

# Materials of Additive Manufacturing

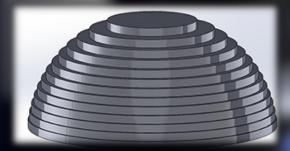
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#### What is 3D Printing?

Additive Manufacturing (AM): Construction of physical objects directly from 3D CAD data – usually layer upon layer

(CAD = Computer Aided Design)



As opposed to e.g. subtractive manufacturing (milling, turning etc.)





### Uses: Rapid Prototyping

- The original and still much used application of 3D printing
- Commercialized in the 80s (SLA by 3D Systems)
- Extremely popular in product development:
  - Fast testing of form, fit, function, ergonomics..
  - Accurate representation of intended material properties and function possible
  - Affordable and quick to produce prototypes provide early feedback
- Fail faster to succeed earlier!

 Concept wireless charging station for a plush toy / nightlight

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### Uses: Rapid Manufacturing

- Use of AM to produce end-use parts and products
- Expansion during the last 13 years
  - From 4% (2003) to 35% (2014)
  - Result of process and material development & media hype
- Notable in medical and aerospace industries
  - Medical: Personalized solutions
  - Aerospace: Weight optimization
- Potential in multiple fields, but still restricted to low volume or customized production of high-end products
- Lacking standards & false assumptions hinder adoption

### 3D printed metal parts in BMW i8 convertible



### Customized parts in MINI cars





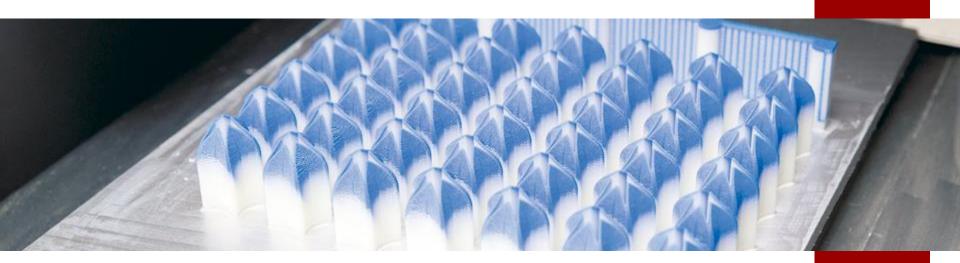


### Uses: Rapid Tooling

- Use of AM for indirect production:
  - Masters for sand & silicon casting
  - Lost wax casting
  - Printing sand, metal & plastic molds
  - Fixtures for drilling
  - Jigs
  - Endless number of uses..
- For both prototypes & end-use parts
- Takes advantage of low investment cost, fast process, and AM introduced benefits such as contouring cooling channels in injection molds



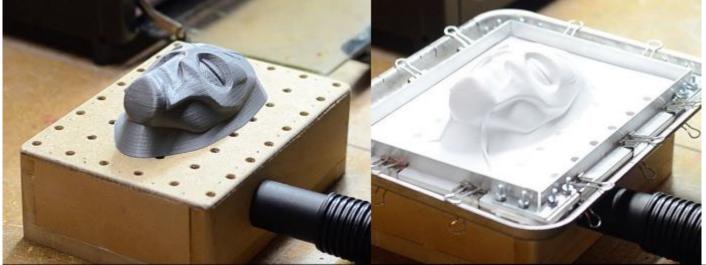
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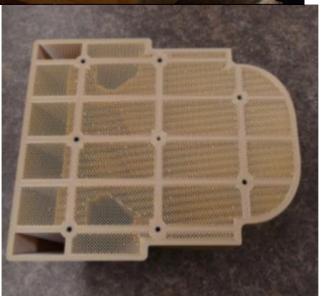
### Printed wax masters for precision casting







### Vacuum forming cores





Injection molds printed with plastic



#### Freedom of design

- No need to Design for Manufacturing & Assembly: Instead Design for Functionality, Weight, Strength etc
- Minimize part count while optimizing topology
- Pre-built assemblies minimize labor time & QC
- Customization without additional cost Every part can be different from the others, even in same batch



