

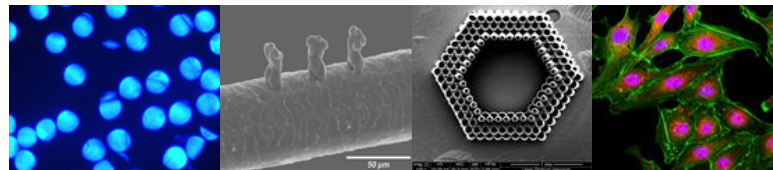
# ► Additive Laser Nanofabrication and 3D Printing

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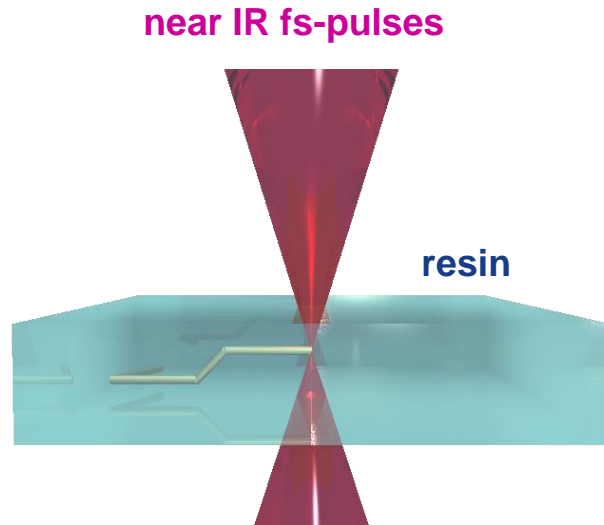
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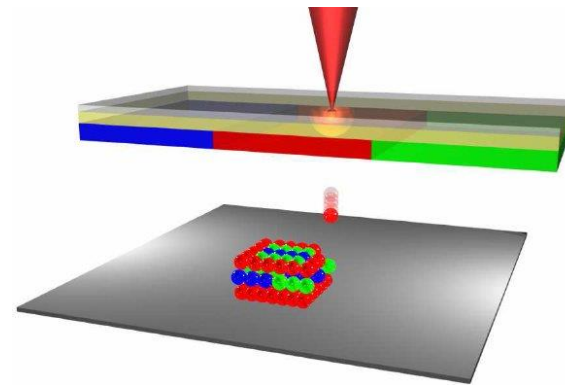
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# Laser Printing of...



Micro-structures by two-photon polymerization



Nanoparticles and living cells

# MICRO manufacturing®

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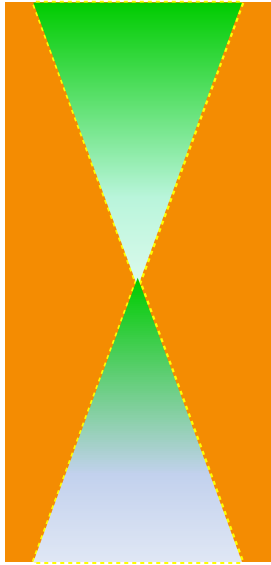
One-step fabbing method frees users from multistep processes

## Two-photon polymerization

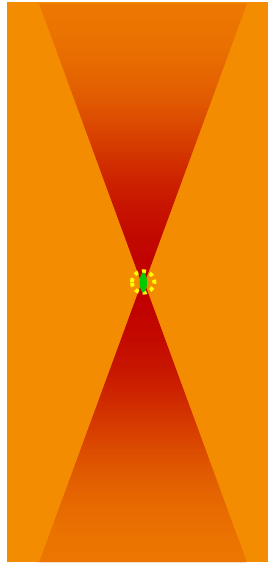


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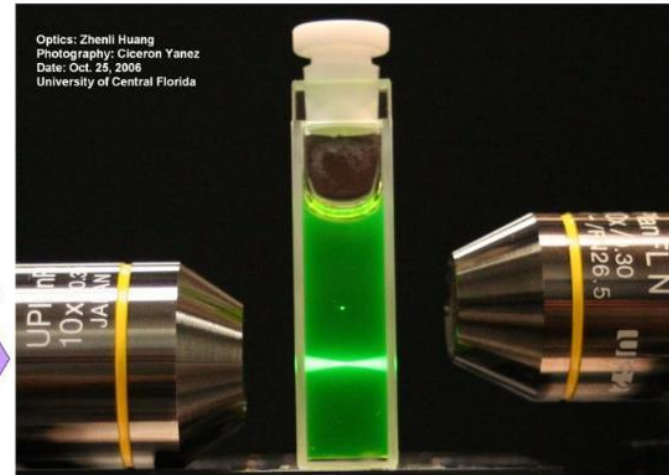
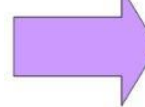
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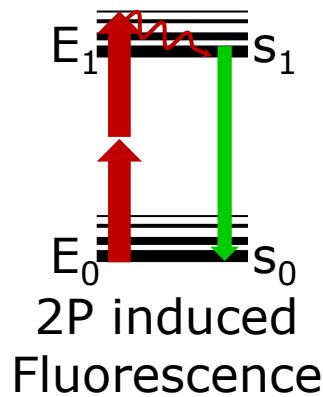
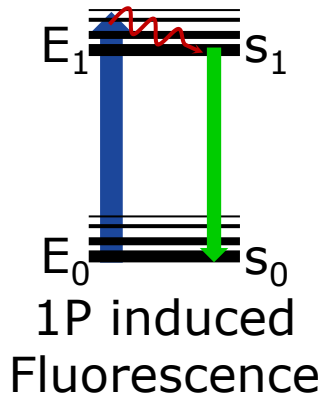
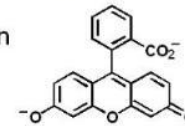
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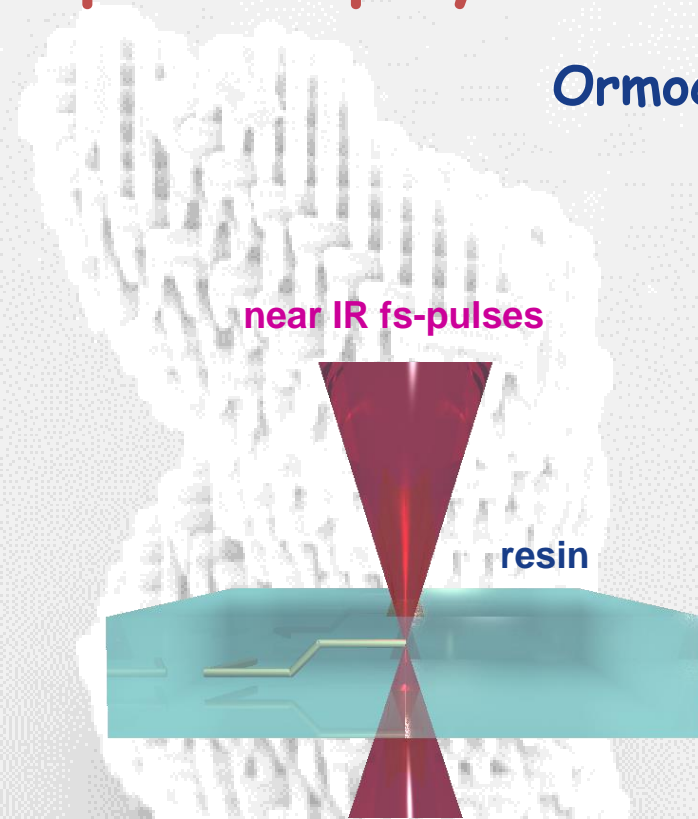
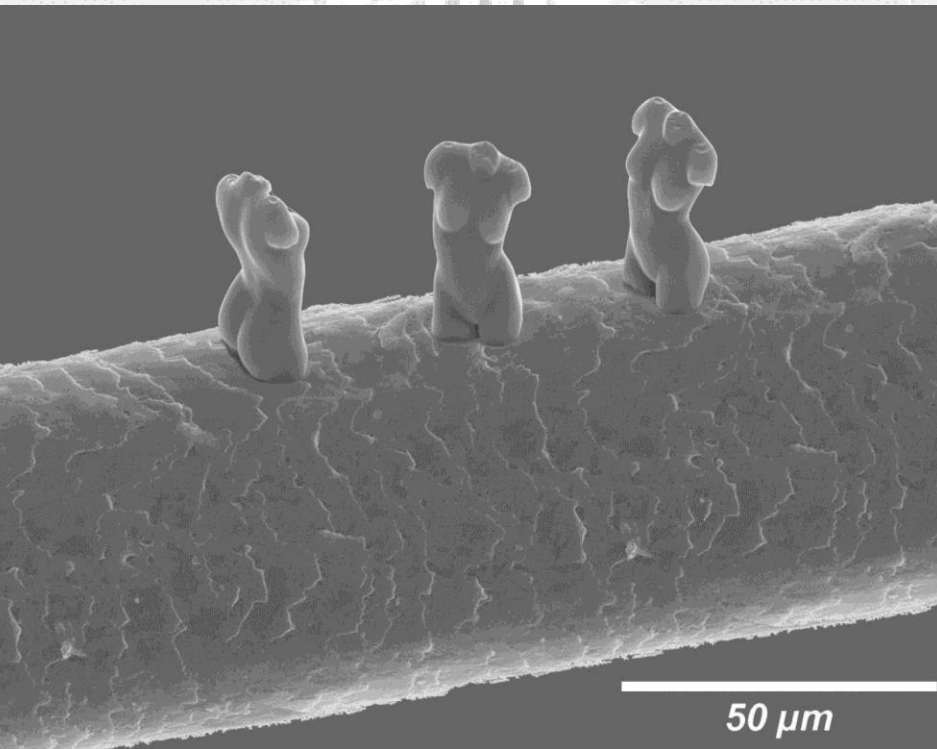


Fluorescein



# Nanotechnology with lasers

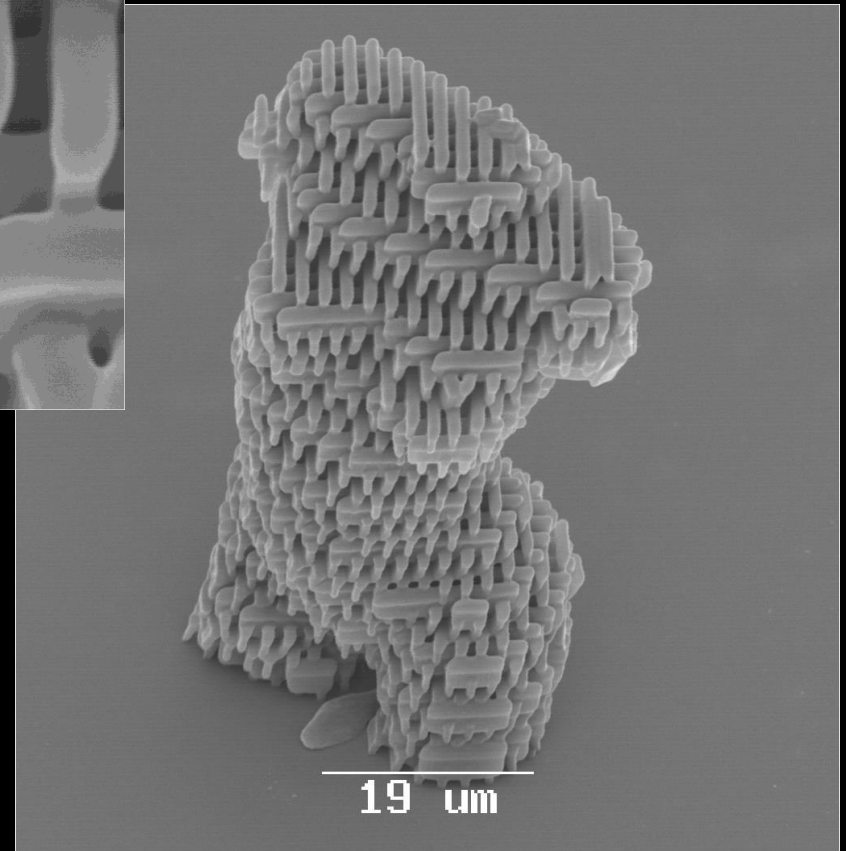
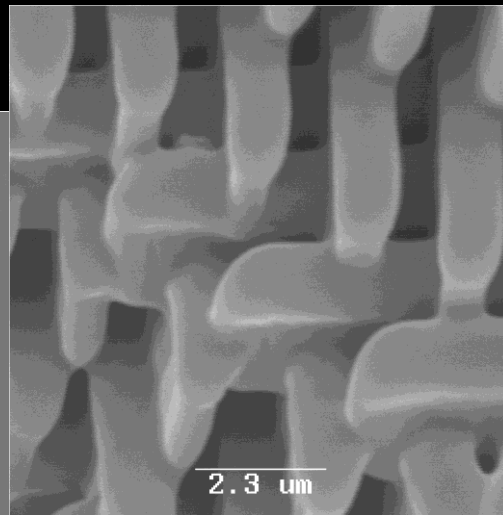
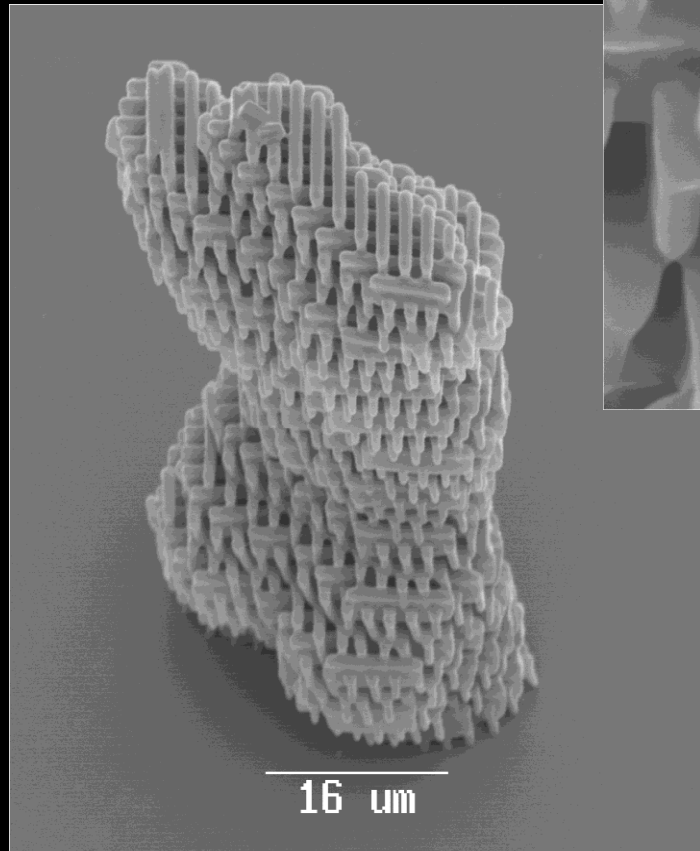
## 3D nanostructuring by two-photon polymerization



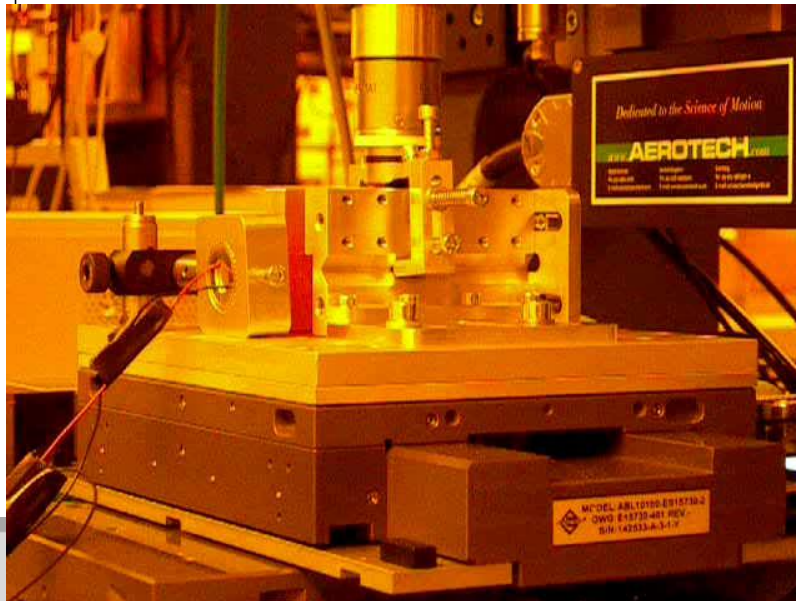
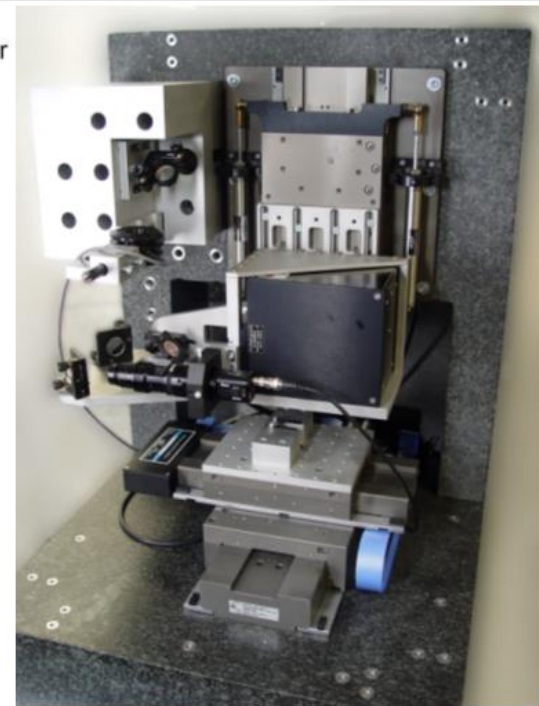
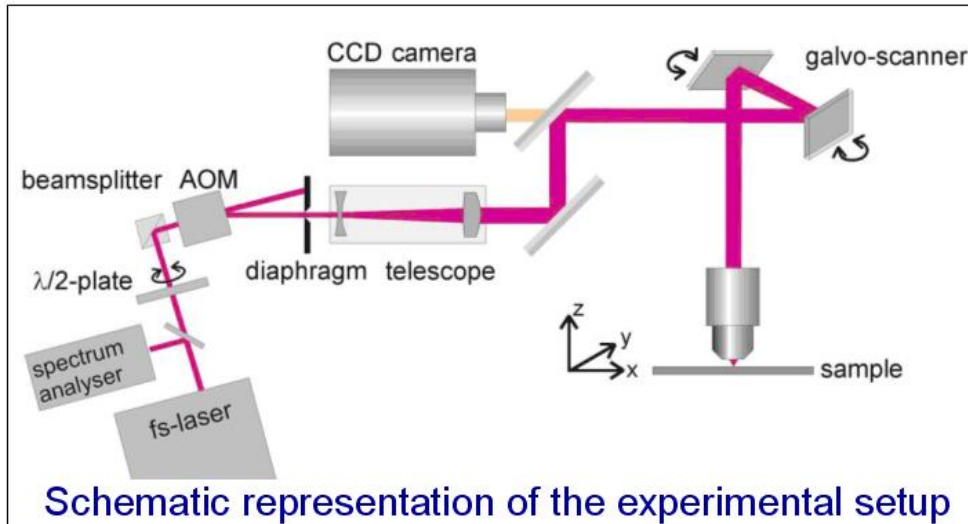
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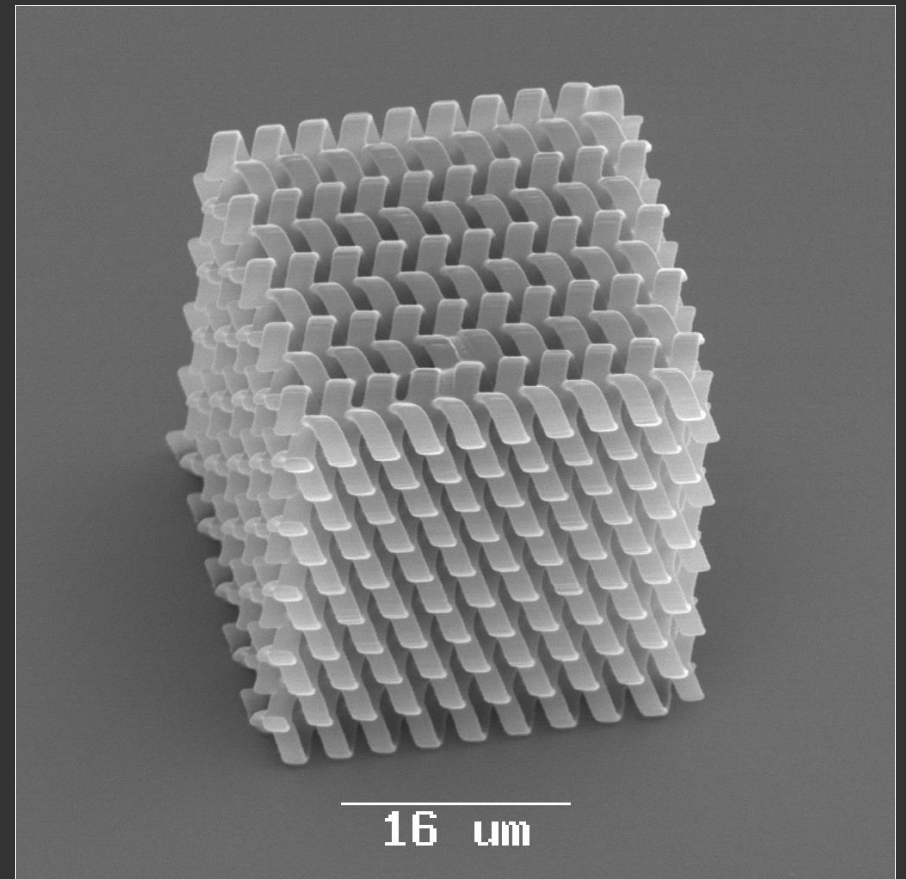
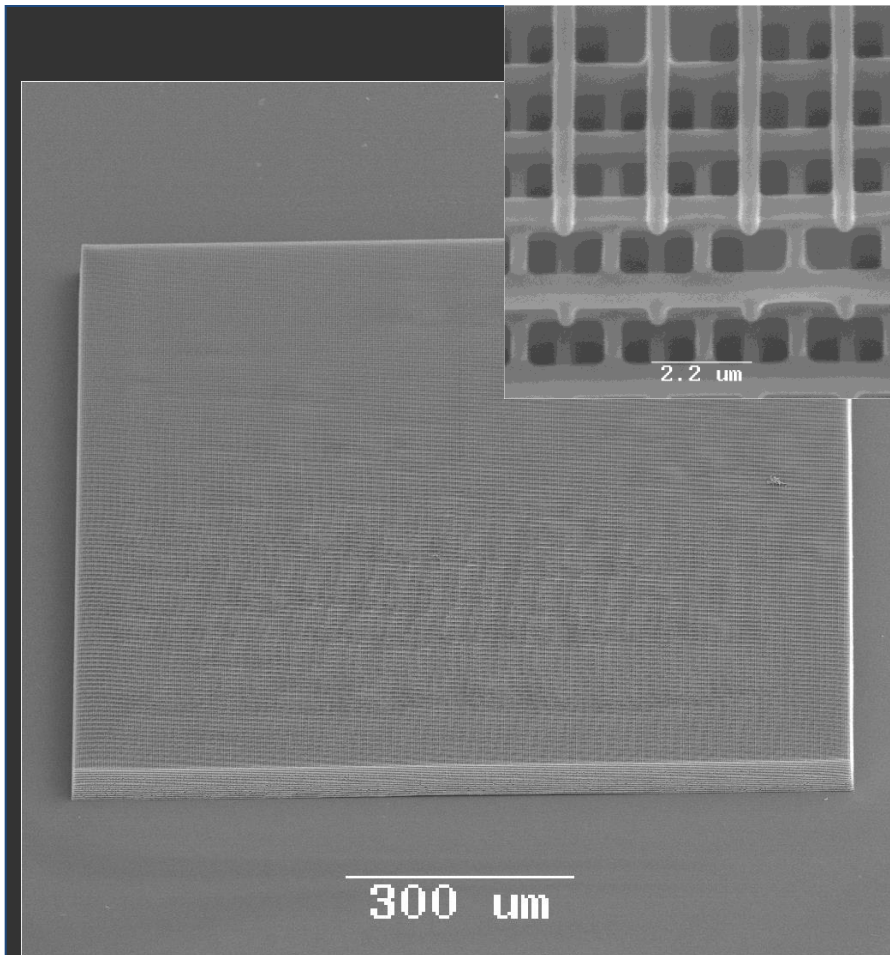


