

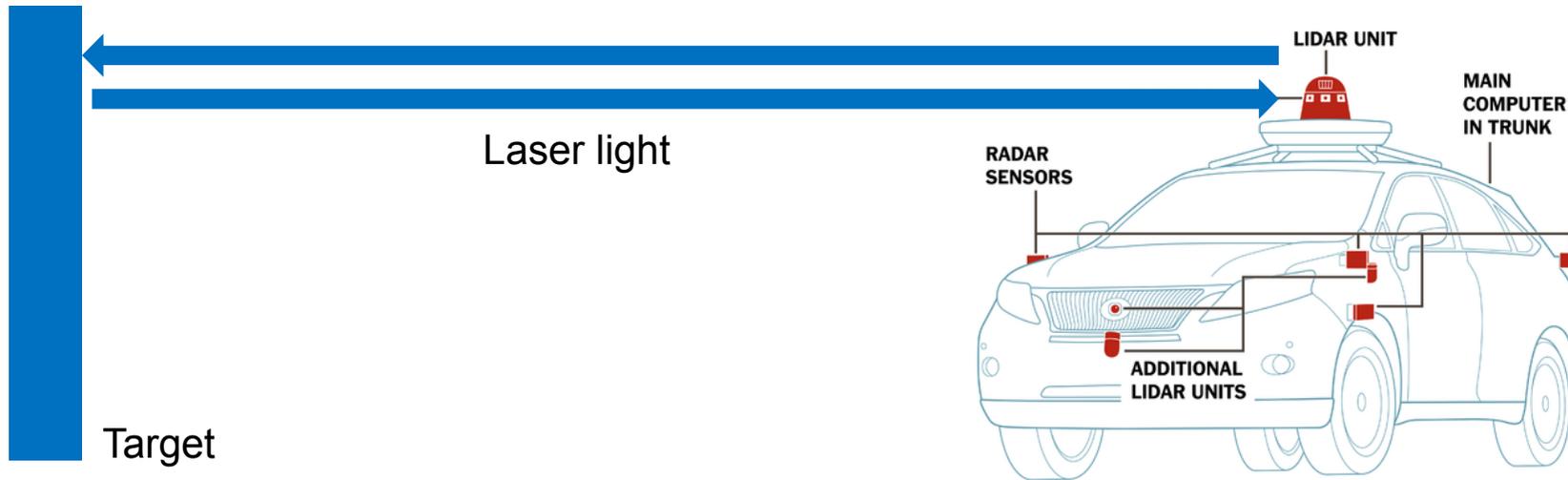
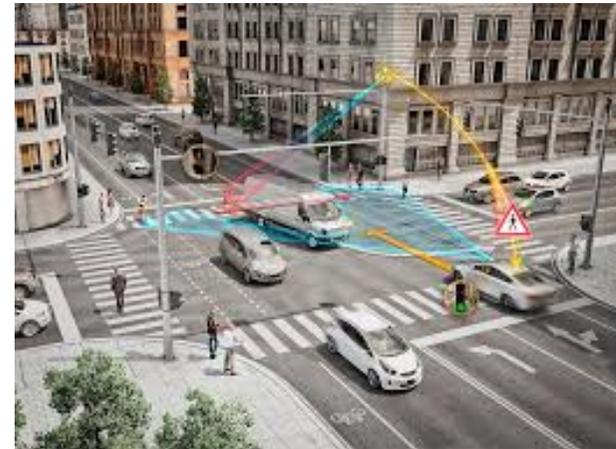
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Freeform Optical Technologies for Lidar Applications

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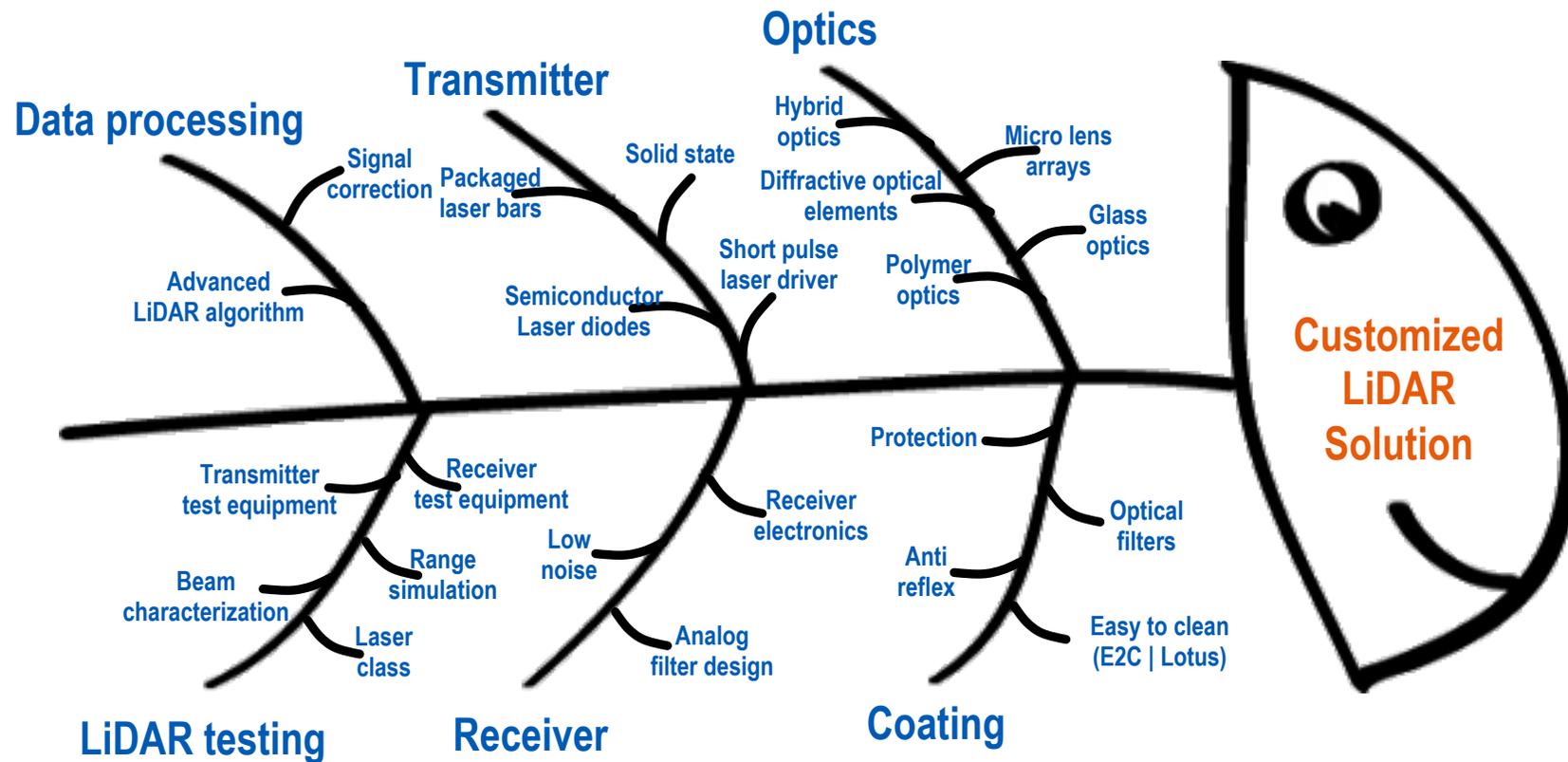
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Introduction



