

Manufacturing Dream Homes Digit by Digit

Digital Homes

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Motivation

- 3D printing of buildings allows:
 - Desired Shapes
 - Desired Materials
 - Desired Functionality
- Benefits:
 - Resistant to earthquakes
 - Quick Process
 - Affordable

Desirables in Dream Home

- Affordable
- Functional
- Reliable
- Green



<https://www.gardenstateloans.com/3d-printed-homes/>



<https://all3dp.com/2/3d-printed-house-cost/>

Foundation: \$277
Walls: \$1624
Floor and roof: \$2434
Wiring: \$242
Windows and doors: \$3548
Exterior finishing: \$831
Interior finishing (including suspended ceiling): \$11

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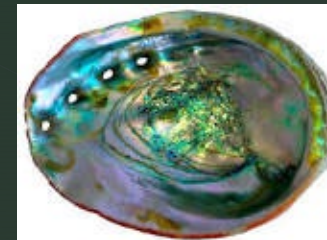
<https://www.businessinsider.com/3d-homes-that-take-24-hours-and-less-than-4000-to-print-2018-9>

Biomimicking

- Natural Disasters claim lives
- Natural Solution: Mother of Pearl
- Layered Structure
- Self-Assembled



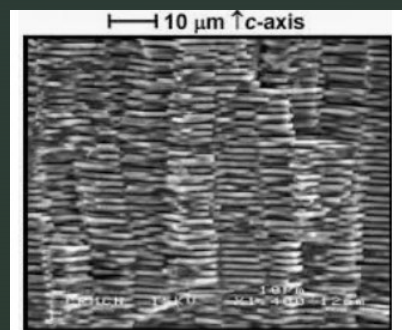
DNA self-assembly
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<https://news.wisc.edu/mother-of-pearls-genesis-identified-in-minerals-transformation/>



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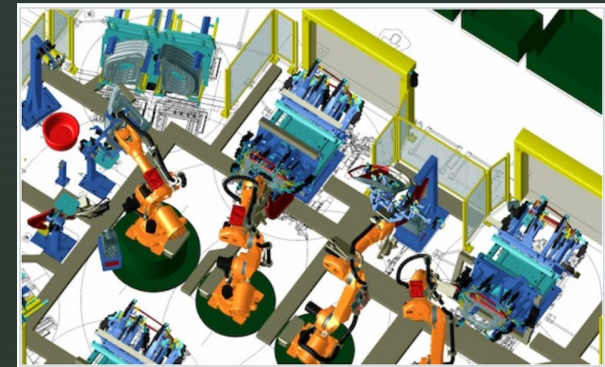
Pearl | Causes of Color
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Digital Manufacturing

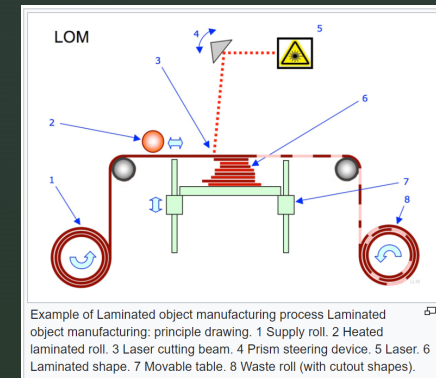
- Similar to Printing
- Deposit Material
- Desired location
- Computer Design



Digital Manufacturing and Logistic...
greatnorthlabs.com



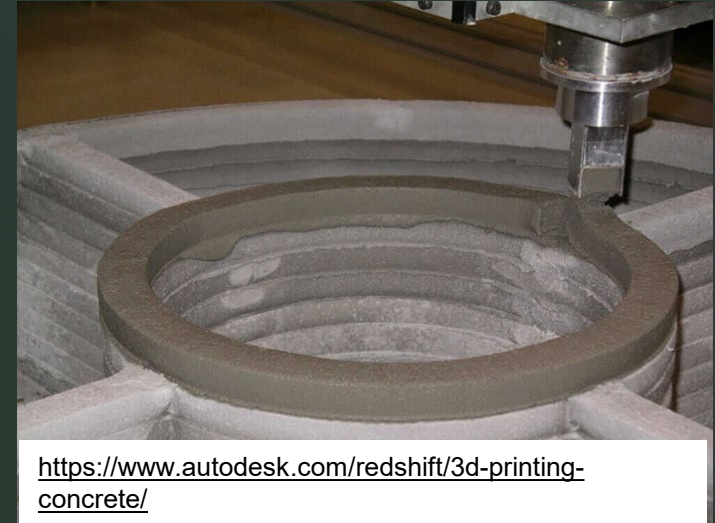
Robcad is a popular software used in digital manufacturing. Models of automated machinery and production lines can be created and simulated in real time.



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Tools

- 3D printers
- 3D welder
- Contour Crafting



First 2-Story Building in Dubai



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69HrqNnrfh4>



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Benefits

- Fast
- Inexpensive
- Mass-Produced
- Reliable

Choices

- Material:
 - Available, affordable
 - Bio degradable, recyclable, ecologically friendly
 - Smart, self-healing, composites
- Design:
 - Strong
 - Lightweight, hollow structures, sandwich structures
 - Durable
 - Resistant against fatigue, creep, oxidation
 - Easily made
 - Quickly made



