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Motivation

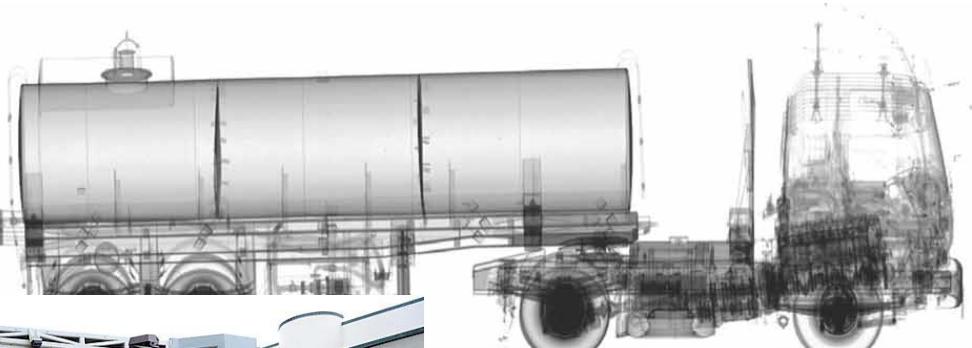


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Customers for compact accelerators

National Security: DARPA, DTRA, NA-22



Basic science:



Medicine:



Big problem: accelerators today

Accelerator:



10-30 MV/m

Klystrons:



10 MW each

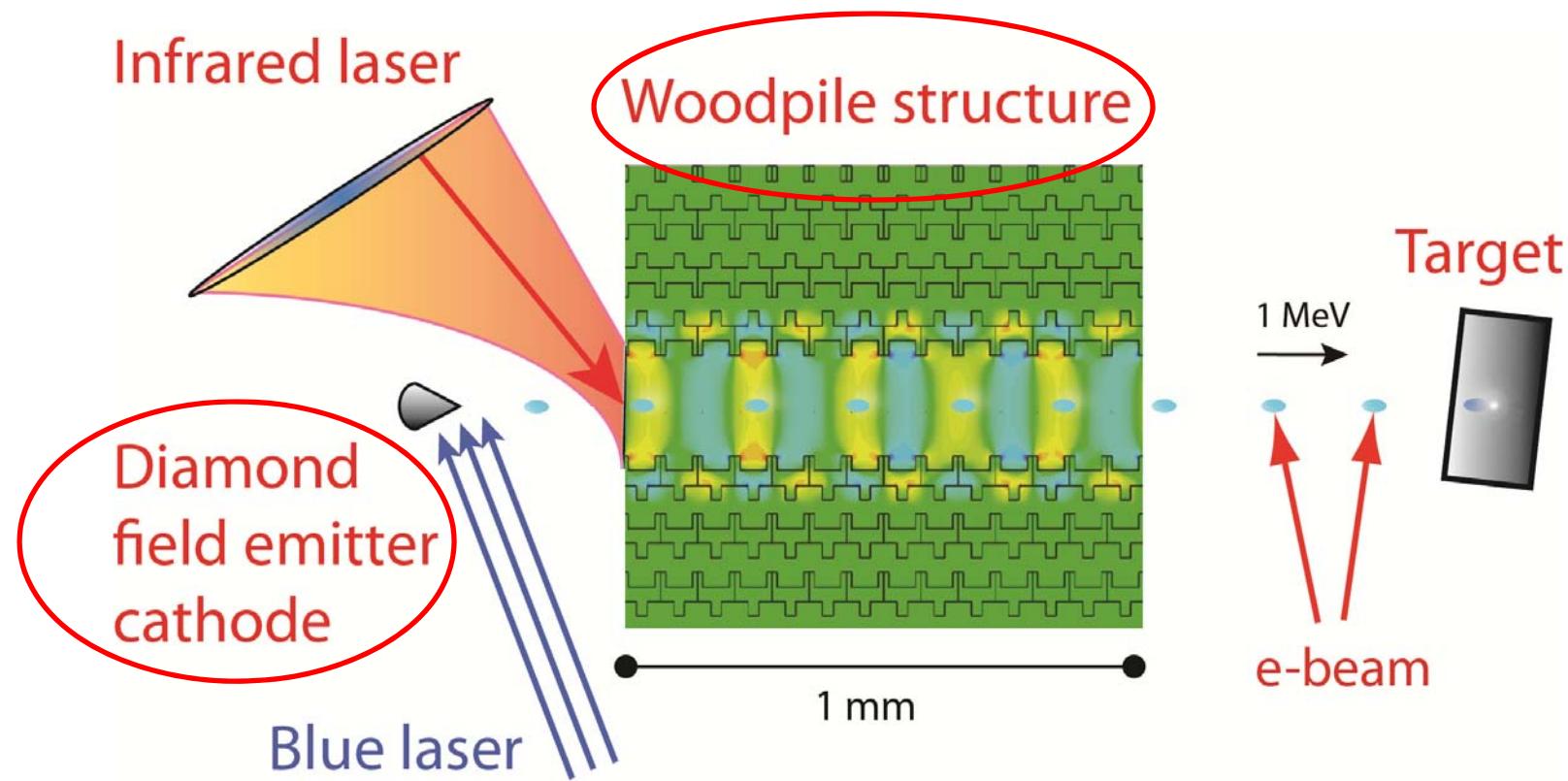
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Cathodes and structures for dielectric laser accelerators



