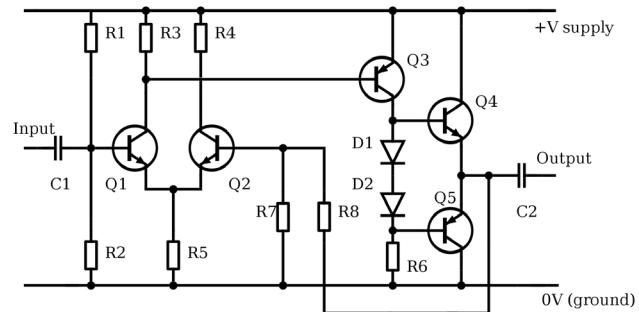


# Lecture 2 – 3D printing and Assemblies

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# Overview

3D modelling discussion

Assemblies

Introduction to 3D printing

Different 3D printing technologies

LOM

SLS

SLA

FDM

Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM)

Printers

Restrictions

Slicer settings

FDM problems

# 3D modelling discussion

Find a person who is not your partner

Open your 3D models in Fusion 360

Show your models and discuss

Operations that you used

Problems that you found

Did you remember to create a component?

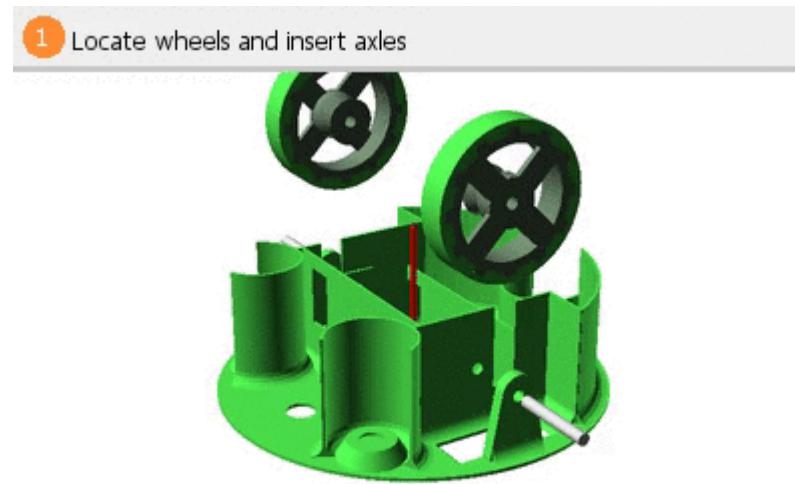
Have you used the design history?

Have you used the browser to find components,  
sketches and bodies?

Did you use the show/hide feature?

# Assemblies

Usually, a machine is built with a lot of different parts:  
Can we assemble all these parts together in the computer?



Assembly: a file that contains the modelled parts in their final position

# Building the assembly

How to place the positions and orientations of the parts:

Global/local coordinates and rotation vectors

Programs: OpenScad, FreeCAD

Use mates (SolidWorks):

Face to face coincident

Point to line/edge/face/plane coincident

Concentric

Use joints or degrees of freedom (Fusion 360)

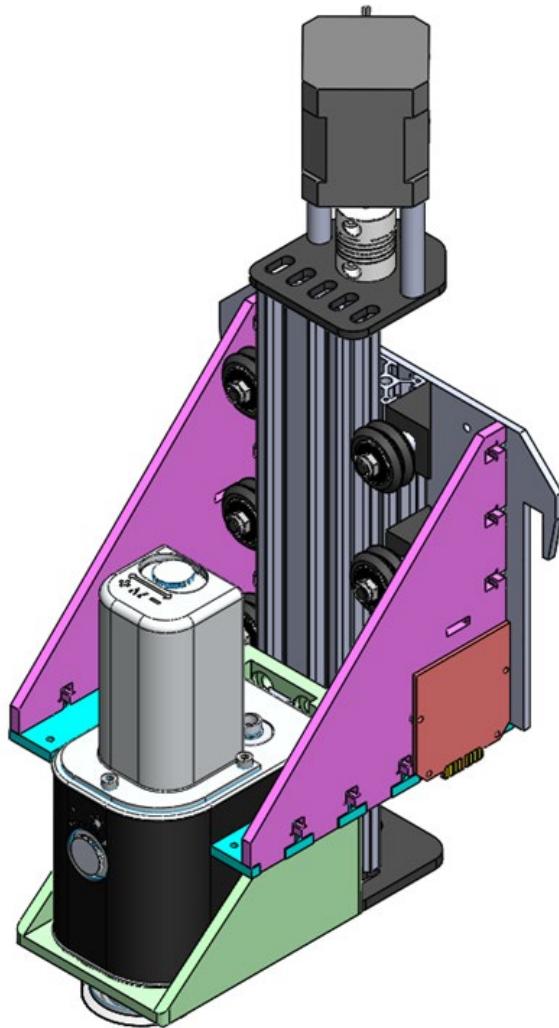
Slider

Hinge

Planar

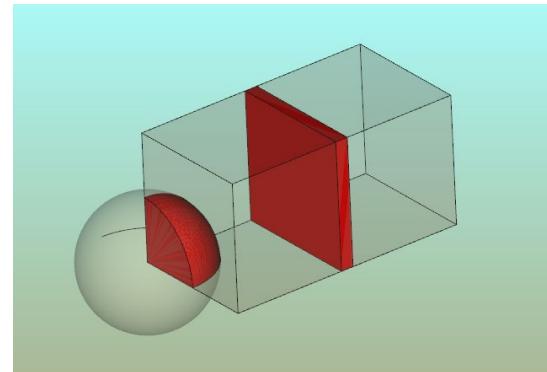
# Assemblies – Benefits

Check that the design works as expected

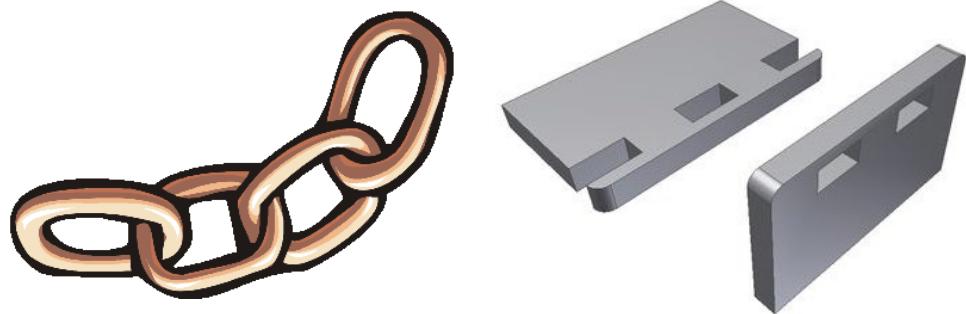


Check that the assembly is feasible

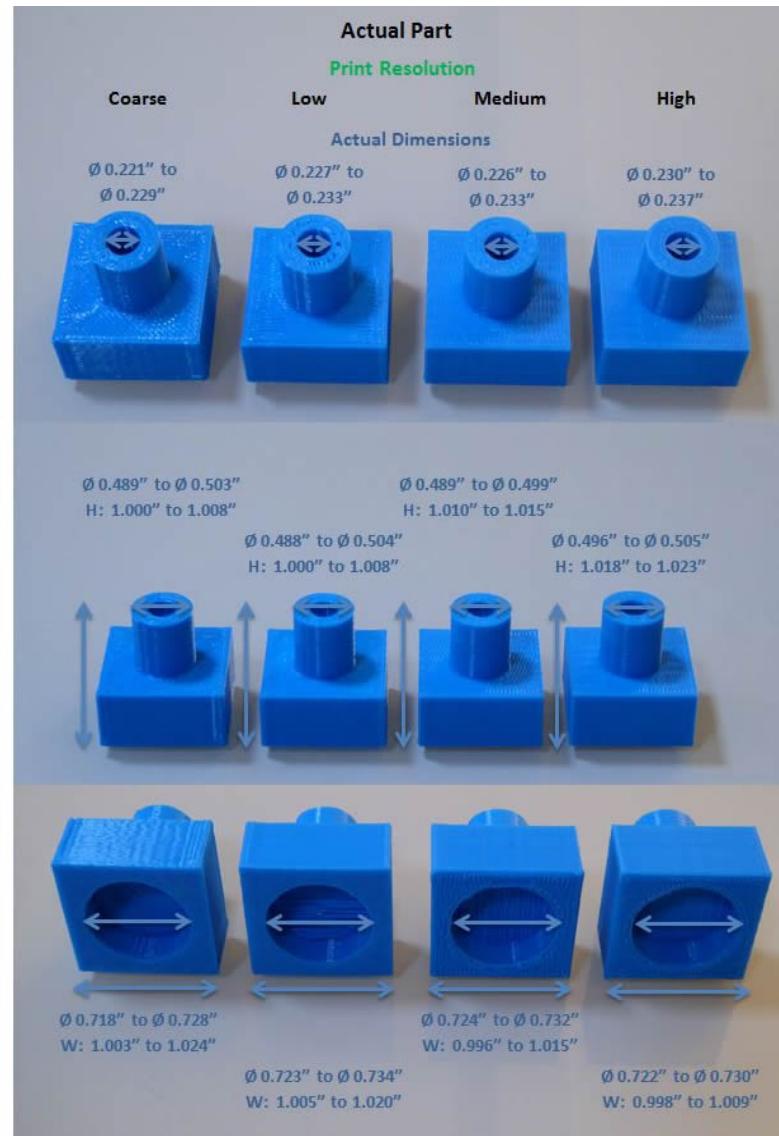
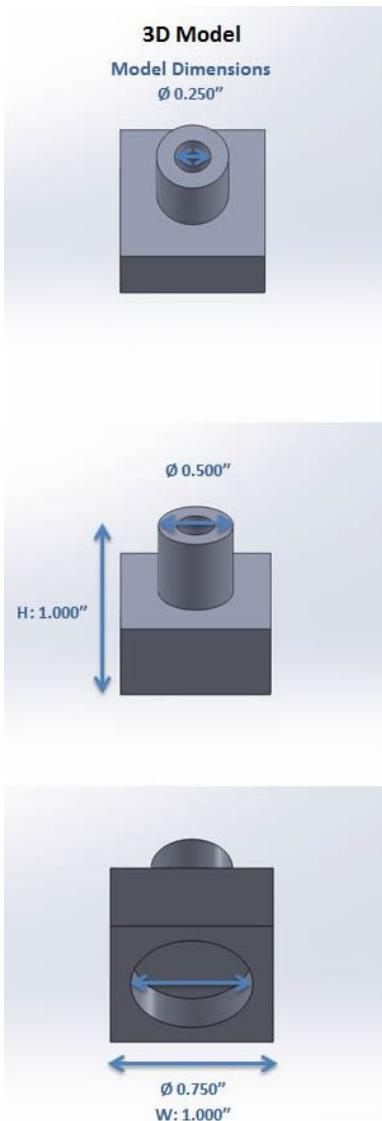
Interferences (overlaps)



