3D-Printable Hydrogel-Based & Particle-Based Ink Platforms

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Fused Deposition Modeling: Material Deposition 3D-Printing

Molten plastic (or lightly loaded plastic composite) is extruded and solidifies upon deposition due to temperature reduction



Energy Beams for Metal Additive Manufacturing







Resin Baths for Photopolymer Additive Manufacturing





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Light selectively polymerizes/cross-links/cures regions of monomer resin bath resulting in selective solidification



Inkjet Binding: Powder Bed + Material Deposition







Been in use for ~30 years

C.B. Williams et al. Int J Adv Manuf Technol. 53, 2011

Room-Temp. Material Deposition: Direct Ink Writing ("Robocasting")



Extruded "Ink" that contains powder and binder and is selfsupporting upon deposition. Generally requires post-AM chemical or thermal processing



Traditional DIW formulations have been limited to < 40 vol.% powder (typically less than 25 vol.%) → Post-processing difficult

Equipment

Materials/Consumables





Two Printer Technologies (inkjet & Laserjet)

Every Color



Dozens of technologies and platforms









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3D

3D-printer/Additive Manufacturing platform for each material







One Machine \rightarrow Very Few Materials



The current specialty of 3DP and AM

Material



Where the most progress is needed And where the most confusion resides

- Functionality

It looks like a burger (shape), but the plastic (material) doesn't taste like a burger (function)!



Huffpost.com

Shape alone ≠ Function





Kidney *shaped*, but not a *functional* kidney

3D-Printing a Human Kidney TED Talk: March, 2011







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The Shah <u>T</u>issue <u>E</u>ngineering and <u>Additive Manufacturing Laboratory</u>

Defining "3D-Printability" and creating and developing new, 3D-printable materials for any and all applications.

INCREASING: Functionality, Complexity, Regulations, Standards, Etc.





Creating Complex and Versatile 3D Printed Functional Implants



Tissues and organs widely vary in composition, structure, properties, and function.





The Biomaterial Ink Palette ----- 3D-Printable Inks





<u>3D-Printing</u> Compatibility

> Extrude through fine diameter nozzles

Continuous, uniform filament extrusion

Self-supporting and shapemaintaining



Compatible with other inks

"Advancing the Field of 3D Biomaterial Printing" A. Jakus & A. Rutz, R.N. Shah. *Biomedical Materials*; 11(1) *Special Edition.* 2016

Partially Cross-Linked Hydrogel Inks





Aqueous-Based, Primarily Water Hydrophilic Multi-Mat. Compatible Can Encapsulate Live Cells (Bioprinting)

Particle-Laden Inks "3D-Painting"

Well beyond biological and medical applications

Organic Solvent-Based Primarily Rigid Particles Multi-Mat. Compatible Can't Encapsulate Live Cells

Solution vs. Gel Phase 3D Printing





- Limited multi-layer fabrication
- Cell settling in the ink (inhomogeneous distribution)



Partially Cross-Linked Hydrogels Shah TEAM Lab Approach



2nd layer

Developing a Universal Bioink Method: PEGX





Rutz, Shah et al. Advanced Materials, 27(9), 2015

Base Polymer:

e.g. Amine -containing

PEG Cross-linker:

e.g. Homobifunctional NHS (amine-reactive)

Advantages to PEG:

- biocompatible
- variations in physical and chemical prop. easily accessible
- commercially available
- inexpensive

3D Printed PEGX-Gelatin





Multi-Material Printing and Cell Patterning





Rutz, Shah et al. Advanced Materials, 27(9), 2015

Customizing Nanostructure and Bioactivity



Rutz, Shah et al. Advanced Materials, 27(9), 2015

An Expansive Variety of Soft Material Properties



- Over 100 formulations from a variety of materials
 natural and synthetic
- Can customize 3D printed material composition, bioactivity, nanostructure, degradation, & mechanical properties - without compromising printability
- Achieve 3D printable hydrogel constructs over a range of 500Pa 40kPa



Enhancing Bioactivity w/ Tissue Specific Decellularized ECM





Cholangiocytes: biliary epithelial cells

Type 1 Collagen

Matrigel

Liver dECM



Day 7

Engineering a Bioprosthetic Ovary: Addressing Gonadotoxicity or Gonadal Dysfunction

 Significant correlation between radiation therapy and infertility, acute ovarian failure, and low hormone levels in female cancer survivors

Our Solution:

Isolate and culture follicles from patient before treatment in a Bioprosthetic Ovary and implant back into patient after treatment to preserve fertility and hormone function



Prof. Teresa Woodruff, Dr. Monica Laronda, Dr. Shuo Xiao, Kelly Whelan



Effect of Pore Geometry on Follicle Survival





Increasing number of contacts decreases follicle spreading and maintains spherical shape necessary for survival

GFP+ Follicle-Seeded 3D Printed Scaffold Implantation







1. Ovarian tissue is removed



2. Bioprosthetic ovary implanted

Bioprosthetic Ovary = GFP+ follicles on 3D printed gelatin scaffold

Folliculogenesis & Hormone Production Restored



§, scaffold strut. **+**, vessels.



