



**TITLE: 3D Printers: Future of Anatomy and Humanity**

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## **ABSTRACT**

3D innovation is viewed as one of the progressive advances created by researchers and engineers in making lives a lot simpler and motivating to live in. The innovation has a wide assortment of use that cuts over various areas and fields. It is applied in modern designs, car design, buyer wares, biomedical engineering, anatomy, dentistry (dental) among others. To this end, this paper is fixated on the eventual fate of 3D printing in anatomy and mankind. The paper x-rayed the advancement and development of 3D printing innovation, the working standards of the 3D innovation and the types of 3D innovation. The zones of 3D printing application and utilization of 3D printers in anatomy were highlighted. It was revealed that that the 3D innovation shows a lot of chances in Nigeria (as a developing nation), that still grapples with the challenge of addressing needs of its residents in life structures where the use of the innovation guarantees immense answer for some intrinsic issues. It is recommended that 3D printing should be utilized as a genuine device for performing several anatomical operations and laboratory experiments in hospitals and health center in Nigeria.

**Key Words:** 3D printer, Innovation, Anatomy, Laboratory

## 1. Introduction

3D printing is a procedure by which 3D strong objects of any shape or geometry can be produced using an advanced record. The creation is accomplished by setting down progressive layers of a particular material until the whole item is made. Every one of these layers relates to a meagerly cut flat cross-area (like the yield of a customary printer, this is the reason it is called printing) of the inevitable article, as opposed to conventional subtractive assembling strategies which depends on evacuation of material to make something (Mohr and Khan, 2015). The innovation has advanced from basic prototyping to completely coordinated uses in direct assembling and because of its differing applications, 3D printing is said to be one of the most huge modern improvements of this decade (Manners-Bell and Lyon, 2012). This has enduring ramifications on numerous organizations in different enterprises, for example, creation and assembling, research, business improvement, and structure (Cohen *et al.*, 2014; Mohr and Khan, 2015).

Mohr and Khan (2015) foresaw the worldwide market size for 3D printing to develop from 3 billion USD in 2013 to 13 billion USD by 2018 and outperform 21 billion USD by 2020. Gartner reports comparative numbers, determining the market to arrive at a size of 13 billion USD in 2018 (Basiliere, 2013). These numbers plainly show that the agreement among specialists and scientists is that this innovation is relied upon to continue to develop, which makes it a significant component to be taken advantage of by developing nations like Nigeria. This is the reason Nigerian industrialists and scholastics, must follow the patterns and improvements of this innovation intently to take advantage of the different zones of utilizations. This is the inspiration for this exploration survey. Various cases from the business particularly in the worldwide assembling area demonstrate proof of the continuous accomplishment of 3D printing (Mohr and Khan, 2015). Enormous worldwide makers, for example, General Electric, Siemens, and Airbus are utilizing the innovation to deliver fuel

spouts (General Electric, 2015; Catts, 2013), gas turbine segments (Kleinschmidt, 2014) and airplane parts (Airbus Report, 2014; Simmons, 2015). Different firms, for example, car organizations like Ford utilize the innovation to create devices for their generation procedure, for example, molds for throwing (Ford Company Report, 2015). The consumer industry isn't forgotten about by grasping the innovation in different manners too, with the treat-products producer Hershey's utilizing the innovation to make redid pralines (Goldin, 2014).

Hideo Kodama of Nayoga Municipal Industrial Research Institute is commonly viewed as the first to print a strong item from a computerized structure (Bhandari and Regina, 2014). In any case, Charles Hull is by and large viewed as the pioneer 3D printer originator, having planned it in 1984 while working for his organization, 3D System Corp (Bhandari and Regina, 2014). Charles Hull happens to be the herald of the strong imaging process called Stereolithography and its (STL) record group which remain the most usually utilized organization in the present day's 3D printing. He additionally started business rapid prototyping (RP) which was attendant with his improvement of 3D printing. He initially applied photopolymers warmed by the bright light to achieve the dissolving and cementing result (Bhandari and Regina, 2014).

Scholarly research about 3D printing has quickened nearby the development of the innovation lately particularly in cutting-edge nations. Be that as it may, the innovation is moderately at its newborn child organized in developing nations like Nigeria. Therefore, there is a solid need to address the under portrayal of research that is explicitly worried about the effects that 3D printing can make in various segments in developing nations like Nigeria. This review tends to address this issue by concentrating its examination on the utilization of the innovation in anatomy as well as different areas where 3D printing can show a lot of chances for Nigeria.

