

# An introduction of 3D printing technology

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# 3D printing

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What are the three classes of materials?

- ☐ A Polymer
- ☐ B Organic
- ☐ C Metal
- ☐ D Ceramic

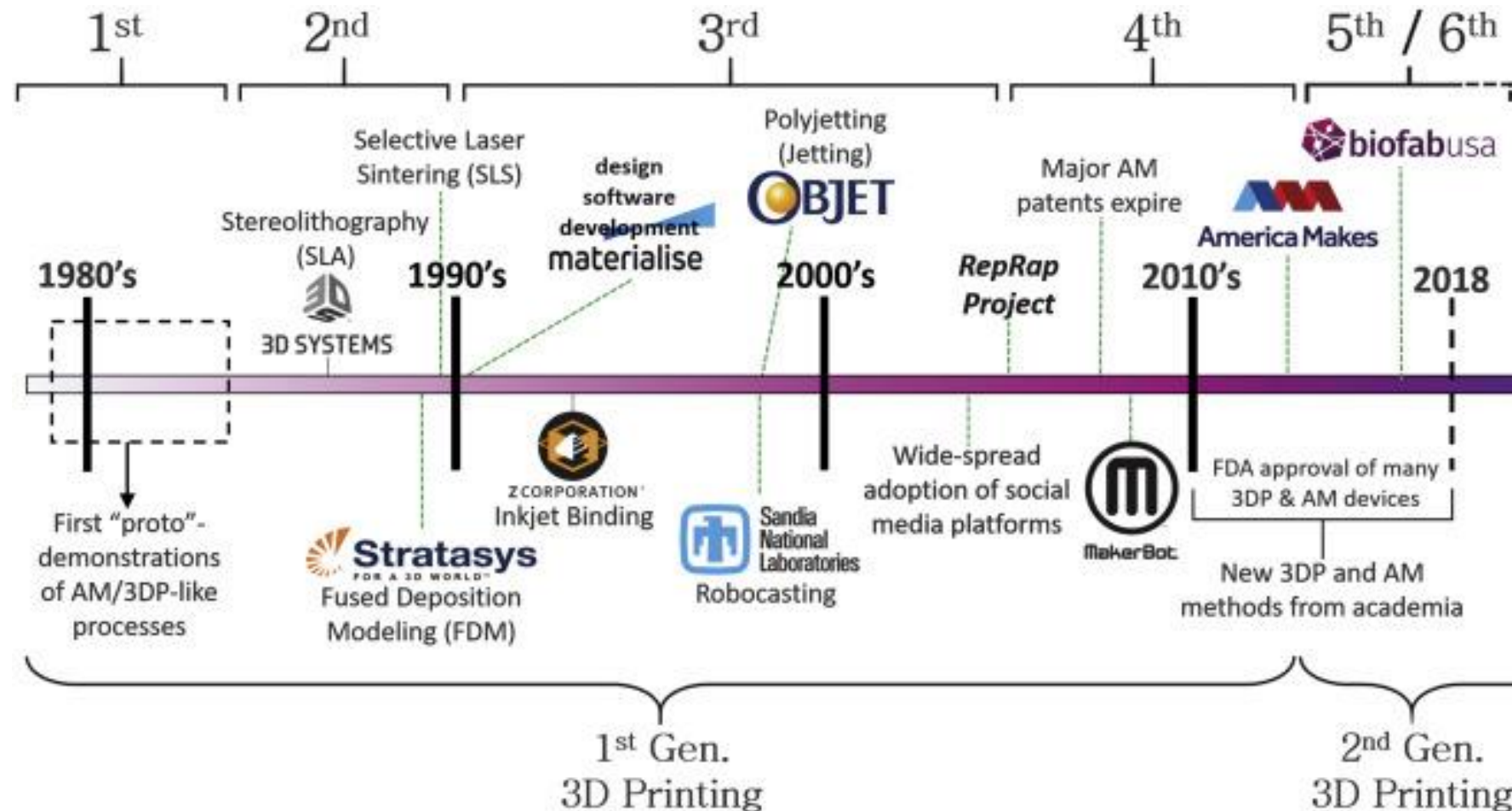
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## 2.1 Additive manufacturing approach

**Additive manufacturing (AM), also known as 3D printing, is a transformative approach to industrial production that enables the creation of lighter, stronger parts and systems.**

