

UpNano Nano One 2PP 3D printer  
Standard Operational procedure  
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- SCOPE

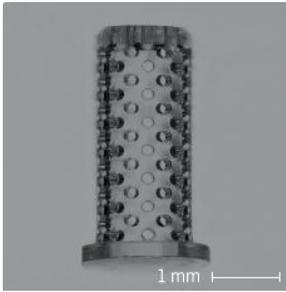
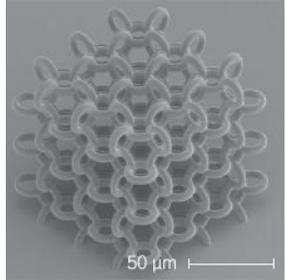
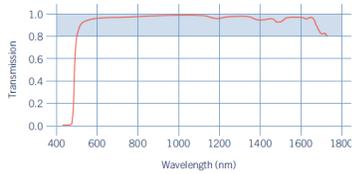
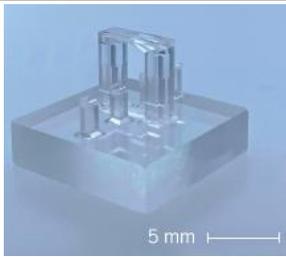
- The purpose of this document is to describe requirements and basic operating instructions for the UpNano NanoOne 3D printing System. The use of this tool is limited to approved processes only.

- SAFETY

- Be sure that you are trained and signed off to use this equipment.
- Be sure to keep all doors and protective shields in place before operating this equipment.
- Refer the materials datasheets for the printing materials.
- If you are unsure about any procedure or indication while operating this equipment be sure to contact a staff member or trainer for assistance.

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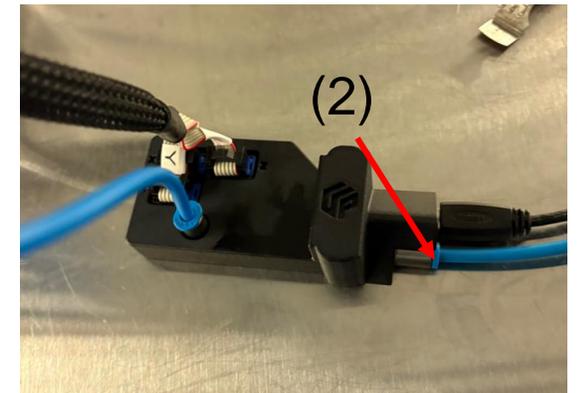
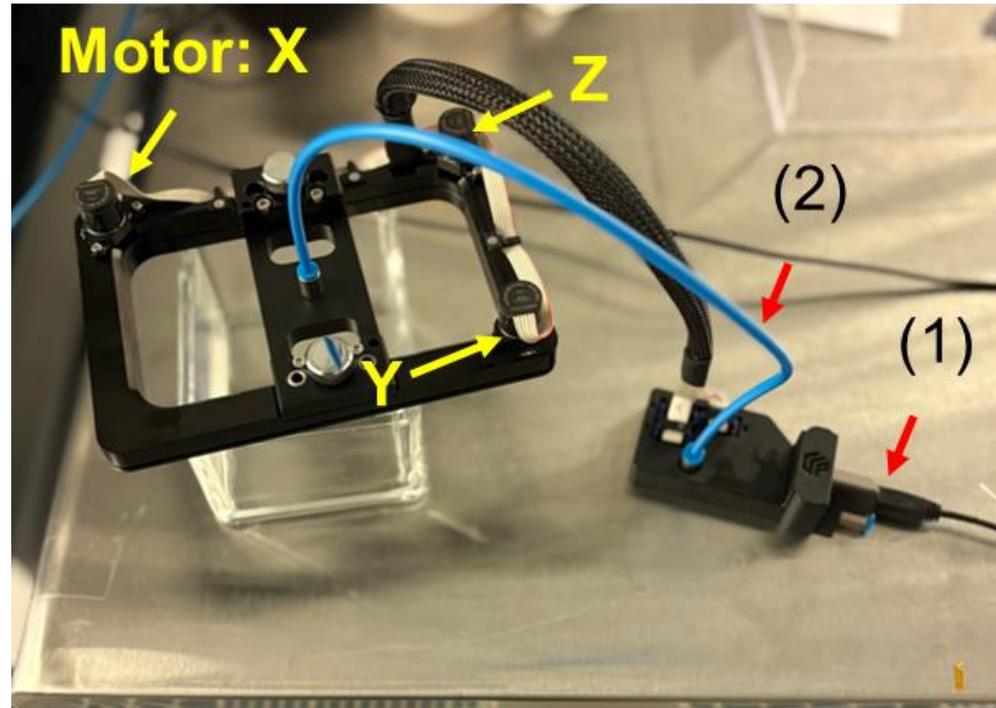
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	Resins Oils	Feature		Objective		Development	Post process	Autofocus
				Fine	Coarse			
Glass fabrication	UpQuartz	Fused silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )		-	5X, 10X	PGMEA (mag stirrer)	1. Debinding: ashing oven (air) 2. Sintering : vacuum tube furnace (10 <sup>-2</sup> mbar) *Al-Oxide plates recommended ** temperature profiles available	O
	Upbrix	Ultrahigh-resolution 2.5D material		40X	40X	PGMEA, IPA	-	O
	Updraft	Fast prototype		All	All	IPA	-	O
Transparent Fast prototype	UpPhoto	High-performance		All	All	IPA	-	O
Low auto-fluorescent Bio compatible	Upflow	Low-autofluorescence Low-viscosity		10, 20, 40X	10, 20, 40X	PGMEA, IPA	UV (365 - 405 nm) ~ 30 min	X
	Upopto	High optical transparency  Ultralow-autofluorescence		10, 20, 40X	10, 20, 40X	PGMEA, IPA	UV (365 - 405 nm) 30 - 60 min	X
	Upsol	spining on substrate 2.5D, 3D		10, 40X	10, 40X	1-propanol	-	O

# Checking tilt correction stage

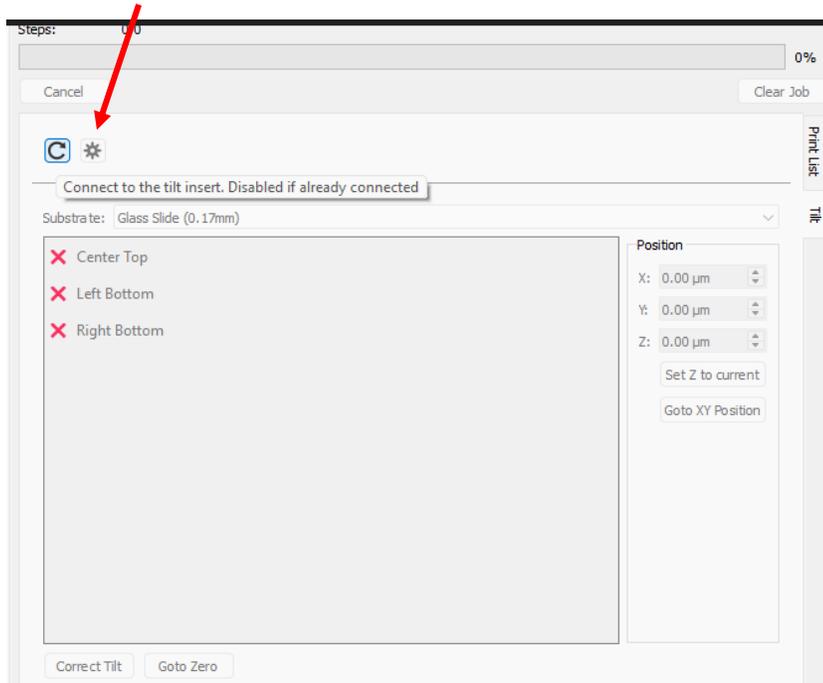
## Checking gap

- ❑ try to insert the substrate hold into the top and bottom pieces: X, Y, Z motors
- ❑ Should be inserted while not too much gap

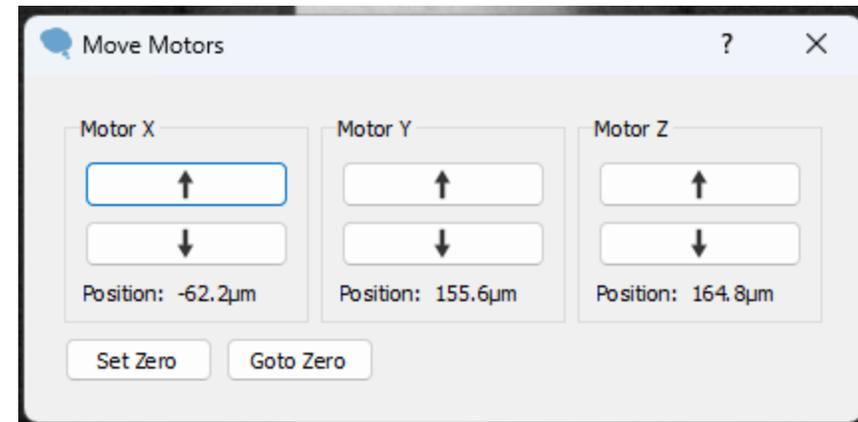


# Adjusting the gap – only if needed

Open 'tilt' tap  
Click the 'setting' icon



Adjust the gap using ONLY arrows  
NEVER click 'Set Zero' or 'Goto Zero'



# Think 3D – set up parameters

When parameters are set, click 'Send to printer'

Menu deals with the job file, NOT stl file

Two steps

- Design: setting parameters
- Printer: focusing, tilt correction, position, and printing

Calculate volume (time estimation)

Insert stl file

Insert various elements

Bring an object to zero

Objective  
Resin  
Substrate

Context  
menu

Objects for  
parameters

Job Settings

Objective	UPLXAPO 10X (10x/0.4 A)
Material	UpPhoto
Substrate	Ø 50.8mm/2"
Print Mode	Vat

Element Settings

Name: TACS3.stl  
Filename: io/OneDrive - Texas A&M University /UpNano/Nanoscribe\_vs\_UpNano/TACS3...