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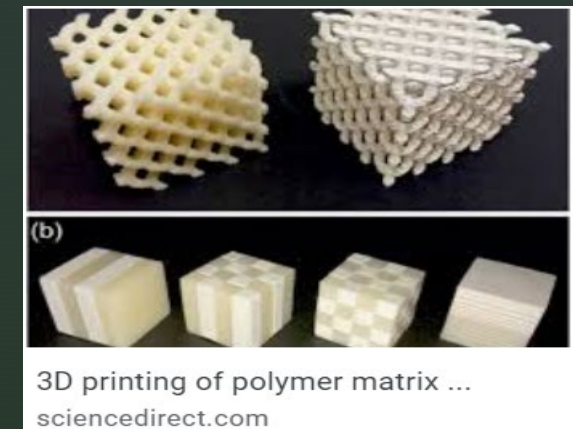
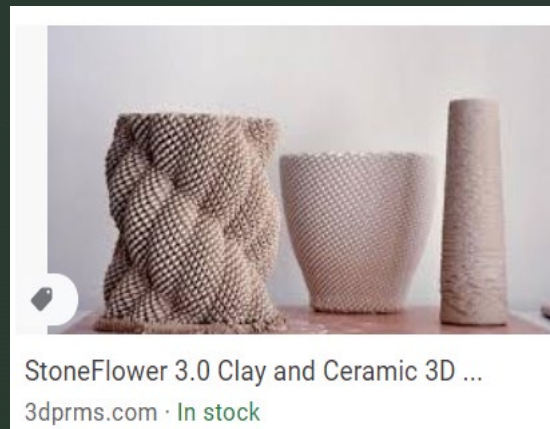


Mid-Century's meeting in Los Angeles on modern...

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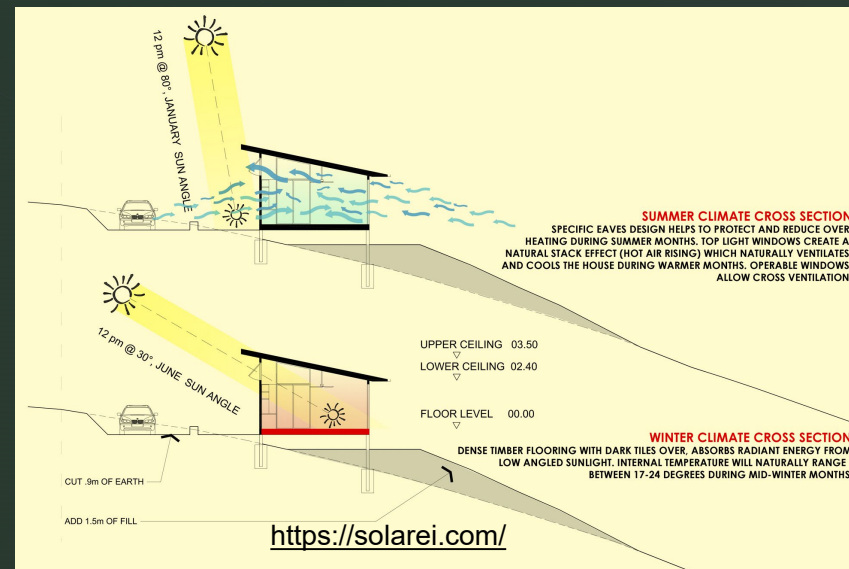
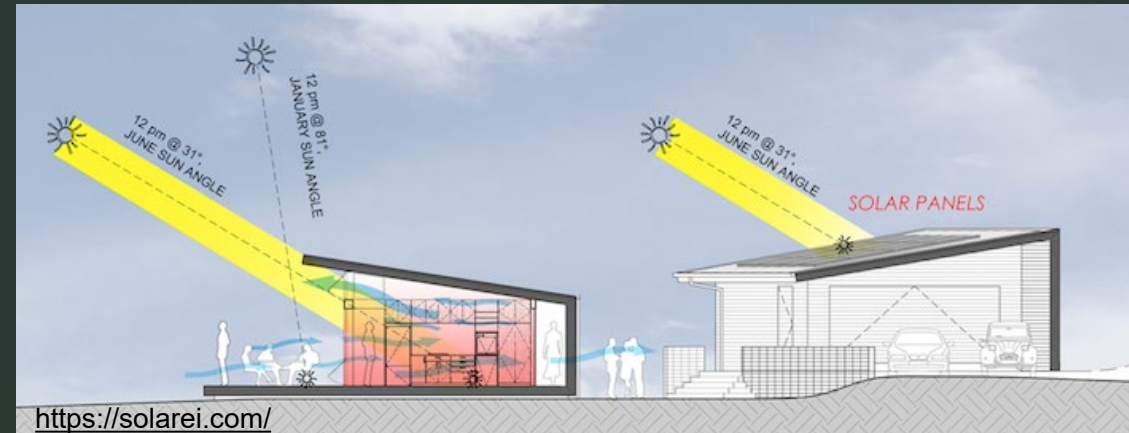
Materials

- Metals
- Polymers
- Ceramics
- Composites



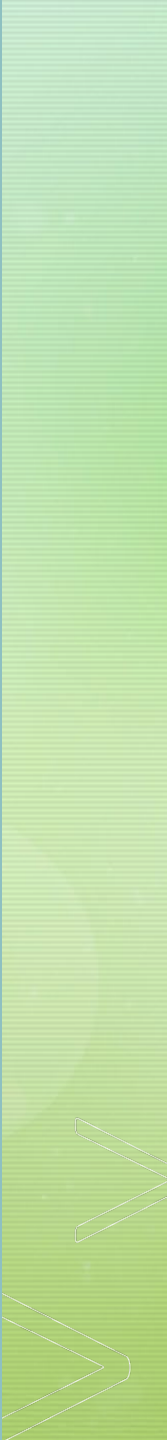
Desired Functionality

- Natural air conditioning
- Green
- Ascetically pleasing





Challenges

- Resistance against earthquakes
 - Mainly concrete walls
 - Need reinforcement
 - Need integrated roof
 - Need polymer/composites for insulation
 - Innovative Marketing
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Benefits: Resistance to Earthquakes

- Integrative Approach to house building
- Elimination of interfaces, joints, weak links
- Use of toughening schemes
 - Resistance against dynamic shear forces typical of earthquakes
 - Resistance against rain, heat
 - Resistance against tilting
 - Elimination of 10,000 killed and 400,000 injured in accidents/year



