



# High Speed Micro-Machining with Nano-Precision

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# Company introduction

## Crealas GmbH

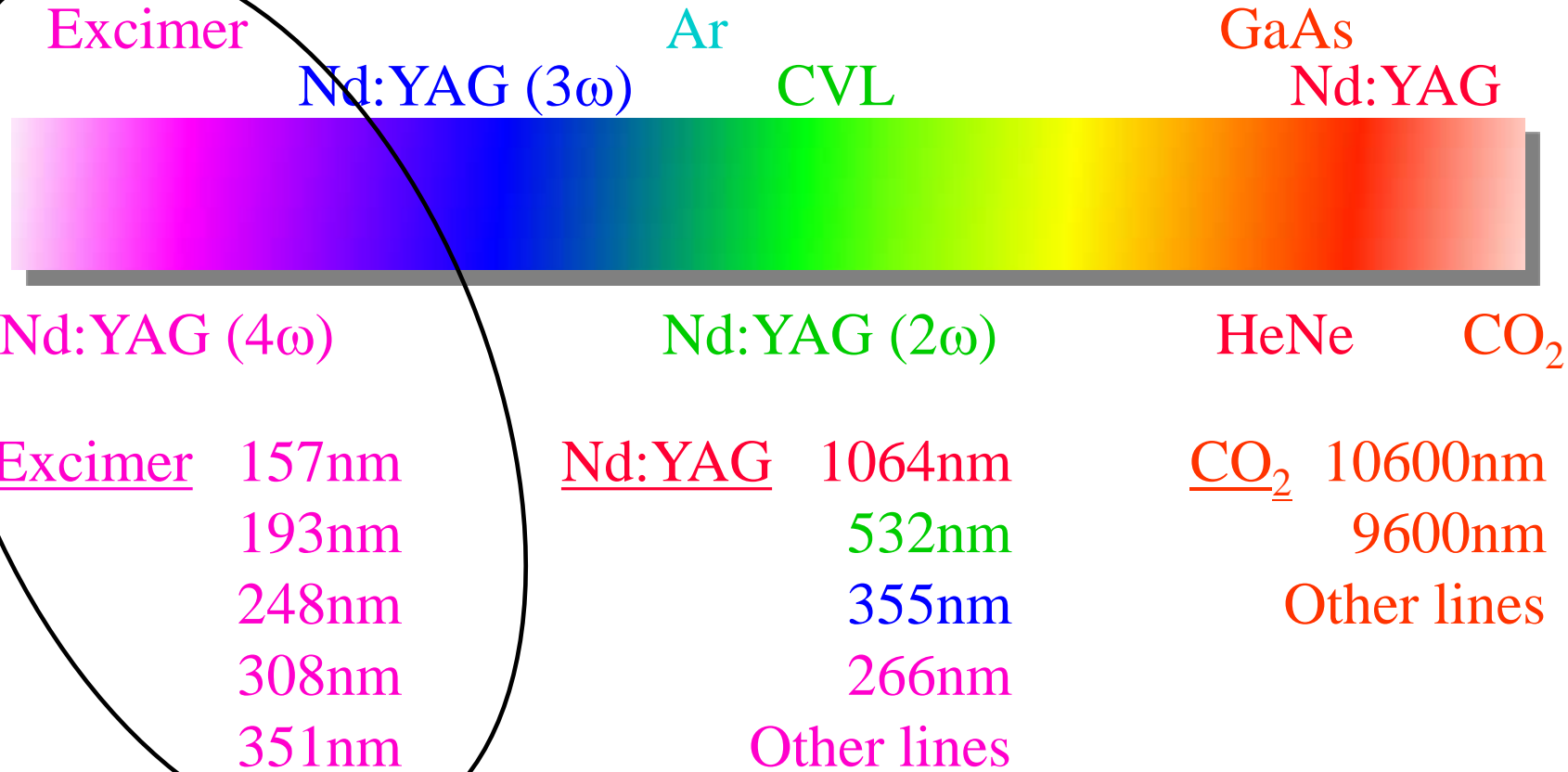
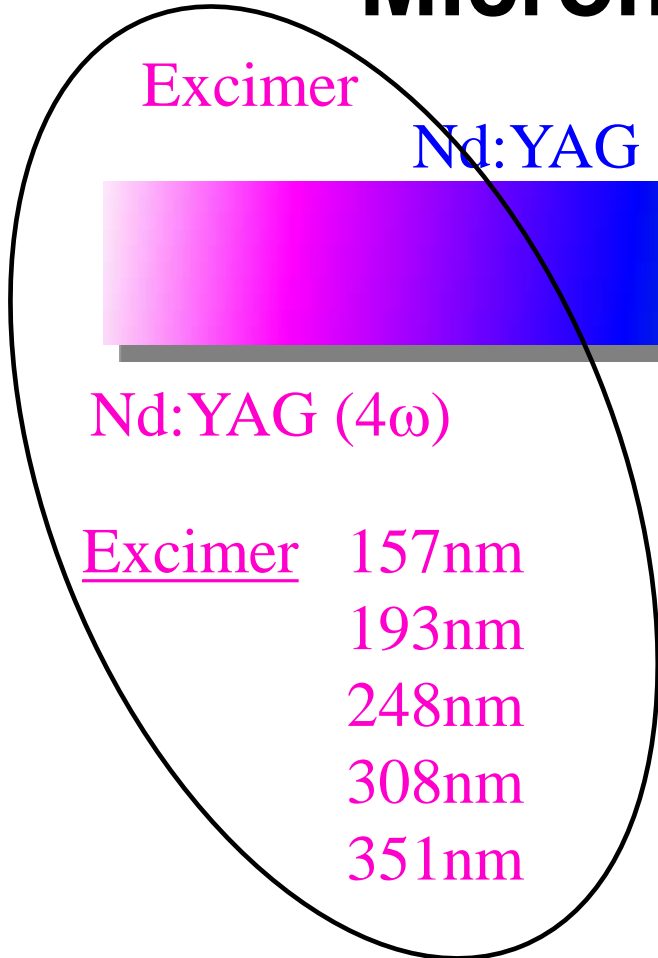
- **Ultra high precision Microstructures**
- **Tooling for various molding and embossing techniques**
- **Six years of R&D consulting experience**
- **Your solution in microstructuring**

## Crealas Expertise

- **From idea to industrial implementation**
- **Large area micro-structuring [up to 3 m<sup>2</sup>]**
- **Know-how to replicate by electroforming**
- **Strong partnership with galvanic company**
- **Strong network for Hot-, UV-embossing and injection molding**



