

Trismus Treatment Device

ME 476C

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Project Description

The Trismus Treatment Team:

Primary Sponsors:

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- Carolyn Abraham from Dignity Health

Advisors/Collaborators:

- Dr. Timothy Becker
- Communication Sciences and Disorder (CSD) students

Main Goal: Create more affordable devices to open tighter jaws without causing pain.

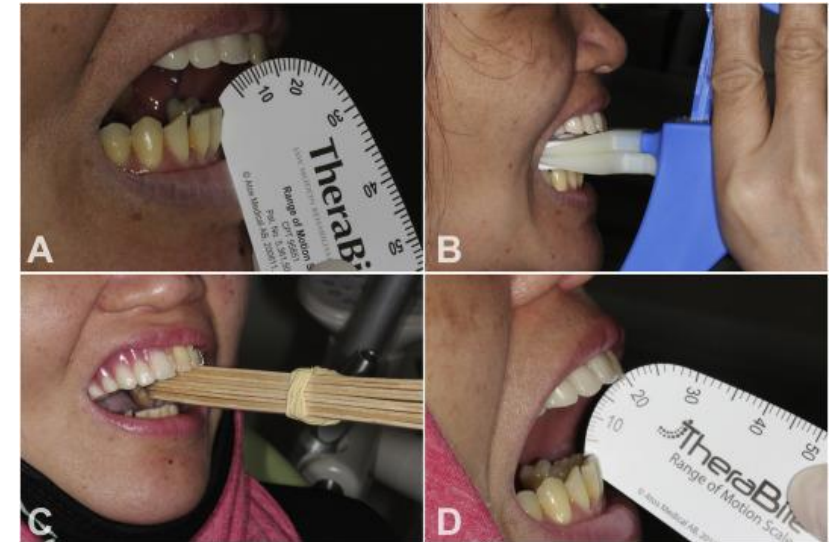


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Background & Benchmarking

Background

Cancer treatments such as radiation can result in muscle spasms that tighten the jaw to a point known as 'lock jaw' where people cannot eat or drink independently.

Most products are either incredibly expensive or improvised at the doctor's office with tongue depressors, which can be extremely painful.

Background & Benchmarking

Benchmarking

TheraBite: \$579.99

- Adjustable with replacement bite pads

UNIQUE: \$24

- Extremely painful but more affordable

In house Trismus Device

- Non-reusable but nearly free
- Created by clinician



Fig 2 - Therabite



Fig 3 - In-house Trismus



Fig 4 - UNIQUE Trismus

Customer Requirements

Requirement	Explanation
Cost Effective	Target price is < \$50/Unit
Safe	The Device must not cause harm to its operator or itself
Open Source	Provide a full instructional suite to assist in-house reproduction of the design
Produceable via 3D Printing	Design must utilize additive manufacturing technology, relevant design considerations must be accounted for (Max overhang angles, Material use, etc.)
Adaptive	Can accommodate patients with small incisor gaps (<25mm gap)

Goal:
Create a trismus treatment device that is affordable, safe, easily accessible, and versatile enough to accommodate diverse patient profiles.

Table I: Customer Requirements

Engineering Requirements

Cost-Effective	Each unit < \$50 to generate	The total cost of all parts of the device must be less than \$50
Safe	Safety Rating	We will use various properties within our system to generate this (Max Force output, average teeth strength, etc.)
Open Source	Y/N	The device's design must be open to distribution without restriction to any qualified clinician
Produceable via 3D Printing	Percentage of parts that are producible vs purchased hardware	Two categories will be calculated, purchased cost and material cost. The goal is to have 80% of the cost resultant of 3D printing expenditure.
Adaptability	# of operable sizes	The size of the device must accommodate a wide range of patient types and mouth shapes

