

Additive Manufacturing for Industrial Micro-optics Production

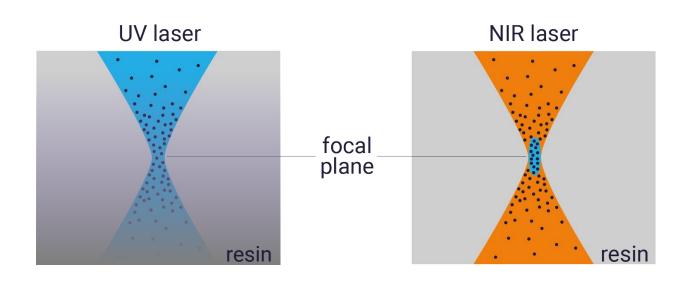
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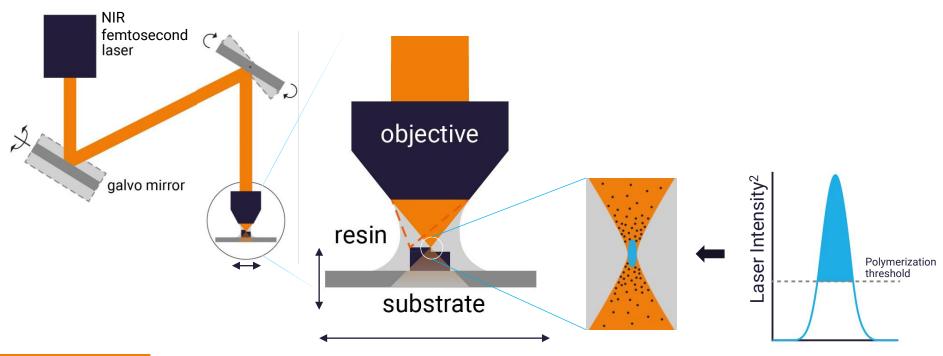
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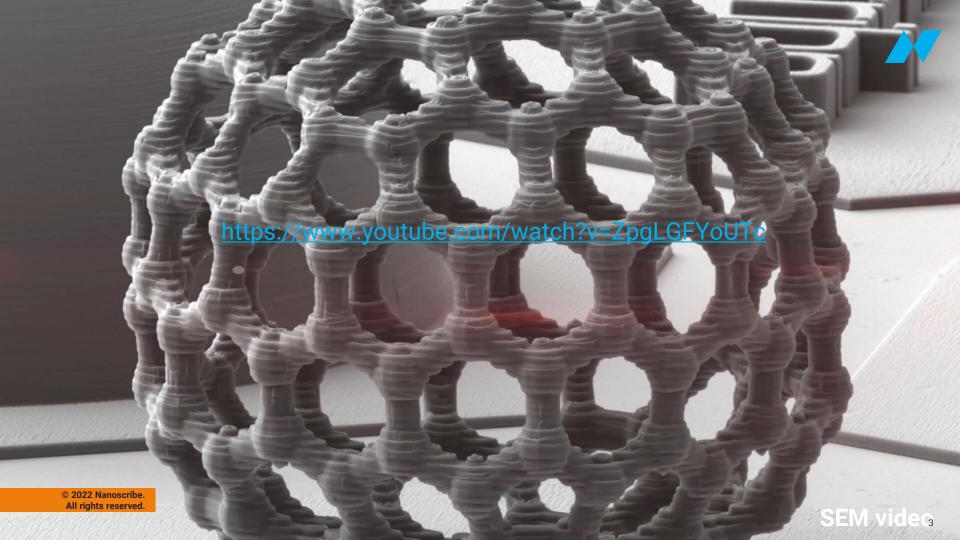




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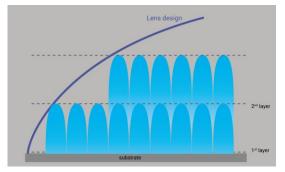


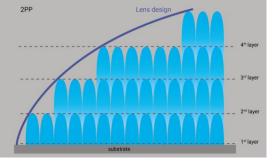


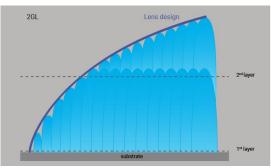


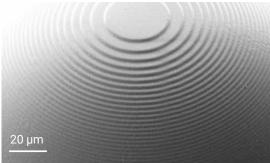
Challenge in high-precision 3D printing Staircasing vs. printing speed

