

A New Methodology for 3D Nanoprinting

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ABSTRACT

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have discovered a novel protocol to enable 3D printing with nanometer precision in all three dimensions using polyelectrolyte (PE) inks and atomic force microscopy.

FULL DESCRIPTION

3D printing has recently experienced many revolutionary breakthroughs in the scientific community due to its capability to produce 3D objects by design. This technology shows great promise for the potential for objects of almost any shape or geometry to be synthesized on demand. The fabrication of devices in the nanoscale region is currently the next target for researchers in many industries such as biomedical and electrical engineering.

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APPLICATIONS

- Fabrication of nanoscale devices
- Artificial organs
- Quantum computing devices
- New materials for controlling cellular function
- Tissue engineering
- Stem cell-based regenerative medicine and therapy

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Nanometer precision
- Incorporation of a wide range of functional materials
- Support of 3D custom design
- Remarkably stable products
- Practical throughput for both research and industry

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OTHER INFORMATION

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- **Materials & Chemicals**
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