

2.5D & 3D micro-structures with Maskless Laser Lithography

Grayscale lithography & two-photon polymerization applied to micro-optic

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- More than 1200 systems in more than 50 countries
- World leader in the development and production of high-precision micro- and nano-lithography systems
- Extensive know-how in developing customized lithography solutions
- More than 300 employees worldwide
- 50 million Euros turnover in 2020
- Founded in 1984



● Installed Systems

● Office Locations

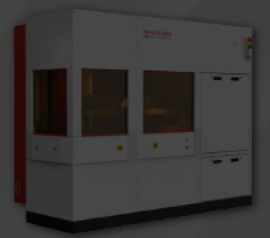
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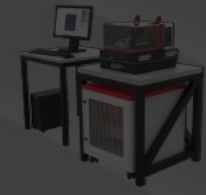
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ULTRA

Photomask Production
Advanced Packaging, Displays,
Semiconductors, 3D IC

Nanofabrication
Nanoelectronics, Nanofluidics,
Nanoimprint Templates



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Today's focus



DWL 2000 GS



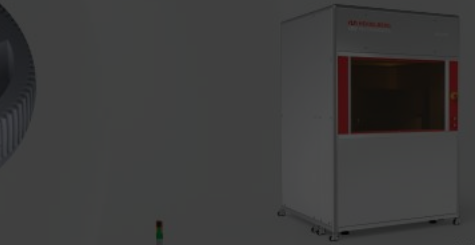
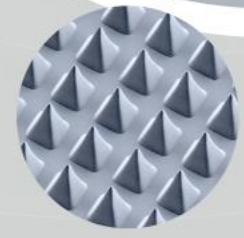
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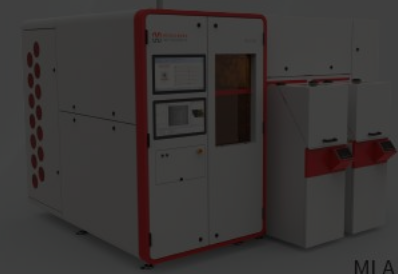
MPO 100

2.5D and 3D Lithography
Micro-Optics, Lenses,
Reflectors; Surface Textures

Microfabrication
Electronic Components,
Sensors, MEMS, Microfluidics



MLA 150



MLA 300



µMLA

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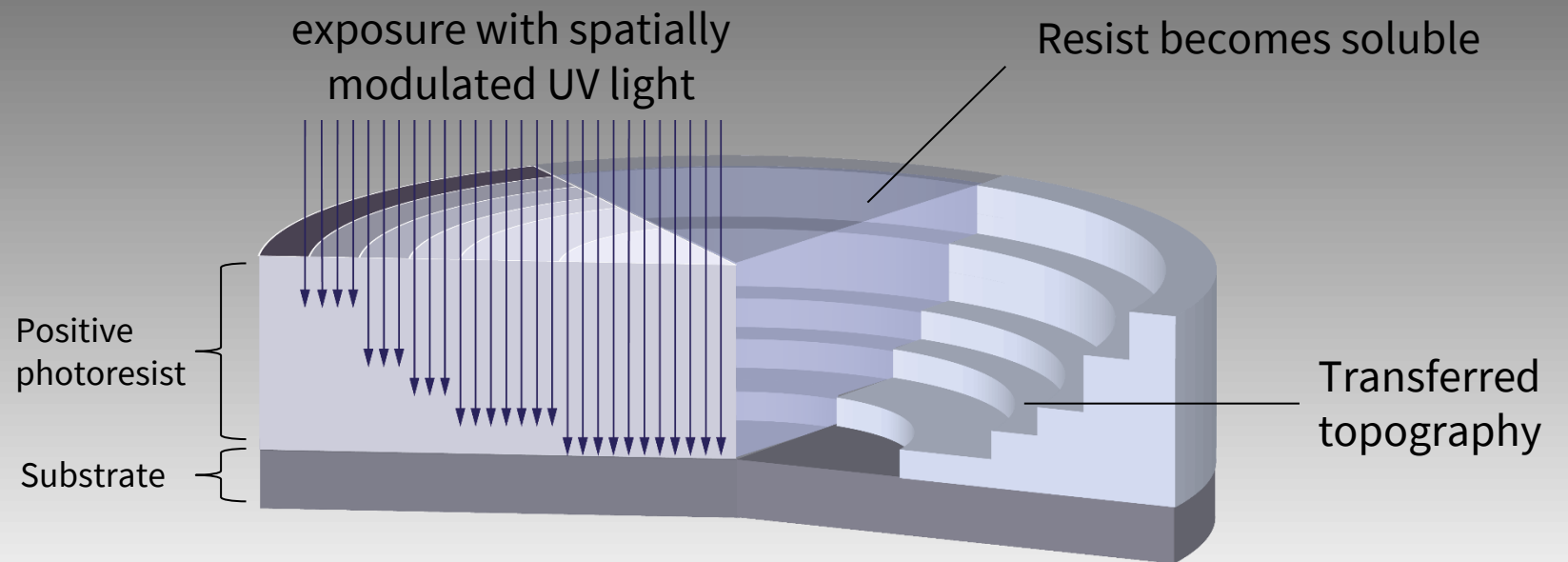


Grayscale lithography with the DWL Series

- Maskless: Fast & flexible
- Professional Grayscale
- Pixel grid down to 50nm
- 1024 intensity levels

