MicroAssembly Technologies

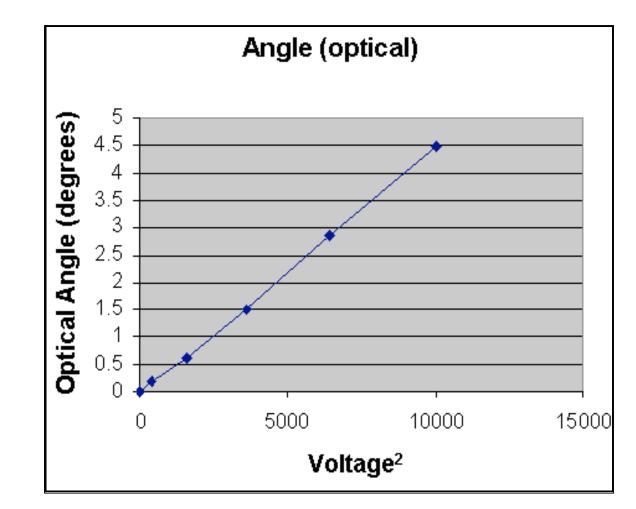
- MEMS SLMs
- MEMS-CMOS Integration
- High Force
 Actuators
 - Low Temperature Bonding
- Nanolaminate Bonding

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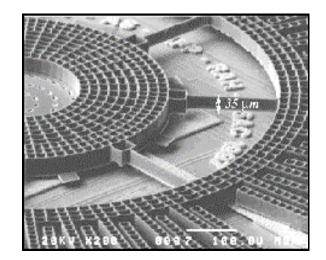
Product: MEMS SLM

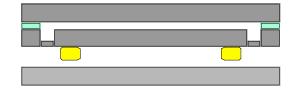
- High Performance Tip-Tilt-Piston Actuators
- Reflector
 Transfer
- Linear Response
- DoD Contracts (AFOSR, DARPA, MDA)



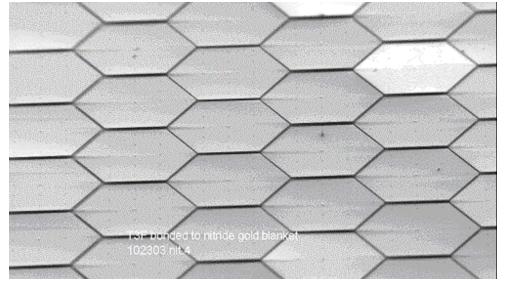


Tool: MEMS Transfer Process













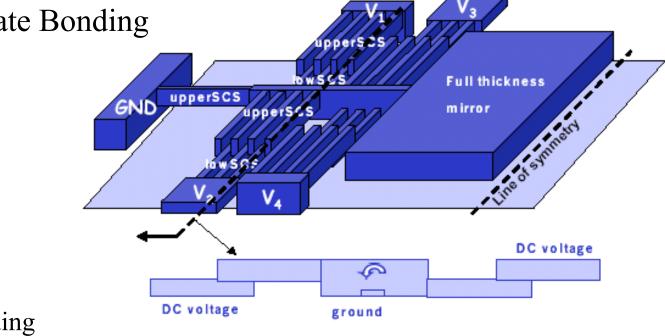
Low Temperature Bonding

- 300°C standard CMOS-compatible process, room temperature for Silicon substrates
- Thousands of reflectors at a time
- MEMS-CMOS Integration: Monolithic performance
- Hermetic/vacuum sealing
- Microbump integration: 100% yield, N=1024
- Pilot production



Relevant Technologies

- Electrostatic Comb Drive Piston Actuators*
 - Thick and Thin Single Crystalline Silicon (SOI) Mirrors
 - 5 Generations of Actuator Design & Fabrication (in collaboration with ARI)
 - Cryo Devices
- Nanolaminate Bonding



* patents pending



Relevant Part Under Development

- Comb drive piston actuators
- Piston stroke: 6 µm
- Frequency response: 27 kHz
- Size: 300 µm
- Conservative fabrication design rules (less than 10:1)
- Possible: Larger stroke, higher frequency response
- Already demonstrated much faster tip-tilt-piston devices*
 - * patents pending

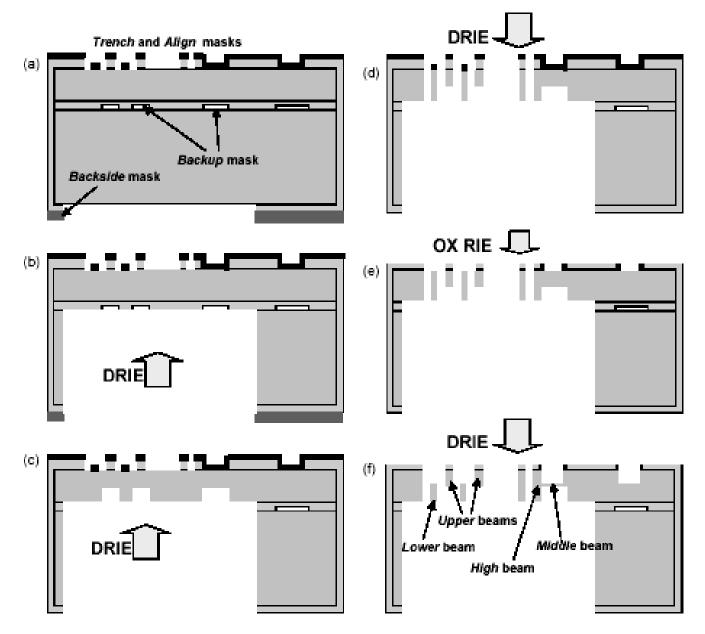


Comb vs. Parallel Plate

- Parallel Plate
 - Foundry Process
 - "Proven"
- Comb Drive
 - High Energy Density: Stroke, Frequency Response
 - Fabrication Challenges: Alignment, Assembly, Large Arrays
- MicroAssembly Approach
 - Reduce etch steps
 - "Disintegration" and Assembly vs. Monolithic



