing circular base

- Printing a coiling jig
- Printing winding posts
- Coiling soft iron core
- Coiling copper



Repeat x6

Motor stator



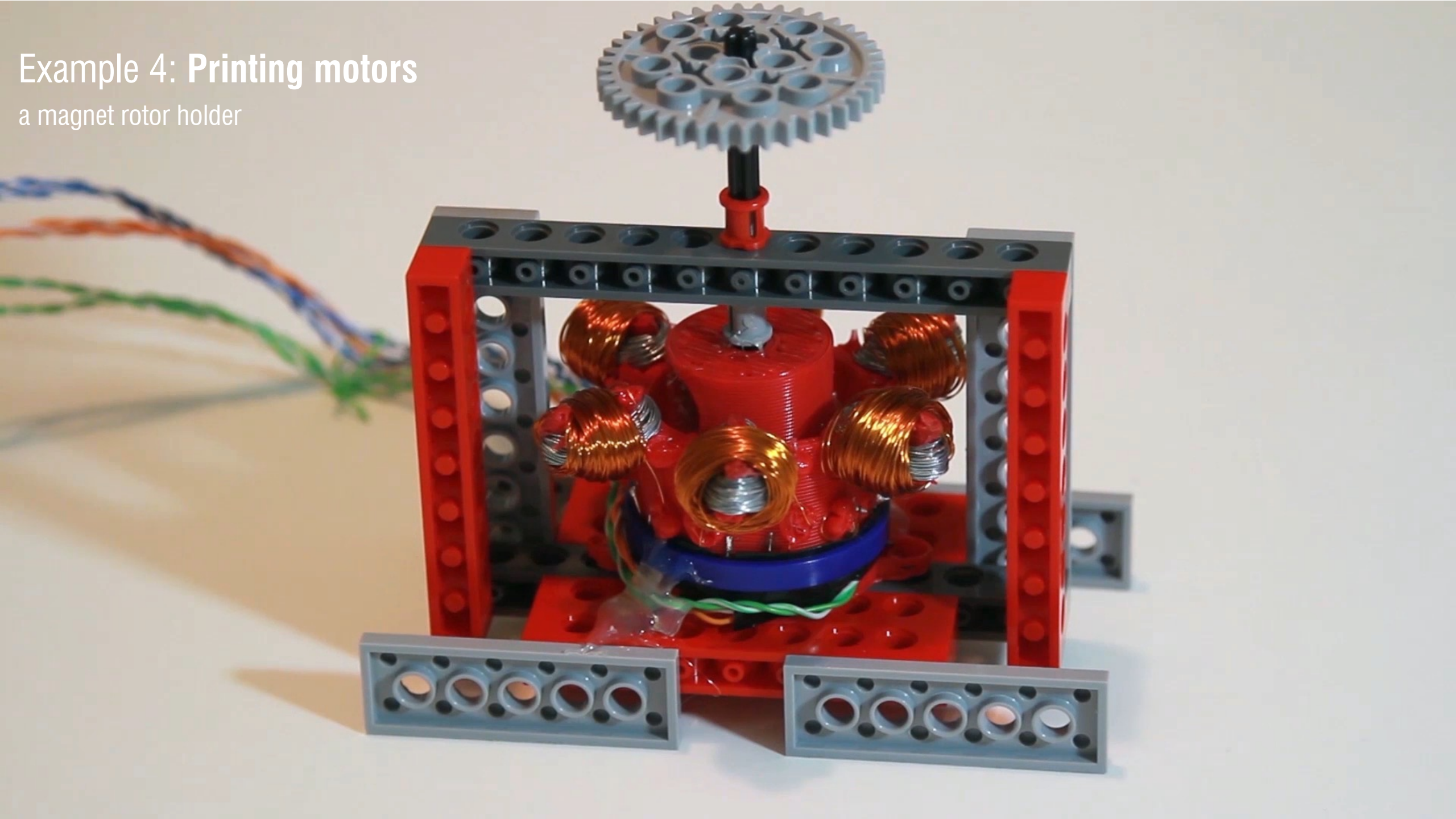
Reluctance rotor



Magnet rotor

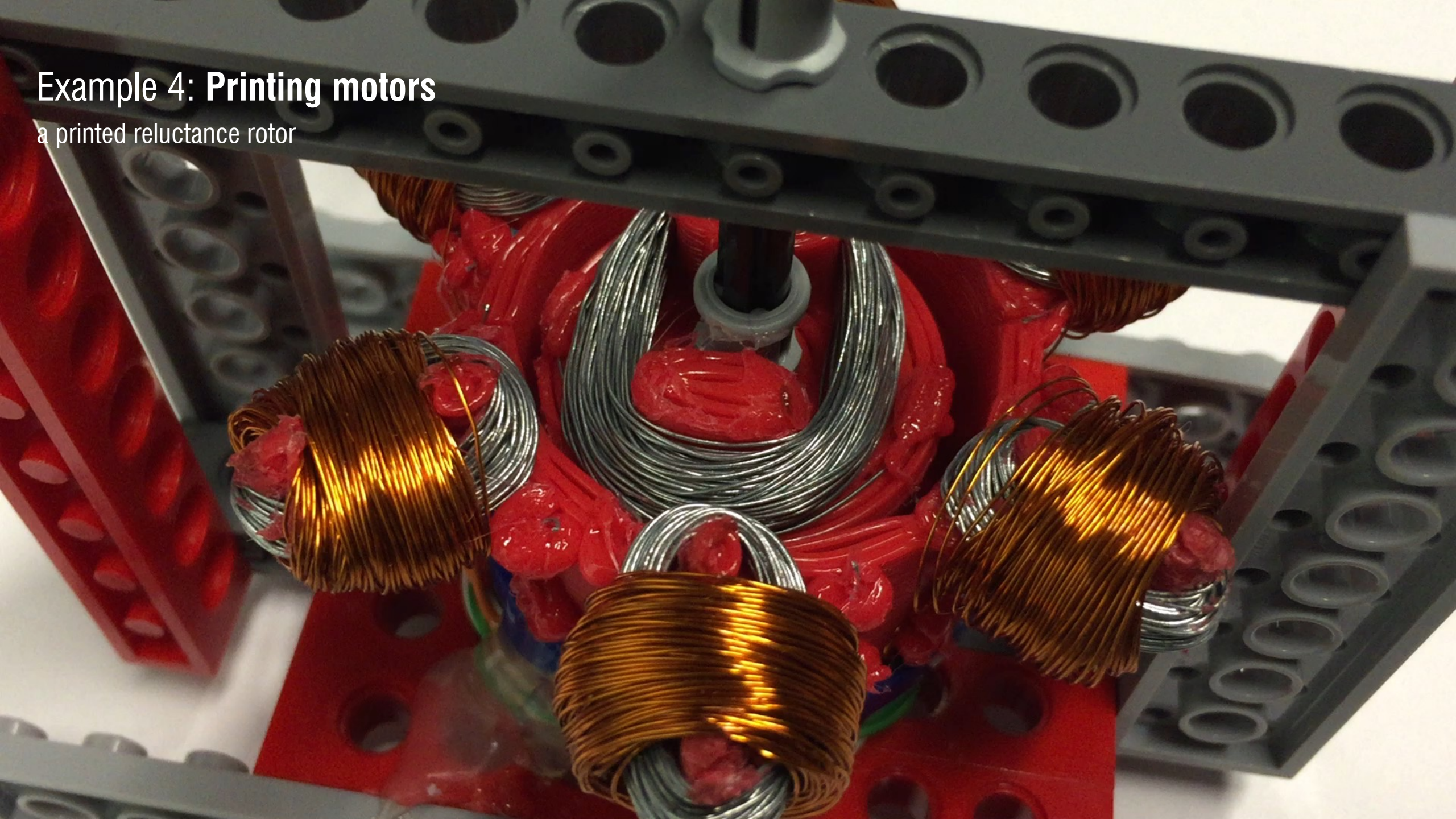
Example 4: Printing motors

a magnet rotor holder



Example 4: Printing motors

a printed reluctance rotor



3D Printing Magnetophoretic Displays

A FDM printer +
injector &
iron powder liquid mixture?

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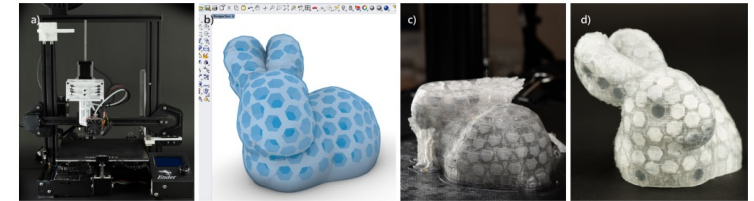


Figure 1: Printing pipeline overview. a) A modified FDM 3D printer with an additional syringe injector. b) A 3D editor that converts a model into a magnetophoretic display. c) Printing in-progress. d) The appearance of the printed model can be post-edited.

ABSTRACT

We present a pipeline for printing interactive and always-on magnetophoretic displays using affordable Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) 3D printers. Using our pipeline, an end-user can convert the surface of a 3D shape into a matrix of voxels. The generated model can be sent to an FDM 3D printer equipped with an additional syringe-based injector. During the printing process, an oil and iron powder-based liquid mixture is injected into each voxel cell, allowing the appearance of the once-printed object to be editable with external magnetic sources. To achieve this, we made modifications to the 3D printer hardware and the firmware. We also developed a 3D editor to prepare printable models. We demonstrate our pipeline with a variety of examples, including a printed Stanford bunny with customizable appearances, a small espresso mug that can be used as a post-it note surface, a board game figurine with a computationally updated display, and a collection of flexible wearable accessories with editable visuals.

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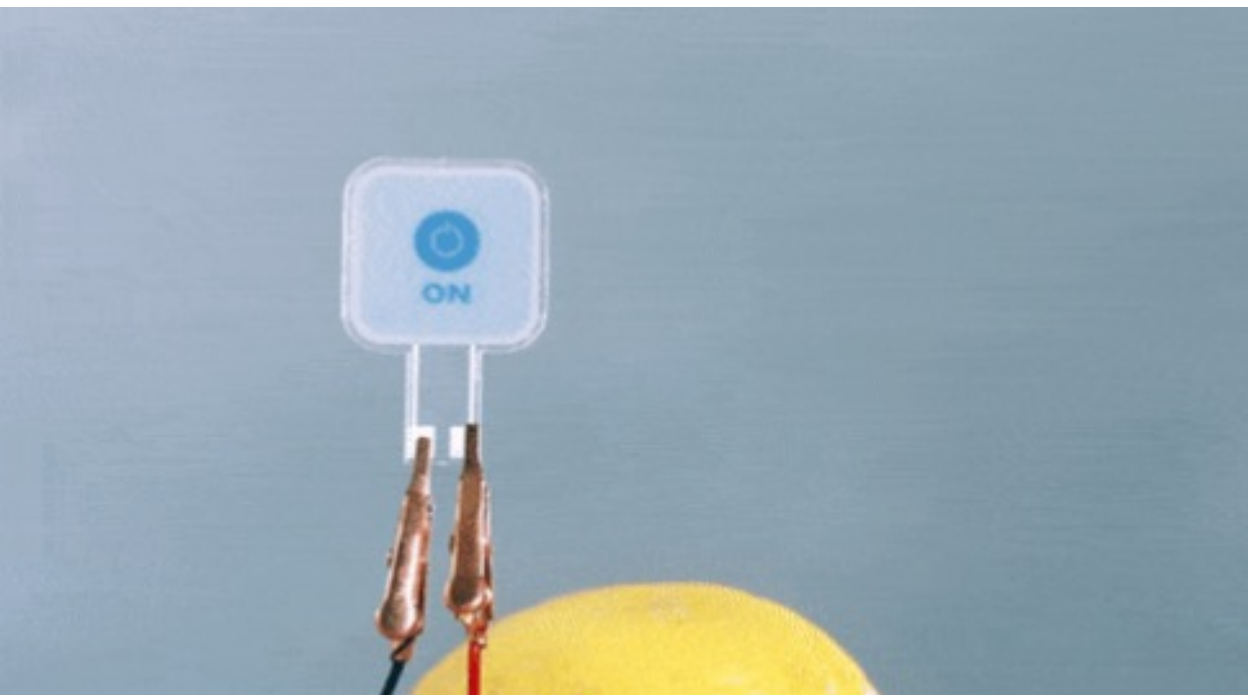
1 INTRODUCTION

Research advancements in 3D printing have enabled end users to design and fabricate a variety of 3D dynamic artifacts. For example, research has shown that 3D printed bespoke objects can deform [14, 15], produce sound [17], and exhibit a range of mechanical behaviors [28, 41]. However, printing 3D artifacts with appearances that are non-static or interactive remains challenging.

Recent studies, such as Printed Optics [59], PAPILLON [5], and computational light routing [42], propose to alter the appearance of a 3D printed artifact by printing embedded transparent pipes that redirect images and lights from a 2D digital display. Since the optic pipes must be printed with high resolution in the direction of pipe

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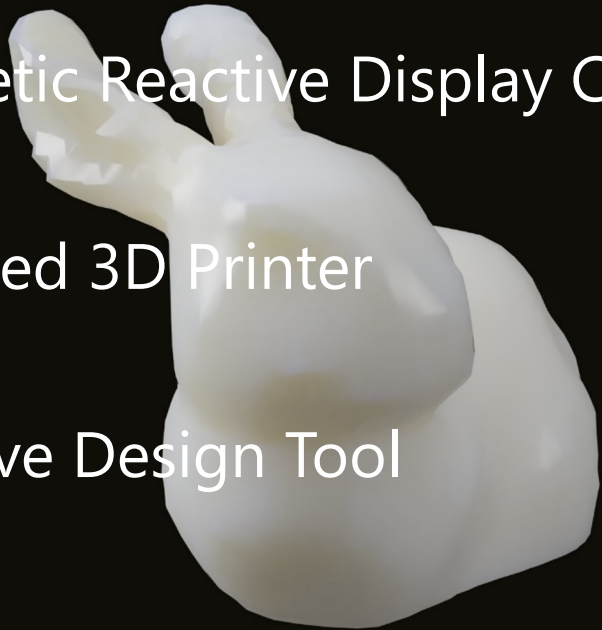