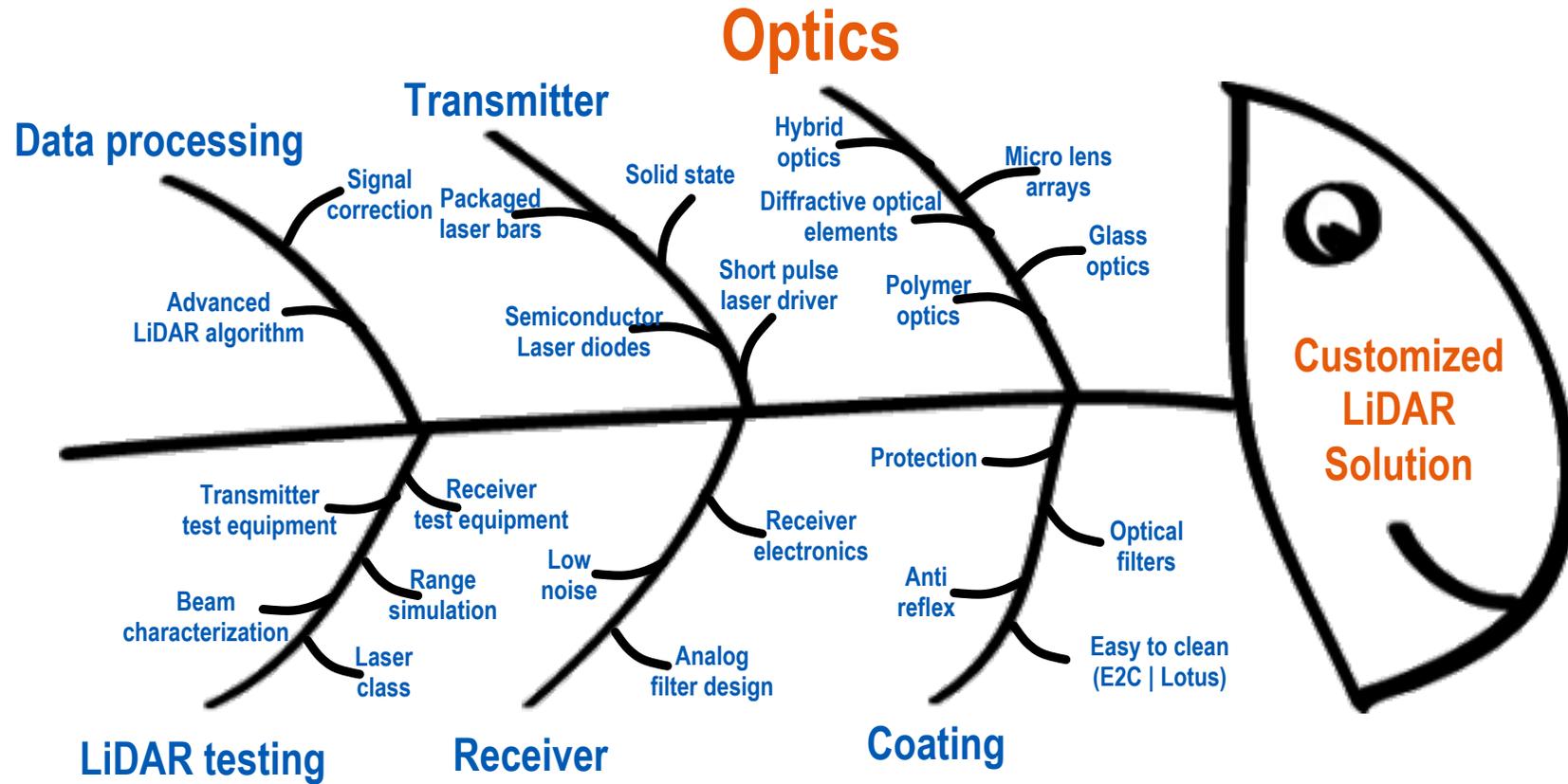
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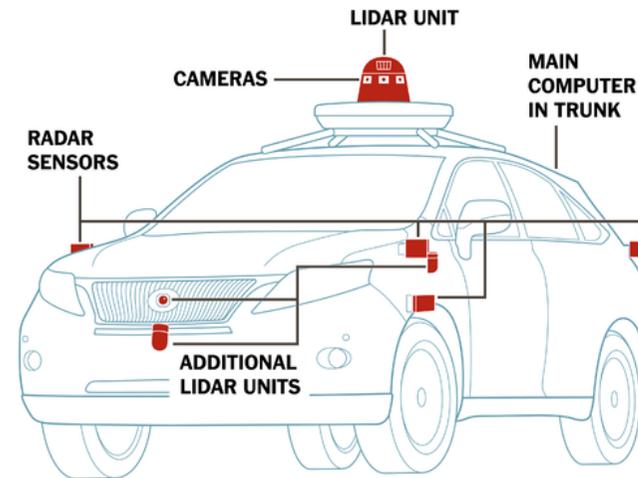
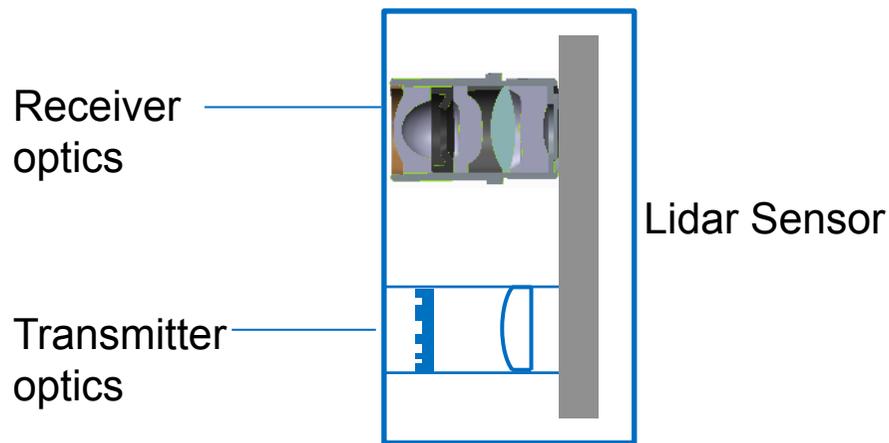
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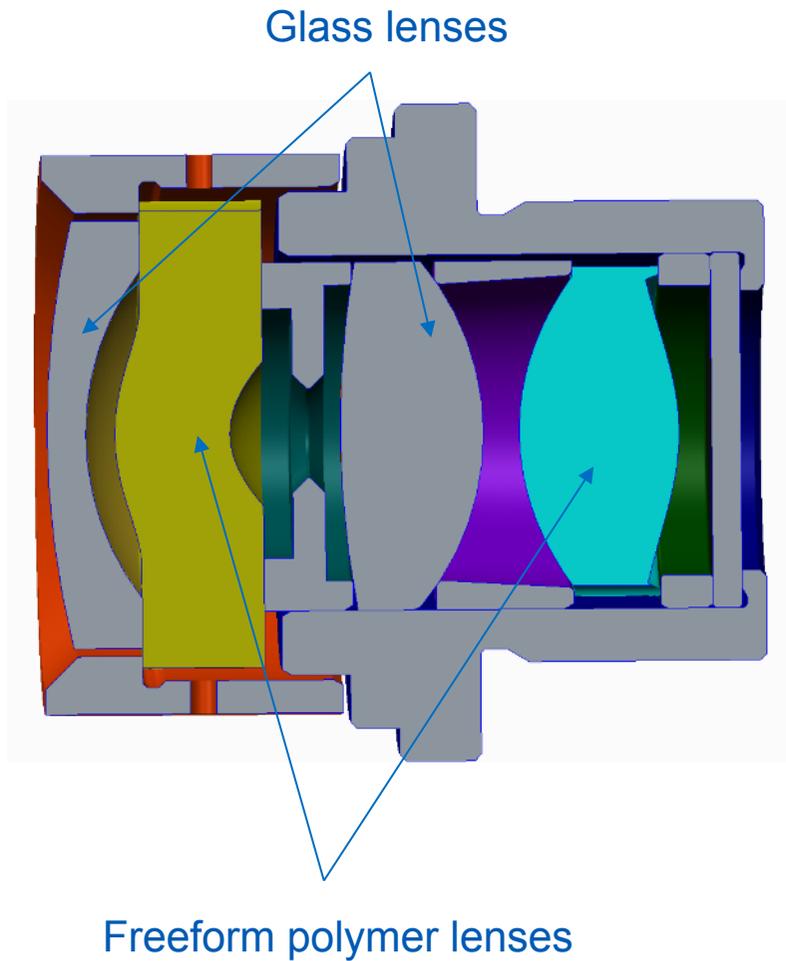
Introduction