Diamond field emitter array (DFEA) cathodes



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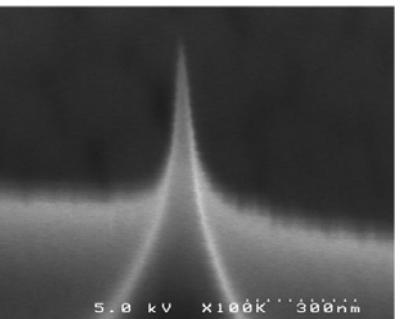
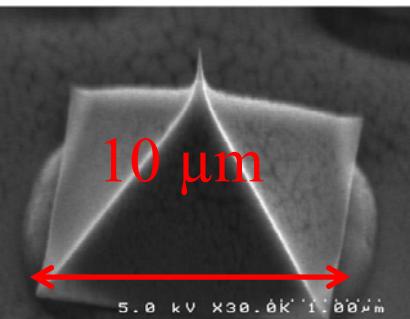
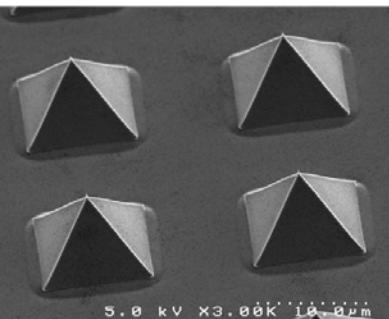
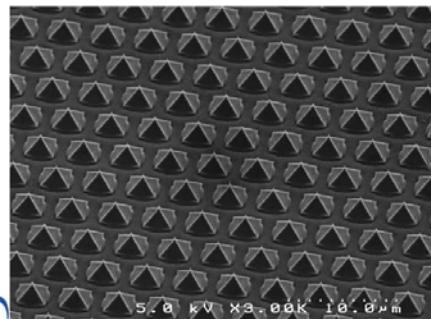
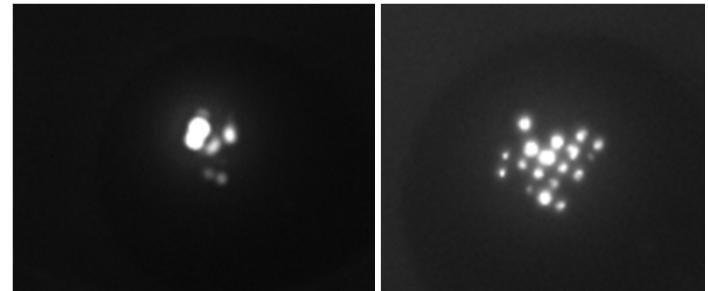
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Diamond field emitter arrays

- Exquisitely sharp diamond pyramids.
- Current $> 1 \text{ A/mm}^2$.
- Emittance $< 1 \text{ mm}^* \text{mrad}$.
- Photoemission never studied.
Should produce more current with smaller emittance.

We measured $\sim 20 \mu\text{A}$ currents emitted by single diamond pyramids.



Limits for achievable currents

Field emission cathodes	Field emission in DFEAs	Photoemission (space charge)
10 A/cm ²	100 A/cm ² = 0.1 mA per 10 μm square	$\epsilon_0 E/\tau = 10^6 \text{ A/cm}^2 = 1 \text{ A per 10 } \mu\text{m square}$

Will quantum efficiency and laser power limit the current?

