

# Large-scale 3D Printing

Past, Present and Future Prospect

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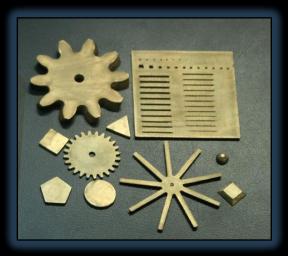
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#### 3D Printing & AM technologies invented by Khoshnevis













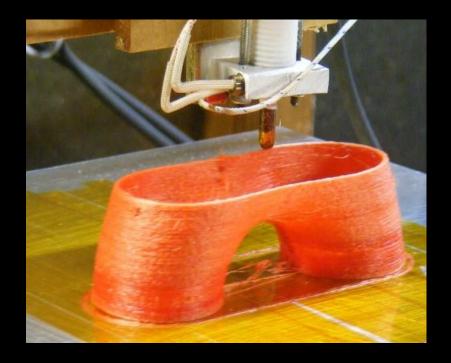
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#### **PAST**

#### The realizations in 1994

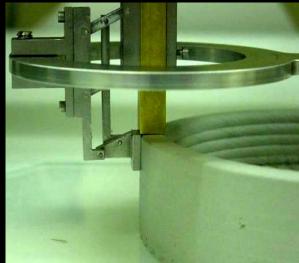
- 3D priming builds layer by layer
- We have been 3D printing for several millennia in construction

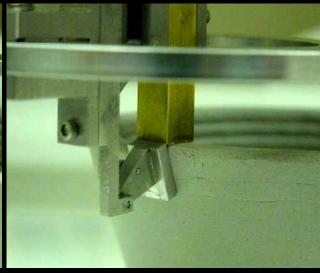


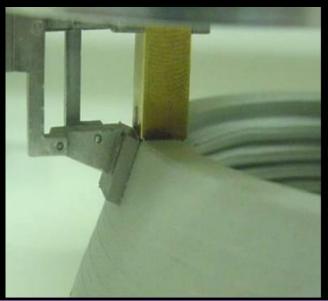




#### Invention of Contour Crafting





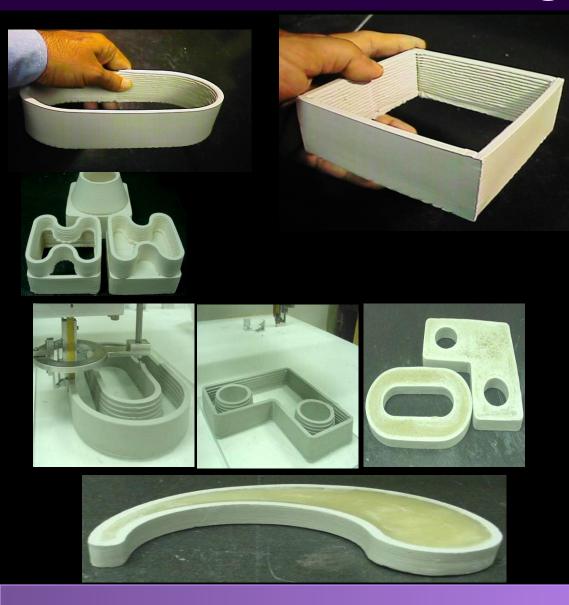


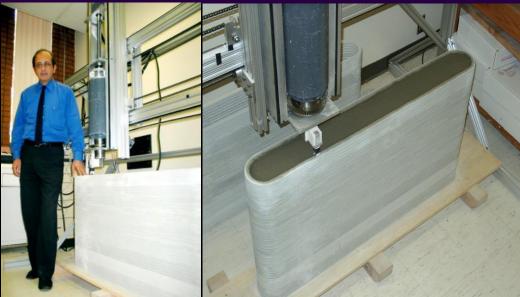




CC is an extrusion based a layered fabrication technology that builds objects with successive "thick" layers as it smoothens out external surfaces

