



# Ultrafast Lasers in Precision Processing of Intraocular Lenses

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# Ultrafast Laser Applications: Micromachining and Beyond

## Industry, Medical, Science



### Already Industrialized

#### CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

Smart phones: chip dicing, microphone holes drilling, PCB drilling, glass cutting, etc., OLED Displays

#### MECHANICAL COMPONENTS

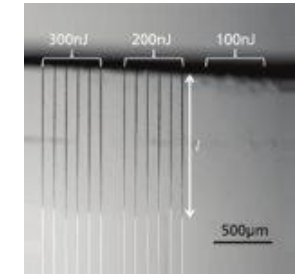
Medical Devices, Automotive Components, Watchmaking, Jewelry, Plastic Injection Tools.



### Emerging Applications

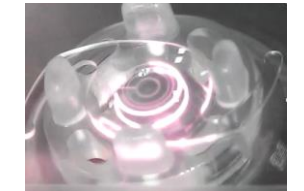
#### GLASS PROCESSING

Drilling, coating removal, selective etching, 3D processing, etc.



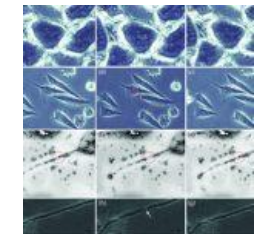
#### MEDICAL and MEDICAL DEVICES

Eye diseases treatment, Intraocular lenses, cochlear implants, biocompatible surfaces, dermatology, tissue processing, etc.



#### SCIENCE

Neuroscience, bio-imaging, spectroscopy, atto-science, etc.

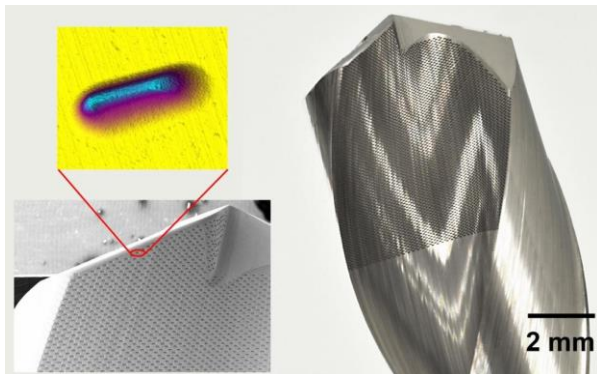
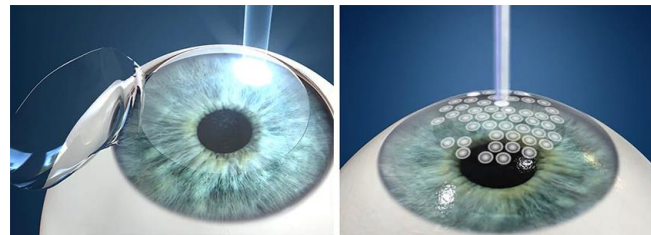


#### ENERGY

Photovoltaic, fuel cells, batteries.

#### MEDICAL APPLICATIONS

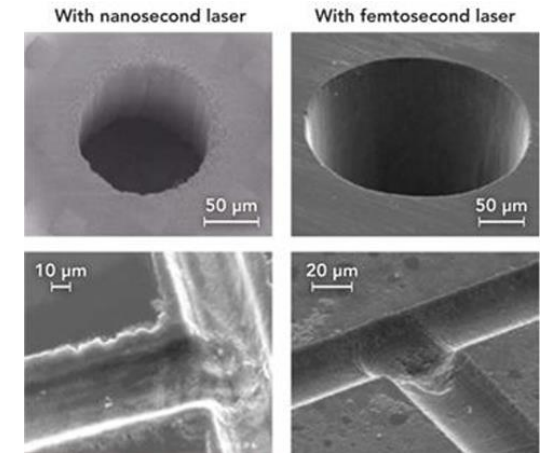
Surgery, LASIK, ophtalmology.



## Why femtosecond laser?

Compared to other micromachining solutions, it offers:

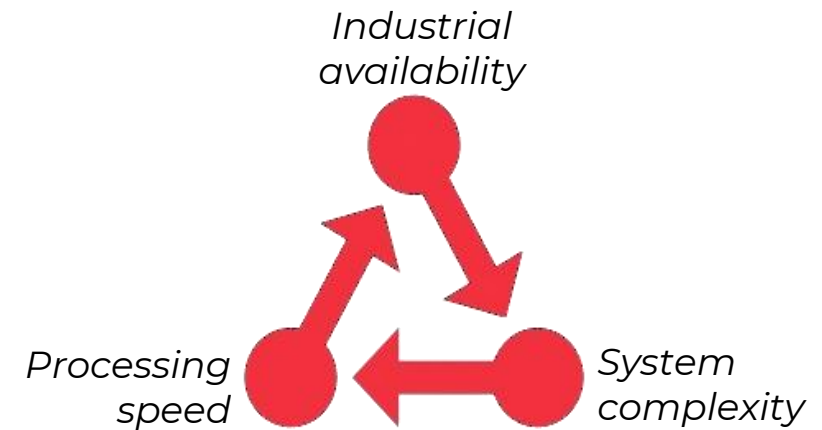
- unprecedented **precision and flexibility**,
- **no heat input** on the material,
- **no waste** of tool, material, water or chemicals,
- **safety** with minimized human contact,
- processing **any material**: metal, polymer, glass, diamond, etc.
- suitable for **industry 4.0**, focus already on 5.0.