Fertility Restoration: In Vivo Live Birth and Lactation





Successful live birth of GFP+ offspring

Pups raised by mom until weening; mom lactated and was hormonally functional



Bioprosthesis-Derived Grandpups



Pup grew to adulthood, was mated and had pups – had normal fertility

First demonstration of a functional implanted organ created via 3D printing

In the midst of setting up a 3D printing center within hospital GMP facility to produce 3D printed hydrogel scaffolds for future preclinical (porcine) & clinical trials

Shah TEAM Lab 3D Printable Ink Platforms

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Can't Encapsulate Live Cells

3D-PAINTING: A COMPREHENSIVE, MATERIALS-CENTRIC APPROACH TO 3D-PRINTING & ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Not just different colors... Completely different materials!



A selection of more than 300 distinct 3D-Paints developed by the Shah TEAM Lab (...and can be infinitely mixed and modified)







It's really quite interesting!

(but terribly boring to watch dry)



Solvents slowly evaporate and we get a solid layer of "colored particles" embedded in polymer

Inorganic
pigmentA solidtwo-dimensional layer

But this is a slow process...





"Frankly, I think watching paint dry has been given a bad press."
3D-Painting: Watching paint dry has never been so much fun!

Room-temperature deposition

Deposition rates up to 150 mm/s*

No powder beds or resin baths No Support materials required No curing or post-reactions to stabilize structures

Objects can be handled immediately

One to thousands of layers

100 μm to 1.4 cm** fiber diameter

* Maximum speed of the hardware we are utilizing. Not material limited. ** Maximum diameter tested





3D-Paints

3D-Paints are composed primarily of the functional particle/powder rather than of non-functional polymer







Hyperelastic "Bone"



HYPERELASTIC "BONE": A HIGHLY VERSATILE, GROWTH FACTOR-FREE, OSTEOREGENERATIVE, SCALABLE, AND SURGICALLY FRIENDLY BIOMATERIAL

Science Cove Translational Medicine

A. E. Jakus, R. N. Shah, et al. Science Translational Medicine 8(358), 2016.

Hyperelastic Bone – A New Class of Biomaterials





90-95 wt.% Hydroxyapatite (High Bioactivity) Wigh Bioactivity) Bemains highly elastic (Surgically Friendly)



No need for post-processing other than washing and sterilization



ROLL

90-95 wt.% Hydroxyapatite (High Bioactivity) Yet Flexible







3D-Printing: It's no longer just for anatomy matched implants



Mass Production

Limited-Production Patient-Specific Implants

New processes are leading to fabrication rates 10-100x faster than existing additive (or even subtractive) manufacturing processes

Note: Objects not shown to scale

AE Jakus and RN Shah et al. *Science Translational Medicine*. 8(358), 2016.

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Mechanical Properties



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Patient CT Scan — Render Defect Volume - 3D-Print -

In Collaboration with: Pravine Patel, MD Lingping Zhao, PhD Yu-Hui Huang <u>UIC Craniofac</u>ial Center

Load Bearing Capacity of HB









Max. Load = 650 N (150 lbs)

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES: THE MECHANISM



Elastomer carries the mechanical Loads ("Like rocks joined by rubber bands")

HB v. Common Polymer-CaP Composites: *Microstructural and Mechanical Property Differences*



HOT-MELT FDM 3D-PRINTED (1:4 Ceramic:Polymer by volume)



ROOM TEMP <u>HYPERELASTIC BONE</u> (4:1 Ceramic:Polymer by volume)



Surface dominated by polymer (HA bioactivity is shielded)

50 wt.% Ceramic

Surface dominated by HA particles (Biologically Beneficial)

90 wt.% Ceramic

Exact same polymer, exact same ceramic

HB: Microstructural & Absorption Properties





HB is ~50% porous (material porosity)



hMSC Proliferation and Osteogenic Differentiation



Osteopontin

Collagen I

> 25 20

hMSCs



Female human mesenchymal stem cells are viable



Note: This was all performed in simple DMEM media without osteogenic factors

IN VIVO: BIOCOMPATIBLIITY \rightarrow MOUSE





90 wt% HAp

Room-Temp. Printed From Liquid Ink

Hyperelastic Mech. Properties

50% Porous





Standard

50 wt% HAp

Hot-Melt Printed From Powder Mixture

Very Brittle

Near Fully Dense



Day 35 H&E





IN VIVO: SPINAL FUSION \rightarrow RAT







Male Sprague Dawley Rat

Posterlateral Placement

HB (+BMP) HB (-BMP)

