

### Digital System Integration in the Context of Industry 4.0

#### **Digital Manufacturing**

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#### **Overview**



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- Flexible manufacturing
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#### Introduction



Convergence of information and operational technologies





## INDUSTRY 4.0 as part of the Internet of thing



We define the internet of things as sensors and actuators connected by networks to computing systems. These systems can monitor or manage the health and actions of connected objects and machines. Conneted sensors can also monitor the natural worlds, people and animals.

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#### **New paradigm**



How to compute the enormous quantity of data comming from sensors and convert it in value creation?







## Flexible Manufacturing Example: Project SMARTLAM















#### The ambitious vision

Design for traditional fabrication processes



Stacking of thin polymer films, each with specific properties utilizing advanced film material and surface properties for batteries, wiring, sensors and fluidics (structures and printed components)





#### **Targets & topics**

- Capability to rapidly produce 3D mechatronic micro systems
- Increased flexibility and scalability of processes
- Reduced energy consumption
  - Reduction of development and sale up time
- Product quality improvement
- Waste reduction and reduced impact on the environment



3D-I Modelling & design approach



## 3D-I compatible production platform



SMARTLAM adaptive control and vision inspection

Project targets





#### Modularity concept



#### SMARTLAM 6 modules

- Lamination
- Laser welding
- Laser structuring
- Printing module (aerosoljet printing)
- Assembly
- Inspection







#### **Project overview**







#### **Application 1 – LED lighting**

- Light source embedded into surgical instrument
- Product includes 1. planar light-guide LED chip source, electronic control, switch and power source
- Sealed and to have high hermiticity for medical accreditation.
- Custom size and light specifications for different surgical procedures
- Specification will evolve over time
- Disposable
- Cost/volume critical e.g. Veterinary market



Source: DLED



# Additive Manufacturing in the context of Industry 4.0



#### Additive Manufacturing Definition & Timeline



#### Definition of AM:

"The process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies, such as traditional machining"<sup>1</sup>

#### Typical technologies:

- Laser/Light Polymerization (e.g. stereolithography)
- Laser Melting (e.g. selective laser sintering, selective laser melting)
- Extrusion processes
  - (e.g. fused filament fabrication, fused deposition modeling)
- Material jetting (e.g. inkjet printing or multijet modelling)
- Adhesive based processes (e.g. laminated object manufacturing)
- Electron beam manufacturing (EBM)

<sup>1</sup>Source: ASTM Standard. Standard terminology for additive manufacturing technologies, vol 10.04

#### Additive Manufacturing Definition & Timeline



- **2000-2010**:
  - Build platforms are getting bigger, resolution is getting better, building time is reduced and prices for machines start to get lower
  - New materials are available: Nanocomposites, high-elongation materials, hight temperature resistant materials, improved mechanical properties and bio-compatible materials
  - Formation of ASTM comittee for producing standards on testing, processes, materials, design and terminology in AM
  - EnvisionTec introduces first stereolithography machine using direct light processing (DLP) technique
- 2010-now:
  - AM is adopted by many industries as a valid production method
  - Capabilities of machines are extended even further (materials, resolution, build sizes)
  - AM is reaching the private sector with affordable FDM, SLA and DLP printers





#### The project consortium

- European project und H2020 programme
- 12 partners from 5 countries
- Project duration : 2015/10-2018/09
- Budget : 5M €
- Call: H2020-NMP-PILOT-2015
- Project number : 685937









#### Polyjet technology



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Few numbers.... 100's of jets per head 30-80 nanograms drops ± 10 microns drop accuracy ± 5% drop to drop uniformity Up to 40 KHz jetting frequency

Source: Stratasys





#### Polyjet technology

Voxel (volumetric pixel):

a volume element representing a value on a regular grid in three dimensional space.

This is analogous to a pixel, which represents 2D image data in a bitmap.