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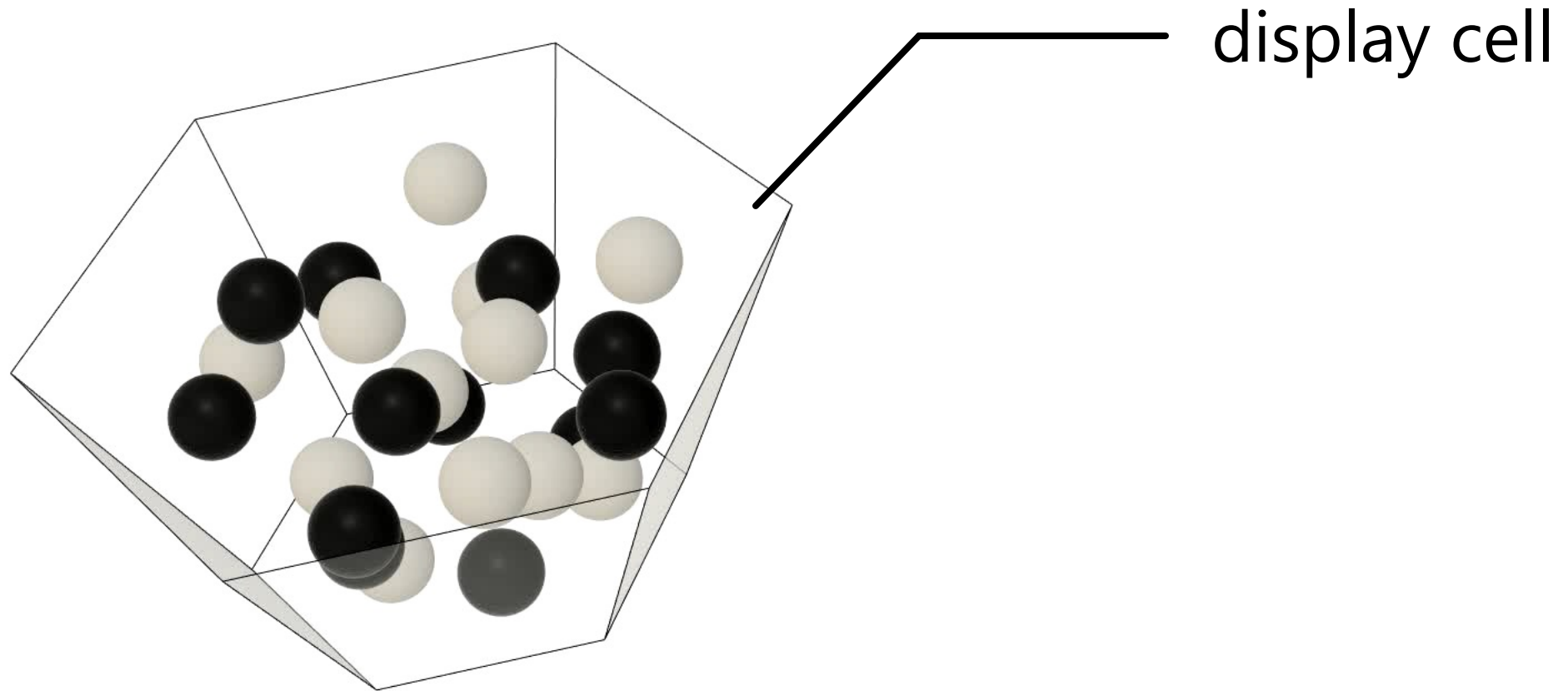
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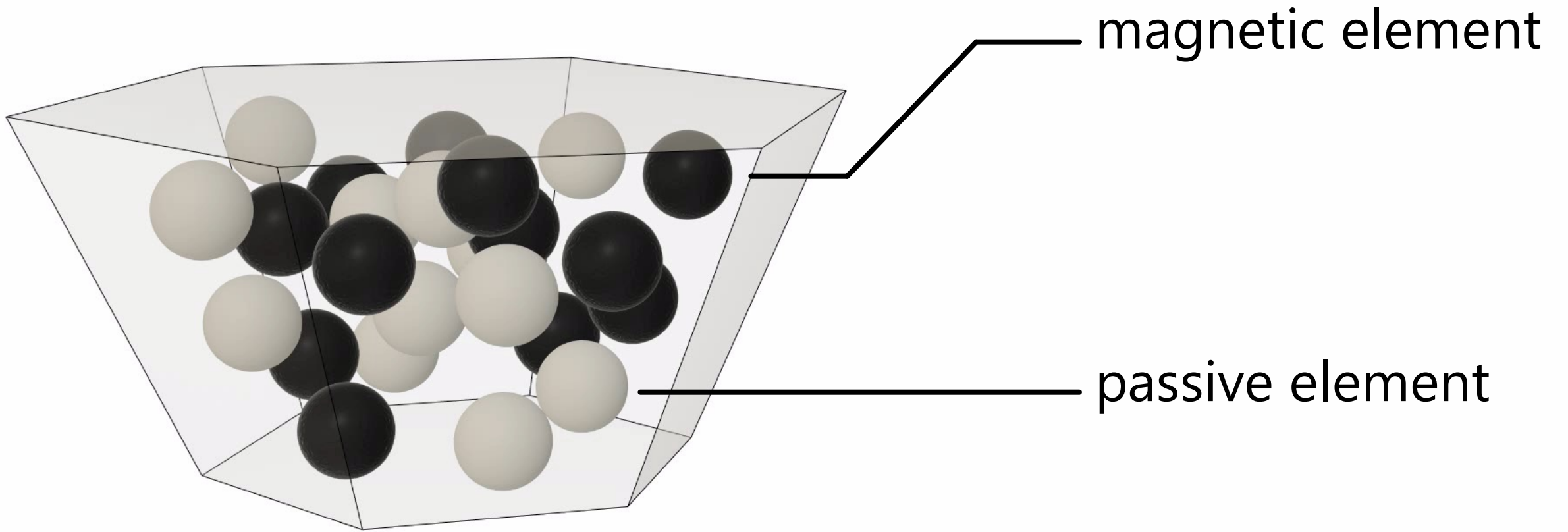
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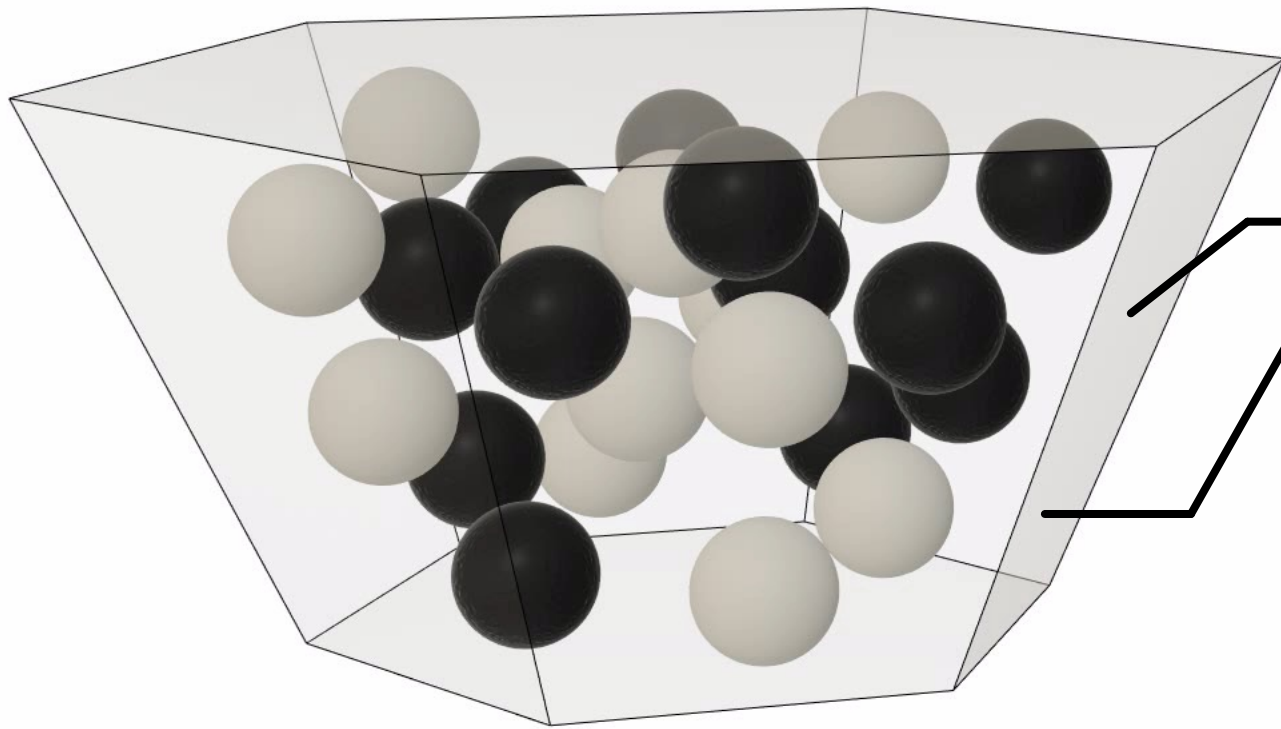
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Magnetophoretic Displays Principle



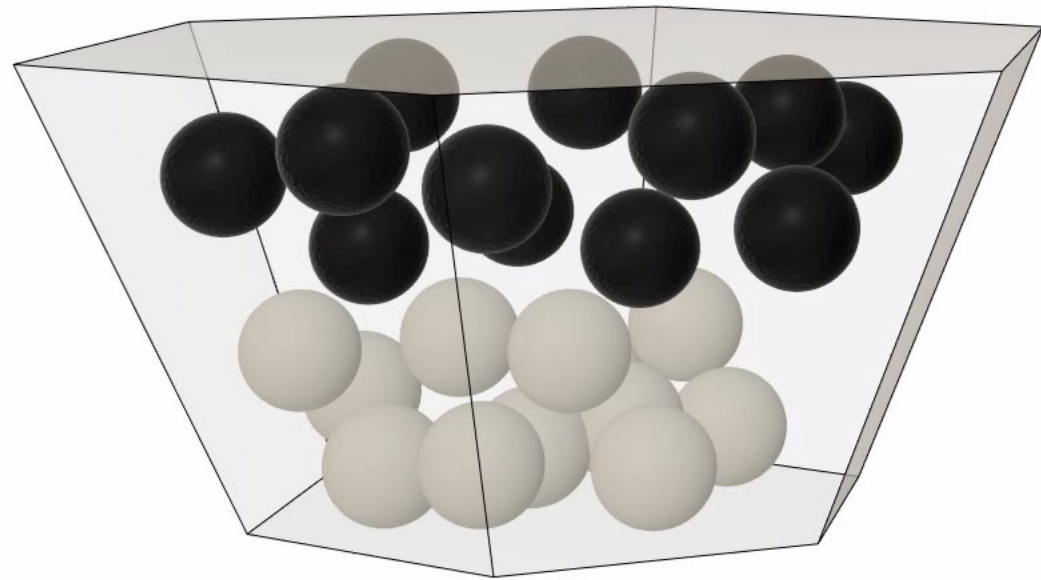
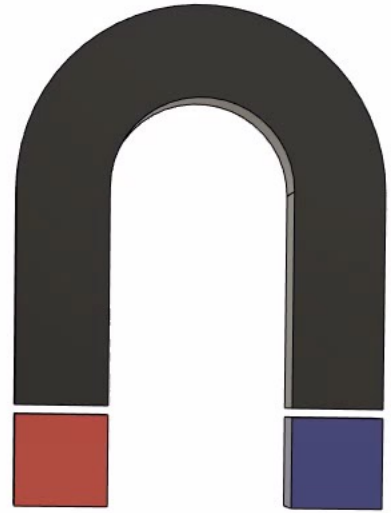




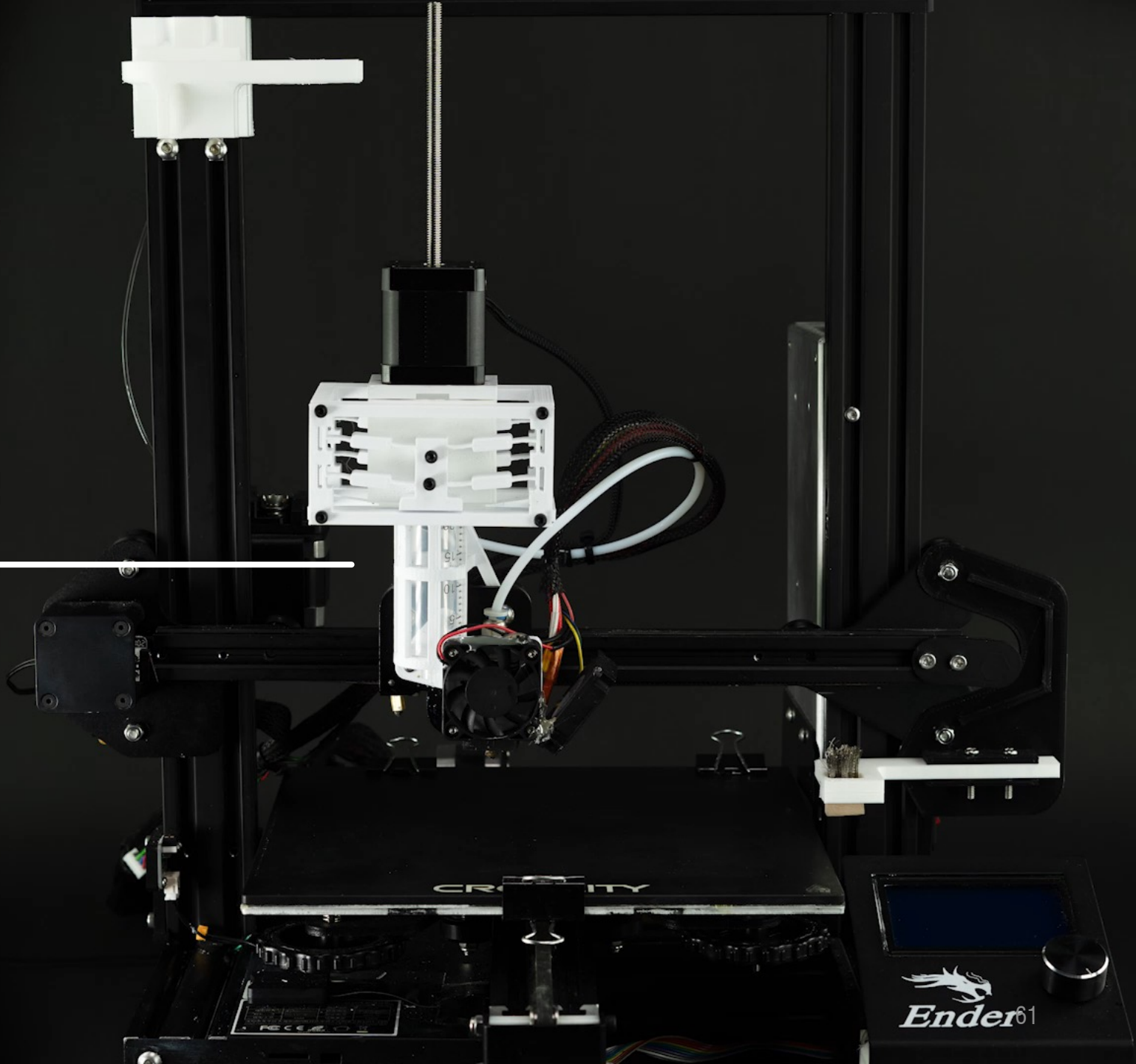
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magnetic element
attracted to the magnet

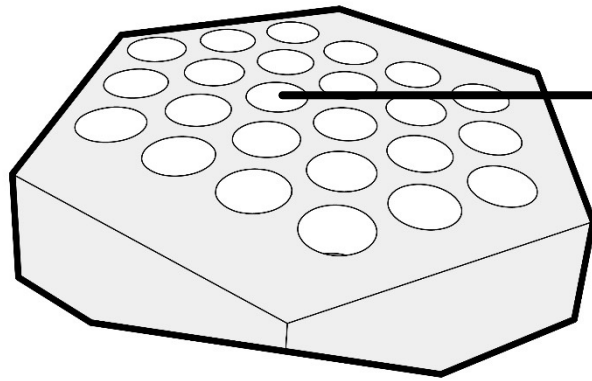
passive element pushed
to the opposite side

cell display bright color

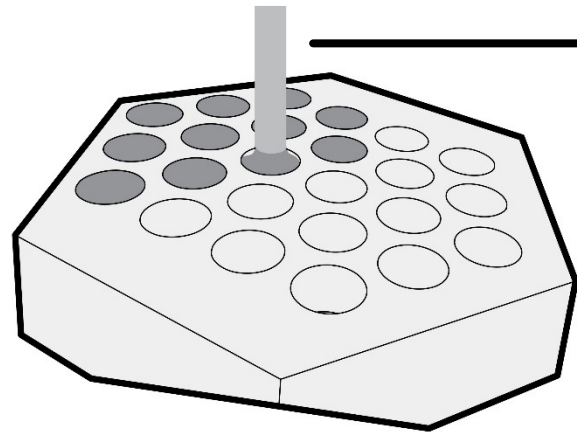


a mixture injector

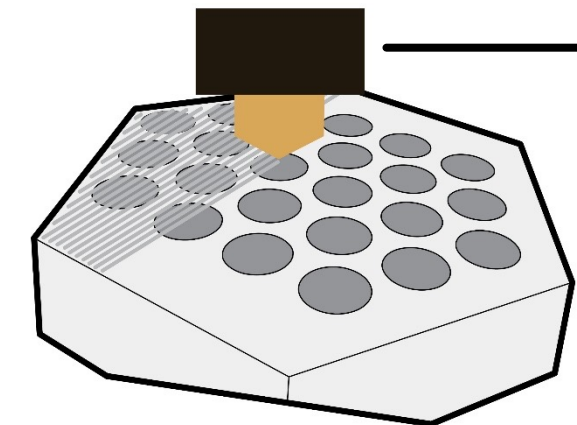




display cell ready for injection (FDM paused)