# Two-photon polymerization (5cm/s - 5m/s)



Commercially available 2PP system  
from LZH: [b.chichkov@lzh.de](mailto:b.chichkov@lzh.de)

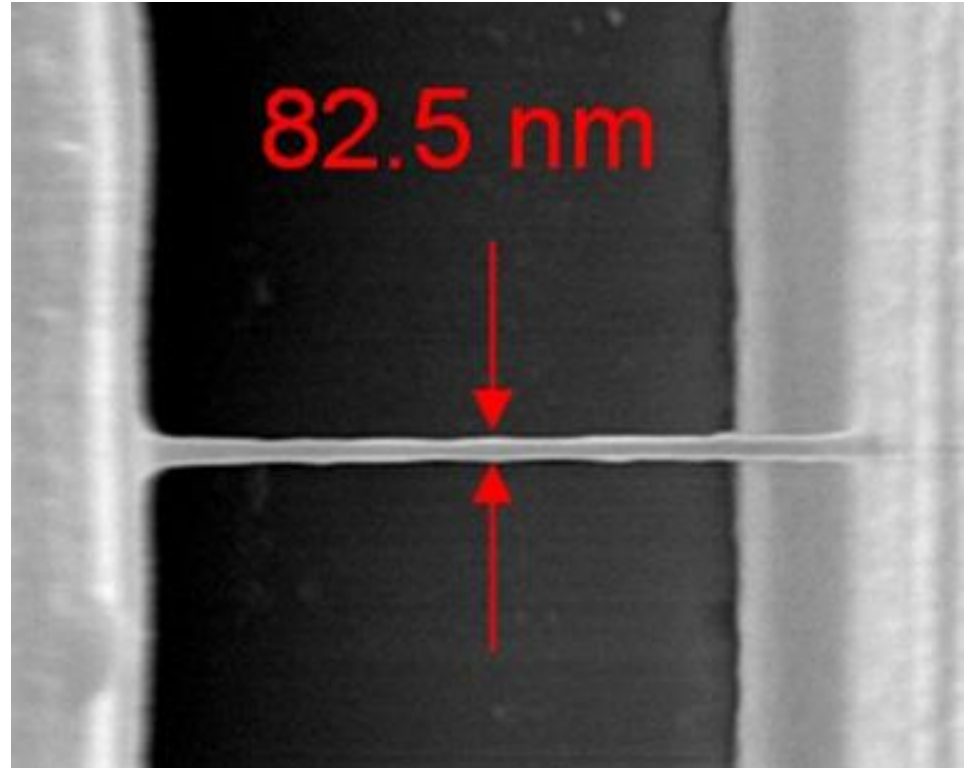
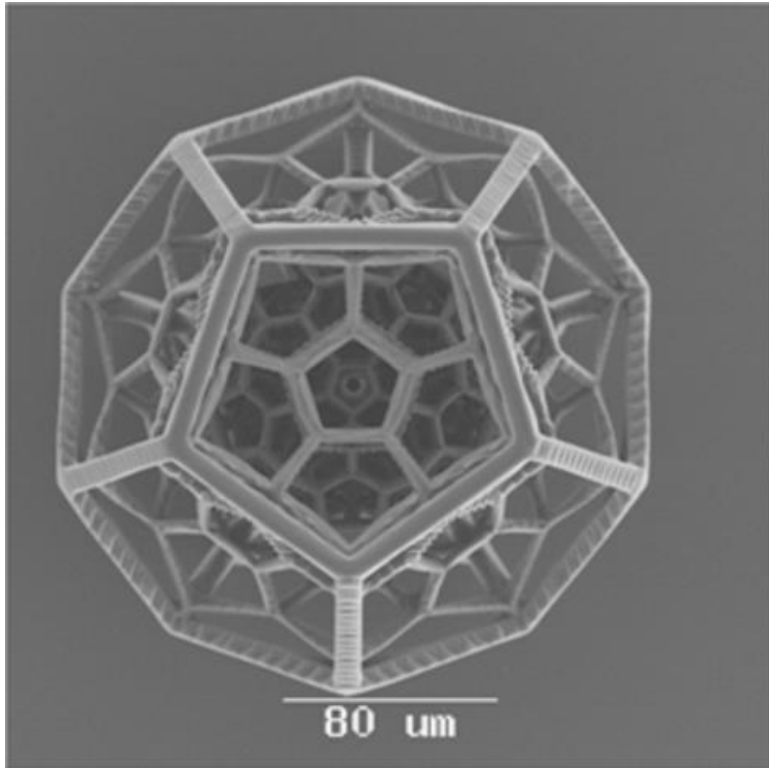
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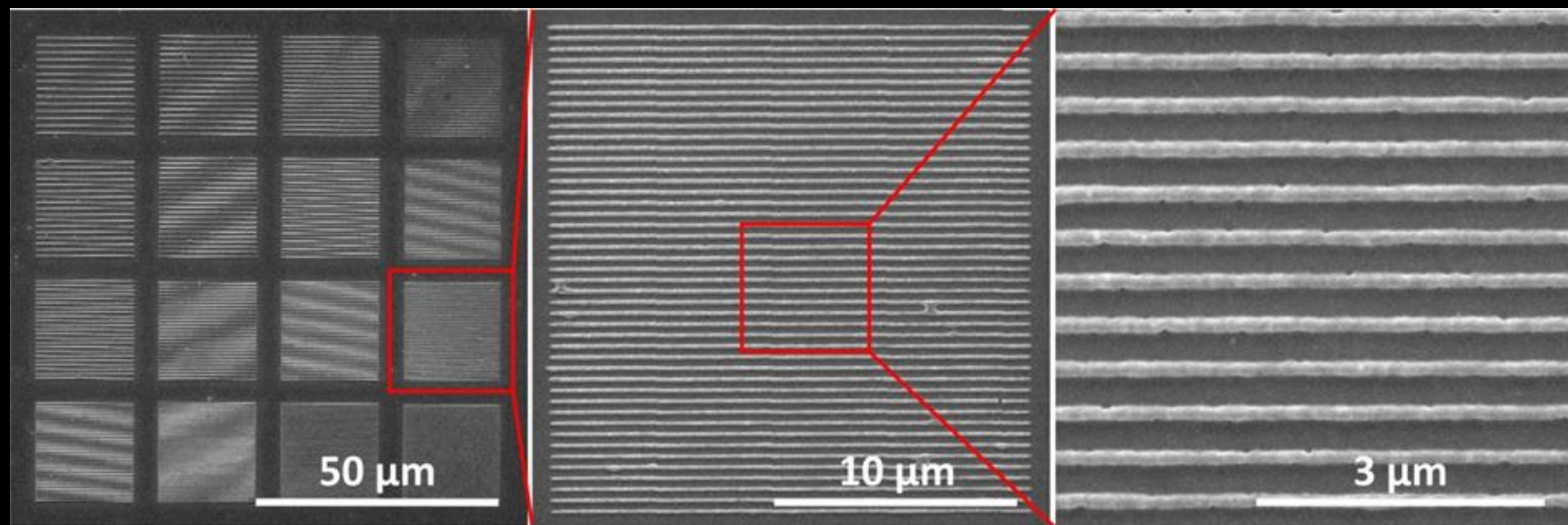
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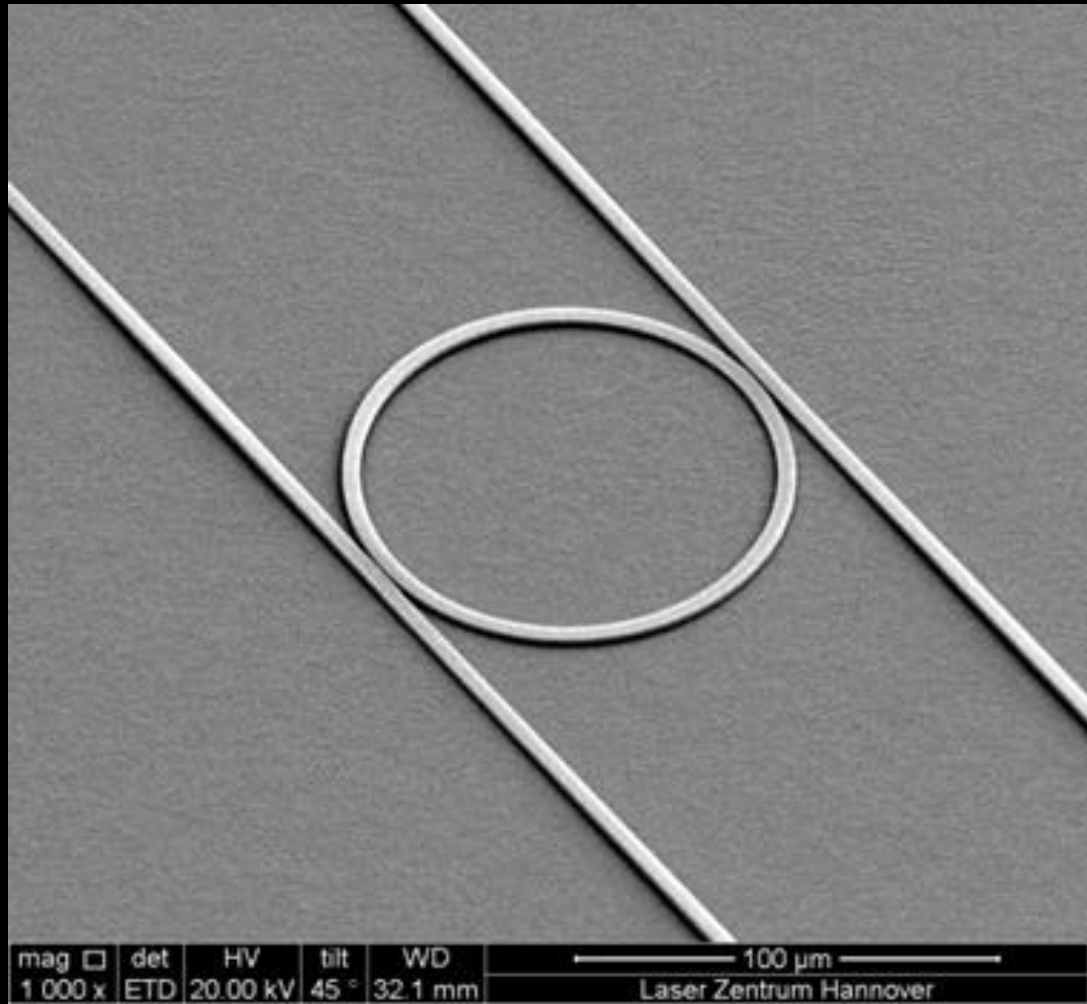


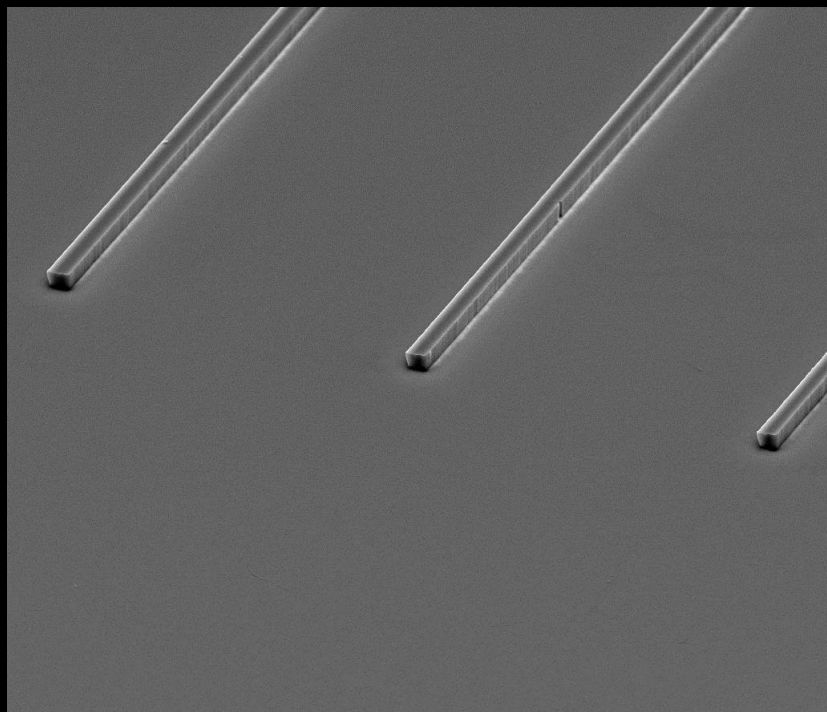
# 3D-STRUCTURES



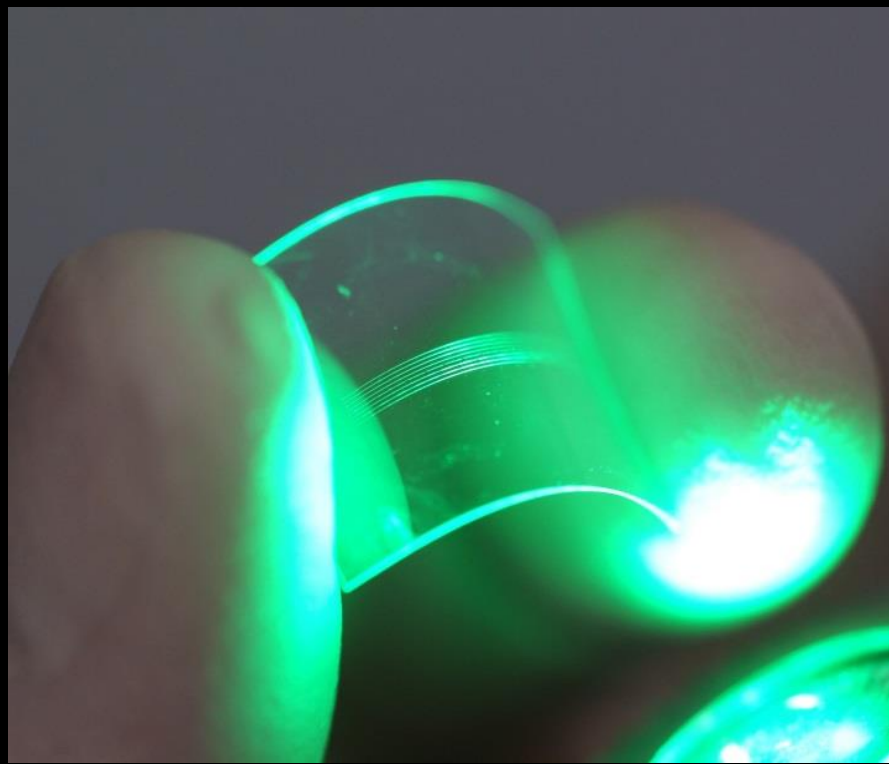
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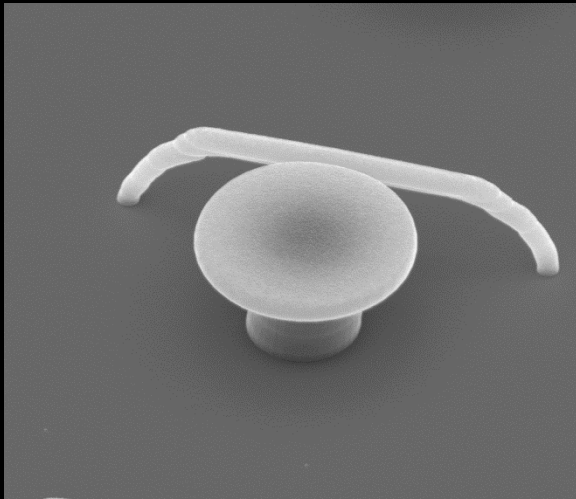






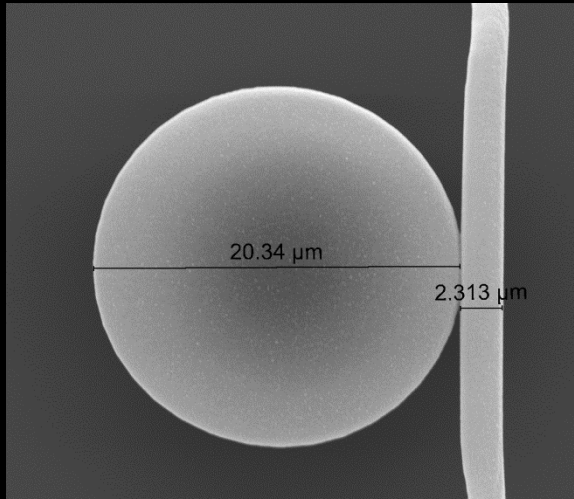
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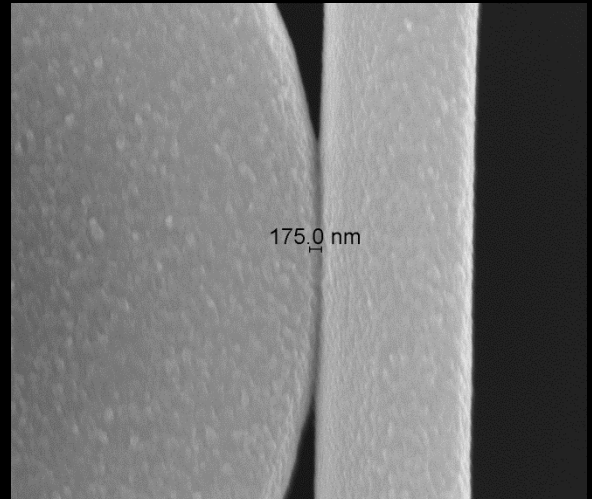
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# Regenerative medicine and tissue engineering

## Interdisciplinary Research

(Mathematics, Physics, Material Science, Engineering, Biology, Medicine)

## Regenerative Medicine:

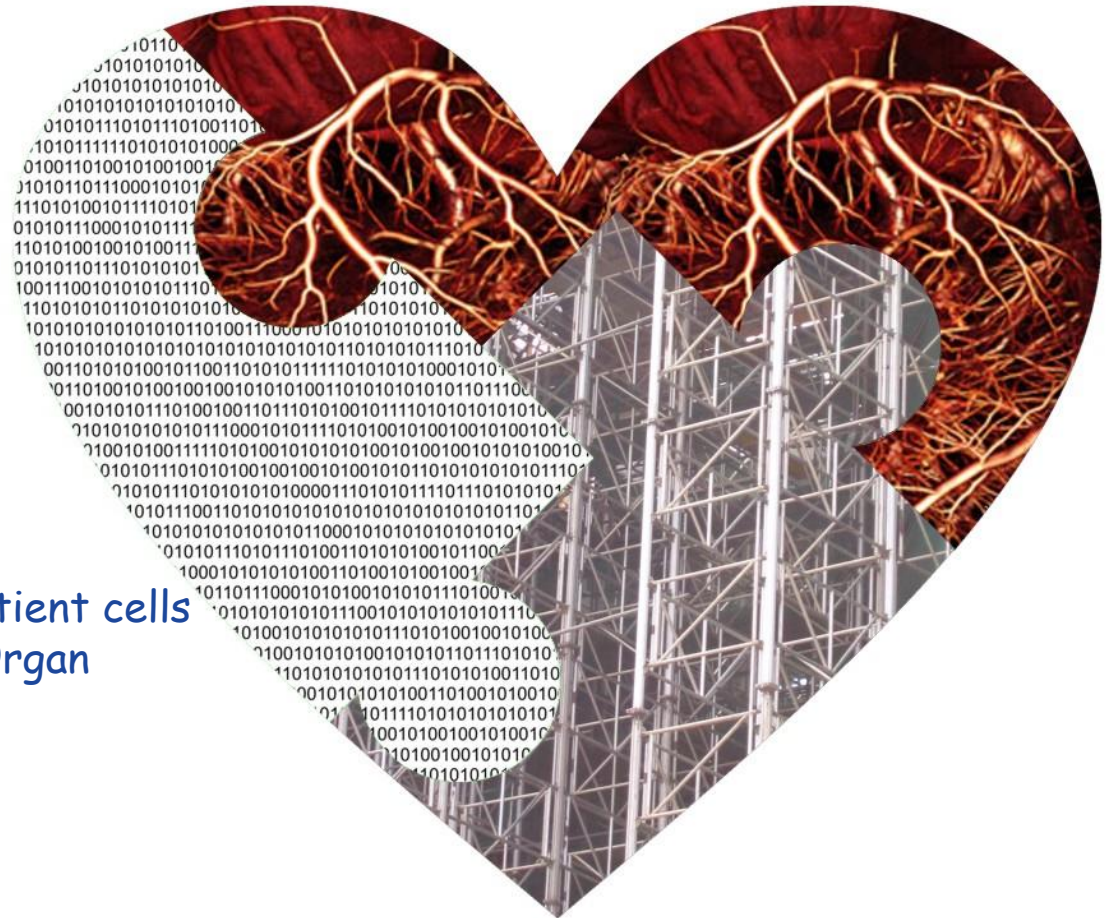
Replacement or repair of ill organs,  
which body cannot restore itself