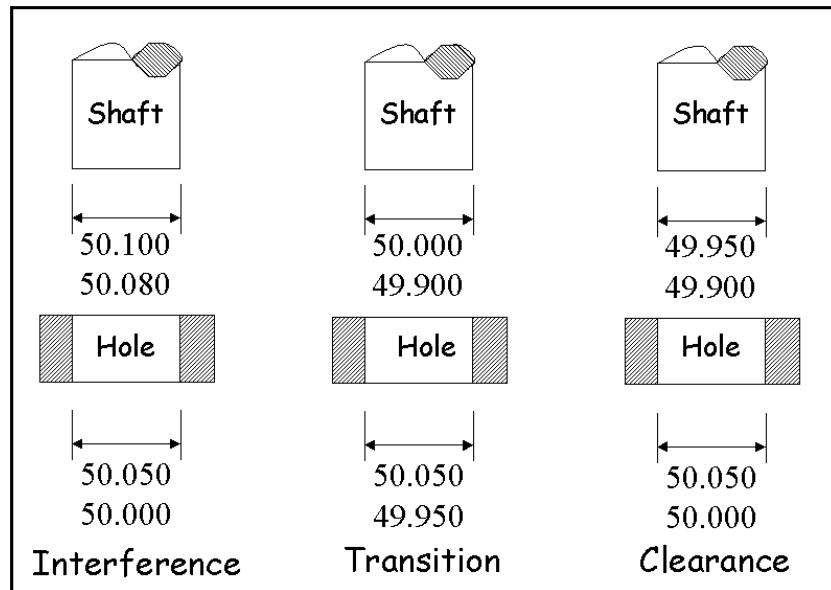
Feasible assemblies



# Assemblies - Tolerances



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# Generating an assembly

Change to Fusion 360!

Tips - Use the inspect tools:

Measure

Interference

Component Colour Cycle Toggling

# 3D printing – History

Subtractive manufacturing (Traditional process):

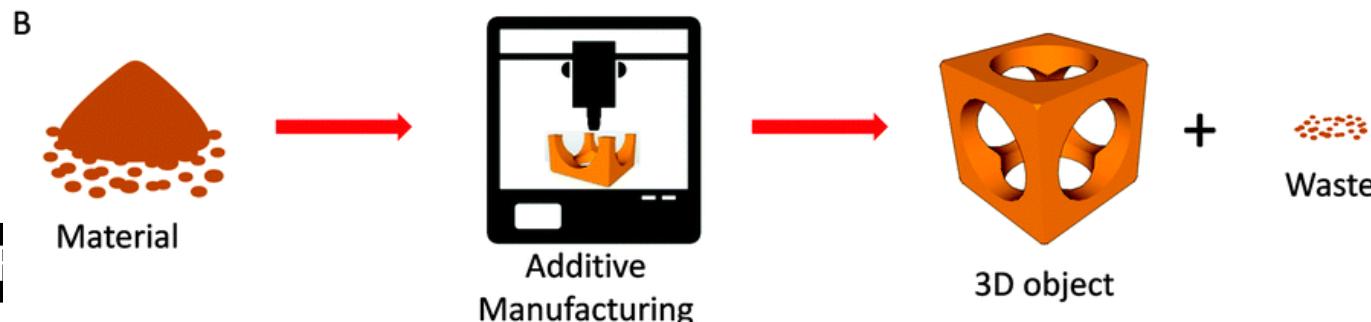
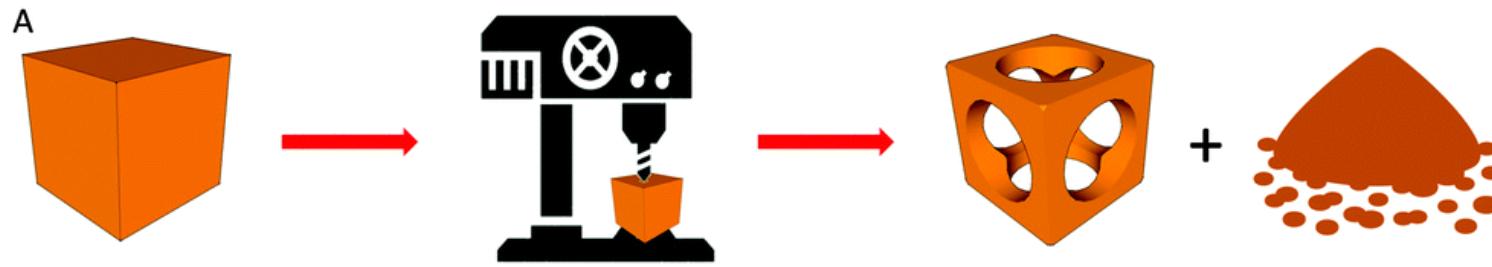
Start with a stock material

Remove material until desired shape is achieved

Examples: Milling, Turning, Drilling, etc.

3D printing is additive manufacturing:

Add material until desired shape is achieved



# 3D printing – Advantages

Almost no waste material

Allows us to produce  
incredibly complex parts

Infeasible assemblies

Hollow parts

Minimal lead times (in very  
low quantities):

perfect for prototypes

Customization of parts



# 3D printing – Disadvantages

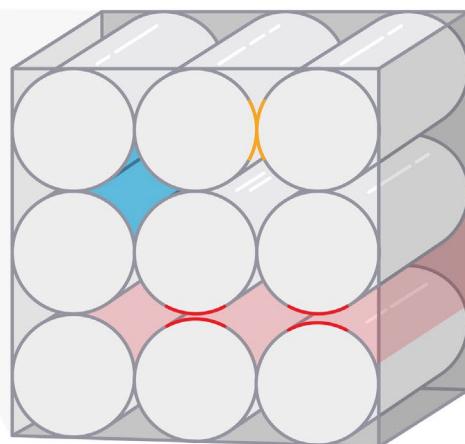
Not suitable for big quantities

No efficient (time)

More expensive than subtractive methods

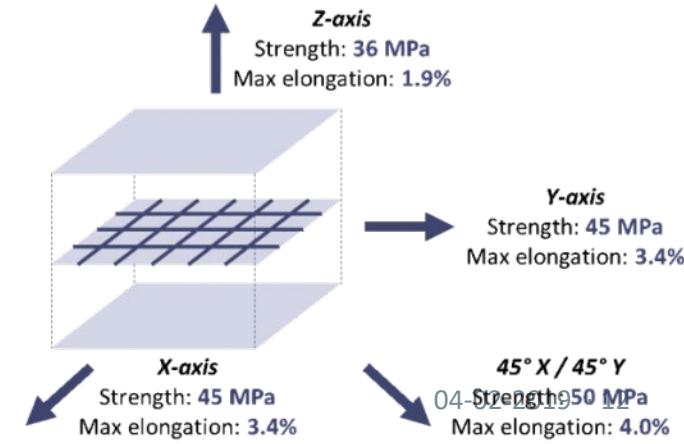
Can exhibit anisotropic behaviour\*

Less resistant than raw material (internal voids)



Fused Deposition Modeling

- Void
- Inter-Fiber Bonding Region
- Void where layers didn't fully adhere



# 3D Printing Technologies and Processes

LOM(90s):

Laminated object manufacturing

SLS(90s):

Selective laser sintering

SLA (90s):

Stereolithography

FDM (90s):

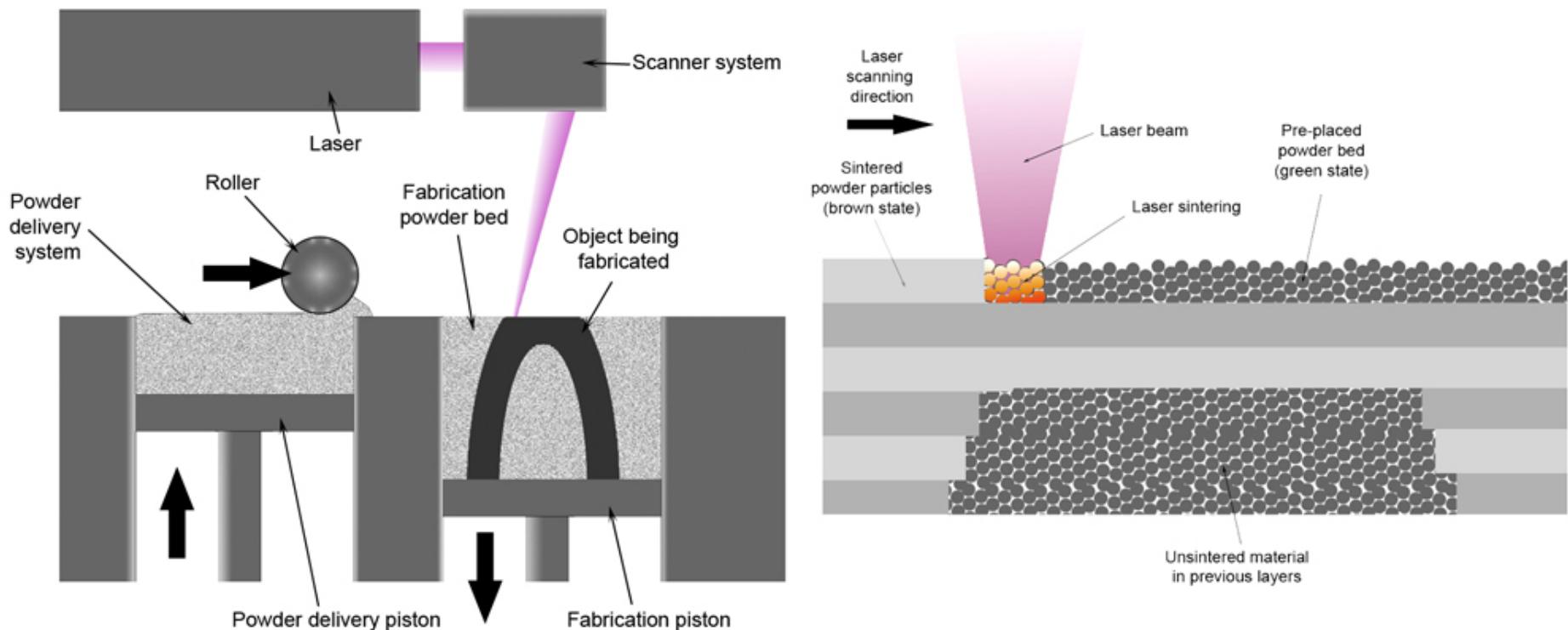
Fused Deposition modelled

# LOM or SDL (Selective Deposition Lamination)

Sheets or laminates are successively glued together and cut to shape with a knife or laser cutter



# SLS - Selective laser sintering



To Sinter: to bring about agglomeration in (metal or plastic particles) by heating.