## Challenges: Speed, Costs and New Applications

Practical drawbacks:

- **speed**: has to speed up for volume production,
- **cost**: at least 3x more expensive than conventional tools,
- **service**: complex serviceability.



# Our Solution: GHz-Burst fs-Laser Technology

## Higher Machining Speed & Simple System Design

Lumos's **breakthrough innovation**  
to improve **industrial availability**

A completely new laser design, offering

- ✓ 5-10 times **higher processing speed**\*
- ✓ **Low-power laser architecture**
- ✓ Simplified laser modules available for industrial adaptation
- ✓ Easier serviceability
- ✓ **Lower initial cost**
- ✓ Up to 80% **energy saving**

over current femtosecond laser solutions.

\*Depends on the material.

## Our Articles on High Micromachining Speed

**nature**  
International journal of science

LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature18610

### Ablation-cooled material removal with ultrafast bursts of pulses

Can Kerse<sup>1</sup>, Hamit Kalaycıoğlu<sup>2</sup>, Parviz Elahi<sup>2</sup>, Barbaros Çetin<sup>3</sup>, Denizhan K. Kesim<sup>1</sup>, Önder Akcaalan<sup>1</sup>, Seydi Yavaş<sup>4</sup>, Mehmet D. Aşık<sup>5</sup>, Bülent Ökten<sup>6</sup>, Heinar Hoogland<sup>7,8</sup>, Ronald Holzwarth<sup>7</sup> & Faith Omer Ilday<sup>1,2</sup>

The use of femtosecond laser pulses allows precise and thermal-damage-free removal of material (ablation) with wide-ranging scientific<sup>1–5</sup>, medical<sup>6–11</sup> and industrial applications<sup>12</sup>. However, its potential is limited by the low speeds at which material can be removed<sup>10–11,13</sup> and the complexity of the associated laser technology. The complexity of the laser design arises from the

time,  $\tau_p$ , is proportional to  $\delta^2/\alpha$ , where  $\delta$  is the depth or the lateral radius (whichever dimension is smaller) of the section of the material to be ablated and  $\alpha$  is its thermal diffusivity. For a train of  $N$  pulses, the temperature of the target surface that is encountered by the  $(n+1)$ th pulse is given by  $T_{n+1} = T_n + \delta T$ , where  $\delta T = \Delta T / \sqrt{1 + \tau_p/\tau_0}$  is the small net increase in target temperature by a single pulse

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### High throughput ablation with ultrafast GHz burst fiber laser

Seydi Yavas, F. Akin Ucar, Ibrahim Atesozer, M. Yusuf Kaya, Sohrab G. Karamali, Gizem Aksoy, Hamit Kalaycıoğlu

Author Affiliations

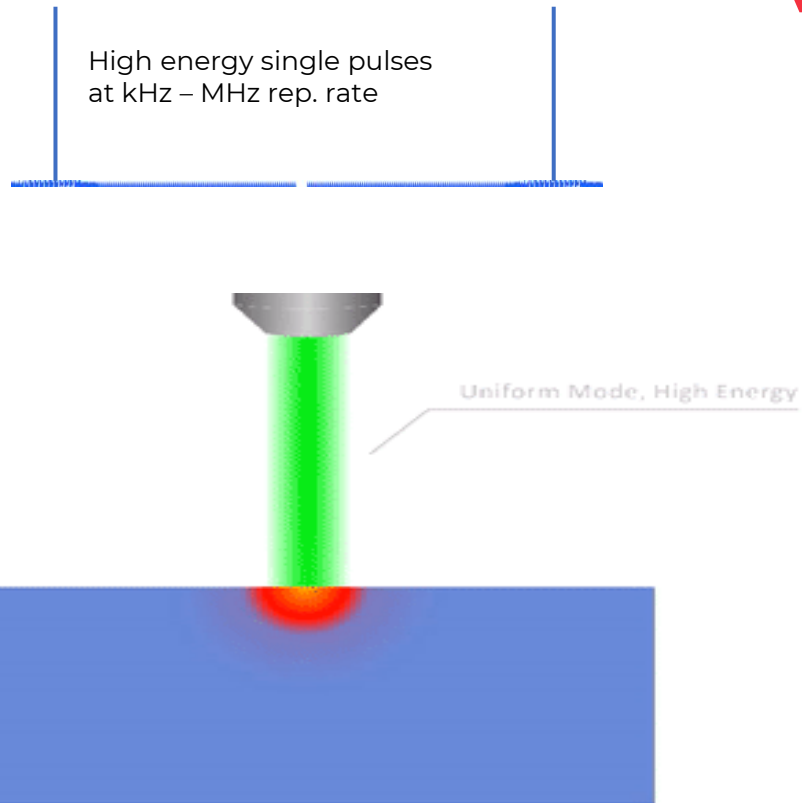
Proceedings Volume 11674, Laser-based Micro- and Nanoprocessing XV, 116741H (2021)

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Event: SPIE LASE, 2021, Online Only

