

## HIGHLY RELIABLE RESINS FOR MICRO-OPTICAL IMPRINT IN AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING

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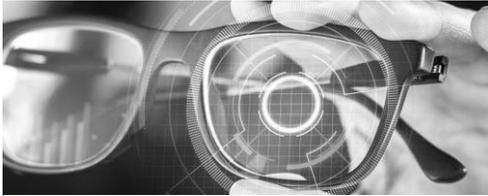
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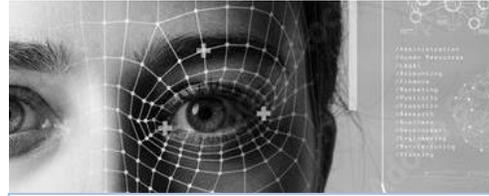


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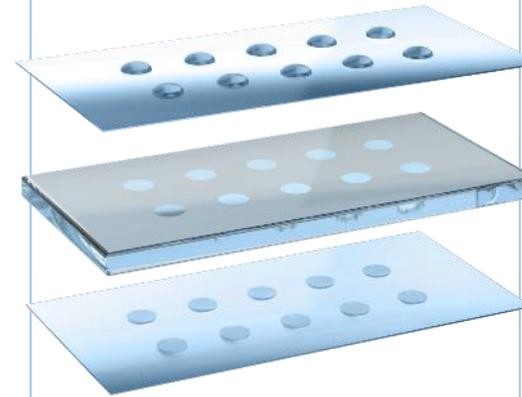


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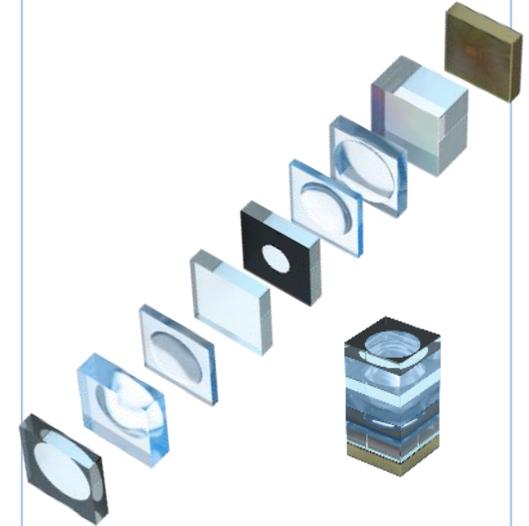


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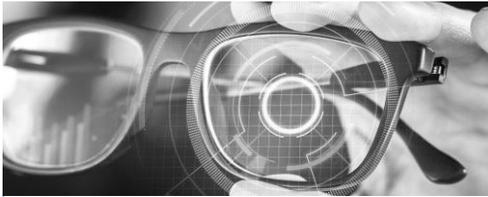


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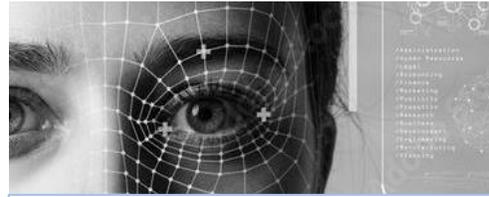


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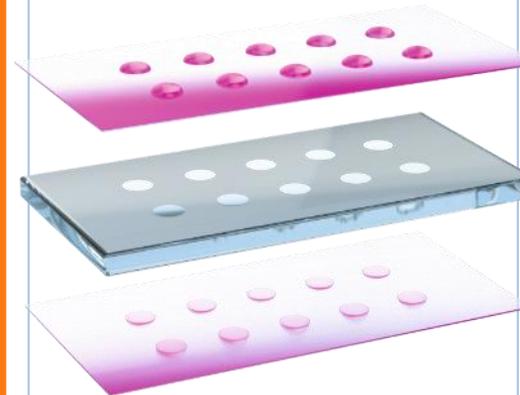


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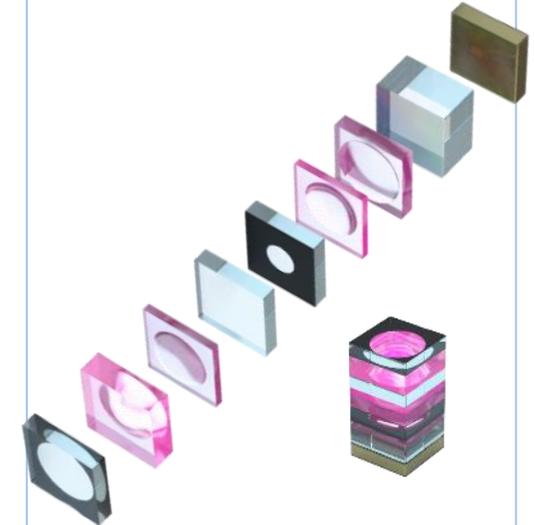