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White rigid material (Vero white)



Source: Stratasys





#### Material development

Ceramic enhanced material





Electrically conductive material

Lightweight polymer material



High strength polymer material





#### **Ceramic ink**

Concept of requirements for ceramic inks

Frame conditions given by the process and the aspired applications:

- Maximum particle defined by printhead's orifice: d100< 500 nm</p>
- Too much NANO is not helpful -> Increased viscosity



Compromise: "Large" nanoparticle size and small specific surface areas needed

a) Microsizedparticles, b) nanosizedparticles, c: Change of polymer mobility with distance from **ceramic nanoparticles**, showing a pronounced amount of immobilized polymer in the composite **causing a pronounced viscosity increase**.





#### **Conductive ink**

**Classic:** 

Screen Printing and Photolithography

#### 3D Printing:

- No material yet available
- -> Polymer with silver nanoparticle
- -> concurrent properties:
  - Low Viscosity
  - Low resistivity (High metal content)
  - Surface tension
  - Small non agglomerate particles

Parameter	Requirement	Description
Solids %	≤50% w/w (as starting points)	
Particle size	D(50) = 75-90 nm d(90) = 95-130 nm	
Viscosity	12-20cP at printing temperature (<60°C)	It is not recommended to heat PVN inks above 60°C
Surface tension	25-35 dyn/cm	
Stability test at room temperature (1 month) (Shelf life test)	Viscosity change ≤5% Particle size change ≤5%	Re-dispersible by mild shaking
Stability test at 60°C (8, 24 hours) (Stability during printing time)	Viscosity change ≤5% Particle size change ≤5%	
Accelerated sedimentation rate	<0.38 µm/sec @T=10% transmission	Tested with Lumisizer centrifuge
Jetting test	Jetting latency > 10min	





#### High strength ink



Initial ink requirement (STR) reveal basic limitations of solution polymerization approach

Novel approach to be studied

- High viscosity of polyimide precursors
- Slow kinetics
- High temperature tolerance needed
  - Solution polymerization is a challenging process for inkjet formulation

### **Additive Manufacturing - Applications**

#### Multi material

- Creation of parts with functionally graded materials:
  - Hardness
  - Flexibility
  - Adhesive properties
  - Stiffness
  - Color





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- Possible Applications:
  - Compliant joints
  - Artistic sculptures
  - Heat Dissipation

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#### **Additive Manufacturing - Applications**

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#### **Embedded components**

- Objects can be embedded due to layer-by-layer build-up
  - Circuits
  - Sensors
  - Monitors
  - Threaded rods
  - Etc.



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- Possible Applications:
  - Toys
  - Lighting devices
  - Food monitors



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#### **Additive Manufacturing - Applications**

#### **Printed electronics**

- Pre-Assembled Parts directly printed
  - Use of sacrificial support material
  - Gaps of few hundreths µm between parts
  - Removal of support leaves captive assembled linkage
- Possible Applications:
  - Physical Working models
  - Locomotive robots
  - Articulated Models
  - Prosthetics



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#### Additive Manufacturing – Trends & Challenges

#### Materials:

- Broadening of available materials; solid loaded inks & polymers
- Digital materials & integration of discrete parts
- Biomaterials (tissue scaffolds, organs)
- Design:

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- Specific tool representing AM functions & interactions; simp designing complex shapes
- High throughput & build size
  - Multinozzle array print hea
  - Integration of additional pr
  - Large scale parts
- Modeling, Sensing and Proc
  - Transport phenomena, ten
  - Access to build chamber for a second seco
  - Integration of control algor

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ts of building process



#### Conclusion



- A New Industrial Revolution of connected objects is happening
  - IT Advances:
    - Cloud storage
    - Calculation capacities
  - Operation Technologies advances:
    - Digital system Integration
    - AM processes
    - Materials
- Changes to come:
  - Mass customisation
  - Higher productivity (predictive maintenance, automatization, ...)
- It is up to us to make this revolution Human-Centred
  - Improvement of Human-machine interface
  - Telepresence
  - Training

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