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ABSTRACT

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One of the most promising new manufacturing technologies in the past three decades is additive manufacturing (AM), also commonly known as three-dimensional (3D) printing or rapid prototyping. The energy consumption problem in AM can be significant when it is adopted at the industrial scale or used under resource-restricted conditions. The energy consumption of an AM process is influenced by several factors including bed heating, filament extrusion, material infill, component cooling, etc. All these factors are further determined by the equipment and the toolpath for a specific printing task. Build orientation and tool-path direction are frequently used to optimize part and process attributes; however, more in-depth research is required to determine how toolpath pattern choice affects the energy attributes of an AM process. The goal of this work is to develop a toolpath creation strategy for AM tasks under limited energy supply conditions. In AM process, due to factors like motor axis acceleration/deceleration and the total number and length of line segments on a path, the toolpath will have an impact on the amount of energy used to perform the printing task. We will approach our research goal by first developing a model that computes the energy consumption of an AM process based on the toolpath, then analyzing the impacts of part design geometry on the toolpath generation, and finally, creating a strategy to guide the generation of toolpath for specific part geometry to control the total energy requirement.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

The term "Additive Manufacturing (AM)", also widely known as 3D printing (these two terms are mixed used in this work), refers to the method of fabricating three-dimensional objects by computer-numerically-controlled depositing/ curing/ sintering/ melting-solidifying materials, typically in layers. According to Jerry et al. (2017), Additive Manufacturing (AM) is becoming the dominant next-generation manufacturing method and is significantly transforming numerous industries such as transportation, biomedical, sports, automotive, and aerospace.

This novel manufacturing process presents advantages over conventional manufacturing processes in terms of the capability to generate physical objects in extraordinarily complex geometry with lower cost and shorter product realization time. According to Ong et al. (2008), Additive Manufacturing (AM) was initially developed as a set of technologies for rapid prototyping. The rapid growth of the AM market is attributed to its unique advantages over traditional manufacturing techniques. One of the major benefits of AM over conventional methods is its capability to produce complex geometries. Tuck et al. (2008) summarized two advantages of AM over traditional manufacturing processes. Firstly, AM allows for the creation of components without many of the geometric constraints that apply to conventional manufacturing methods such as formation and subtraction. Secondly, AM makes it possible to produce small quantities of potentially customized products at a relatively low unit cost. Warburg (2018) further mentioned manufacturing cost reduction, less material waste, part assembly stage elimination, and product customization as important functional differences between AM and other manufacturing methods.

The Additive Manufacturing (AM) machinery industry has exhibited significant growth potential in the last decade. Formlabs (2022) reports that the 3D printing market generated \$6 billion in sales in 2017 and is predicted to grow at a compound annual rate of 30.2% to achieve a total market size of \$22 billion by 2022. Wohlers (2016) also projected that the global 3D printing-related sectors would reach a market size of \$20.2 billion by 2021. Consequently, AM has the potential to revolutionize the way products are designed, produced, and marketed. As costs continue to decrease, additive manufacturing is expected to become more prevalent in traditional consumer products (Formlabs, 2022). Li et al. (2017) provided an example of affordable desktop 3D printers costing less than \$5,000, which are now routinely used in homes, offices, libraries, and labs due to recent advancements that have made them more accessible.

Despite the recent advancements in Additive Manufacturing (AM), the current technology still has a few limitations that hinder its extensive use in large-scale industrial production. Ruffo and Hague (2007) identified some of these constraints, including material selection, process productivity, product dimensional accuracy, surface quality, repeatability, and energy consumption. In terms of energy consumption, Ajay et al. (2017) found that it could constitute up to 32% of the total cost of 3D printing, highlighting the pressing need for an energy optimization approach for 3D printers.

Figure 1. 3D printing flowchart (Ajay et al., 2017, p. 2).

There are various functional entities that contribute to the 3D printing stages as described by Ajay et al. (2017). They include:

- Application: Under this layer, the 3D model design is created in a Stereolithography format (STL) by computer-aided design (CAD) software (e.g., SOLIDWORKS, Siemens NX, Autodesk Inventor, etc.).
- Slicer: This generates a toolpath file from the STL file which is called a G-code file. A sequence of instructions that control the printing process is contained in the G-code file.
- **Firmware:** The 3D printer's firmware decodes the G-code file and produces the necessary control signals for the hardware.
- **Hardware:** This is the physical component of a 3D printer that carries out the printing tasks based on control signals from the firmware. For a Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) printer, these include the stepper motors, cooling fans, and heater. Figure 2 describes the hardware component of an FDM printer.

Figure 2. FDM printer hardware components (Peng, Analysis of energy utilization in 3D printing processes, 2016, p. 2).

The typical toolpath for 3D printing consists of a "shell" boundary and an infill lattice, which is usually a standard mesh. The infill lattice is generated using common patterns like rectilinear, grid,

triangles, and stars, among others. To print the part layer by layer in a specific build direction, a G-code file includes the necessary process parameters and toolpath information.

The energy consumed during a 3D printing task is mainly attributed to the power required to operate the hardware components based on the toolpath created for the task (Fysikopoulos et al., 2013). While the toolpath determines the motion of all axes, existing planning strategies primarily focus on time, material, and part quality, with little attention to energy consumption. Consequently, current practices may result in unnecessary power usage for a given 3D printing task. Therefore, there is significant potential for innovation in toolpath planning strategies to optimize power consumption during 3D printing.

This research aims to answer two key questions about the energy efficiency of 3D printers:

- 1. Does the toolpath pattern contribute to the energy consumption of a printing operation? How significant is this?
- 2. How can we plan the toolpath generation process based on the design geometry of the part to minimize energy usage?

To achieve this, an analysis of the energy consumption of the printer hardware components will be conducted based on the layer geometry and toolpath. Subsequently, a strategy will be developed to ensure the generation of an optimal toolpath for each geometry on a layer-by-layer basis. This optimal toolpath planning which entails Toolpath type and geometry matching through angle orientation and analysis will be done smartly and can contain a hybrid of toolpath pattern types rather than the conventional approach of "one pattern fit all" strategy.

