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« Usinage Laser à impulsions ultra-brèves »

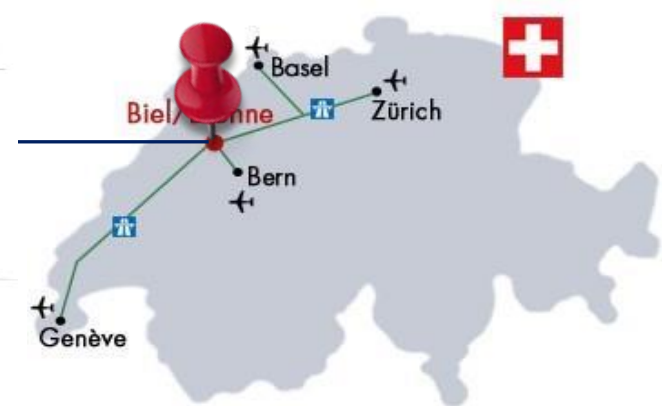
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Thèmes de la présentation

- Présentation Posalux
- Usinages **Femto Laser** : intérêts et avantages
- Stratégies de process Laser
- Challenges pour Posalux réalisés
- Tête optique
- Machine de production et de prototypage
- Conclusion : Usinage Femto Laser

Posalux SA - Switzerland



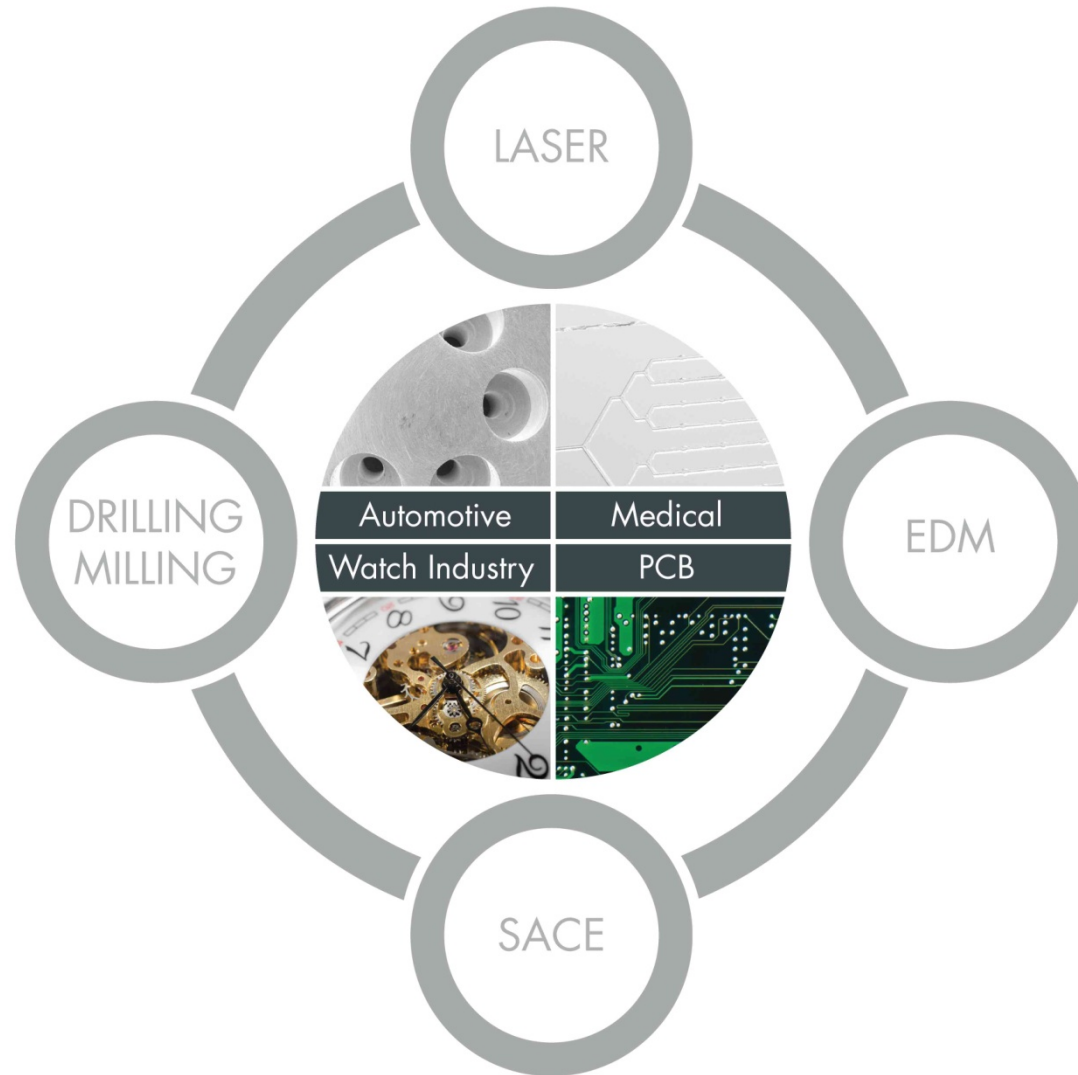
Founded in 1943, Posalux is a leading Suisse manufacturer for micro technologies for mass production.

Posalux is headquartered in Biel-Bienne, one of the most important cities of Switzerland, which is famous not only as a watch metropolis, but also as one of the most important centers for advanced technologies.

Global presence:

- Subsidiaries of Posalux in Germany, Korea and Taiwan
- Worldwide network of sales and service agents in major countries

Four technology families for four markets



After a long and successful history on EDM and μ -Machining technologies for robust industrial applications targeting:

- Micro machining of special and stressed parts
- Stable and repeatable Quality
- Accuracy for mass productions
- Mass-production with flexible and versatile possibilities

Posalux focus on **Femto Laser Technology** for high precision **μ -Machining** since 2011

First serial Femto Laser machines are in production since end of 2014 and work 24/7

Posalux made the choice to:

- ↪ **develop niches applications** which require a high level of skills
- ↪ **build long term industrial partnership** with our customers

Posalux **is not an integrator** of Laser equipments, we **develop industrial processes** to meet **Customer Quality requirements**.

For this, measurement equipment as **Gauges, SEM, Flow-bench** are available @ Posalux to document the manufacturing processes

Posalux build and continues to build **partnership with key actors in Industrial Femto Laser applications**

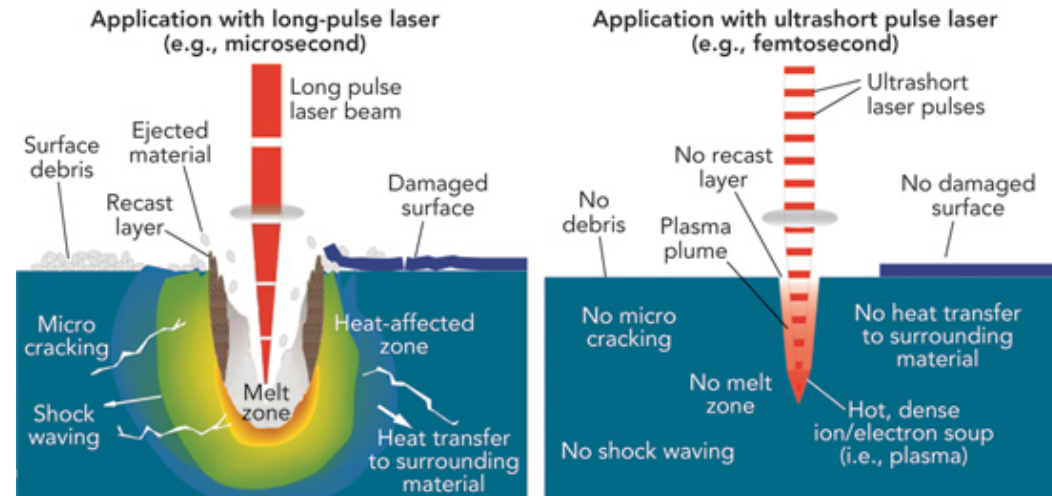
- ↪ 2 suppliers/partners for the sources (less than 300 fs)
- ↪ 2 suppliers/partners for Precession heads

Usinages Femto Laser : intérêts et avantages

Les critères influents en ce qui concerne la source Laser Femto sont :

Intégrité matière

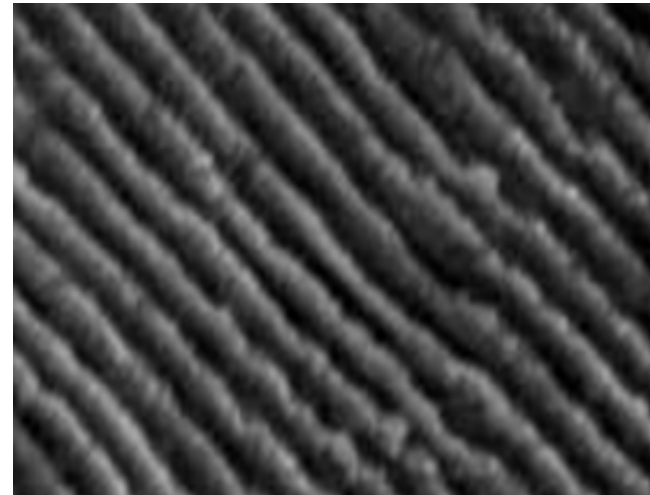
- Ablation sans échauffement sur toute matière.
- Micro-cracking inexistant.
- Précision de l'ablation $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ de largeur avec Laser Femto 200-300 fs.
- Pas/peu de transformation structurelle de la matière.
- Sans dépôt et redéposition de matériau.



Usinages Femto Laser : intérêts et avantages

Etat de surface : fonctionnel et cosmétique

- Reproductibilité de la structuration
- Texturation de la surface usinée.
- $R_a < 50 \text{ nm}$
- Applications très fines en terme d'état de surface
 - ➔ Rendu de polissage
- Absence de bavure



Usinages Femto Laser : intérêts et avantages

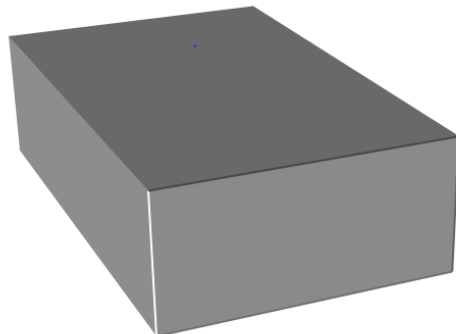
Productivité

- Consommable faible (gaz assist N_2), voir nul (air)
- Flexible sur un même moyen : perçage, découpe, lamage, contourage, gravage positif et négatif etc...
- Usinage rapide sans nécessité de reprises → ébauche, finition, polissage, en une seule opération

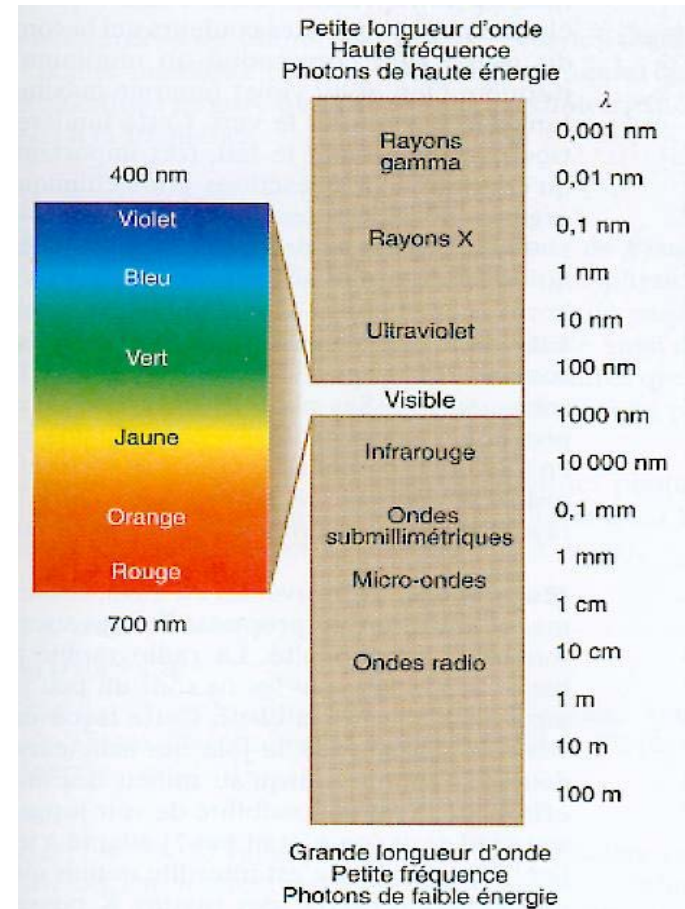
Process Laser : caractéristiques et stratégies d'usinage

Caractéristiques source Femto

- Femto source < 300 fs
- Différentes possibilités d'harmonique (longueur d'onde): nIR, Green, UV
- Energie des impulsions jusqu'à 200 μ J (20W)
- Fréquence des impulsions de 1 Hz à 2 MHz



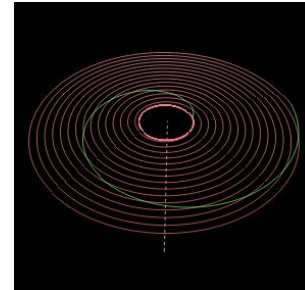
➤ 600x 350 x200 mm



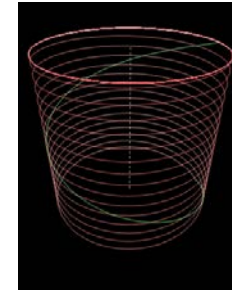
Stratégies de process Laser

Pour atteindre une haute qualité d'usinage par Laser en fonction des matériaux à usiner, la stratégie d'ablation est déterminante :