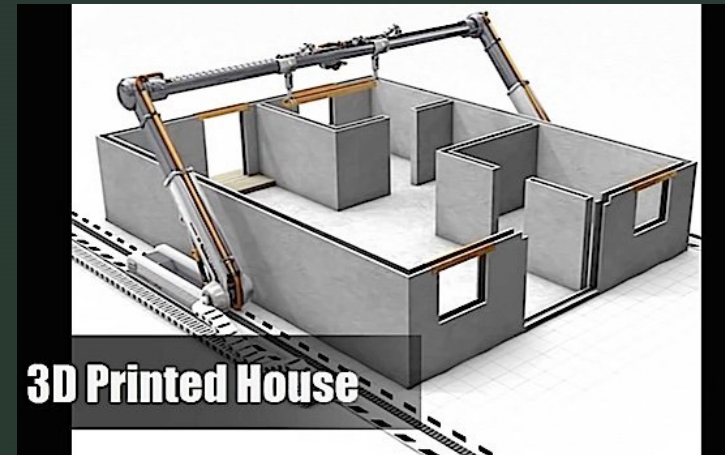
Earthquake in Chile, <https://www.leftcom.org/en/articles/2010-03-10/the-situation-in-chile-after-the-earthquake>



1906 Earthquake in San Francisco, <https://fineartamerica.com/shop/canvas+prints/1906+san+francisco+earthquake>

Quick Process

- House printed in China withstands an 8.0-Richter earthquake
- 2500 sf home in 20h



<https://www.ediweekly.com/3d-printed-homes-24-hours-printed-site-printed-villas-offices-floating-saunas/>



Castel in Minnesota start and completed structures: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/502010689708613086/>



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- Rehab costs: 21% Material, 79% labor
- Automation Reduces Labor Cost
- 3D printing improves Designs
 - Reducing mass of materials

Portion	Due to	If Automated by CC
20%-25%	Financing	Short project length and control of <u>time to market</u> will dramatically reduce this cost
25%-30%	Materials	Will be a wasteless (lean) process
45%-55%	Labor	Will be significantly reduced

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Table 1. Single Family Price and Cost Breakdowns		
2011 National Results		
Average Lot Size:		20,614 sq ft
Average Finished Area:		2,311 sq ft
I. Sale Price Breakdown	Average	Share of Price
A. Finished Lot Cost (incl. financing cost)	\$67,551	21.7%
B. Total Construction Cost	\$184,125	59.3%
C. Financing Cost	\$6,669	2.1%
D. Overhead and General Expenses	\$16,306	5.2%
E. Marketing Cost	\$4,645	1.5%
F. Sales Commission	\$10,174	3.3%
G. Profit	\$21,148	6.8%
Total Sales Price	\$310,619	100.0%
II. Construction Cost Breakdown	Average	Share of Construction Cost
Building Permit Fees	\$3,107	1.7%
Impact Fee	\$2,850	1.5%
Water and Sewer Inspection	\$2,952	1.6%
Excavation, Foundation, and Backfill	\$17,034	9.3%
Steel	\$1,012	0.5%
Framing and Trusses	\$24,904	13.5%
Sheathing	\$2,142	1.2%
Windows	\$6,148	3.3%
Exterior Doors	\$2,150	1.2%
Interior Doors and Hardware	\$2,883	1.6%
Stairs	\$1,052	0.6%
Roof Shingles	\$5,256	2.9%
Siding	\$8,739	4.7%
Gutters and Downspouts	\$870	0.5%
Plumbing	\$10,990	6.0%
Electrical Wiring	\$8,034	4.4%
Lighting Fixtures	\$2,193	1.2%
HVAC	\$8,760	4.8%
Insulation	\$3,399	1.8%
Drywall	\$8,125	4.4%
Painting	\$6,005	3.3%
Cabinets and Countertops	\$10,395	5.6%
Appliances	\$3,619	2.0%
Tiles and Carpet	\$8,363	4.5%
Trim Material	\$3,736	2.0%
Landscaping and Sodding	\$6,491	3.5%
Wood Deck or Patio	\$1,918	1.0%
Asphalt Driveway	\$2,729	1.5%
Other	\$19,487	10.6%
Total	\$184,125	100.0%

https://www.builderonline.com/building/its-about-time_o

Exotic Homes



<http://www.mytechref.com/bf03fb06b5344a49.html>



<https://www.thetravel.com/crazy-homes-that-look-straight-out-of-the-future/>

Reliability

- Human life at stake
 - Earthquakes
 - Fire
 - Tornados
- Need to conduct research



Research at NKU

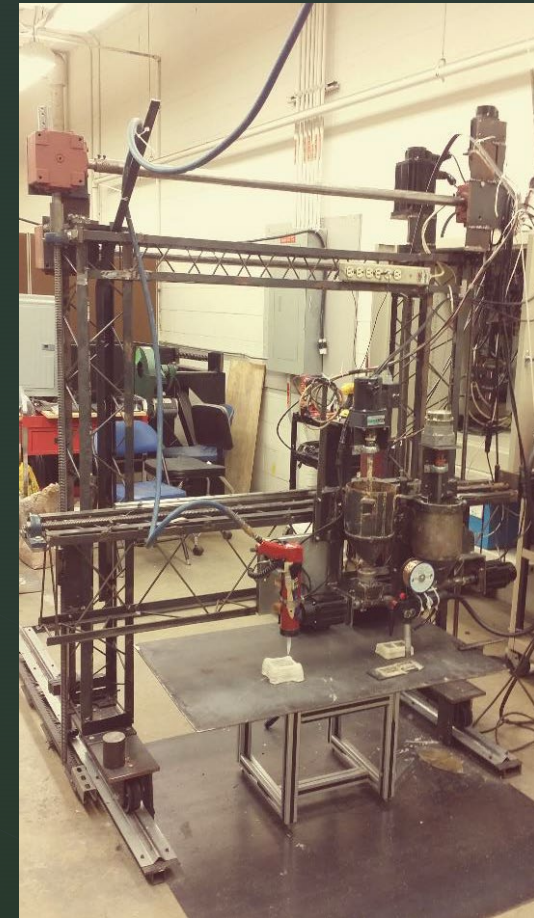
- Biomimicking
- 3D printing
- 3D welding