## Tissue Engineering:

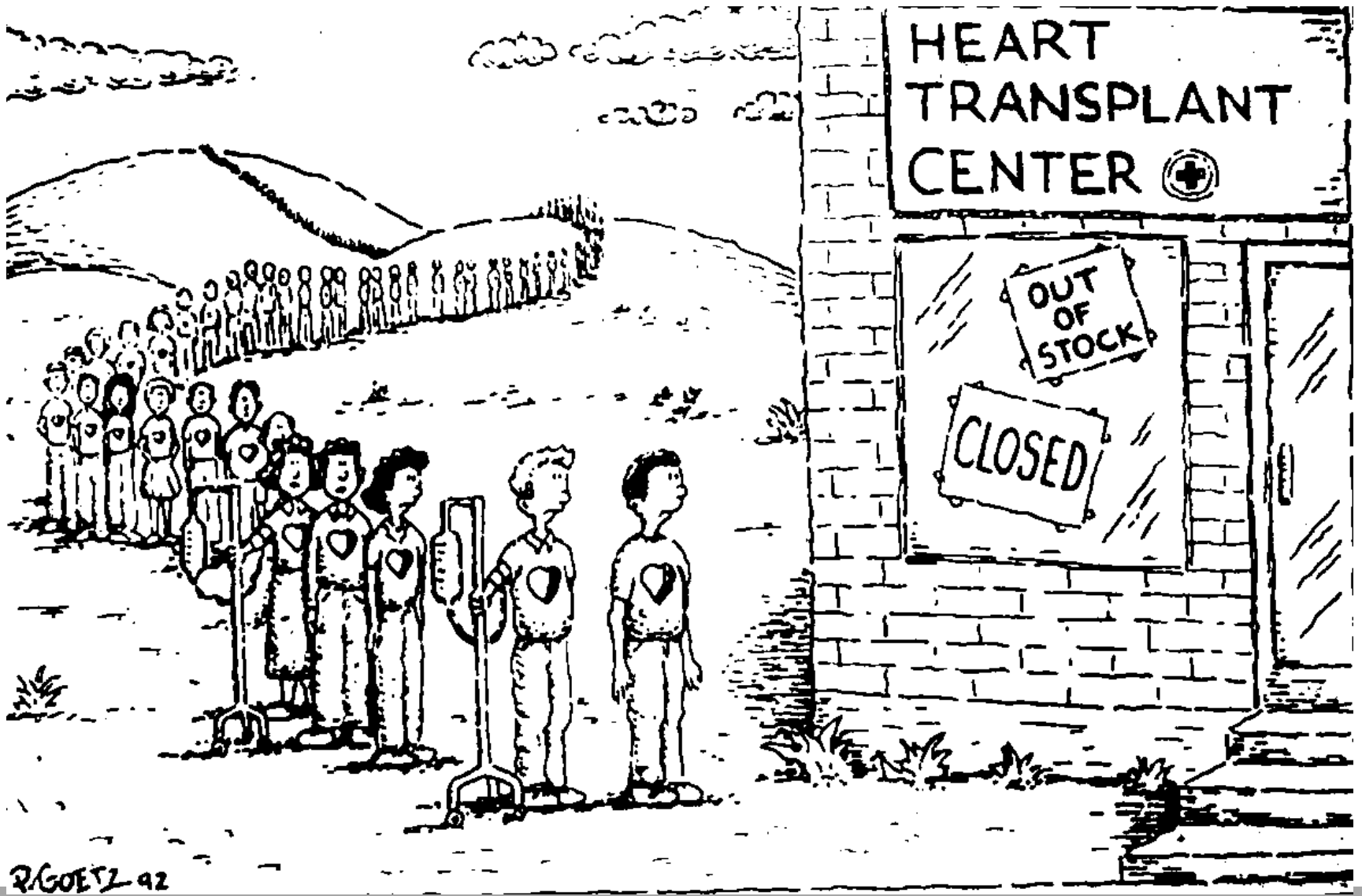
Fabrication of living tissue from patient cells  
Transplantation inside a damaged Organ

## Organ on Chip Constructs:

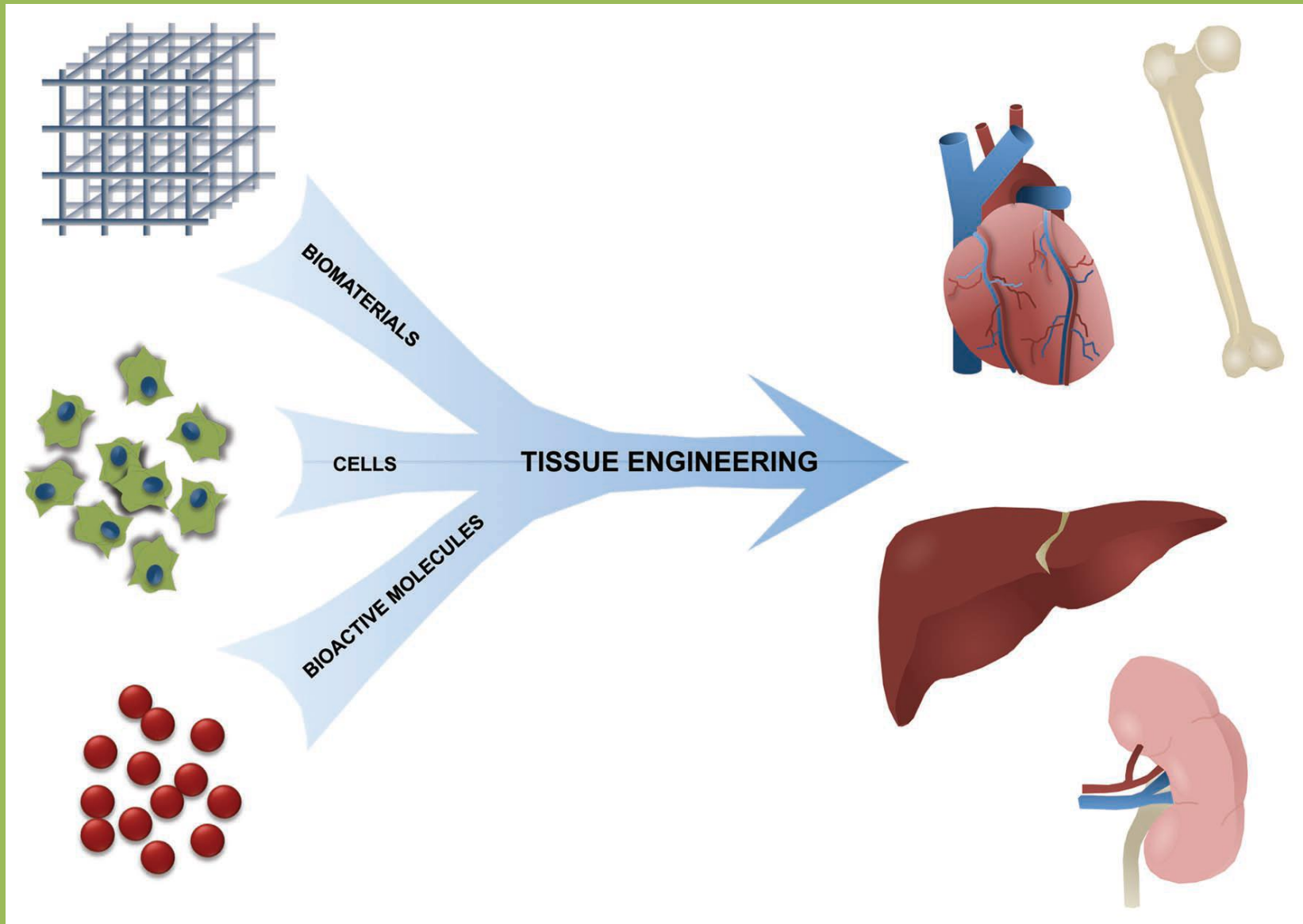
Development of 3D cell models



# Organ transplantation demand



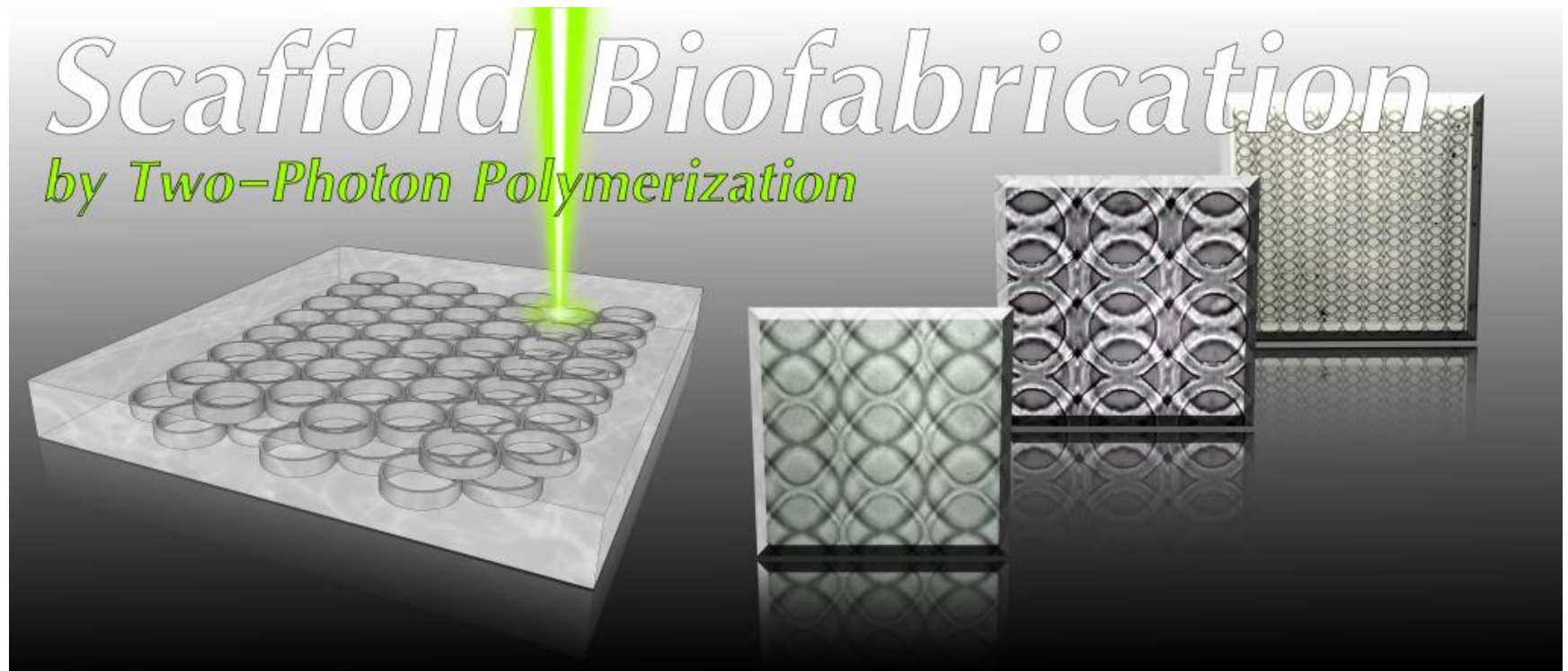
# Basic idea of tissue engineering



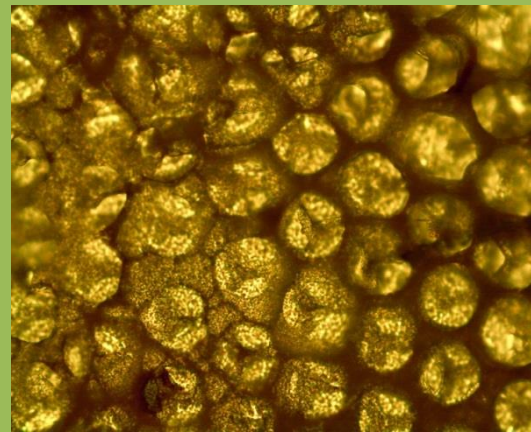
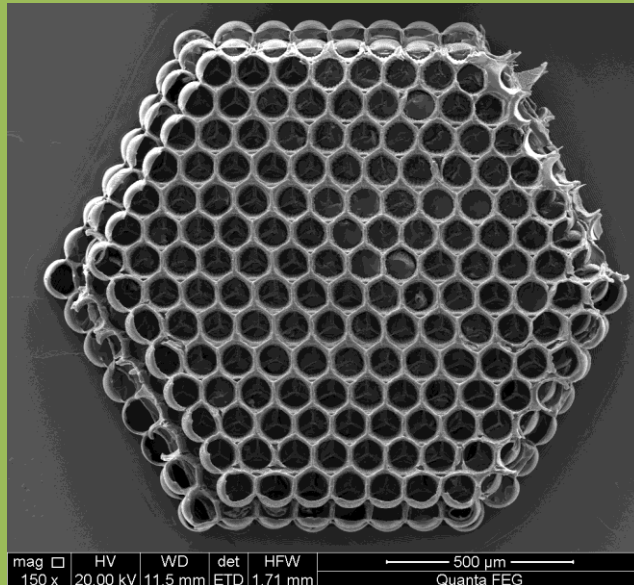
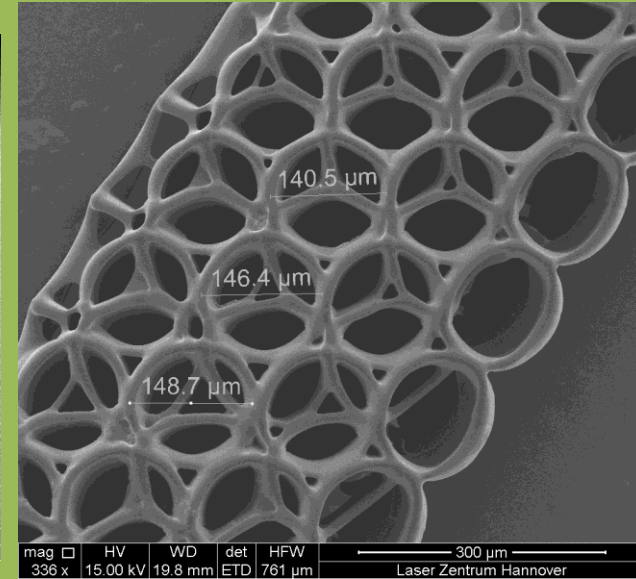
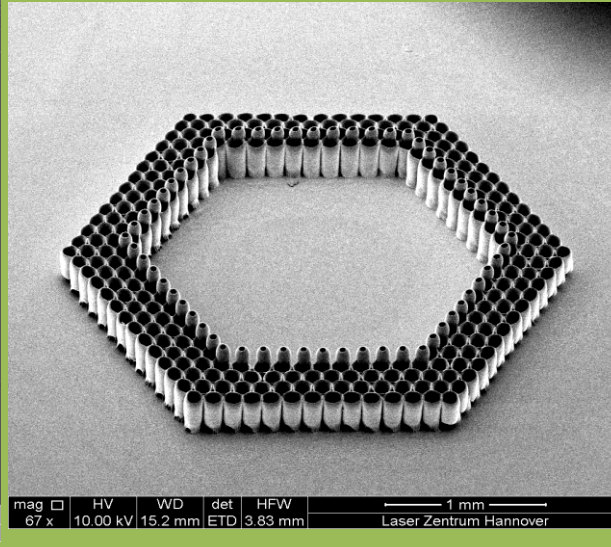
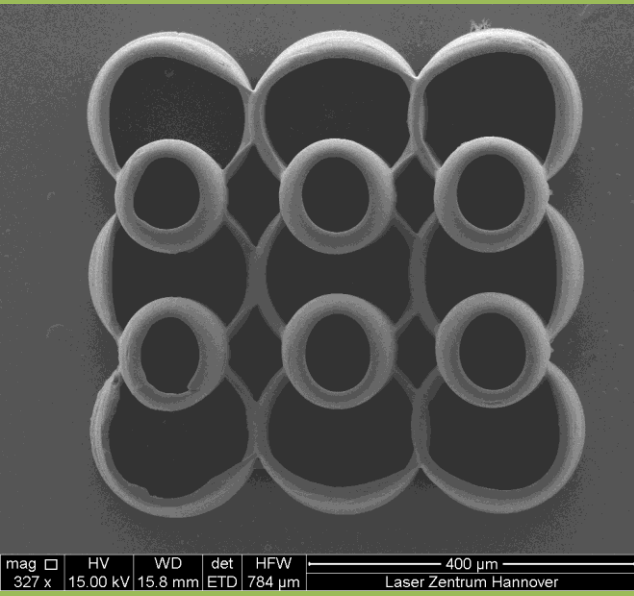


## 2PP EXAMPLES

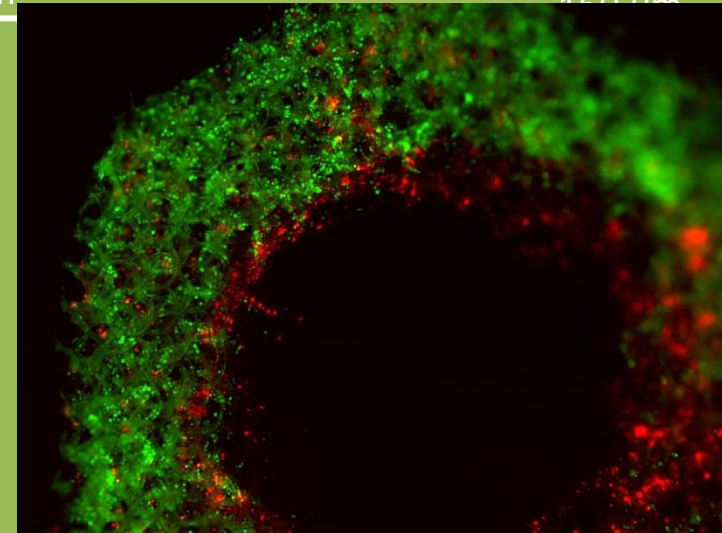
**Materials:** Ormocers®, PEG-DA, Organic-Inorganic Zr-hybrids, PLA; Gelatin...



# 3D Scaffolds for TE / Examples

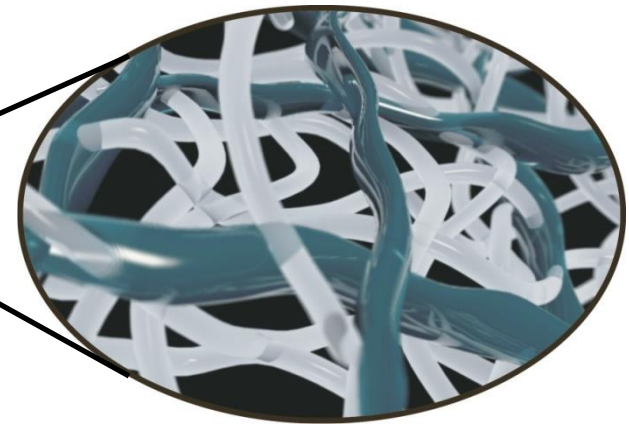
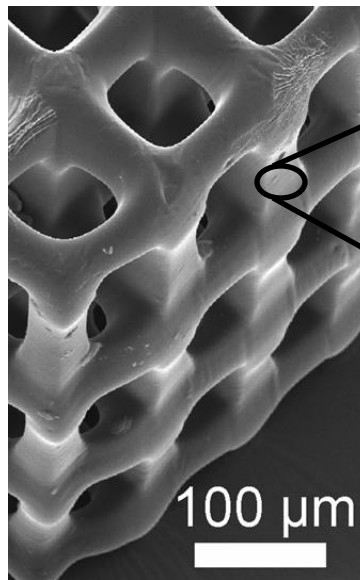
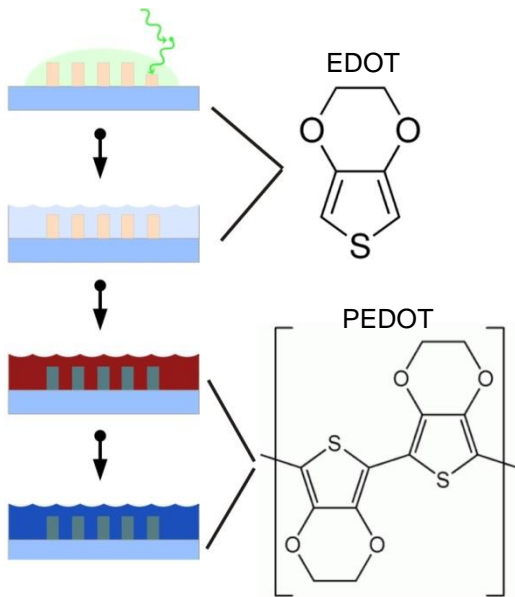


Fibrin scaffold



## 3D conductive polymer structures

- ▶ PEG-DA and EDOT blends are used for 2PP and sequential *in-situ* oxidative polymerization;
- ▶ Real-3D, physically stable and biocompatible microstructures are produced;
- ▶ Interpenetrating polymer network of PEG-DA and PEDOT leads to conductivities of up to 0.04 S/cm.



PEG-DA : poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate  
EDOT : 3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene  
PEDOT : poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)

Opt. Express, **21**, 31029 (2013)

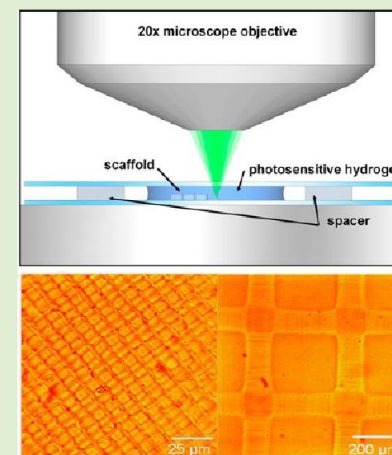
# Hyaluronic Acid Based Materials for Scaffolding via Two-Photon Polymerization

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**ABSTRACT:** Hydrogels are able to mimic the basic three-dimensional (3D) biological, chemical, and mechanical properties of native tissues. Since hyaluronic acid (HA) is a chief component of human extracellular matrix (ECM), it represents an extremely attractive starting material for the fabrication of scaffolds for tissue engineering. Due to poor mechanical properties of hydrogels, structure fabrication of this material class remains a major challenge. Two-photon polymerization (2PP) is a promising technique for biomedical applications, which allows the fabrication of complex 3D microstructures by moving the laser focus in the volume of a photosensitive material. Chemical modification of hyaluronan allows application of the 2PP technique to this natural material and, thus, precise fabrication of 3D hydrogel constructs. To create materials with tailor-made mechanochemical properties, HA was combined and covalently cross-linked with poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate (PEGDA) *in situ*. 2PP was applied for the fabrication of well elaborated 3D HA and HA–PEGDA microstructures. For enhanced biological adaption, HA was functionalized with human epidermal growth factor.