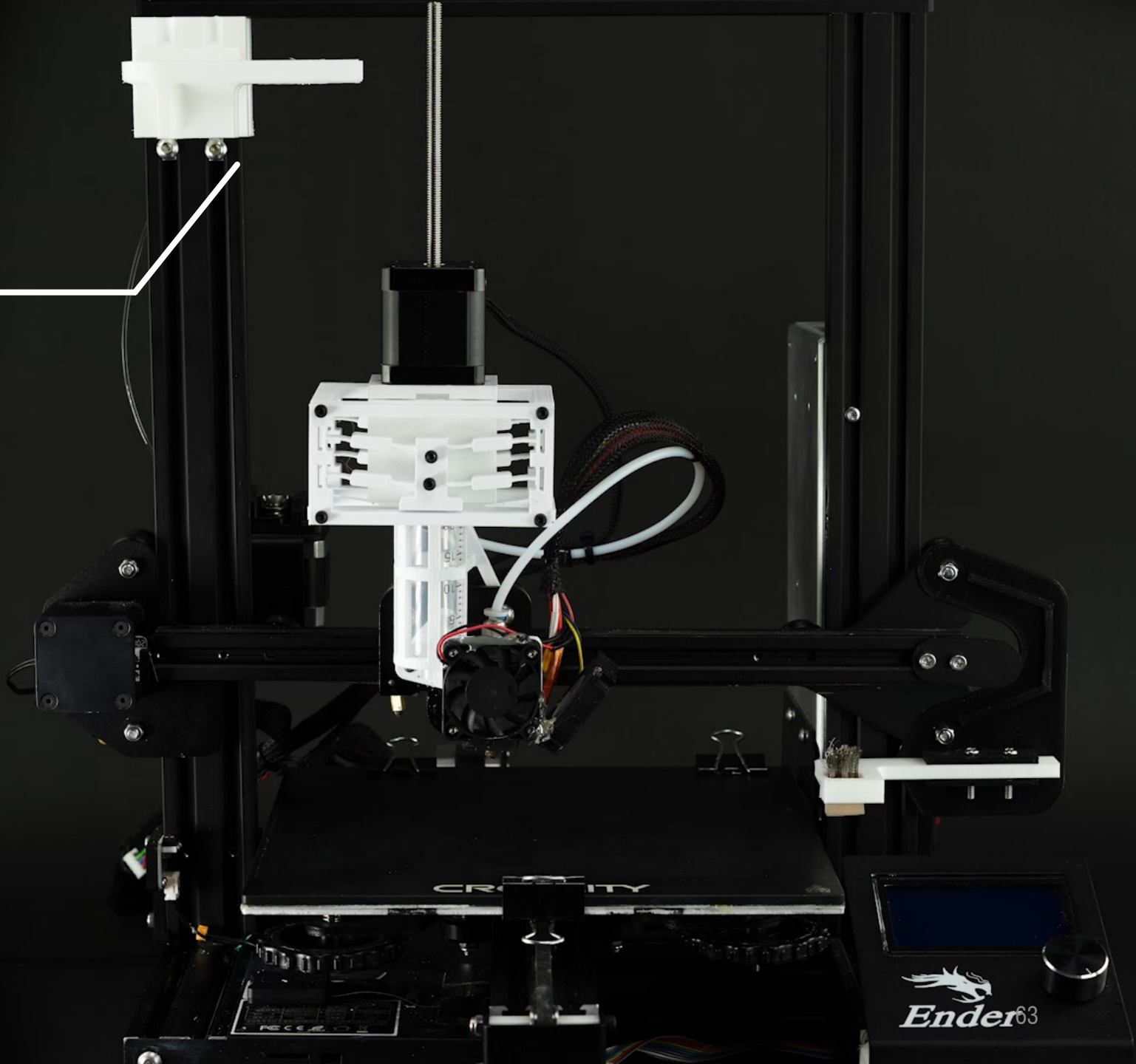


injector deposits mixture

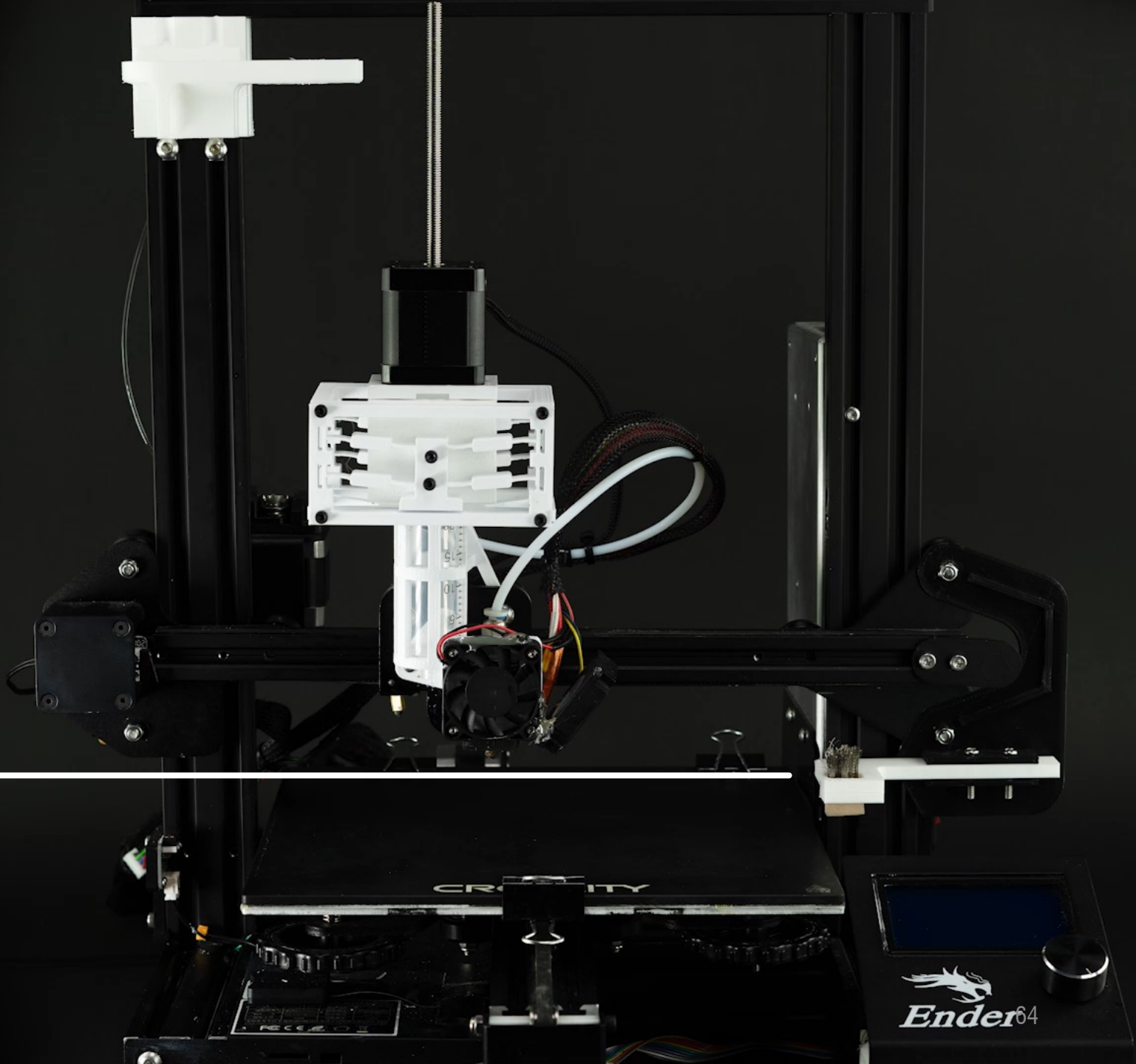


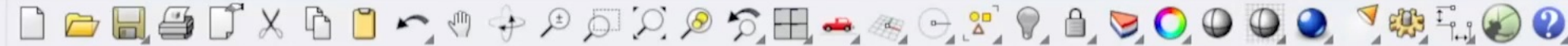
FDM nozzle resumes and closes the cells

shifting mechanism

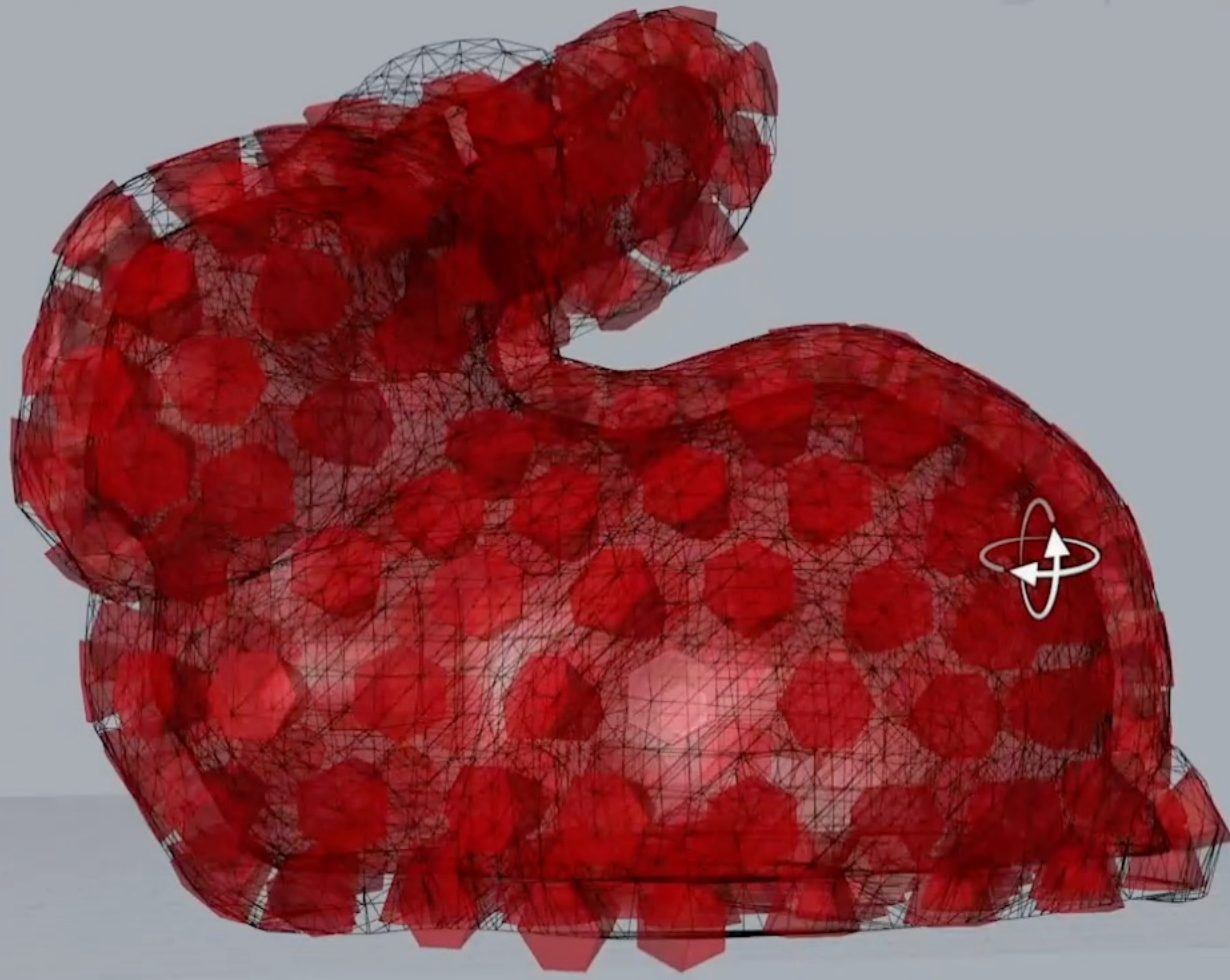


FDM nozzle brush





Perspective



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Model Selection

-----Cell Type-----

Circle Square Regular Hexagon

-----Cell Size-----

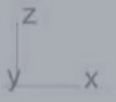
-----Cell Gap Control-----

Cell Preview

Cell Generation

tune cell dimension (size and gap) and preview

user can change cell size and gap and preview change



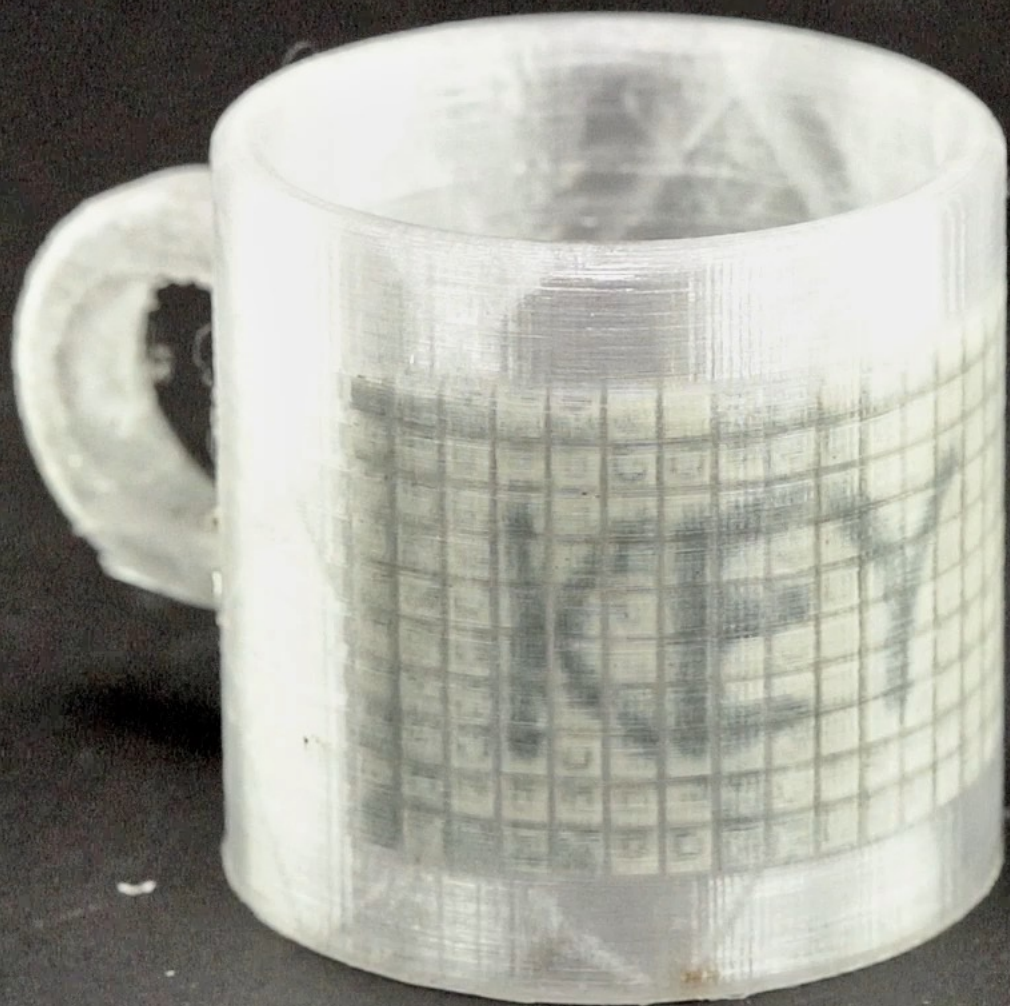
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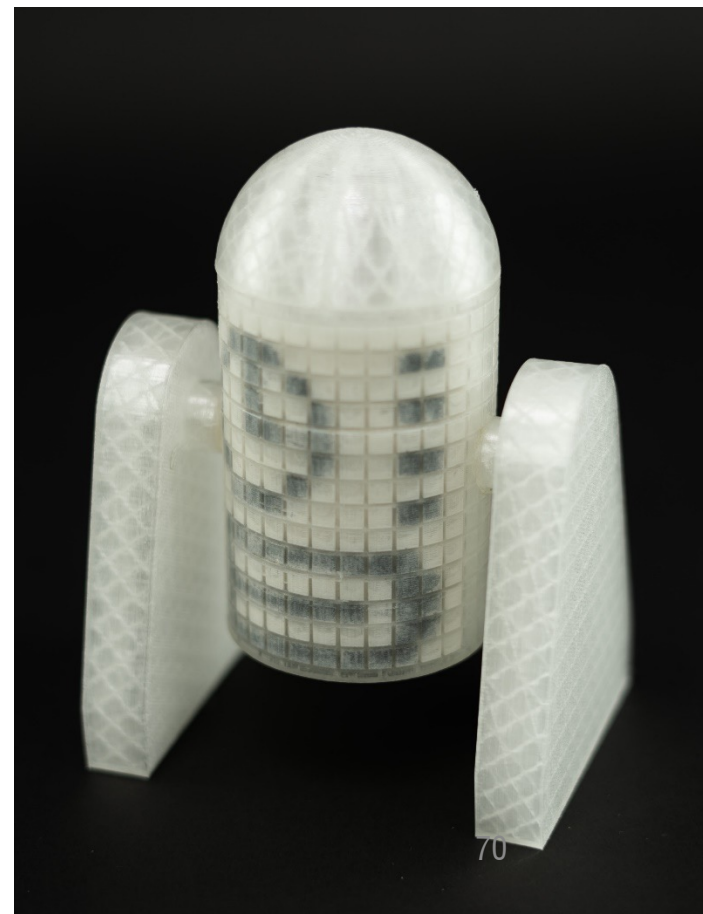
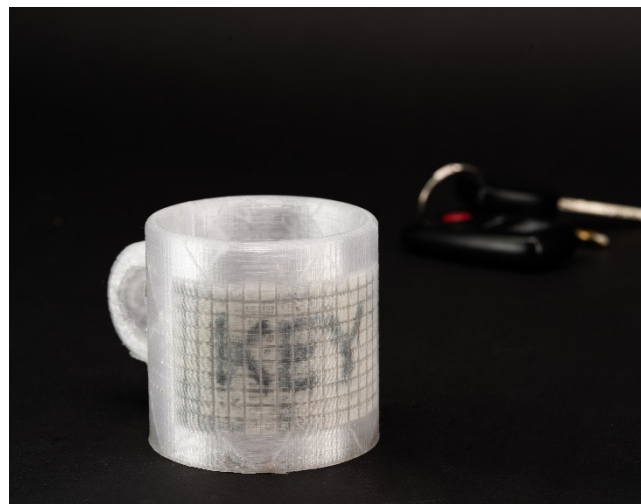
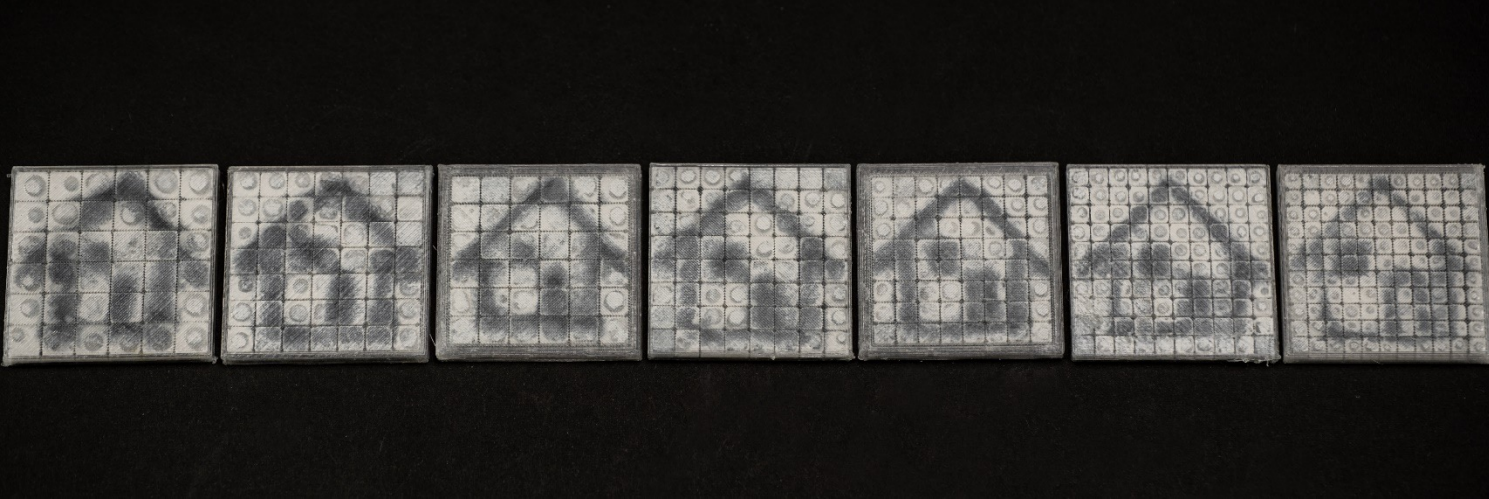