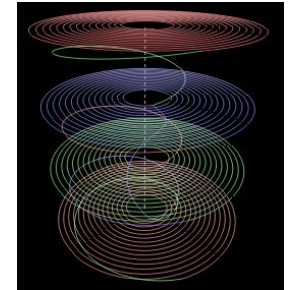
- Spirographie et précession



spiraling

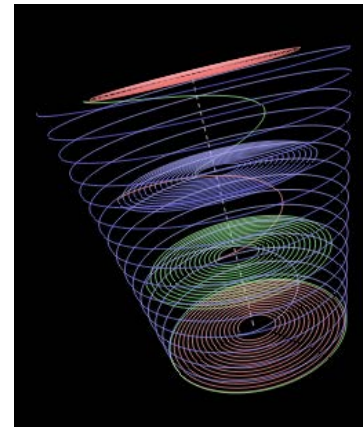


helical



*spiraling
by pocket*

- Peck hole vs. travail par poches
- Passe de finition (géométrie et état de surface)



Peckhole :

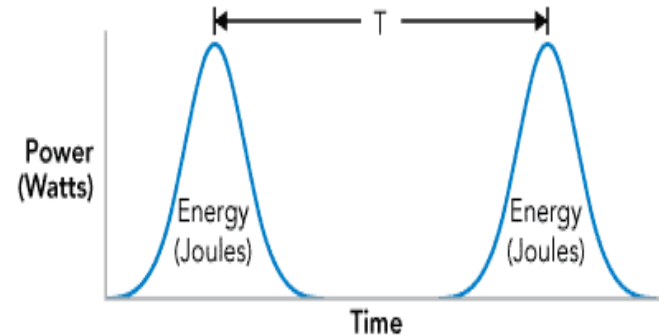
↪ spiraling pocket

Precession hole :

↪ Conical helical spiraling

Stratégies de process Laser

- Variation énergie et vitesse (fréquence)
- Choix longueur d'onde nIR/Green/UV
- Gaz assist N2/Ar
- L'interaction Laser/matière influence les paramètres process



$$P_{moyenne} = E_{pulsation} \times T$$

LASER FEMTO Applications



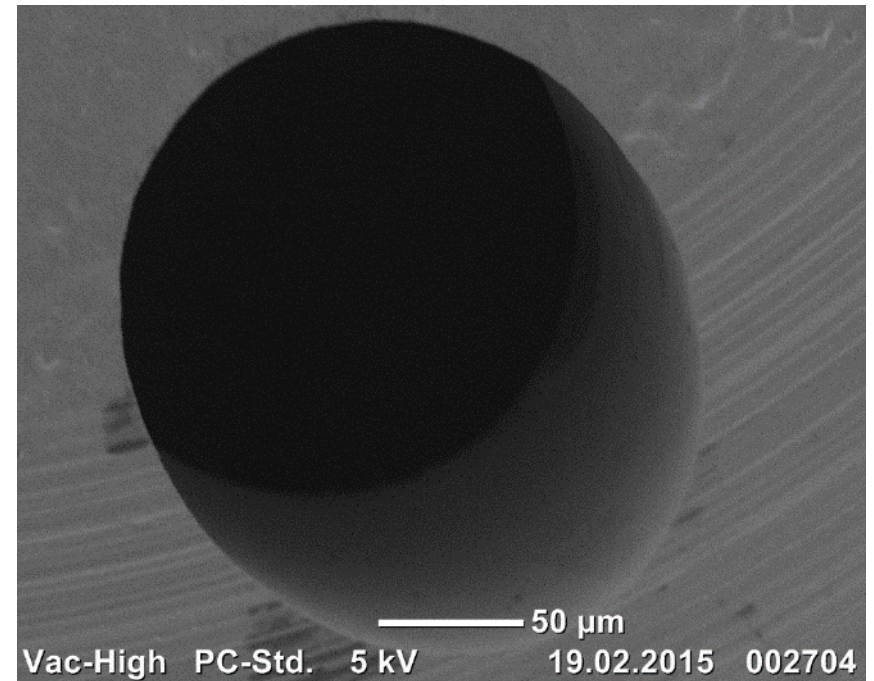
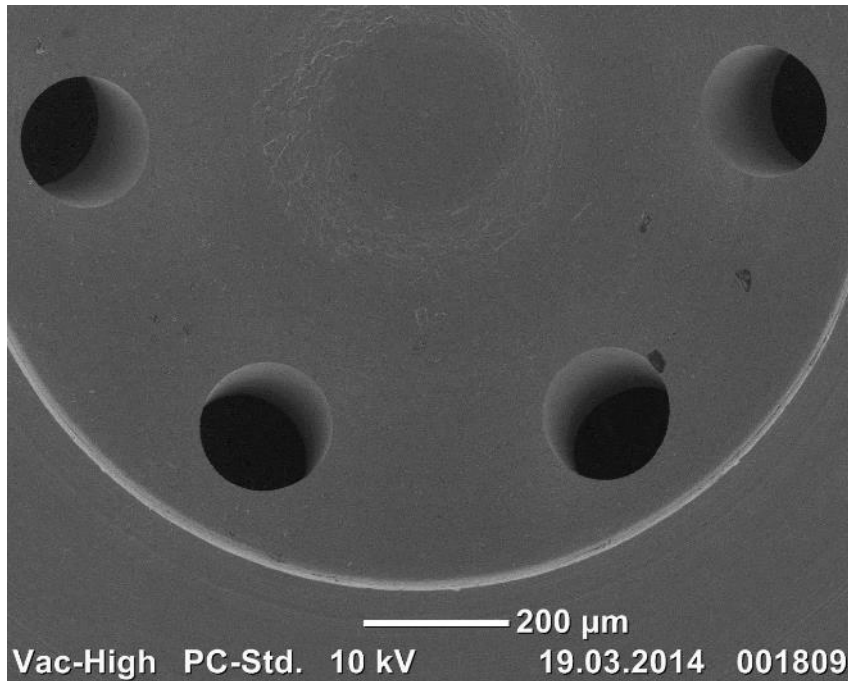
Dedicated team of 5 Engineers for process development and support of customer ramp-up phase

Available equipments for these activities:

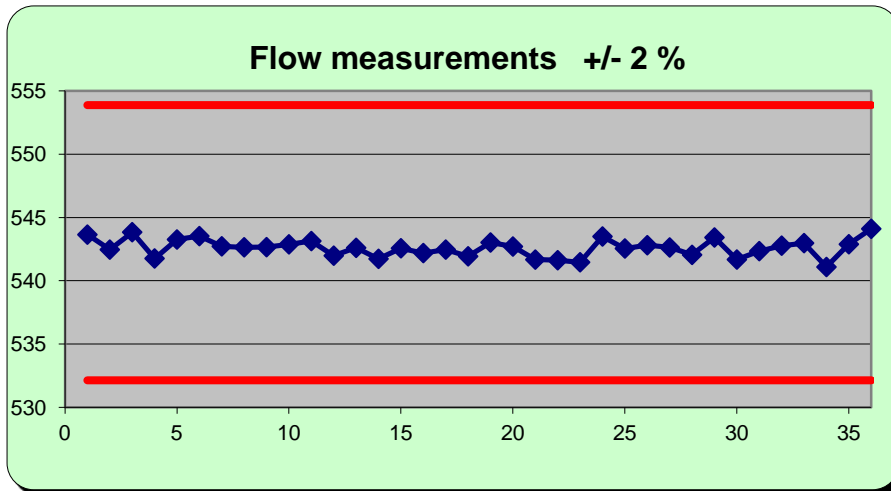
- ⇒ 2 demonstrator machines
- ⇒ 1 “mono” **serial machine**
- ⇒ 1 bench on active table
- ⇒ 4 precessions heads, 4 Femto Laser sources

Werth Fiber probe measurement equipment, **SEM**, accurate **microscopes**, Hydraulic **flow bench** (to 200 bars, R&R = 10%), **Confocal Laser** surface finish measurement equipment (end 2016)

Industrialized processes: Gasoline Injections orifices

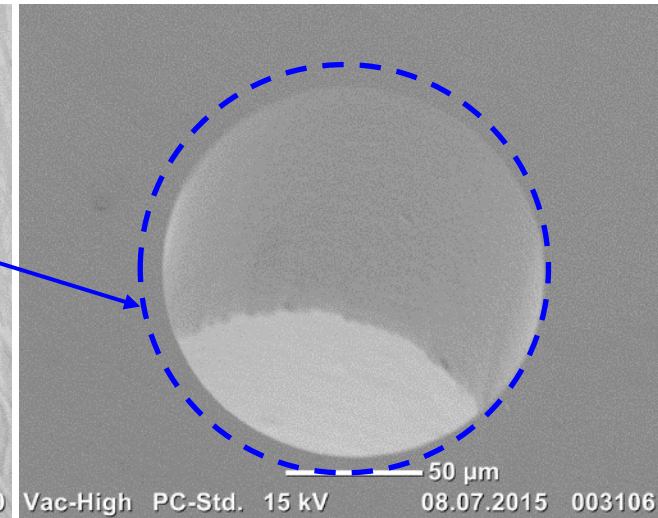
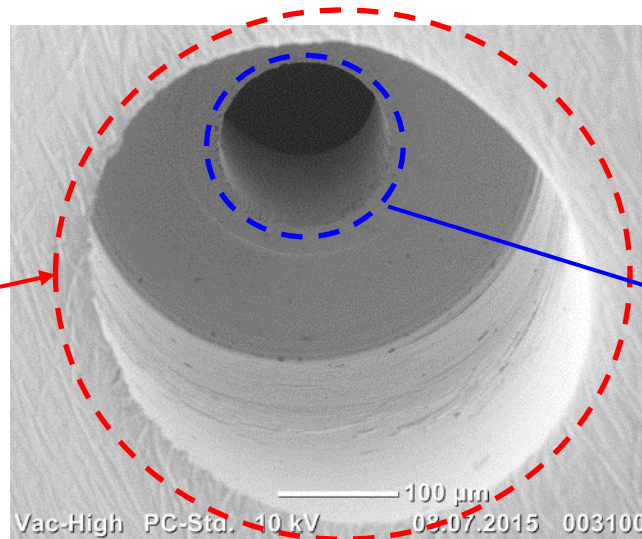


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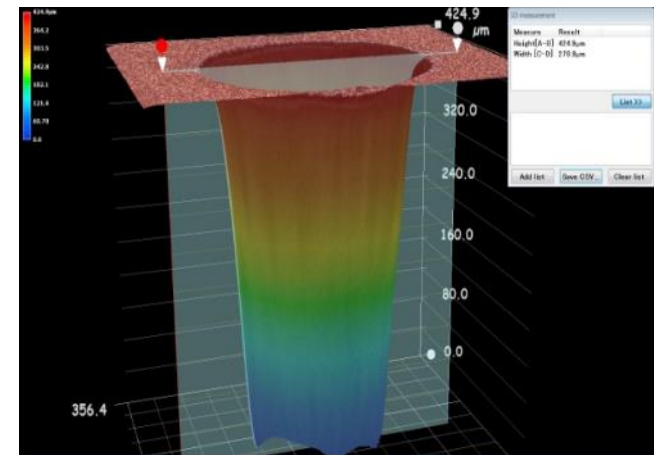
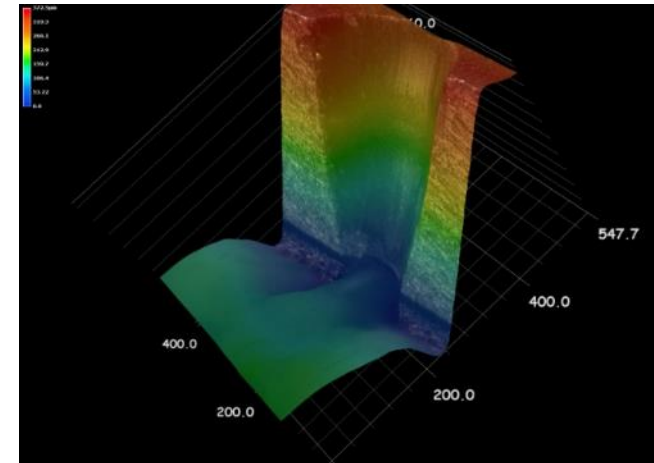
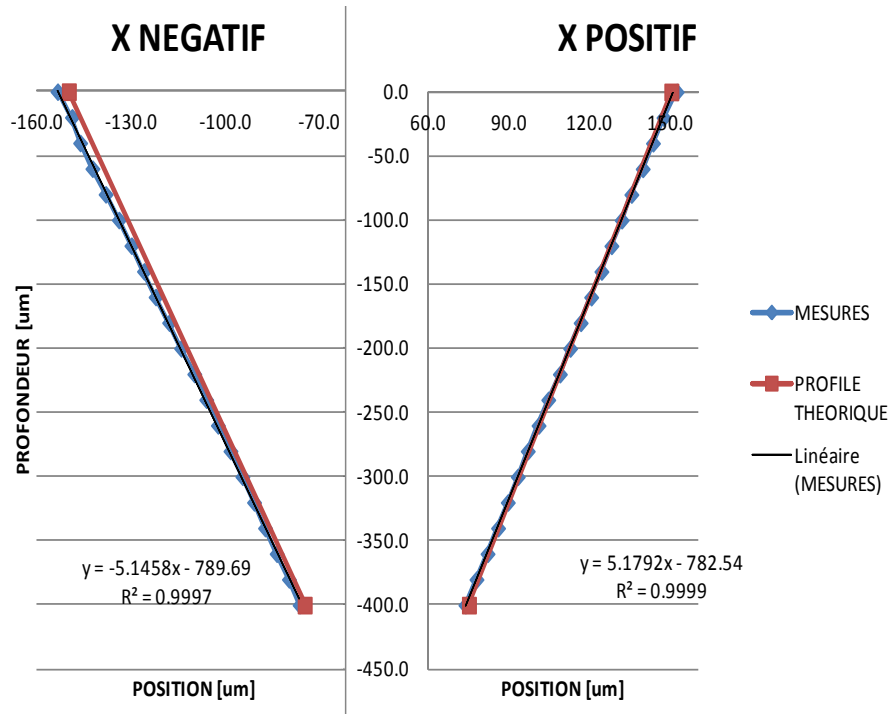
Orifice diameter = $140\ \mu\text{m}$

