



WORKSHOP OF PHOTONICS

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

# catalogue

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# Solutions for your $\mu$ tasks!

Ultra-high precision & quality

We are a growing high-technology company that provides solutions and technologies for customers in industry and science around the world.



18 years of expertise  
in femtosecond laser micromachining  
with high focus on glass



Full-service solution:  
Prototyping  
Scaling production  
Laser system development



6 in-house and 2 licensed patents  
enabling cutting-edge technologies



Continuous R&D studies  
with academic and research partners

Members of



ISO 9001 certification



We deliver:

# Fully integrated services

Send us your idea, task or drawing. Anything will work!

## Your challenge

We will develop a prototype to test the idea in a real environment.

## Prototyping

## Our expertise

From idea to proof-of-concept. Our team of professionals will investigate your task, test it in our laboratory, and come back with the best possible solution.

The outcome of this stage is prototype characteristics.

## Scaling production

Prototyping can turn into small-scale production, from 1 to 1000 units.

## Laser workstation

Once we find a solution, you may decide to own a laser workstation for your application and organize production in your facilities. We will develop and install this at your site.

## Recipe transfer

We will transfer you a recipe for the application so you could repeat it any time.

## Support

Our team will guide you during the process and afterwards.



# We have:

In-house laser processing facilities,  
complemented by post-processing capabilities



## Clean room ISO7

### Lasers

Femtosecond  
Picosecond  
Nanosecond  
CO2

### 5 axis scanners

Scanlab Precsys 1030nm  
Aerotech AGV5D 515nm



### Scanners

Galvoscaners 1030/515/343

### Positioning stages

up to 380 mm travelling range

### Wet etch benches

### Disco dicing saw

DAD3350

### High-end metrology

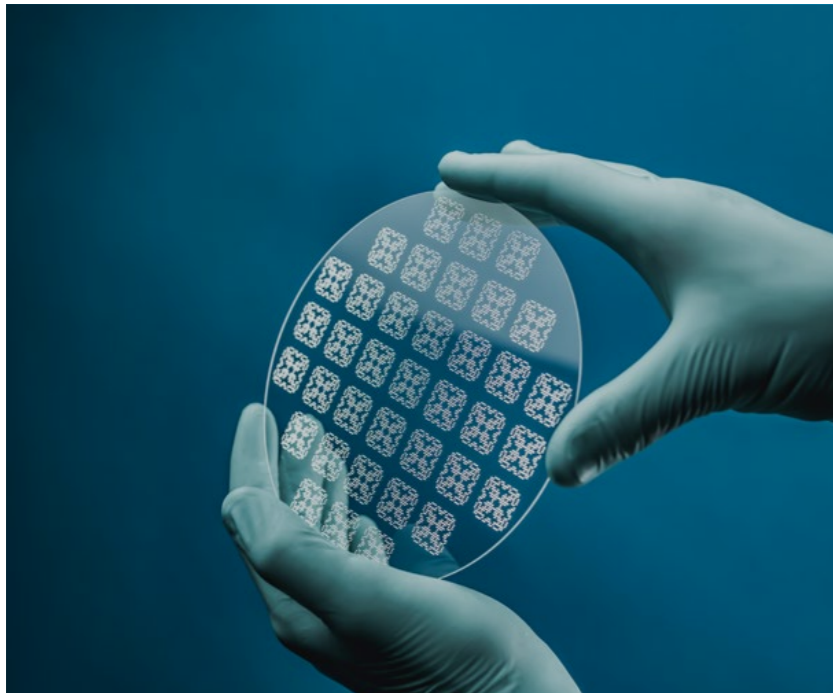
Scanning electron microscope | SEM  
Sensofar Neox profilometer



### Birefringence measurement system

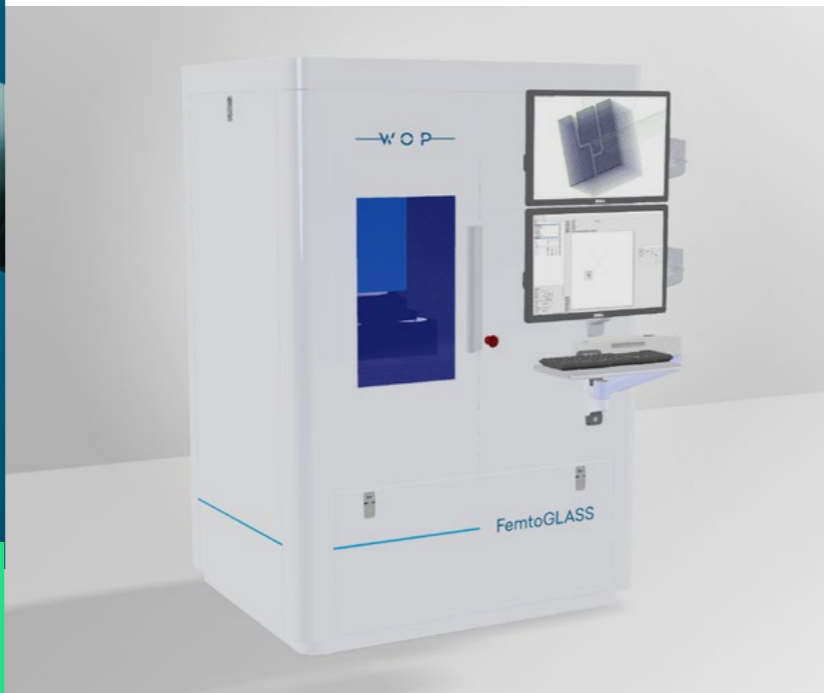


# Portfolio



## Contract manufacturing

- Ultra-high precision & quality
- All types of material
- Rapid prototyping



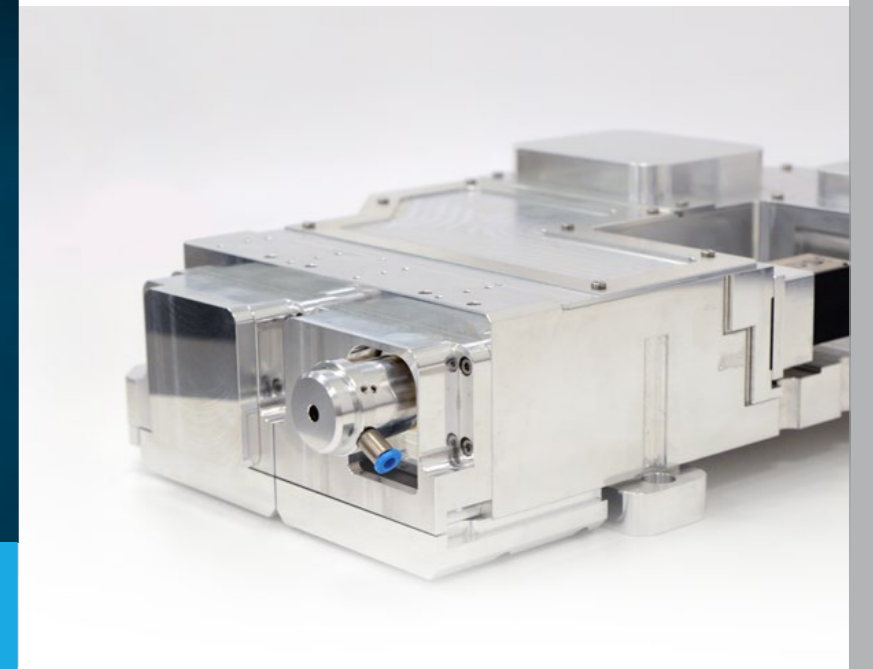
## Laser workstations

- Results-based
- Upgradeable
- Flexible
- Full support



## Space-variant retarders

- Ultra-high damage threshold
- High transmission
- Reliable and resistant surface



## Technology for cutting glass & sapphire

- Unique laser technology developed by WOP
- Ultra-high precision and quality





Contract  
manufacturing  
services

# Glass



## Exceptional expertise in glass processing

With glass being a demanding material, we offer more than 10 years of experience in glass processing, including drilling, cutting and dicing.

Intensive research in glass machining and unique glass processing techniques ensure ultra-high precision & quality results.

- Drilling, cutting, dicing
- Ultra-high precision & quality
- Various types of glass
- Small feature sizes
- High aspect ratios unachievable with alternative technologies
- Irregular-shaped holes
- Straight & curved cuts

# Features

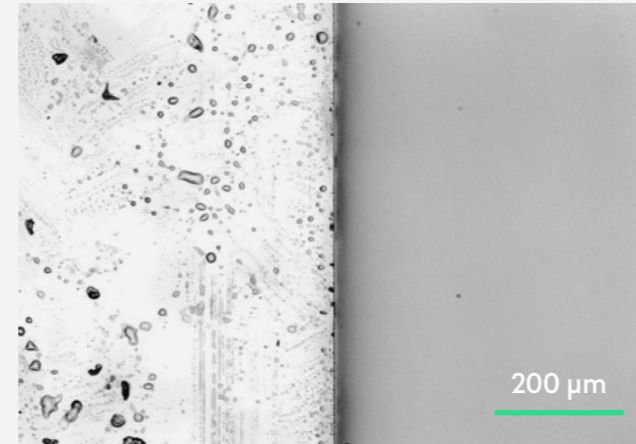




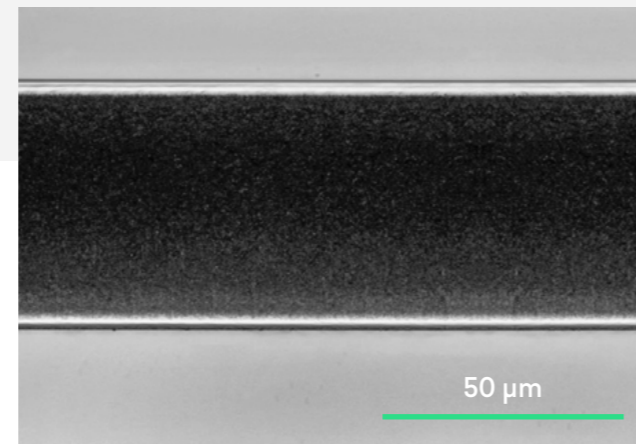
# Glass

## Applications

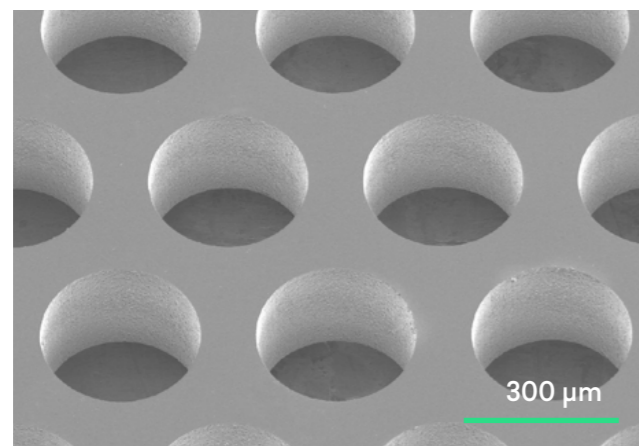
- Sensors (image, pressure, gal acceleration and other)
- Advanced packaging applications
- Semiconductors and other functional devices
- MEMS
- Wafer-level optics
- Gyroscopes
- Aerospace applications
- Analytical chips



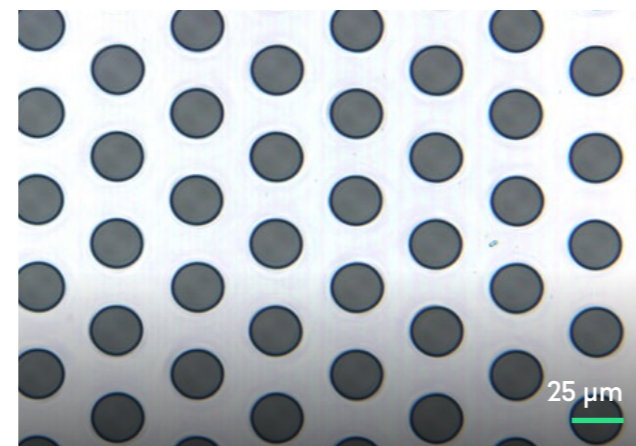
Tempered glass cutting



Tempered glass cutting



Glass drilling, no taper, microscope view



Glass wafer drilling

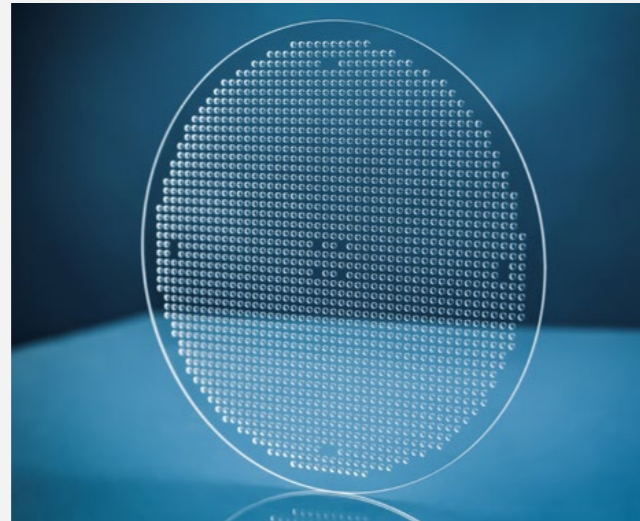
## Specifications

- A variety of glass types and major suppliers - Corning, Schott, Hoya, AGC
- Wafer size up to 200 mm x 200 mm (8")
- Wafer thickness from 30 μm to 10 mm
- Circular, square, and other-shaped holes
- Straight hole cross section | no taper
- Low chipping <10 μm
- Smooth side walls, Ra <1 μm
- Typical min. hole size 20 μm (round)
- Positional accuracy ±3 μm
- No debris on back and front surfaces
- No sagging around holes
- Aspect ratio up to 1:100
- High throughput and yield
- Ability to work with metalized glass types (e.g. Au, Pt, Ni, Cr, Mo)
- Minimal or no post-processing is needed

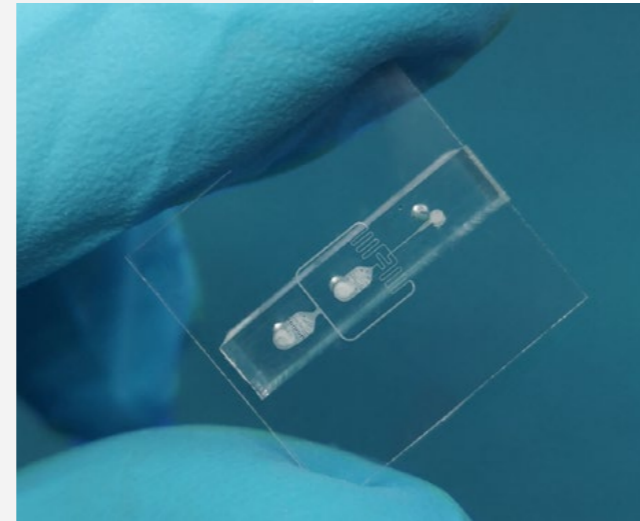


# Glass

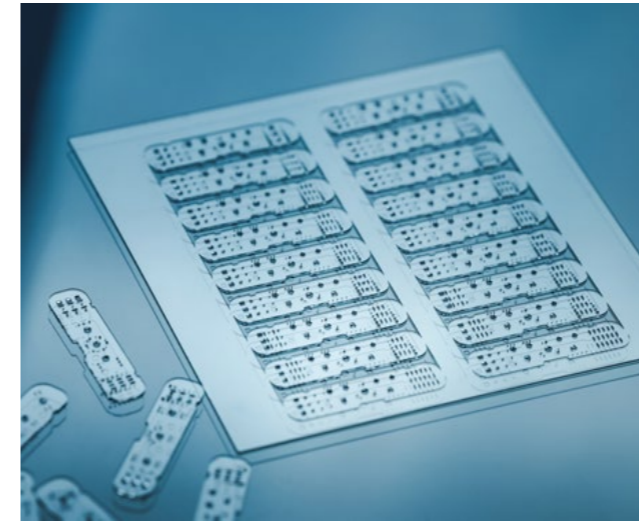
## Range



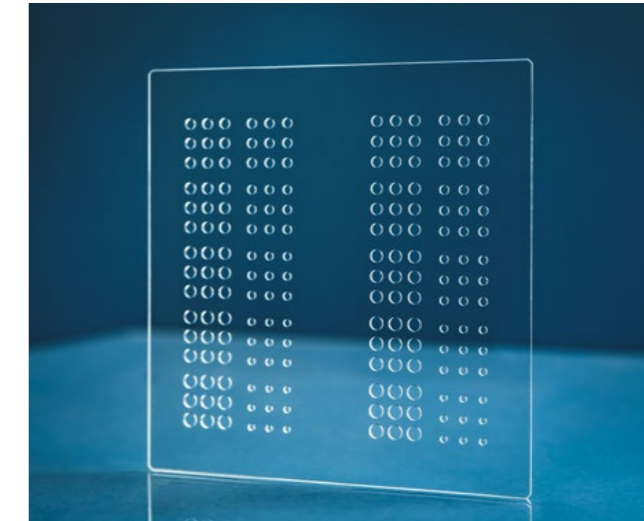
Glass spacers | Interposers



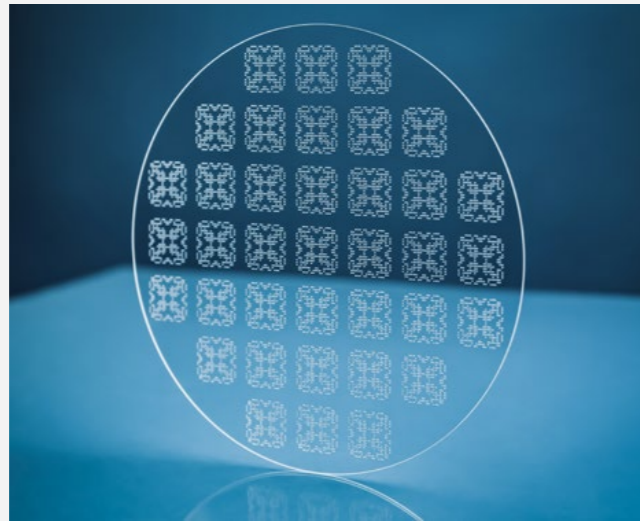
Microfluidic chips & devices



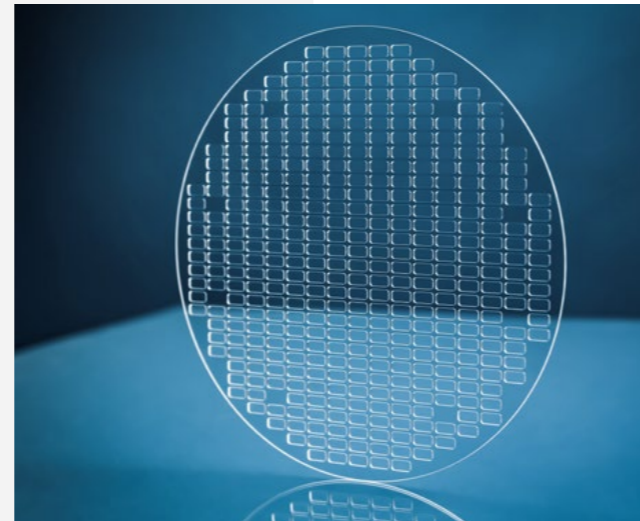
Glass guide plates for probe cards



Microwell plates



Micro drilled glass



Packaging glass products



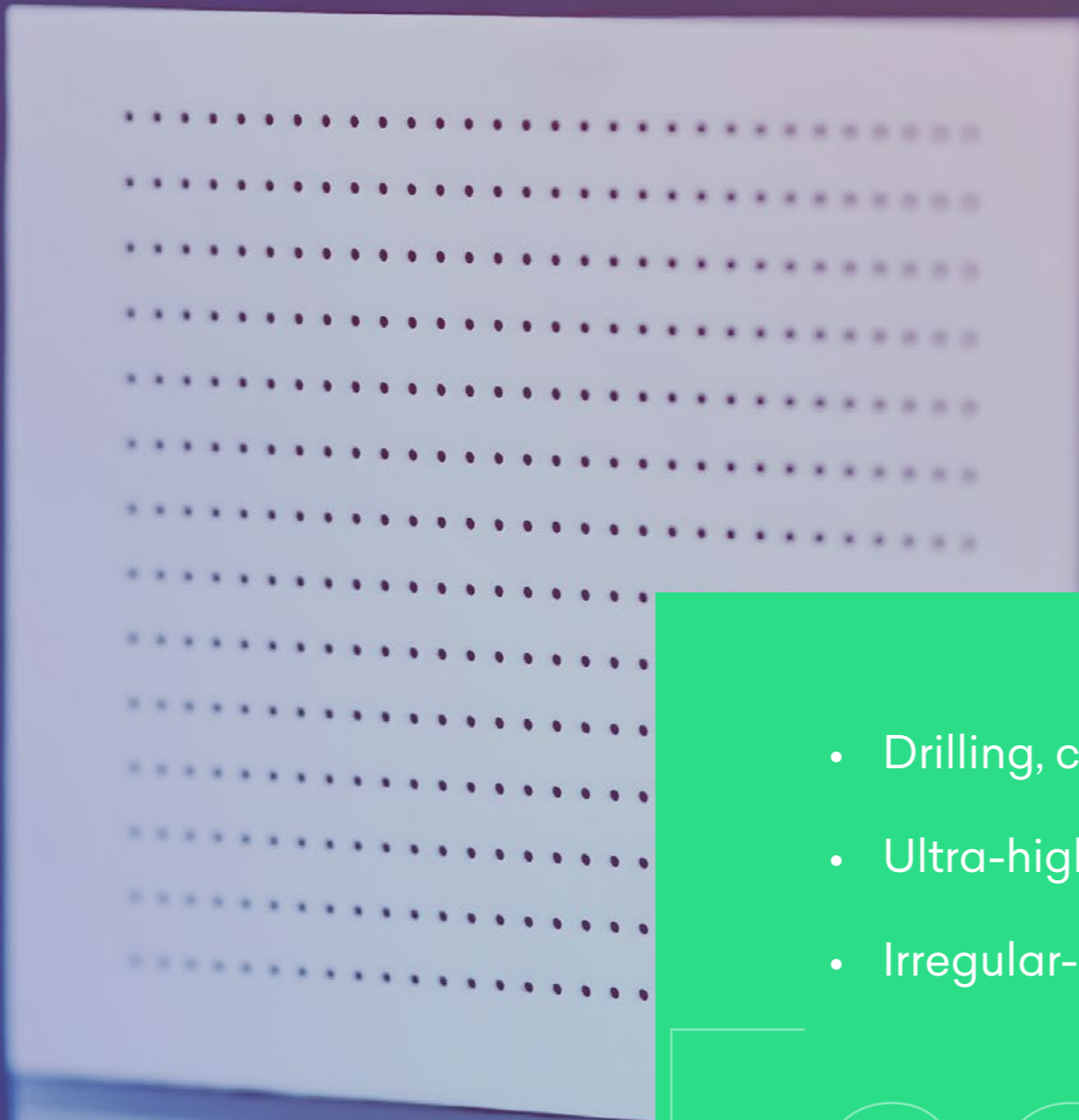
Glass cutting



Glass carrier wafers



# Ceramics



Due to their unique properties, ceramics are leading materials in communications and a top choice among many of our customers.