Receiver and transmitter optics may contain freeform components



Applications of Freeforms in LIDAR Systems: Receiver

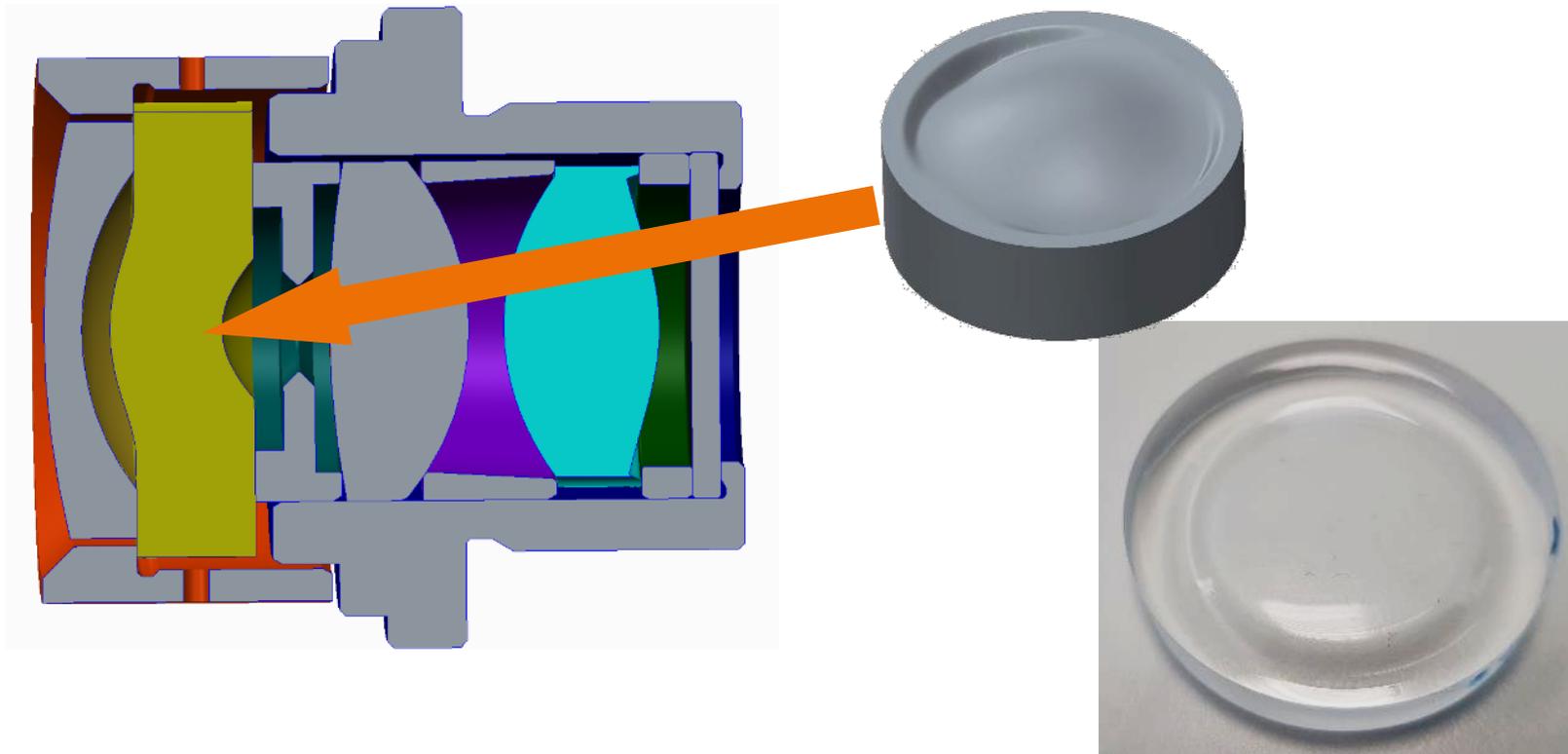
Anamorphic Receiver Lens



- Hybrid objective lens containing two polymer freeform lenses and two spherical glass lenses.
- Athermal between -40°C and 110°C .
- Anamorphic lens for changing aspect ratio between FOV and image.