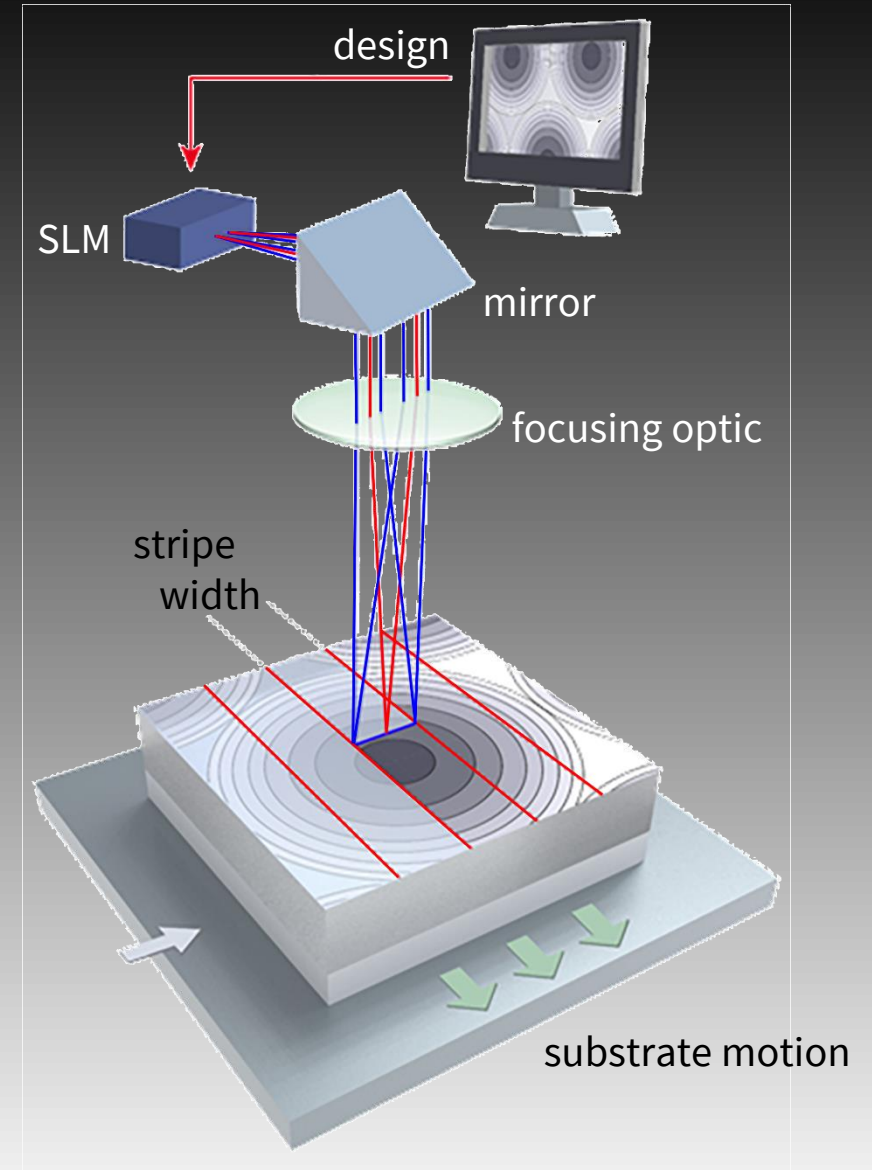
Principle of grayscale lithography

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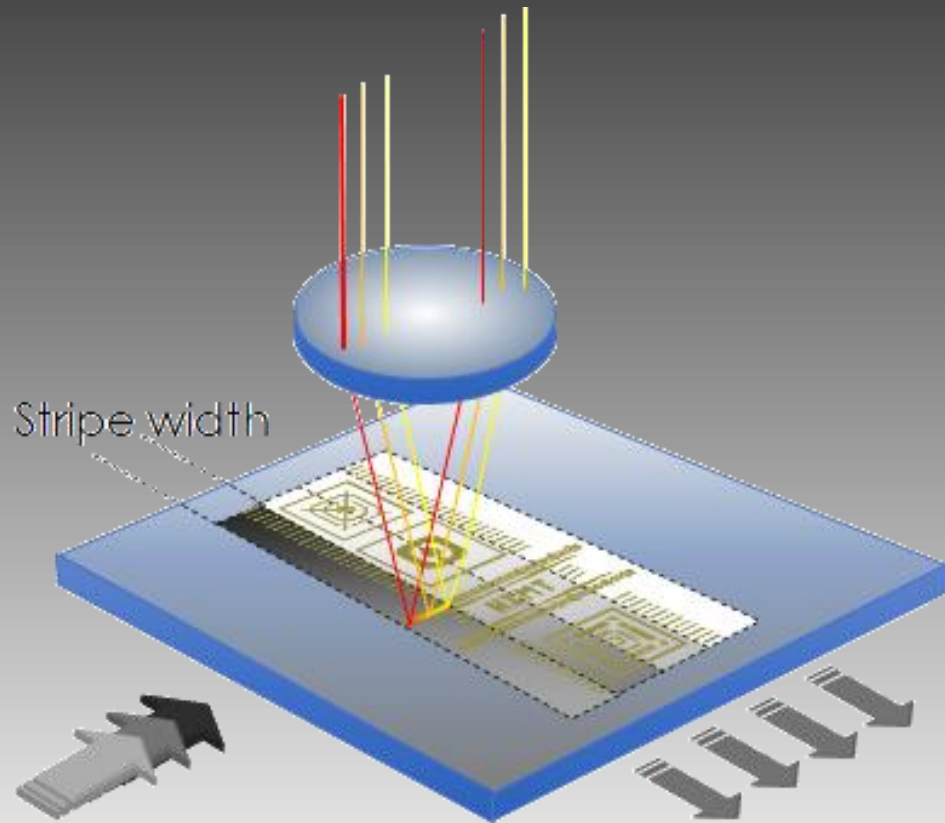
DWL: Raster Scan exposure

- Spatial Light Modulator (SLM) : dynamic mask
- Ultra fast light modulation between each pixel.
- SLM combined with focusing optic and XY stage motion enables fast writing of high resolution over large areas.
- The design is exposed stripe after stripe.

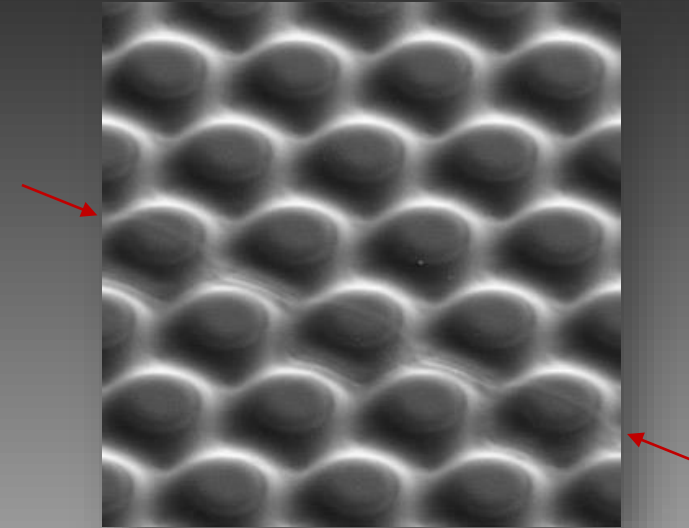


DWL: Stripes stitching

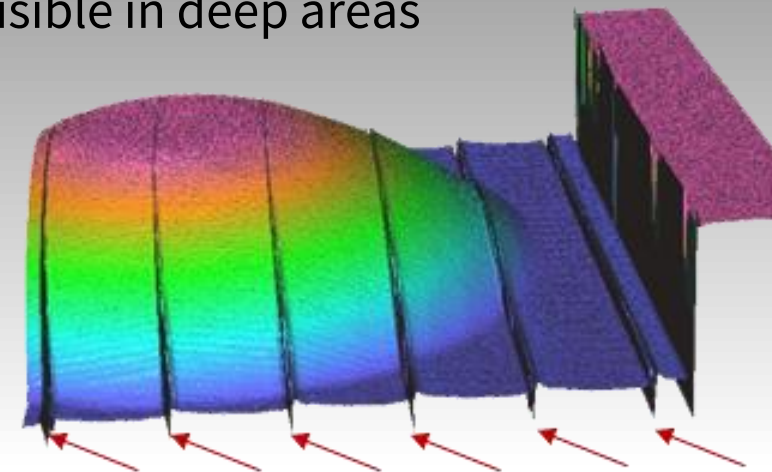
Invisible in binary exposures



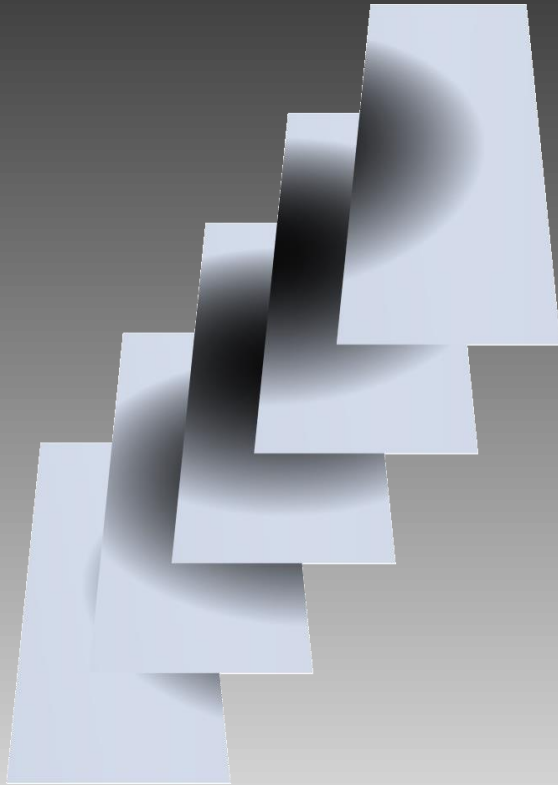
- Small artefacts at the border between stripes in thick photo resist.