Applying our unique femtosecond laser capabilities, our processing methods enable us to offer market-leading services.

We are confident in offering hole diameters from a few micrometers to tens of millimeters at a highly competitive prices.

- Drilling, cutting
- Ultra-high precision & quality
- Irregular-shaped holes
- Minimal heat-affected zone
- No melting or micro cracks
- High processing speeds

## Features

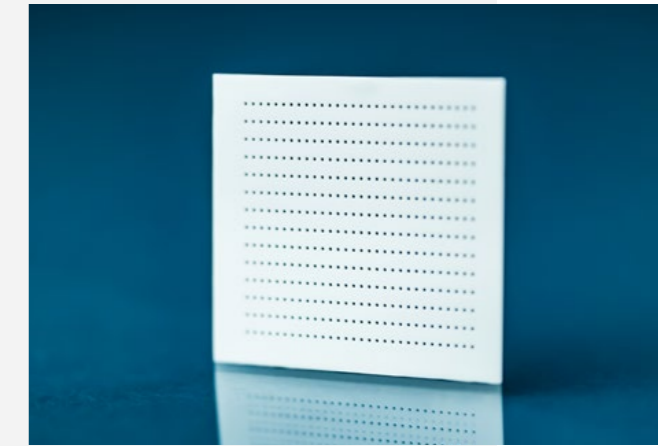


# Ceramics

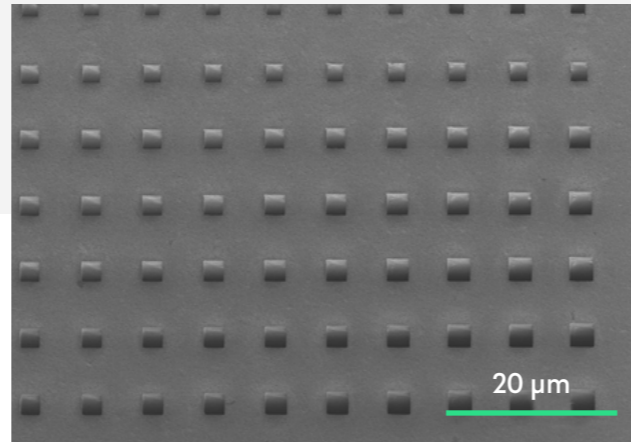
## Technical specifications

- Drilling of irregular-shaped holes
- Controlled taper (positive, negative, zero taper)
- Smooth inner-wall finish ( $Ra \leq 200 \text{ nm}$ )
- Minimized stress area around drilled holes
- Low chipping  $<20 \mu\text{m}$  (typ. none)
- High throughput and yield
- No melting or micro-cracks at the edges
- Precise control of hole depth
- Up to  $200 \times 200 \text{ mm}$  (8") substrate size
- Substrate thickness of up to 1 mm
- Minimal or no post-processing needed
- Ability to work with unique types of ceramics

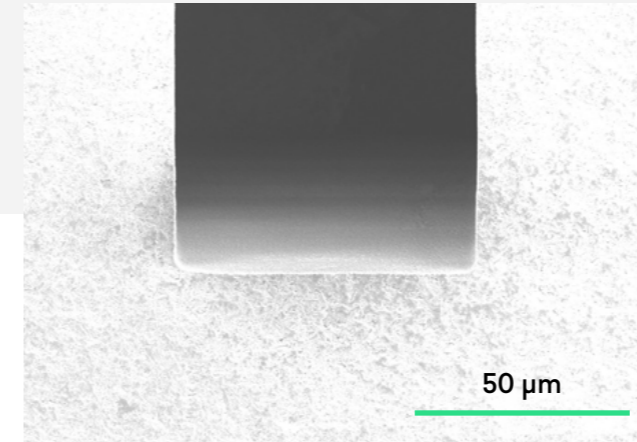
## Application examples



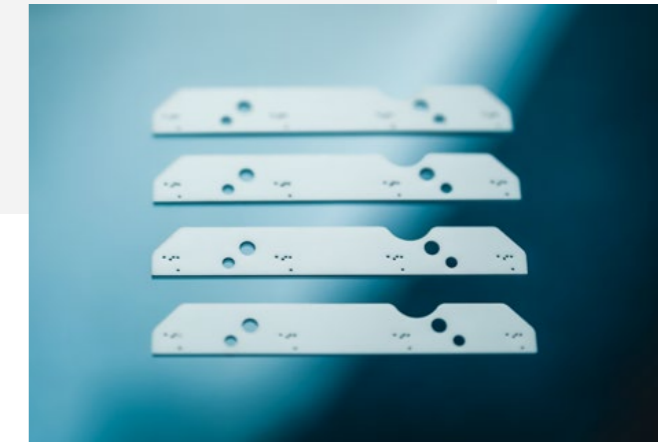
Ceramic drilling



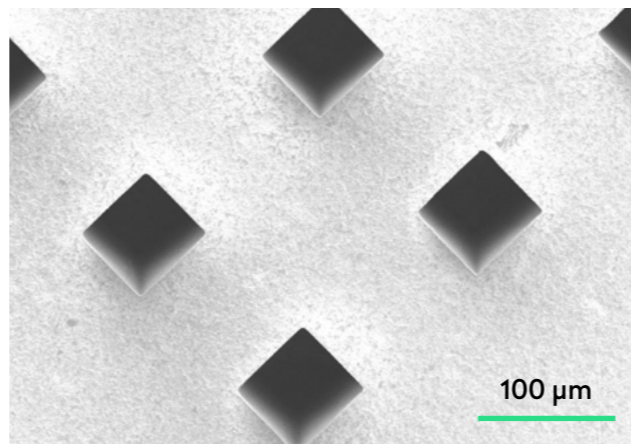
Ceramic drilling



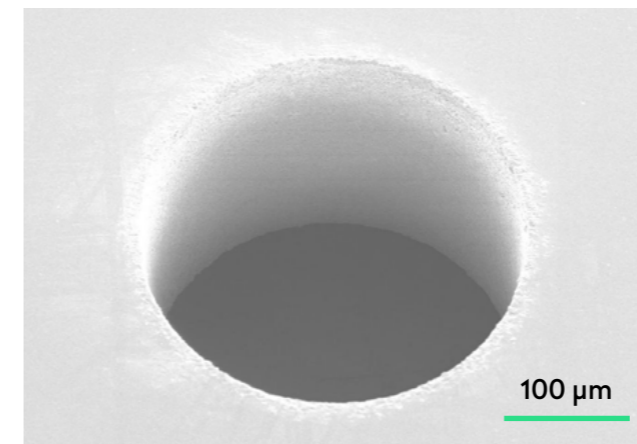
Ceramic drilling



Ceramic guide plates for probe cards



Ceramic drilling



Ceramic drilling





# Silicon

Silicon is the most widely used material in numerous fields – semiconductors, electronic devices, computer chips, solar cells, different alloys, etc.

Silicon processing methods, applying our unique femtosecond laser capabilities, enable us to offer superior quality services.

- Ultra-high precision
- No cracking of the material
- Accurate taper control – positive, negative, or zero taper
- High aspect ratio
- Possibility of drilling blind and through holes

# Features





# Sapphire & ruby

We have extensive knowledge of processing for a variety of brittle materials, including sapphire and ruby.

As one of the hardest materials, sapphire is a widespread choice for companies that work with reliable and durable high-tech products.

- Cutting, drilling, dicing
- Ultra-high accuracy
- Reliable process control
- No cracks in hole or cut peripheries
- Accurate taper control
- Smooth edges
- Irregular shape cuts
- Minimal or no post-processing needed

## Features



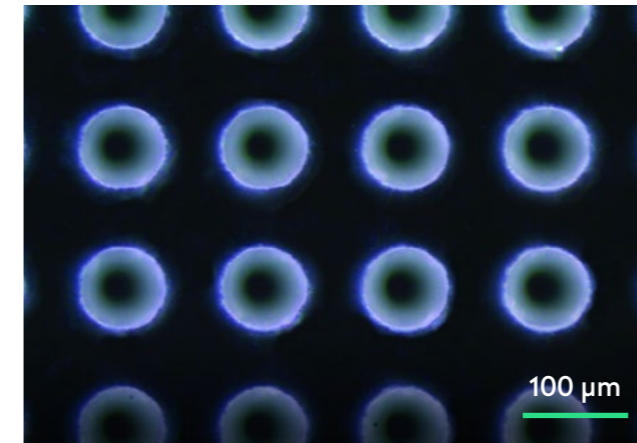


# Sapphire & ruby

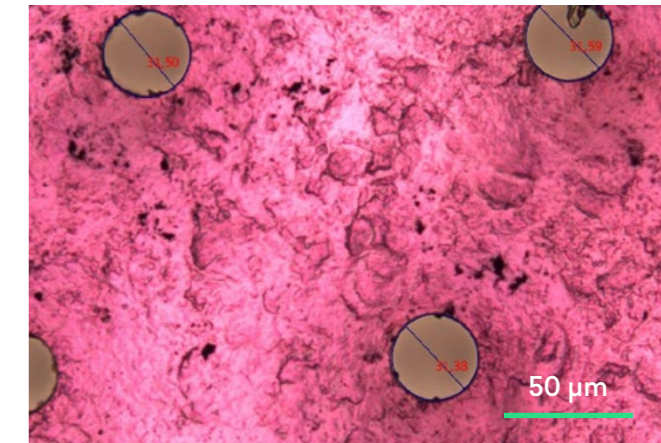
## Drilling specifications

- Various hole shapes (circular, square, other)
- Controlled taper (positive, negative, zero taper)
- Smooth drilled inner-wall finish ( $R_a \leq 200$  nm)
- Minimized stress area around drilled holes
- High-quality lower and side walls in drilled wells
- No melting or micro-cracks at edges
- Precise control of hole depth
- Aspect ratio up to 1:6 for zero-taper holes
- High throughput and yield
- Up to 200 mm x 200 mm (8") wafer size
- Up to 1 mm thick sapphire
- Ability to work with metalized and optically coated substrates
- Minimal or no post-processing is needed

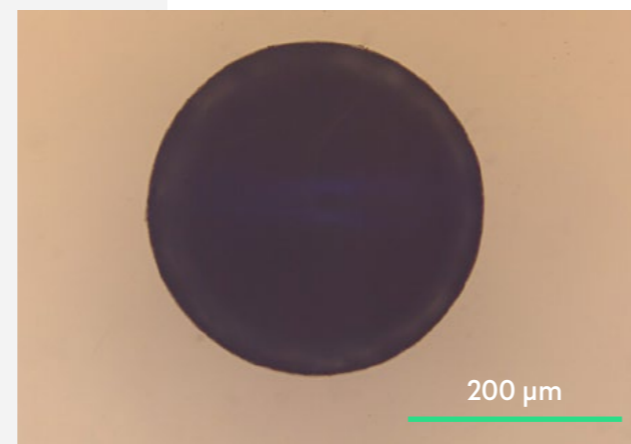
## Application examples



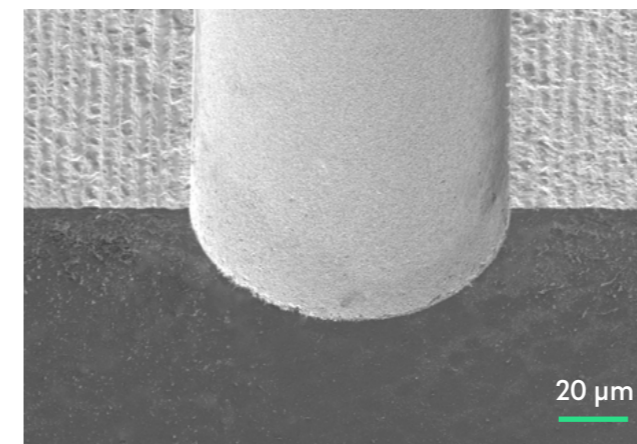
Matrix of holes in sapphire



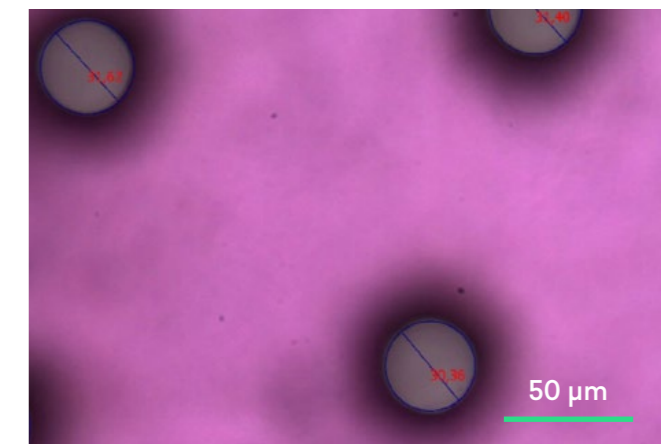
Ruby drilling bottom view



Sapphire drilling top view



Sapphire drilling



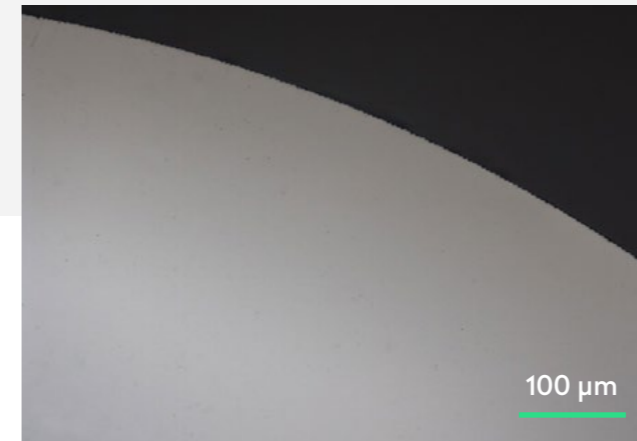
Ruby drilling top view

# Sapphire & ruby

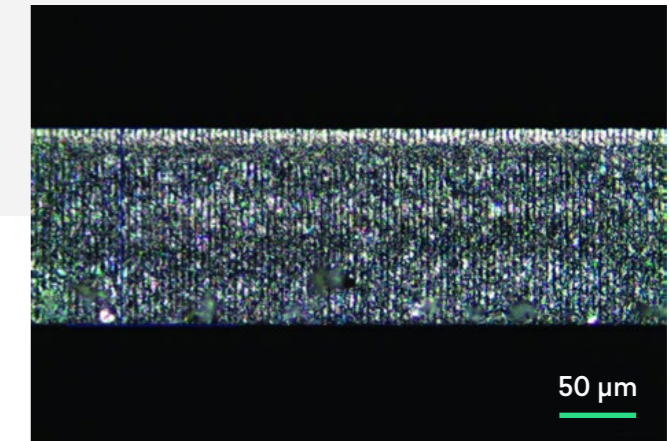
## Cutting specifications

- Various shapes cutting (circular, square, irregular)
- High throughput and yield
- Low chipping (typ.  $<20\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- Smooth sidewalls ( $R_a <1\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- High bending strength
- Up to 200 mm x 200 mm (8") wafer size
- Up to 1 mm thick sapphire
- No debris on the back and front surfaces
- Ability to work with metalized and optically coated substrates
- Mechanical sapphire cutting (available)
- Minimal or no post-processing is needed

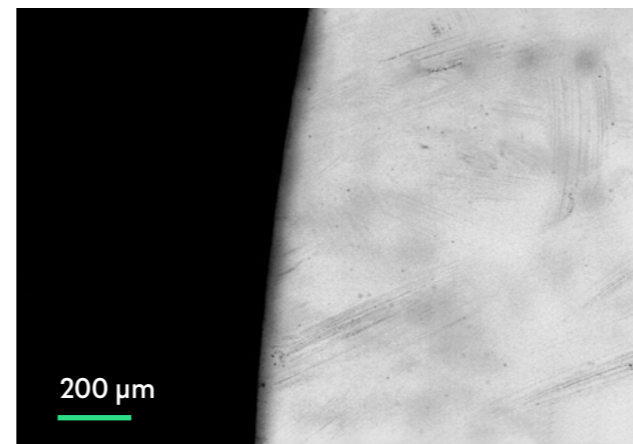
## Application examples



0,6 mm sapphire cutting



Sapphire cutting of 0,1 mm thickness.  
Side view



Sapphire cutting of 0,325 mm thickness.  
Top view



Sapphire cutting





# Optical fibers



Our fiber processing expertise allows us to laser-drill optical fibers, and produce specially designed shaped tip fibers.

We have industry-leading fiber-processing technology and experience.

- Fiber drilling
- Fiber-tip processing
- Ultra-high precision
- High processing speeds
- Precise control
- Low costs

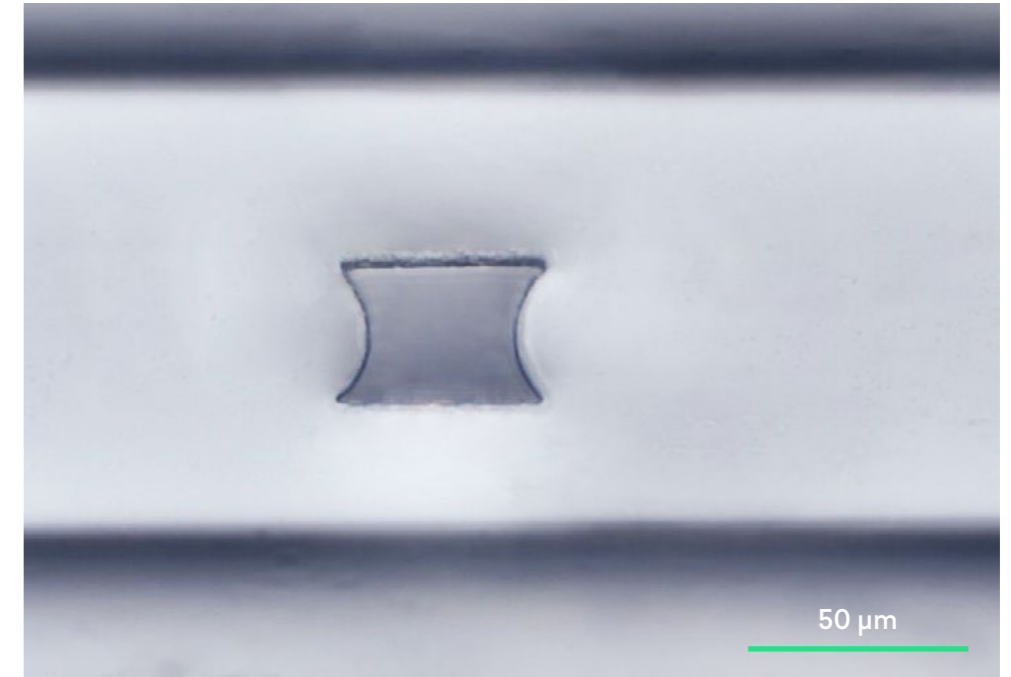
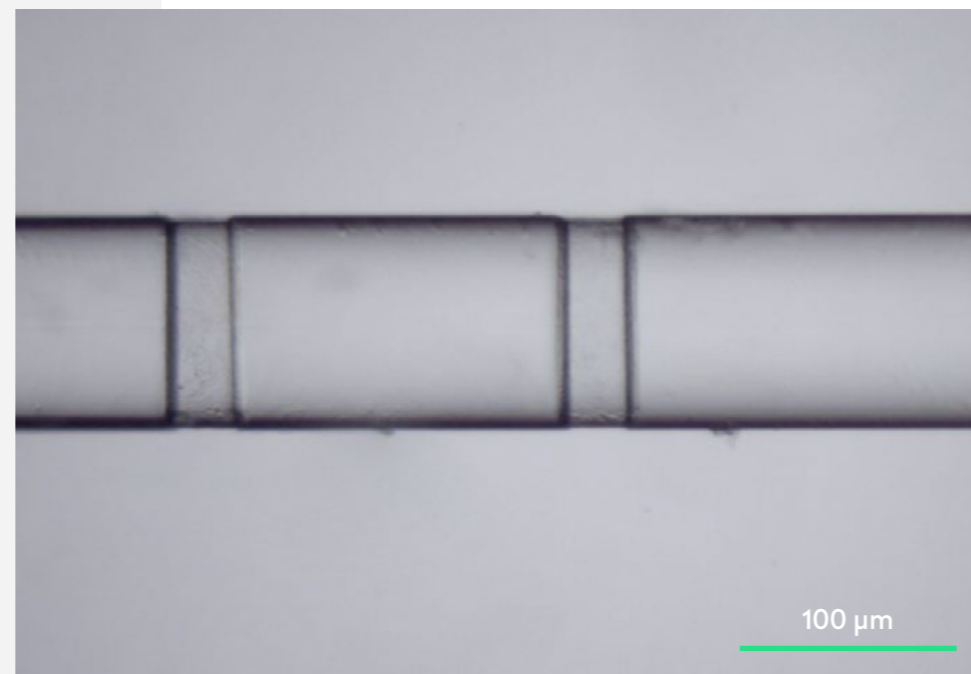
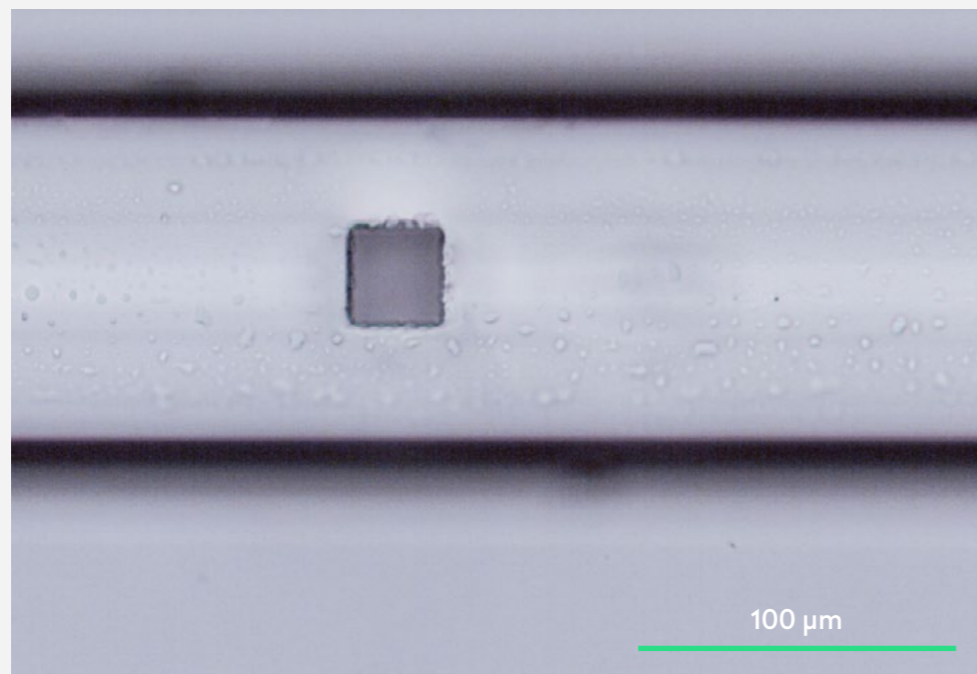
## Features



# Optical fibers

## Optical fibers drilling

Laser drilling of optical fibers using femtosecond laser radiation is a state-of-the-art technique with many advantages over conventional laser processing, and mechanical drilling, enabling precise control of the process.