Objectives and Scope

The objective of this research is to develop a toolpath planning strategy for additive manufacturing (AM) tasks under limited energy supply conditions. Out of all available AM

technologies, this research focuses on material extrusion-based 3D printing (e.g., FDM), which extrudes melted plastic out of a nozzle to deposit in beads that fuse together upon contact and follow a predefined toolpath.

CHAPTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

This study aims to better understand the techniques used to analyze layer-level geometry required for 3d printing, various toolpath planning and optimization techniques in AM, energy consumption methods, and approaches for driving sustainability in AM.

Recent research on energy consumption in AM can be organized under the following broad categories:

- 1. Sustainability factors in AM
- 2. Energy Consumption Analysis for AM Systems
- 3. Geometry Analysis in AM
- 4. Toolpath Planning and Optimization in AM

Table 1 shows a summary of the literature collected on the four categories as part of this project, and the collected sources are discussed briefly in the following sections.

Sustainability factors in AM

According to Sikdar (2003), the major goal of a sustainability study in a manufacturing process is to limit the use of resources and non-renewable energy which can be illustrated in Figure 3. Additive manufacturing (AM) offers several sustainability advantages, including geometry optimization that helps in reducing material and energy consumption, decreased waste generation, lower logistics requirements in the supply chain, and reduced inventory waste due to Just-in-Time spare part production (Chen et al., 2015).

In their investigation of AM adoption, Ford and Despeisse (2016) utilized a life cycle perspective. They found that sustainability benefits can be achieved in four significant areas, which include product and process redesign, material input processing, make-to-order product manufacturing, and closing the loop. Drizo and Pegna (2006) carried out an extensive environmental impact assessment study of current additive technologies, using multifunctional measurement and evaluation methodologies. Their findings revealed that Rapid Prototyping (RP) and Rapid Tooling (RT) technologies have the potential to revolutionize design and manufacturing. Kellens et al. (2012) put forward a systematic Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) data collection approach to address the limitations that can arise from the quantitative analysis of environmental impact studies. Their research concluded that the build height and volume have an impact on energy consumption (Kellens et al., 2014).

Sreenivasan et al. (2009) conducted a sustainability analysis on Selective Layer Sintering (SLS) procedures and computed four energy segments based on components. They documented the energy usage of roller drives (25%), stepper motors (25%), chamber heaters (36%), and laser transmitters (16%). In their study, they suggested creating a better heat management system or using an energy-efficient laser transmitter to reduce energy consumption (Sreenivasan et al., 2010). After developing an energy consumption model for a Binder Jet AM process, Meteyer et al. (2014) recognized the need to assess the environmental impact of material production and disposal to perform a complete Life Cycle Assessment. Santos et al. (2012) evaluated energy consumption in an FDM system for three types of interior component fills: Solid, Sparse High Density, and Sparse Low Density. They also developed a computational tool for decision-making that incorporates ecodesign concepts to gather information on a product's environmental impact at each step of its life cycle.

The environmental analysis of 3D printing processes was determined using the analytical approach proposed by Munoz and Sheng (1995) for cutting technologies. Figure 4 shows the three dimensions of their analysis, which are Energy, Material, and Time.

Figure 4. Various dimensions of environmental analysis in a manufacturing process (Munoz and Sheng, 1995, p. 739).

In addition to the technical studies mentioned earlier, the adoption of AM technologies has also been assessed for its social effects, as highlighted by Huang et al. (2013). Baumers et al. (2016) and Weller et al. (2015) have explored future challenges, economic analysis, and occupational risks associated with the use of AM technologies. Huang et al. (2013) identified three main areas of research on the effects of AM technology, namely energy consumption and environmental impact, effects on physical health and well-being, and supply chain potential for manufacturing. The adoption of AM technology can contribute to a more sustainable industrial system by offering opportunities for environmentally friendly production and consumption (Ford and Despeisse, 2016). It is important to be mindful of energy usage in 3D printing and to identify energyconsuming components in line with the increasing emphasis on driving sustainability in manufacturing.

Energy Consumption Analysis for AM Systems

More academic research is needed to address the issue of energy consumption in AM processes, which is regarded as a significant factor that persists today (Drizo and Pegna, 2006; Short et al., 2015). May et al. (2013) emphasized that evaluating the energy use of a 3D printer is a prerequisite for assessing its printing capabilities and manufacturing sustainability. To address the gaps in the literature, they developed two frameworks that highlight the importance of KPIs in an overall energy management strategy. In addition, they provided guidance for a new methodology for developing KPIs.

Several academic studies have aimed to determine the energy consumption of various AM processes. For example, Sreenivasan and Bourell (2009) discovered that the chamber heater was responsible for most of the power consumption in the SLA system. Meteyer et al. (2014) examined the energy flow and consumption in a Binder Jet AM process and tested their model using three separate processes: printing, curing, and sintering. They also acknowledged that statistically controlled tests were necessary to validate their proposed model. In a comparative study of eight different manufacturing processes, including FDM, SLS, CNC machining, injection molding, and shaping, Weissman and Gupta (2011) found that the volume of the products significantly impacted the energy consumption of FDM and SLS.

Several studies have been conducted to model the energy consumption of AM processes and investigate the relationships between different factors and energy usage, in addition to those that measure and compare energy consumption. Mognol et al. (2006) explored the energy consumption of three AM systems, namely Thermojet, FDM, and direct metal laser sintering, and analyzed the effects of various factors such as build orientation, support design, layer thickness, and production time. The researchers found that reducing manufacturing time is crucial for minimizing energy consumption; however, they also concluded that there is no universal guideline for energy optimization. Strano et al. (2011) developed a computational model for enhancing the production of components manufactured by SLS. They incorporated process effectiveness and efficiency to create a method that reduces both surface roughness and energy usage at the same time. In another study, Paul and Anand (2012) established a mathematical model in which energy consumption was a function of the total sintering area and related to factors such as layer thickness, geometry, and build orientation. Nonetheless, their investigation only examined laser energy and did not consider other sources of energy consumption such as platform energy and heating energy. Baumers et al. (2011) published their findings on a comparison of the energy usage of two laser sintering systems. In their research, they classified energy into four categories: task, geometry, time, and Z-height. They found that the time-dependent component was the most significant contributor to energy consumption. Meanwhile, Walls et al. (2014) studied the power consumption of several low-cost 3D printers and confirmed that their energy requirements varied. Peng (2016), on the other hand, focused only on quantifying the energy consumption of 3D printers during the

heating process, while other aspects were underexplored. Ajay et al. (2017) developed an instruction-level model to precisely measure the energy used during a 15-minute print. They discovered that the biggest power usage was in the motor components (51.7%) and concluded that reducing the working time of the motors could significantly decrease the energy usage in 3D printing. They also utilized a cross-layer energy optimization approach by dynamically powergating the X and Y motors, resulting in a total energy reduction of 25%. Nguyen et al. (2021) discovered that stepper motors and heaters have the most significant impact on power consumption. They developed an optimization strategy based on temperature delivery by print area, which reduced power usage by up to 23%. Additionally, they noted that print time is a crucial factor that affects power consumption.