# Micromachining Lasers

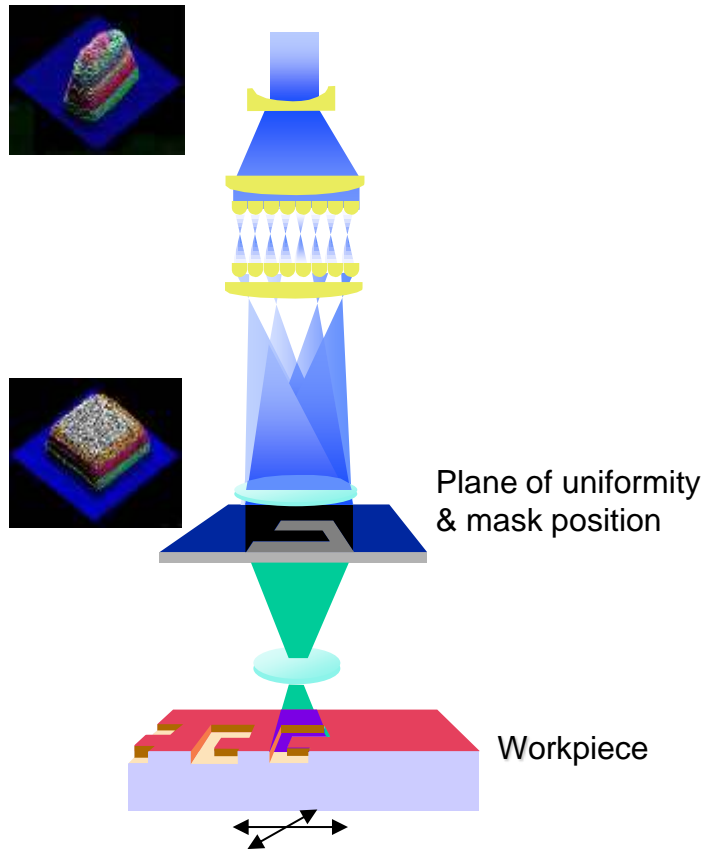


Pulse length ca. 20 ns



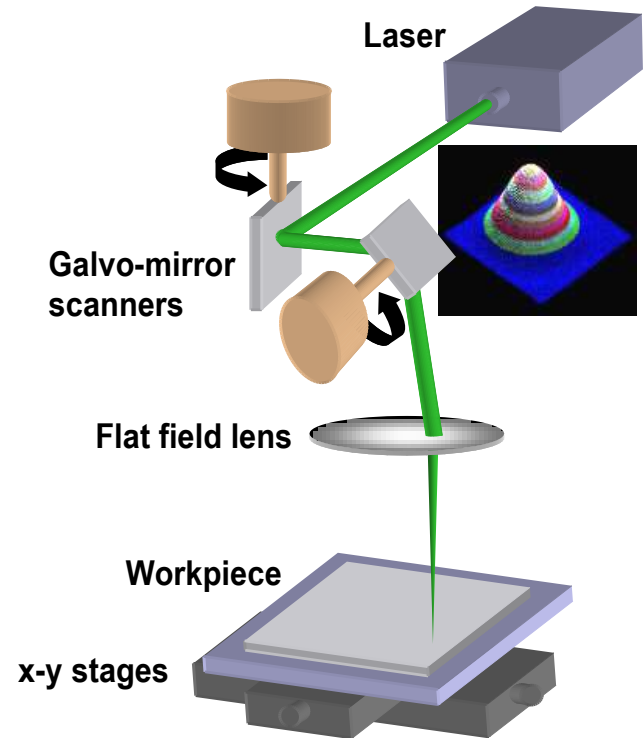
# Two quite different laser ablation techniques

## Mask imaging



Pulse length ca. 20 ns

## Focussed spot

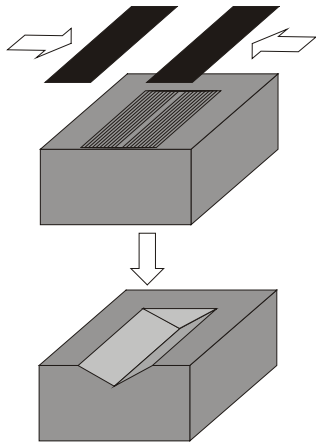




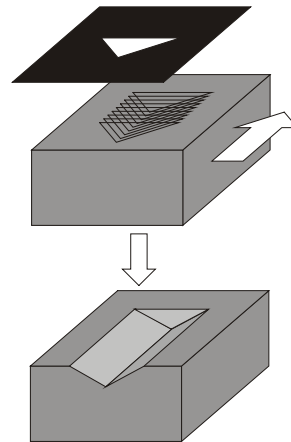
# Mask techniques for 3D-Geometries

## Projection ablation options for complex surface shapes

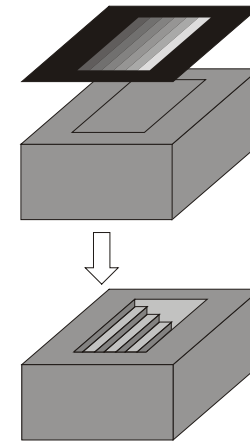
Variable aperture mask



Scanned Mask &/or workpiece



Half-tone mask



- Half-tone method is attractive in that it does not require CNC stage motion

However...

- Mask design is more complex, requiring detailed knowledge of material ablation characteristics over range of fluences



# Industrial Scale Mask Imaging

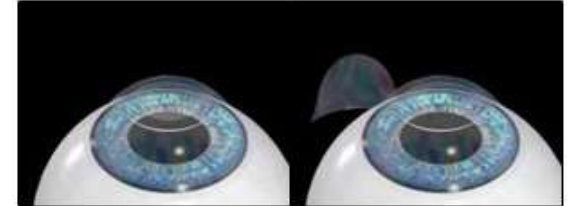
## Microelectronic chip manufacturing



Reel-to-Reel System direct cutting of 15`000 circuits a minute.



## LASIK (laser in situ keratomileusis)



Step 1: Corneal flap is created with a microkeratome.

Step 2: The corneal flap is folded back.



Step 3: Excimer laser beam reshapes the cornea.

Step 4: The corneal flap is folded back in place.