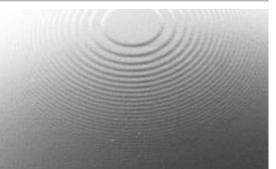


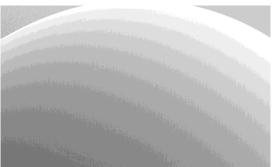












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2PP with fine slicing

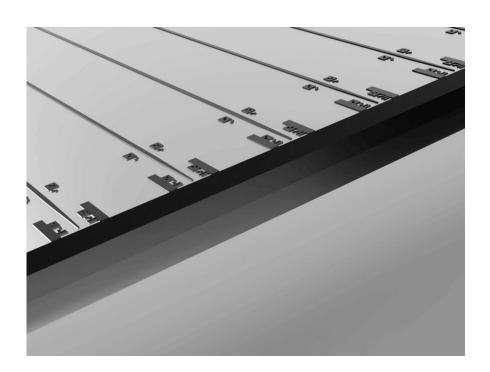
2GL® with coarse slicing

Print on-chip

Confocal module for 3D alignment

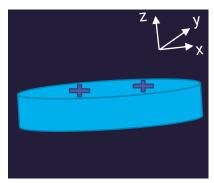


- Confocal module
- ▶ 3D topography measurements and automatic alignment
- 3D alignment precision down to 100 nm (lateral)
- Print onto surfaces or facets of photonic chips



Application examples





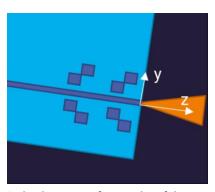
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3D alignment to flat wafers or topographies on wafers



Printing on fibers

3D alignment to fiber core and emission direction

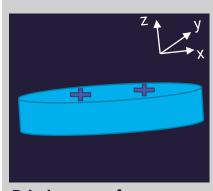


Printing on photonic chips

3D alignment to on-chip markers, waveguides etc.

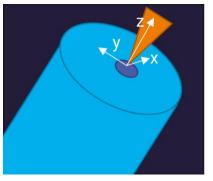
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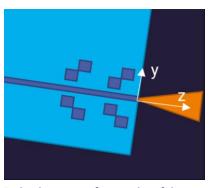
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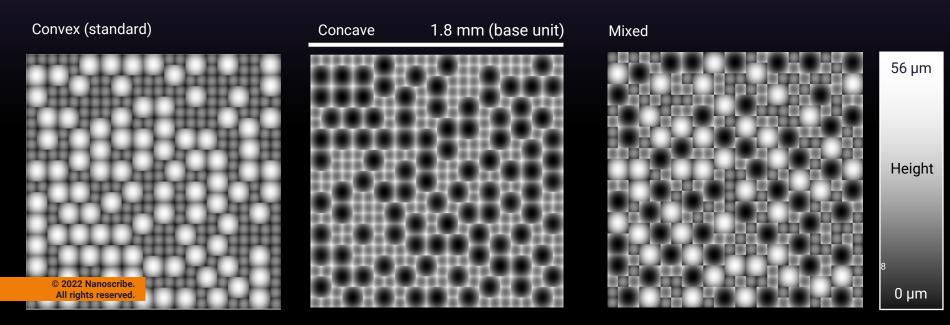
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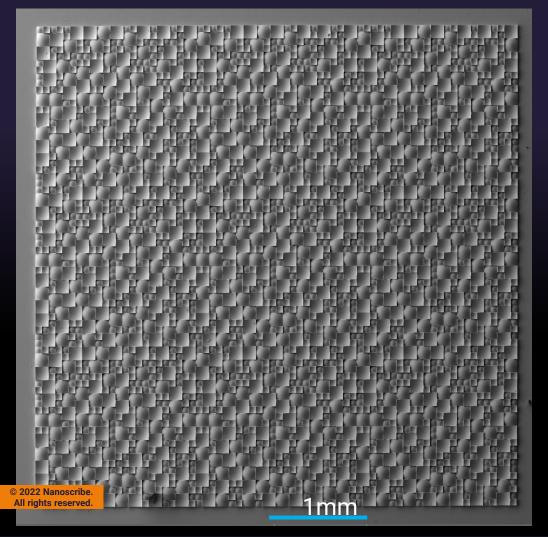
Refractive beam diffuser based on random MLA



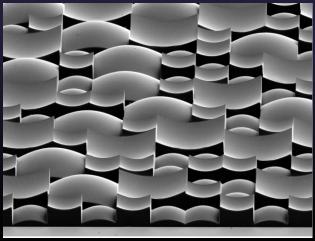


- Design files exported to grayscale 16-bit PNG images with a pixel size of 200nm
- Base unit 1.8 mm wide was repeated in a 3x3 array to create a 5.4 mm diffuser.