- More visible in deep areas

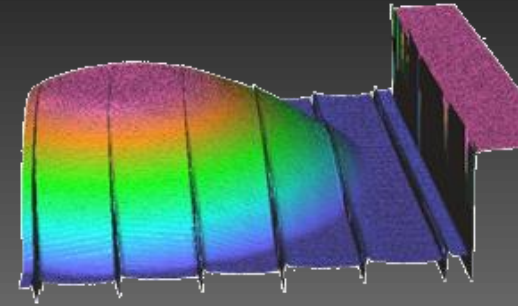


DWL: Stitching optimization

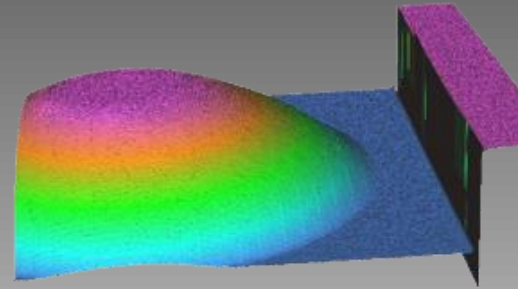


CI-Over : Optimized overlapping strategy

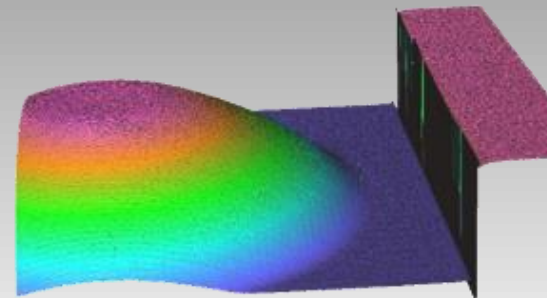
- Number of overlaps is reduced by a factor 5 compared to simple overlapping strategy.
- Each pixel is exposed N times.



