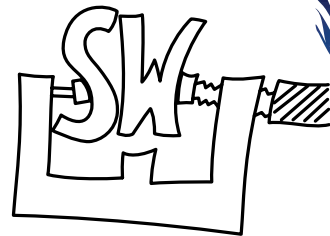


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Mutation Testing in Additive Manufacturing

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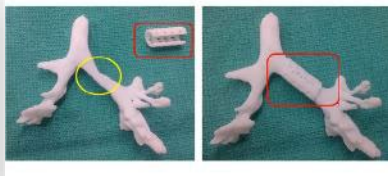
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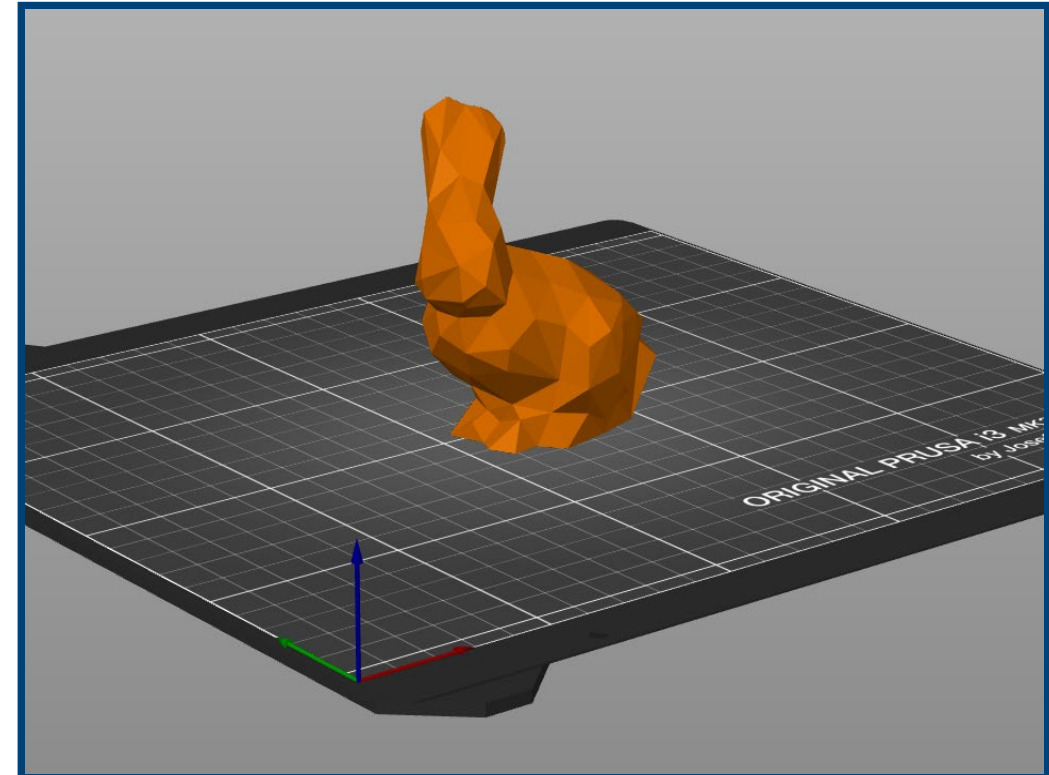
Hasbro, Toy Puzzle



AM Aircraft Hinge with
50% less weight (EADS)



Custom airway stent
(U. Michigan)

