3D Fabrication via Two-Photon Lithography Direct Laser Writing

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- Selective Laser Sintering (SLS): High power laser used to sinter (fuse) powdered material together, powder bed then lowered
- SLS today is applied to plastic, metal, ceramic, or glass (originally in polymers)



Deckard, C. US5597589A (1988)





- Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS): Extension of SLS to metals and other materials via partnership with Deckard
- Similar to SLS, using metal powders



Kruth, J-P., et al. Rapid Prototyping Journal 11 (1), 26-36 (2005)

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Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM): Moving nozzle additively deposits hot liquid thermoplastic



Sung-Hoon, A., et al. *Rapid Prototyping* 8 (4), 248-257 (2002)

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Vyatskikh, A., Additive Manufacturing of 3D Nano-Architected Metals and Ceramics. Thesis, Caltech. (2020)



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- Recent advances in AM have extended metal/ceramics to extrusion, vat photopolymerization, and material jetting



Where is AM already used today?

- Rapid prototyping/manufacturing of parts in various materials (automotive, aerospace, medical industries, etc)
- Freedom of design (parts may not exist)
- Time and cost advantage, less material wasted



Kumar, L. J., et al. *Adv. in 3D Printing & Additive Manufacturing Technologies*, 39-54 (2016)

www.metal-am.com

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Limitations of AM as it stands

- Specific application requires specific materials/properties
- Often we are limited by the **resolution** or **throughput**
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Photolithography

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- Photosensitive polymer is exposed with light (often UV)
- Positive resist: exposed region chemically changes to become more soluble in developer and is removed
- Negative resist: exposed region crosslinks and is harder to remove



Thompson, L.F., *An Introduction to* lithography. ACS Symposium Series, Washington DC (1983)

Two-Photon Absorption (TPA)

- Excitation from ground → excited state via absorption equal to energy between these states
- Multiphoton absorption can occur at other wavelengths if their energies sum up to the same energy



Lavocat, J.-C., Active Photonic Devices Based on Liquid Crystal Elastomers. Thesis, ICFO. (2013)

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Nanoscribe User Manual. Germany: Nanoscribe GmbH (2015)

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HRL Laboratories Schaedler, T. A., et al. Science 334 (6058), 962-965 (2011)

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Stampfl, J., Vienna University of Technology

Hastings, T., University of Louisville

Process Flow



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The short version/quick-start guide

Preparing a GWL File - Parameters



 Following design of pattern, must decide slicing and hatching



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- Slicing/hatching ultimately also affect dosage



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Resist for TPL



- Nanoscribe uses proprietary IP-Dip (polyacrylate negative resist)
- Resolution dependent on objective + resist and substrate combination
- Resist can be drop casted or spun



SU-8 Molecule

Genolet, G., et al Review of Scientific Instruments 70, 2389-2391 (1999)

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Polymerization



- Polymerization is the process that describes reactions that result in the combination of single "monomer" molecules into longer "polymer" chains
- Photoresins which "photopolymerize": Many mechanisms, chain growth polymerization/radical propagation mechanism is simplest/fastest

Chain Growth Polymerization

Monomer

Polymer



Chain Growth



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- A growing polymer chain has an "active" site where subsequent "monomers" are added
- These reactions must have an "initiation" and "propagation" step

Radical Polymerization



Initiation

$$R-O-O-R \rightarrow 2R-O \bullet$$

 $R-O \rightarrow R-O-\dot{c}-\dot{c}\bullet$







Printing Configurations



Oil Immersion (Conventional) Dip-in laser lithography (DiLL) Air

- Transparent substrate
- Focused through bottom
- Index matching immersion oil (prevent refraction of beam)
- Best for short structures (spherical aberrations at greater height)



Printing Configurations



1) Oil Immersion (Conventional) 2) Dip-in laser lithography (DiLL) 3) Air

- Opaque substrate
- Focused from top
- No interface to limit structure height
- · Resists must index match
- Resist must not damage objective


Printing Configurations



1) Oil Immersion (Conventional)
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 3) Air

- Transparent or opaque substrate
- Focused from bottom or top
- Weaker interface





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Conventional: Transparent substrates (e.g. glass), any resist

 May prefer other substrate for post-processing



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What if we want to use more "exotic" resists that may not be compatible with objective (or keep it clean), AND use an opaque substrate (e.g. Si)?



