

**Laser structuring of functional surfacing:
high-resolution meets high throughputs**

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2007 Foundation	120+ Employees	2 Shared facilities <i>Joint R&D projects</i>
20+ Running collaborative projects <i>(supported by the European Union, the state, national organism and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region)</i>		
12 Patents <i>incl. 7 in co-ownership, all are licensed or exploited</i>	25 Start-Up <i>supported over the past 15 years</i>	
1 200+ <i>People trained by the PYLA training center each year</i>	8.2 M€ <i>Turnover 2022</i>	
More than 2 500 Customers/partners accumulated <i>From labs to SME and large companies worldwide</i>		



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Industry 4.0

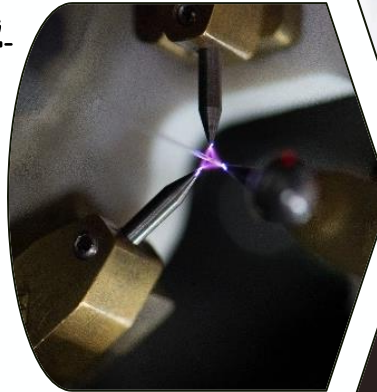


Sustainable Development

ALPhANOV's Departments

Laser sources & components

Innovative laser sources
Integration of PC fibers
Optical components



Trainings

Technical trainings on optics and lasers
VR-based training support development

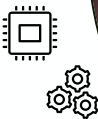
Laser Processing

Feasibility studies
Industrial scale-up of laser processes
Technology transfer



Photonics Systems

Integrated circuit test-bench
Opto-electronic systems
Opto-mechanical systems
Integrated machines



Surface Functionalization



Methods to *combine the properties of a bulk material with specific surface properties* which can be changed and tailored according to the environment the material must withstand

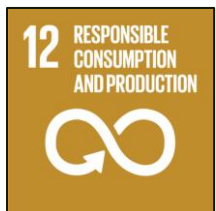
Standard techniques

The industry of surface treatment still mostly relies on the use of:

- **Toxic chemicals** and **wet acid baths** with use of **large amounts of water**
- Multi-steps processes which are far from being eco-friendly and represents a **health risk** for many workers



United Nations 2030 Agenda
17 Sustainable Development Goals



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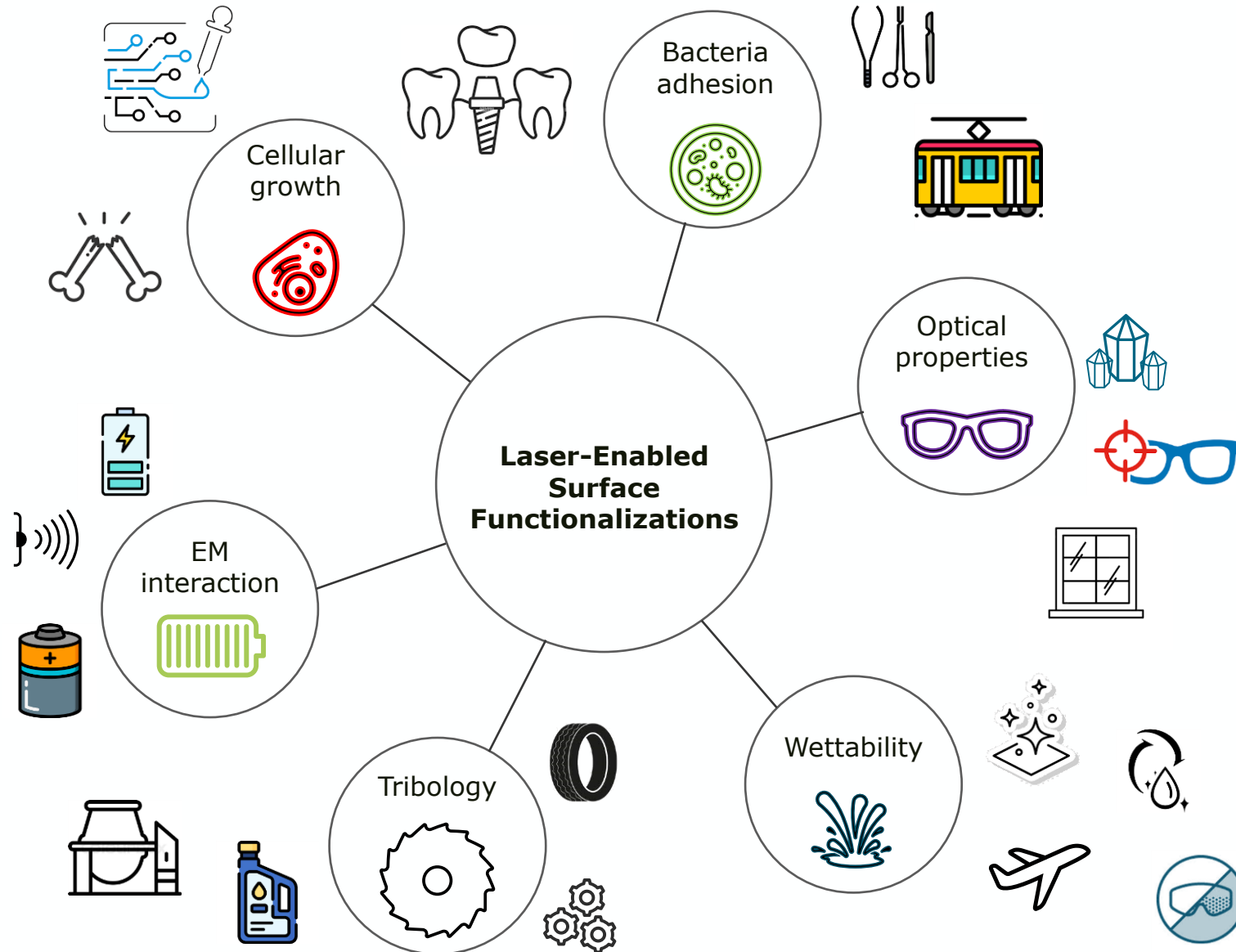
Laser-based techniques