## 2. Types of 3D Printing Technology

At present, there are a few kinds of rapid prototyping (RP) innovation accessible. Some are talked about underneath:

**Fused Deposition Modeling:** Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) was created by Stratasys Inc. also, presently developing to one of the most mainstream RP forms (Basiliere, 2013). The fabricate stage records along the z-pivot to permit the statement of construct material in layers (Boeing, 2011). All movements are regulated by programming software that gives a way to the spout to follow. A Computer Aided Design (CAD) document model is cut with the product training the spout to store a dainty layer of expelled plastic and backing for each cut onto the base plate at first. The deposition procedure is rehased for the following cut. On the off chance that a help material is utilized, as frequently the case, the part must be handled to expel any help material. This is done in a warmed shower of cleanser.

**Stereo-Lithography:** Stereolithography (SLA) developed during the 1980s. Stereolithography (SLA) is a photograph polymerization process for RP and it was the first RP method to be financially created (Catts, 2013). The SLA procedure takes into consideration the manufacture of strong plastic 3-D parts from Computer Aided Design (CAD) data. Upgrades, for example, new pitches, improved cutting programming and the utilization of Ultraviolet (UV) lasers have expanded the precision of SLA; although the procedure is still not seen to be sufficiently exact to be utilized to deliver end-use segments (Cohen *et al.*, 2014). Additionally, the SLA is a moderate RP process, setting aside longer effort to create parts when contrasted and other RP innovations.

**Selective Laser Sintering:** Selective laser sintering (SLS) was at first designed by the University of Texas in Austin and the innovation was later popularized by the DTM Organization in 1987 (Goldin, 2014). The procedure is a blend of both 3D Printing and SLA as it intertwines a dry powder together utilizing a laser beam to make a model (Goldin, 2014).

The free powders inside the powder bed consistently go about as a help material for any shades or undermines. This implies that complex geometries can be worked on with the SLS innovation.

**Electron Beam Melting (EBM):** Electron Beam Melting is incredibly like Selective Laser Melting (SLM); where an electron beam is fused to soften the powder. Not, at all like models created by SLM, EBM models are completely thick, without a void, and amazingly solid.

### 3. Overview of working Principle of 3D Printing Technology

The major principle of 3D printing as indicated by Bandari and Regina (2014) is stereolithography, which is a framework for making 3D objects by making a cross-sectional blueprint of the object to be made. This means any 3D thing made utilizing 3D drawing programming is at first torn into layers which are then progressively printed by the machine over each other. The start of any 3D printing methodology is the age of 3D computerized model, which can be made by means of various 3D programming projects. A sweep of a current antique is additionally conceivable as introducing process. After the designing advance comes the printing part where the model is cut into layers, hence, making an interpretation of the design into a record decipherable to the 3D printer (Okon Institute for Applied Ecology, 2013).

The 3D printer produces the thing by framing each layer by means of the observing arrangement of material. Consider on an inkjet printer, which returns again and again the page, including layers of material over one another until the first works become 3D thing. The material prepared by the 3D printer is generally layered in conformance to the design and procedure. The time required for the fruition of the printing relies upon the printer being utilized, the materials being chipped away at just as the intricacy of the structure. 3D printing innovation has surely advanced far. In any case, there is as yet far to go until it turns into a piece of homes like standard 2D printers.

#### **4. General Basic Procedures Involved in 3D Printing Preliminary Manufacture of 3D Printer**

The 3D printer is a Mechatronics gadget that includes the cooperative energy between the equipment and programming parts for higher exactness and accuracy assembling of feasible items. In expulsion deposition, Fused Deposition method is utilized. In this procedure, a plastic or wax material is expelled through a spout that follows the part cross-sectional geometry layer by layer dependent on the way direction from the Computer Aided Design document as G-codes. The assembled material is normally provided in fiber structure, yet a few arrangements use plastic pellets sustained from a container.

Digital Light Processing (DLP) Fluid holds its liquefying point so it streams effectively through the spout and structures the layer. The plastic solidifies following spilling out of the nozzle and bonds to the layer beneath. When a layer is manufactured, the stage brings down, and the expulsion spout stores another layer. The layer thickness and vertical dimensional precision is dictated by the extruder bite the dust distance across, which ranges from 0.13 to 0.33 mm. In the X-Y plane, a 0.0254 mm goal is feasible. Scope of materials accessible incorporates the ABS, polyamide, polycarbonate, polyethylene, polypropylene, and venture throwing wax.

