

Project: Cast- Off !!!

Custom-made and adjustable 3D printed orthosis for forearm fractures



Santobono Pausilipon Onlus
fondazione



Azienda Ospedaliera di Rilievo Nazionale

**SANTOBONO
PAUSILIPON**

ICDI
CNR Istituto di Cristallografia

The Problem: falls from trees and boda boda accidents

Dr. Ndayisaba Sylvester reports for the last 7 months, the following numbers, including fractures of the radius, ulna and humerus in children 1 yr to 15 years:

May 2018 - 34 fractures

June 2018- 32 fractures

July 2018- 30 fractures

August - 26

September- 30

October - 33

November - 31

December- 30

An estimated number of 300 arm fractures are cared for at Lacor in one year.



Complications of plaster treatment



- Not reusable
- Difficulty in cleaning
- Skin irritation
- Infections
- Muscular hypotrophy
- Too much weight
- Too big

Not always very happy !





Aims of the Project:

- ▶ Acquire anthropometric information about target population
 - ▶ Measure the forearm of 60 children aged 5-15 years
- ▶ Perform statistic analysis in order to define 4-5 standard sizes suitable for each age and sex
- ▶ Produce 3D printed adaptable and reusable cast in sizeable number

Treatable fractures

- ▶ The cast were used for greenstick middle-third forearm fractures
- ▶ 40 patients in school-age were already treated
- ▶ All kinds of not-exposed fractures of the forearm could be considered