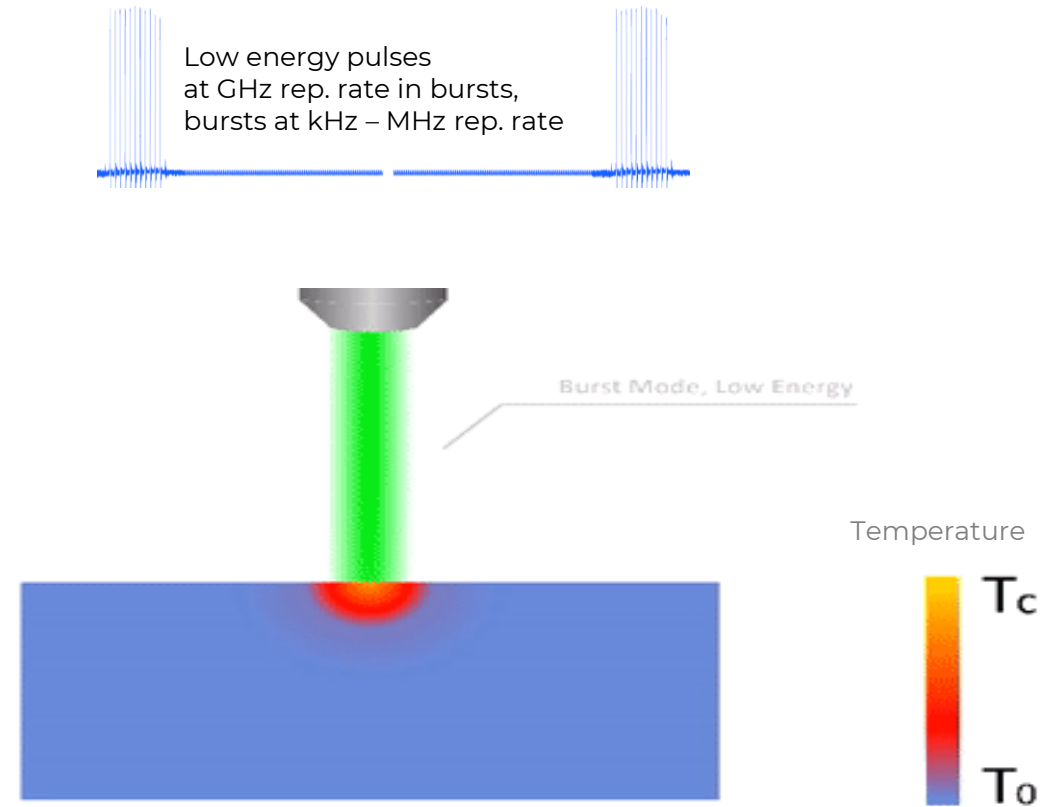
# Increasing the Speed: A Comparative Description

## Uniform fs Repetition Rate



VS

## GHz Burst fs Pulses



F. Ö. Ilday et al., Ablation-cooled material removal with ultrafast bursts of pulses. *Nature*, vol. 537, pp. 84–88 (2016).

# Material Processing Speed

Highest line scribing efficiency to date for stainless steel and Ti

Maximum Specific Ablation Rate [(mm <sup>3</sup> /min)/W]			
Material / Laser type	Lumos Duro GHz	GHz-Burst Literature	Uniform fs/others
Aluminum	1.88	2.01 [1]	0.40 [2]*
Copper	0.52	0.73 [1]	0.18 [3]
Silicon	1.74	2.29 [1]	-
Stainless Steel	1.93	1.05 [1]	0.26 [4]
Titanium	2.07	-	0.68 [5]**

At least 3x improvement in all materials compared to ablation with uniform repetition rate

Further parameter optimization needed to reveal full potential

[1] G. Bonamis et al, Optics Express, 28, (2020).

[2] J. Lopez et al, Journal of Laser Applications, 27, (2015).

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# Lumos Laser

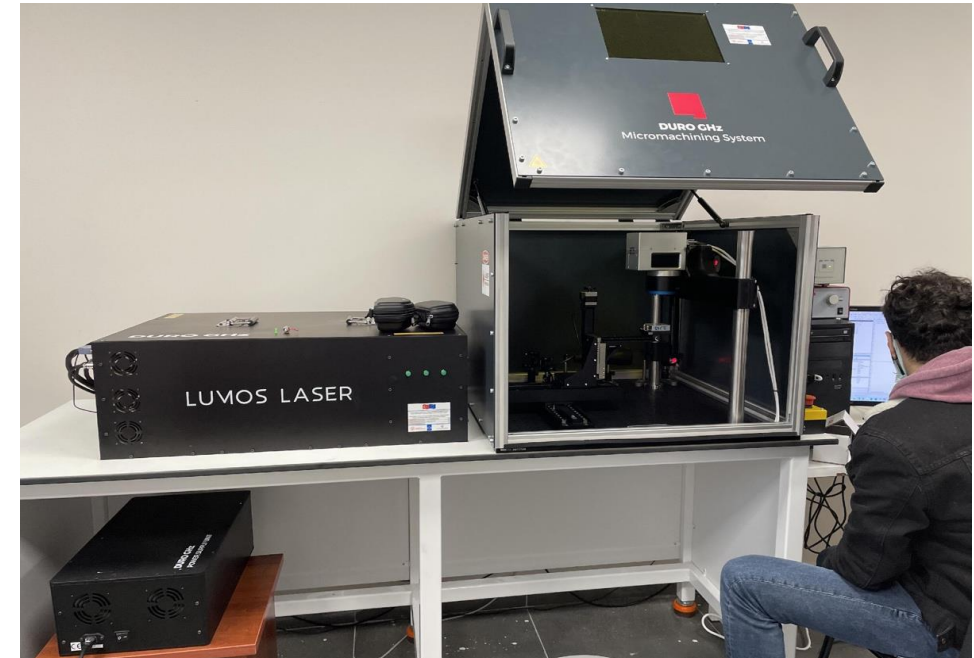
- 7 years old start-up company
- Manufacturer of GHz Burst fs-lasers and micromachining stations
- Roots at the Bilkent University, Prof. Ilday's Ufolab
- Team with 2 usp laser experts and talented engineers, 3 PhD's.
- Founded by the inventors of the GHz Burst fs-laser technology
- Many R&D partnerships realized, collaborative mindset