Cp	5.10
Cpk	4.91



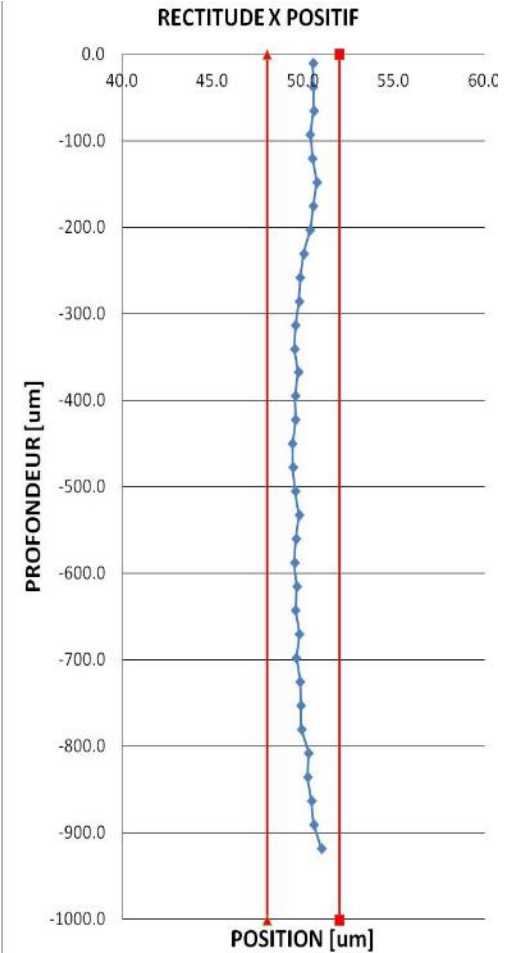
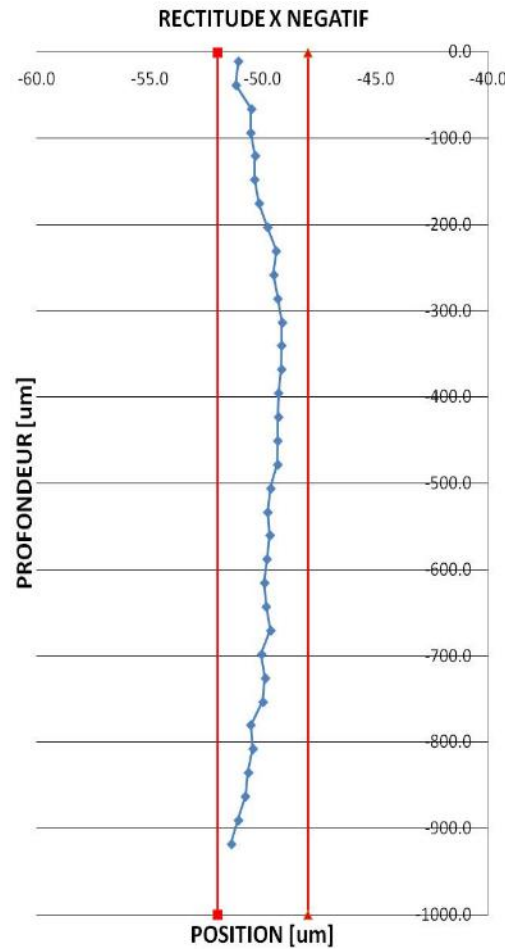
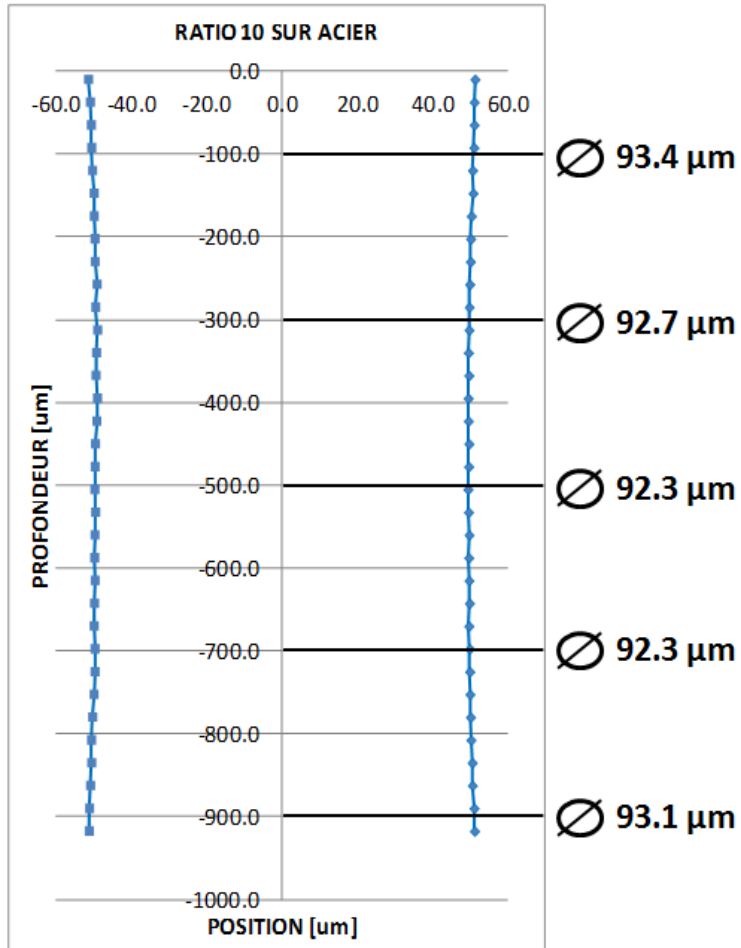
Tapered hole drilling:

-15° to +23° in Steel



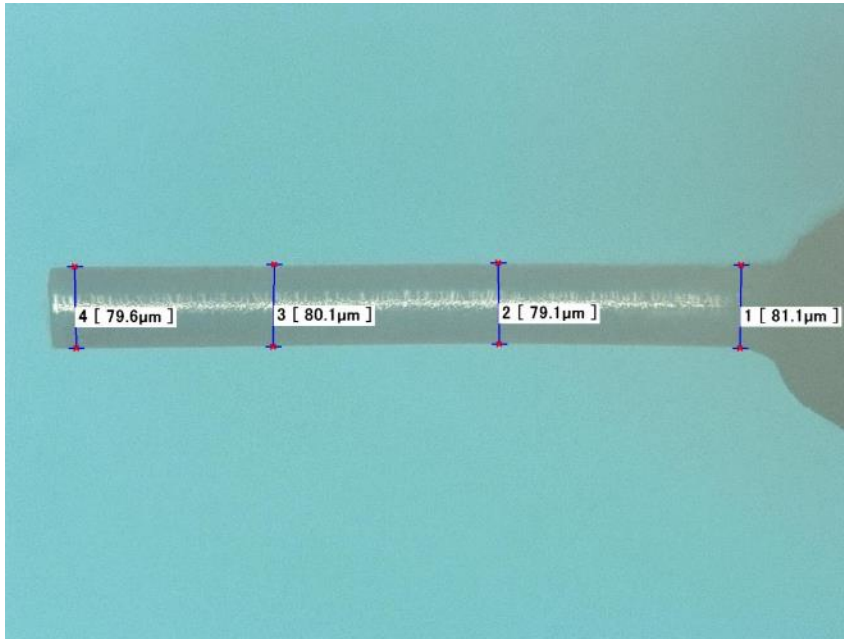
Hole drilling :

Steel Ratio 1:10



Deep hole drilling :

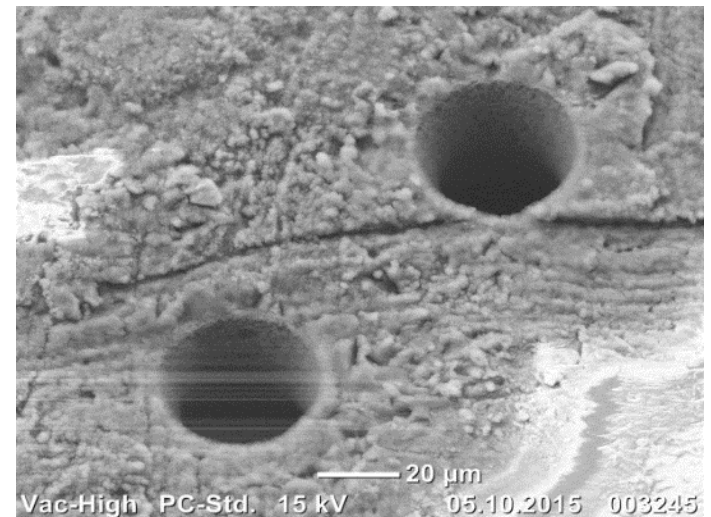
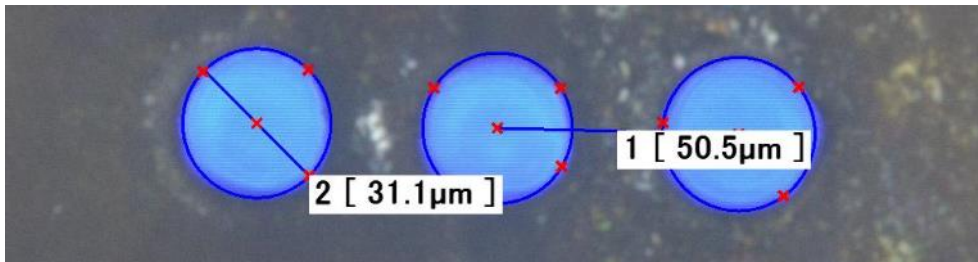
Peek & Steel



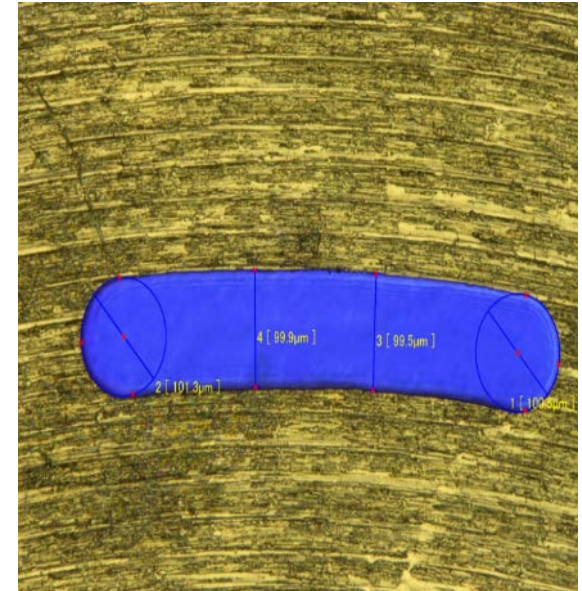
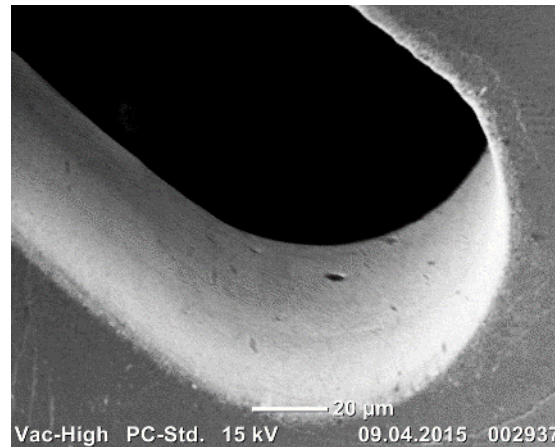
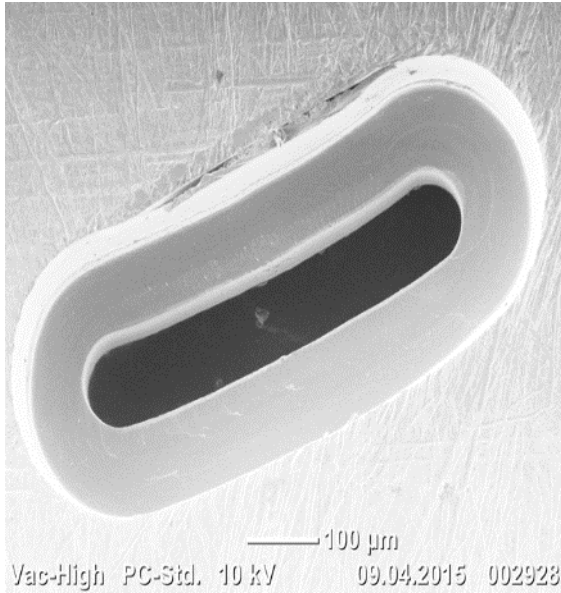
Steel: Ratio 1:10

