

VULQ1-S from QiOVA

The fastest laser marking solutions
in the market



QiOVA presentation - Agenda

- QiOVA[®] at a glance
- Multibeam laser processing
- VULQ1[®] offering
- Industrial applications



Qiova at a glance



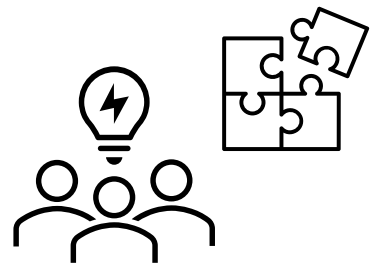
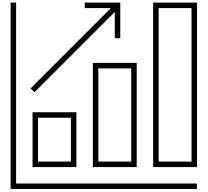
Pioneers of multibeam laser processing for industry





Latest news 2024

- Serie A funding – 2M€+ to accelerate market penetration
 - Led by top french Luxe industrial group
- >1 M€ booking by May
 - Pharmaceuticals and luxe sectors leading, marking systems driven
 - Electronics and industrial goods to follow
- x3 revenue in FY2024 vs FY2023
- Consolidating team with 8 new hires



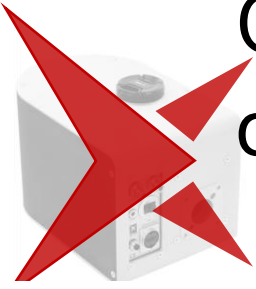


Current bottlenecks in laser processing

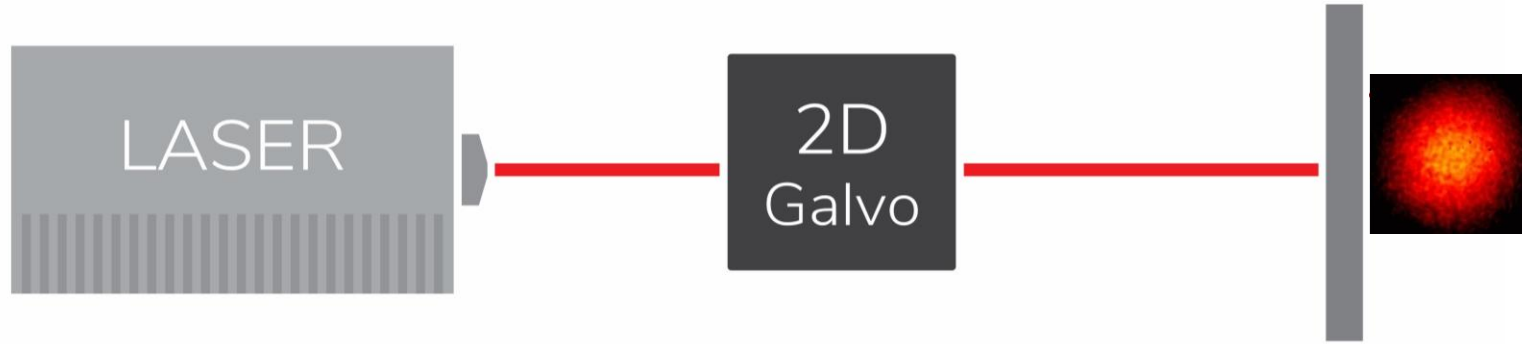


Using only scanning for laser beam delivery creates limitations in:

1. Throughput
2. Efficiency, especially for USP processing
3. Flexibility



Our solution: dynamically programmable multibeam laser processing



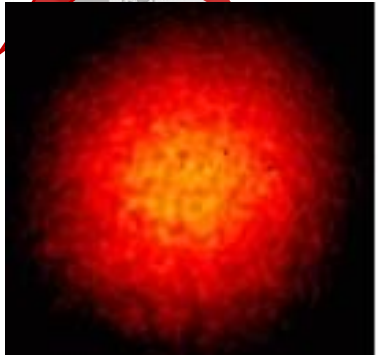
Standard laser processing
Sequential, like a pen on a sheet of paper



**Programmable
multibeam laser processing**
Dynamically parallelized, like a digital mask approach

Faster
More efficient
More flexible

The programmable multibeam technology



VULQ1 programmable multibeam technology
shapes light from the laser beam
on-demand and in real time
to maximize process performance at each step

VULQ1 generates up to hundreds laser beamlets on-demand, from one single laser beam.