## Features

- No melting and micro-cracks at the edges
- Hole diameter as small as 10 μm
- Precise control of taper angle and depth
- Variable geometry of holes
- Different processing parameters can be developed on request



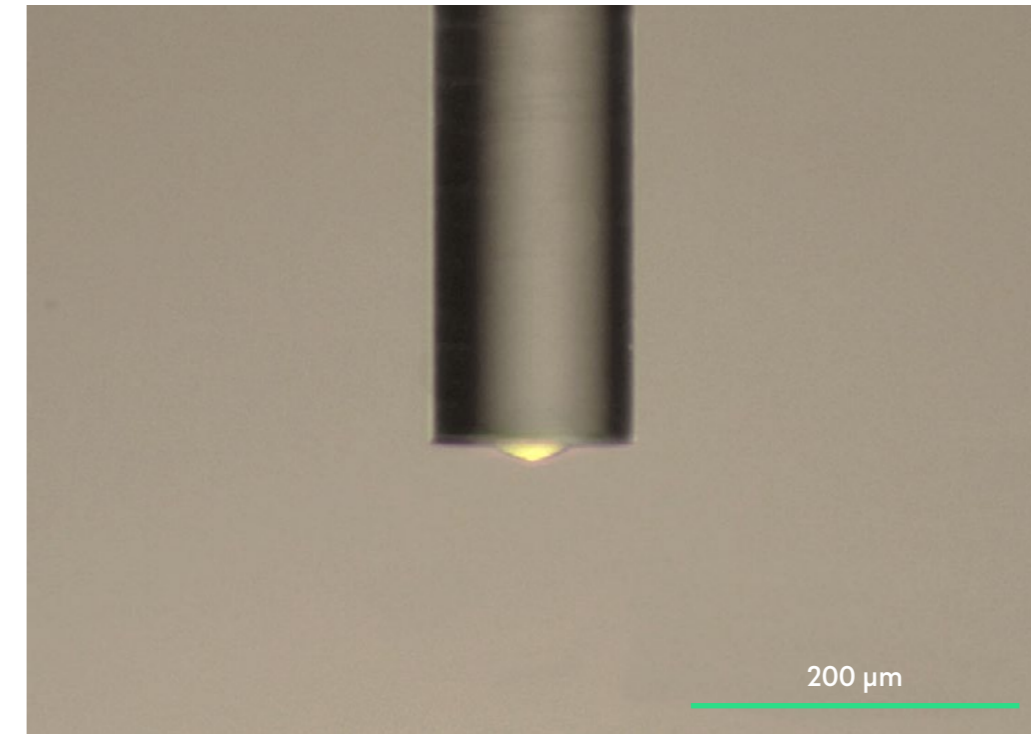
# Optical Fibers

## Fiber processing

Femtosecond laser custom-made fiber tips enable optimum control over beam delivery and / or increased efficiency of light collection.

Shaped optical fiber tips can be used in applications such as those for optical sensing and remote laser surgery, as well as for other applications, by controlling the angle of light leaving the fiber or directing it to one side. It provides the advantages of enhanced beam control, a robust optical system, stability, and economic advantages.

Our fiber-processing expertise allows us to produce specially designed shaped tip fibers and oversee industry-leading fiber-processing technology and experience.



Optical fiber lens

## Common types of shaped fiber tips

- Lens (convex, concave, spherical ball)
- Taper (up or down)
- Diffuser
- Side-fire
- Angled end



# Metal

Laser drilling of metal alloys enables high quality and precision for many applications, such as filters, functional surfaces, and fuel delivery systems.

When other lasers or mechanical processing methods do not meet technical requirements, femtosecond lasers offer a unique processing method by enabling minimized heat effects while retaining a submicron feature size.

- Metal drilling | Foil processing
- High level of accuracy
- No melting or thermal impacts
- Precise control of taper angle
- Variable geometry for holes
- High processing speeds

# Features

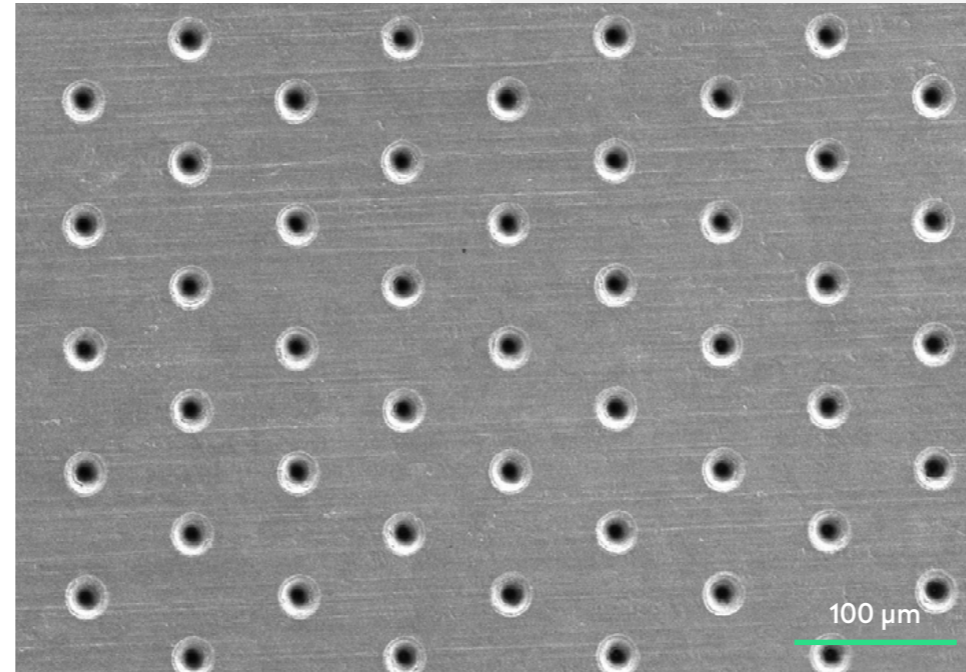




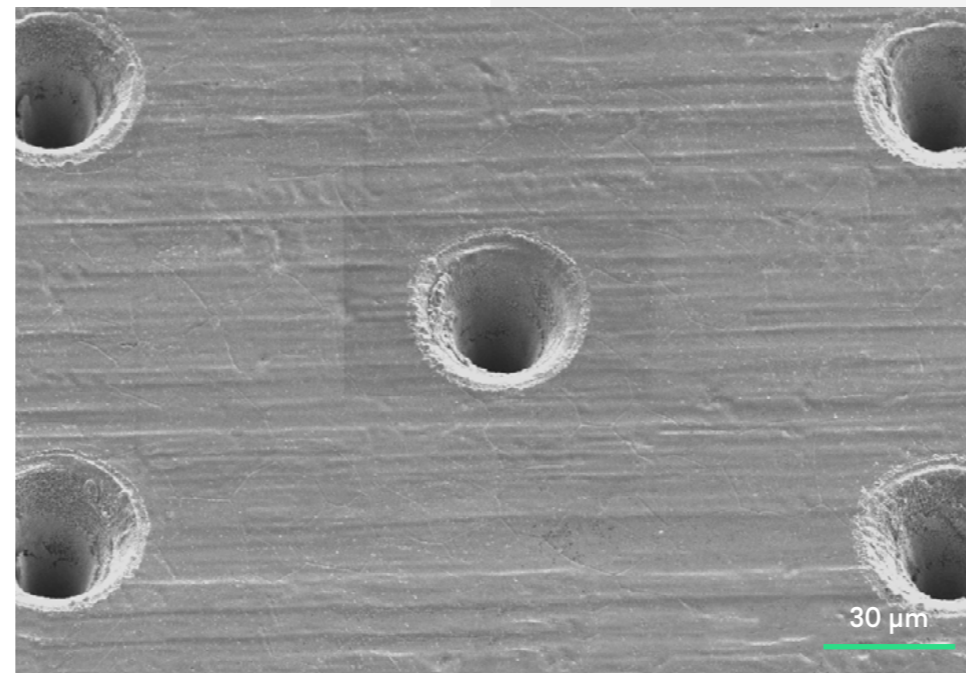
# Metal

## Metal drilling | Foil processing specifications

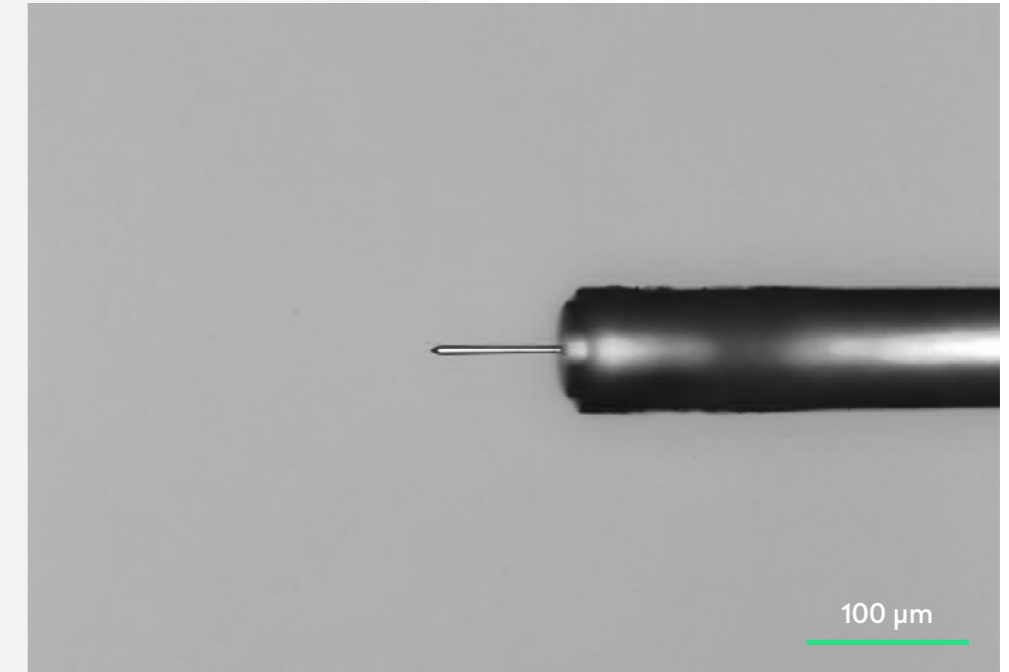
- Various shapes cutting (circular, square, irregular)
- High throughput and yield
- Minimal heat affected zone near the cutting line
- Smooth sidewalls ( $R_a < 1 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Up to 200 mm x 200 mm (8") wafer size
- No or minimal discoloration effects
- Minimal or no post-processing needed
- Ability to work with all types of thin films



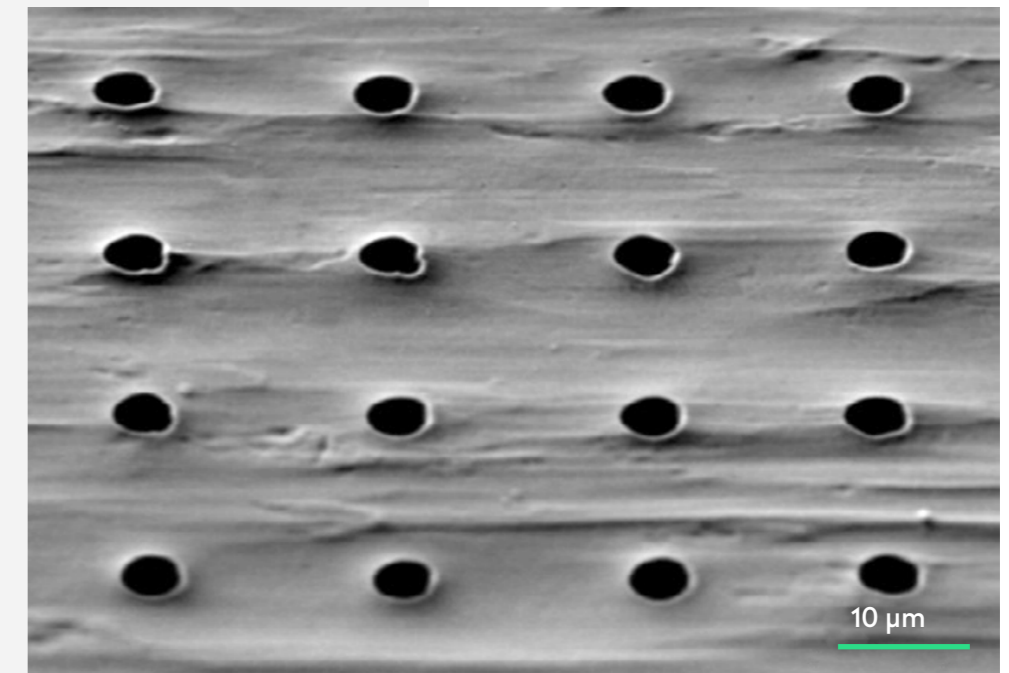
Metal drilling



Metal steel foil drilling



Tungsten needle micromachining for biomedical R&D project.  
Tip diameter  $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$



Steel foil drilling



# Plastic

When other types of laser or mechanical processing methods do not meet technical requirements, femtosecond lasers are unique for their processing capabilities – enabling heat effects to be minimized while retaining a submicron feature size.

Laser cutting through a cold ablation process is optimized for each material (plastic film, metal foil, or others) used.

- Plastic | Thin film cutting
- High level of accuracy
- Straight & circular trajectories

- Minimal or no heat-affected zones
- Minimal or no discoloration
- High processing speeds

# Features

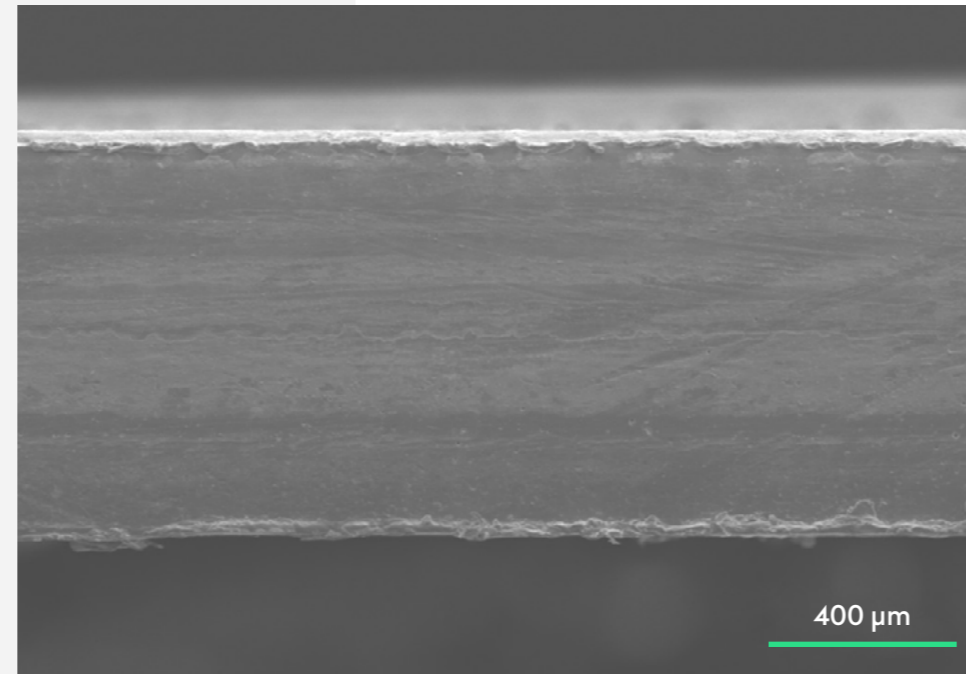




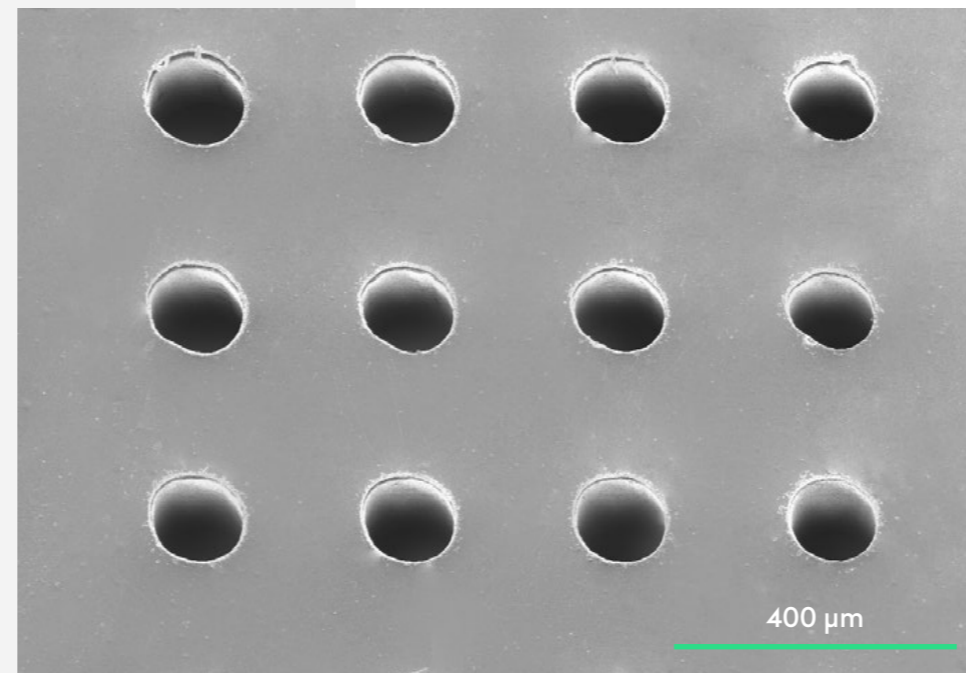
# Plastic

## Specifications

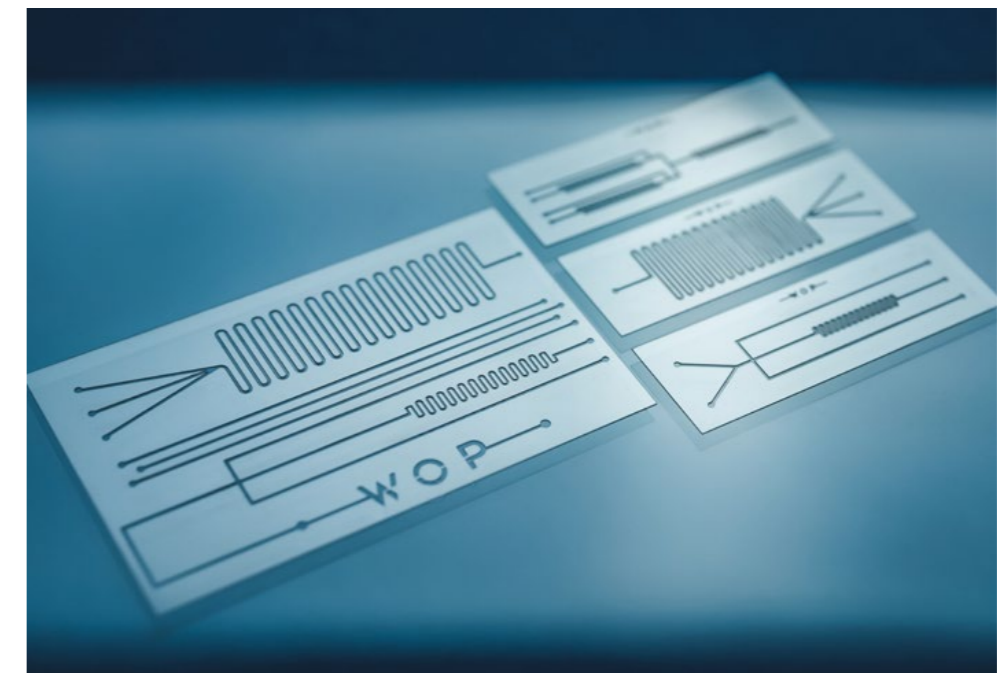
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Plastic cutting



Plastic drilling



Microfluidic chips & devices

# Laser marking

Laser marking on the surface of various materials allows us to create various identification marks on the surface of many materials with micrometer precision.