Developing 3D House Printer

- Fabrication of :
 - Mechanical Parts:
 - Frame, Rails, Movements
 - Extrusion Heads
 - Electrical Components:
 - Motors
 - Drives
 - Wiring
 - Programming
 - 3D scanning, or Drawing
 - Slicing, interfacing with Computer (MACH 3)

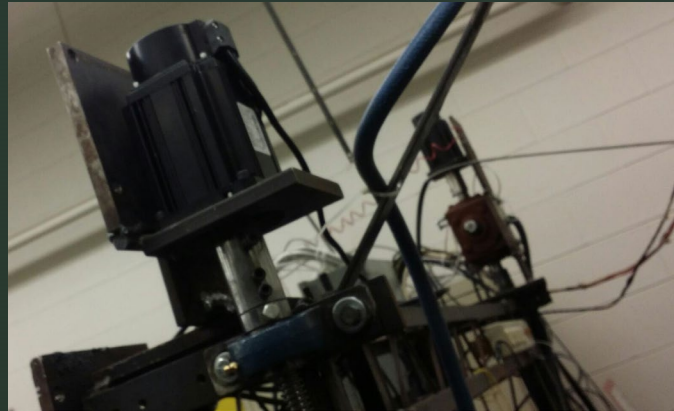
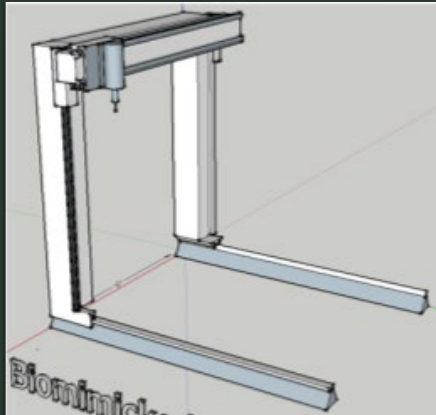
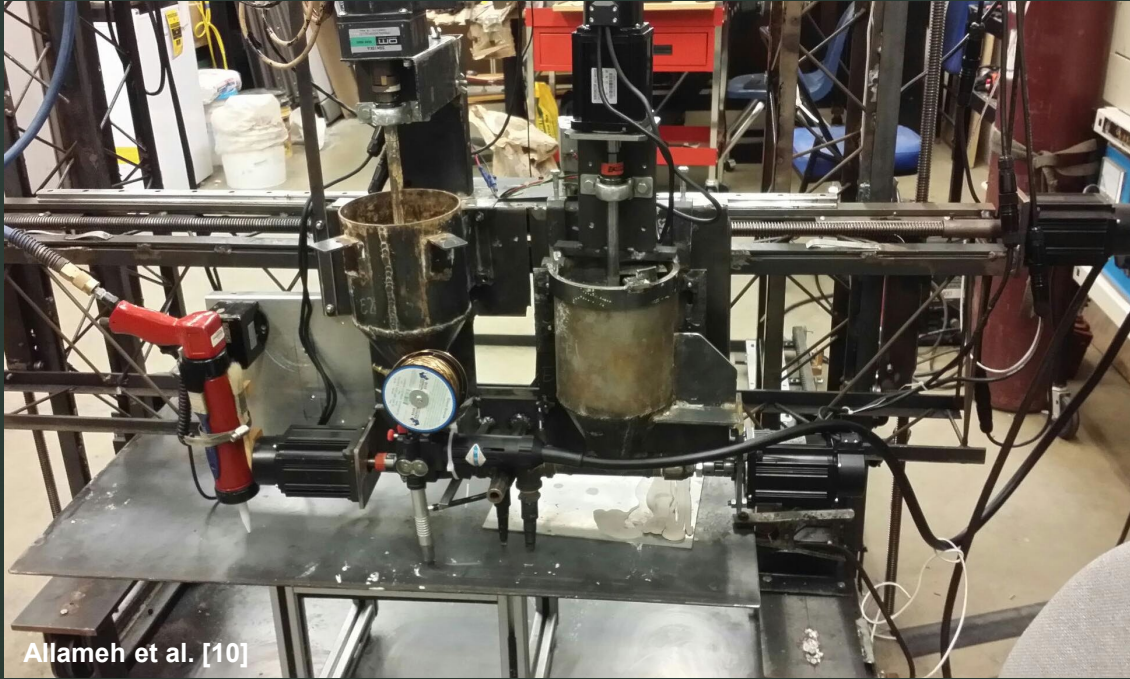
Mechanical Parts

- Frame:
 - Made scalable: Trusses, lightweight but strong
 - Modular Rails: Extends in 3ft lengths
 - Gantry type
- Writing Heads:
 - Hard Phase: Clay, Plaster, Cement
 - Soft Phase: Rubbers, Plastics
 - Adhesives: Sprays
 - Reinforcements:
 - Steel, Synthetic Fiber, Fiberglas, Hemp



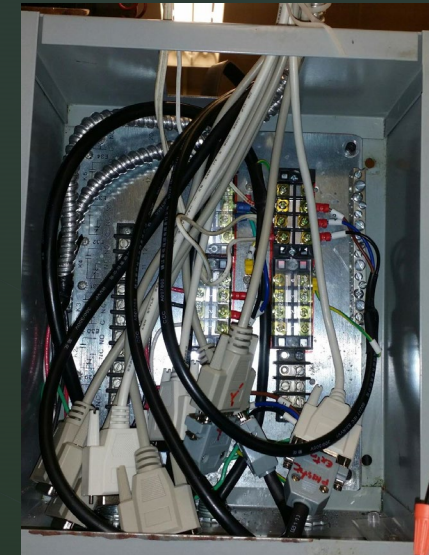
Prototype of a 3D printer scaled down to 1:10 developed at NKU