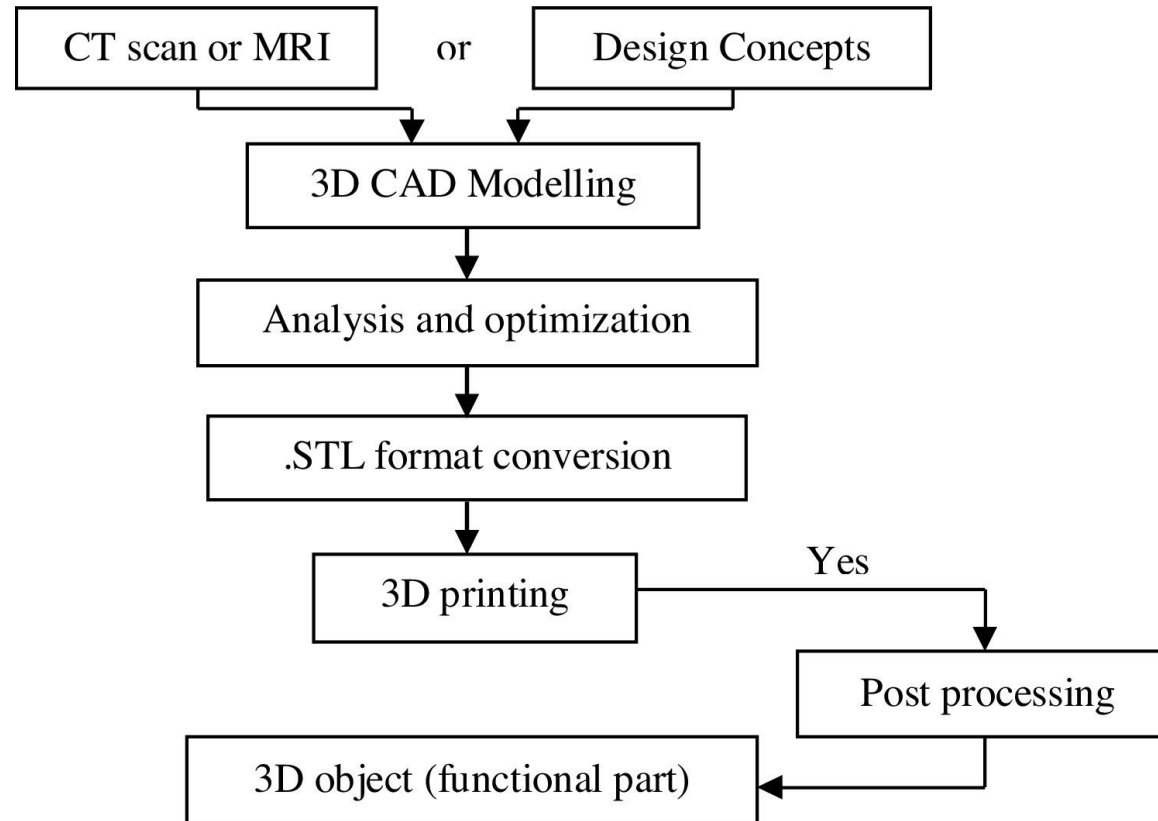
**By using 3D printing, it is possible to produce objects of almost any shape and form.**

## 2.2 History of Additive manufacturing



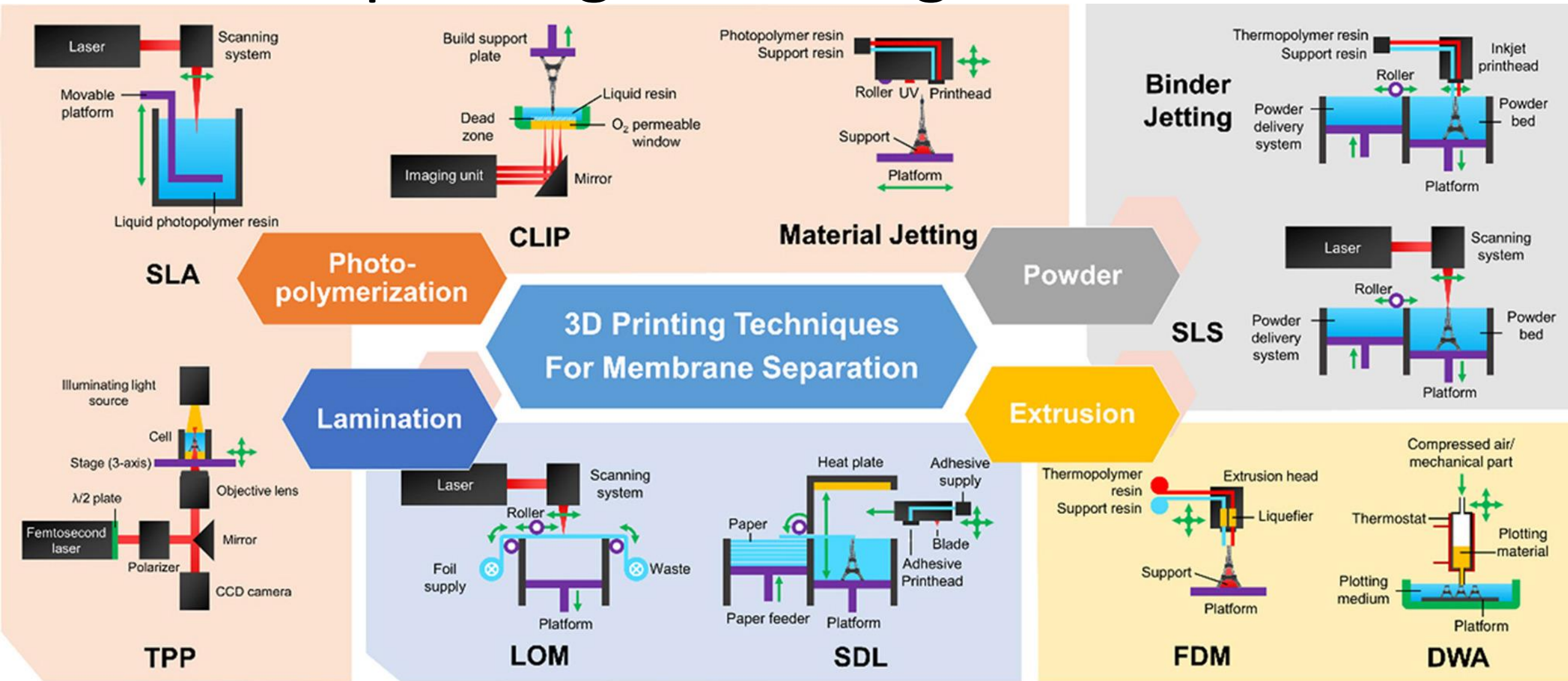
Summarized timeline with major eras and select events in the history of additive manufacturing (AM) and 3D printing (3DP).

## 2.3 How does additive manufacturing work?





# 2.4 3D printing technologies





## Various 3D printing technologies:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwg\\_rrjV7i4-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwg_rrjV7i4-)

What is the most used 3D printing technology?