HB in Rat Spinal Fusion Model





Hyperelastic Bone is as effective as demineralized bone matrix And can potentially serve as an effective carrier for growth factors Collaboration with Erin & Wellington Hsu (Orthopedic Surgery) and Stuart Stock





IN VIVO: FULL-THICKNESS CRANIAL DEFECT → LARGE PRIMATE

In collaboration with Prof. Lee Miller and Group (NU)



Rhesus macaque

HB in Large Primate Calvarial Defect Case Study





"Easy to shape and press fit into irregular defect site"





Evidence of new bone formation at Skull-HB interface by 4 weeks



2nd HB Cranial Implant (Same Monkey) after 13 months





2nd HB Cranial Implant (Same Monkey) after 13 months







Room-temperature processing and 3D-printing permits incorporation of bioactive factors that would otherwise be inactivated at elevated temperatures



Extruded HB fiber with (top) and without (bottom) incorporated green fluorescent protein.

Bioactive factors, antibiotics, and small molecules can be incorporated directly into the inks



3D-Graphene





THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF HIGH-CONTENT GRAPHENE SCAFFOLDS FOR ELECTRONIC AND BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

808156 ALDRICH

3D Printing Graphene Ink



Currently Available through Millipore Sigma (Cat.# 808156)





A.E. Jakus, R.N. Shah, et al. ACS Nano 2015;9(4):4636-4648. A.E. Jakus & R.N. Shah. Material Matters. 11(2). 2016. Millipore Sigma.

3D-PRINTING CONSISTENCY





Solid Structures from Liquid 3D-Ink Extrusion





No drying time required before handling objects

<10 vol.% graphene



3DG MICROSTRUCTURE AND FLAKE ALIGNMENT





There is a degree of flake alignment along the length of extruded fibers. Graphene flakes are stacked within fiber interiors.





PHYSICAL FLEXIBILITY





3DG Sheets can be rolled, folded, and cut

This permits architectures that could not be produced directly through 3D-printing to be created.



Electrical Conductivity



This is the highest recorded conductivity to date for any nonmetallic 3D-printed



Biocompatibility: In Vitro





mesenchymal stem cells
Day 7: Distinct Cell Morphologies





Neurogenic Differentiation



Mesenchymal stem cells in simple basal medium + FBS No neurogenic factors or stimulus other than material

IN VIVO BIOCOMPATIBILITY STUDIES





X-Section 7 days after implantation



90° 3DG and Lowtemperature-printed PLGA Scaffolds Subcutaneously Implanted





Scalability and Surgical Handling



Roll Cut Fold Suture Fuse Adhere

Wrap



5 Separate parts Fused after printing 1 cm

Ongoing Innervation (Nerve into Muscle) Rat Model In Vivo Studies





From few...

...To many



MULTI- & MIXED-MATERIAL 3D-PAINTING



Journal of Biomedical Materials Researc



A. E. Jakus & R. N. Shah. Multi and mixed 3D-printing of graphene-hydroxyapatite hybrid materials for complex tissue engineering. *Biomedical Materials Research Part A;* 105A(1) A. 2017.

Towards an infinite 3D-ink palette... mixing 3D-inks





Separate inks can be co-3D-printed into multi-material systems

Compound inks can be made by mixing powders or already made inks





HB-3DG: 3D-Printability





Vertical

Large Area

HB-3DG prints just as well as Hyperelastic Bone and 3D-Graphene

Videos at 64x speed





Microstructure and Porosity





HB-3DG surface dominated by graphene → More similar to 3DG



HB-3DG Porosity → More similar to 3DG

Electrical Properties



HB-3DG, although not as conductive as 3DG, still exhibits higher conductivity than the majority of previously reported systems

> Typical particle loading and conductivities achieved by others in 3D printed carbon composite systems

In Vitro Response



4 mm-diameter scaffolds punched from larger 3D-printed sheets





Seeded with 50k human mesenchymal stem cells



LIVE

DEAD

Tailoring Biological Properties with Mixed Inks





hMSCs HB-3DG show a mixed neuro/osteo response

"TISSUE PAPERS" FROM ORGAN-SPECIFIC DECELLULARIZED

Jakus AE, Laronda MM, Rashedi AS, Robinson CM, Lee C, Jordan SW, Orwig KE, Woodruff TK, Shah RN. Surgically friendly "Tissue Papers" from Organ-Specific Decellularized Extracellular Matrices. Advanced Functional Materials 2017. In Review.

