

ME-413

Introduction to additive manufacturing

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Mechanical engineering	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Microtechnics	MA1, MA3	Obl.
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Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	Written
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	3 weekly
Courses	2 weekly
TP	1 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

The state of the art in the domain of additive production processes (the part is built by material addition without use of a shape tool) will be presented. The main application/benefits/shortcomings of the common additive processes as well as technological and economical issues will be discussed.

Content

The course will describe the technico-economical environment of industry, that has led to the need for an improvement of performances.

The methods and techniques allowing a reduction of the design, prototyping and industrialization phases will be presented. We will then concentrate on the presentation of a particular method known as selective laser sintering (SLS). We will discuss its principles and its main limitations. We will then study the selective laser sintering process under two different aspects. At first, it will be used as an example to illustrate how it is possible to produce a part with a generative process directly from a CAD file. We will introduce different notions like CLI and SLI-files as well as filling strategies. Finally, we will study the fundamental physical phenomena involved in the SLS process.

The last point to be discussed will be the laser theory (wave length, power, intensity, beam radius, pulse length, repetition rate...). The laser is actually the energy source preferably used in the most efficient rapid manufacturing techniques.

In conclusion and after attending this course, the student will

- understand the rapidity and flexibility requirements related to the design and production of a product,
- know the main rapid prototyping and rapid manufacturing techniques,
- have a deep knowledge of a specific rapid tooling technique called selective laser sintering.

Keywords

Production processes, prototyping methods, rapid production methods, additive processes.

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

None

Recommended courses

Lecture on traditional production processes (like ME-212)

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Choose production methods in function of the performance
- Quantify the production costs of a part made by a given process
- Explain the physical principles of the main additive manufacturing processes
- Assess / Evaluate the applications and limits of the main additive production processes

Teaching methods

Ex cathedra with examples and student presentation

Expected student activities

Active participation to the ex-cathedra teaching.

Resolution of a collection of exercises.

Presentation of a small student project.

Assessment methods

Written exam after the semester (50%) and student project during the semester (50%)

Resources

Bibliography

Manufacturing Engineering and Technology / Kalpakjian
Additive MANufacturing Technologies / Gibson, Rosen, Stucker

Ressources en bibliothèque

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