- Without overlapping



- With 4 overlapping CI-Over 4

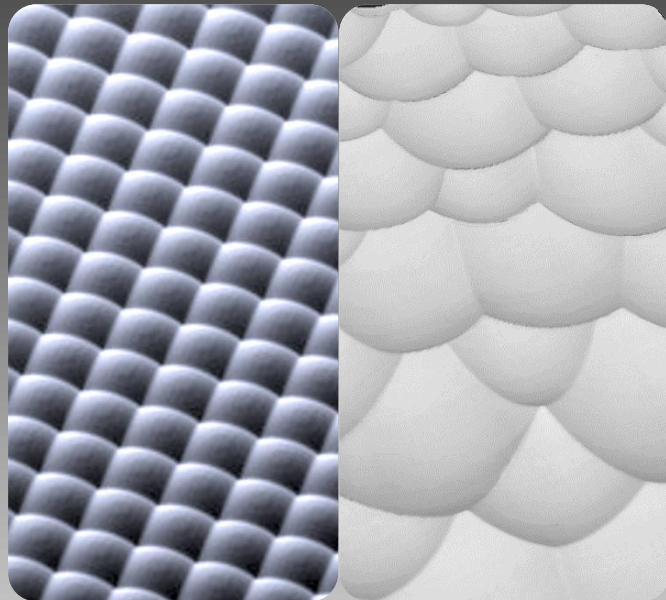


- With 10 overlapping CI-Over 10

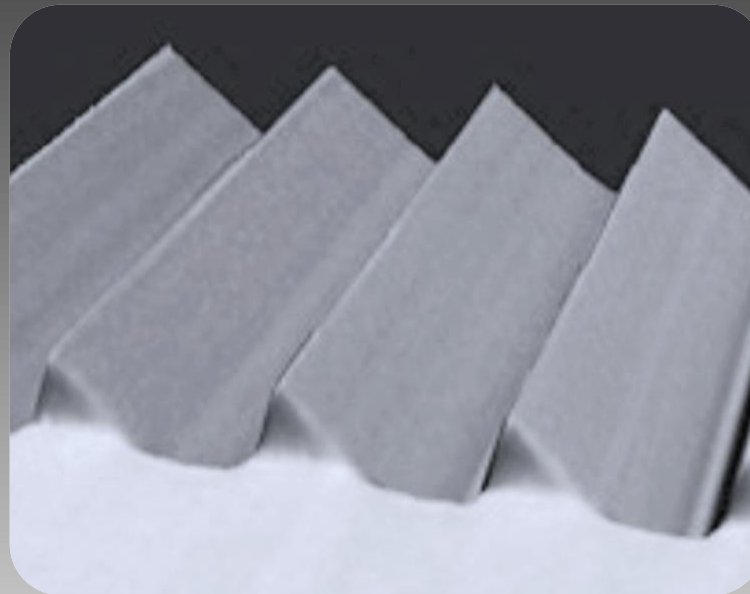


Grayscale: Micro-optic applications

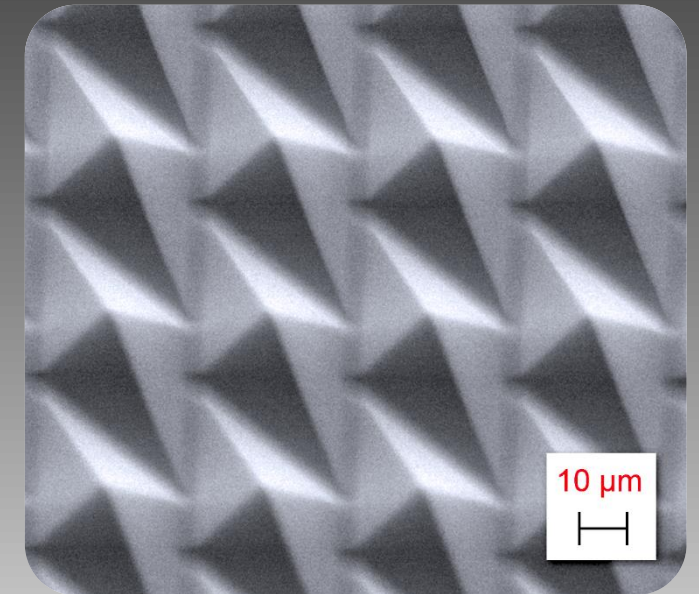
Micro Lens Arrays



Blazed gratings

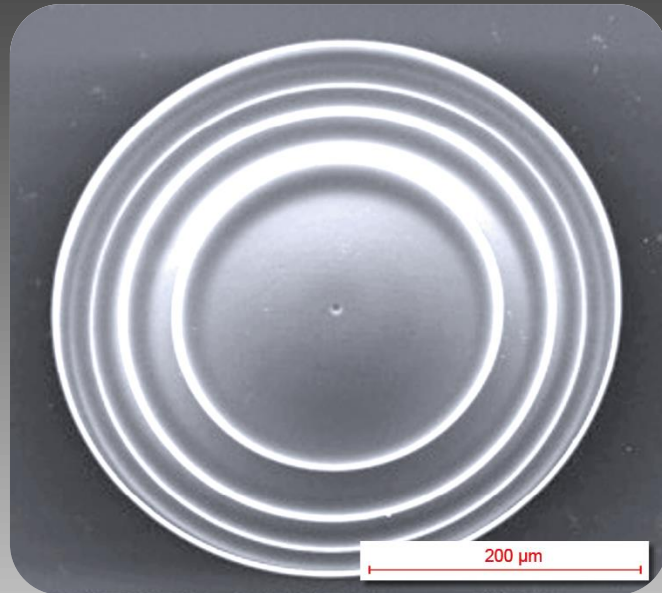


Diffusers & reflectors

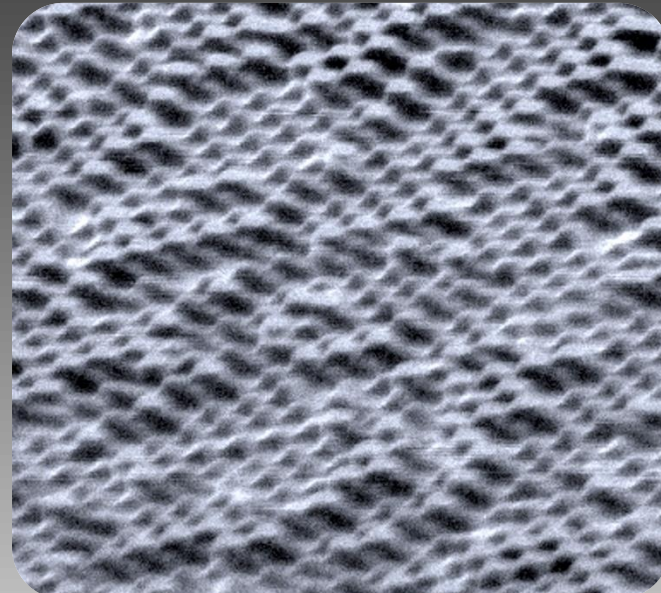


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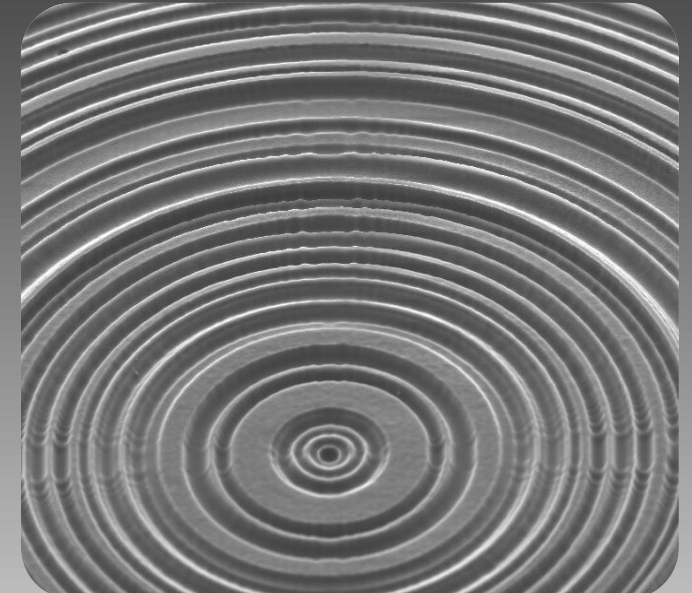
Fresnel lenses



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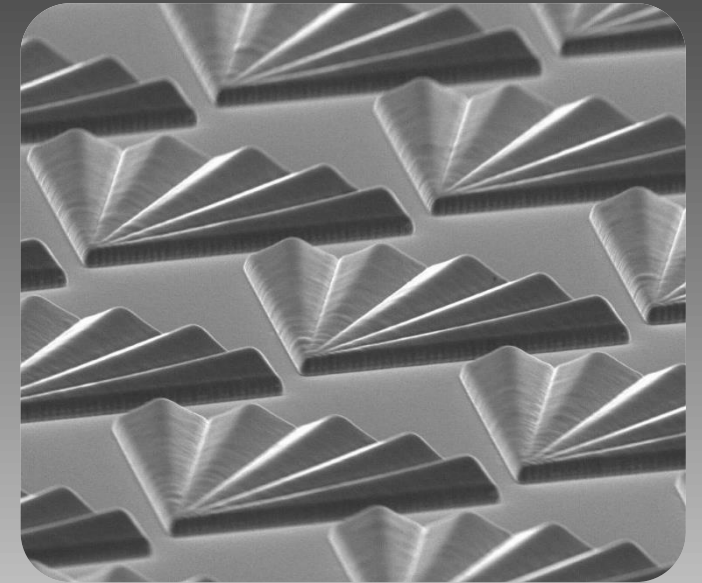
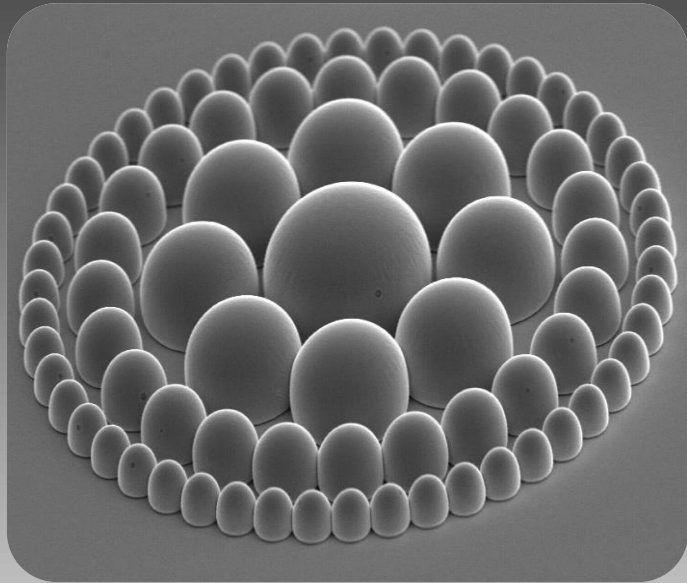


Multi Level Diffractive Flat Lens



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Grayscale: Micro-optic applications



SEM images courtesy of Kuraray & IGI

3D Lithography



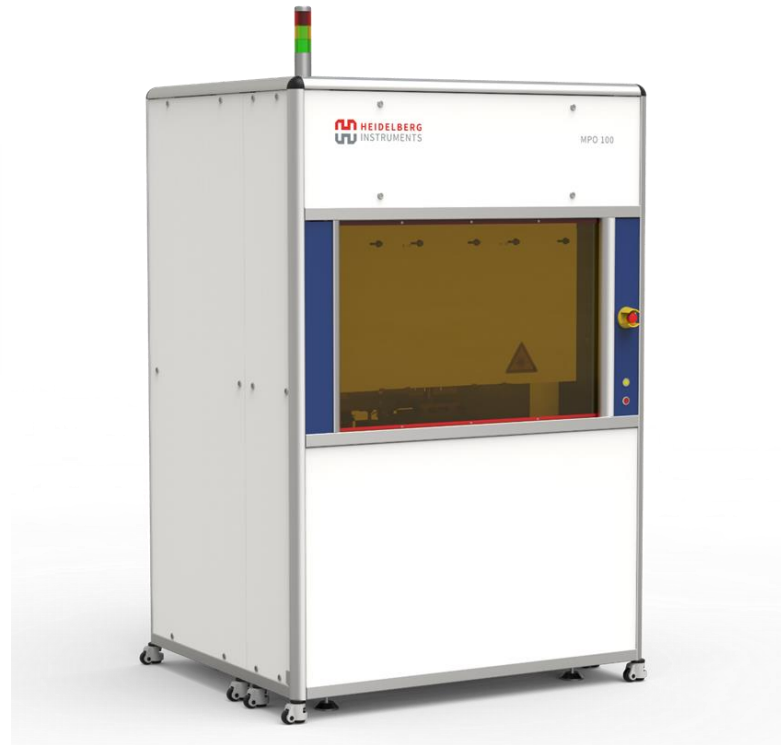
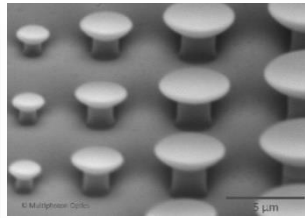
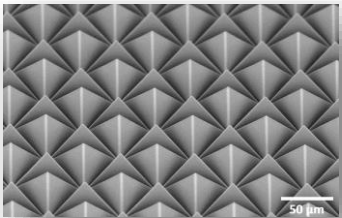
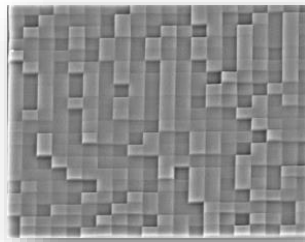
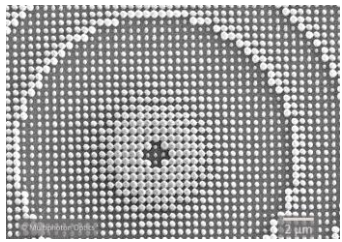
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3D Microprinting

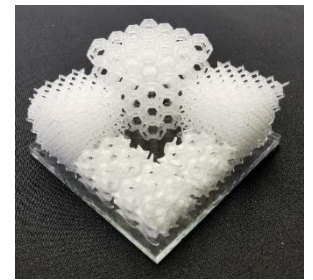
Applications:

Photonics, Microoptics, ...