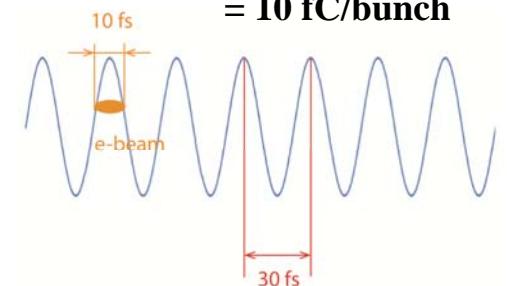
Example: 193 nm ultraviolet laser

- Wavelength 193 nm (6.4 eV), energy 200 mJ, pulse length 20 ns.
- Focus down to 5 mm x 5 mm.
- 40 W (40 x 6.3*10¹⁸ eV/s) in 10μm x 10μm (4*10¹⁹ photons).
- QE is unknown, depends on doping, surface, etc.

K. Quintero, et al., APL 105, 123103 (2014) reports QE of 10⁻³ for flat surface hydrogen-doped diamond at 254 nm.

- With QE ~10⁻³ we get 4*10¹⁶ electrons/emitting surface/s
3 mA per 10 μm square

1 A peak current
= 10 fC/bunch



Emittance requirements

Beam emittance: $0.1 \text{ mm} * \text{mrad} = 100 \text{ nm}$

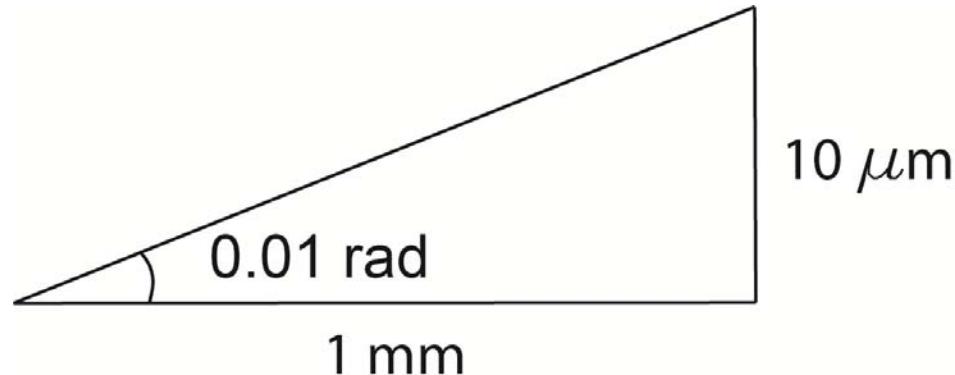
Transverse size: $10 \mu\text{m}$

Angular divergence: 10 mrad

Travel distance: 1 mm

Accelerating gradient: 1 GV/m

Total energy: 1 MeV

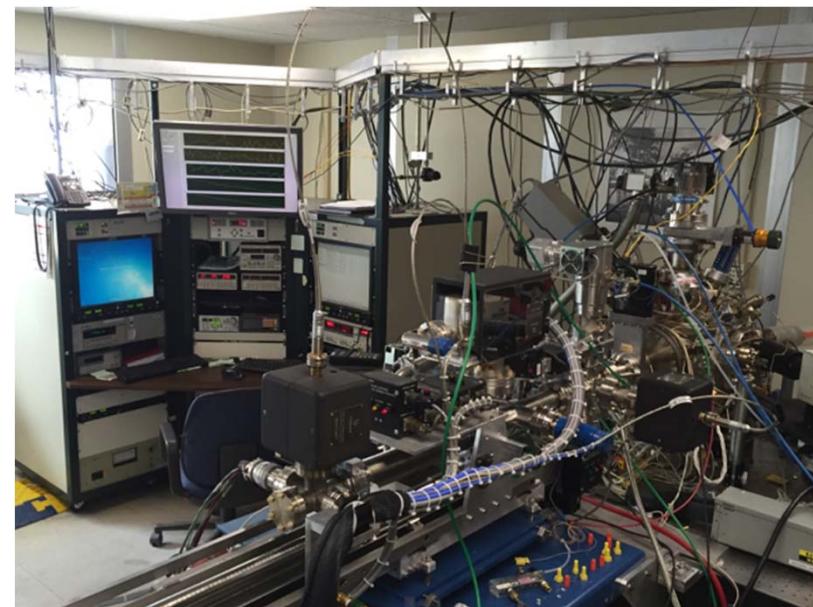


Dedicated cathodes research facility at LANL

- Dedicated DFEA cathodes testing chamber.
- New emittance measurement test stand with $<0.1 \text{ mm}^* \text{mrad}$ resolution built by Nathan Moody.

