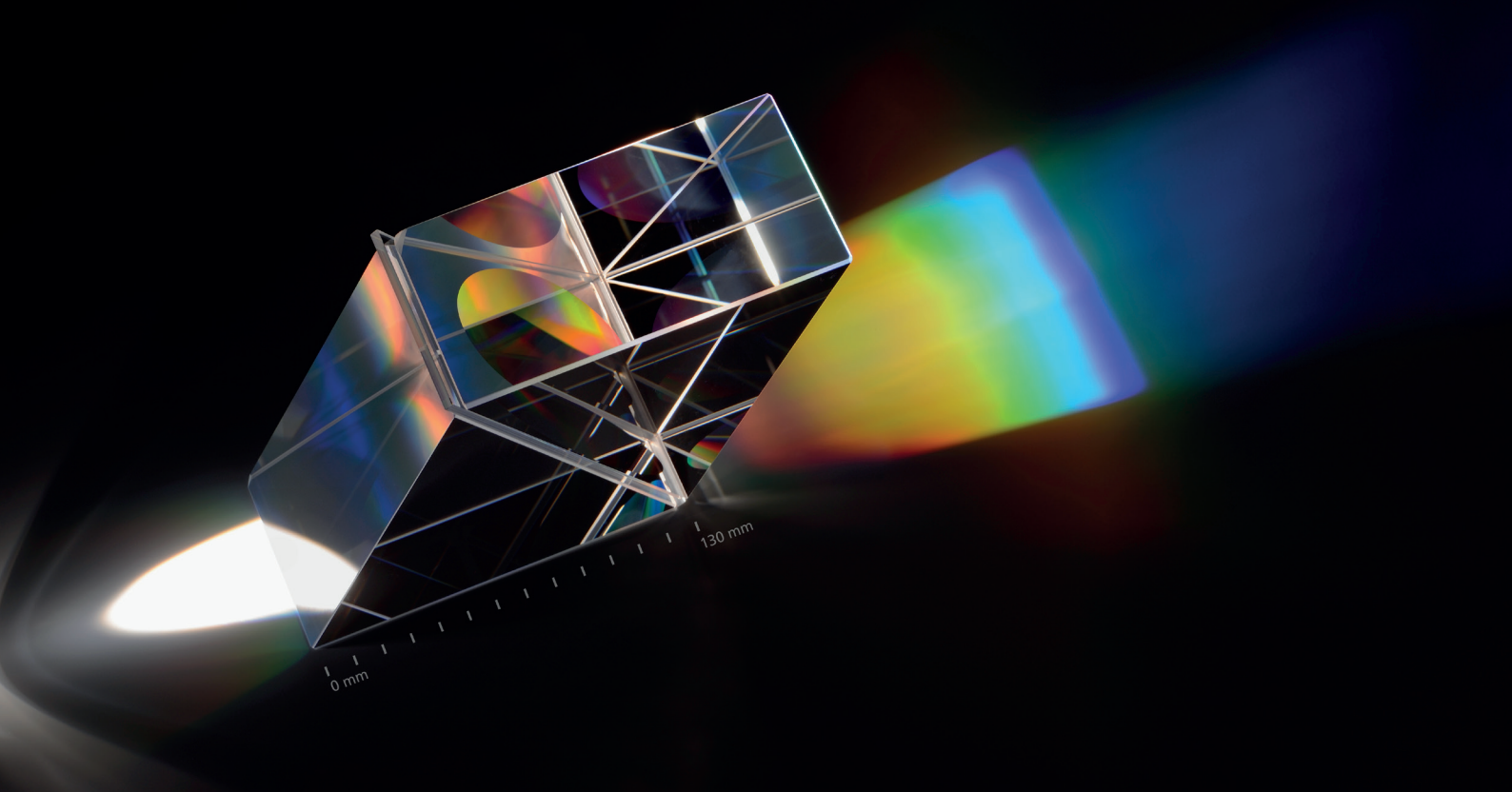




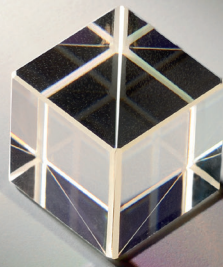
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Cover: Interlayer-free bonded prism-grating-prism.

Top: Beam splitter cube with dielectric coating.

#### Goal

We develop bonding technologies for optical components with regard to a variety of external requirements (e.g. high power laser loads, applications in harsh environments, lithography). Adapted to the application and materials, plasma-activated or silicate bonding is used to fabricate high-precision components with high mechanical stability (up to 80 % of the bulk materials strength) and high transparency. Surface figure and roughness correction is possible to meet the appropriate requirements.

#### Plasma-activated direct bonding

- Process
  - Extensive materials adapted cleaning
  - Plasma activation
  - High precision alignment
  - Annealing at moderate temperatures (~ 250 °C)
- Requirements
  - Chemical stability against cleaning agents
  - $\lambda/10$  surface flatness (stiff geometry)
  - Surface roughness  $\leq 0.5$  nm rms (10x 10  $\mu\text{m}^2$  measurement area in atomic force microscopy)

#### Silicate bonding

- Process
  - Extensive materials adapted cleaning
  - Application of bonding solution
  - High precision alignment
  - Annealing at moderate temperatures (~ 250 °C)
- Process requirements
  - Chemical stability against cleaning and bonding agents
  - 3  $\mu\text{m}$  PV surface flatness
  - Surface roughness  $\leq 3$  nm rms



Silicate bonded achromatic lens doublet.

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