**Designing Utilizing Computer Aided Design:** Computer Aided Design (CAD) is the utilization of computer frameworks to make, change, break down, or advance designs (Simmons, 2015). This product is embraced to expand the efficiency of the designer, improve the nature of designs, improve interchanges through documentation, and to make a database for assembling. Computer Aided Design yield is ordinarily as electronic documents utilized for 3D printing, machining, or other assembling activities. After finish of the 3D design with Computer Aided Design programming, they are changed over into a STL document group.

**Programming:** Diverse programming accessible online can be received to cut the Computer Aided Design document dependent on the geometrically characterized object with the CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacturing) programming. The most significant part of the product is the capacity to change over the computer aided design document into G-code for positional development of the nozzle head and for "cutting" in 3Dprinting. G-code is a (Computer Numerical Control) CNC based machine instrument language that is embraced to portray the device way and the elements of the device itself during the creation of 3D objects. It is a content based language, where each line for the most part passes on one sort of machine development or machine setting (Kleinschmidt, 2014). Scarcely any G-codes controllers are accessible for nothing on the web. One of them embraced in this exploration is the Repetier-Host controller.

**Repetier-Host:** With this software, the client can add numerous records to a virtual print bed and simultaneously size, and cut the Computer Aided Design object utilizing the inherent programming for cutting. Repetier-Host is customized in C# and it is cross-stage across Windows, Macintosh and Linux. The Repetier-Host is an Open-GL reliance that is received for the rendering of the print bed (Kleinschmidt, 2014).

**Conversion to STL File Format:** An STL record is a triangular portrayal of a 3D surface geometry. The surface is decorated consistently into a lot of arranged triangles (features). Every feature is depicted by the unit outward typical and three focuses recorded in counter clockwise request speaking to the vertices of the triangle (Simmons, 2015). Latest business computer aided design/CAM programming frameworks are equipped for creating STL documents legitimately from a surface model (Stratasys, 2013). The decision of the resilience is firmly reliant on the objective utilization of the created STL document.

## **5. Uses of 3D Printer in Anatomy**

### **a. Bio-printing Tissues and Organs**

Tissue or organ disappointment because of maturing, maladies, mishaps, and birth surrenders is a basic restorative issue. Current treatment for organ failure depends generally on organ transplants from living or perished benefactors. 3D printing is as of now utilized in the generation of human organ and tissue structures for investigation. These can be incorporated with bio-compatible miniaturized scale fluidics to make exceptionally complex structures to imitate the capacity of local human organs. The subsequent stage is printing organs that can be transplanted into human donors, or in any event, printing organs in the body in-situ in the working room. While this innovation is less fully grown than others depicted in this article, it can possibly reform prescription, making organ transplants and current manufactured fake organs old (Abduo *et al.*, 2014).

Researchers at Cornell University showed the 3D bio-printing of full-size tri-leaflet heart valves utilizing hydrogels as a framework for the cells. They print two diverse cell types: aortic smooth muscle cells; and aortic valve leaflet interstitial cells onto the pre-assembled hydrogels. The cell-impregnated areas held their rigidity and were reasonable more than seven days in culture. The printed cells had great spreading, bringing about a vigorous structure, and high phenotype maintenance, demonstrating they worked as expected. They noted, be that as it may, that the rigidity of the subsequent models was too low to even consider functioning appropriately as a heart valve, and made a few proposals for future work. These incorporate the consideration of small scale fluidics to advance progressively strong cell development (Fahmy *et al.*, 2016).

Scientists in Edinburgh depict the creation of working "smaller than expected livers" utilizing 3D printing. Their innovation is the printing of delicate hiPS cells in to a 3D alginate hydrogel lattice without harming their feasibility or pluripotency. The cell structure was



feasible for 24 days after the printing. The pluripotency was estimated by emissions of egg whites, which crested 21 days after the printing. The work is focused on animal-free medication preliminaries and customized drug, however shows that ability of the 3D printing method utilizing developed, persistent explicit cells to deliver 3D structures that are reasonable for a considerable length of time subsequent to printing and capacity as a local liver.

At last, the ability to make organs coordinating the multifaceted nature of local organs realizes the inaccessible plausibility of improving these organs, or manufacturing totally new organs for explicit capacities. A global gathering of scientists in developmental science have looked past the present cutting edge and made a 3D morpho-space to depict natural structures in human organs as well as cells and animal structures, including spineless creatures. The design space has on the three tomahawks intellectual intricacy, strong/fluid and formative multifaceted nature. They note that a huge area of the design space is a void, and bioprinting strategies permit this space to be investigated to investigate completely new natural arrangements and examine essential inquiries regarding advancement.