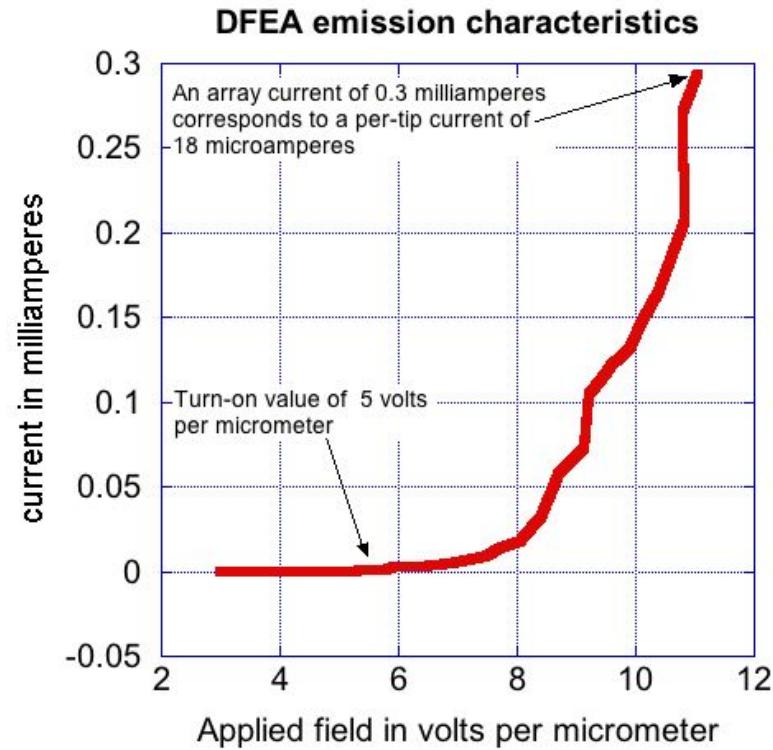
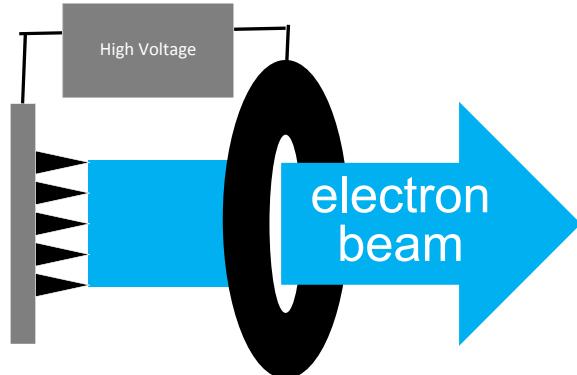


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Some test results in field-emission regime

- Four samples tested in the new chamber in field emission regime.
- Three samples are arrays of large pyramids (25 μm base) with 500 or 1000 μm spacing, one sample has pyramids spaced 4 μm apart.



Additive manufacturing of micron-size structures



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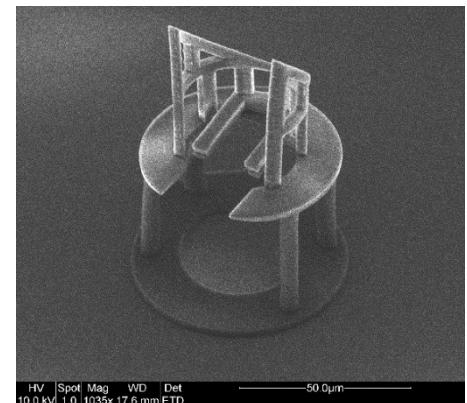
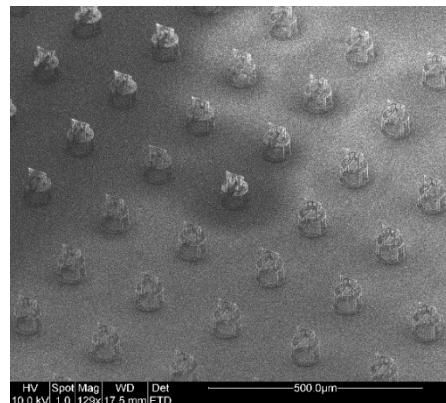
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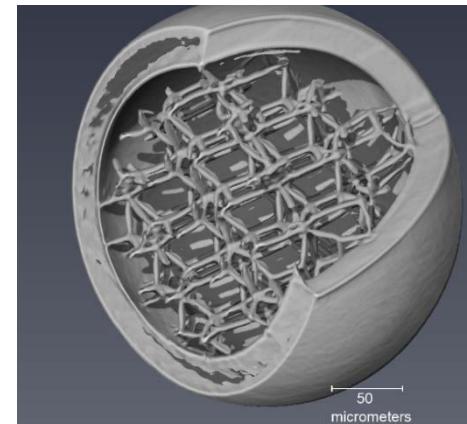
Nanoscribe Professional GT

