



# Thèse Futur & Ruptures

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

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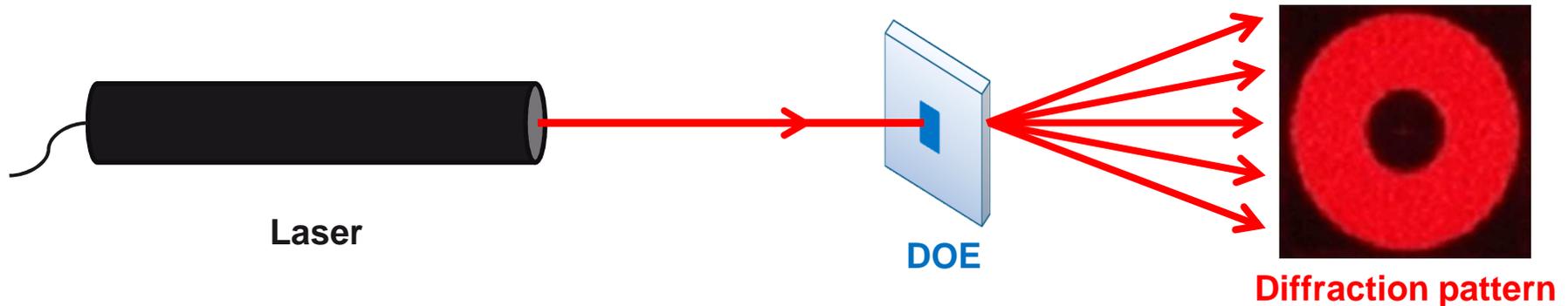
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# Introduction to Diffractive Optical Elements

## ■ What is a Diffractive Optical Element (DOE)?

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



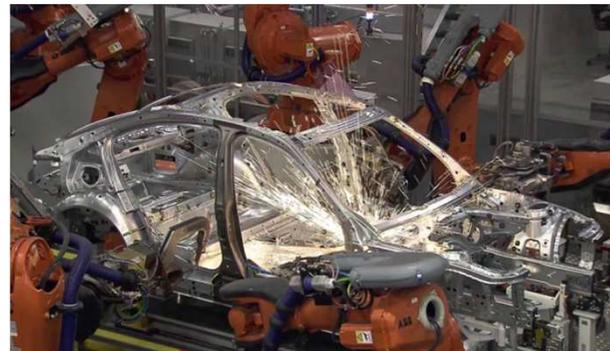
## ■ What are DOEs used for?