The beamlets characteristics are individually and dynamically controlled by software - in position, profile and energy - to create the “*multibeam pattern*” fitted to the process needs.

The many beamlets composing the “*multibeam pattern*” are applied simultaneously to the material, scaling up throughput with no compromise on quality.

Multifold process throughput & efficiency increase
Spatial resolution < 50μm

Our purpose: Better laser solutions for a better manufacturing

Since 2011, QiOVA pioneers multibeam laser solutions to **enable cost-effective and ecofriendly late-stage personalization** of industrial goods

Surface treatment




Sustainable decoration,
functionalisation

Sectors :

Luxe, beverages,
cosmetics, automotive

Internal product traceability(B2B)



Track&Trace,
anticounterfeiting

Sectors:

Medical, luxe, electronics,
beverages

External product traceability (B2C)



Digital marketing, Digital
Product Passport

Sectors:

Durable consumer goods,
luxury goods, electronics

Industrial applications



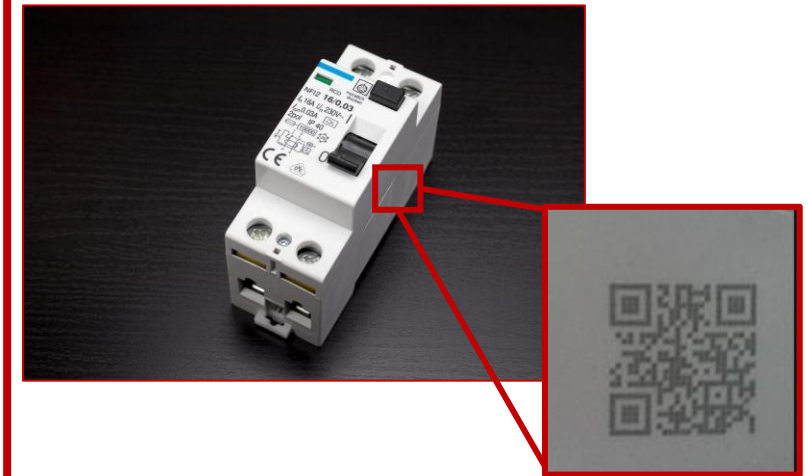
TISSEUR D'INNOVATION



Sustainable glass decoration
New design possibilities,
permanent, no addings
5x faster than standard laser



Serialization of medical devices
Permanent, seamless
integration in-line
72 000 parts / hour



Serialization of electrical goods
4x faster than current UV laser
marking
14 400 parts/hour

An unique offer of products and expertise to deliver superior throughput for industrial applications

Pre-sales service

Defining custom solution

- ✘ Feasibility studies
- ✘ Application development
- ✘ Pre-series

VULQ1 Multibeam OEM offer

Delivering higher performance

- ✘ Manufactured in our factory
- ✘ Standard and custom OEM systems
- ✘ Retrofit/integration in environment

After-sales service

Maximizing uptime

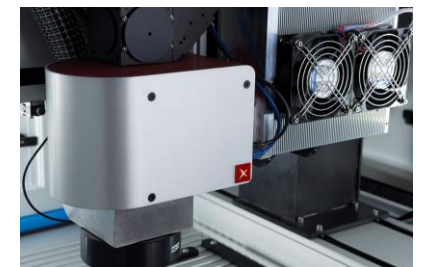
- ✘ Maintenance
- ✘ Warranty extension
- ✘ Contracted services



