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Modeling, design and fabrication of wide-angle diffraction
Diffractive Optical Elements

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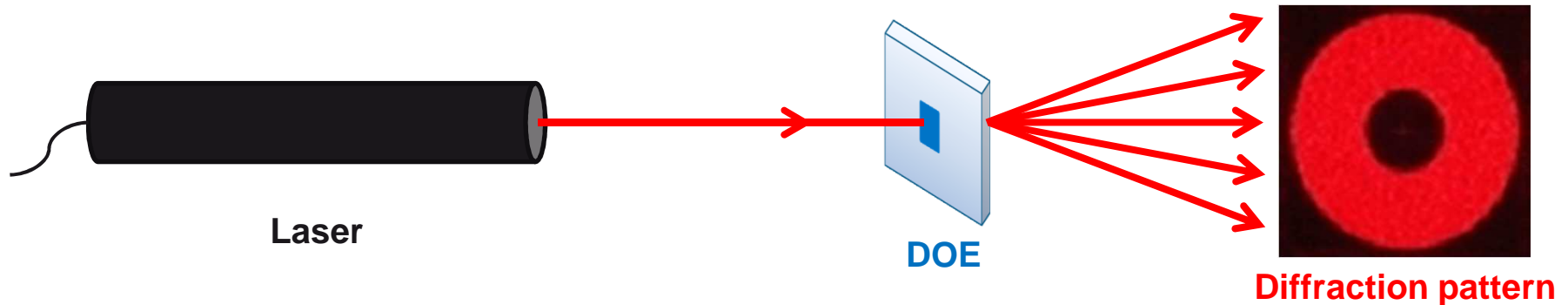
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Introduction to Diffractive Optical Elements

■ What is a Diffractive Optical Element (DOE)?

- Micro/nano structures which diffract light into almost any desired pattern



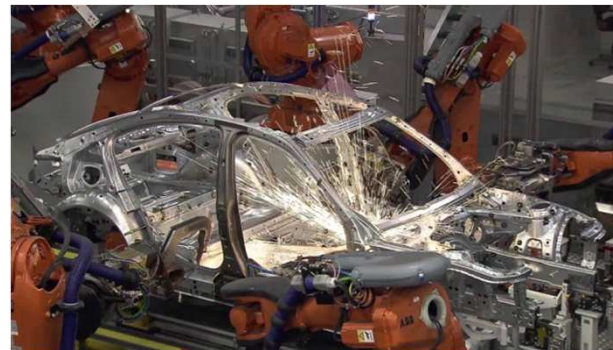
■ What are DOEs used for?