∅ 80 μm, depth = 800 μm

Peek Ratio 1:15

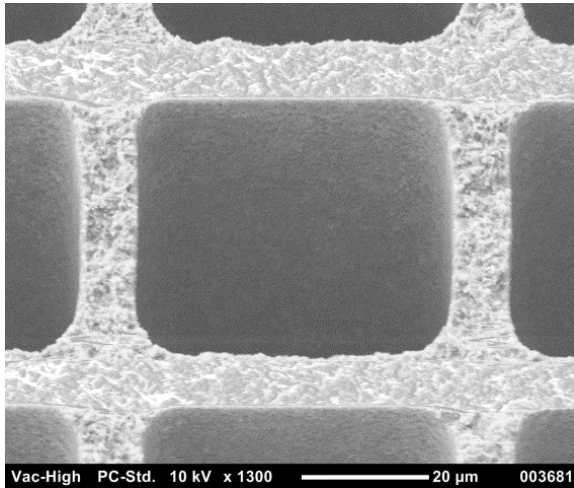


Machining and cutting "oblong shape" : Steel



Machining of square holes :

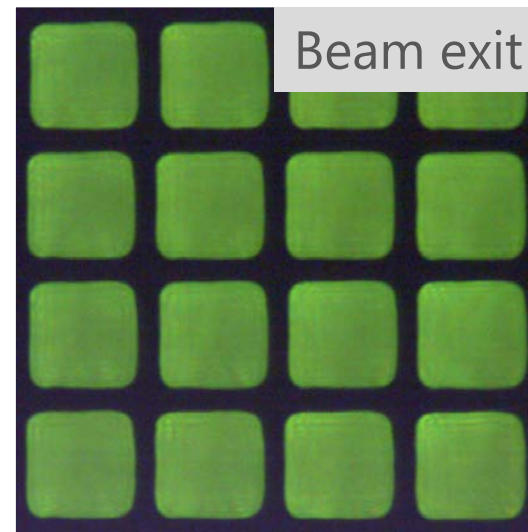
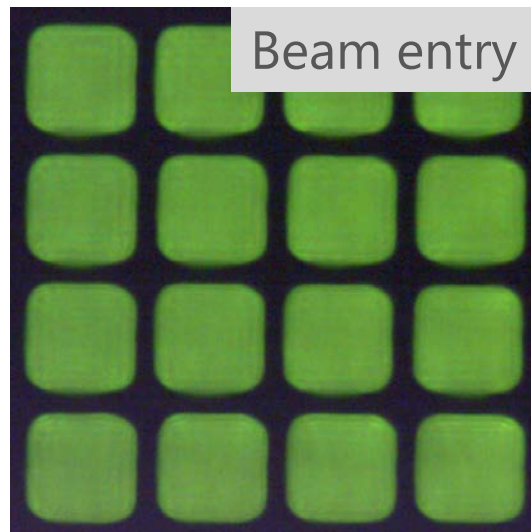
Ceramic



Square holes 50 μm x 50 μm x 500 μm,
pitch 60 μm

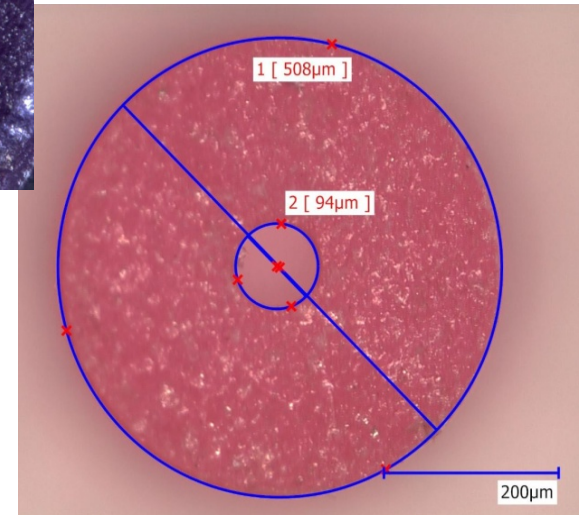
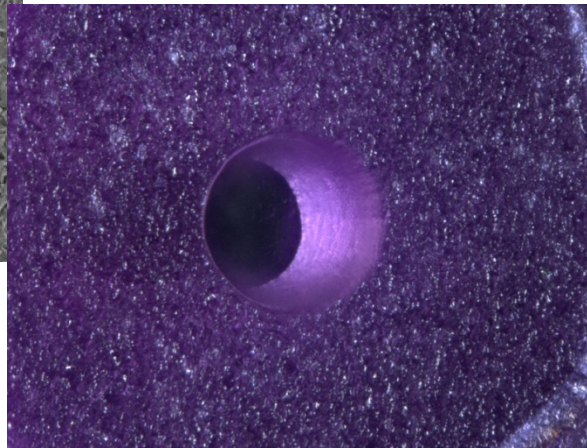
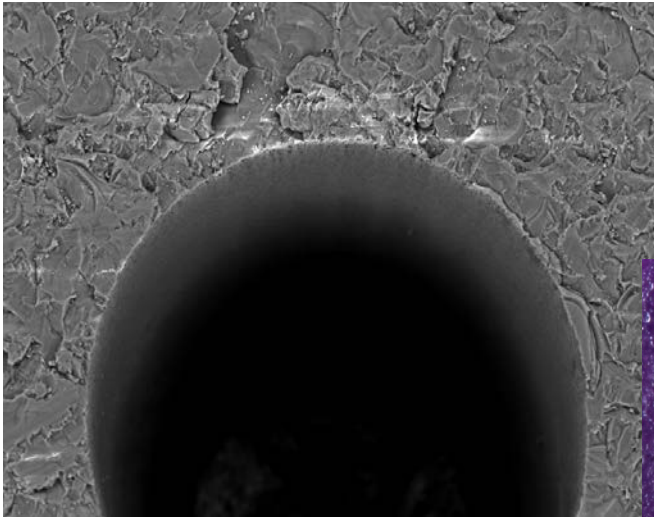
Radius ≈ 13 μm (radius of the beam at focal
point)

Process cycle time per hole: 15 s
(can be optimized)



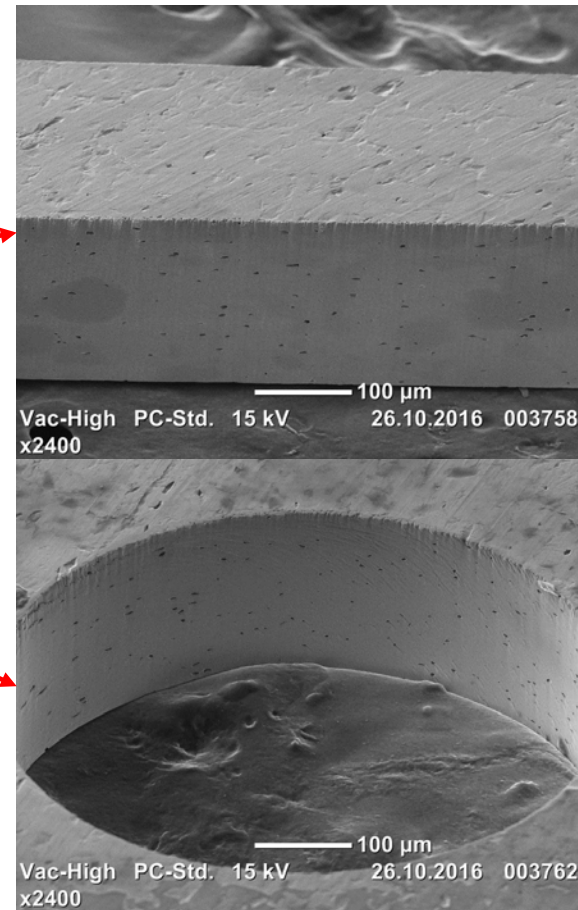
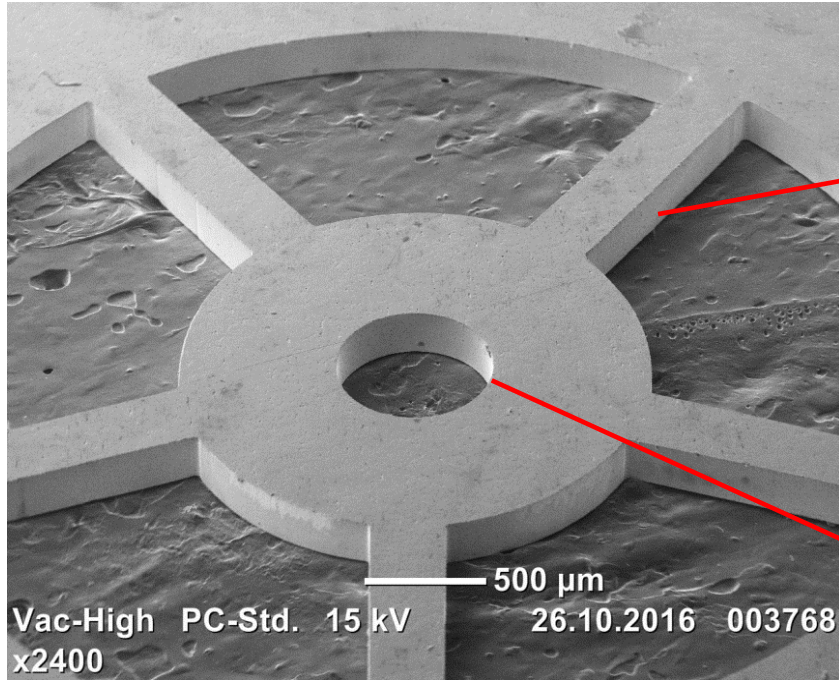
Cutting & hole drilling :

Rubies



Cutting :

Brass and Maillechort



Material: Maillechort, Brass

	Tolerance	Cylindricity	Circularity	Roughness	Concentricity	Orth. clearance
Drilling hole \varnothing 700 μm :	$\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$	1.5 μm	2 μm	0.1 μm	< 2 μm	<0.25°
OD cutting \varnothing 6000 μm :	$\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$	2 μm	2 μm	0.1 μm	< 2 μm	<0.5°

Ruby machining by Posalux FEMTO LASER



Conventional Ruby machining: manuf. sequences

1



Raw stone sawing



2



Half moon wafer sawing with calibrated thickness

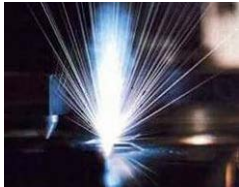


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Small pads sawing

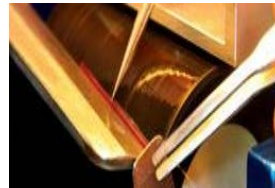
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Pre-hole drilling with fiber laser



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I.D. enlarging



6



O.D. centerless grinding

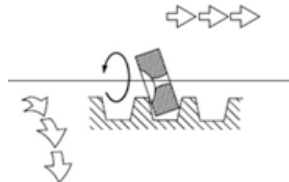
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Recess machining



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Olive cut machining



9



Final faces polishing

Posalux Ruby machining:

manuf. sequences

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Raw stone sawing

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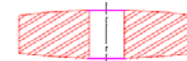


Half moon wafer sawing with calibrated thickness

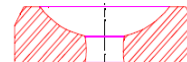
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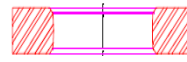
I.D. machining



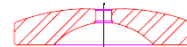
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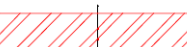
Olive cut machining



Dome shape machining



O.D. machining

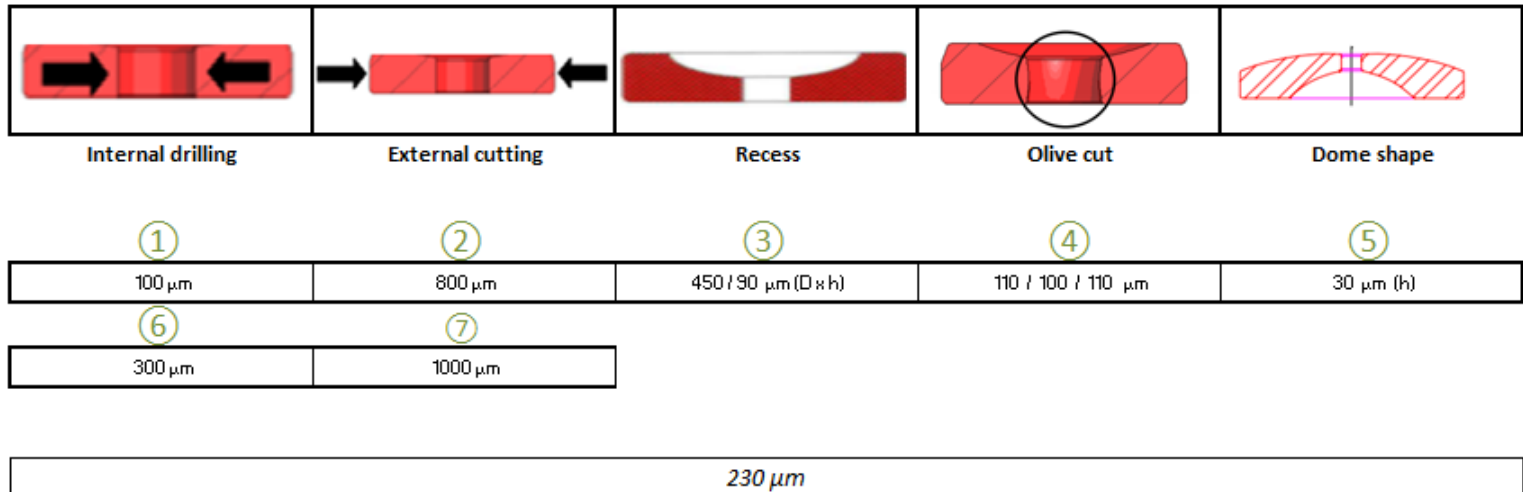


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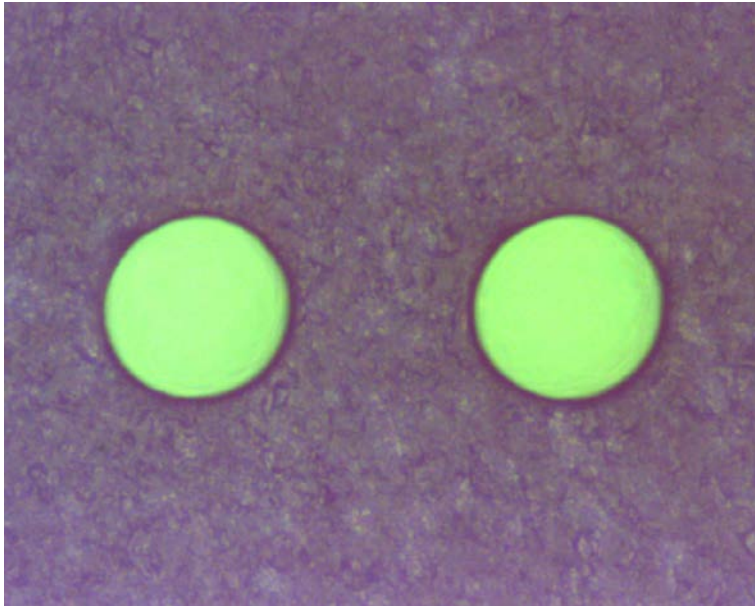