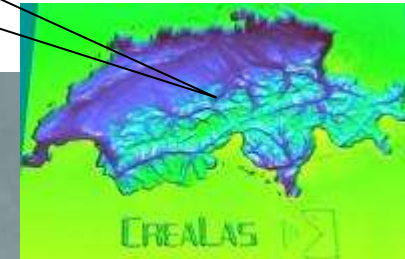




# Crealas Technology:

Ultra fast writing  
(5 ms)

High depth  
definition (<100nm)



Highly defined  
surface topography  
(1 km = 1 um)

Very low surface  
roughness  
(20 nm rms)

Thick film etching  
(5 um)

CH 1:10^9

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50 μm

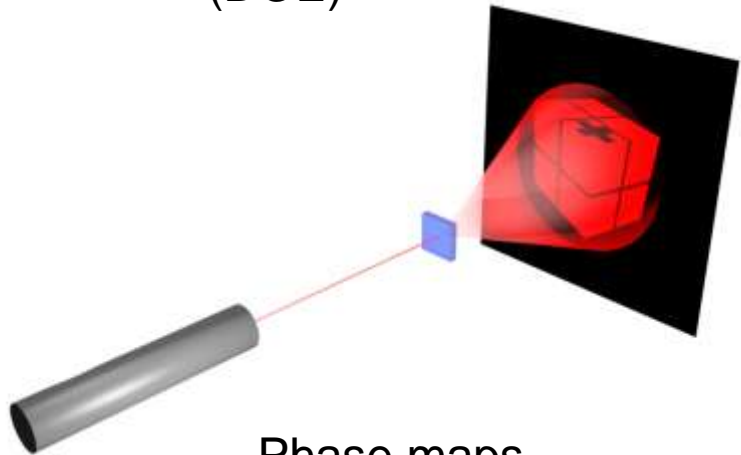
High resolution  
(2 um lines)



# Nanometer precision in z

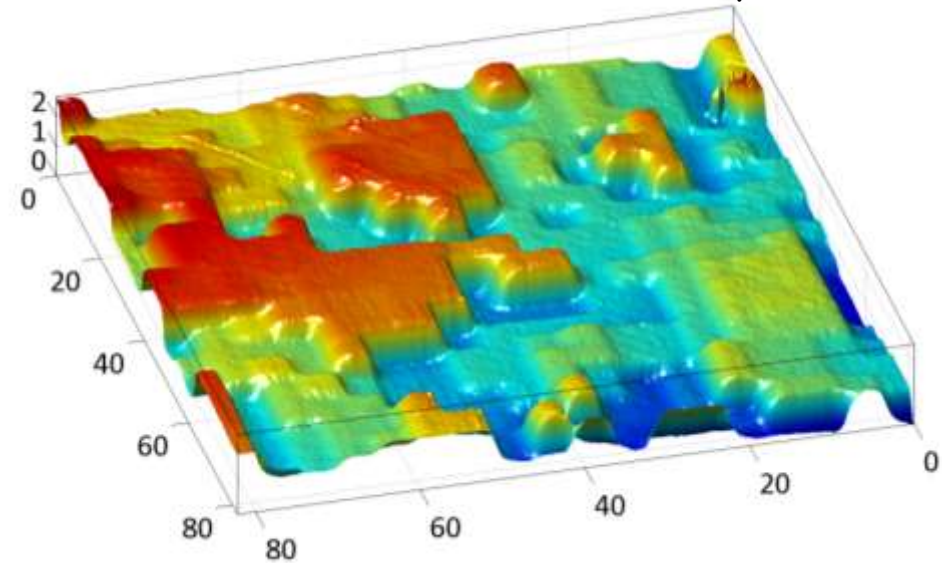
Diffractive optical element  
(DOE)

8-levels DOE : unit element  $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$

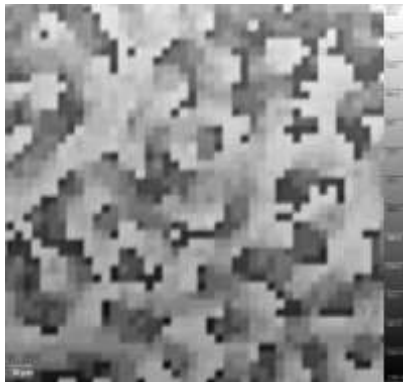


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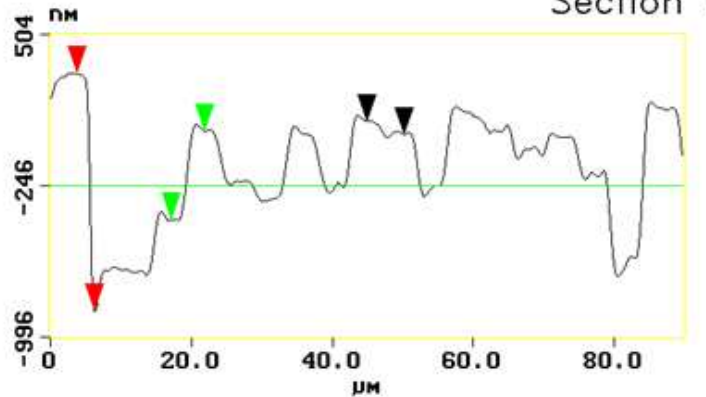
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Phase maps



