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# Surface treatment: microfluidic texturing, hydrophilicity and gold nanoparticles



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# **Original (micro-pillars) texturing**

Microfluidic texture (mainly micro-pillars) is ablated by laser on

# Hydrophilicity management

the original plate (PMMA or glass)



Micro-pillars design for laser machining process (25 µm of height and diameter)



Excimer laser micromaching system





Natural PMMA hydrophilicity

Modified PMMA hydrophilicity



The water drop is completely dispersed into the micro-pillars structures in less than 1 sec





# **Gold nanoparticles deposition** and optical characteristics

AuNPs on glass

glass

### Laser ablated PMMA slab

### Laser ablated glass slab

# S.L. WD10.0mm 15.0kV x100 50



5x5 mm2 AuNPs areas

## Gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) are deposited locally

- Typical size of AuNPs: ~30 nm
- Size of AuNPs range achievable : 20-70 nm
- Deposition lateral resolution : a few microns





SEM Microscopy





80 air (n=1) H2O (n=1.335) glycerol 10% (n=1.347) glycerol 30% (n=1.372) 75 glycerol 50% (n=1.401 70 -

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Optical profilometry

Micro-pillars geometry and dimensions are controlled by SEM and optical profilometry







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