#### **b. Customized Implants and Prostheses**

Implants and prostheses can be made in almost any comprehensible geometry through the interpretation of x-ray, MRI, or CT scans into computerized. Late headway in 3D printed patient-explicit prostheses permits a wide scope of debilitated individuals influenced either by a mishap or a hereditary distortion to carry on their typical life. With the guide of top-notch imaging innovation, 3D printing has the capacity to make an exact anatomic prosthesis utilized in different medicinal applications. This has additionally had a huge effect on the field of dentistry (Sidambe, 2014).

In an examination directed by Suaste-Gomez, ear prosthesis was 3D printed utilizing polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) (Shafiee and Atala, 2016). The prosthesis reaction to

pressure and temperature was examined utilizing a coordinated stable multi vibrator circuit. Their tale 3D-printed PVDF-made ear prosthesis demonstrated high sensitivity to pressure changes. This is a promising outcome for expansions of this system to different fields of biomedical engineering. Commercial persistent explicit cranioplasty prostheses are extravagant. On the other hand, acrylic bone cement is generally utilized in the field as a cost-effective methodology. Nonetheless, the manual creation of the bone concrete is unwieldy and may not prompt a palatable implant much of the time. Elahinia *et al.* (2012) made a 3D printed skull from high resolution CT scan data utilizing FDM. The form was utilized as a format to shape the acrylic implant. They demonstrated that their method to make patient-specific acrylic cranioplasty inserts with an ease 3D printer is effective; anyway further examinations are required to survey the application in the clinical setting.

### **c. Anatomical Models for Surgical Preparation**

The individual fluctuations and complexities of the human body render the utilization of 3D-printed models perfect for surgical preparation. One of the potential utilization of 3D printing that have risen is surgical planning. This includes studying the anatomy and physiology of imperfections in complex organs, for example, the cerebrum or the heart, or anatomical specimens, for example, the pelvis or the spinal cord, and utilizing the information for surgical preparation. 3D model output help specialists to contemplate the impaired organs before the surgery, investigate different methodologies and procure hands-on understanding before going into the operating room. This procedure abbreviates activity time altogether and at last improves the result of the activity for the patients, the specialists, and the patients' healthcare providers (Ventola, 2014).

Internal structure of the human heart in 3D

Male Pelvis in 3D



Hip, Pelvis, and Thigh for male

Female Pelvis in 3D

Head and neck anatomy in 3D

The R and D Tax Aspect of 3D printing  
anatomical Models

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3D printing showing intestinal system