From the studies conducted, it is evident that several factors, including print time, heating components, motor drive, product volume, printing speed, and layer count, influence AM consumption across multiple printing technologies. The heating component consumes the most energy, and the axes motor is the next biggest factor. Much research work is on reducing heating component energy consumption by reducing the number of layers, printing time, and/or using an array of small heating elements. However, there is a need to investigate the motor component energy consumption whose operations are directly influenced by geometry and toolpath.

Geometry Analysis in AM

The optimization of geometry is a crucial factor that impacts the reduction of material and energy usage in additive manufacturing (AM), according to Chen et al. (2015). Franco et al. (2010) assessed the effect of energy density on two polymeric materials during linear sintered structure processing by examining the geometrical characteristics. Yang et al. (2015) investigated methods for designing geometry to improve AM printing and proposed a simple technique based on control

points for constructing heterogeneous porous structures. Meanwhile, Baumers et al. (2016) conducted research on the relationship between geometric complexity and energy usage during Electron Beam Melting (EBM) procedures. They concluded that EBM did not display a significant correlation between form complexity and energy usage per layer. Kim et al. (2018) explored the effects of various printing factors on the line structure produced by FDM, including the thickness, breadth, and cross-sectional shapes of the extruded lines. They also created a model based on experimental findings to determine the optimal printing parameters for line creation. Sulaymon et al. (2022) utilized topology optimization techniques to redesign a bicycle seat model with a complex geometric structure, achieving a 50% reduction in material usage. Gardan and Schneider (2015) also used topology optimization in AM, developing an approach to maximize the interior component and complement the exterior skin of a part. They tested their technology with 10 distinct pieces using FDM, SLS, and SLA procedures. John et al. (2022) focused on cell geometry as a process factor to optimize the challenging 3D printing process and employed Taguchi design of experiments and Grey Rational Analysis to streamline the optimization.

Ribeiro et al. (2018) investigated the importance of interface design in multi-material 3D printing using fused filament technology. They found that multi-material prints intended for mechanical use require an interface geometry that is both more durable and macroscopic in nature. Similarly, Kakaraparthi et al. (2022) studied the mechanical properties of multi-material 3D printed objects by focusing on the interface zone formed at the geometric boundaries where different materials meet. They compared the mechanical performance of four different test samples and demonstrated the positive impact of inserting boundary interlock geometry, which resulted in improved tensile strength.

Existing research on AM part geometry design has primarily focused on improving component quality, with limited studies investigating the impact of part geometry design on energy usage in AM.

Toolpath Planning and Optimization in AM

There have been several studies focused on toolpath planning for AM printing. For instance, Ajay et al. (2017) significantly reduced energy consumption by analyzing the toolpath pattern's instruction movement. They used their findings to optimize the G-code to turn on/off stepper motors when detecting a straight line along the toolpath. In another study, Fleming et al. (2017) developed a greedy algorithm for post-processing toolpath instructions using a Traveling Salesperson Problem (TSP) solver to minimize the distance between subsequent space-filling curves and layers, thereby reducing unnecessary extrusion by at least 20% for their test models. Additionally, Gupta et al. (2020) built a framework that uses the Euler transformation to generate a new polygonal mesh representation of the sparse infill region of a layer-by-layer 3D printing operation. Their algorithm ensured the creation of a continuous toolpath covering the domain in every layer without any crossovers.

Several techniques have been proposed to minimize the toolpath length in 3D printing. One such technique by Wah et al. (2002) limits the total toolpath length within layers for a general layered manufacturing problem. Wojcik et al. (2015) use a genetic algorithm that combines raster toolpath segments to minimize the toolpath length for 3D printers. Volpato et al. (2014) propose two optimization-based techniques for reducing the overall route length of a 3D printed item by merging printed sections. Jin et al. (2014) proposed a method for eliminating pointless toolpaths by using parametric curves to connect sub-paths and avoid deceleration/acceleration processes in the starting and ending sections of sub-paths. The mechanical strength of the toolpath pattern has

also been studied, with John et al. (2022) conducting tensile tests on six different patterns and finding that the square pattern exhibited the best tensile strength performance.

Based on the current literature, it can be concluded that energy consumption is a significant contributor to the recurring operating costs of AM machines, and further investigation is necessary to decrease the specific energy consumption of AM tasks. Although research on AM toolpath is primarily geared towards improving print quality and reducing material deposition, there is a need to extensively examine the impact of part geometry design on energy consumption in AM. While various AM technologies operate differently, the methodology for studying and optimizing energy consumption remains the same. In relation to our work, particular attention will be given to the most widely used and cost-effective AM technology, namely Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM).

Categories	Driving Sustainability	Energy Consumption Analysis	Geometry Analysis	Toolpath Planning	Proposed Research
Ajay et al. (2017)		X		X	
Baumers et al. (2011)		X			
Baumers et al. (2016)			X		
Chen et al. (2015)	X	X	X		
Drizo and Pegna (2006)	X	X			
Fleming, et al. (2017)				X	
Ford and Despeisse (2016)					
Franco et al. (2010)			X		
Gardan and Schneider (2015)			$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$		
Gupta et al. (2020)				X	
Huang et al. (2013)	X	X			
Jin et al. (2014)				X	
John et al. (2022)			X	X	
Kakaraparthia et al. (2022)			X		
Kellens et al. (2012)	X	X			

Table 1. Summary of past literature reviewed.