Mechanical Components



Electrical Components

- Motors (8):
 - 3-phase AC servomotors
 - 2.4 N-m to 15 N-m torque (Extruders, and motion in x,y and z)
 - 0.75 to 2.2 kW (3000 to 1500 RPM)
 - 110-220V single phase motors with gearheads for mixers
 - Synchronized motion of 2 motors each for y and z directions)
 - Small motor for MIG welding guns for metal deposition)
- Drives
 - 8 Drives, each controlling one motor, communicating with computer
- Wiring
 - Over 450 terminals to connect with different gage wires



Programming

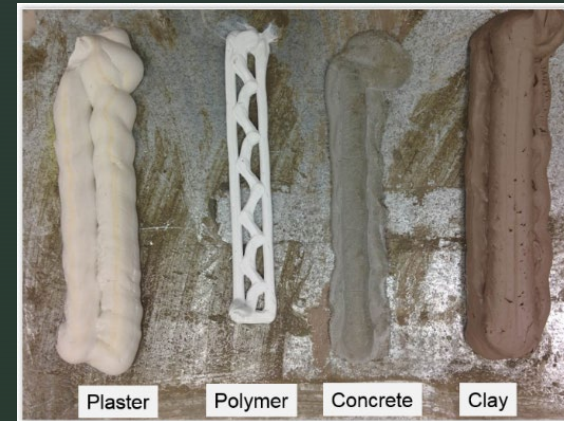
- MACH 3 for the Control of Machine
 - Mach 3 allows selection of pins used for
 - Direction, position and speed of the extruders
 - The thickness of the deposited material by control of the flow
 - Control of the thickness of the layers by the z direction elevation control
- 3D laser scanner for creating Models:
 - Objects can be scanned (e.g. making statues with the printer)
 - AutoCAD, SolidWorks, or Architectural software used to make models
- Cura for slicing of Models:
 - Can slice the models and tool paths are created
 - Generates G-code executable by MACH3



3D Systems, Laser Scanner Model [8]

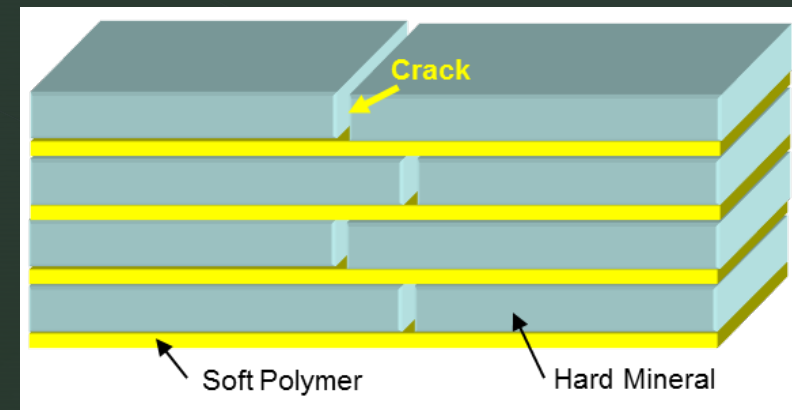
Materials Made

- Ceramics
 - Plaster, Clay and Cement
- Polymers:
 - Caulk
 - Plastic (being developed at this time)
- Metals:
 - Structural Steel
 - Bronze (TBD)
 - Stainless steel (TBD)
 - Aluminum



Nacre

- Naturally Tough Material
 - Mother of pearl and oyster are naturally tough
 - Hard layers of calcium carbonate (aragonite)
 - Soft interlayer of natural polymer
 - Great resistance to dynamic shear, typical of earthquakes
 - 8% elongation parallel to the plates



Fabrication and Testing of Biomimicked Composites

- Fabricated biomimicked composites using:
 - Hard ceramic
 - Soft polymer
 - Reinforcement fiber
- Microstructural characterization
- Mechanical Tests:
 - Tensile, compressive, bending, Dynamic shear test
 - Determine critical factors that affect toughness