What if the powder in 3D-Paint was biological tissue?





"Tissue Paper" Fabrication – Process Conserved





60-70 vol.% dECM 30-40 vol.% PLGA

No elevated temperatures

No chemical digestion

No chemicalcrosslinking

Tissue Independent

Tissue Papers - Microstructures and Collagen Content





Tissue Papers - Real World Handling





Tissue Papers - Human Mesenchymal Stem Cell Culture





Green = Live Red = Dead Blue = TP (Collagen)

OTP - Rhesus and Human Ex Vivo Cortical Strip Culture









Preserved the health and function of human ovarian tissue more than 8 weeks after the donor had perished

In collaboration with Teresa Woodruff, PhD; Monica Laronda, PhD; Alexandra Rashedi

Tissue Paper - Additional Versatility











3D-Printing Substrates



"Graft" onto 3DP structures

METALLIC ARCHITECTURES FROM 3D-PRINTED POWDER-BASED LIQUID INKS

DVANCED

Jakus AE, Taylor SL, Geisendorfer NR, Dunand DC, Shah RN. Metallic Architectures from 3D-Printed Powder-Based Liquid Inks. Advanced Functional Materials 2015;25(45):6985-6995.

Taylor SL & Jakus AE, Shah RN, Dunand DC. Iron and Nickel Cellular Structures by Sintering of 3D-Printed Oxide or Metallic Particle Inks. Advanced Engineering Materials 2016; In Press.

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"TRADITIONAL" METAL AM

ENERGY-BASED

"Additive Manufacturing"

Laser Sintering (Powder Bed)



Laser Melting (Powder Bed)

Laser Metal Deposition

Originally Pioneered by 3D Systems

Electron Beam Melting (Powder Bed)

Stereolithography for metals) (Monomer Bath)

Instrument Driven

An established process:

Been in use for 30 years



High-power energy beam

Powder-Bed



<u>"TRADITIONAL" METAL AM → POWDER-BEDS + ENERGY</u>





Generic Powder-Bed + Energy Scheme

Material Criterion

 Chemically stable powders (pre-alloyed)
Specific powder size and morphology
Can be sintered or melted rapidly (excludes most ceramics and many metals and alloys)
Does not reflect or scatter energy beam



Parts must be extracted from powder bed and cleaned after completion

Metals and Alloys from 3D-Painted Rusts





From Raw Oxide Powder to Metallic Architecture







Oxide Powders and 3D-Inks



Typically, 1-10 µm or -325 mesh (commercial)







Dry powder mix \rightarrow Make Ink

Wet mix pre-made inks





Ink synthesis independent of powder chemistry

Manipulating Iron Oxide Sheets





No need to re-wet. Remain flexible for at least 4 years.

3D-Printing → Thick & High Aspect Ratio



Many hundreds of 3D-printed layers (Currently limited by build space of 3D-printer)





Scrap material can be dissolved/suspend in appropriate quantity of solvents to make 3D-printable ink






3D-Printing Metals and Other Compounds







Further Expanding the 3D-Paint Palette...





3D-Paint synthesis and 3D-printing behavior independent of powder

ROBUST AND ELASTIC LUNAR AND MARTIAN STRUCTURES FROM 3D-PRINTED REGOLITH INKS



Jakus AE, Koube KD, Geisendorfer NR, Shah RN. Robust and Elastic Lunar and Martian Structures from 3D-Printed Regolith Ink. Scientific Reports. 2017; 7(44931). *NASA.Gov*

Lunar (LRS) and Martian (MRS) Inks





Despite distinct particle morphologies, LRS and MRS inks behave very similarly









LRS and MRS Large Diameter Extrusion Demonstration



Lunar Regolith Simulant

Martian Regolith Simulant







3D-Printable over a wide range of parameters (speed, pressures, nozzle diameter)









Static and Cyclic Tensile Properties of 3DP LRS and MRS







As-3D-Printed LRS and MRS materials have "rubber-like" mechanical properties





Both 3D-painted LRS and MRS can be elastically and plastically mechanically manipulated

Additional Physical Manipulations of 3D-Painted MRS and LRS





Like all 3D-painted materials, 3DP LRS and MRS can be "polished" with solvent application and also cleanly cut





Near-Limitless Materials

On any extrusionbased platform

Multi-Materials



Ceramics

Biomaterials



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