



Displacement Talbot Lithography: A high-throughput, high-fidelity optical lithography solution for manufacturing AR waveguides

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Eulitha – Lithography for Photonics



- Equipment and solutions provider
 - Application-focused R&D department
 - Continuously innovating to match growing photonics markets
 - Recently expanded DEMO lab for lithography services and development projects
- Global customers and support
 - +50 systems world-wide
 - Zurich, Switzerland (headquarters), Seattle, US, and Beijing, China





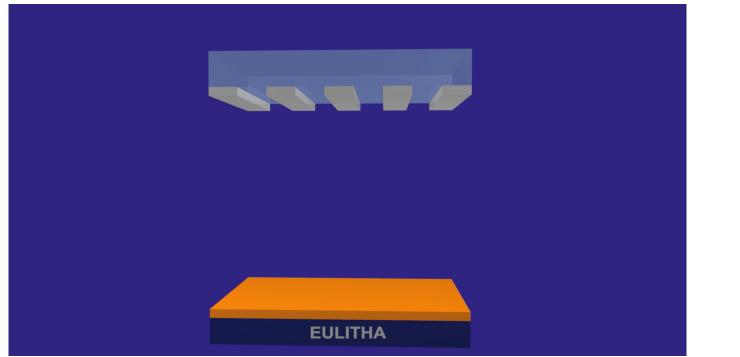
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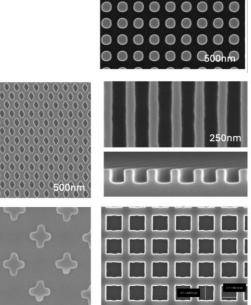
Overview of Displacement Talbot Lithography (DTL) 💦 Eulitha



- Pitch doubling of grating from mask to substrate
- 3D interference pattern translates to large depth of focus
- No reduction of exposure field, matches mask
- Very tight design control and low LER

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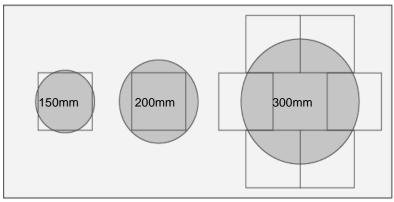
• Requires pattern to have local periodicity





Advantages of DTL for manufacturing AR Waveguides

- Seamless device printing, 140x140mm² exposure fields for large-area devices
- Capable of a wide 2D duty cycle range and warped gratings
- Large depth of focus allows printing on curved surfaces as well as low TTV substrates



140x140mm² exposure fields overlaying a 6in, 8in, and 12in substrates

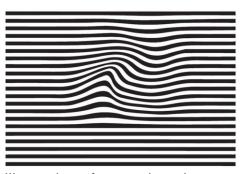
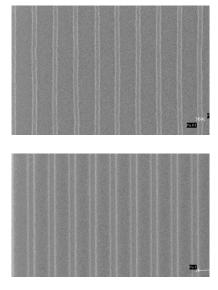
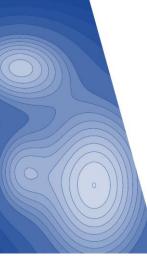


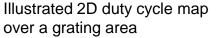
Illustration of warped grating pattern

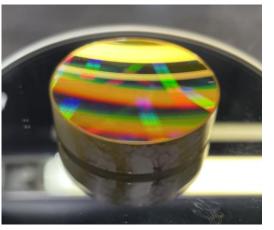
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Ex. 350nm pitch 25%-75% Duty Cycle