20x



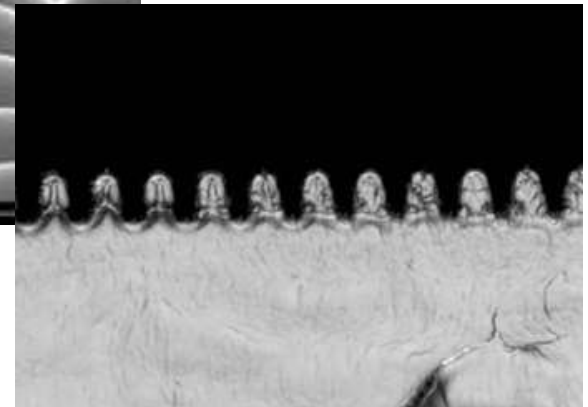
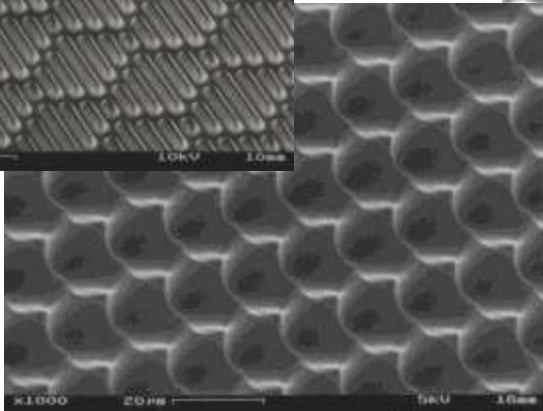
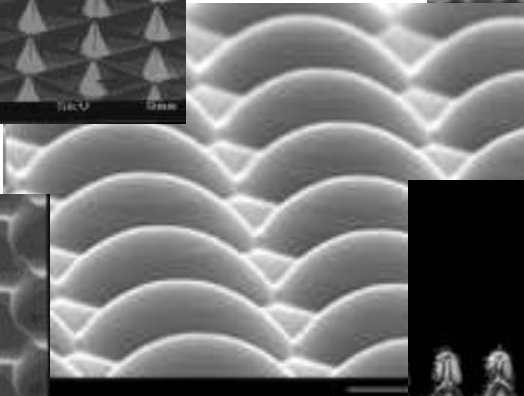
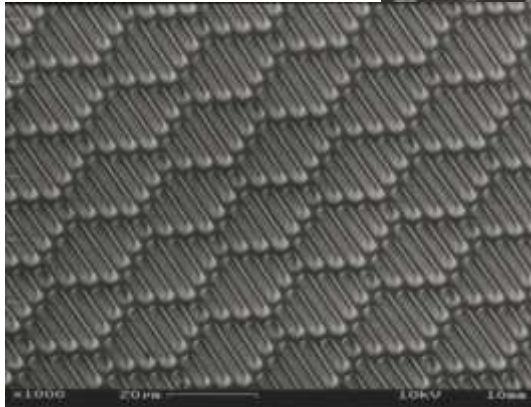
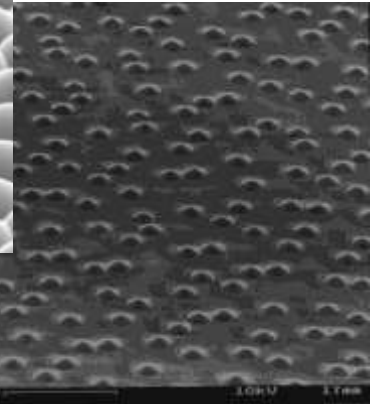
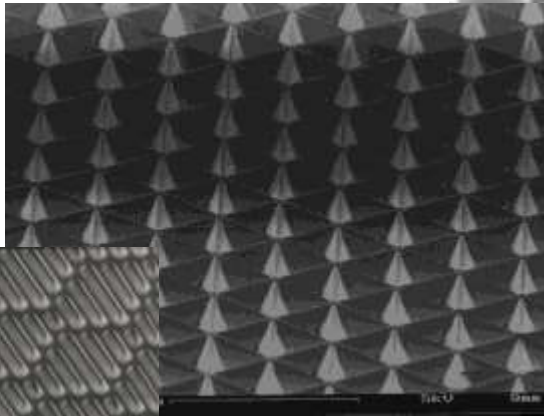
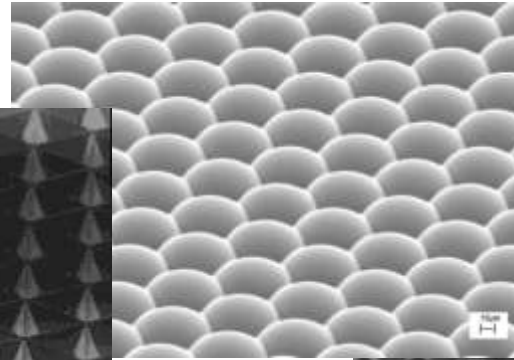
Horiz distance(L)	2.461 $\mu\text{m}$
Vert distance	1.176 $\mu\text{m}$
Angle	25.533 deg
Surface distance	4.805 $\mu\text{m}$
Horiz distance	4.746 $\mu\text{m}$
Vert distance	438.31 nm
Angle	5.276 deg
Surface distance	5.276 $\mu\text{m}$
Horiz distance	5.273 $\mu\text{m}$
Vert distance	62.632 nm
Angle	0.680 deg
Spectral period	
Spectral freq	
Spectral RMS amp	





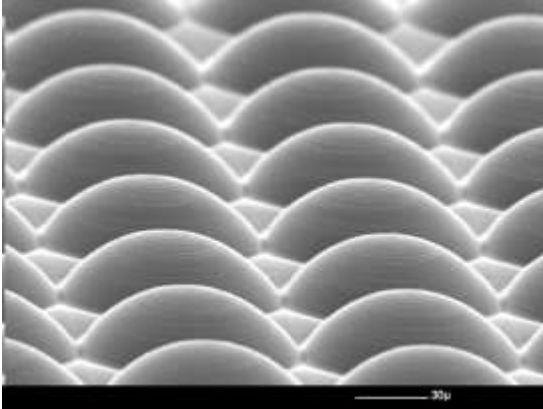
# Highly Engineered Micro-Structures

- Special Micro lens arrays
- Corner cubes
- Cones
- Pyramids
- Ramps
- Prisms

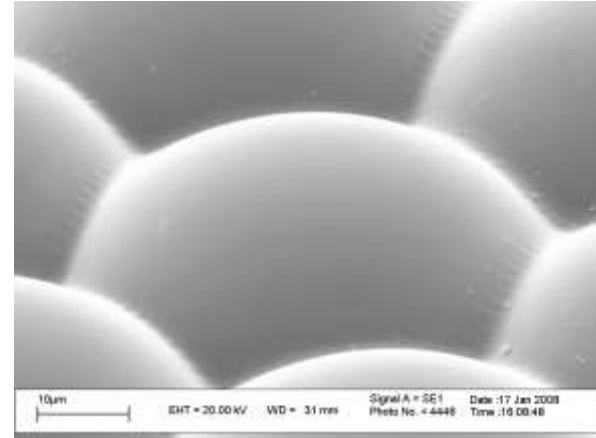




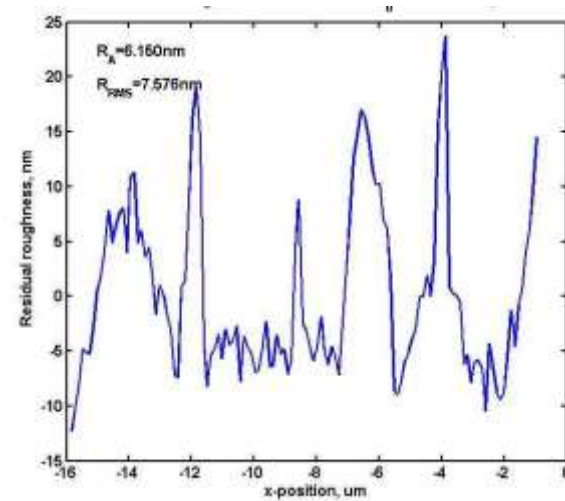
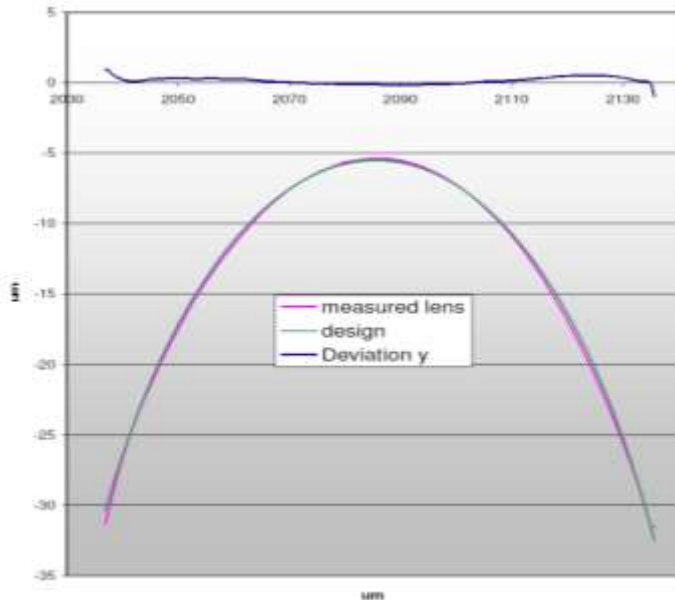
# Feature Quality: Shape and Surface



The average deviation from the best fit ROC is 147 nm with a ROC of 59.2 µm target is 60 µm.