Data storage



Bar-code reader

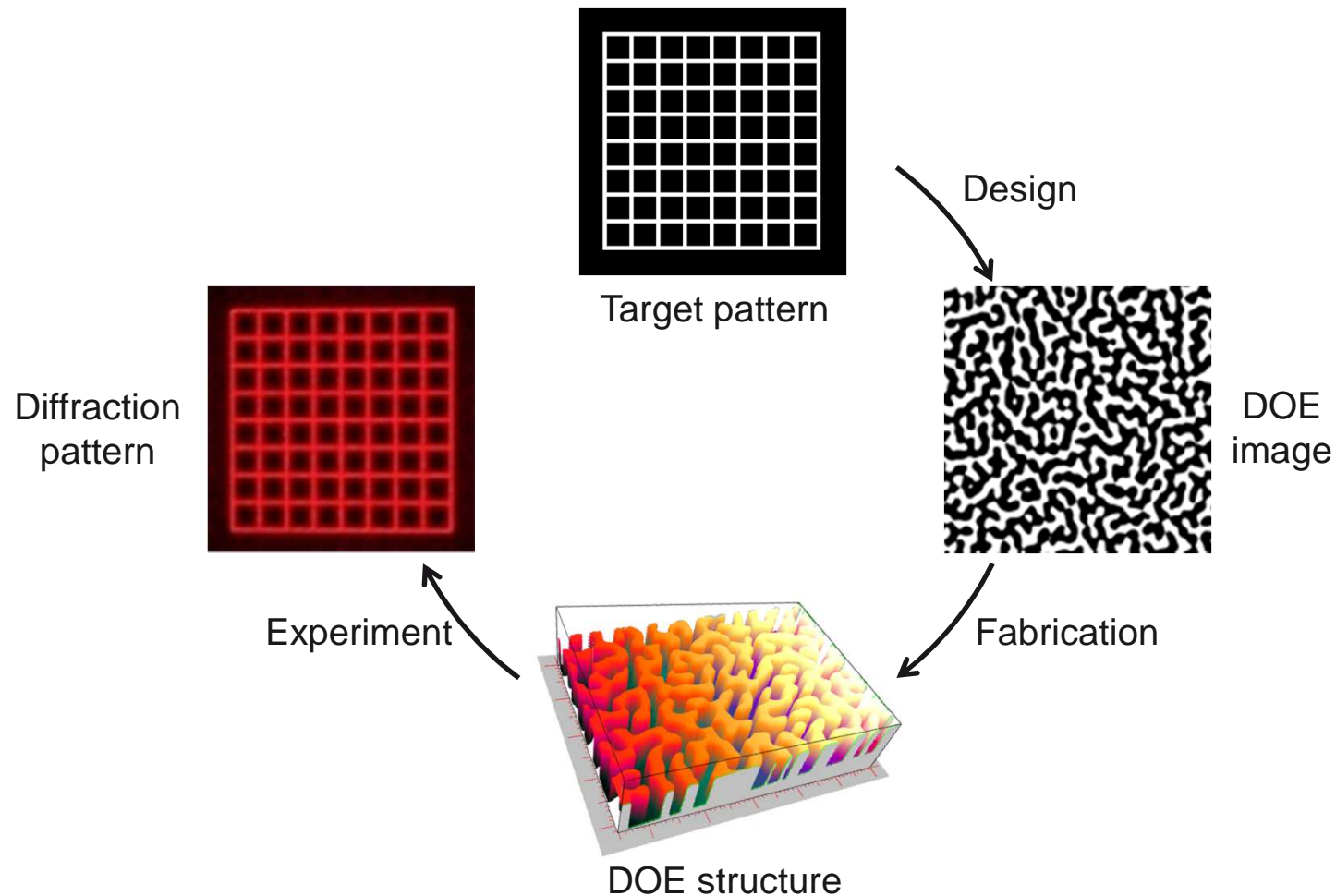


Laser cutting



Security devices

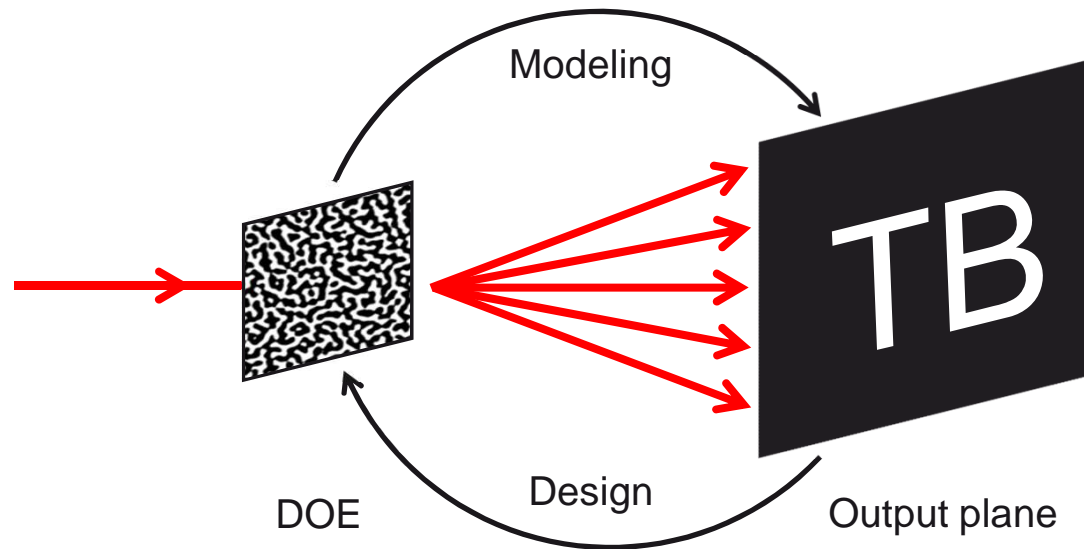
DOE design and fabrication process



- **Typical DOE size:** total size $\sim \text{cm}^2$, $\sim \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$

