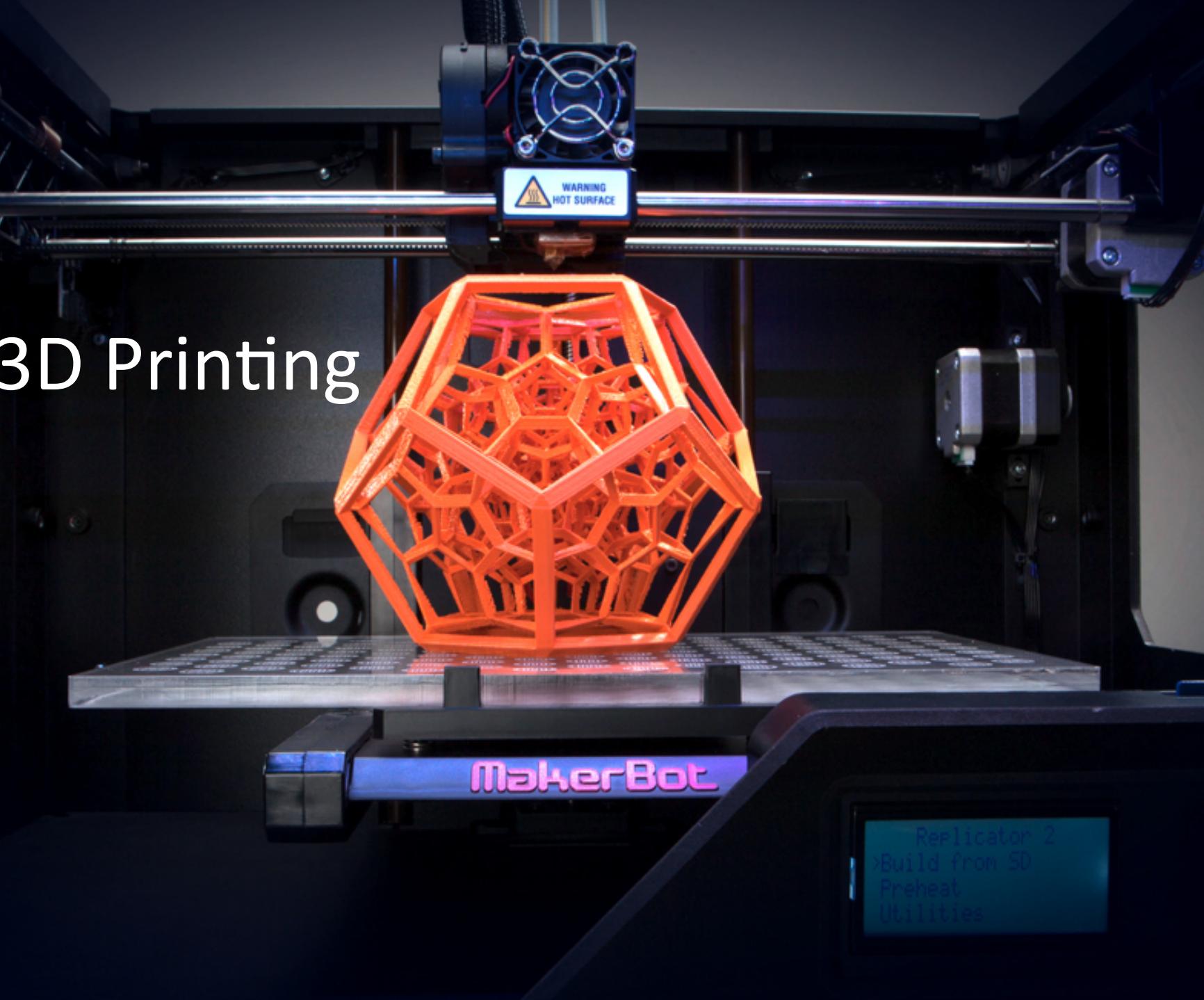
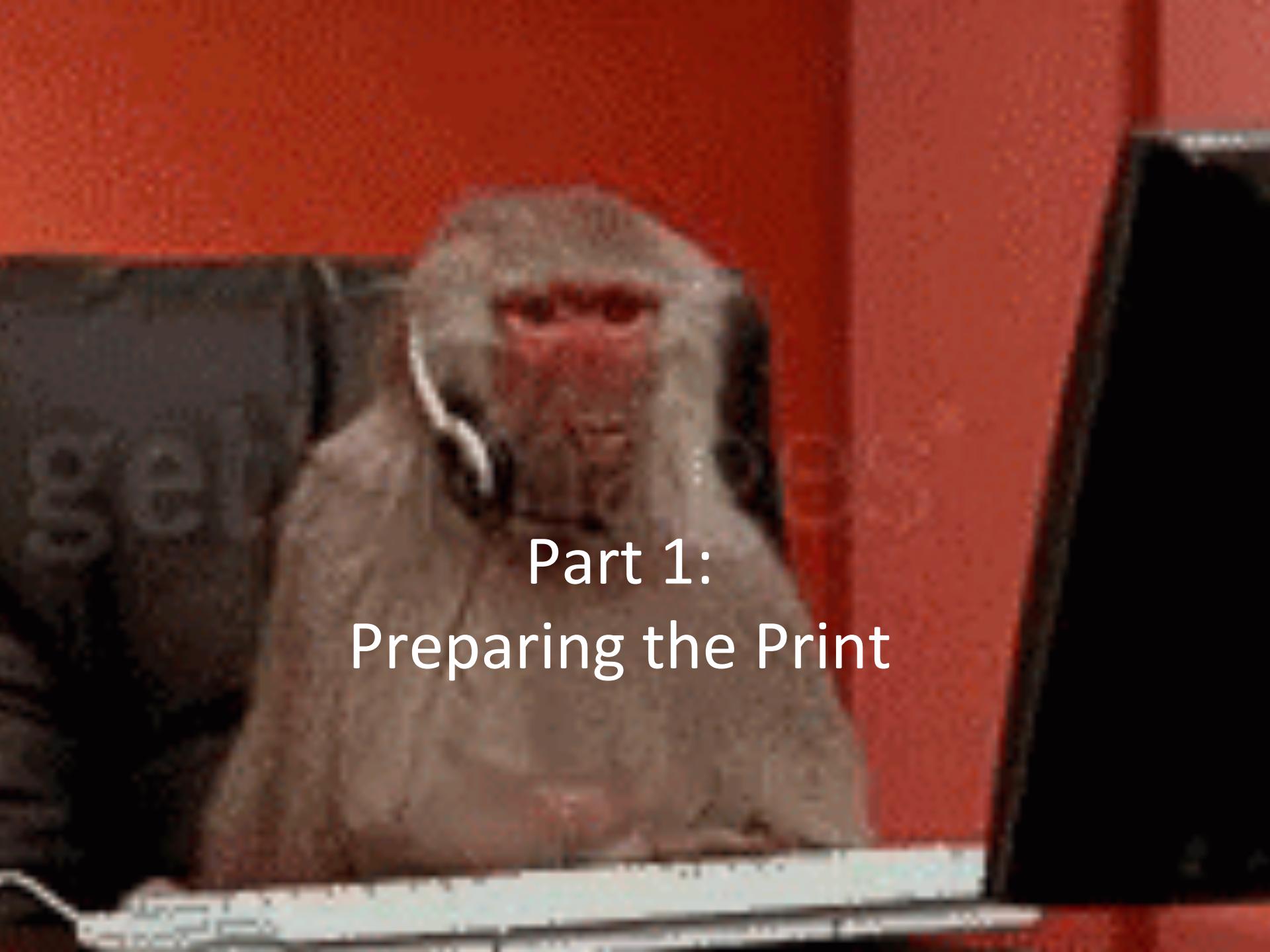