(Continued on following page)

		Energy			
	Driving	Consumption	Geometry	Toolpath	Proposed
Categories	Sustainability	Analysis	Analysis	Planning	Research
Kim et al. (2018)			$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$		
May et al. (2013)					
Meteyer et al. (2014)		X			
Mognol et al. (2006)		$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$			
Munoz and Sheng, (1995)					
Nguyen et al., (2021)		X			
Paul and Anand (2012)		X			
Peng (2016)		X			
Peng and Yan (2018)			$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$		
Ribeiro et al. (2018)			$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$		
Santos et al. (2012)				X	
Short et al. (2015)		\boldsymbol{X}			
Sikdar (2003)	X				
Sreenivasan et al. (2009)	X	X			
Sreenivasan et al. (2010)	$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$	X			
Strano et al. (2011)		$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$			
Sulaymon et al. (2022)			$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$		
Volpato et al. (2014)				X	
Wah et al. (2002)				X	
Walls et al. (2014)		\boldsymbol{X}			
Weissman and Gupta (2011).		$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$			
Weller et al. (2015)	$\mathbf X$				
Wojcik et al. (2015)				X	
Yang et al. (2015)			X		
Somade (2023)	X	$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$	$\boldsymbol{\mathrm{X}}$	X	X

Table 1 (continued). Summary of past literature reviewed.

CHAPTER 3 METHODOLOGY

A preliminary analysis was conducted to determine the power consumption of the heated bed, nozzle, and motor during the printing process. The analysis was carried out for a star geometry printing task with different toolpath patterns, namely Rectilinear, Hilbert curve, and Concentric. The results were consistent with existing literature and showed that stepper motors accounted for more than 33% of the overall power consumed during an average printing task of 30 minutes or more. Figure 6 shows that stepper motors are the second most significant factor after the heated bed. If heated bed is omitted, as many of the 5-axis or hybrid AM and machining machines do, then it can be inferred that the stepper motors would be the primary energy consumption factor in an FDM-AM process. To address the gap in existing literature, this research tackles the issue of energy consumption in the AM process by developing an accurate model to calculate energy usage based on the toolpath. This model was then used to analyze the impact of toolpath strategies on energy consumption for individual part design geometries. By conducting experiments, the optimal toolpath pattern type, toolpath orientation, and part geometry orientation were determined. Based on these findings, strategies to guide the generation of toolpath for specific part geometries were recommended to control the total energy requirement. The energy consumption model was built based on real-time power consumption data collected from each hardware component in a series of experiments using an open-source FDM 3D printer.

Figure 5. Energy density distribution for different toolpath pattern types

Figure 6. Components Power distribution for Hilbert curve toolpath in percentage

Component level energy consumption measurement

The accuracy of the energy data obtained from the 3D printer firmware was confirmed by cross-checking it against the energy readings displayed on a multimeter. A customized image recognition optical character recognition (OCR) Python script was used during several sample prints to accomplish this. To validate the approach, nine prints with varying geometries and toolpath patterns were utilized, and the results were summarized in Table 2. Additionally, the accuracy of the data extracted from the firmware is shown in the line graph presented in Figure 7. The results indicated that there was an average variance of 0.039% between the two sources, which was relatively small. Consequently, it was decided to proceed with using the energy data extracted from the firmware for the convenience of efficiently collecting energy consumption data.

Figure 7. Line plot showing comparison between Firmware and Multimeter (OCR) Energy Consumption Captured in Watts-hour

$\#Exp$	Geometry	Toolpath pattern	Infill Angle	Firmware Energy $(W-h)$	OCR Energy $(W-h)$	Variance (%)
	Rectangle	Hilbert Curve	45	0.6909	0.6556	0.0539
$\overline{2}$	I-shape	Hilbert Curve	45	1.1053	1.0845	0.0187
3	K-shape	Rectilinear	90	0.6681	0.6204	0.0770
4	L-shape	Archimedean	45	0.7756		0.0810
		Spiral			0.7175	
5	L-shape	Concentric	90	0.654	0.6353	0.0294
6	L-shape	Rectilinear	Ω	0.6411	0.6294	0.0186
7	L-shape	Rectilinear	90	0.6545	0.6519	0.0039
8	R-shape	Rectilinear	0	0.4089	0.4175	0.0204
9	R-shape	Rectilinear	45	0.4165	0.3974	0.0482
					Average	0.0390

. Table 2. Validation of energy consumption information extracted from 3D printer.

Mathematical energy consumption estimation model

A mathematical model was developed to represent the energy consumption of the 3D printer, specifically focusing on the behavior of the stepper motors during printing. The z-axis and extruder motor energy consumption were assumed to be relatively small, therefore the focus was solely on the x-axis and y-axis since they directly relate to toolpath planning. The model considered relevant parameters and the asymmetric movement and loads of the stepper motor [x-axis and yaxis] during printing of each line segment motion. The resulting mathematical model was transformed into a prediction model capable of forecasting stepper motor energy consumption for a given part geometry by directly taking the g-code file as input, eliminating the need for physical experimentation.

When generating a toolpath for 3D printing, the amount of energy consumed by the stepper motors along the x-axis and y-axis can significantly vary depending on the power consumption during different stages of acceleration and coasting. To print a line segment \overrightarrow{ab} shown in Figure 8, the y-axis motor moves a distance of \vec{a} while the x-axis motor covers distance \vec{b} .

Hence, to accurately determine the energy usage for printing a specific line segment \overrightarrow{ub} on the xaxis (a similar procedure applies for the y-axis), it is crucial to consider the time needed for the axis to accelerate, maintain maximum speed while coasting, and decelerate, as well as the corresponding power consumption rates at each stage. Printing a line segment represented by the vector \overrightarrow{de} requires only the x-axis stepper motor to move, while the y-axis stepper motor remains in a holding state, consuming power. Similarly, printing a line segment represented by the vector \overrightarrow{ef} requires only the y-axis stepper motor to move, while the x-axis stepper motor remains in a holding state, consuming power. The time and power consumption rate of the stepper motor in the holding state are considered in our calculation for each case. These factors play a critical role in determining total energy consumption.