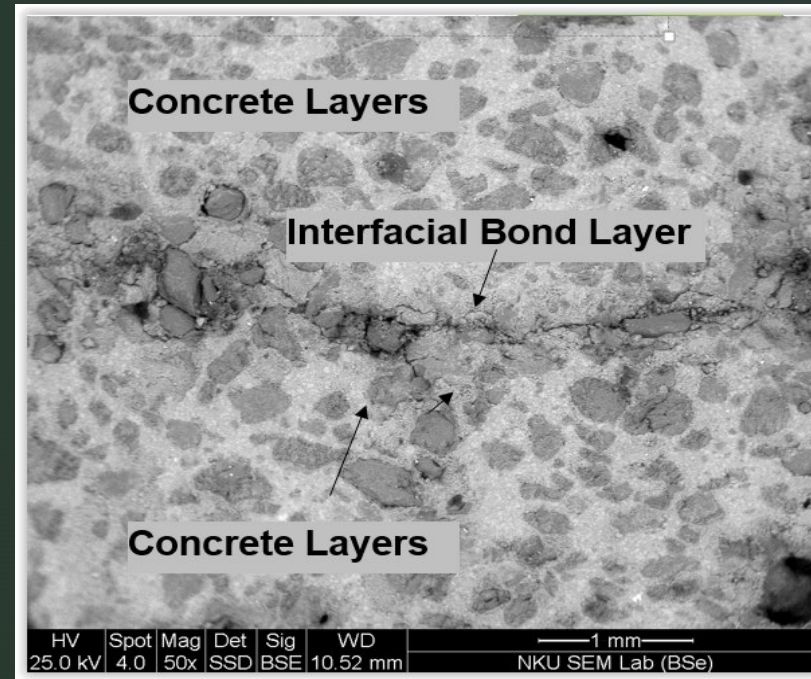
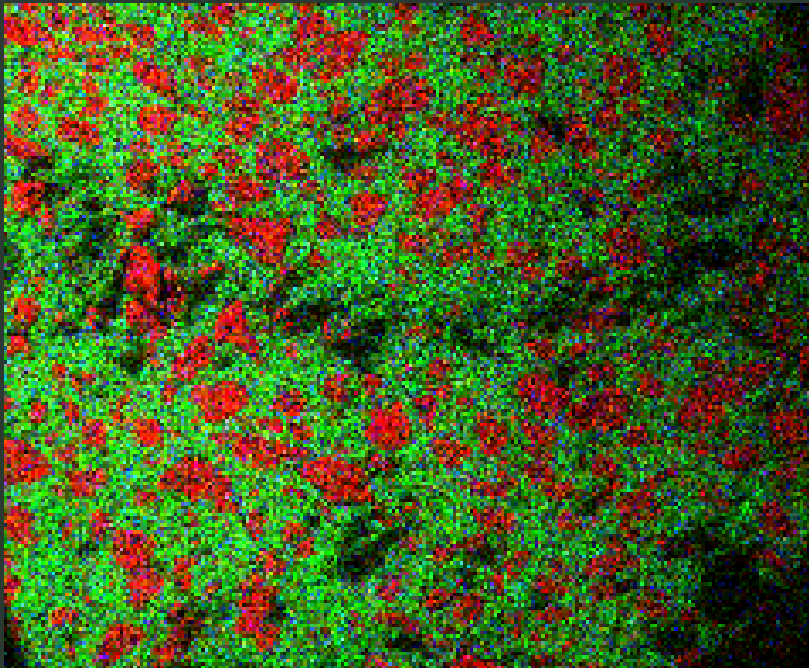
Materials

- Concrete, plaster and clay for hard layer
 - Ready mix of cement and sand
 - Quikrete, mortar mix No. 122.
- Polymers for soft layer
 - Spray adhesive from 3M (Rubber & Vinyl 80, consisting mostly of methylacetate, dimethyl ether, cyclohexane, and toluene), Gorilla Glue, Concrete bonding adhesive
- Synthetic and natural fiber for reinforcement
 - Carbon fiber, Tenax-A HTR40 F22 24K 1550tex
 - Tensile strength is 4.654 GPa, with a modulus of 248 GPa, elongation of 1.88% and a density of 1.81 g/cc. Th
 - Chopped in various nominal lengths of 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and 150 mm.
 - Hemp: used in fabric form

<u>Hazardous Components</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>% by Weight</u>
Sand, Silica, Quartz	14808-60-7	40-70*
Portland Cement	65997 15 1	10-30*
Lime	01305-62-0	5-10*

Microstructural Characterization

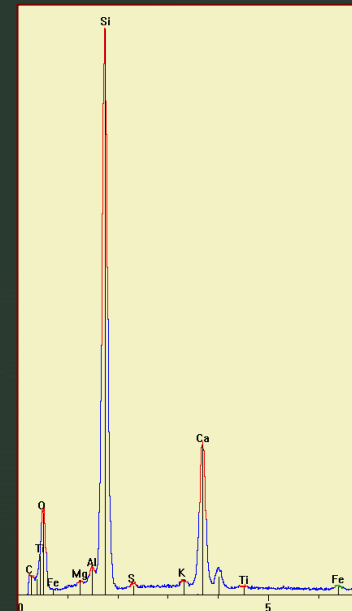
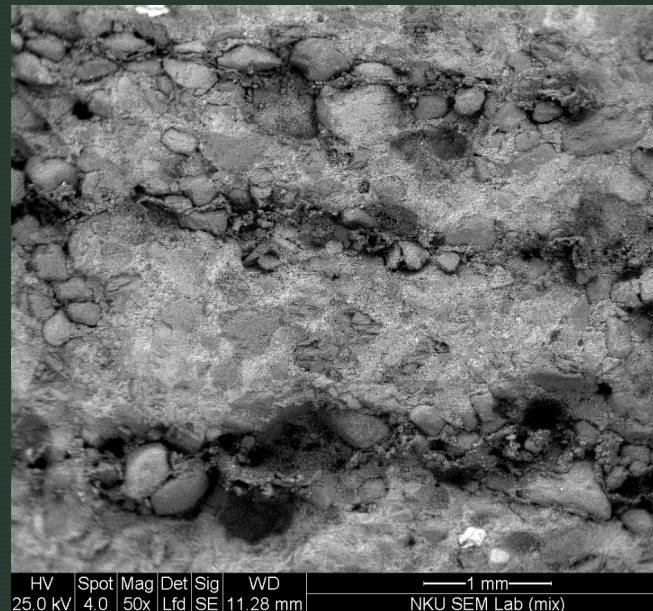
- BSE imaging with SEM performed
- Elemental dot maps obtained
- Details of interlayers observed



Elemental dot map (left) and BSE image (right) taken from the cross section of biomimicked sample, Allameh et al. [1]

