# 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**



**Pratt and Whitney**



# 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") a



**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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**Stratasys** 







**EnvisionTEC**

# 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

**Shaped like organs and tissues, but the** *material* **is not** *functional*





# ΗАΗ

## **The Shah Tissue Engineering and Additive Manufacturing Laboratory**

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*





**3D-Printing 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)



*Shah TEAM Lab Approach* **Partially Cross-Linked Hydrogels**



 $2<sup>nd</sup>$  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 <b>Matrigel Liver dECM** 



**Day 7**

## *Engineering a Bioprosthetic Ovary: Addressing Gonadotoxicity or Gonadal Dysfunction*

**E** 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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## 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

 $\Box$ 

A solid two-dimensional layer **Inorganic** pigment

## 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"



#### **SHAH**<br> **EAN** Hyperelastic "bone": A highly versatile, growth factor–free, osteoregenerative, scalable, and surgically friendly biomaterial

*Cover* edicine

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) Remains 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.



## **Mechanical Properties**



**Patient CT Scan-**Render Defect Volume -> 3D-Print -

**In Collaboration with: Pravine Patel, MD Lingping Zhao, PhD Yu-Hui Huang UIC Craniofacial Center**

## **Load Bearing Capacity of HB**









**Max. Load = 650 N (150 lbs)**

#### **MECHANICAL PROPERTIES: THE MECHANISM**

**Dec** 50000000

**Bending** 

800800

**As Printed** 



#### 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 HYPERELASTIC BONE* **(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** 

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





50 wt% HAp

#### Hot-Melt Printed From Powder Mixture

Very Brittle

Near Fully Dense



Day 35 H&E



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#### IN VIVO: SPINAL FUSION  $\rightarrow$  RAT







**Male Sprague Dawley Rat Posterlateral Placement**

**HB (+BMP) HB (-BMP)**



# **HB in Rat Spinal Fusion Model**

 $1<sub>mm</sub>$ 





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

**Transverse Processes** 

## IN VIVO: FULL-THICKNESS CRANIAL DEFECT → LARGE PRIMATE ै

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



### 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*



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



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



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

#### **3D-PRINTING CONSISTENCY**



**SHAND** 

#### **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**





# **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** 

*Surgeries performed by Sue Jordan, MD PhD*





# **Scalability and Surgical Handling**



**Wrap Roll Cut Fold Suture Fuse Adhere**



1 cm **5 Separate parts Fused after printing**

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





# From few...

# ...To many



# Multi- & MIXED-MATERIAL 3D-PAINTING





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  $\rightarrow$  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**





# **Tailoring Biological Properties with Mixed Inks**





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

# **"TISSUE PAPERS" FROM ORGAN-SPECIFIC DECELLULARIZED =** Extracellular Matrices

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.

### "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<sub>for metals)</sub> (Monomer Bath)

**Instrument Driven** 

**An established process:**

**Been in use for 30 years**



**High-power energy beam**



### "TRADITIONAL" METAL AM  $\rightarrow$  POWDER-BEDS + ENERGY





**Generic Powder-Bed + Energy Scheme**

#### **Material Criterion**

**1) Chemically stable powders (pre-alloyed) 2) Specific powder size and morphology 3) Can be sintered or melted rapidly (excludes most ceramics and many metals and alloys) 4) 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**





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#### **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





Cells, Tissues, and Organs **Metals & Alloys** -----------------------

# Near-Limitless **Materials**

# On any extrusionbased platform

Multi-**Materials** 



**Ceramics** 

**Biomaterials** 



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