#### Small scale ceramic to large scale concrete















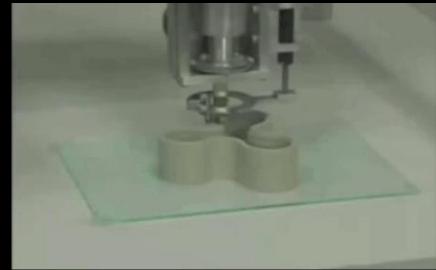








#### Many modes of fabrication



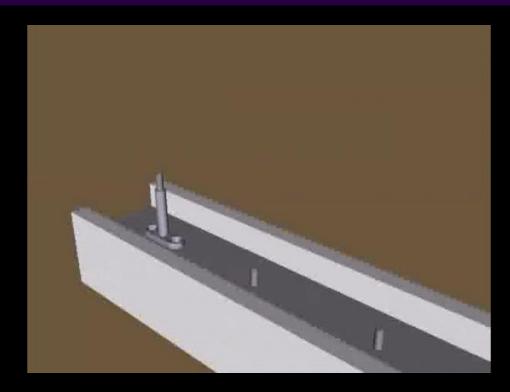




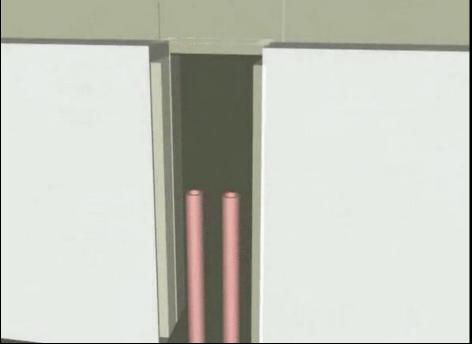




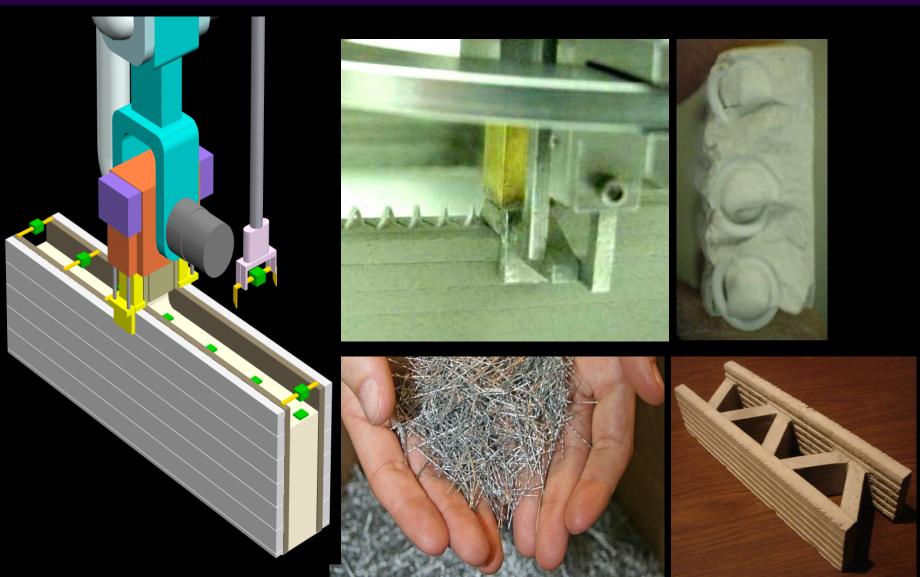
#### Concurrent object imbedding





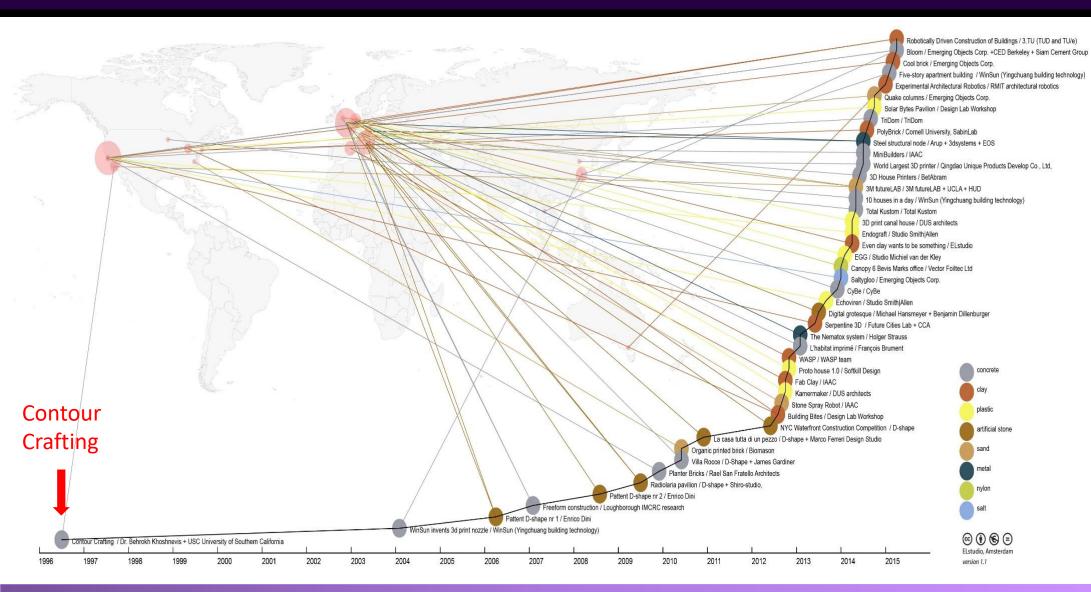


#### Numerous possibilities for innovation





#### History chart of large scale 3D printing





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#### **PRESENT**

# Current focus of construction 3D printing community is on <u>Building</u> Construction

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#### **Residential:**

- Shortage of 800 million houses worldwide (UN statistics)
- Global Markets are Grossly Under-Served
  - Nearly 2 Billion people are homeless or live in slums
  - Annually 37 million people lose housing due to war and natural disasters

#### **Commercial:**

• Shortage of commercial and industrial buildings, especially in developing countries

#### Why construction needs a change

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- Construction is the largest sector (\$5.6T/year) of almost all economies
- Labor efficiency is alarmingly low
- Skilled workforce is vanishing
- Work quality is low
- Control of the construction site is insufficient and difficult
- Accident rate at construction sites is high (> 400,000 / year in US); 60,000 fatalities/year globally
- Waste and trims are high (3 To 7 tons per average home; 40% of all materials used worldwide are for construction)
- Low income housing and emergency shelters are critical
- All other products are fabricated automatically construction is still largely a manual task

#### The Homeless, Disaster victims, Refugees









## **Building Construction**







#### Barriers against implementation in building sector



- Conservative industry
- Low profit margin
- Regulatory barrier
- Major paradigm change requirement with respect to inspection
- Labor unions
- At best impacts only the cost of building shell



