

# 3D Printing Shoes for Production Manufacturing

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# Class summary

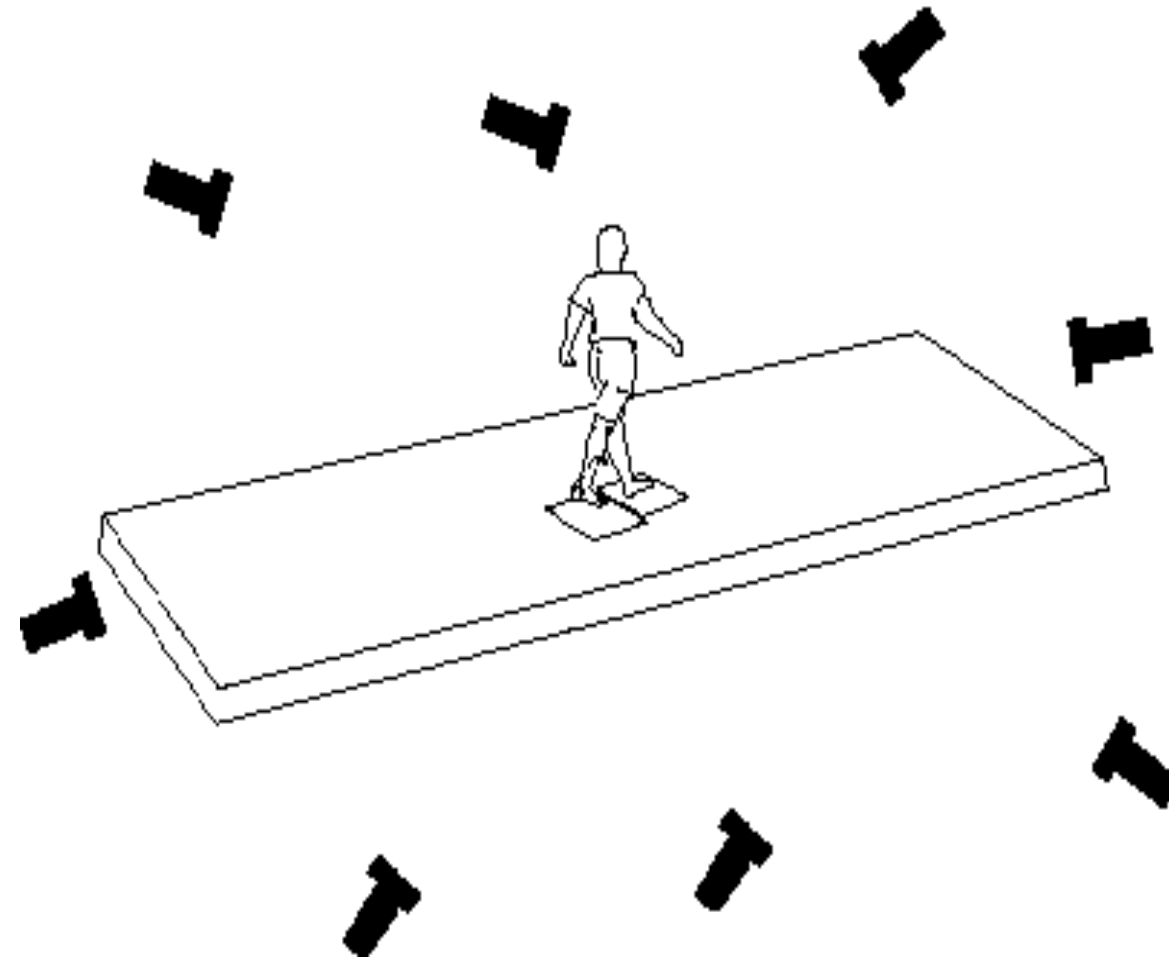
I'll describe the advantages and challenges of using 3D printing for shoe manufacturing. I'll include how **OESH Shoes** is using a pellet-based extruding 3D print process not just for making prototypes, but for production manufacturing of shoe soles as well



# Key learning objectives

- Discover advantages of 3D printing for shoe manufacturing
- Understand challenges of 3D printing for shoe manufacturing
- Identify a means to overcome the challenges of 3D printing for shoe manufacturing
- Envision a future of 3D printing for shoe manufacturing

For 20 + years, I was funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health to Study Gait (Walking and Running)...



Including the effects of shoes on forces and loads not just in the foot but on the rest of the body



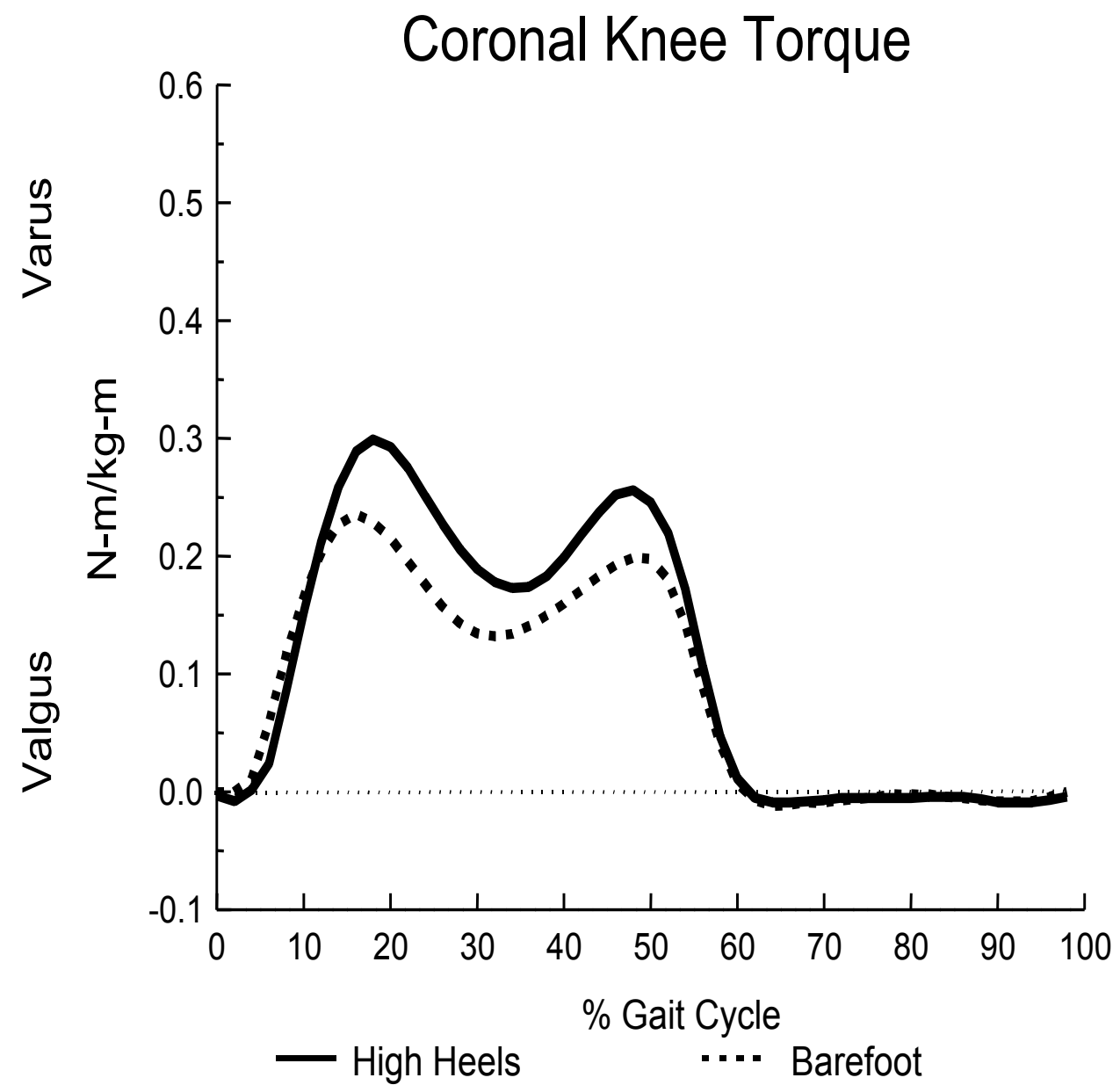
# Walking, Running, Standing



My research team  
and I studied  
subjects of all ages







# THE LANCET

## Knee osteoarthritis and high-heeled shoes

*D Casey Kerrigan, Mary K Todd, Patrick O Riley*

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## Study Links High Heels to Arthritis

By JANE BRODY

**C**LOTHES may or may not make the man, but high-heeled shoes almost certainly make a woman's knees susceptible to arthritis, a study in Boston has shown.

The findings suggest that the current trend of switching from dress shoes to sneakers to walk any distance may provide women with far more than temporary comfort.

It may help to save their knees from the crippling pain that accompanies osteoarthritis.

Women are twice as likely as men to develop osteoarthritis — the wear-and-tear type — in their knees, and three specialists in physical medicine at Harvard Medical School and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital suspected that walking about in high heels had something to do with this increased risk.

They knew beforehand that walking in high heels shifted the weight of the body toward the inner side of the knee joint, which is the area most susceptible to arthritic degeneration.

So the researchers, headed by Dr. D. Casey Kerrigan, put 20 healthy women who were used to wearing narrow high heels to a test.

They asked the women to walk at a comfortable speed both barefoot and in their own high heels and measured various anatomical changes, including the torque on their ankle and knee joints.

Just as the researchers thought, the knee took on a disproportionate amount of stress when the women walked in heels. This occurred largely because walking in heels resulted in less torque on the ankle, forcing the knees and, to a lesser extent, the hips to assume more of the stress of keeping the women stable and moving forward as they walked.

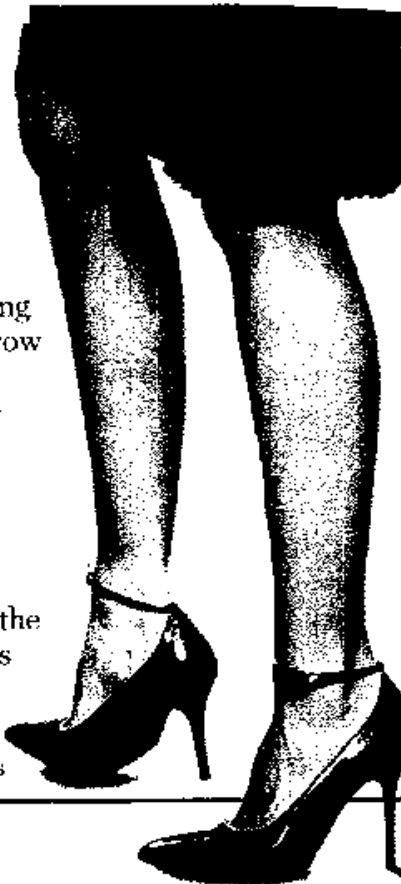
Their findings appeared last month in *The Lancet*.