# Stereolithography – SLA



# Stereolithography – Form2

Very good quality

Very good definition

Different materials:

- High Temperature Resin

- Tough Resin

- Flexible Resin

Cons:

- Expensive

- Needs support material

- Parts need to be cured



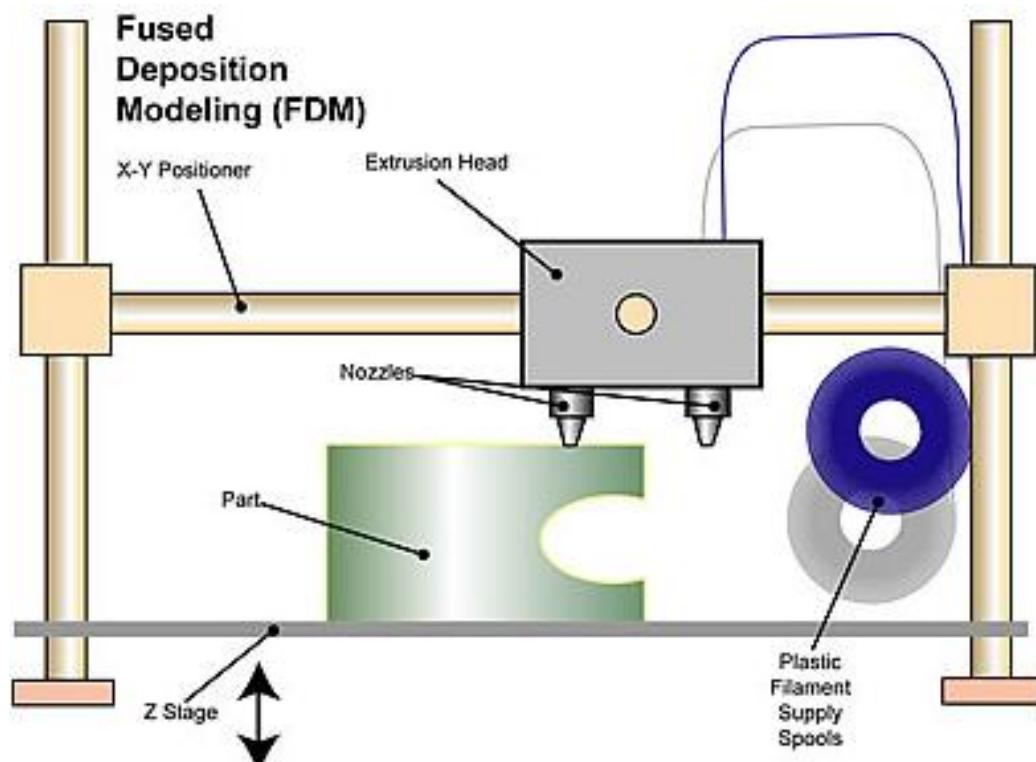
# 3D printing – FDM

Cheap  
Functional parts



Cons:  
Anisotropy  
Need support

Materials:  
PLA  
ABS  
Flex

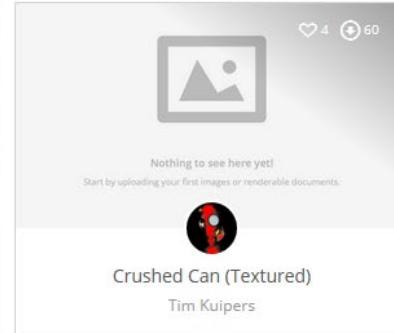
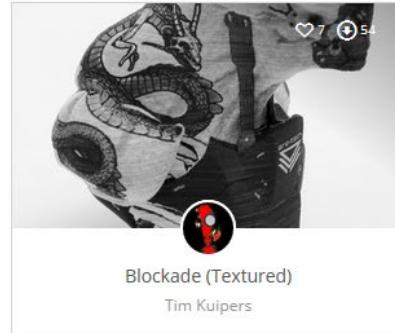


# FDM in action!



# Part repositories

Thingiverse



YouMagine

Instructables

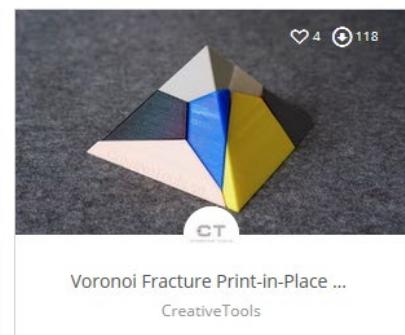
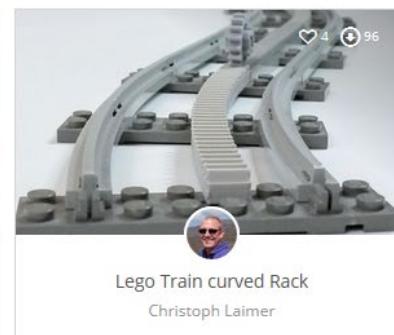
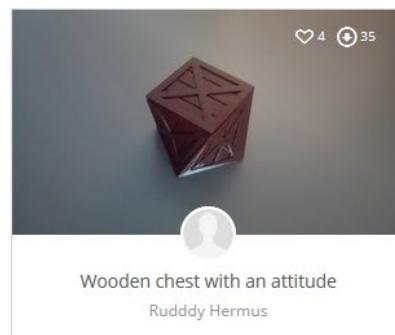
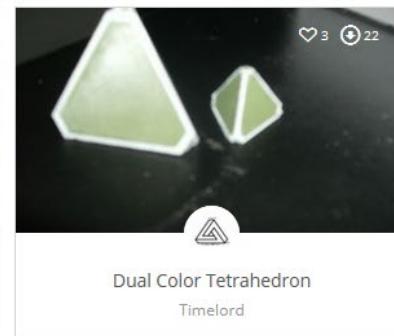
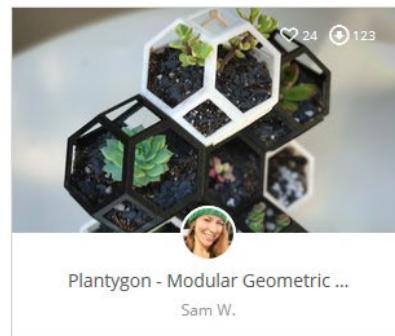
GrabCad

MyMiniFactory

3dagogo

3D Warehouse

3dhubs



# Using other 3D printing technologies

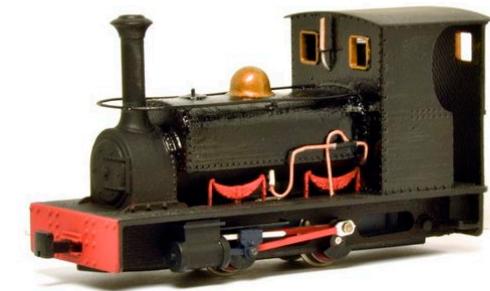
New materials:

Metal

Precious metals

Plastic

Ceramic



Online Shops:

3D hubs (<https://www.3dhubs.com/>)

Shapeways (<https://www.shapeways.com/>)

Sculpteo (<https://www.sculpteo.com/en/>)

I.Materialise (<https://i.materialise.com/>)

All3DP (<https://print.all3dp.com/>)

**Upload your designs and sell them!**

# Task – 5min

Work in groups of 2 persons

Find a Lego part (or another small part) in Thingiverse

Upload it to an online 3D printing service

([www.sculpteo.com/en](http://www.sculpteo.com/en))

Compare different 3d printing methods

Learn about the properties of each material and technology

# FDM – parts of a 3D printer

XYZ stage:

- Cartesian

- Delta

Extruder (several):

- Feeder:

  - Direct (head)

  - Bowden (outside)