- Laser-based surface functionalization is **intrinsically sustainable** and versatile
- Laser methods do not **employ any toxic chemical** compounds and do not require the use of **any amount of water** during the process
- Laser methods can be applied to basically **all materials**, from metals to dielectrics and polymers
- Final products are intrinsically **easier to recycle and re-use**



15 m long laser-functionalised coil
@ <15 min/m²

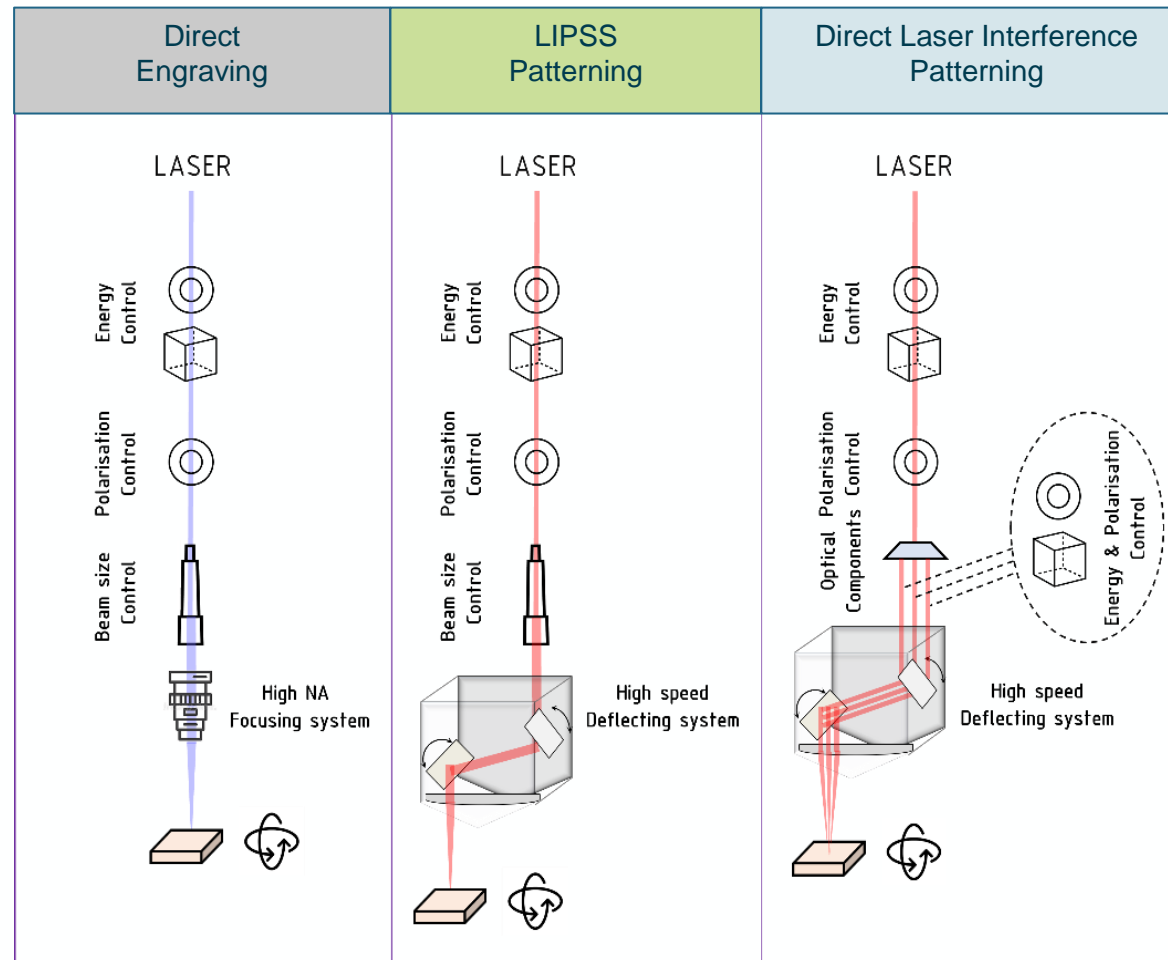
Laser-enabled Surface Functionalization



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	LIPSS Patterning	Direct Laser Interference Patterning	Direct Engraving
	<p>Ti6Al4V alloy</p> <p>(b) LSFL-I (c) HSFL-II</p> <p>Fused silica</p> <p>(d) LSFL-II (e) HSFL-I</p> <p>Stainless steel</p> <p>(f)</p> <p>Linear Polarisation</p> <p>Azimuthal Polarisation</p>	<p>Stainless steel</p> <p>(g)</p> <p>Sapphire</p> <p>(h)</p>	<p>Sapphire</p> <p>(a)</p>