Position	Size	Rotation
X: 0.000 µm	X: 13000.000 µm	X: 0.00
Y: 0.000 µm	Y: 13000.000 µm	Y: 0.00
Z: 0.000 µm	Z: 1300.000 µm	Z: 0.00

Power Distribution

Context menu

Hierarchy

- SubjobGroup 0 [Standard Course] (1)
  - Subjob 0
    - TACS3.stl [STL]

# Objectives

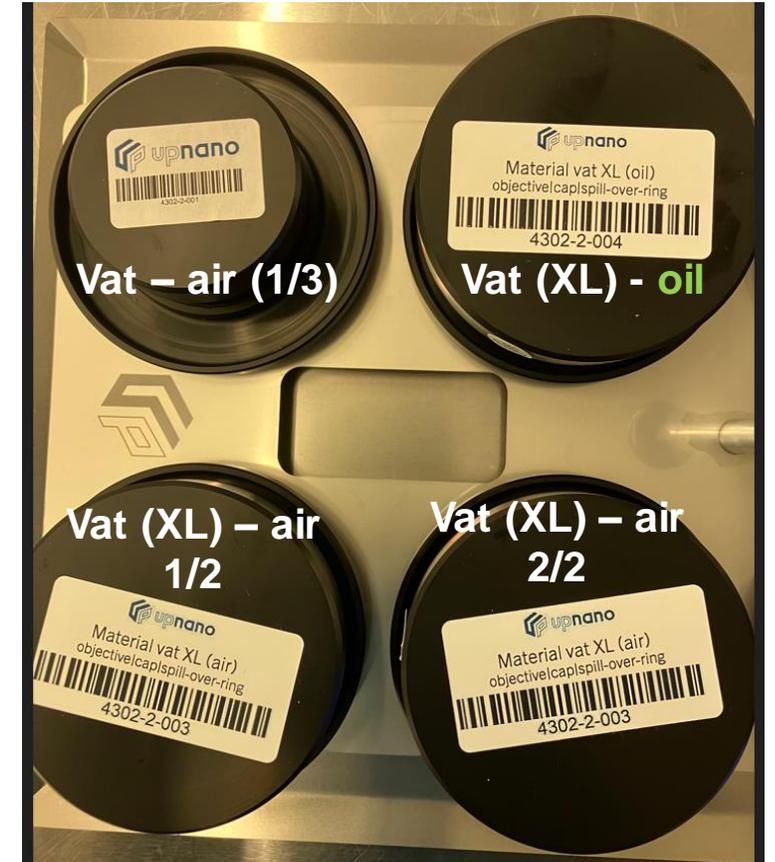
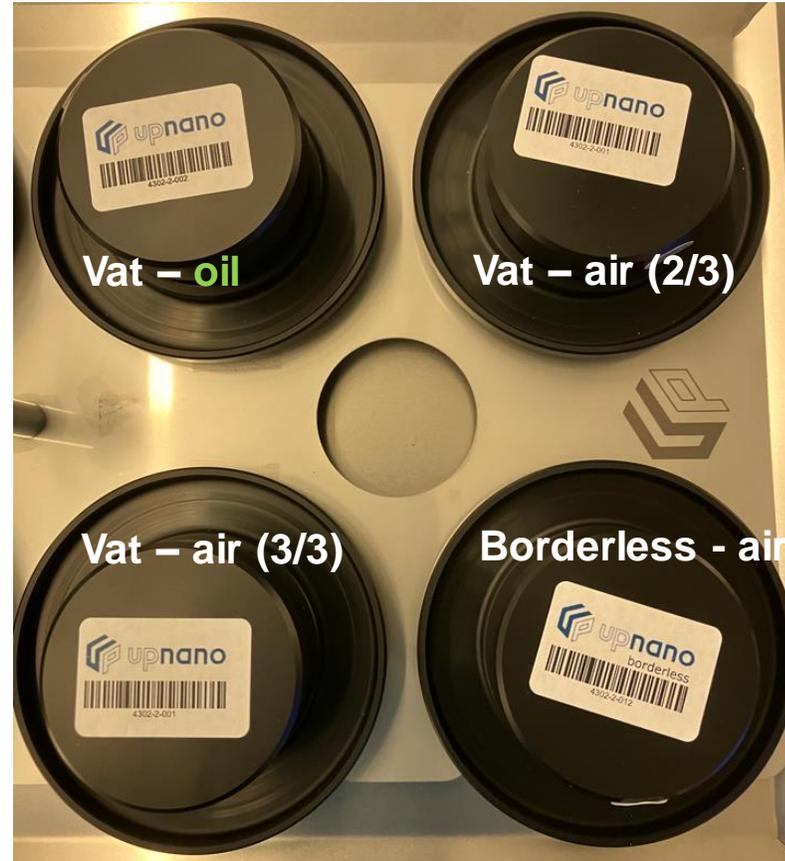


- 5 objectives available
- Consider resolution, size, and parameters

Objective	ID	Media	NA	WD (mm)	FOV (mm)	BH (mm)	Max Bottom Up Height (mm)	XY speed (mm/s)	Volume speed (mm <sup>3</sup> /s)
5X	Fluar	air	0.25	12.5	2.8	80	3	1200	300
10X	UPLFLN	air	0.3	10	1.4	60	2	600	60
10X	UPLXAPO	air	0.4	3.1	1.4	60	0.7	600	40
20X	UPLSAPO	DH2O	0.7	0.35	0.7	30	0.25	300	2.25
40X	UPLSAPO40XO	Immersol	1.4	0.13	0.35	10	0.15	150	0.25