Applications:

μ -fluidics, μ -mechanics, Biomedical, ...



MPO 100 enables...

... 3D Lithography with feature sizes of 100 nm and optical surface quality below $R_a = 10$ nm

... 3D Microprinting of structures with a height of over 1 cm and maximum scan speeds ≥ 1000 mm/s



Principle of two-photon polymerization

single voxel

1PA $W \propto I$

2PA $W \propto I^2$

regions of absorption

photoresist

simple adjustment by laser power & focusing objective

fine

medium

coarse

structures

Air or immersion objective

w/ or w/o coverglas

negative photoresist

substrate

voxel

Intensity

Threshold

Developer

negative photoresist

substrate

substrate

50 μ m



100 nm feature size

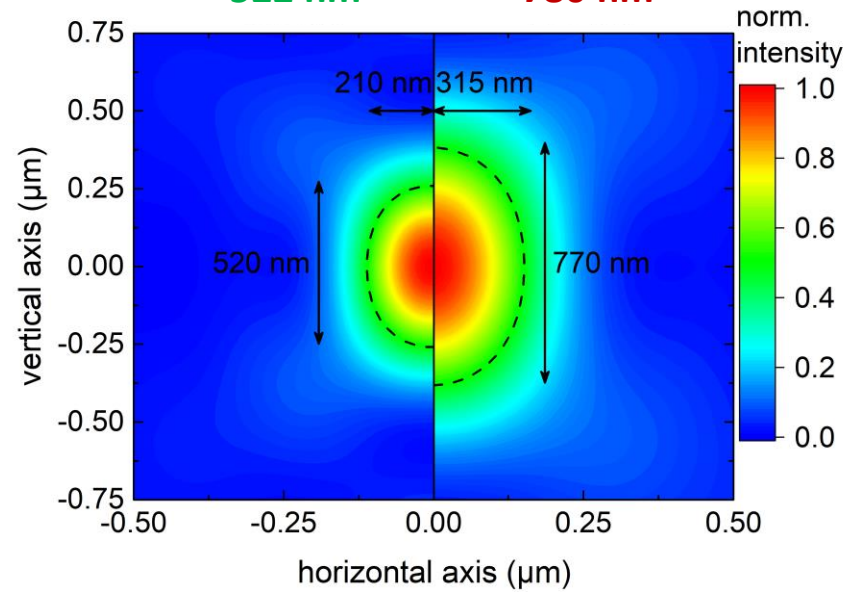
Simulation

Intensity Distribution at Focal Point

fs laser wavelength:

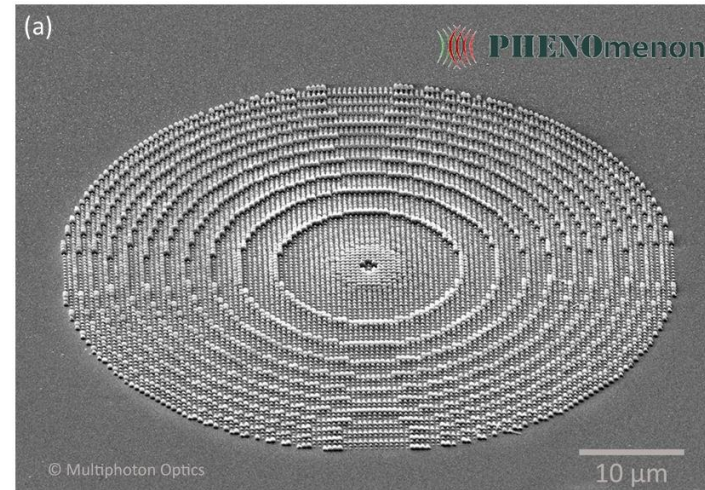
522 nm

780 nm

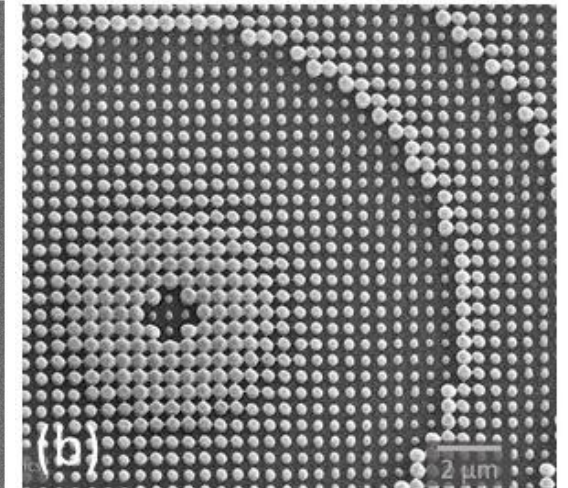


Increase of resolution as by Rayleigh criterion of about 30%

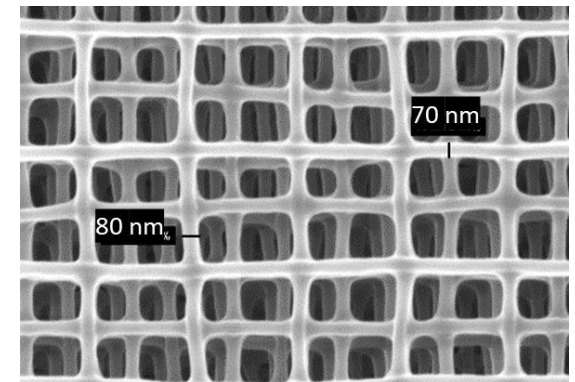
Experiment



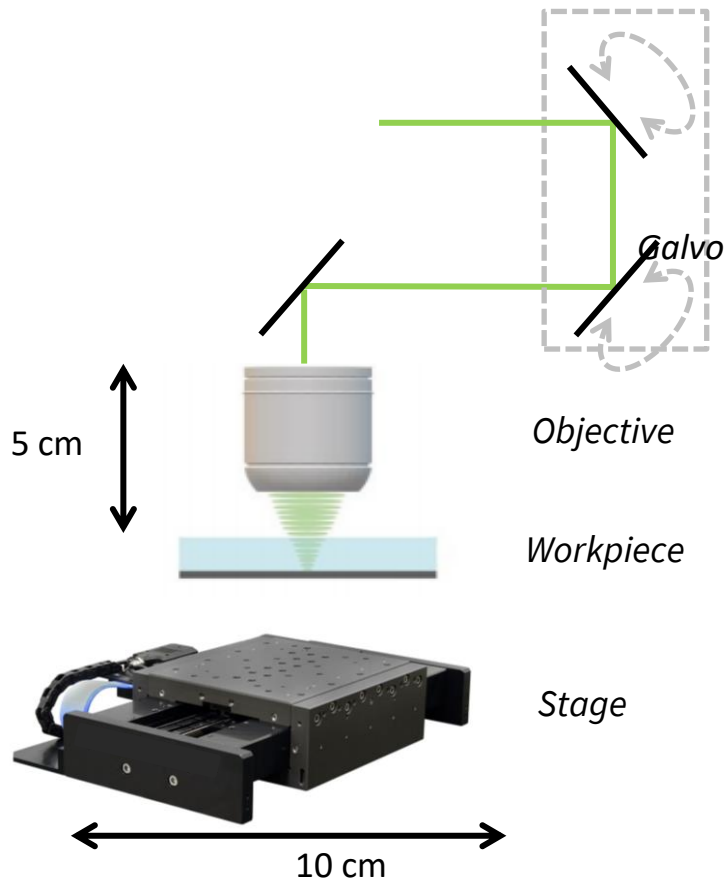
Metalens with 100nm features



Pushed to the limit:
~75 nm lines
@ 350 nm pitch



Beam, motion & strategies



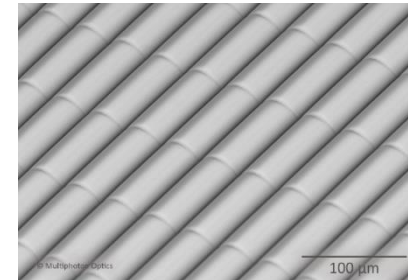
Continuous Scan

Laser focus fixed
Scanning with stage



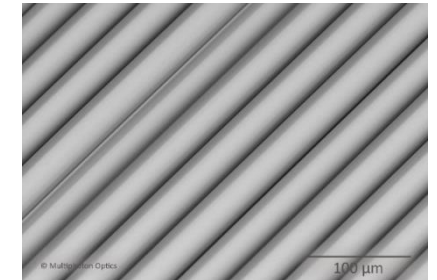
Scan-and-Step

Stage moving in steps
Scanning with galvo

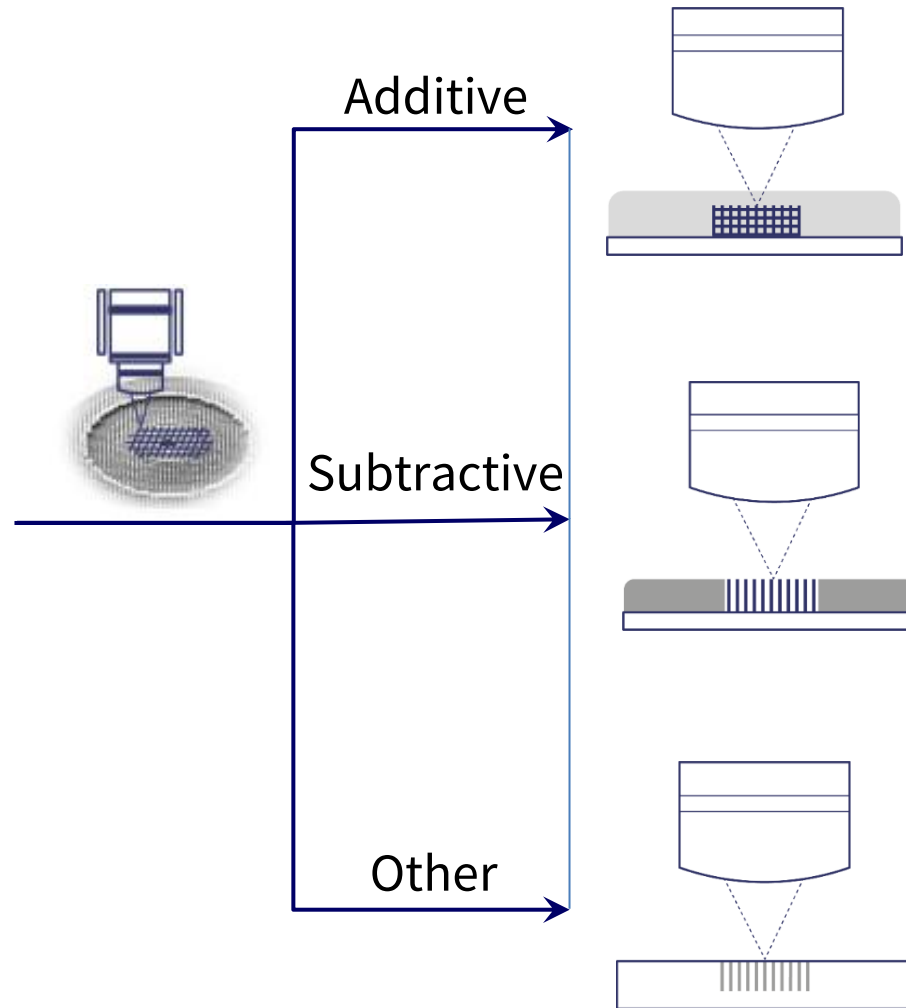


IFoV Infinite Field-of-View

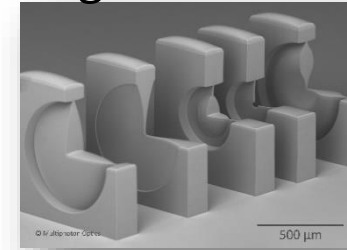
Stage continuously moving
Scanning with galvo



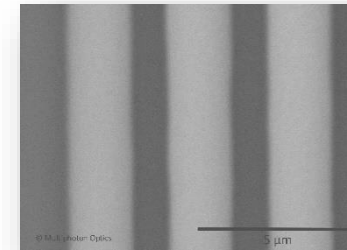
Materials



Negative resist



Positive resist



Foturan glass

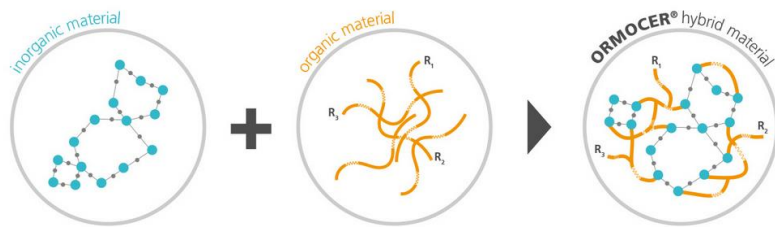


Customer Use Case



ORMOCER® - ORganically MODified CERamic

Hybrid polymer with organic and inorganic components

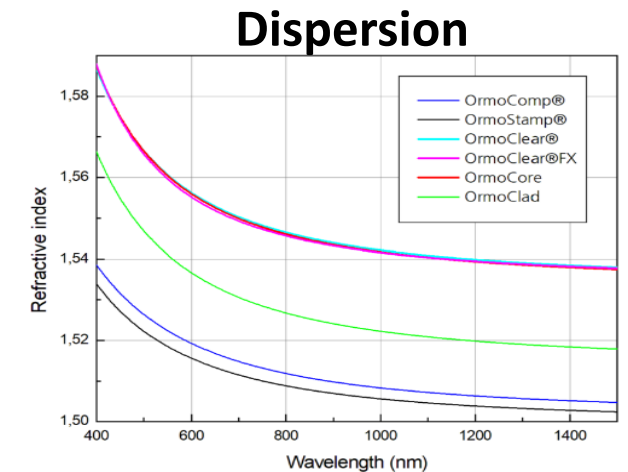
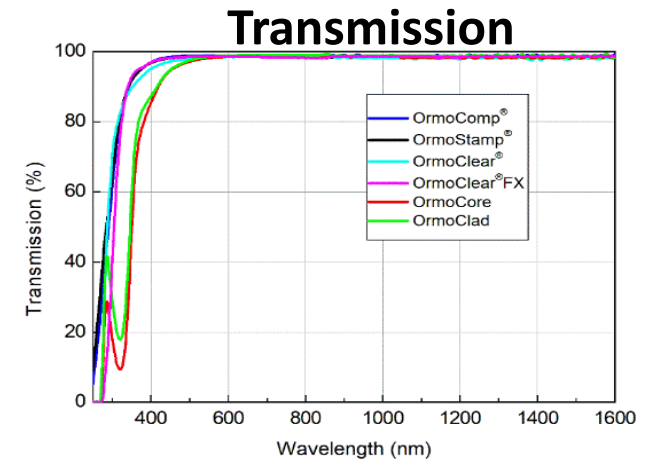