3D printing for immobilitation: other example of 3d printed cast



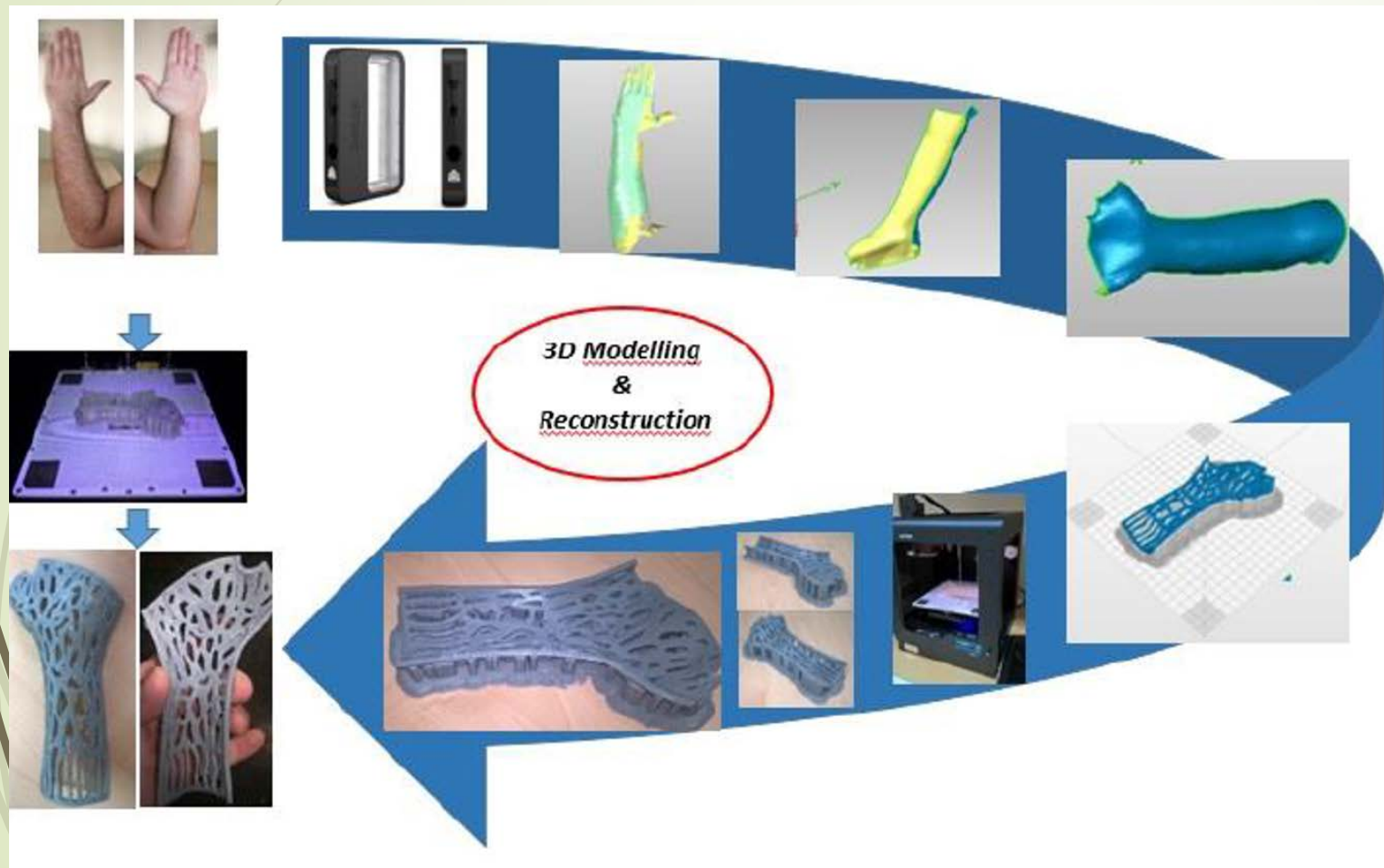
Amphibian skin

Exovite



Osteoid

Production process



- Forearm scan
- Forearm measurement
- CAD processing
- Printing
- Installation

Scan: Sense 3D Scanner



Sense 3D scanner Tech specs

Supported operating systems

64-bit Windows 8 or later

Operating range

Min: 0.2m
Max: 1.6m

Field of view

Horizontal: 45°
Vertical: 57.5°
Diagonal: 69°

Operating temperature

10-40° C

Maximal image throughput

30 fps

Scan volume

Min: 0.2m x 0.2m x 0.2m
Max: 2m x 2m x 2m

Depth image size

640(w) x 480(h) px

Spatial x/y resolution @ 0.5m

0.9mm

Data interface

USB 3.0

Hardware recommendations

Intel® Core i5™ 5th Gen or equivalent processor ([click here for details](#))
RAM: 2 GB minimum
1280 x 1024 minimum screen resolution
4 GB available hard disk space