The main advantage of laser marking inside transparent materials is that information (serial number, logos, images, bar codes, security, and identification 2D/3D marks) can be written directly inside the object by making refractive index irregularities without damaging the surface.

- High contrast
- High durability
- Colourful structures in glass & sapphire
- Surface not affected
- No cracks near markings
- No heat-affected zones
- High positioning accuracy
- 3D marking available

## Features





# Laser welding



Laser micro-welding enables joining a wide range of transparent materials with transparent and non-transparent materials, like glass-to-glass and glass-to-metal.

No additional materials are required (unlike bonding processes) – it reduces costs and increases durability.

After resolidification, strong covalent bonds are formed, providing high stability of the joined parts. Dissimilar glasses can be welded with breaking strengths in the range of the volume material.

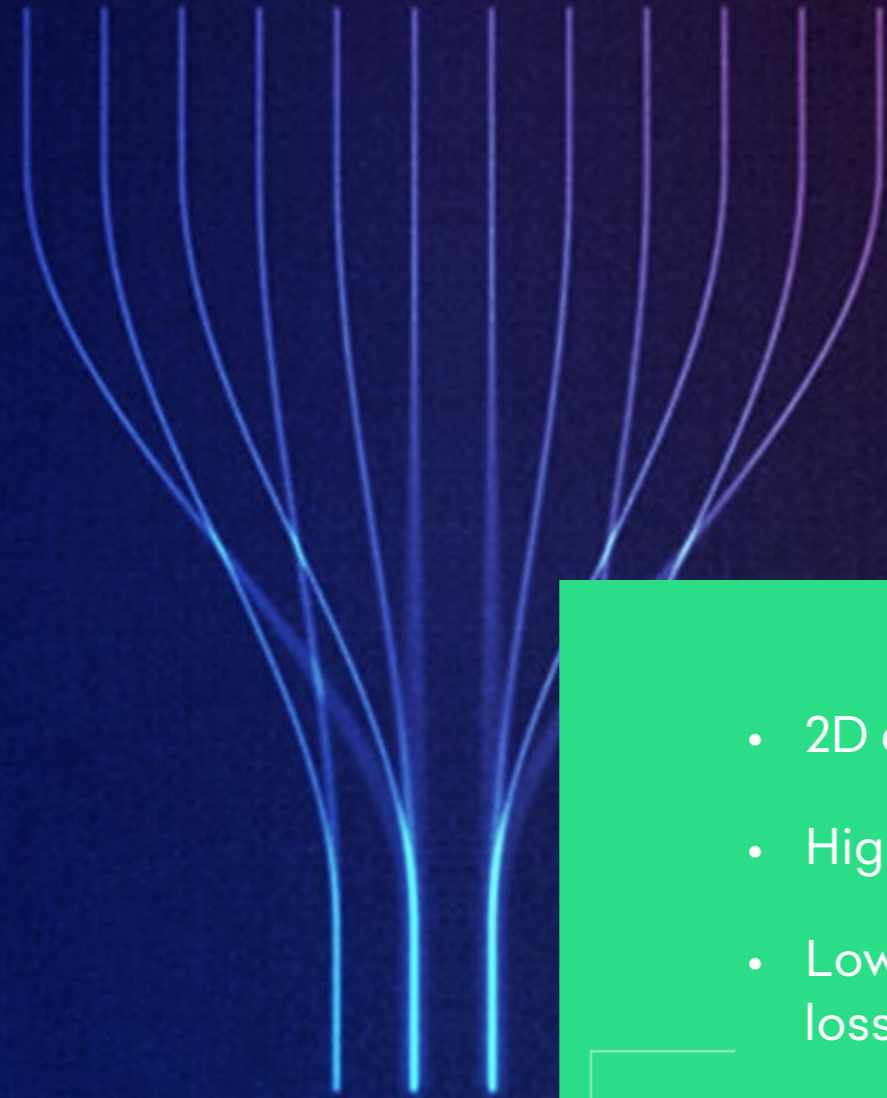
- High precision
- Good mechanical strength
- No extra bonding material is needed
- Hermetic sealing
- Minimum heat-affected zones

Features





# Waveguide writing



200 μm

- 2D and 3D designs available
- High speed
- Low coupling and propagation losses

Femtosecond laser waveguide writing is the right technique for integrated optical devices.

Waveguide structures are directly written in materials like glass, crystal, and polymer. It is applied in telecommunications and other areas.

- Curved trajectories
- Visible and telecommunication wavelengths

## Features





# FBG writing

Edges of fiber

Core 1 (central)

Edges of fiber

100  $\mu\text{m}$

- Precise reflection/ transmission spectrum control
- Apodised Bragg Gratings

Femtosecond FBG writing is a proven technology for universal Bragg Gratings writing in various optical fibers, including not UV-sensitized fibers.

The main advantage of the femtosecond laser writing unlimited length or structure of Bragg grating is not using a phase mask.

Femtosecond lasers can be applied for Point-by-Point (PbP) and Line-by-Line (LbL) FBG writing in various optical fibers, including multicore fibers.

Femtosecond FBG writing using phase mask enables long-term modifications that are impossible with Excimer lasers.

- Writing through the cladding
- Single-mode, multi-mode, multi-core fibers

## Features

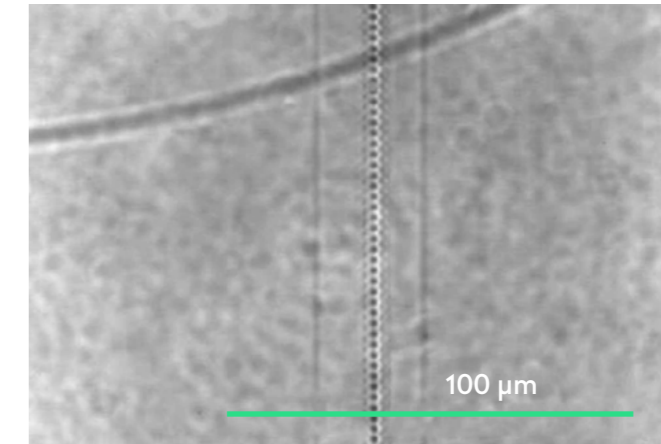


# FBG writing

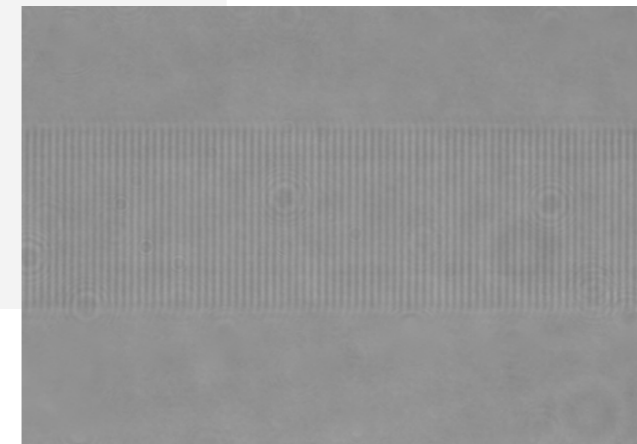
- Point-by-Point | Line-by-Line FBG writing
- Apodized gratings | process control
- Variety of compatible optical fibers
- High reflectivity



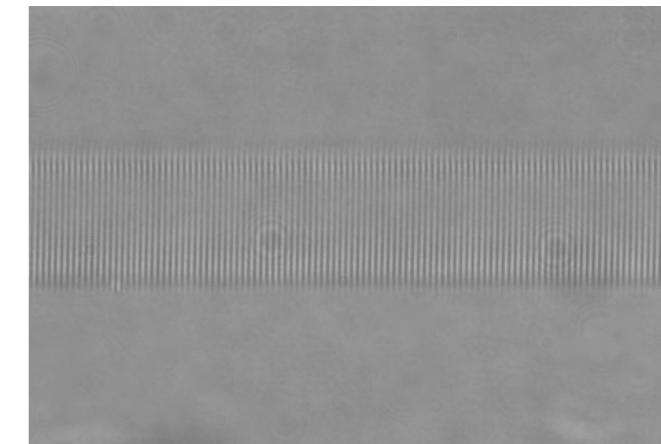
FBG writing in dual cladding fibers



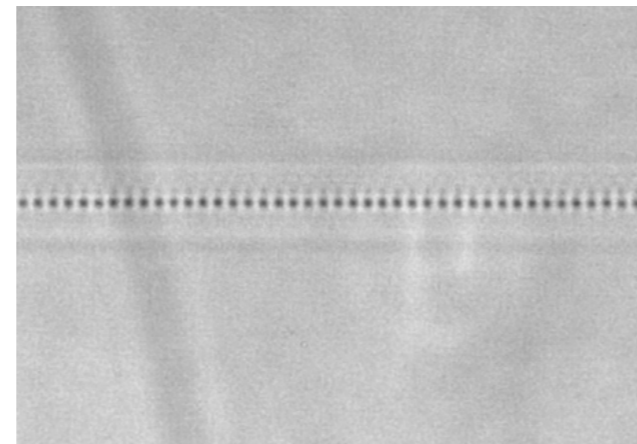
FBG writing in SMF



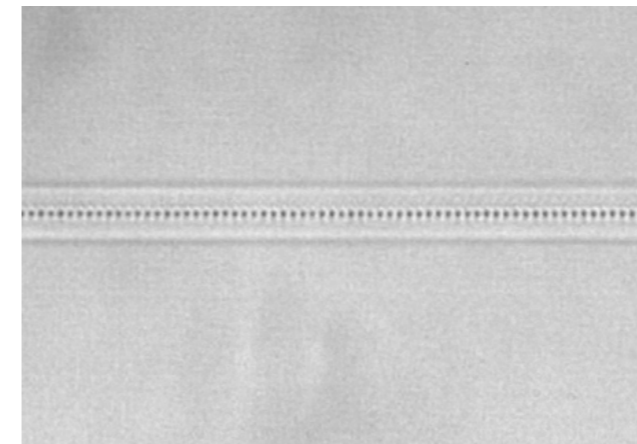
Line-by-Line (LbL) inscribed FBG top view



Line-by-Line (LbL) inscribed FBG view rotated by 90°



Point-by-Point (PbP) inscribed FBG top view

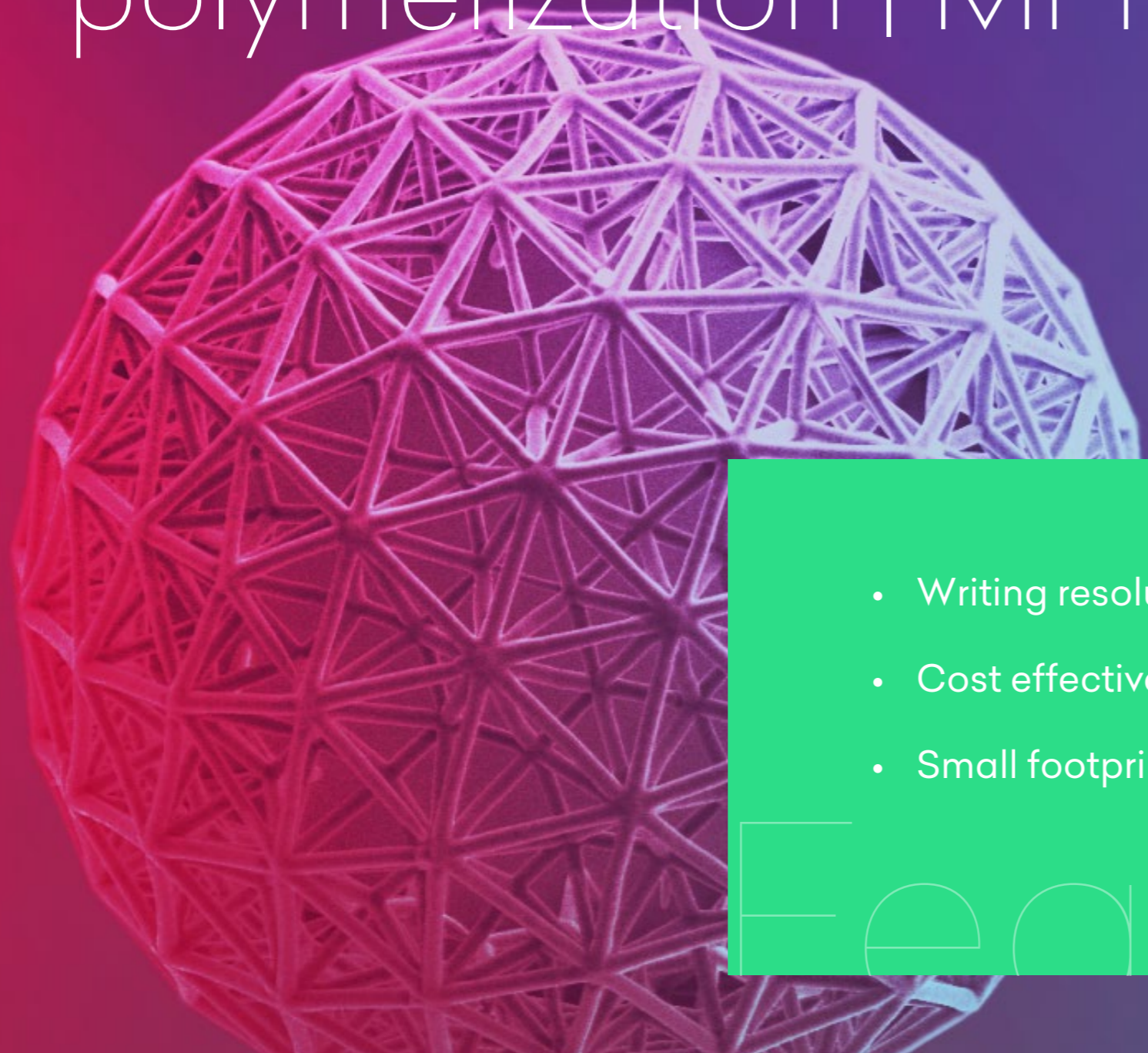


Point-by-Point (PbP) inscribed FBG view rotated by 90°





# Multiphoton polymerization | MPP



- Writing resolution: 200 nm - 10  $\mu$ m
- Cost effective
- Small footprint

## Features

For over 15 years we are working on novel systems development for various research groups and organizations.

Technologies entering the miniaturization era have encouraged us to precise 3D additive manufacturing development.

Point-by-point laser writing in photoresists is a unique technology for 3D structuring of nano-, micro-, meso- and macro-scale printing.

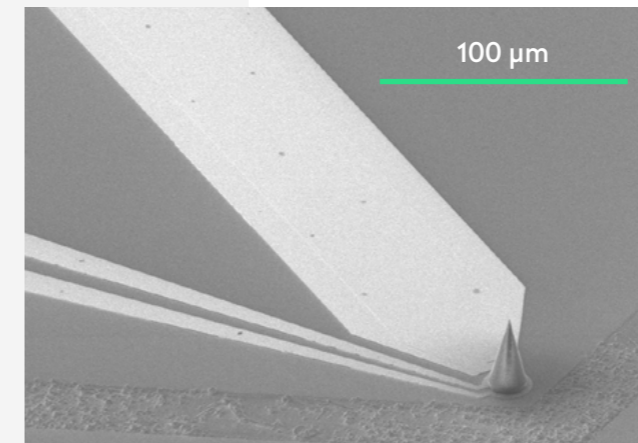
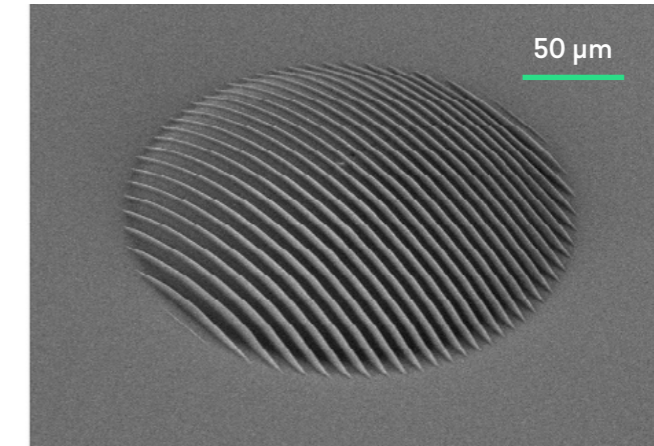
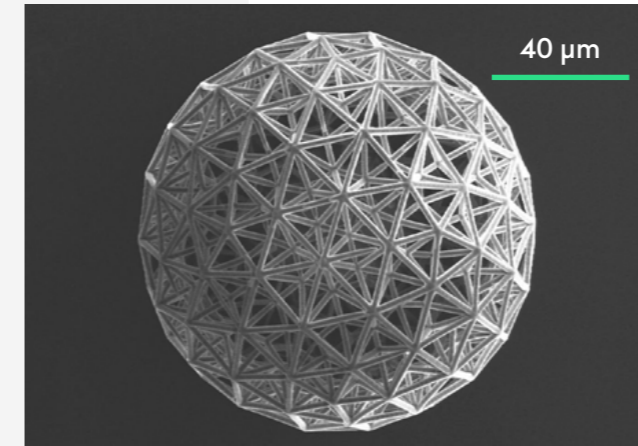


# Multiphoton polymerization | MPP

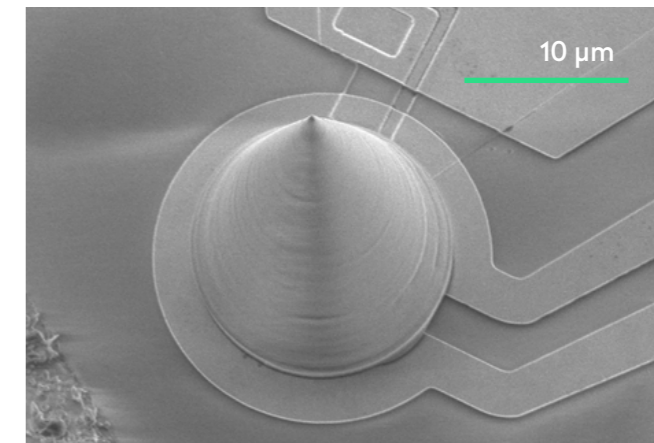
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- Variety of polymers available
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- Fabrication of complex 3D objects and arbitrary microstructures
- Repeatability and stable workflow
- Possibility to integrate new structures into existing ones

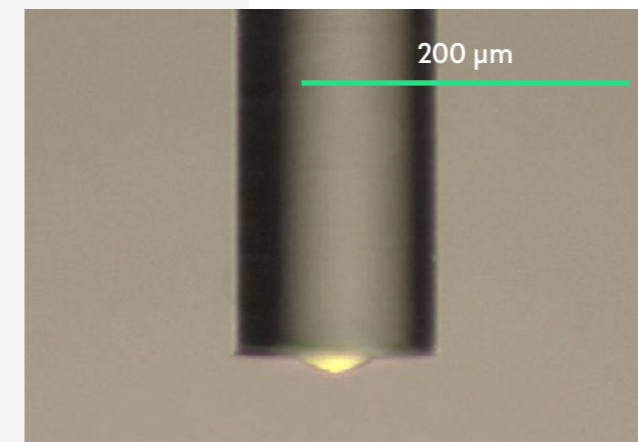
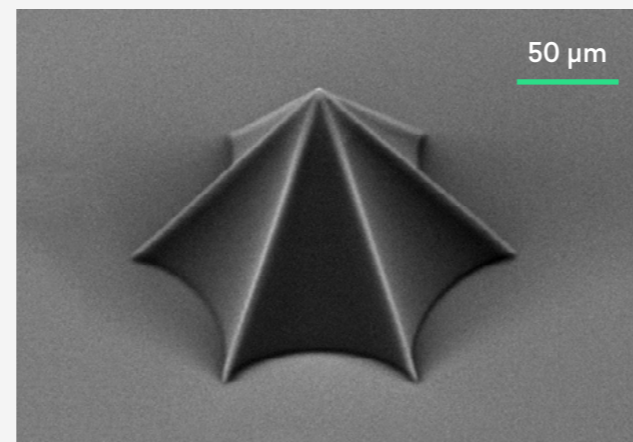
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Superconducting coil on silicon wafer



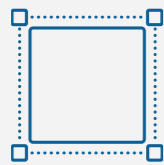
Functional structures nanoprined on existing functional devices





# Laser workstations

# Why you should buy our workstations?



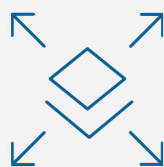
## Custom, results-based

Every workstation is built according to the exact results you want to achieve



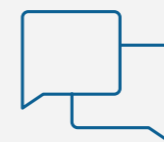
## Upgradeable

You can add additional functionalities over time



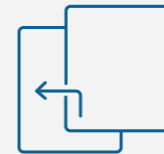
## Flexible

One workstation can be used to make several applications, not just one



## Full support

We will install the workstation at your premises and train your team



## References

Our systems are installed in a diverse range of businesses, research universities and organizations



## 1 year warranty

And after-warranty service





# FemtoLAB

Femtosecond laser micromachining workstation for laboratories and R&D centers



- Fabrication of complex objects with submicron resolution
- High speed micromachining
- Ultra-high precision micromachining
- Efficient beam delivery and power control
- High-end industrial-grade femtosecond laser
- High-performance galvanometer scanners
- Object movement and laser pulse synchronization in time and space
- Unique software interface controlling all hardware units

## FEATURES



Submicron resolution



High speed



Ultra-high precision results



Top-quality components



LASER WORKSTATIONS

## Technical information

Parameter	Value
Pulse duration	40 fs – 10 ps
Repetition rate	1 Hz – 2 MHz (Single-Shot, Pulse-on-Demand, Burst Mode)
Average power	Up to 80 W
Pulse energy	Up to 2 mJ
Wavelength	1030 nm, 515 nm, 343 nm, 257 nm
Positioning accuracy	± 250 nm
Travel range	From 25×25 mm to 500×500 mm (larger on request)

## Principle configurations

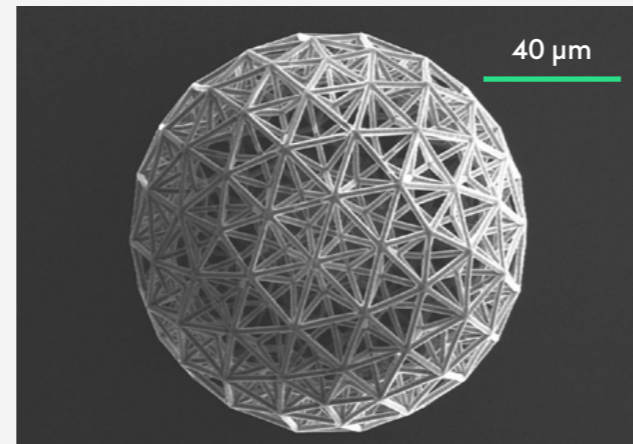
- Laser source
- Sample positioning system
- Beam delivery and scanning unit
- Laser power and polarization control
- Software for system control (autofocus and machine vision on request)
- Sample holders and special mechanics (sample handling automation on request)
- Optical table
- Enclosure (full or partial)
- Dust-removal unit
- The laser system is automated with SCA micromachining software. This software is an essential part of the laser system and is not sold separately.