Table II: Engineering Requirements

QFD

Quality Function Deployment

Project title: Trismus Device		Technical Requirements (Weights 1: Low, 3: Med., 9: High)					Weighted Score	Competitors		
Project Team: Team #5: Trismus	Date: 2/5/2024	Fast 3D-Printing Speed	Modular / Adaptable to different insicor gaps	Durable	Producible via 3D Printing	Follows Project Guidelines/Requirements		Therabite	Orastretch	Clinician Device
Customer Weights (1: low, 5: high)							Competitive evaluation (1: low, 5: high)			Competitor rating 1
Cost Effective (PPU < \$50)	4	3	1		9		52	1	2	5
Open Source (Provide Full Instructional Suite for reproduction)	5	3	1		9		65	1	3	4
Safe (Cause no harm to operator or itself)	4			9	1	3	52	5	4	2
Technical Requirement Units		hrs	in.	MPa	%	N/A	169			
Technical importance score		27	9	36	85	12	100%			
	Importance %	16%	5%	21%	50%	7%				
	Priorities rank	3	5	2	1	4				

Table III: QFD

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Mathematical Modeling - Muscle

Assumptions:

- Maximum 'bite' force is "produced at horizontal and vertical joint force directions", [20].
- Temporomandibular Joint is a simple lever model
- Average Jaw Weight:
 - o Head Wt = 10 – 11lbs [21]
 - o Jaw is approx. 20% of head weight/mass
 - o Assumed Jaw Wt = 2lbs
- Maximum Bite Force: $F = 275\text{ lbf}$ or 1.22 kN [22]
- For patients with 0mm of mouth opening, the jaw would be static.

Equations

Static Equilibrium - $\sum F_y = 0$

$$\sum F_y = F_{\text{maxbite}} - W_{\text{jaw}} - F_{\text{device}} = 0$$

$$F_{\text{device}} = F_{\text{maxbite}} - W_{\text{jaw}} = F_{\text{maxbite}} - m_{\text{jaw}} * g$$

$$F_{\text{device}} = 275\text{ lbf} - 2\text{ lbs} * 32.1 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$F_{\text{device}} = 210.8\text{ lbf} = 937\text{ N}$$

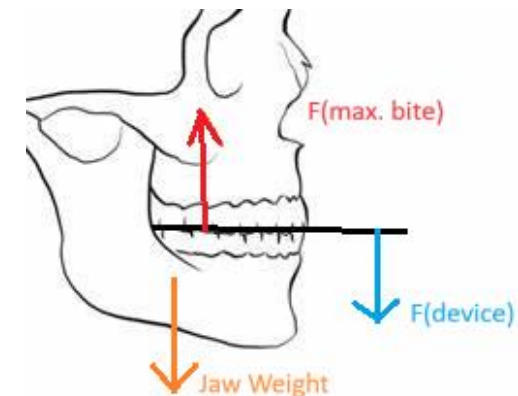


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Mathematical Modeling – Manufacturing

Equations, Engineering Tools

- 3D Printer Slicers (Chitubox, Cura, Ideamaker)
- 3D Printing Equation (General)
 - $\text{Max Speed}_{\text{Rec.}} = (\text{Flow Rate}_{\text{Max}}) / (\text{Height}_{\text{Layer}} * \text{Extrusion Width})$
- **Flow Rate Equation:**
 - $\text{Flow Rate} = \text{Nozzle Size (mm)} * (\text{Height}_{\text{Layer}} * \text{Print Speed})$

Example:

$$\text{Max Speed}_{\text{Rec.}} = (13 \text{ mm}^3/\text{s}) / (0.2 \text{ mm} * 0.6 \text{ mm})$$
$$\text{Max Speed}_{\text{Rec.}} = 108 \text{ mm/s}$$