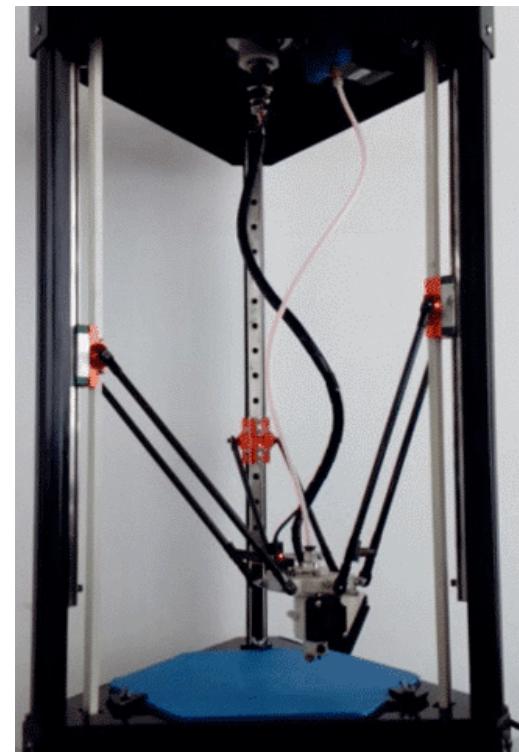
- Hot end

- Bed

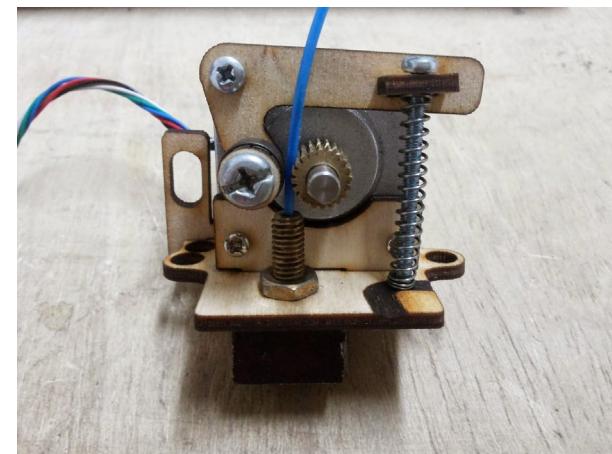
  - Optional: Heated

- Optional: Fan

- Spool holder



Delta Printer

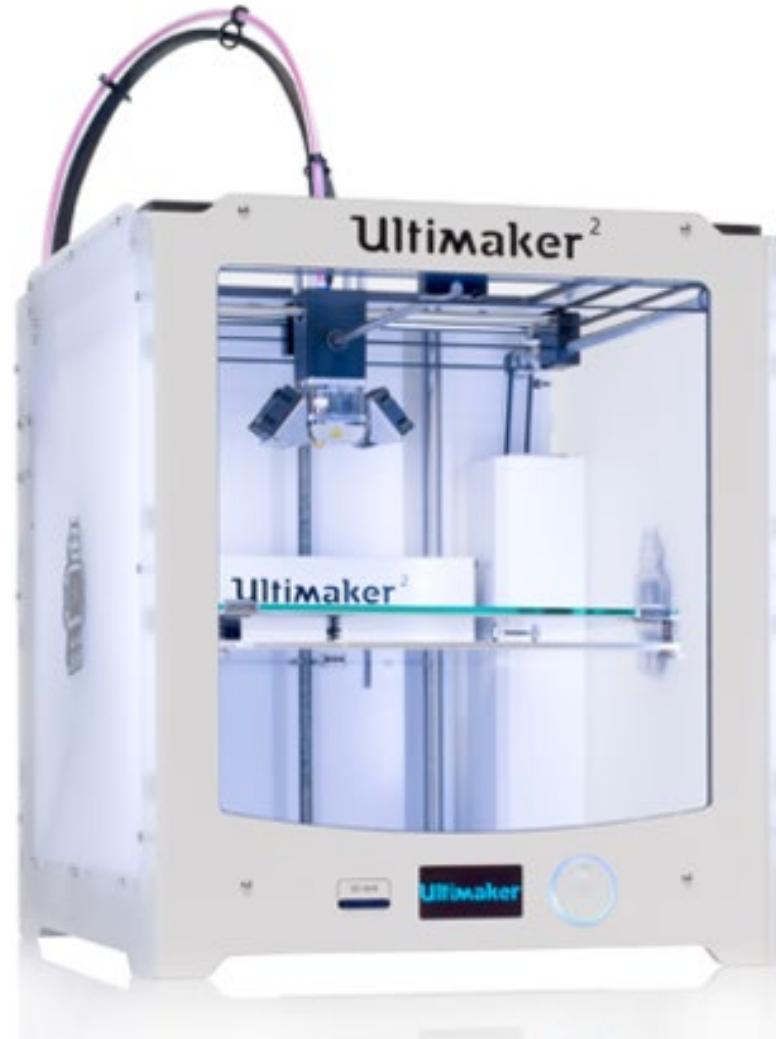


Extruder

# Ultimaker 2+

Open Source  
Commercially available  
UM2+ ~2000 €

Bowden extruder  
Cartesian table



# A 3D printer: Prusa i3 (REPRAP)

Gantry style

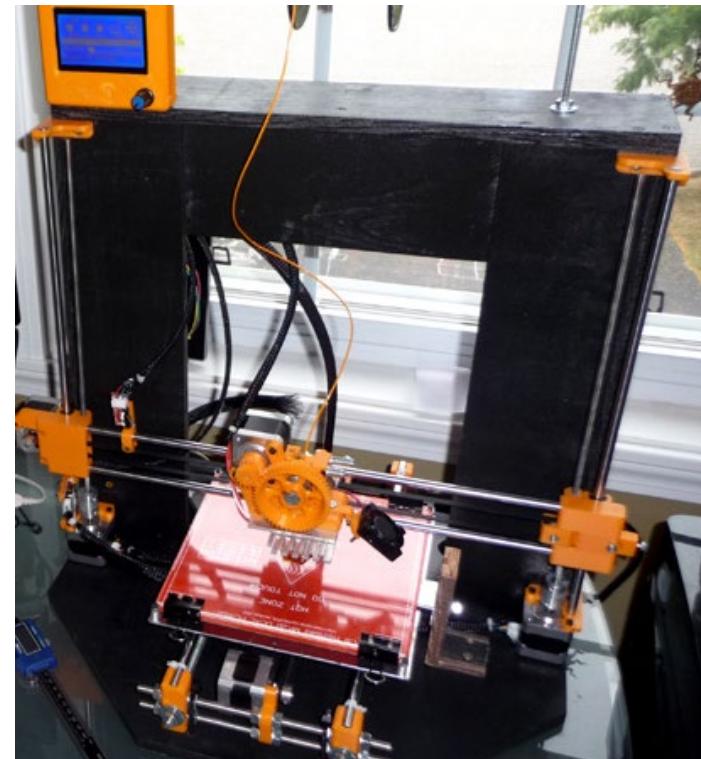
Direct extruder

Very affordable (300 euros)

A bit tricky to print

Replicable

**Read: Jones et al., 2011,  
reprap project, in LearnIT.**



Overhangs

Anisotropy

Printing time

# FDM – Overhangs

Printing without any support

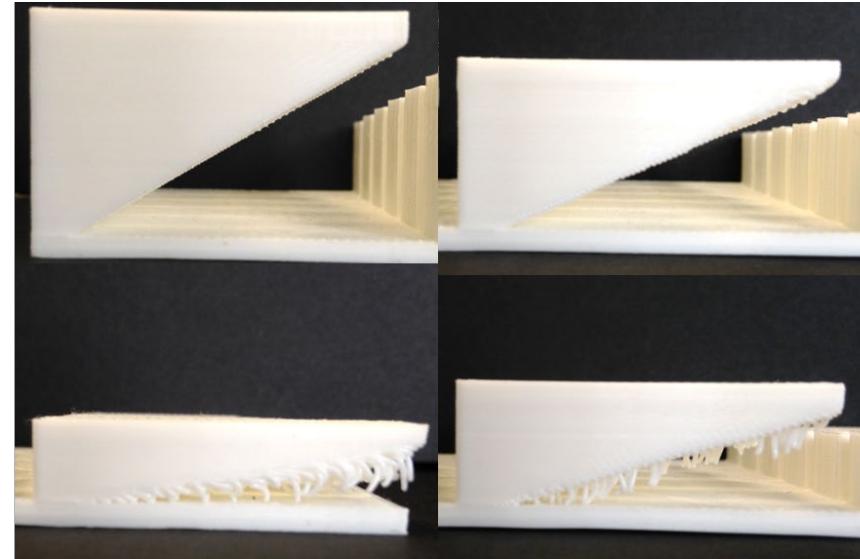
Only possible for short lengths

Quality degrades

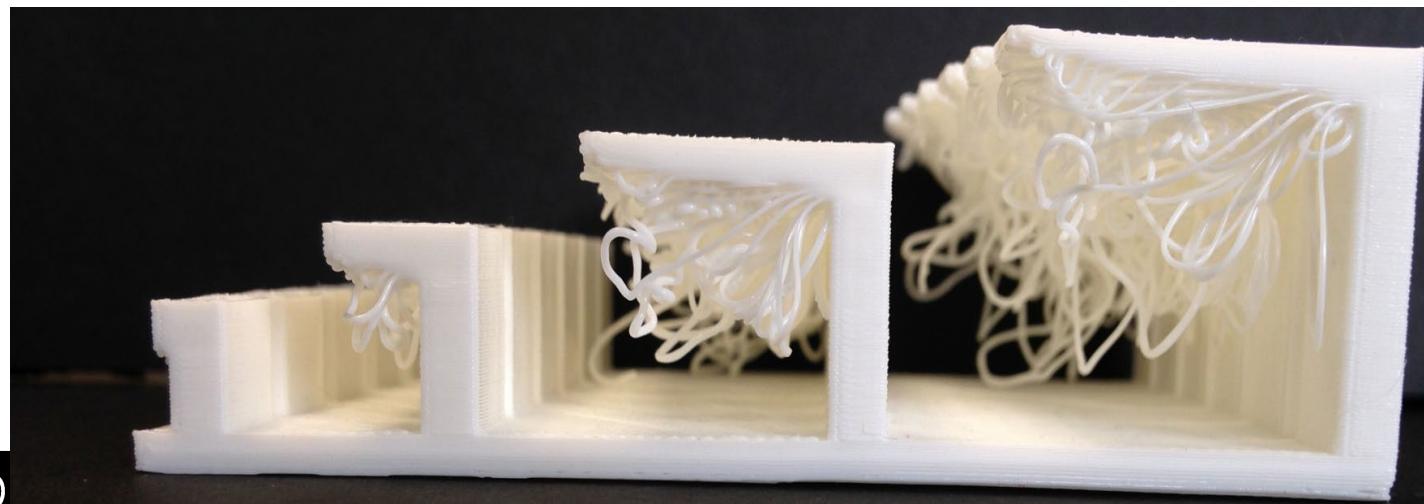
Solutions:

Remove overhangs

Add support material



Clockwise from top left  
 $30^\circ$ ,  $22.5^\circ$ ,  $15^\circ$ , and  $7.5^\circ$  angled overhangs



Failed Horizontal Overhangs

# FDM - Support material

Type of material:

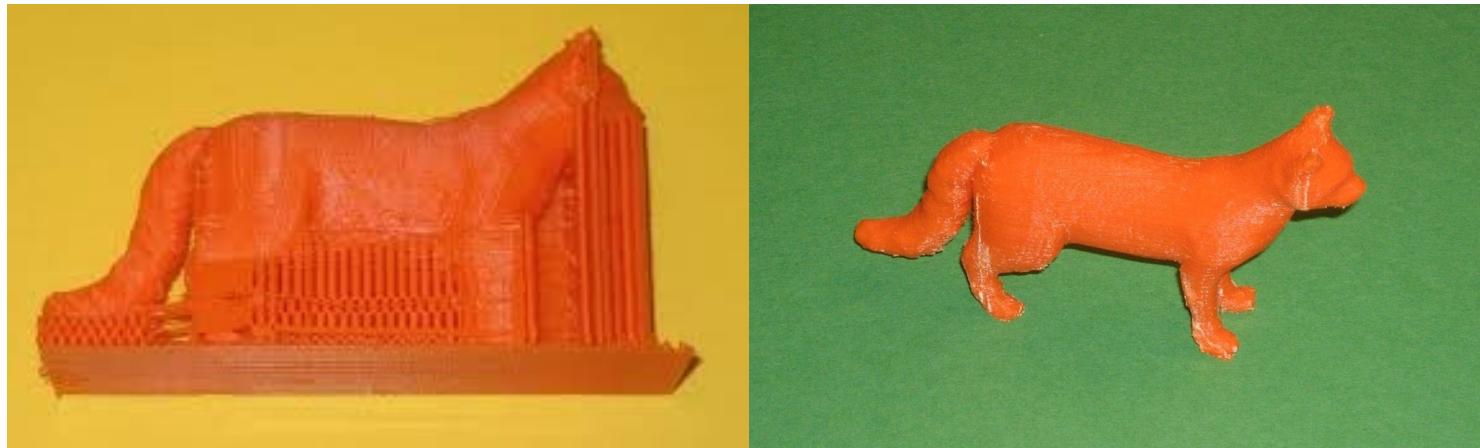
Same material (difficult to remove)

Special material (2 nozzle head)

Generated:

Manually

Automatically (slicer setting)



# FDM – Anisotropy

The image shows a 3D printing software interface for an Ultimaker 2+ printer. On the left, a 3D model of a buckle is shown on a build plate with a checkered pattern. The build plate features a large "ultimaker 2+" watermark. A small inset at the bottom left provides a detailed view of the internal structure of the print layers. On the right, the software's control panel is visible, displaying settings for nozzle diameter (0.4 mm), material (PLA), and print profiles (Normal Quality - 0.1mm). The "Print Setup" tab is selected, showing options for Quality, Speed, Cooling, Support, Build Plate Adhesion, Dual Extrusion, and Special Modes. At the bottom, a summary of the print job is provided: UM2\_buckle-male, dimensions 59.2 x 77.3 x 59.2 mm, estimated time 03h 08min, filament length 1.51 m, and weight ~11 g. A "Save to File" button is located at the bottom right.

ultimaker<sup>2+</sup>

ultimaker 2+

Nozzle & Material: 0.4 mm PLA

Profile: Normal Quality - 0.1mm

Print Setup Recommended Custom

Quality Layer Height 0.1 mm

Shell

Infill

Material

Speed Print Speed 50 mm/s Travel Speed 60 mm/s

Cooling Enable Print Cooling

Support Enable Support

Build Plate Adhesion Build Plate Adhesion Type None

Dual Extrusion

Special Modes Print Sequence All at Once

Ready to Save to File

Save to File

UM2\_buckle-male 59.2 x 77.3 x 59.2 mm  
03h 08min 1.51 m / ~11 g

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Thermal process

The plastic should cool down before add next layer

Printing time depends on:

Nozzle size (printer dependant, fixed)

Layer height

Infill

Number of perimeters

Printing speed

# FDM – Quality of the parts

Quality depends on:

Nozzle size (printer dependant, fixed)

Layer height

Printing speed

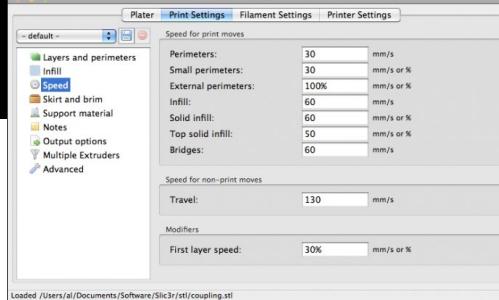
Overhanging angle

Nozzle temperature

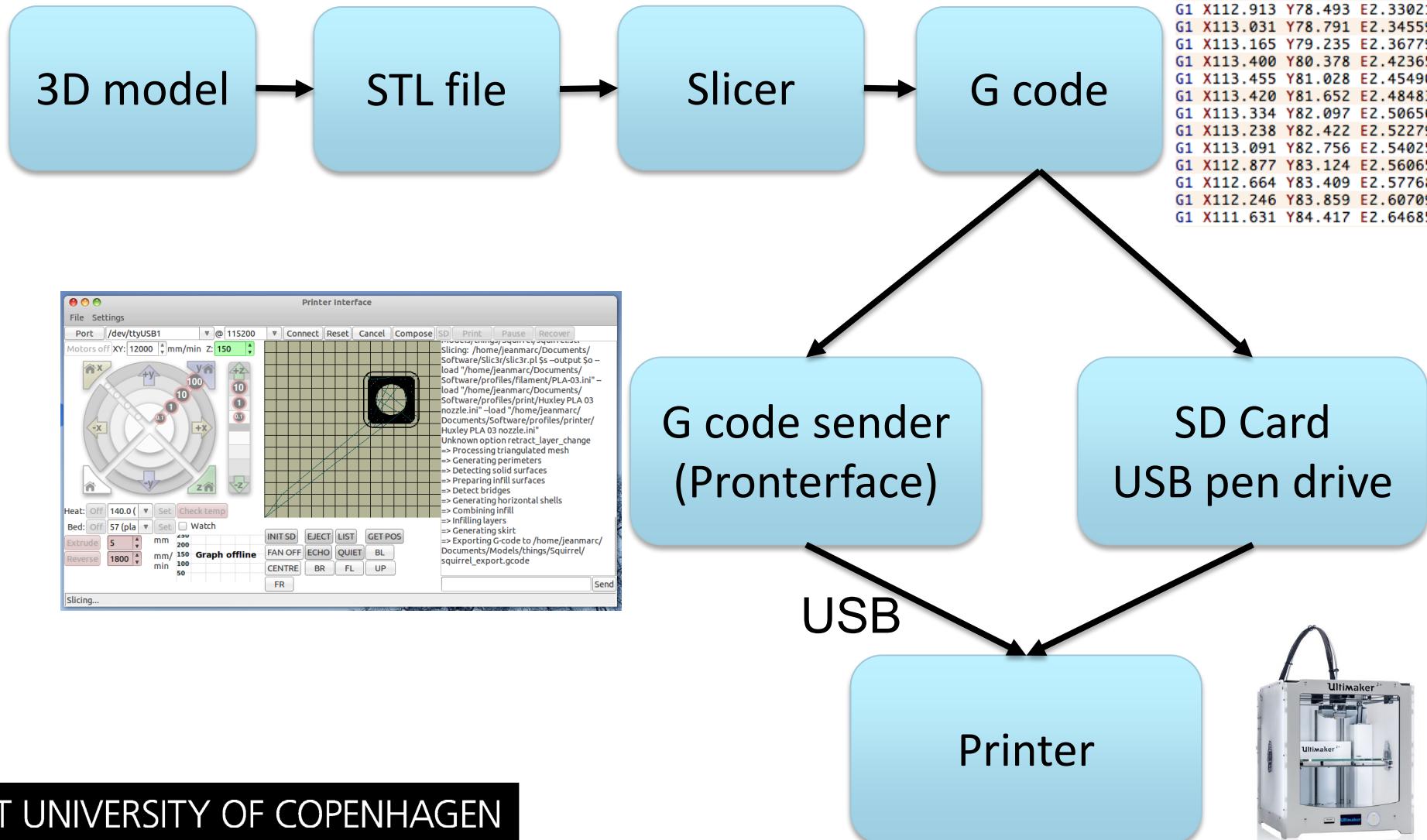
Slicer

Better quality = more printing time  
and it is not a linear function!