STL

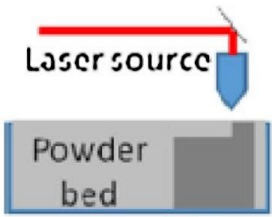
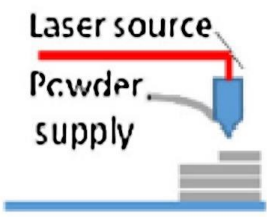
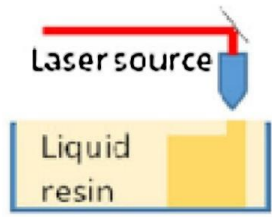

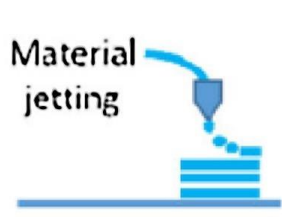
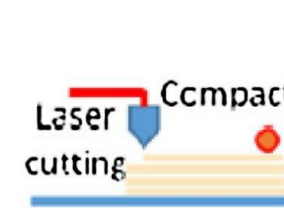
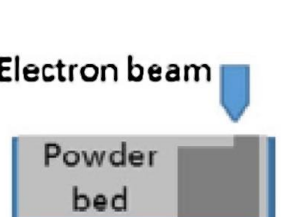
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DLD

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# 2.5 3D printing materials

- Thermoplastics
- Metals
- Ceramics
- Biochemicals

Additive Manufacturing (AM) Processes															
Process		Laser Based AM Processes						Extrusion Thermal	Material Jetting	Material Adhesion	Electron Beam				
		Laser Melting			Laser Polymerization										
Process Schematic															
Name	Material	SLS		DMD		SLA		FDM		3DP		LOM		EBM	
		SLM		LENS		SGC		Robocasting		IJP		SFP			
		DMLS		SLC		LTP				MJM					
				LPD		BIS				BPM					
						HIS				Thermojet					
Bulk Material Type			Powder		Liquid		Solid								

# Polymer AM technology characteristics overview

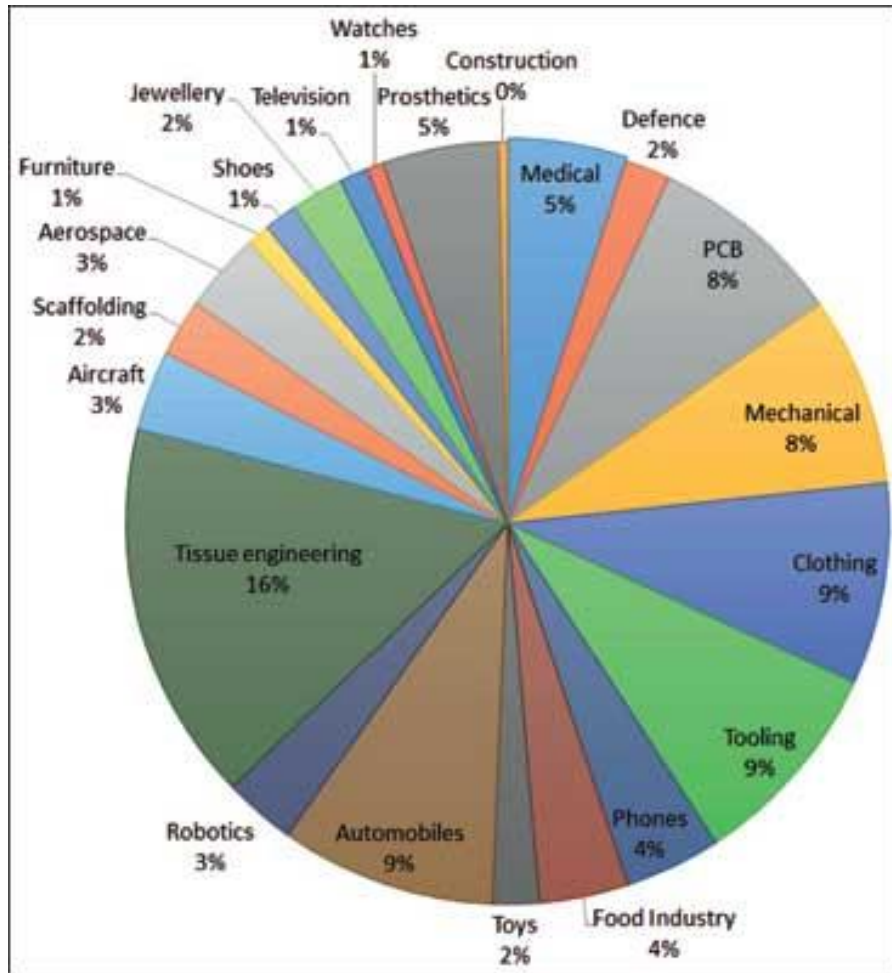
	RESIN BASED				POWDER BASED		FILAMENT	
	Vat Photopolymerization		Material Jetting		Powder Bed Fusion	Binder Jetting	Extrusion	
	<b>SLA</b> Stereo-lithography ↓ Cured with laser	<b>DLP</b> Digital Light Processing ↓ Cured with projector	<b>CDLP</b> Continuous Digital Light Processing ↓ Cured with LED and oxygen	<b>MJ</b> Material Jetting ↓ Cured with UV light	<b>MJF</b> Multi Jet Fusion ↓ Fused with agent and energy	<b>SLS</b> Selective Laser Sintering ↓ Fused with laser	<b>BJ</b> Binder Jetting ↓ Joined with bonding agent	<b>FDM</b> Fused Deposition Modeling ↓ Extrusion through nozzle
Build principle	Cured by laser beam	Cured by light from DLP projector	Continuous curing of photopolymer by light from DLP projector	Dispersion of photopolymer by printhead + exposure	Dispersion of fusing agent by printhead + heating	Thermal energy from laser sinters regions of a powder bed	Deposition of (colored) glue on polymer powder	Deposition of molten material through nozzle
Build speed								
Key materials (selection)								
Mechanical properties								
Surface quality								
Build costs								