Data storage



Bar-code reader

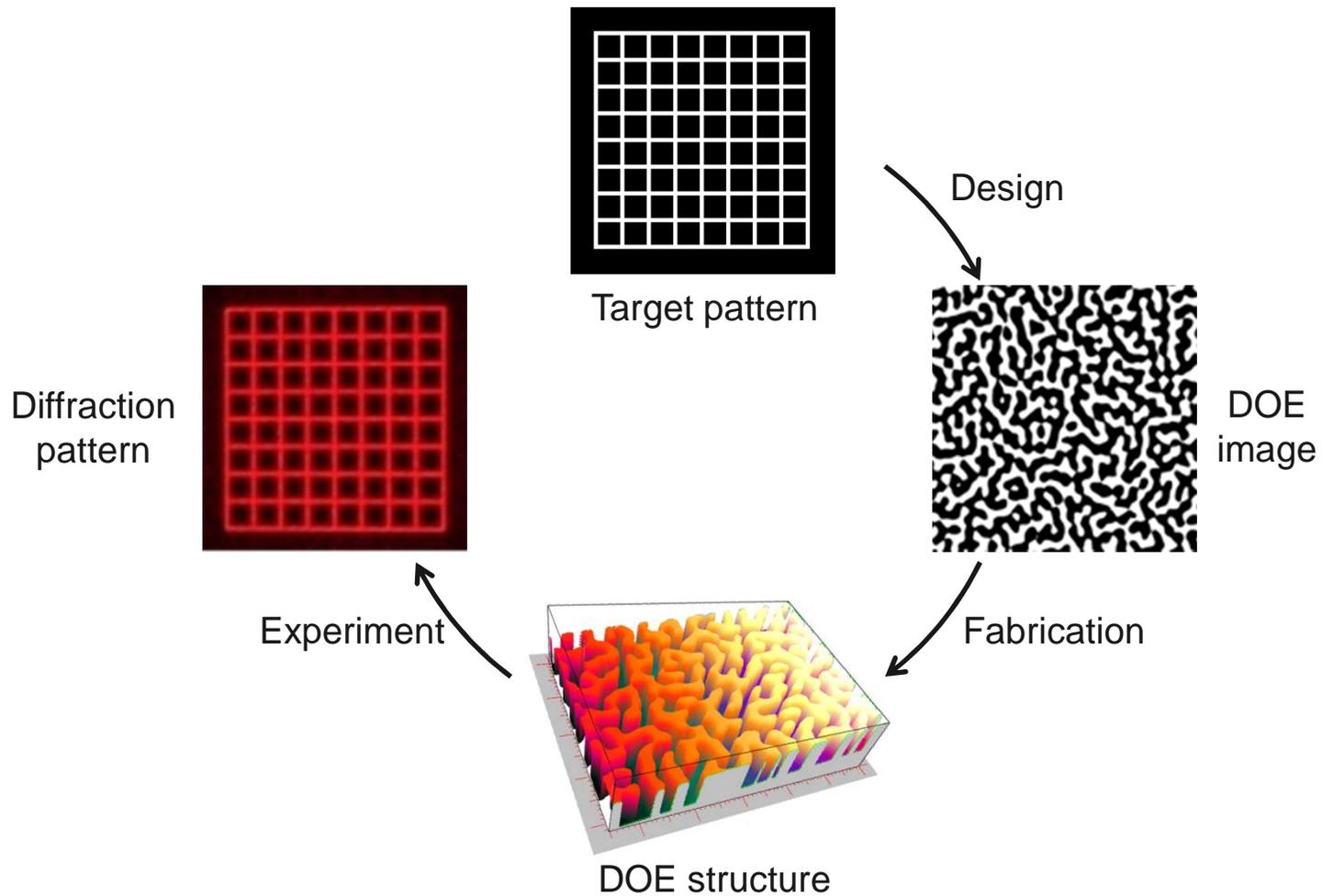


Laser cutting



Security devices

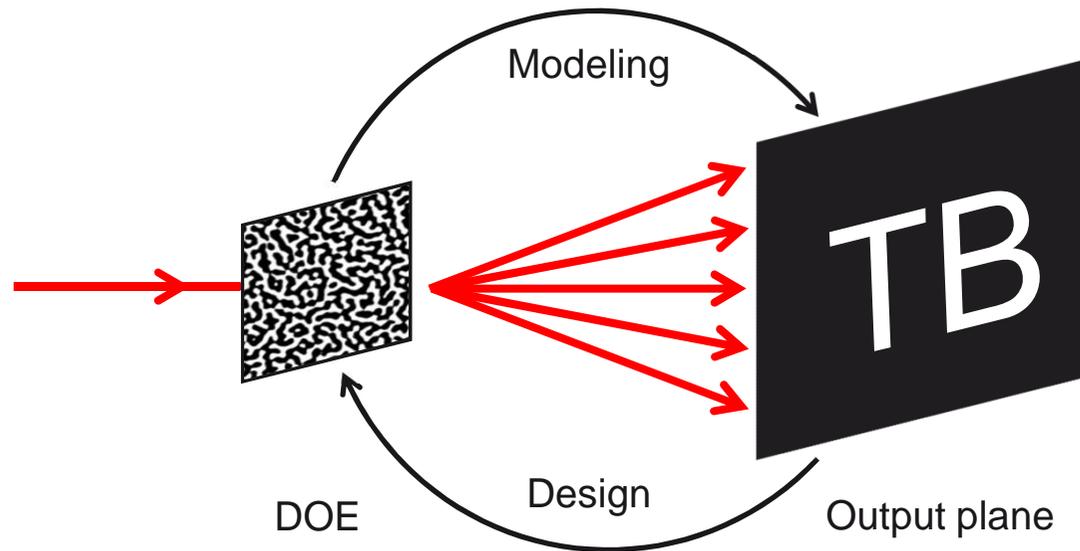
# DOE design and fabrication process



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

# Thesis problem formulation

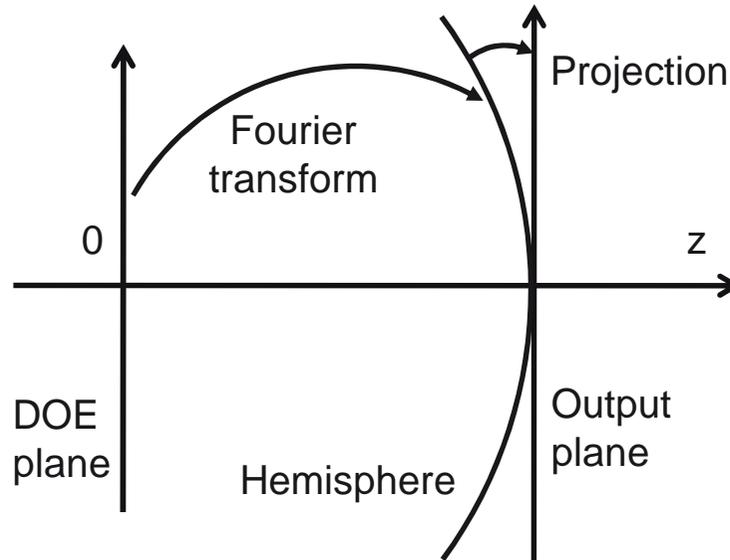
- **DOE design:** model the diffraction of light
  - **Simple model:** diffraction angle  $< 10^\circ$   $\rightarrow$  small output patterns
  - **Complex models:** any angle but huge calculation time



- **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

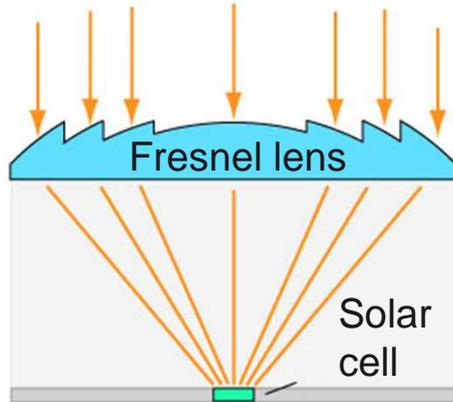