3D Printing





Part 1: Preparing the Print

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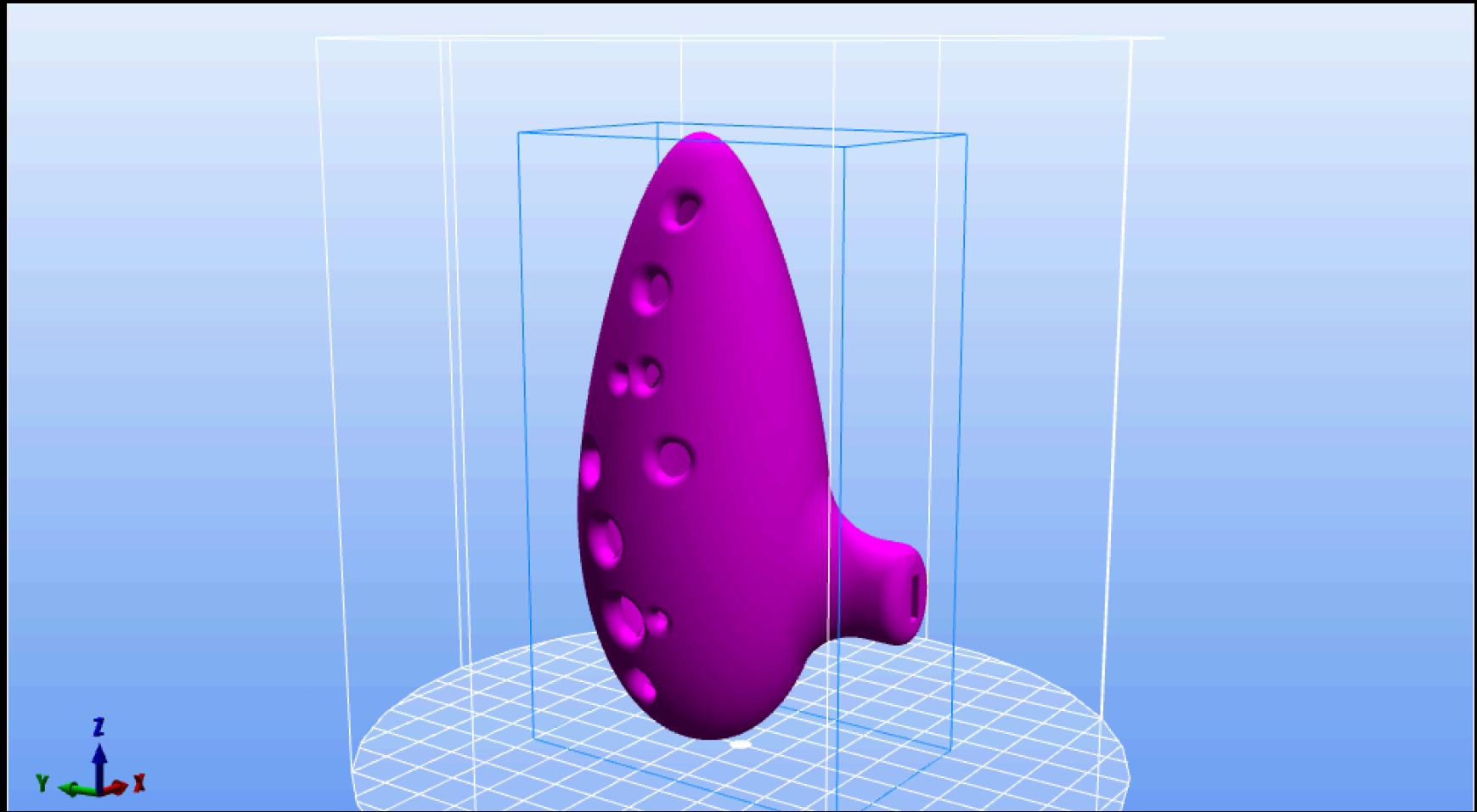
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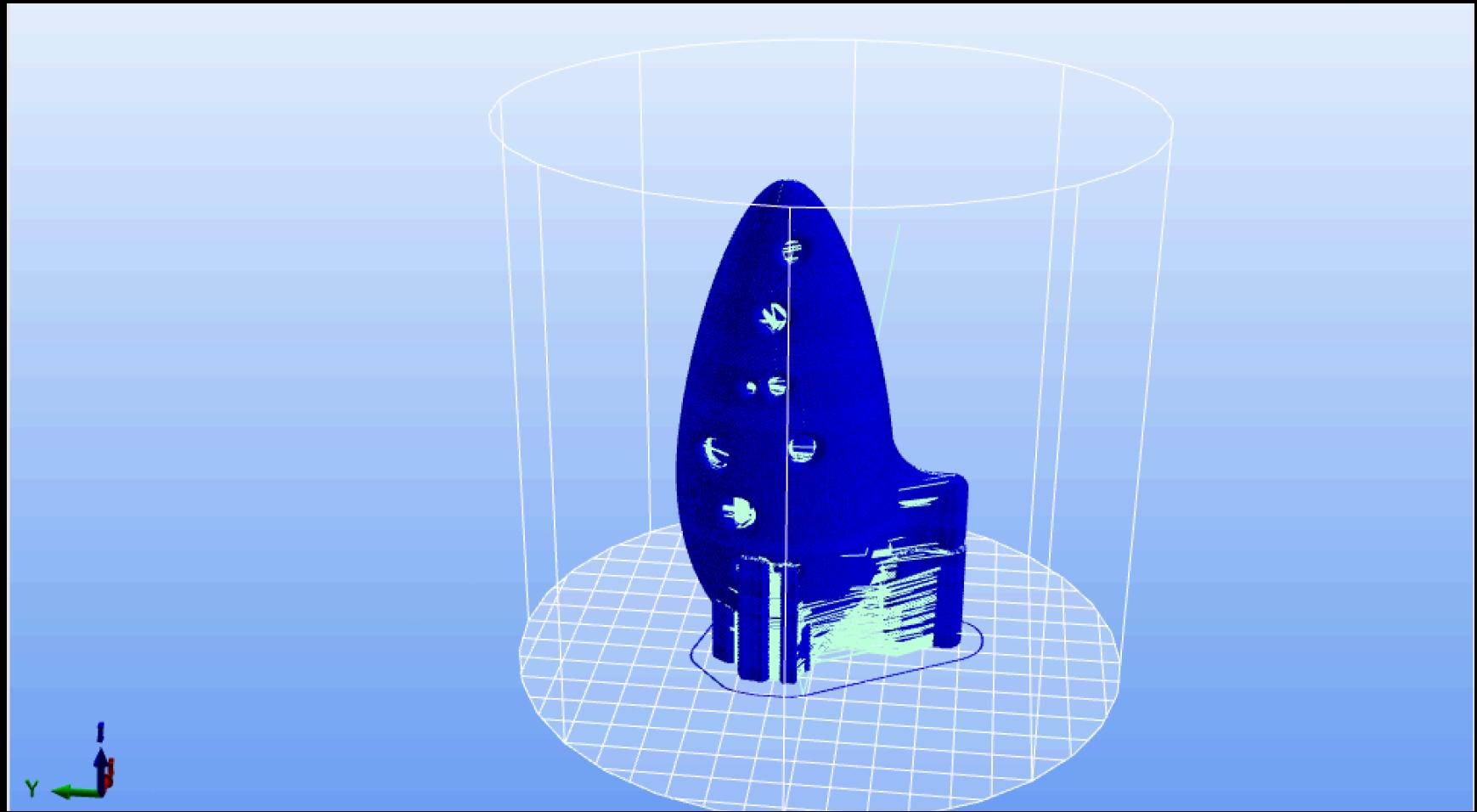
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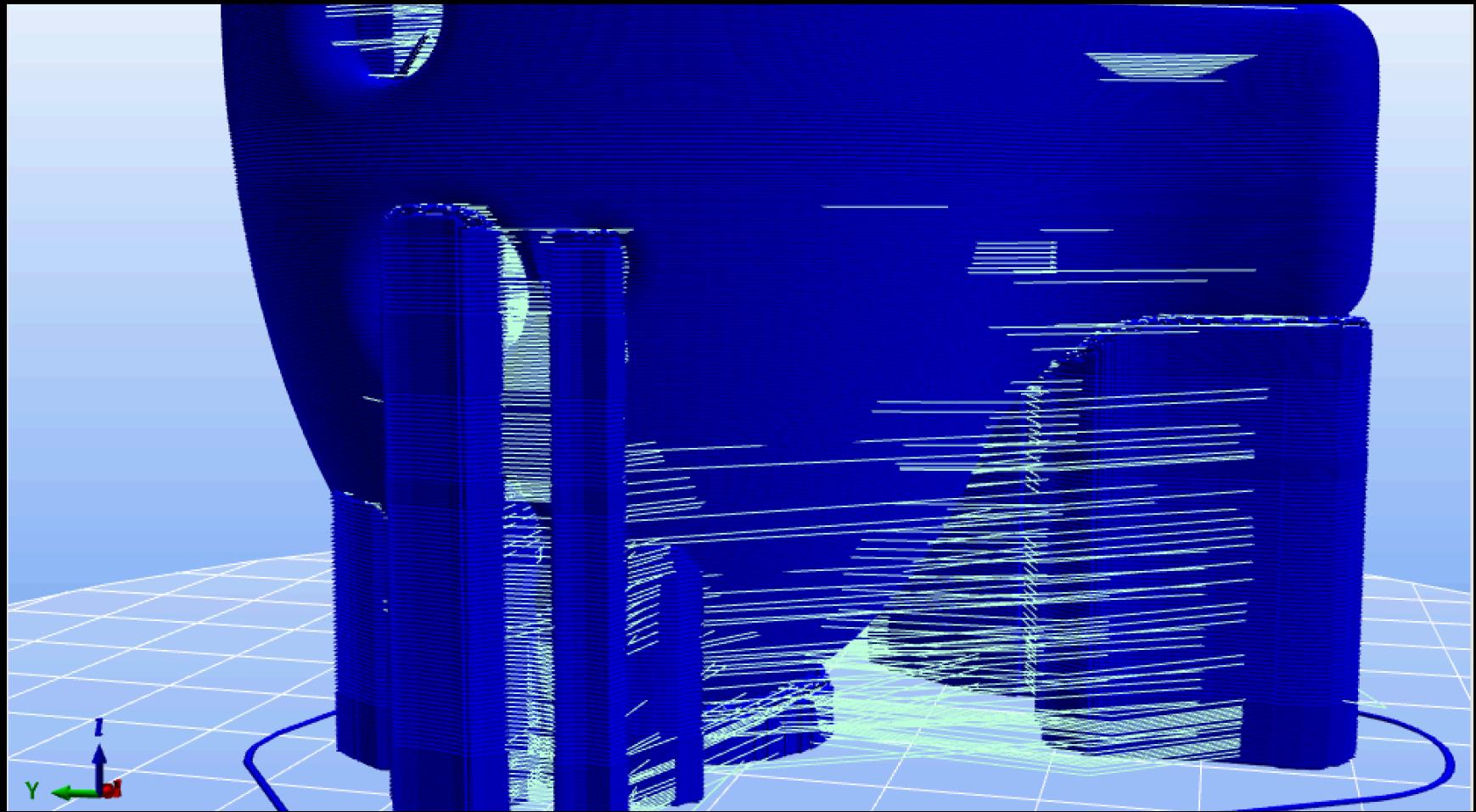
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Gcode

- Gcode is a set of instructions that the printer's firmware can understand.

Gcode

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M107
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G28 ; home all axes
G1 Z5 F5000 ; lift nozzle

; Filament gcode

M109 S210 ; set temperature and wait for it to be reached
G21 ; set units to millimeters
G90 ; use absolute coordinates
M82 ; use absolute distances for extrusion
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Gcode

- Gcode has different flavours for different printer firmwares
- For example: marlin, repetier, etc
- The firmware and the slicer have to speak the same “language”

Examples of Gcode (repetier)

- G28: Home all axes
- G21: Set units to mm
- G1: linear movement to specific coordinate
Xnn Ynn Znn

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Choosing Settings

- This is arguably the longest and most tedious part of 3D printing
- You only have to do it the first time you set up your slicing software
- This is the most important aspect for getting quality prints

Choosing Settings

- Also most boring, so will be brief
- Takes experience and time to get through all of them
- Two types: machine settings and print settings

Machine Settings

- These are settings specific to your machine
- Includes things like the size of your print space, how far the motors can move, etc.
- Get them wrong and you'll have grinding, scraping, or hot flying cubes of 190° metal

Machine Settings (Cura)

Printer Settings		Printhead Settings	
X (Width)	150 mm	X min	0 mm
Y (Depth)	150 mm	Y min	0 mm
Z (Height)	150 mm	X max	0 mm
Build plate shape	Rectangular	Y max	0 mm
<input type="checkbox"/> Origin at center		Gantry height	0 mm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heated bed		Number of Extruders	1
G-code flavor	RepRap		
Start G-code		End G-code	
<pre>G28 ;Home G1 Z15.0 F6000 ;Move the platform down 15mm ;Prime the extruder G92 E0 G1 F200 E3 G92 E0</pre>		<pre>M104 S0 M140 S0 ;Retract the filament G92 E1 G1 E-1 F300 G28 X0 Y0</pre>	

Machine Settings (Repetier)

Configuration: Default

Dimension Advanced

Travel Feedrate: [mm/min]

Z Axis Travel Feedrate: [mm/min]

Default Extruder Temperature: [°C]

Default heated bed temperature: [°C]

Number of Extruder:

Check extruder & heated bed every seconds

Don't log temperature requests (M105)

Dump area position: X= Y= Z-Min=

Go to dispose after job/job kill

Disable extruder after job/job kill

Disable heated bed after job/job kill

Disable motors after job/job kill

Add to comp. printing time: [%]

Configuration: Default

Advanced

Home X: x = 0 Home Y: y = 0 Home Z: z max

X Min: [mm] X Max: [mm]

Y Min: [mm] Y Max: [mm]

The min and max values define the possible range of extruder coordinates. These coordinates can be negative and outside the print bed. Bed left/front define the coordinates where the printbed itself starts. By changing the min/max values you can even move the origin in the center of the print bed, if supported by firmware.