Applications of Freeforms in LIDAR Systems: Receiver

Anamorphic Receiver Lens

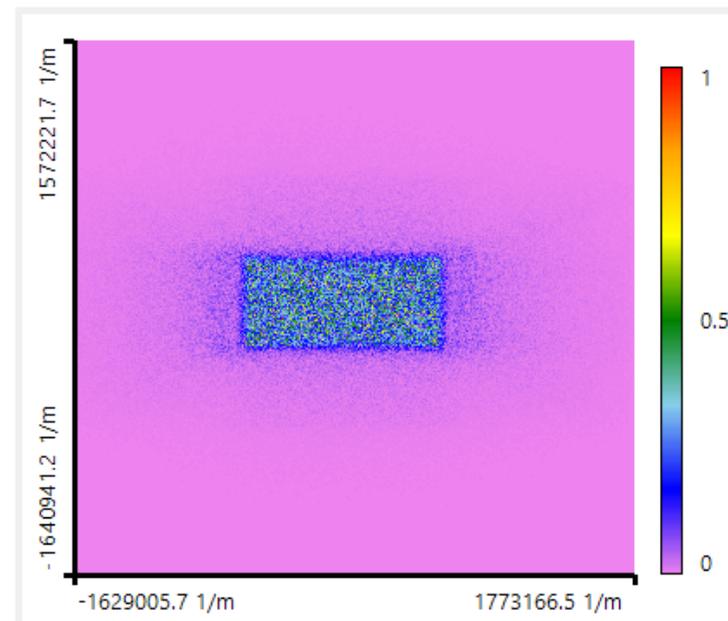
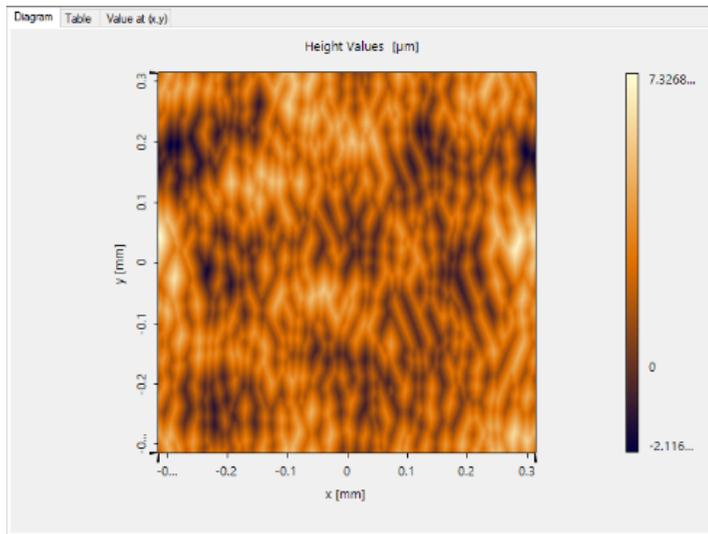
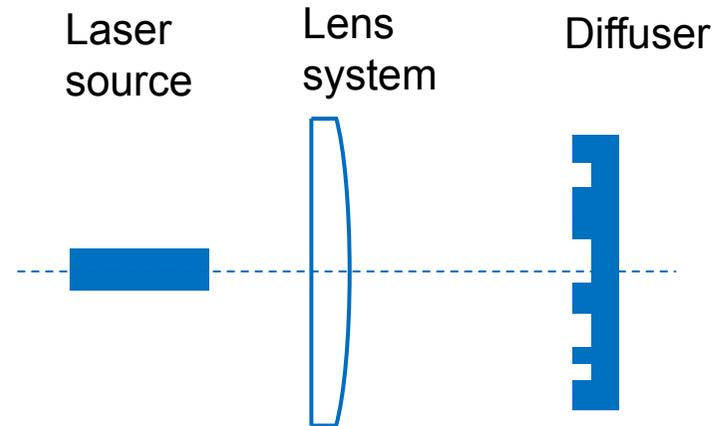