Final faces polishing

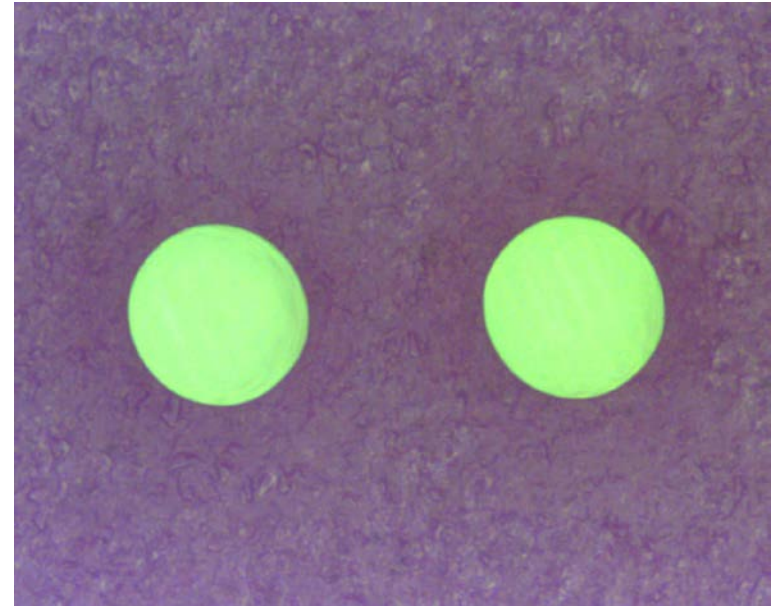
Feasibility



Trou central 100 μm

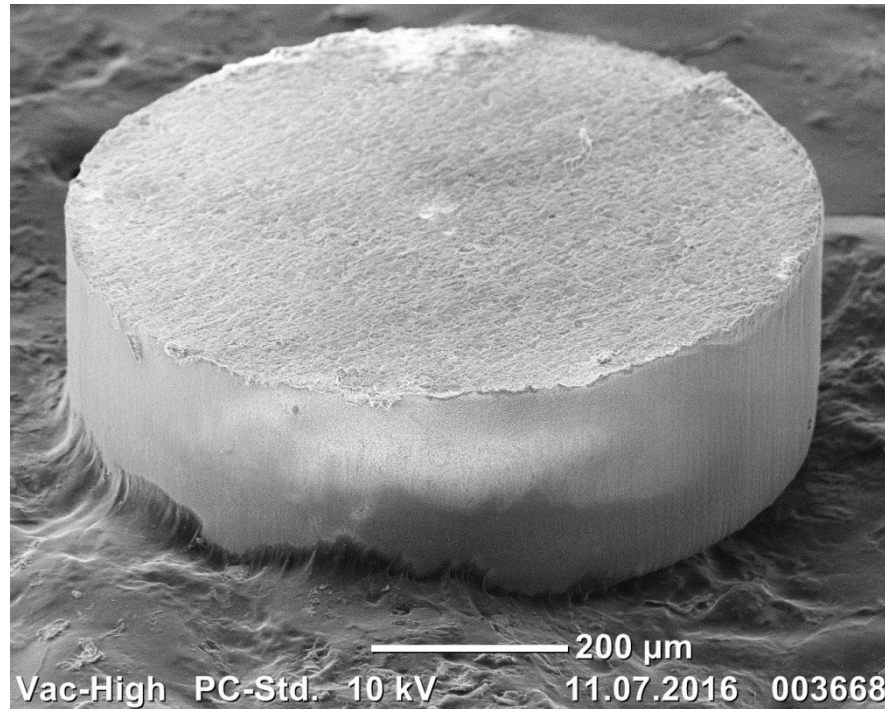


Diamètre à l'entrée
Diam 100 μm
Circularité inférieure à 2 μm

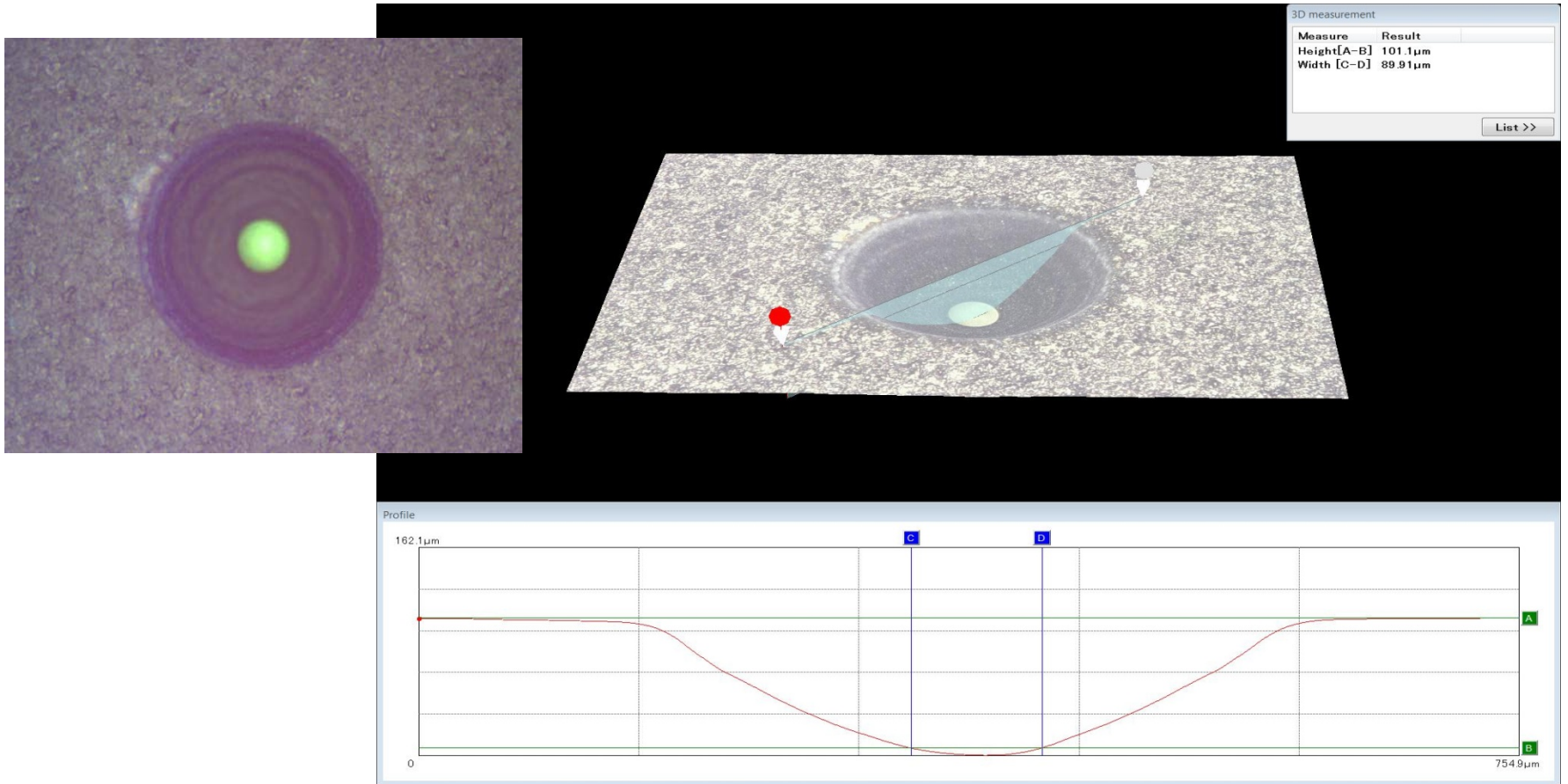


Diamètre à la sortie
Diam 100 μm
Circularité inférieure à 2 μm

Découpe extérieure \varnothing 800 μm



Creusure 450 μm x 90 μm (D x h)



Olivage (Mesure empreinte)

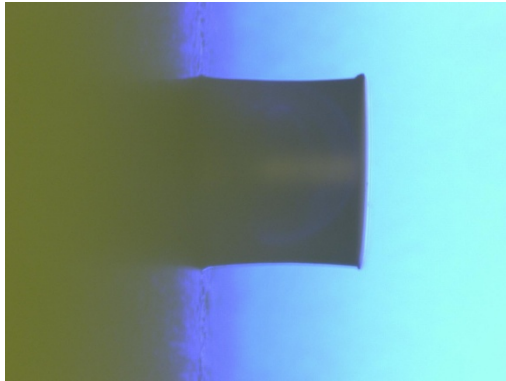


Figure 1: molded prints of shape 1) and 2) of a 300µm hole

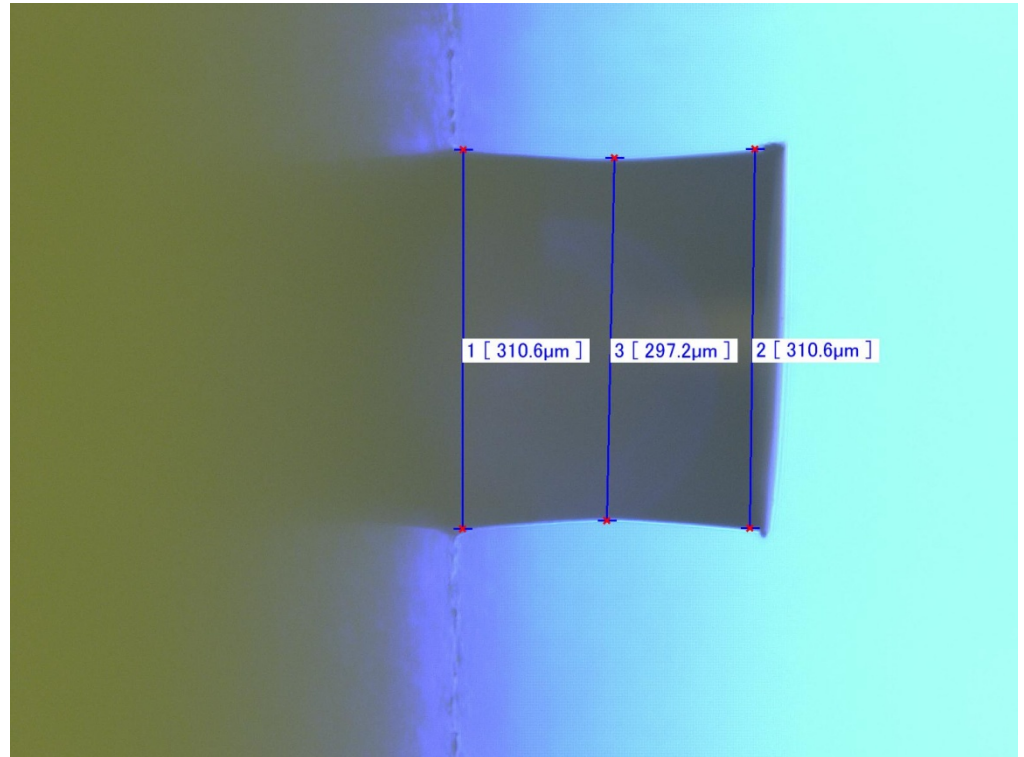
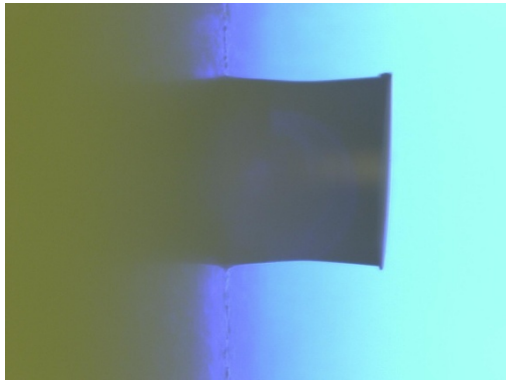
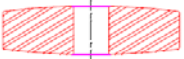
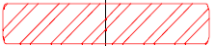
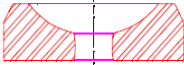
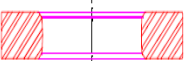
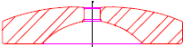