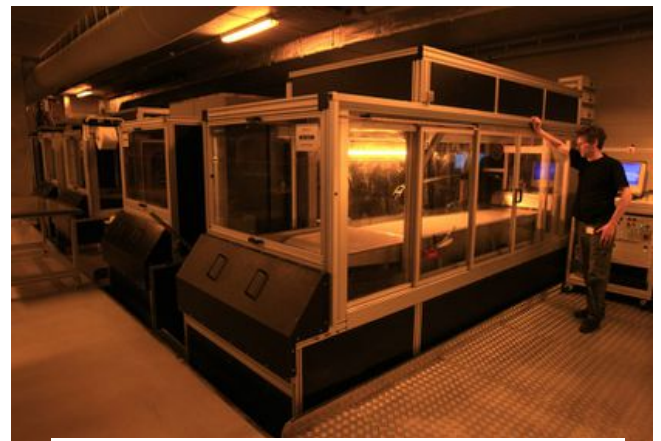
3D printing showing Female body part



3D printing of human body part



3D printing of human body part



Stereolithography Machine

3D printing of human body part

3D printing of the lateral view of the head

3D printing of the anterior view of the head

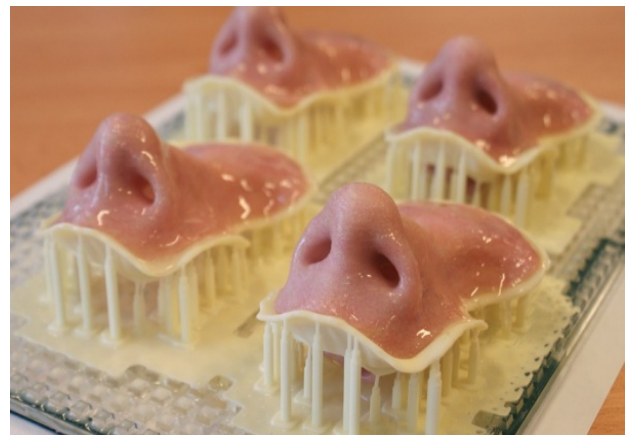


3D printing of the lateral view of the head

Anatomical model of the ear and nose



Anatomical model of the ear



Anatomical model of the nose

## **6. Areas of Application of 3D Printers**

3D Printer innovation has a wide assortment of use that cuts over various sectors and fields. It is applied in mechanical designs, car design, customer wares, biomedical engineering, and dentistry (dental); just as aviation among a few others. Generally, huge organizations have been applying the innovation to make models before the last generation until now where the innovation is being applied to full-scale assembling of items. Technopolis Group (2013) reported that designers, and specialists have been utilizing 3D printers for over 10 years, however for the most part in making models quickly and economically. The greater part of the applications is for prototypes, valuable models, casting designs and at times, for presentation models. With progression in the innovation, more things are being printed as instant products. About 28% of 3D printer yields are presently final results rather than conventional models which upsurge to half before the end of 2016 and anticipate 80% by 2020. Prominent among the different zones of uses are distinguished as follows:

### **a. Biomedical Engineering**

In contemporary years, engineers and researchers have had the option to falsely make body parts and parts of organs utilizing 3D printing innovation. The method of making the organ or body part is unequivocally like that of making a plastic or metal part, in any case, contrast exists in the crude materials utilized - natural cells as a rule delivered in the research center.

By making the cells solely for an individual patient, it is accepted with sureness that the organ won't be dismissed by the patient's body. Likewise, 3D printing is applied in the formation of appendages just as some other body parts from metal or other related materials to supplant lost or harmed appendages. Prosthetic appendages are required over the Globe, including Nigeria, therefore wounds endured when mishaps happen or through some type of

malady. Presently, prosthetic appendages are exorbitant and are generally not modified for the requirements of a specific patient. 3D printing is now being embraced to design and make custom prosthetic appendages which will meet exact prerequisites of the patient. By examining the body of the patient just as current bone structure, designers, and engineers are equipped for re-making the most part of such appendage.

Wound dressing developing interest for customized functionalized materials has become a main impetus for the advancement of structures. Nanotechnology tends to a large number of the difficulties looked by present-day prescription; although the security of their utilization is still under serious examination. Albeit such methodologies give utilization of antibacterial nano-particles and transporters of variables improving the injury recuperating, they are hard for mechanical application. It opens another difficult field for added substance fabricating as a method adequate to create customized and safe materials of complex design and functionalities. The assembling of patient-explicit anti-microbial injury dressings produced using polycaprolactone (PCL) with joined zinc, copper, and silver was portrayed by Muwaffak. The metal-homogeneously-stacked fibers were obtained by utilizing hot liquefy expulsion and 3D models of the nose and ears were printed. The injury dressings showed delayed arrival of the various metals and bactericidal properties. The anatomically versatile dressings were closed to be more moderate than customary level dressings.

The 3D-printed cross breed framework dependent on poly (ethylene glycol) (PEG) and homogenized pericardium grid was created to advance injury recuperating in vascular unions that can bolster the substitution of harmed vessel twisted after careful recreation (Bracaglia *et al.*, 2017). The consolidation of homogenized pericardium into PEG network influences the modulus of the framework just as decreasing the fiery sign of macrophages. The gotten biomaterial was depicted as promising as far as vascular graft improvement and opening another field in intrinsic heart deformity recreation.



## **b. Pharmaceuticals**

Inspiration towards new ideas in medicates design, better comprehension of material properties, fabricating innovation and procedures that guarantees high caliber of measurement structures. The decent variety of physicochemical and biopharmaceutical attributes of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) must be considered and contemplated through each phase of item advancement. Helper substances should be inspected also, so as to make the ideal dose structure. These days, three-dimensional printing is one of the quickest creating parts of innovation, craftsmanship and science, and still widens the applications. The term three-dimensional printing was characterized by International Standard Organization (ISO) as: Creation of objects through the statement of a material utilizing a print head, nozzle, or another printer innovation.