Dimensions

5.08(w) x 7.08(h) x 1.3(d) inches
12.9(w) x 17.8(h) x 3.3(d) cm

Color image size

1920(w) x 1080(h) px

Depth resolution @ 0.5m

1mm

USB cord length

6 feet

Warranty

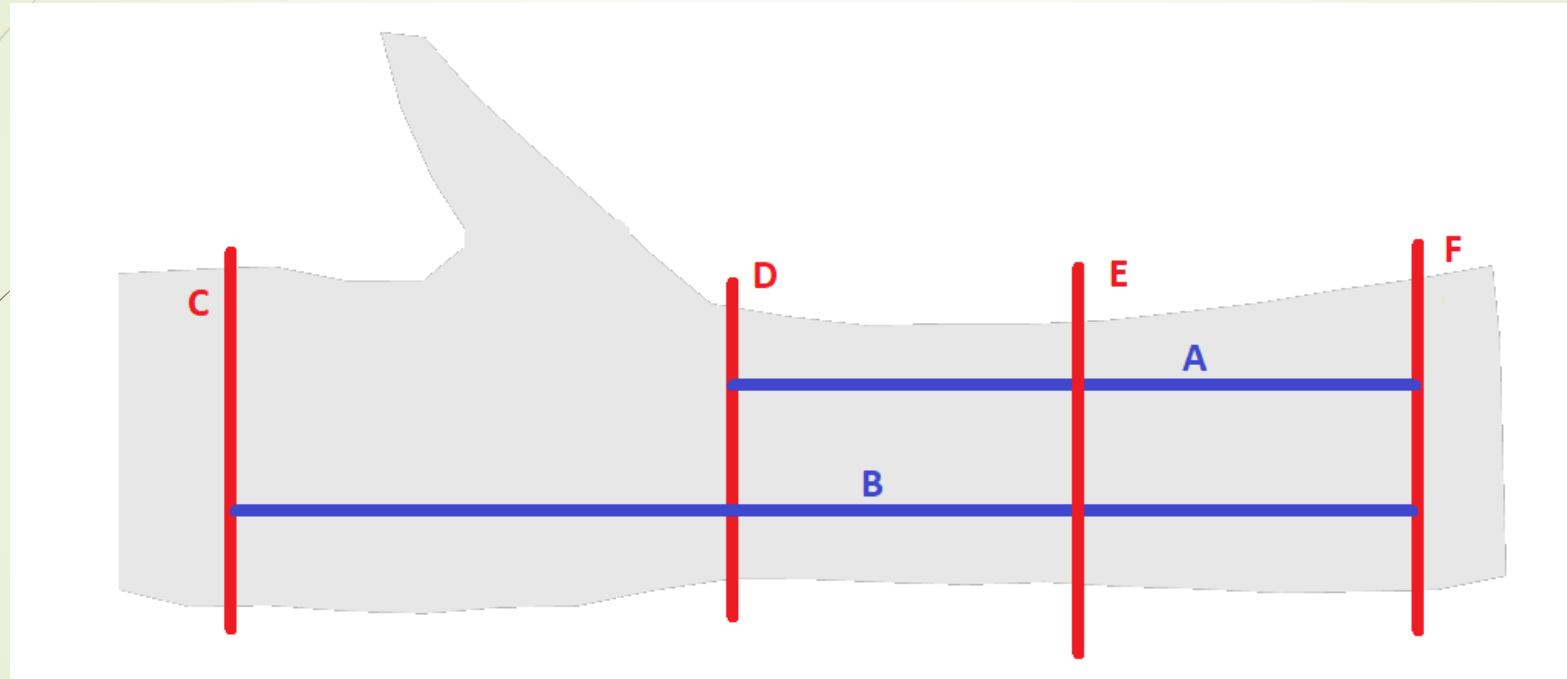
1 year

Anthropometric acquisition: Patient positioning and scanning



- The acquisition of measures is critical in order to produce a set of adaptable cast
- Place the patient, sit or stretched, with fingers tips directed upwards, inch stretched and the handbreadth directed to him;
- Lock the fingers with a finger trap to keep it vertical;
- Scan the forearm turning around the patient
- Time required ~10min

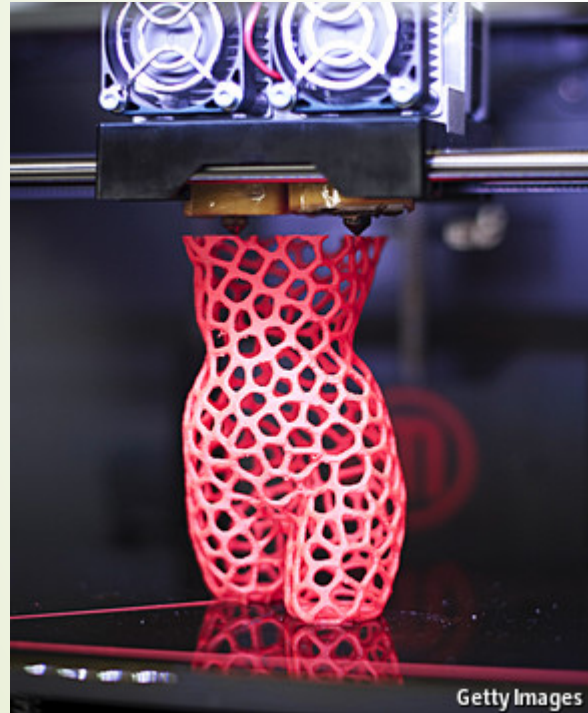
Anthropometric acquisition: Reference sections