Tilt corrected sample



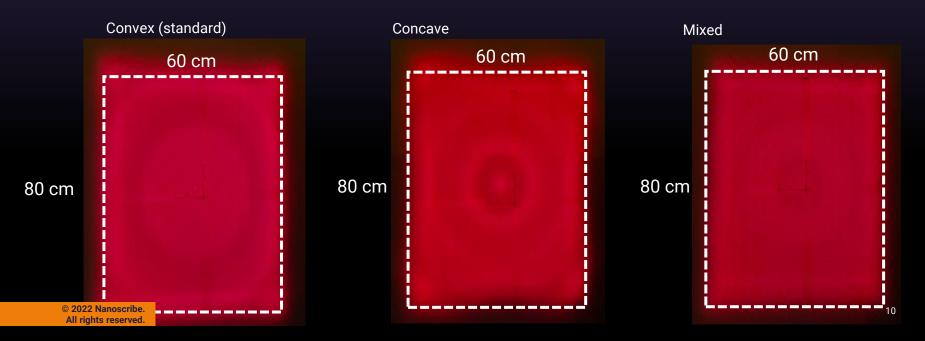
Very uniform patterning accuracy over extensive areas 5.4 mm by 5.4 mm

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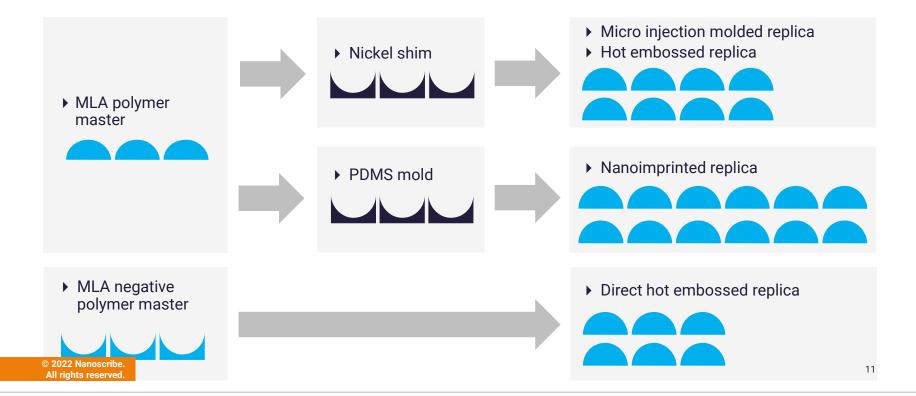
Experimental results



Replication processes

From polymer master to small series production

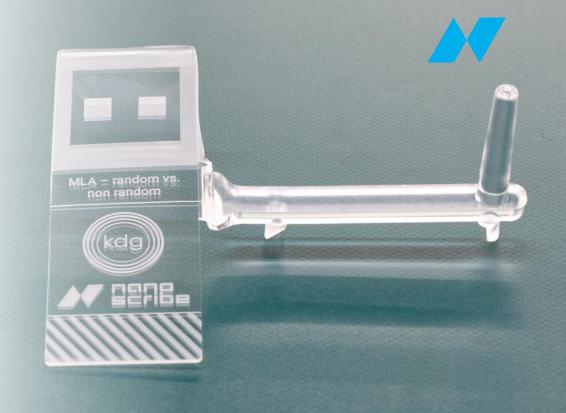




Replication processes Injection Molding

- Beam homogenizer
- Injection molded replica
- Sprue and runner still attached
- Produced by our partner kdg





Replication processes
Nanoimprint Lithography

- ▶ 8" wafer replication
- Nanoimprint lithography
- Produced by our partner EV Group