Feature sizes	100s nm - 10s μ m	100s nm - <10 μ m	100s nm - 100s μ m
Choice of Topography	✓	✓	✓
Process Throughput	✓	✓	✗
Choice of Material	✗	✓	✓

LIPSS Patterning X



2020-2024



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Innovation Ecosystem to accelerate the industrial uptake of advanced processes to manufacture *nano-enabled industrial and consumer products* as well as the necessary testing capabilities to *demonstrate nano-enhanced goods features*



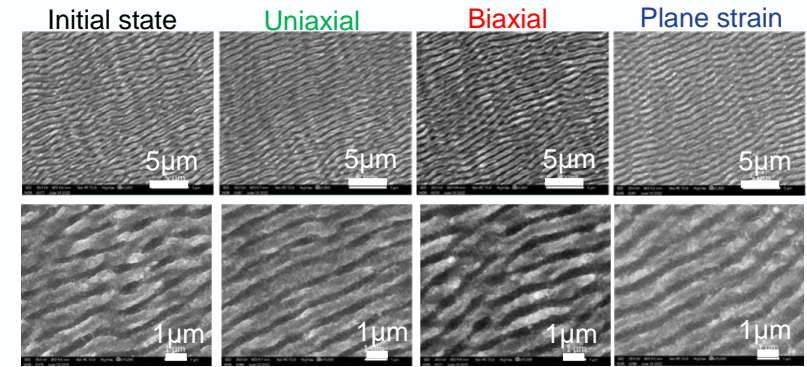
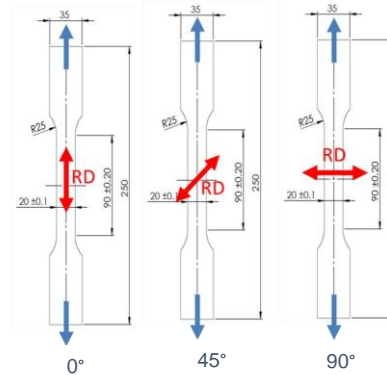
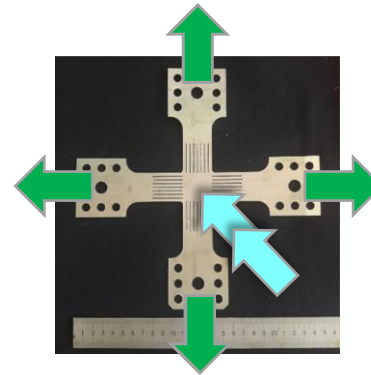
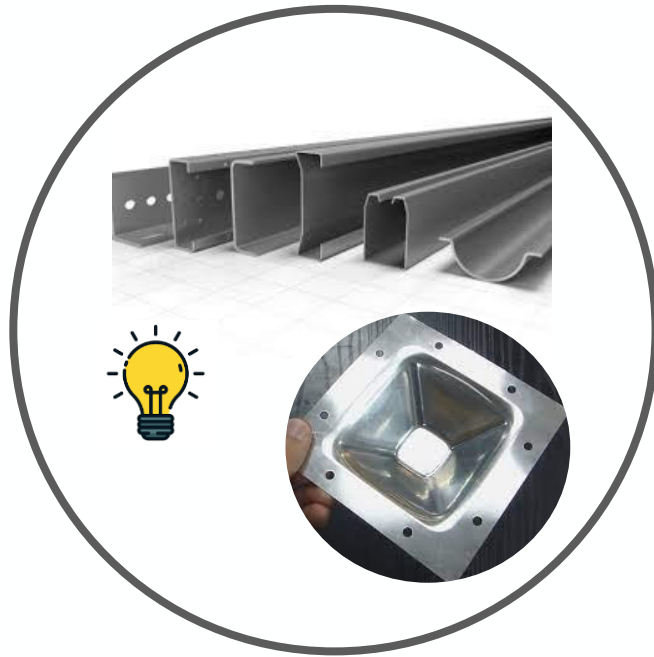


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Five sets of mechanical tests:
Tensile –uniaxial, biaxial, plain strain- and deformation tests, Fatigue resistance



Maximum stress to failure

Material	$\sigma_{f 1E6}$ [MPa]	$\sigma_{f 1E5}$ [MPa]
LIPSS	518	553
REFERENCE	524	556

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Forming of metal sheets textured by LIPSS