# Vat: size/medium

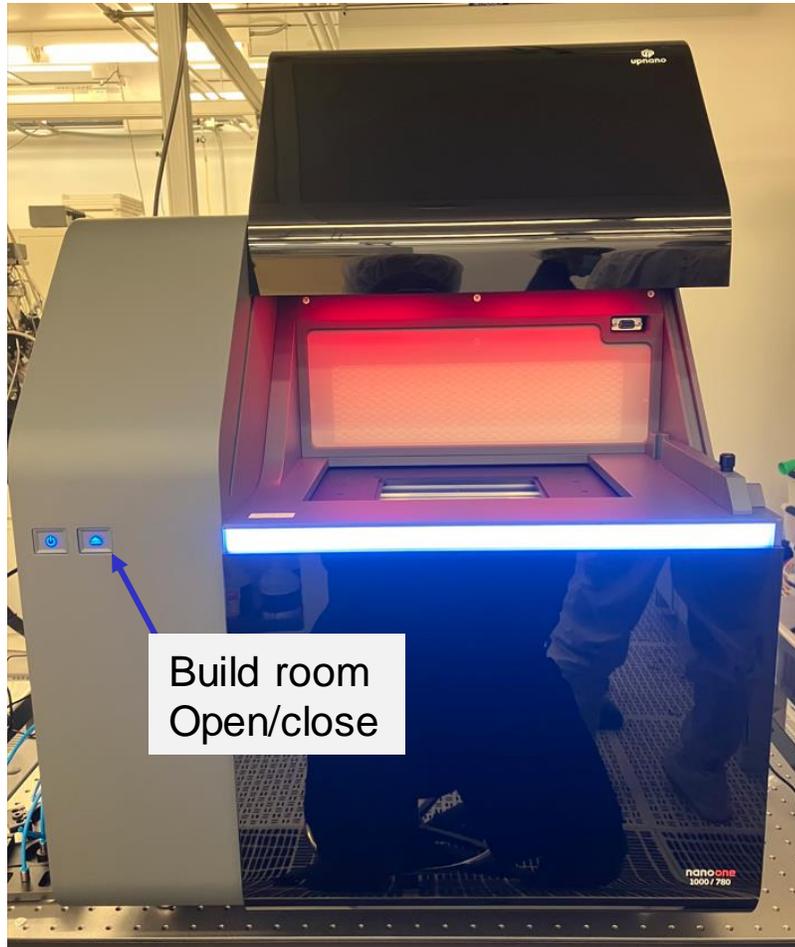
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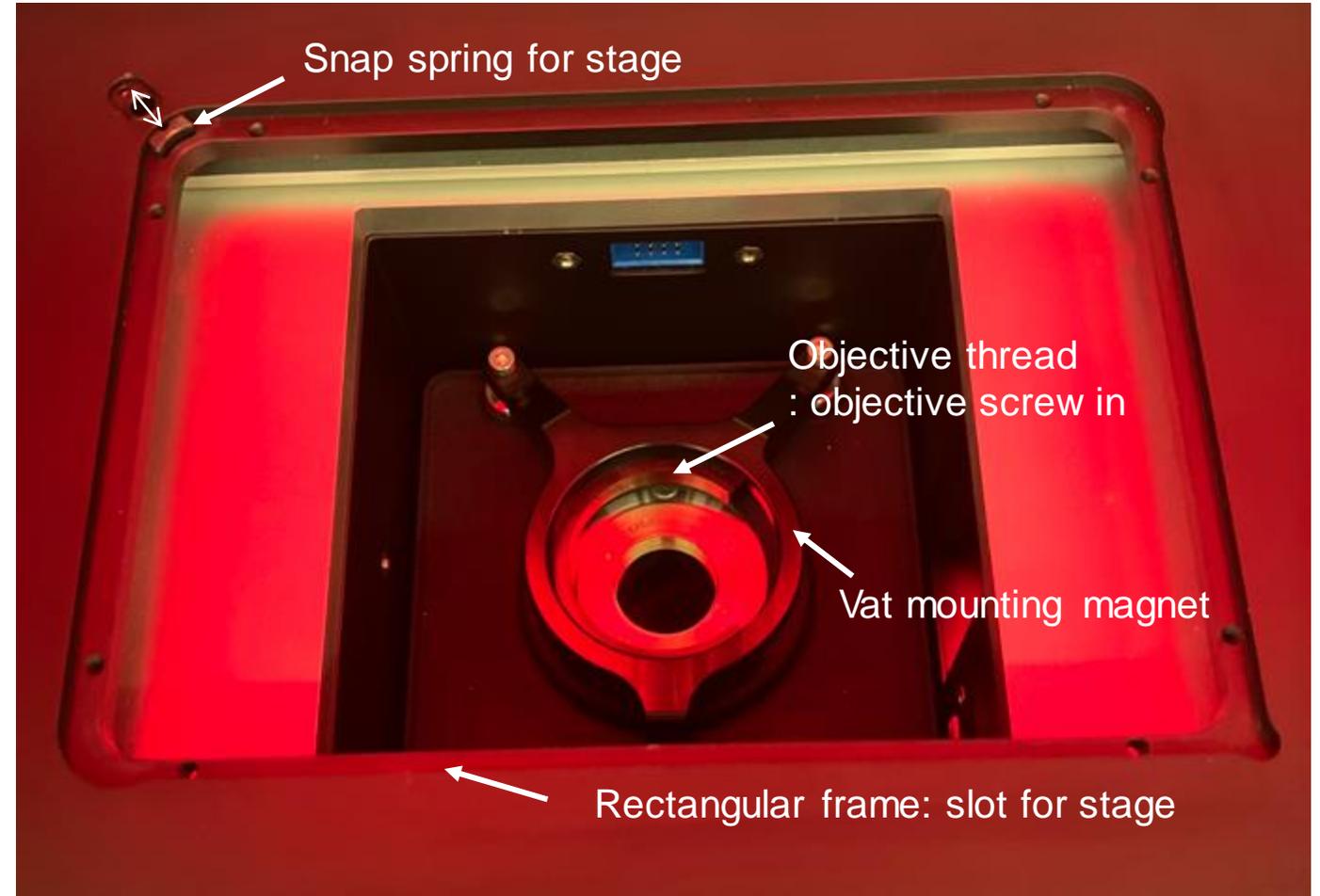
# Printing with fluorescent resins

1. Open the build room

Printer: build room opened



Build room



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2. Screw in an objective



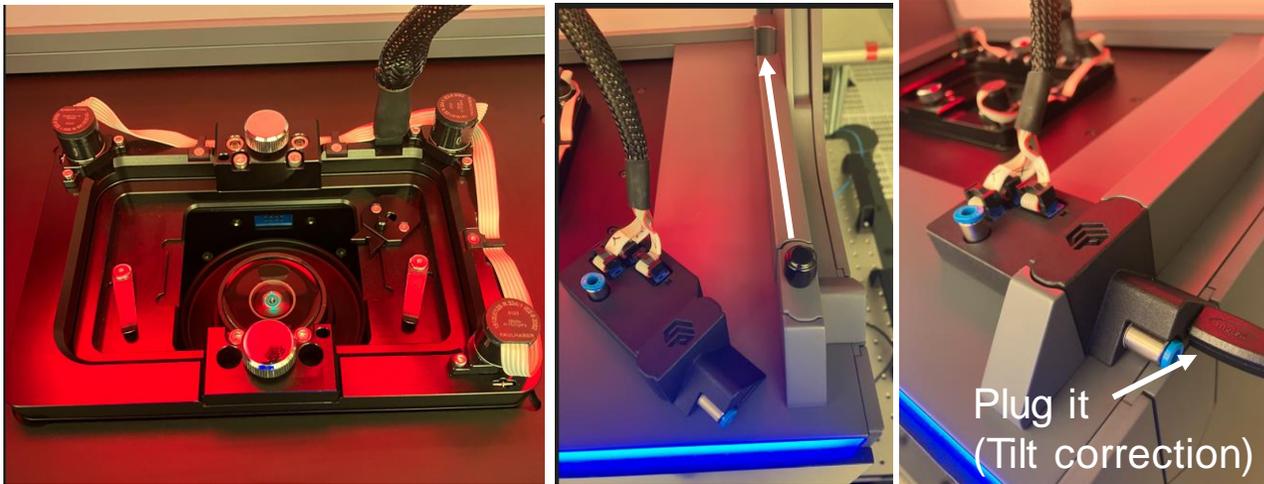
3. Select a vat & put resin



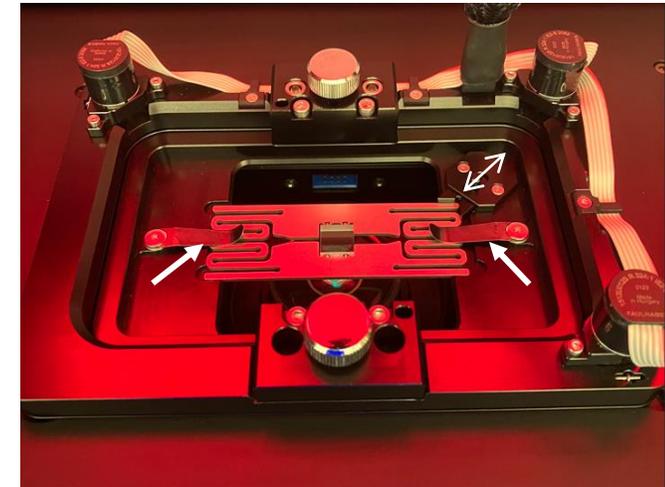
4. Place the vat



5. Place a stage on the frame



6. Place and secure substrate holder



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'Printer' tap screen

Top camera

Bottom camera

Camera setting

Camera setting popup

Objective setting

No printing job yet

Stage control

Laser control

Stage control interface showing velocity (slow/moderate/fast), zero position (Center), and XYZ coordinates (X: 0.002 μm, Y: 0.000 μm, Z: -8,670.805 μm).

Laser control interface showing laser status (On/Off), power (0.50mW), and autofocus button.

Messages window displaying system alerts: "Please remove the last job." and "The power calibration is out of date. Please re-calibrate when possible."

Printer status window for NanoOne 1000. It shows job details for UPLXAPO 10X and a "Pending Jobs" section with a "No printing job yet" message. A "Send to printer" button is visible at the top right.

**Laser spot**

**NanoOne 1000**

Objective: UPLXAPO10X  
Description:  
Elapsed Time: -  
Remaining Time: -  
Steps: 0/0

Cancel Clear Job

Pending Jobs

Start Check Delete

1. UPLXAPO10X\_Tue Nov 12 15:58:54 2024.thinkage 2024-11-12 15:58  
UPLXAPO10X/UpPhoto: 10mm Standard Plate vat

**Click 'Send to printer'  
Job file appears**

**Laser**

On

Laser is off!

Power: 0.50mW Set

Autofocus...

**1. Click 'on'  
2. Set power 0.5 mW or lower  
3. Click 'set'  
4. Laser spot at the center appears**

Stage

Velocity

slow  
moderate  
fast

Zero: Center Step: 0.01 μm

X: -0.002 μm 554.784 μm  
Y: 0.002 μm 890.879 μm  
Z: 7,181.978 μm 14,097.361 μm

Axes: XYZ Set Point Stop

Laser

Off

Laser is on!

Power: 0.50mW Set

Autofocus...