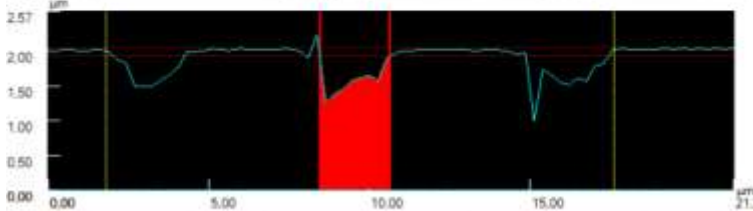
Surface roughness rms < 10 nm



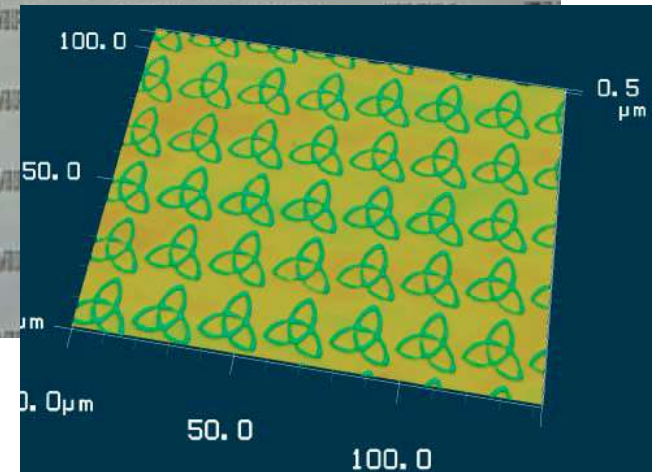
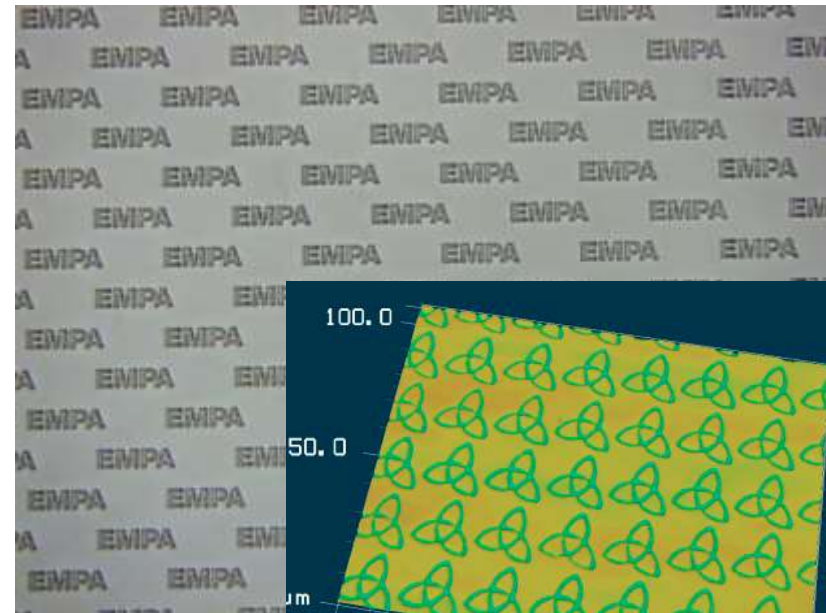


# Super High Resolution Marking

Line width 2  $\mu\text{m}$  & Text height 15  $\mu\text{m}$



Profile	Horiz. Abst.	H-Unters.	Durchs.-H.	Winkel	Quers. Ls.	Quers. Fl.	R	Are
Alle	21.33 $\mu\text{m}$	0.03 $\mu\text{m}$	1.88 $\mu\text{m}$	0.05°	24.29 $\mu\text{m}$	40.64 $\mu\text{m}^2$		
Seg. 1	15.76 $\mu\text{m}$	0.02 $\mu\text{m}$	1.84 $\mu\text{m}$	0.06°	18.71 $\mu\text{m}$	29.73 $\mu\text{m}^2$		
Seg. 2	2.16 $\mu\text{m}$	0.12 $\mu\text{m}$	1.62 $\mu\text{m}$	3.16°	2.99 $\mu\text{m}$	3.94 $\mu\text{m}^2$		

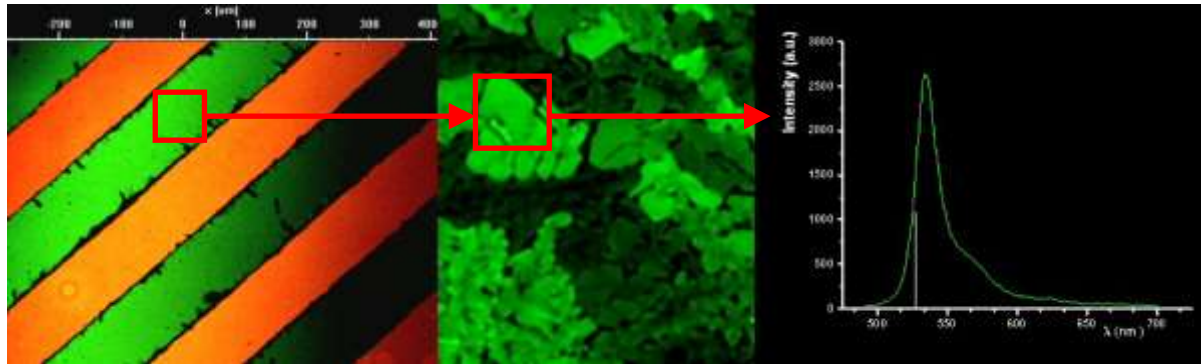






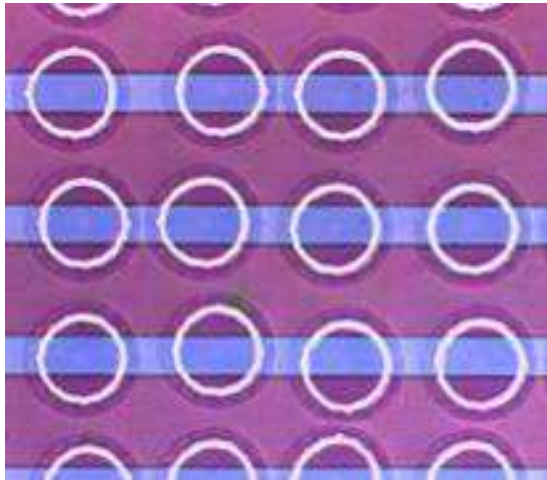
# Flexible Electronics

Al cathode

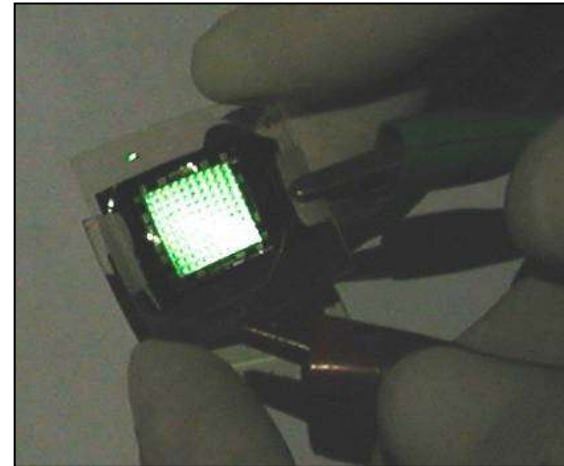


Thin metal ablation without damaging organics underneath. Metal strips (orange) ablated from OLED (green) material with high magnification picture and intensity profile of emitted light.