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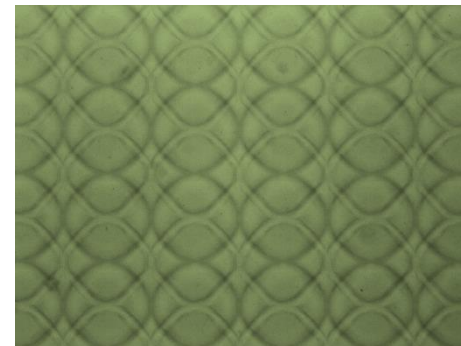
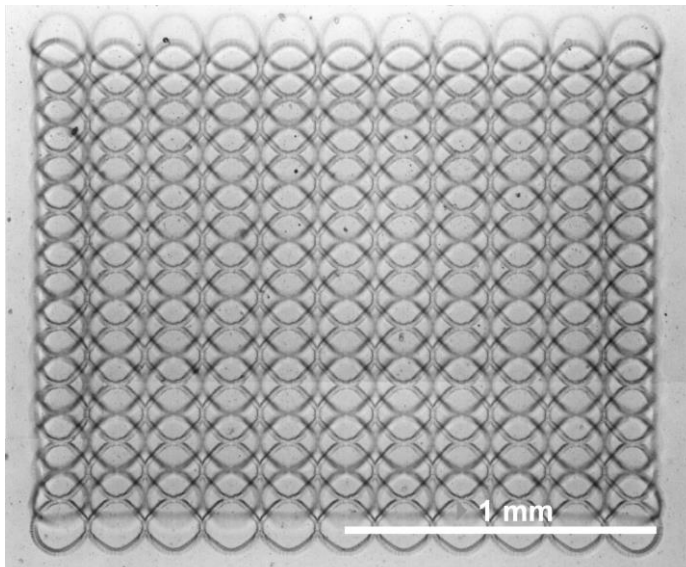
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## Water-soluble photopolymerizable chitosan hydrogels for biofabrication via two-photon polymerization



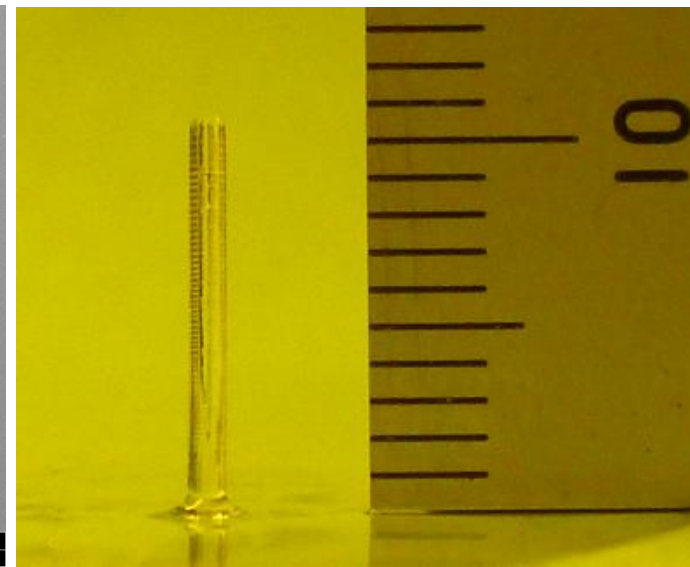
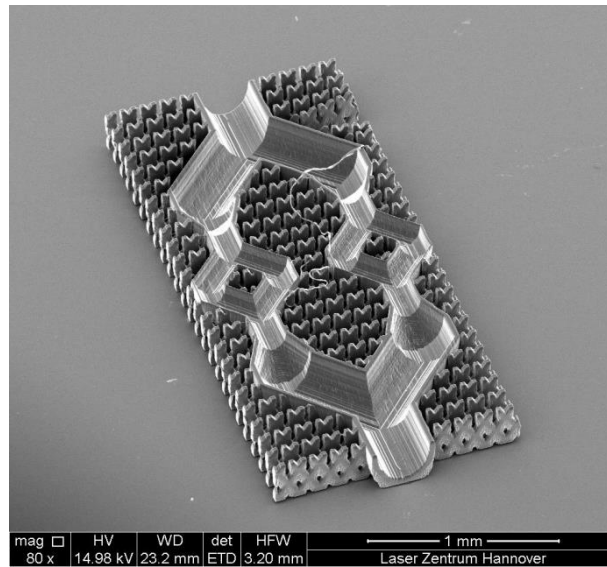
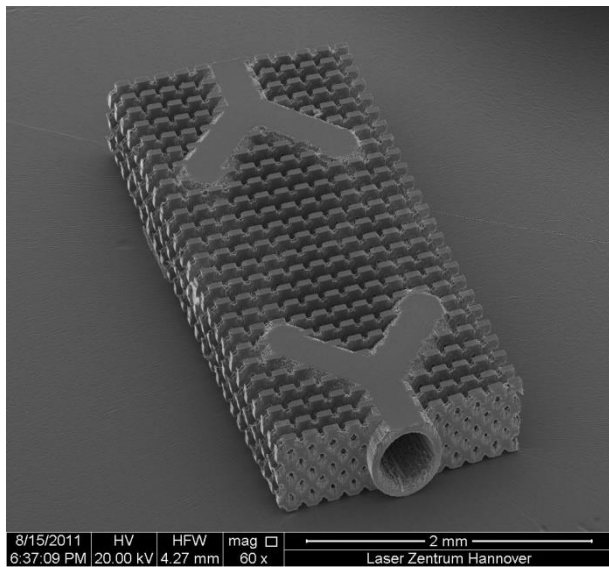
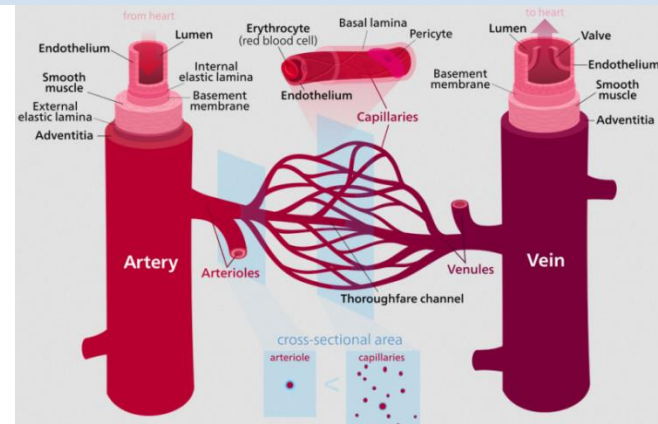
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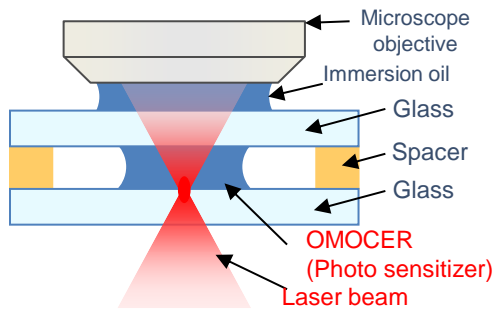
# SCAFFOLDS WITH MICROFLUIDIC CHANNELS

- Use 2PP to generate scaffolds with capillary network
- Seed and culture to form vasculature
- Second round of seeding to make tissue of interest surrounding vasculature
- Make vasculature reducing from 1 mm diameter to 10 microns diameter



# ACCELERATION OF 2PP PROCESSING BY MULTI-FOCUS SPOTS PRODUCED BY SLM

## Two-photon polymerization (2PP)



Two-photon polymerization (2PP) of photosensitive polymer materials using femtosecond laser is an attractive technique for true three-dimensional micro- and nano-scale structuring.

Recently, the increasing of process resolution leading to much slower processing speeds becomes a problem for practical use.

## Two-photon polymerization by multi-focus beam process using Spatial light modulator(SLM)

SLM can modulate the phase of incident laser beam, resulting in generation of multi-focus spots on the sample surface. These multi-focus beams can induce 2PP at each focus position. In addition, each focus spot can be individually controlled in position and laser intensity by refresh of CGH in PC control.

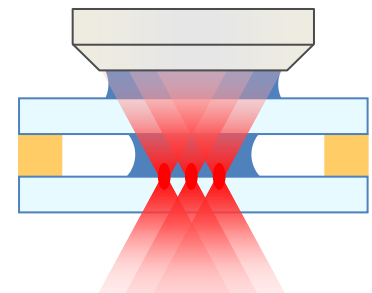


Image of multi-focus spots 2PP

# 3D STRUCTURING WITH MULTIFOCUS SPOT (16-FOCI)

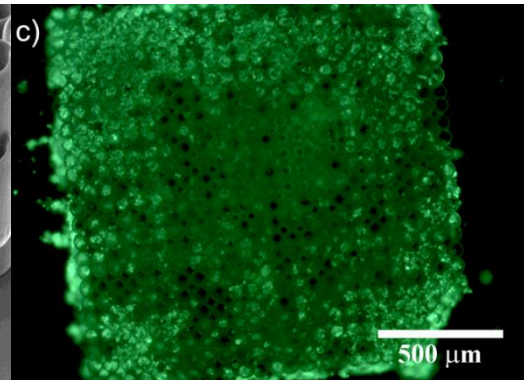
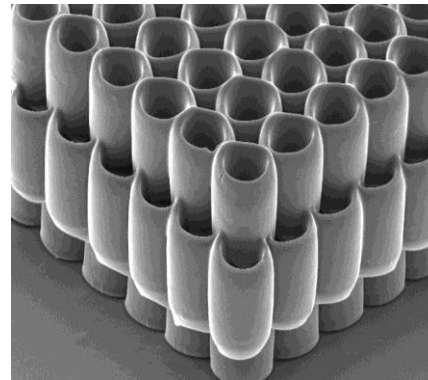
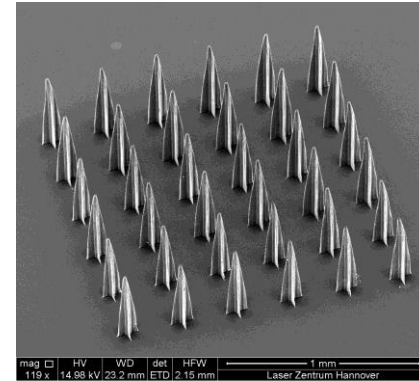
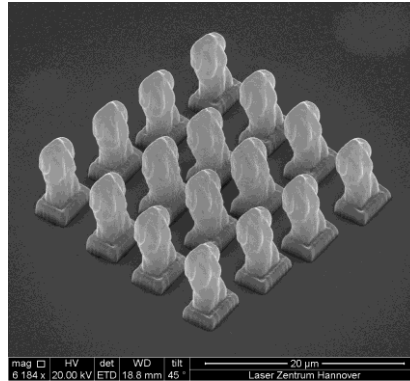
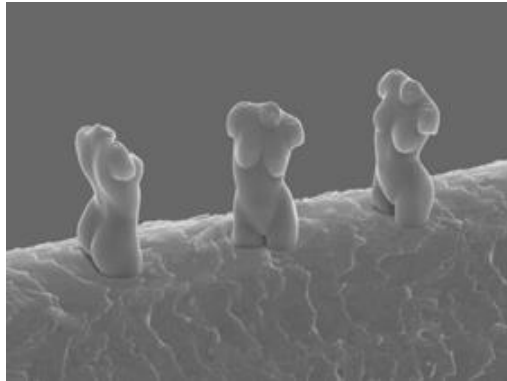
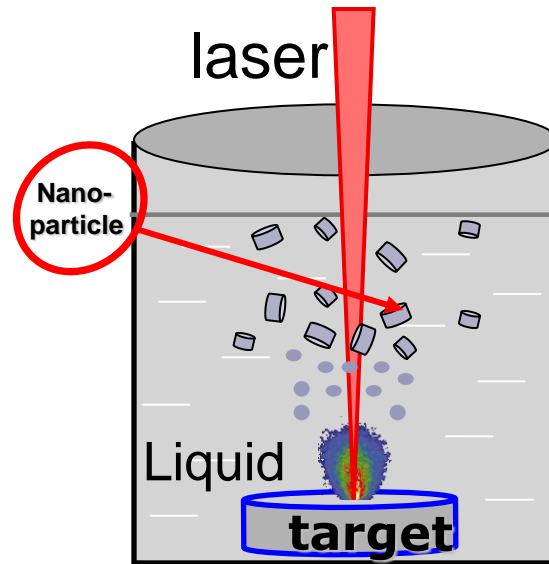
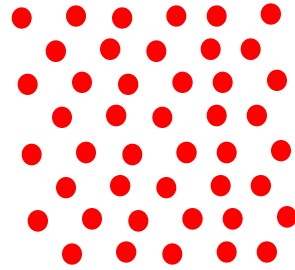


Image of bovine endothelial cells growing on a scaffold

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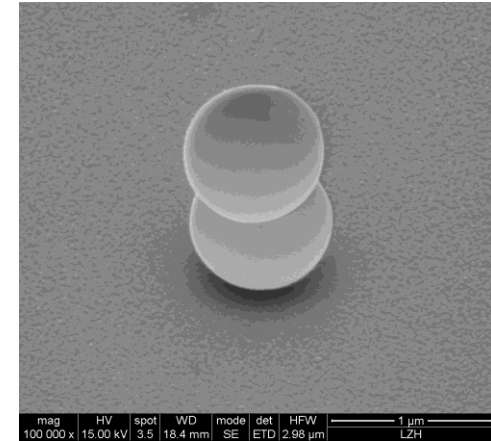
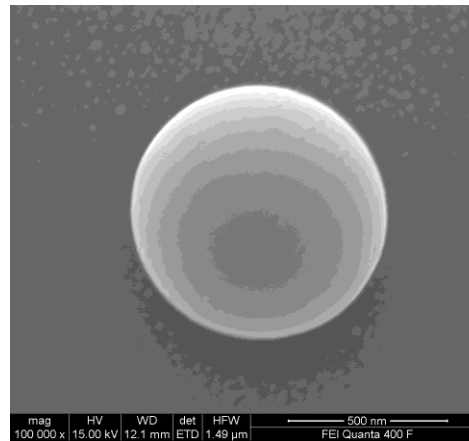
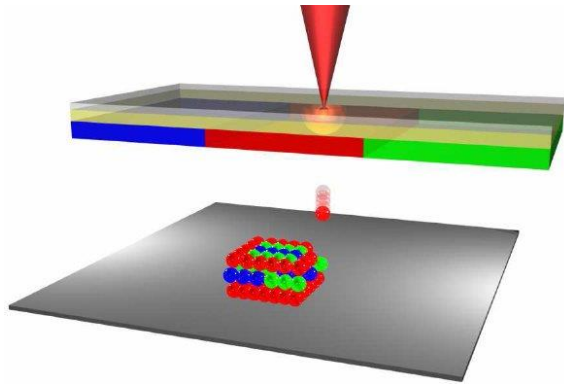
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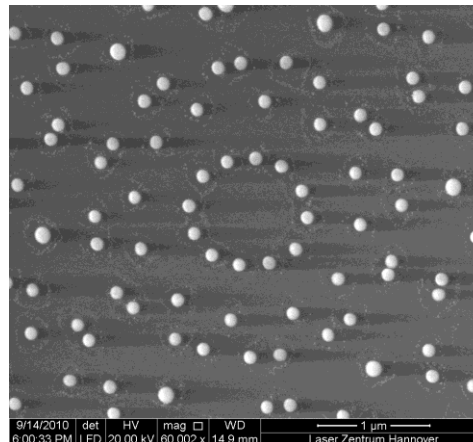
- High purity and stability
- Monoatomic materials
- Alloy nanoparticles
- Particle surface-functionalization
- Polymer-embedded nanoparticle
- Coatings with nanosized particles
- Controlled drug-release
- Stoichiometric nanoparticles
- Novel methods → better control

J. Phys. Chem. C, 2010  
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# Laser Printing of Spherical Gold and Silicon Nanoparticles

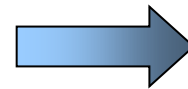
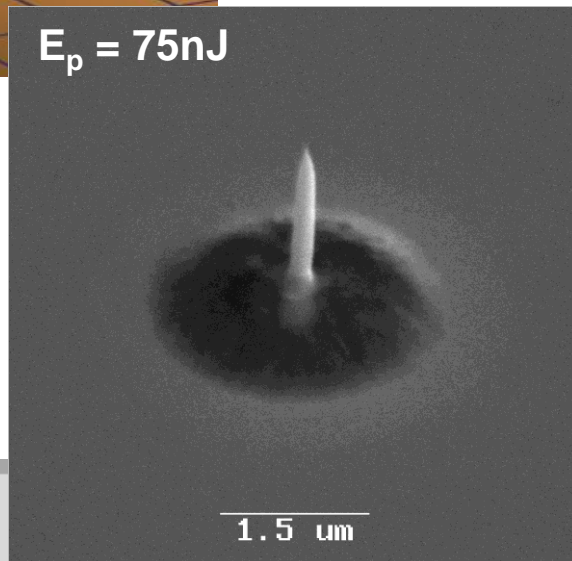
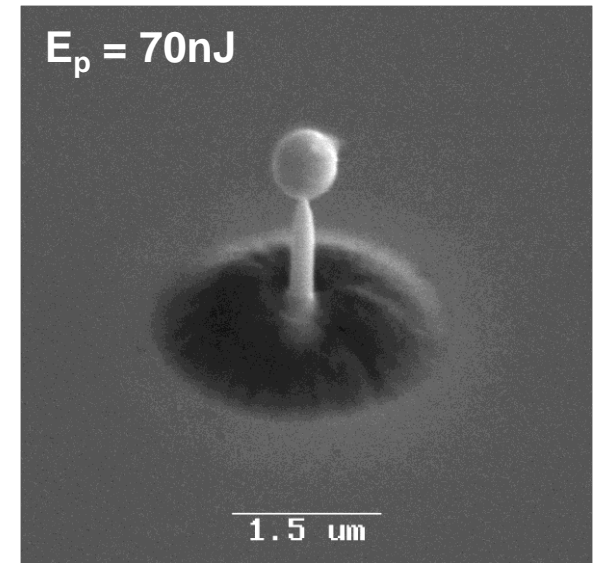
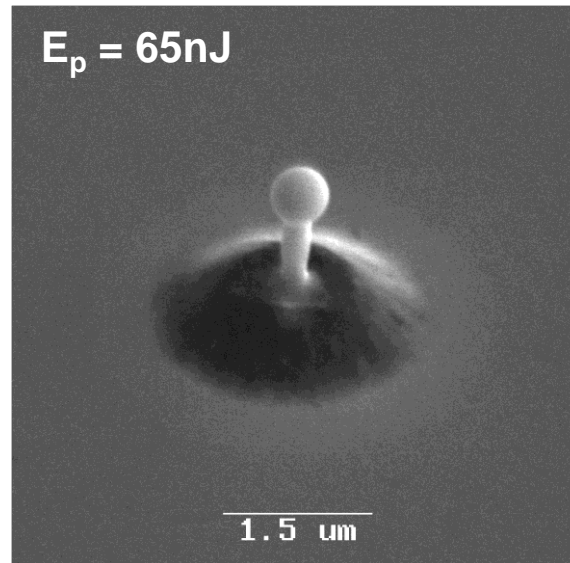
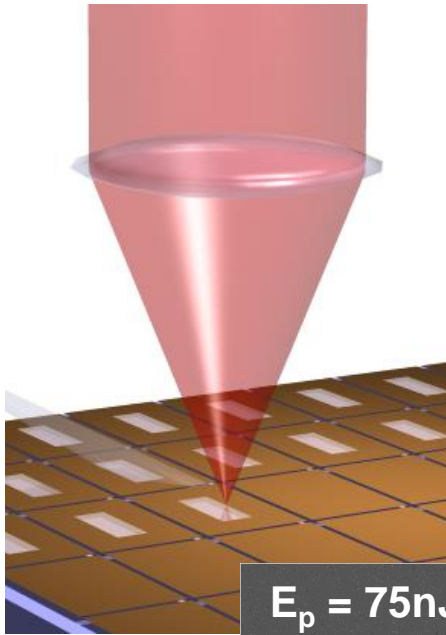


