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News and Announcement

[ICES]: **March 04:** Authors of accepted abstracts to submit draft manuscripts

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Poll of the Month

February 2013 Poll Results

The development of 3D printing technology is significant to space architecture according to the latest poll.

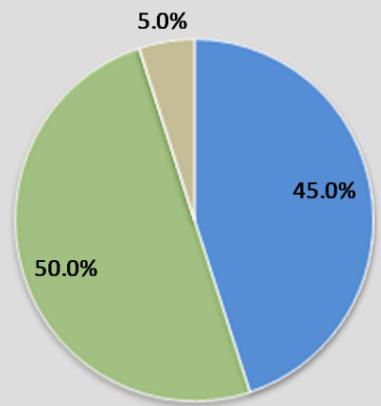
45% believe that it is already making considerable impact to the field, while 50% believe that the technology is promising but it will be decades away before becoming a significant factor.

One respondent commented that 3D printing "will revolutionise thinking process as perspective did in the Renaissance." Other noted that 3D printing is "real and significant, although its primary use in space will first be for in situ replacement parts." Another considered the technology to be "part of the future of onboard content management and psychological crew support."

It is also of interest to note that, none of the survey respondents consider the potentials of 3D printing technology are being overstated or hyped up.

If you would like to discuss or comment on this topic, you can start an email discussion thread [here](#).

- "I am working on it now."
- "promising, but decades away."
- "its significance is limited."
- "it is all hyperbole"
- other



poll counts =20

March 2013 Question:

There have been many bold new announcements from private spaceflight companies in recent years. With ambitious plans that range from lunar ferries services to asteroid mining to Mars settlements, there have been a lot of buzz around these new players in the field and it can be hard to tell one from the other besides of their names. The Wired magazine has written [a very helpful article](#) of " Who's Who" on some of these new spaceflight start-ups and a little profile on what they set out to do. (with the exception of the Inspiration Mars Foundation, which was only announced very recently.)

Does any one of the many new spaceflight endeavours get you particularly excited over the others? and why?

- **[Golden Spike](#)**
- **[Inspiration Mars](#)**
- **[Mars One](#)**
- **[Planetary Resources](#)**
- **None**
- **Other**



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Theme of the Month



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5 articles can be found within the [spacearchitect.org publication archive](#) by searching under the keyword "color".

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