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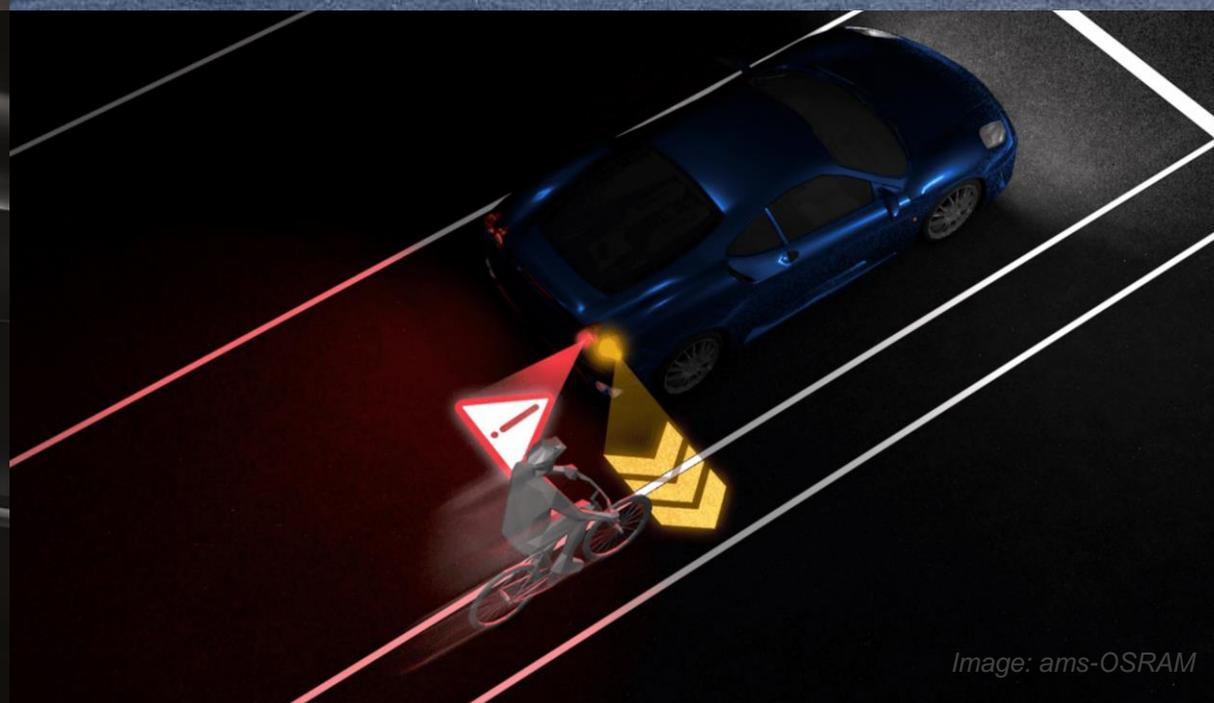
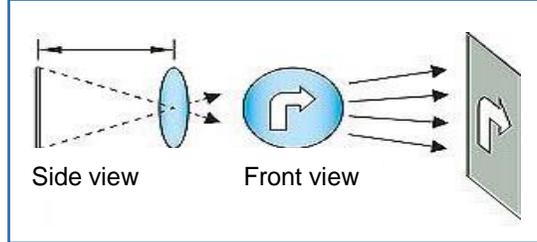
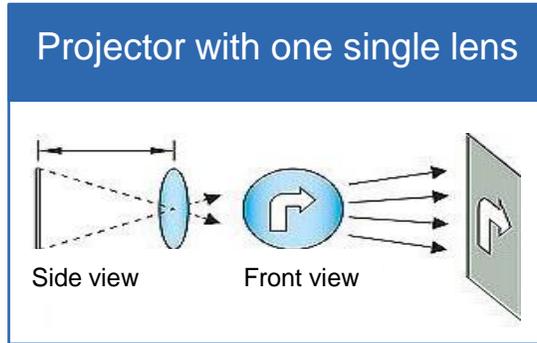


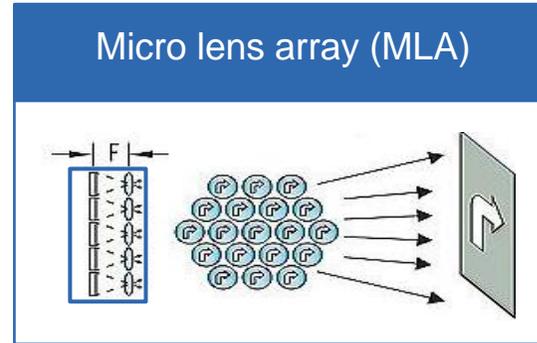
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## Projector with one single lens