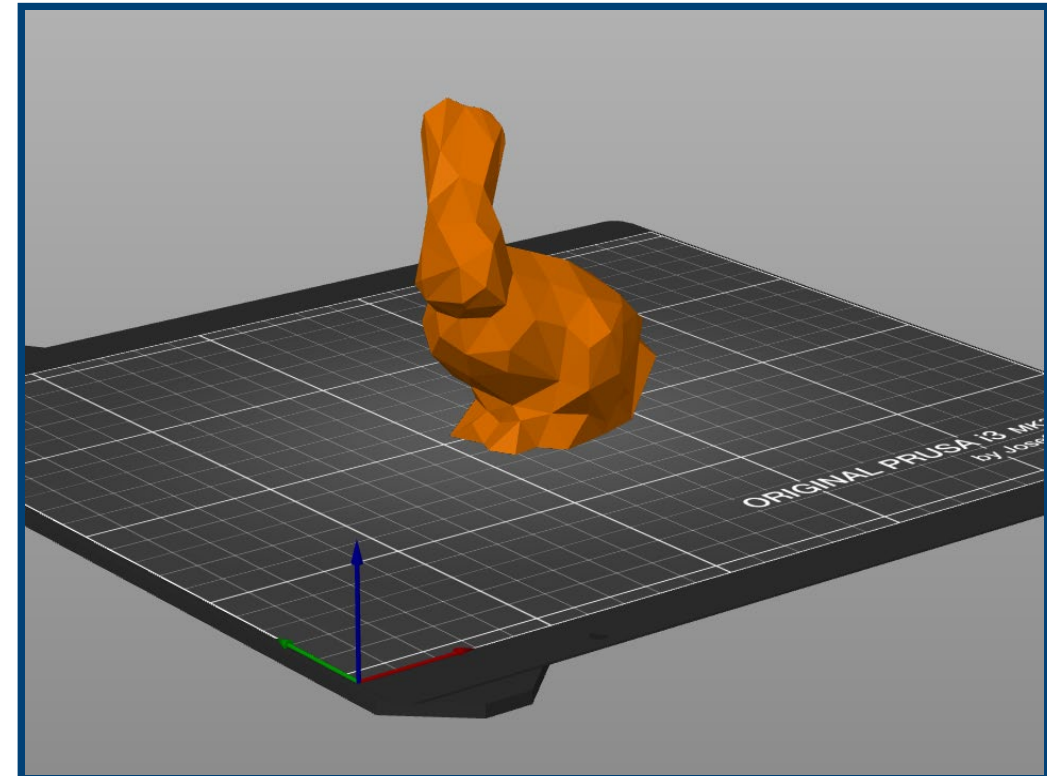
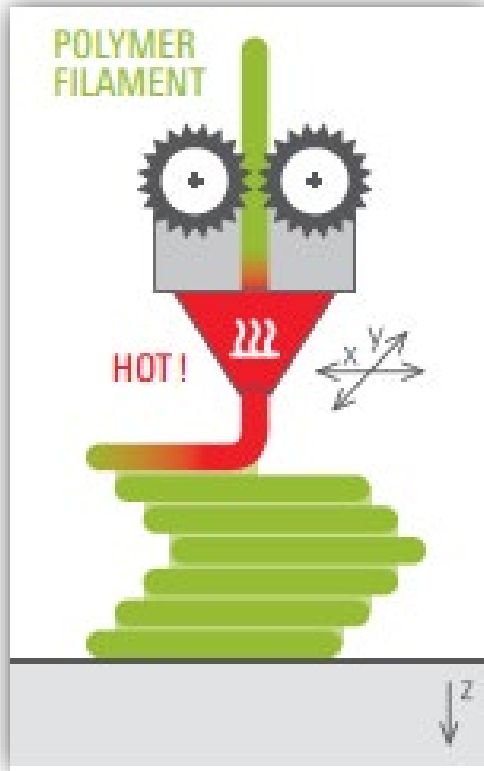


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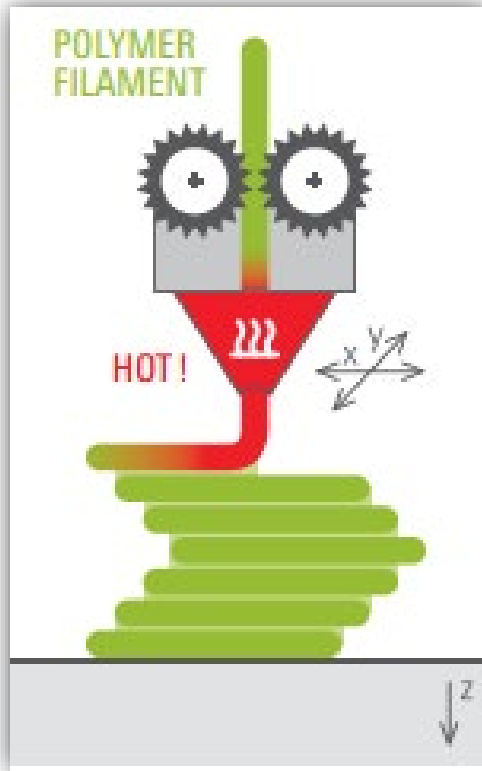