Thesis problem formulation

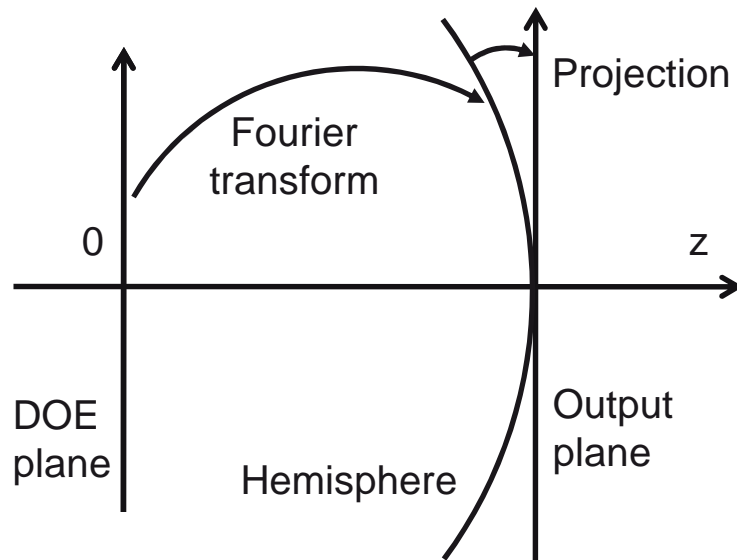
- **DOE design:** model the diffraction of light
 - **Simple model:** diffraction angle $< 10^\circ \rightarrow$ small output patterns
 - **Complex models:** any angle but huge calculation time



- **Where is the problem?**
 - Wide diffraction angle \rightarrow big pattern, compact system
 - Fast calculation time

Work results

■ Wide-angle diffraction model



- **Accurate and 10^4 faster** than the complex model!

■ Iterative algorithm for wide-angle diffraction DOEs

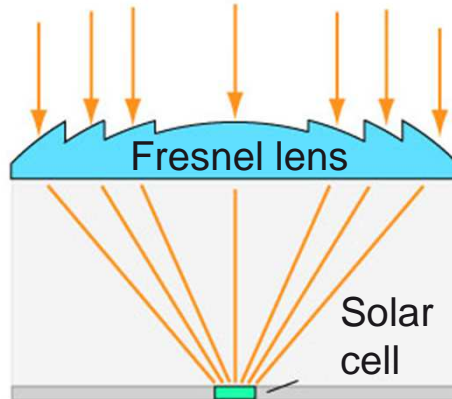
- Diffraction angle: 10° $\xrightarrow{\text{Telecom Bretagne}}$ 20° $\xrightarrow{\text{Karlsruhe Institute of Technology}}$ 45°
initial

■ Investigate the design and fabrication of thicker ($\sim 5\mu\text{m}$) DOEs

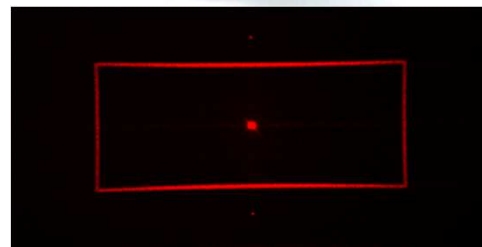
- Even more applications!

Conclusion

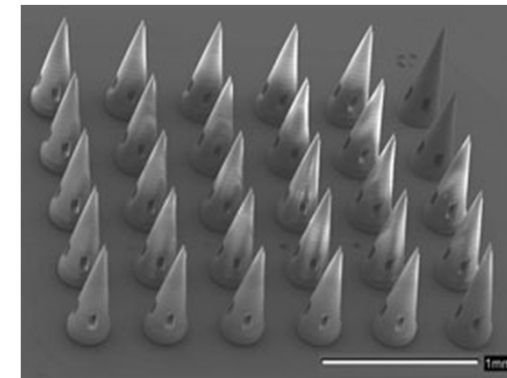
- Expand the DOE application domain: wide-angle diffraction
- Fully use of our current DOE fabrication facilities
- Real-world applications: academic & industrial partners



Fresnel lens DOEs for solar cells (with Telecom Physique Strasbourg)



Wide-angle diffraction DOEs (for an international microscope manufacturer)



3D nano-printer of medical devices (with Joseph Fourier University in Grenoble)

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