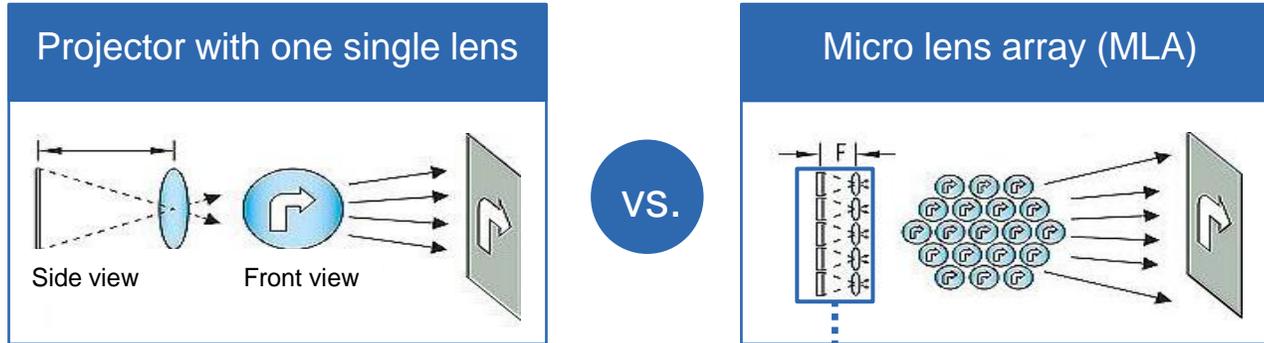




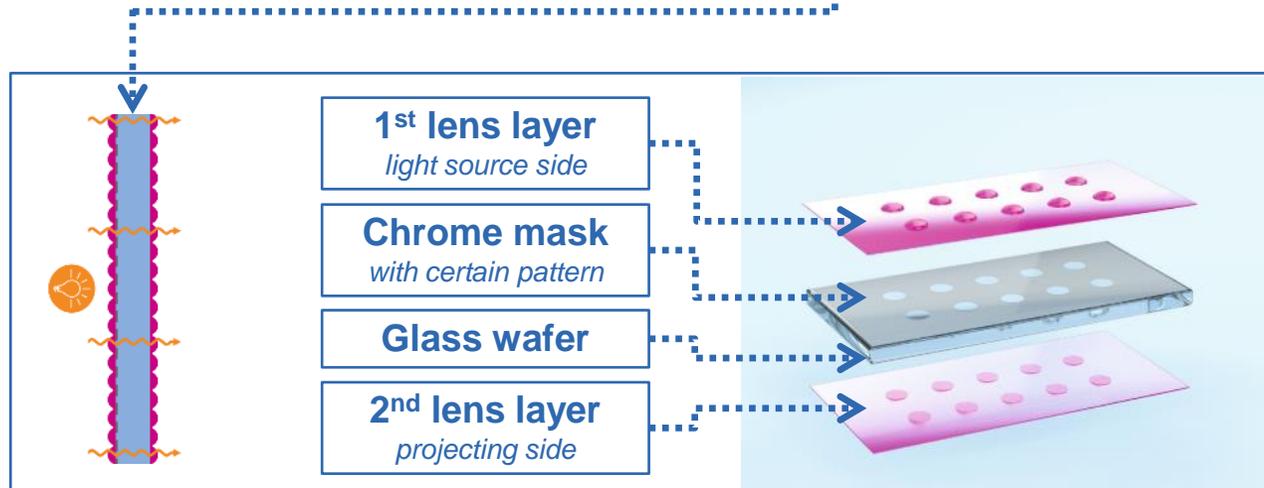
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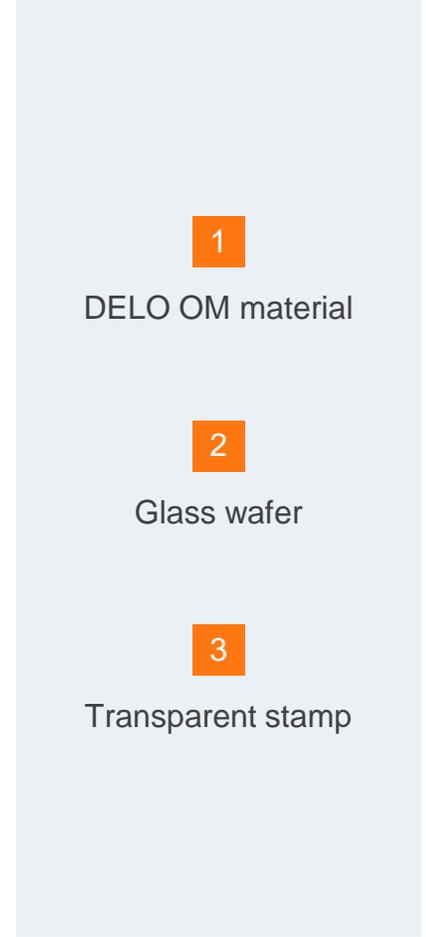
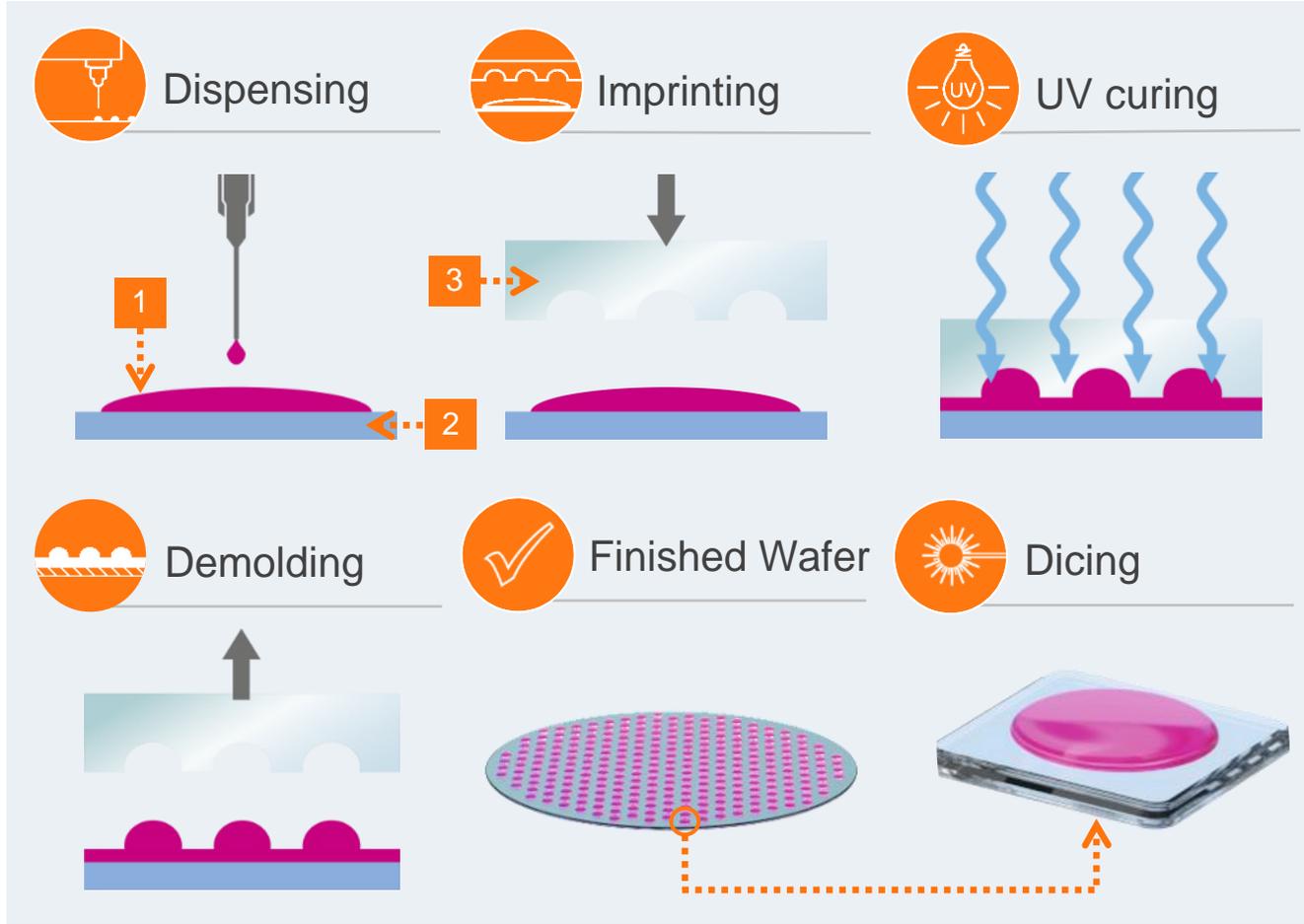
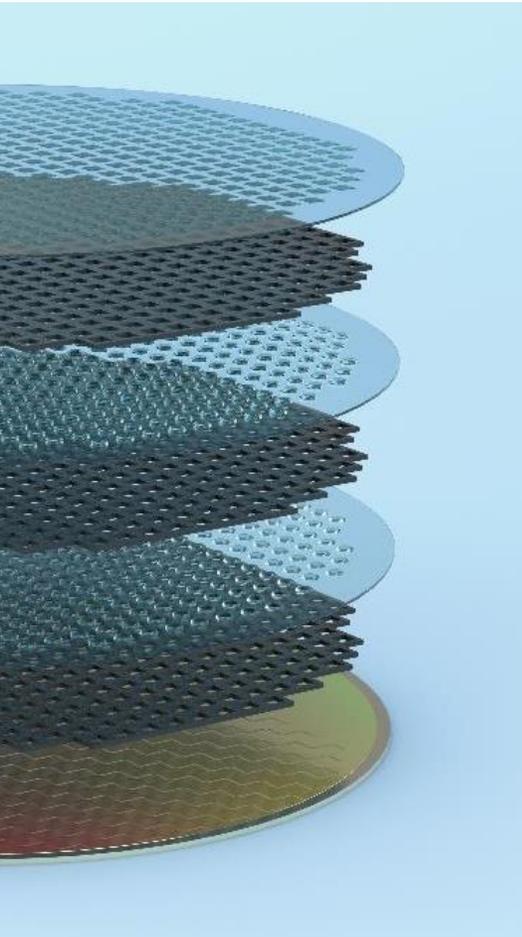