Laser printing



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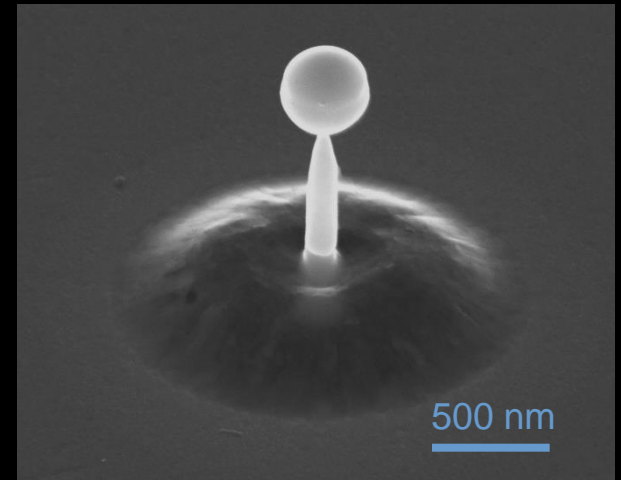
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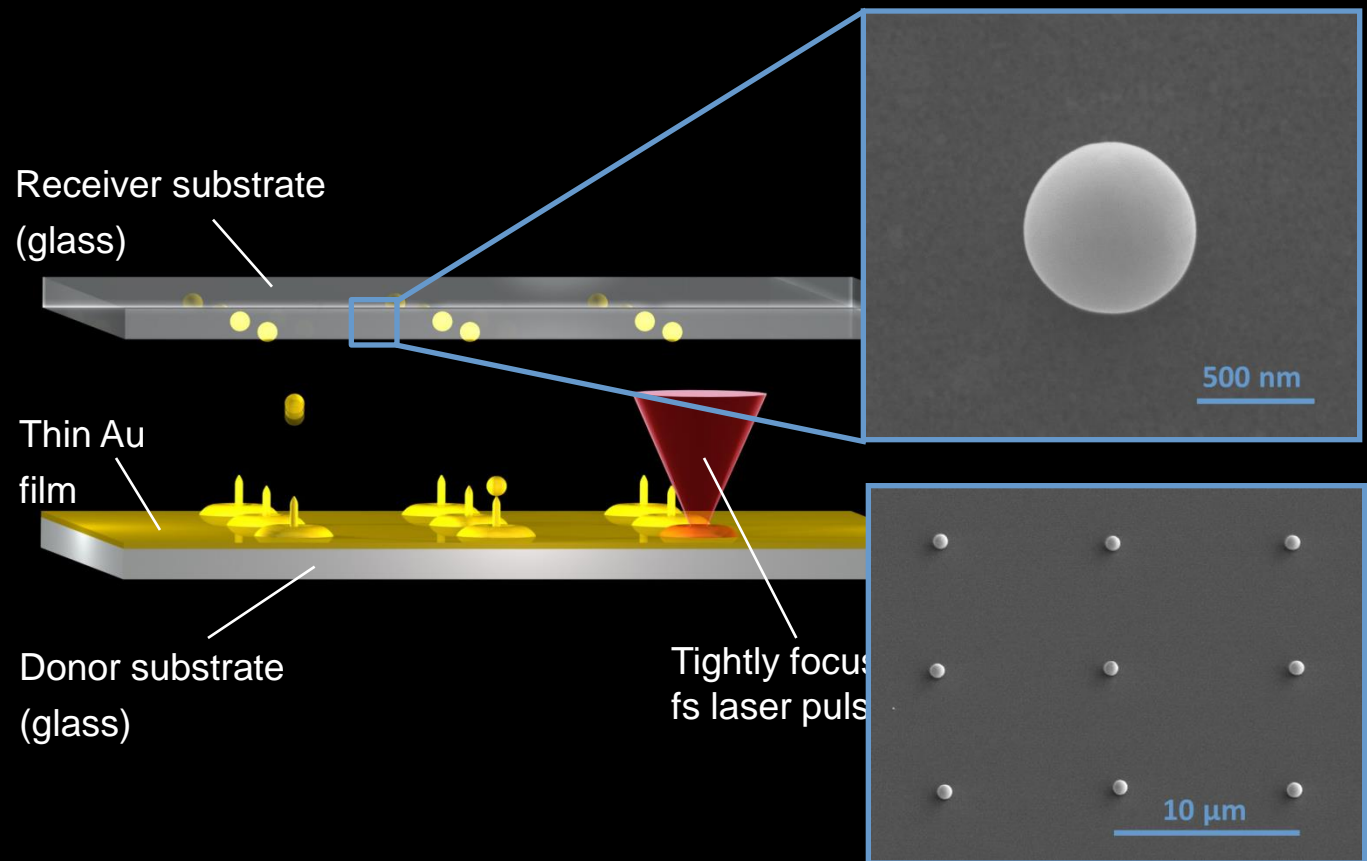
# Fabrication of spherical nanoparticles



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Reduction



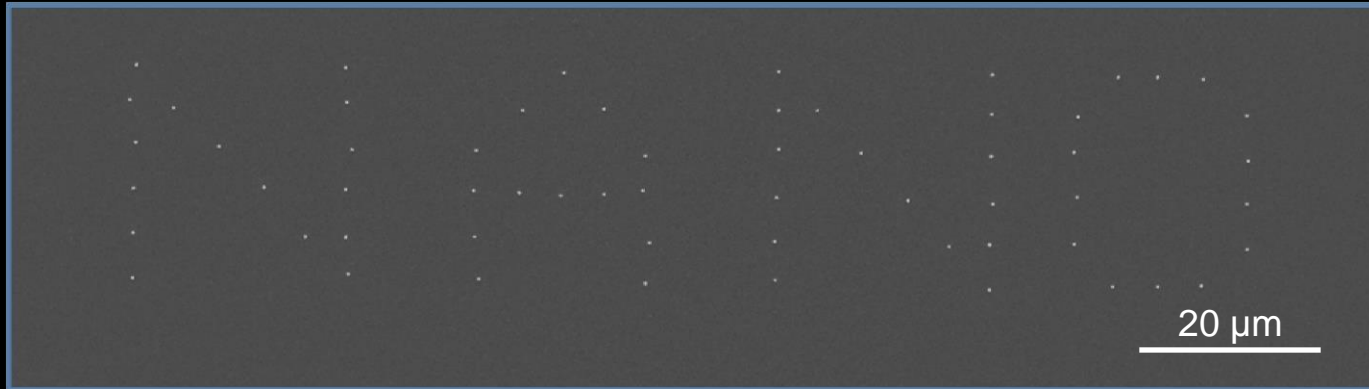
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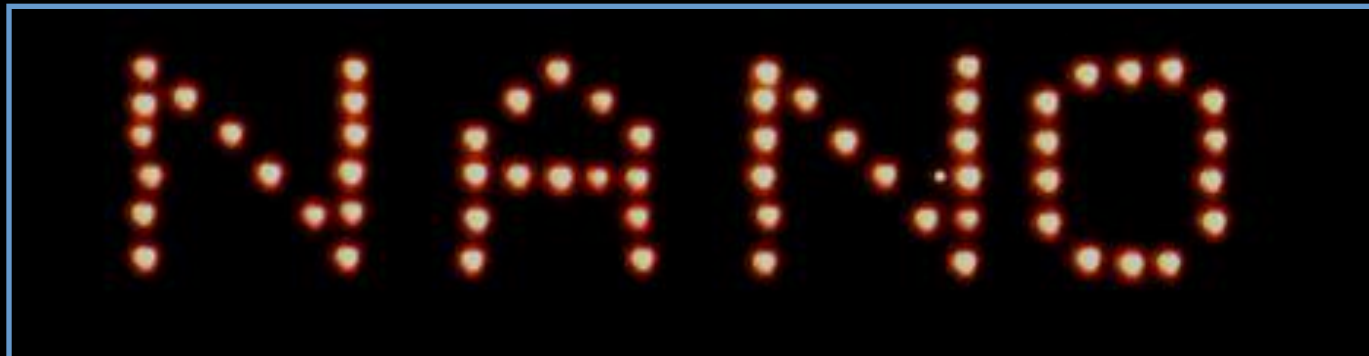
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# „Nano“-letters from Au

- ▶ SEM-image of nanoparticles

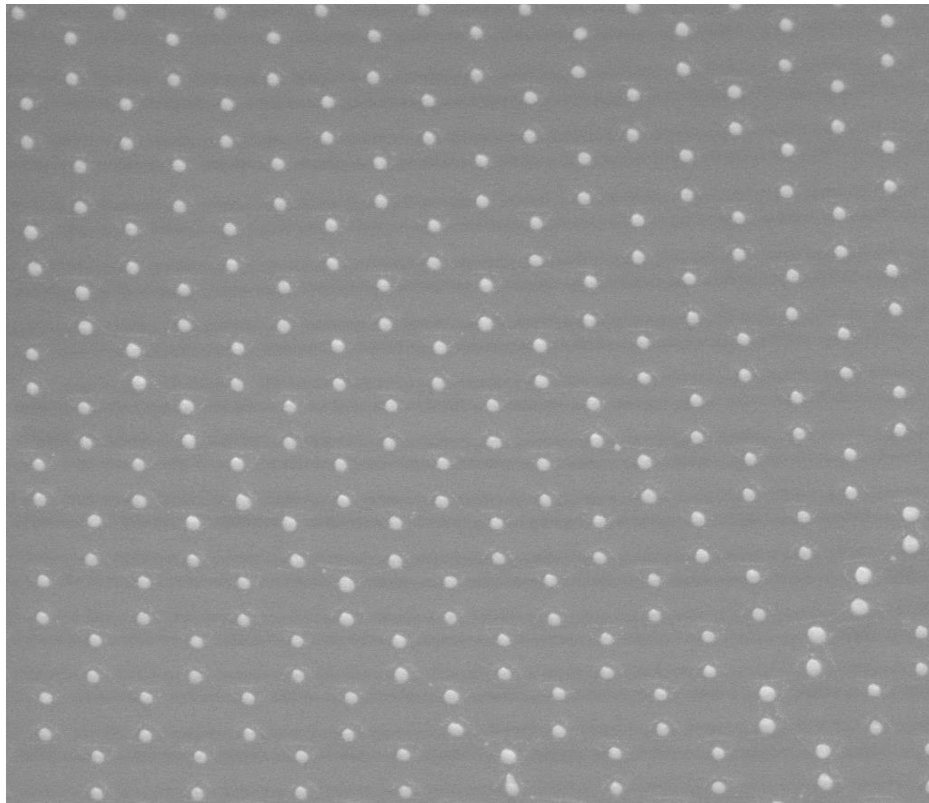


- ▶ The same image made by darkfield microscopy

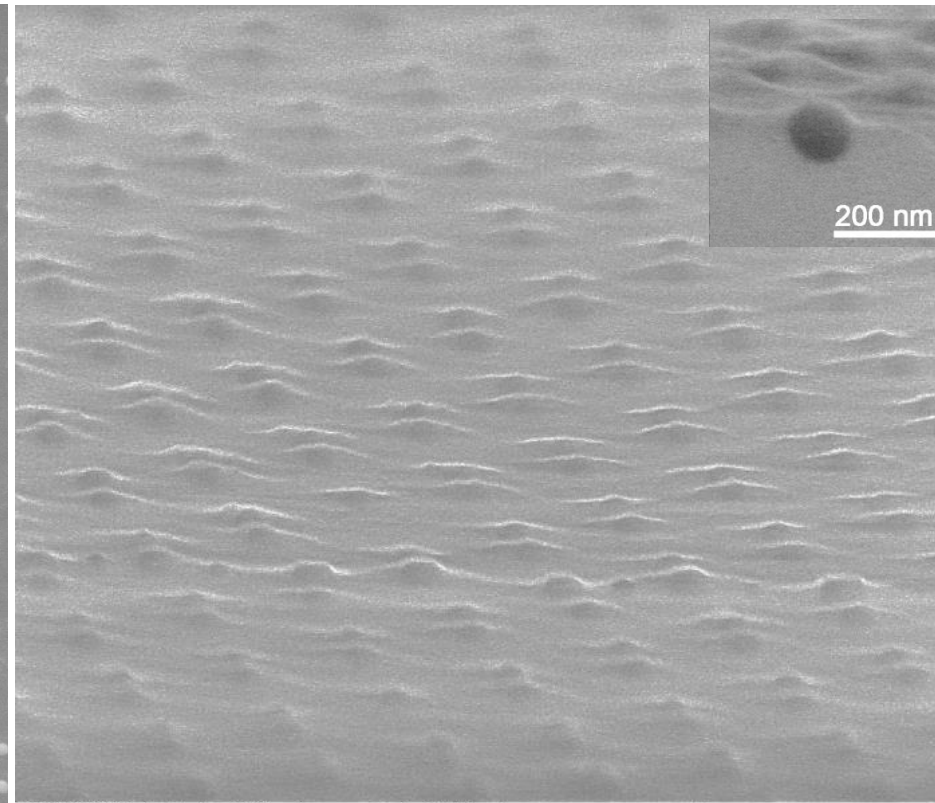


# Laser fabrication of periodic nanoparticle arrays

nanoparticle sizes: 40 – 200 nm

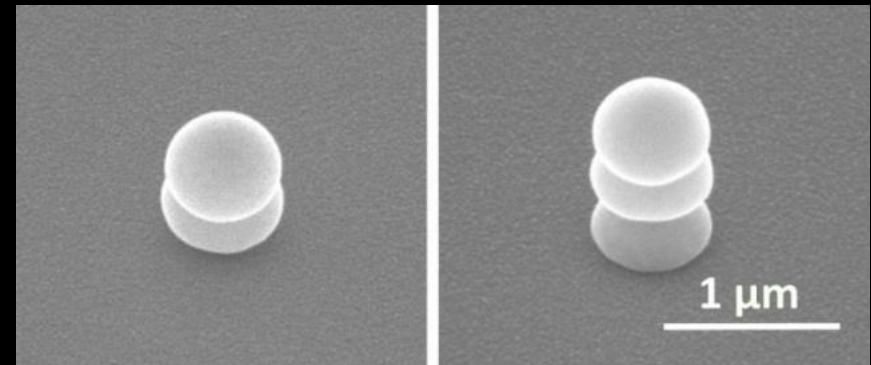
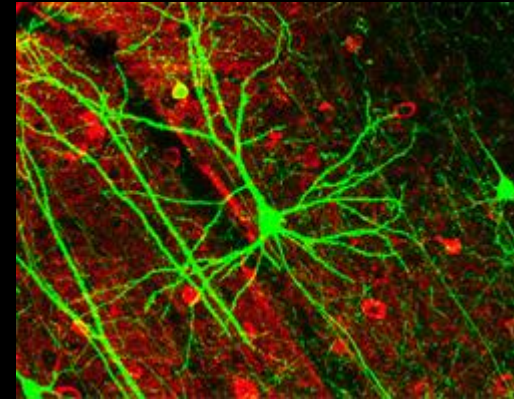
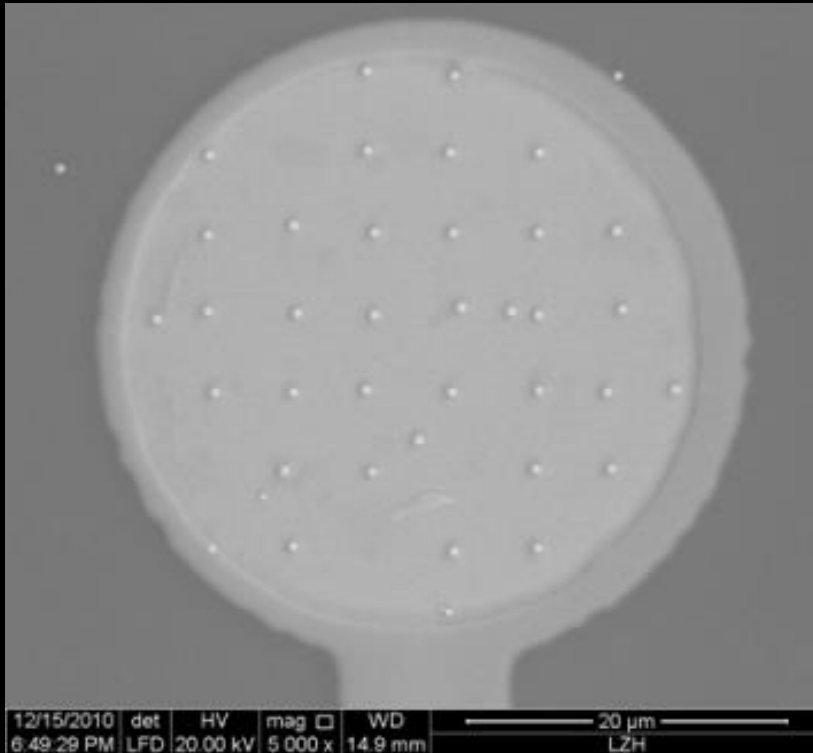


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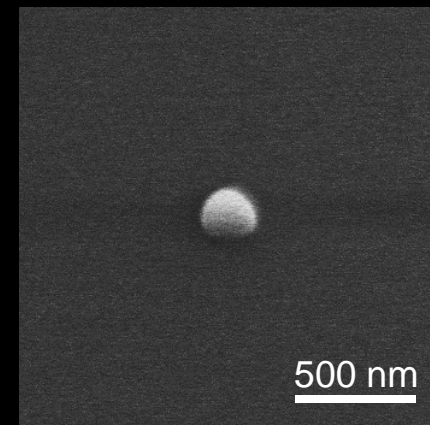
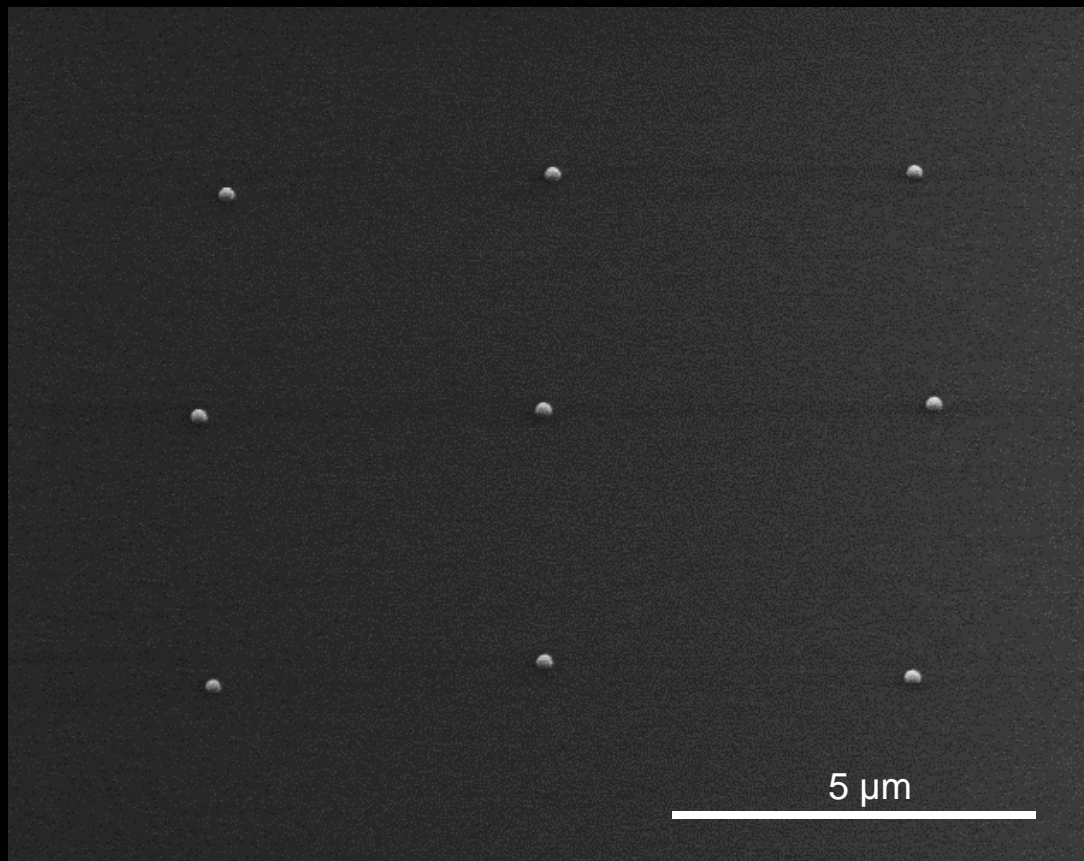
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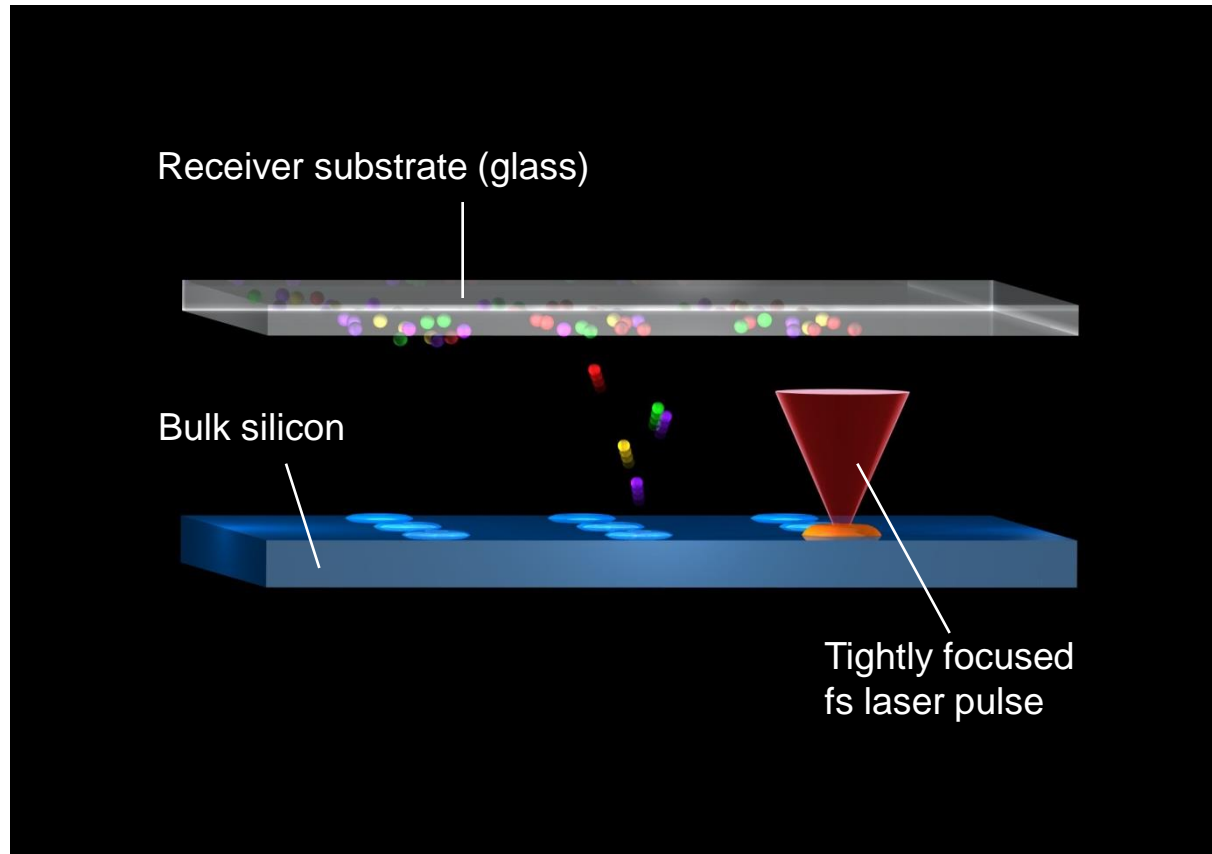