Figure 1: measurement of the molded prints 2)

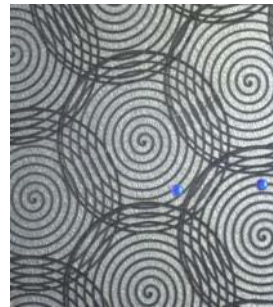
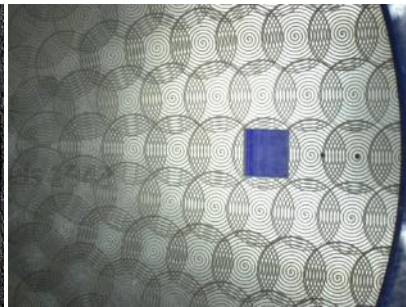
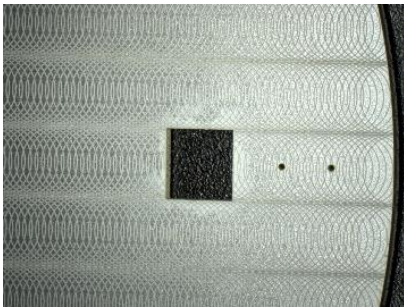
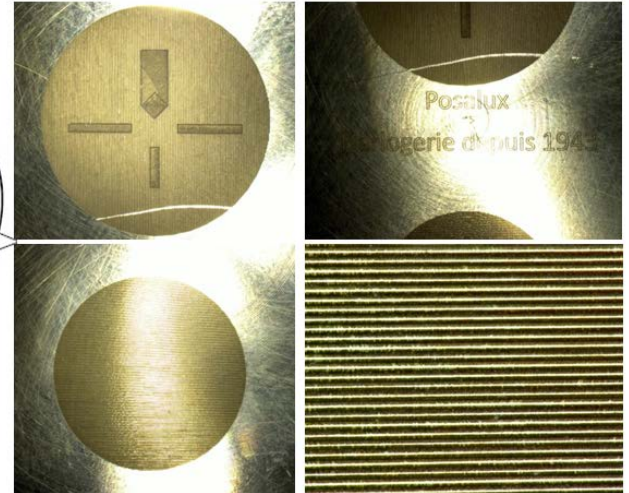
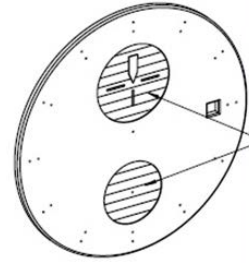
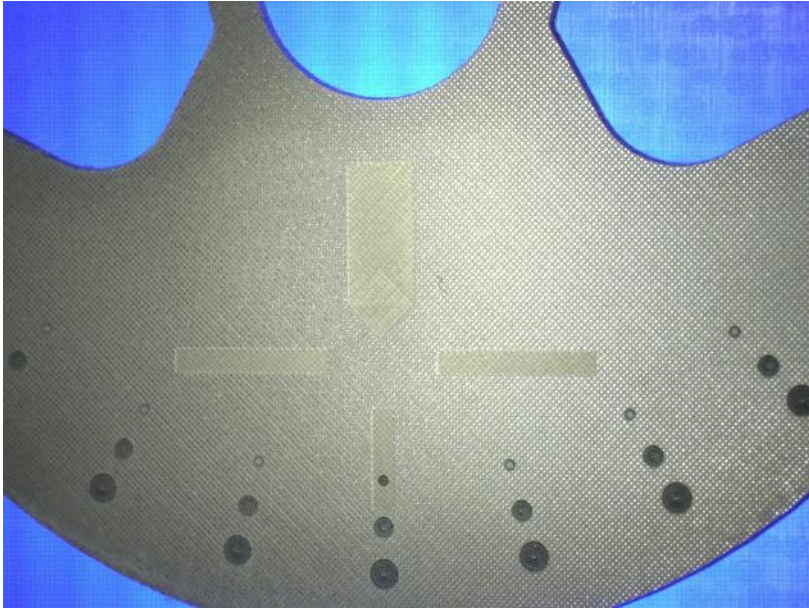
Ruby Machining Achievement

	Operation	Tolerance	Cylindricity	Circularity	Roughness Ra	Concentricity
	I.D. Ø 100µm	± 2 µm	1.5 µm	2 µm	Not measurable	3 µm
	O.D. Ø 800µm	± 2 µm	2 µm	2 µm	0.1µm axial 0.2µm radial	3 µm
	Recess 450 / 90 µm (D x h)	± 5 µm	n/a	5 µm	0.3 µm	3 µm
	Olive cut		n/a	n/a	0.025 µm	n/a
	Dome shape	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.3 µm	n/a

Ruby Machining Cycle Time

Operation	Cycle Time (sec)
I.D. Ø 100µm	2
O.D. Ø 800µm	5.4
Recess 450 / 90 µm (D x h)	2.1
Olive cut of Ø 100µm	1
Dome shape	6.5

Machining - Engraving – Texturation :



Achieved challenges for Femto technology :

Roundness	→ < 1.5 μm	✓
Cylindricity / Straightness	→ < 1.5 μm / for all ratio	✓
Entrance / Output shapes	→ Sharpe Edge, Controlled radius	✓
Positive Taper	→ up to +23°	✓
Negative Taper	→ down to -15°	✓
Surface finish	→ < 50 nm	✓
Ratio diam./depth	→ 1:15 (e.g. 30 μm / 450 μm)	✓
Cutting squareness \perp clearance	→ < 0.5°	✓

Laser Sources

- LIGHT CONVERSION (LT based + WW) _____ *More than 3 years*
- AMPLITUDE Systèmes (FR-US based + WW) _____ *More than 2 years*



La tête optique

Le type de tête optique avec précession permet de maîtriser les caractéristiques suivantes :

- Cylindricité
- Forme d'entrée entrée / sortie
- Rectitude
- Maîtrise des diamètres +/- 1 μm

PERFORMANCE

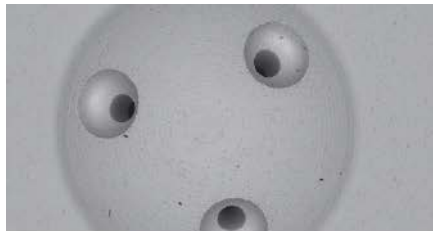
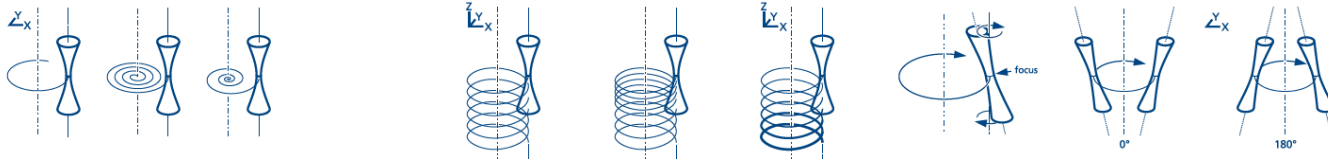
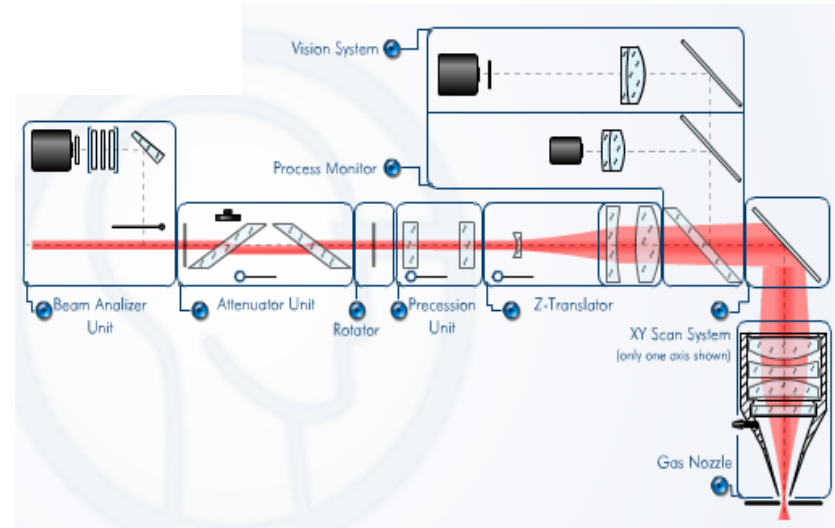
DRILL PARAMETER	TYPICAL VALUE
Hole Diameter Range ¹	50 μm -500 μm
Material Thickness ^{1,2}	~ 1 mm
Cycle Time ³	~ 2 seconds/hole
Taper Angle Range ¹ (full angle)	Pos. & neg. to 10°
Hole Circularity	> 95 %
Surface Quality (inside wall)	$R_a < 0.1 \mu\text{m}$
Diameter Resolution	< 1 μm
Diameter Repeatability	< 0.4 %
Hole Position Accuracy ⁴	$\pm 1 \mu\text{m}$

¹ Please inquire regarding features outside this range.

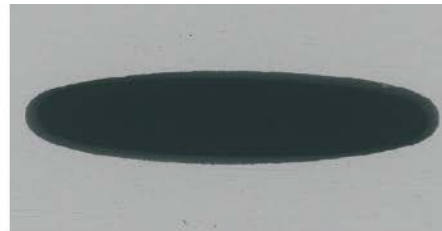
² Maximum material thickness is dependent on hole dimension.

³ Cycle time quoted for 200 μm diameter hole in 200 μm thick 440 stainless steel.

⁴ Hole position repeatability is dependent on overall workstation design and quality.



2 mm



200 μm



300 μm

5 axes Precession Head

- SCANLAB (GE based + WW based) _____ *More than 3 years*
- CANON (WW based) _____ *More than 1 year*



Machine

La conception de la machine est un élément déterminant pour assurer un procédé maîtrisé, elle assure les caractéristiques suivantes :

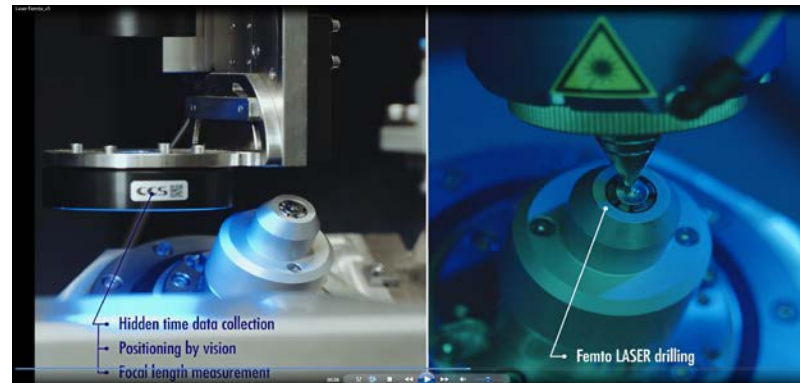
- Répétabilité
- Reproductibilité
- Flexibilité
- Productivité
- Sécurité