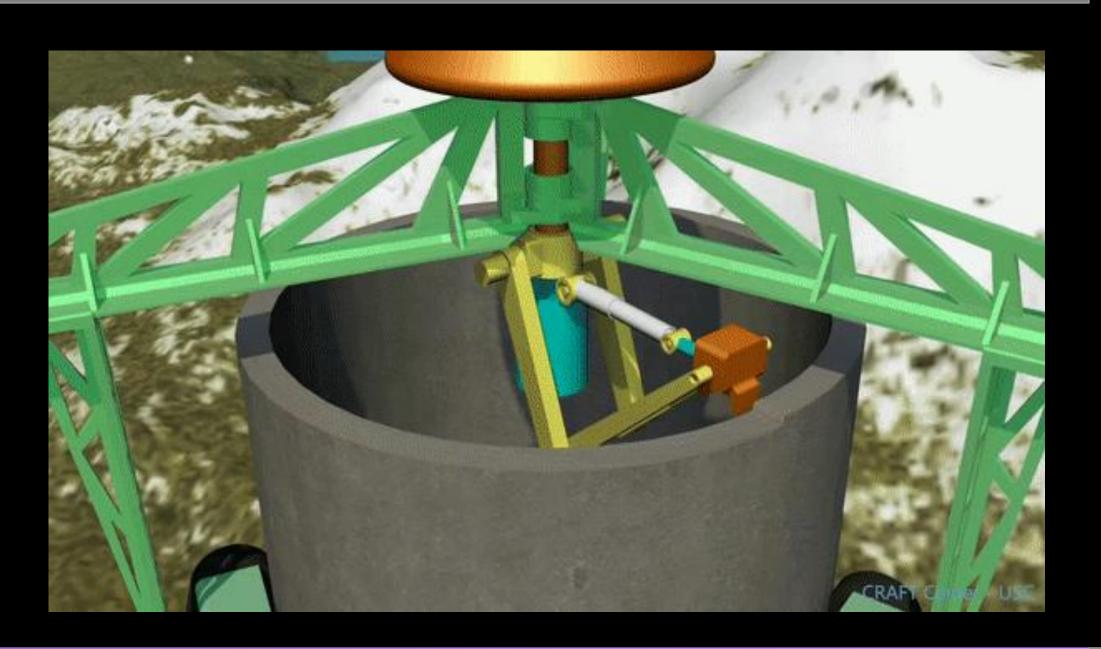
#### **FUTURE**

#### Infrastructure Construction



Application in automated wind turbine tower construction







#### Pylon construction \_\_ Application in the Hyperloop project







#### **Space Applications**

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The next stage after our Earth-bound civilization is the Solar System Civilization – and it is beginning



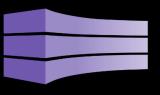




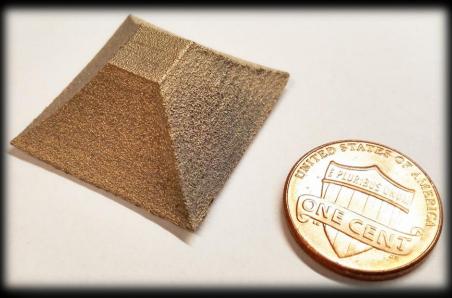
#### Fabrication in microgravity by SSS















#### Space mining compaies



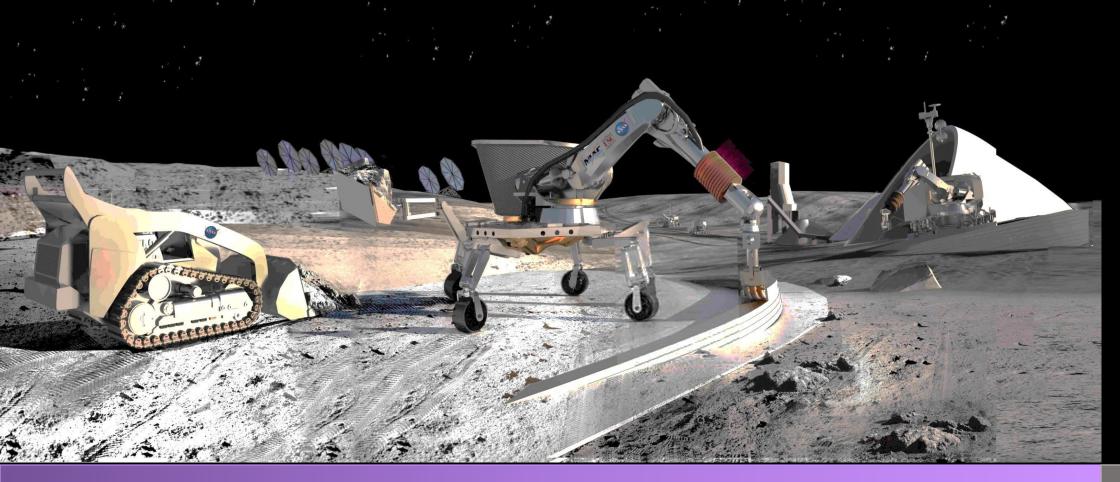
| Company                          | Target Body      | <u>Objective</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Astrobotic Technologies          | Moon             | Water            |
| Shackleton Energy Corp.          | Moon             | Water            |
| Moon Express                     | Moon             | Metals           |
| Shamayan Innovation Partnerships | Moon/Asteroids   | Metals           |
| Planetary Resources, Inc.        | <b>Asteroids</b> | Water/Metals     |
| Deep Space Industries            | <b>Asteroids</b> | Manufacturing    |