ITO anode



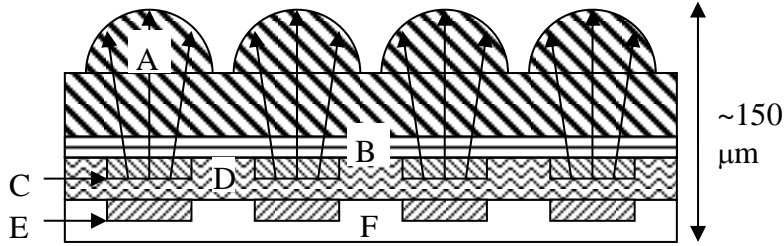
Laser scribed ITO and the UV-embossed lens array aligned to the ITO lines.



Flexible organic illuminator demonstrator.

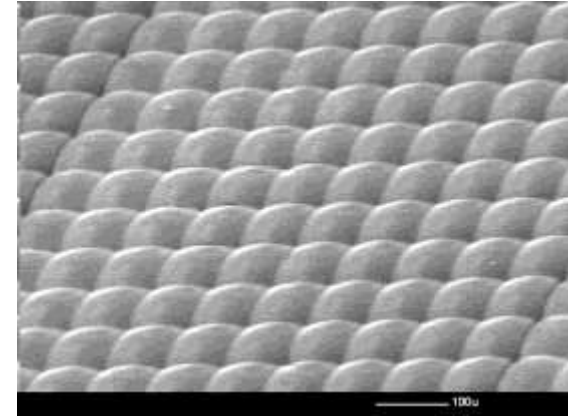


# Flexible Organic Illuminator



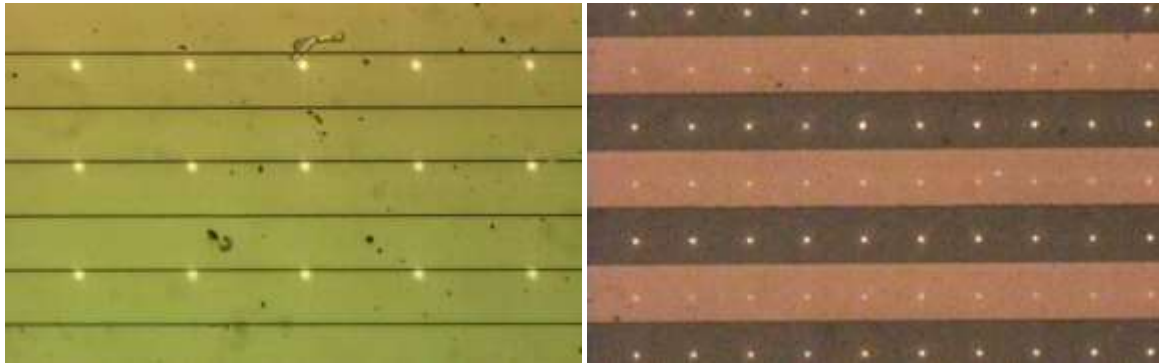
Device structure of flexibel OLED illuminator or display: A) micro optics, B) barrier layer, C) ITO anode, D) OLED material, E) Al cathode, F) Encapsulation

A



Micro lenses directly laser ablated into PET

C



ITO ablation of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (left) and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  lines nicely aligned to lenses on the backside.