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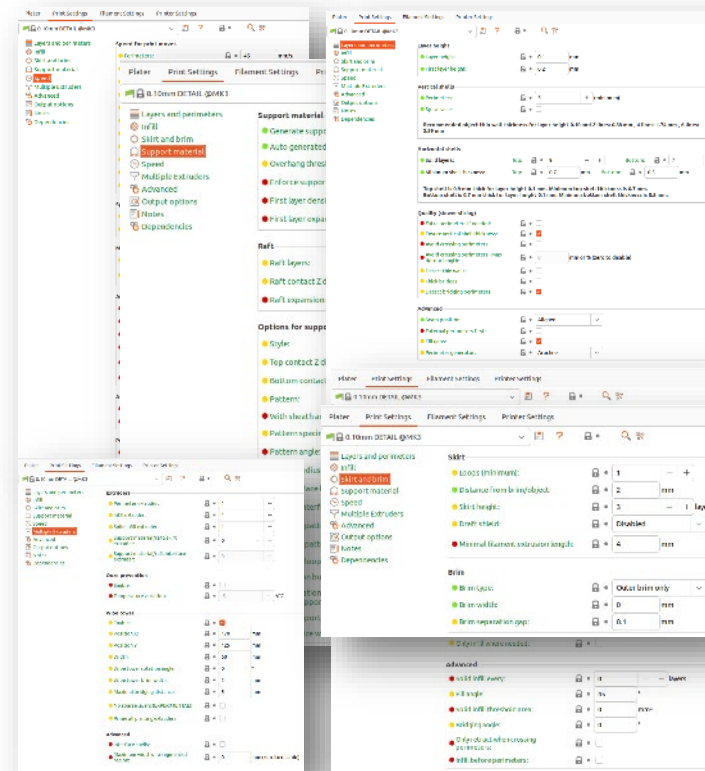
Difficulties in AM

Layer-wise Fabrication



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Slicing and Instructions



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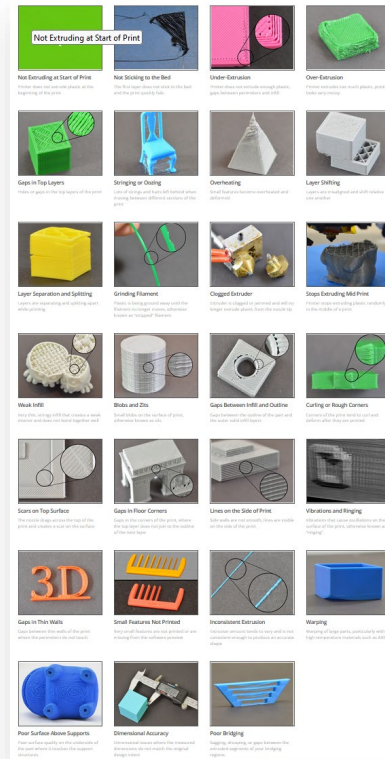
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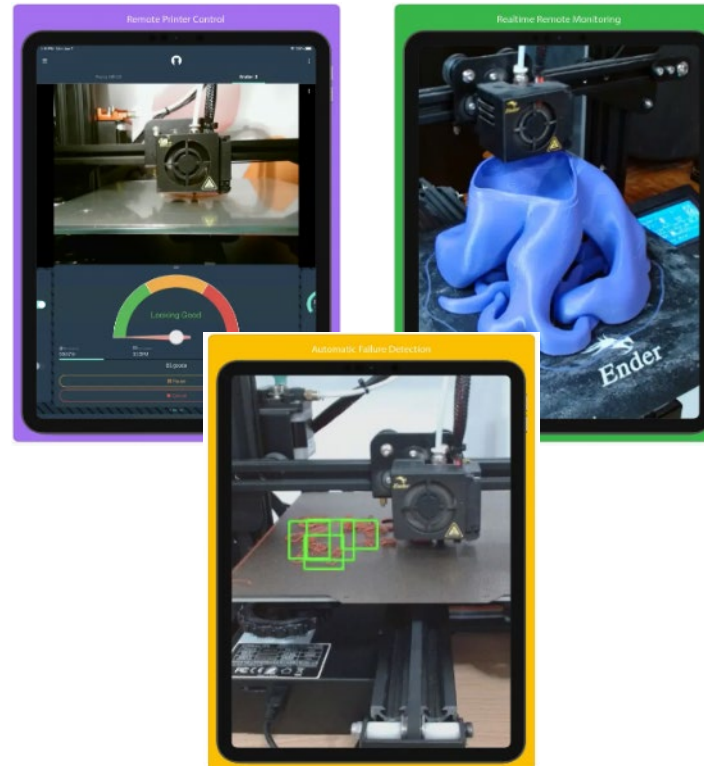
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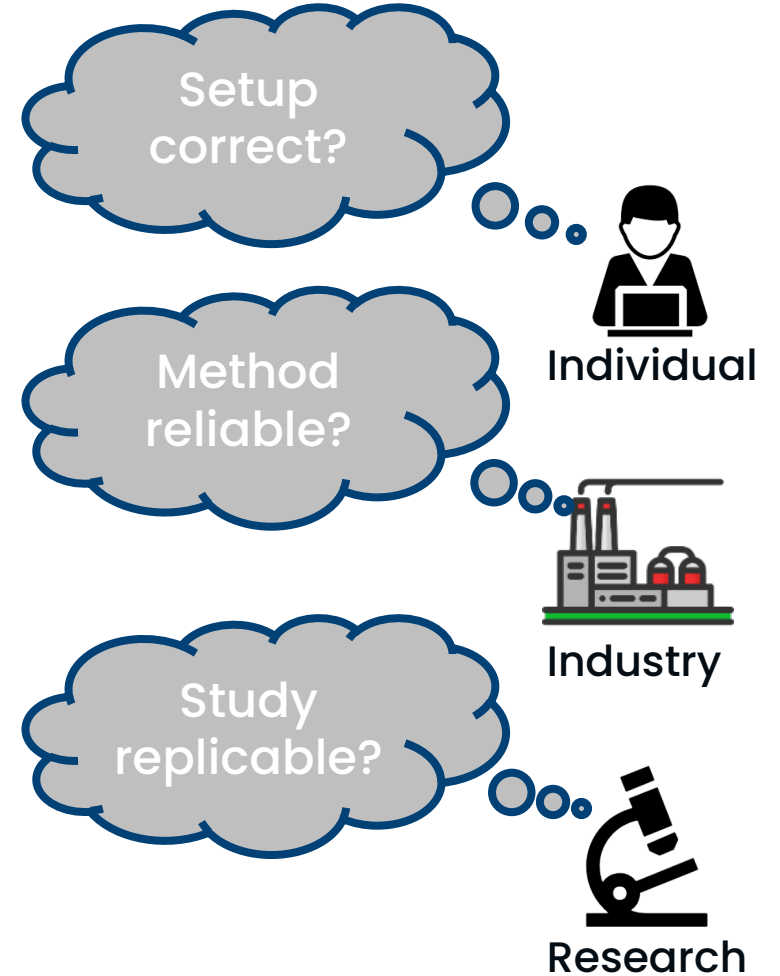