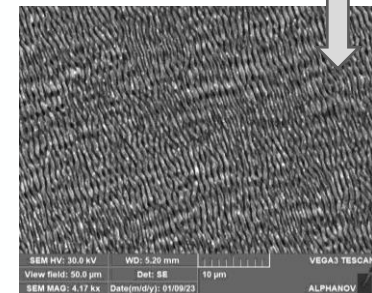
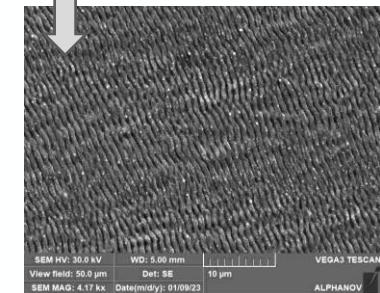
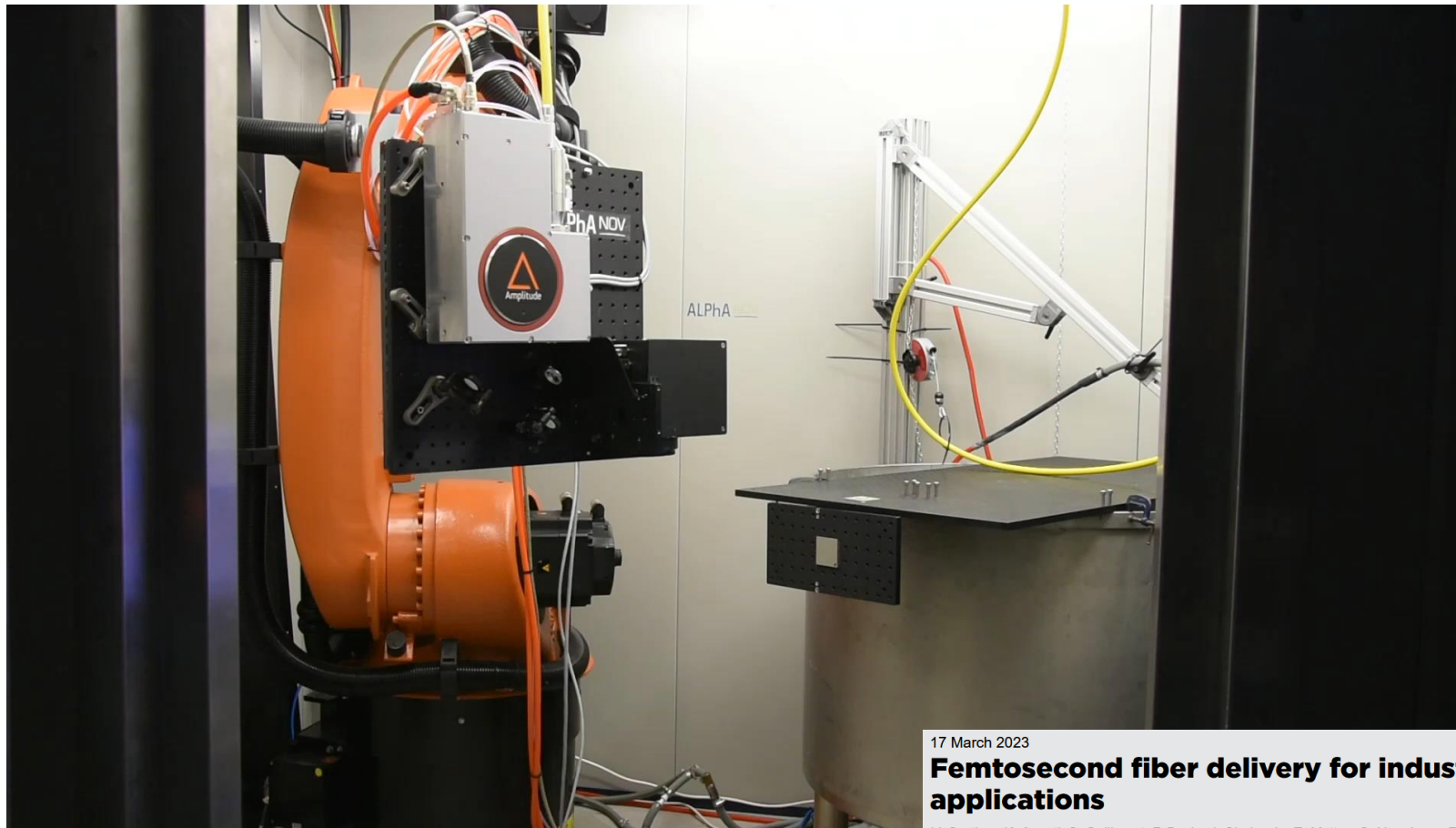
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Femtosecond fiber delivery for industrial applications

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Towards the sustainable giga-factory: developing green cell manufacturing processes



Specific needs

Elimination of NMP as organic solvent due to its toxic nature and its expensive recovery system

Less expensive and environmentally friendly solvents

Optimised wet coating technologies

Innovative dry processing techniques

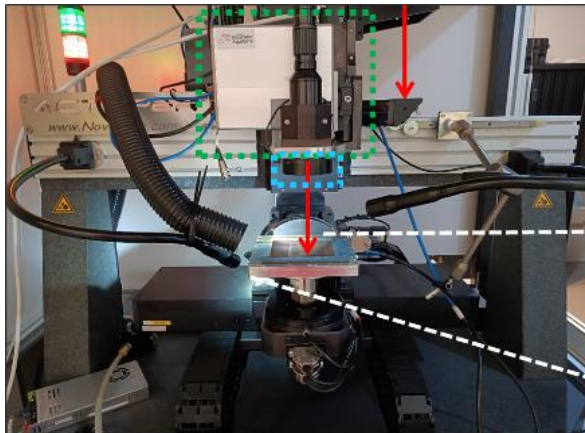
Implementation of "Design to Manufacture" (DtM) notion