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*magenta*

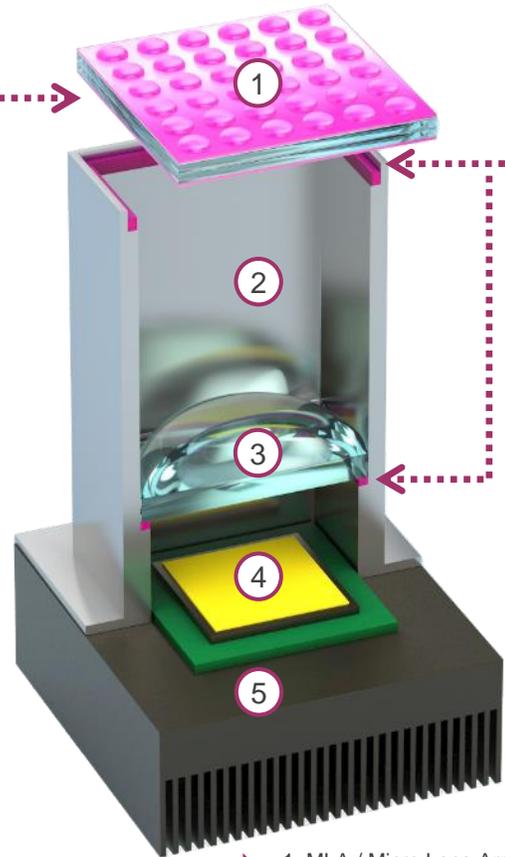
- ▶ Technology: double-sided imprinted lens structure on substrate
- ▶ Very accurate alignment of the chrome mask to MLA thanks to imprint process



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High transmission in the range of visible light



Optical stability after humidity, high temperature and UV radiation



Mechanical stability to withstand stresses from temperature changes

**Optical Adhesives**  
*for MLA and lens bonding*

**DELO PHOTOBOND**  
**OB4189 & OB4116**



High aspect ratio for Active Alignment of MLA



Low outgassing:  
Total mass loss < 1.0 %



High optical and temperature stability

- ▶ 1: MLA / Micro Lens Array
- ▶ 2: Housing
- ▶ 3: Collimating Lens
- ▶ 4: LED
- ▶ 5: Heatsink

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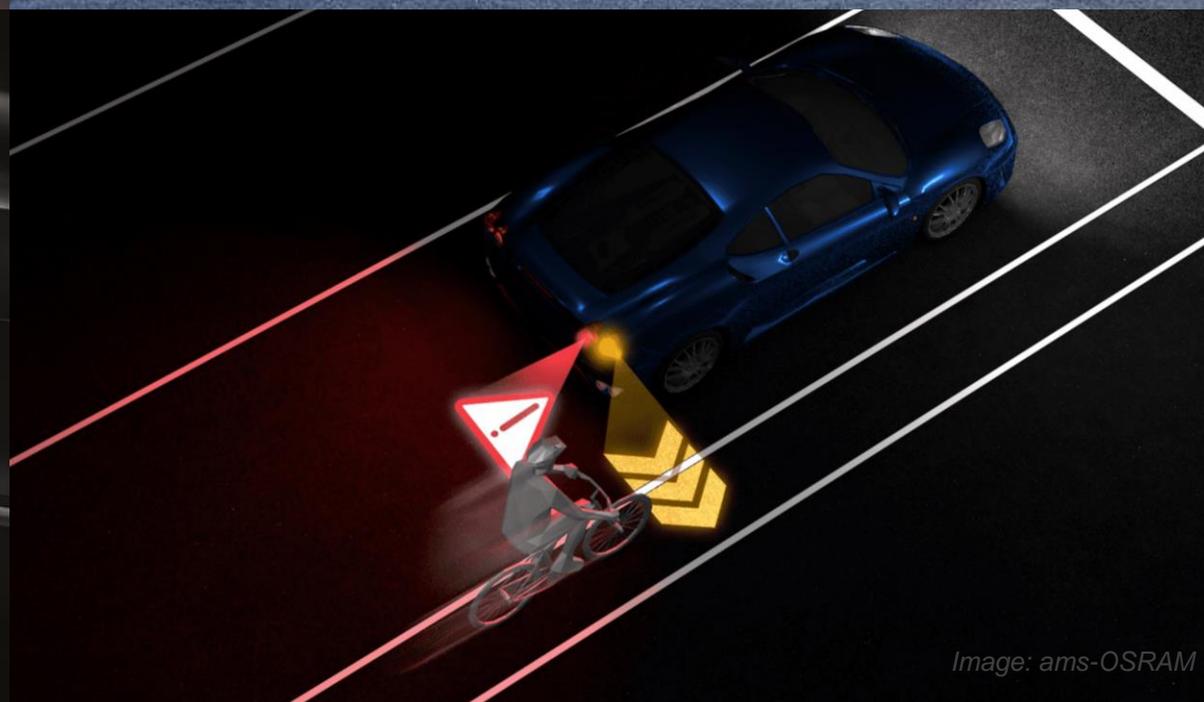