- High thermal and chemical stability
- Very high transmission
- Excellent mechanical properties
- Applicable as functional component
- Long term stability

OrmoComp®

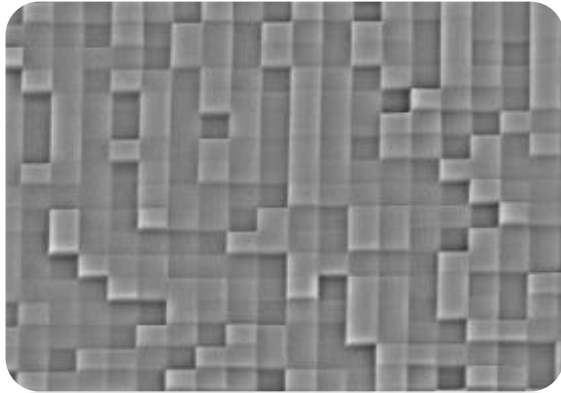
Solvent-free	Yes
Volume shrinkage [%]	5 – 7
RI @ 589 nm (25 °C, cured)	1.520
Abbe number	47
CTE (20-100 °C) [ppm/K]	60
Thermal stability [°C]	270
Oxygen sensitivity	No
Biocompatibility	Yes ^[1]

^[1] J. Tissue Eng. Regen. Med. 2007; 1: 443-449; <https://doi.org/10.1002/term.57>

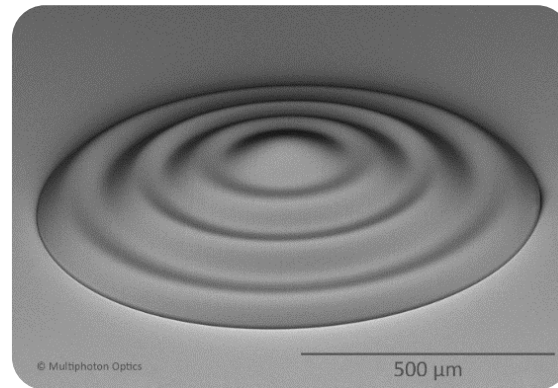


On Substrate fabrication

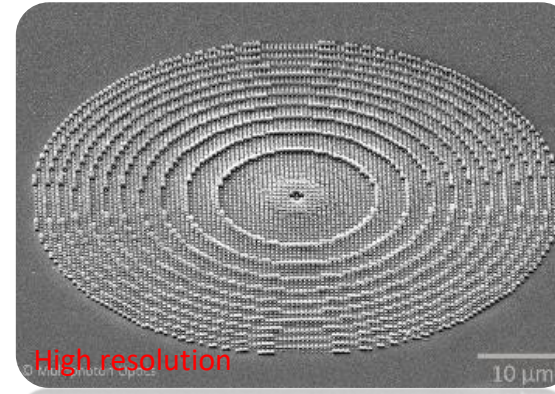
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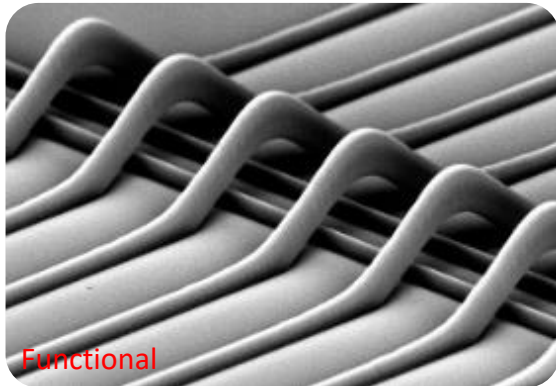
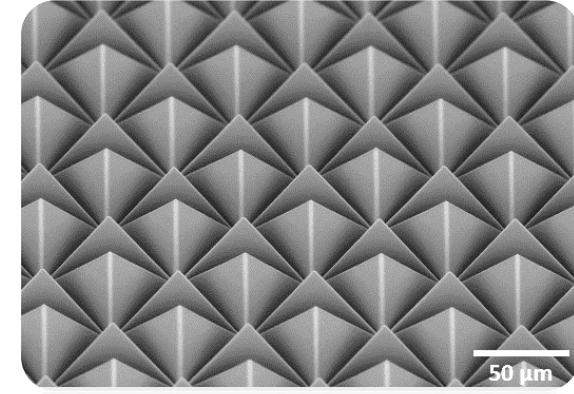
Fresnel lens



Meta lens



Reflector



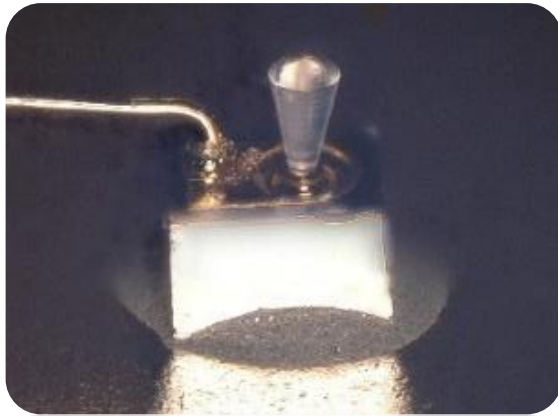
On a substrate, the components can be functional or used as a master (2.5D).

Real 3D, high resolution and stitching free objects can be fabricated.