The power calibration is out of date

Top view

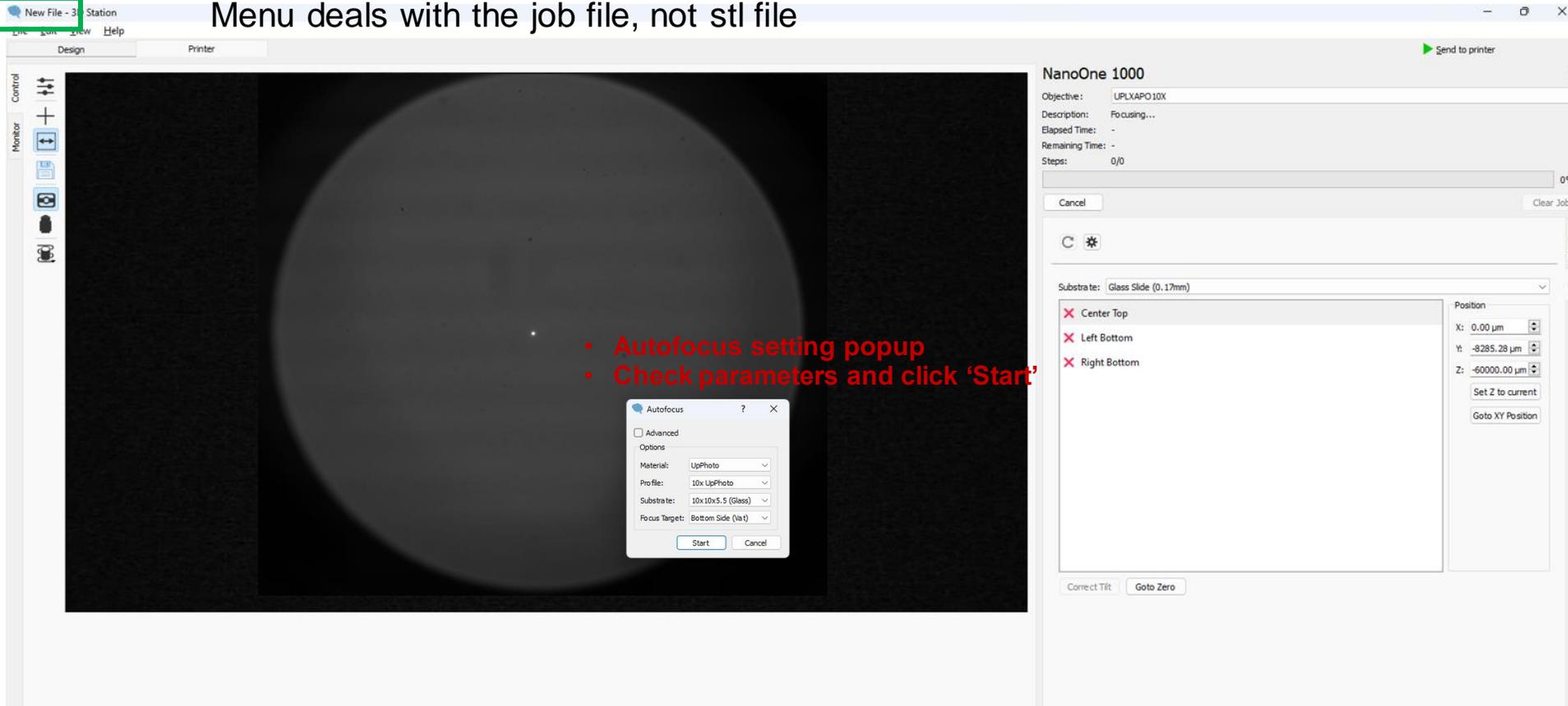
- Substrate put on the resin
- Bubble is appeared → should be removed

5. Top view camera  
6. Set stage 'moderate'  
7. Increase Z and the stage ~14,000um, until substrate contact the resin  
8. Switch the stage 'slow' and increase

Z ~ 14,000um

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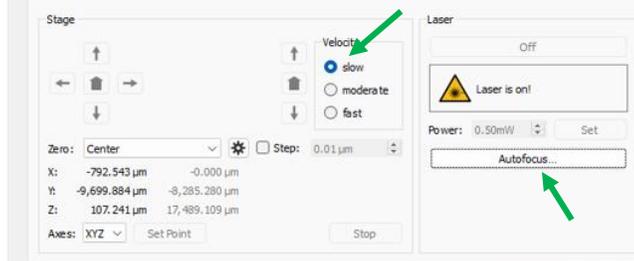
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- Autofocus setting popup
- Check parameters and click 'Start'

**Tilt correction**  
**Set substrate**  
**Double 'Center Top'**  
**Click 'Autofocus'**  
**Click 'Set Z to current'**  
**Repeat for the other points.**

**Repeat the other two**

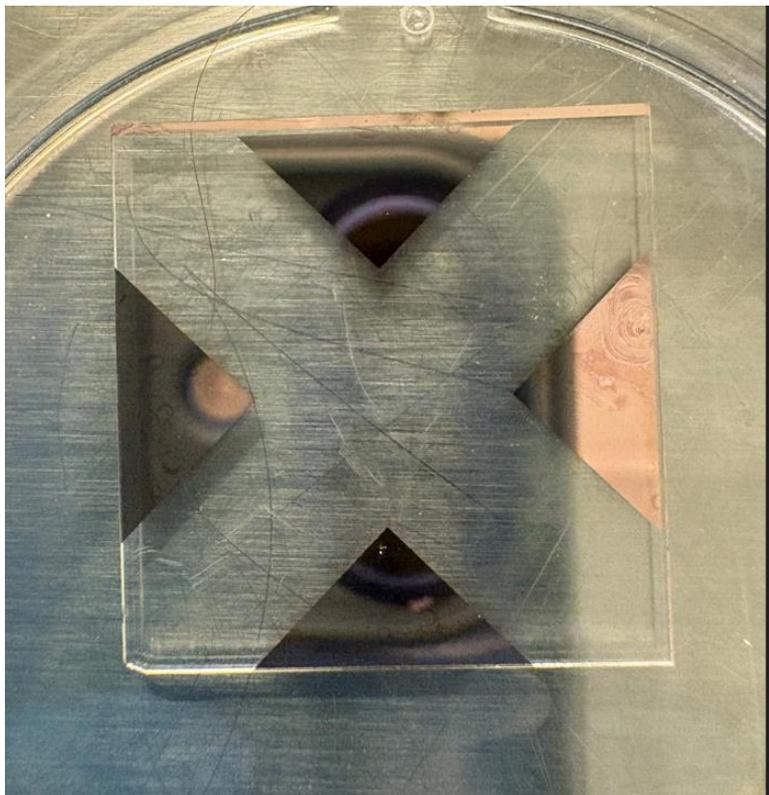


9. Increase Z with the slow mode until the laser spot become smaller
10. Click Autofocus, set parameters, and click start
11. Perform tilt correction
12. Move to center
13. Perform final autofocus
14. Start printing

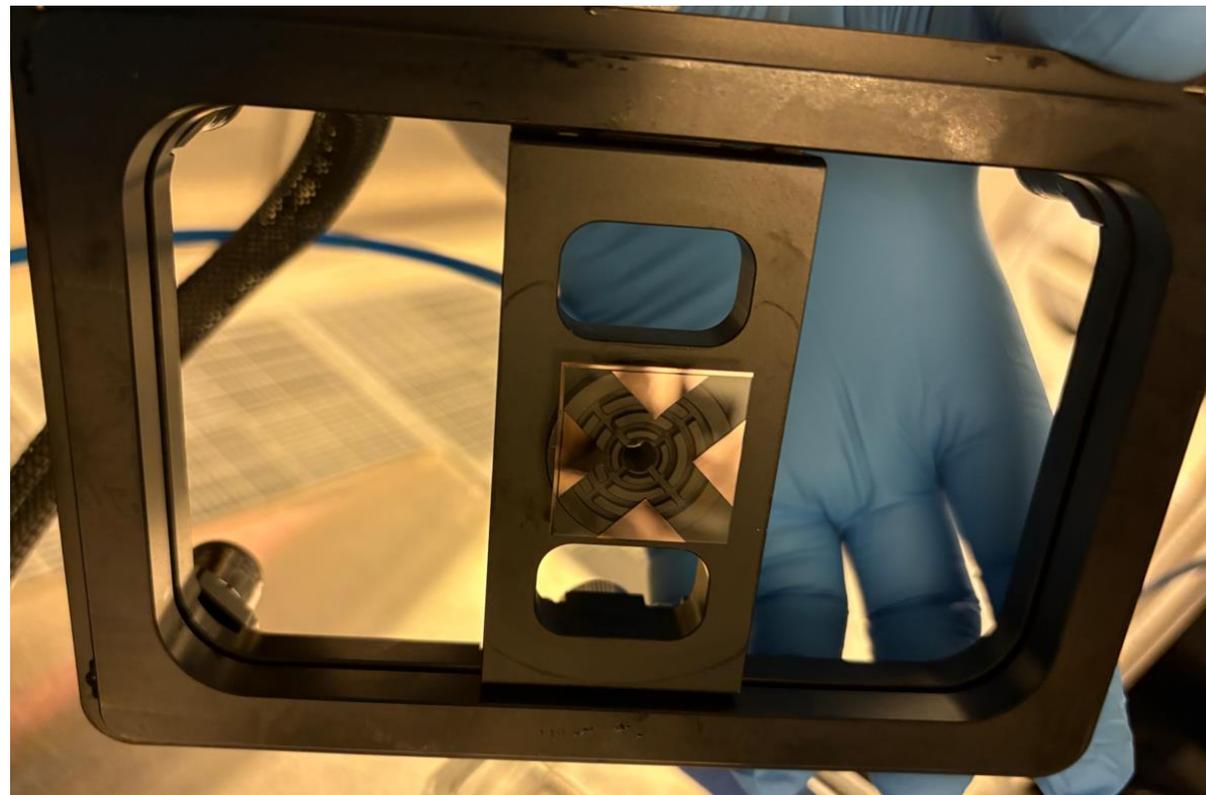
# Printing with NON-fluorescent resins

NON fluorescent resins → Autofocus NOT AVAILABLE → **manual focus & tilt correction**