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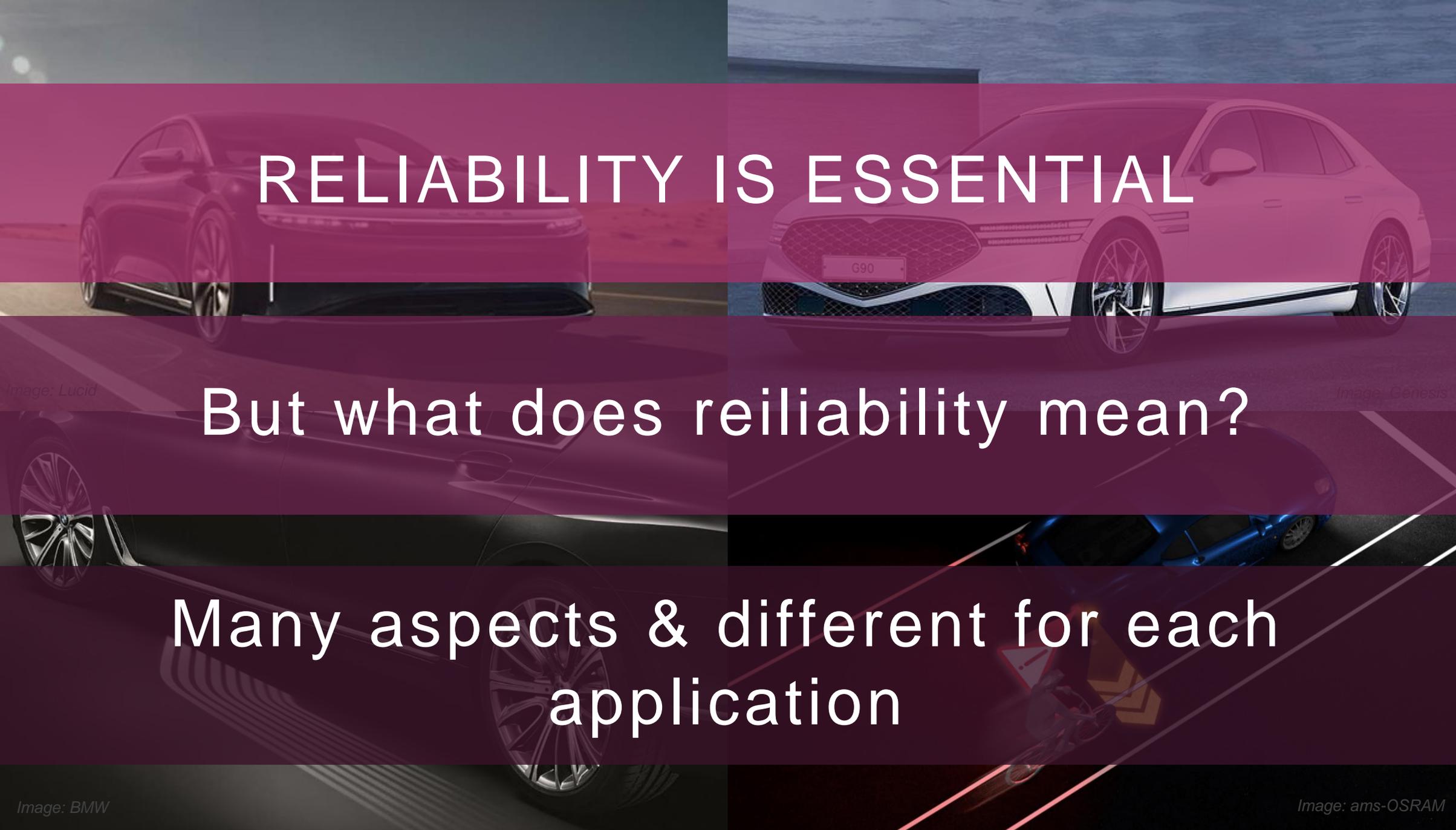
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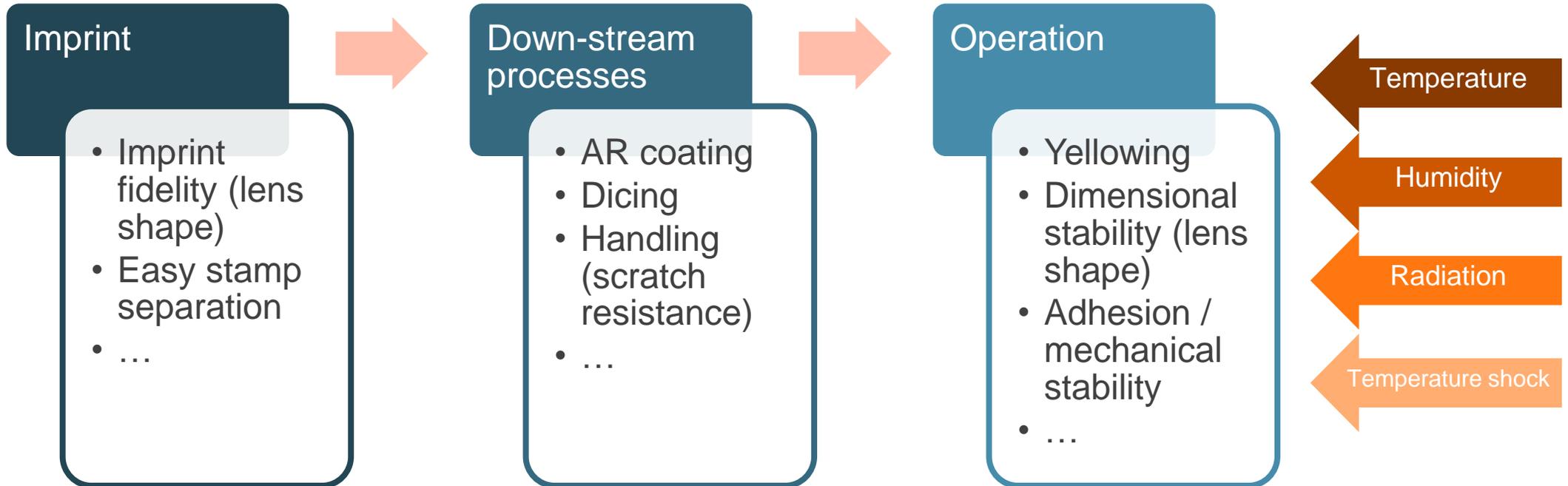
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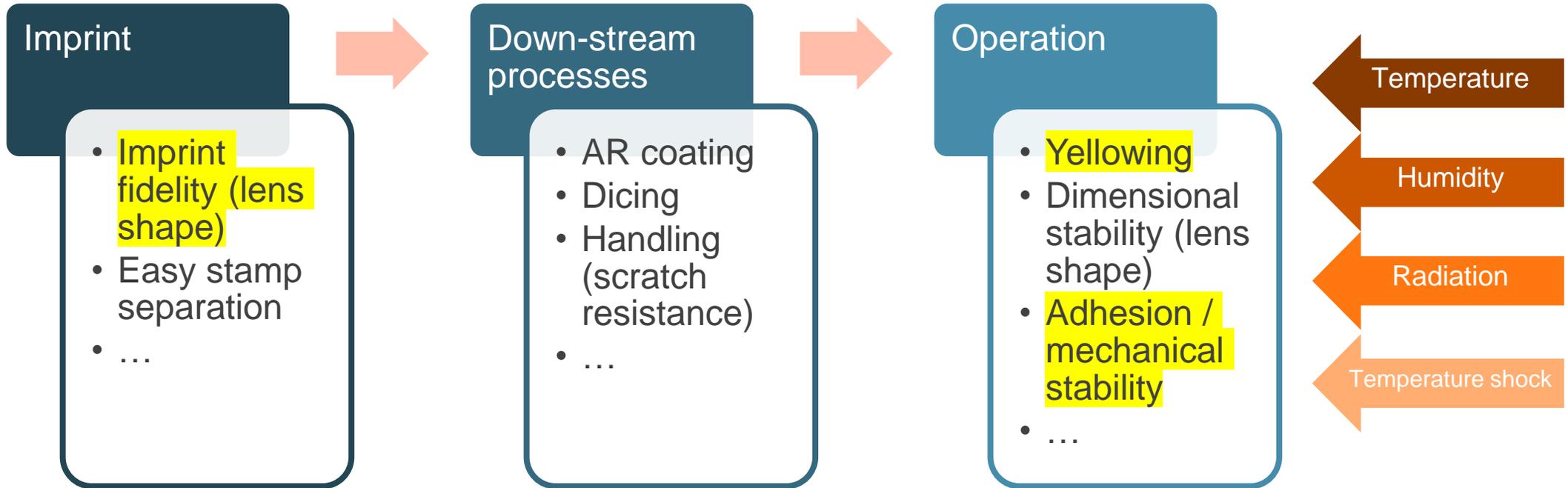