Printer type: Delta Printer with Cylindric Print Shape

Diameter: [mm]

Height: [mm]

For delta like printer you still need to set the x/y min/max values to the extreme values possible. If you do not want to leave the printable circle set it to +/-radius.

Machine Settings

- Specific to your type of machine, not too difficult to get right
- Slightly more difficult when you build your own 3D printer
- You have to accurately measure things yourself

Print Settings

- Settings relevant to the print you are doing
- Can change from print to print
- most features are common to all prints
- Also influenced by hardware, and materials used to print

Extruder

General Settings

Infill Percentage: 40% Include Raft Generate Support

Extruder Layer Additions Infill Support Temperature Cooling G-Code Scripts Speeds Other Advanced

Extruder List
(click item to edit settings)

Primary Extruder Toolhead Overview

Extruder Toolhead Index Tool 0

Nozzle Diameter 0.35 mm

Extrusion Multiplier 0.90

Extrusion Width Auto Manual 0.42 mm

Ooze Control

Retraction Retraction Distance 12.00 mm

Extra Restart Distance 0.00 mm

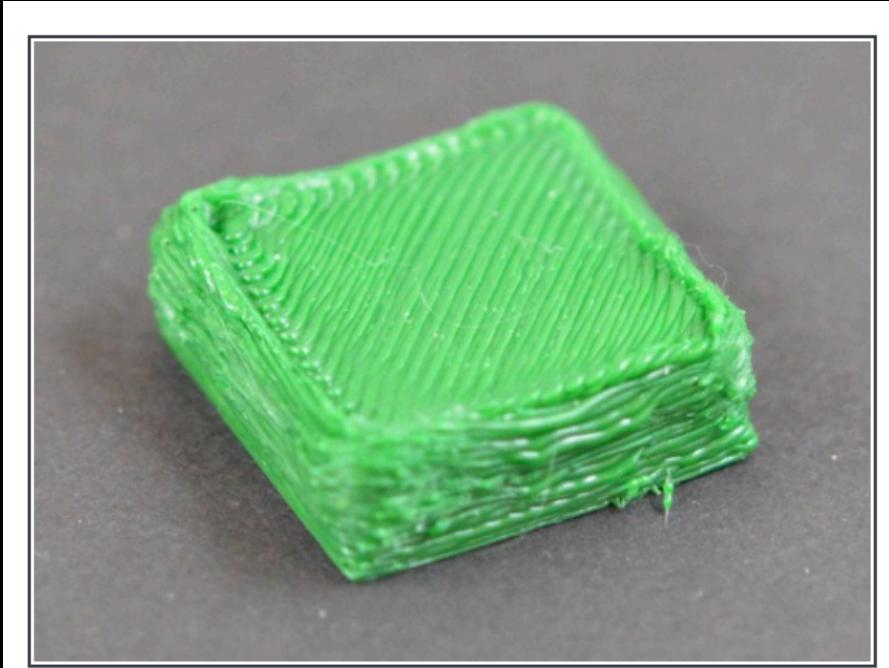
Retraction Vertical Lift 0.00 mm

Retraction Speed 1800.0 mm/min

Coast at End Coasting Distance 0.20 mm

Add Extruder

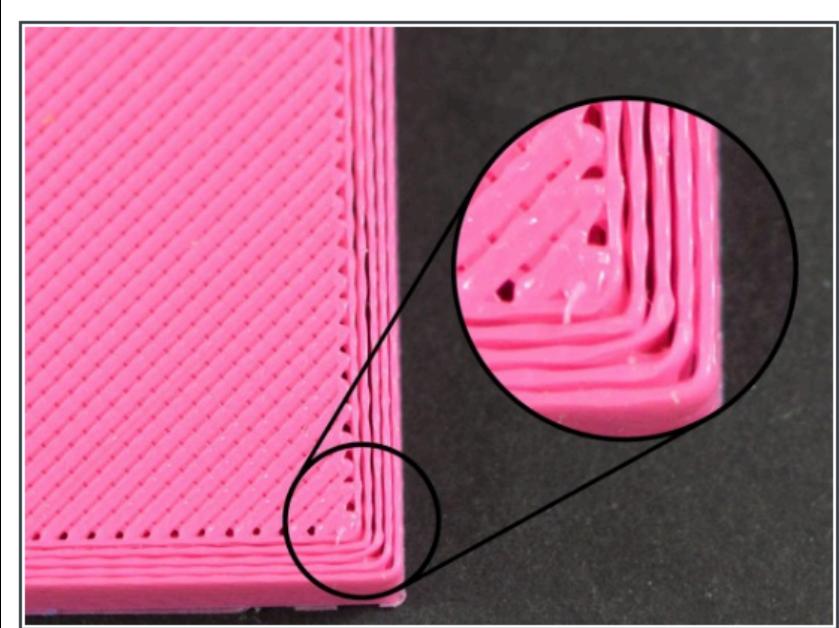
Extruder



Over-Extrusion

Printer extrudes too much plastic, prints looks very messy

Extruder



Under-Extrusion

Printer does not extrude enough plastic,
gaps between perimeters and infill

Layer

General Settings

Infill Percentage: 40% Include Raft Generate Support

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Layer Settings

Primary Extruder Primary Extruder

Primary Layer Height 0.1000 mm

Top Solid Layers 6

Bottom Solid Layers 4

Outline/Perimeter Shells 2

Outline Direction: Inside-Out Outside-In

Print islands sequentially without optimization

Single outline corkscrew printing mode (vase mode)

First Layer Settings

First Layer Height 90 %

First Layer Width 100 %

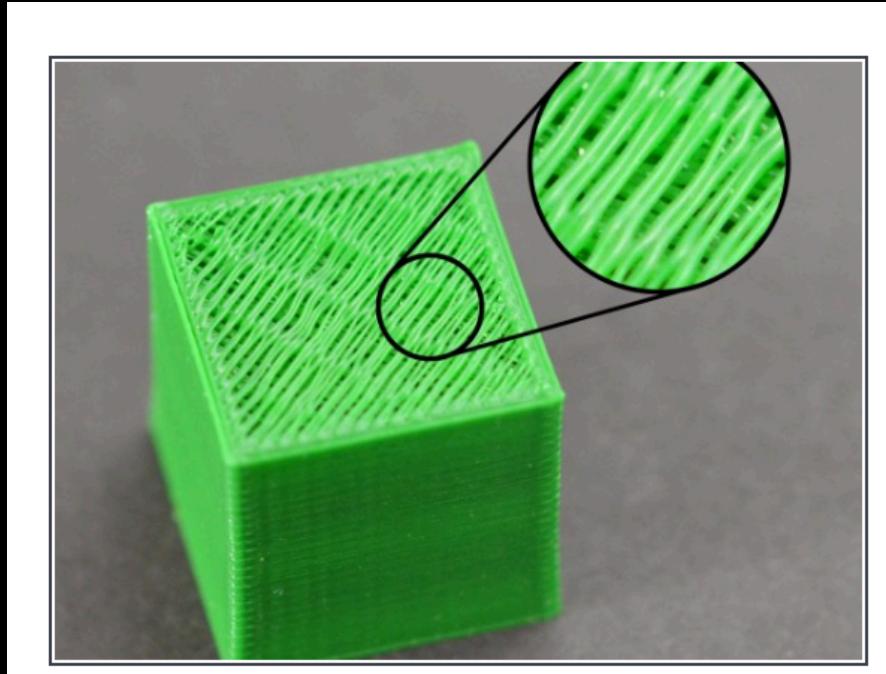
First Layer Speed 50 %

Start Points

Use random start points for all perimeters
 Optimize start points for fastest printing speed
 Choose start point closest to specific location

X: 0.0 Y: 0.0 mm

Extruder



Gaps in Top Layers

Holes or gaps in the top layers of the print

Additions

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Use Skirt/Brim

Skirt Extruder Primary Extruder
Skirt Layers 1
Skirt Offset from Part 5.00 mm
Skirt Outlines 2

Use Prime Pillar

Prime Pillar Extruder All Extruders
Pillar Width 12.00 mm
Pillar Location North-West
Speed Multiplier 100 %

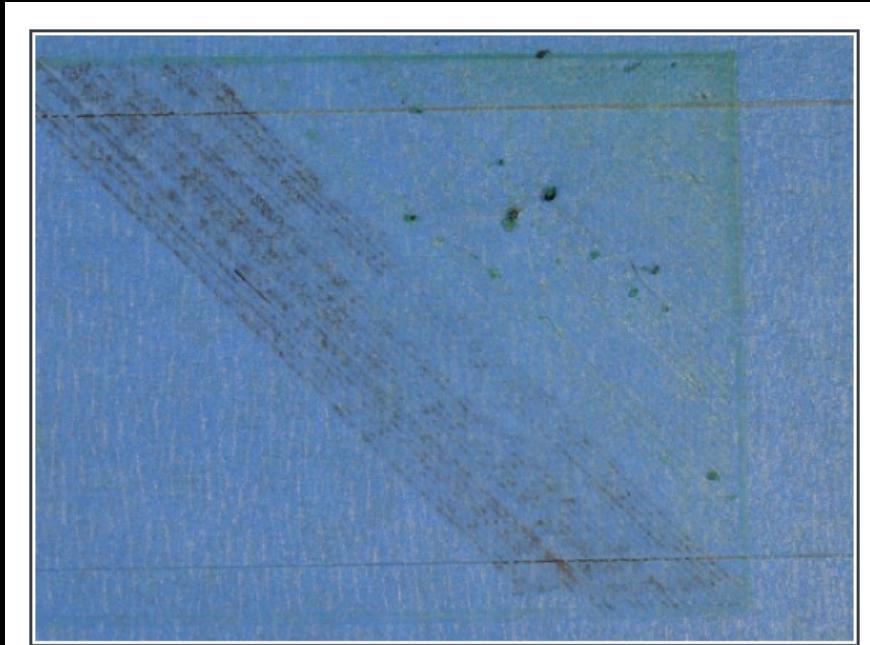
Use Raft

Raft Extruder Primary Extruder
Raft Top Layers 4
Raft Base Layers 1
Raft Offset from Part 3.00 mm
Separation Distance 0.14 mm
Raft Top Infill 100 %