EDX of Biomimicked Samples

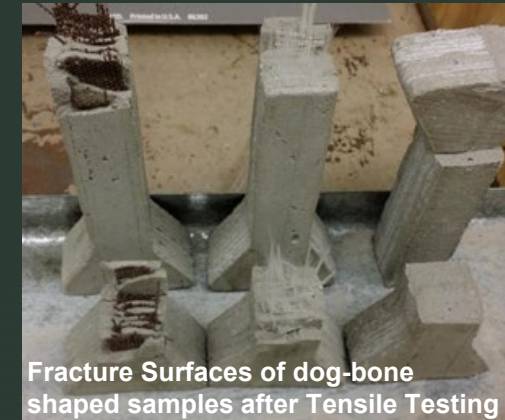
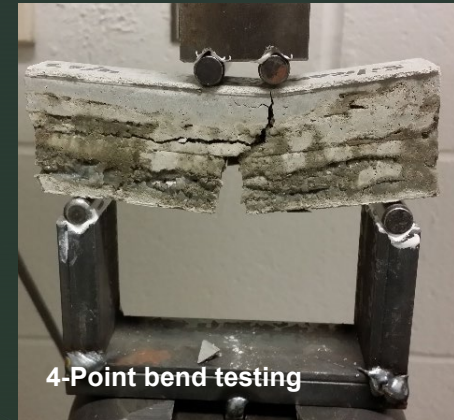
- SEM imaging
 - Thickness of hard layer~ 1-2 mm
 - Thickness of soft layer nm range



SE image (left) and X-ray diffraction graph (right) taken from the cross section of biomimicked sample, Allameh et al. [1]

Mechanical Testing

- Monotonic tensile and compressive loading
- Dynamic shear loading
- 4-point bend testing
- Combinatorial Research
 - Instron used
 - Load vs elongation
 - Load vs bending



Micromechanical Testing

- Micro-samples cut across thin sections
- Tested in monotonic and cyclic loading
- Exploring the reliability of 3D welded rebars

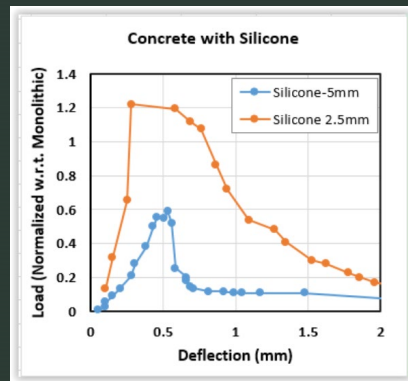


a) Instron E-1000
Electropulse fatigue testing
system, b) Microsample , c)
sample mounted in
grippers, d) Fracture
surfaces after fatigue test
[13]

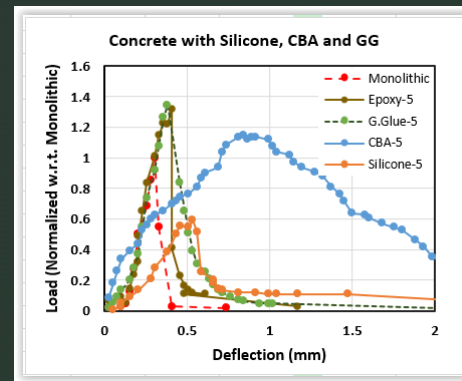
Results

- Effect of type of hard layer
- Effect of type of soft layer
- Effect of type of reinforcement
 - Effect of shape, geometry and orientation
 - Effect of volume fraction (Fiber loading)
 - Effect of length (continuous vs discontinuous at various lengths)
- Reliability of 3D welded steel structures for rebars
 - Tensile testing
 - Fatigue testing

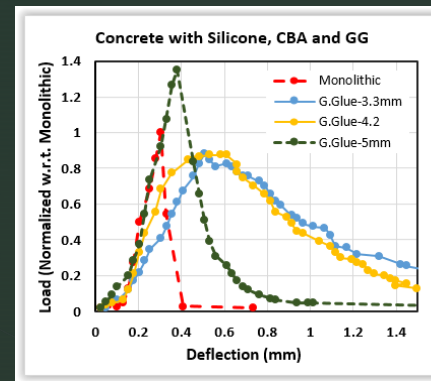
Effects of Various Factors on Structural Composites



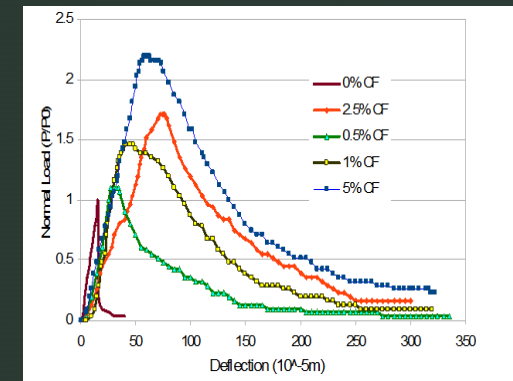
Effect of Layer Thickness
Thinner layers provide higher toughness values [8]



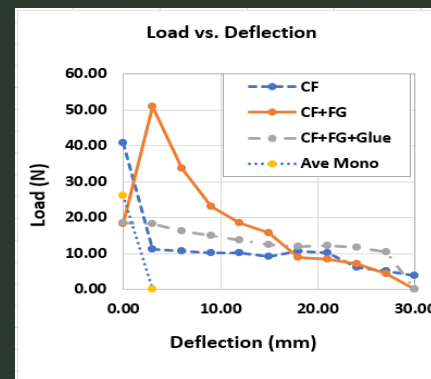
Effect of Type of Adhesive:
Concrete Bonding Adhesive best [8]



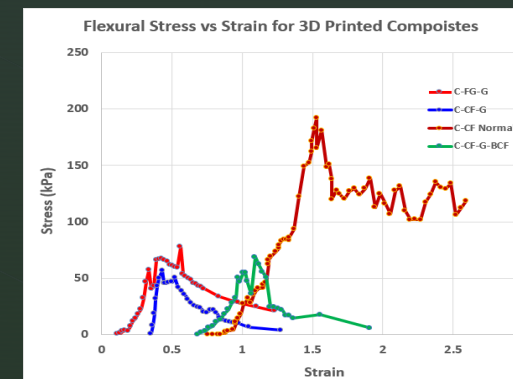
Effect of Fiber Length:
As Length of fiber increases so does the strength [8]