#### **Extraterrestrial Construction by CC**





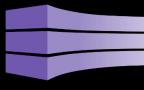




#### Autonomous construction with waterless concrete























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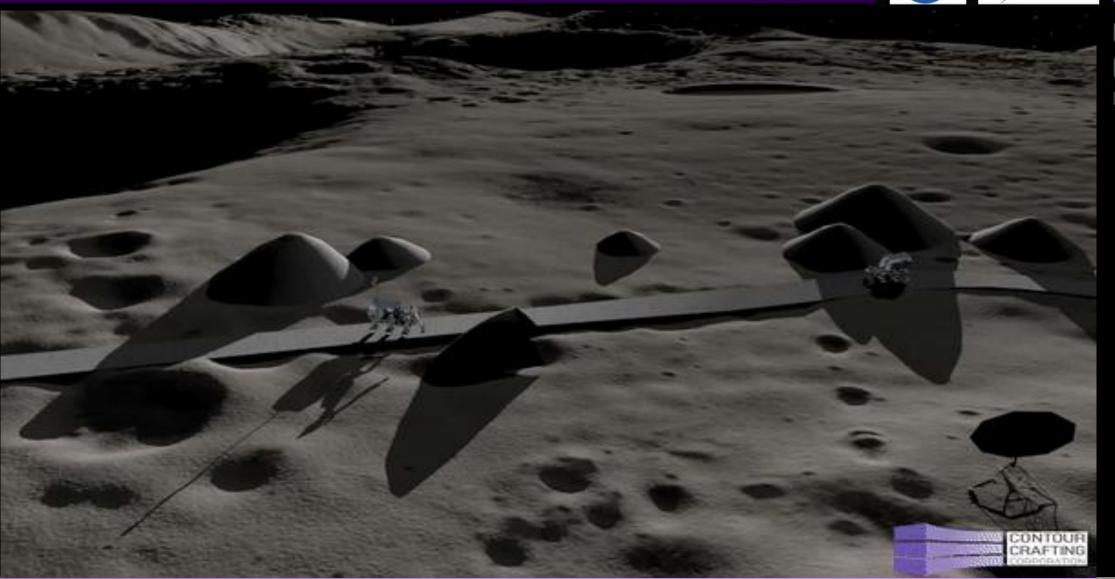


#### Planetary construction using in-situ material

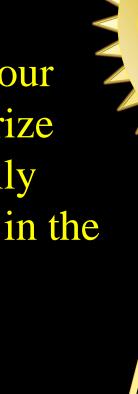












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**Prize** 



NASA awarded Contour Crafting the Grand Prize among 1000+ globally competing technologies in the Create the Future Design Contest