Istanbul - Bogazici University Teknopark

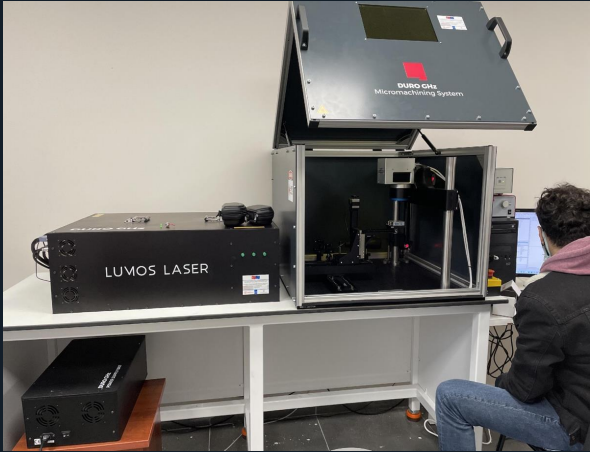


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# Product & Technology Development Roadmap

Applications developed on Metal Micromachining, Coating Removal on Glass, Glass, Polymers and Research

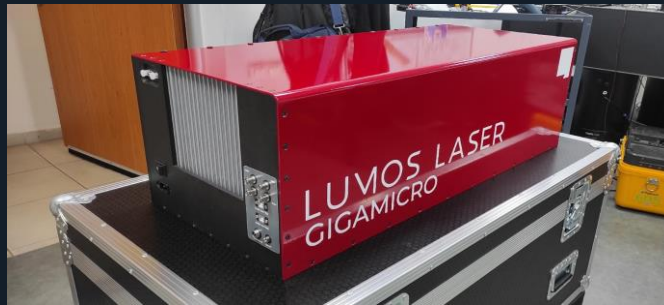


**2022 – DURO GHz Versa  
Dual Mode Laser**  
Research & Metallic  
Materials Processing

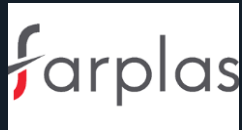
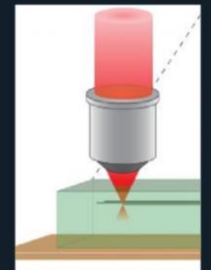


**2025 DURO GHz LP**  
for Polymer  
Processing

**2021 – Our MVP  
DURO GHz LP20**  
High value Metals  
and Spinel Glass  
Processing



**2024 Duro GHz LP30**  
High avg. Power for  
Research & Coating  
Removal over Glass



**DURMA**



# Product Duro GHz LP Series

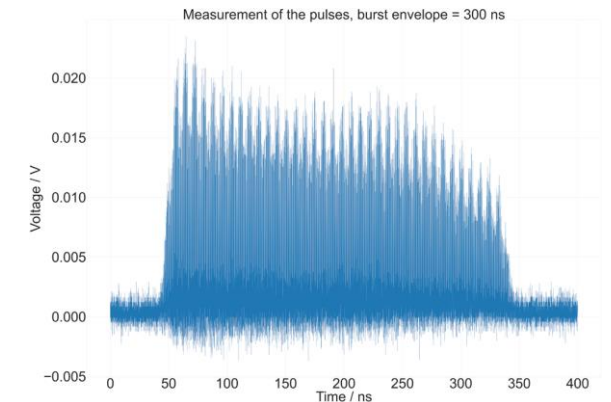
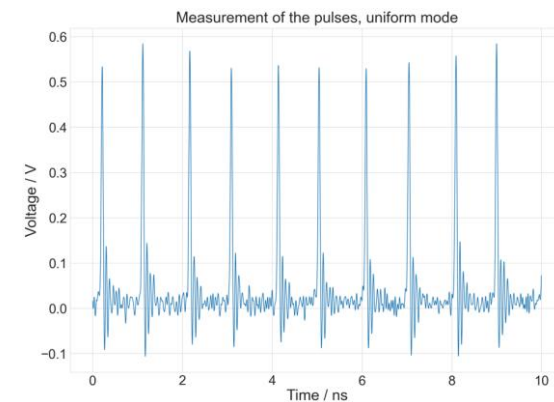
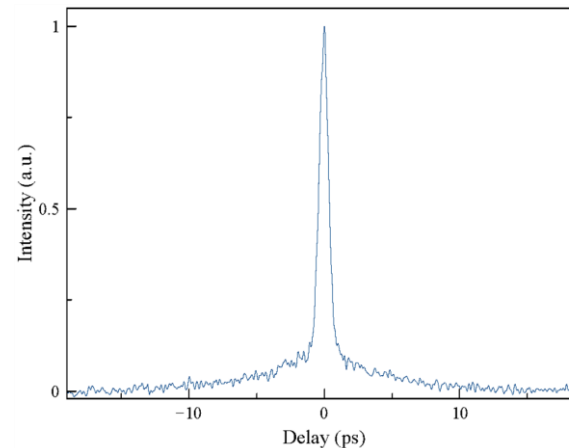
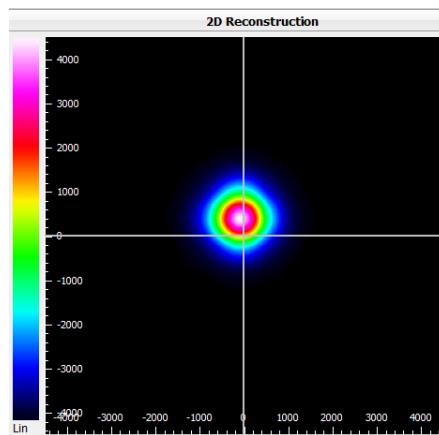
## Specifications and Features