- Diffraction angle:  $10^\circ$   $\xrightarrow{\text{initial}}$   $20^\circ$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Telecom Bretagne}}$   $45^\circ$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Karlsruhe Institute of Technology}}$

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

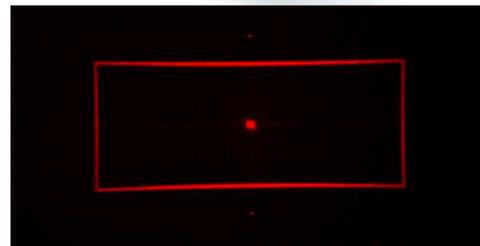
- Even more applications!

# Conclusion

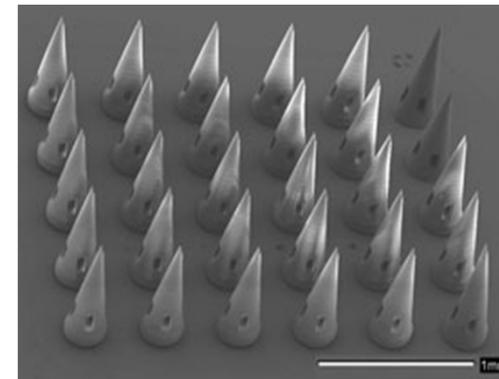
- Expand the DOE application domain: wide-angle diffraction
- Fully use of our current DOE fabrication facilities
- Real-world applications: academic & industrial partners



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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