Digitalisation in manufacturing techniques

Solutions and/or standardised approaches to ensure safety

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Laser functionalization of **charge collectors (Al, Cu)** to improve adhesion and improve electrical performance



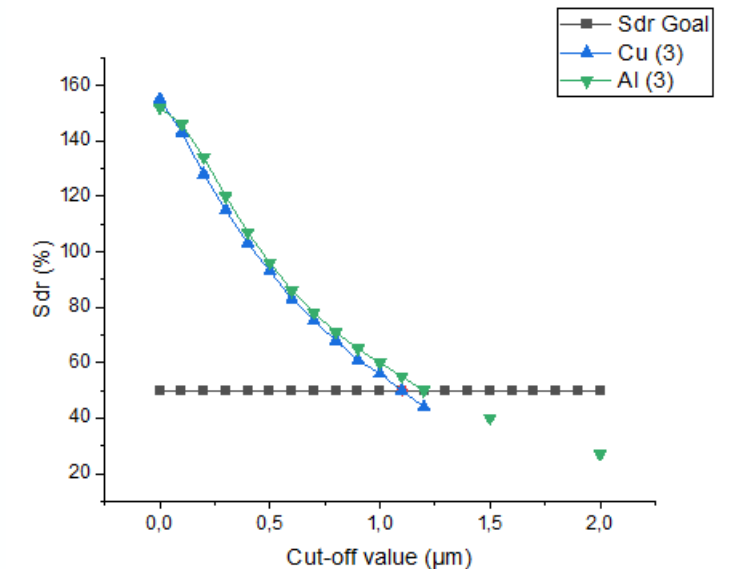
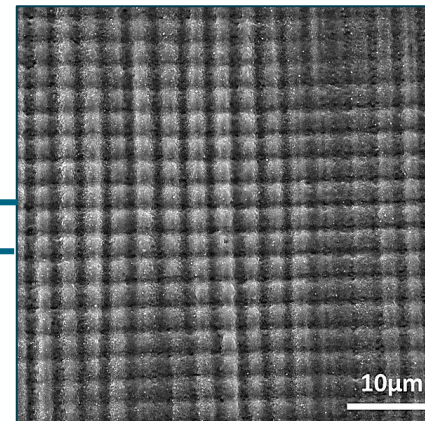
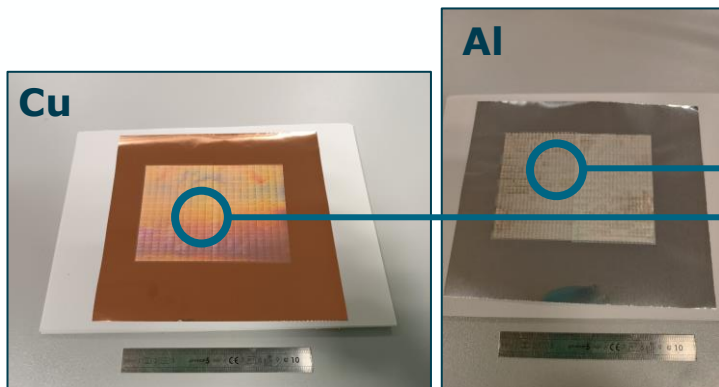
Tangerine (20W)
 λ 1030 nm
 τ 300 fs



15µm Cu foil
 hold by vacuum

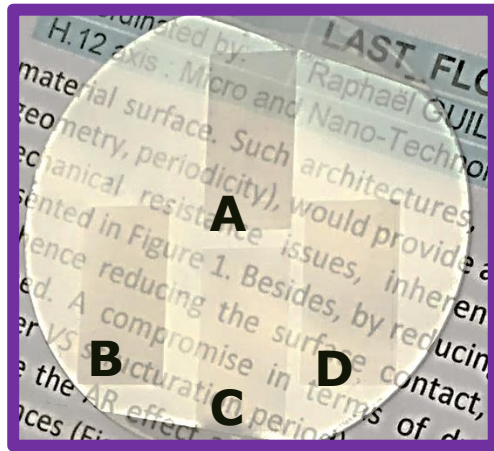
Increasing the contact area by maximizing the ratio of total surface area to projected (nominal) area with increase of Sdr > 50%

Sdr (Developed Interfacial Area Ratio) = percentage of the definition area's additional surface area contributed by the texture as compared to the planar definition area