personalized handbag



espresso mug as post-it





Different types of 3D printing methods

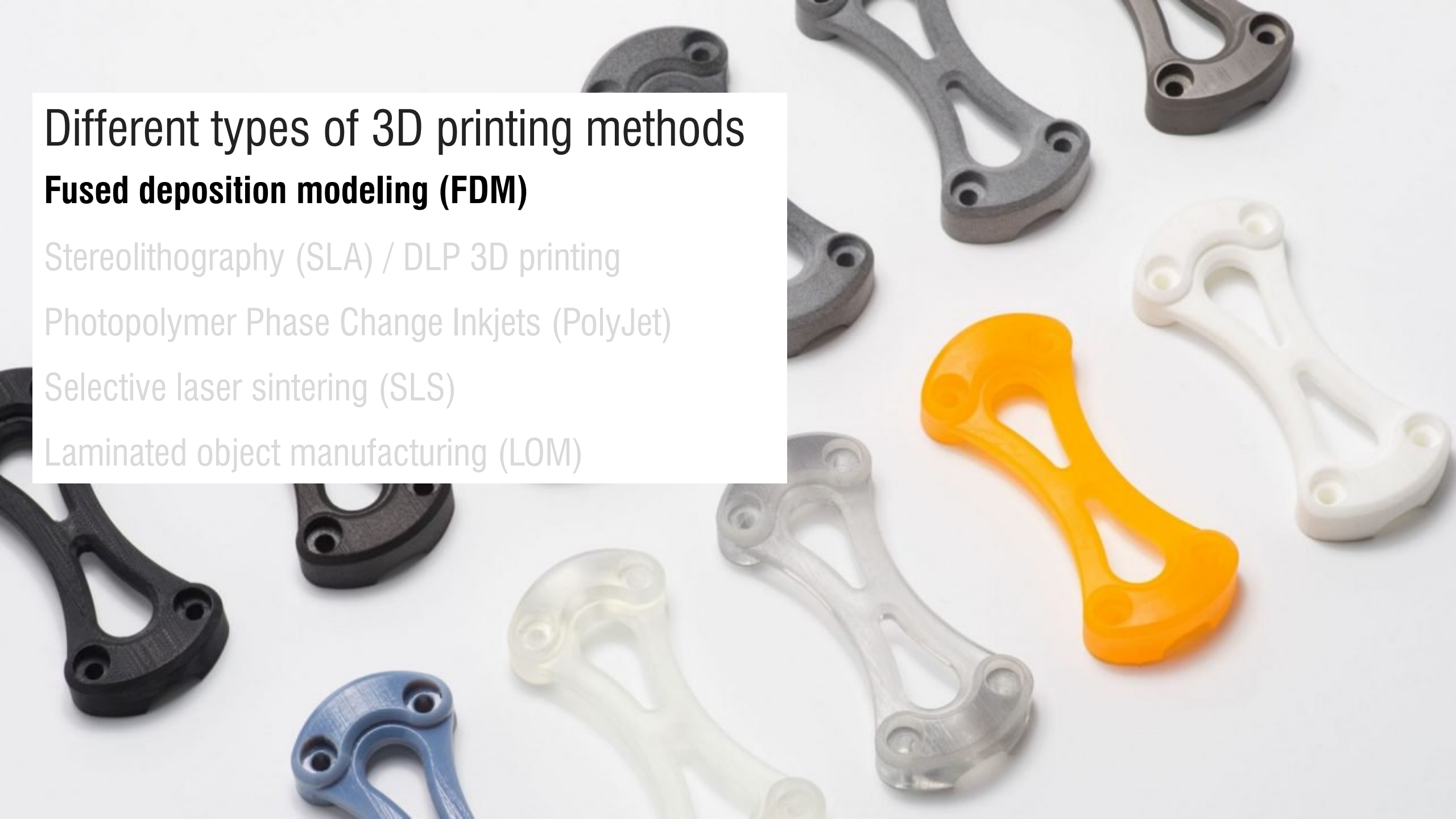
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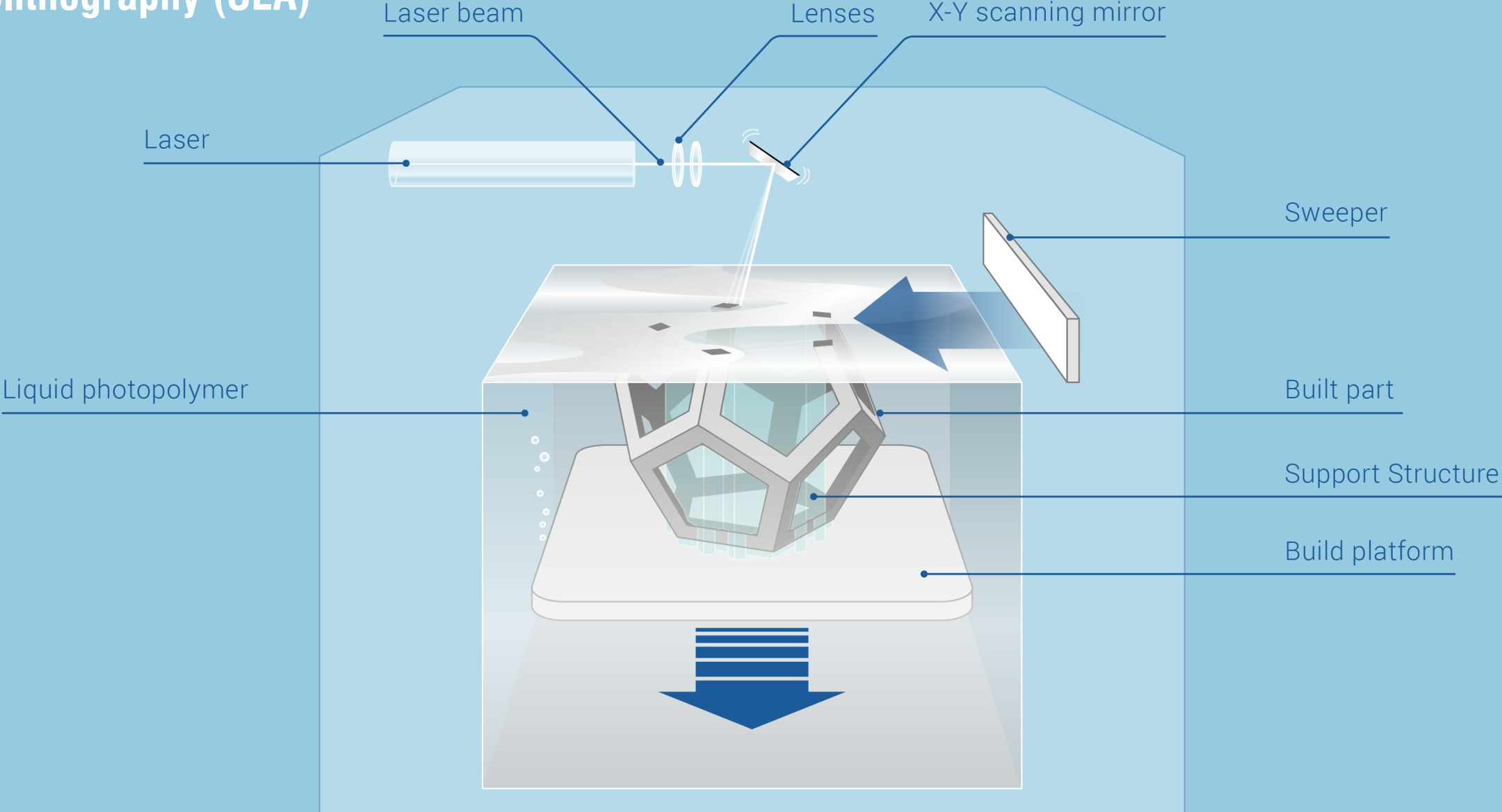
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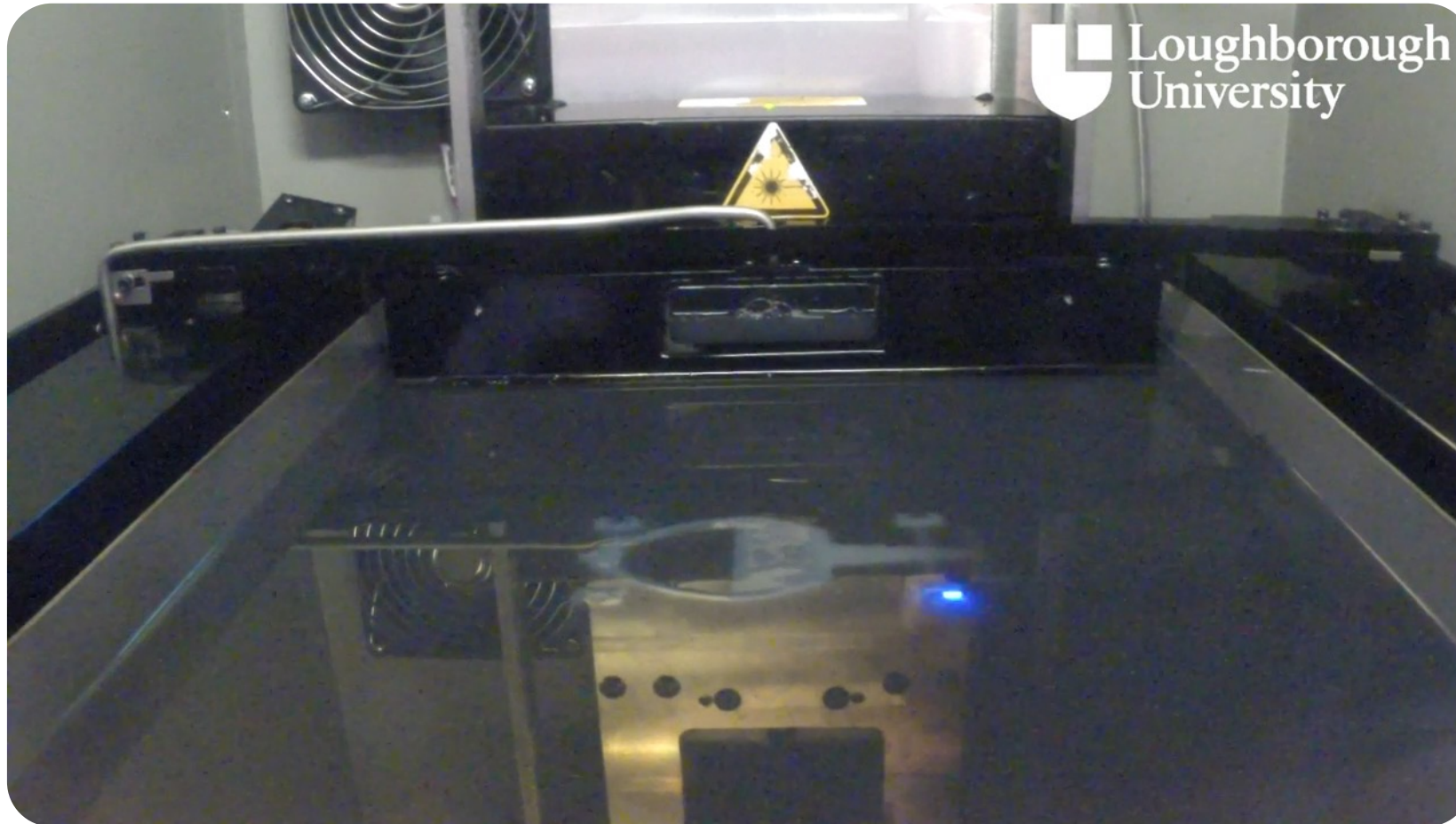
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Stereolithography (SLA)



Stereolithography (SLA)



liquid photo-reactive resin in a tank

laser selectively hardens top layer of resin

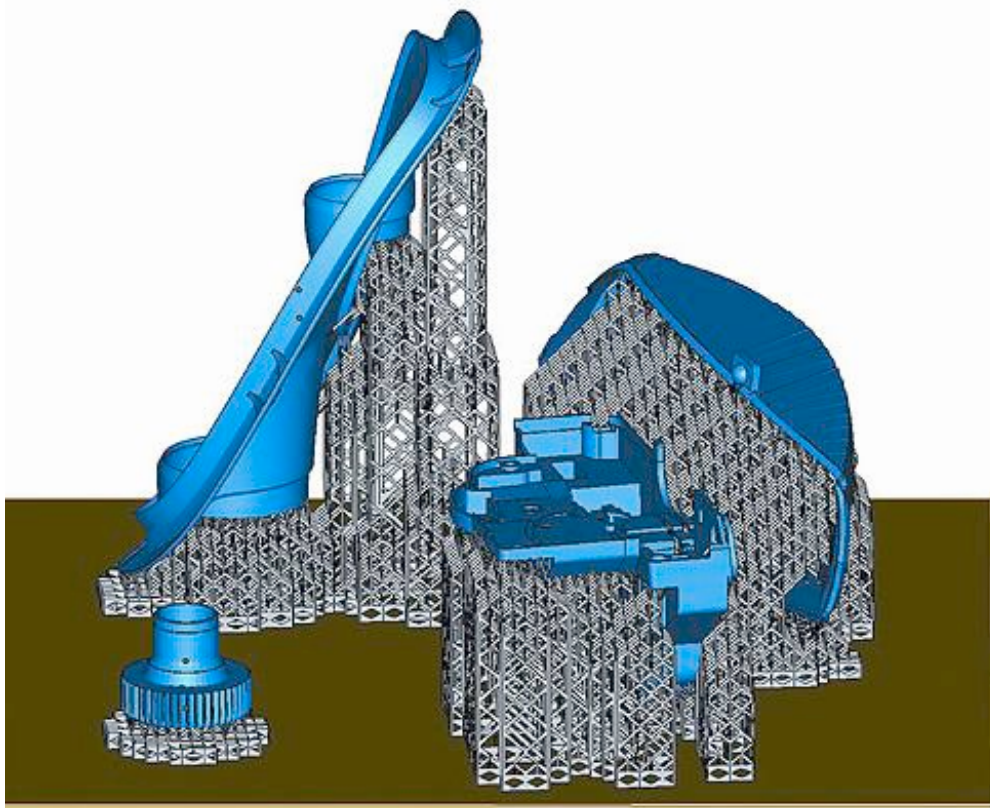
the platform descends by one layer

sweeper equally distributes resin for new layer

Stereolithography (SLA)

Support structure

–thin support lattice can be broken off



Stereolithography (SLA)

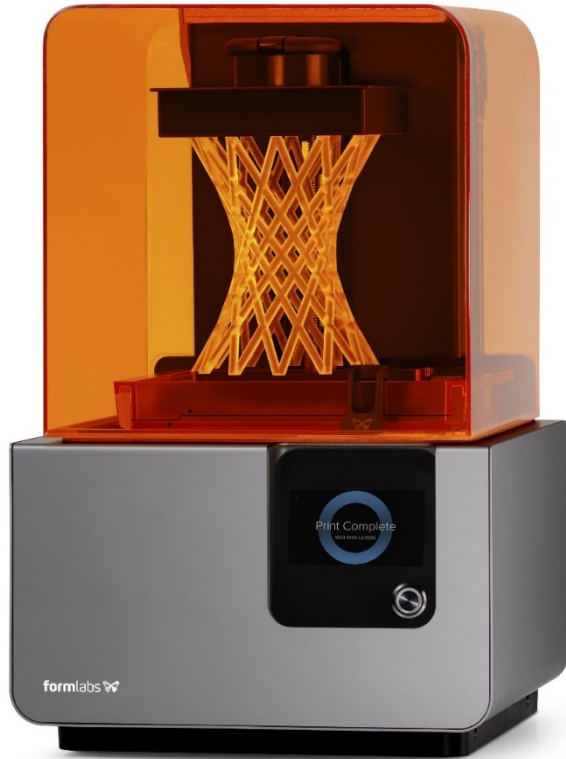
Developed by Charles Hull

- Coined term stereolithography
- Founded 3D Systems in 1986



Stereolithography (SLA)

Consumer-grade SLA Form 2



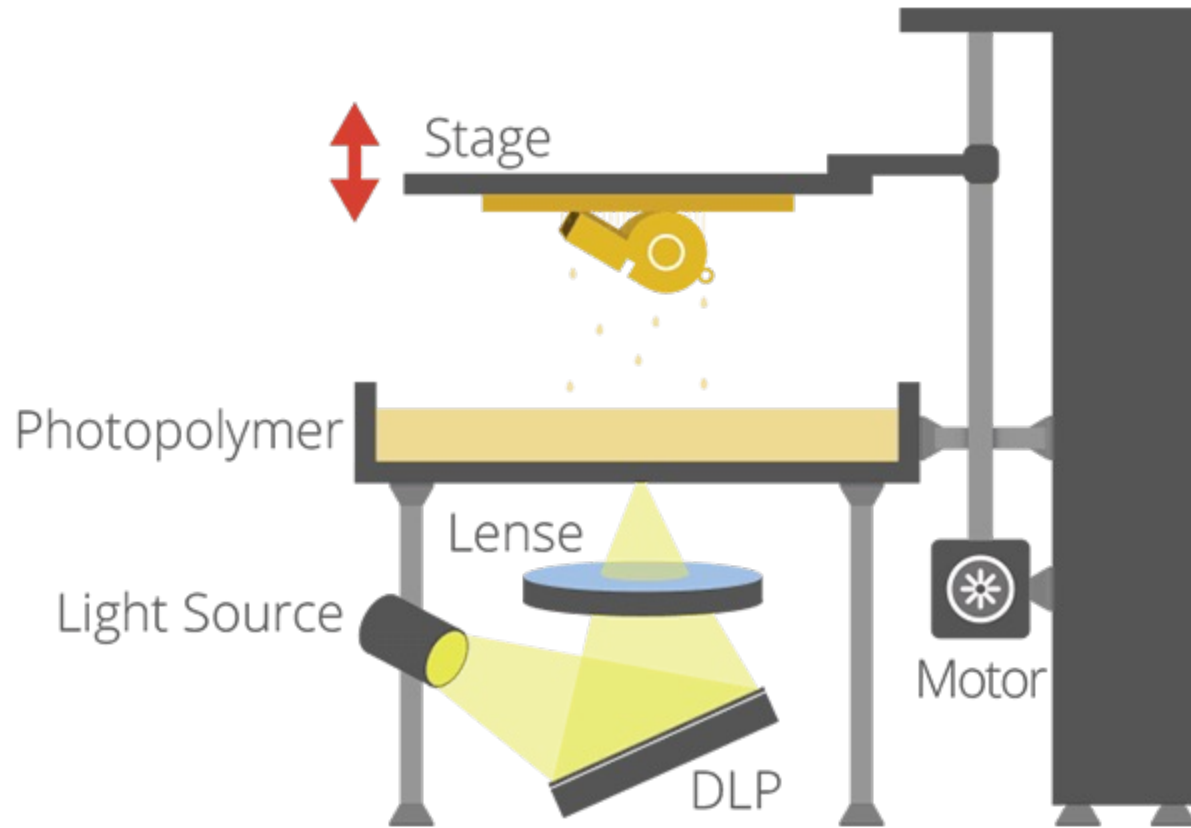
what is a **benefit** of using a laser over an extruder?

FDM vs SLA

	FDM	SLA
3D printing costs	\$25 per kg	\$80 to \$150 per liter of resin
Materials and colors	vary	limited/mono-color
Precision and Smoothness	warping/misalignment /Z-thickness	super fine details



Digital Light Projector (DLP) 3D Printing



same as SLA, just uses a **projector** not a laser

How many degree of freedom?