### DURO GHz LP Series

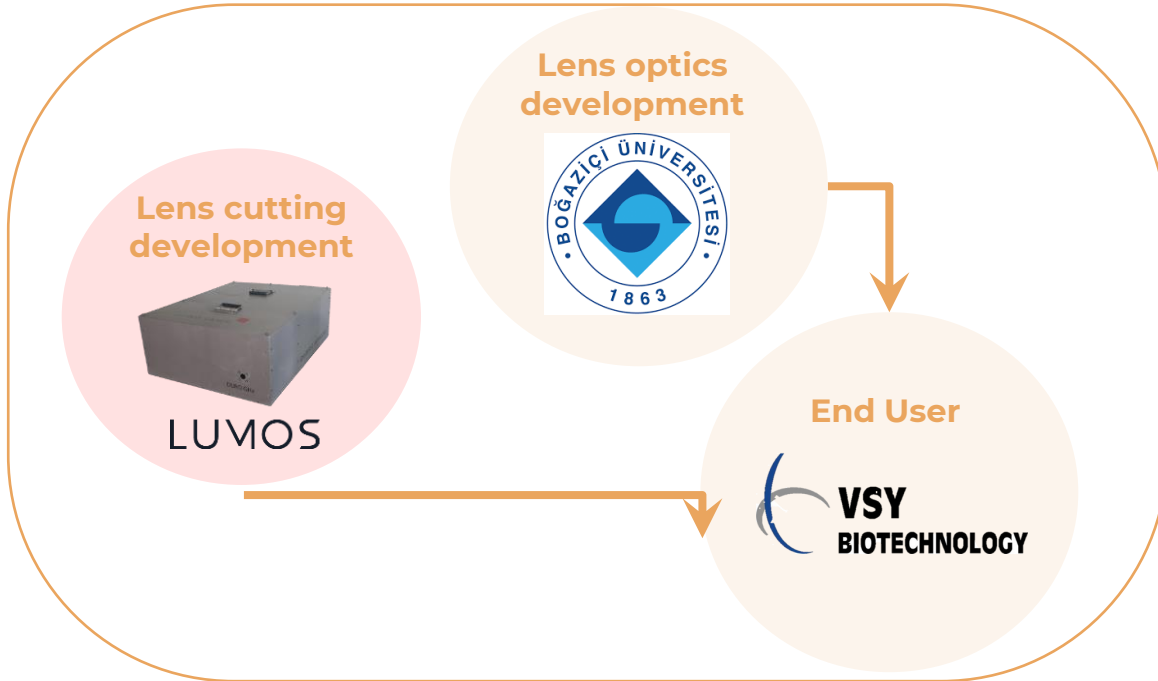
#### Up to 30W GHz-Burst Femtosecond Laser Module

- Up to 30W average power
- Up to 6000 pulses inside burst
- 4 GHz Repetition Rate
- Fiber laser design
- Adjustable burst shape
- Up to 150 $\mu$ J burst energy @1030nm – Pulse energy 300nJ
- Adjustable pulse duration 500fs – 10ps



# SAYEM Consortium Project & Pulsate Program

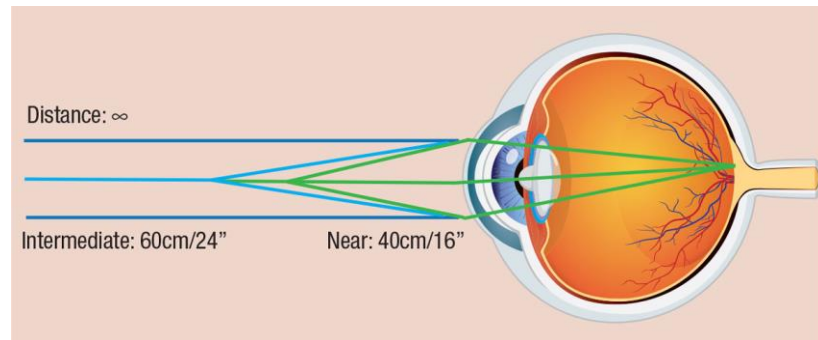
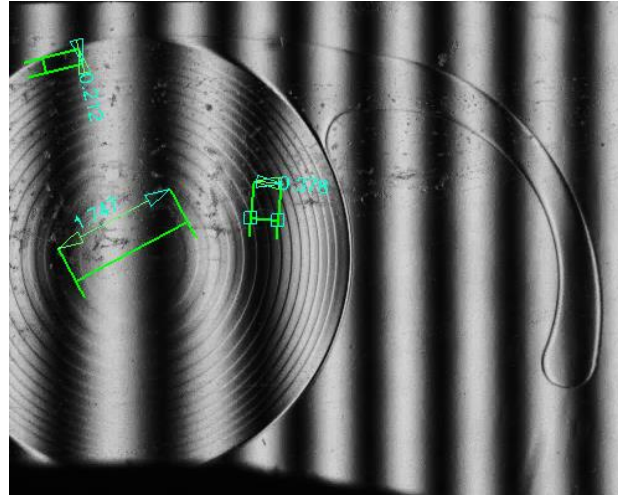
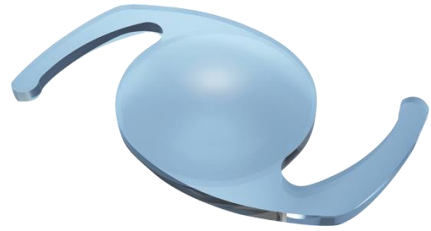
## Intraocular Lens Processing