The ongoing presentation of the primary FDA affirmed 3D-printed drugs has fueled enthusiasm for 3D printing innovation, which is set to change the landscape of human healthcare services. Since its underlying use, this rapid prototyping (RP) innovation has advanced to such a degree that is right now being utilized in a wide scope of utilization such as tissue engineering, dentistry, construction, car and aviation. Be that as it may, in the pharmaceutical industry this innovation is still in its early stages and its latent capacity yet to be completely investigated (Sheth *et al.*, 2016).

3D printer is increasing expanding consideration in pharmaceutical formulation advancement as a powerful methodology to beat a few difficulties of regular assembling unit tasks. For example, the traditional assembling unit activity including processing, blending, granulation and pressure can brings about different characteristics of the last items as for medicate stacking, tranquilize discharge, sedate solidness, and pharmaceutical dose from stability (Arslan-Yildiz *et al.*, 2016). 3D printing innovation has empowered uncommon

adaptability in the design and assembling of complex objects, which can be used in customized and programmable medication.

**Table 1: Current 3D Printing Technologies and Pharmaceutical Formulations for Drug Delivery.**

| Type of 3D process/technique   | Dosage form  | Active ingredient /polymer                                       |
|--|--|--|
| Stereolithography (SLA)  | Hydrogel   | Ibuprofen, polyethyleneglycol, riboflavin, diacrylate            |
| FDM3Dprinting  | Tablet   | felodipine, PEG, PEO, Tween 80, Eudragit EPO                     |
| UV inkjet 3D printing  | Tablet   | ropinirole, cross-linked poly (ethyleneglycoldiacrylate) (PEGDA) |
| semi-solidextrusion3Dprintingtechniqueincombination with UVLED cross-linking (FDM)and(SLA) | Tablet   | prednisolone, polydimethylsiloxan (PDMS)                         |
| FDM  | Model of a nose adapted to the Morphology of an Individual | FPLA-salicylic acid and PCL salicylic acid                       |
| Thermal inkjet (TIJ) Printing (FDM) and Hot Melt Extrusion (HME)                           | Tablet   | Haloperidol  |
| FDM  | Solid dosage forms   | Rasaglinemesylate  |
| FDM  | Tablet   | Domeperidonehydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC)                        |
| FDM and HME  | Nanocapsules   | Deflazacort poly-caprolactone) (PCL)                             |
| FDM  | Compartmentalized shells                                   | Rifampicin (RIF) and izonized (ISO)                              |
| FDM  | Tablet   | Hydrochlorothiazide  |

**Source:** (Diogo, 2018)

### c. Automobile and Aerospace manufacturing

High innovation firms, for example, car and aviation producers have been utilizing 3D printing innovation as a prototyping device for quite a while. In any case, with further headway in the innovation in ongoing time, useful parts usable for testing have been effectively made. This procedure of design and 3D printing has empowered these organizations to advance their designs at a quicker rate than at any other time because of a noteworthy decrease in the design cycle. Already, it as a rule takes a while to get physical

model after the design arrange. The design group can now inside hours have a model convenient for confirmation. The eventual fate of 3D printing in these enterprises lies with constant making of working parts straightforwardly from a 3D printer for use in the last item and not for testing purposes alone. This procedure is as of now in progress for future airplane and vehicles.

Delineating 3D printing revolution in the vehicle business, various extravagance vehicle producers, for example, Bentley and Rolls-Royce now make a few sections inexpensively by receiving the innovation in inclination to conventional assembling. Additionally, one of the principal makers of electric vehicles - Tesla, likewise applies the innovation to make car parts (Okon Institute for Applied Ecology, 2013). Then, Boeing and some different firms in the aviation division have likewise grown huge inward Added substance Assembling research gatherings (Technology Strategy Board, 2012). The Boeing Organization has been utilizing SLS (Selective Laser Sintering) for flight equipment in ordinary generation for both military and business programs since 2002 (Boeing, 2011).

#### **d. Architecture and Construction**

City organizers and Planners have been receiving 3D printers to make a model of the design or state of a structure for a long time. Methods for embracing the 3D printing idea to make whole structures are currently being investigated. As of now, there exists a model printer framework which uses concrete just as other specific materials to make a structure practically identical to a little house. A definitive point is to swap numerous cranes just as development laborers with these rising printing innovations. They would work by utilizing the 3D design model produced on computer-aided design programming, to make a layer by layer diagram on the structure like the way a typical 3D printer works today.