Fig 6 – SLA Printing

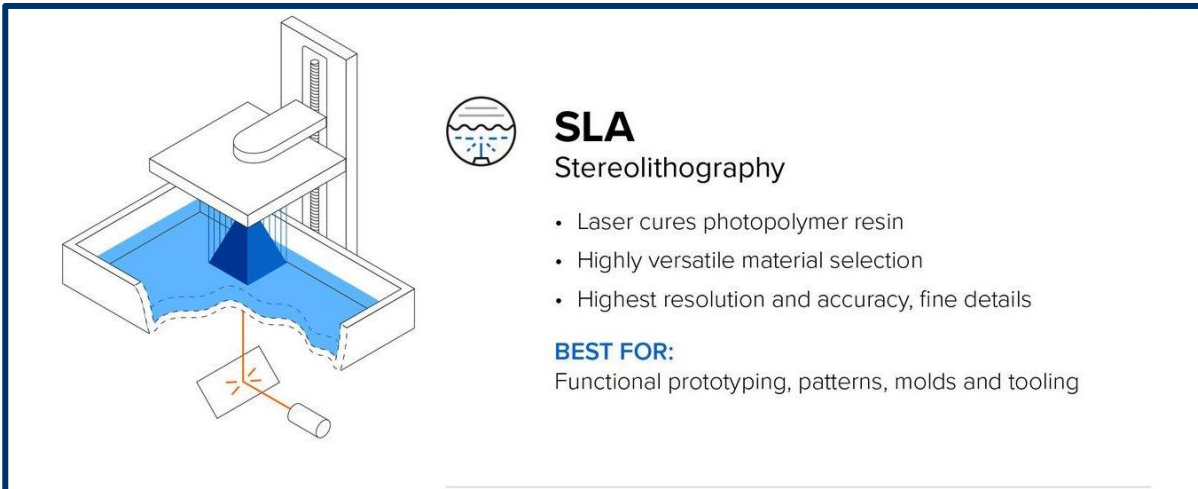
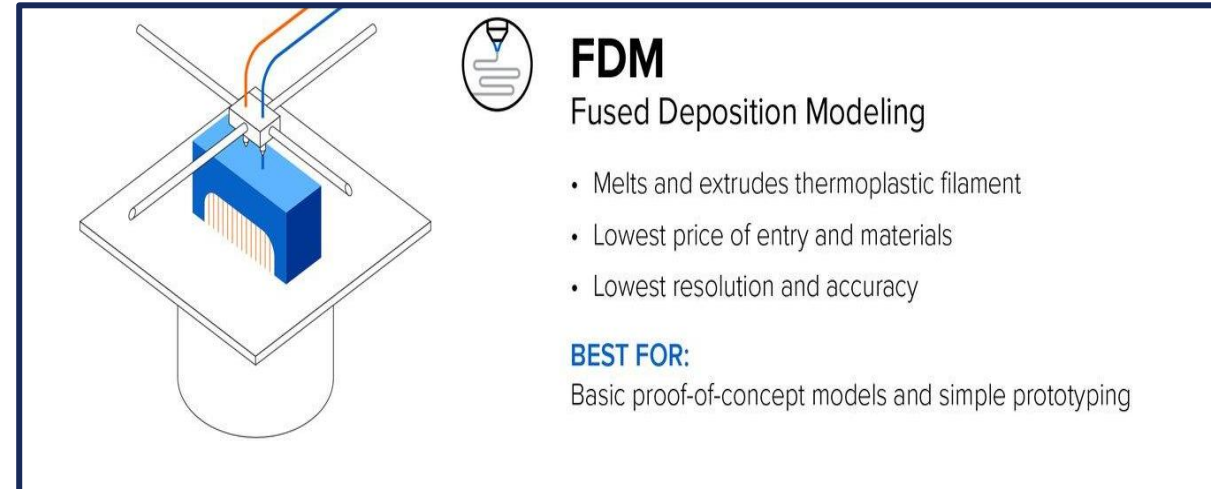