## 2.6 3D printing advantages

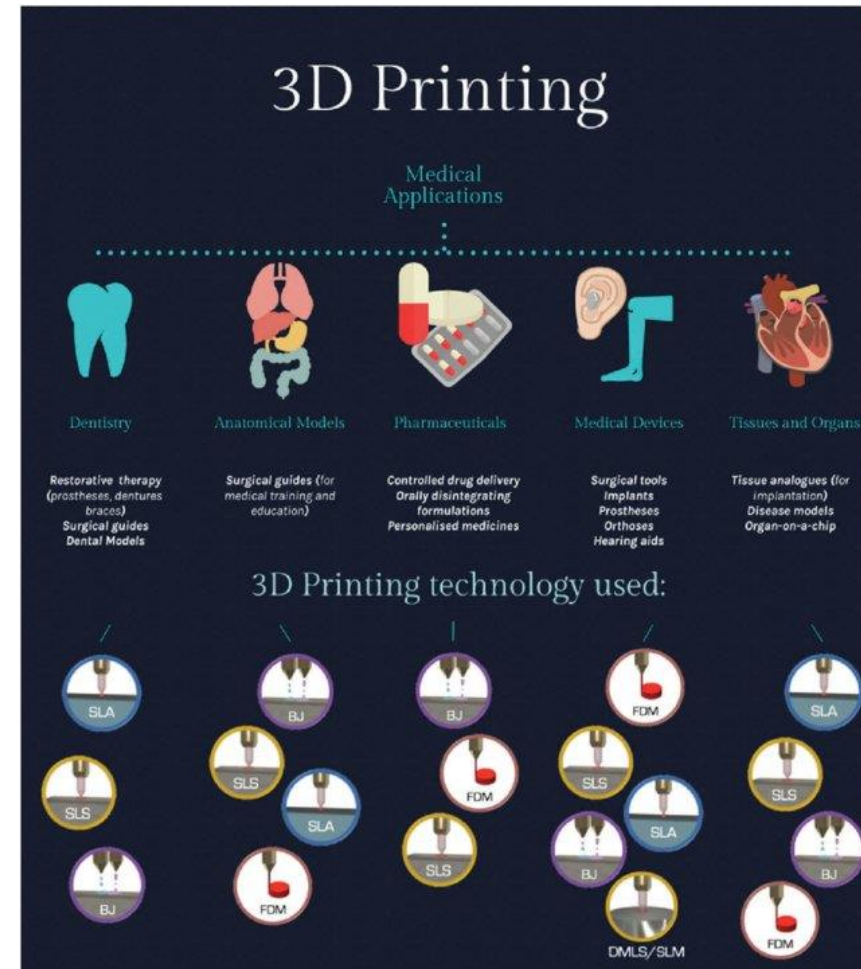
- Complexity and freedom of design
- Customization and personalization
- No need for tools
- Speed and costs saving
- Faster and less risky route to market
- Less waste, sustainable, environmentally friendly