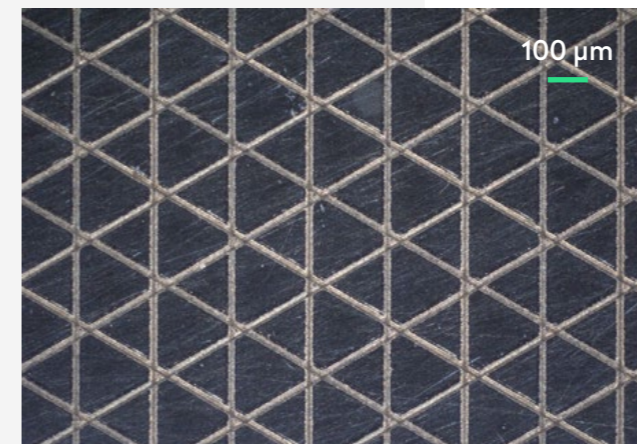
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- Micro cutting
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- Micro drilling
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- Laser surface structuring
- Selective laser ablation
- 3D additive manufacturing (MPP)
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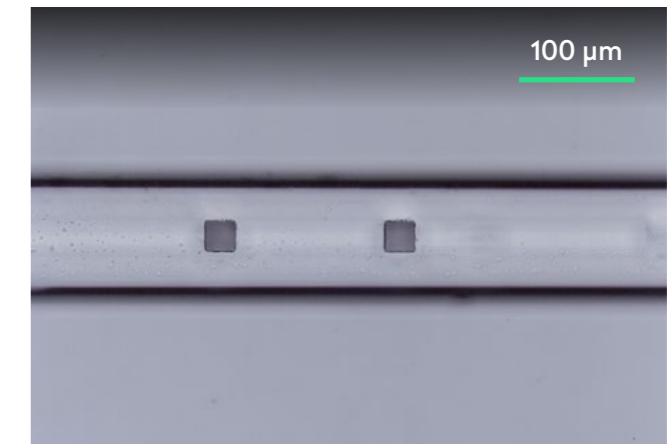
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Multiphoton polymerization (MPP)



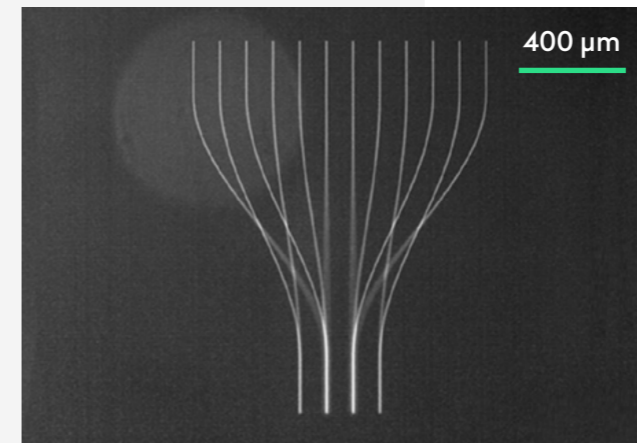
Micro welding | Glass to metal



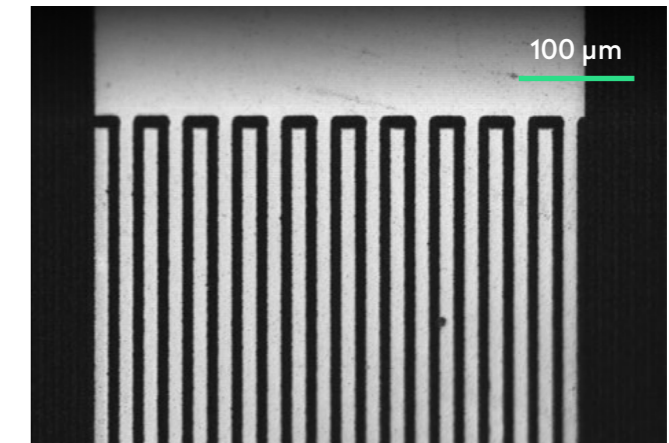
Micro drilling | Fiber



Micro drilling | Glass



Waveguide writing



Selective laser ablation

# FemtoLAB KIT

A solution for scientific and industrial customers that already have a laser source

- A solution without a laser source
- Fabrication of complex objects with submicron resolution
- High-speed micromachining
- High-accuracy XYZ sample positioning
- Custom beam delivery and shaping for selected wavelengths
- Control of the entire system through a single-screen interface
- Easily upgradeable, custom design



Submicron resolution

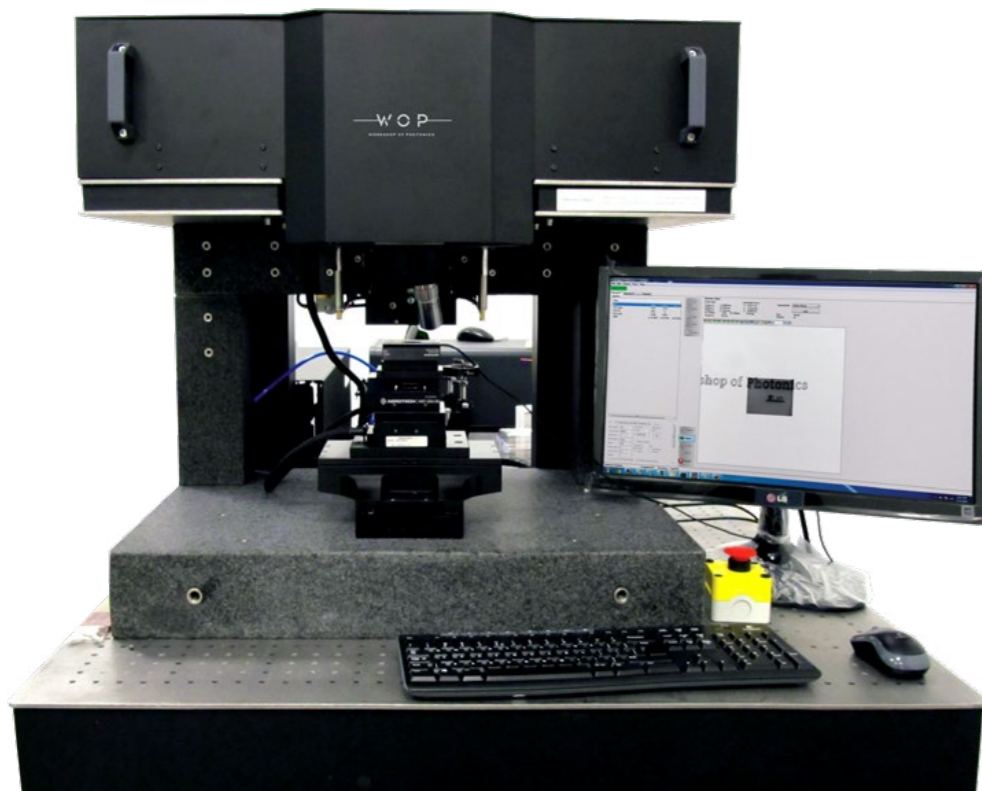


High speed



Ultra-high precision results

# Features

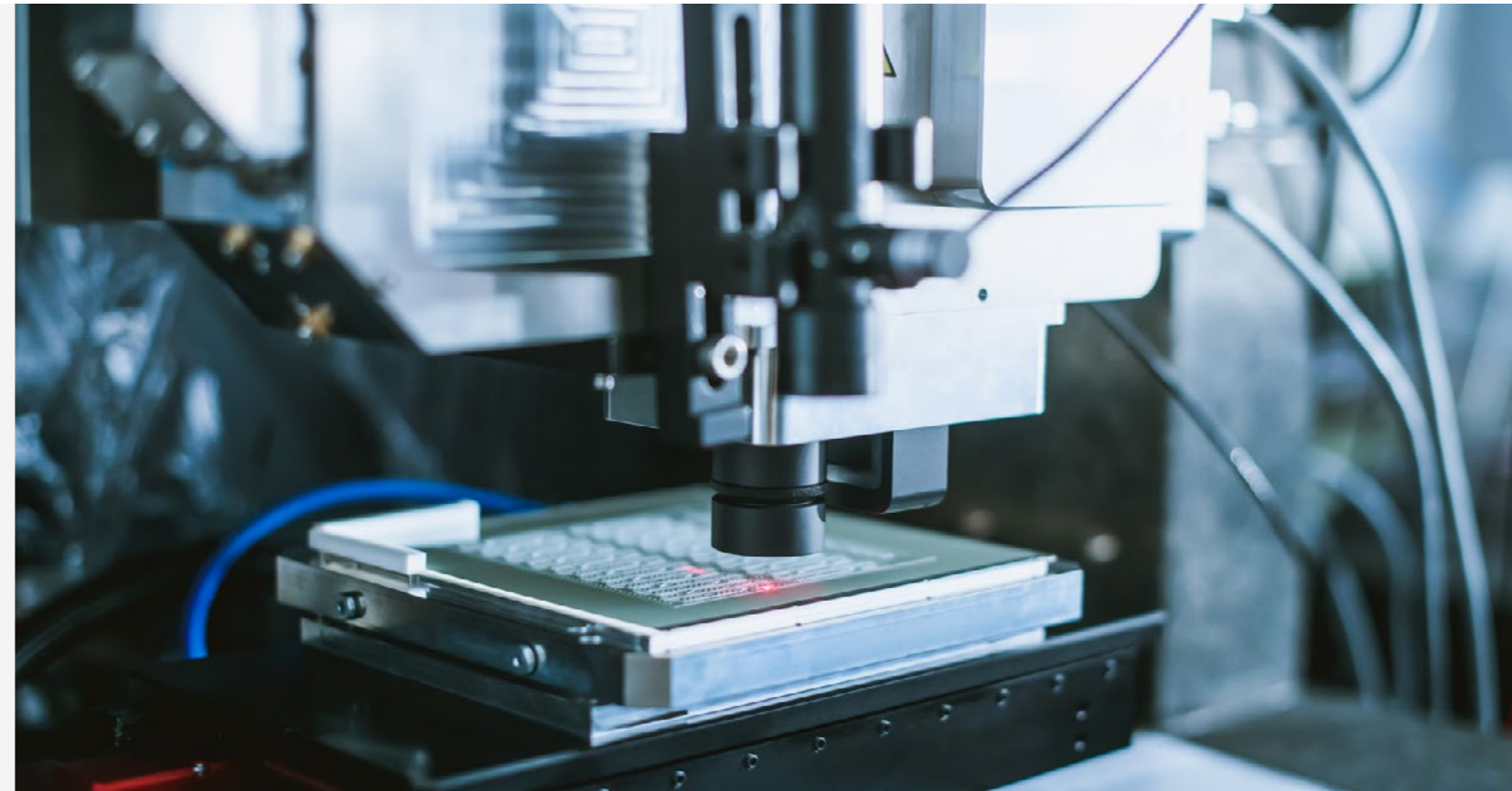




# FemtoLAB KIT

## Principle configurations

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- Sample positioning system
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- System control software (auto-focus and machine vision on request)
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## Applications:

- Micro drilling
- Micro cutting
- Micro welding
- Micro marking
- 3D additive manufacturing (MPP)
- Laser surface structuring



# FemtoMPP

Multiphoton polymerization (MPP) technology

Cost effective 3D additive solution for customers in science and industry

- Finest resolution
- Cost-effective design
- Small footprint
- Fabrication of complex & transparent 3D objects
- Variety of polymers available
- Low operating and maintenance cost



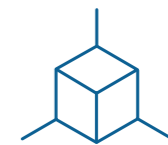
Finest resolution



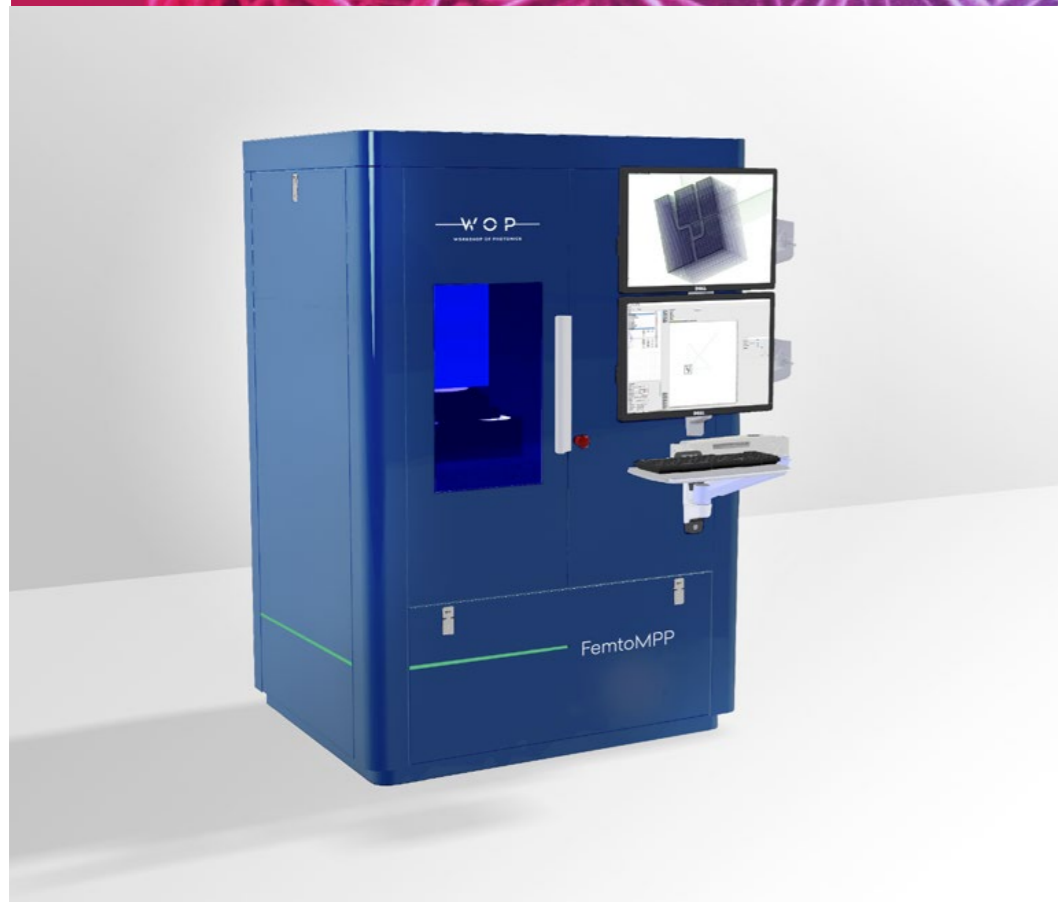
Cost effective



Small footprint



Complex 3D objects



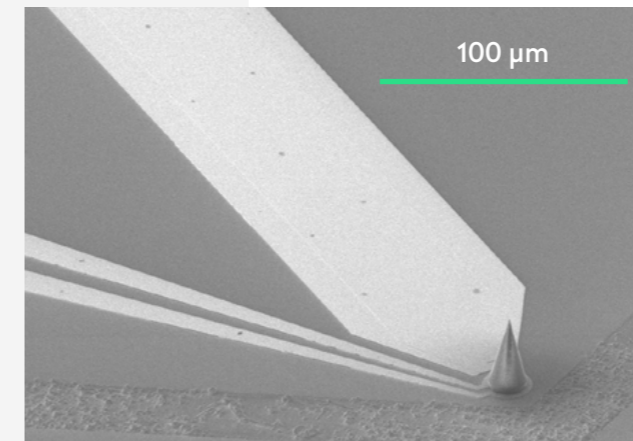
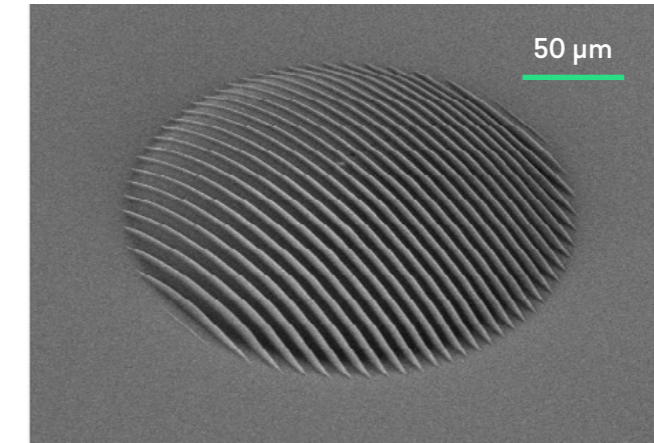
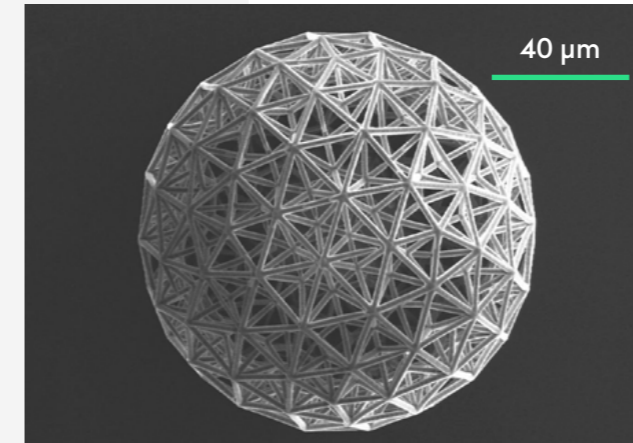
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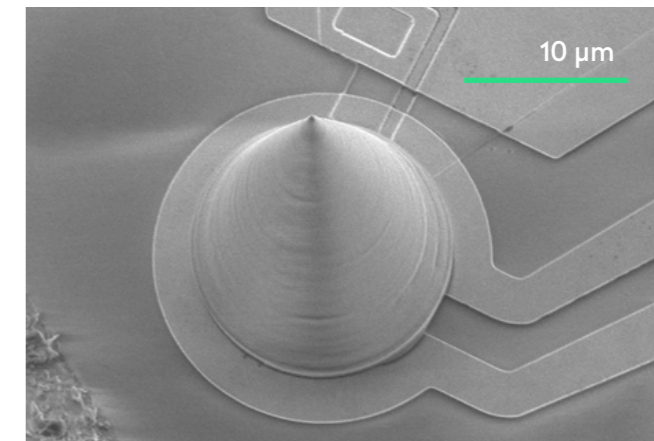
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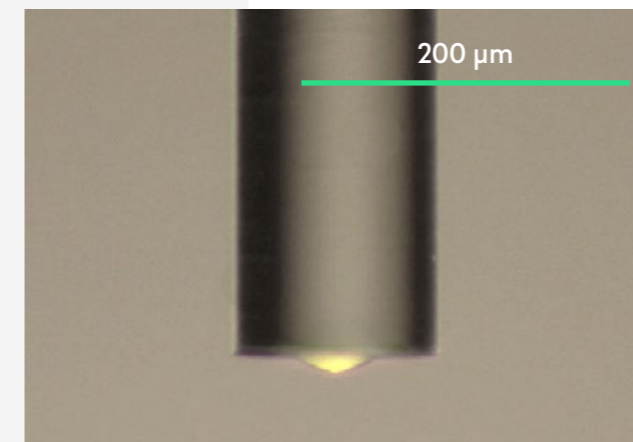
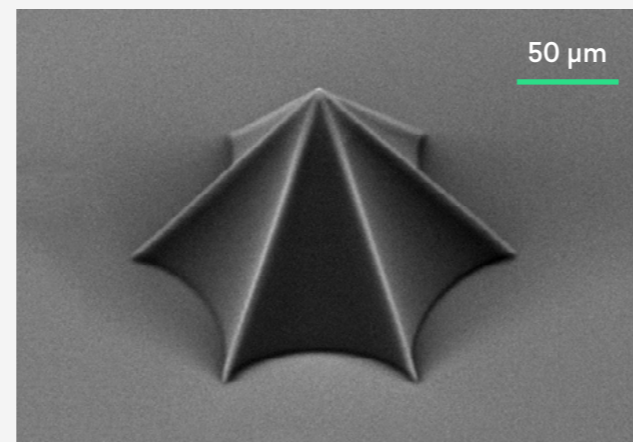
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# FemtoMPP | Configurations