Fig 7 – FDM Printing



Mathematical Modeling - Dental

1. Equations

Pressure and Tooth Fracture Propagation

$$P = \frac{F}{A} \quad P_F = CTRd^{1/2}$$

2. Engineering Tools

Compression force testers, Radial compression force testers, Online pressure simulator

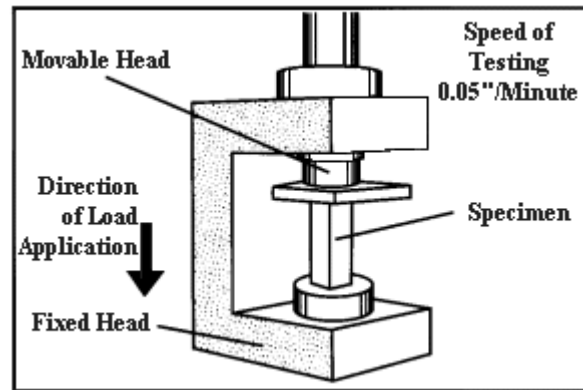


Fig 8 – Compression Test Machine

3. Example (No Teeth vs Teeth)

Max Pressure from source: 44.6 – 74.4 Kg/m².

F = 230 – 251 N

L = 16.44cm--19.33cm W = 0.71cm--1.10cm

A = 11.67cm²—21.26cm²

P = 197 kPa – 108 kPa

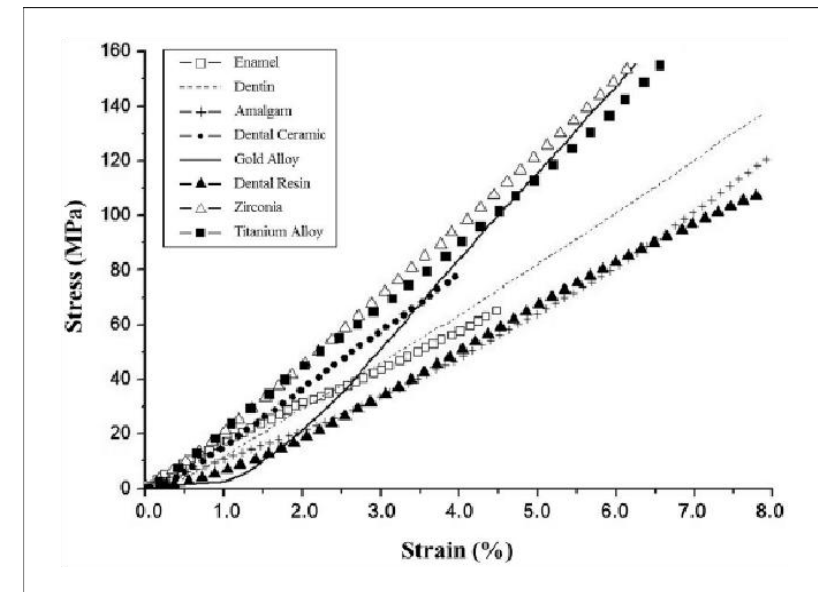


Fig 9 – Dental Restorative Stress-Strain Graph

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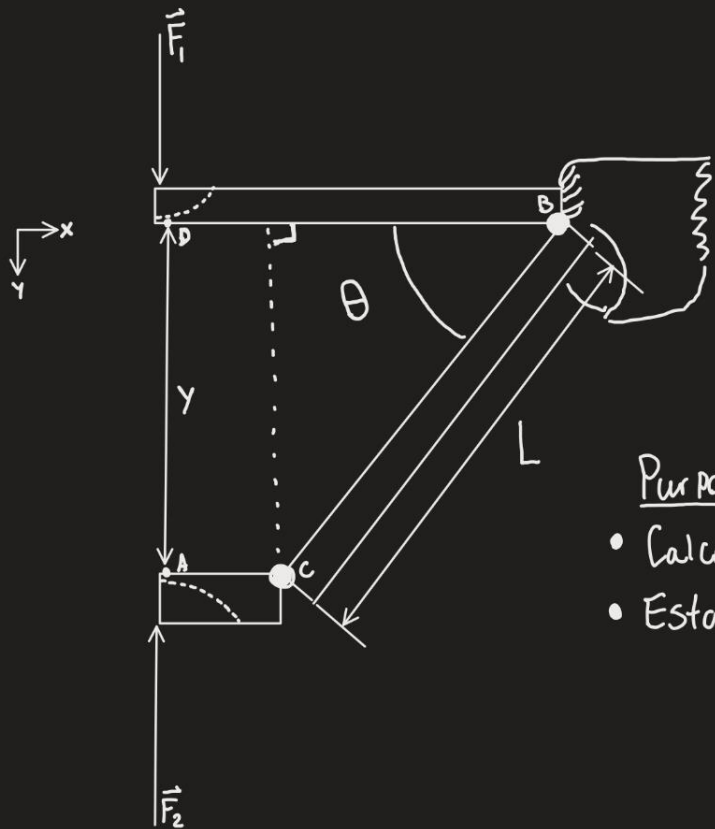
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Mathematical Modeling - Lever Properties

Model Of Potential Device



$$Y = L \sin(\theta)$$

$$F_1 \leq F_{max} \cdot S_f$$

$$F_2 \leq F_{max} \cdot S_f$$

$$S_f \text{ Target} = .5$$

Purpose:

- Calculate Vertical Strain based on θ
- Establish Maximum Force Requirement

Relevant Variables:

Y = Vertical Displacement

θ = Lever Angle

L = Lever Length