Earlier Comb Process (ARI, 2001)





Nanolaminate Bonding

- Bond to dummy substrates
- Bond to actuators from BMC
- Low temperature thermocompression process
- Print-through concerns
- Edge effects
- Subcontract from LLNL

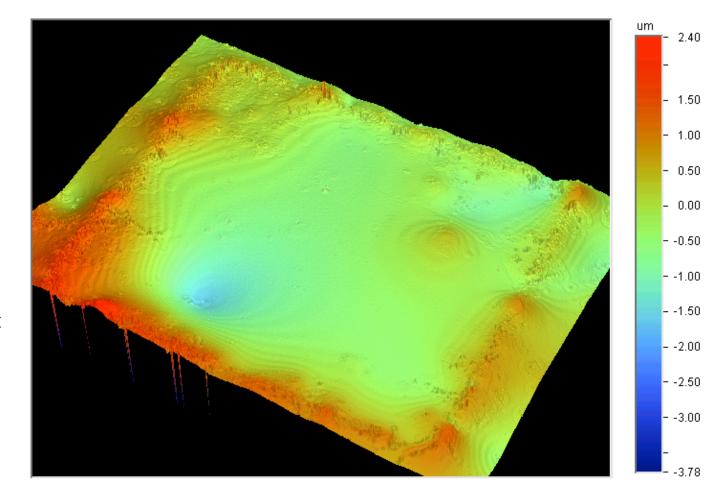


Surface Stats:

Ra: 491.80 nm Rq: 611.67 nm Rt: 6.17 um

Measurement Info:

Magnification: 5.17 Measurement Mode: VSI Sampling: 1.63 um Array Size: 736 X 480





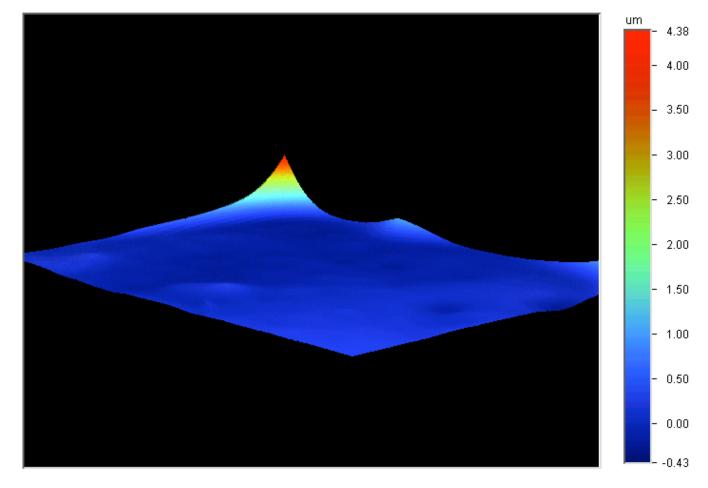
Latest Bonding Result

Surface Stats:

Ra: 129.24 nm Rq: 247.88 nm Rt: 4.82 um

Measurement Info:

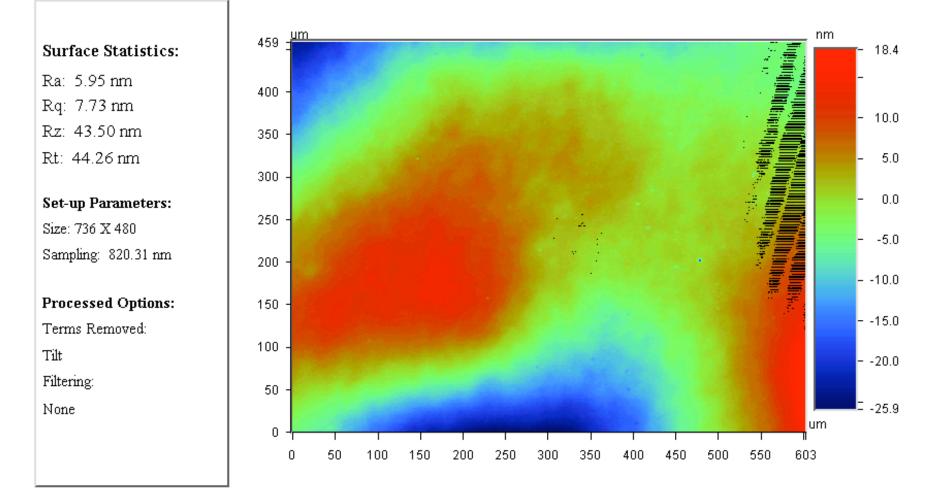
Magnification: 1.02 Measurement Mode: VSI Sampling: 8.20 um Array Size: 736 X 480



Title:



Latest Bonding Result





Latest Bonded Sample





Next Steps

- MEMS SLM
 - Drive Electronics
 - MEMS Fabrication Iterations
- Collaboration with LLNL and Other System Designers
- Nanolaminate Bonding
 - Larger Substrates
 - Edge Effects
 - Actuator-Nanolaminate Bonding



Applications: Free Space Optics Telecom, Imaging, Targeting, Ophthalmic, Tweezers