Polymer (Zeonex) lens with freeform surface

Applications of Freeforms in LIDAR Systems: Transmitter

Diffusor for FOV Illumination

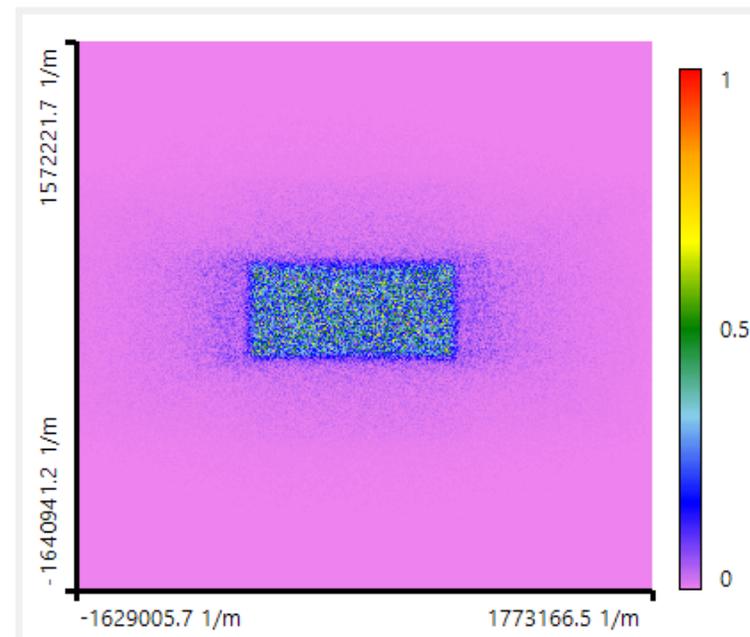
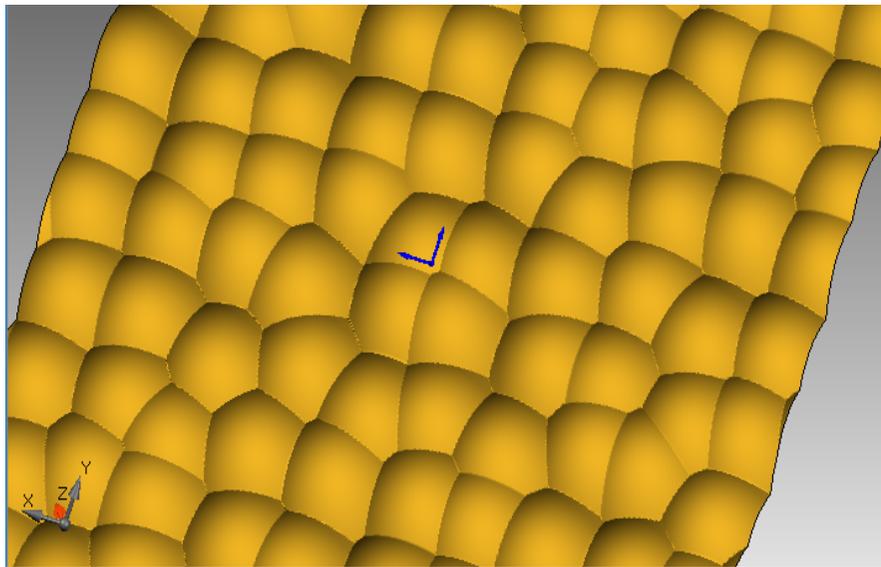
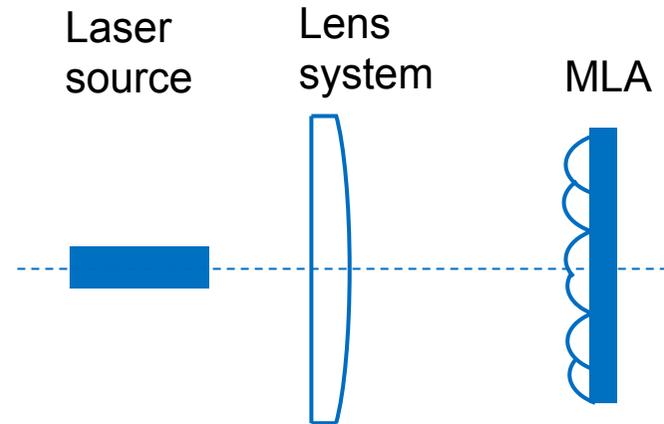
- Refractive diffusers for illumination of field of view
- Left lower figure: diffuser surface
- Right lower figure: angular scattering distribution



Applications of Freeforms in LIDAR Systems: Transmitter

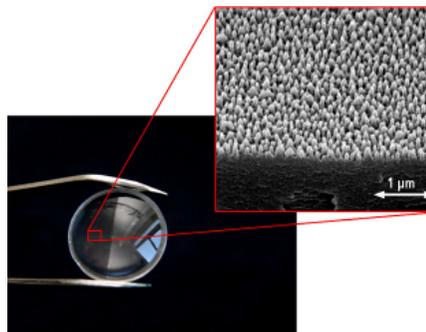
MLA for FOV Illumination

- Random micro lens array for illumination of field of view
- Left lower figure: micro lens surface
- Right lower figure: angular scattering distribution



Optical Technology

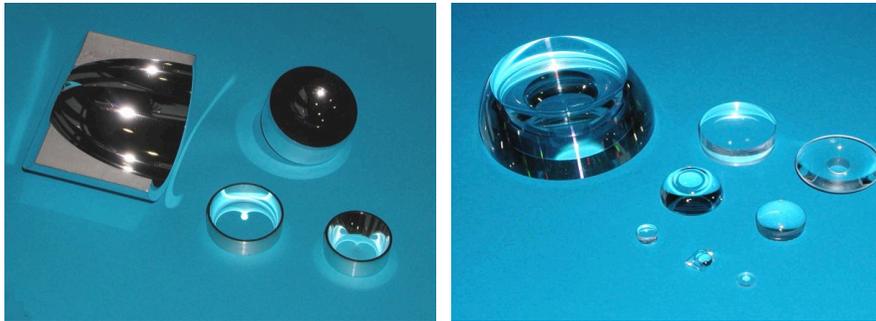
From design to automotive-quality series production



Precision manufacturing competencies

Ultra Precision Turning, Milling, Ruling

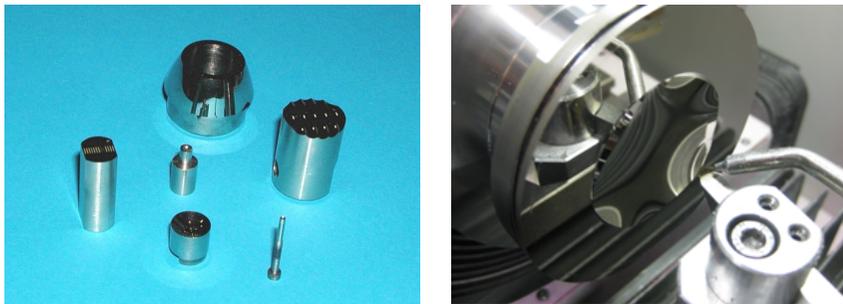
→ Metals and polymers prototype elements



→ Small Series

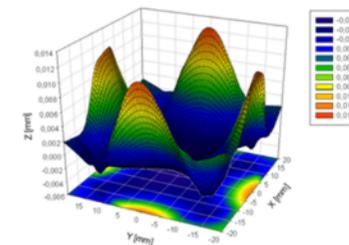


→ Inserts for injection molding

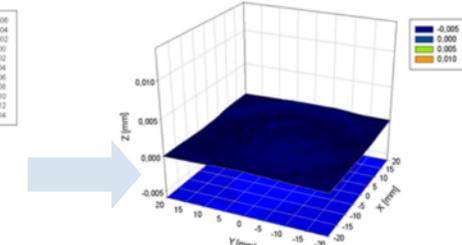


→ Compensation of shrinking of polymer elements

Formabweichung einer spritzgegossenen Freiformfläche ohne Iterationsschleife
($p-v = 18,2 \mu\text{m} / \text{rms} = 4,29 \mu\text{m}$)



Formabweichung Freiformfläche nach 2 Iterationszyklen
($p-v = 1,32 \mu\text{m} / \text{rms} = 0,29 \mu\text{m}$)



Slow Tool Servo Technology (3 CNC Axis)