VULQ1-M
Optical module



VULQ1-S
Laser marking systems



Custom Laser
marking systems

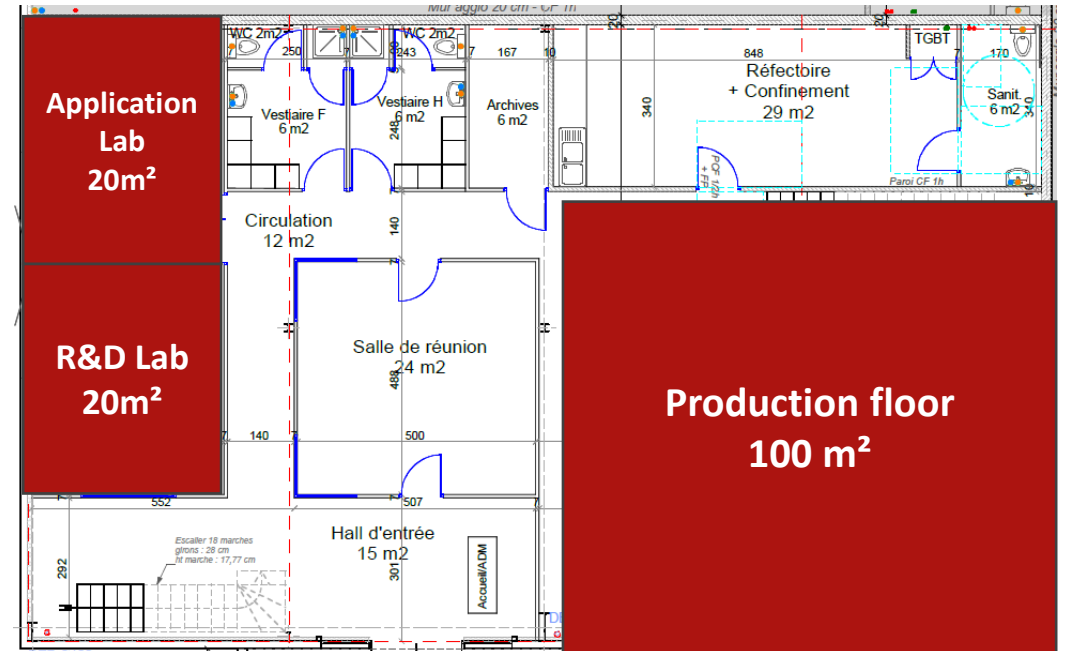


QiOVA – Our factory



- **Factory located in the region of Saint-Etienne**
- Brand new industrial activity park
- 5min from highway, 1h from Lyon airport

- **Laser R&D laboratory**
 - Lasers: NIR & visible, up to 30mJ, 25W, nanosecond to femtosecond
 - Equipment: 3D printer, characterization
- **Application laboratory**
 - VULQ1 STAMP marking systems
- **Production**
 - 50-100 VULQ1 modules / year
 - 20 VULQ1 systems / year





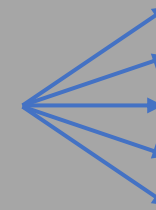
IP Qiova – A growing international patent portfolio

Patent family n°1 FLASH marking

[FR3023206B1](#) (process + system)
[FR3023207B1](#) (principle of use)



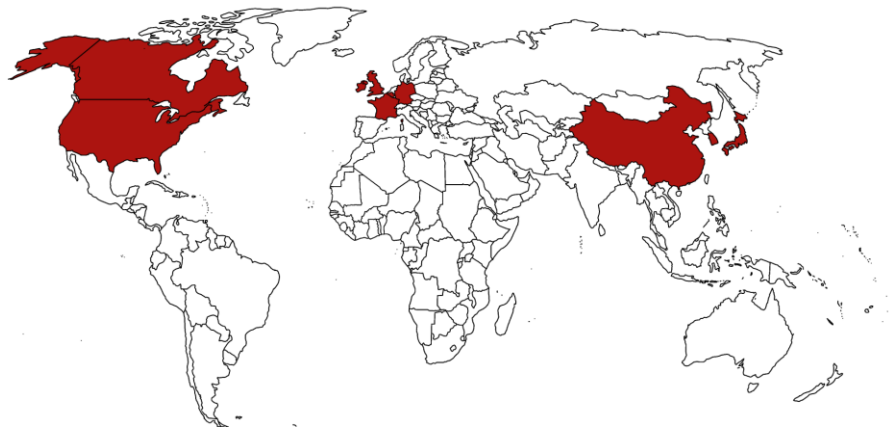
[WO2016001335A1](#)
(PCT extension)