Digital Light Projector (DLP) 3D Printing

Similar to SLA

- laser + mirror is replaced by a projector

Simple design

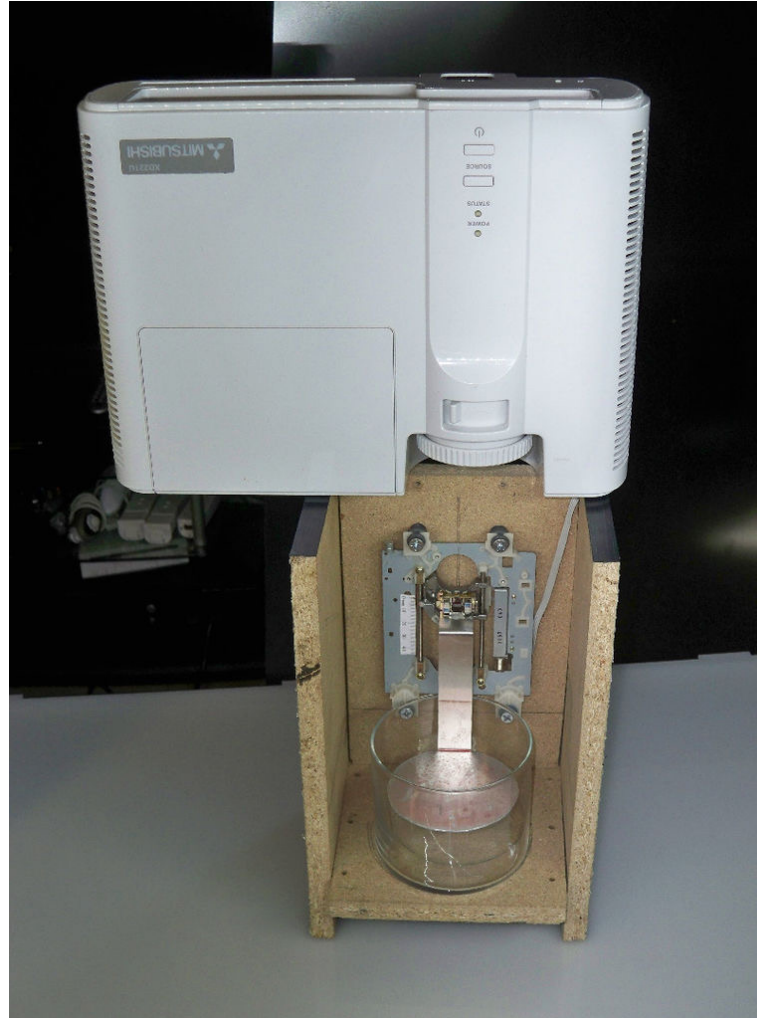
- only one degree of freedom

Faster than SLA

- exposes one layer at a time

Materials

- same as SLA



how can you make this a **mobile 3D printer**?



Use cellphone screen as a “projector”
Play a slow-motion movie

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FabHydro: Printing Interactive Hydraulic Devices with an Affordable SLA 3D Printer

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To offer mechanical motion, recent research looks for ways of incorporating mechanical actuators into the printed object — some use pre-manufactured actuators [15]; others aim to print actuators directly. For example, Peng et al. [32] design a custom 3D printer that can embed magnetic wires into the printing process to build reluctant motors. MacCurdy et al. [25] propose to seal droplets inside a printed cavity to make hydraulic walking robots. These approaches show the potential to print one-off objects with mechanical motion, but the fabrication process remains challenging. They either require custom 3D printers with complex hardware designs such as a five-degree-of-freedom printing platform, or require high-end industrial 3D printers with multi-material printability. These machines often cost over 200,000 US dollars and are not accessible by many.

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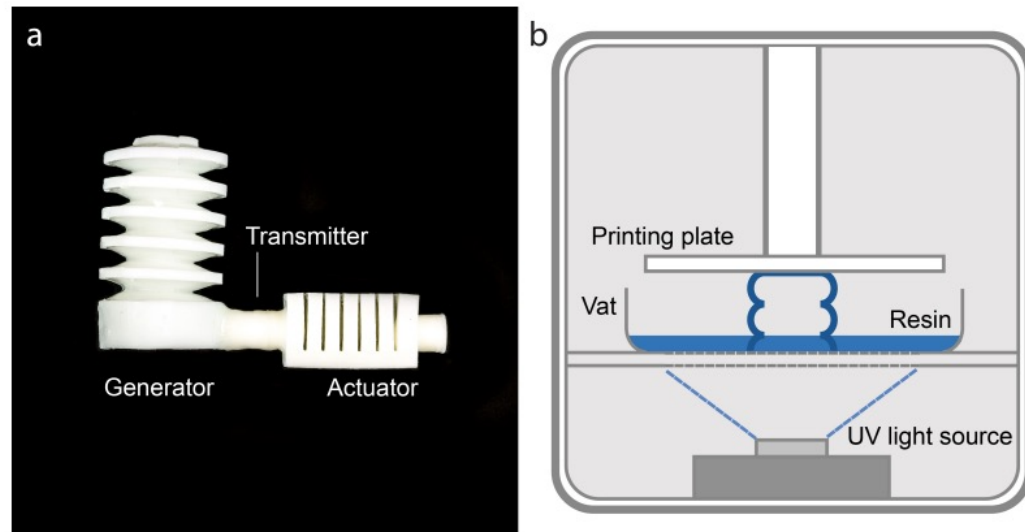


Figure 2: a) An overview of one *FabHydro* device, including a generator, a short piece of tubing, and a bending actuator; b) the conventional SLA printer with single material and an upside-down printing process.

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1 INTRODUCTION

One of the long-term visions for additive manufacturing is to print devices with functionalities and interactivities [51]. For example, recent research has shown different approaches to print interactive components, including 3D speakers that generate sound with diaphragm coating [20], light bulbs that are printed with custom light channels using transparent material [3], and touch sensors with conductive thermoplastic [39]. They allow 3D printed objects to have sound, light, and sensing capabilities, but these printed objects cannot move.

To offer mechanical motion, recent research looks for ways of incorporating mechanical actuators into the printed object — some use pre-manufactured actuators [15]; others aim to print actuators directly. For example, Peng et al. [32] design a custom 3D printer that can embed magnetic wires into the printing process to build reluctant motors. MacCurdy et al. [25] propose to seal droplets inside a printed cavity to make hydraulic walking robots. These approaches show the potential to print one-off objects with mechanical motion, but the fabrication process remains challenging. They either require custom 3D printers with complex hardware designs such as a five-degree-of-freedom printing platform, or require high-end industrial 3D printers with multi-material printability. These machines often cost over 200,000 US dollars and are not accessible by many.

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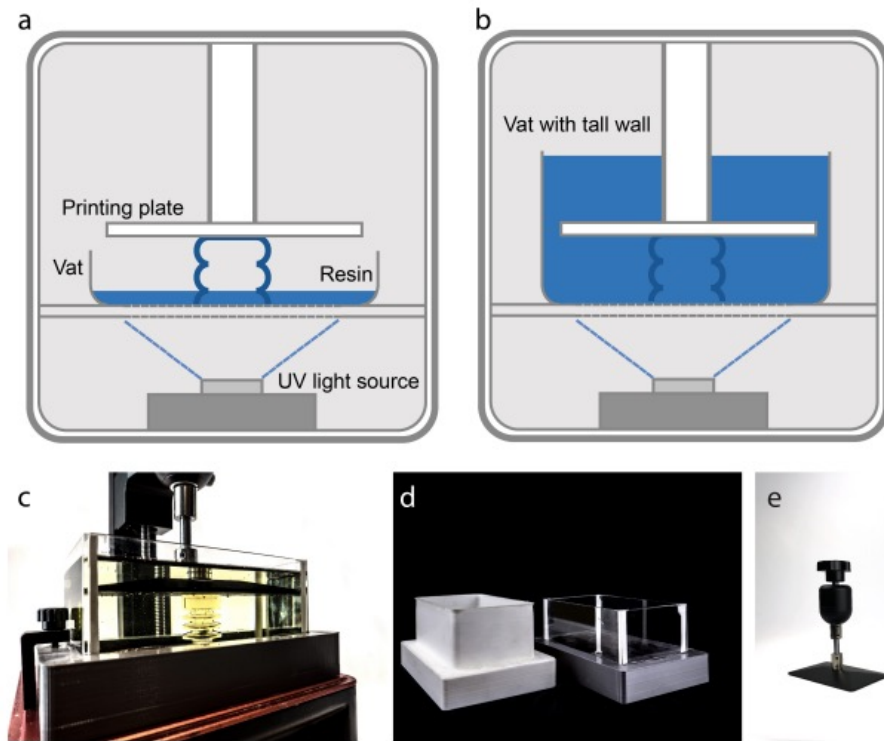


Figure 8: a) The conventional SLA 3D printer structure; b) the *Submerged Printing* process; c) the modified printer assembly filled with standard transparent resin for a clear presentation; and d) the modified vat made with PLA and acrylics; e) the extended printing plate.

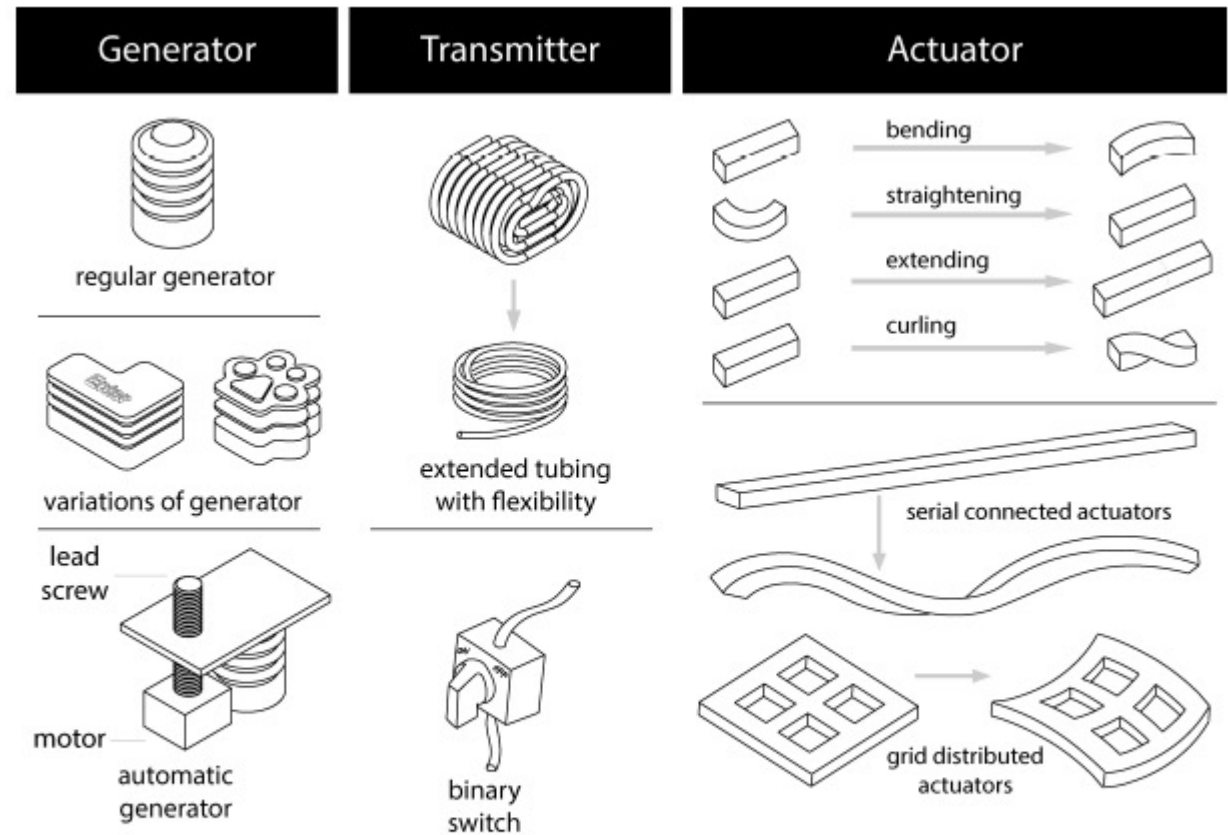
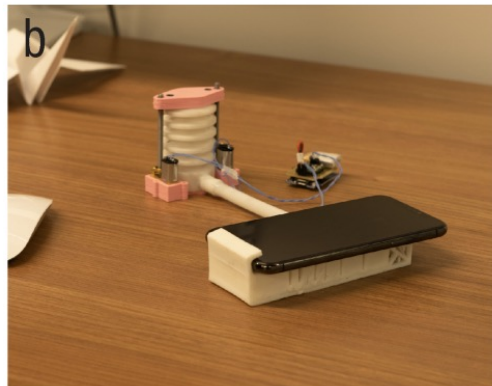
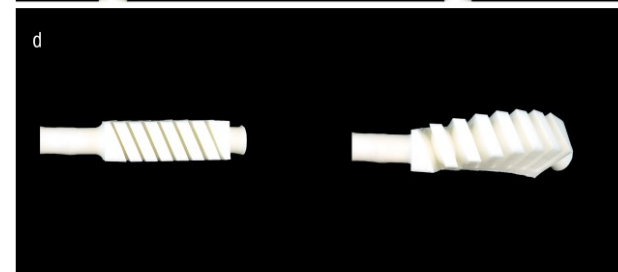
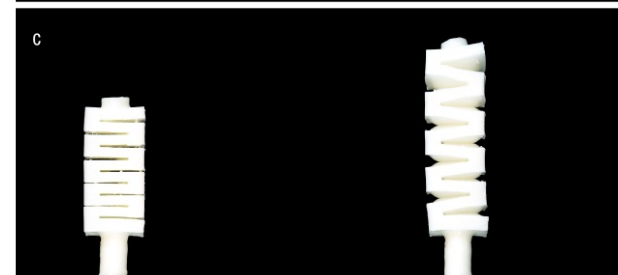
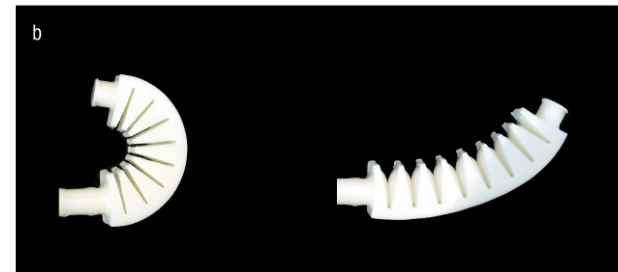
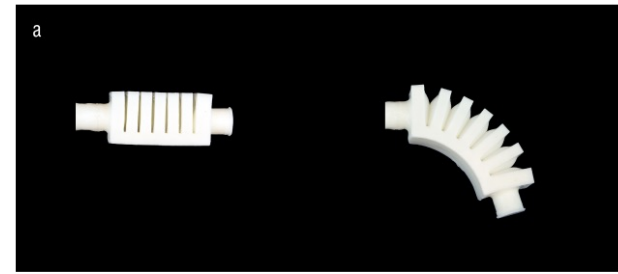
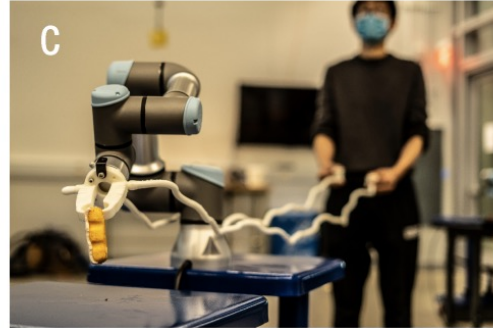
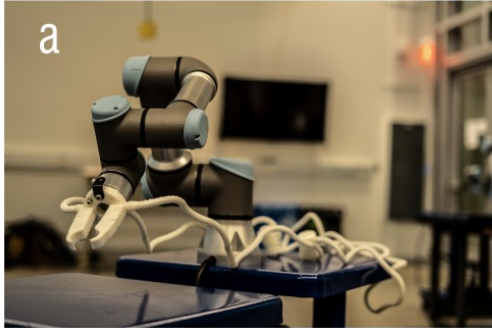


Figure 10: Design space: building blocks of *FabHydro*.