## Heels Sock Knees

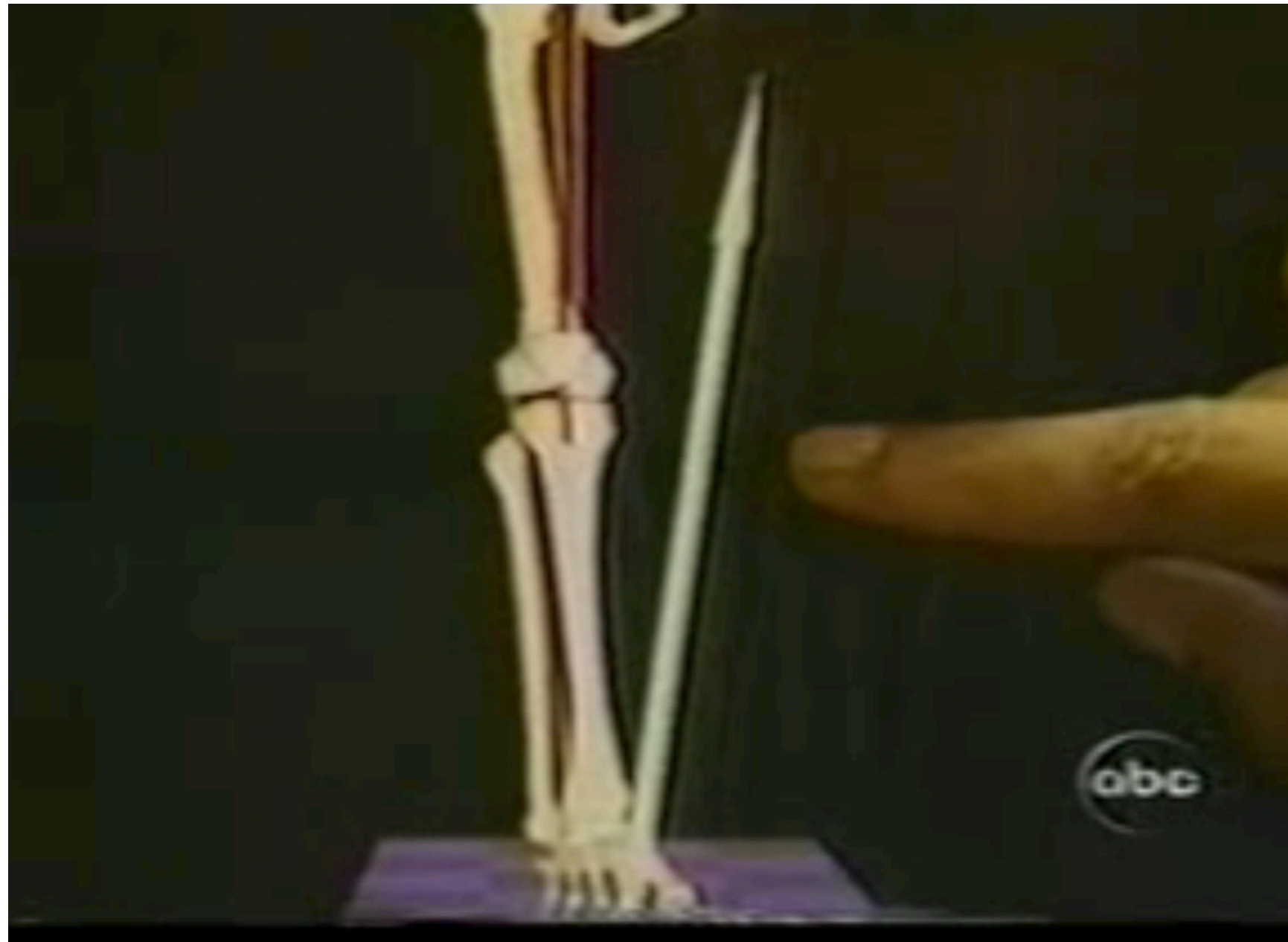
**A**RTHRITIC KNEES ARE TWICE AS COMMON IN women as in men, and a new study suggests that glamorous shoes are at least partly to blame. Harvard researchers attached markers to various parts of women's legs and videotaped them walking on a laboratory runway, both barefoot and in narrow two-and-a-half-inch heels. Then they compared the movements of the joints. When we walk barefoot, our body weight is shared by the inner and outer parts of the knee. But high heels shift the weight forward. The result, physiatrist D. Casey Kerrigan and her colleagues report in the May 9 *Lancet*, is an increase of at least 23 percent in the pressure on the center of the knee. Kerrigan says the resulting strain on the joints, muscles and tendons may lead to degenerative arthritis. Talk about well-heeled fashion victims.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS





# ABC 20/20 Feature Presentation



...we published a bunch more studies on all different types of shoes and shoe modifications

## Women's shoes and knee osteoarthritis

D Casey Kerrigan, Jennifer L Lelas, Mark E Karvosky

We assessed whether wearing wide-heeled shoes has a similar effect on knee torque to narrow-heeled shoes by measuring the joint torques of 20 healthy women during walking. Wearing wide-heeled shoes had a 30% greater effect on peak external knee flexor torque than walking barefoot. Walking with wide-heeled and narrow-heeled shoes increased peak knee varus torque by 26% and 22%, respectively. Our findings imply that wide-heeled shoes cause abnormal forces across the patellofemoral and medial compartments of the knee, which are the typical anatomical sites for degenerative joint changes.

Lancet 2001;357:1097-1098

## Men's Shoes and Knee Joint Torques Relevant to the Development and Progression of Knee Osteoarthritis

D. CASEY KERRIGAN, MARK E. KARVOSKY, JENNIFER L. LELAS, and PATRICK O. RILEY

**ABSTRACT.** *Objective.* To determine if men's dress shoes and sneakers increase knee joint torques and play the same role in the development and/or progression of knee osteoarthritis (OA) as women's high-heeled dress shoes.

*Methods.* Three-dimensional data regarding lower extremity torques and motion were collected during walking in 22 healthy men while (1) wearing dress shoes, (2) wearing sneakers, and (3) barefoot. Data were plotted and qualitatively compared; major peak values were statistically compared between conditions.

*Results.* The external knee varus torque in early stance was slightly greater with the dress shoes and sneakers, but this slight increase can be explained by the faster walking speed with shoes. No significant increases were found in any other of the sagittal, coronal, or transverse knee torques when walking with dress shoes and sneakers compared to barefoot.

*Conclusion.* Men's dress shoes and sneakers do not significantly affect knee joint torques that may have relevance to the development and/or progression of knee OA. (J Rheumatol 2003;30:529-33)

## The Influence of Arch Supports on Knee Torques Relevant to Knee Osteoarthritis

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# Original Research

## The Effect of Running Shoes on Lower Extremity Joint Torques

D. Casey Kerrigan, MD, Jason R. Franz, MS, Geoffrey S. Keenan, MD, Jay Dicharry, MPT, Ugo Della Croce, PhD, Robert P. Wilder, MD

**Objective:** To determine the effect of modern-day running shoes on lower extremity joint torques during running.

**Design:** Two-condition experimental comparison.

**Setting:** A 3-dimensional motion analysis laboratory.

**Participants:** A total of 68 healthy young adult runners (37 women) who typically run in running shoes.

**Methods:** All subjects ran barefoot and in the same type of stability running footwear at a controlled running speed. Three-dimensional motion capture data were collected in synchrony with ground reaction force data from an instrumented treadmill for each of the 2 conditions.

**Main Outcome Measurements:** Peak 3-dimensional external joint torques at the hip, knee, and ankle as calculated through a full inverse dynamic model.

**Results:** Increased joint torques at the hip, knee, and ankle were observed with running shoes compared with running barefoot. Disproportionately large increases were observed in the hip internal rotation torque and in the knee flexion and knee varus torques. An average 54% increase in the hip internal rotation torque, a 36% increase in knee flexion torque, and a 38% increase in knee varus torque were measured when running in running shoes compared with barefoot.

Fitness on  NBCNEWS.com

## Running Shoes: Hazardous to Your Joints?

### Study Shows Running Shoes Exert More Stress on Knees and Hips Than Running Barefoot

By Kathleen Doheny  
WebMD Health News

Reviewed by Louise Chang, MD



Jan. 7, 2010 – Compared to [running](#) barefoot, running in conventional running shoes increases stress on the knee joints up to 38%, according to a new study.

"There is an increase in joint torque that may be detrimental," says D. Casey Kerrigan, MD, the lead author of the study, published in *PM&R: The Journal of Injury, Function and Rehabilitation*.

Joint torque is a measure of how much a force causes the joint to rotate.

But Kerrigan is not advocating that runners take up barefoot running – just that her findings may be a reason to redesign running shoes. Kerrigan, formerly chairwoman and professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, now heads JKM Technologies and is designing a running shoe.