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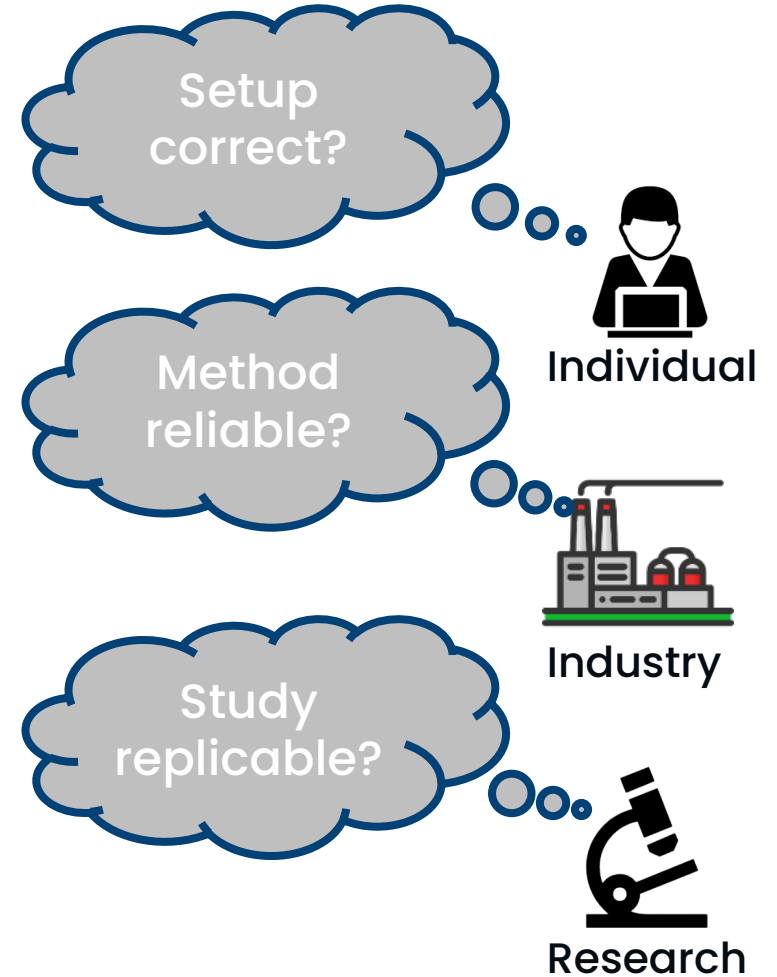
Defect Detection Methods