Effect of Fiber Loading:
As % of fiber increases so does the strength [5]

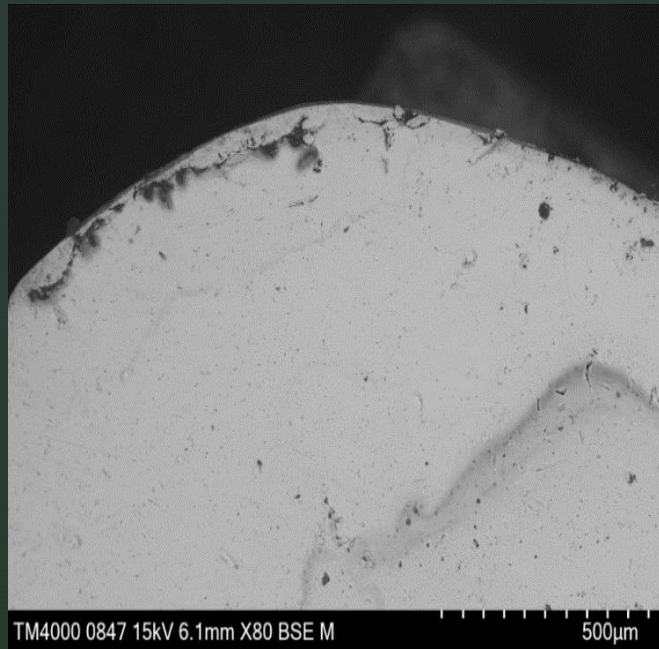


Combinatorial Research:
No sudden drop in strength for biomimicked sample [9]

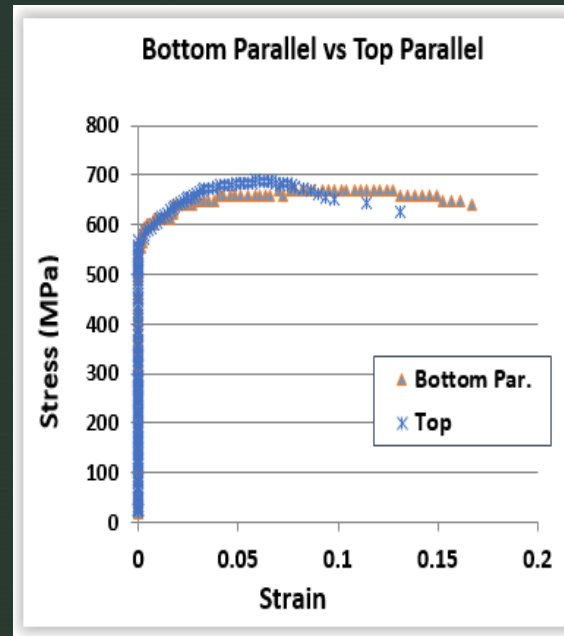


Effect of Type of Composite:
Highest fracture energy for concrete-carbon fiber with Gorilla™ glue [10]

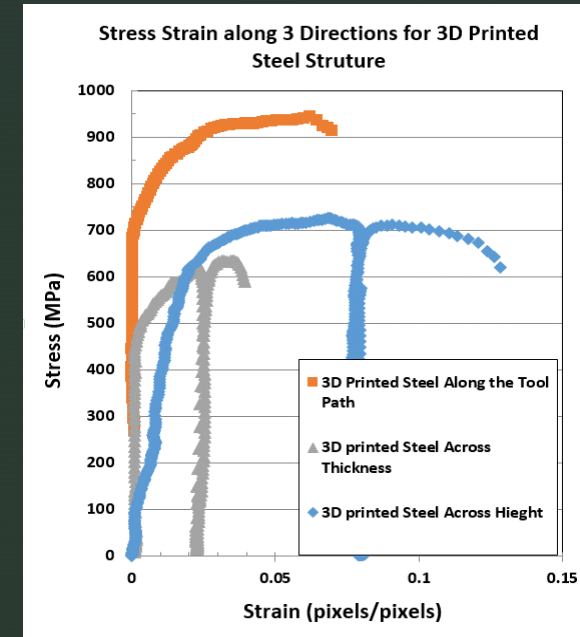
Reliability of 3D Welded Steel for Rebars



Backscattered electron (BSE) image of the cross section of 3D welded bead showing no noticeable porosity [12]



Effect of Cooling rate: Slightly higher strength for the fast cooled top of the weld bead vs. slow-cooled bottom of the bead in contact with concrete [12]



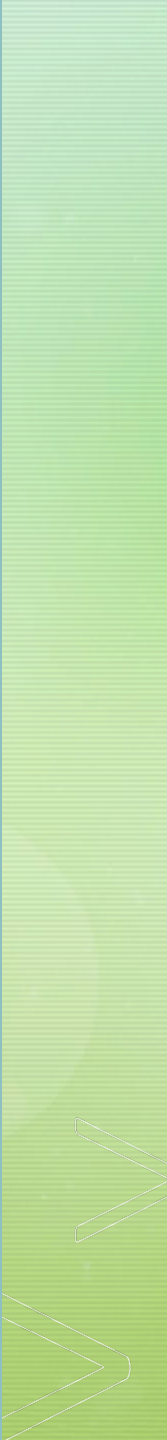
Effect of orientation on Strength
Highest strength along tool path, lowest across the thickness of the weld bead [11]

Outcomes

- Biomimicking provides toughness [1-10]
- 3D printing-based Combinatorial Composite Research Possible [9]
- 3D welding produces structures that have
 - Sufficient strength [11-12]
 - Sufficient ductility [11-12]
 - Sufficient fatigue resistance [13]
 - Steel Reinforced Concrete is possible and reliable with 3D welding [1-13]



Other Aspects

- Social
 - Economical
 - Trends
 - Innovations
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