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"Sandwich" method:

Opaque substrates, any resist

- Height limited by spacers
- Can be problematic during removal of glass for development



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• Resist/substrate interface must be located to know where to start write



Need to minimize refraction

• Δn required to enable backreflection signal

- Needs to be greater at lower magnifications
- Thin coatings of high reflectivity material can be deposited for contrast in DiLL (e.g. ITO, Al₂O₃, Au), can lead to "explosions"



Laser spot is focused by a microscope objective down to an elliptical **voxel** within the resist



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Resolution

- Resolution determined by objective magnification and resist
- Focused spot = voxel, elliptical by nature
- Important to know voxel size for given write parameters
- High magnification = high resolution, but small write field (may require stitching!)

Ex: Proprietary IP-Dip 500 nm lateral res 200 nm linewidths



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2) Write parameters: Laser power and scan speed

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Process Flow





Design pattern to be written with software (hatching, slicing, etc)

What considerations are required with regards to printing configuration? What resist?

Depending on resist and printing configuration, how will the resist be applied?

Is the index-contrast of the given resist/substrate stack sufficient? Are there back reflections?

Choosing writing parameters similar to any conventional lithography

Removing unexposed regions (negative resist) or exposed regions (positive resist)

TPL Write of Tetrakaidodecahedron



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2x2 single layer of tetrakaidodecahedron with 20 um unit cell





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Height and width of voxel can be measured to determine minimum resolution for fixed resist/substrate and write parameters! EXCELENCIA

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Experiments take time and have a non-zero cost. Can we develop an analytical model to predict voxel size?



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Voxel Width, $d = w_0\sqrt{\log F}$

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 $\sigma_2 \equiv \text{effective two-photon cross section (cm⁴ s)}$

Resist Parameter

 $\rho_0 = \rho_0 \equiv \text{photoinitiator density (wt %)}$

 $\rho_{\rm th}$ = radical polymerization threshold density (wt %)

 $C = \log$





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$$N_0 = \frac{2(P\Gamma)}{(\pi w_0^2 \tau_{\rm L})(\nu \hbar \omega_{\rm L})}$$

 $P \equiv \text{laser power}$

 $\Gamma \equiv$ fraction of light reaching photoresist

$$\omega_{\rm L} \equiv \text{laser frequency}$$

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$$\alpha = \frac{\nu \sigma_2}{C \tau_{\rm L}} \left(\frac{2\Gamma}{(\pi w_0^2)(\nu \hbar \omega_{\rm L})} \right)^2$$



- α is a parameter set by the hardware
- Voxel parameters (*L* and *d*) are dependent on experimental parameters (laser power and exposure time)
- Two fitting parameters: z_r and w₀

Example of Model Applied to TiO₂ Resist





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TPL in polymers

- Traditionally limited to polymers/epoxies (e.g. SU-8, IP-Dip)
- Polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxane (POSS) for SiO₂ fabrication
- Available materials: Polymer and SiO₂ (silicate networks)



Genolet, G., et al Review of Scientific Instruments 70, 2389-2391 (1999)

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POSS

Tegu, E. et al., *Chem. Mater.* 16 (13), 2567–2577 (2004) Borah, D. et al., *Nanomaterials* 8 (1), 32 (2018)

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Applications of TPL (Mechanics)



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Buckmann, T., et al. Adv. Mat. 24, 2710-2714 (2012)

Applications of TPL (Biology)





Maggi, A., et al. Acta Biomater. 63, 294-305 (2017)



Klein, F., et al. Adv. Mater. 23 (11), 1341-1345 (2011)

Applications of TPL (Optics)



Mechanically Tunable Photonic Crystals



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Microscale Multi-Lens Objectives







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Scalability

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Challenge of small feature size vs throughput!

500 nm

Intensity (a.