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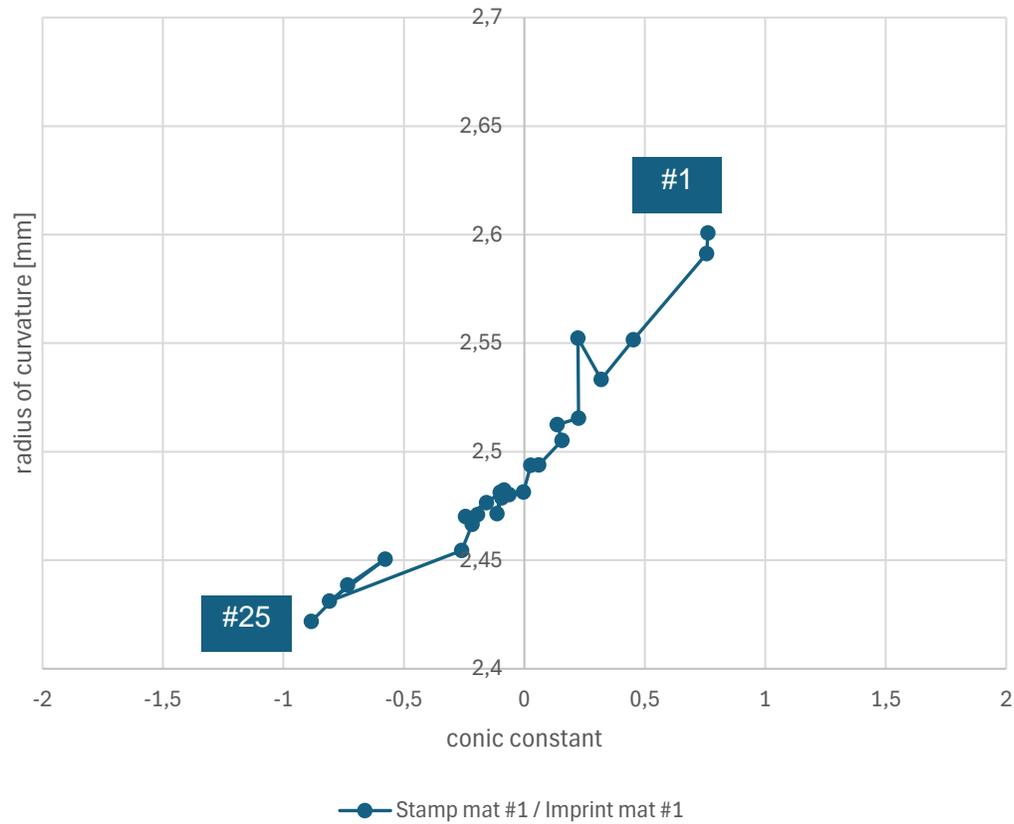
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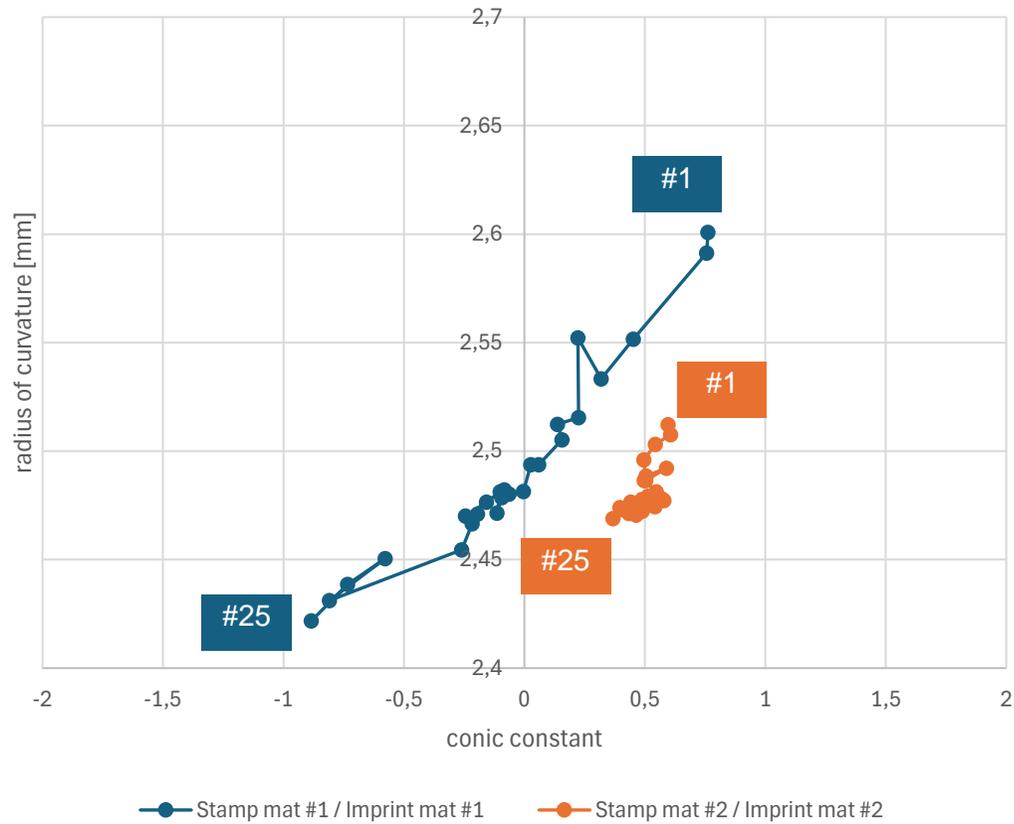
Many aspects & different for each application