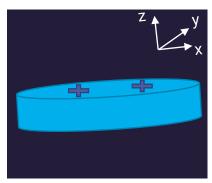






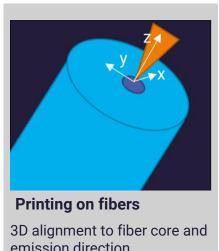
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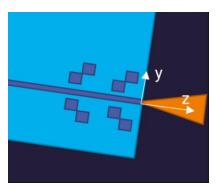


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emission direction

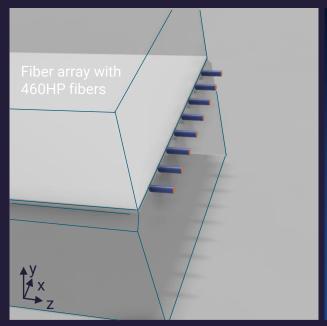


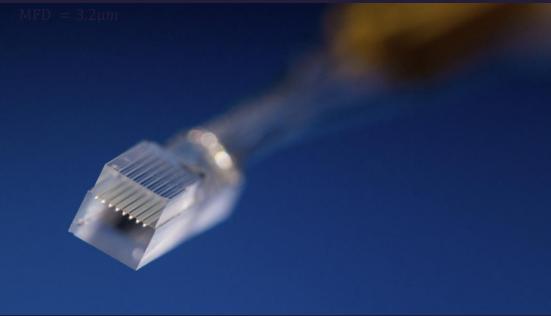
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Printing on fibers: Printing process

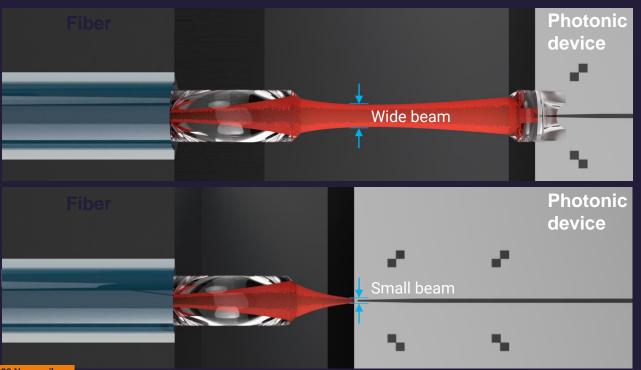






Application example – Printing on fibers Tailored lensed fibers



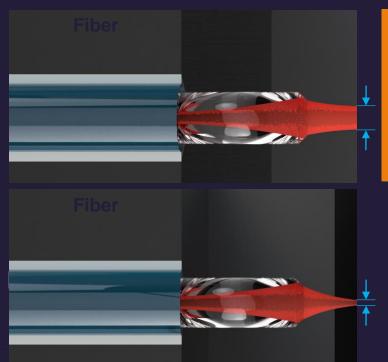


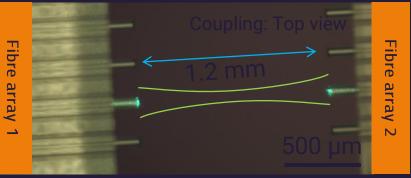
Beam expander for relaxed alignment tolerances in packaging

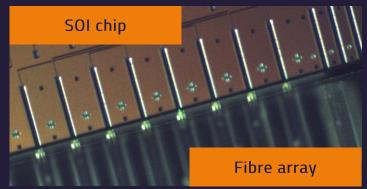
Focusing lenses for low loss direct coupling to tapered waveguides

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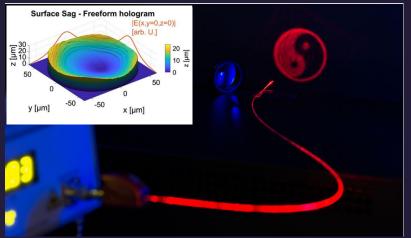
Other application examples – Printing on fibers



Optical probes for wafer-level testing of PICs

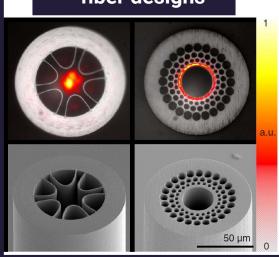
Alignment marker Aspheric lens surface SiP