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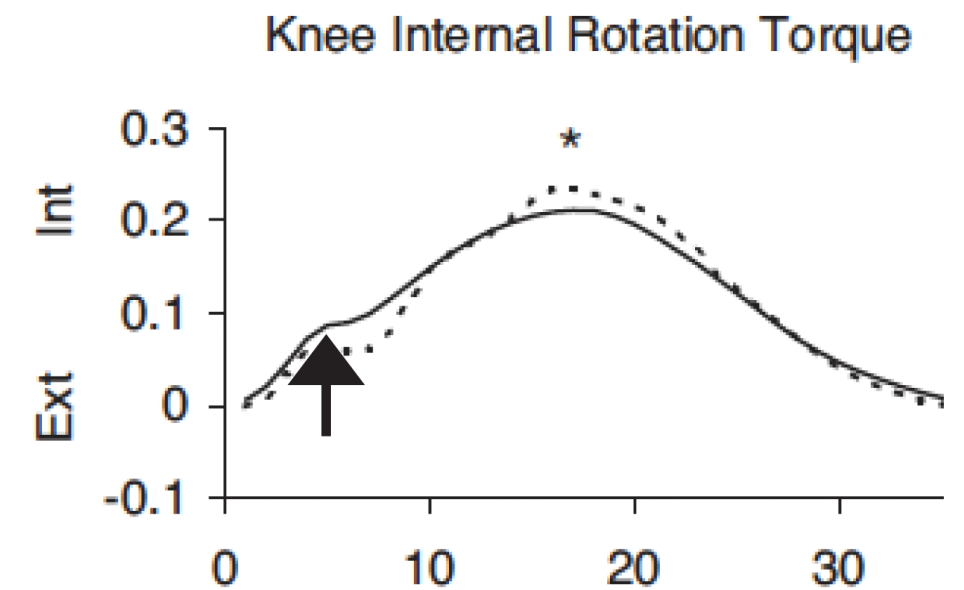
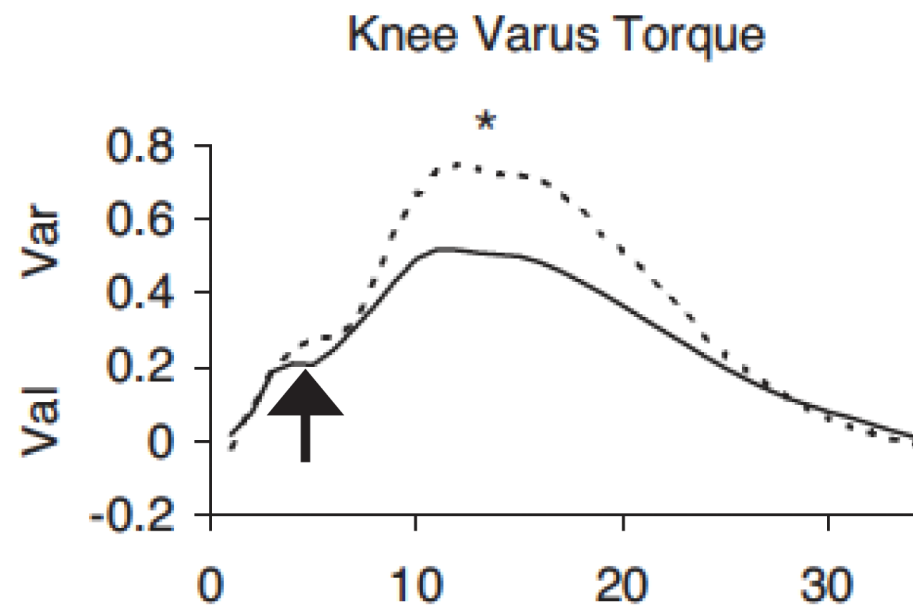
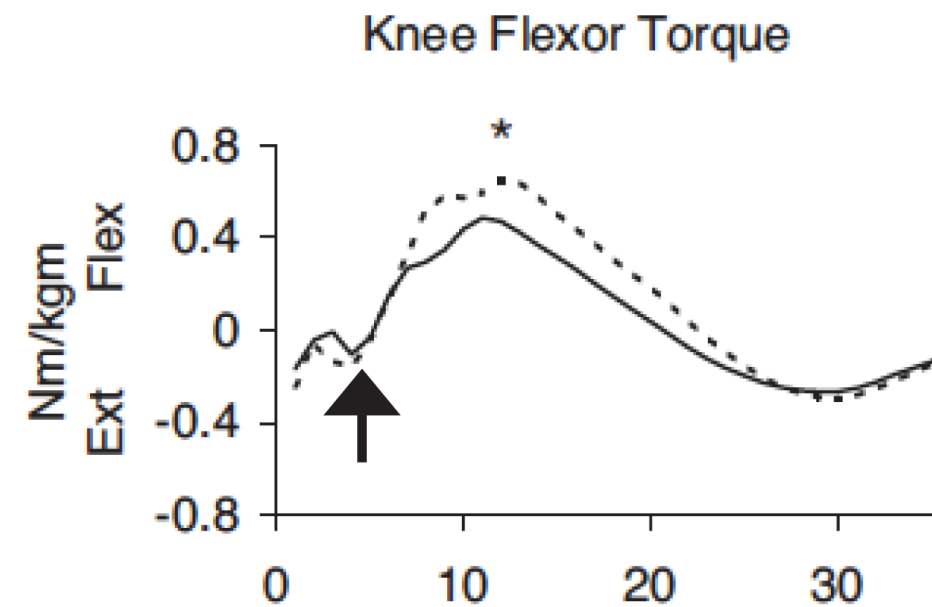
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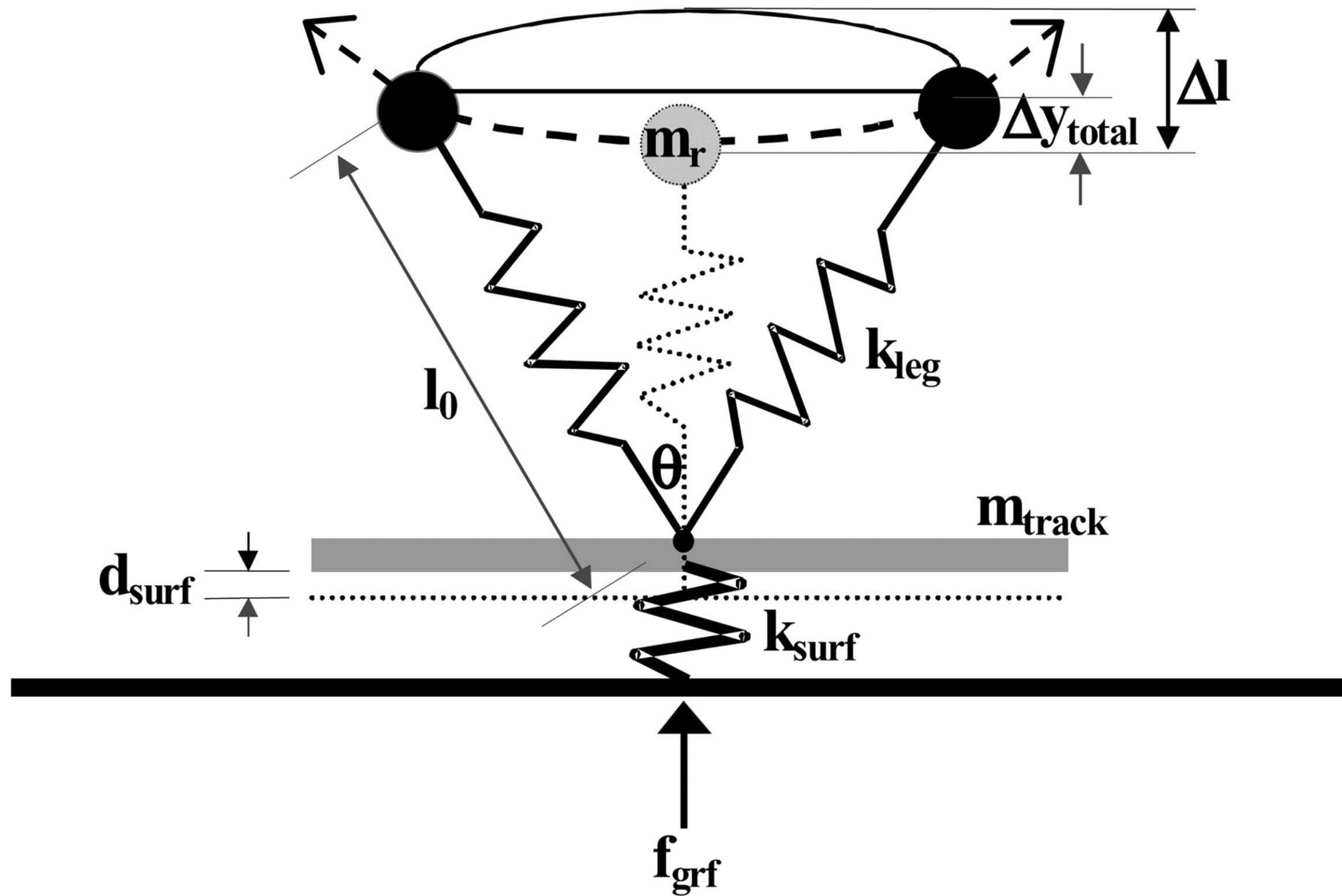
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# Shoe features that abnormally increase loads on joints

- Any elevation in the heel
- Any arch support
- Any side to side contouring (the typical shoe has a cradle running side to side)



Loads on joints during running  
Arrows point to “impact”



















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D. Casey Kerrigan, MD, is founder and designer  
shoes. Courtesy OESHSHO

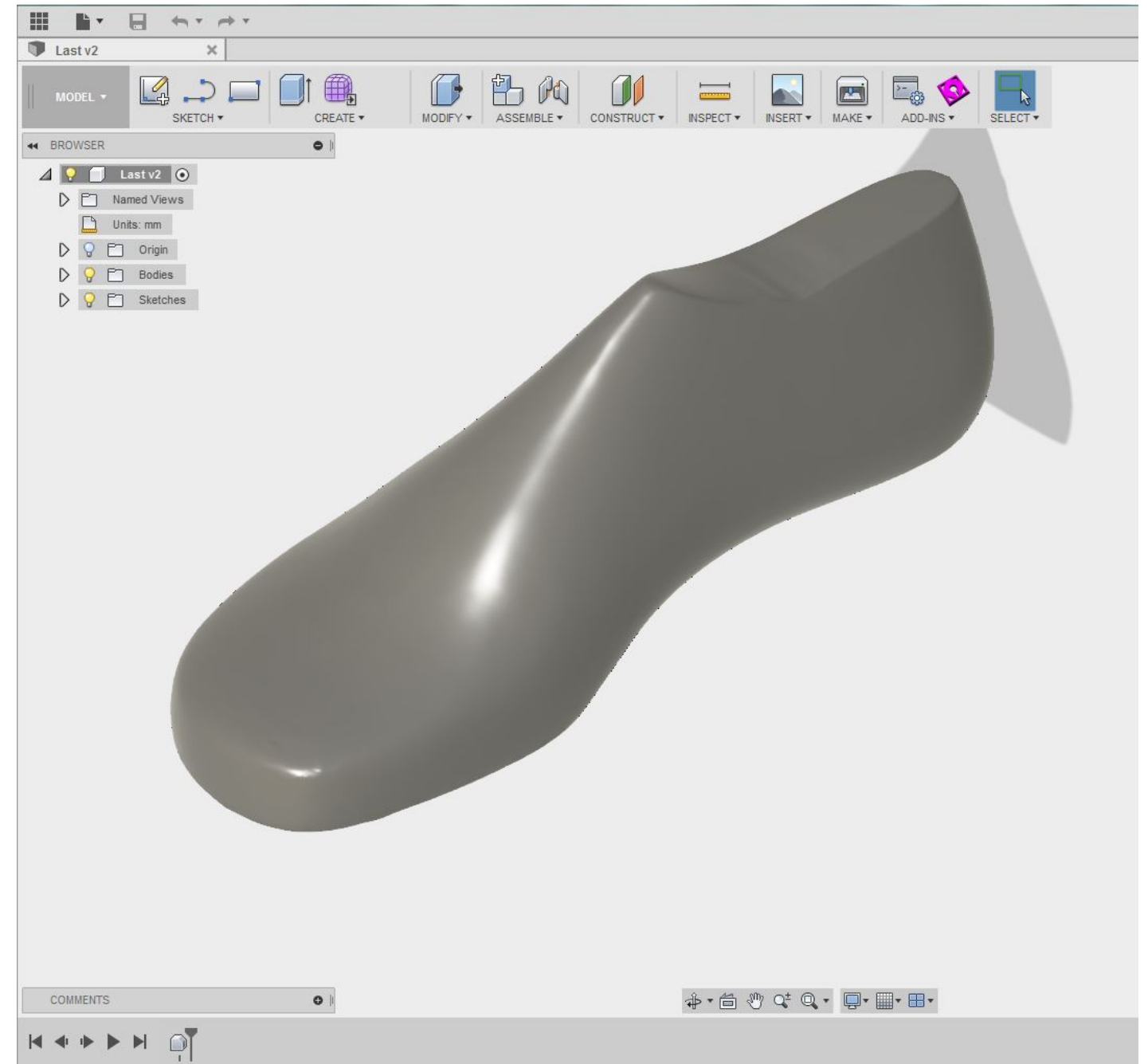


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# Last Design and designing with the last



