SURFACE FUNCTIONALIZATION USING INTERFERENCE-BASED LASER TEXTURING

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Naturally-inspired surfaces



- Facilitate surfaces inspired by nature
- Distinct surface patterns lead to different surface functionalities (e.g. tailored wettability, ...)
- Example of collaborations:







Laser texturing using Direct Laser Interference Patterning

Industrial-scalable surface patterning for large-area functionalization!

Pattern development

DLIP Technology

- Structuring of metals, polymers, glass, ceramics and coatings
- Pattern dimensions: 180 nm – 30 μm
- Different pulse durations can be facilitated: from nanosecond to femtosecond
- Single scale & Hierachical surface patterns achievable by advanced processing approaches
- Target process speeds: 2 5 m²/min











Application examples

Example: Anti-Icing

<u>AIM</u>

Reduce potential ice attachment on airplane surfaces through developed surface textures

APPLICATION TESTS

Structured wing profiles tested in wind tunnel with respect to ice-phobic and de-icing properties

RESULT

- Self-limited ice aggregation
- Enhanced ice-removal upon local heating







Application examples

Example: Contact performance

<u>AIM</u>

Development of next generation of electrical connectors

INDUSTRY TRANSFER

Development of prototypical system for high-speed structuring of electrical connectors

RESULT

- Oil-film encapsulation
- Reduced plug force: up to 40 %
- Reduction of electrical resistance up to 80 %

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Be EPIC – Connect & Conquer

What we can do for you!

- Functional laser surface engineering through large-area & high-speed laser texturing
- Development of surface properties with benefits in the field:
 - Wettability, anti-icing, anti-contamination
 - Tribology (friction, wear, lubrication)
 - Biocompatibility, adhesion, and many more!



What **you** can do for **us**!

- CAD/CAM process chain + 2D/3D surface capture
- DUV laser source development for processing of polymer materials with nanosized surface textures

- Contact us for new exciting collaborations on:
 - …industrial projects
 - ...R&D projects
 - ...scientific collaboration





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