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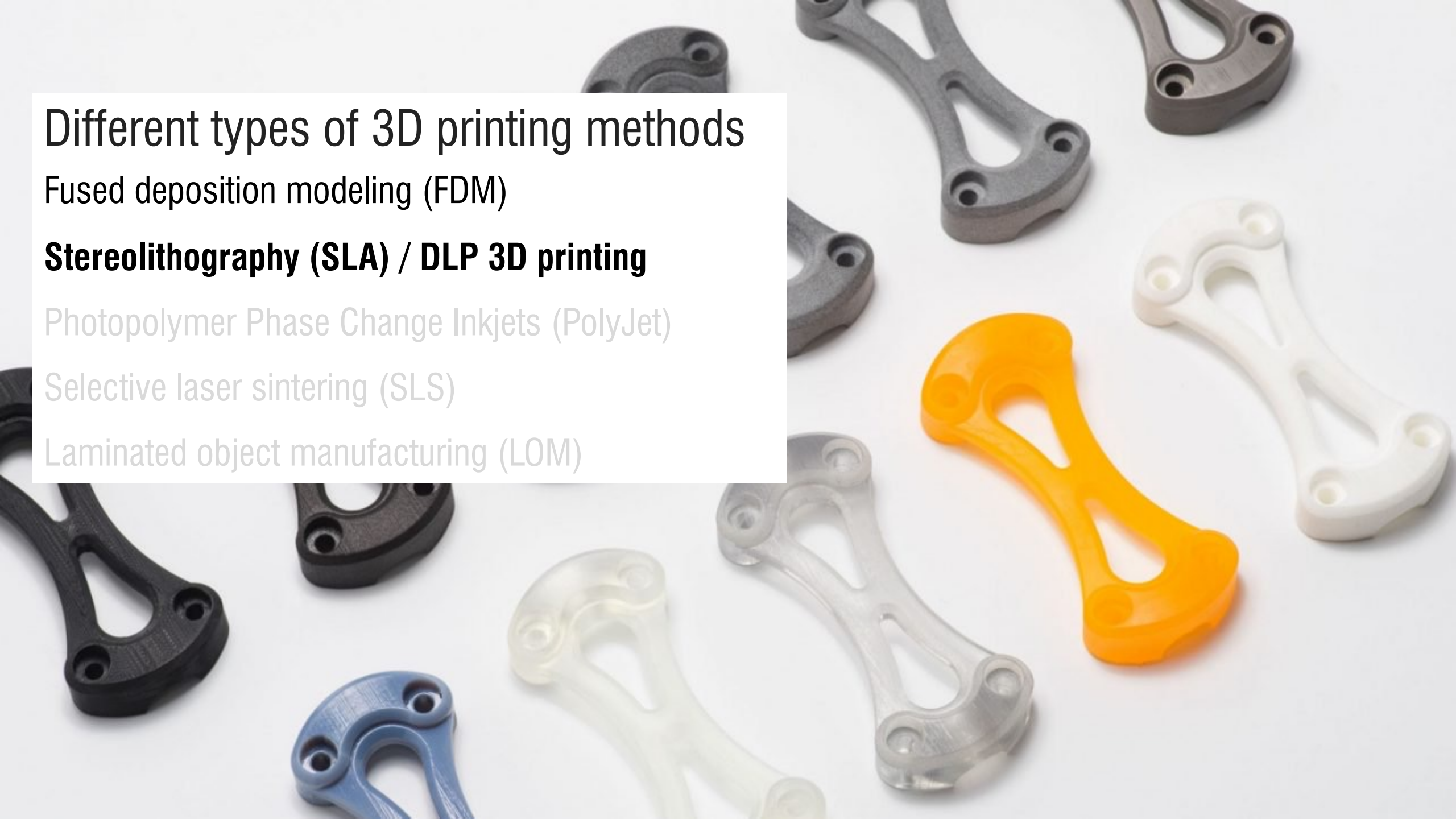
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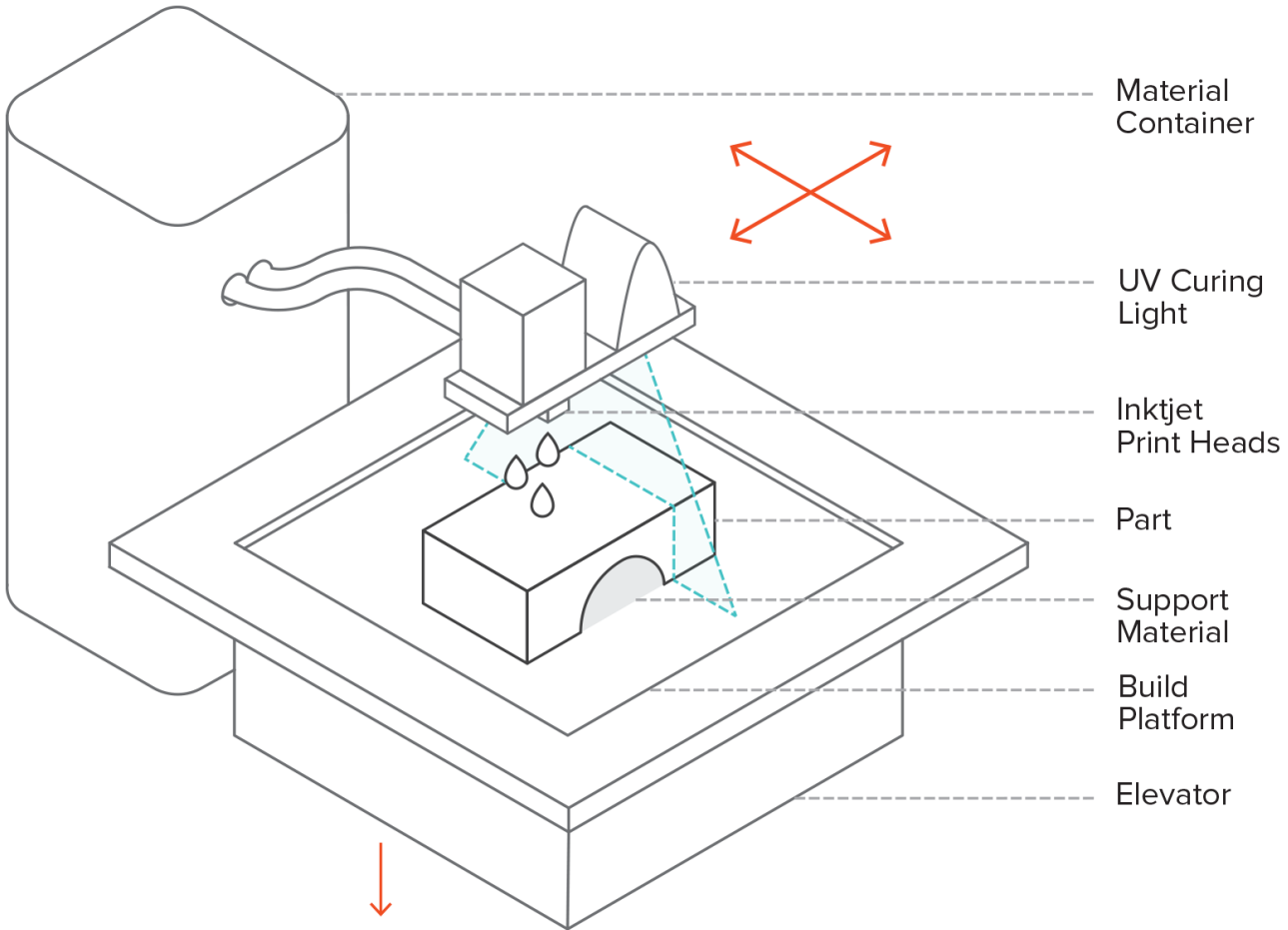
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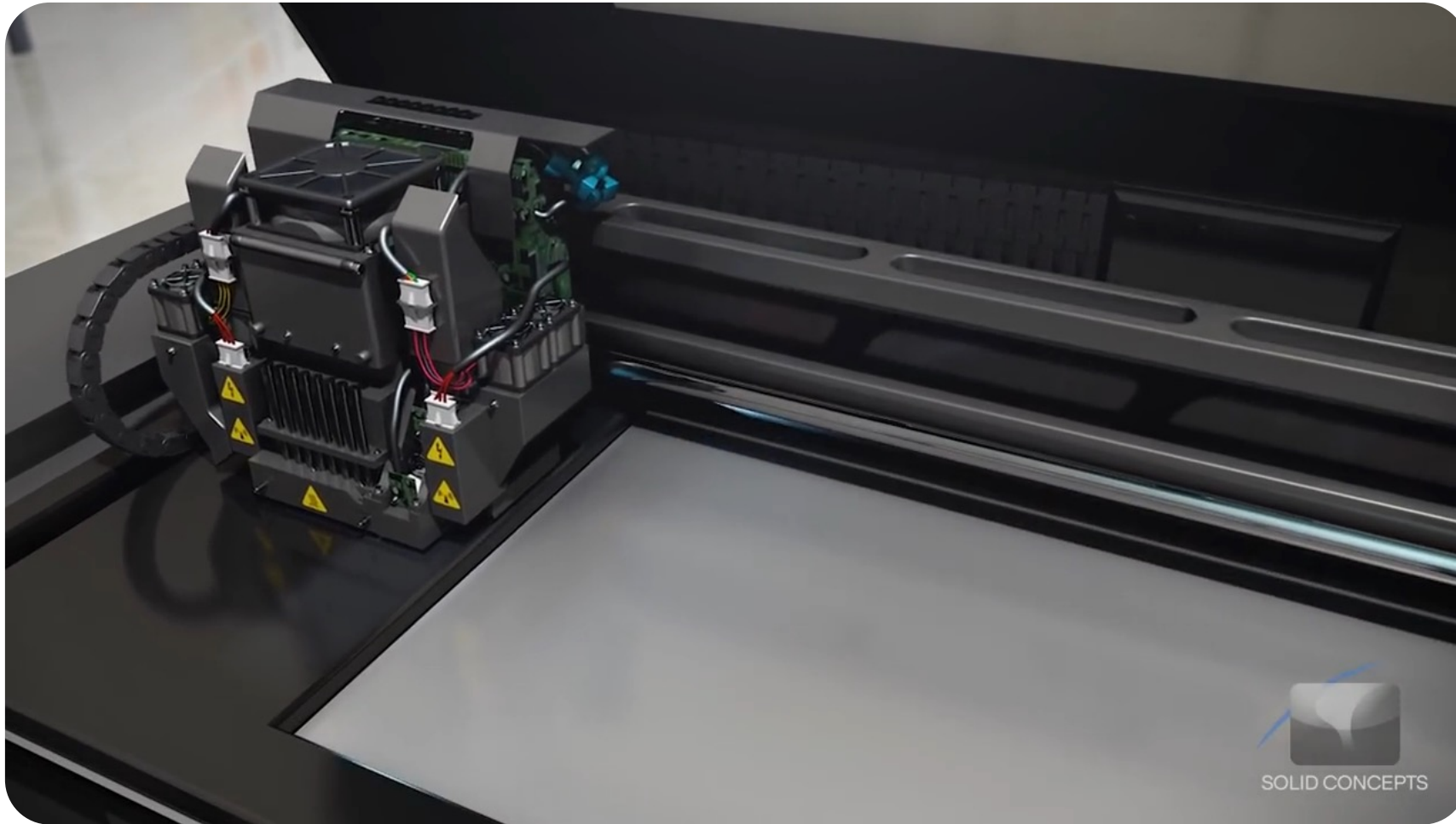
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A PolyJet 3D printer works like an inkjet printer

Jets drops of photopolymer that solidify when exposed to UV light.

Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets



Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets

Similar to SLA

Also uses photopolymers

Supporting **multiple** materials

Currently two + support material

Materials

Photopolymers only

Can be mixed before curing -> graded materials

Soft, rigid, opaque, transparent, different color

Photopolymer Phase Change Inkjets



Printed Optics: 3D Printing of Embedded Optical Elements for Interactive Devices

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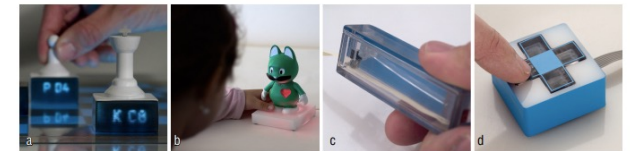


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INTRODUCTION

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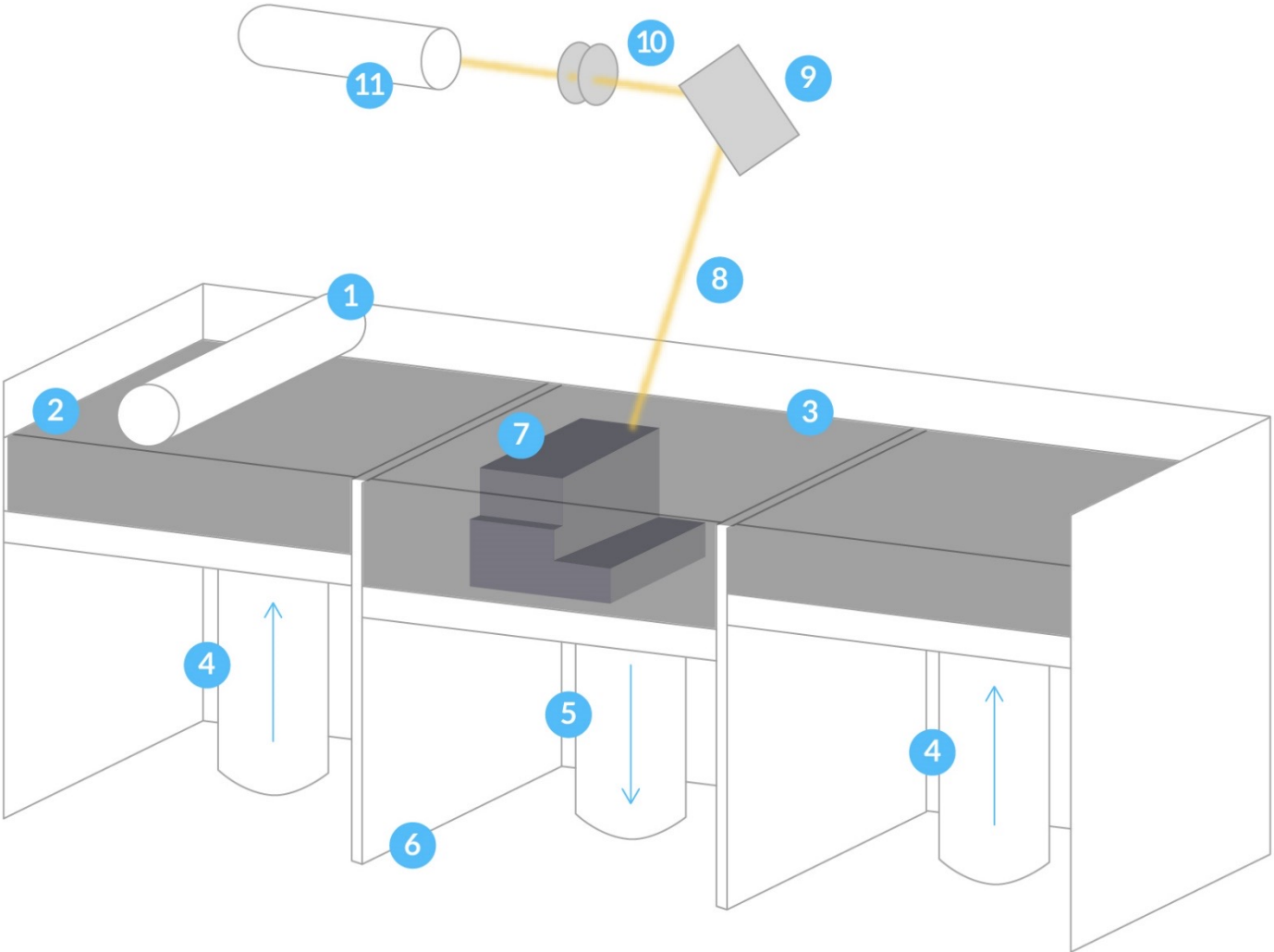
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Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)/Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS)



similar to SLA

use a bed of **powders** (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

Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)/Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS)



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Laser and scanner system

- Similar to SLA but laser is more powerful

Bulk material can be preheated

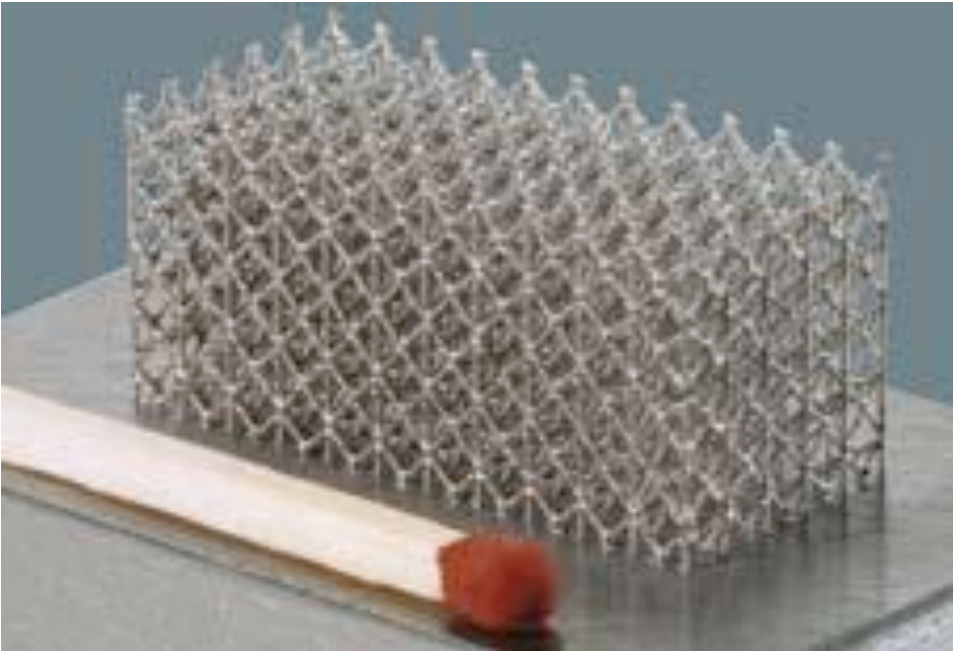
- Reduces the required energy to melt it

Materials

- One material at a time
- Glass**, polymers (e.g., nylon, polystyrene), **metals** (e.g., steel, titanium, alloys), **ceramic**

Support structure?