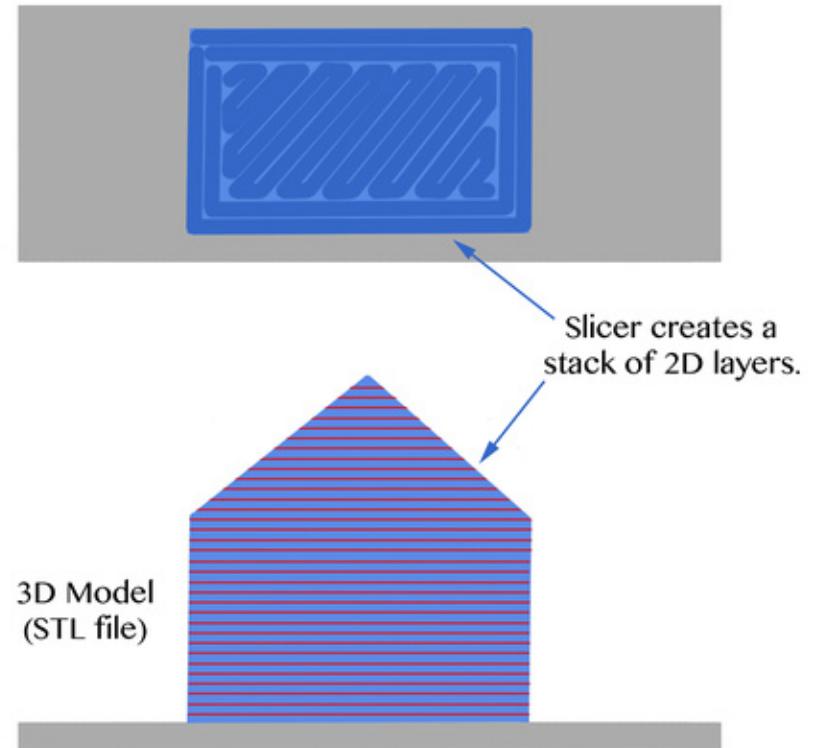
# How to print a part



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G1 X112.037 Y77.438 E2.26383  
G1 X112.120 Y77.495 E2.26866  
G1 X112.506 Y77.871 E2.29449  
G1 X112.783 Y78.234 E2.31636  
G1 X112.913 Y78.493 E2.33021  
G1 X113.031 Y78.791 E2.34559  
G1 X113.165 Y79.235 E2.36779  
G1 X113.400 Y80.378 E2.42365  
G1 X113.455 Y81.028 E2.45490  
G1 X113.420 Y81.652 E2.48483  
G1 X113.334 Y82.097 E2.50656  
G1 X113.238 Y82.422 E2.52279  
G1 X113.091 Y82.756 E2.54025  
G1 X112.877 Y83.124 E2.56065  
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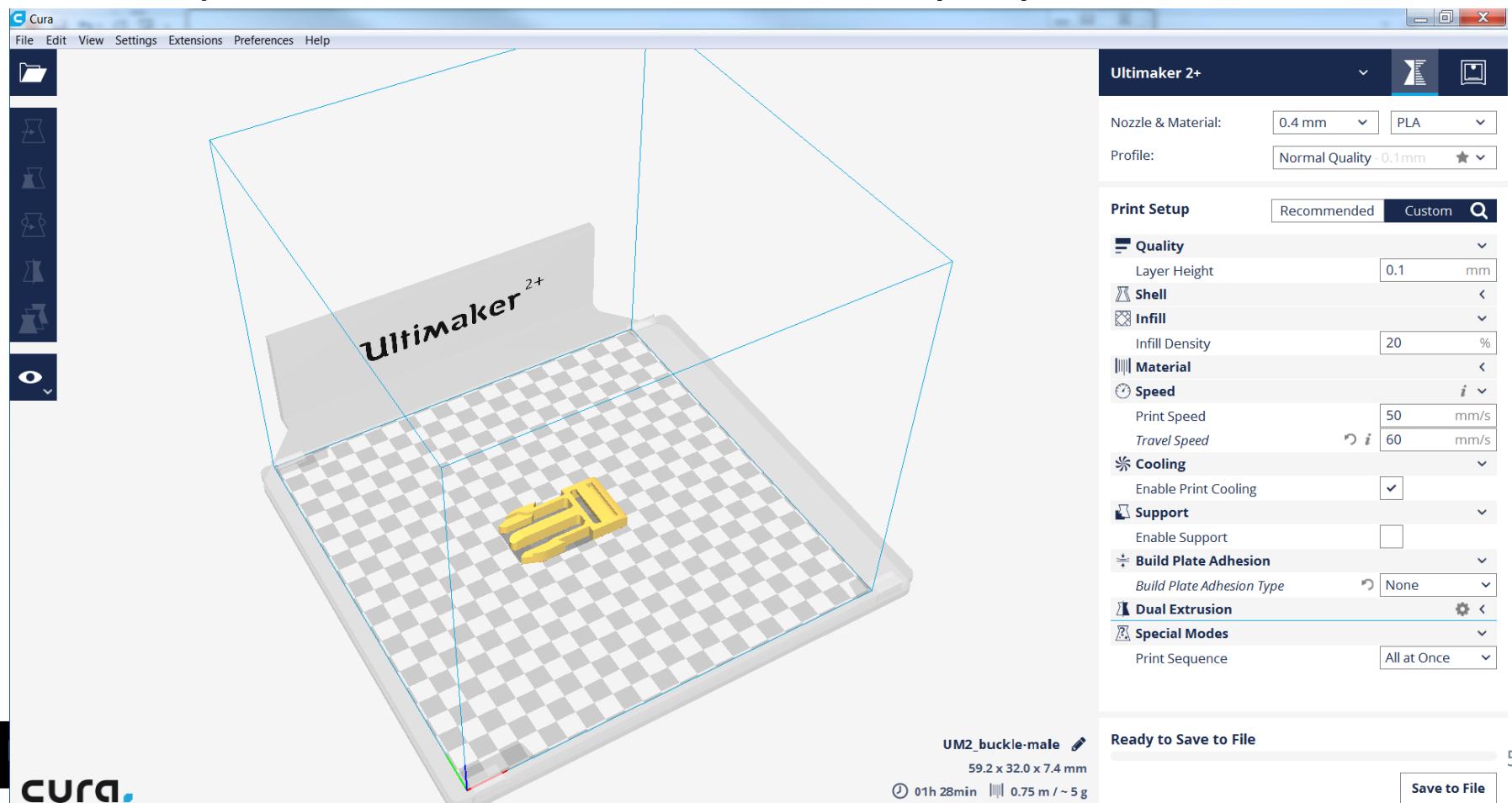
# Slicers



# Slicers

Open Source:  
Cura  
Slic3r  
Repetier

Commercial:  
UPStudio (UP printer)  
CraftWare (CraftBot)  
Simplify3D



# Slicer settings - Layer height

0.1mm

0.2mm

0.3mm

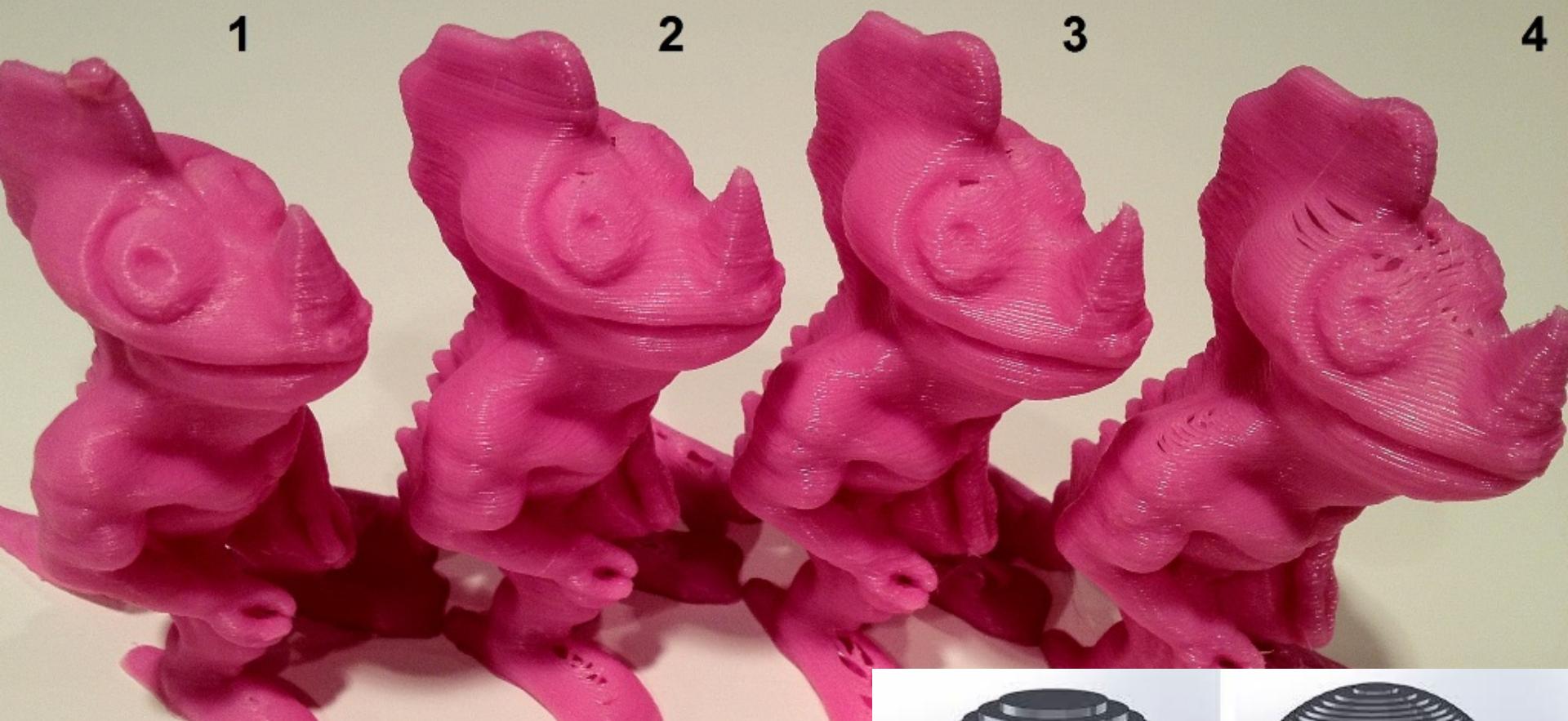
0.4mm

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2

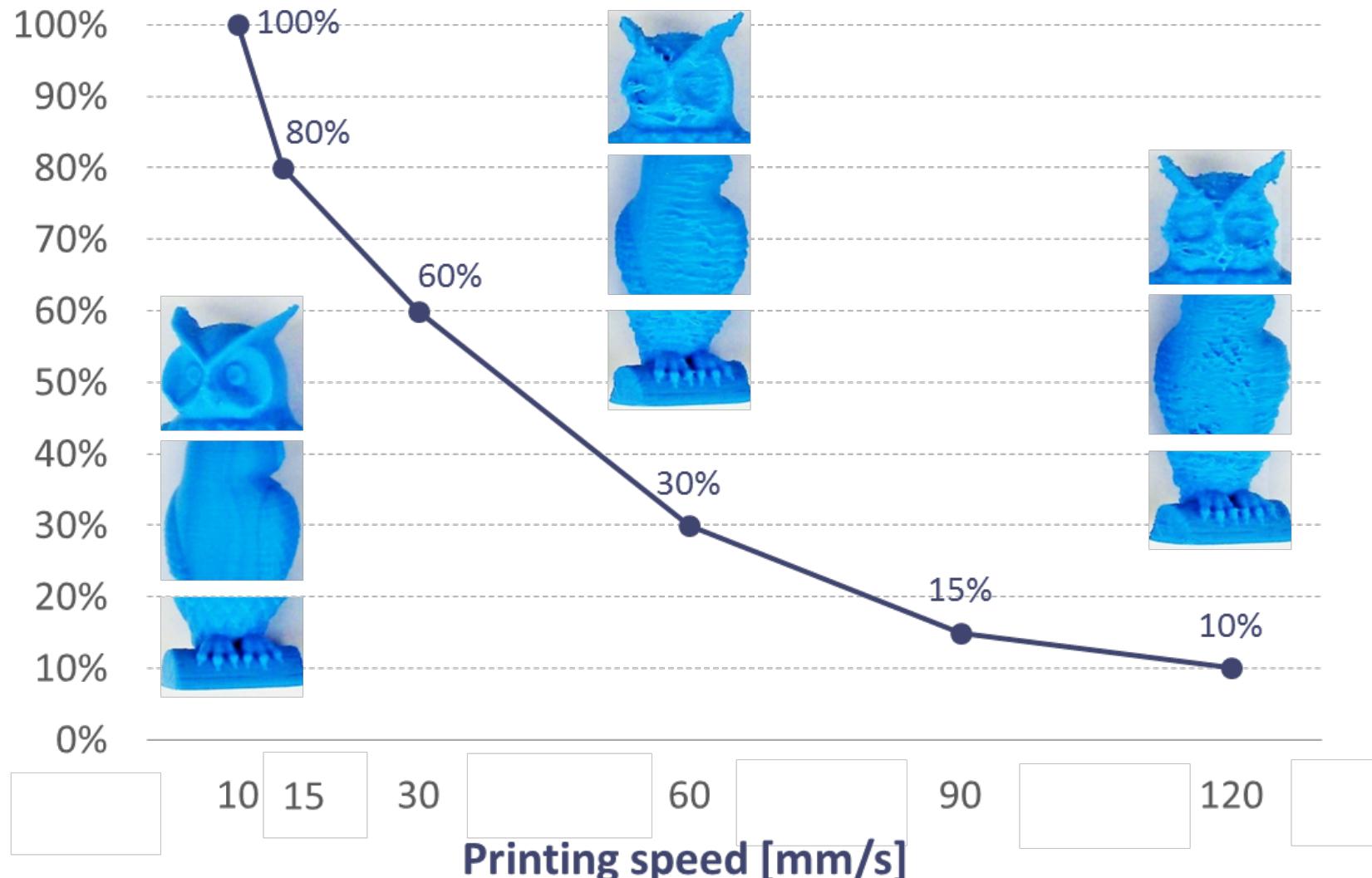
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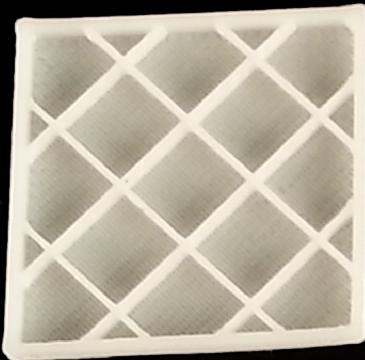
# Slicer settings - Speed