# Laser printing of Fe nanoparticles

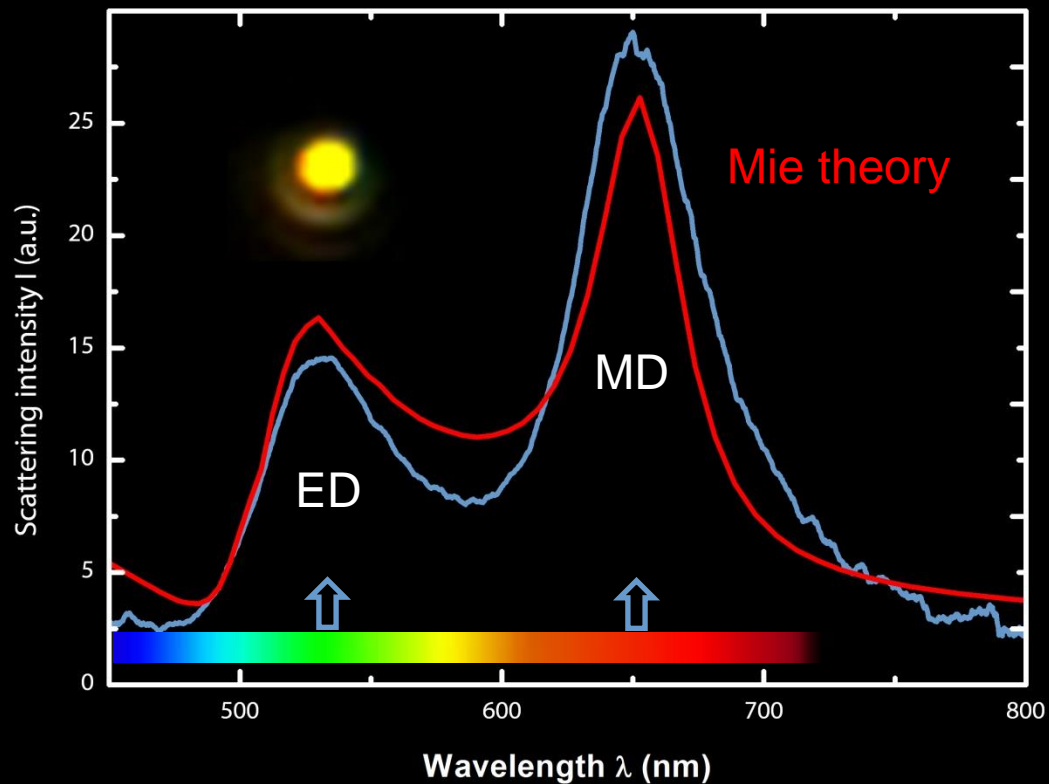


# Laser printing of silicon nanoparticles from bulk silicon



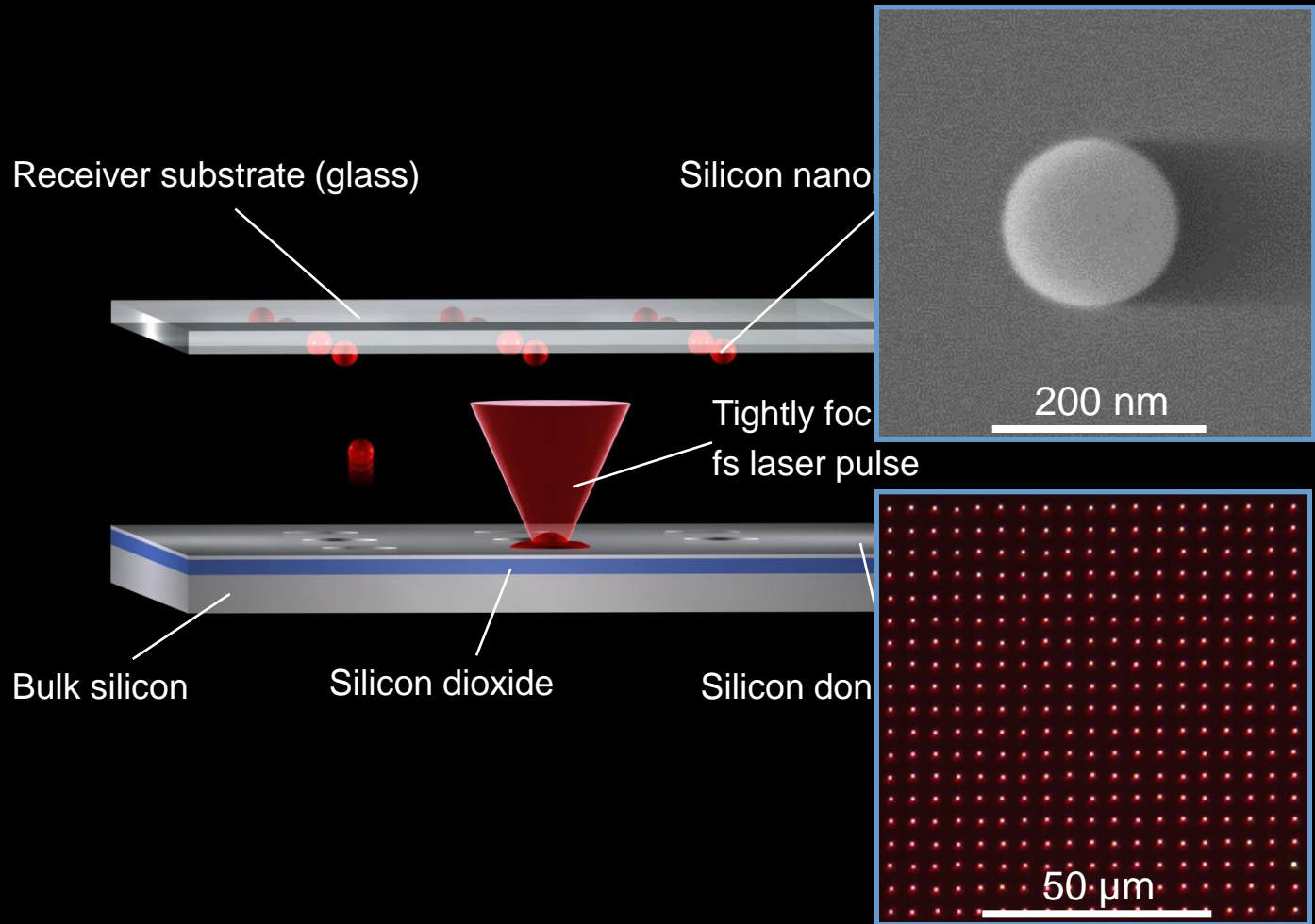
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# Resonant response of silicon nanoparticles



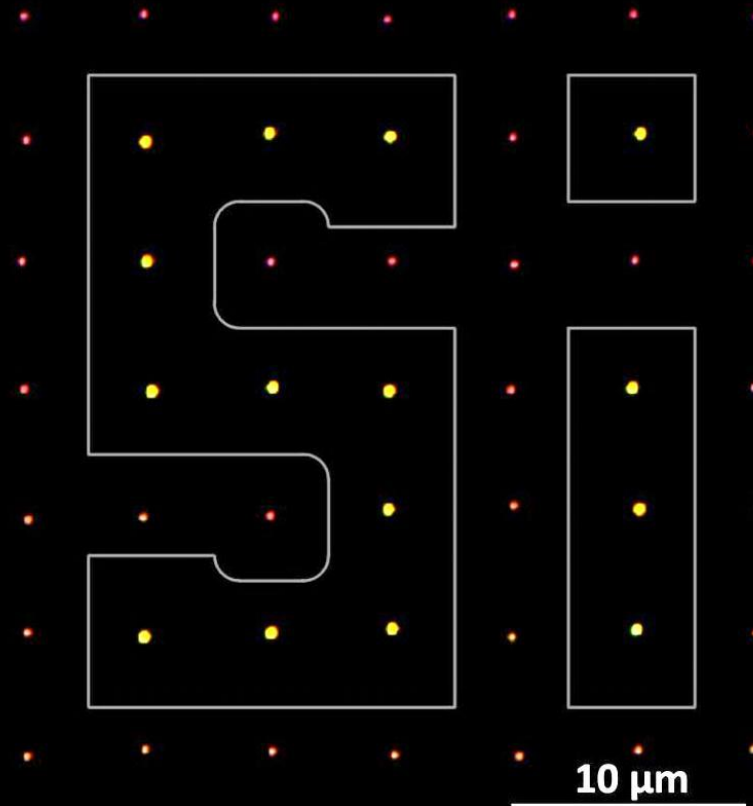
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# Laser printing of silicon nanoparticles



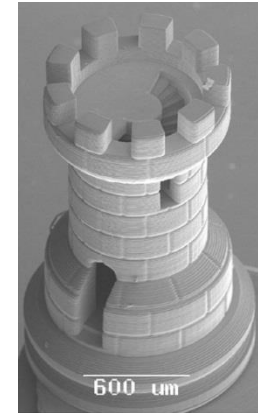
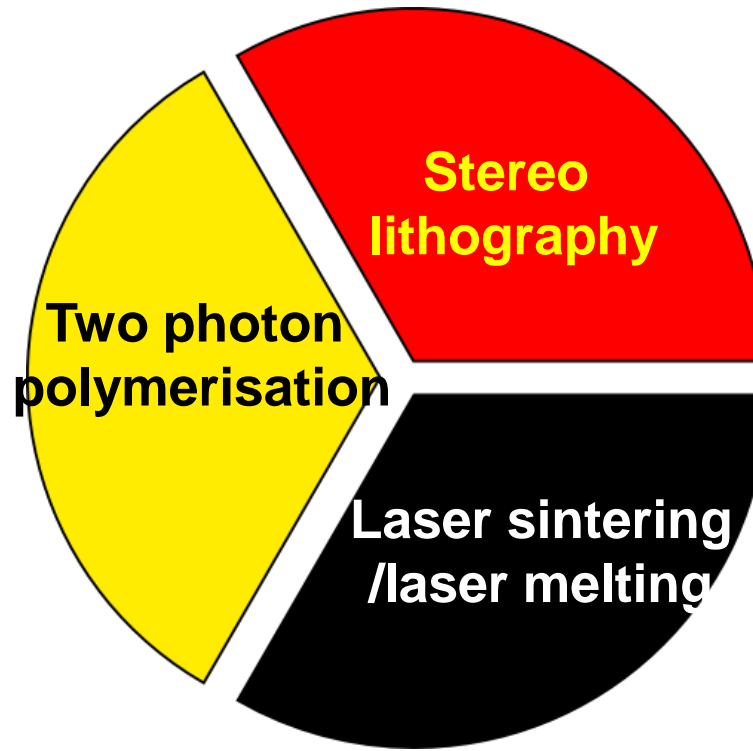
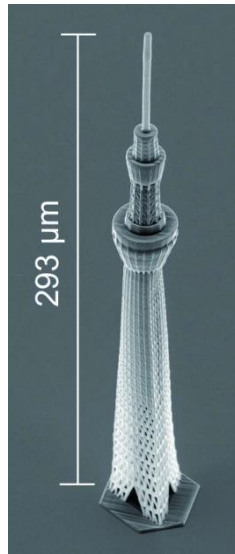
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# Selective phase change of Si nanoparticles



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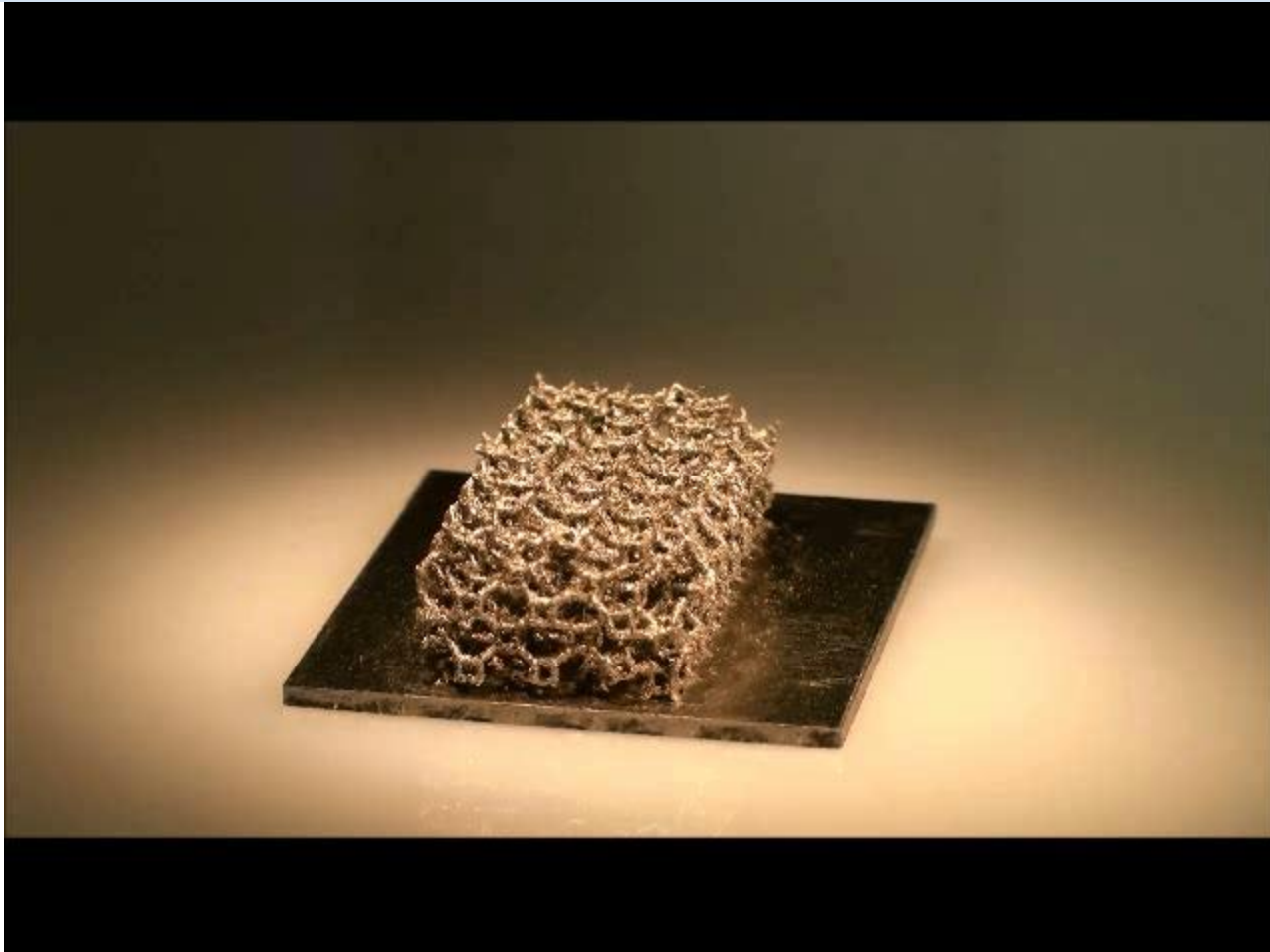
# Additive Manufacturing at the LZH



For Selective Laser Melting (SLM) one needs metal powder ...



# FUNCTIONAL NITI 3D STRUCTURES



**Dr. Stefan Kaierle, LZH**

## LATEST RESULTS OF MG-SLM



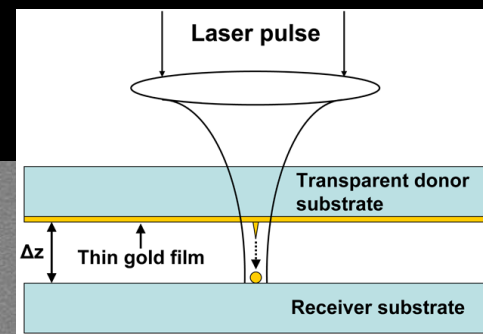
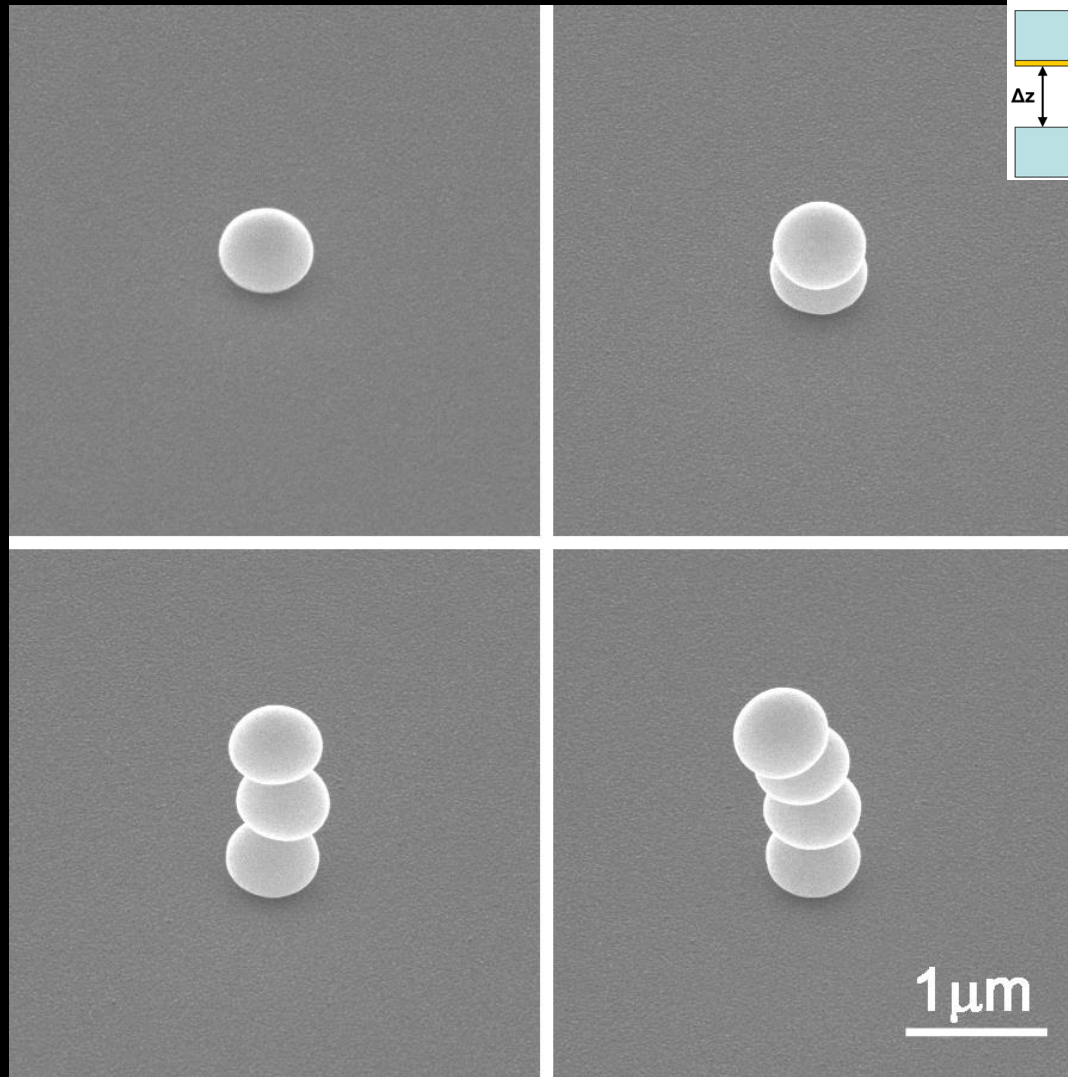
**Excellent results:  
resolution 100  $\mu\text{m}$**

**Can we improve  
resolution  
by a factor of 100?  
down to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ?**

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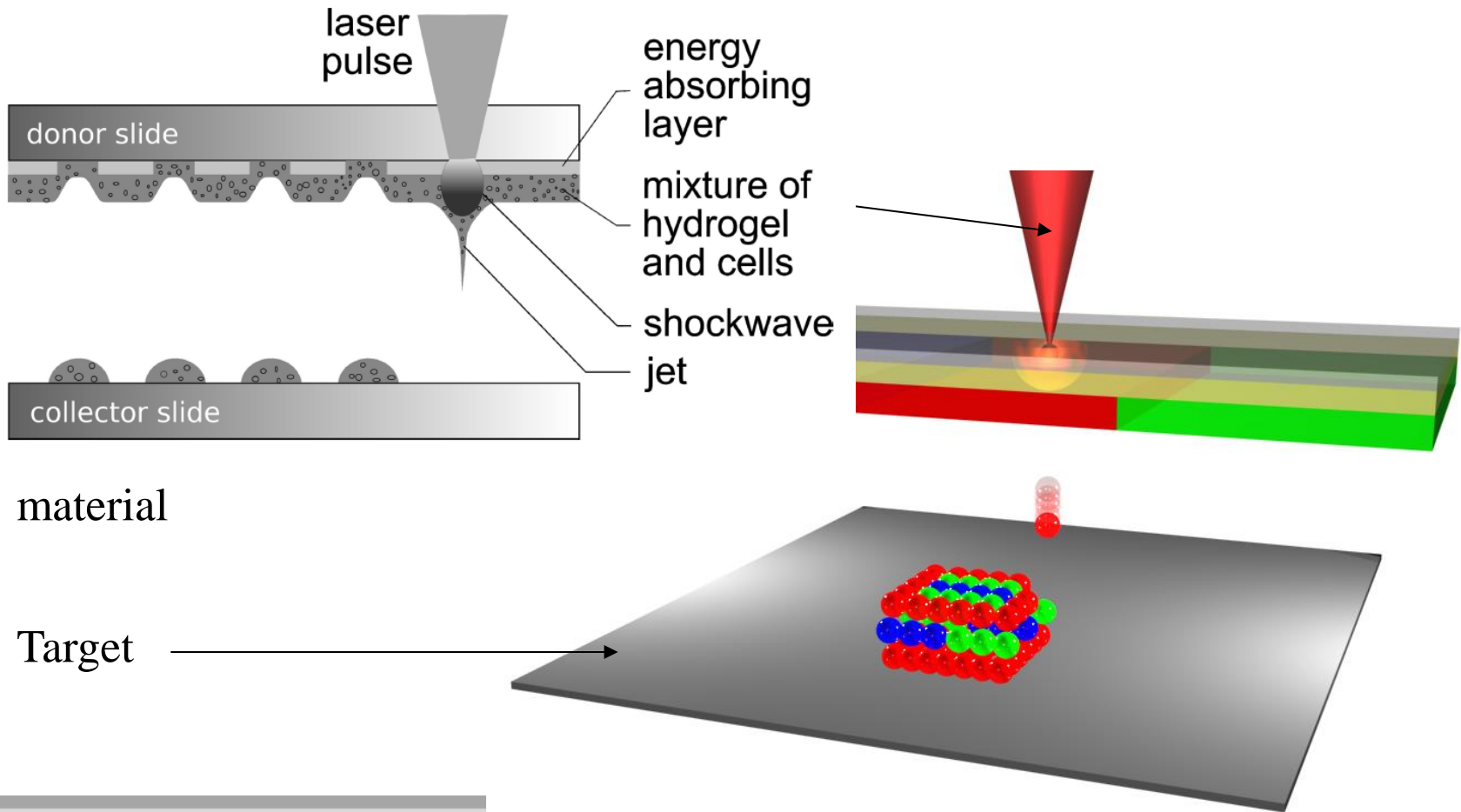