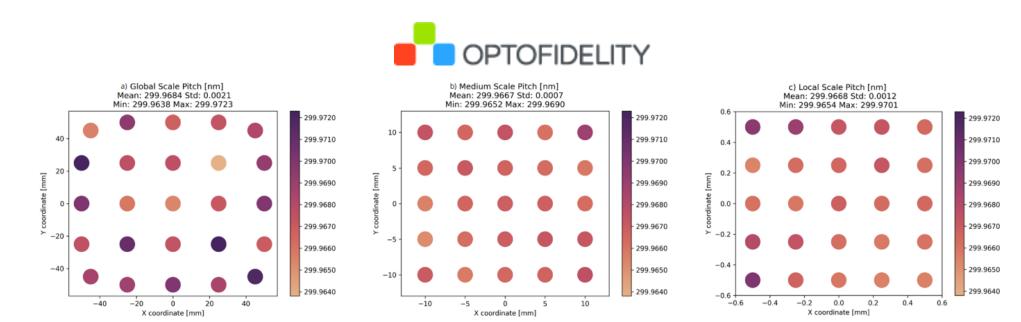


Lens with 2mm of concave curvature patterned with DTL



Advantages of DTL for manufacturing AR Waveguides

- Mask-locked design:
 - Within large exposure field, all types of structures pattern simultaneously
 - Locked grating orientations
 - Excellent pitch control, uniformity tested in collaboration with Optofidelity



Littrow diffractometer measurements of grating pitch non-uniformity range of a) 8.5pm on global scale, b) 3.8pm on medium scale and c) 4.7pm on local scale

Displacement Talbot Lithography Platforms



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Up to 150mm substrates Manual wafer processing Manual mask loading Manual alignment Single exposure field

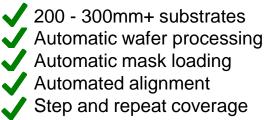


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 150-200mm substrates
Automatic wafer processing Manual mask loading
Automated alignment Single exposure field

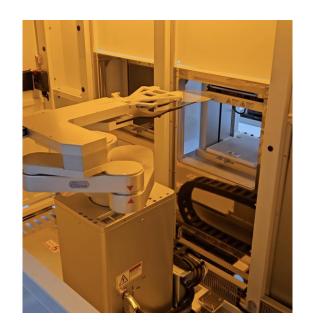
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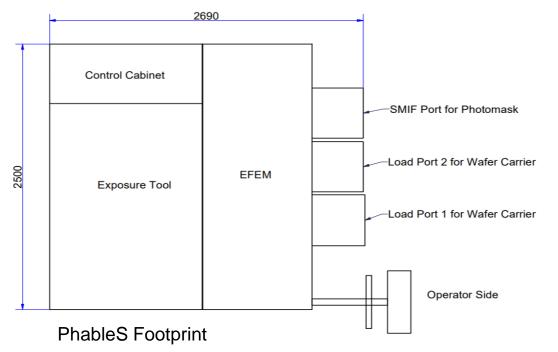
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Advantages of High-Volume DTL

- Affordable, high-resolution patterning
- High yield
 - Low defectivity; non-contact, automatic mask loading and wafer processing
 - Low variation, high repeatability
- Highly customizable
 - Resolution-driven source selection (UV or DUV)
 - Substrate size, weight, thickness, and shape
 - Polarization control and proximity exposure mode
 - Module configuration: PEB plate, track compatibility

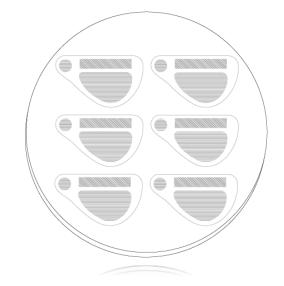




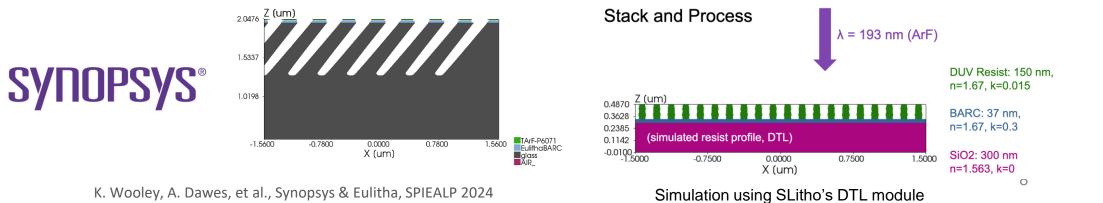


Integration of Displacement Talbot Lithography

- DTL leverages the mature semiconductor industry
- Industry standard 6in high-resolution masks
- Standard PTD and NTD photoresists, AR coatings, and developers
- Highly scalable technology, ~40 wafer per hour for 300mm patterning
- End-to-end manufacturing simulation software through partner, Synopsys