Machine

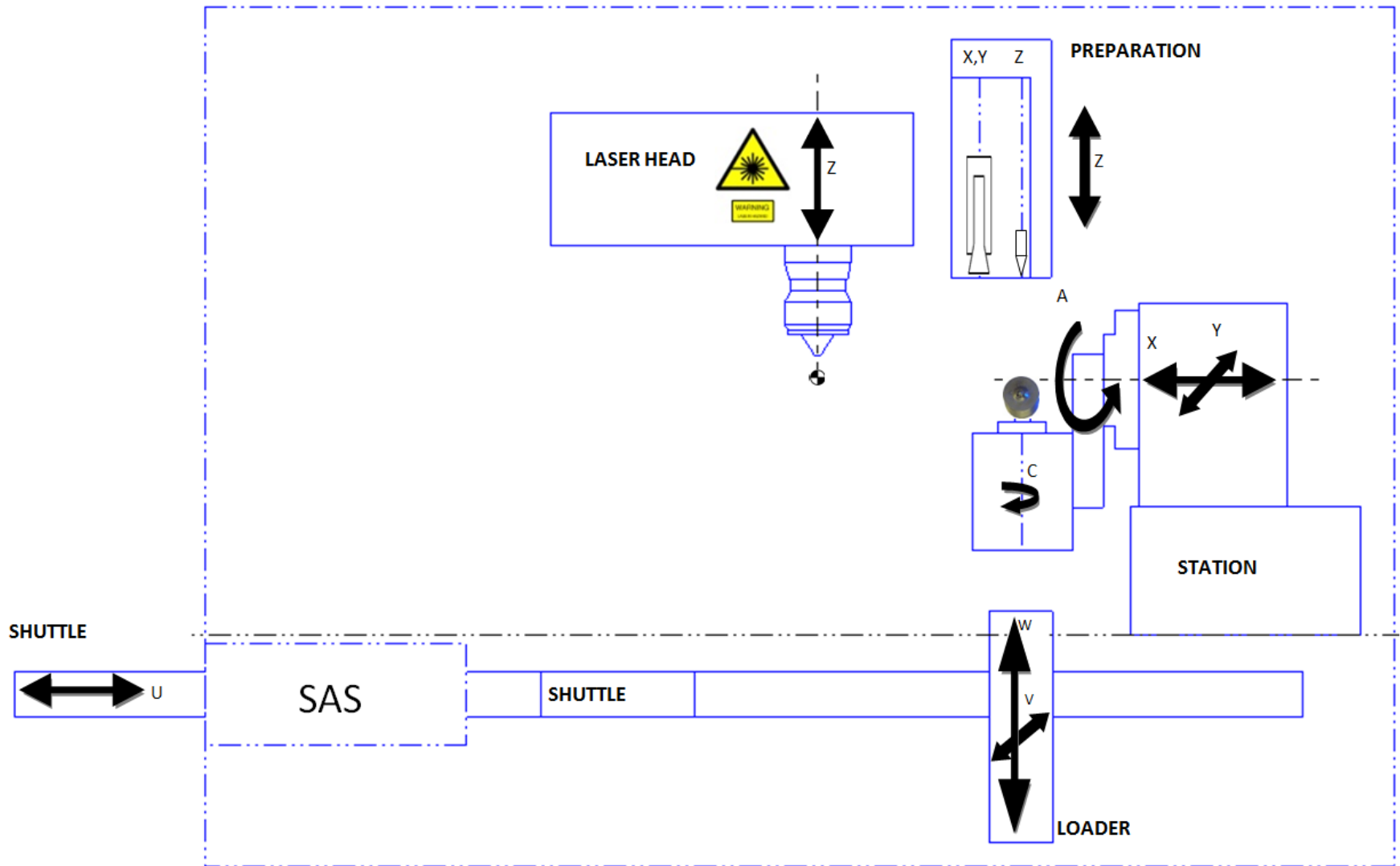


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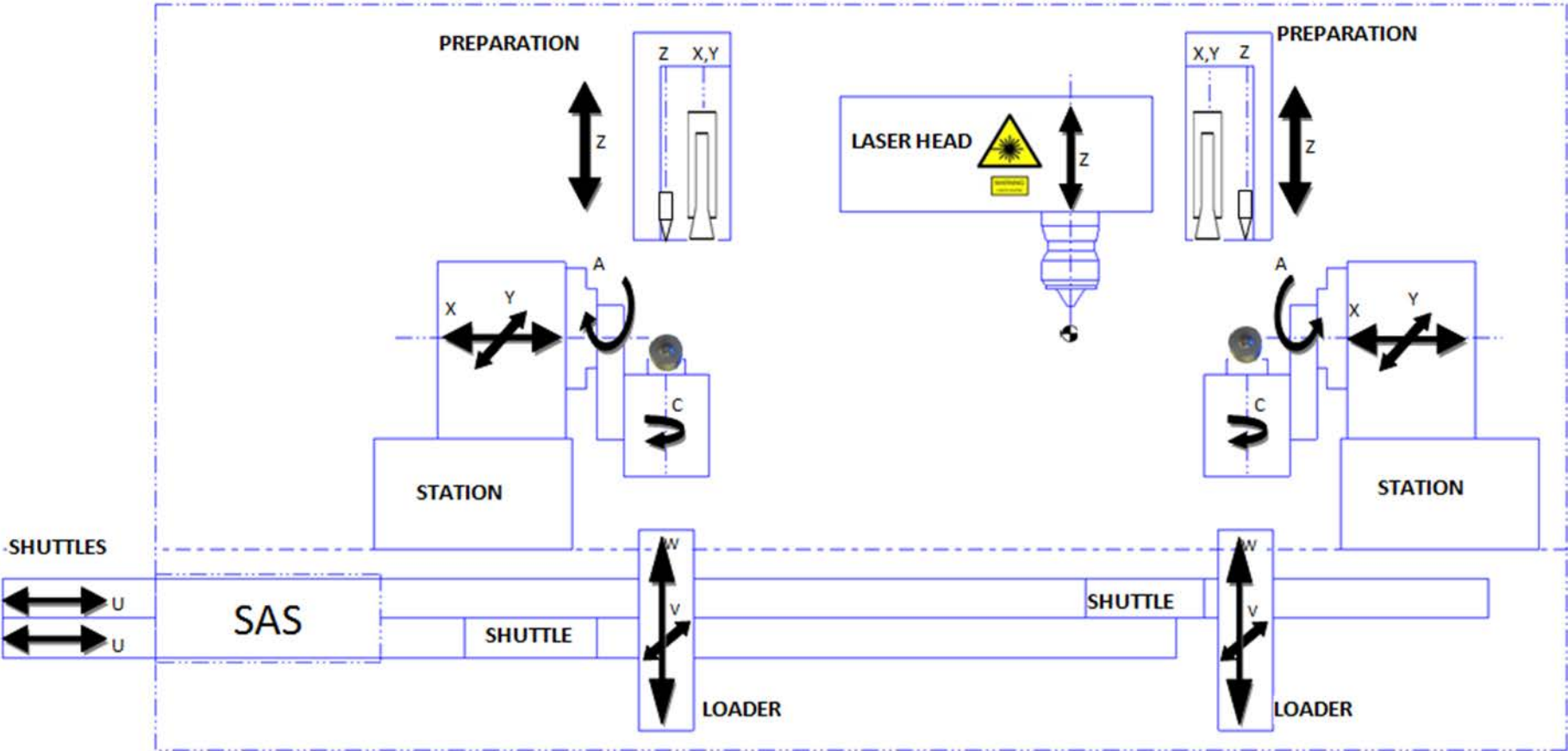
- Statique
- Cinématique
- Dynamique
- Thermique



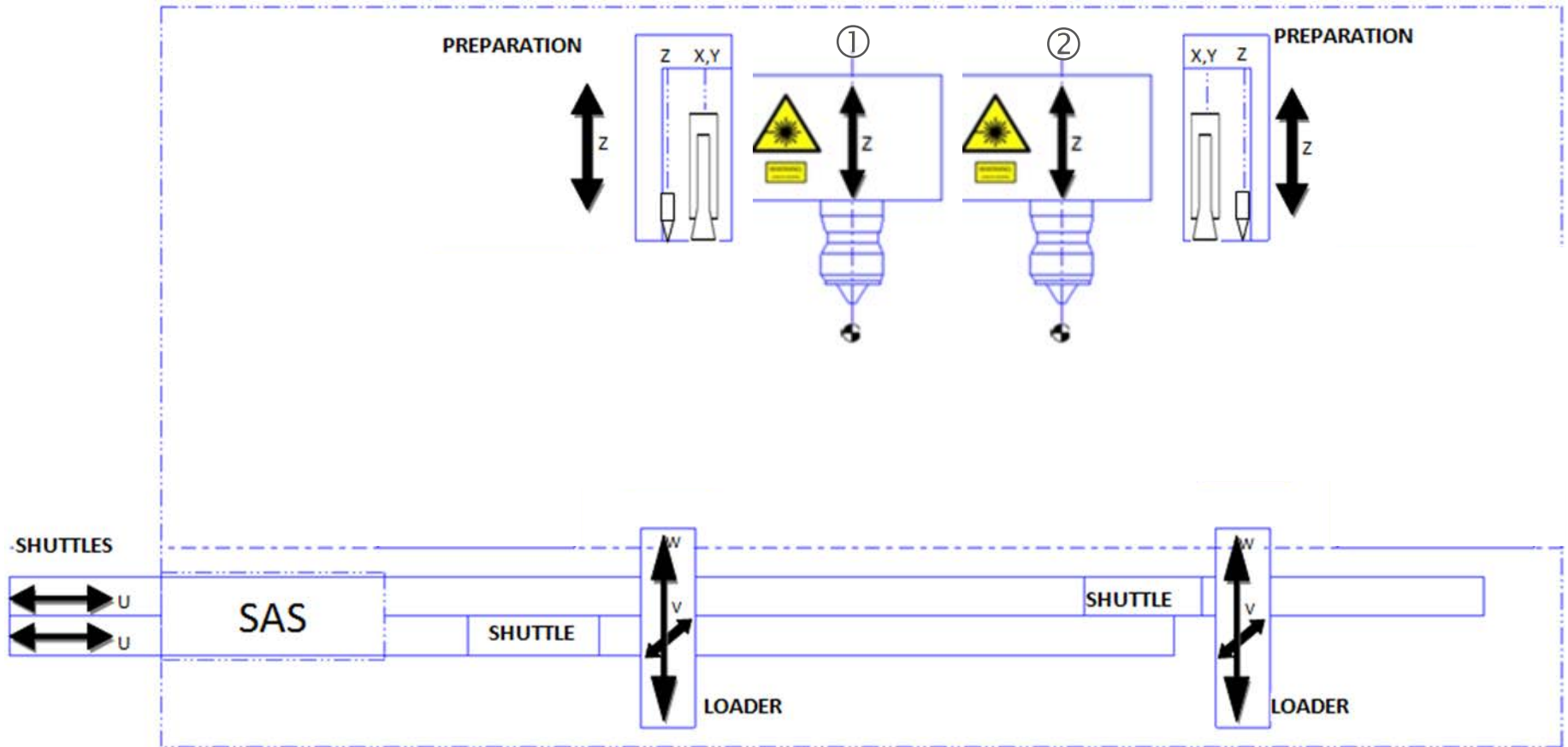
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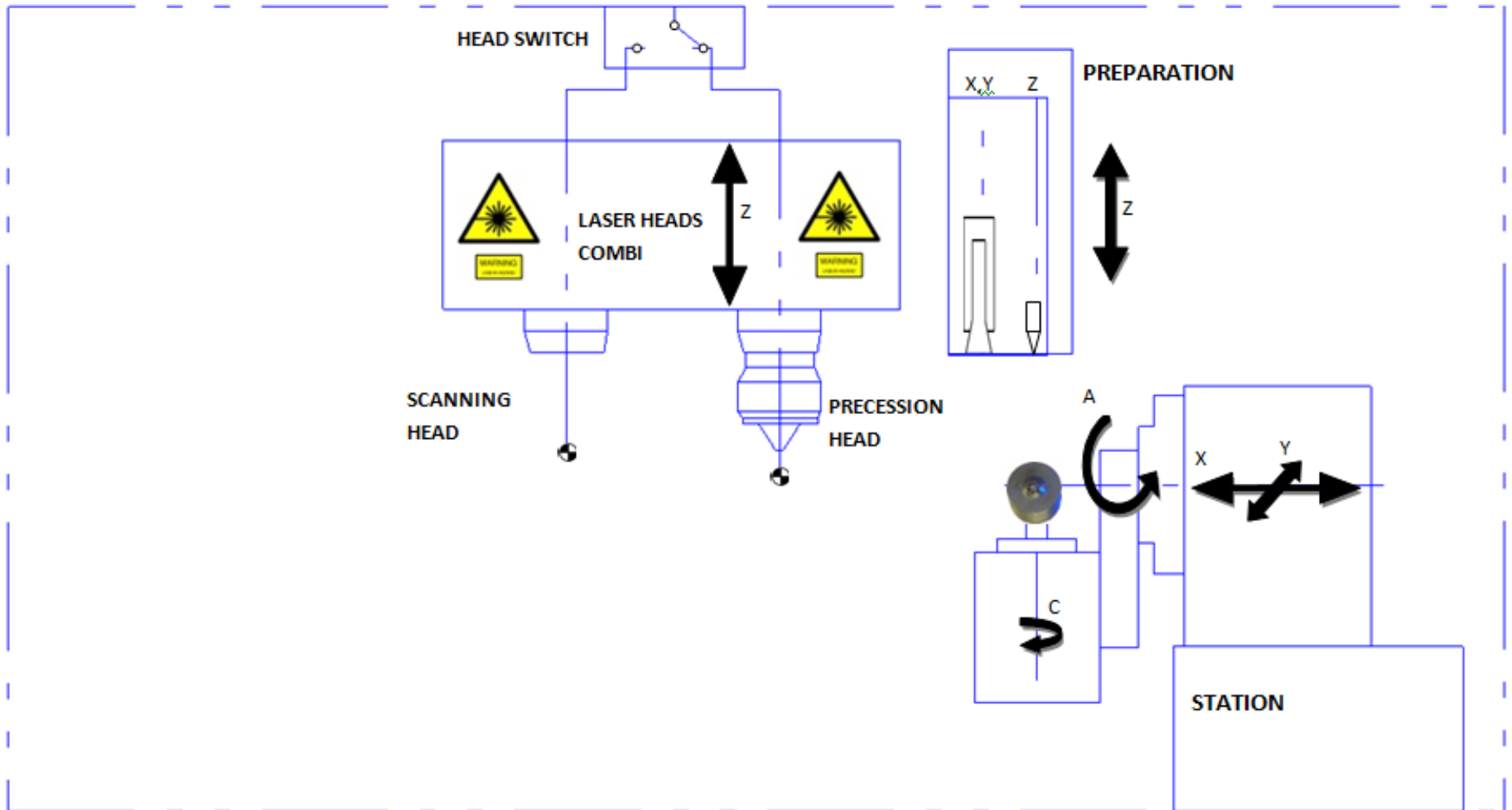
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Femto Twin Dual