Use Ooze Shield

Ooze Shield Extruder All Extruders
Offset from Part 2.00 mm
Ooze Shield Outlines 1
Sidewall Shape Waterfall
Sidewall Angle Change 30 deg
Speed Multiplier 100 %

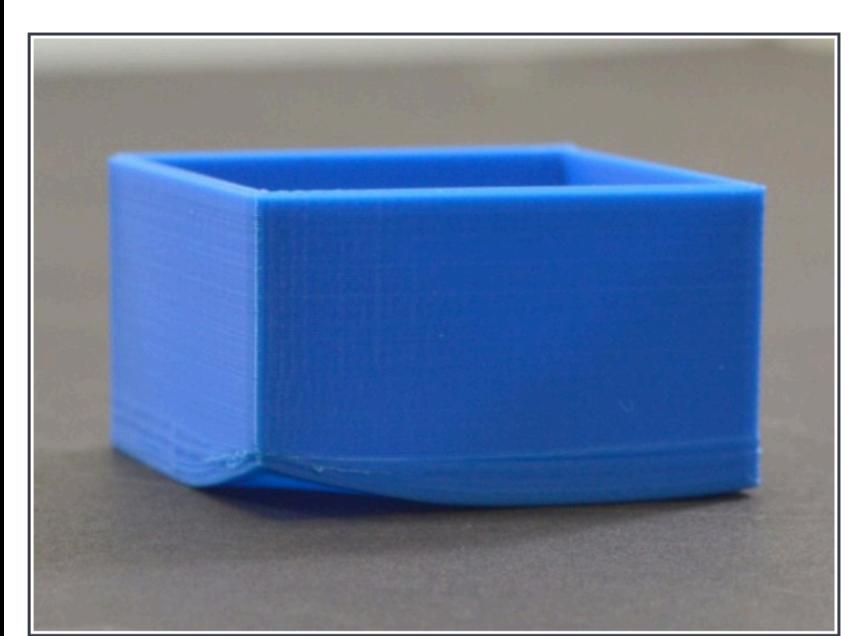
Additions



Not Extruding At Start

Printer does not extrude plastic at the beginning of the print

Additions



Warping

Warping of large parts, particularly with high temperature materials such as ABS

Infill

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General

Infill Extruder Primary Extruder

Internal Fill Pattern Triangular

External Fill Pattern Rectilinear

Interior Fill Percentage 40 %

Outline Overlap 15 %

Infill Extrusion Width 100 %

Minimum Infill Length 5.00 mm

Combine Infill Every 1 layers

Include solid diaphragm every 20 layers

Internal Infill Angle Offsets

0 deg
0
60
-60

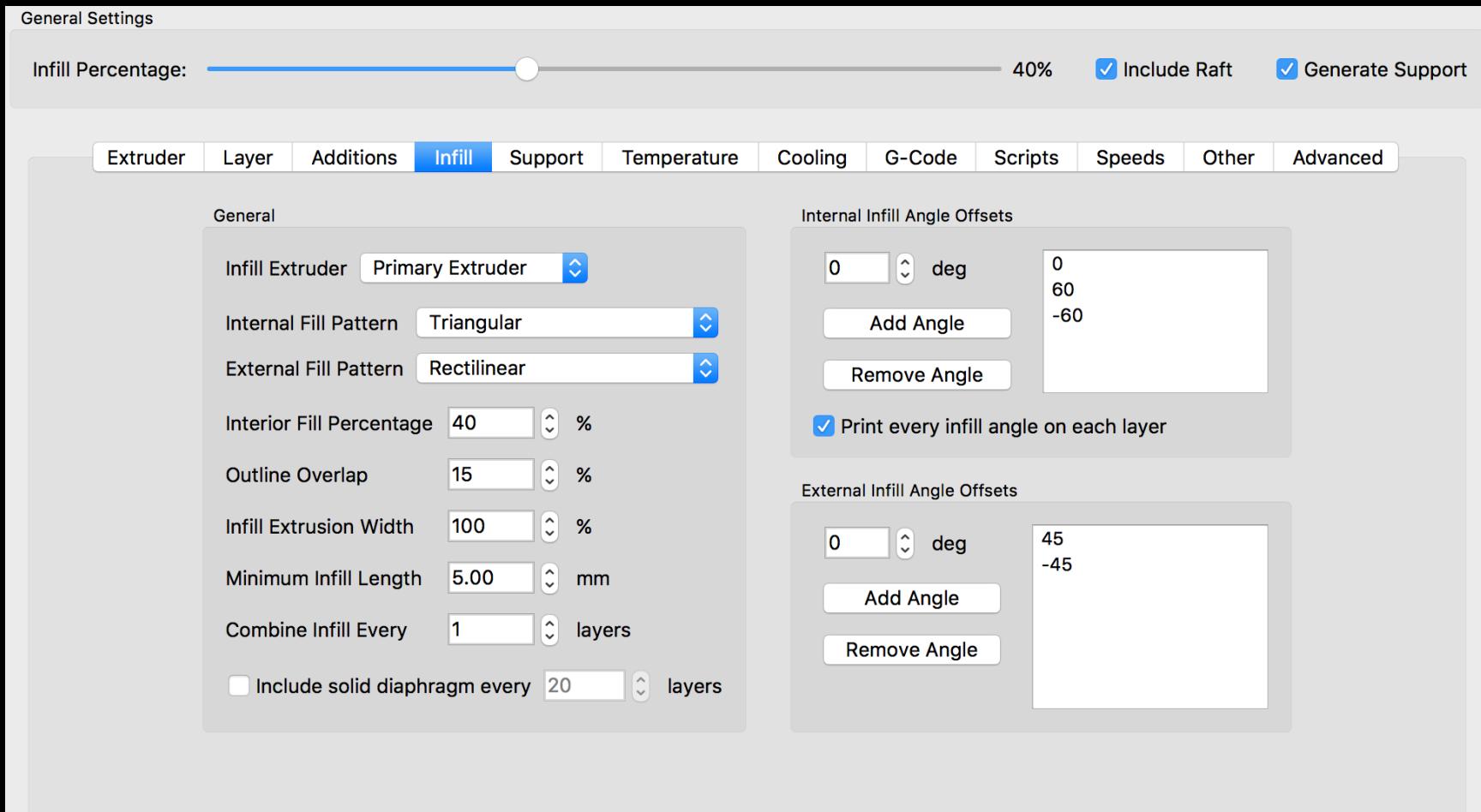
Add Angle
Remove Angle

Print every infill angle on each layer

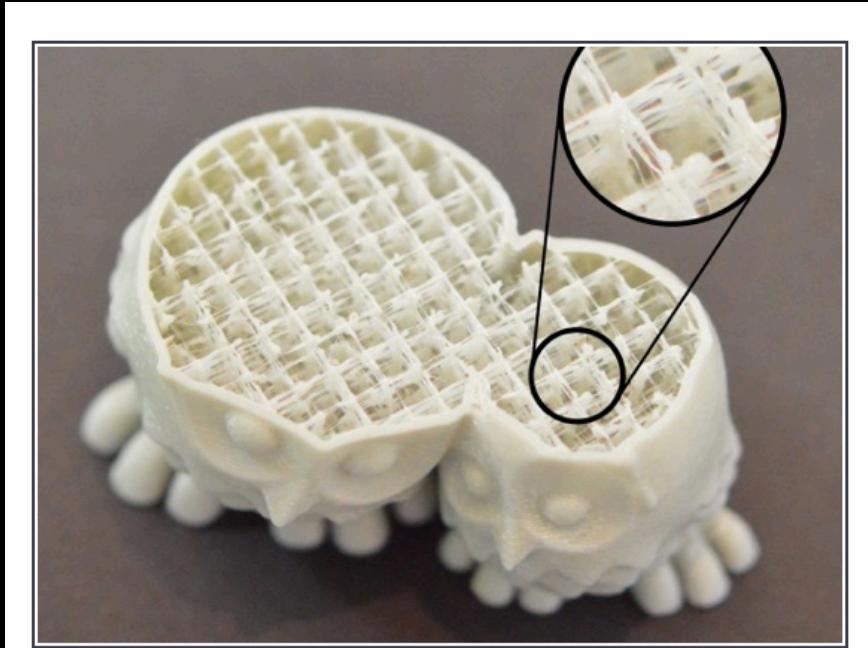
External Infill Angle Offsets

0 deg
45
-45

Add Angle
Remove Angle



Infill



Weak Infill

Very thin, stringy infill that creates a weak interior and does not bond together well

Support

General Settings

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Extruder Layer Additions Infill **Support** Temperature Cooling G-Code Scripts Speeds Other Advanced