**Start with pre-patterned substrate**  
Ex) 1" X 1" glass (500  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)

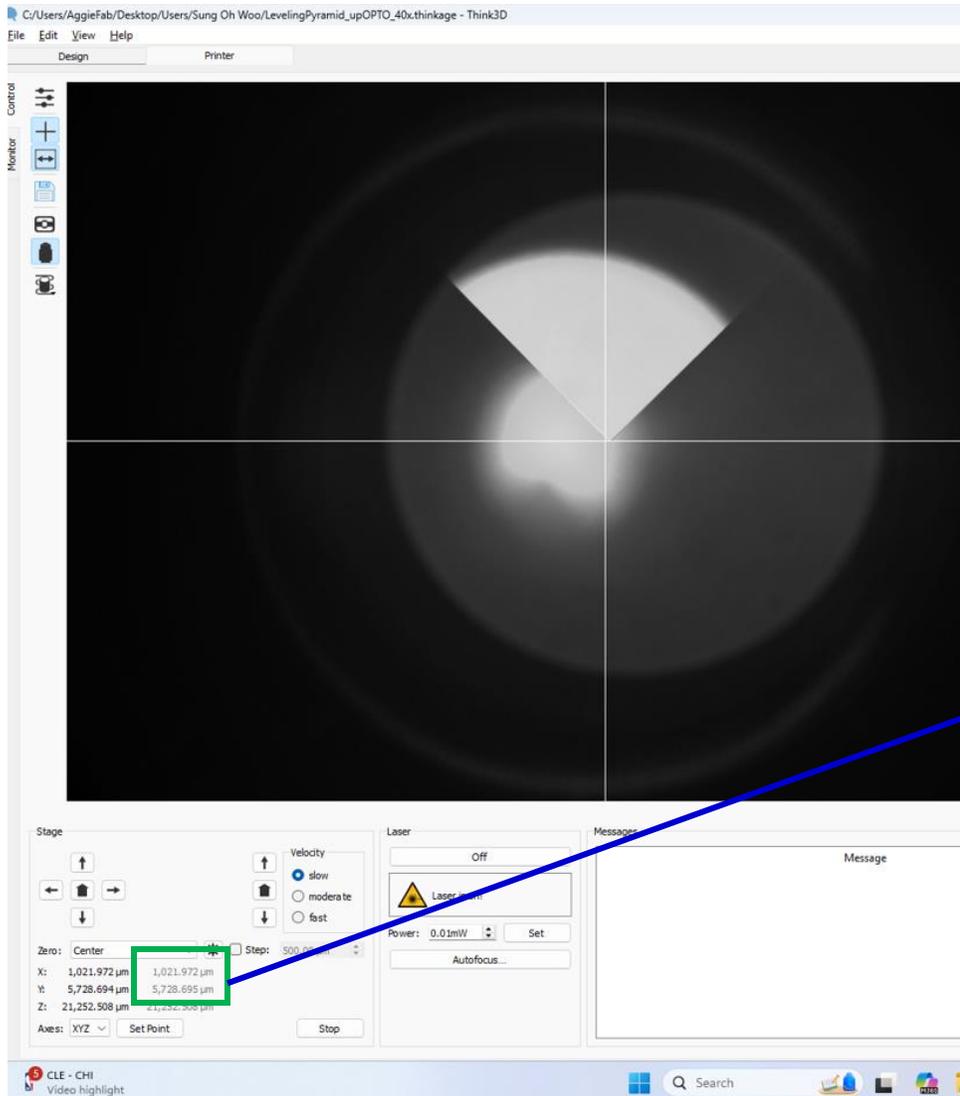


**Mounting substrate on vacuum holder**  
Turn on vacuum pump & Place the substrate



# Printing with NON-fluorescent resins

## Focus at the 1<sup>st</sup> point



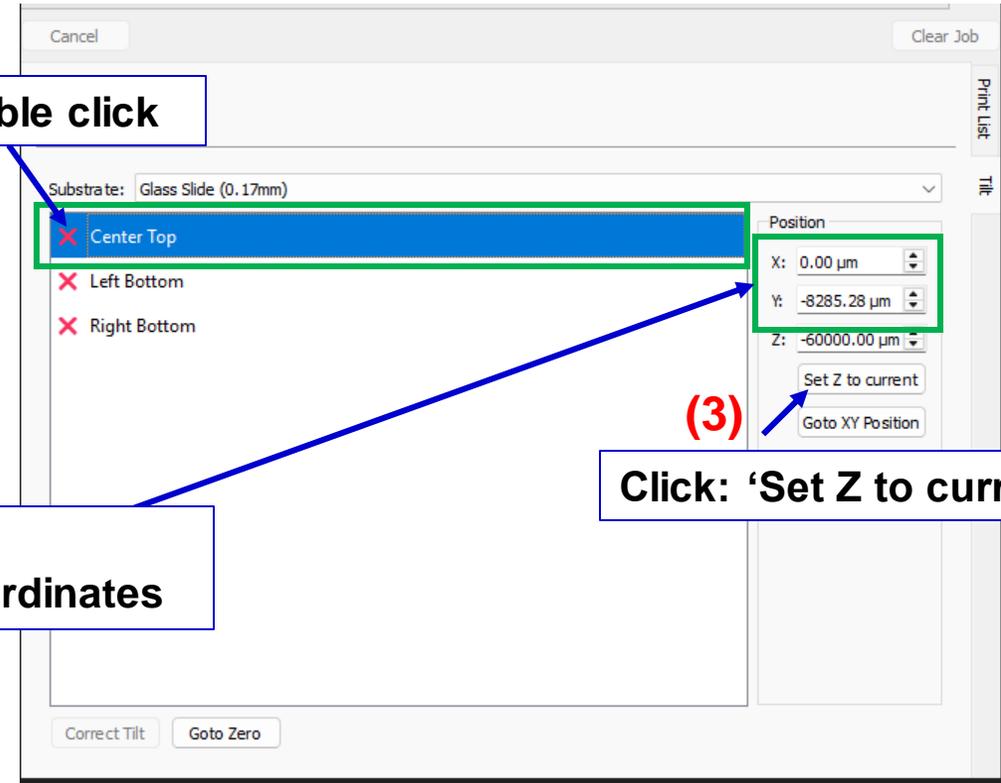
Click 'Tilt tap' and select the 1<sup>st</sup> point  
!!! NO double click

(2)

Double click

(1)

Type in  
X & Y coordinates



(3)

Click: 'Set Z to current'

