

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HYBRID MICROSCALE OPTICAL 3D PRINTER

Mechanical Engineering

Capstone Senior Design Project • Spring 2023

Micro but Mighty

Testing & Validation

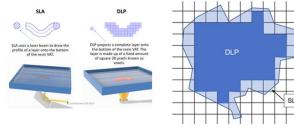


Vision Statement

To provide a cutting-edge, microscale 3D printing technology that seamlessly incorporates all the advantages of a hybrid operation between DLP and SLA printing.

Problem Definition

- Combine SLA and DLP to create a fast, high resolution resin 3D printer
- Moving bed and resin vat
- · Have microscale movement in every axis
- Utilize cameras to create a calibration system



Engineering Requirements

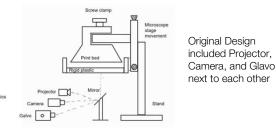
- 1. Be able to print in both SLA and DLP seamlessly
- 2. Movable print bed and vat during printing
- 3. Printing at 100 µm resolution or finer
- 4. Stitching accuracy at 25 µm resolution or finer
- 5. Stitching at least a 2x2 area to demonstrate scaling capabilities
- 6. Create calibration routine for SLA and DLP alignment

Value Proposition

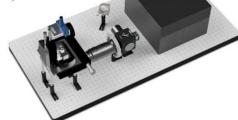
Because this hybrid operation will be able to create both fast and high resolution prints, it can be utilized in a variety of applications such as the following:

- Micro-scale Research
- Medical medical devices, dental, etc.
- Microelectronics
- Optics Lens Mounts, Tools, Holders
- Automotive Sensors and In-Cabin Elements
- Aerospace & Defense Pressure Sensors, Air flow devices, & Accelerometers

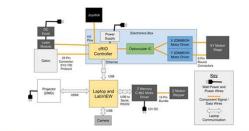
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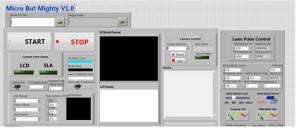


Current Design uses a splitter to combine the output of the Camera, Projector, and Galvo



Controls and Electronics





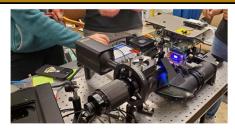
Projection area and calibration grid # Laver projected points for calibration a Camera view and error measurement Current validation plan is to project a grid of dots using the DLP camera. Then the SLA laser aligns its beam onto where the dot is. We then use a camera and a LABVIEW code to create a mesh that offsets any discrepancies between the SLA and the DLP.

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Resolution Calculator: Able to calculate print size based on resolution of projector and distance

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Further Improvements



- Further improve the accuracy of the validation plan
- More tests for effectiveness of SLA and DLP to decrease print time
- Increase resolution of printer to function better within Microscale
- Make design more compact to decrease foot area needed to run

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