Support Material Generation

Generate Support Material

Support Extruder Primary Extruder

Support Infill Percentage %

Extra Inflation Distance mm

Support Base Layers

Combine Support Every layers

Automatic Placement

Only used if manual support is not defined

Support Type Normal

Support Pillar Resolution mm

Max Overhang Angle deg

Separation From Part

Horizontal Offset From Part mm

Upper Vertical Separation Layers

Lower Vertical Separation Layers

Dense Support

Dense Support Extruder Primary Extruder

Dense Support Layers

Dense Infill Percentage %

Support Infill Angles

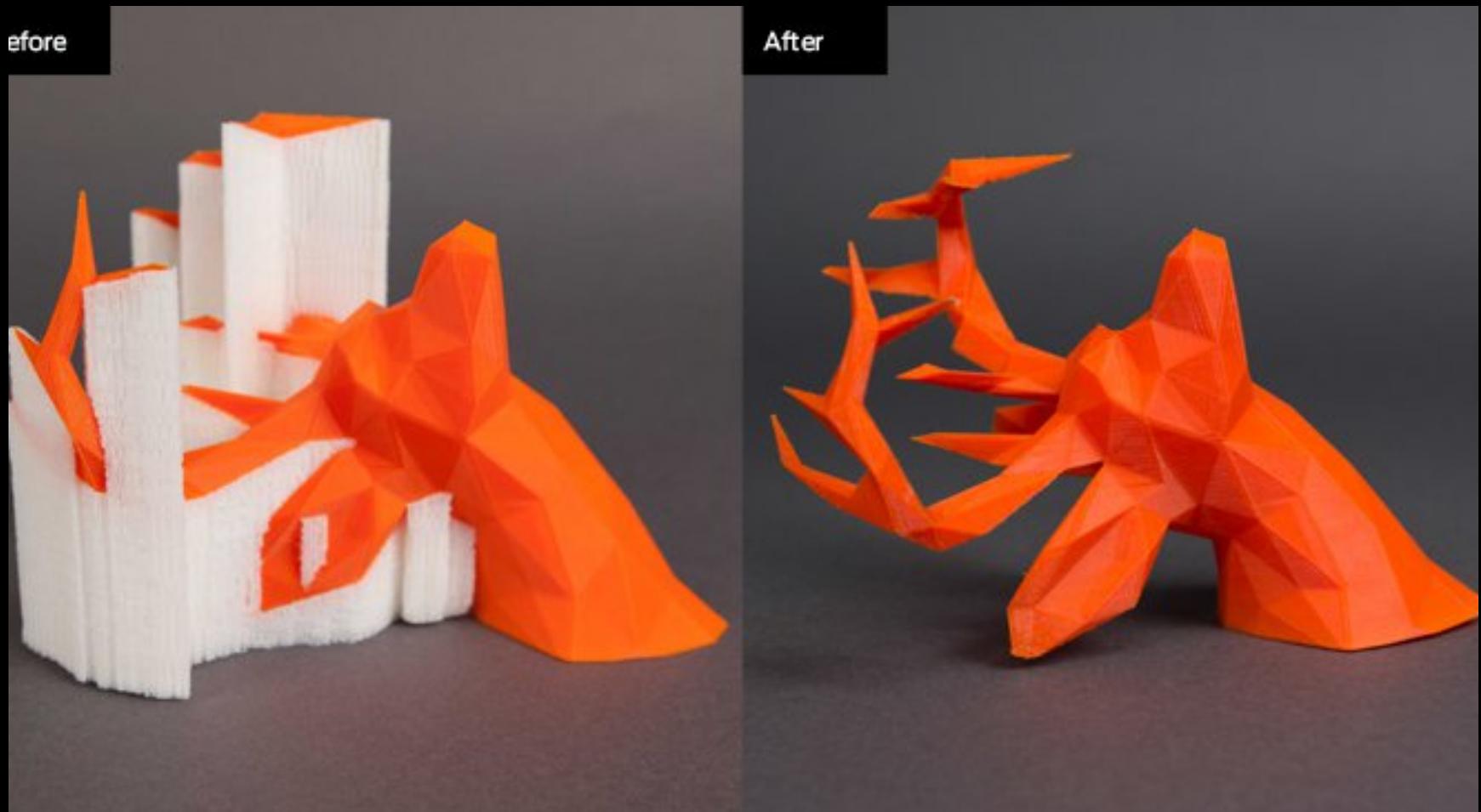
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Add Angle

Support



Support



Support



Temperature

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Temperature Controller List
(click item to edit settings)

Primary Extruder

Primary Extruder Temperature

Overview

Temperature Identifier

Temperature Controller Type: Extruder Heated build platform

Relay Temperature Between Each: Layer Loop

Wait for temperature controller to stabilize before beginning build

Per-Layer Temperature Setpoints

Layer	Temperature
1	190

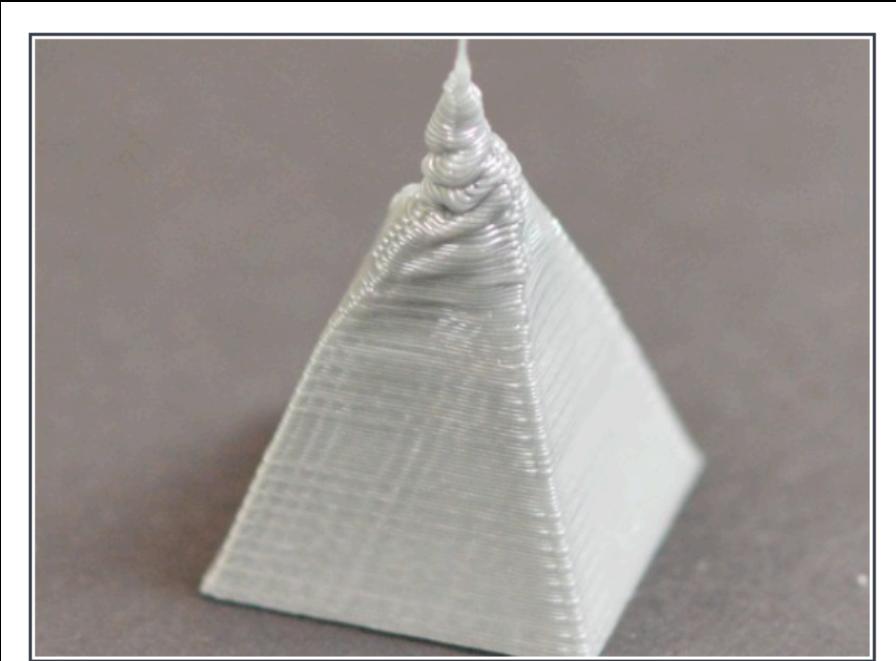
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Layer Number °C

Temperature °C

Add Temperature Controller Remove Temperature Controller

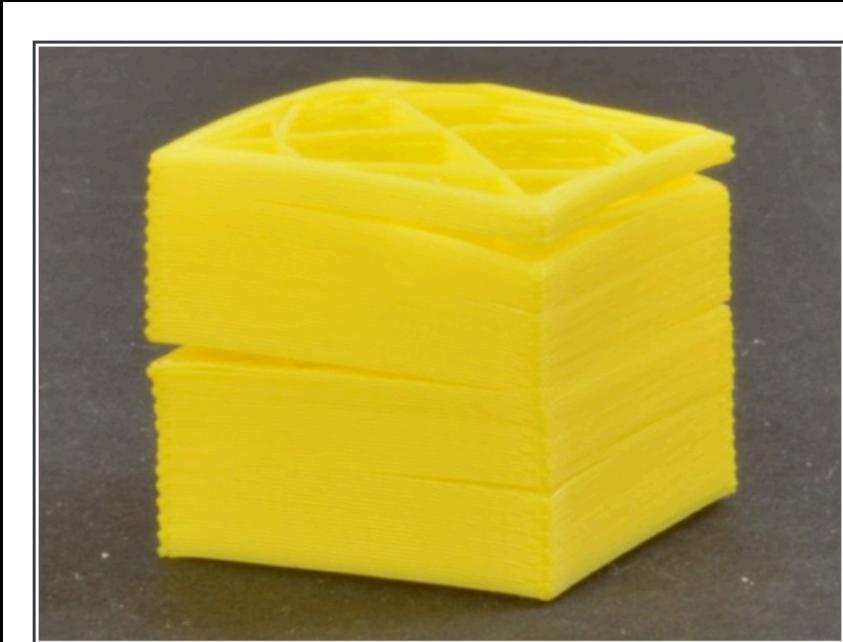
Temperature & Cooling



Overheating

Small features become overheated and deformed

Temperature



Layer Separation and Splitting

Layers are separating and splitting apart while printing

Cooling

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Per-Layer Fan Controls

Layer	Fan Speed
1	0
2	100

Add Setpoint Remove Setpoint

Layer Number %
Fan Speed %

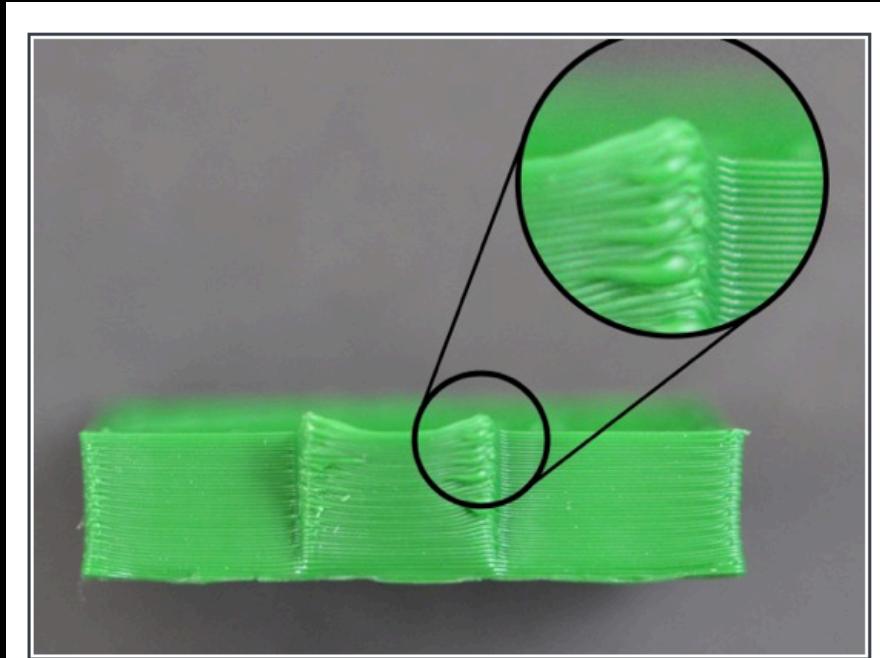
Fan Options

Blip fan to full power when increasing from idle

Fan Overrides

Increase fan speed for layers below sec
Maximum cooling fan speed %
 Bridging fan speed override %

Temperature & Cooling



Curling or Rough Corners

Corners of the print tend to curl and deform after they are printed

Temperature & Cooling



Warping

Warping of large parts, particularly with high temperature materials such as ABS

Speeds

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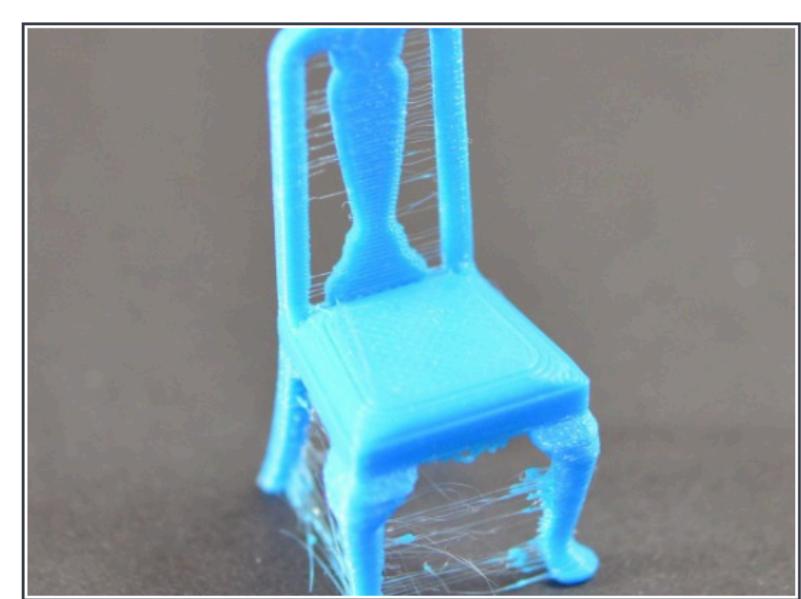
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Outline Underspeed	<input type="text" value="50"/> %
Solid Infill Underspeed	<input type="text" value="80"/> %
Support Structure Underspeed	<input type="text" value="70"/> %
X/Y Axis Movement Speed	<input type="text" value="4800.0"/> mm/min
Z Axis Movement Speed	<input type="text" value="1000.0"/> mm/min