Features

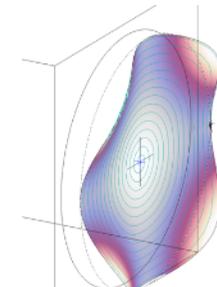
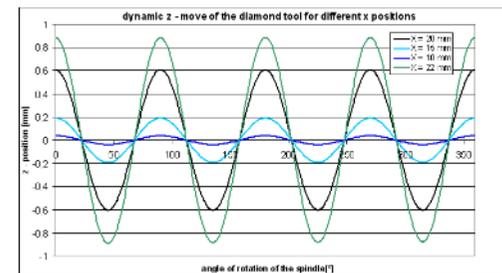
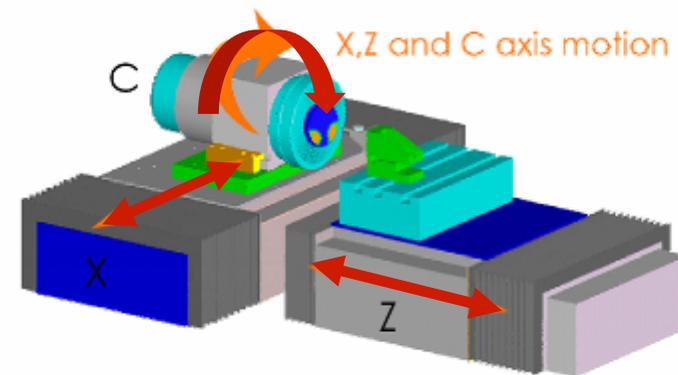
- XZC mode: $Z = f(X, C)$
- Angle dependent feed of diamond tool.
- Oscillation of z-axis depending on surface profile

Surface types

- Symmetric and asymmetric free form surfaces
- Continuous surfaces

Limitations

- Dynamic (modulation) of surface in angular direction
- Surface angle



Extension of STS Technology

Ruling with virtual y-axis

Ruling => German “Hobeln”

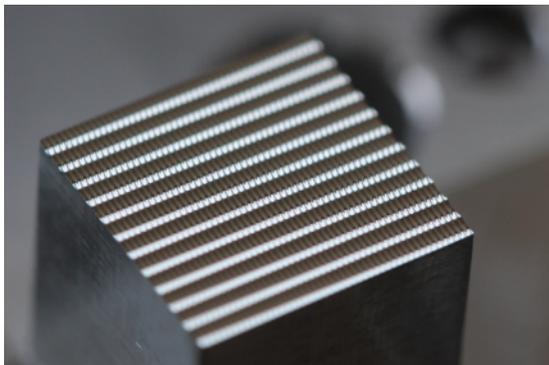
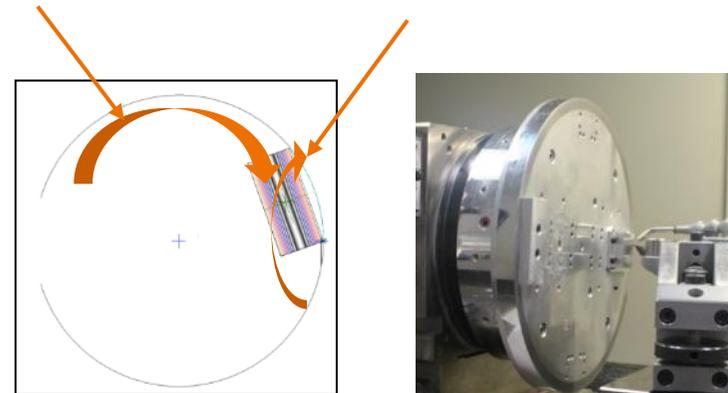
By “special software controlled” tool path.

Features

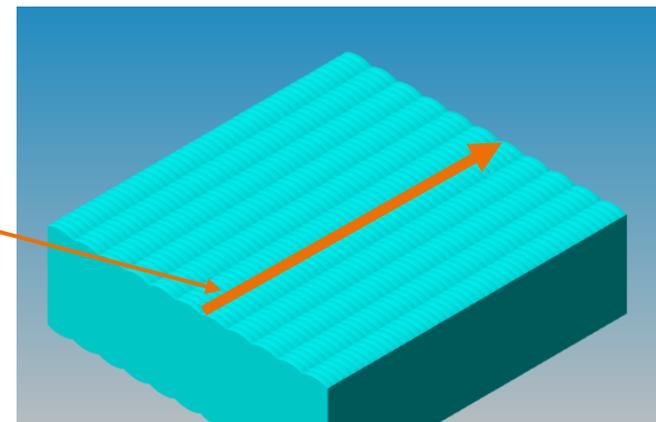
- Cylindrical lens arrays
- Flexible surface structures perpendicular to cutting axis.
- Surface angle perpendicular to cutting axis $>30^\circ$.

Rotating Substrate

Tool Path



Effective Linear
Tool Path at
Substrate

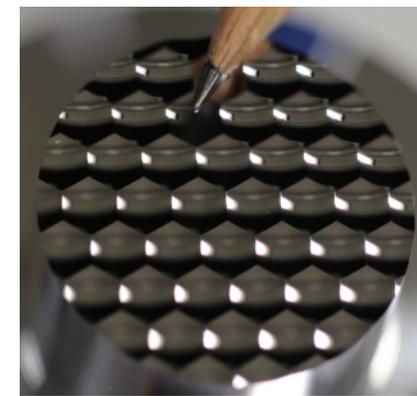
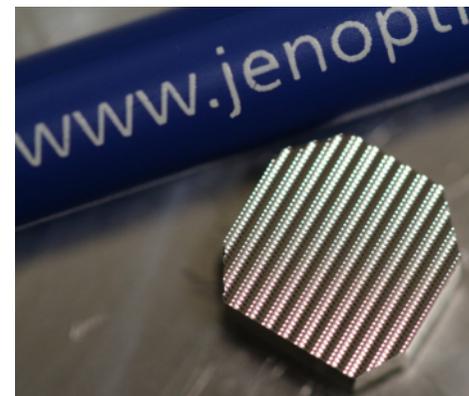
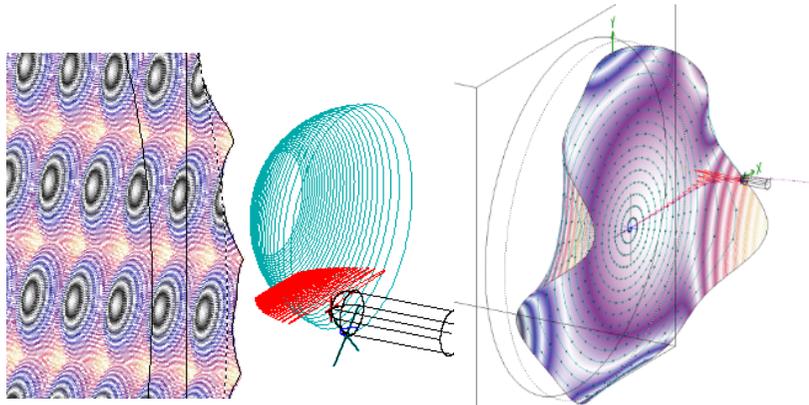
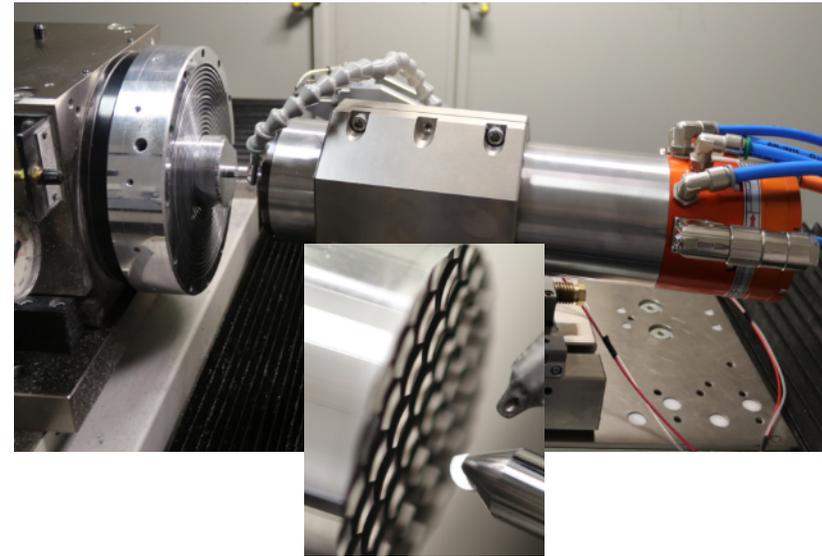