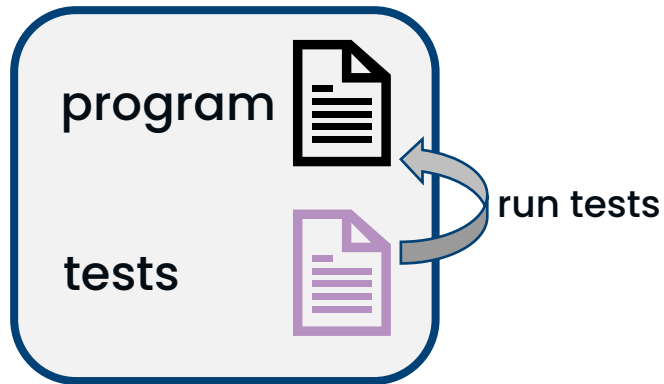
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```
def bubbleSort(arr):  
    n = len(arr)  
    # optimize code, so if the array is already sorted, it doesn't need  
    # to go through the entire process  
    swapped = False  
    # Traverse through all array elements  
    for i in range(n-1):  
        # range(n) also work but outer loop will  
        # repeat one time more than needed.  
        # Last i elements are already in place  
        for j in range(0, n-i-1):  
  
            # traverse the array from 0 to n-i-1  
            # Swap if the element found is greater  
            # than the next element  
            if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]:  
                swapped = True  
                arr[j], arr[j + 1] = arr[j + 1], arr[j]  
  
    if not swapped:  
        # if we haven't needed to make a single swap, we  
        # can just exit the main loop.  
        return
```

program

Bubblesort, geeksforgeeks

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To what extent can my tests find bugs in my source code?

Adapted from Petrovic et al., 2021

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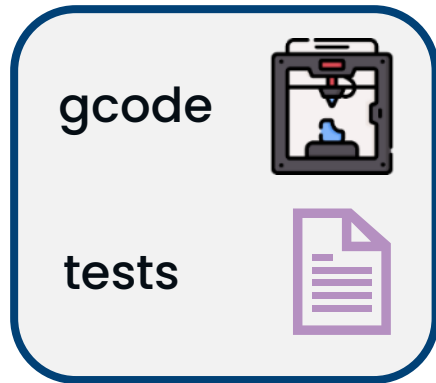
    if not swapped:
        # if we haven't needed to make a
        # swap, then the array is sorted
        return
```

mutation operator

mutant program

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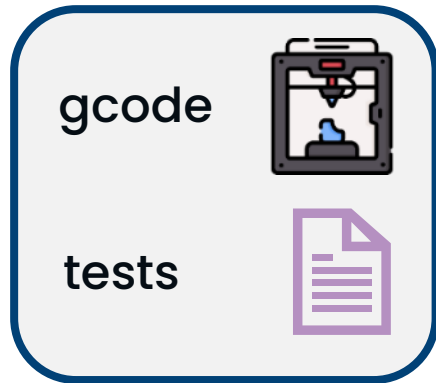
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 - Feedrate (Speed)
 - Coordinates
 - Filament Extrusion
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 - Fan
 - Progress

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G1 F1200  
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G1 Z.4 F720
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object
perimeter



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- One Instruction per Line

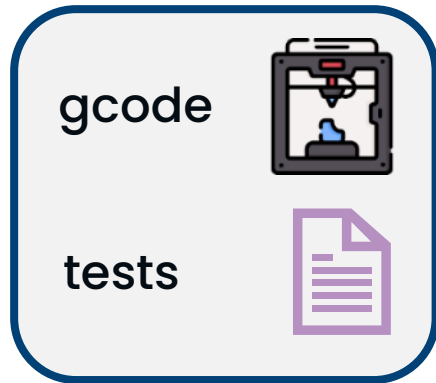
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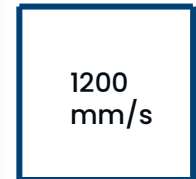