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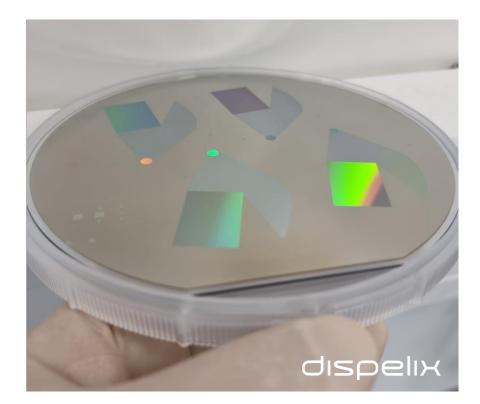


Fabrication Demonstration: Augmented Reality Waveguide

- Substrate is 150mm high index glass wafer
- Stitching free, single exposure of mask-locked design
- Patterns developed in photoresist subsequently etched into optical films



Augmented reality waveguides on 6in transparent substrate

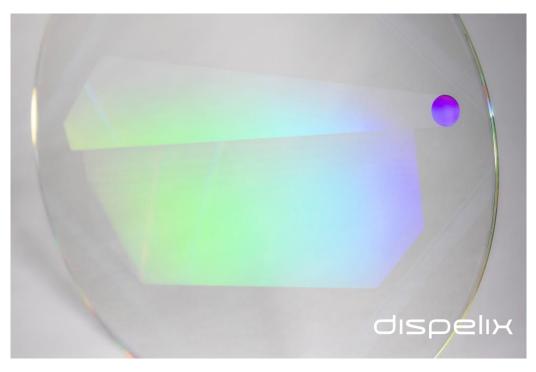


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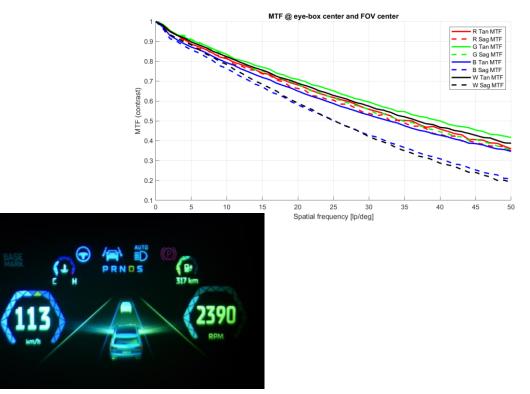


Fabrication Demonstration: Heads Up Display

- Substrate is 200mm high index glass wafer
- Combiner gratings printed seamlessly in a single exposure
- Image sharpness through HUD proves high fidelity of the grating structures



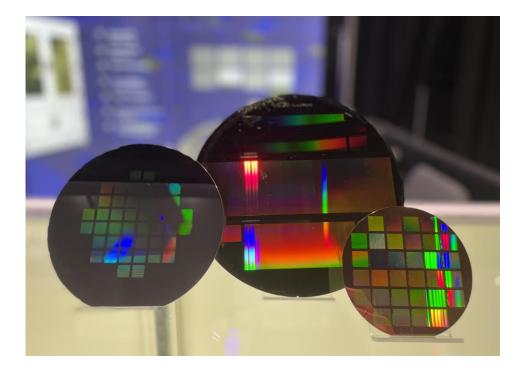
HUD waveguide printed on 200mm-diameter glass substrate Out-Coupler grating seen diffracting visible light





Summary: Innovative Patterning for AR Waveguides

- Advantages of non-contact exposures, long lifetime masks, low-defectivity, and seamless device printing
- Leverages semiconductor industry knowledge, masks, resists, scaling, and simulation packages
- Eulitha's customer support: Internal simulation, process development, demo lab capabilities, and equipment services
- DTL is a high-resolution, low-cost optical lithography solution for manufacturing AR waveguides



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Demonstration of DTL-based augmented reality glasses