Precision production technologies

Ultra Precision Milling

Surface types

- 2D Micro lens arrays
- Freeform surface with large surface angles
- Reference/ alignment marks

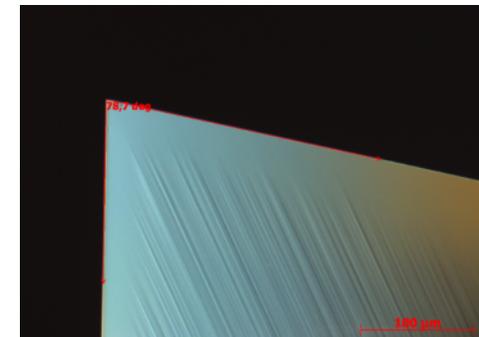
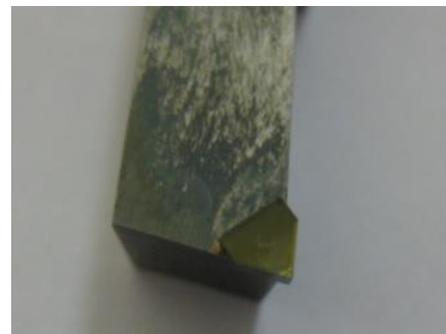
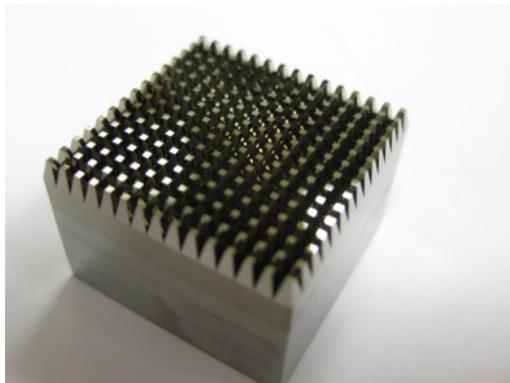
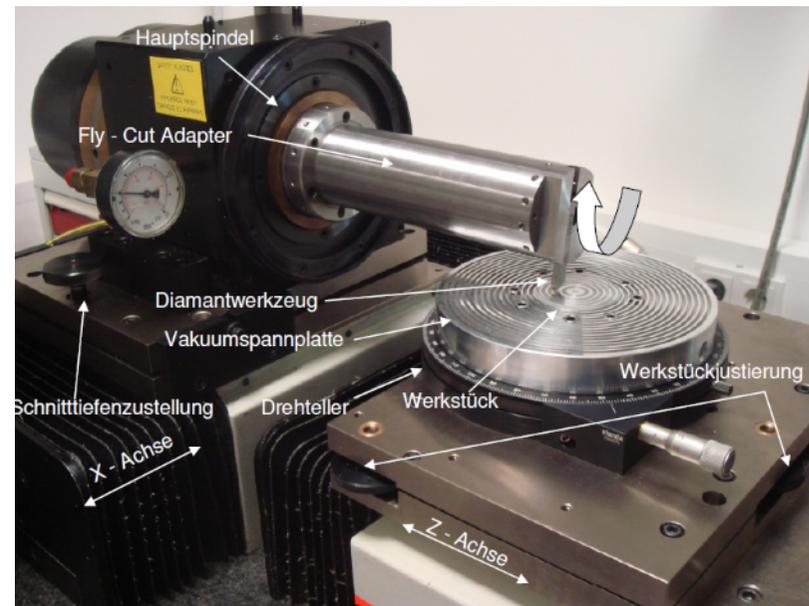


Precision production technologies

Fly Cutting

Features

- Cutting with special shapes diamond tools
- Precise cutting along a linear axis
- Cutting along two or more axis possible by turning of substrate.



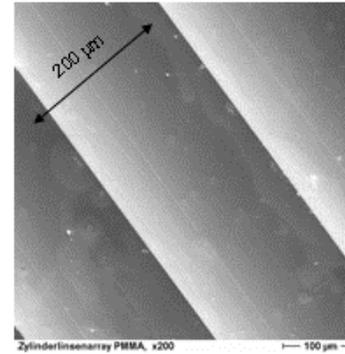
Precision production technologies

Fly Cutting – Surface Types

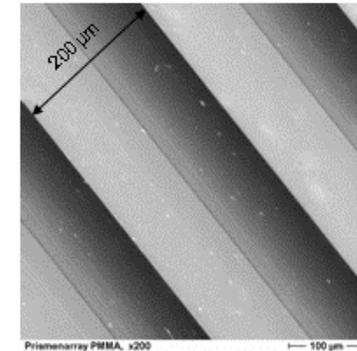
Options

- Cylindrical lens arrays
- Prism arrays
- Pyramid arrays
- Retro reflector arrays
- Gratings:
 - Periods typical: 50 μm – 1mm
 - Periods best resolution: 2 μm