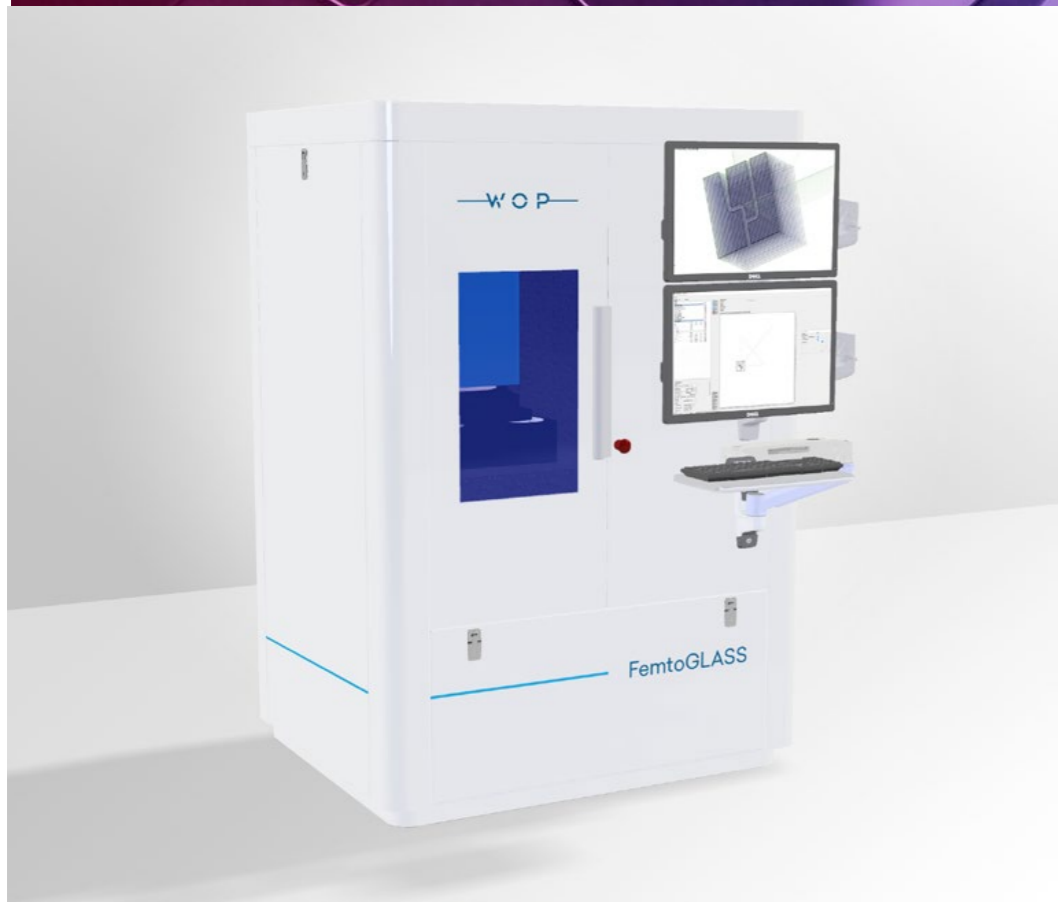
	Standard	Advanced	Custom
<b>Laser micromachining technologies</b>	Additive	Additive	Customer's choice
<b>Laser</b>	Single or dual-wavelength	NIR, Green, UV	Customer's choice
<b>Minimum XY feature size</b>	300 nm	150 nm (typical 200 nm)	STED option available
<b>Finest XY resolution</b>	700 nm	300 nm	Solution dependant
<b>Finest vertical resolution</b>	1,5 µm	0,5 µm	
<b>Layer distance</b>	0,5-1 µm	0,05 – 3 µm	
<b>Maximum object height</b>	1 mm	10 mm	
<b>Build volume</b>	10x10x0,5 mm	60x60x10 mm	Customer's choice
<b>Maximum working range</b>	60x60x5	100x100x35	
<b>Minimum surface roughness, Ra</b>	50 nm	30 nm	Solution dependant
<b>Scanning speed</b>	0,1-1 mm/s	0,1-100 mm/s	Customer's choice
<b>Autofocus</b>	-	Included	
<b>Power control</b>	Integrated external control	Integrated external control	Integrated external control
<b>Vibration control</b>	Passive	Antivibration isolation	Customer's choice





# FemtoGLASS

Glass & sapphire cutting workstation  
for industry

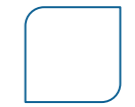


- Ultra-fast thin (30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2 mm) glass & sapphire cutting
- High processing speeds - up to 1000 mm/s
- Irregular shapes
- Inner and outer contours
- Easy breaking for non-tempered glass and self-breaking for tempered glass

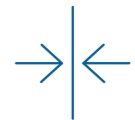
## Features



High speed



Irregular shapes



Thin glass & sapphire

### Type of glass

- Non-tempered glass
- Tempered glass
- Sapphire

### Quality of cut

- Cut width less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- Low chipping <10  $\mu\text{m}$
- No post-processing required

# FemtoGLASS

**WOP Glass** cutting workstation **outperforms** other glass-cutting methods:



	<b>Blade dicing</b>	<b>Stealth laser dicing</b>	<b>WOP laser dicing</b>
<b>Glass thickness</b>	2 – 19 mm	200 µm – 10 mm	30 µm – 2 mm
<b>Glass type</b>	All types	Non-tempered Sapphire	Tempered Non-tempered Sapphire
<b>Cutting speed</b>	Up to 100 mm/s	Up to 300 mm/s	Up to 1000 mm/s
<b>Possible shapes</b>	Straight cuts only	T-shape and round shapes possible	Any shape possible
<b>Surface chipping</b>	<200 µm	<50 µm	<10 µm





# FemtoGLASS

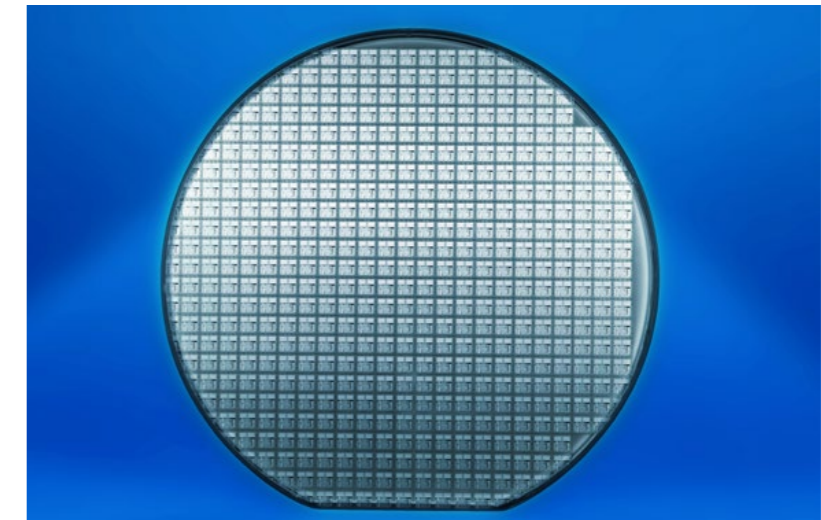
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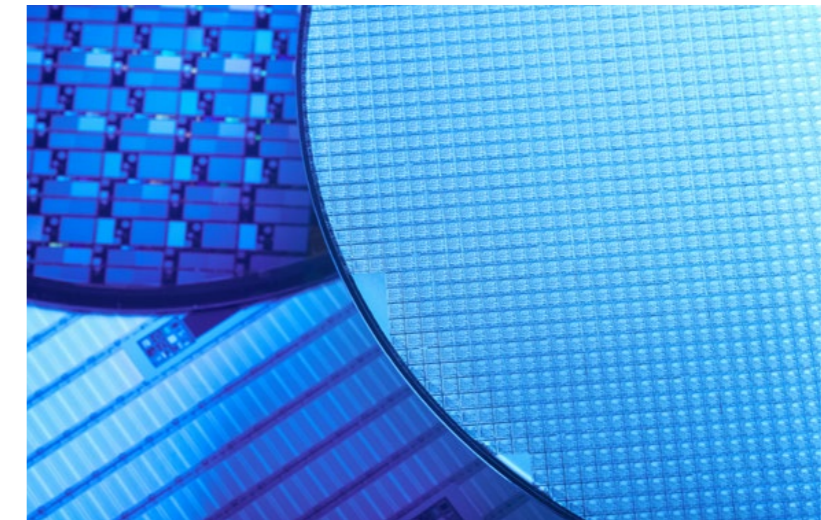
Mobile phone sapphire screens



Augmented reality, smart glasses screens



Wafer level glass product dicing



Microoptics elements



Mobile phones sapphire buttons



Mobile phones camera lenses





# FemtoFBG

Laser workstation for fiber Bragg gratings writing



- Direct writing (point-by-point, line-by-line, plane-by-plane)
- Precise reflection/ transmission spectrum control
- Direct writing without immersion oil
- Ultra-long FBGs
- Apodised Bragg Gratings
- Variety of optical fibers (single-mode, dual-cladding, multi-core, etc.)
- Femtosecond FBG writing with a phase mask

## Features



Direct writing



Precise reflections



Ultra-long FBG's



Variety of optical fibers





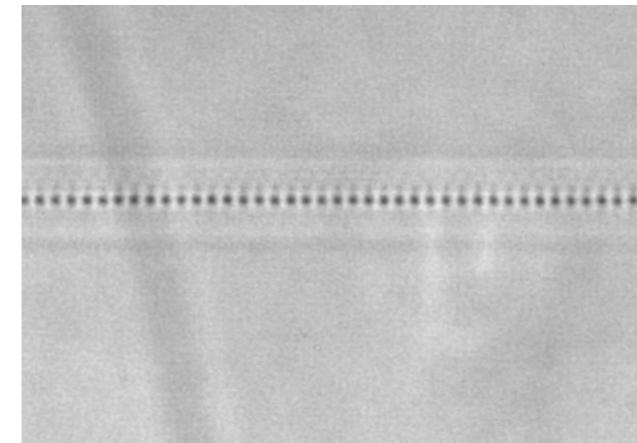
# FemtoFBG

Femtosecond FBG writing is a proven technology for universal Bragg Gratings writing in various optical fibers, including not UV-sensitized fibers.

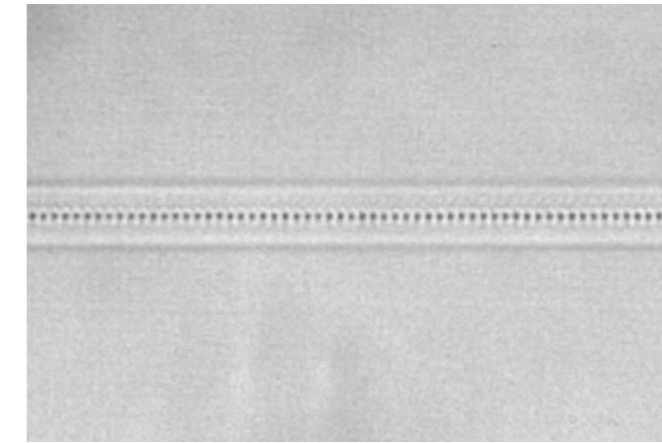
The main advantage of the femtosecond laser writing unlimited length or structure of Bragg grating is not using a phase mask.

Femtosecond FBG writing using phase mask enables long-term modifications that are impossible with Excimer lasers.

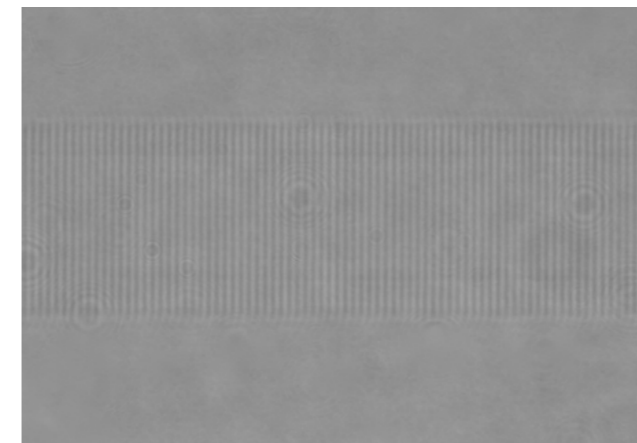
It is a perfect choice for scientific laboratories, R&D centers, and industrial clients working with fiber lasers, distributed sensors, and telecommunications.



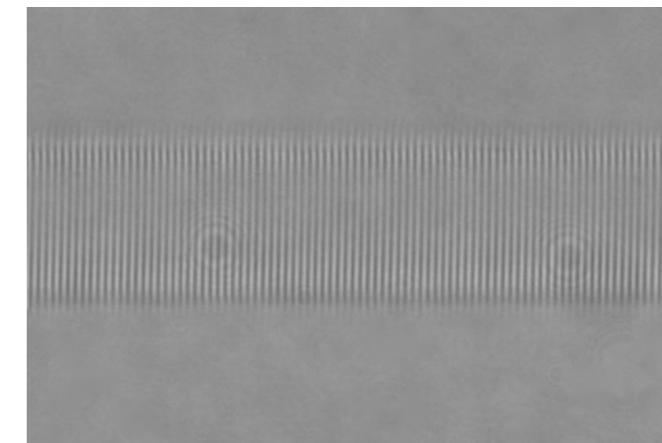
Point-by-Point (PbP) inscribed FBG top view



Point-by-Point (PbP) inscribed FBG view rotated by 90°



Line-by-Line (LbL) inscribed FBG top view



Line-by-Line (LbL) inscribed FBG view rotated by 90°



FBG writing in dual cladding fibers



# FemtoFBG | Configurations

	Standard	Advanced	Custom
<b>Micromachining technologies</b>	Direct laser writing	Direct laser writing Mask writing	System can include fiber drilling, marking and other functionalities
<b>Laser</b>	Single-wavelength	Dual-wavelength	Design wavelengths   wavelengths can be chosen, including integration of customer's provided laser source
<b>FBG writing options</b>	Point-by-Point (PbP) writing, Line-by-Line (LbL) writing, Apodized gratings	Point-by-Point (PbP) writing, Line-by-Line (LbL) writing, Apodized gratings, FBGs can be written using a phase mask	Optional interferometric technique
<b>Fibers</b>	Single-mode fibers, multicore fibers	Versatile	Versatile
<b>Maximum fiber diameter</b>	1 mm	Customer's choice	Customer's choice
<b>Maximum working range</b>	50x50x5	50x100x35	Up to 300x300
<b>Flat samples processing</b>	Included	Included	Included
<b>Fiber core autofocus</b>	-	Digital	Digital
<b>Fiber tension control</b>	-	Included	Holder designed according to individual requirements
<b>Polarization control</b>	-	Motorized	Motorized Linear Polarization rotation, Circular, Elliptical, Azimuthal, other
<b>Writing</b>	With positioning system	With positioning system and/or scanning unit	Positioning and scanning units can be chosen by the customer
<b>Power control</b>	Integrated external control	Integrated external control	Option for real-time pulse energy measurement
<b>Vibration control</b>	Passive	Antivibration isolation	Passive/Active



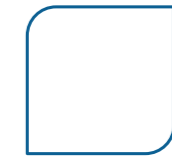
# Technology for cutting glass & sapphire



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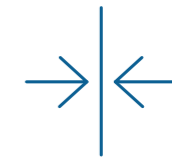
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Thin glass & sapphire

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- High process speeds - up to 1000 mm/s
- Cutting of irregular shapes
- Inner and outer contours
- Easy breaking for non-tempered glass and self-breaking for tempered glass
- High bending strength

## Features





# Technology for cutting glass & sapphire

## Solutions for system integrators

- Optimized for 1028-1064 nm wavelength (515-532 on request)
- Sealed monolithic housing
- Integrated monitored linear axis with 15 mm travel (eliminates need for external Z axis)
- Optional external Machine vision unit
- Optional alignment module for adjustment
- Packages include optical module and technology license
- Dimensions HxWxD: 395x240x95 mm

## Type of glass

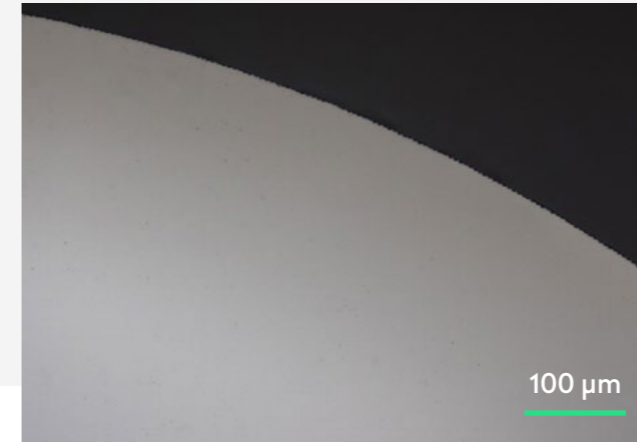
- Non-tempered glass
- Tempered glass
- Sapphire

## Quality of cut

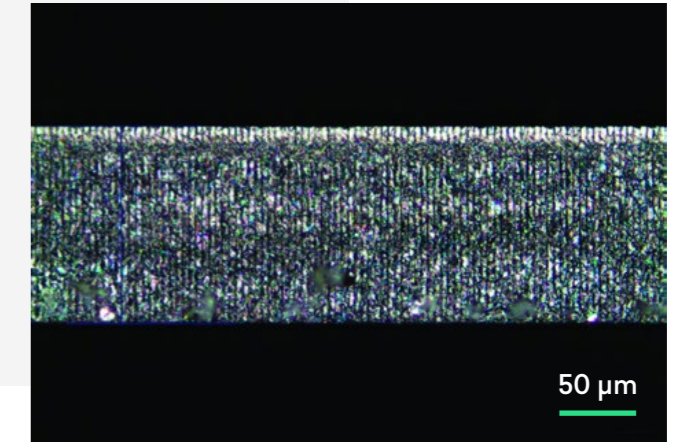
- Cut width less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- Low chipping <10  $\mu\text{m}$
- No post-processing required
- Smooth side walls after breaking, Ra <1  $\mu\text{m}$