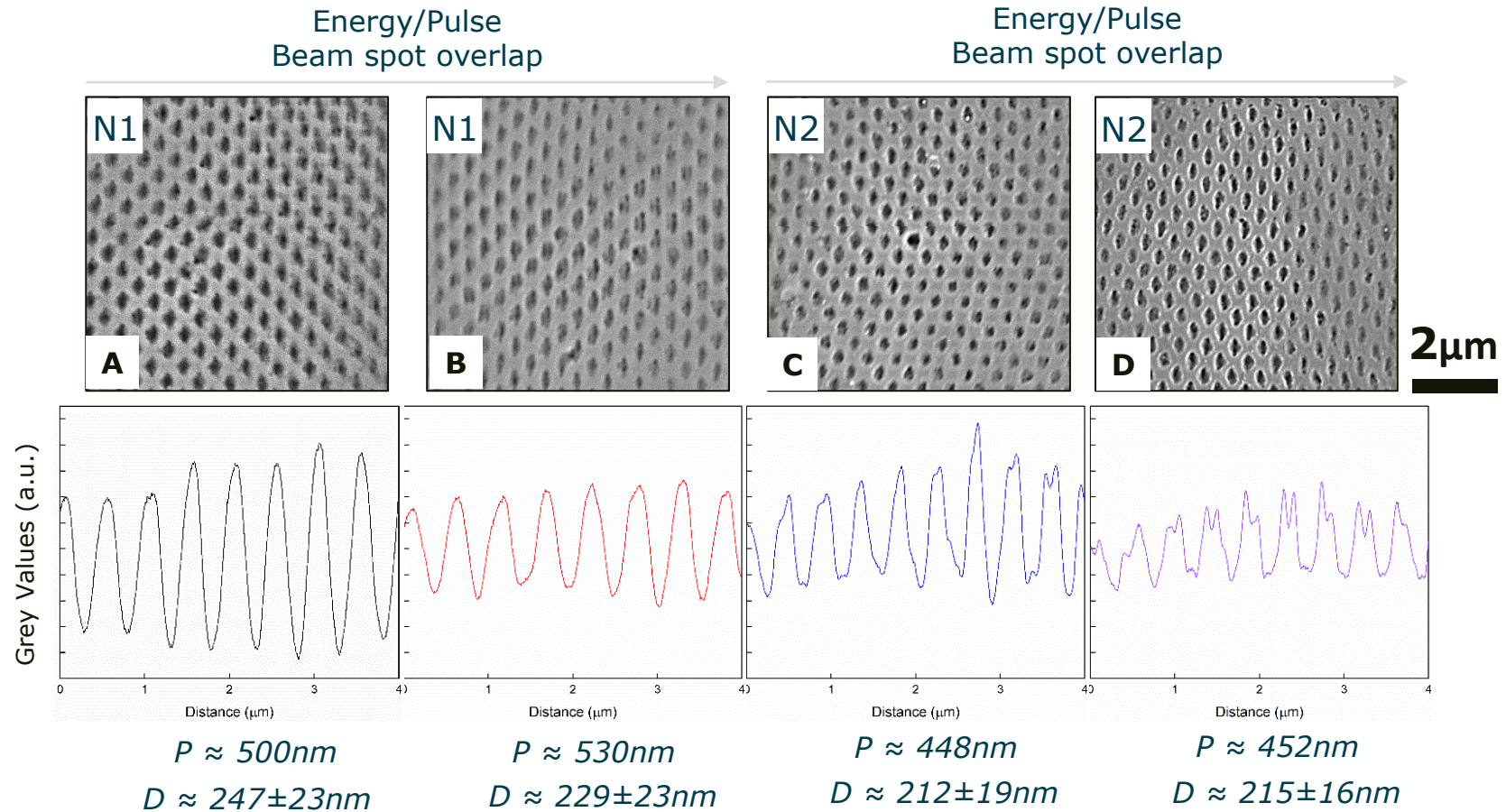




Pulse duration ≈ 10 ps
 Wavelength ≈ 343 nm
 # beams = 4
 Repetition Rate = 2 kHz
 Motion control : motorised stages