# Traditional Footwear vs OESH Shoes











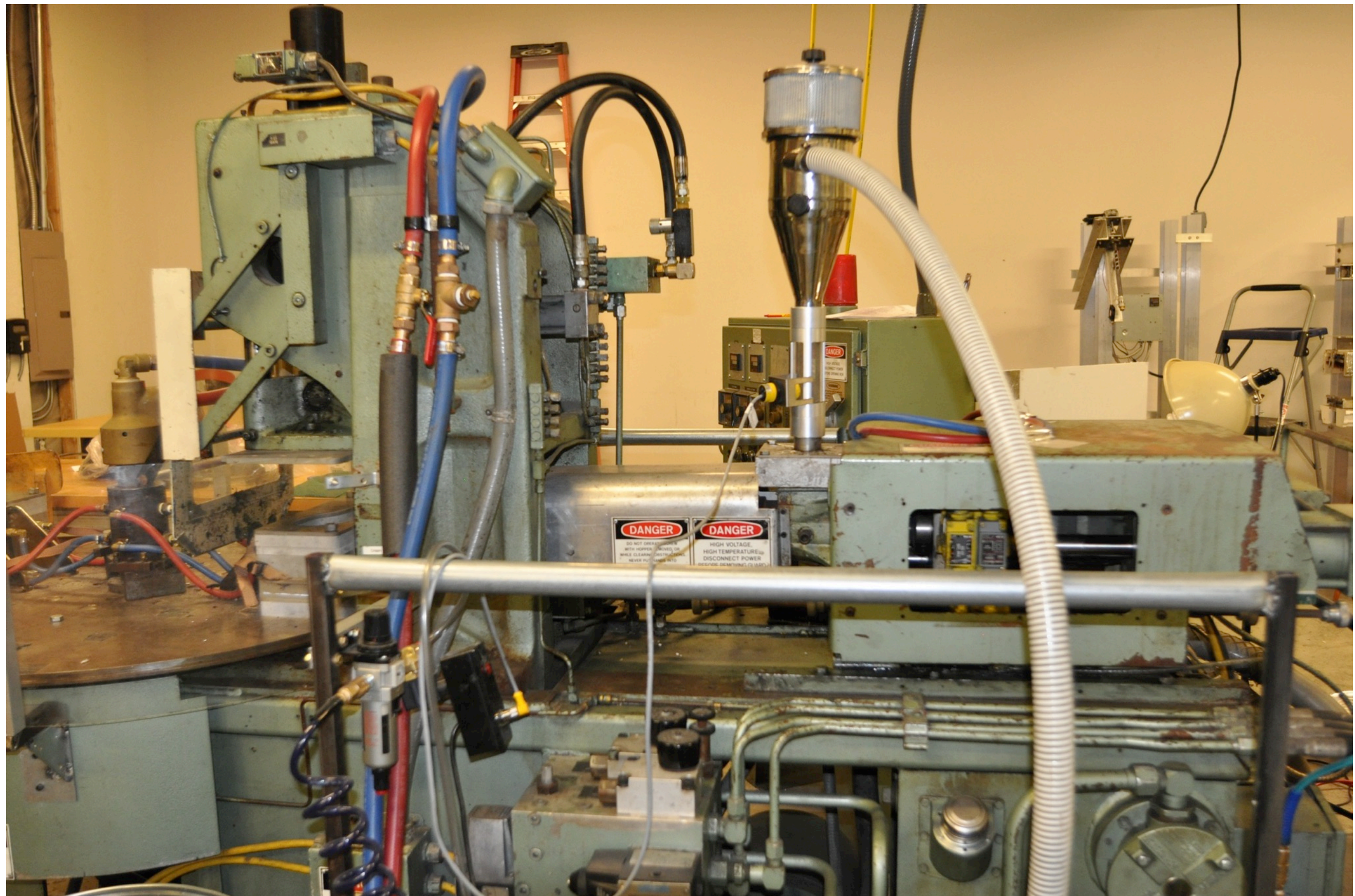
Thermoplastic elastomers are replacing conventional rubbers and steel in high performance springs used in railway rolling-stock buffers, draw gears and draft gears. German company DUREL is in the vanguard of this trend, manufacturing spring pads from rods and tubes supplied by Quadrant Engineering Plastic Products (Quadrant EPP) in Arnitel® thermoplastic polyether elastomer (TPEE) from DSM Engineering Plastics.





























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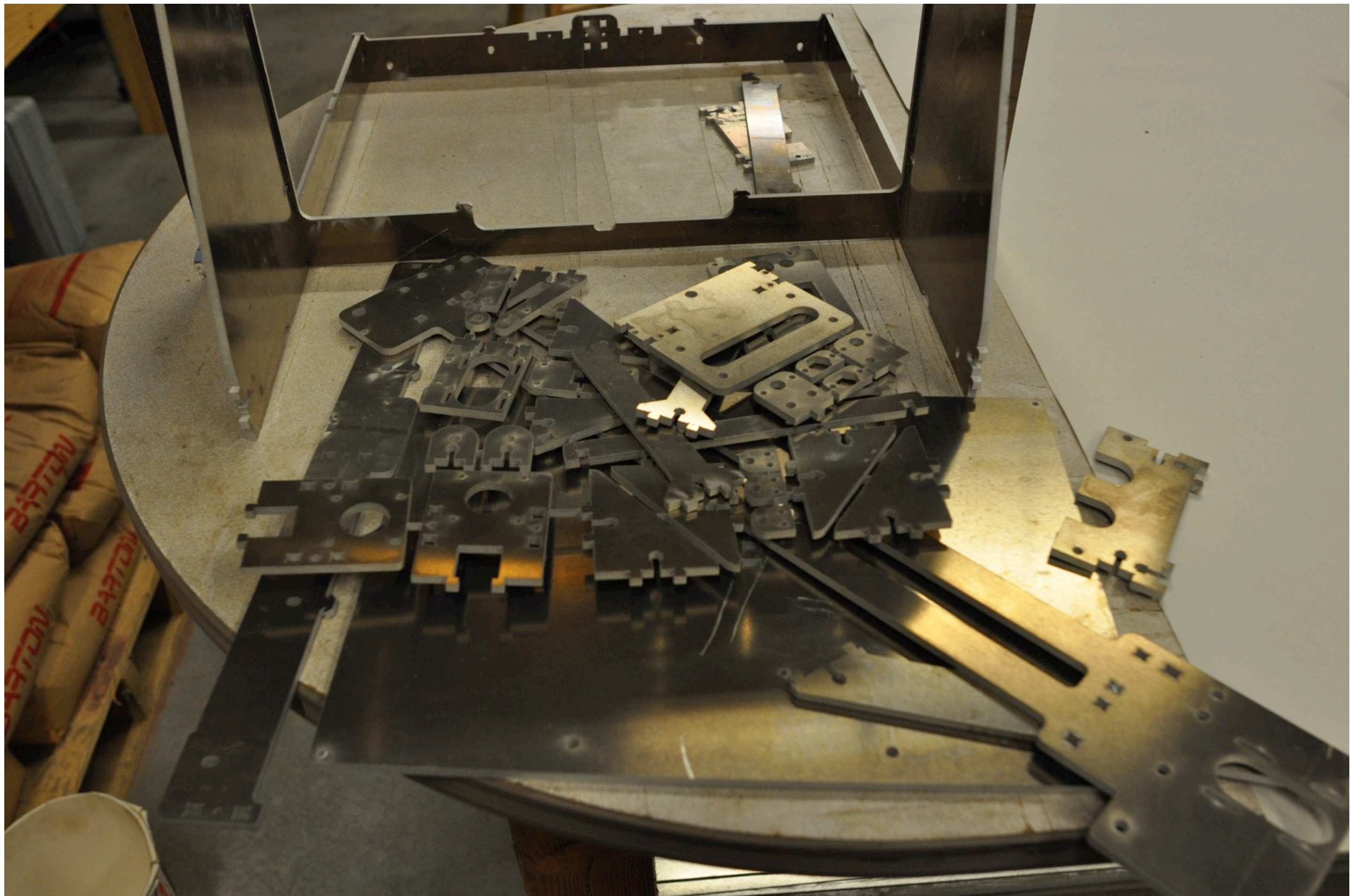
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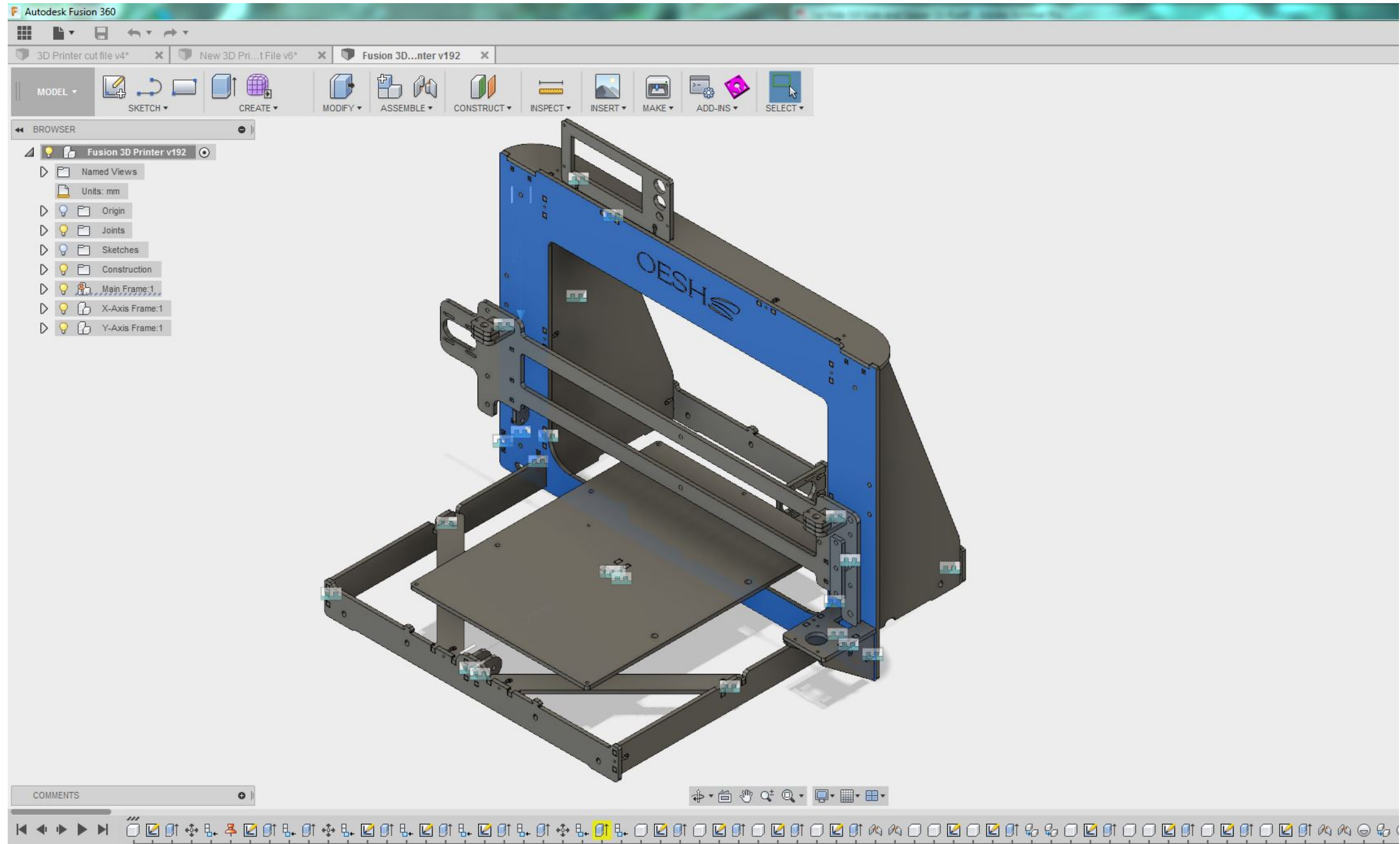
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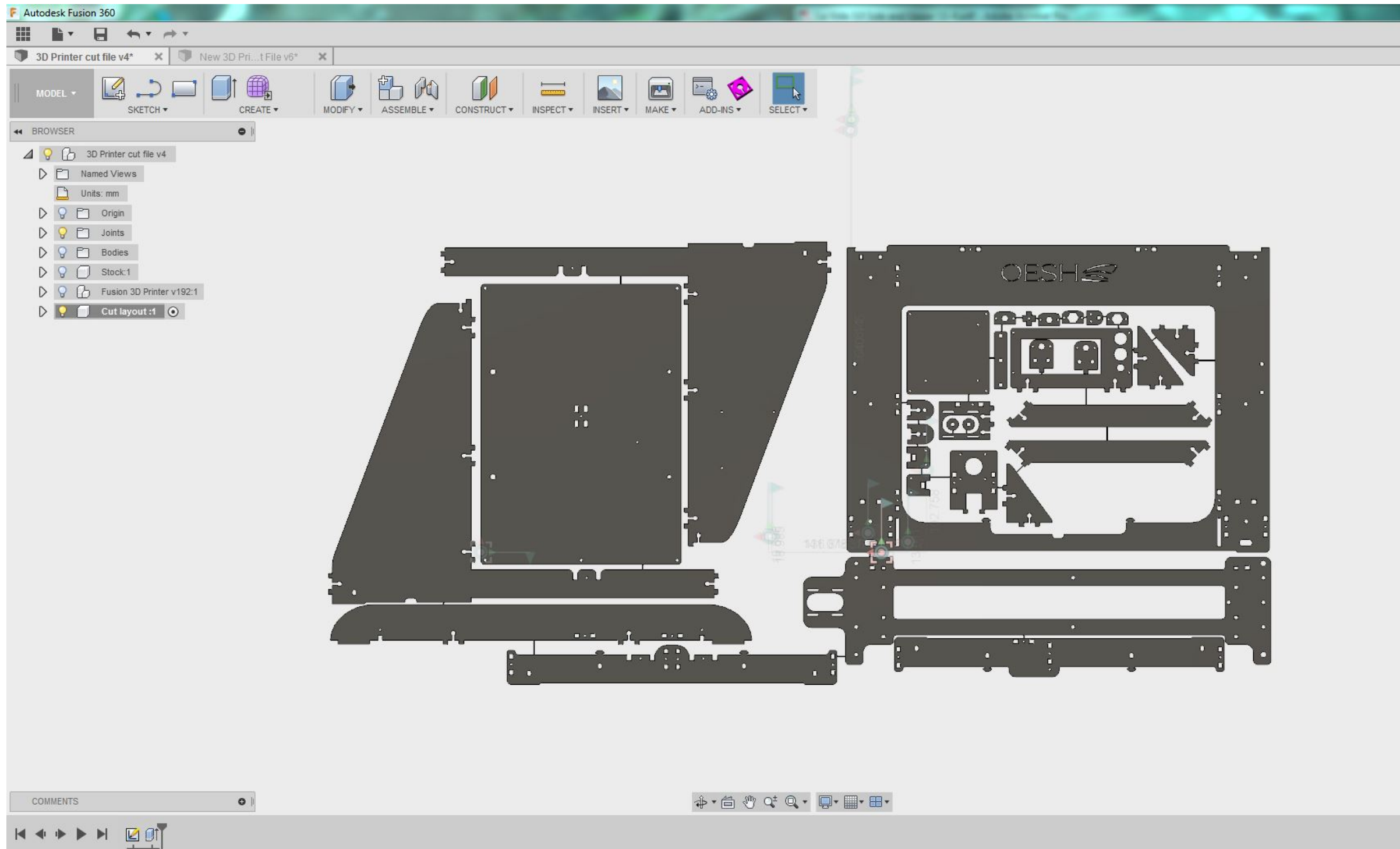