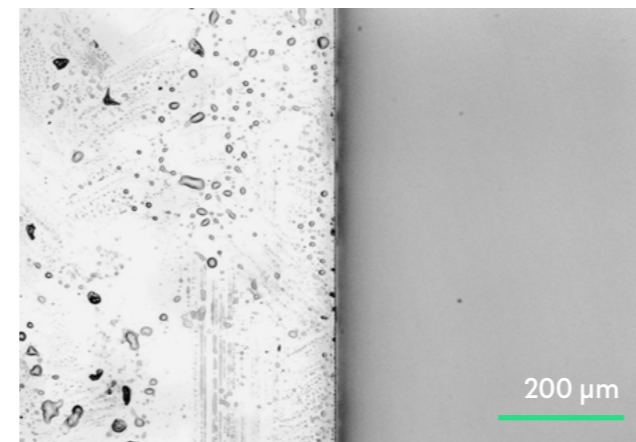
Glass cutting



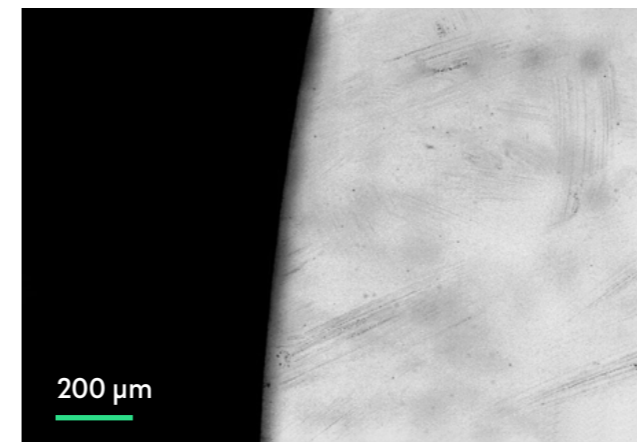
Sapphire: 0.6 mm thickness



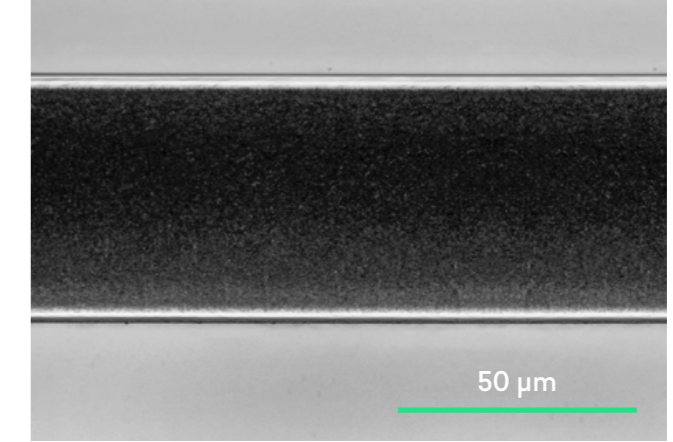
Sapphire: 0.1 mm thickness



Tempered glass: 0.55 mm thickness



Sapphire: 0.325 mm thickness



Tempered glass: 0.55 mm thickness

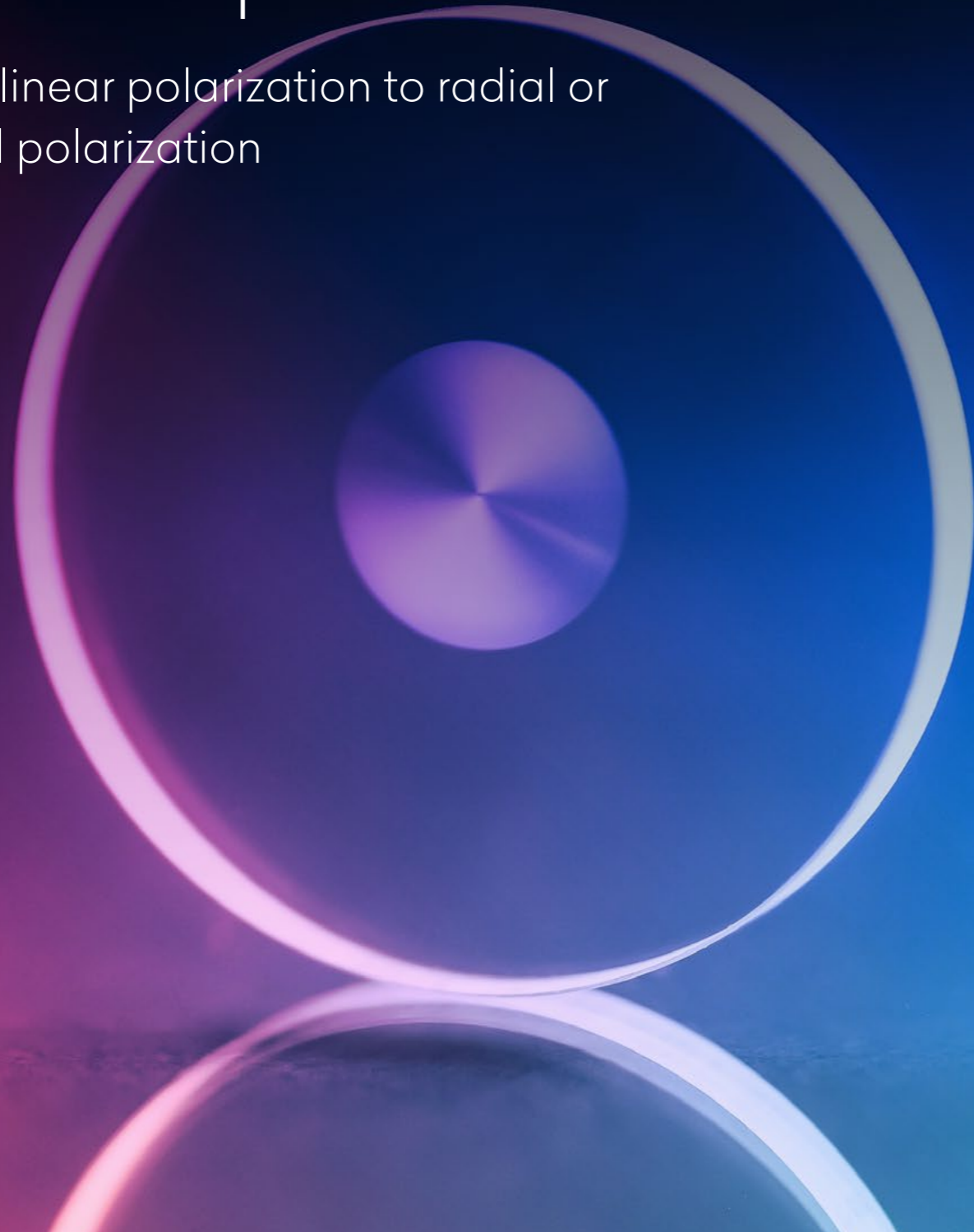


# Space-variant retarders



# S-waveplate

Converts linear polarization to radial or azimuthal polarization



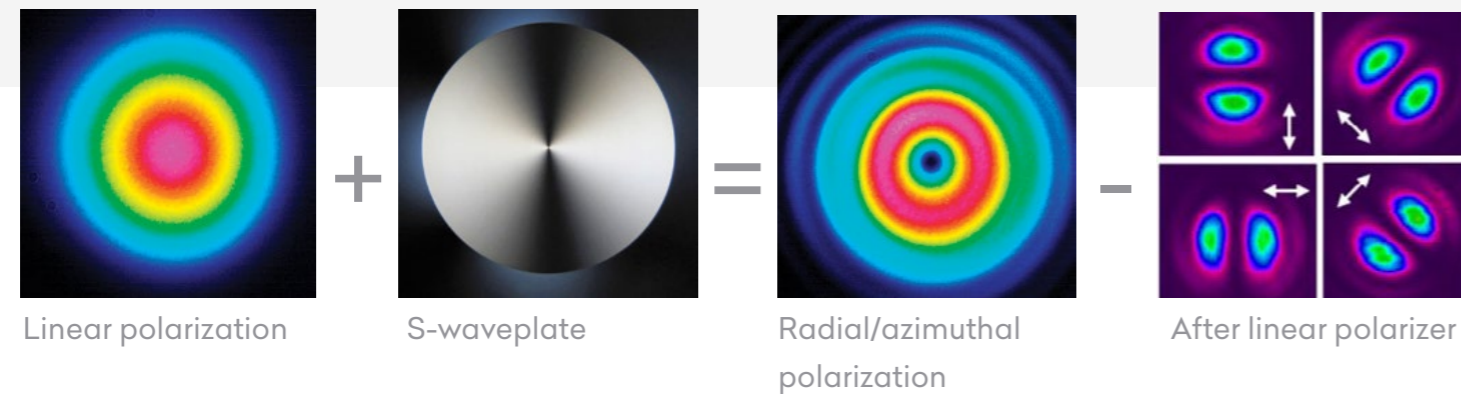
## WHY CHOOSE AN S-WAVEPLATE?

- Best choice for converting:
  - linear polarization to radial or azimuthal polarization
  - circular polarization to an optical vortex
- 94% transmission @ 1030 nm (no AR coating)
- Stand-alone – no additional optical elements needed
- Suitable for high LIDT applications and high-power lasers
- Reliable and resistant surface - the structure is inside the bulk

# S-waveplate

## S-waveplate

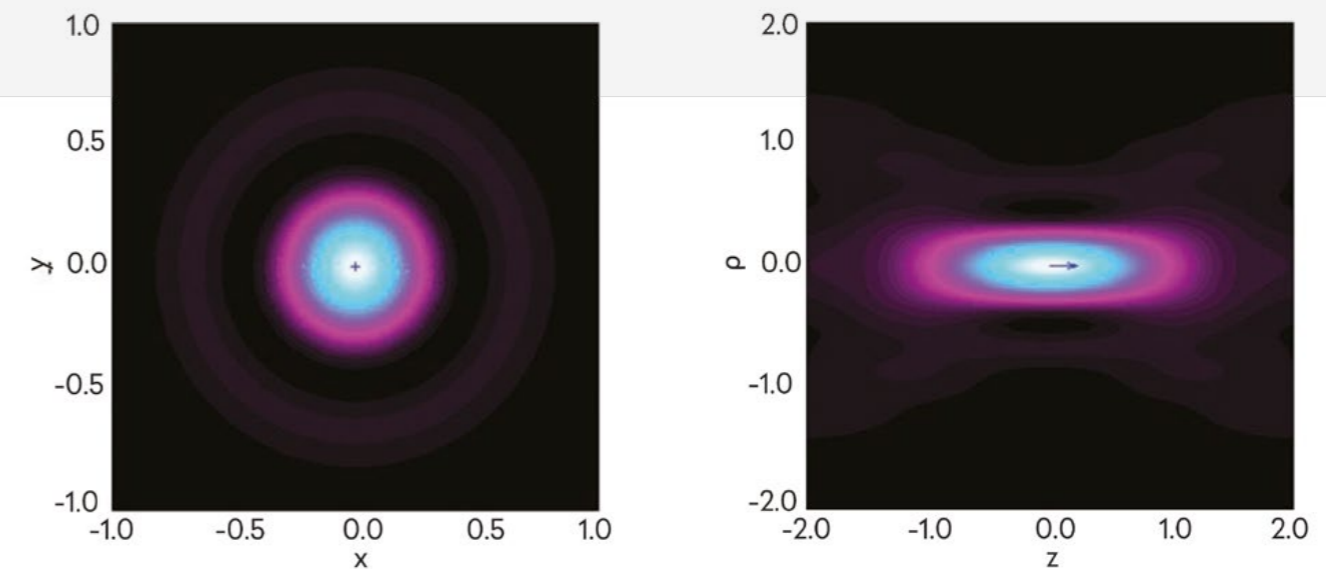
This comprises a space-variant retarder that converts linear polarization to radial or azimuthal polarization and circular polarization to an optical vortex. The fabrication of S-waveplates is based on the inscription of self-organized nanograting's inside fused silica glass using a femtosecond laser.



Beams with radial or azimuthal polarization attract significant interest due to having unique optical properties associated with their inherent symmetry. Such beams enable resolution below the diffraction limit and interact without the undesirable anisotropy produced by linearly polarized light.<sup>1</sup>

S-waveplates can be beneficial for polarization-sensitive applications. For example, a radially polarized beam is more efficient at drilling and cutting high-aspect-ratio features in metals. Vector beams are also applicable in optical tweezers, laser micromachining, STED microscopy, and two-photon-excitation fluorescence microscopy.

## Application example:



Normalized intensity of the longitudinal (z-) component of a high-NA (1.32) radially polarized beam at focus and through focus. Intensities of 0 and 1 correspond to black and white, respectively. The units of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $z$  are in wavelengths.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Radially polarized optical vortex converter created by femtosecond laser nanostructuring of glass Martynas Beresna, Mindaugas Gecevičius, Peter G. Kazansky, and Titas Gertus.

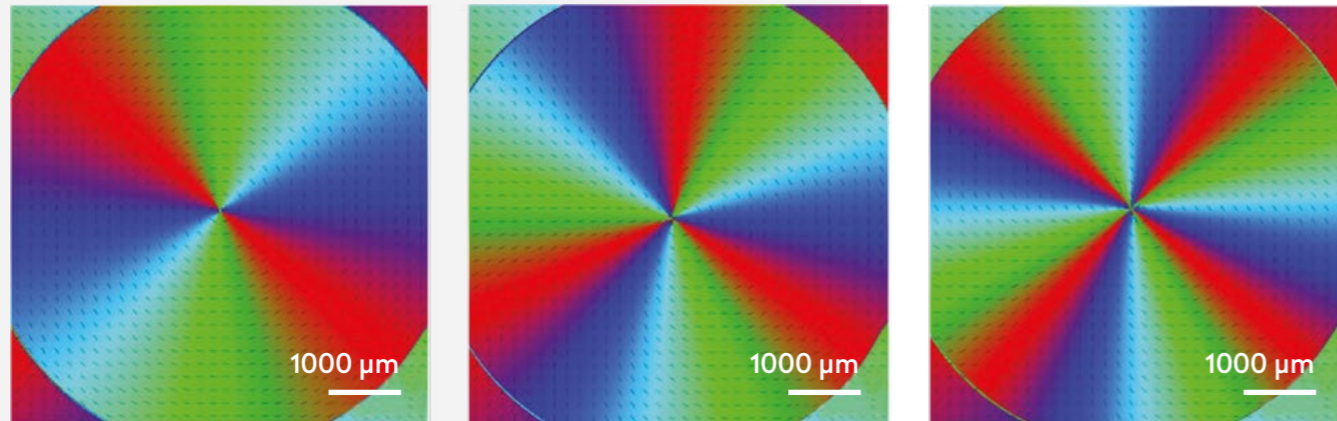
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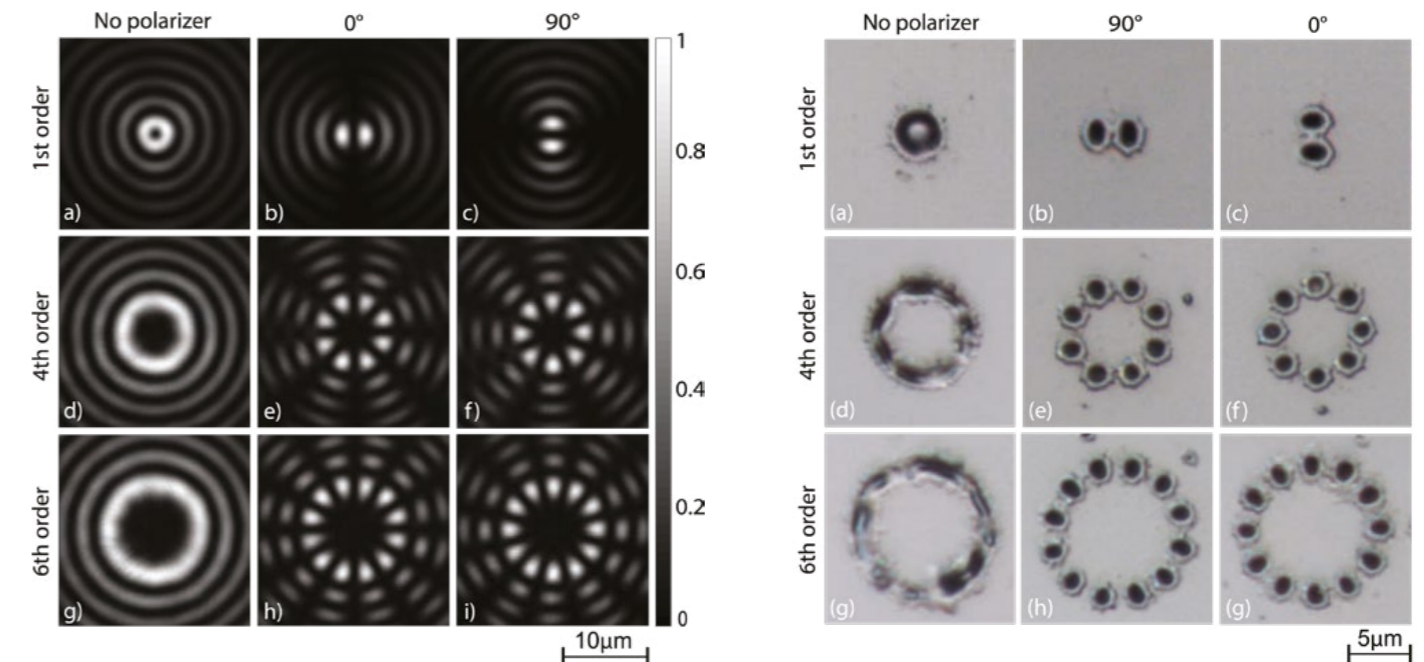
## Higher-order S-waveplate

Higher-order S-waveplate converts linear polarization to higher-order polarization patterns.



Examples of fast axis patterns for 2nd (left), 3rd (center) and 4th (right) order S-Waveplates (measured with Hinds Instruments Exicor Microlmager).

Combining HOS with an axicon enables vector Bessel beams (VBBs) to be obtained that can be used for the efficient drilling of transparent materials.



Beam spatial intensity profiles of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> order vector Bessel-Gauss beams (a, d, g) and their single polarization component spatial intensity distribution when polarizer was rotated at two different angles. When the polarizer was parallel to incoming polarization (0 deg) beam intensity profiles are depicted in second column and when polarizer was perpendicular (90 deg) beams are depicted in third column.<sup>3</sup>

Transparent material modification on the D263t glass sample surface with higher order VBB's and their transverse polarization components. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> order VBB damages are depicted in a, d, and g respectively. The single polarization component of the appropriate VBB are depicted in second and third column.<sup>3</sup>

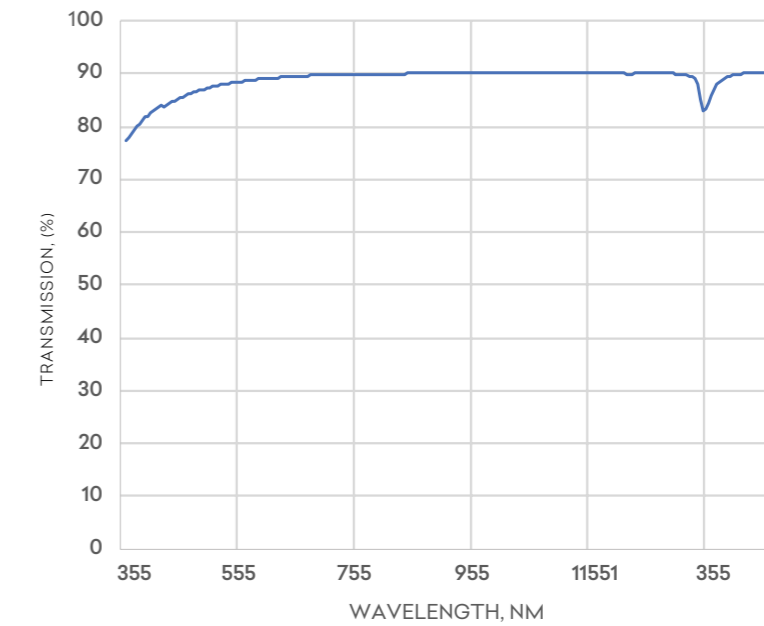
<sup>3</sup> Justas Baltrukonis, Orestas Ulcinas, Pavel Gotovski, Sergej Orlov, Vytautas Jukna, "Realization of higher order vector Bessel beams for transparent material processing applications," Proc. SPIE 11268, Laser-based Micro- and Nanoprocessing XIV, 112681D (2 March 2020); doi: 10.1117/12.2545093

# S-waveplate

## Technical features

- LIDT | High damage threshold:
  - 63,4 J/cm<sup>2</sup>** @ 1064 nm, 10 ns
  - 2,2 J/cm<sup>2</sup>** @ 1030 nm, 212 fs
- High transmission (no AR coating):
  - 94% @ 1030 nm**, 92% @ 515 nm,
  - 85% @ 343 nm of most SS lasers
- Large aperture possible - up to 15 mm

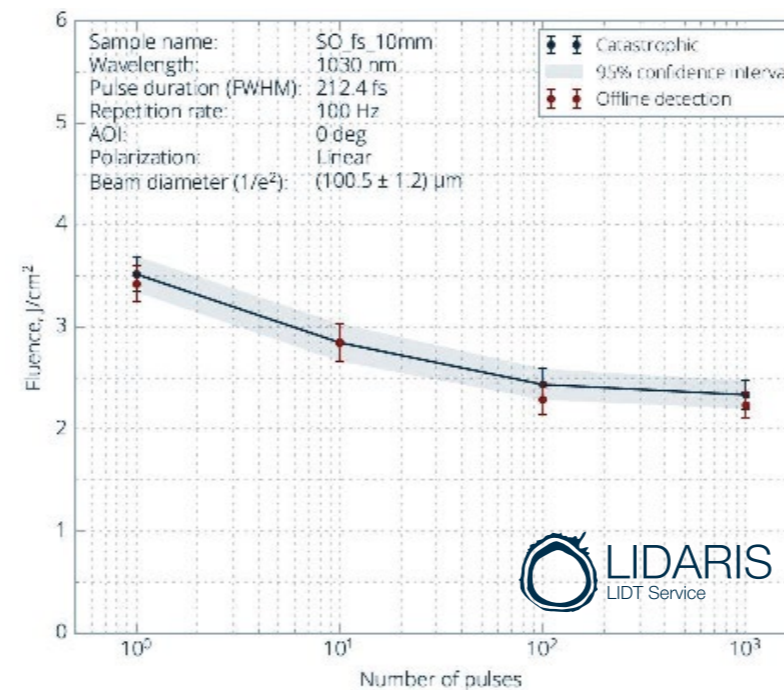
Transmission of uncoated s-waveplate



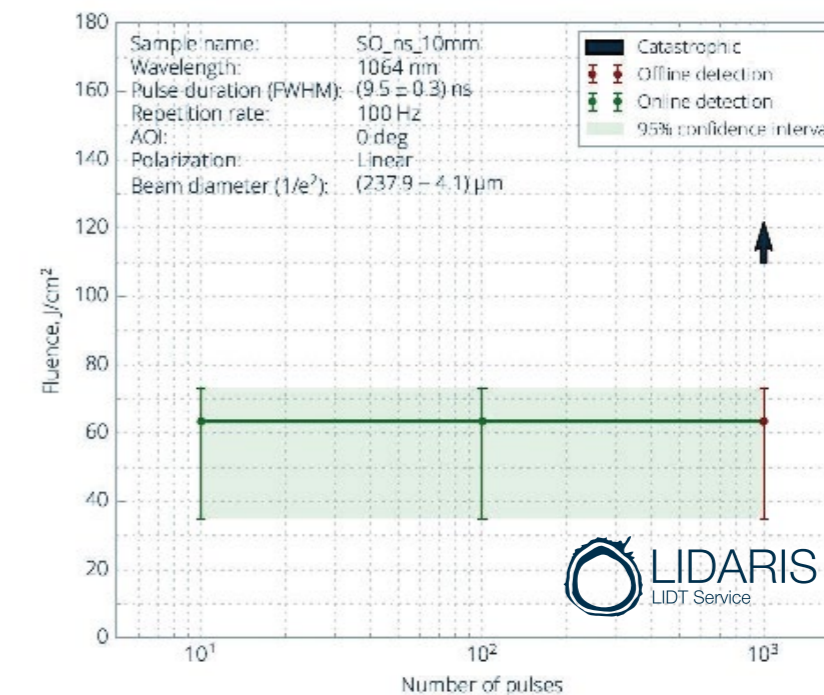
## Application examples

- STED microscopy
- Micromachining
- Micro drilling high-aspect-ratio channels
- Generate any cylindrical vector vortex
- Multiple particle trapping
- Micro-mill is driven by optical tweezers
- Use as an intracavity polarization-controlling element in cladding-pumped ytterbium-doped fiber laser for radially polarized output beam generation

LIDT at femtosecond regime



LIDT at nanosecond regime





# Circular grating Flat axicon

Transforms Gaussian beam into  
a Bessel-Gauss beam



## WHY IS THIS BETTER THAN AN ORDINARY AXICON?

- Positive and negative Bessel-Gauss zones, 3-in-1 usage possibilities
- Suitable for high-LIDT applications and high-power lasers
- Flat optics - saves space, easy to handle
- Reliable and resistant surface - the structure is inside the bulk



# Flat axicon

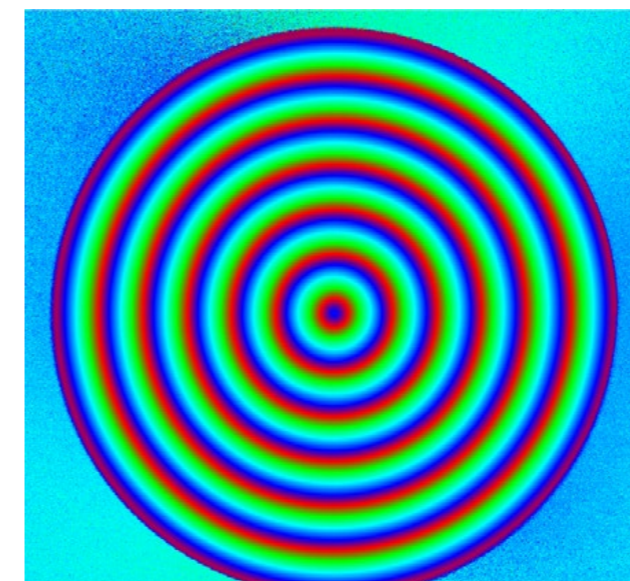
## Description

A circular grating (a.k.a flat axicon) is a space-variant retarder that transforms a Gaussian beam into a Bessel-Gauss beam.