#### Design for AM – Case: bottle opener



Solid Billet: 10.39gms

Solid Machined/Cast: 4.22gms

Topology Optimised AM: 0.95gms

#### Design for AM – Case: Buckle

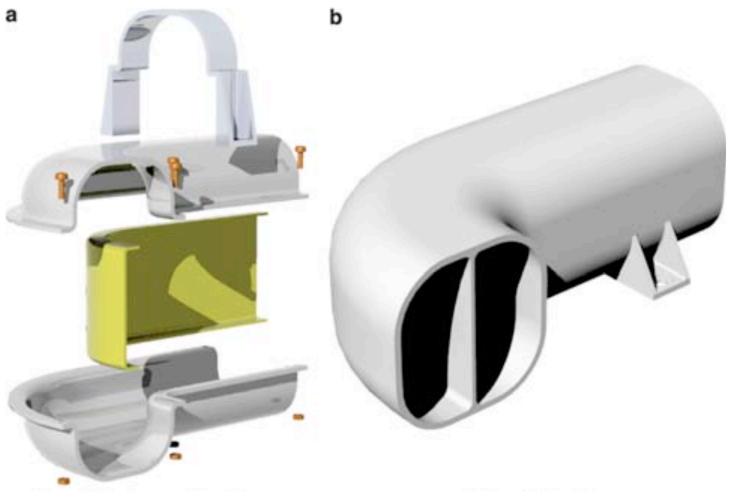


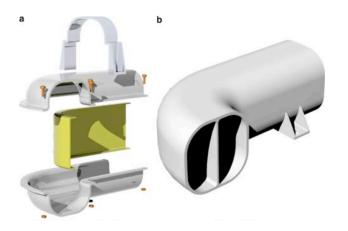
- Commercial aircraft can have anything up to 850 seat belt buckles
- Traditionally constructed, airline seat belt buckles weigh between
  - 155g (Steel)
  - 120g (Aluminium).





### Case: Boeing / F-18 air duct system re-design



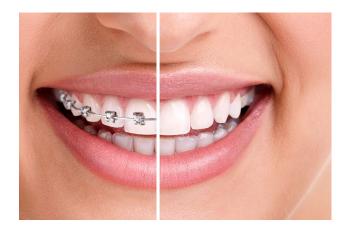


### Case: F-18 cooling air system

- Complete re-design for functionality & weight
- This unit: part reduction from 16 to 1
- Improved air flow
- No assembly required
- No tooling required
- Future improvements with minimal cost
- Spare parts on demand and on location

### Case: Align / Invisialign tooth retainers



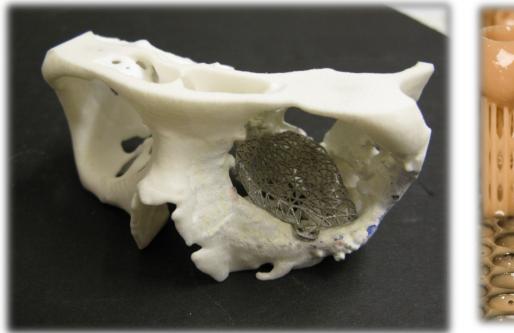


### Case: Invisialign tooth retainers

- Digital pre-planning of each unit, "digital inventory"
- Example of mass customization 40,000 a day
- AM produced individual molds for thermal forming
- Innovative example of utilizing customizability
- RP machines & processes modified for excessive use



#### Other medical uses





Inert implants Hearing aids - Surgical planning, prosthesis, tooth crowns & bridges, tissue growth... Categories of 3D printing

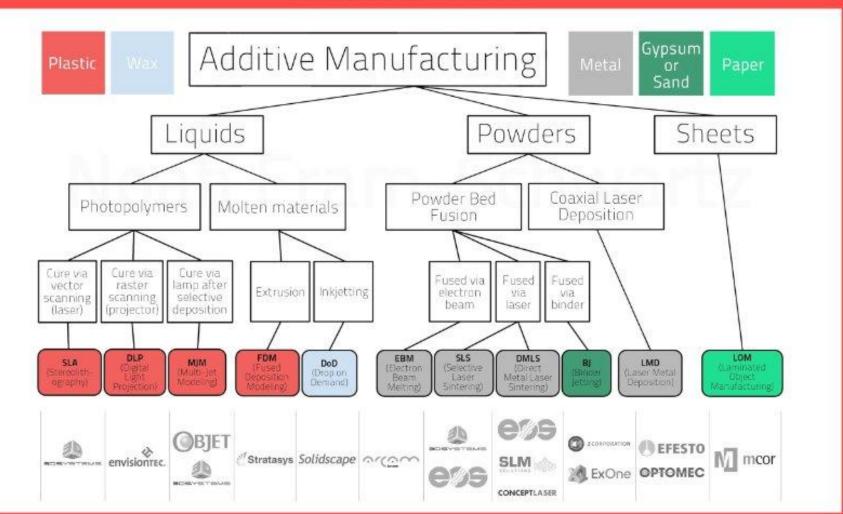
- Vat Photopolymerization
- •Powder Bed Fusion
- Material Extrusion
- Material Jetting
- •Binder Jetting
- Sheet Lamination
- Directed Energy Deposition