Tailored micro-optical freeform holograms for integrated complex beam shaping



S. Schmidt et al., Optica 7, 1279-1286 (2020)

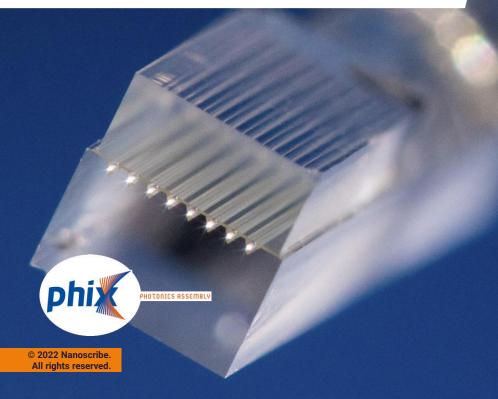
3D printed waveguides based on photonic crystal fiber designs



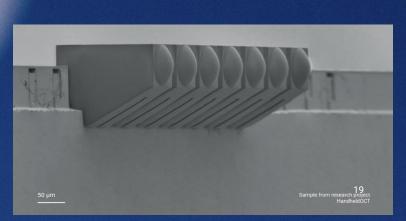
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Quantum X align

Connect to the photonic world
3D printed Free Space Microoptical Coupling

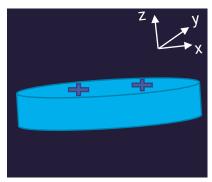






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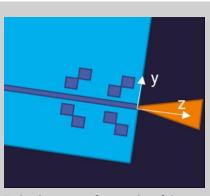
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Handheld Optical Coherence Tomography

HandheldOCT (#871312, H2020-ICT-2019-2, ICT-05-2019)



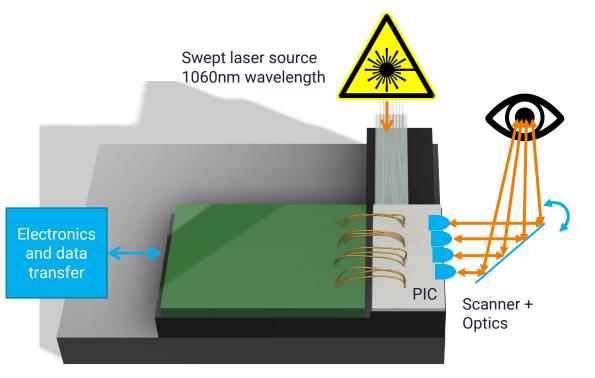








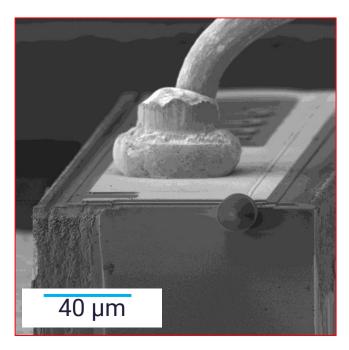


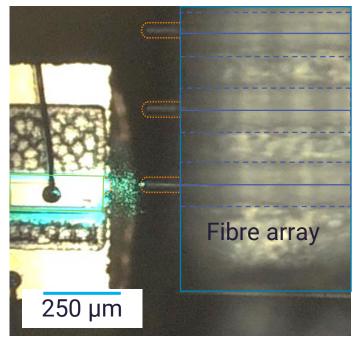


Miniaturized laser sources for quantum applications (MiLiQuant)











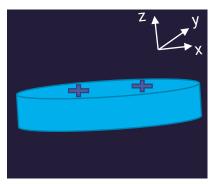






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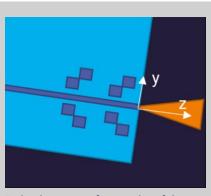
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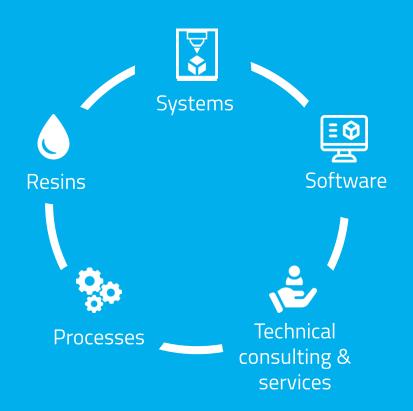
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