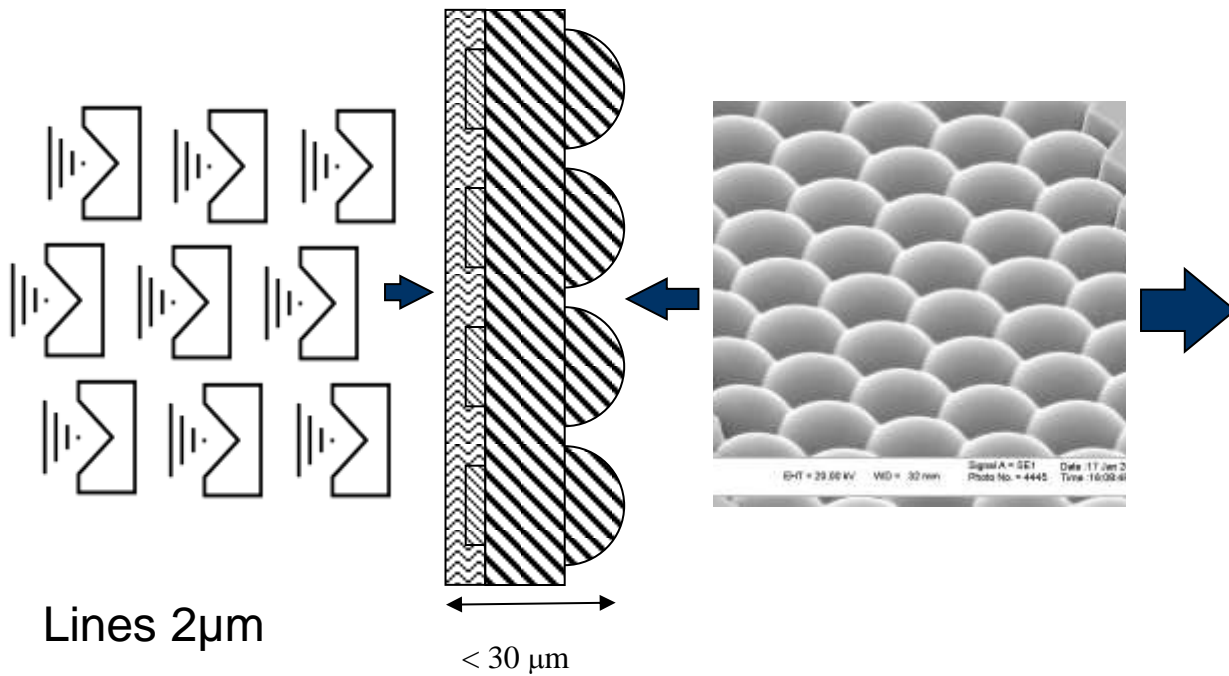
# Moiré Magnifier

$\mu$ -structure enable thin and flexible optical device

**Object array**

**Lens array**

**Packaging foil**

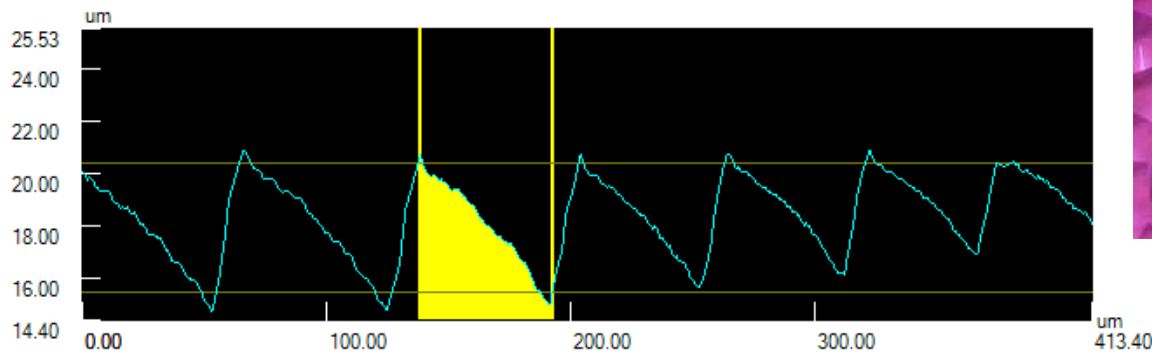
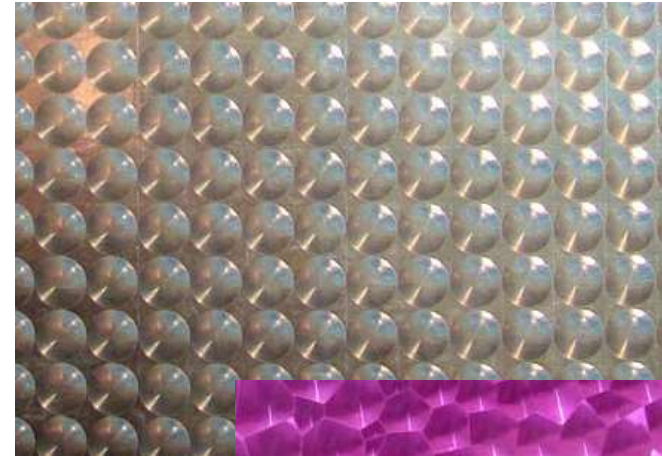
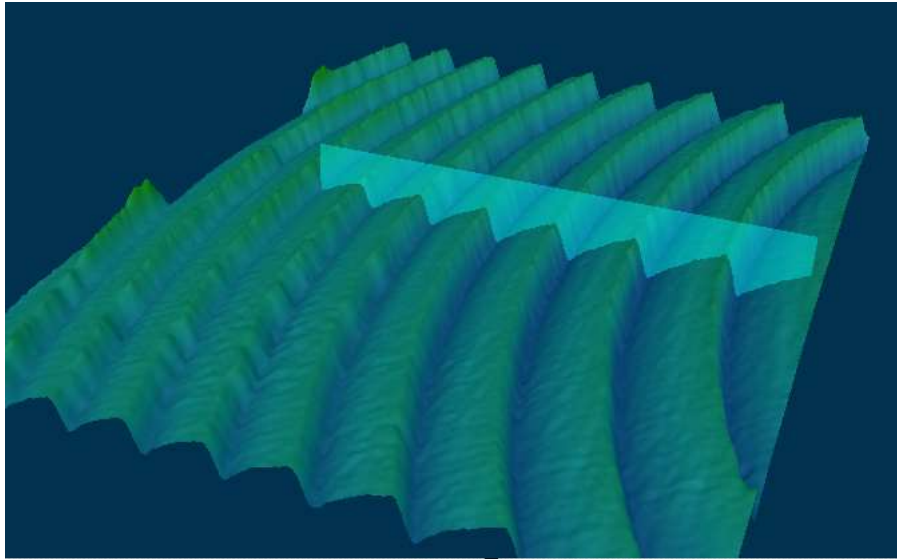


Lines  $2\mu\text{m}$

$< 30\ \mu\text{m}$



# Shallow Fresnel Lens for Decor



Profile1	Horz. dist.	Hght. diff.	Hght. ave.	Angle	C.S. length	C.S. area	R	Comment
All	413.40um	2.01um	18.37um	0.28°	424.41um	1780.16um <sup>2</sup>		
Seg.1	54.82um	4.91um	18.05um	5.12°	55.61um	222.39um <sup>2</sup>		