(4) Repeat (1) – (3) for the other two point

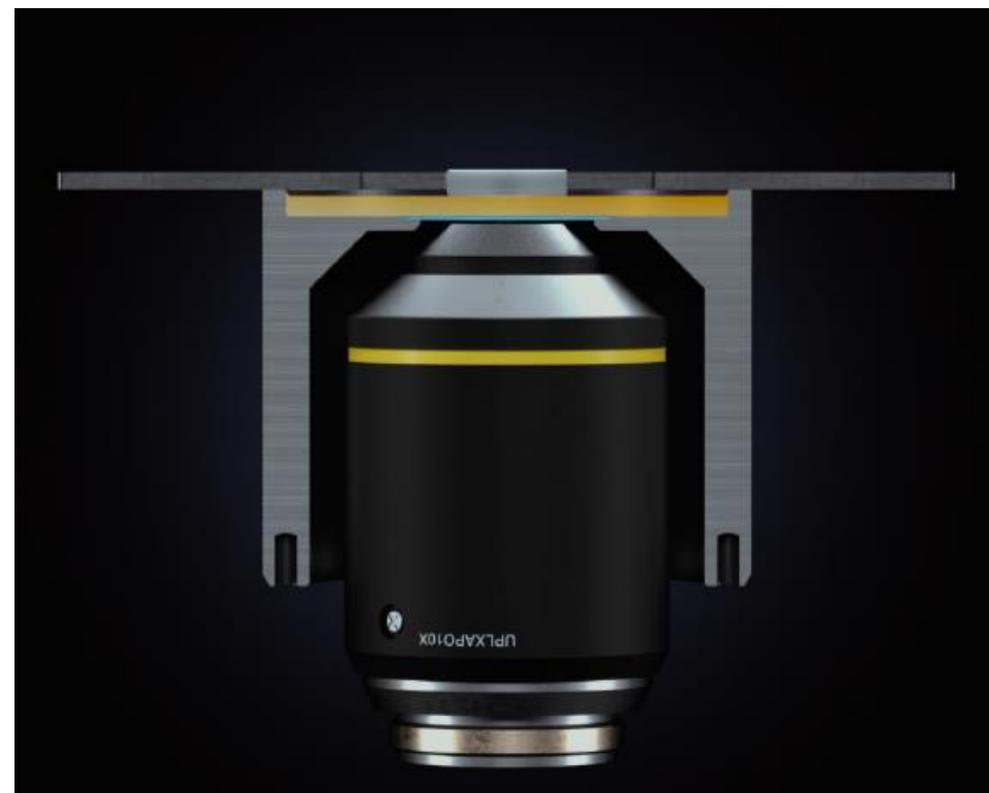
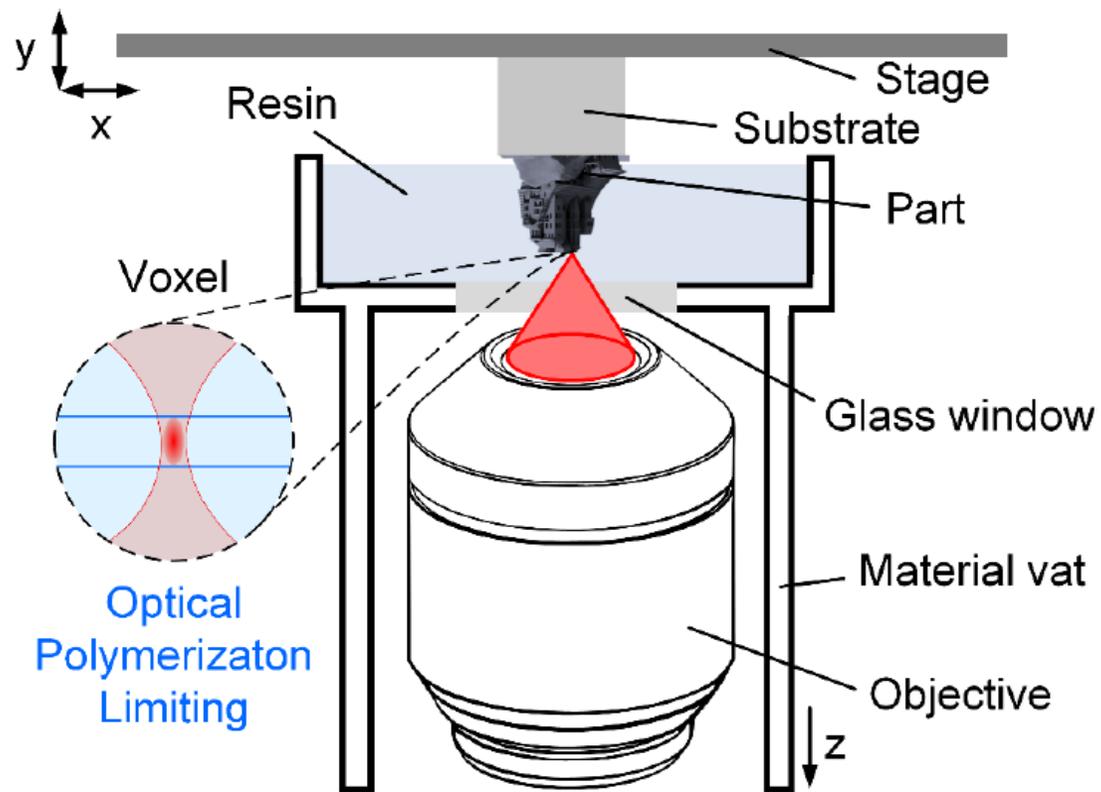
(5) Do final focus at any point

(6) Locate and start printing

# Appendix

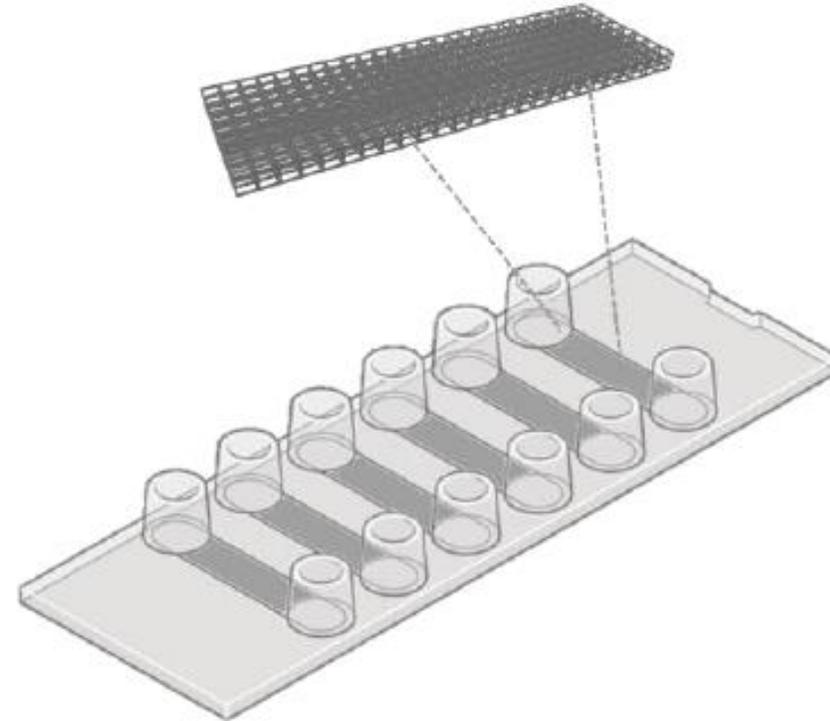
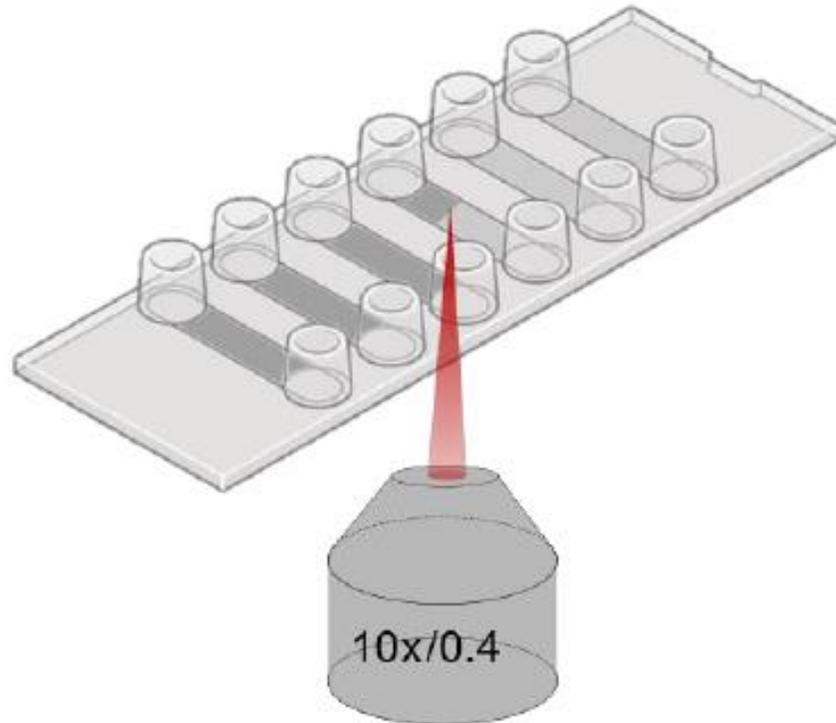
# Vat mode

- Combination of various vats and substrates: objective media (oil, air, water) | substrate size
- Printing part height up to 42 mm



# Bottom up mode

- Printing into sterile vessels, petri dishes, or any transparent substrates
- Printing from the bottom of the vessel upwards
  - Printed structure height limit because of the scattering of laser through the polymerized resin.