- Process development phase:  
Funded by European Commission (PULSATE programme), €150K.
- Manufacturing system development:  
Funded by TÜBİTAK, €700K.
- Full scale product performance demonstration

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Intraocular Lenses are delicate medical devices



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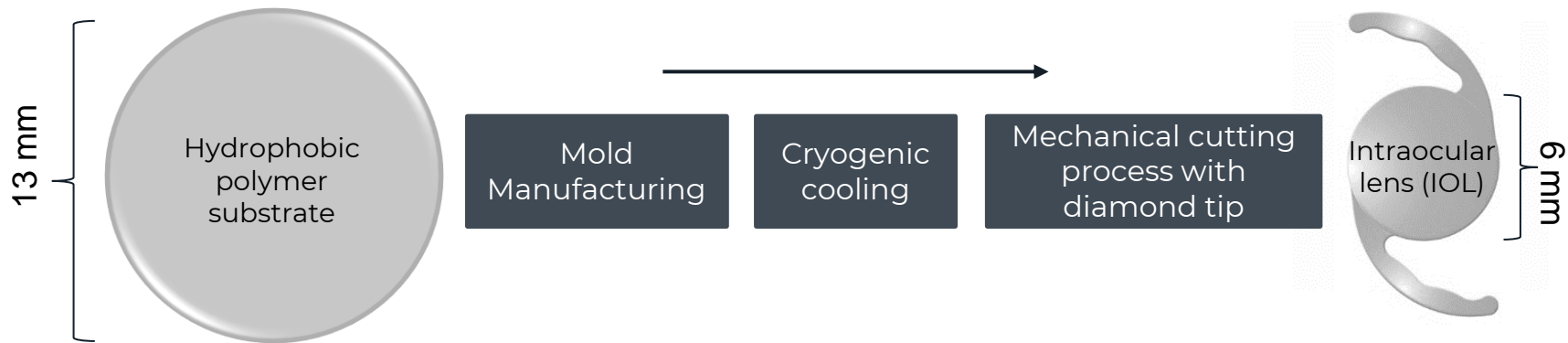
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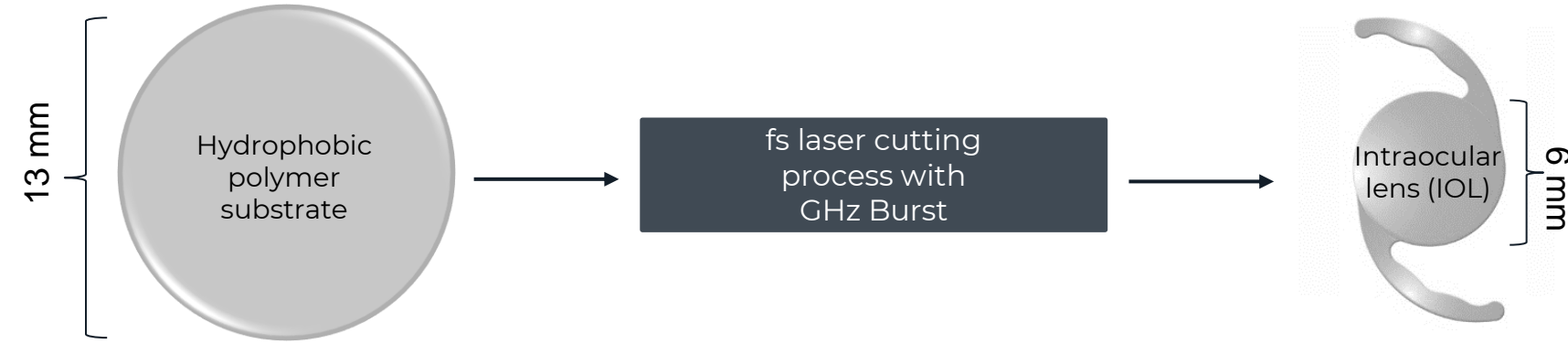
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## IOL Processing by Laser - Feasibility