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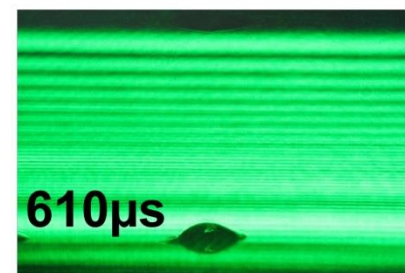
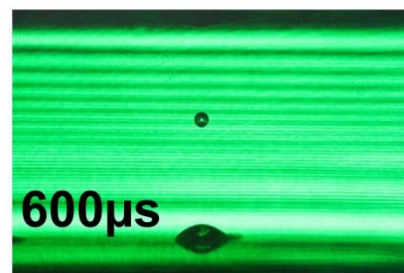
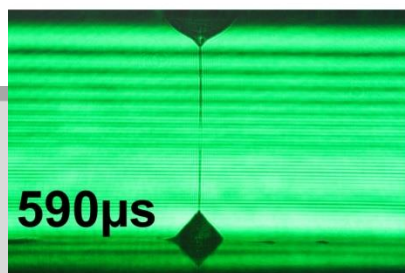
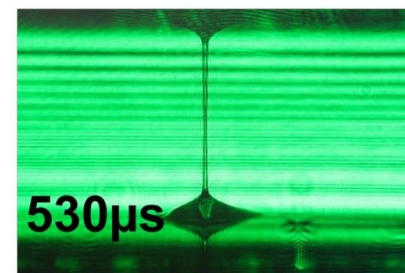
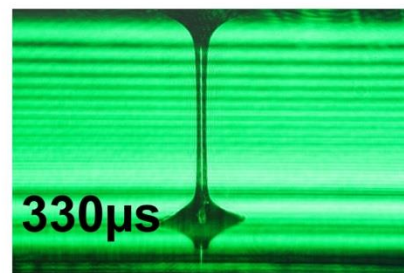
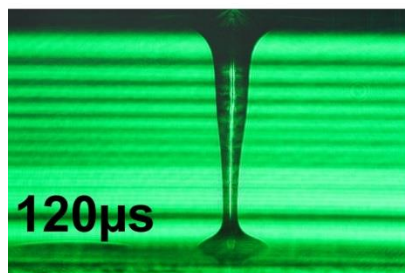
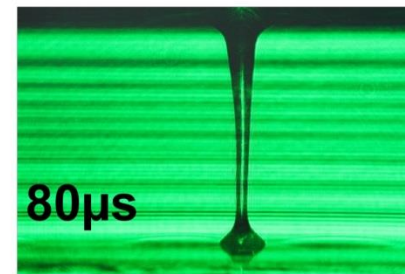
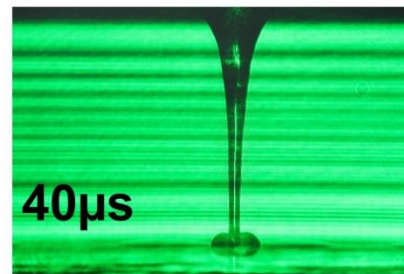
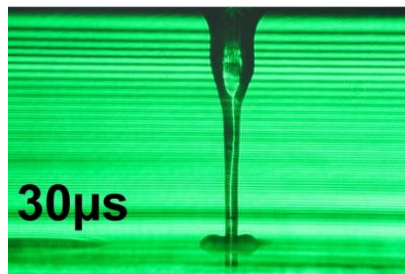
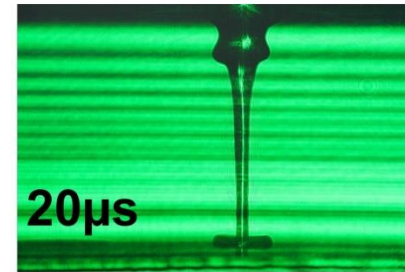
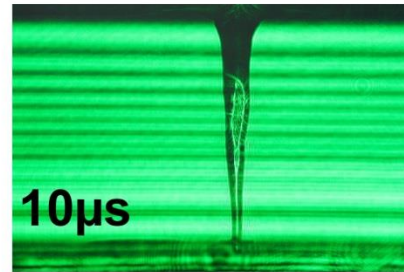
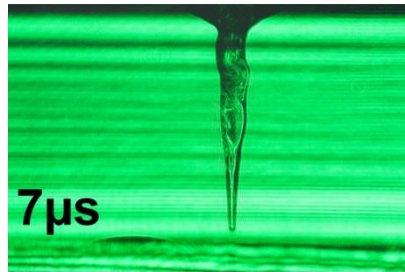
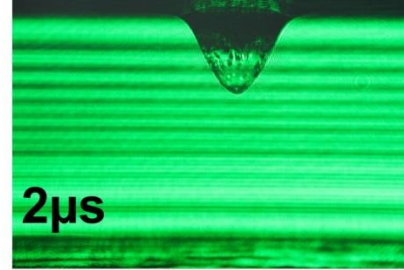
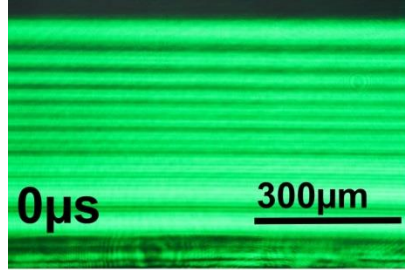
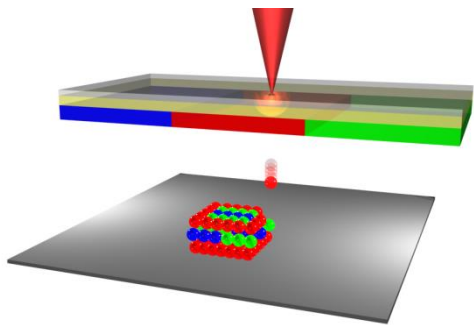


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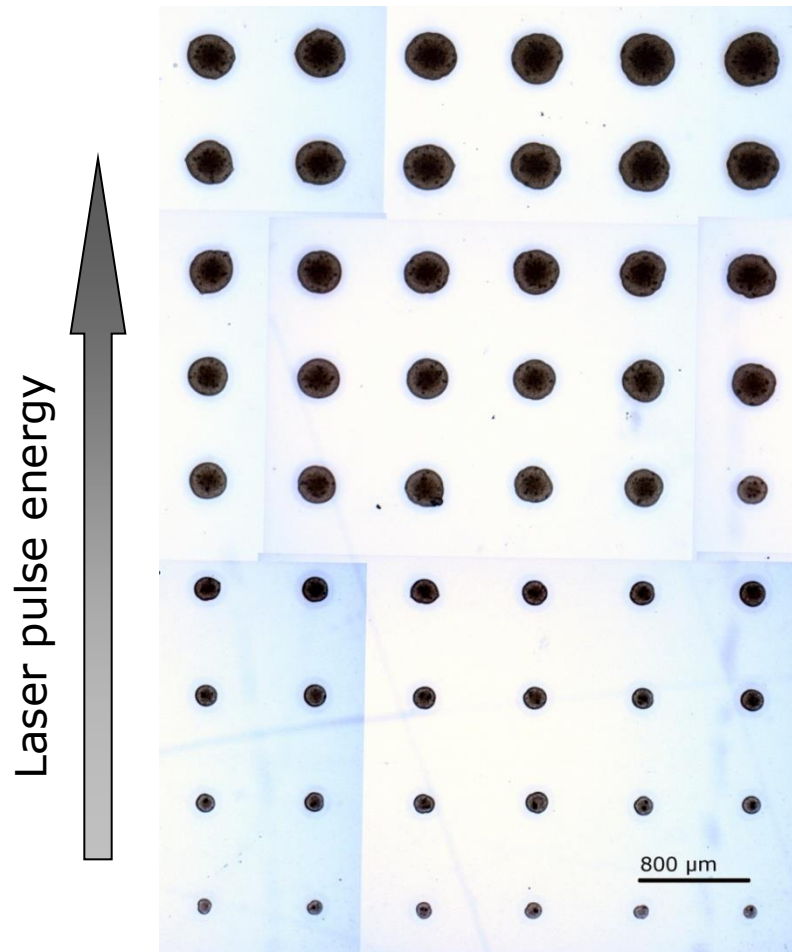
# Biological laser printing



# LIFT dynamics



# LASER PRINTING OF DROPLETS



## Influence on the printed droplet volume

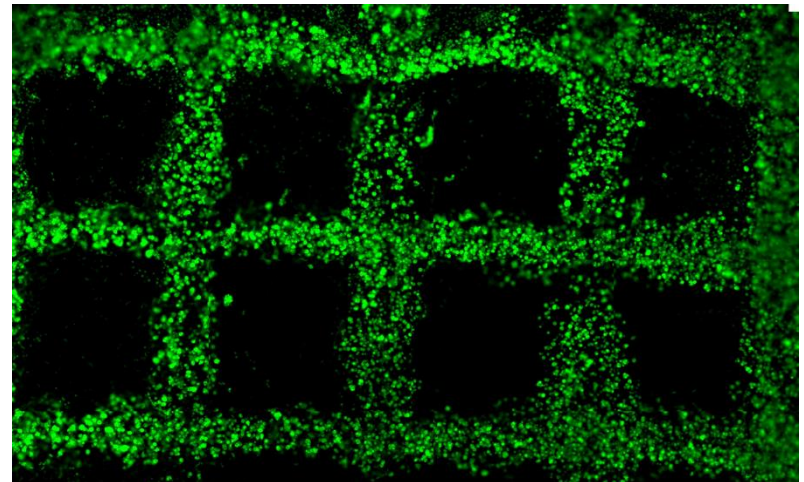
Controlling the droplet volume from a few picoliters to a few nanoliters by varying

- layer thickness
- viscosity
- laser pulse energy

# EFFECT OF LASER PRINTING ON CELLS – SURVIVAL RATE

## Survival rate:

Fibroblasts (NIH3T3)	98% ± 1%
Keratinocytes (HaCaT)	98% ± 1%
human adipose-derived stem cells (ASC)	99% ± 1%
cord blood derived endothelial colony forming cells (ECFC)	98% ± 3%



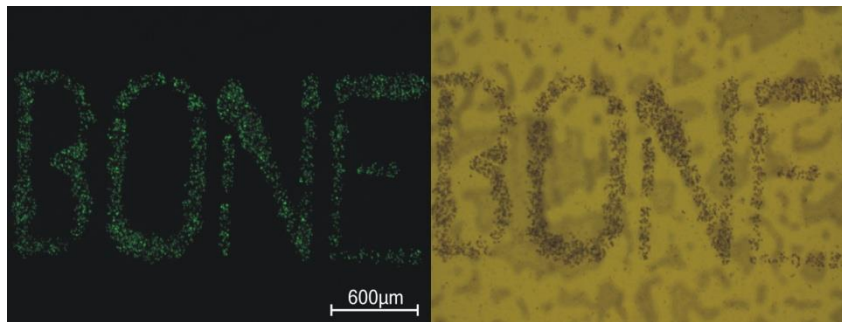
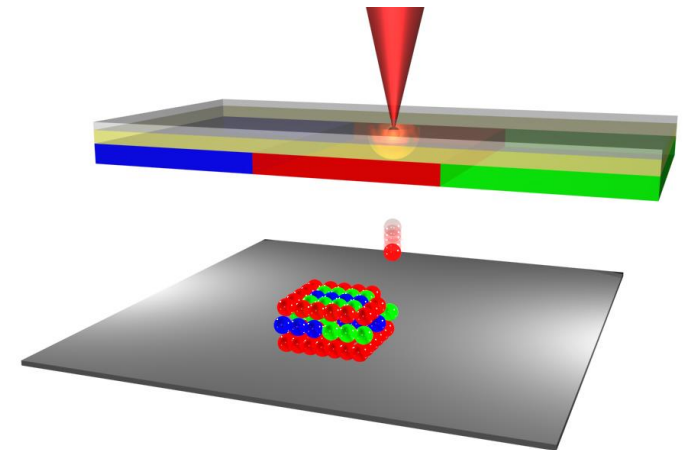
Live/Dead-staining with Calcein AM (green; vital cells) and Ethidium Homodimer 1 (red; dead cells)

**Nearly all cells survive the printing process**

# Fundamental studies

## Advantages of *Laser assisted Bioprinting*:

1. Printing of single to dozen of cells with a micrometer precision
2. No observable damage to the pheno- and genotype of the cells
3. Utilization of cross linkable hydrogels (e.g. Fibrin) enables 3D free form fabrication



### *Examined cells*

hBMSCs  
hASCs  
ECFCs  
Cardiomyocytes  
Fibroblasts  
Keratinocytes  
Chondrocytes

### *Assessments*

Survival rates  
Proliferation  
Apoptose  
Comet assay  
RT-PCR  
Immunohisto-chemistry



**Laser printing has no influence on the cell behaviour**

Koch et al. *Tissue Eng Part C* 16(5): 847-854 (2010)

# BENEFITS OF LASER PRINTING TECHNOLOGY

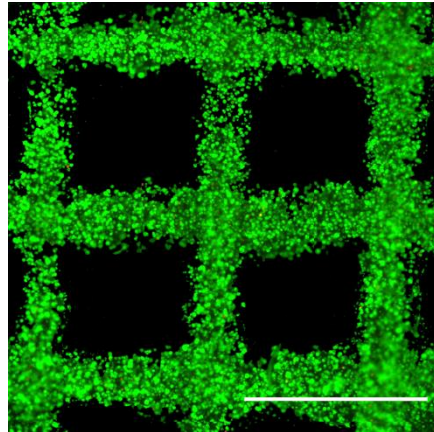
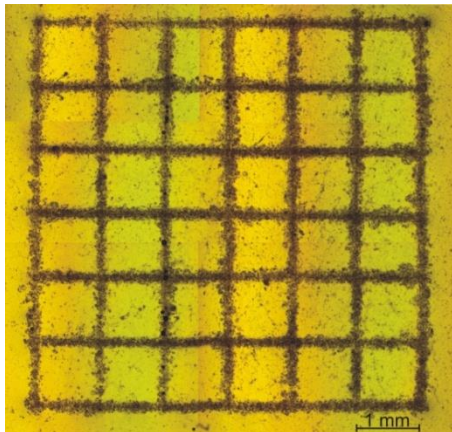
## Benefits compared with other printing techniques

(e.g. ink-jet or extrusion techniques / robotic dispensing):

### Capability to print ...

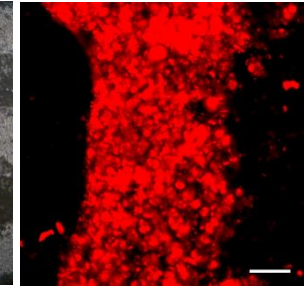
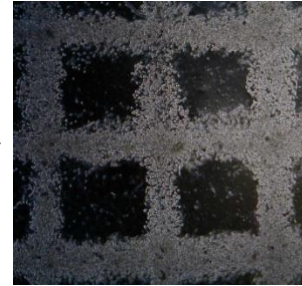
- ▶ small volumes – down to ~ 1pL
- ▶ material with high or low viscosities
- ▶ high cell densities
- ▶ high cell survival

# DIFFERENTIATION OF 3D MSC GRAFTS



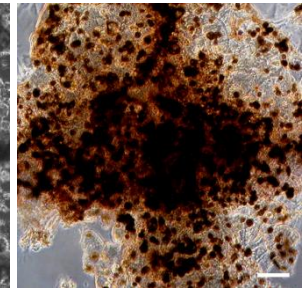
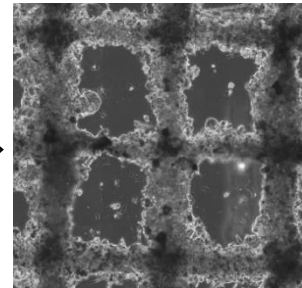
Live/dead-staining after 6 days under chondrogenic culture conditions

Cartilage



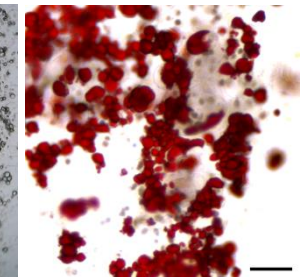
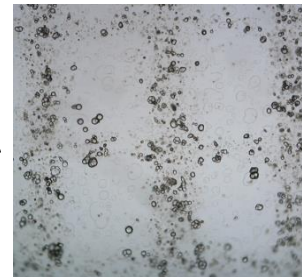
Collagen type II

Bone



Calcium accumulation

Fat



Oil-Red-O staining

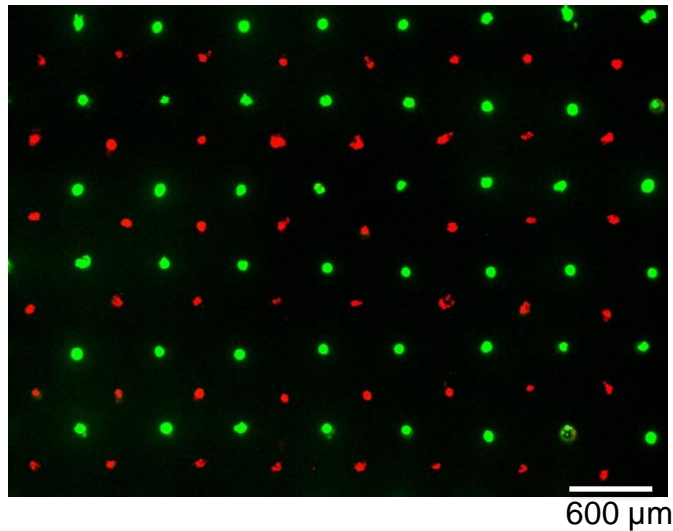
**Stems cells can be differentiated within the printed pattern**

Gruene et al., Adipogenic differentiation of laser-printed 3D tissue grafts consisting of human adipose-derived stem cells, *Biofabrication* 2011 3(1): 015005

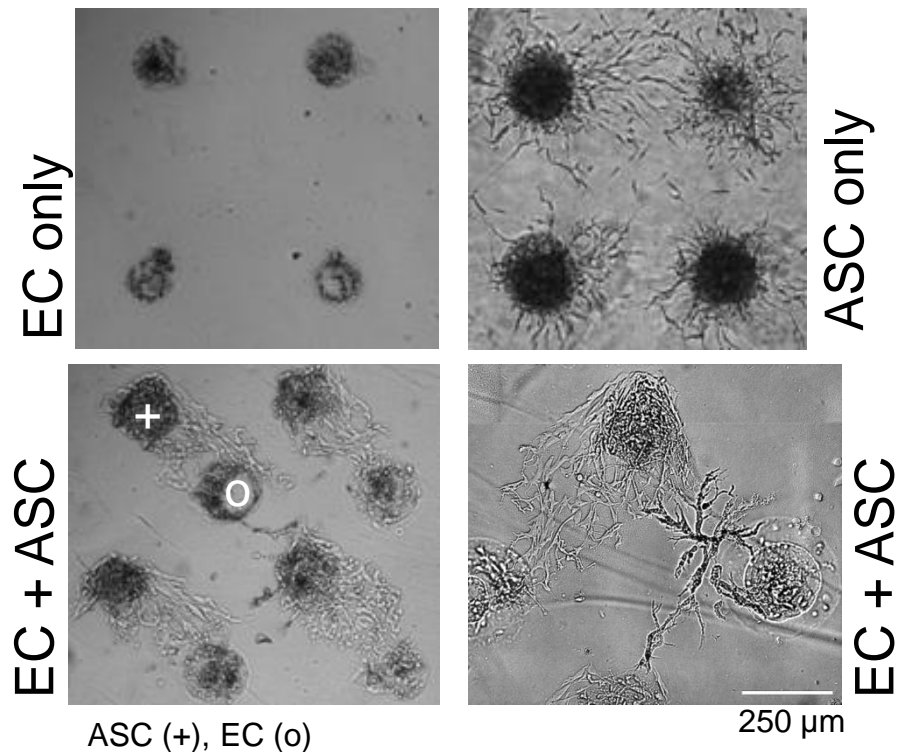


# CELL-CELL INTERACTIONS IN MULTICELLULAR ARRAYS

Printed droplets containing endothelial cells (EC, red) or adipose derived stem cells (ASC, green)



After 5 days cultured in VEGF-free media

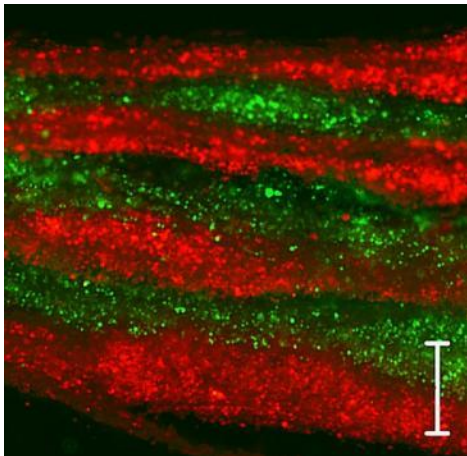


**A printed predefined pattern of cell containing droplets allows to study cell-cell or cell-environment interactions**

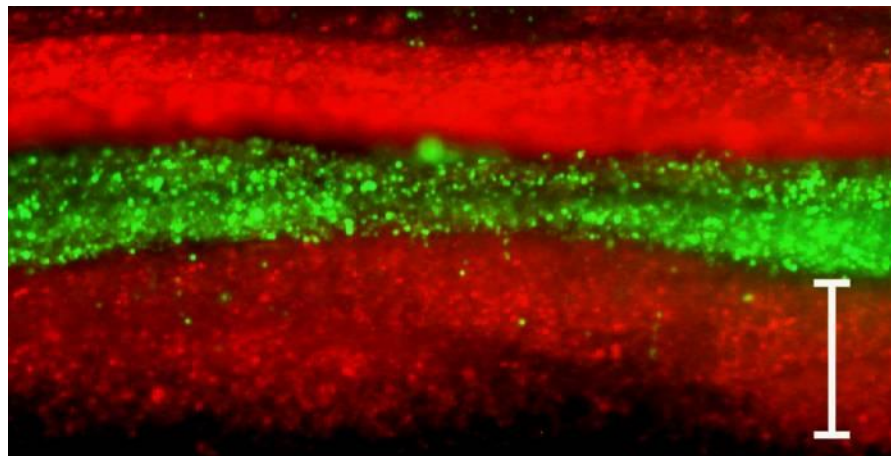
Gruene et al., Laser printing of three-dimensional multicellular arrays for studies of cell-cell and cell-environment interactions. *Tissue Eng Part C Methods* 17(10): 973-82 (2011)

# GENERATION OF 3D SKIN TISSUE

Layers of fibroblasts (NIH3T3) and keratinocytes (HaCaT), in collagen I on Matrigel™

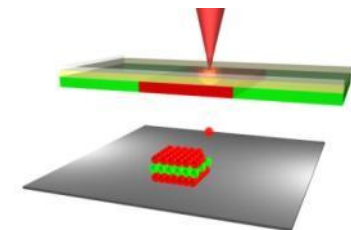


Layered arrangement of red and green HaCaT (eGFP, mCherry), 18 h after printing



scale bars  
500  $\mu$ m

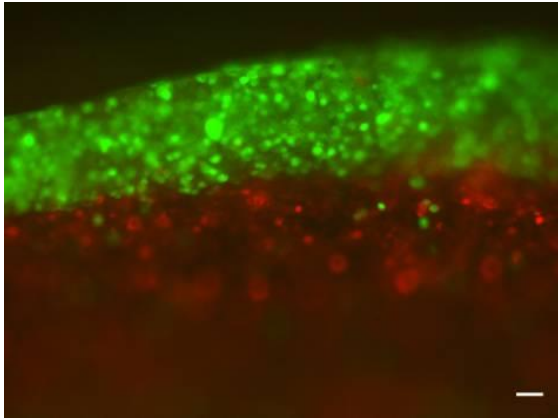
Each color layer consists of four printed sub-layer. The whole construct is about 2 mm high.