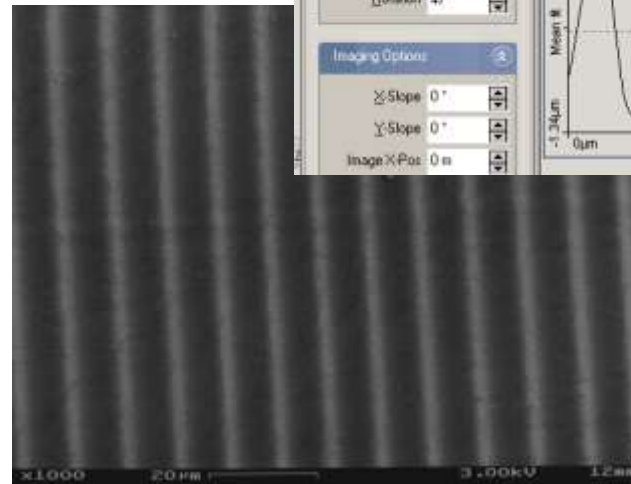
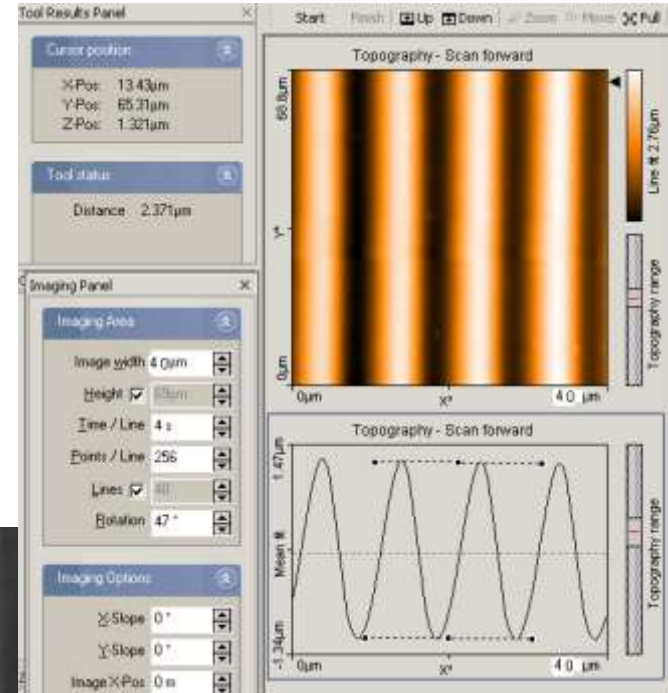
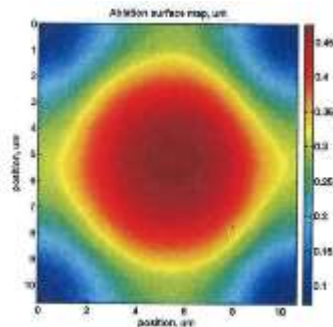
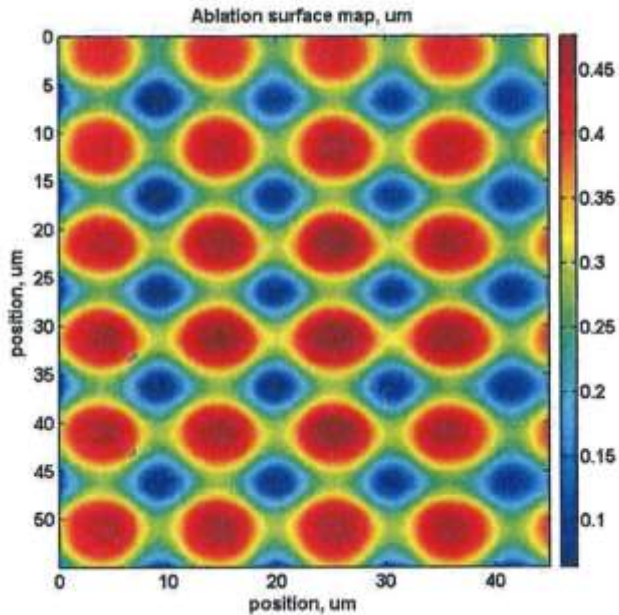




# Shallow continuous profiles

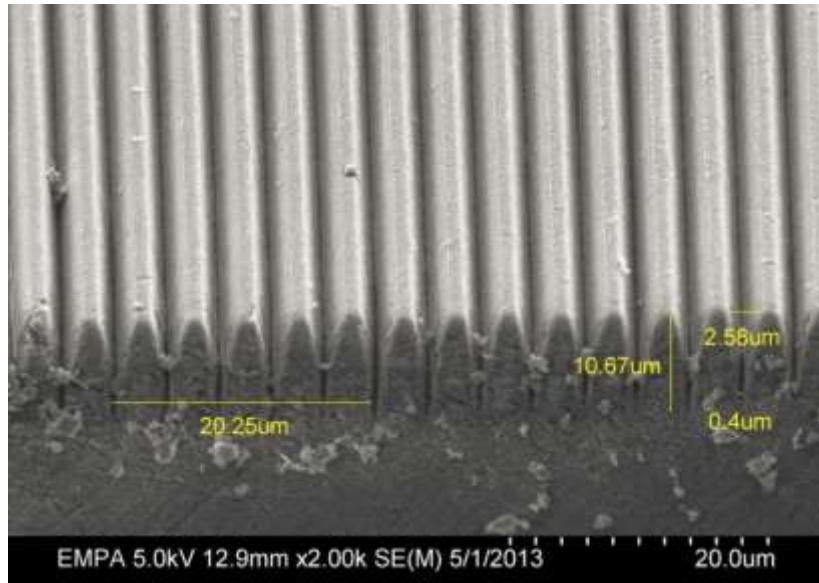
MLA:  $d=10\mu\text{m}$ ,  $h=500\text{ nm}$

Sinus grating:  $p=10\mu\text{m}$ ,  $h=2.3\mu\text{m}$

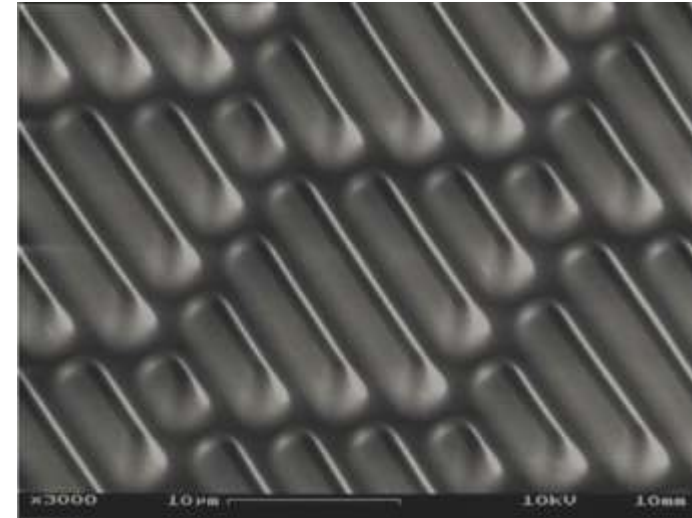




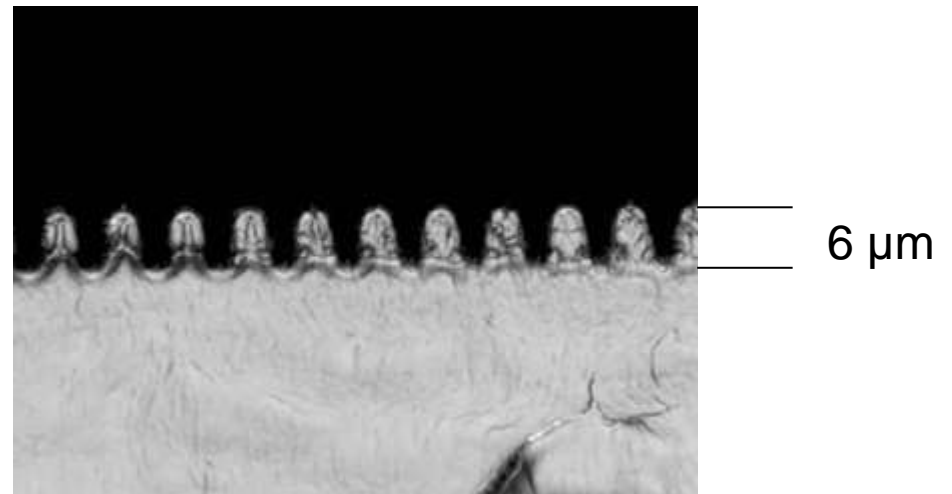
# Few Micron Sized Structures



Direct writing of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  grating in PDMS



Direct writing of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  Geometries



Direct writing of 6  $\mu\text{m}$  Grating (aspect 1:1) © 2013



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