# Printing materials selection guide

## Printing resins

for any application

	 updraft	 upbrix	 upsol	 upthermo <small>Powered by cubicure</small>	 upphoto	 upopto	 upblack	 upflow
Common Objective	20x,10x	40x	40x,20x	10x,5x	20x,10x,5x	40x,20x,10x	10x	40x,20x,10x
Fabrication Speed	+++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++
Highly Transparent						++		+
Vat Mode	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Aspect Ratio	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Low Viscosity		✓			✓			✓
Low Fluorescence						✓	✓	✓
Low Transmissive							✓	
Refractive Index Matched		✓						
2.5D Structures		✓	✓					
Sub-µm Printing		✓	✓					
Overhangs Smaller 90°			✓					
Bio Compatible*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Temperature Stability**				✓				



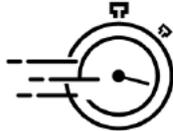
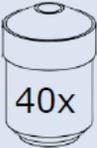
# Objectives (1/3)

- 5 objectives available
- Select one of them based on the resolution and total size of the printing structure
- Estimation of printing time is available in the 'Think 3D'
  - Refer the excel file on the desktop, 'Print time estimation.xlsx'

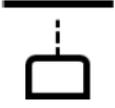
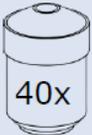


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10X	UPLXAPO	air	0.4	3.1	1.4	60	0.7	600	40
20X	UPLSAPO	DH2O	0.7	0.35	0.7	30	0.25	300	2.25
40X	UPLSAPO40XO	Immersion	1.4	0.13	0.35	10	0.15	150	0.25

# Objectives (2/3)

		 BOTTOM UP	 VAT	 VERTICAL	 HORIZONTAL		
STANDARD OBJECTIVES	 40x	$\leq 150 \mu\text{m}$	PART HEIGHT UP TO  40 mm	$> 0.8 \mu\text{m}$	$> 1.8 \mu\text{m}$	150 mm/s	0.25 mm <sup>3</sup> /h
	 20x	$\leq 250 \mu\text{m}$		$> 2.5 \mu\text{m}$	$> 5 \mu\text{m}$	300 mm/s	2.25 mm <sup>3</sup> /h
	 10x NAO.4	$\leq 700 \mu\text{m}$		$> 5 \mu\text{m}$	$> 20 \mu\text{m}$	600 mm/s	40 mm <sup>3</sup> /h
	 10x NAO.3	$\leq 2 \text{ mm}$		$> 7 \mu\text{m}$	$> 50 \mu\text{m}$	600 mm/s	60 mm <sup>3</sup> /h
	 5x	$\leq 3 \text{ mm}$		$> 12.5 \mu\text{m}$	$> 200 \mu\text{m}$	1,200 mm/s	300 mm <sup>3</sup> /h

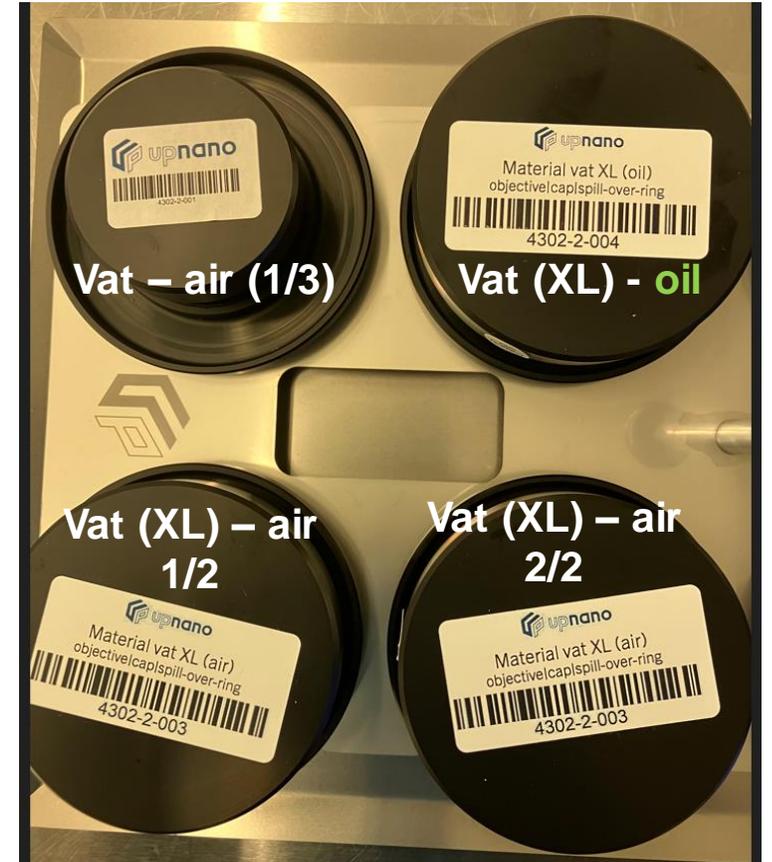
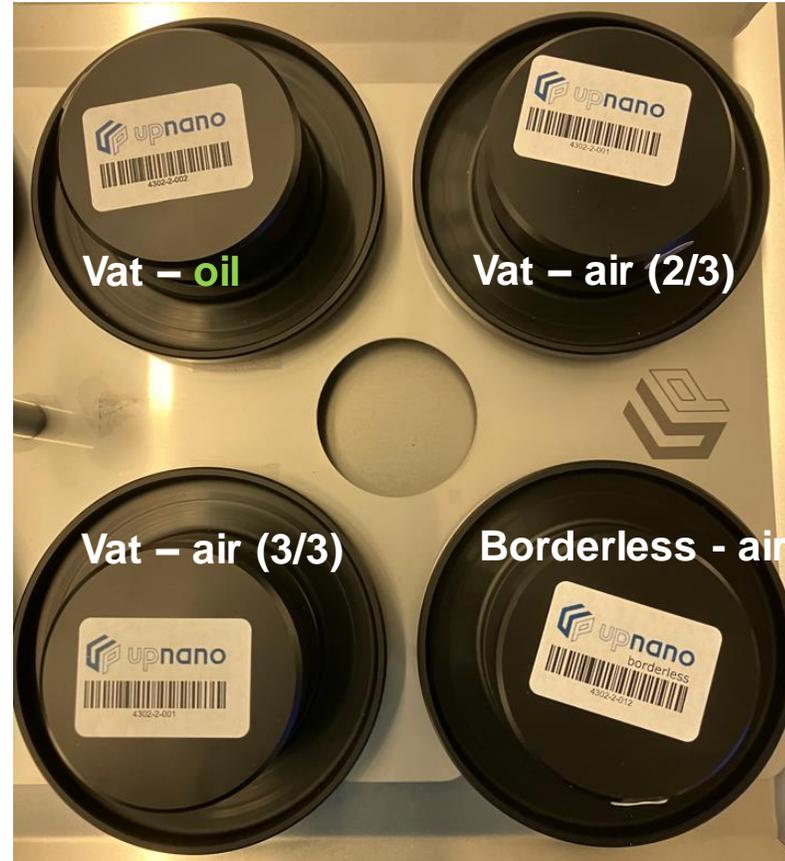
# Objectives (3/3)

								
		NA	WD	FOV	BH	IM	FS	FS
STANDARD OBJECTIVES		<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>oil</b>	<b>≤ 220 nm</b>	<b>≤ 550 nm</b>
		<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>water</b>	<b>≤ 420 nm</b>	<b>≤ 2.9 μm</b>
		<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>air</b>	<b>≤ 730 nm</b>	<b>≤ 9.2 μm</b>
		<b>0.3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>air</b>	<b>≤ 980 nm</b>	<b>≤ 16.4 μm</b>
		<b>0.25</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>air</b>	<b>≤ 1.2 μm</b>	<b>≤ 23 μm</b>

8.33 x 750 in | Numerical Aperture | WD - Working Distance [mm] | FOV - Field of View [mm] | BH - Block Height [μm] | IM - Immersion Media | FS - min. Feature Size

# Vat: material tray

## Vat (XXL) - air



# Vat: material tray

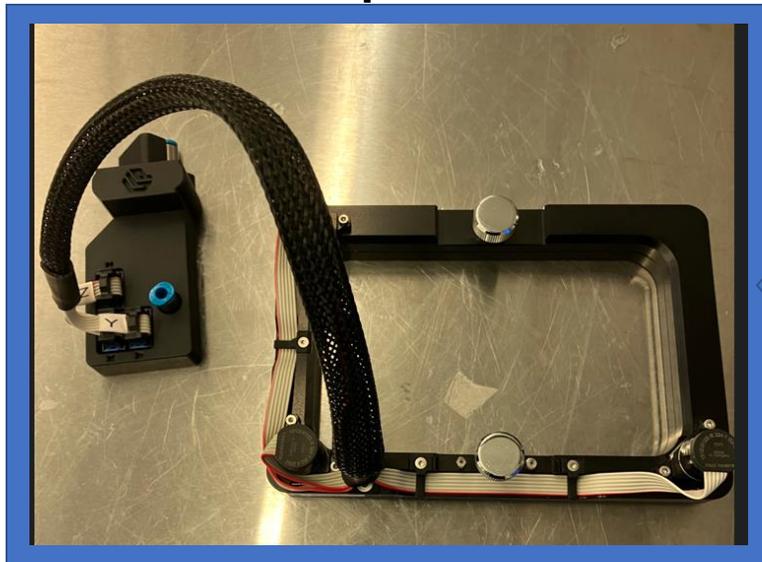


Store resin with label  
In the tray

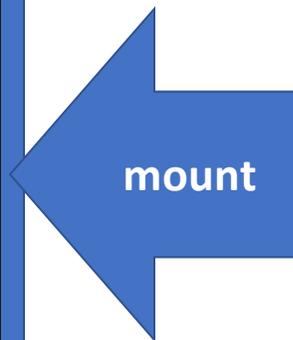
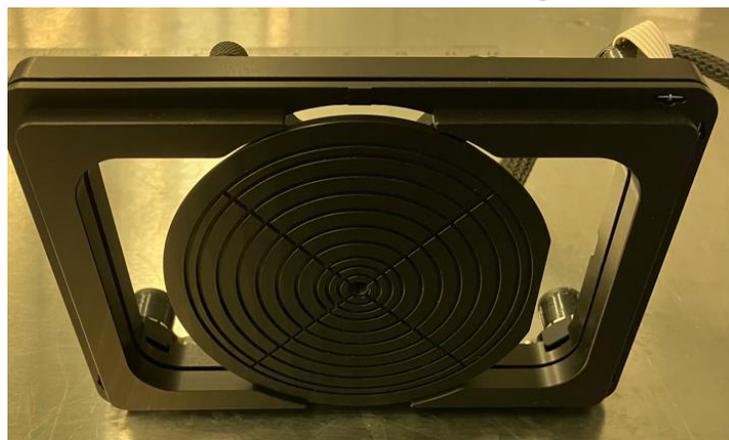