Installation occurred October 20th - 23rd 2015.

- 3D laser lithography system
- Resolutions down to 100 nm (highest resolution commercially available)
- Print areas as large as 100 x 100 mm
- 2-photon exposure of common positive-tone photoresists



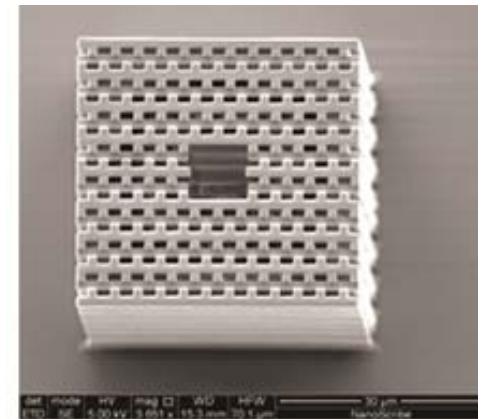
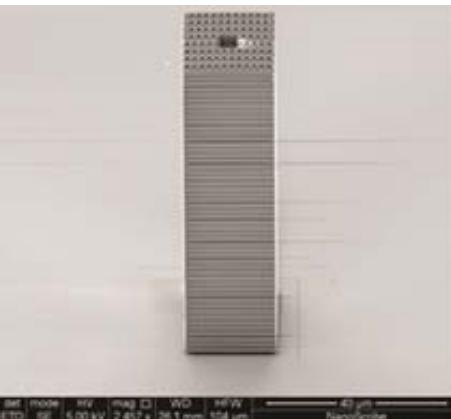
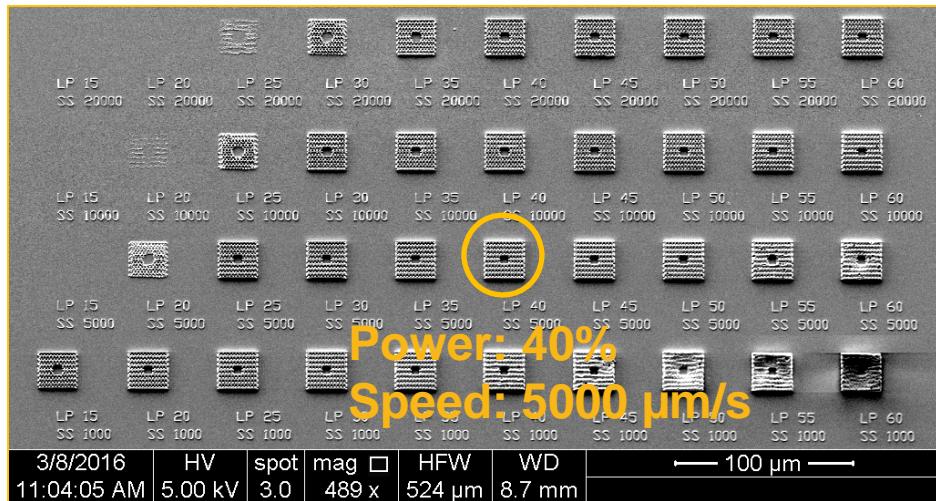
Print of a LANL designed, greatly scaled down, NIF Cepheus mirror physics package holder. Imaged with CT scan.



Fabrication of woodpile structures

- Nanoscribe system is perfectly suited to print wood-pile structures on a micron scale.
- ***Work has already started, supported by LDRD Reserve.***
- Resolution: ~100 nm (lateral) x 500 nm (vertical), smallest features below 1 μ m.