A University of Southern California researcher in the interim professes to have designed an enormous 3D printer equipped for printing an entire house within 24 hours

(Bhandari and Regina, 2014). This reasonable model uses concrete as a base part to copy computer programs of houses. To guarantee the similarity of the house with plumbing and electrical mechanical apparatuses, it in this way embraces a layered manufacture innovation known as "Contour Craft".

#### **e. Mass Customization**

3D-printing procedures grant mass customization, which is the capacity to individualize items as per needs and necessities of various people. Indeed, even inside a similar form chamber, 3D printing manages a few items to be delivered all the while as indicated by the prerequisites of end-clients at no additional procedure charge.

#### **f. Food**

Regardless of being a maverick to the 3D printing technology, food is one developing application which is getting individuals excited and has the plausibility of bringing the innovation into the standard. Regardless, food is fundamental for human living. 3D printing is developing as a contemporary technique by which food is arranged and displayed. Early invasions into 3D printing of nourishment lies with sugar and chocolate, and these advancements have advanced quickly with explicit 3D printers hitting the market. Other starting preliminaries with food incorporate the 3D printing of "meat" at the cell protein level (Bhandari and Regina, 2014). Of late, another class of food that is being examined for 3D printing is pasta. Visualizing the future, 3D printing is likewise being considered as a total technique for getting ready food just as a method for adjusting supplements in a comprehensive and sound method.

Carrying the food industry to the advanced period is one of the significant and noteworthy utilization of 3D printing. Carrying the nourishment business to the computerized age is one of the fundamental and progressive utilization of 3D printing. In the assembling procedure, numerous progressions happen in the properties of the pre-utilized material.

Current advancements in the innovation even permit a mix of strong and fluid materials into a brought together part (MacCurdy, 2016). It is additionally a financially savvy innovation since it is without instrument and computer driven and the arrangement cost for 3D printing of various shapes and sizes is less. Hence, a creation cost is legitimately relative to the quantity of things being fabricated. Since it's a computer-driven innovation with a well-created shape preparing programming for each machine, it's conceivable to drive the procedure legitimately from 3D designs, voxelized information structures or unadulterated useful code (Lipson and Melba, 2013).

In this manner 3D food printing appears as though a simple and financially savvy elective for large-scale manufacturing and modified dietary estimation of eatables dependent on the buyer-driven information. 3D food printers these days utilizes nozzles, fine material, lasers, and mechanical arms to make sugar models, fancy chocolate, and ornamental cake and is considerably more mind boggling. One printer specifically, the Chef Jet from 3D Frameworks, takes shape meager layers of fine-grain sugar into an assortment of geometric shapes. The Choc Edge from Barcelona-based Natural Foods apportions chocolate from nozzles in wonderful patterns. Another perfect work of art is Cutting-edge printers which can perform significantly increasingly perplexing errands. For instance, the food utilizes crisp fixings stacked into hardened steel molds to make food like pizza, stuffed pasta, quiche, and brownies. Pasta-creator Barilla's machine prints noodles with water and semolina flour. Also, a model design by Hod Lipson, an educator of mechanical building at Columbia, manufactures nourishment bars and basic cakes. Other than large-scale manufacturing of food for the populace, there are two principal motivations to customize food for every buyer: wellbeing and inclination. Many individuals have conditions that are treated by, delicate to or brought about by foods (MacCurdy, 2016).

A lot more individuals have food assimilation issues. As indicated by the NIH, 65% of the total populace is lactose intolerant in adulthood (U.S. National Library of Medicine: Lactose Intolerance, 2010). Numerous individuals have different conditions that point to confinement of their capacity to swallow food. Scleroderma and strokes would all be able to confine an individual's capacity to gulp down food sometime down the road; constraining the scope of food sources they can eat (Millen, 2012). Every one of these ailments and conditions requires a change of diet as a feature of treatment and the board. What is required in food and diet is the contribution of customer necessity through mechanization to fabricate food as indicated by the purchaser's need. This would conceivably have a transformative impact on human wellbeing. Computer control likewise decreases the probability of coincidental cross tainting. Mechanization additionally takes into consideration the simple mix of purchaser information. By permitting food ingredients and planning to be naturally acclimated to the buyer's data, it is conceivable to have abstains from food which implement themselves without the need to exercise resolution. 3D printing and mechanical manufacture advancements may clear a route for this programmed printable nourishment generation framework. There are a few advantages and explanations for this progressive innovation. 3D nourishment printing offers a scope of potential advantages. It very well may be sound and useful for the earth since it can assist with changing over fixings, for example, proteins from green growth, beet leaves, or bugs into flavorsome groceries. It additionally makes new ways for food customization and consequently modifies with singular needs and inclinations.