The cells have been embedded in collagen directly before printing.  
The layers do not intermix during or after printing.

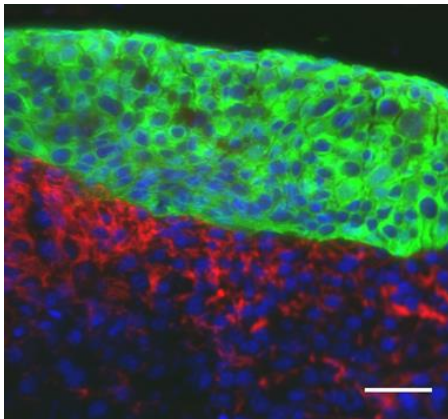
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# GENERATION OF 3D SKIN TISSUE

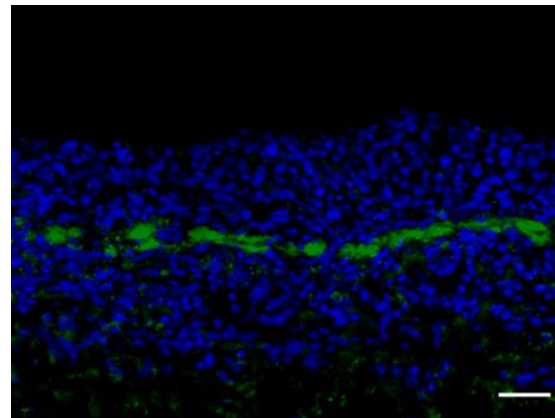


- ▶ Laser printing on Matrigel™
- ▶ cells embedded in a collagen type I matrix
- ▶ 20 layers of fibroblasts (NIH3T3) (red)
- ▶ 20 layers of keratinocytes (HaCaT) (green)
- ▶ Cryostat sections were prepared 10 days after printing

Directly after Printing: NIH3T3 (eGFP), HaCaT (mCherry)



HaCaT green (Cytokeratin14),  
NIH3T3 red (Panreticular),  
cell nuclei in blue (Hoechst 33342)



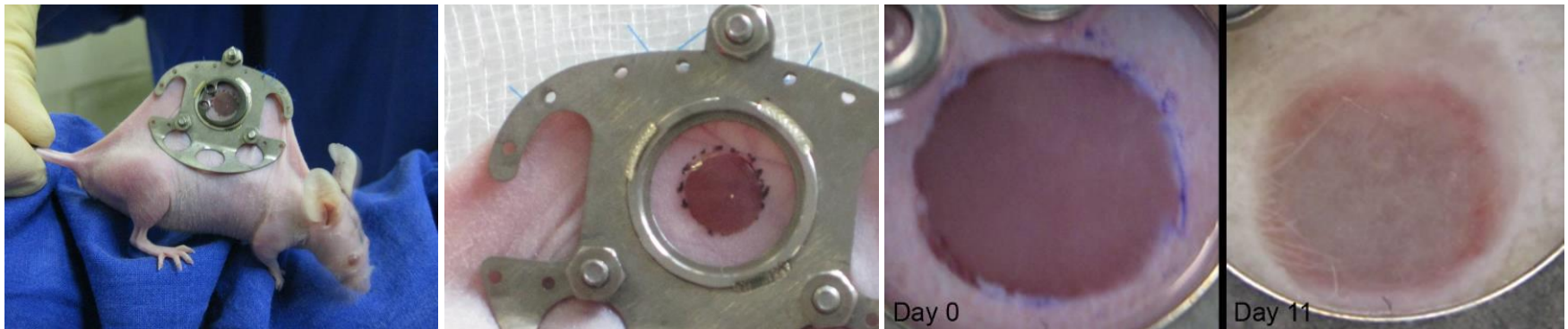
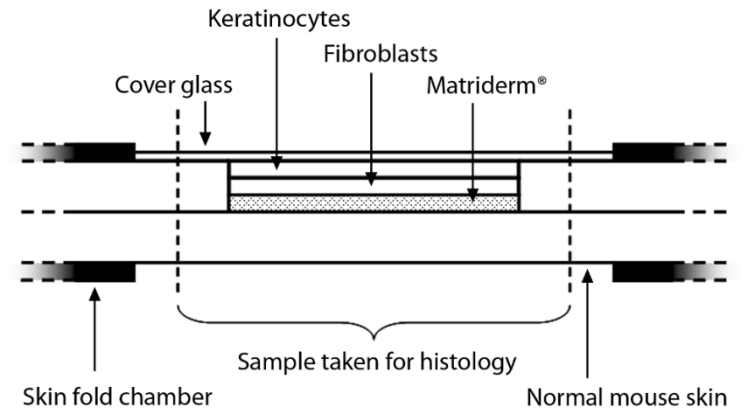
Anti-laminin staining in green, cell  
nuclei staining in blue (Hoechst 33342)

Formation of a  
basement membrane  
/ basal lamina

Scale bar 50  $\mu\text{m}$

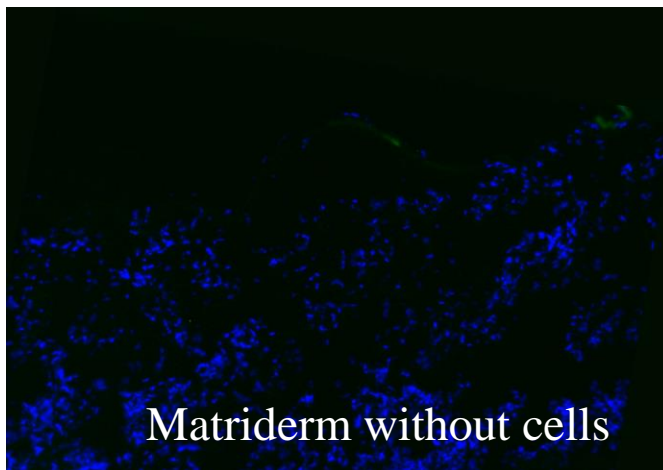
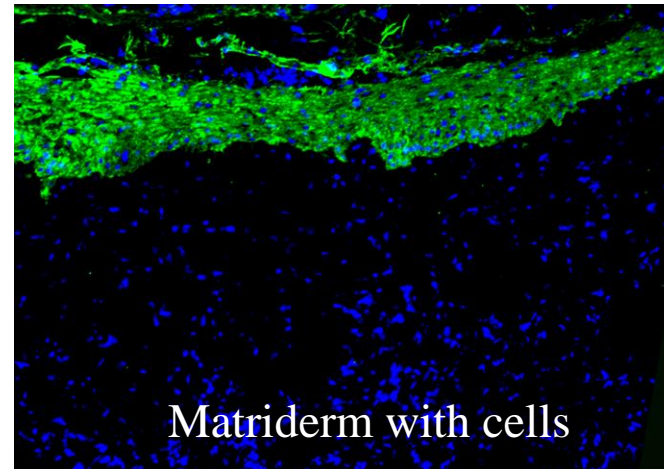
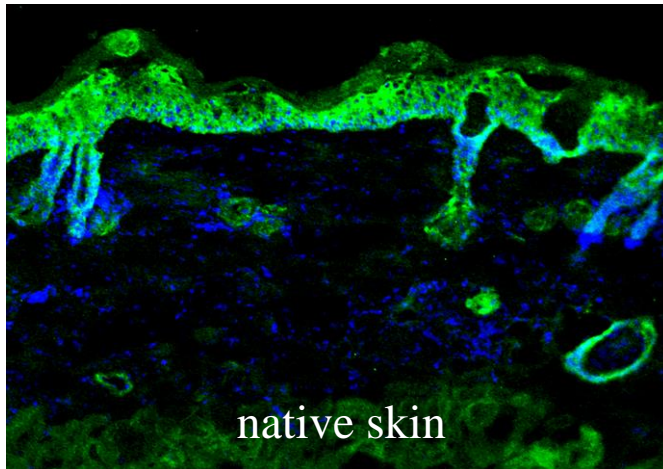
# GENERATION OF 3D SKIN TISSUE *IN VIVO*

- Fibroblasts and keratinocytes in collagen I printed layer-by-layer on Matriderm<sup>®</sup>
- implanted into mice (dorsal skinfold chamber) and explanted after 11 days.
- Implanted Matriderm without cells as control
- Cryo- and paraffin sections were analysed by histology



A part of the dorsal skin is stamped out and replaced by the printed structure

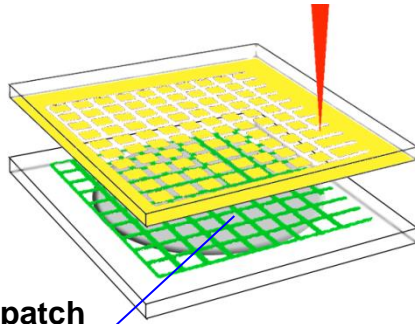
# *Generation of skin equivalents by laser printing*



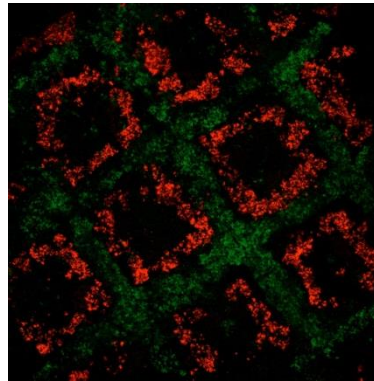
**Immunofluorescence staining of cyokeratin 14 (green) for keratinocytes cell nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue)**

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# MICROVASCULARIZATION

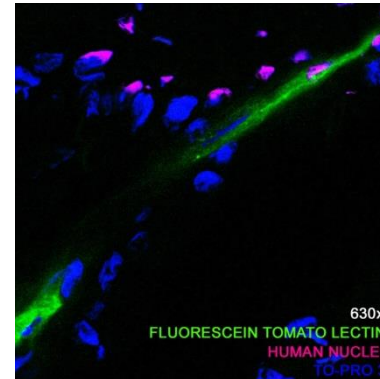
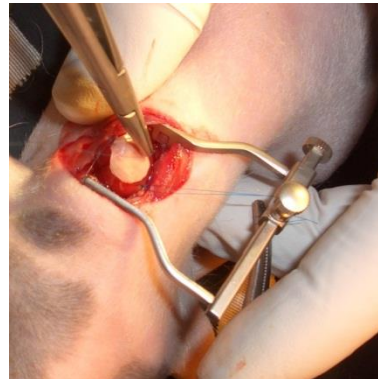
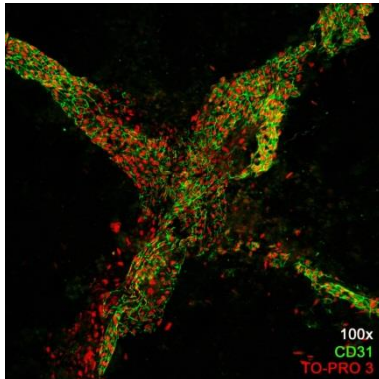


PEUU cardiac patch immersed in Matrigel



Printed human endothelial cells (green) and human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSC, red) on a cardiac patch

Vessel formation in the printed structure after 8 days (HUVEC/hMSC-co-culture on Matrigel-coated cardiac patch)



Human cells, integrated in the murine vascular network at the border of the cardiac infarct zone, 8 weeks post-infarct

Accelerated vessel formation in printed structure (EC/MSC co-culture) *in vitro*

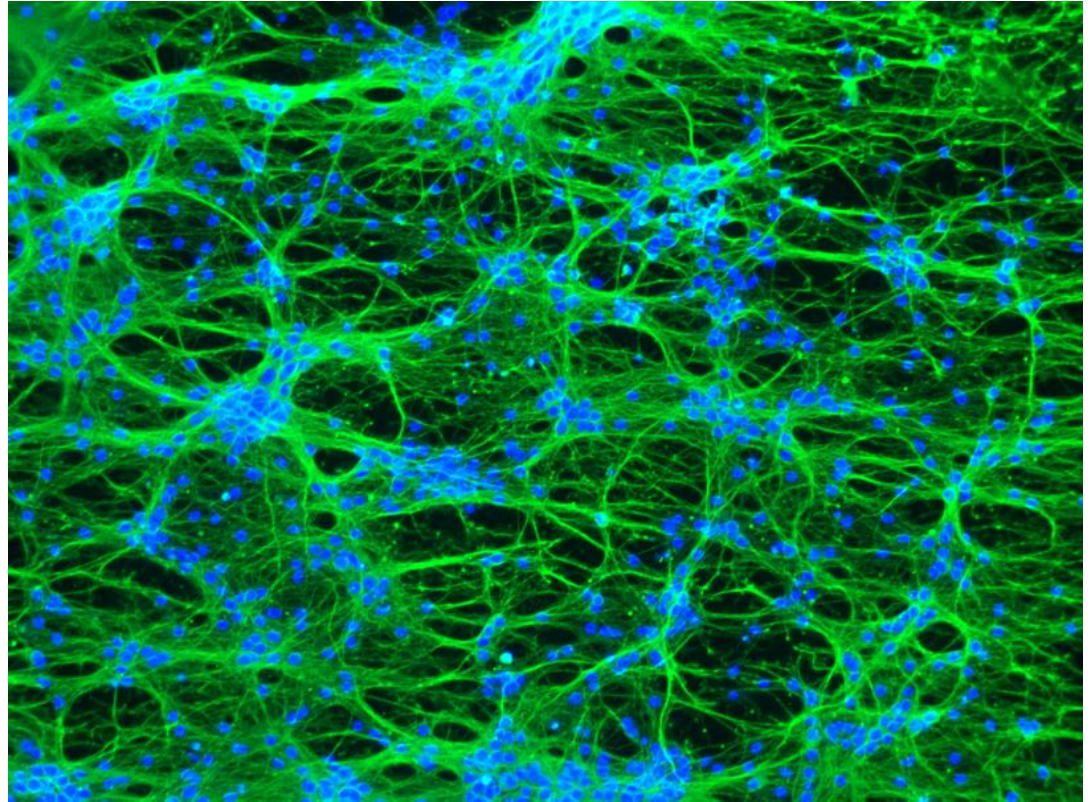
Improved heart function after myocard infarction and implantation of printed cardiac patch

Gaebel et al., Biomaterials 32: 9218-9230 (2011).  
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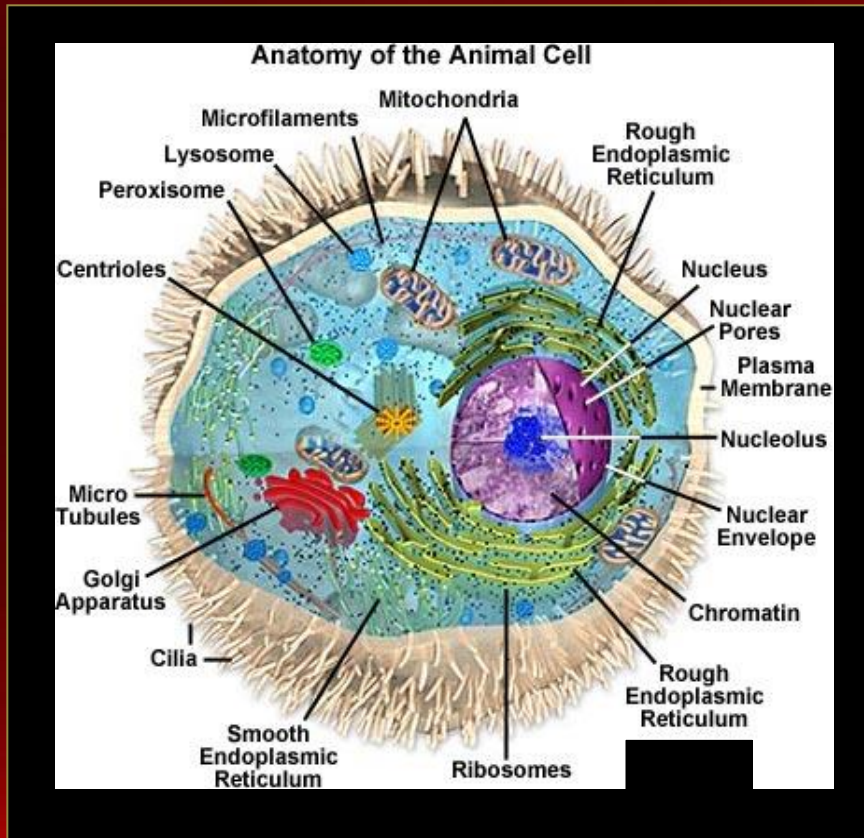
A wide-angle photograph of a deep blue ocean stretching to the horizon under a clear sky. The water has a textured surface with small waves. The text "Is it possible to print a MAN?" is overlaid on the image in a white, handwritten-style font, slanted diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right.

Is it possible to print a MAN?

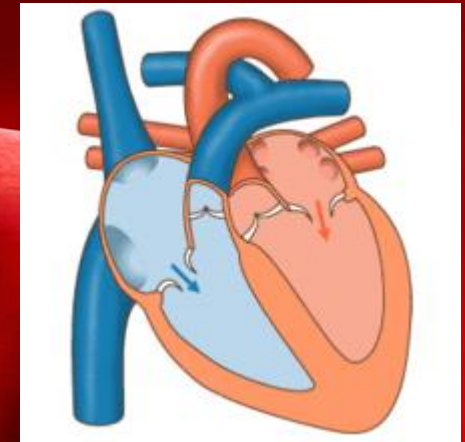


# How many cells has a Man?

An ordinary man (100 kg) consists of  $10^{14}$  or 100 Trillions of single cells.



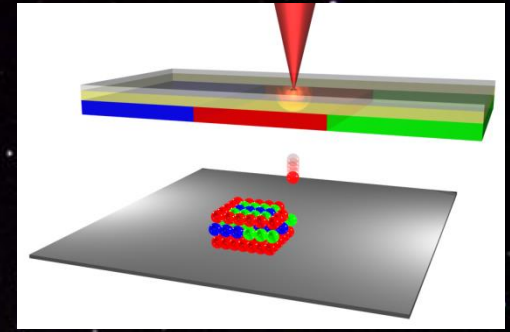
An adult human heart



has  $3 \times 10^{11}$  cells

In an ordinary man 50 Millions of cells die every second and approximately the same amount of cells is produced

# Biological laser printing

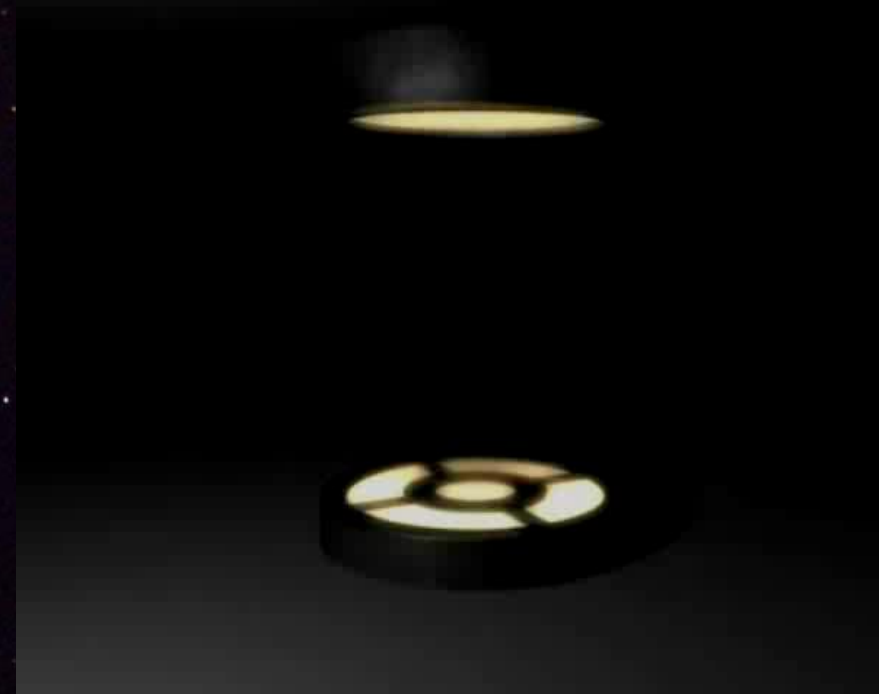


1. Fs-Laser  $10^8$  pulses per second

2. Transfer of 100 cells per pulse

3. All together  $10^{10}$  cells per second

After a solution of some technical problems



A Man ( $10^{14}$  cells) can be printed in 2 h 47 min

An adult human heart ( $3 \times 10^{11}$  cells) can be printed in 30 seconds