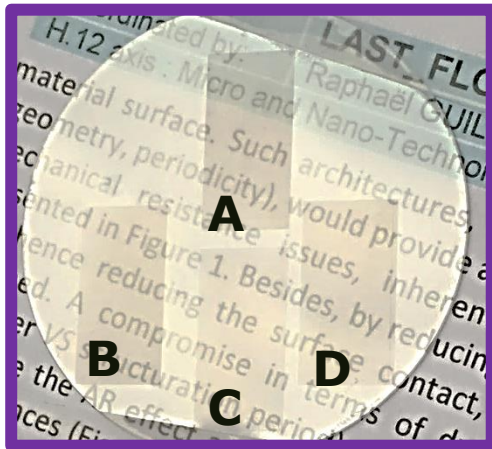


Sapphire



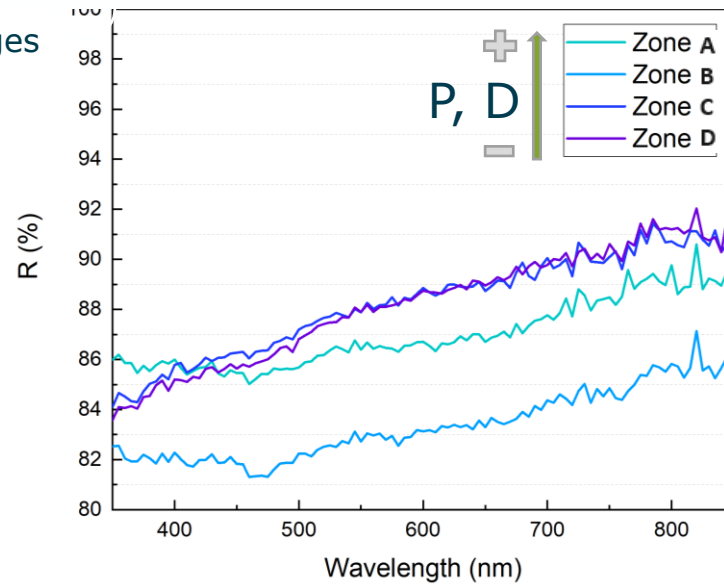


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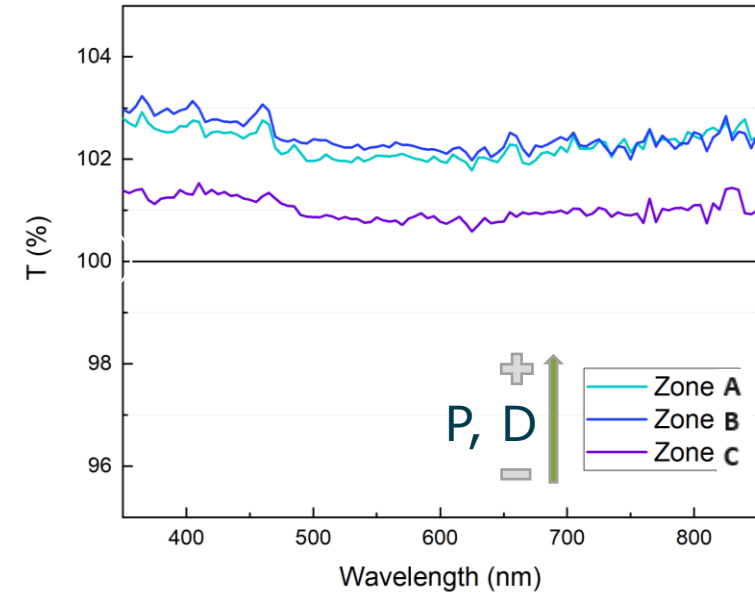
Sapphire

Relative specular reflection



Decrease of relative specular reflection at 8°

Relative transmittance



Increase of relative transmittance

- The decrease of specular reflection is linked to an increase of the transmission up to 3%
- Laser-treated sapphire presents an anti-reflective effect in visible spectrum



Surface functionalisation of transparent materials: high-throughputs meet high resolutions

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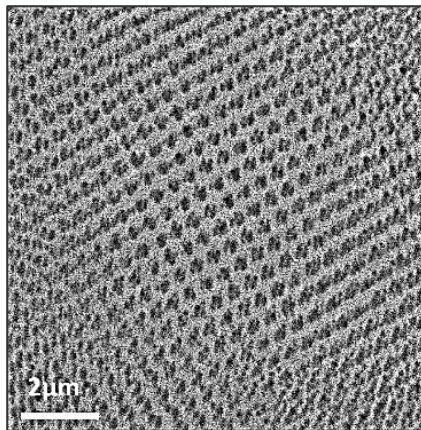
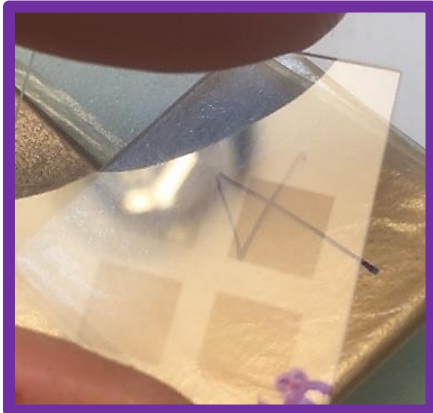


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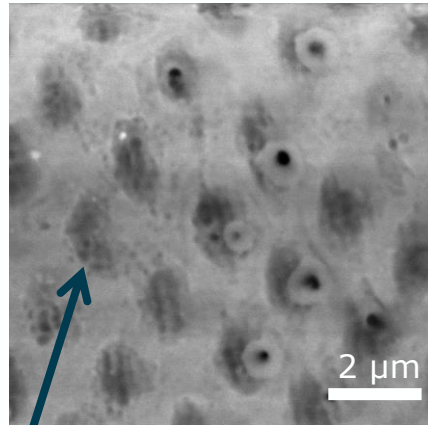
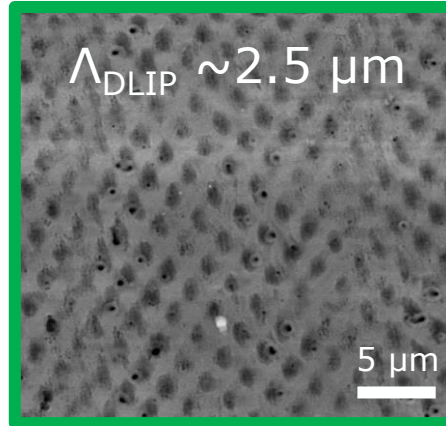
Pulse duration ≈ 10 ps
Wavelength ≈ 532 nm
beams = 4