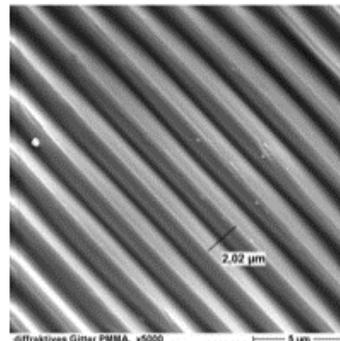
cylindrical lens array



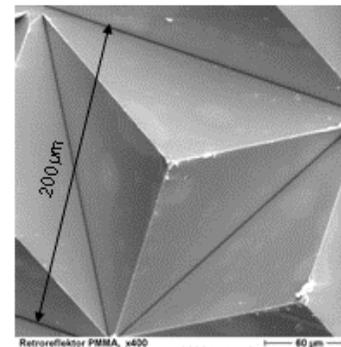
prism array



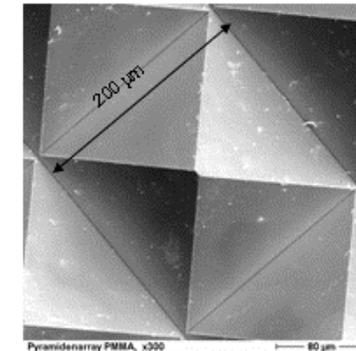
diffractive grating



retro reflector array



pyramid array



Precision series production technologies

Polymer Optics – Injection Molding

Injection Molding Technologies

- Electrical & hydraulic injection molding machines, clamp forces 50 ... 3250 kN
- Micro injection molding
- 2-component injection molding
- Variothermic injection molding
- Automated handling



Products & Services

- Spheric, aspheric, diffractive & free form components
- Fresnel lenses, prisms, micro arrays, mirrors
- High-volume production certified for medical & automotive products
- Customer-specific production processes



Precision series production technologies

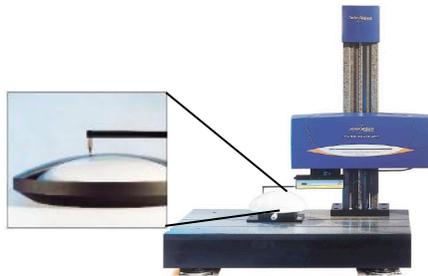
Polymer Optics – Injection Molding

2- component injection molding mechanical mount with window and 3 lenses.



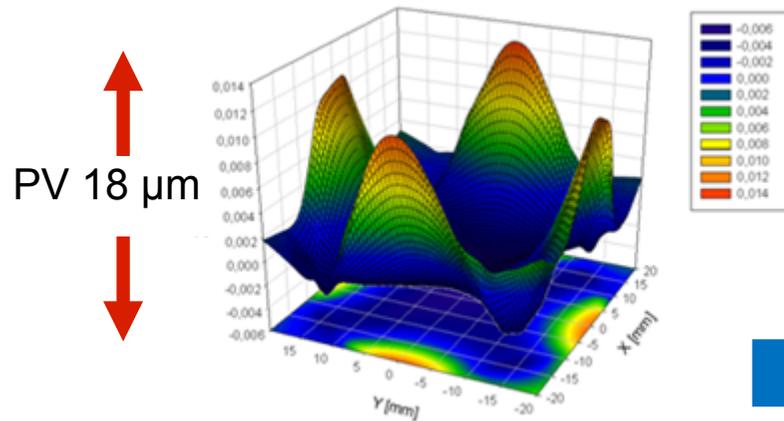
Measurement of Optical Surfaces

- Interferometer (Computer Generated Holograms can be used)
- Stylus instrument Taylor Hobson Form Talysurf PGI 1240
- 3d Coordinate measuring machine Zeiss O – Inspect / Contura*
- 2 ½ D Profilometer Panasonic UA3P*
- Confocal microscope Nanofocus
- Multiwavelength / white light interferometer (Luphos)

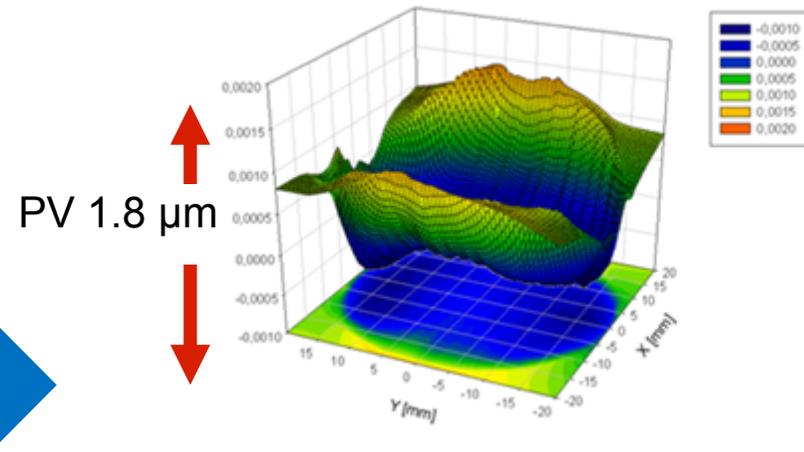


Compensation of Shrinkage of Polymer Components

Surface deviation caused by shrinking



Reduction surface deviations by compensation process



Reduction of surface form deviations of molded optical components to values of $< 2 \mu\text{m}$ PV.

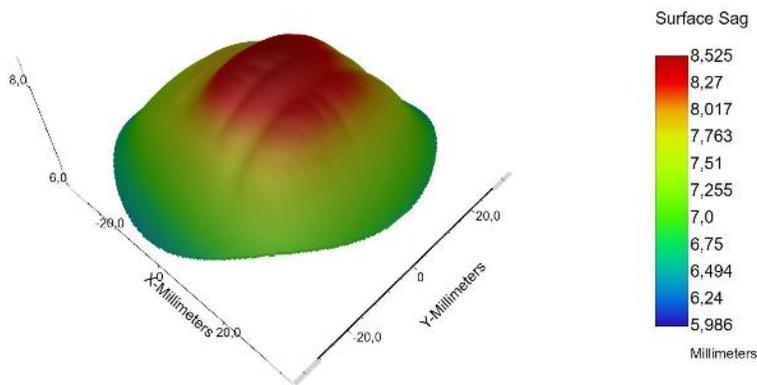
Freeform Component Example Jenoptik Logo

Freeform component for light shaping

Image Simulation



Freeform Surface



Real Image



Summary



- ✓ Jenoptik offers electronics, light source, optical components and optical systems for LIDAR sensors.
- ✓ Optical components with freeform surfaces can be used in transmitter and receiver optics of LIDAR sensor.
- ✓ Fabrication of polymer and metal optical freeform elements and mold inserts by ultra precision turning, ruling and milling.
- ✓ Injection molding of freeform components and assembly of optical systems.

Thank you for your Attention



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