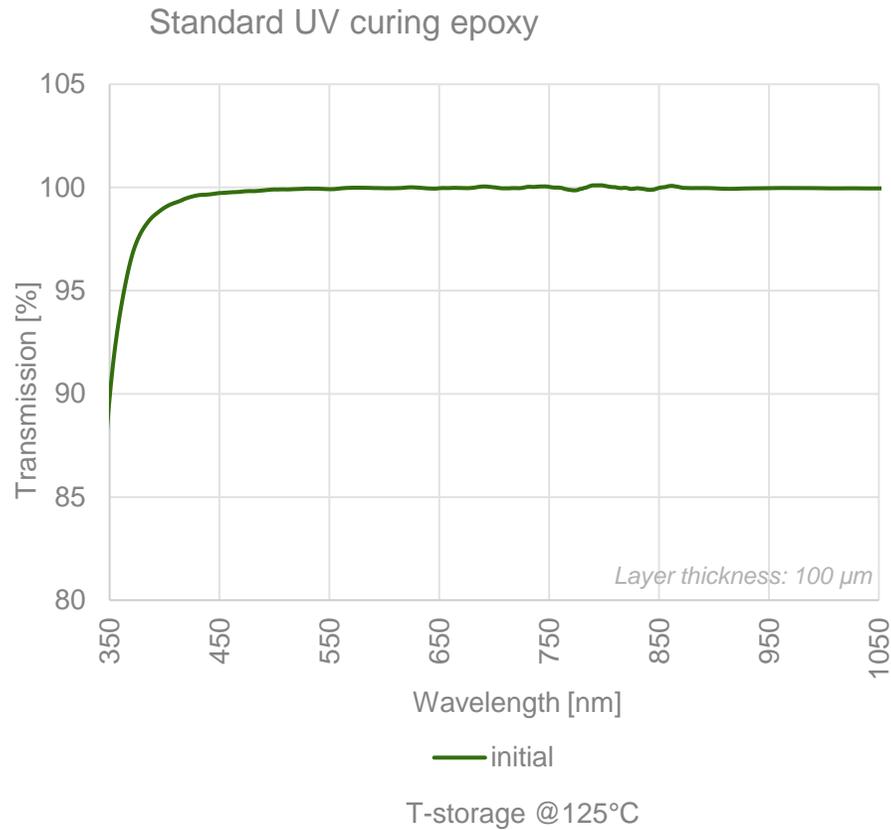






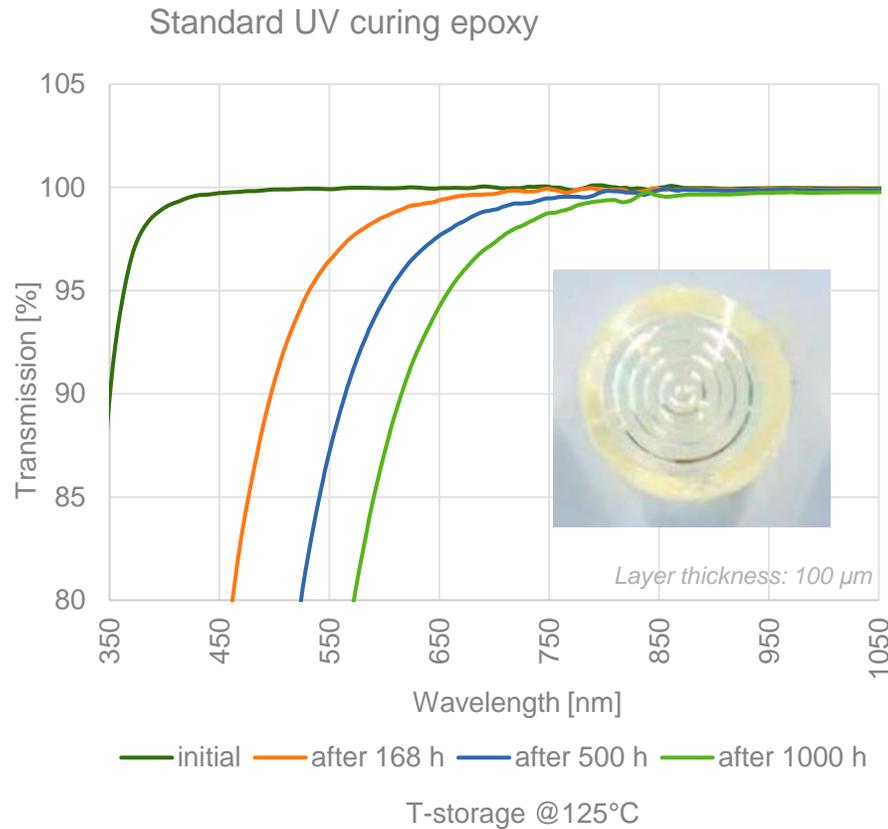




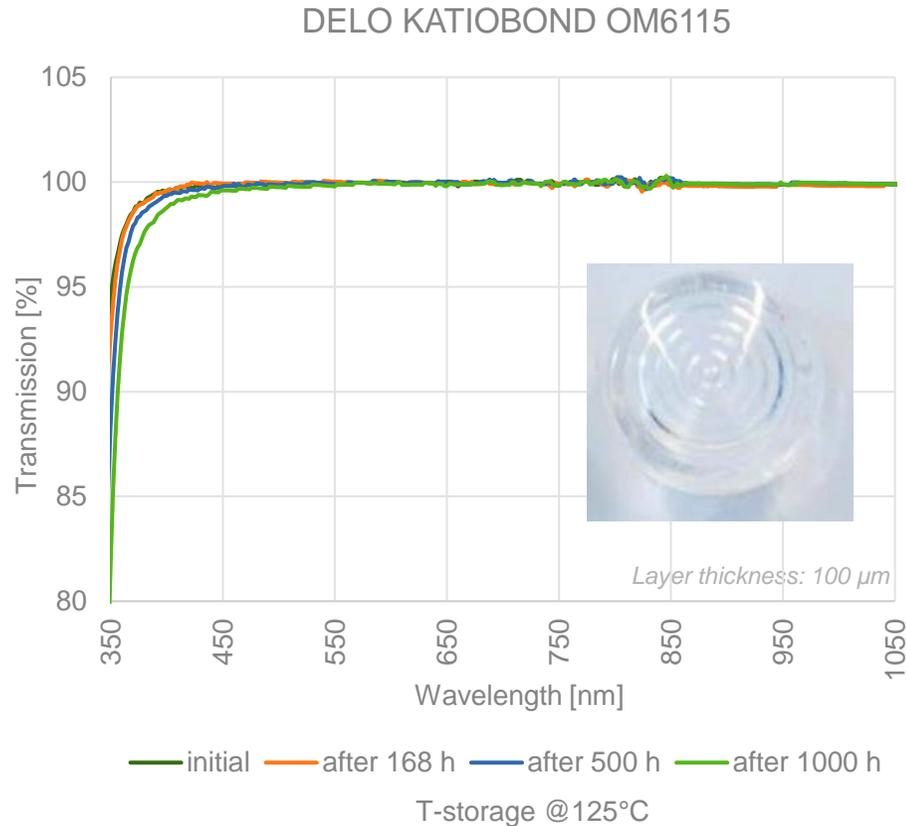


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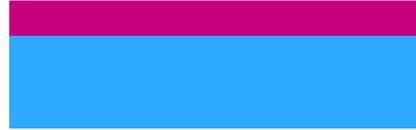
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➔ High and stable material transmission achieved