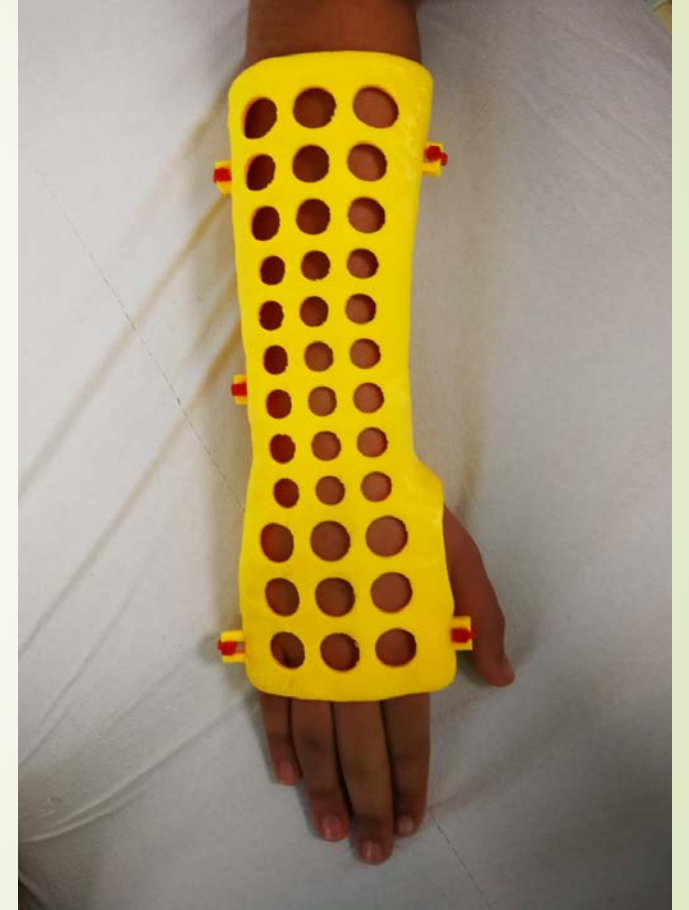
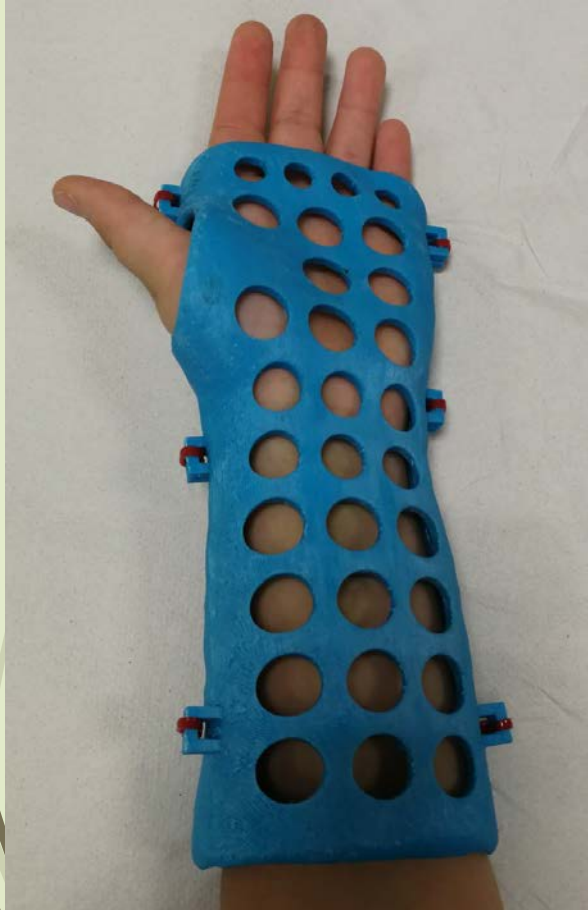
- A: Forearm length (ulna);
- B: Forearm+hand length;
- C: Hand circumference;

- D: Wrist circumference;
- E: Mid-arm circumference;
- F: Elbow circumference.

The 3 D printer



Examples of treated patients





Future developments

- ▶ After surgery orthosis
 - ▶ Full arm orthosis
 - ▶ Orthosis for hip dysplasia
- 