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Complex Fabrication Methods for Other Materials



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Complex Fabrication processes to fabricate 3D structures in various materials:

- Multi-angled etching
- Micromanipulation and Stacking
- Double Inversion

- Limited geometries
- Active area of development

Multi-angled etching

Silicon, n~3.48 at 1.5 µm



Takahashi, S. et al., Nat. Mater. 8(9), 721-725 (2009)

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- Extremely time consuming, very manual process
- Not scalable

Micromanipulation and stacking

GaAs, n~3.36 at 1.5 µm



Aoki, K. et al., *Nat. Photonics* **2(11)**, 688–692 (2008)

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- **Double Inversion**

- Many fabrication steps
- HF-resistant materials/substrates only





Extremely Limited Choice of Pre-Ceramic Materials for AM



Silicon oxycarbide



UV curable monomers & UV photo initiator

Eckel, Z. C. et al., Science 351 (6268), 58-62 (2016)

Zinc oxide



D. W. Yee et al. Adv. Mater. 1901345 (2019)

Silica



Kotz, F. et al., Nature 544 (7650), 337-339 (2017)

Nickel

500 nm

Titanium dioxide



Vyatskikh, A. et al., Nat. Commun. 9, 593 (2018)

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Devices

Stimuli responsive materials



Heating 0.58 0.46 0.35 0.23 0.11 II 0.00 Ge, Qi, et al. Sci. Rep. 6 (2016): 31110.

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- Generally want high refractive index:

Full photonic bandgap in woodpile structures: n > 1.9All-angle negative refraction: n > 2.49



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Structural Color



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Wilts, B.D., et al. J. R. Soc. Interface 12, 20150717 (2015)

- Butterfly wing color comes from pigments, and structural color
- Color results from periodicity on the nanoscale

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- Structural colors can be printed that do not degrade like pigments/dyes!
- Applications for photonic circuits or free-form optical filters



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Shrinking crystal changes lattice constant, and thus band gap frequency



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Structural Color in 3D PhCs

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Scale bars = 10um (1 um in j)

First demonstration of all color 3D dielectric structural color

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Structural Color Summary

- Free-form optical elements can be printed with structural color based on lattice period (optical band gap effect)
- Structures (and color) are resistant to degradation relative to existing dyes/pigments



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Refraction and Negative Refraction





http:://www.spieosauemk.team

http:://www.quantamagazine.org

- Refraction describes light passing an interface of two materials
- Though not found in natural materials, negative refraction first proposed by Veselago in 1968
- All angle negative refraction requires 3D structures

Dispersion Engineering in PhCs



Negative refraction in 3D core-shell photonic crystals 0.7 0.6 Frequency ($\omega a/2\pi c=a/\lambda$) 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 Solid Ge 0.1 Polymer Core, Ge Shell 0.0 Н Г N N P H

Previously, experimental demonstrations in microwave, and theoretical demonstrations of AANR in 3D

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nm

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O₂ plasma etching



Ge sputtering each side



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3D NR requires high index materials, AM can facilitate fabrication

New suite of materials drastically increases the parameter space for dispersion engineering

Negative Refraction in 3D PhCs Summary

- While negative refraction has previously been demonstrated in the visible/IR, fully 3D all-angle NR requires 3D structures
- We experimentally demonstrated 3D AANR for first time in the IR in core-shell polymer-Ge lattices, with n = -0.67







- TPL is a powerful tool to fabricate complex 3D architectures
- Fabrication of 3D non-polymeric structures is complicated (micromanipulation, double inversion, layer by layer fab)
- Additive manufacturing offers a quick, facile route to fabrication in many different materials





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 k_0



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 $a = 2\pi/k_G$

 $0.5 \qquad 0.5 \qquad \text{Infinite} \\ 0.5 \qquad \text{Mirrors}^* \qquad 7 \text{ Periods} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.8 \qquad 1.4 \qquad 2.0 \\ \text{Wavelength } (\mu\text{m}) \\ \text{Wavelength } (\mu\text{m}) \\ \text{Mirrors}^* \qquad 0.5 \\ \text{Mirrors}^* \qquad$

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Negative Refraction in PhCs







• Extra resource for polymerization in 3D printing with polymers

Ligon, S.C., et al. Chem Rev 117 (15), 10212-10290 (2017)

 Lots of resources with mathematical/physics modeling of TPL, or higher order polymerizations