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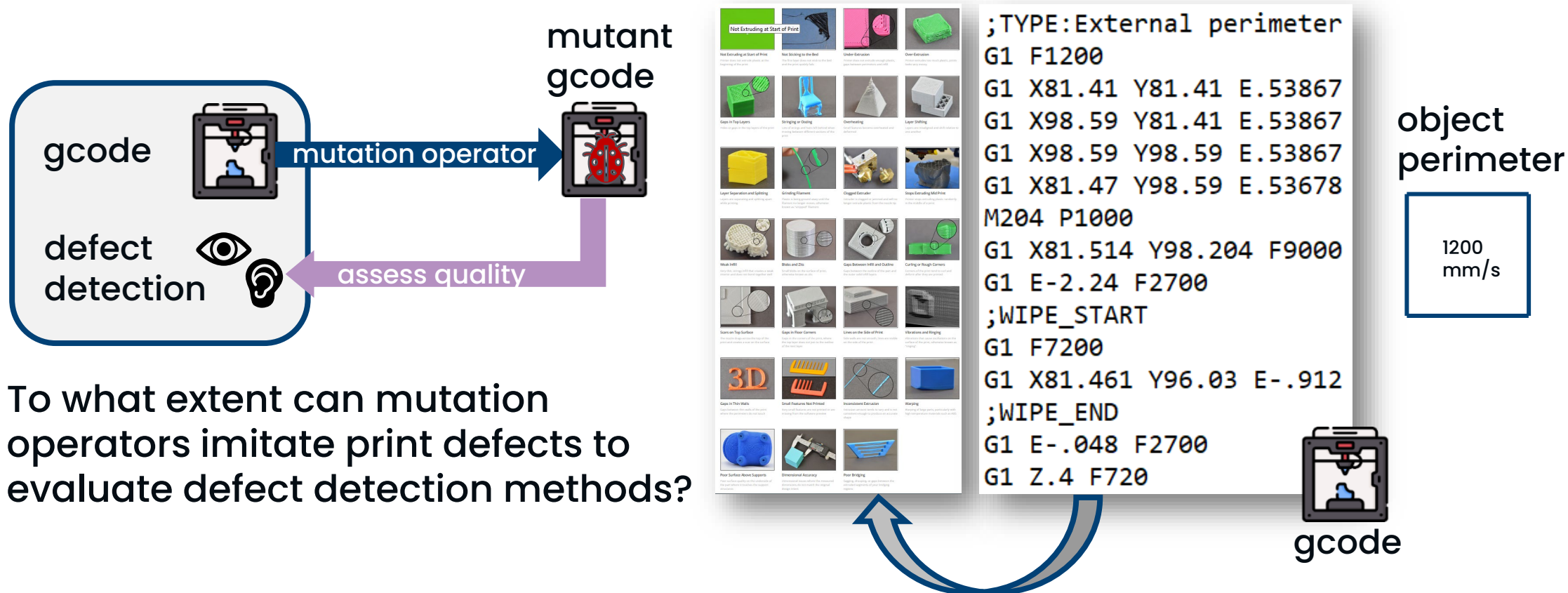
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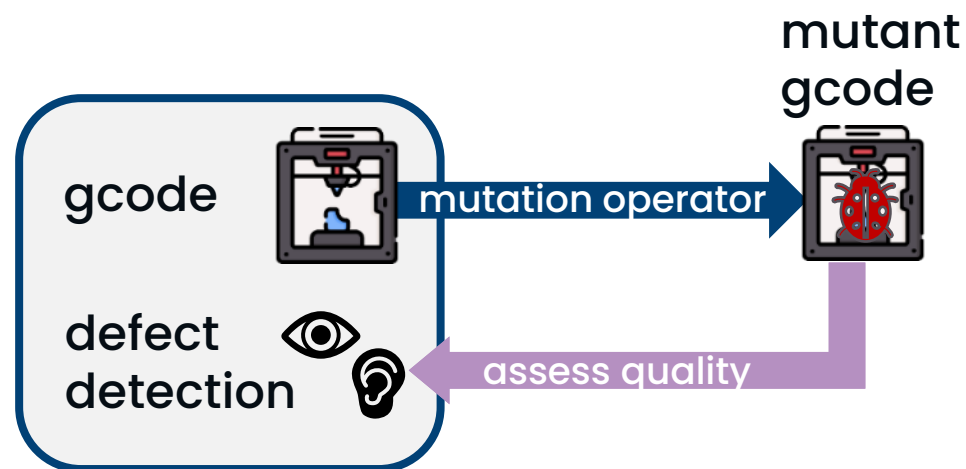


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To what extent can mutation operators imitate print defects to evaluate defect detection methods?

Mutation Testing in AM



Control severity

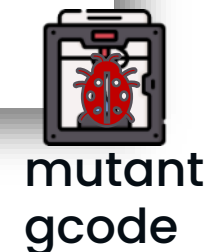
- Instruction Wise

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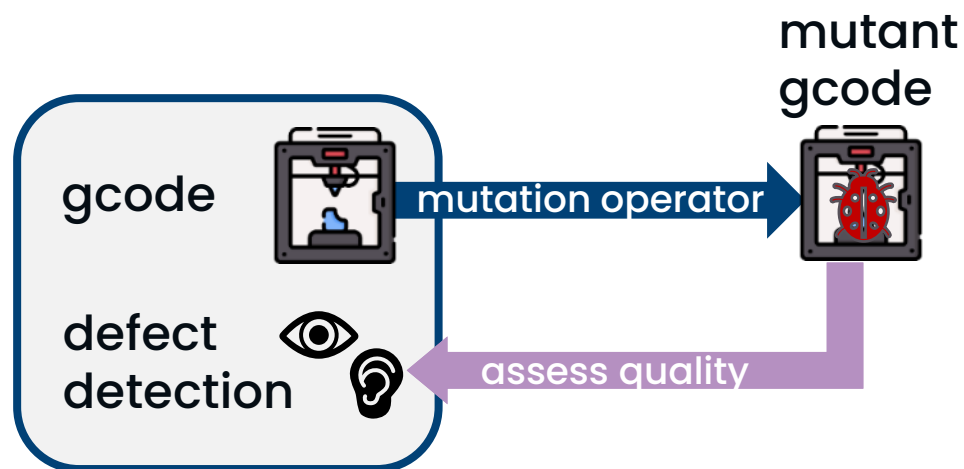
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mutation operator