## 2.7 3D printing application

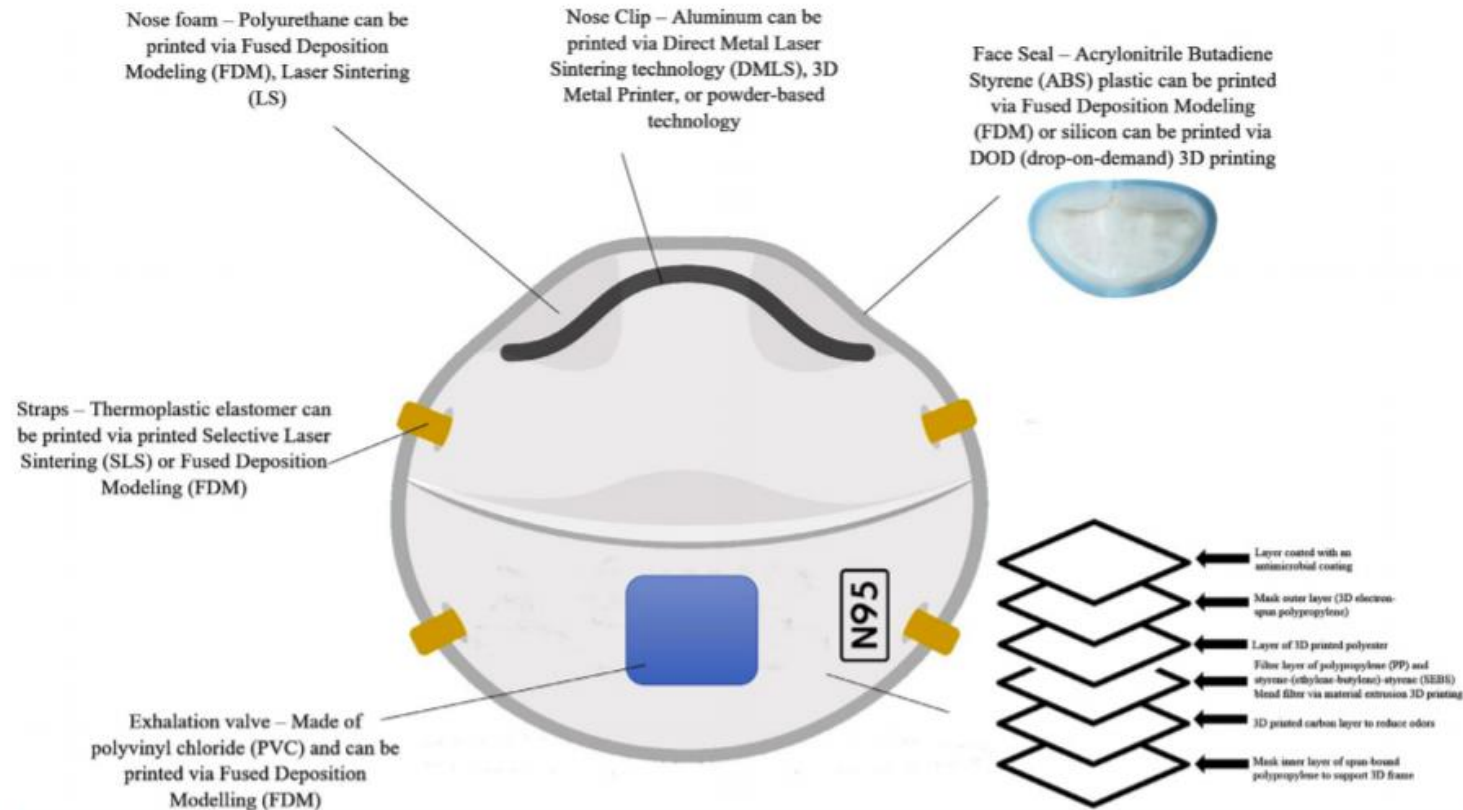


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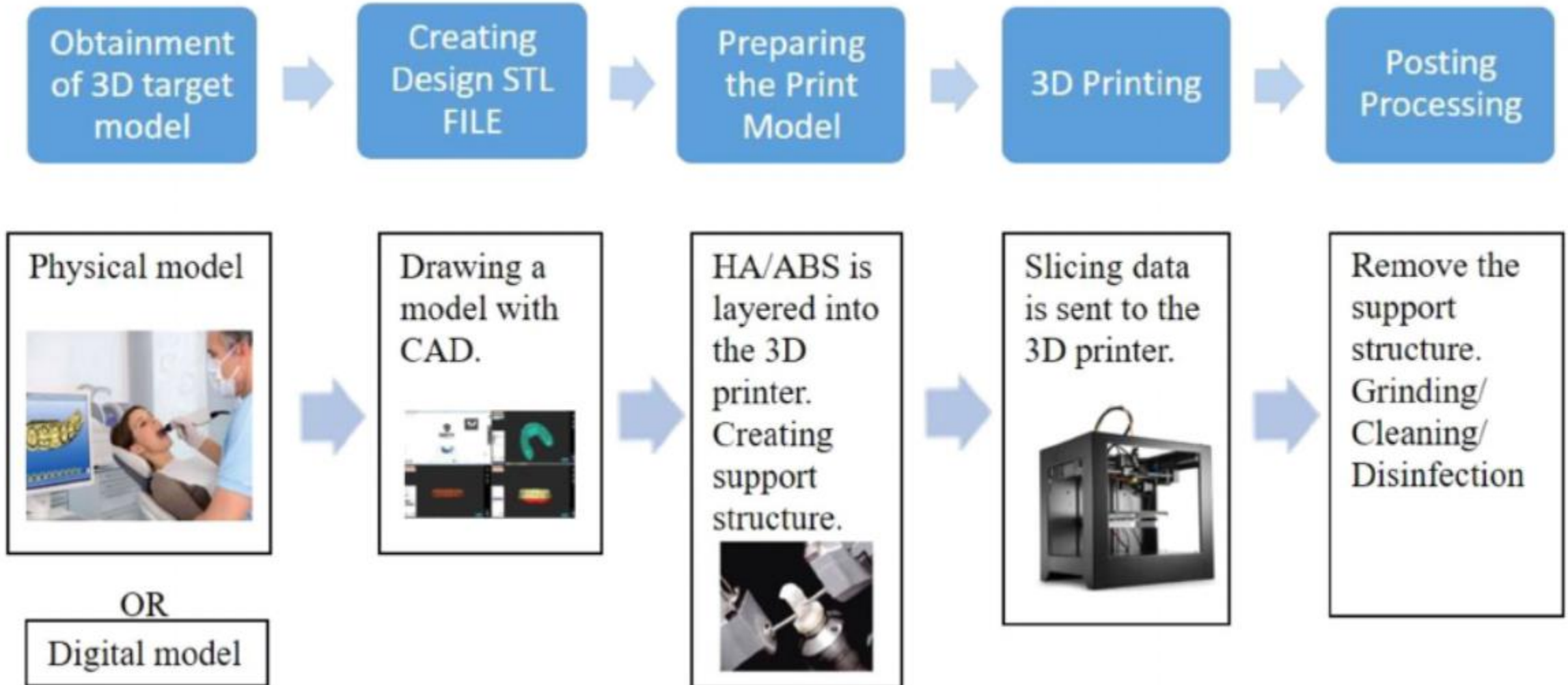
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## 2.7 3D printing application



**Figure 1** A potential N95 three-dimensional (3D) printed mask prototype. The biomaterials displayed in this image have been fully characterized in the medical literature, with the same material composition of N95 masks.<sup>3-6</sup> The mask includes several layers thereby ensuring effective filtration of viral particles.

## 2.8 3D printing technology steps





## 2.8.1 CAD

The first step in the additive manufacturing process is producing a digital model. For this purpose Computer Aided Design (CAD) modeling is used.

There are many CAD programs that use different modeling principles, capabilities and pricing policy. For example Solidworks, Autodesk Fusion 360, SketchUp could be used.

Reverse engineering can also be used to generate a digital model via 3D scanning.

## 2.8.2 Model in STL format

In this step of additive manufacturing (AM) process a CAD model is converted into a STL (stereolithography) file that is acceptable by AM Machines.

It is also possible to select a STL model from online repositories like Pinshape, GrabCAD etc. Some of these repositories offer models for free, some are charged.