[EP3164828B1](#) (GB, FR, DE, BE)
[CA2953439C](#)
[CN106573336B](#)
[JP6720156B2](#)
[KR101904680B1](#)
[US10350705B2](#)

Patent family n°2 High-speed printing

France - FR [3121060](#)
International Extension – [WO/2022/208020](#)



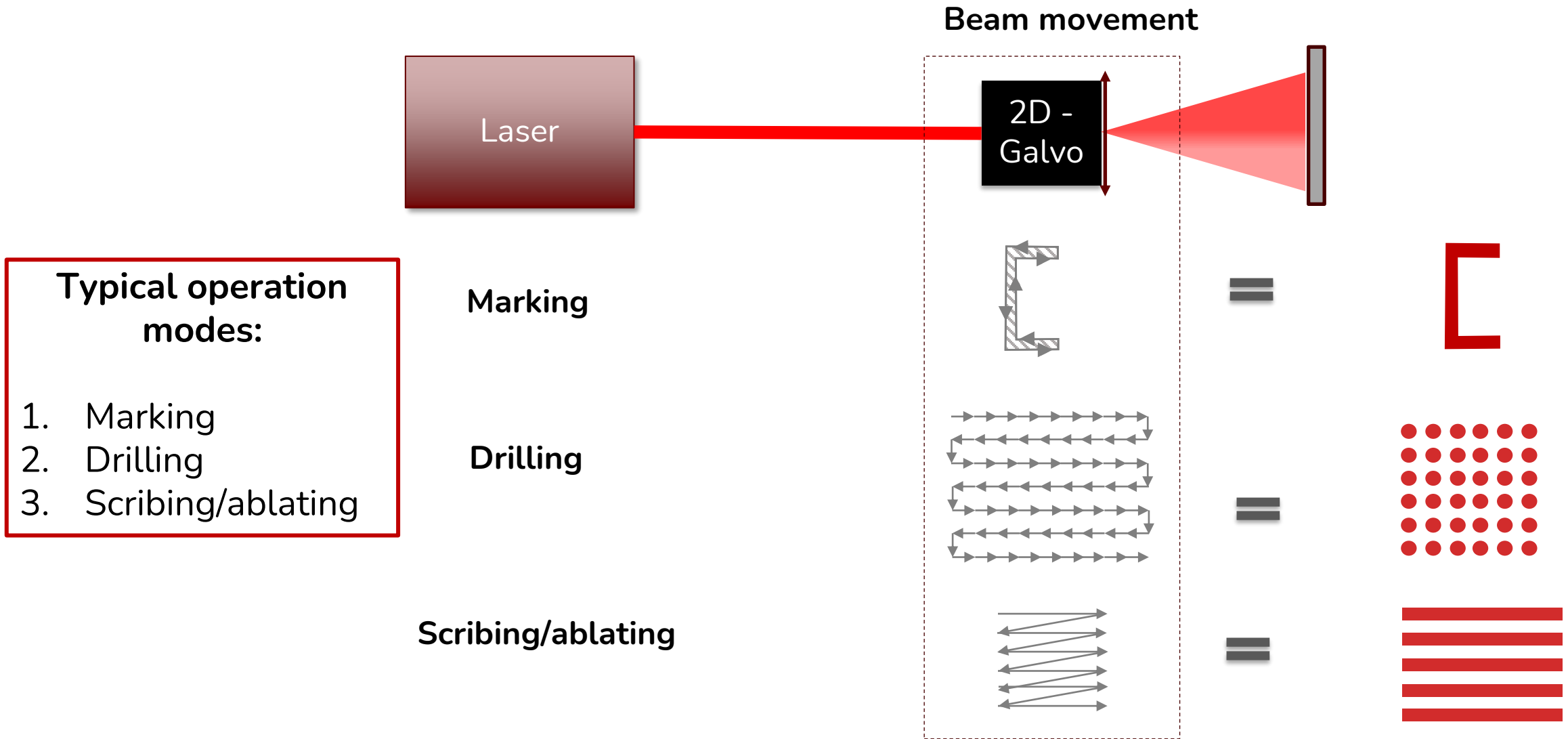
Additional IP pending for the micromachining sector