### TYPES OF ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

CREATED BY NOAH FRAM-SCHWARTZ



- PA (Nylon)
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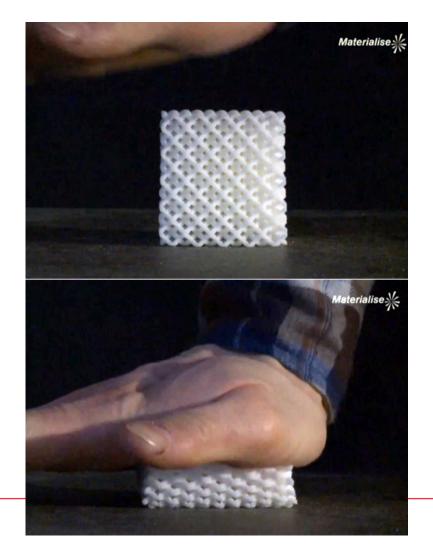


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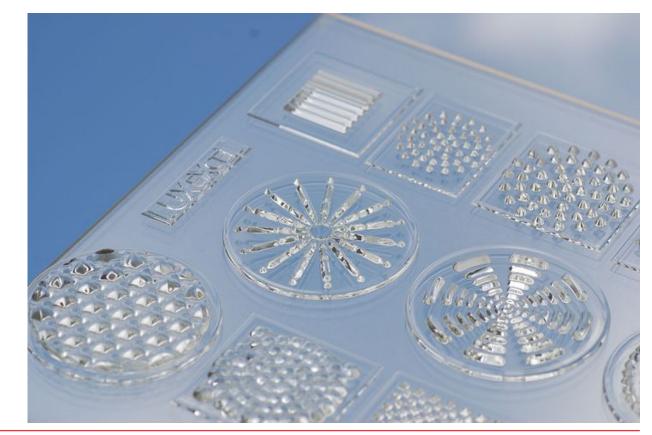
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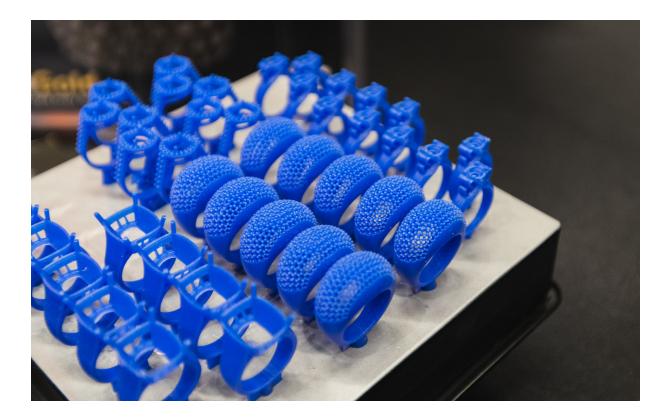
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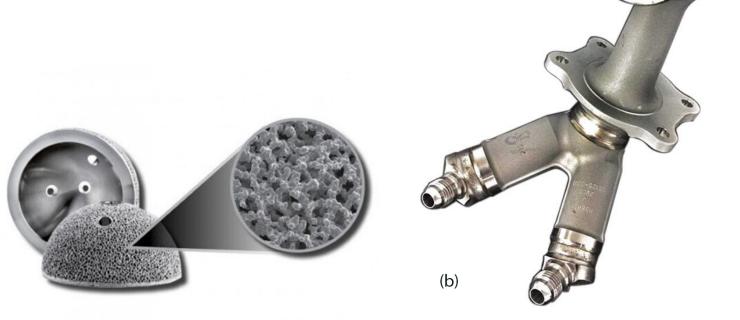
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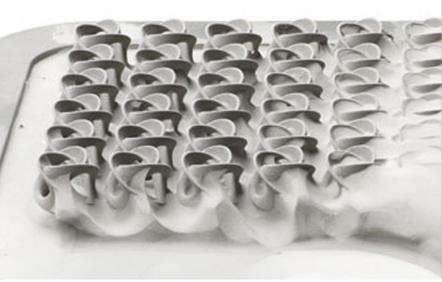
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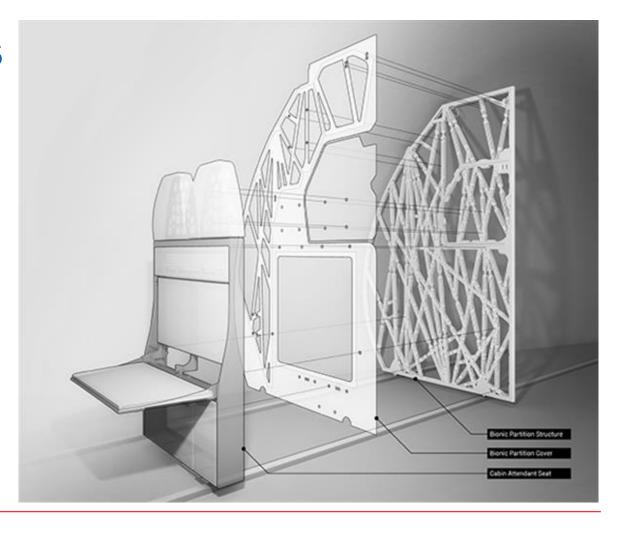






