Digifacture comprised a number of different elements each producing different outcomes: a design studio developed and produced original objects, an exhibition presented the research to a wider community and a catalogue provided documentation. The focus of the project was a practice-led investigation of industrial design and advanced manufacturing technologies, specifically, Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) and Direct Metal Lasering Sintering (DMLS), technologies that enable rapid manufacture of objects in high performance materials and are predicted to challenge traditional manufacturing systems. Eight designers and artists (UTS researchers and external practitioners) participated: Douglas Nash, Stefan Lie, Shelden Vaughan, Bert Bongers, Jos Mulder, Adam Goodrum, Roderick Walden and Berto Pandolfo. The exhibition was held in collaboration with the Powerhouse Museum’s design festival, Design10, at the Frasers Studios gallery, Sydney, August 5-10 2010, and was opened by Prof. Kees Dorst with guests from the design and manufacturing sectors, media and the general public.

Geometric complexity, part unification and customised product variants are advantages these technologies offer over the current set of manufacturing systems that industrial designers are typically trained to develop designs for. The research investigated how these advantages might manifest in future products, necessary changes to design processes, and the impact on manufacturing methods.

The research presented demonstrated innovative applications of SLS and DMLS, along with important insights for design and design for manufacture.

Digifacture received financial and in kind support from Advanced Manufacturing Services (an industry partner), the UTS Centre for Contemporary Design Practice (CCDP) and the Industrial Design Program at UTS.
1. **SPK Bowl**  
SLS Prototype in Polyamide  
Designed by Berto Pandolfo

2. **Mountain Bike Crank Arm**  
DMLS Prototype in Stainless Steel  
Designed by Roderick Walden

3. **3.5 Coasters**  
SLS Prototypes in Polyamide  
Designed by Adam Goodrum
1. NSW Police Load Bearing Vest: Appointment Holster Design  
SLS Prototypes in Polyamide  
Designed by Shelden Vaughan

2. Individual Interfaces  
FDM Prototypes in ABS  
Designed by Bert Bongers and Jos Mulder

3. Cutlery  
SLS and DMLS Prototypes. Polyamide and Stainless Steel  
Designed by Douglas Nash

4. Eyewear  
SLS Prototypes in Polyamide  
Designed by Stefan Lie
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One of the most exciting developments in manufacturing in recent times has been the process called selective laser sintering (SLS). This process allows designers to create solid complex objects quickly and with no tooling. It utilises a computer-controlled laser beam that fuses together plastic or metallic powder—one cross-sectional layer at a time.

This exhibition highlights the remarkable flexibility, complexity and joyous creativity unleashed by SLS. On display is a series of SLS design projects by the industrial design program at the UTS, Sydney, in collaboration with Advanced Manufacturing Services, Australia. The exhibition proposes future directions in industrial design and its relationship with manufacturing.

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Uchih, Berto Pandolfo
A Vision for Tomorrow, (detail) Adrian Lu
Sydney Design 2010 Digifacture page. Includes a description of the exhibition, dates and location.

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