# Stages and wafer holders:

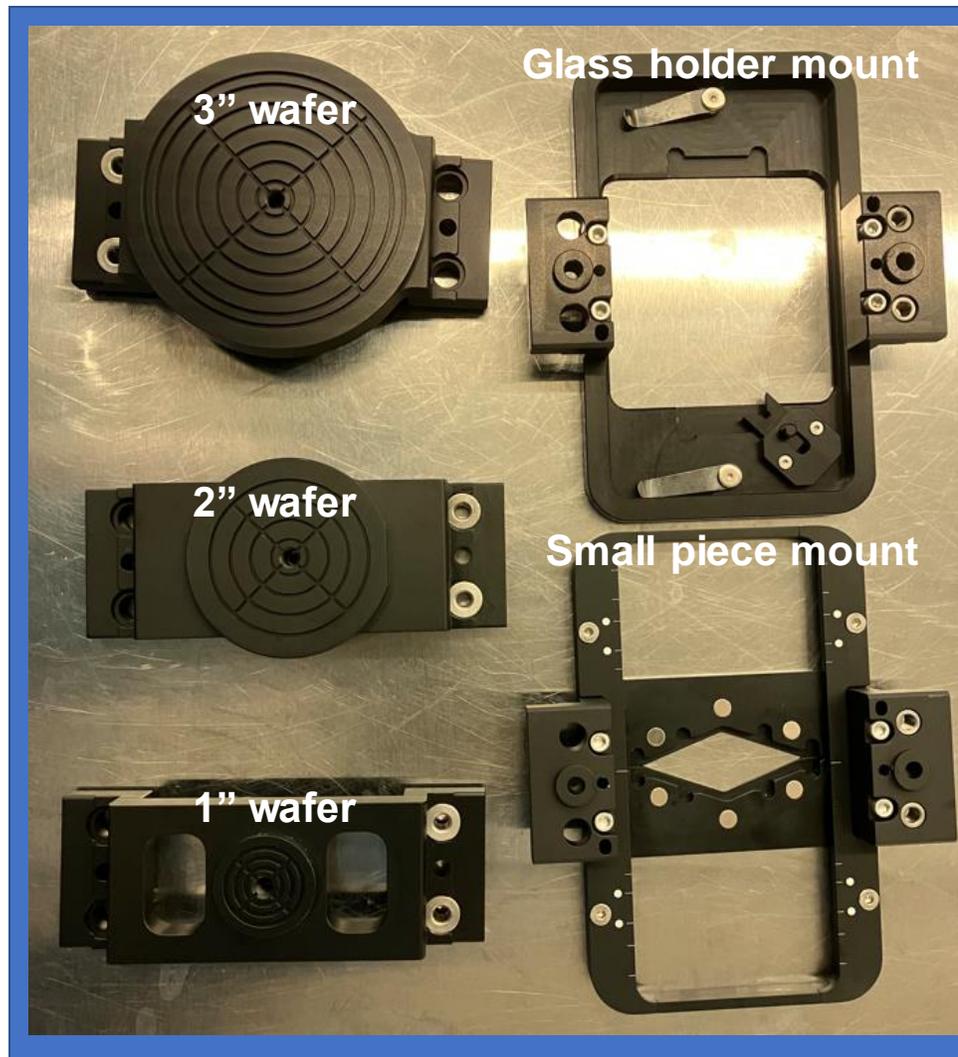
Tilt correction stage  
– various sample substrate holders



Tilt correction 4" stage



Various sample substrate holders



Bio-container  
&  
Petri-dish  
holder



# Glass substrate & holders

## Glass substrates

- Square: 10, 20, 40 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Round: 1 inch in diameter



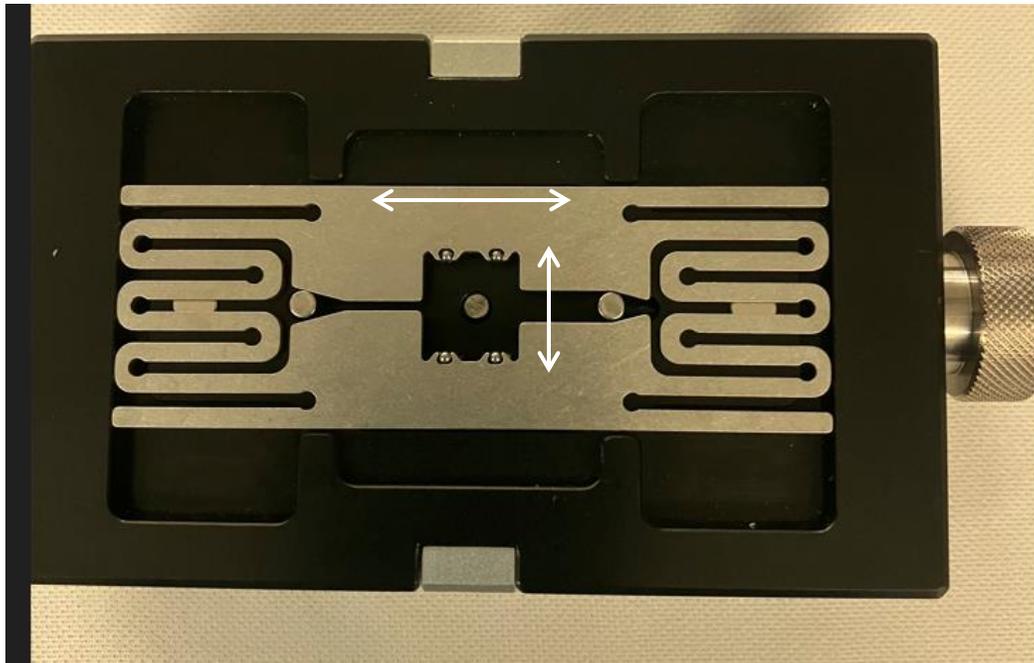
## Glass substrate holder



# Substrate holder manipulation

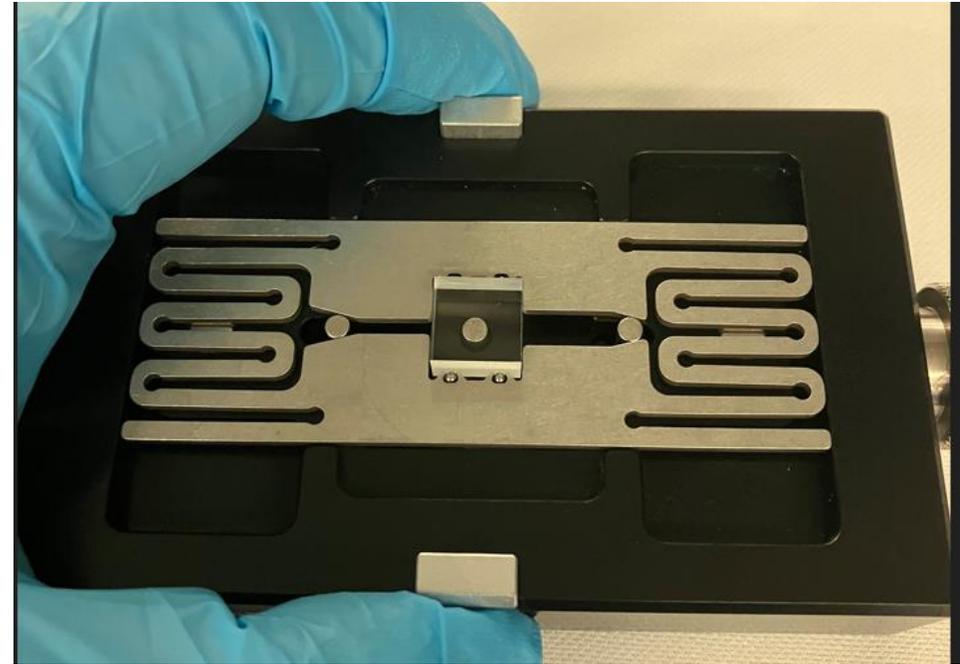
## Holding sample

- Place the substrate holder
- Rotate the knob clockwise
- Sample holding square wider
- Place a glass substrate
- Bring back the holder using knob



## Knob operation

- Move the stage holder along +X
- Lift up the metal pieces, popping up the glass substrate



# Revision history

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