## 2.8.3 STL model analysis and repair

In this step it is required to repair any errors within the STL file. Typical errors could be like missing triangles, non connected edges or inverted normals where the “wrong side” of a triangle facet is identified as the interior of the part.

There are software for STL model manipulations, for example Meshlab, 3DPrintCloud, Netfabb etc.

If there are no errors, then some object corrections like sizing, density, geometry changes could be made.

A proper orientation of the 3D model also could be set up.

Once a STL file has been generated it is imported into a slicer program which converts it into G-code. G-code is a numerical control (NC) programming language, used in computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) to control automated machine tools like 3D printers.

## **2.8.4 Setting up device**

In this step device should be prepared for printing. This process requires proper printer setup and control, cleaning from previous build and loading print material. A routine check of all critical build settings and process controls is also necessary.

When hardware is ready, build file could be uploaded to the machine.

## **2.8.5 Printing**

The whole printing procedure is mainly automatic. Depending on the size of a thing, machine and materials employed, the procedure might take several hours or even days. There is a need to check occasionally if there are no errors.

## **2.8.6 Removal of Prints**

In most cases of non industrial 3D Printing removal of the finished print is a simple task: separating the printed part from the print bed.

## 2.8.7 Post processing

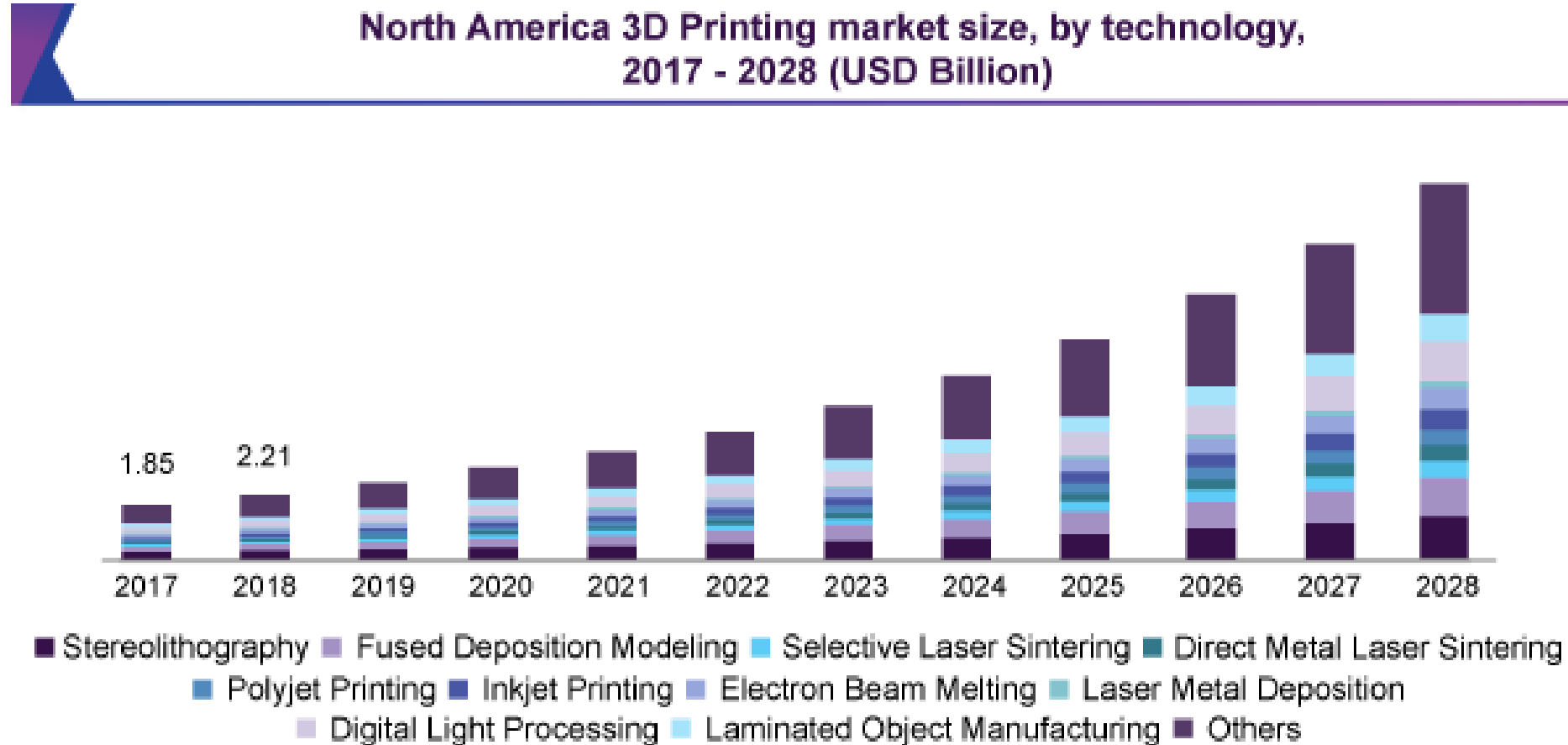
Post processing may vary greatly depending on printing technology and materials used. For example a print made with SLA must be cured under UV, while print made with FDM can be handled right away.

Post processing the final product may include high pressure air cleaning, polishing, colouring and other actions to prepare for final use.