## Quality [as % of top specimen]

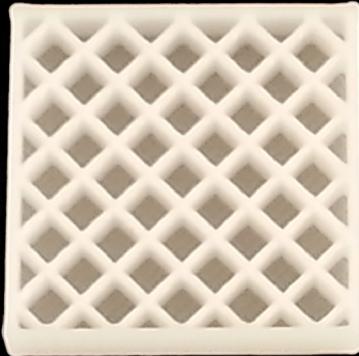


# Slicer settings - Infill

## Fill Density



10%

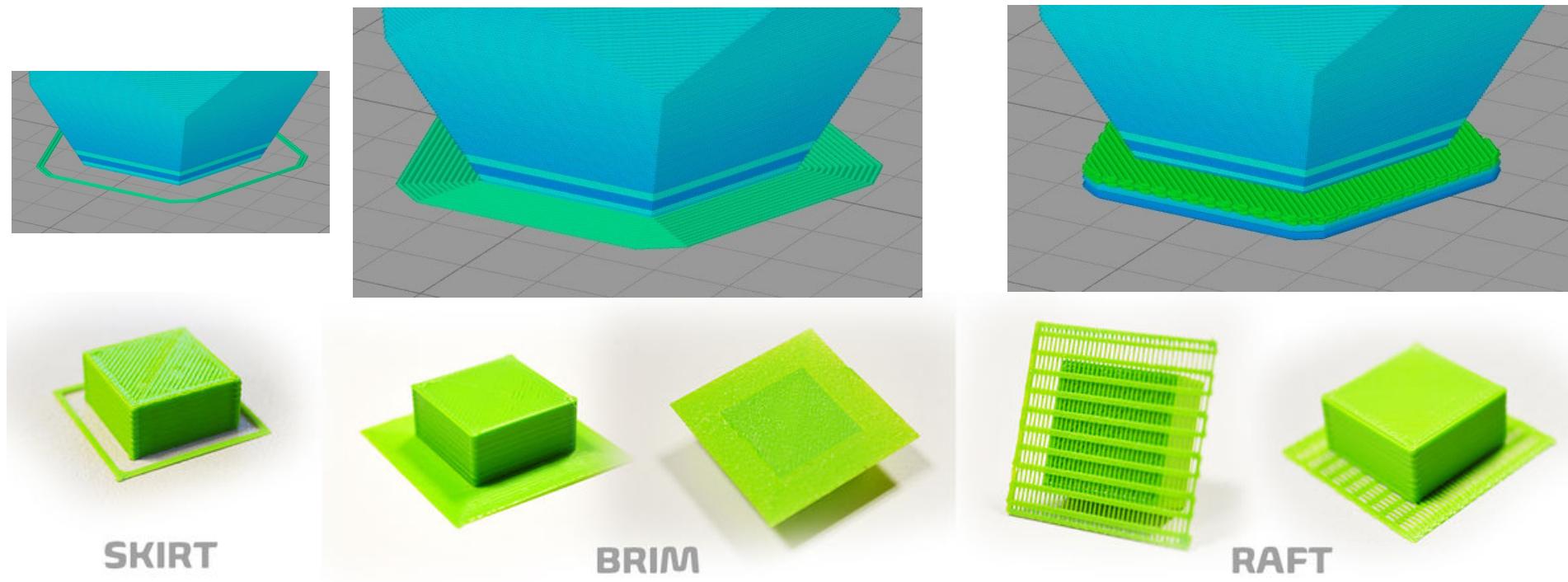


20%



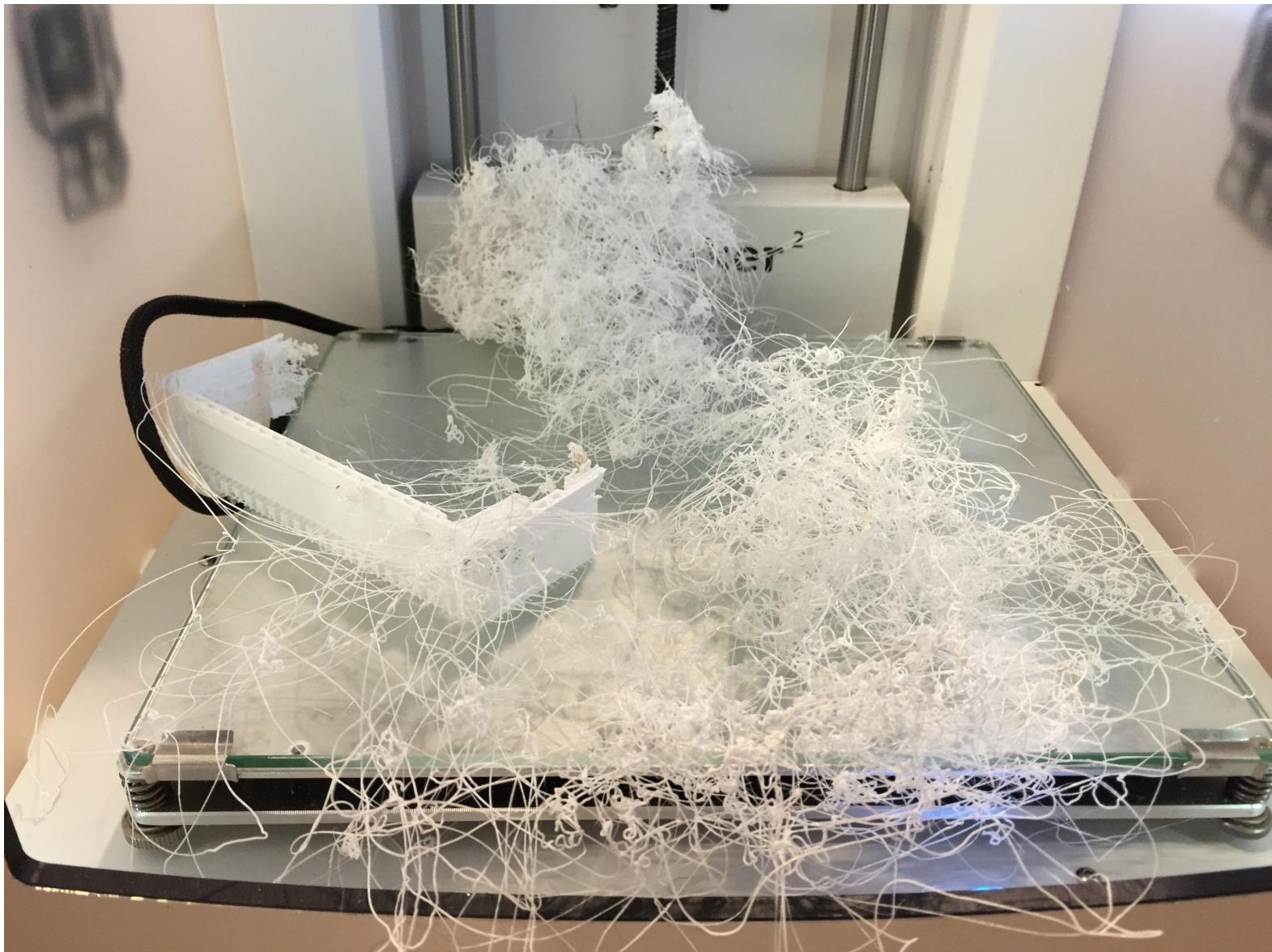
30%

# Slicer settings - Rafts, Skirts and Brims



<https://www.simplify3d.com/support/articles/rafts-skirts-and-brims/>

# Sometimes, this happens.



# Common problems

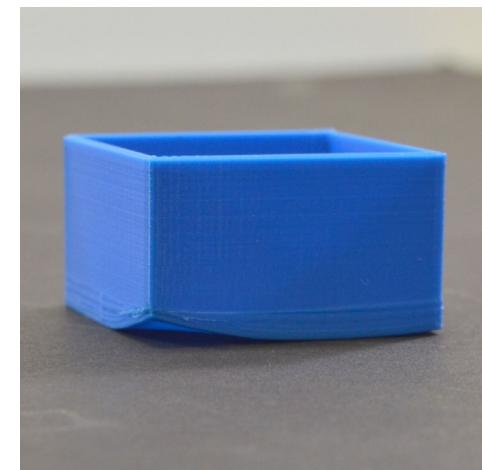
## Adhesion problems:

- The bed is not levelled
- The bed is not clean



## Warping

- Use heated bed
- Disable fan cooling
- Use brims and rafts

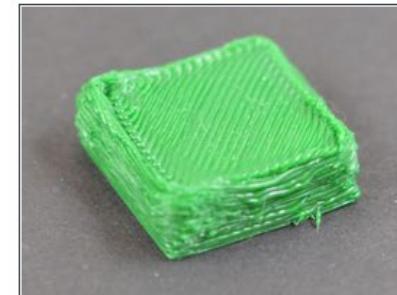
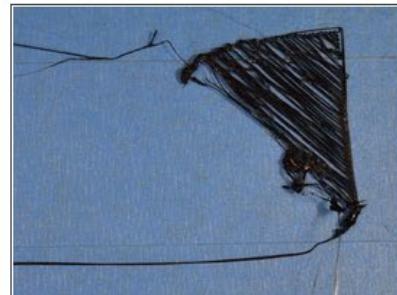


# Troubles?

<https://www.simplify3d.com/support/print-quality-troubleshooting/>

## Thumbnail Overview

Use the thumbnails below to identify the picture that most closely represents the quality issue that you are seeing in your own 3D printed parts. You can click on the thumbnail to jump that portion of the guide for immediate recommendations on how to resolve the issue. If you are not able to locate your issues from the thumbnails, feel free to scroll down and read through each section of the guide in more detail. There are plenty of useful tips to learn that can help improve your 3D printed results!