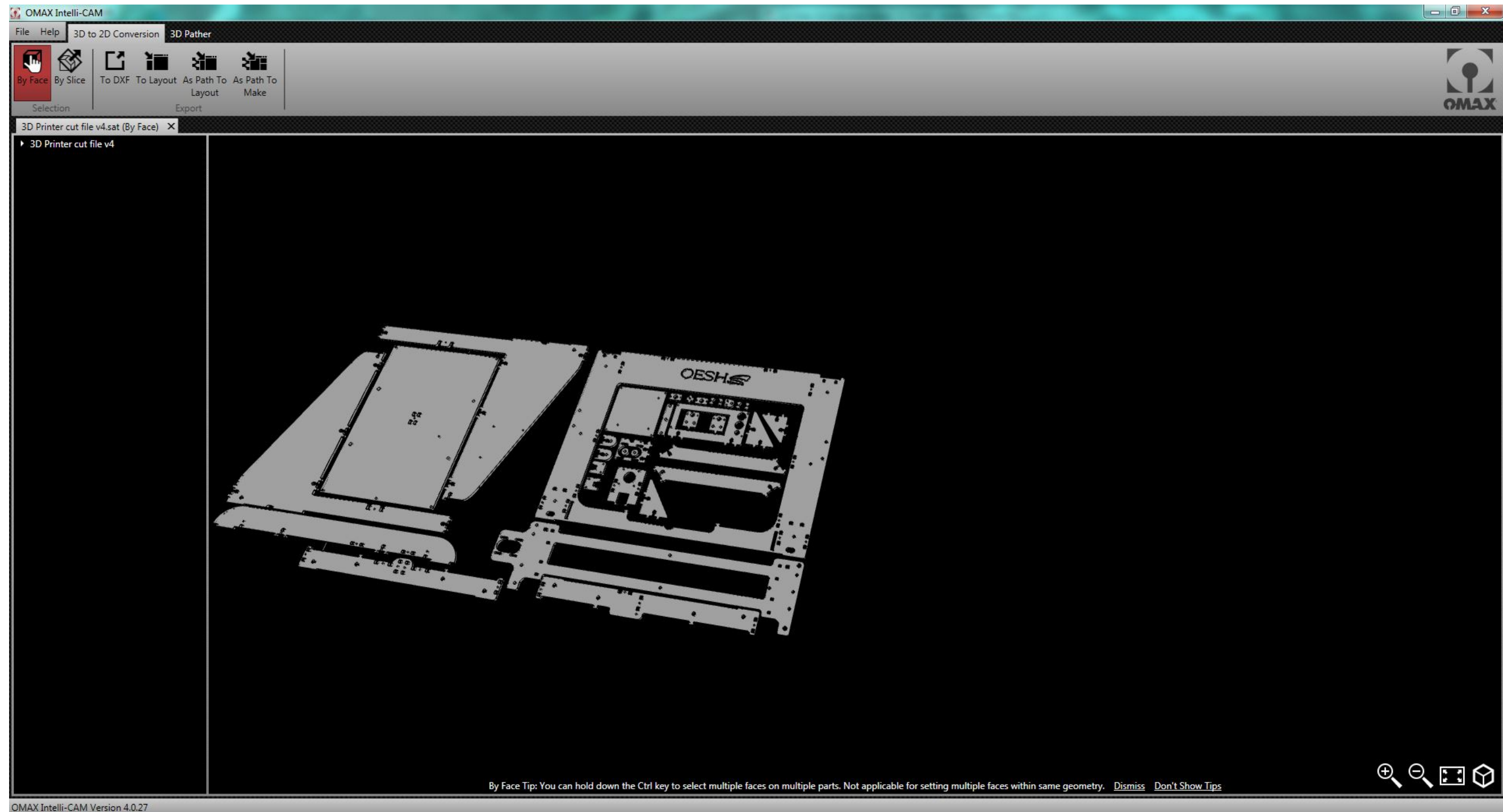
# Laying out 3D Printer to cut





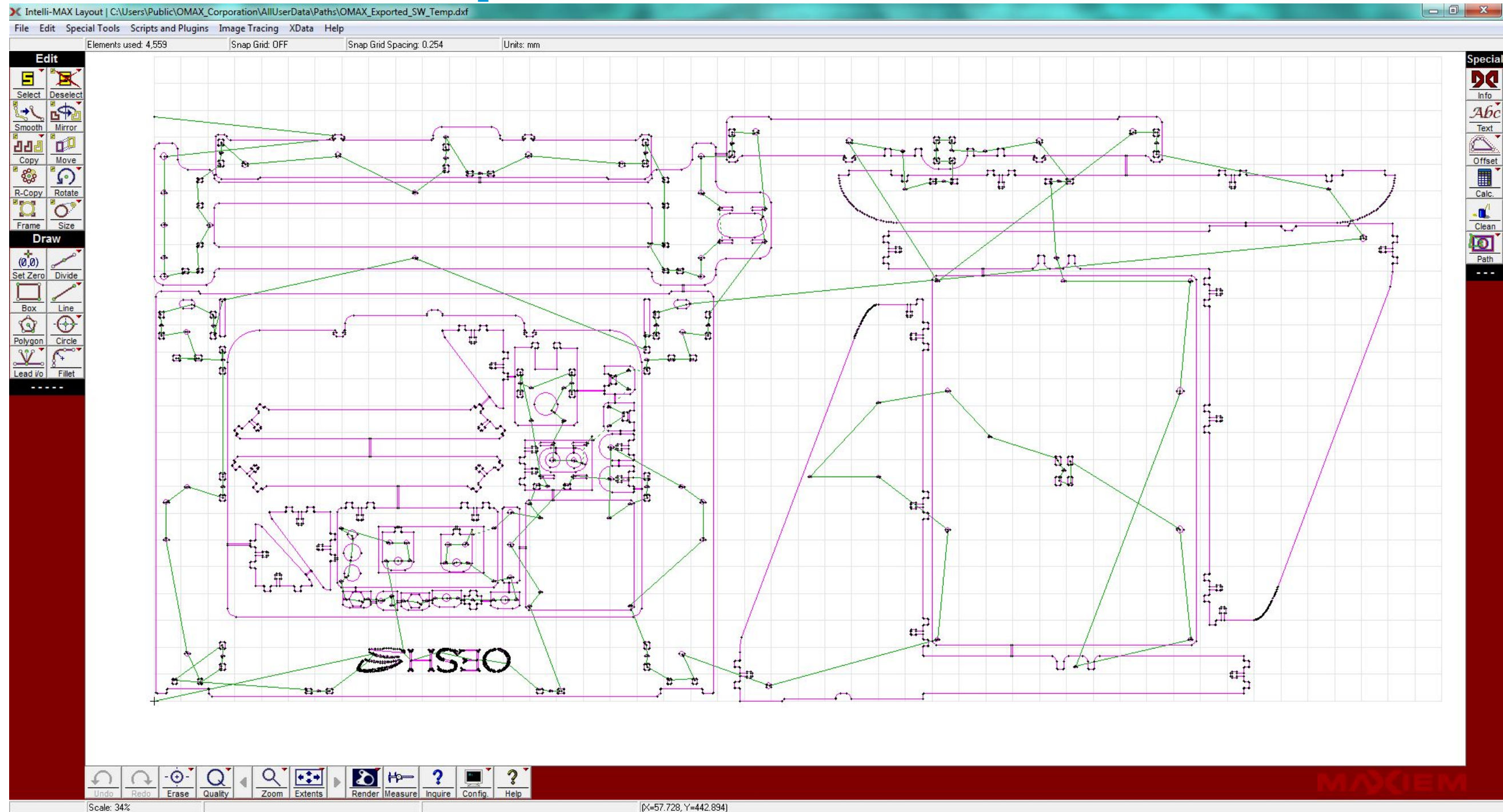
# OMAX Intelli-CAM

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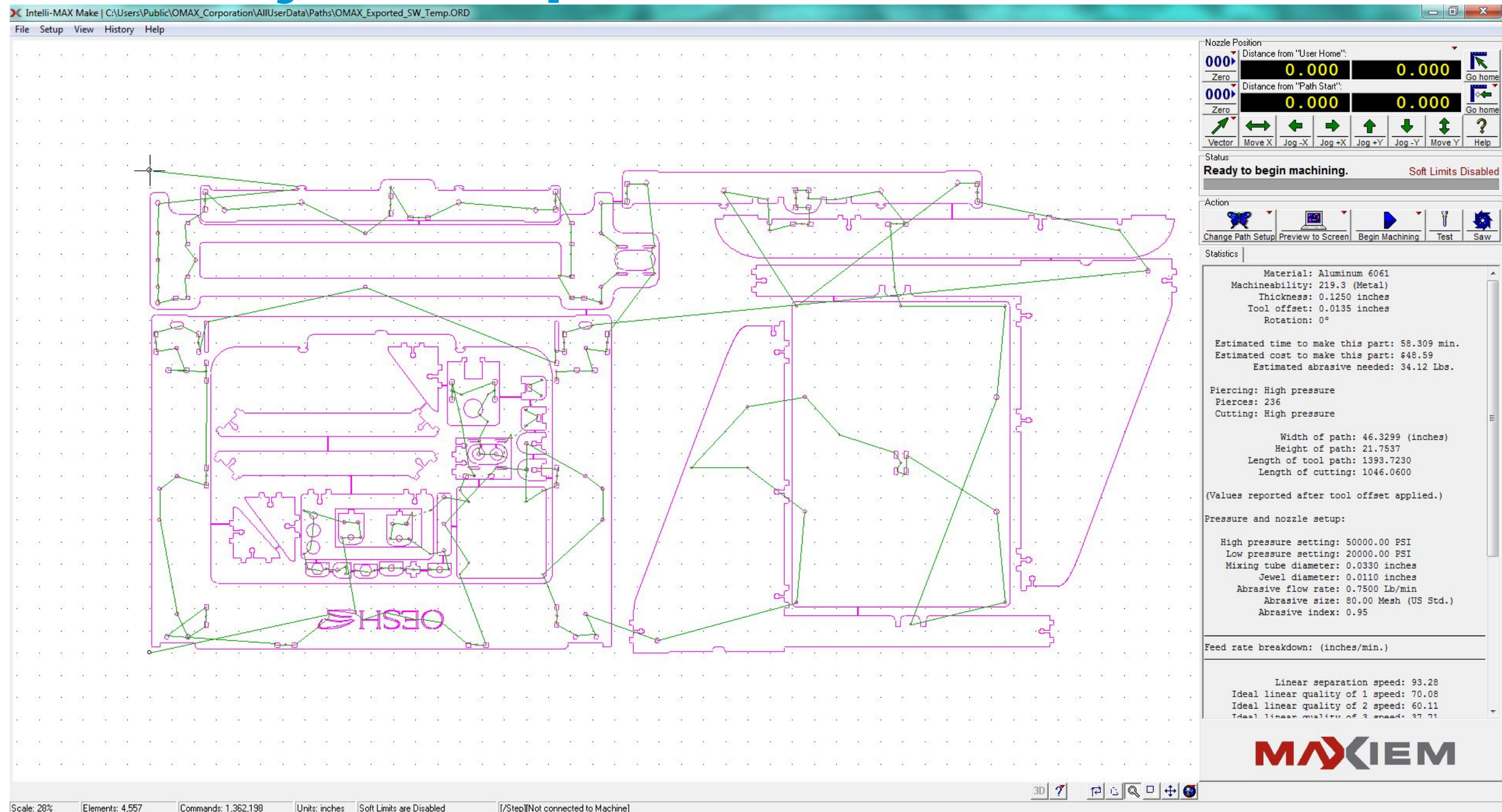