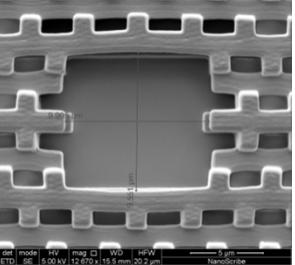
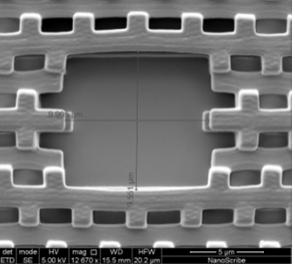
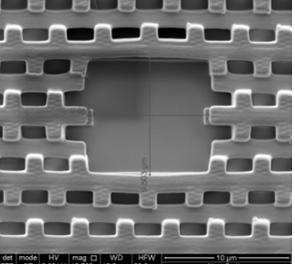
Bulk structures printed with IP-Dip



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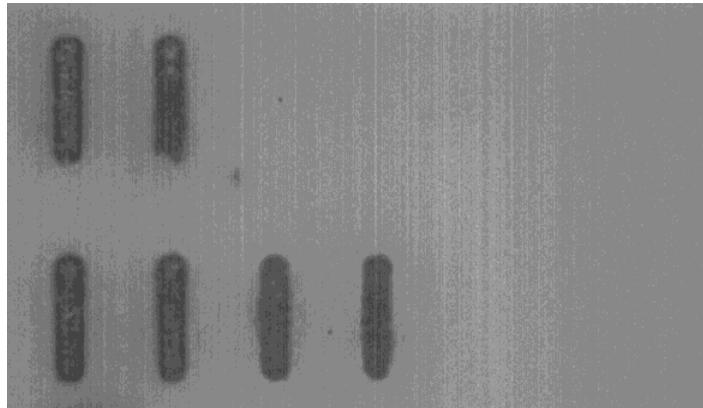


Accuracy studies

Printing Parameters	Measurement Image	Nominal Dimension	Realized Dimension
Power: 35% Speed: 5000 µm/s		9.010 µm 9.021 µm	9.905 µm 9.551 µm
Power: 40% Speed: 5000 µm/s		9.010 µm 9.021 µm	9.770 µm 9.271 µm
Power: 45% Speed: 10,000 µm/s		9.010 µm 9.021 µm	9.898 µm 9.503 µm

3D printing with composite materials

Use Nanoscribe to print a composite material



10% w/w BaTiO_3 in Acrylic Resin
150 $\mu\text{m} \times 30 \mu\text{m}$ blocks

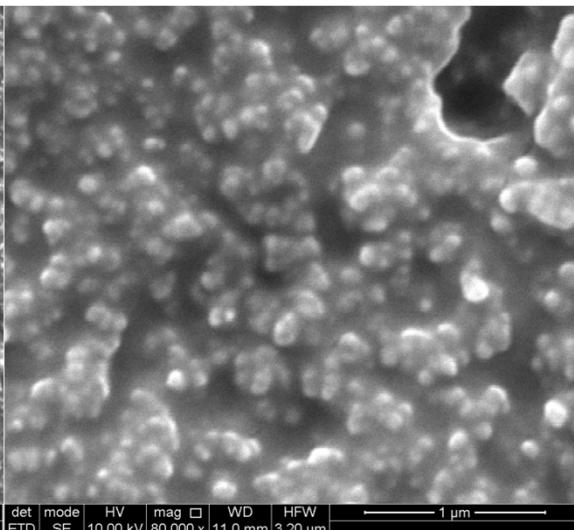
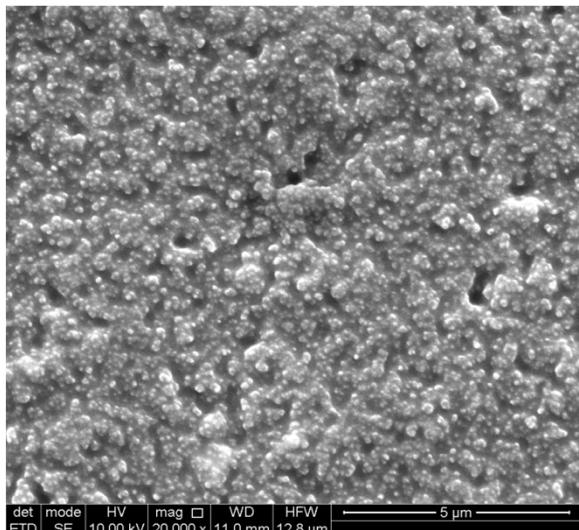
Assess the suitability of printable materials for DLA application

Material	ϵ' (1000 cm^{-1})	ϵ'' (1000 cm^{-1})	ϵ' (2000 cm^{-1})	ϵ'' (2000 cm^{-1})
Acrylic	2.2	0.1	2.1	<0.01
BaTiO_3 Crystal	2.79	0.15	4.75	0.05
Composite	2.3	0.4	3	<0.1

Measuring dielectric properties of new materials

We prepared some test coupons to be taken to CINT-Sandia and analyzed with Mid-IR ellipsometry.