The motion profile for printing a line segment can take either a trapezoidal or triangular shape, as depicted in Figure 9, depending on whether the maximum speed is reached or not. The shaded region on the graph represents the total distance travelled and is equivalent to the length of the line segment. Additionally, it should be emphasized that although the graph displays only positive velocities, the algorithm is configured to account for both positive and negative velocities. To compute the time required for an axis of a line segment to accelerate, coast at maximum speed (if applicable), and decelerate, the following parameters are defined:

- the initial velocity (v_o) of the movement i.e., entry speed.
- the final velocity (v_f) of the movement i.e., exit speed.
- the highest attainable velocity (v_m) that can be achieved for the movement given the constraints on acceleration and jerk.
- the acceleration (a) of the movement (assuming acceleration and deceleration rate are the same)
- the total distance (d) of the movement
- the time taken to accelerate, coast, and decelerate is represented as t_a, t_c, t_d respectively while the time spent in a holding state (i.e., d=0) is represented as t_h
- the power consumption during holding, acceleration, coasting, and deceleration can be represented as P_h , P_a , P_c , and P_d , where $P_d = P_a$ (assuming negligible friction).

Figure 8. Movement of stepper motors along the x-axis and y-axis to print a line segment.

Figure 9. Velocity profile to print line segment along a given x-axis or y-axis.

To find the highest attainable velocity v_m for a given movement, the firmware logic developed by Prusa3d (2017) was adopted which is given as:

Let v_m be represented as current_speed

Let axis length be represented as δ_{mm}

For $\mathbf{x}-\text{axis}$

$$
\delta_{mm}[X_{AXIS}] = \frac{target[X_{AXIS}] - position[X_{AXIS}]}{cs. axis_steps_per_unit[X_{AXIS}]}
$$
(1)

For $y - axis$

$$
\delta_{mm}[Y_{AXIS}] = \frac{target[Y_{AXIS}] - position[Y_{AXIS}]}{cs. axis_steps_per_unit[Y_{AXIS}]}
$$
(2)

The length of a line segment while considering all axis is given as:

$$
segment_length = \sqrt{(\delta_{mm}[X_{AXIS}])^2 + (\delta_{mm}[Y_{AXIS}])^2}
$$
 (3)

The firmware defines nominal_speed as the feed rate, which is the speed at which a stepper motor travels a linear distance measured in millimeters per second. This value is usually programmed together with other motion commands on a line-by-line basis to regulate the printing speed of the toolpath. It is not fixed, and various feed rates may be designated for different sections of the gcode file. Hence, nominal_speed = feed rate

The maximum speed that the stepper motor can achieve in a particular axis is determined by the max feed rate, which is a pre-set limit. Before generating a g-code, this value is established, and any calculated current_speed is adjusted to be within the limit of the max feed rate.

time taken to complete segment_length =
$$
\frac{segment_length}{feed\ rate}
$$
 (4)

$$
current_speed[i] = \frac{\delta_{mm}[i]}{time taken to complete segment_length}
$$
\n(5)

[i] represents either x or y-axis of a line segment.

As mentioned earlier, the value of *current_speed* (v_m) is updated based on the conditions below.

IF current_speed[i] > max feed rate:

THEN current speed[i] = max feed rate

ELSE current_speed[i] is the same.

To find the initial velocity (v_0) and final velocity (v_f) of the movement i.e., entry speed and exit speed respectively:

According to the firmware design and logic the entry speed of a given line segment is the same as the exit speed of the previous line segment for a given axis i.e.

$$
v_{o,i} = v_{f,i-1} \tag{6}
$$

The initial velocity (v_o) is calculated following these guidelines:

- Limit the junction velocity between two axis line segments to their minimum.
- Choose the lower nominal speed between the two axis line segments, as it is not desirable to attain a higher speed at the junction during coasting for both line segments.
- Calculate the jerk depending on whether the axis is coasting in the same direction or reversing a direction.
- Calculate the velocity factor derived from the jerk calculation and update the junction velocity with the velocity factor.
- The updated junction velocity will be compared to an allowable velocity calculation and the lowest of these two values will be the entry speed (v_o) as shown in Equation 8.

$$
v_{allowable = } \sqrt{current_speed[axis]^2 - 2 \cdot acceleration \cdot \delta_{mm}[axis]}
$$
 (7)

$$
v_{entry_speed} = \min(v_{max_junction}, v_{allowable})
$$
 (8)

A detailed description of the mathematical logic summarized in the guidelines above is found in Appendix A.

For a given line segment,

$$
distance = \frac{v_m^2 - v_o^2}{2 * a} \tag{9}
$$

If distance $< d$ then maximum speed will be reached, then.

$$
t_a = \frac{v_m - v_o}{a} , \ t_c = \frac{d - \text{distance}}{v_m}, \ t_d = \frac{v_m - v_f}{a} \tag{10}
$$

t_i occurs when $d = 0$

The time taken to accelerate, coast and decelerate to complete the line segment is expressed as:

$$
t_T = t_a + t_c + t_d \tag{11}
$$

$$
E_T = (P_a \cdot t_a) + (P_c \cdot t_c) + (P_a \cdot t_d) + (P_h \cdot t_h)
$$
\n(12)

$$
E_T = E_a + E_d + E_h \tag{13}
$$

If maximum speed will not be reached i.e., if distance $\geq d$, the energy taken to accelerate and decelerate to complete the line segment is expressed as:

$$
t_a = \frac{v_m - v_o}{a} \t t_d = \frac{v_m - v_f}{a} \t (14)
$$

$$
t_T = t_a + t_{d+} t_h \tag{15}
$$

$$
E_{axis} = (P_a \cdot t_a) + (P_d \cdot t_d) + (P_h \cdot t_h)
$$
\n⁽¹⁶⁾

$$
E_T = E_a + E_d + E_h \tag{17}
$$

The formula for the theoretical power output of a stepper motor during translation (linear motion) depends on several factors, including the linear speed of the motor, the force required to move the load, and the mechanical efficiency of the system (Acarnley, 2007, p. 81).

$$
Power = Torque \times velocity \tag{18}
$$

Which can be further represented as:

$$
Power = inertia \times acceleration \times arm \times velocity \tag{19}
$$

arm represents the distance of the from the pivot point at which the torque is applied (this is a constant).