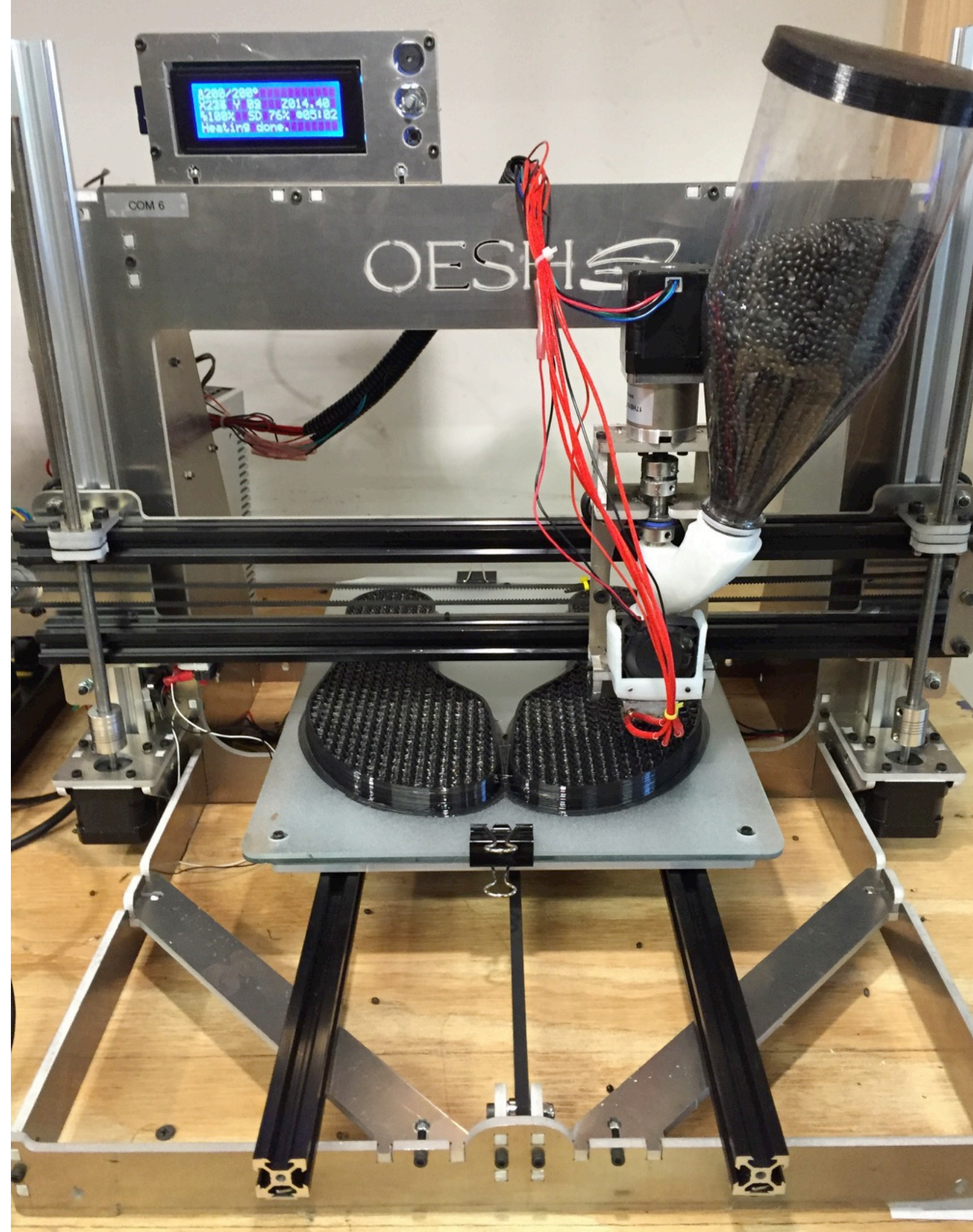
# Intelli-MAX Layout to create tool paths



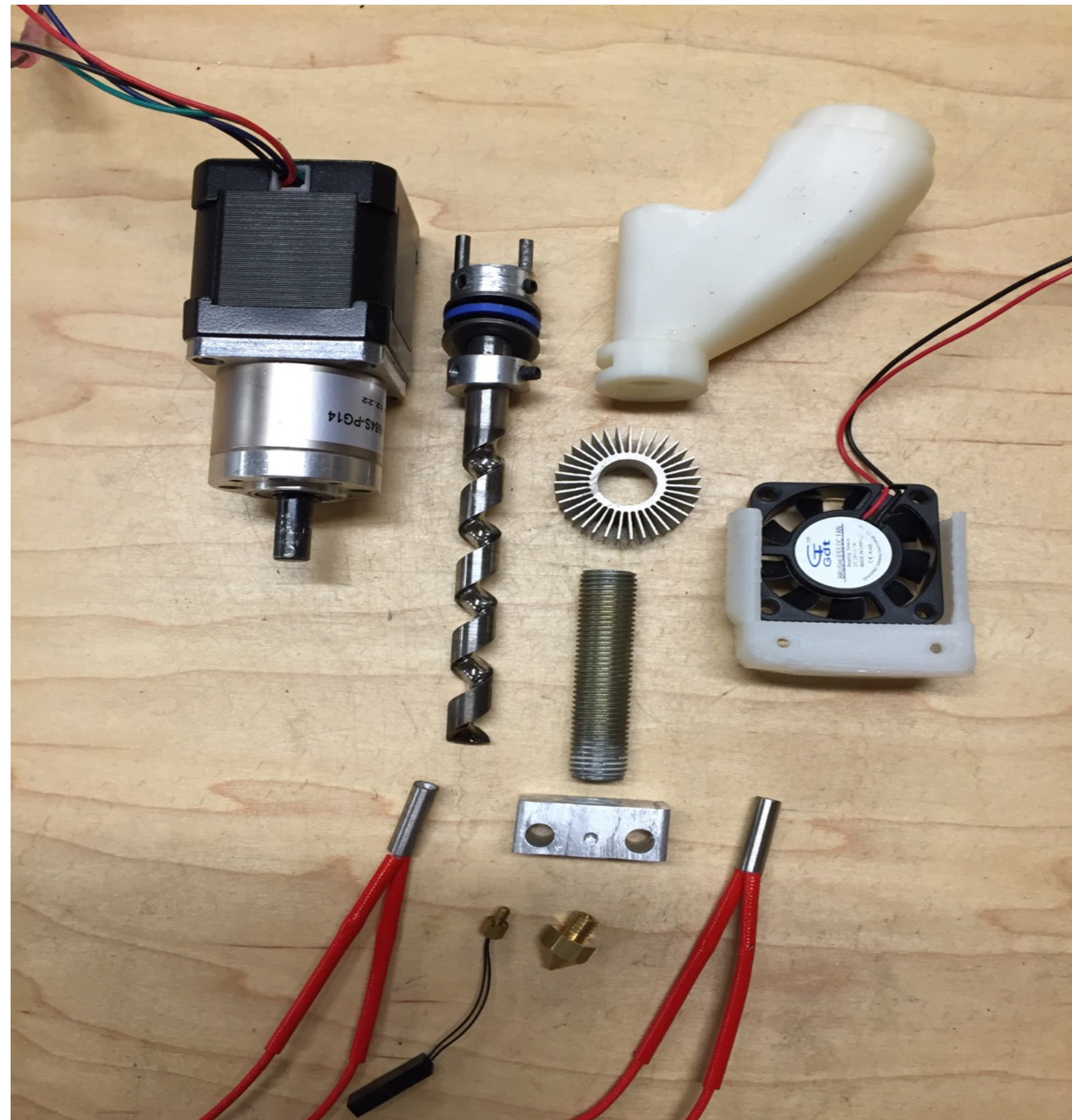
# Intelli-MAX Make to waterjet components