## **2.8.8 Use of software**

**Cure - demo**

# What does this/class mean for audience?



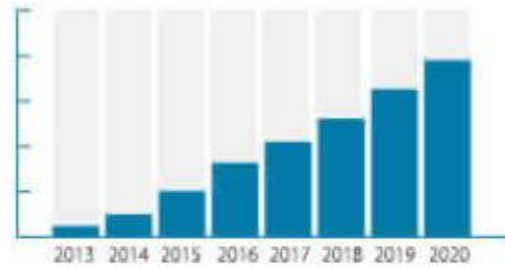
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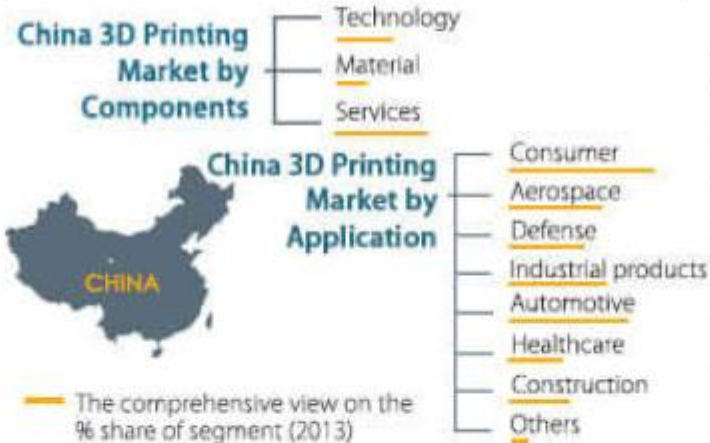
## 3D Printing Market in Emerging Economies

3D printing market in emerging economies would reach **\$4.5 billion** by 2020



Growing at a CAGR of **37.4%** (2014-2020)

## China 3D Printing market



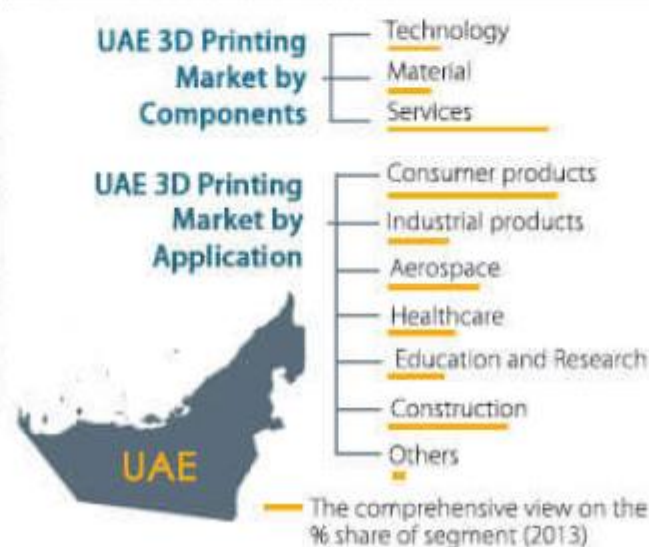
## Brazil 3D Printing market



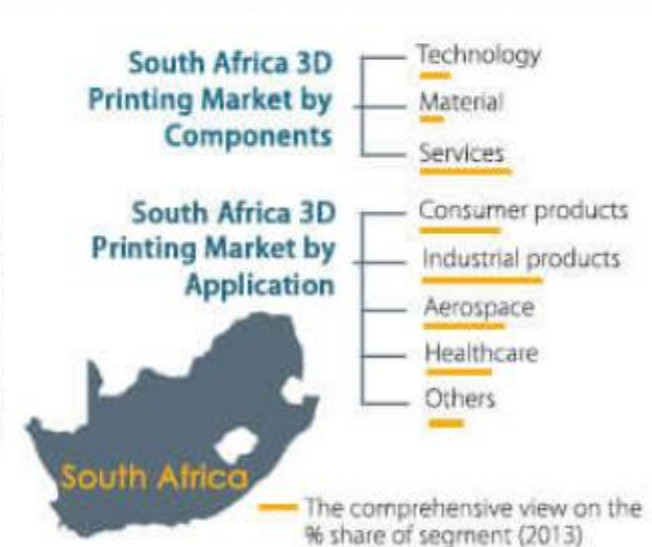
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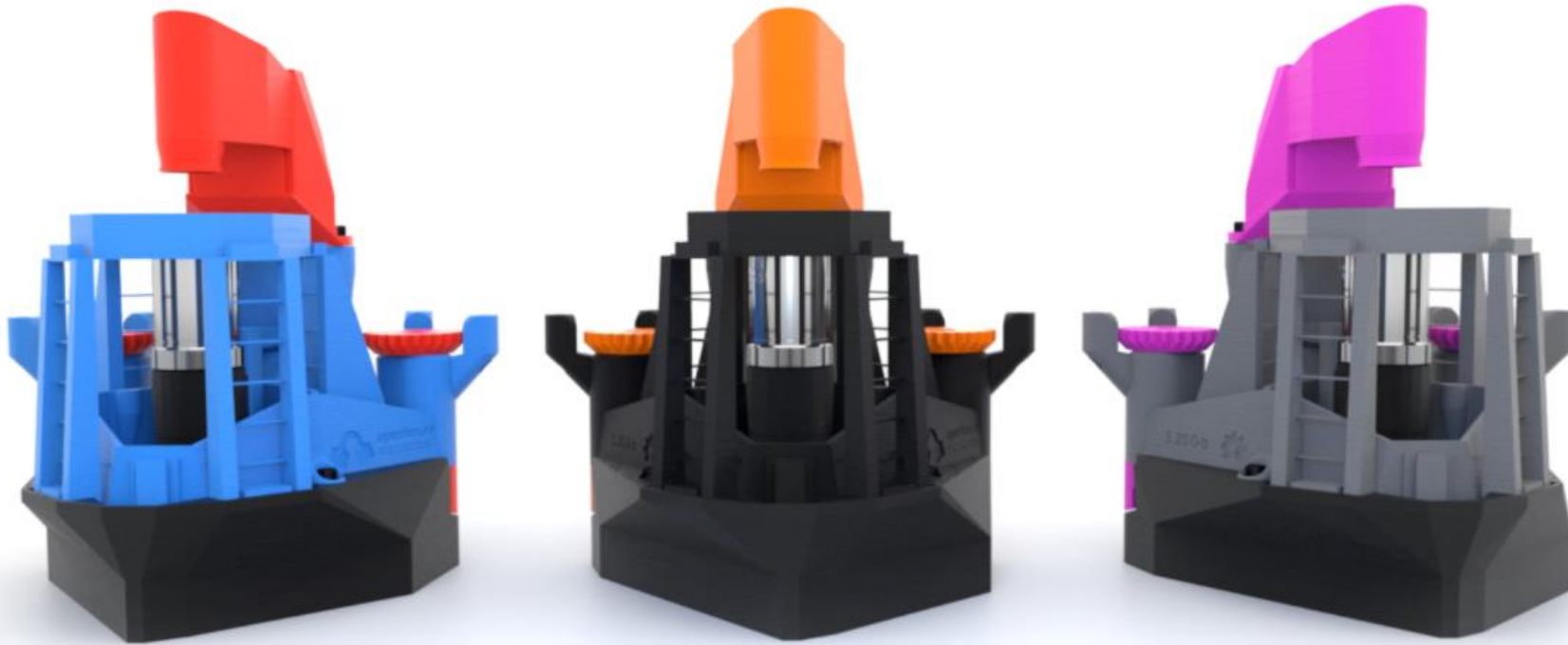
## UAE 3D Printing market