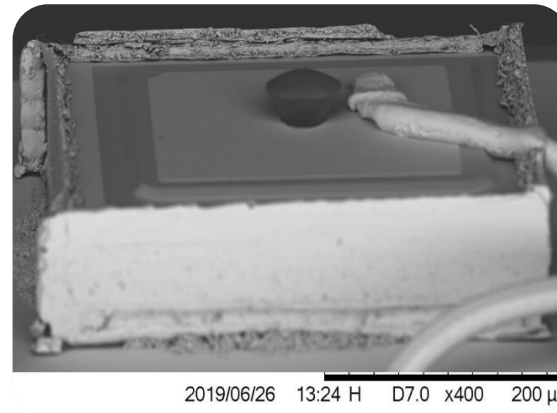


On device fabrication

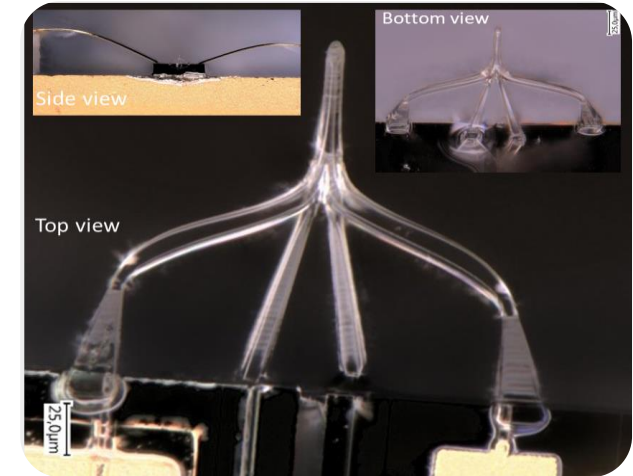
Conic lens on a LED



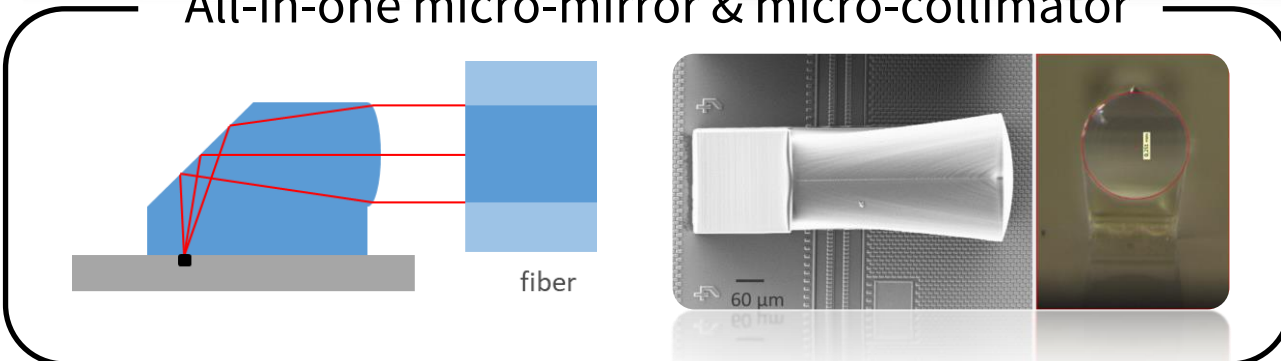
Microlens on a VCSEL



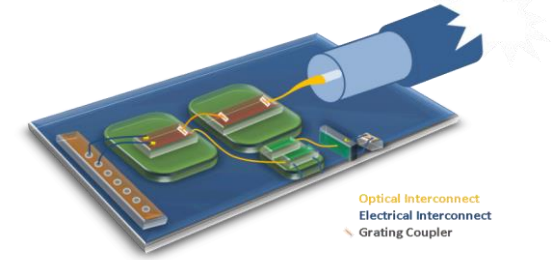
Coupling of 2 lasers with a lens on the output tip



All-in-one micro-mirror & micro-collimator



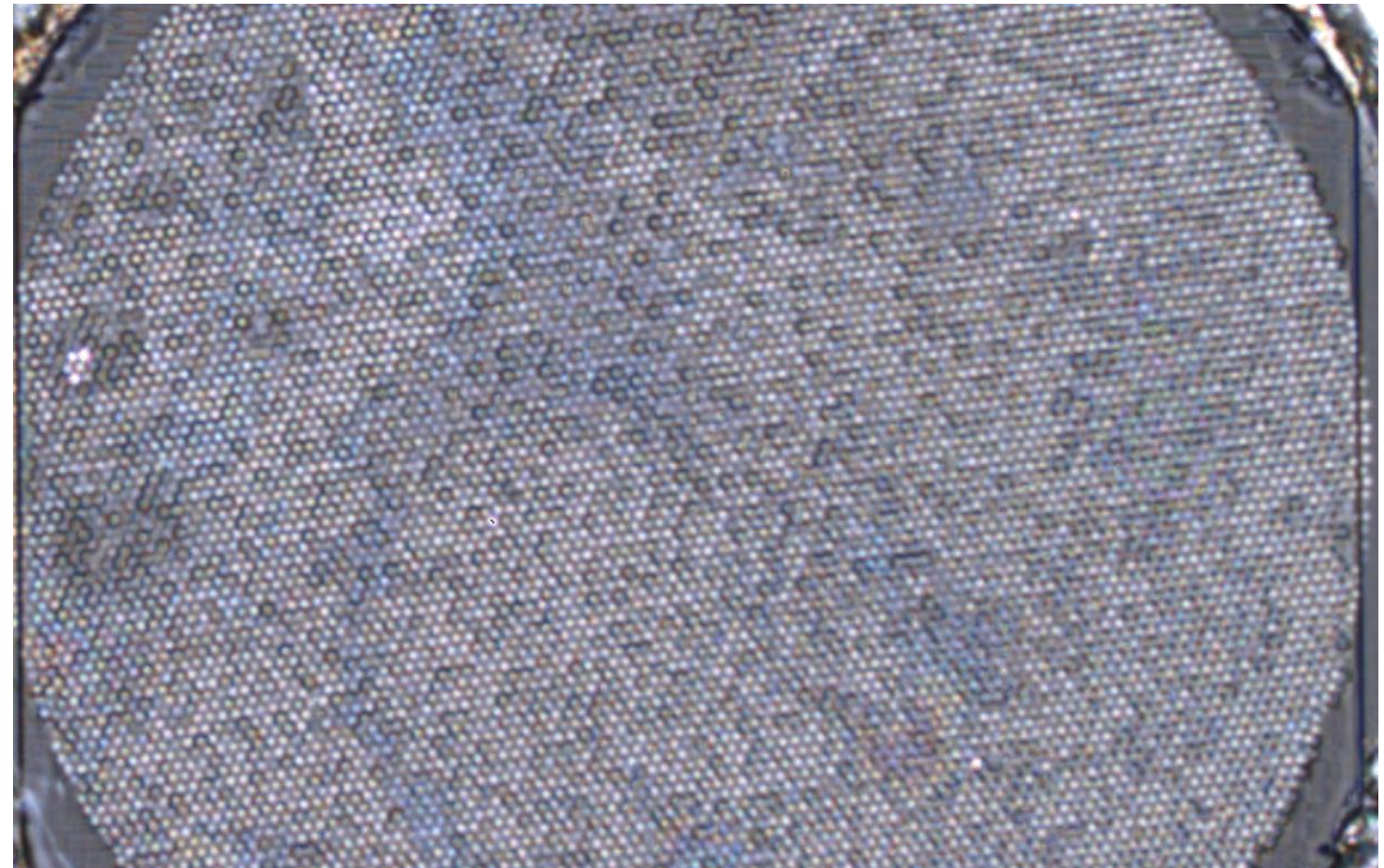
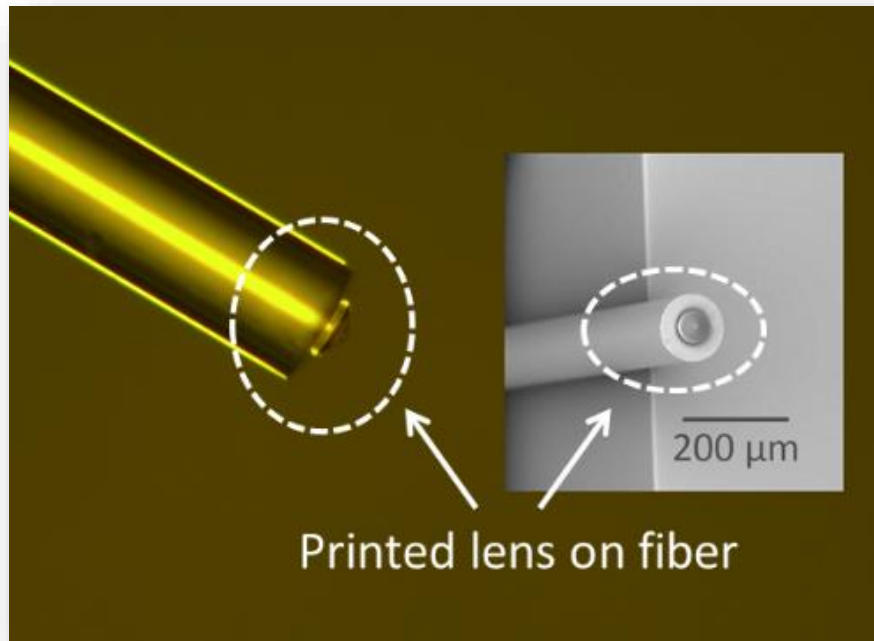
Light coupling



Use cases: endoscopy

Phase correcting optical elements on fiber with multicores

Lenses printed on the fiber tip



THANK YOU!

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