Efficiency refers to the ability of a system to convert input energy into useful output energy. In the context of a stepper motor, efficiency is a measure of how well the motor can convert electrical energy into mechanical motion. A perfect stepper motor would have 100% efficiency, with no losses due to friction, mechanical inefficiencies, or electrical losses in the coils or driver circuit. However, achieving perfect efficiency in a real-world stepper motor is not possible, and the actual efficiency will depend on a variety of factors such as speed, acceleration, load, and motor characteristics. Mathematical models and simulations can be used to approximate the behavior of stepper motors, but these models can be complex and computationally expensive.

In the present research, a linear model was used to approximate the power consumption of the stepper motors. The efficiency of the motors was assumed to be constant and not to change over time. Other forms of losses, such as friction and mechanical inefficiencies as well as the arm constant, were factored into the calculation of power and energy consumption for the x-axis and y-axis stepper motors (denoted as k_a and k_c) in Equation 20 and 21 respectively.

$$
P_{a,j} = k_a v_j m_j a_j, j \in (X, Y)
$$
\n⁽²⁰⁾

$$
P_{c,j} = k_c v_j, j \in (X, Y)
$$
\n⁽²¹⁾

Where, k_a is a constant assumed factor for both x-axis and y axis.

 m_j represents the inertial mass of the FDM machine for each of the horizontal motion axis, this value is influenced by the kinematic design of the FDM machine, and the part being built during printing. For the FDM machine used in this work, m_y is greater than m_x and it increases throughout the printing process.

The total energy consumption of a printer can be calculated by summing up the energy consumption of all subsystems.

$$
E_{x,y_total} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j \in (X,Y)} \left[\frac{t_{a,i} k_a m_j a_j (v_{j,0} + v_{j,m})}{2} + t_{c,i} k_c v_{j,m} + \frac{t_{d,i} k_a m_j a_j (v_{j,m} + v_{j,f})}{2} + t_{h,i} k_h \right]
$$
(22)

This approach aimed to minimize E_{x,y_total} by changing toolpath and part geometry orientation.

Experiments and Analysis

To adopt this energy model for experiments and analysis, four unknowns k_a , m_j , k_c , and k_h were presented with all other parameters obtainable from the g-code file:

- m_j represents the inertia mass on the motor, with m_x for the x-axis and m_y for the y-axis.
- k_a represents an acceleration energy factor (same as deceleration) for the x-axis and y-axis stepper motor.
- k_c represent a coasting energy factor for the x-axis and y-axis stepper motor.
- k_h represent a holding energy factor for the x-axis and y-axis stepper motor (i.e., $d = 0$)

From the information above, the energy model can be further simplified into Equation 23.

$$
E_{x,y_total} = k_a m_x A + k_a m_y B + k_c C + k_h H
$$
\n(23)

where:

 $A =$ velocity and time parameters which characterize the x-axis stepper motor behavior while accelerating/decelerating.

 $B =$ velocity and time parameters which characterize the y-axis stepper motor behavior while accelerating/decelerating.

 C = velocity and time parameters which characterize both the x-axis and y-axis stepper motor behavior while coasting.

 $H =$ time parameters which characterize both the x-axis and y-axis stepper motor behavior while holding.

These definitions can be expressed mathematically as:

$$
A = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j \in (X)} \left[\frac{t_{a,i} a_j (v_{j,0} + v_{j,m})}{2} + \frac{t_{d,i} a_j (v_{j,m} + v_{j,f})}{2} \right]
$$
(24)

$$
B = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j \in (Y)} \left[\frac{t_{a,i} a_j (v_{j,0} + v_{j,m})}{2} + \frac{t_{d,i} a_j (v_{j,m} + v_{j,f})}{2} \right]
$$
(25)

$$
C = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j \in (X,Y)} t_{c,i} v_j \tag{26}
$$

$$
H = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j \in (X,Y)} t_{h,i} \tag{27}
$$

Variables A, B, C, and H were calculated by going through all the line segment moves in the toolpath obtainable in a g-code file. The unknowns $k_a m_x$, $k_a m_y$, k_c , and k_h presented above were derived from experimental findings through the experimental setup in Table 3 by applying linear regression analysis. The analysis was done with ten observations and four variables (A, B, C, and H) to predict an outcome variable (energy consumption in Watts-hour). The multiple R value is 0.999460 indicating a strong positive correlation between the variables. The R-squared value is 0.9989, which suggests that 99.9% of the variability in the outcome variable is explained by the predictors. The coefficients of variables A, B, C, and H are 0.134857071, 0.131575661, 69.14025683, and 832.7358875, respectively. The result output indicates that the regression is statistically significant with an F-value of 1388.569474 and a p-value of 8.48532 E-08 (refer to Appendix B). The coefficients of a, b, c, and h are represented by $k_a m_x$, $k_a m_y$, k_c , and k_h

respectively. These coefficients were used in the Energy equation shown in Equation 28. It should be noted that we conducted three iterations of our experimental setup to determine the energy factors. This was done to ensure the accuracy and validity of the energy data measurements obtained.

$$
E_{x,y_total} = 0.134857071A + 0.131575661B + 69.14025683C + 832.7358875H
$$
 (28)

After deriving the energy model, experiments were carried out to examine the effect of geometry, toolpath pattern type, and orientation on energy consumption. The experiments involved testing five various part geometry shapes (Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Tear drop, and Oval) as illustrated in Figure 10, in conjunction with five different toolpath pattern types. The experimental setup is summarized in Table 4.