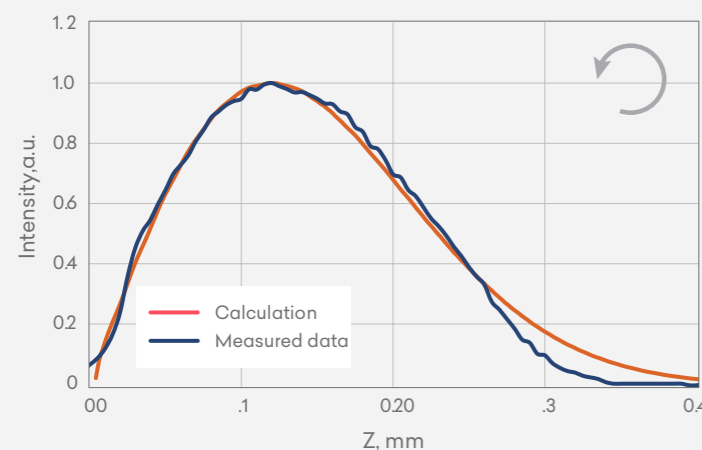
This product stands out for its high damage threshold compared with alternative devices. It has a laser irradiation resistance similar to that for uncoated fused silica substrates.

The structure of the element is unique due to the formation of birefringent nanogratings inside a bulk of fused silica glass, sensitive to the incident polarization.

A circular grating can generate both positive and negative Bessel-Gauss zones, with LHCP and RHCP polarizations respectively. Also, positive and negative zones simultaneously with linear polarization. The working regime depends only on incident polarization.

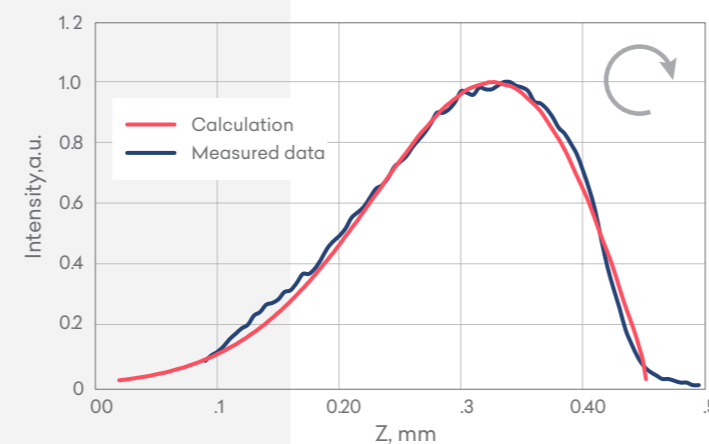


Fast axis distribution across the element (measured with HINDS Microlmager)



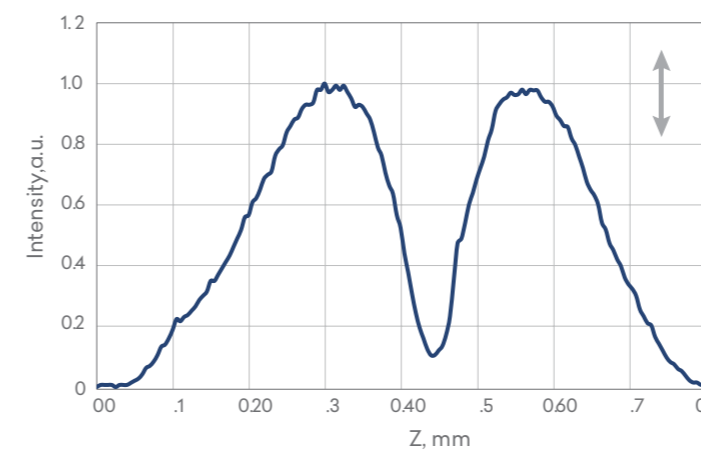
### Positive Bessel-Gauss zone

Incident light polarization > left-hand circular  
– emulating convex axicon.



### Negative Bessel-Gauss zone

Incident light polarization > right-hand circular –  
emulating concave axicon.



### Positive & Negative Bessel-Gauss zones

Incident light polarization > linear – emulating  
both axicons simultaneously.

## Technical features

- Materials: UVFS, IRFS
- Wavelength range: 330nm to 2000 nm
- Min apex angle: 176-179.9° @1030 nm
- Diffraction efficiency: up to 95%
- Element size: up to 15 mm
- Coating (optional): AR/AR coating
- Uncertainty of cone tip diameter ~20 μm
- LIDT | High damage threshold:  
63 J/cm @1064 nm, 10ns;  
2 J/cm @1030 nm, 212fs
- Transmission (no AR coating):  
85% @343 nm,  
92% @515 nm, 94% @1030 nm

## Applications

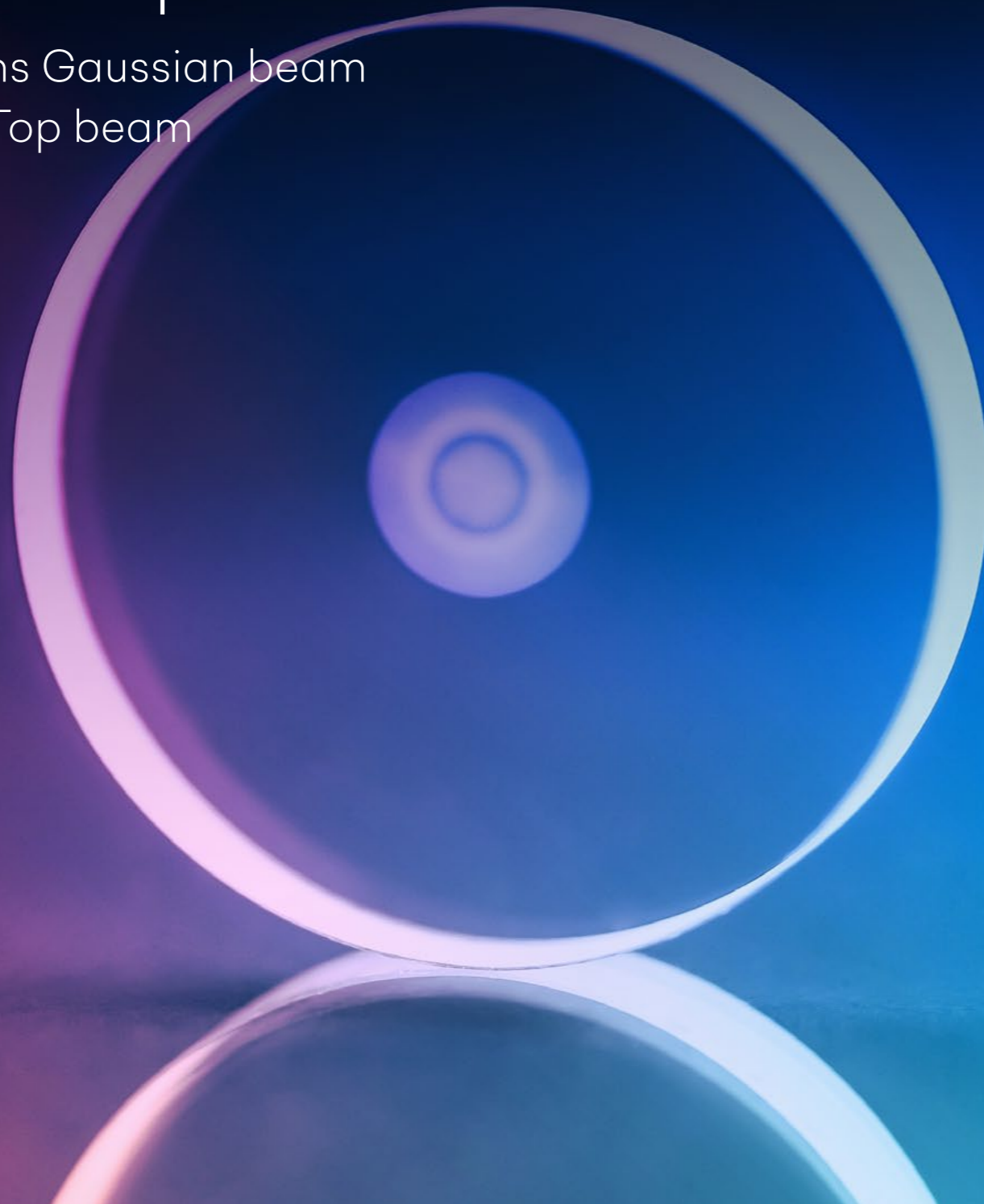
- Micromachining
- Ultra-high aspect ratio micro holes drilling
- High 90% efficiency Bragg gratings
- Cutting of transparent materials





# Flat top

Transforms Gaussian beam  
to a Flat-Top beam



## WHY CHOOSE THIS PRODUCT?

- 100% suitable for your application – designed according to your laser beam specifications
- Suitable for high-LIDT applications and high-power lasers
- Wavelength range from 300 nm to 2  $\mu$ m
- Conversion efficiency up to 70% (wavelength dependent)
- Large aperture (up to 15 mm; standard is 6 mm)



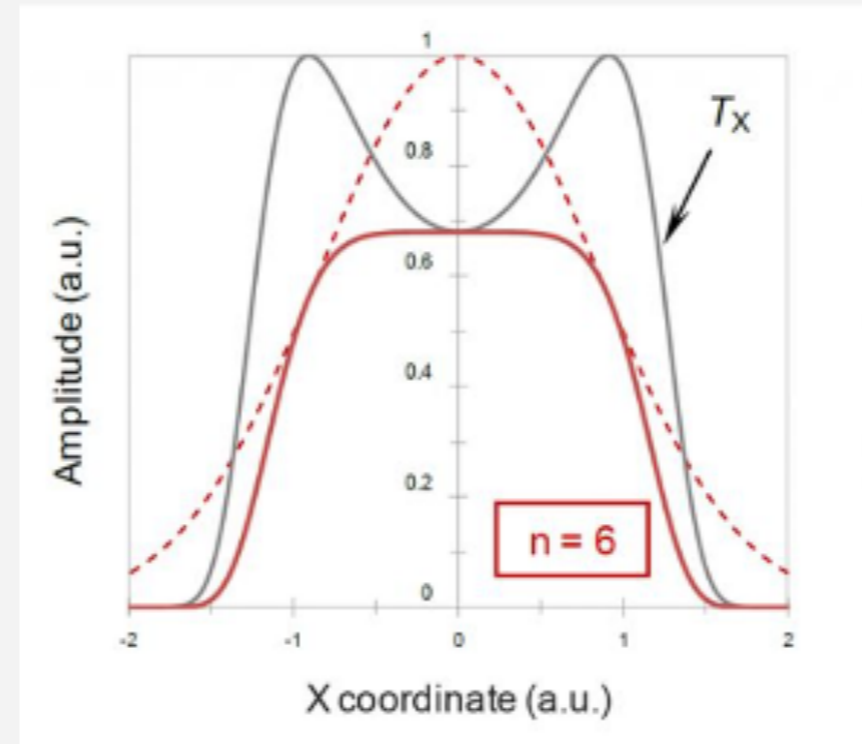
# Flat top

## Description

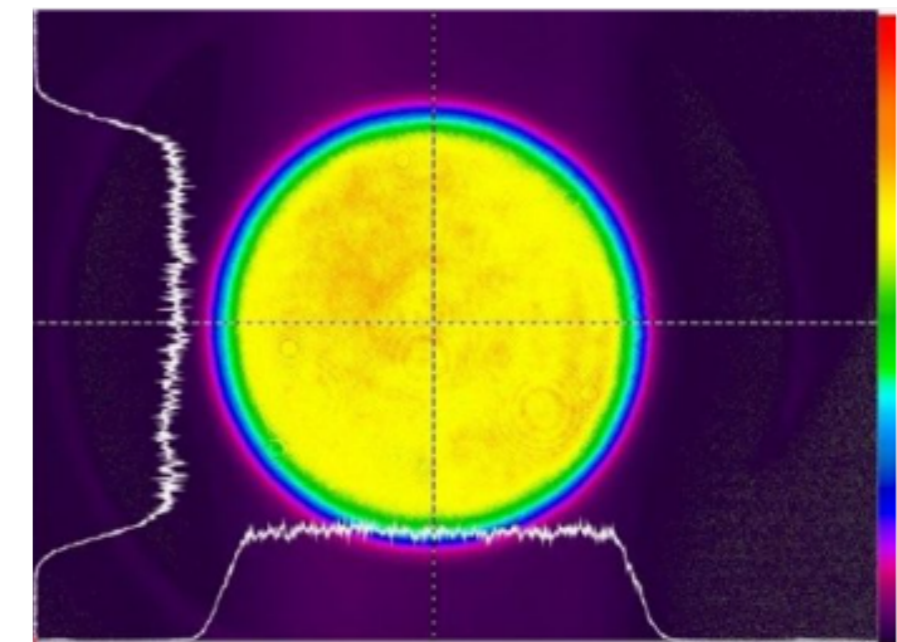
Space-variant waveplate for flat-top conversion is beam-shaping optics. A combination of a space-variant waveplate and a polarizer acts as a space-variant transmission filter that converts a Gaussian beam spot profile into a flat-top beam with equal energy distribution.

It is a space-variant phase retardation plate inscribed inside a bulk of fused silica glass by femtosecond laser pulses. A well-known fact is that flat-top intensity distributions have noticeable advantages in micromachining in terms of efficiency and quality compared to Gaussian beam profiles.<sup>1</sup>

A converter enables on-the-fly adjustment of the beam shape from flat-top to a shape with a dip in the middle. The converter is compatible with high-power ultrashort lasers.



One-dimensional initial Gaussian function (dashed red line), 6-th order super-Gaussian function (solid red line) and calculated transmission function TX (solid grey line)



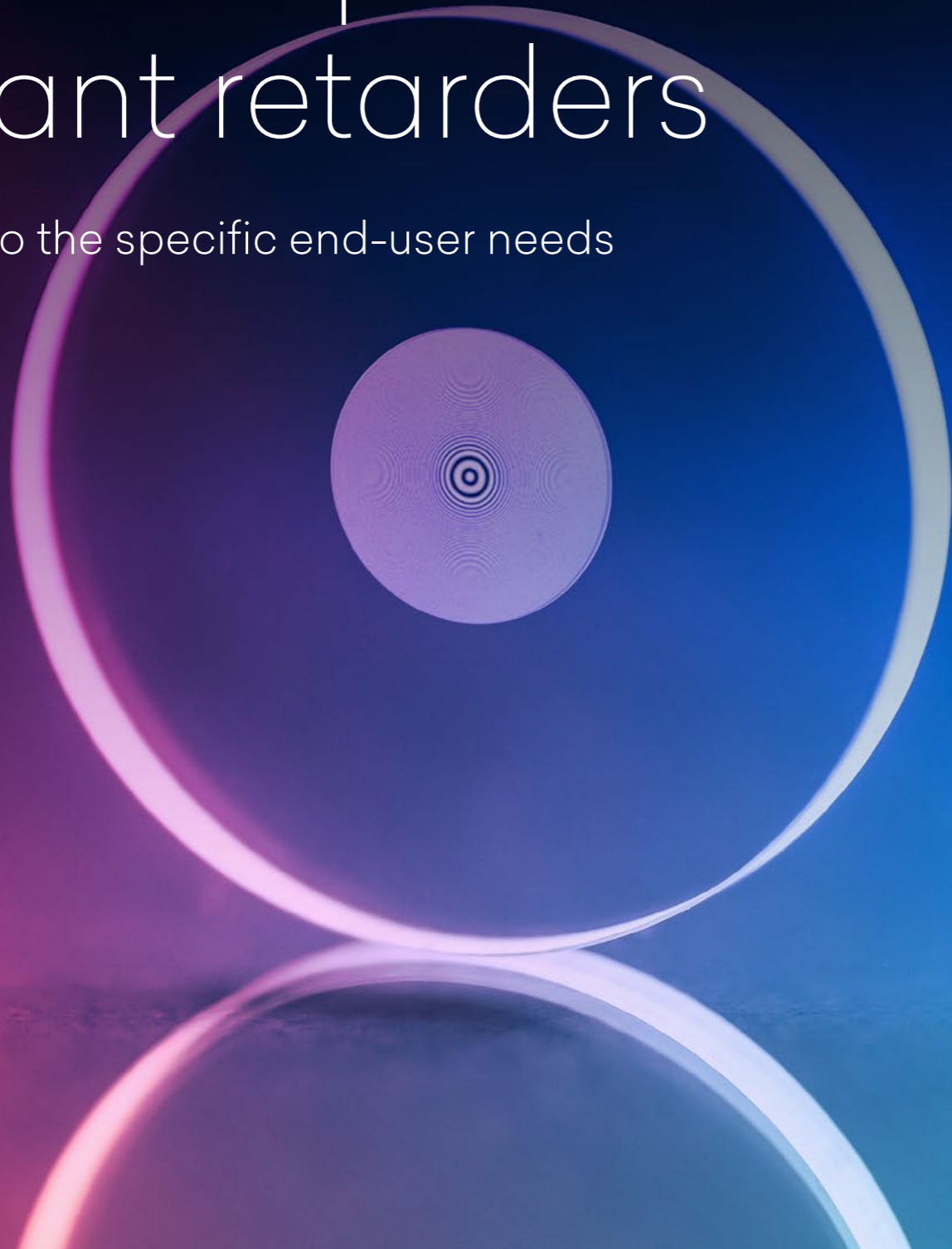
Flat-top intensity distribution after converter

<sup>1</sup> Homburg, O., & Mitra, T. (2012). Gaussian-to-top-hat beam shaping: an overview of parameters, methods, and applications. Laser Resonators, Microresonators, and Beam Control XIV. doi:10.1117/12.907914



# Custom space-variant retarders

Adapted to the specific end-user needs



## FEATURES

- Wavelength range from 200 nm to 3500 nm
- Aperture size from 1 mm to 15 mm
- High damage threshold: 63,4 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @1064 nm, 10 ns and 2,2 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @1030 nm, 212 fs.
- High 94% transmission @1030 nm (no AR coating)
- Suitable for high LIDT applications and high-power lasers
- Reliable and resistant surface – the structure is inside the bulk
- Custom fast axis and retardance patterns

# Depolarization compensator

Compensates depolarization in the gain medium

## ADVANTAGES VS. ALTERNATIVES

- No absorption
- Very low scattering
- Custom and continuous point-by-point patterns
- Maximum power extraction possibility without additional beam quality degradation
- Flexibility to compensate different amounts of depolarization by stacking more than one element
- Saves space, is easy to handle
- Significantly lower price





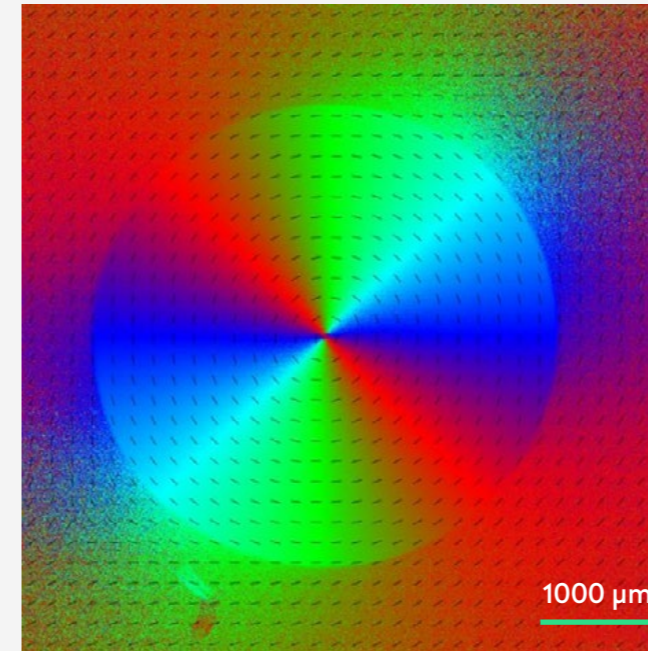
# Depolarization compensator

## Depolarization in the gain medium

Thermal effects in a high-power laser's gain medium create predictable axially symmetric temperature gradients.

Temperature gradients generate mechanical stresses in pumped crystal, which lead to induced birefringence.

Generated optical anisotropy causes significant power losses if a laser system contains polarization-sensitive elements (e. g. Brewster plates, Faraday rotators).

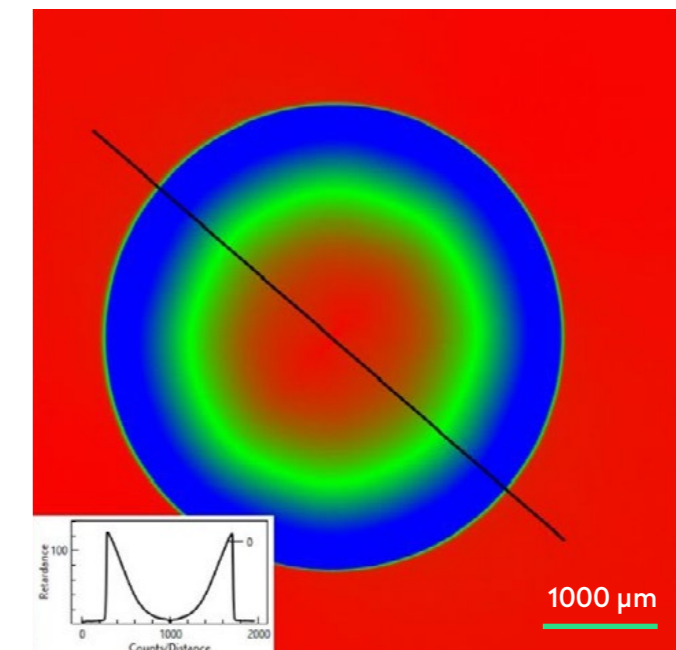


Two-dimensional distribution map of orientation of fast and slow axes

## WOP solution – depolarization compensator

Workshop of Photonics | WOP, in a joint effort with Ekspla Ltd., developed and verified a solution to solve the depolarization issue - an optical element that compensates distortion of original polarization in the gain medium.

Due to the unique properties of precisely point-by-point inscribed nano-gratings, the depolarization compensator is flexible and versatile, and it can be widely adjusted according to customer needs.



Retardance profile

Veselis, L., Burokas, R., Ulčinis, O., Gertus, T., Michailovas, K., & Michailovas, A. (2021). Depolarization compensation with a spatially variable wave plate in a 116 W, 441 fs, 1 MHz Yb: YAG double-pass laser amplifier. *Applied Optics*, 60(24), 7164-7171.

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