- No support material. Overhangs are supported by powder material





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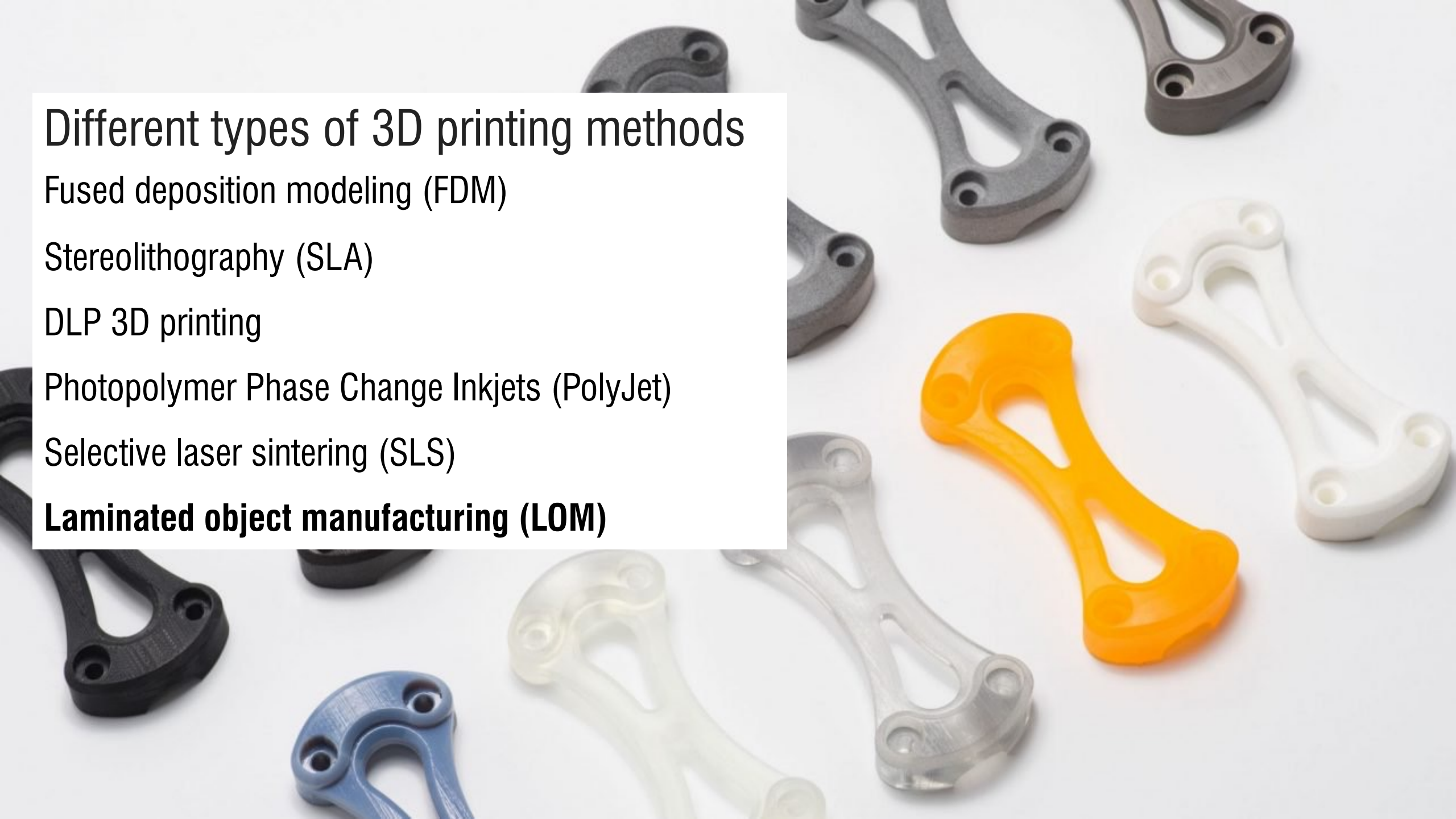
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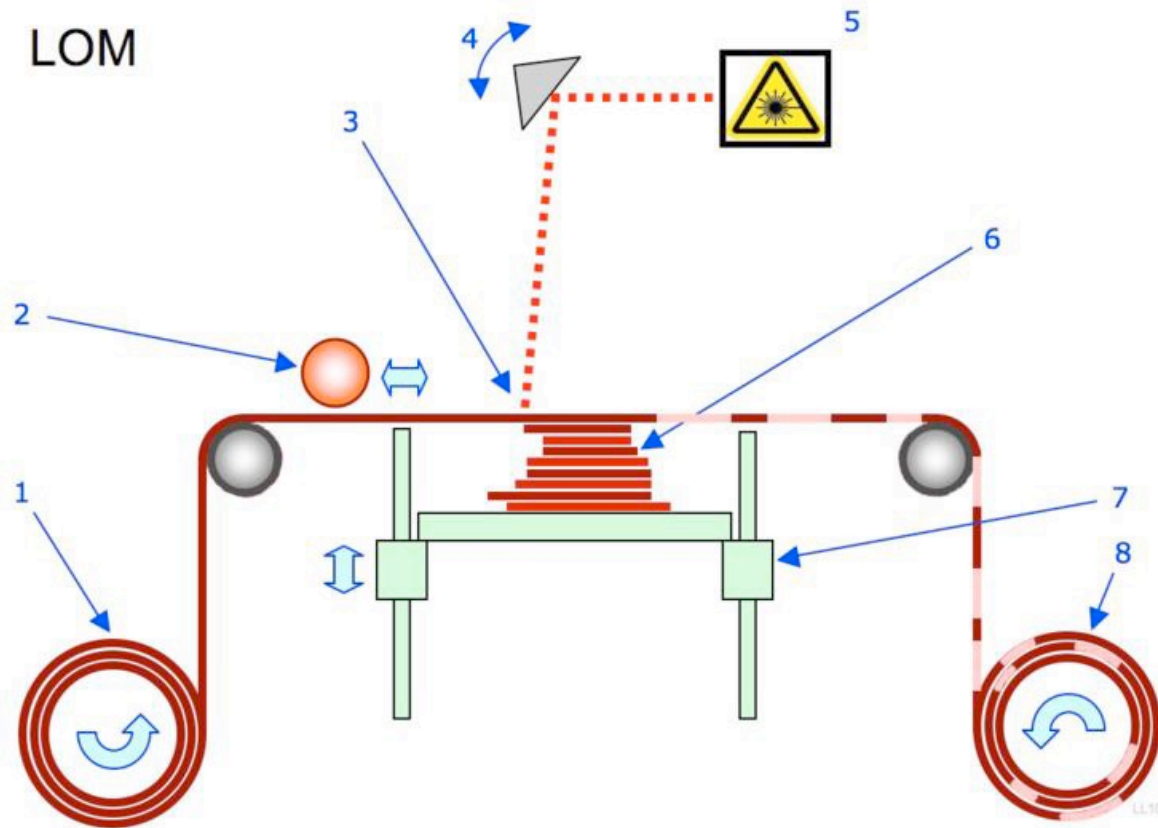


What do you think these are made of?



Paper
How?

Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM)



first sheet is **2D color printed**

then **glued** onto the build plate

then **cut** into shape

second sheet (fresh roll) is 2D color printed

glued onto build plate

cut into shape

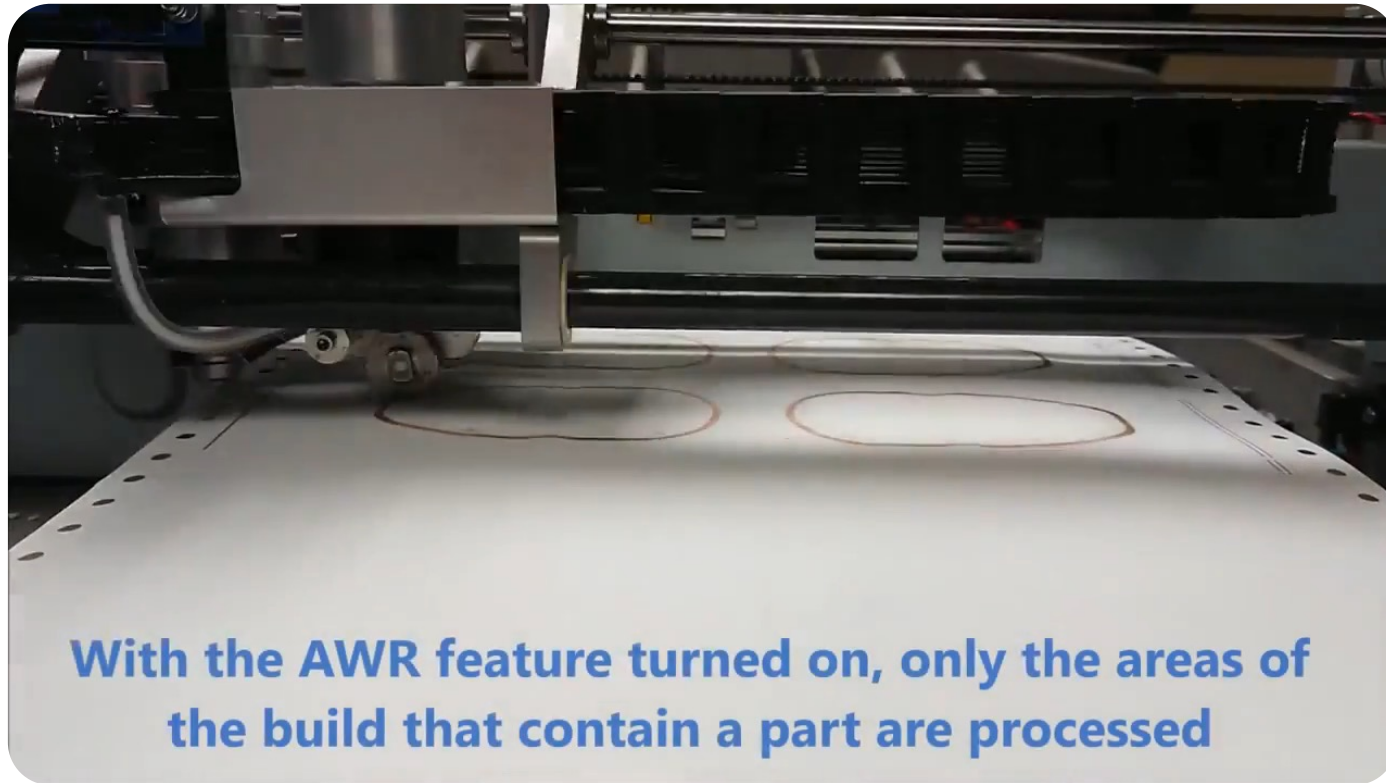
repeat

Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM)



LOM Process

Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM)



Inexpensive – low material cost

Print resolution is lower than other methods

Color can be added using additional printhead

Materials

–Paper (most common), plastics, metal, ceramics

Support material

–Same material can be used as support

A Layered Fabric 3D Printer for Soft Interactive Objects

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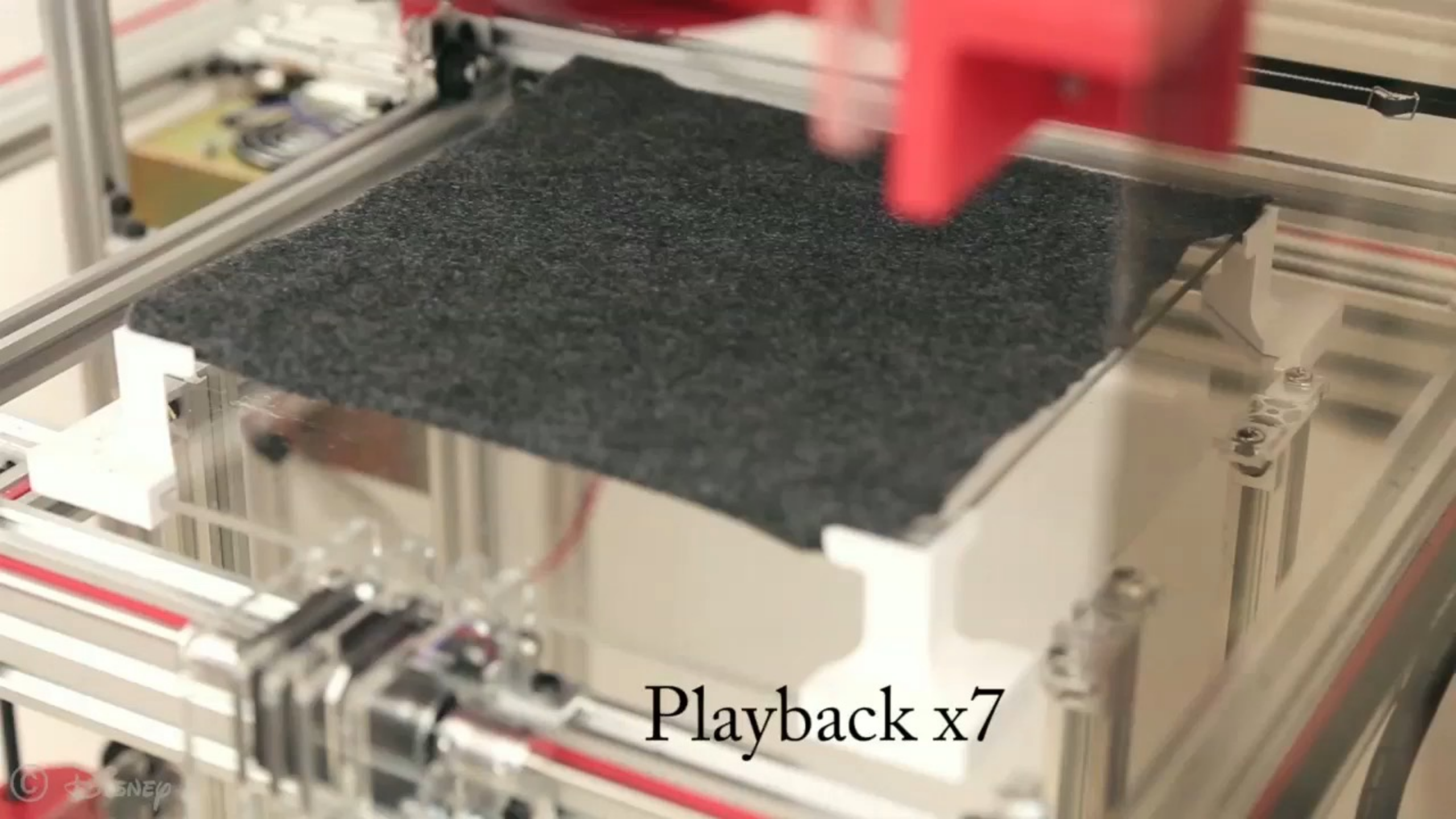


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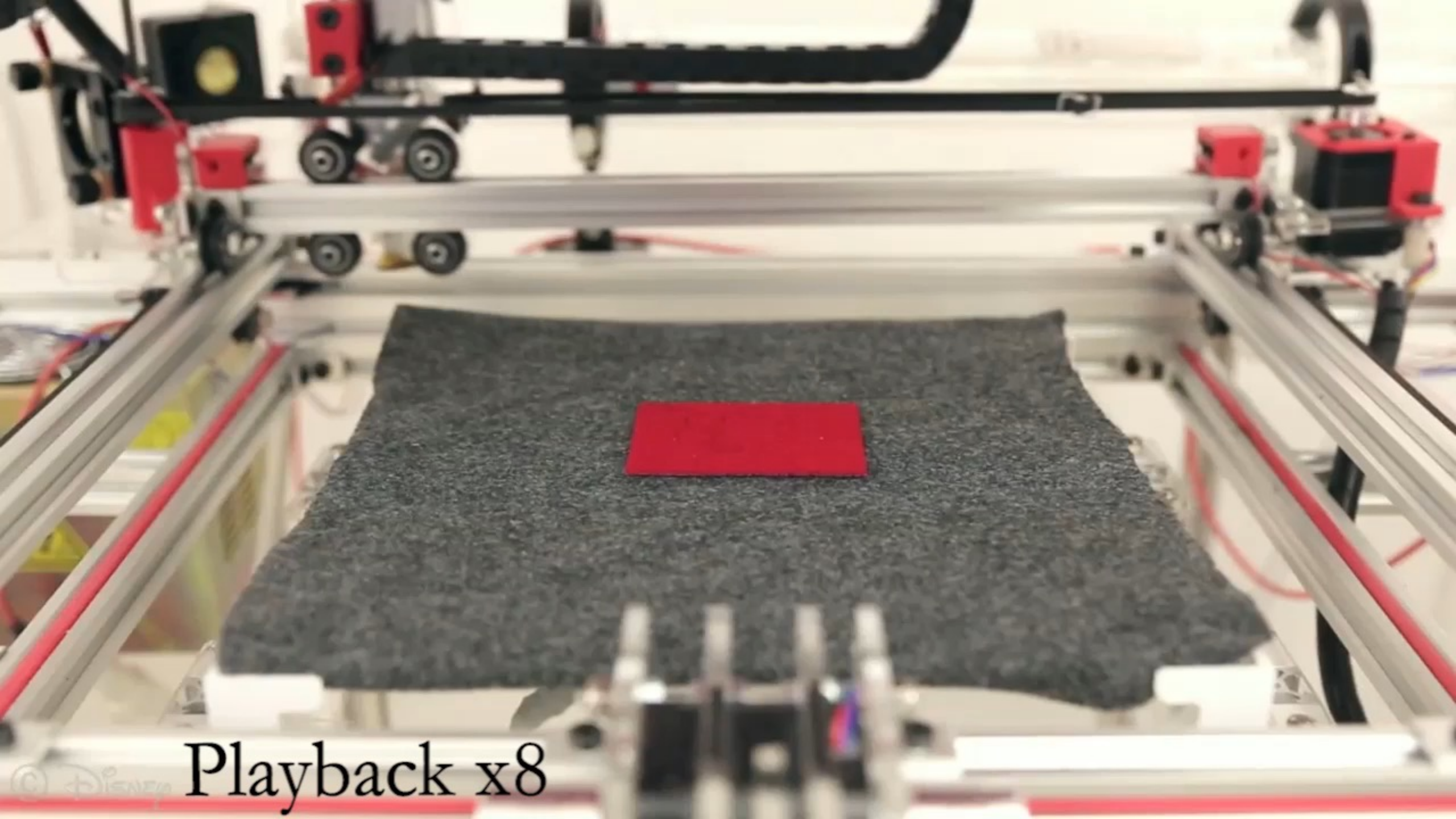
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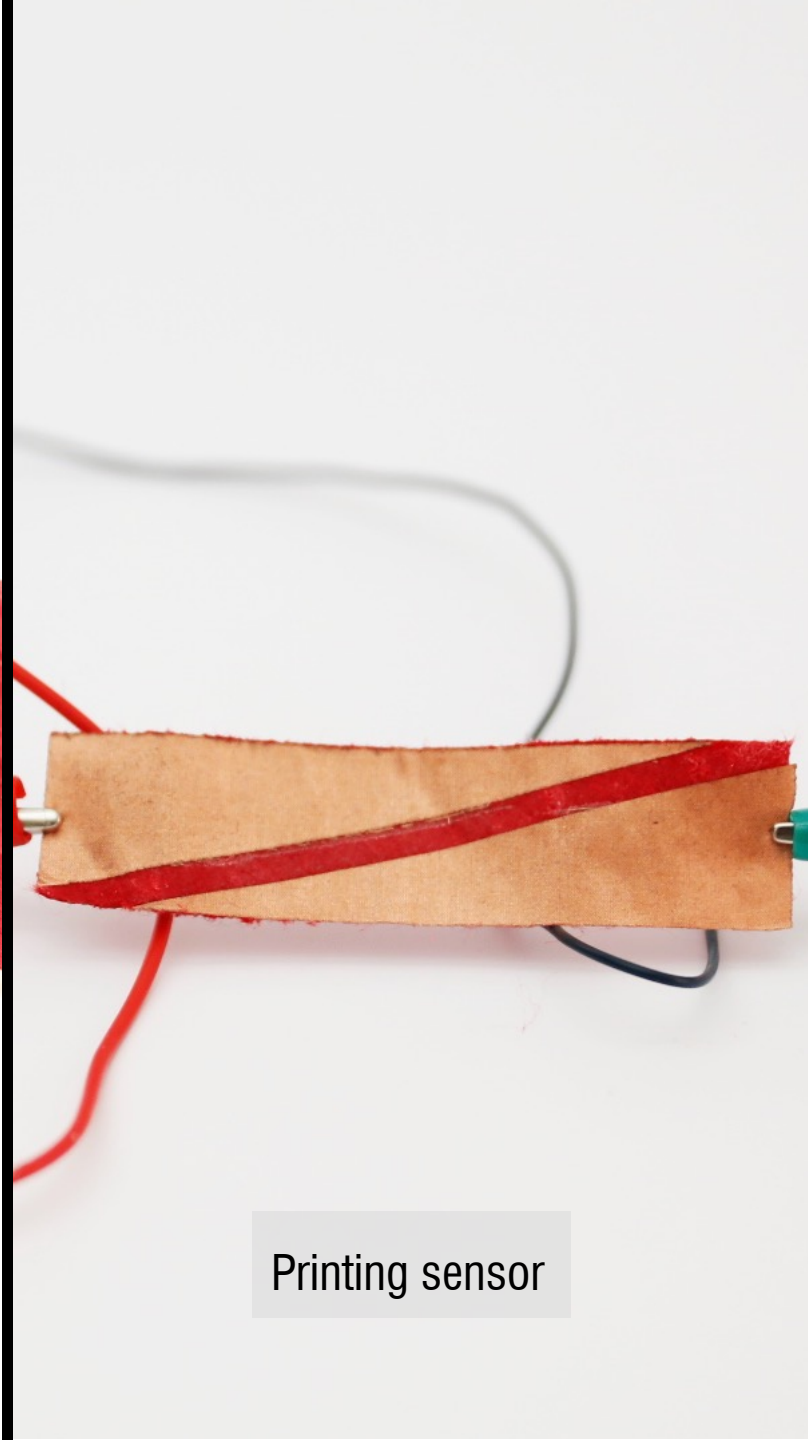
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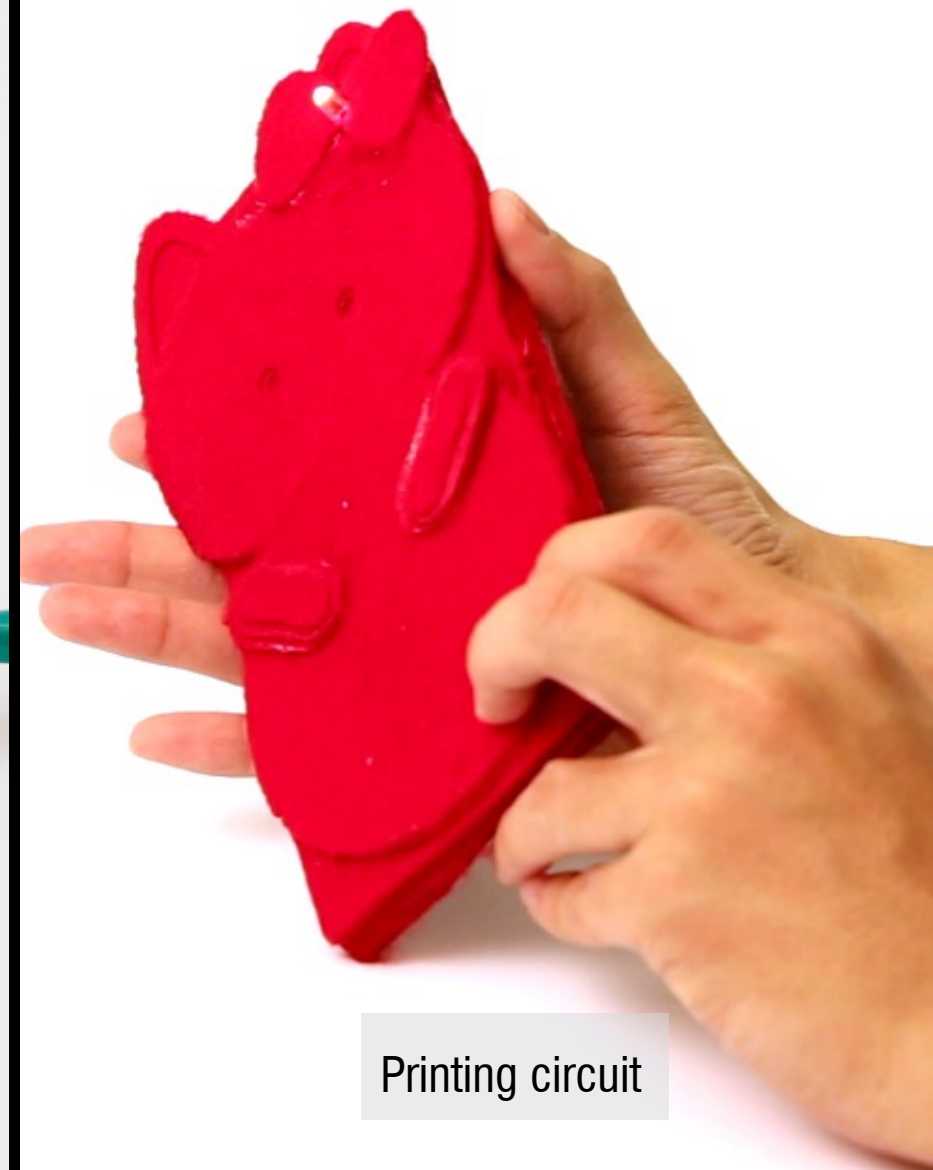