Geometry	Infill - Angle	$\mathbf A$	B	$\mathbf C$	H	Energy (Wms)
F shape	Rectilinear 0 degrees	1305994.223	5761881.996	19472.347	653.99	2876745.836
F shape	Rectilinear 90 degrees	1522699.712	6080275.434	19190.296	662.440	2861145.493
L shape	Arch.Chords* 45 degrees	3992591.510	2815755.988	22599.900	11.431	2575507.792
L shape	Concentric 90 degrees	1229483.470	1313570.860	19521.784	483.57	2154690.352
L shape	Rectilinear 0 degrees	1013710.498	1254719.498	19401.187	565.490	2093936.952
L shape	Rectilinear 45 degrees	1541855.921	1726330.135	26971.310	28.120	2178449.241
L shape	Rectilinear 90 degrees	1220885.328	1062564.242	19309.720	565.460	2124597.877
L shape	Octogram Spiral 0 degrees	1597103.263	1703435.373	20938.720	333.710	2267012.829
K shape	Rectilinear 0 degrees	3139631.276	2924868.583	14521.407	549.190	2167387.206
K shape	Rectilinear 90 degrees	2585547.187	3072301.165	14264.401	522.430	2134053.756

Table 3. Table Showing experimental setup to derive energy factors for A, B, C, and H

S/N	Factor	No of Level	Level Description
	Geometry		Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Tear drop, Oval
\mathcal{D}	Toolpath pattern		Rectilinear, Concentric, Hilbert Curve, Archimedean Chords, Octogram Spiral
\mathcal{R}	Infill Orientation Angle		0-degree, 45-degree, 90-degree
	Geometry Orientation Angle		0-degree, 30-degree, 60-degree, 90-degree

Table 4. Experiment setup to derive the total number of runs to be conducted.

Other information includes Infill density: 20%; Layer height: 0.1 mm; First layer height: 0.2mm; Total number of layers: 20.

A factorial Design of Experiments (DOE) with a total number of 300 (= $5 \times 5 \times 3 \times 4$) experimental runs was planned.

By utilizing the energy model, these experiments were conducted to gain valuable insights and inform the development of strategies. Information regarding the results is described in Appendix

C.

Figure 10. Five distinct part geometry types used in experiments conducted.

CHAPTER 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study investigates how the energy consumption of axis stepper motors is affected by varying part geometry, toolpath pattern type, and toolpath orientation. These differences arise from changes in the stepper motor's characteristics, such as acceleration, coasting, and deceleration, as it attempts to print specific line segment motions, resulting in higher energy demand. Appendix D summarizes the results of a subset of the experiments conducted, which focuses on the rectangular geometry print with a constant part geometry orientation and constant toolpath pattern orientation, as depicted in Figure 11 and 12. Note that the energy consumption of the x-axis (E_x) and y-axis (E_{ν}) was calculated using the derived mathematical energy model instead of physical prints.

Figure 11. Different orientations (0, 45, and 90 degrees) of a rectilinear toolpath pattern for a rectangular part geometry

Figure 12. Different orientations (0, 30, 60, and 90 degrees) of a rectangular geometry for a rectilinear toolpath pattern inclined at 0-degree

The experimental results of the scenarios depicted in Figure 11 indicated that orienting the toolpath at 90-degrees minimizes energy consumption regardless of the pattern type selection. In contrast, if the part geometry selection is oriented at 0-degree, the energy consumed is minimized for all toolpath patterns except the Archimedean Chord pattern. However, for any given toolpath pattern type, orienting the toolpath pattern and part geometry at 45-degrees results in a higher energy consumption value.

The experiment conducted also yielded another important finding: the amount of time that stepper motors spend on acceleration/ deceleration has a substantial effect on the energy consumed during printing, in comparison to the time spent coasting. A longer acceleration/ deceleration time results in higher energy consumption, which highlights the need to minimize this occurrence to achieve energy savings. Overall, the insights obtained have led to the development of a toolpath planning strategy for 3D printing, which is as follows:

- 1. The toolpath for 3D printing should be designed in a way that maximizes the time spent by stepper motors in coasting, while minimizing the time spent in accelerating and decelerating. By considering this aspect when planning the toolpath, it is possible to reduce energy consumption during printing.
- 2. The angle at which the toolpath is printed can significantly impact energy consumption. Therefore, it is important to choose the toolpath orientation carefully. Based on experiments, it is recommended to avoid printing with the toolpath inclined at a 45-degree angle if minimizing energy consumption is a priority, regardless of the toolpath pattern selection.
- 3. The choice of toolpath pattern can also affect energy consumption during printing. Experiments have shown that printing with varying toolpath patterns results in varying levels

of energy consumption. This is because certain toolpath pattern types such as Hilbert curve or Archimedean chords contain many short lines segment motions, which increase the time spent by the motor in accelerating and decelerating as compared to coasting. In general, regardless of the orientation of the part geometry, using the rectilinear toolpath pattern type for printing resulted in the lowest energy consumption value among the five toolpath pattern types employed in this research.

- 4. The orientation of the part geometry being printed can also impact energy consumption by the stepper motors. Therefore, it is essential to consider the part geometry orientation when planning the toolpath. From experiments, the x-axis and y-axis stepper motors do not always consume equal amounts of energy due to the asymmetricity of the x-axis and y-axis inertia masses. The geometry orientation affects the nature of the toolpath and the moves covered by the x-axis and y-axis stepper motors.
- 5. he variation in toolpath pattern type and toolpath orientation has a greater impact on energy consumption during printing compared to the orientation of the part geometry. An equal degree of change in both toolpath orientation and geometry orientation does not lead to an equivalent change in energy consumption. This crucial observation should be considered when designing a toolpath.

Case Study

Figure 13 illustrates the remodeling of an Engineering bracket that was originally designed by Ferriera de Moraes (2016), to validate the strategies presented earlier.

Figure 13. Engineering bracket used for case study analysis.

Following the design of the part, it underwent multiple iterations for printing with the aim of identifying the version that would minimize energy consumption. To achieve this, the experimental setup involved altering the part geometry orientation, toolpath pattern type, and toolpath orientation, as shown in Figure 14. The outcomes of this study, which provide validation for the earlier stated strategy, are documented in Appendix E. The findings are also succinctly summarized using the clustered column charts presented in Figure 15 and 16. In particular, Figure 15 demonstrates the impact of changing the part geometry orientation on energy consumption, revealing that aligning the part at 0-degree (i.e., aligning its longest side with the x-axis) minimizes energy consumption regardless of the chosen toolpath pattern (except for Archimedean Chords pattern). This finding supports the earlier outlined strategy. On the other hand, orienting the part at 45-degree leads to a significant increase in energy consumption during printing.