## South Africa 3D Printing market



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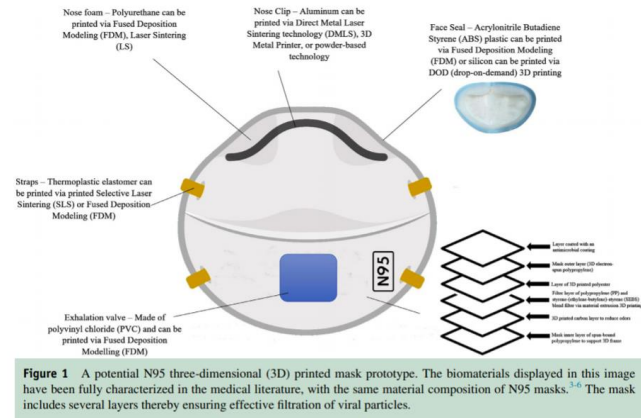
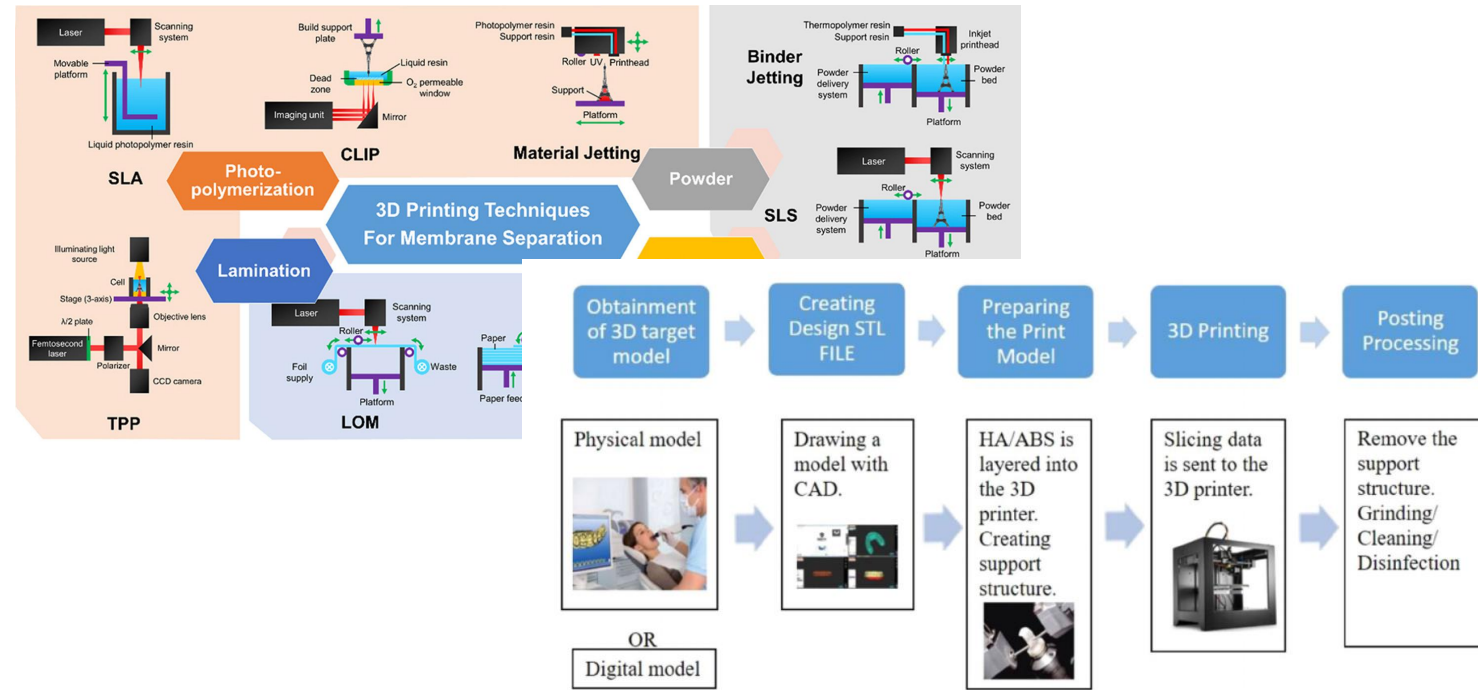
# Technology

# Materials

# Application

# Demo

# Possibilities



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