Speed Overrides

Adjust printing speed for layers below sec

Allow speed reductions down to %

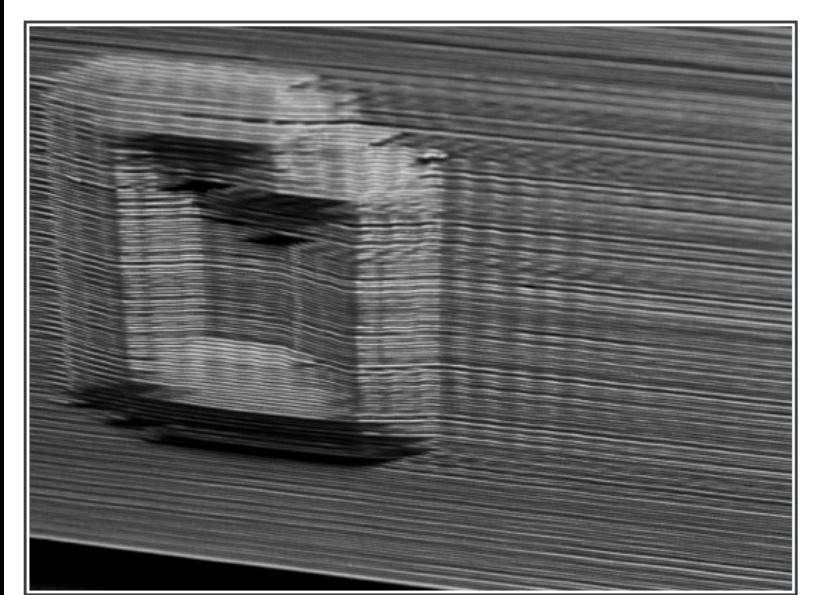
Speeds



Stringing or Oozing

Lots of strings and hairs left behind when moving between different sections of the print

Speeds



Vibrations and Ringing

Vibrations that cause oscillations on the surface of the print, otherwise known as "ringing"

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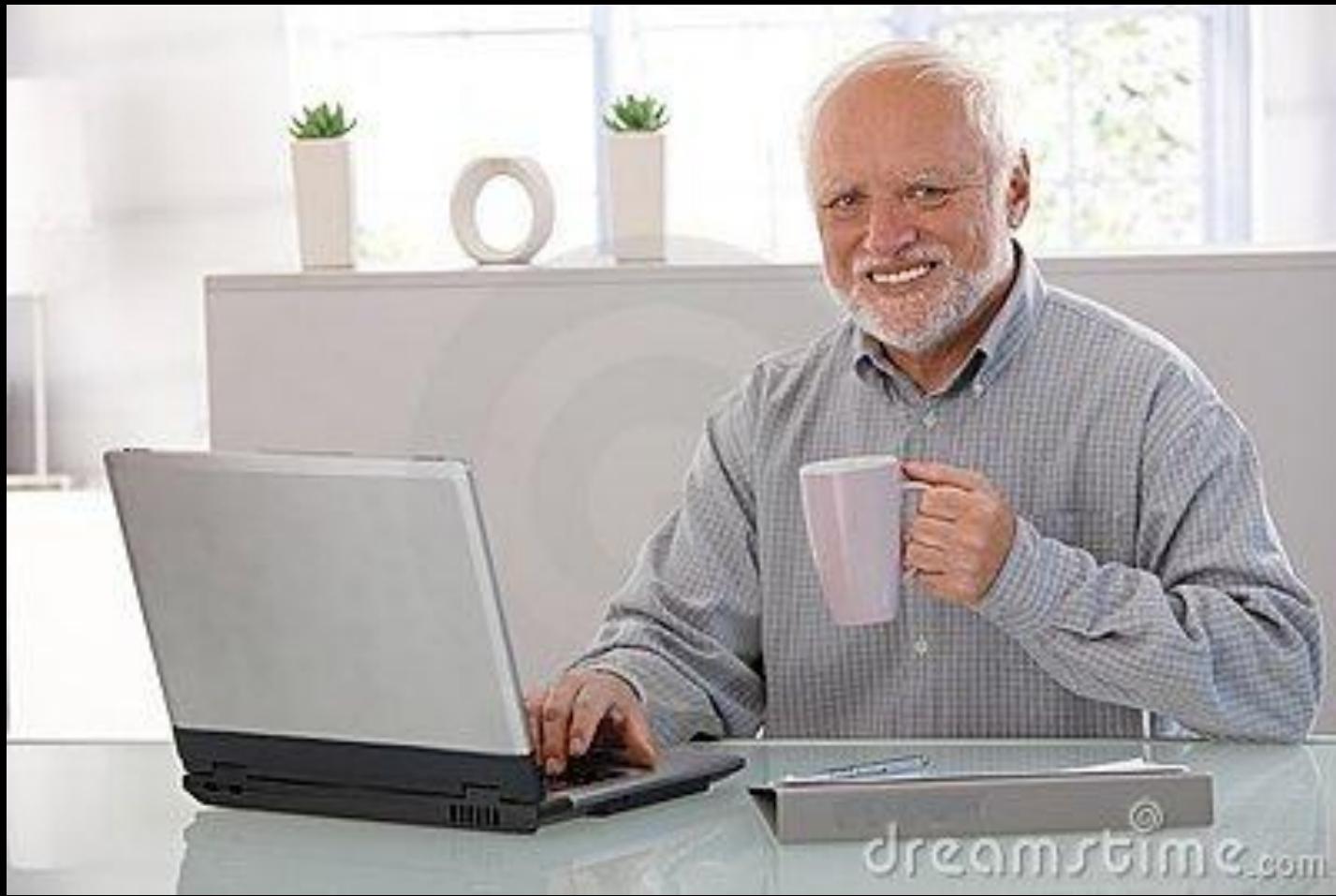
Uploading

- Some softwares have inbuilt Slicers (Simplify3D, Repetier host)
- These require that you are connected to the printer while printing
- Other printers have in built computers to execute Gcode
- With these, you just flash the Gcode onto the printer and press print

Uploading

- Connect the printer via USB and open a print hosting software
 - Choose your Gcode file and hit print
- or
- Usually, printers take SD cards or USB drives
 - Just flash the Gcode file from the slicer onto your external drive and plug it into the printer

Upload



A photograph of a baboon sitting on a red couch, holding a newspaper. The baboon is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The newspaper has some text and a logo visible, but it's mostly illegible.

Part 2: The Printing

Printing

You've uploaded your Gcode, now its up to the printer to execute it.

How does it print?



Printing

- Theory: All 3D printers are Additive Manufacturing (AM) machines
- The common factor between all 3D printers is that they create a model layer by layer
- The different types of printers have different ways of constructing layers and use different materials, with different end products

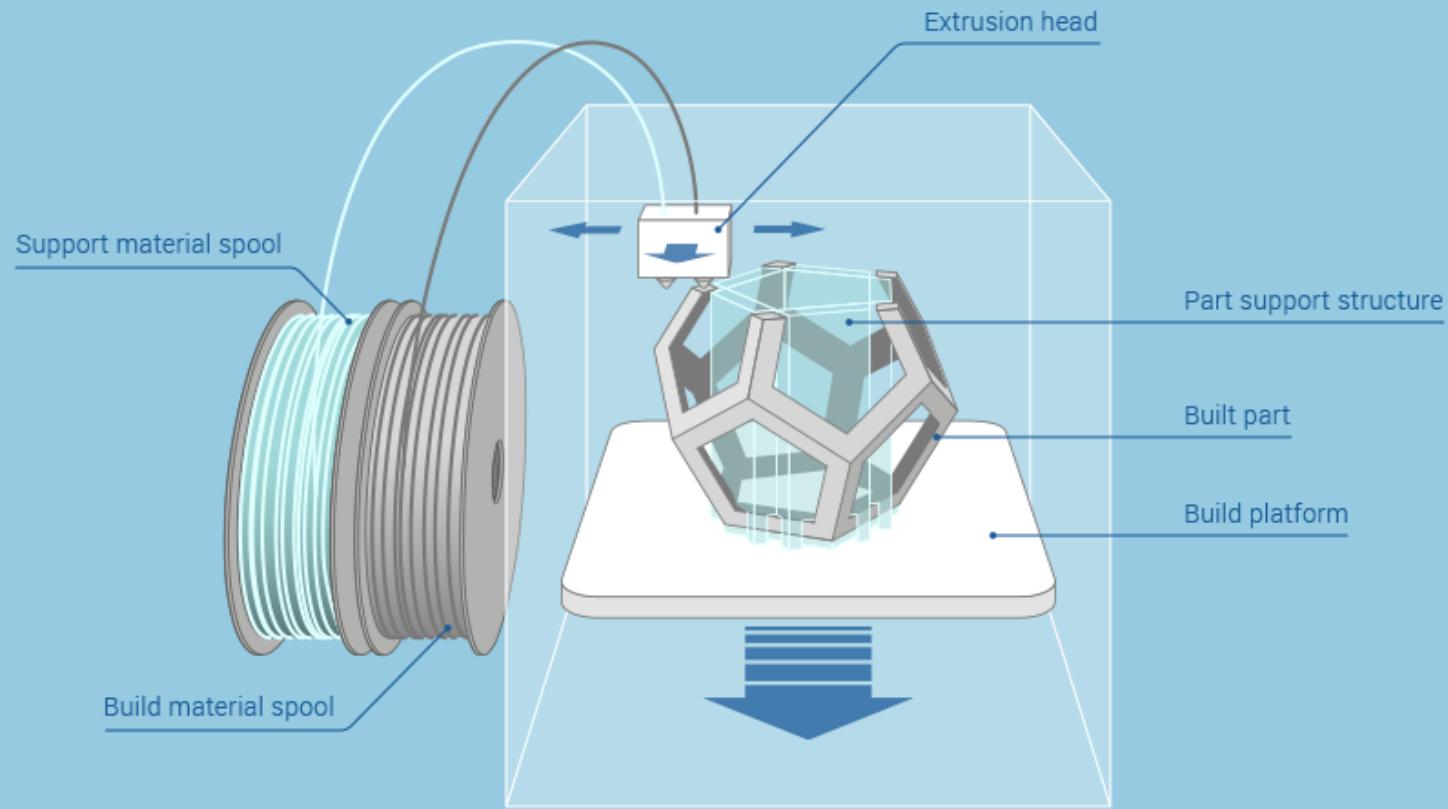
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Fused Deposition Modeling