Figure 14. Different orientations (0, 45, and 90 degrees) of the case study part for a 0-degree concentric toolpath pattern

Based on Figure 16, it can be observed that rotating the toolpath pattern by 90 degrees results in lower energy consumption for all patterns except the Archimedean Chords pattern. On the other hand, re-orienting the toolpath pattern by 45 degrees, as described in Figure 11, results in increased energy consumption during printing. In general, the analysis of the geometrical and toolpath pattern undertaken in this study highlights the rectilinear toolpath pattern type as the most effective for minimizing energy consumption in the X and Y axis stepper motors.

Figure 15. Case study: The effect of orienting part geometry on energy consumption.

Figure 16. Case study: The effect of orienting toolpath on energy consumption.

CHAPTER 5 **CONCLUSION**

Notably, the overall energy consumption of a stepper motor is influenced by a variety of factors, such as the motor's construction and design, the driver circuit employed, and the load being moved. The motor's performance can be considerably affected by electrical and mechanical losses. However, the study's focus was solely on exploring the correlation between energy consumption and toolpath. The experiments conducted in this study assumed constant voltage and frequency for the power supply conditions, with a fixed efficiency factor. Future improvements should aim to enhance the precision of energy results while also incorporating the impact of the aforementioned factors on the mathematical model representing the stepper motor's behavior.

The results of the experiments conducted demonstrate that the asymmetric movement of motors during toolpath printing can have a considerable impact on energy consumption. Therefore, aligning the part geometry strategically before printing is crucial to minimize motor energy consumption along the x-axis and y-axis. The energy consumed during printing is a significant factor that should be considered with other factors such as part strength and quality. The initial stages of achieving this goal involve developing models and predicting energy consumption These findings serve as a foundation for future research, which will aim to enhance existing models and propose more efficient toolpath formulation for specific geometrical designs on a layer-by-layer basis, all while taking part quality into account. This research will be especially valuable for larger 3D printers, which require more power to operate, as well as for prints that may last for several days. Additionally, the results f this study have implications for various industries such as

aerospace, maritime, and industrial sectors. The findings may pave the way for the creation of techniques to 3D print efficiently in scenarios where energy supply is limited, like space travel or submarines.

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APPENDIX A

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MATHEMATICAL LOGIC OF ENERGY MODEL TO FIND THE ENTRY SPEED OF A LINE SEGMENT.

Mathematical equation to limit the junction velocity to their minimum (calculating entry speed)

prev speed larger is **TRUE** when previous nominal speed $>$ current nominal speed else its FALSE

Next we calculate smaller speed factor:

If smaller_speed_factor = $prev_speed_larger$ then $\frac{nominal_speed}{previous_nominal_speed}$

Else smaller_speed_factor $= \frac{previous_nominal_speed}{moment_meal_speed}$ nominal_speed

Next we pick the smaller of the nominal speeds compared because we don't want to achieve higher speed at the junction during coasting for the two line segments

If previous_nominal_speed > nominal_speed, then $v_{max_junction}$ = nominal_speed else v_{max} junction = previous_nominal_speed

Next we calculate entry_speed of a line axis given parameters from the previous line of similar axis

Initiate $v_{factor} = 1$ Initiate limited $=$ FALSE We want to limit the jerk in all axes. Looping through the axis: For $axis=[X,Y,Z,E]$

Start loop

 $v_{exit} = previous_speed[axis]$ $v_{entry} = current_speed[axis]$ if (prev_speed_larger) i.e. if $previous_nominal_speed$ > $current_nominal_speed$ $v_{exit} = v_{exit} \cdot smaller_speed_factor$ $v_{exit} = v_{exit}$. nominal_speed previous_nominal_speed

If (limited is true) then

 $v_{exit} = v_{exit} \cdot v_{factor}$

 $v_{entry} = v_{entry} \cdot v_{factor}$

Note v_{factor} is derived from jerk calculation.

Calculate the jerk depending on whether the axis is coasting in the same direction or reversing a direction.

Compute Jerk based on the following conditions: Condition 1 If $v_{exit} > v_{entry}$ and $v_{entry} > 0$ or $v_{exit} < 0$, then $Jerk = v_{exit} - v_{entry}$ (when coasting) $Jerk = max(v_{exit} , -v_{entry})$ (when reversing) Condition 2

If $v_{exit} \le v_{entry}$ and $v_{entry} < 0$ or $v_{exit} > 0$, then $Jerk = v_{entry} - v_{exit}$ (when coasting) $Jerk = max(-v_{exit}, -v_{entry})$ (when reversing)

Given the conditions above, if $(jerk > cs.max_jerk[axis])$ $v_{factor} = v_{factor}$. cs.max_jerk[axis] jerk Set limited = TRUE End loop

If (limited) i.e. when limited is set to TRUE

 $\label{eq:Vmax} \mathcal{V}_{max_junction} = \mathcal{V}_{max_junction} \cdot \mathcal{V}_{factor}$

 $v_{allowable}$ $=$ $\;\sqrt{current_speed[axis]^2 - 2 \cdot acceleration \cdot millimeters}$

 $v_{entry_speed} = \min(v_{max_junction}, v_{allowable})$.

 v_{entry_speed} is the calculated entry speed for the current line axis and exit speed for the previous line axis

APPENDIX B

SUMMARY STATISTICS OF LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Summary Statistics of Linear Regression Analysis to find a, b, c, and h

APPENDIX C

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS WITH 300 TOTAL RUNS

Experimental results for square geometry

Experimental results for rectangular geometry

Experimental results for triangle geometry

Experimental results for drop geometry.

Experimental results for oval geometry

APPENDIX D

RESULTS OF INFILL AND GEOMETRICAL ORIENTATION ANALYSIS

Infill Orientation Analysis (DOE Subset)

Geometrical Orientation Analysis (DOE Subset)

APPENDIX E

RESULTS OF INFILL AND GEOMETRICAL ORIENTATION ANALYSIS (CASE STUDY)

Infill Orientation Analysis (Case Study)

Geometrical Orientation Analysis (Case Study)