SEM Micrographs of BTO-VeroClear Composite



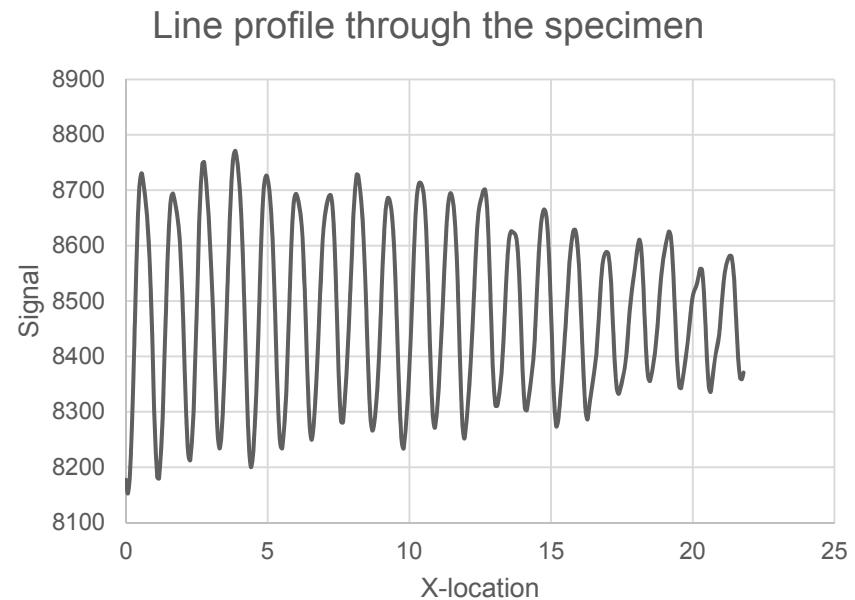
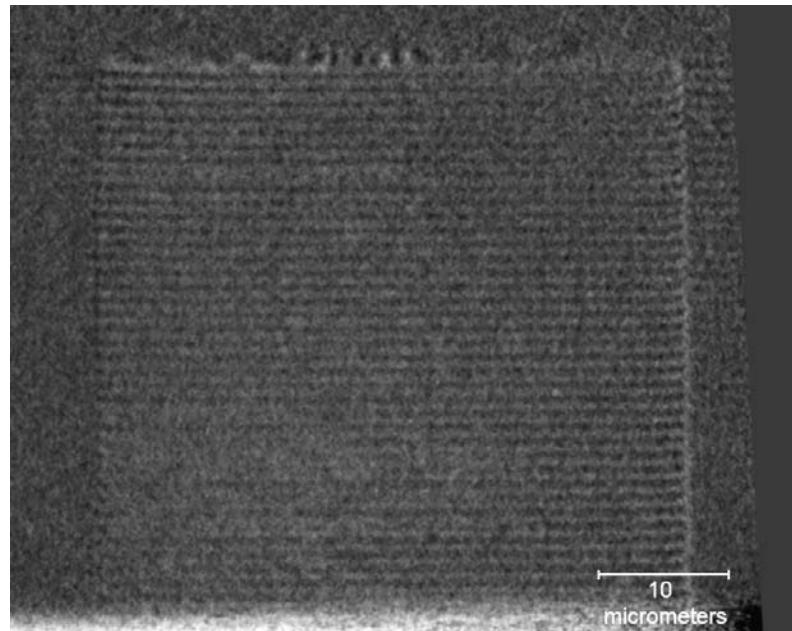
Photograph of a test coupon with reflected light source