Manipulate deformation



Printing sensor

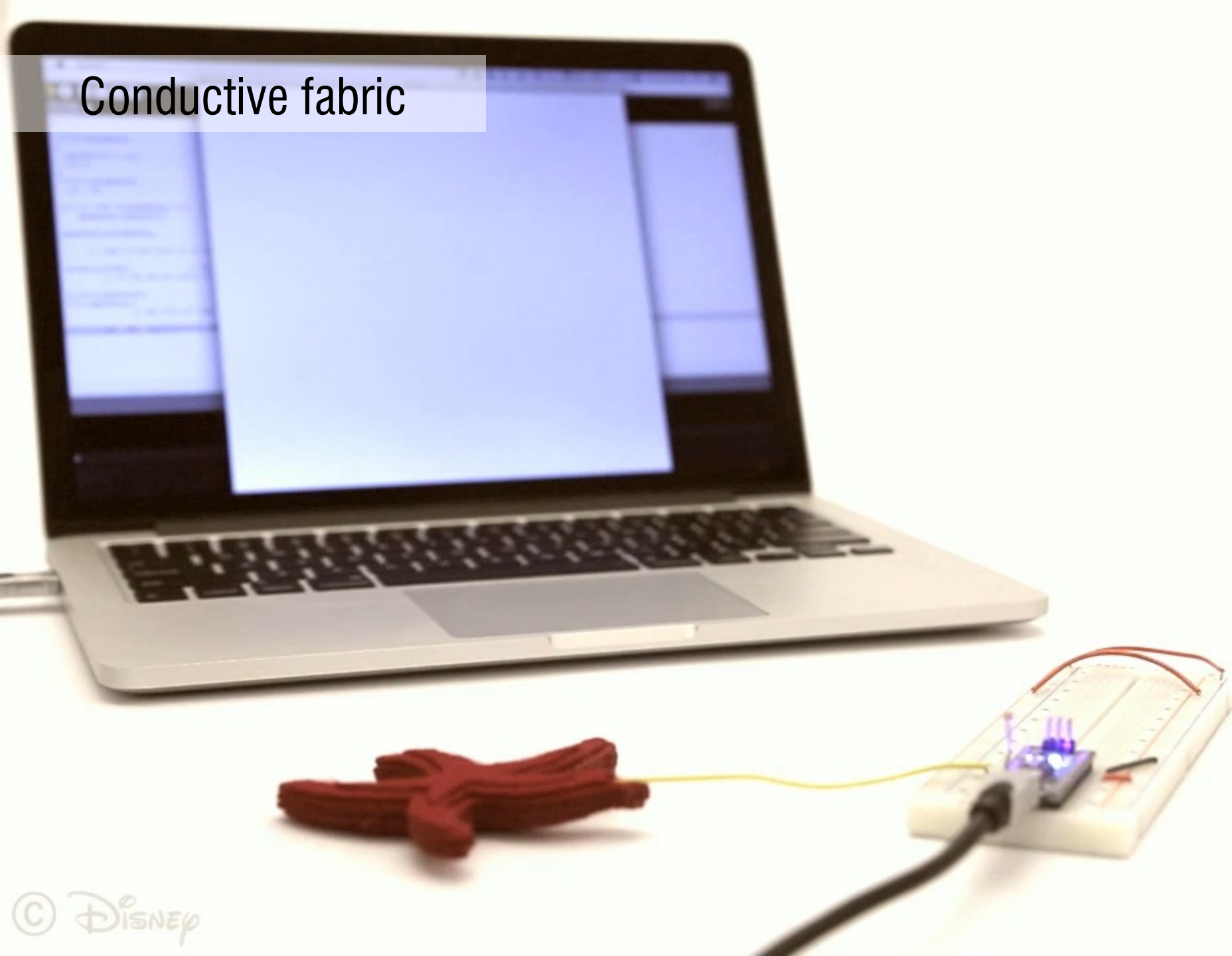


Printing circuit

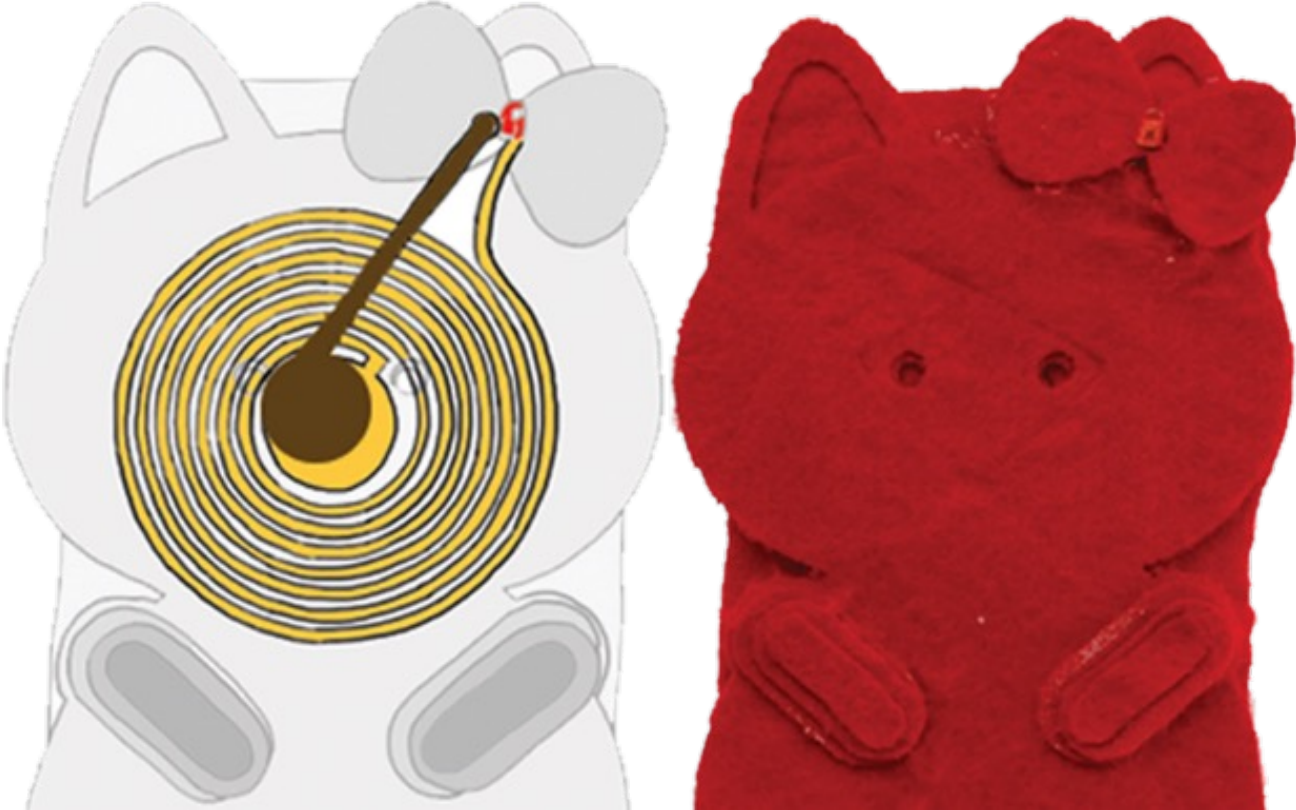
Deformation manipulation



Conductive fabric



Printing multi-layer circuits



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soft material

textile texture

input and sensing



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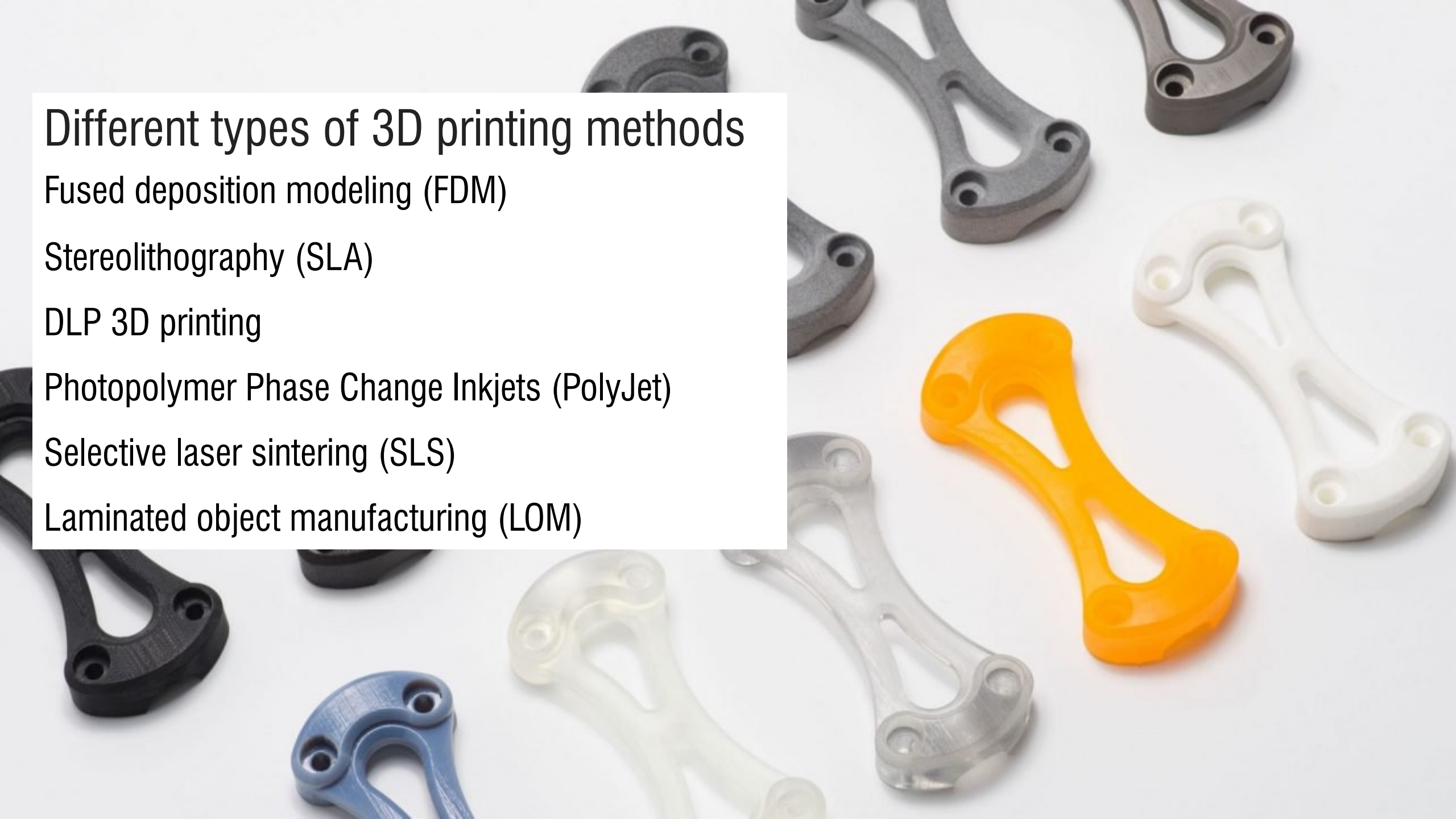
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Recap

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Brief history of 3D printing

Examples of printed objects

Varies of printing methods



Optional readings

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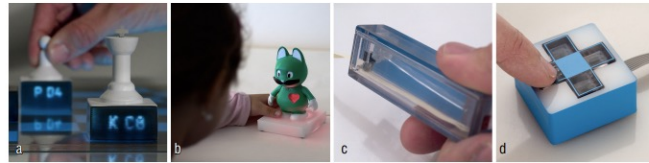


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Patching Physical Objects

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ABSTRACT

Personal fabrication is currently a one-way process: once an object has been fabricated with a 3D printer, it cannot be changed anymore. Any change requires printing a new version from scratch. The problem is that this approach ignores the nature of design *iteration*, i.e. that in subsequent iterations large parts of an object stay the same and only small parts change. This makes fabricating from scratch feel unnecessary and wasteful.

In this paper, we propose a different approach: instead of re-printing the entire object from scratch, we suggest patching the *existing* object to reflect the next design iteration. We built a system on top of a 3D printer that accomplishes this: Users mount the existing object into the 3D printer, then load both the original and the modified 3D model into our software, which in turn calculates how to patch the object. After identifying which parts to remove and what to add, our system locates the existing object in the printer using the system's built-in 3D scanner. After calibrating the orientation, a mill first removes the outdated geometry, then a print head prints the new geometry in place.

Since only a fraction of the entire object is refabricated, our approach reduces material consumption and plastic waste (for our example objects by 82% and 93% respectively).

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Personal fabrication machines, such as 3D printers, are on the verge of becoming a mass market [10]. With more people owning a 3D printer, more and more objects will be printed in the future. Many researchers envision a future in which even inexperienced users will create their own designs using software that enables them to create objects through a design-fabricate-test-redesign cycle [4].

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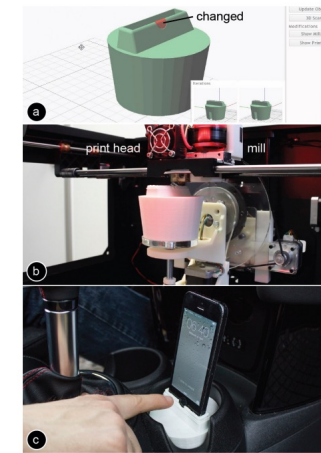


Figure 1: To minimize material consumption and to reduce waste during design iteration, we propose *patching* the existing object rather than reprinting it from scratch. (a) First, our software calculates which part changed, then (b) a mill removes outdated geometry, followed by (c) a print head that prints the new geometry.

While we share the excitement about this future evolution, we are worried about potential implications on sustainability: unlike the more "traditional" software-based design process, creating and iterating on physical designs requires actual physical material and creates actual physical waste.

Existing angles on sustainability focus on either reducing print material (e.g. infill material [27], support material [24]) or they try to recycle the already printed material. While a few filament types, such as PLA, are biodegradable, many other materials are not. Filament extruders, such

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