Pulse duration ≈ 350 fs
Wavelength ≈ 343 nm
beams = 4

Fused Silica



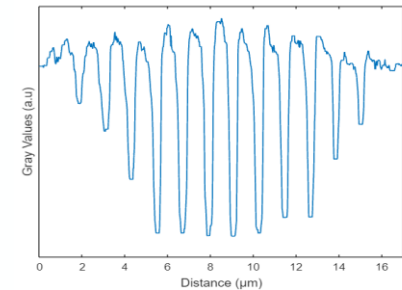
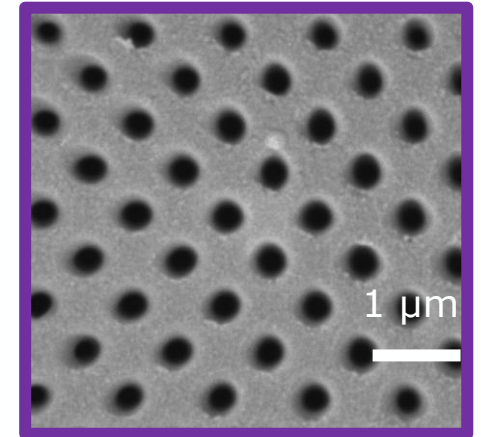
Periodicity ≈ 550 nm
Diameter ≈ 305 nm



Periodicity ≈ 2.5 μm
Diameter ≈ 1 μm

Nanostructuring

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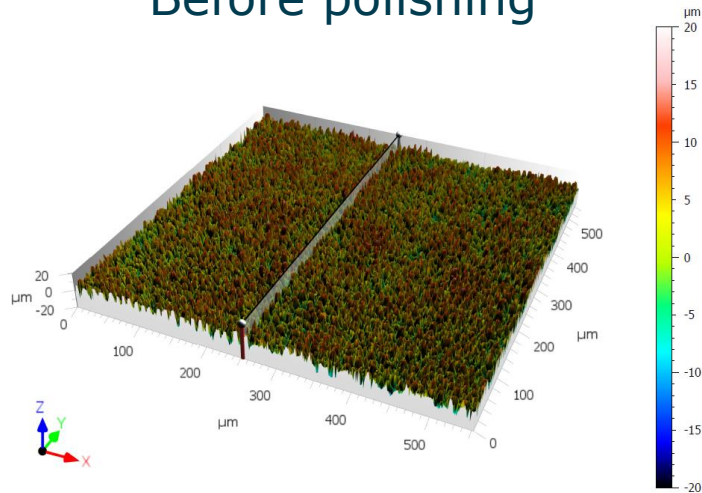
Periodicity = 1.2 μm
Diameter = 335 ± 34 nm

High throughput, Laser finishing and functionalization!

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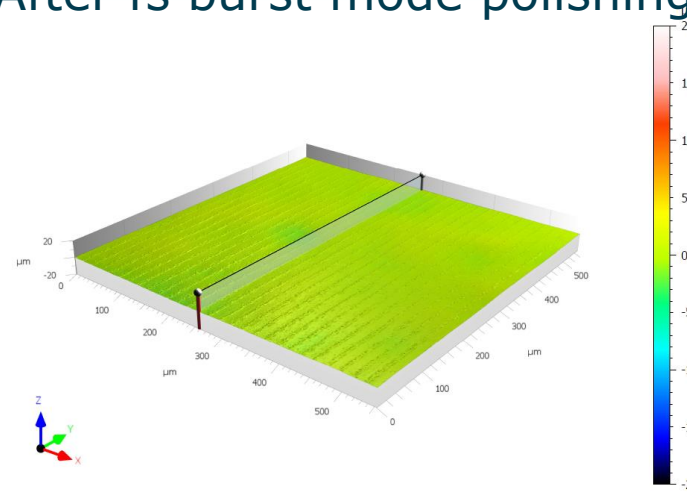


Before polishing



ISO 25178 - Primary surface		
F: [Workflow] Leveled (LS-plane)		
S-filter (λ_s): None		
Height parameters		
Sq	5.444	μm
Ssk	0.2068	
Sku	2.275	
Sp	26.52	μm
Sv	12.60	μm
Sz	39.12	μm
Sa	4.496	μm

After fs burst mode polishing



ISO 25178 - Primary surface		
F: [Workflow] Leveled (LS-plane)		
S-filter (λ_s): None		
Height parameters		
Sq	0.4390	μm
Ssk	-0.1054	
Sku	2.892	
Sp	1.794	μm
Sv	1.884	μm
Sz	3.678	μm
Sa	0.3484	μm



$$T_{\text{Polishing}} = 110 \text{ s/cm}^2$$

x15 Sp (Maximum peak height)
x7 Sv (Maximum pit height)
x11 Sz (Maximum height)
x13 Sa (Arithmetical mean height)

Continuous laser polishing: $200\mu\text{m} < \text{HAZ} < 1000\mu\text{m}$ [1]

Nanosecond laser polishing: $20\mu\text{m} < \text{HAZ} < 150\mu\text{m}$ [1]

Femtosecond laser polishing: non-observable $< \text{HAZ} < 7.5\mu\text{m}$

Take Home Messages!

Laser surface functionalization works!

- Tailoring surface properties on a large variety of materials for a wide range of applications by selecting suitable laser processing technique
- Achieving process throughputs which are already competitive for several industrial sectors (<15min/m²)
- Limitations:
 - Adapting integrated systems and machines to manufacture large 3D parts to precision and resolution needed for fs laser processing
 - Improving mechanical and chemical stability of laser-enabled surfaces by hybrid functionalisation processes (non-toxic nano-coatings)

Thank you for your attention!



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