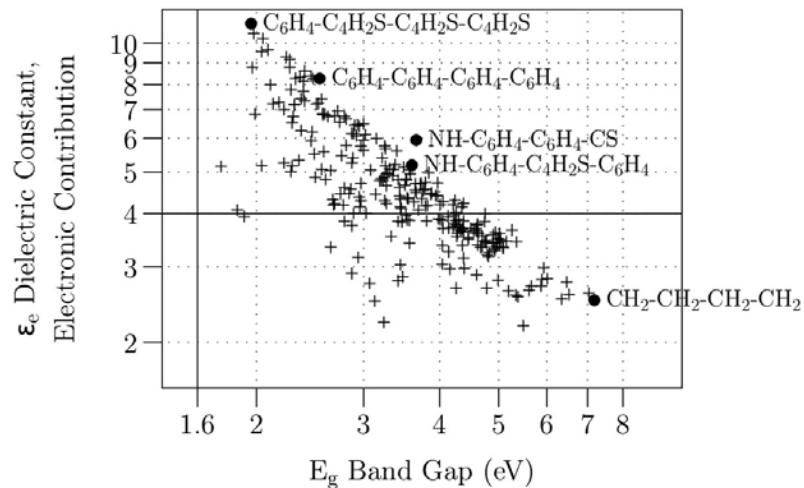
Structural Fidelity Assessment

Structural fidelity was assessed with micro-CT, 1% triphenyl bismuth was added for contrast.

Expected spacings 1 μm , measured spacings 1.08 μm .

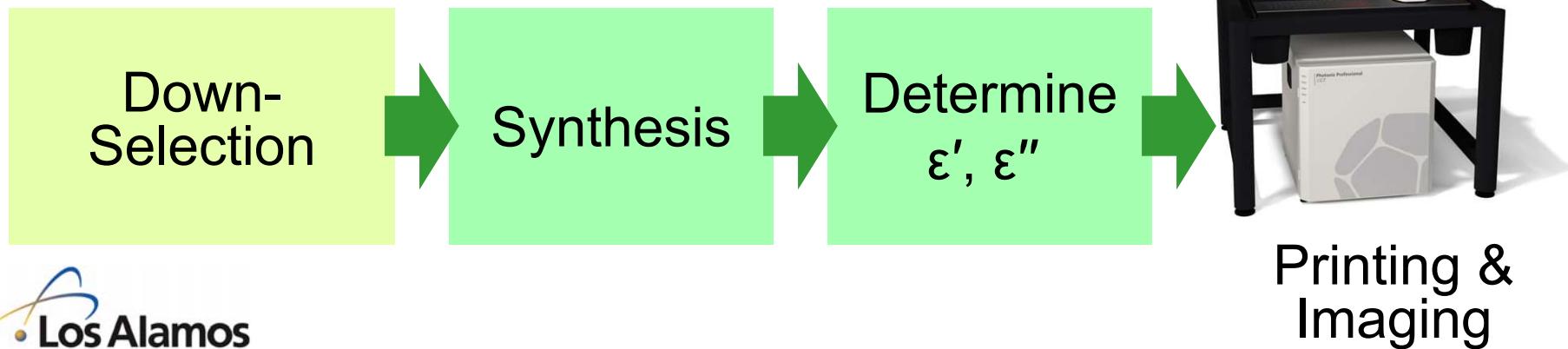
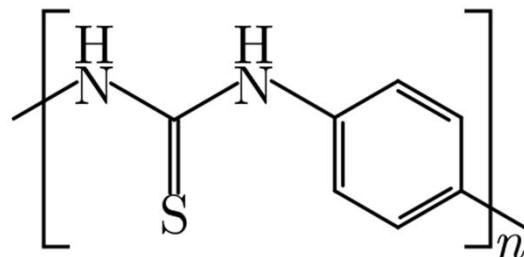


Materials development strategy



V. Sharma *et al.*, Rational design of all organic polymer dielectrics. *Nat. Commun.* **5**, 4845 (2014).

Structural Motif Example



Conclusions and plans



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Conclusions and future plans

- LANL is funded to do dielectric accelerator research starting in FY17.
- Preliminary studies identified DFEA cathodes as promising sources for DLAs: high beam current and small emittance.
- Additive manufacturing with Nanoscribe Professional GT can produce structures with the right scale features for a DLA operating at micron wavelengths:
 - Fabrication tolerances need to be studied.
 - DLAs require new materials.
- We start in October and welcome collaborations!
 - DLA experiment with a beam produced by the DFEA cathode with field emission.
 - Demonstration of photoemission from DFEAs.
 - New structures to print and test.