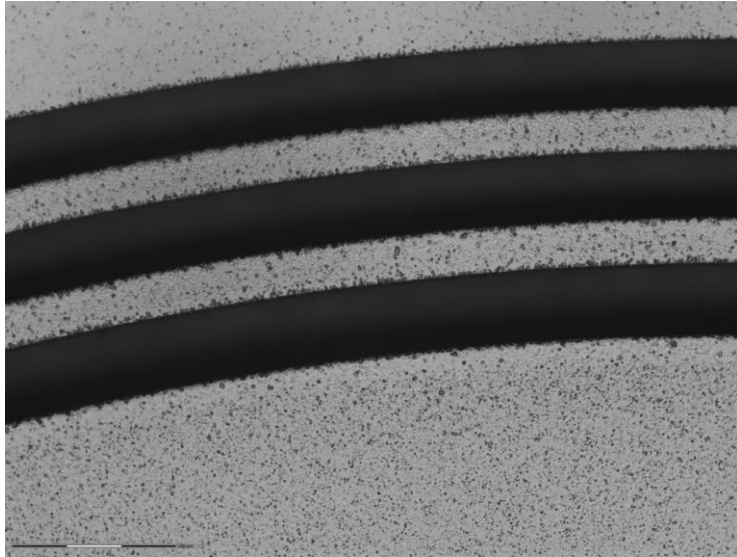
Processing speed → 40-55 sec/IOL  
Scrap rate → 19-20%  
Low productivity  
High carbon & energy footprint



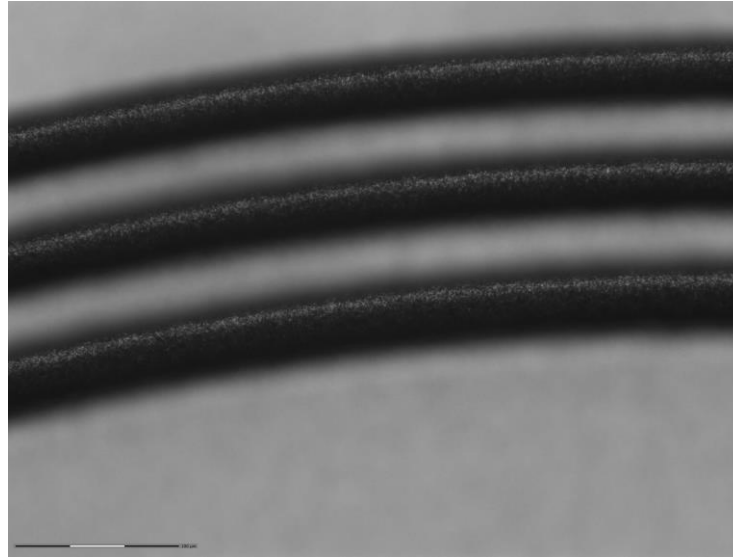
Processing speed → 30-40 sec/IOL  
Scrap rate → 7-8%  
Overall productivity increase → 30%  
Reduced carbon & energy footprint  
Promising ROI

## Studies on Processing Fresnel Rings onto the Polymer Surface

Microscopy images of Fresnel rings engraved on polymer:



Focus of the image is on the unprocessed material surface

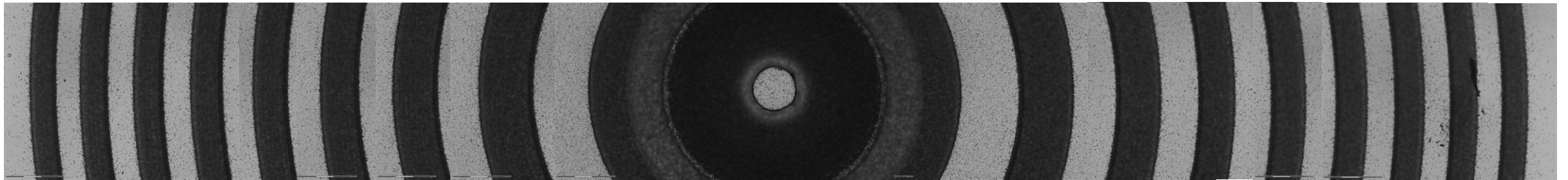
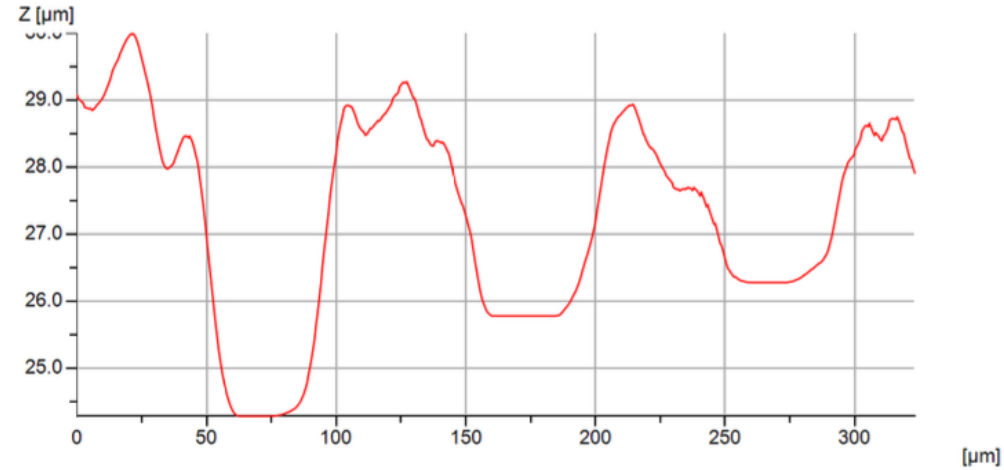
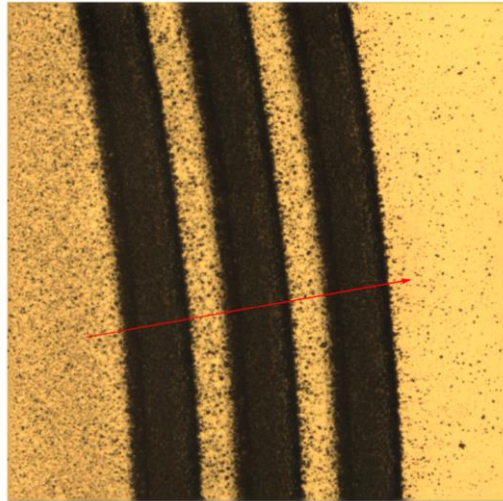