### Not Extruding At Start

Printer does not extrude plastic at the beginning of the print

### Not Sticking To Bed

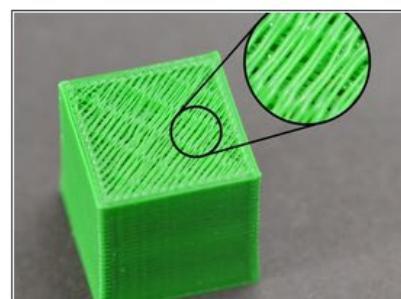
The first layer does not stick to the bed and the print quickly fails

### Under-Extrusion

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

### Over-Extrusion

Printer extrudes too much plastic, prints looks very messy



### Gaps in Top Layers

Holes or gaps in the top layers of the print

### Stringing or Oozing

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

### Overheating

Small features become overheated and deformed

### Layer Shifting

Layers are misaligned and shift relative to one another

3D printed parts:

Not approved for food handling (do not use 3D printed forks!)

Not use them for critical applications

3D printers:

The nozzle is hot

Do not touch it!

Risk of entrapment

Only reach in the machine when it is turned off

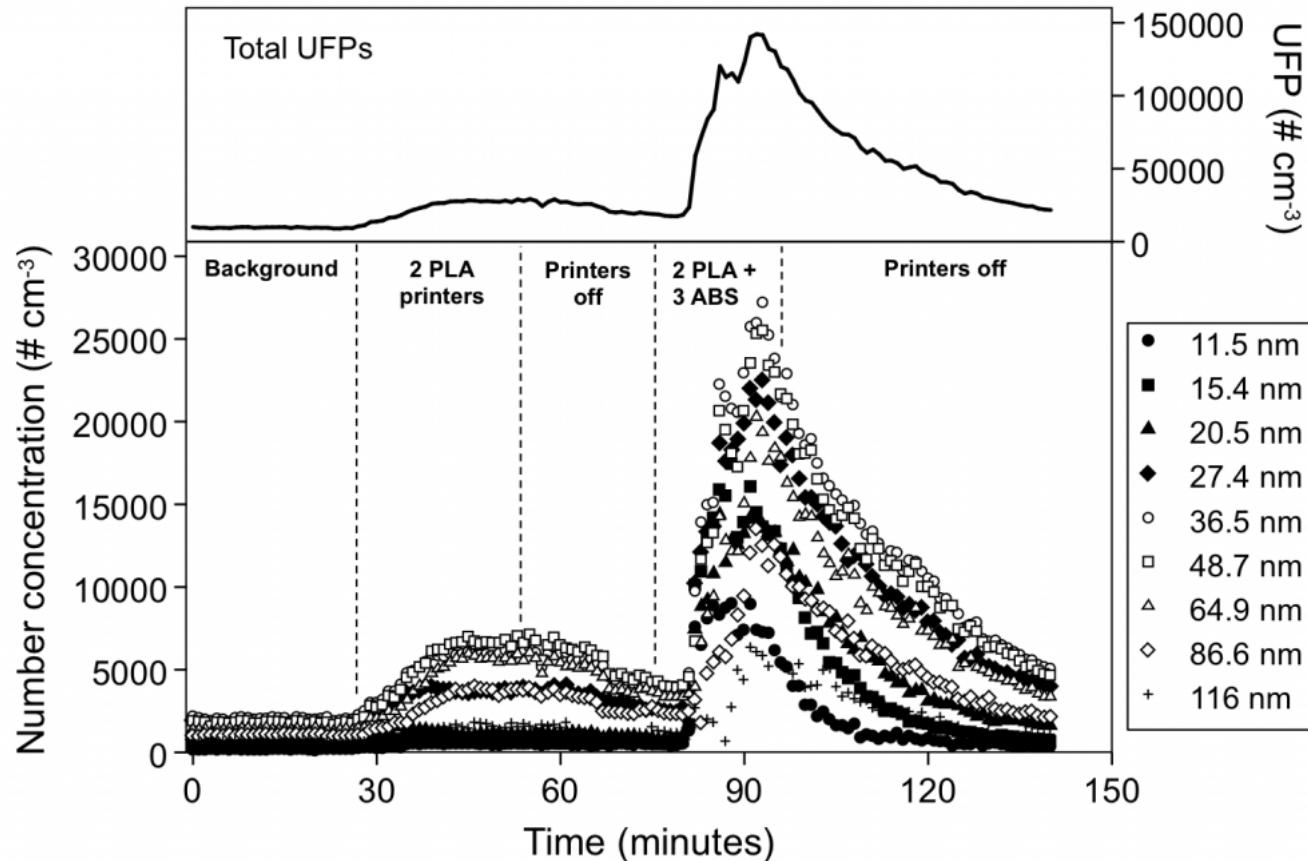
Emission of Ultrafine Particles (UFP) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Do not breathe?

Print in ventilated areas or use a filter

Place the printer in a different room (and not stay there)

Avoid using ABS and Flex filaments



# Take-home message

## Assemblies

Multiple components (3D models) in their final pos.

Allow us to:

- Inspect our prototype virtually

- Check the feasibility of your design

- Measure dimensions

## 3D printing

Several techniques (available online, 3d print house)

FDM printers are affordable

Select orientation, check for overhangs (support?)

More quality = More printing time

# Today's plan

Print some Lego blocks

Find them in a part repository

Install a slicer

Generate G-code (<15min!)

Go to the printers in small groups

~~Visit the Stereolithography (SLA) printer~~

While you wait:

Measure some dimensions of the 3D part and compare them with the dimensions of the model

Design a chassis to hold the motors and make an assembly (chassis + motors)

**Ask your doubts about modelling !**

# Mandatory activity

Design two motor holders (or a chassis) to hold the motors of your robot

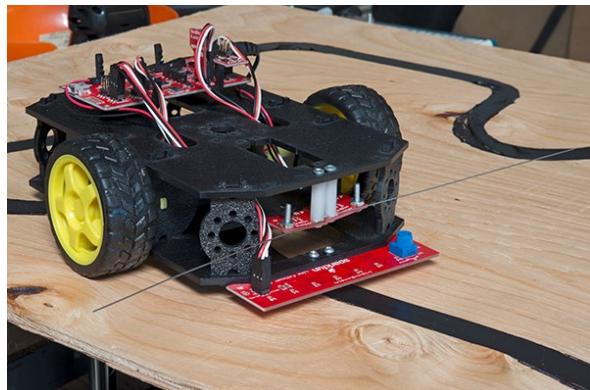
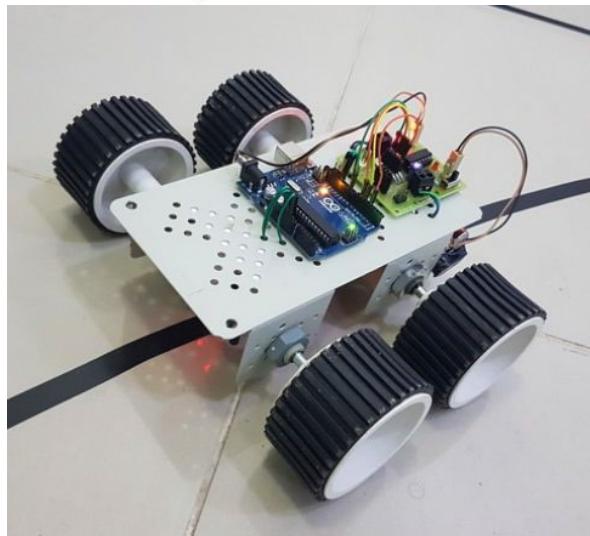
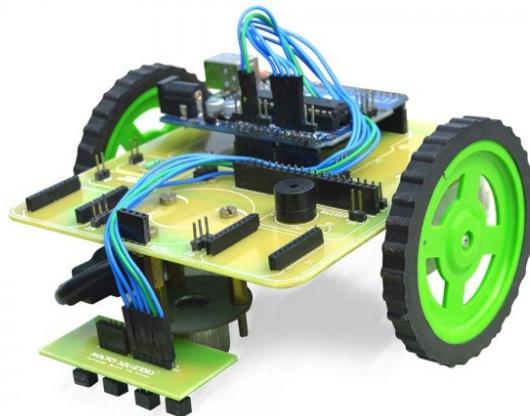
3D print it and come to next lecture with them

Try to use the 3D printers as soon as possible:

It takes time to 3D print

There are multiple groups

Prints can start today at 16:00



# REAL – Opening hours

Tuesdays from 12:00 to 14:00 (Martin)

Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 (Martin) and 12:30 to 14:00 (Hugo)

Thursdays from 12:30 to 14:00 (Hugo)

This week ONLY:

14:00 – 17:00 on Thursday (Martin)

13:00 – 15:00 on Friday (Andres)

Rest of the time: Stop by the lab, a lot of times there is someone there

# Ready?

Let's 3D print!

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