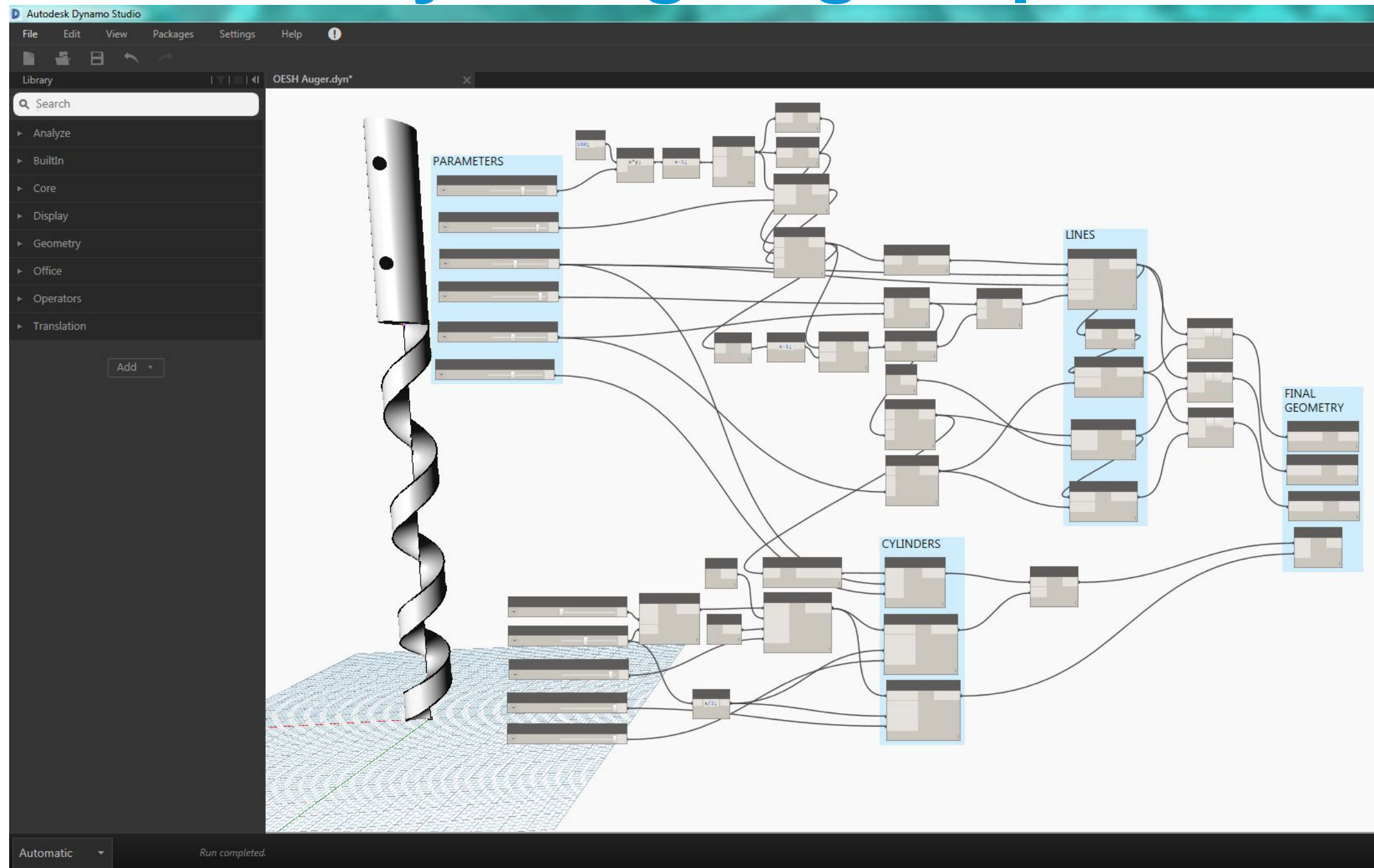






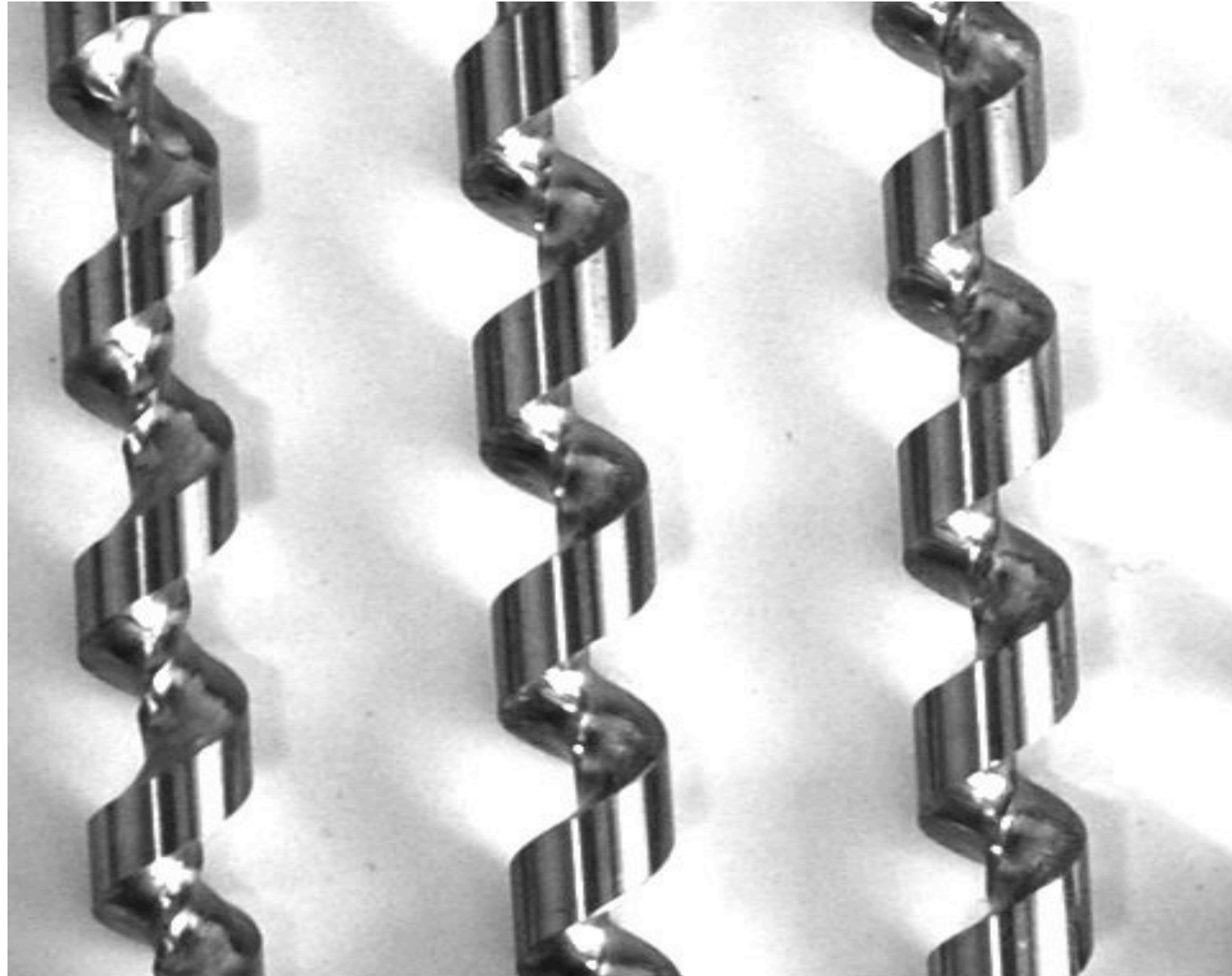
# Dynamo Studio

## Parametrically designing 3D printer augers



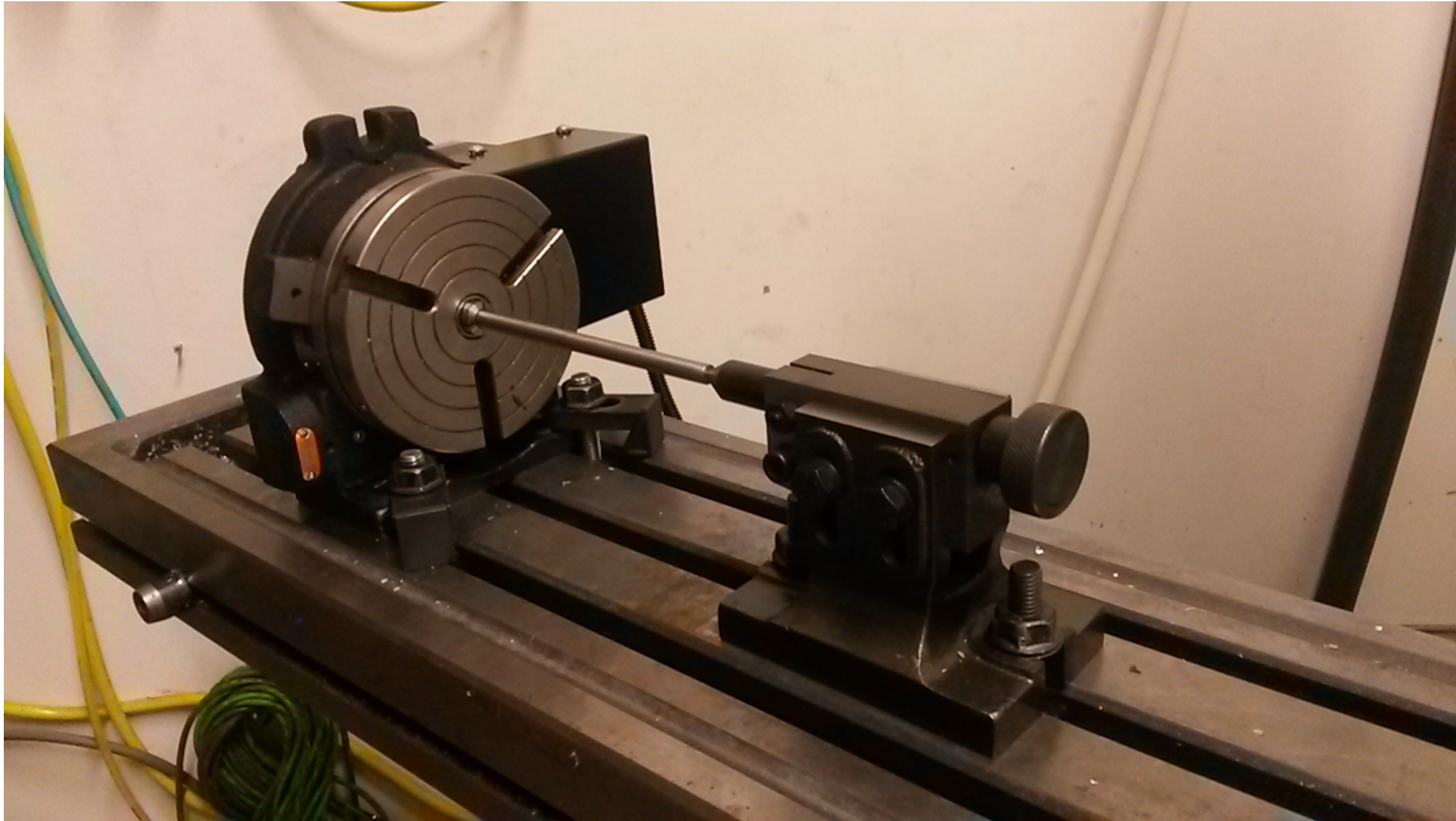


# Auger Iterations





# 4<sup>th</sup> Axis Milling Augers



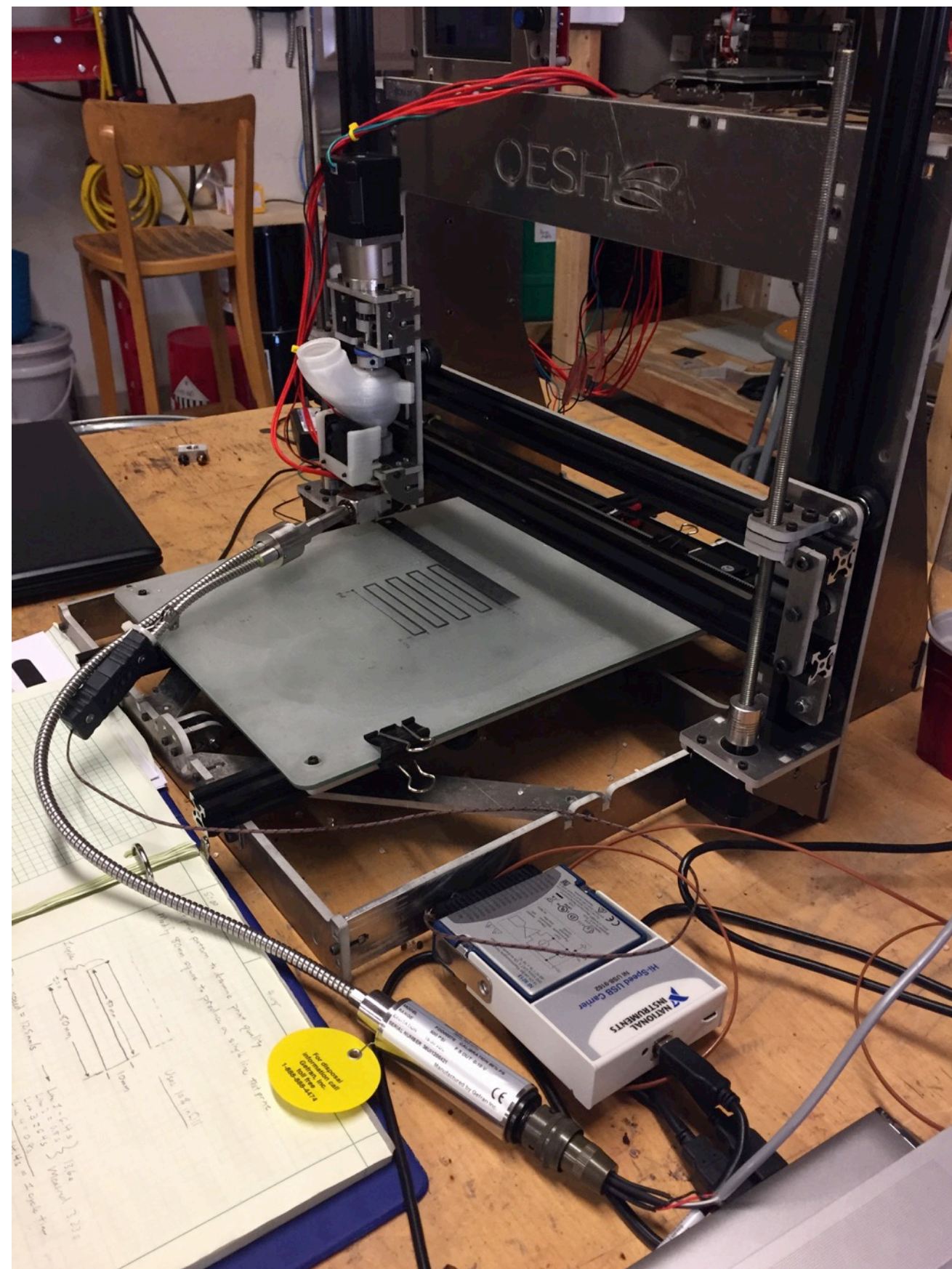














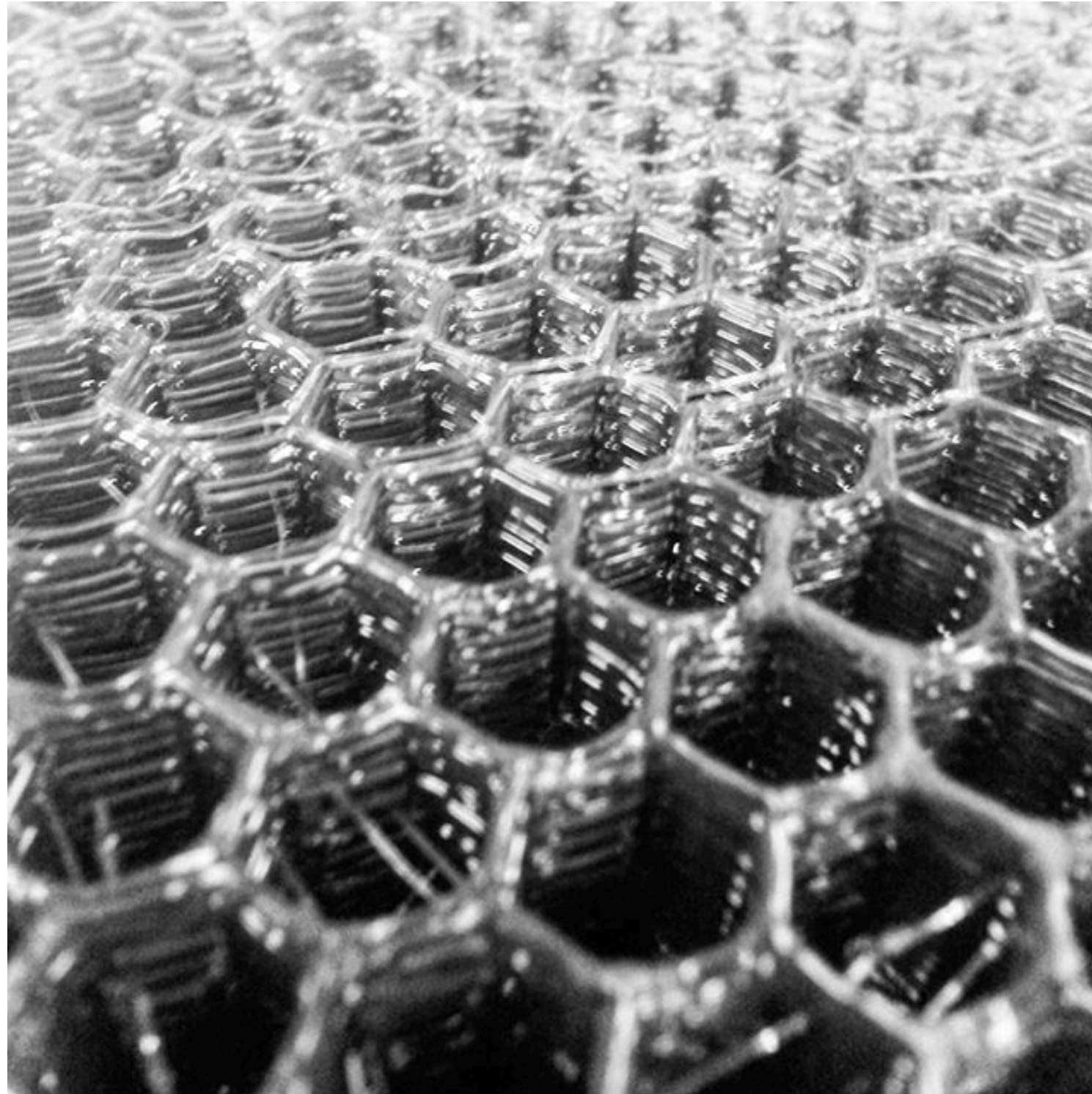
# OESH 3D Printers the final product



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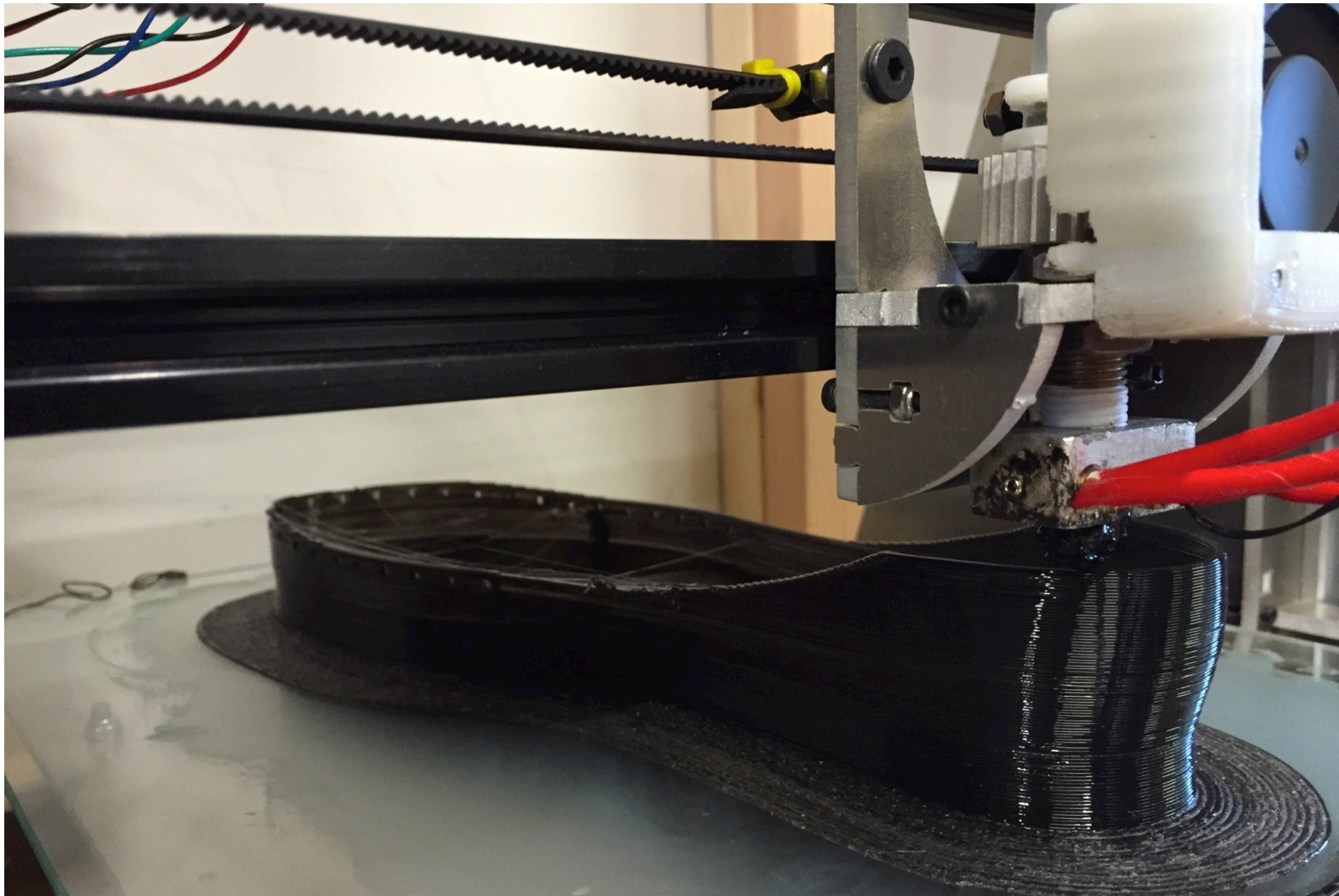
# Advantages of 3D Printing

























# OESH Shoes

## Introducing 3D Printed Sandals

















# Sandal assembly

## adding straps with rivets and pull tabs













# ~Envisioning the Future~

- We can 3D print holes into the soles that are super strong that can serve as attachment for an upper
- And we can make custom footwear





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