12000 mm/s



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Control severity

- Instruction Wise
- Feature Wise

```

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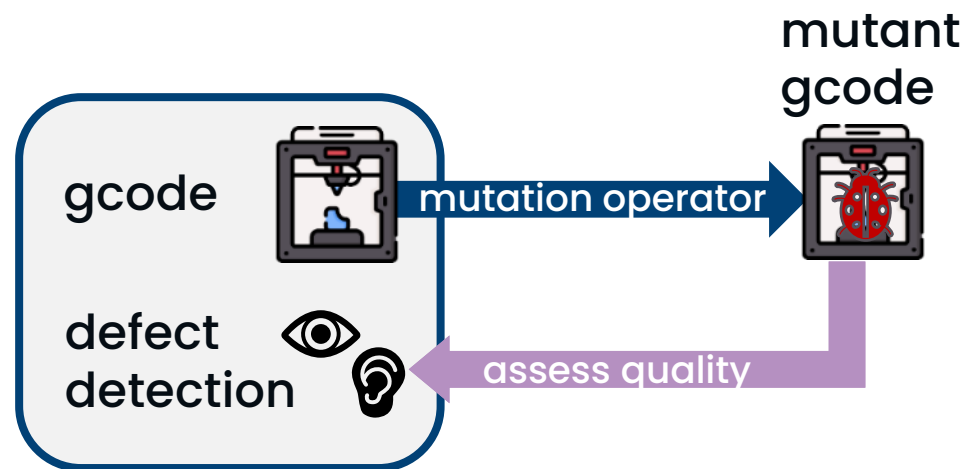
mutation operator

1200 mm/s



mutant gcode

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Control severity

- Instruction Wise
- Feature Wise
- Layer Wise

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mutation operator

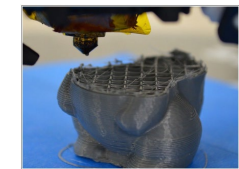
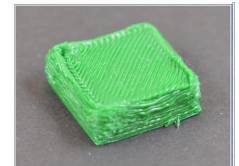
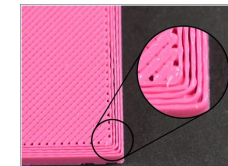
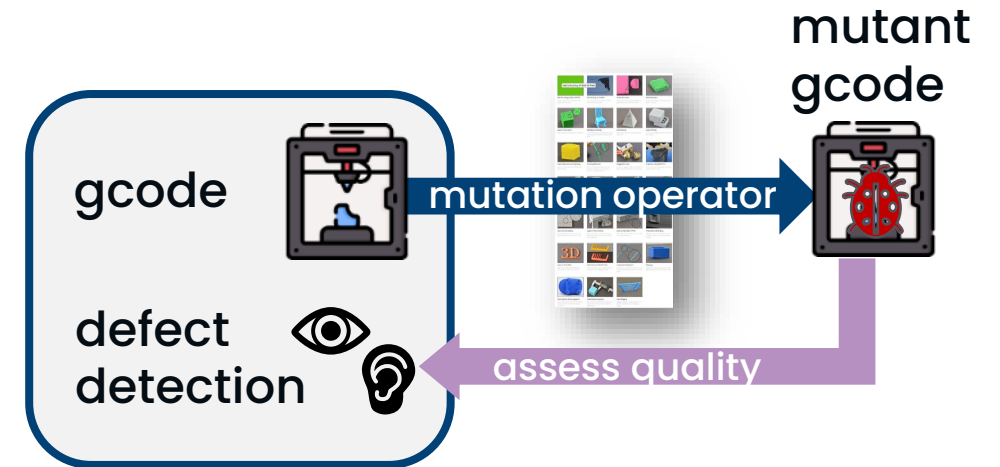
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mutant gcode

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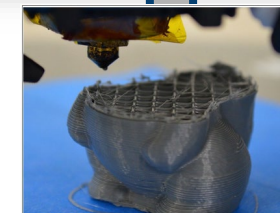
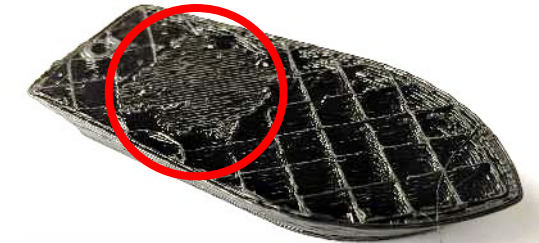
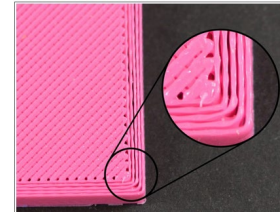
- Printer extrudes less plastic

Reason

- Clogged Nozzle
- Wrong slicer configuration

Approach

- Mutate extrusion parameter
 1. Constant layerwise reduction
 2. Increasing reduction layerwise



Not Sticking to Bed

Not Sticking to Bed

- Print does not stick
- Quickly fails

Reason

- Dirty print bed
- Speed too high
- Temperature issues
- Nozzle too high