The worldwide populace is required to develop to an expected 9.6 billion individuals by 2050, and a few experts' undertaking that nourishment creation should be raised by 50 percent to keep up current levels (Lipson and Melba, 2013). It very well may be expressed that 3D nourishment printing will have the option to add to an answer if not unravel it inside and out. Aside, from the medical advantages, 3D food printing might be useful in making

intriguing food designs, enhancements, and textures. A wide assortment of shapes, textures, and enhancements can be made since the presence of a 3D printed food relies upon the model that was formed to offer guidance to the printer. Printed nourishment may look like those of conventional food sources, for example, a pizza, or they may even have an exceptional appearance. With the assistance of 3D models foods with perplexing designs or enrichment might be made more effectively by a printer than by hand.

#### **g. Logistics and Supply Chain**

3D printing innovation has sway on stock and coordination's as items would now be able to be imprinted on request. It avoids having the completed items stacked on racks or stacked in distribution centers. It guarantees decrease in assembling parcel measures by empowering littler assembling runs and this permits organizations to lessen stock possessions by having the option to all the more likely match supply to request. At whatever point an item is required, we simply make it and that reduces the inventory network down to its least complex parts while adding new efficiencies to the framework (Solanki *et al.*, 2018).

Fundamentally, 3D printing tears the worldwide store network apart and re-collects it as another, nearby framework. The conventional store network model is obviously established on customary imperatives of the business, the efficiencies of large scale manufacturing, the requirement for minimal effort, high-volume gathering laborers, land to house each phase of the procedure, etc. Be that as it may, added substance fabricating sidesteps those limitations. Different zones of uses are found in sport where it was recorded that Nike delivered game's shoe by utilizing AM system (Oko Institute for Applied Ecology, 2013). Others include jewellery production, style designing, workmanship, design and models among others.

## **7. Prospect of 3D Printers Applications in Anatomy in Nigeria**

The different regions of uses of 3D innovation talked about in the previous segment present a lot of chances for Nigeria. Being a developing nation, Nigeria despite everything thinks about the test of addressing needs of its residents in different areas where use of 3D innovation guarantees immense answer for some innate issues. There are different manners by which Nigeria could profit by mass selection of the innovation to the normal activity of some key segments in the nation.

Nigeria, just as other developing nations, is confronted with various pervasive medical problems, amputation being one of them. Frequent road accidents bring about loss of body parts like hands and limbs. 3D printing innovation can be utilized in Nigeria to make 3D-printed prosthetic limbs as they are as of now being utilized as an option in contrast to high quality limbs now and again in the developed countries. Despite the fact that 3D limbs don't offer better quality to carefully assembled limbs, most patients incline toward them since fitting of 3D limbs is simpler and not tedious contrasted with conventional limbs. 3D printing in this way gives simpler, quicker and less expensive way to deal with and manage prosthetic circumstances in Nigeria than customary limbs. 3D printing will in this way be a redeeming quality in a nation where healthcare administrations endeavor to stay aware of its interest combined with the significant expensive medical care.

## **8. Conclusion**

3D innovation is viewed as one of the progressive advancements created by researchers and engineers in making lives a lot simpler and motivating to live in. It has a wide territory of utilizations extending from the capacity to customize items as indicated by the necessities and prerequisites of individual to most refined mechanical applications. Regularly portrayed as an added substance assembling and quick prototyping; 3D printing is a procedure by which strong 3D objects of any shape or geometry can be produced using a



computerized document. The creation is accomplished by setting down progressive layers of a particular material until the whole object is made as opposed to conventional subtractive assembling strategy which depends on evacuation of material to make something. The innovation is said to be one of the most noteworthy mechanical advancements of this decade and is therefore expected to continue developing. This makes it a significant component to be taken advantage of by developing nations like Nigeria.

The innovation has a wide assortment of utilization that cuts over various segments and fields. It is applied in modern designs, car design, purchaser products, biomedical building, and dentistry (dental), anatomy among others. The innovation introduces a lot of chances for Nigeria, a developing nation that still grapples with the challenges of addressing the needs of its residents in different parts where application of the innovation guarantees tremendous answer for some inalienable issues. It is presumed that 3D printing can be utilized as a genuine apparatus for playing out a few anatomical activities and laboratory experiments in Nigeria.

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