#### Digital Metal – Höganäs, Sweden

#### **Case Airbus**





# **Case Airbus**

Partition optimization via generative design 92.58 \$500 Stress Weight

High stress

Low stress



High-performing results based on goals



# **Others**

- Ceramic
- Porcelain
- Sand (molds)
- Paper
- Concrete
- Cellular tissue

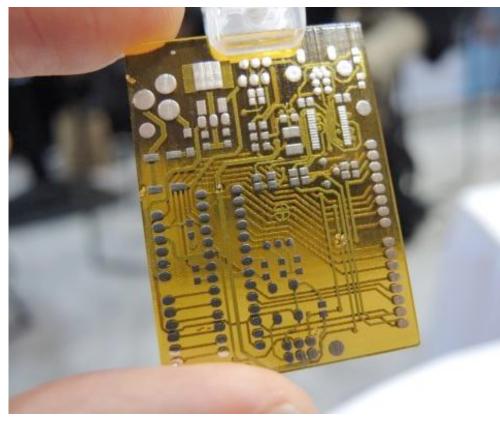




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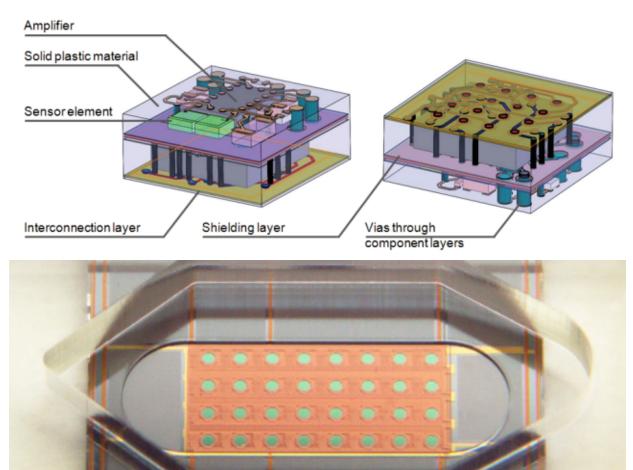


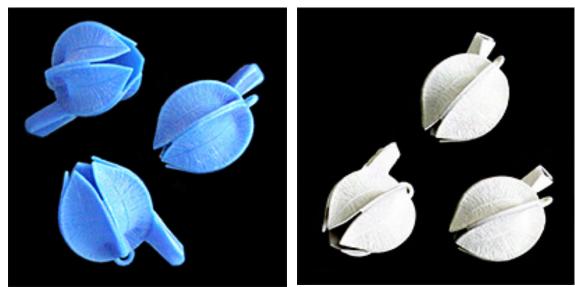




#### Dragonfly – PCB Prototyping

#### MicroTec – 3D Chip Sized Packaging





#### Kalevala – Jewelry with wax investment casting



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