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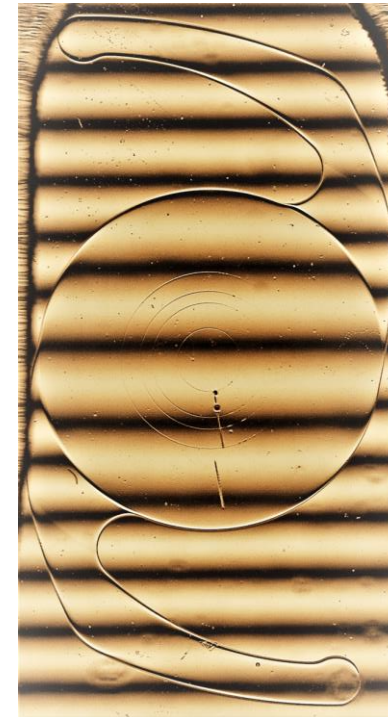
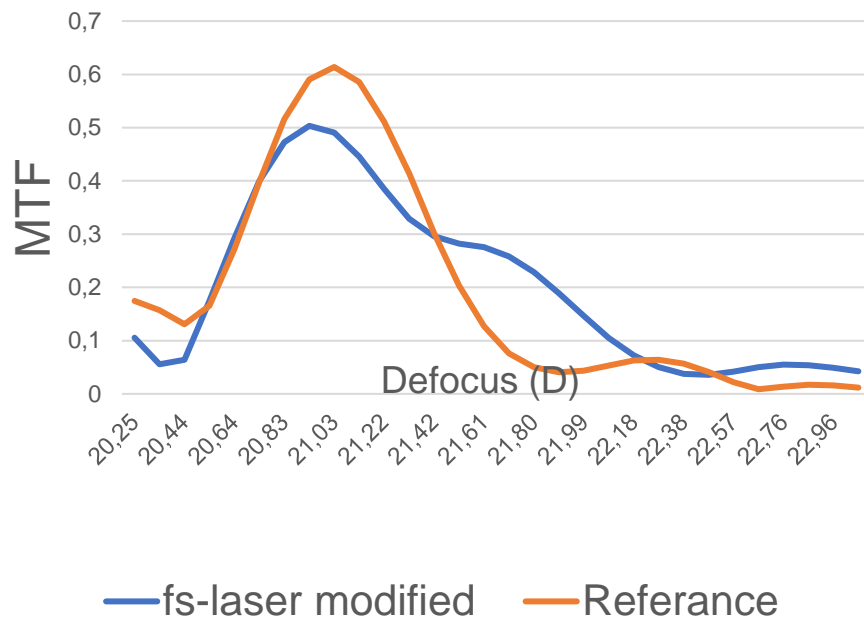
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## Studies on Processing Fresnel Rings onto the Polymer Surface

The profilometer image and depth profile of Fresnel rings engraved on polymer:

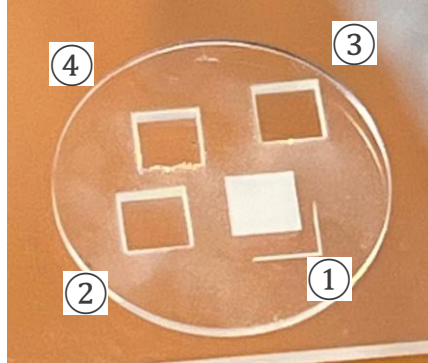


### Monofocal to Enhanced Depth-of-Focus (EDOF) POC



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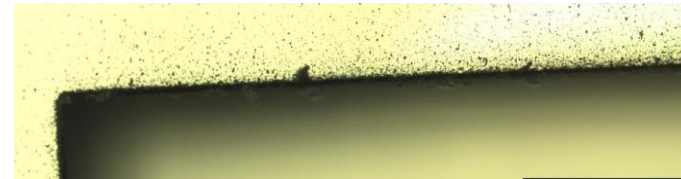
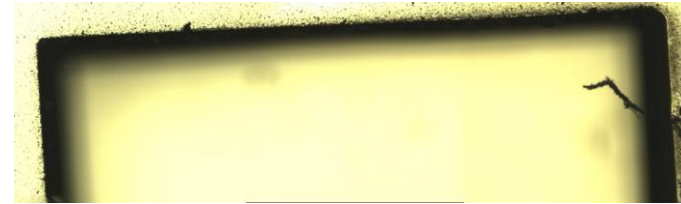
## Cutting Studies on Intraocular Lens



- ① Ablation with multipass
- ④ Cutting trial

2.6 x 2.6 mm square  
600  $\mu\text{m}$  depth  
Volume = 4.056  $\text{mm}^3$

Micromachining with Galvo scanner





# Collaboration Opportunities

## What we offer?

- Talented team of usp laser experts
- Custom GHz Burst laser development
- Collaborative value-focused mindset

## Looking for:

- R&D partnerships (Consortium, cluster, project-based, applab) for new application development
- Technical collaboration especially on material processing
- Deep-tech investment oppotunities

# Thank you!

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