Approach

- Mutate speed, temperature, height
- Start with layer 2



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- Real problems reproducible by gcode mutants
 - Depending on operator near same results
- Mutations are time consuming
 - First-layer quicker than mid-layer
- First-layer rather severe defects
 - Leave first two layers intact
- Defect masking
 - Small deviations quickly lead to larger faults

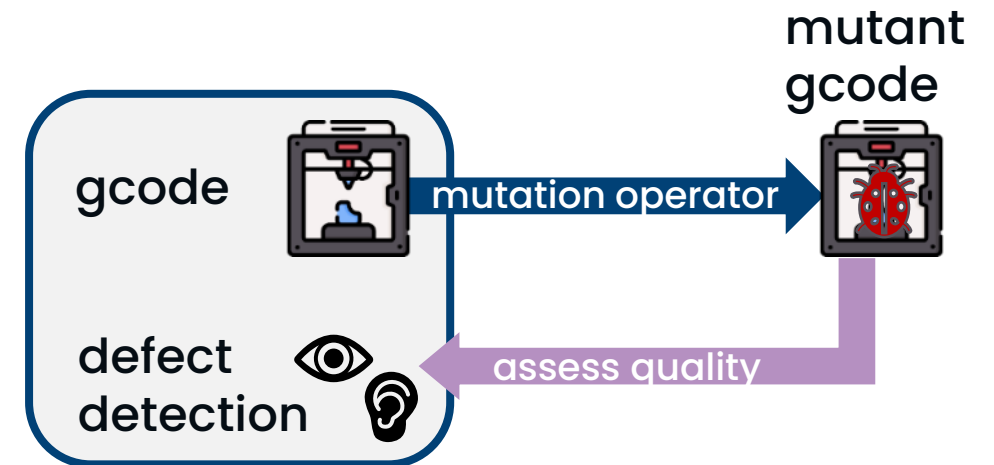


Mutation operators

- Can be applied to gcode
- Can partially imitate print defects
- May serve as benchmark for defect detection
- Non intrusive and repeatable

Future work

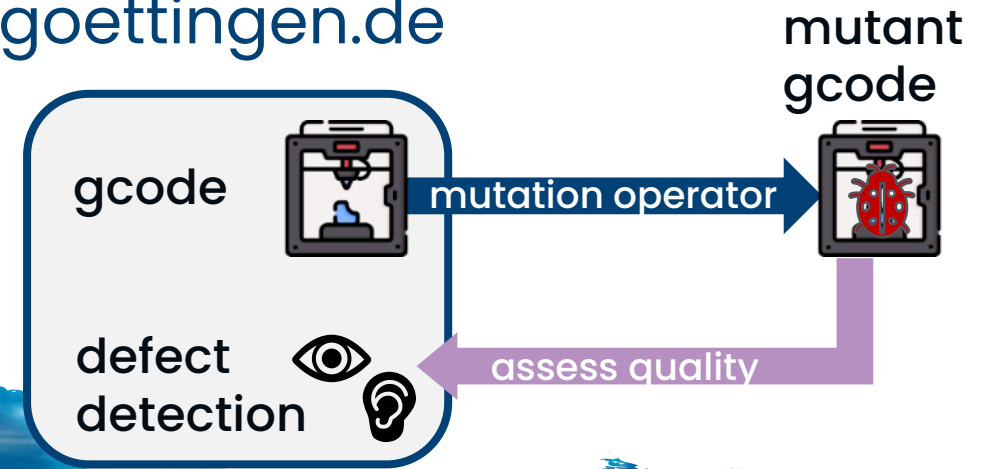
1. Quantitative evaluation
 - Different prints
 - Different printers
 - Comprehensive mutant mapping
2. Further analysis
 - Mutant injection points
 - Mutant dependencies



To what extent can mutation operators imitate print defects to evaluate defect detection methods?

Thank you for your attention!

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Backup



Warping

Warping

- Curled corners
- High temperature prints

Reason

- Plastic shrinks when cooled

Approach

- Layer injection
- Repeat perimeter movement
- Turn on fan
- Turn heatbed off