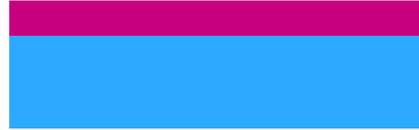
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*Performance after T-shock*

-40°C / +120°C for 500 cycles

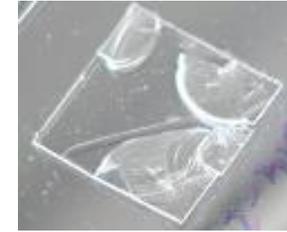
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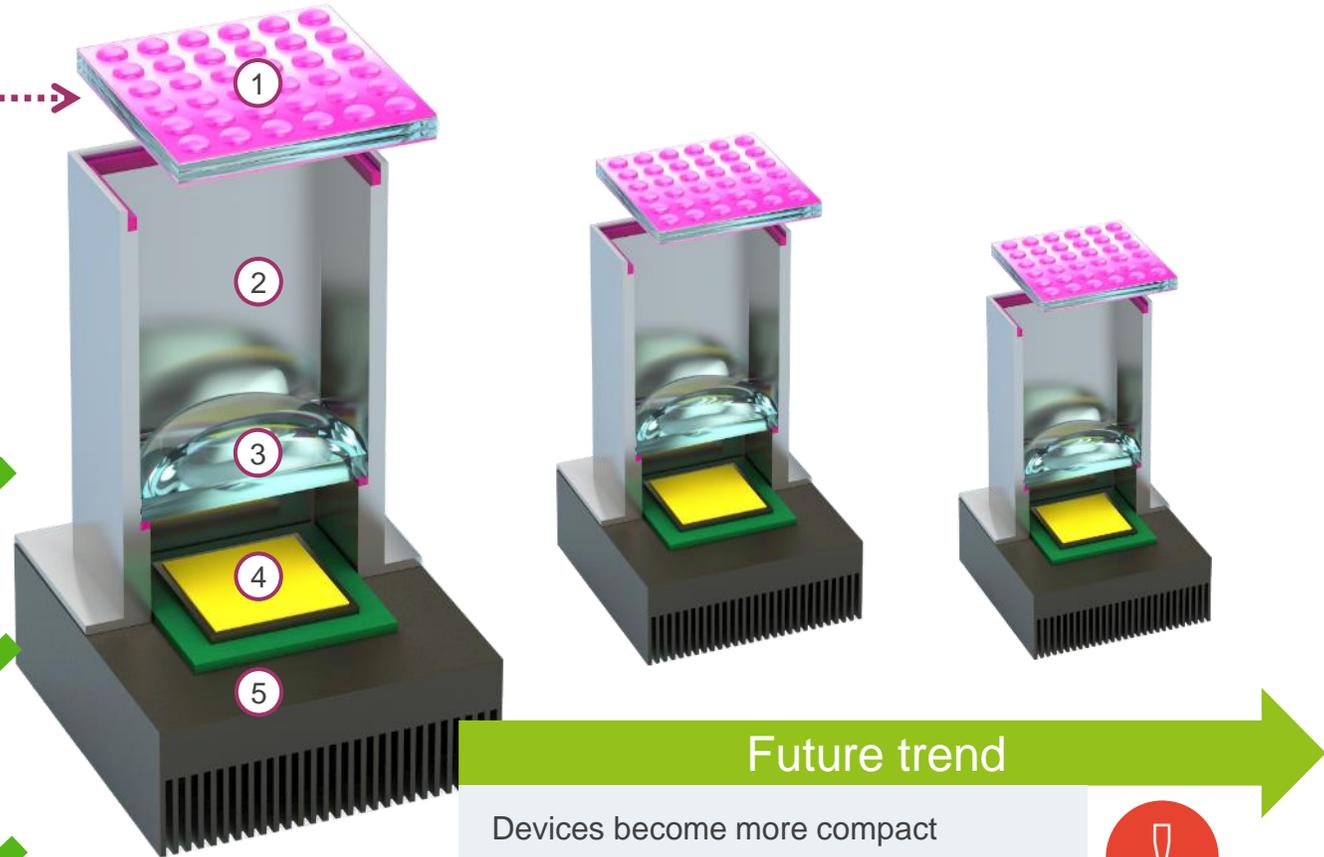
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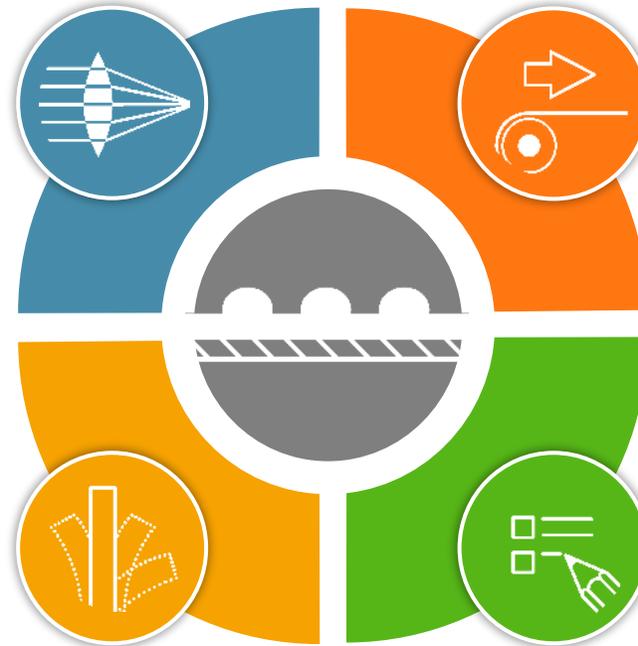
**Future trend** →  
Devices become more compact  
→ intensities and temperatures increase **!**

## *Optical properties*

- Index of refraction
- Dispersion
- Transmission
- Scattering

## *Mechanical properties*

- Young's modulus
- Glass transition temperature
- Thermal expansion
- Scratch resistance



## *Processing*

- Good filling of structures
- Stamp interaction
- Demolding
- Shrinkage control
- UV curing

## *Reliability*

- Optical stability
- Dimensional stability
- Adhesion to substrate

⇒ Material properties can be tailored  
⇒ Which material properties does your application need?



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