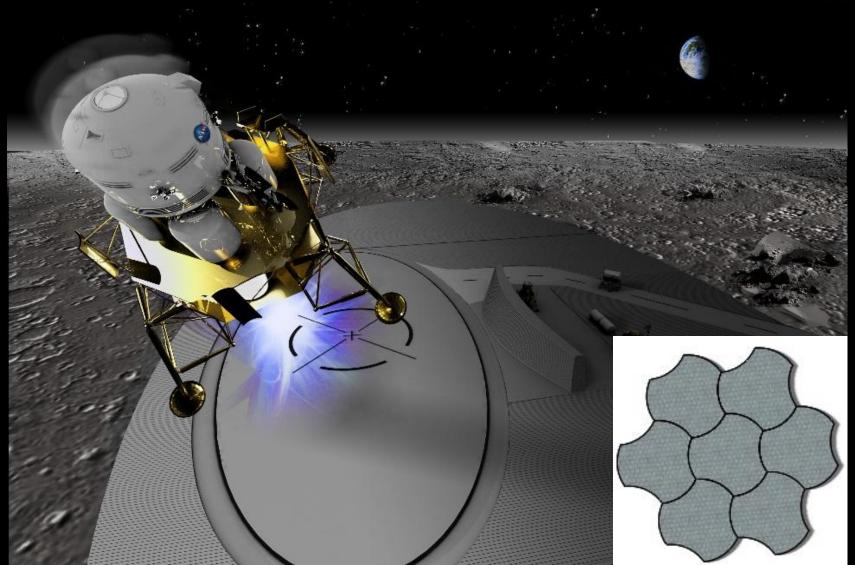
## Horizontal construction – Landing Pads











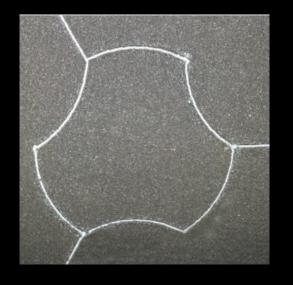
## New Large-Scale AM Processes

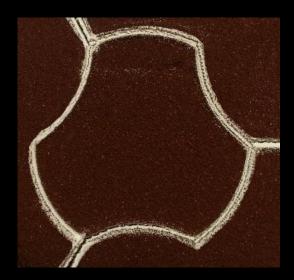






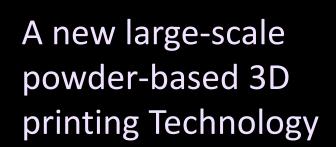
#### SSS (Selective Separation Shaping)













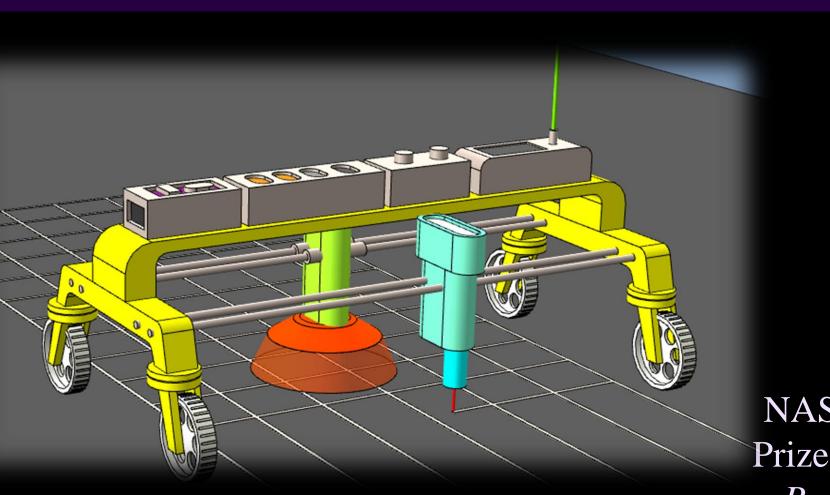
#### Planetary Deployment







Landing on unprepared surfaces is prone to catastrophic accidents as the redrock surface under the sand may be too slant.







NASA awarded SSS the Grand
Prize in the International In-Situ
Resource Based Fabrication
Competition

#### Other research directions

- Process innovation and improvement
- Materials
- Impact on BIM and BIM integration
- IoT roles and synergies



#### 2017 Investment by Doka





#### Contour Crafting Corporation (CC Corp)





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