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FDM: Cartesian

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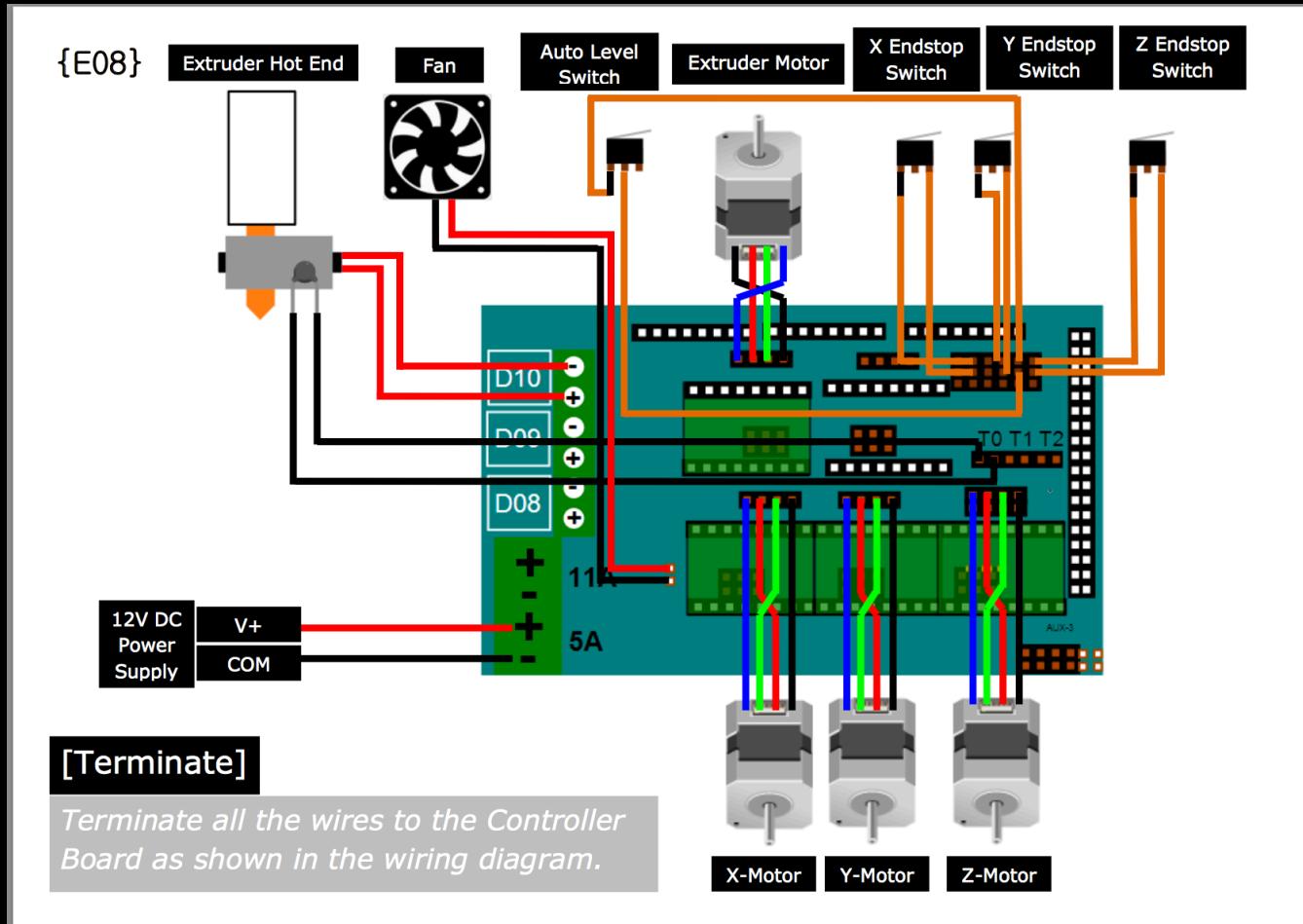
FDM: Delta

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FDM: Polar

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Fused Deposition Modeling



Fused Deposition Modeling

Advantages:

- Good final thermal resistance. Can use production grade thermoplastics
- Easy to prototype
- Relatively cheap
- Can DIY

Disadvantages

- Can only do plastic

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Stereolithography

- One of the oldest 3D printing methods
- Involves converting liquid resin into a solid model using lasers

Stereolithography

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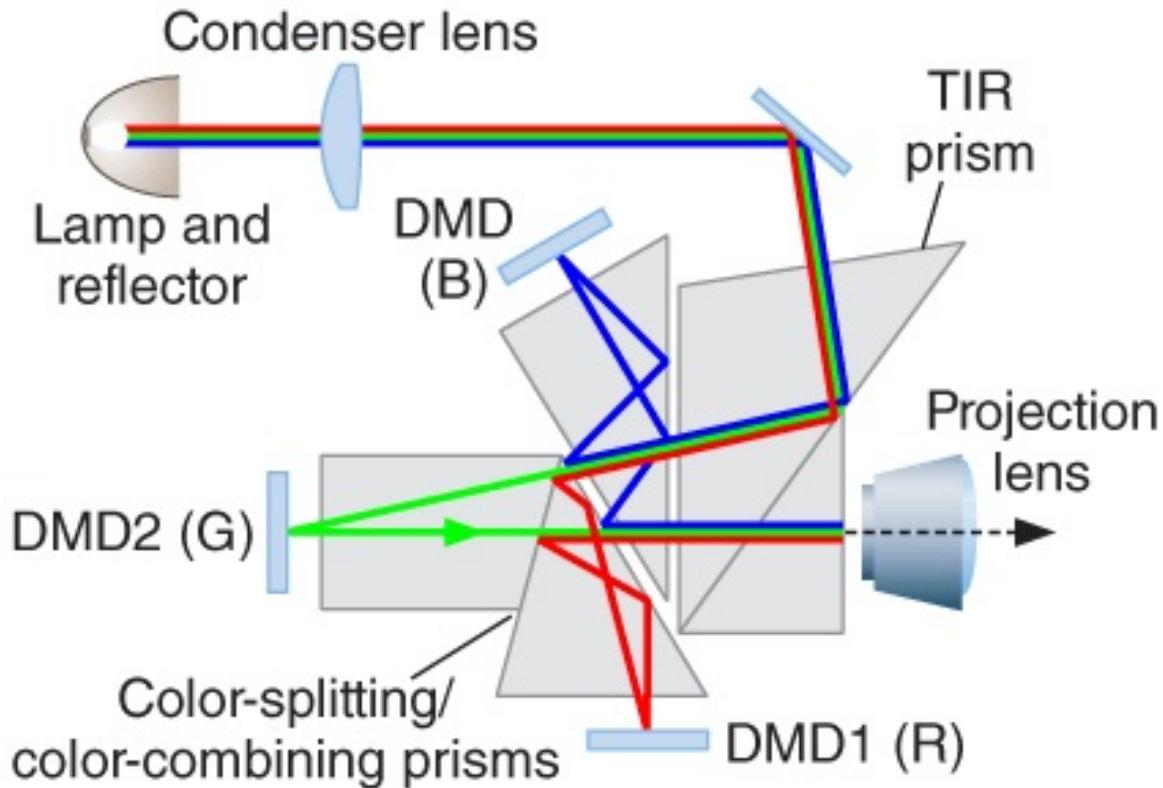
Stereolithography

- Not very commonly used
- Relatively cheap and fast
- New types can produce very strong final products for industry

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Digital Light Processing



Digital Light Processing

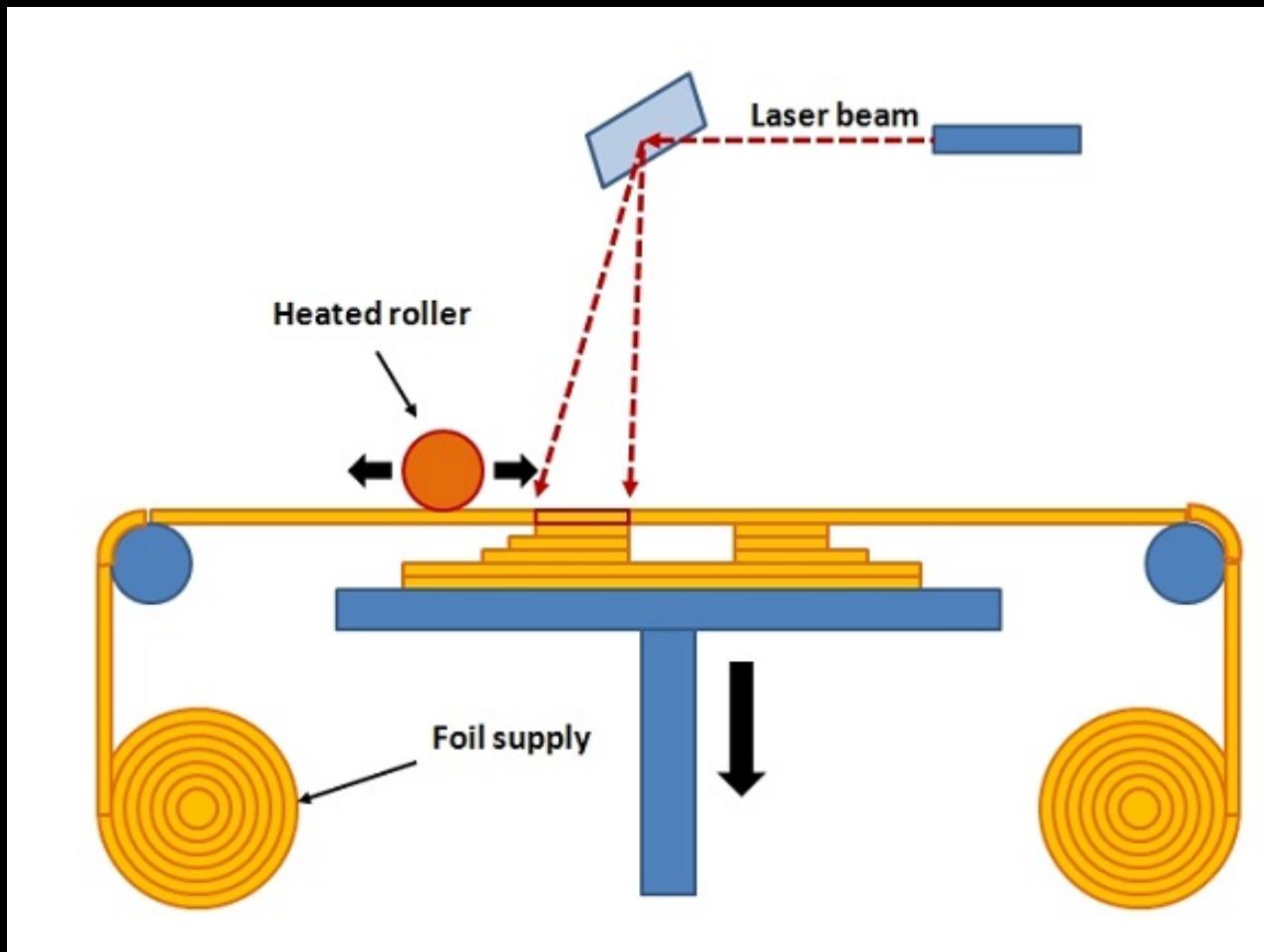
Advantages:

- Very fast speed
- Lower cost than SLA
- Robust final product
- Excellent resolution

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Laminated Object Manufacturing



Laminated Object Manufacturing

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
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Laminated Object Manufacturing



Laminated Object Manufacturing

Advantages:

- Extremely fast prototyping
- Relatively Cheap
- No chemical reactions needed

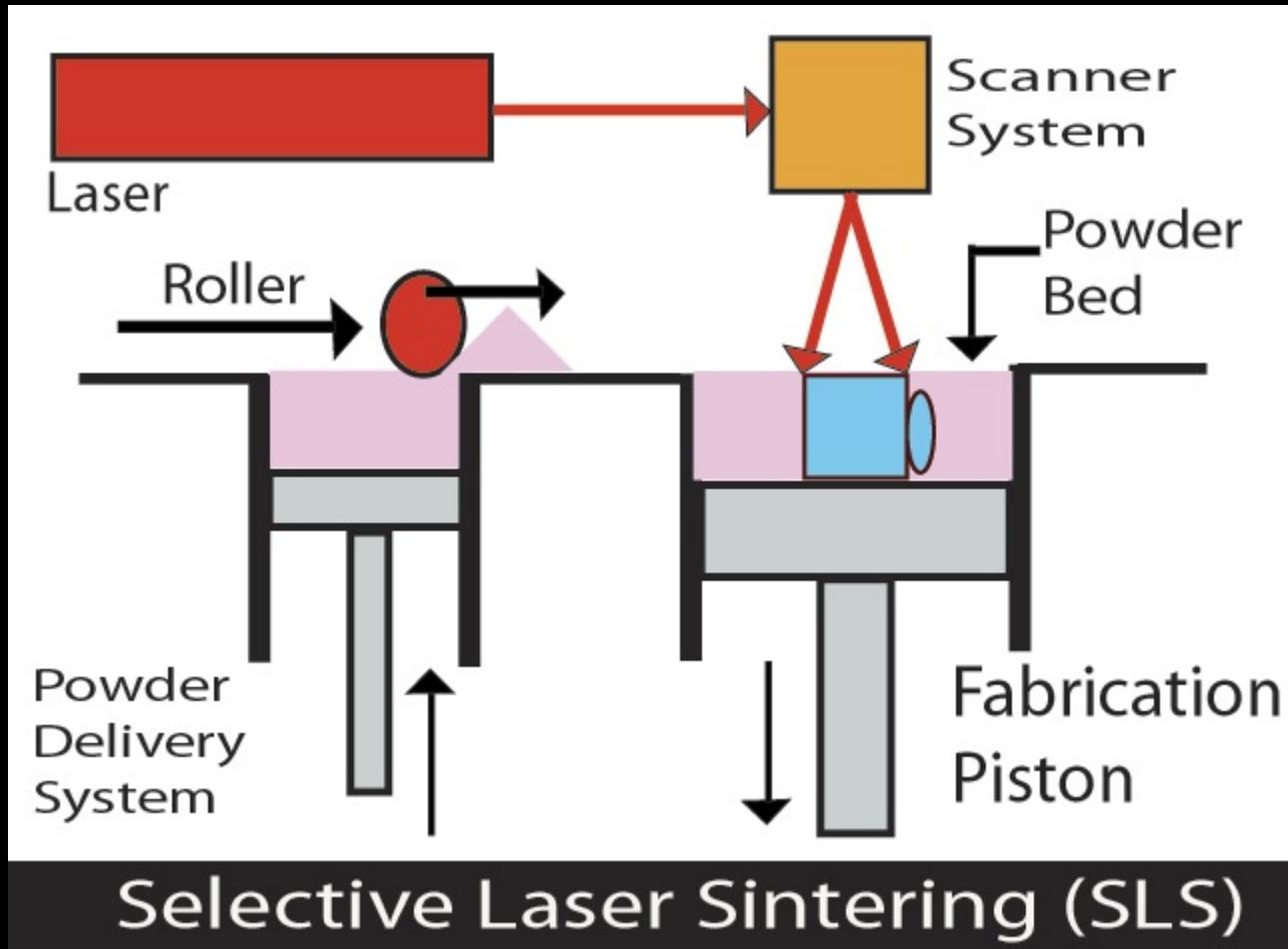
Disadvantages:

- Only one company makes it
- If you use paper, its not moisture proof
- Relatively weak product

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Selective Laser Sintering



Selective Laser Sintering

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Selective Laser Sintering

Advantages:

- Doesn't need supports
- Can print with a wide range of materials such as metal, ceramics, glass, and nylon

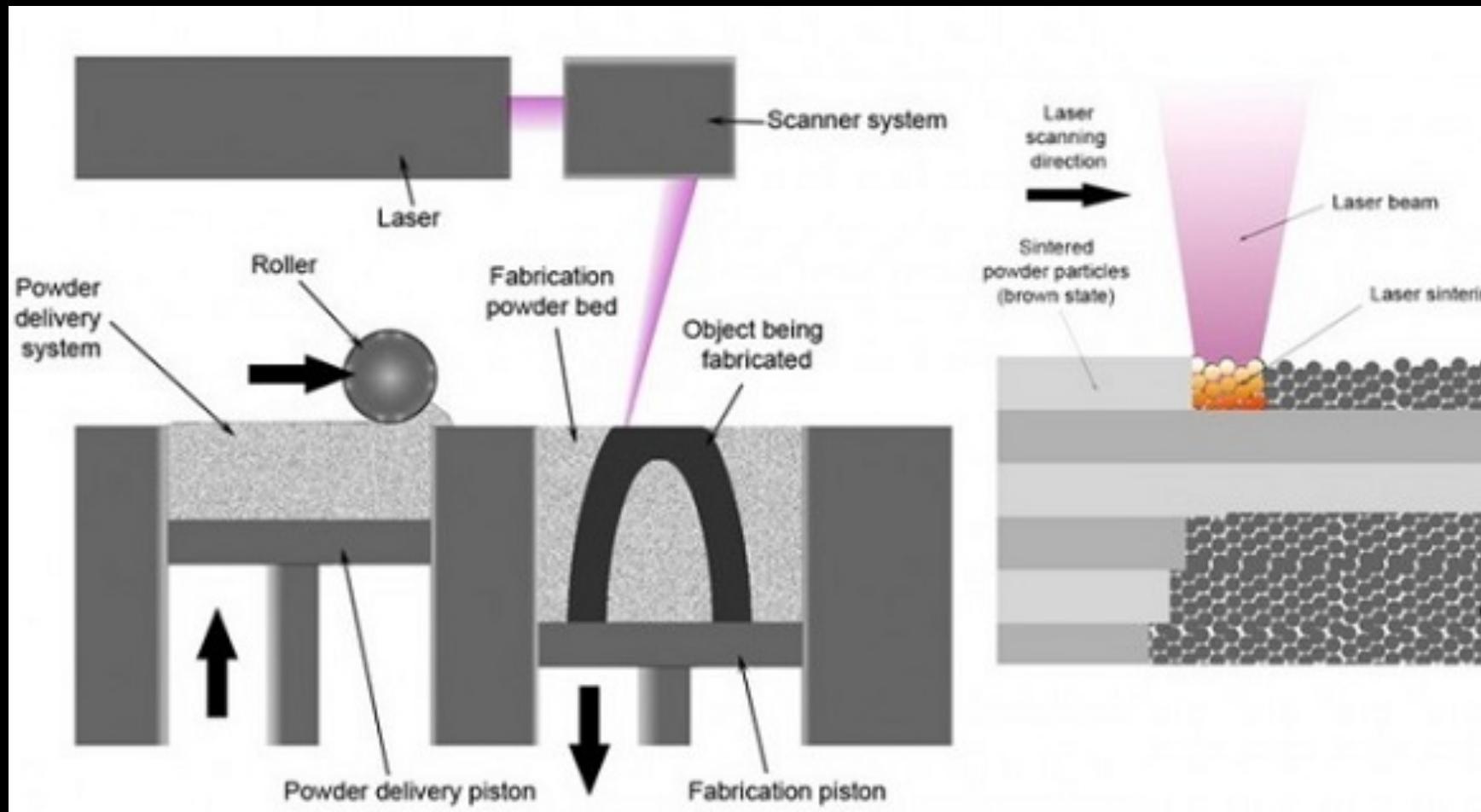
Disadvantages:

- Very expensive as it uses a high powered laser
- Used more for manufacturing than prototyping

Types of Printers

- Fused deposition modeling (FDM)
- Stereolithography (SLA)
- Digital Light Processing (DLP)
- Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM)
- Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)
- Selective Laser Melting (SLM)

Selective Laser Melting



Selective Laser Melting

- Same as SLS, but fully melts metal layers
- Only used for pure metals and not alloys
- Much stronger final product than with SLS

CNCs

- CNCs are not strictly printers, but function in a similar way
- CNC means Computer Numerical Control
- CNCs operate by drilling or ‘lasering’ material to make cuts in it.
- Useful for the accurate machining of materials

CNCs

- CNCs also take Gcode files, although ones that are specialized for cutting
- Laser cutting is a type of CNC



Part 3: Getting Printing Done

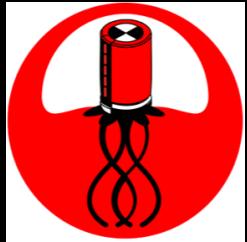
Build Your Own

- Lots of DIY options from RepRap
- Mostly FDM printers
- Can be cheaper than 10k inr if you buy cheap parts
- Mechanical parts can be 3D printed

Printing Services

- Printing services are available
- Prices depend on printing time and material cost
- Typically around 200 – 300 INR/h

Thank you!



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