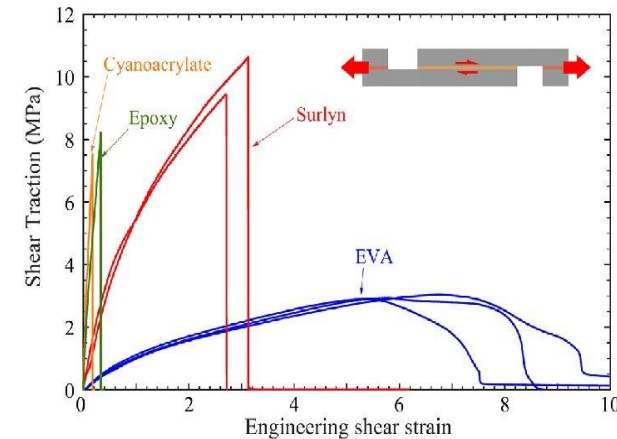
F_1 = Force Applied to top Teeth

F_2 = Force Applied to Bottom Teeth

M_b = Moment of point B (Fulcrum)

Relevant Equations:

- ① $Y = L \cdot \sin(\theta)$
- ② $M_b = F_2 \cdot (L \cdot \cos(\theta))$
- ③ $\sum F_x = 0$ (Device Stays Fixed)
- ④ $\sum F_y = 0$ (Device Stays Fixed)



Example Shear-Strain:

Shear-strain graphs will be used after forces are calculated to select appropriate materials.

Engineering Tools:

- MatLab analysis Algorithm
- Stress-Strain Measurement Device
- Force Analysis Equipment

Budget

Budget Constraints:

- Budget not provided by client
- Client requirement: Device Cost <\$50
- Fundraise at least \$100

Fundraising:

- Bake Sale
- Car Wash
- Donations

Budget Components	Type	Cost	Current	Completion
Total Available			\$0	
Fundraising		>\$100	\$0	\$100 - \$150
Anticipated Expenses	Printer Filament (x2)	\$45 - \$65	\$0	(\$45 - \$65)
	Misc. Components	\$0 - \$10	\$0	(\$0 - \$10)
	Shipping & Handling	\$20 - \$30	\$0	(\$20 - \$30)
Total			\$0	\$65 - \$105
Remaining			\$0	\$35 - \$45

Thank you!

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