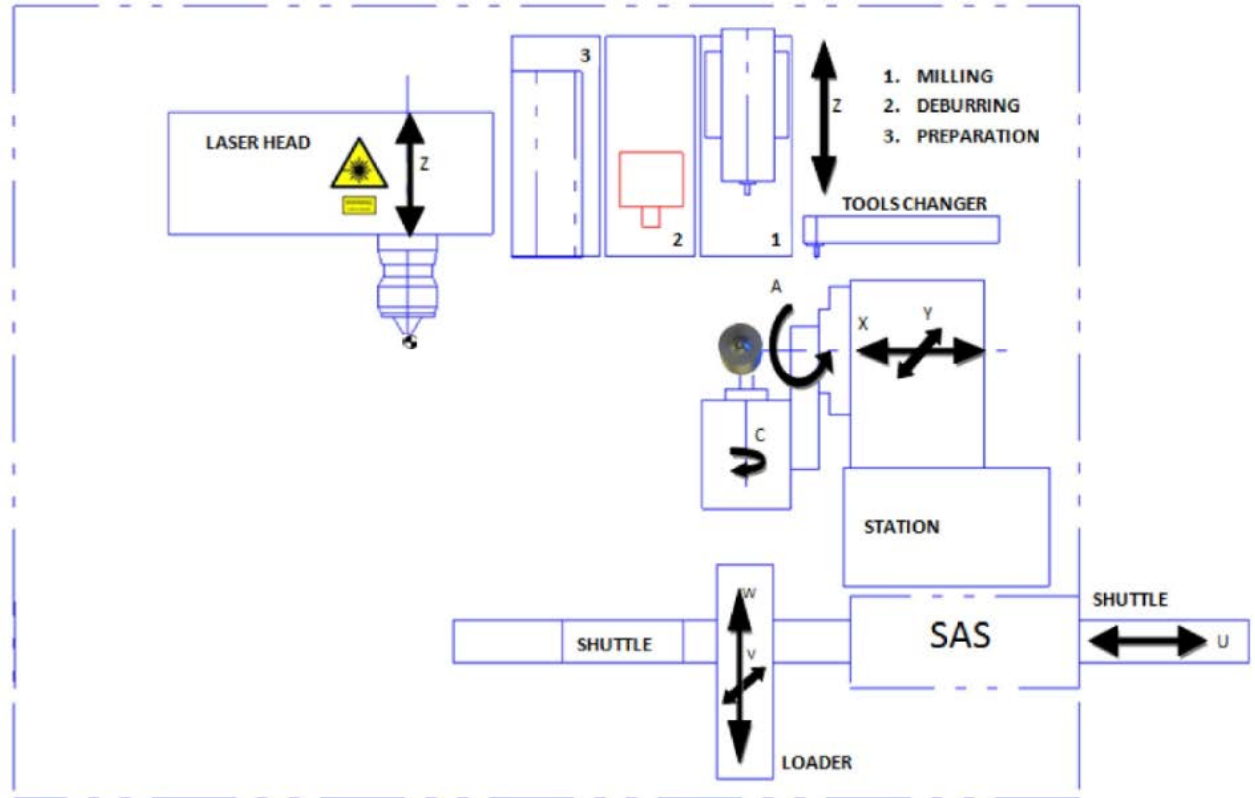
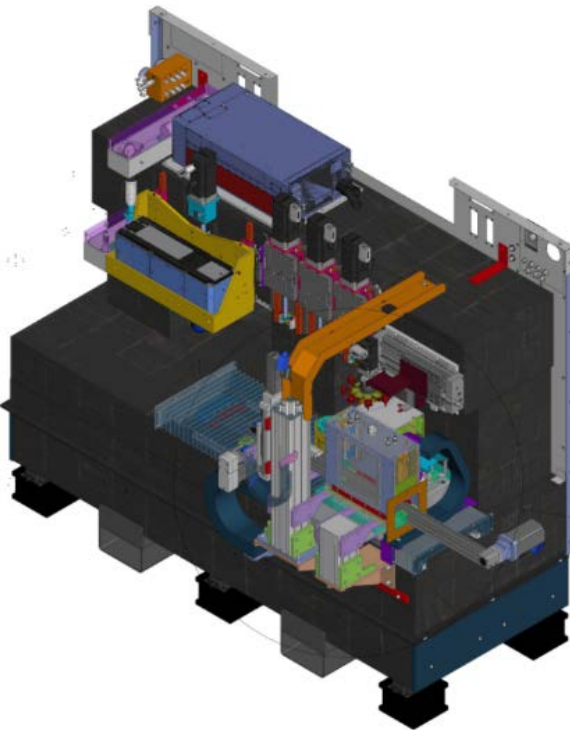
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Concept Femto Mono Combi 2

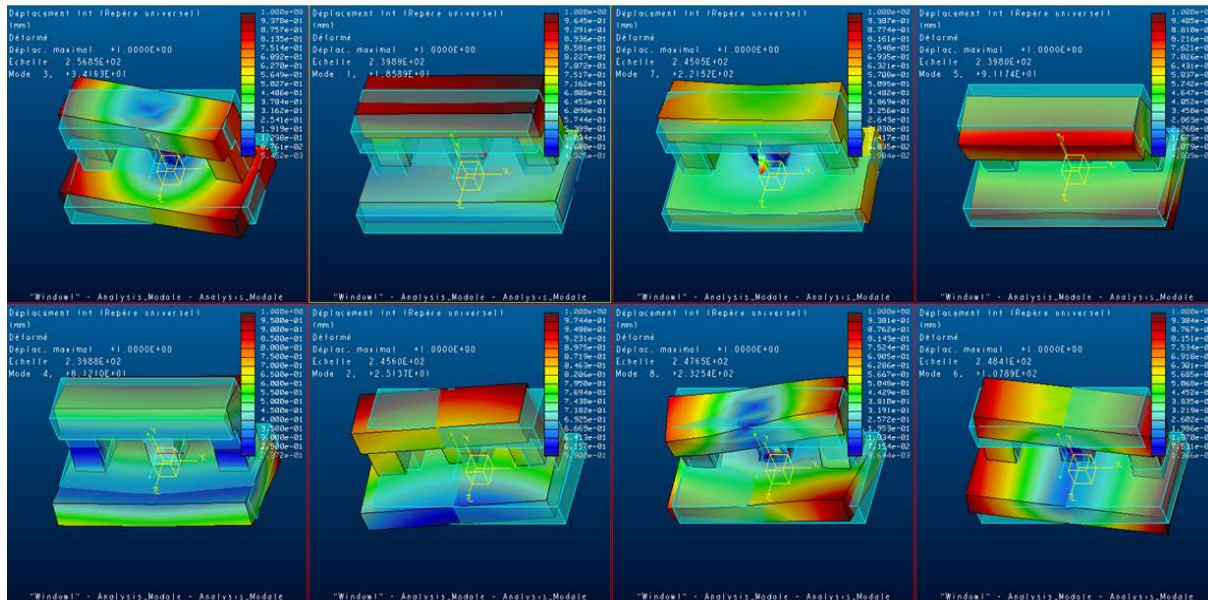
Designed for Milling, Deburring and Femto-Drilling

MICROFOR HP1 FEMTO LASER MONO COMBI



La machine - statique

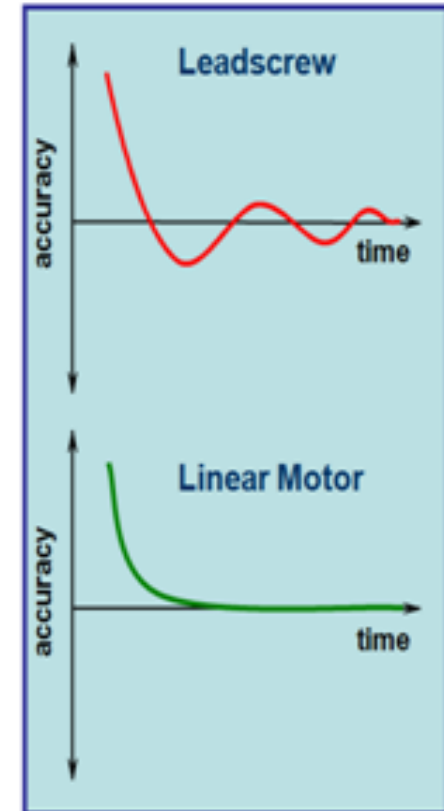
- Comportement statique tenant compte des efforts inhérents à la machine
- Exemple: structure isostatique rigide (sur 3 points)



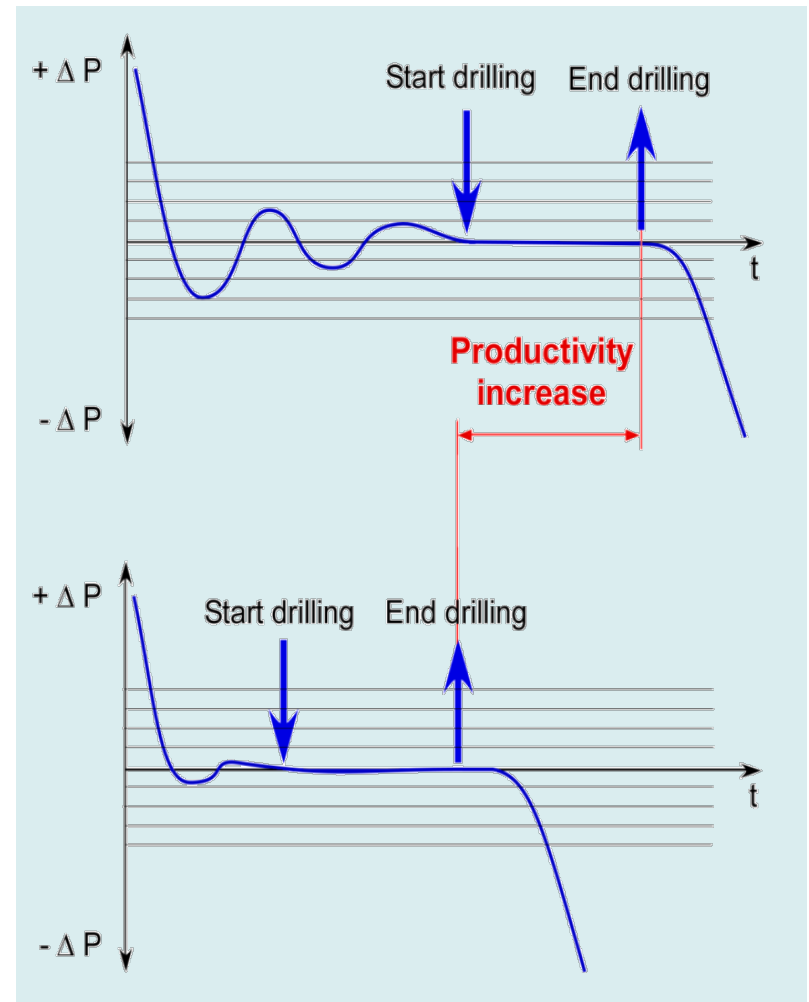
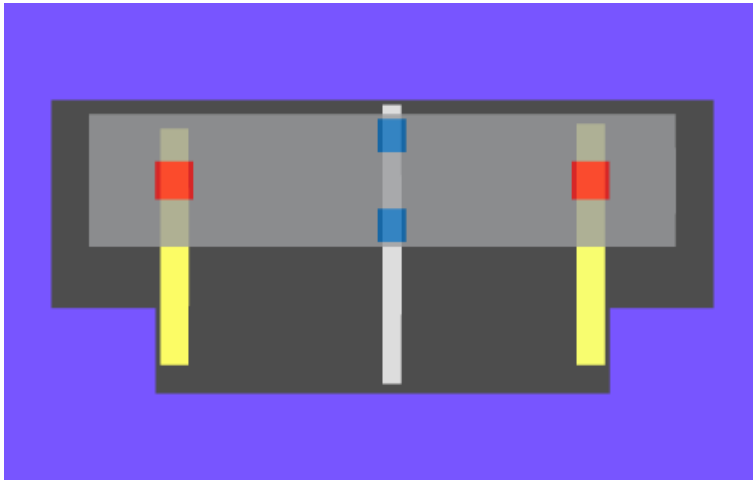
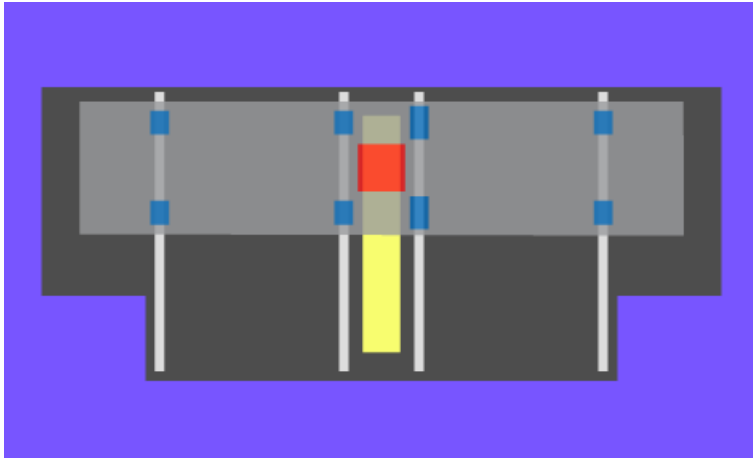
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Machine- dynamique

- Une machine dynamique garantie une stabilité et précision d'usinage
- Éviter les hyper statismes → imprévisibilité du comportement dynamique et précision machine



Machine - Dynamique



Conclusion Laser

Laser Femto

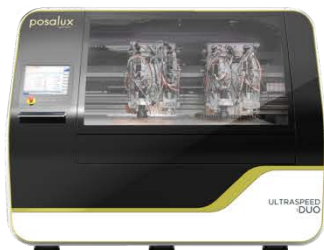
- Intégrité matière
- État de surface
- Productivité

Tête optique

- Géométrie
- Répétabilité
- Reproductibilité
- Flexibilité
- Productivité

Machine

- Répétabilité
- Reproductibilité
- Flexibilité
- Productivité
- IHM, évolutions
- Sécurité



Merci de votre attention

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