From standard laser processing to multibeam laser processing



Standard laser processing



- Typical operation modes:**
1. Marking
 2. Drilling
 3. Scribing/ablating

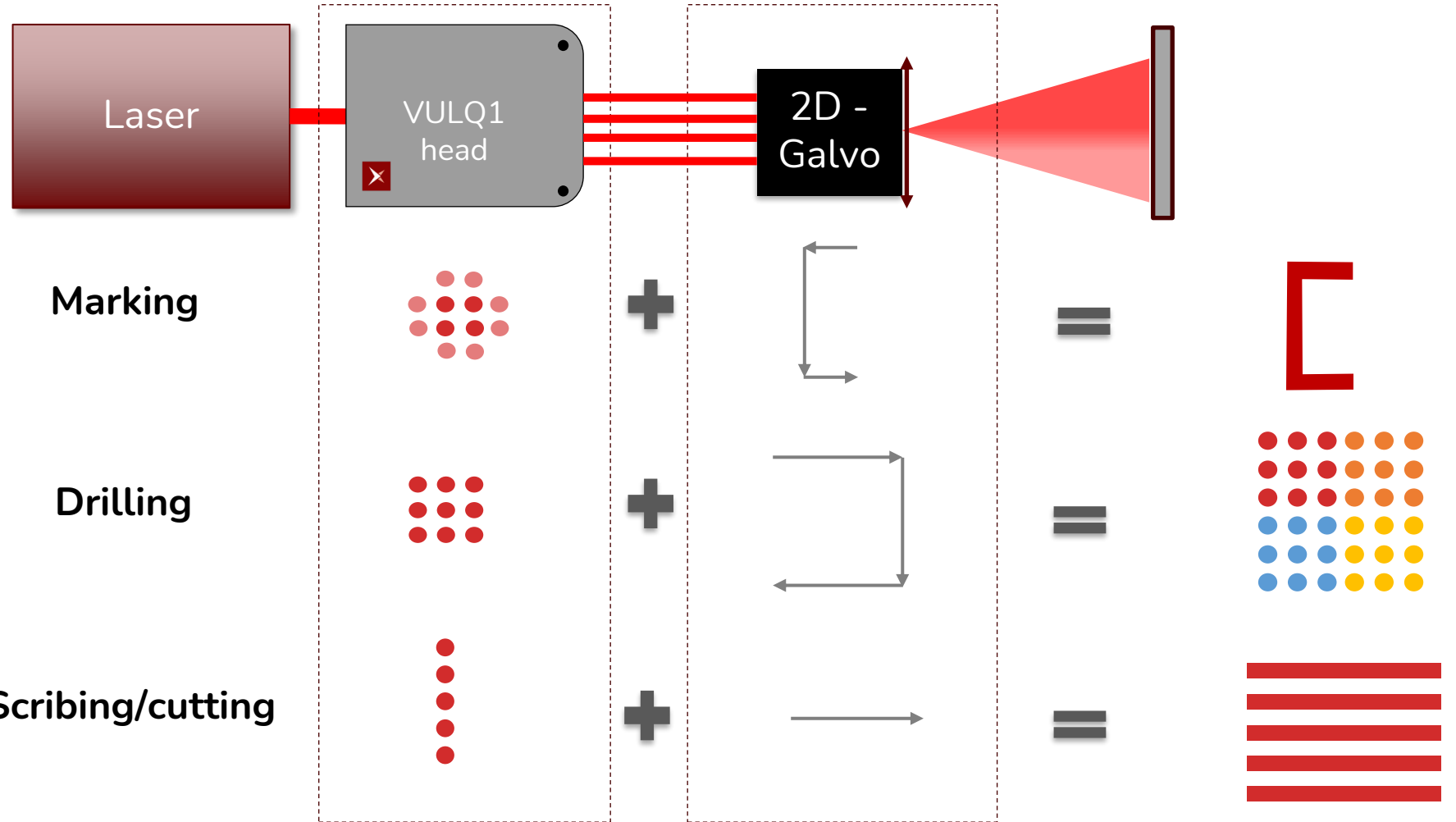
Marking

Drilling

Scribing/ablating

Multibeam laser processing eliminates useless movements

Beam shaping + Beam movement = More throughput
More capabilities

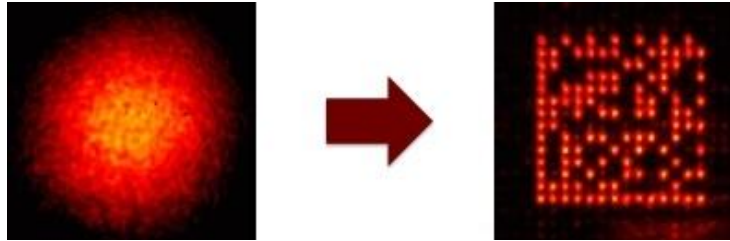


Less beam movement = More throughput

VULQ1 unique marking methods = laser stamping

PATENT#1
FULL-STAMP marking method

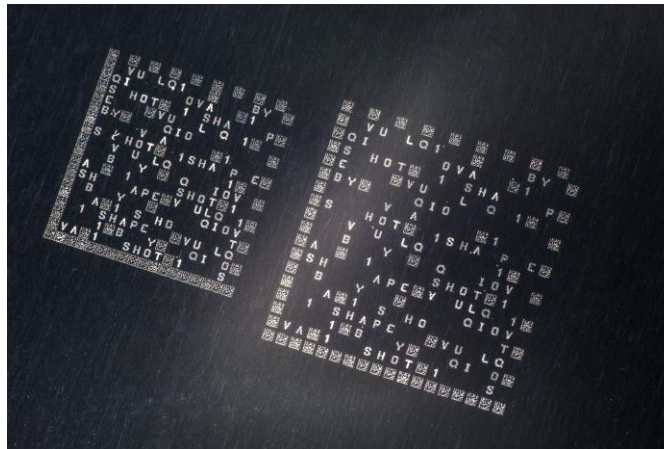
ONE LASER PULSE = ONE MARKING



[Link to youtube video](#)

PATENT#2
PIXEL-STAMP marking method

HIGH SPEED LASER STAMPING



Programmable multibeam processing is operated like standard laser processing

Standard *Laser marking sequence*

1. Configure scanner software
 - a) Load laser settings:
 - Power
 - Repetition rate
 - b) Load scanner settings
 - Trajectories
 - Scanning speed
2. Start laser marking job

Multibeam *Laser marking sequence*

1. **Configure BeamForge API**
 - a) **Choose pre-loaded laser beam shape**
 - b) **Define custom laser beam shape**
2. Configure scanner software
 - a) Load laser settings:
 - Power
 - Repetition rate
 - b) Load scanner settings
 - Trajectories
 - Scanning speed
3. Start multibeam laser marking job



- Same method to define laser marking jobs, also similar HMI
- Gaussian laser physics is the same in multibeam processing: no change defining focusing lens, spot sizes, etc..



VULQ1 offering

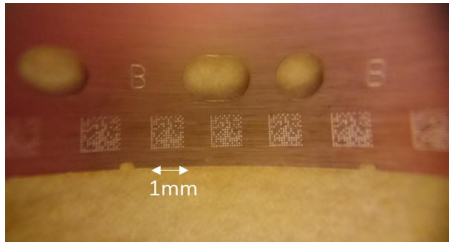
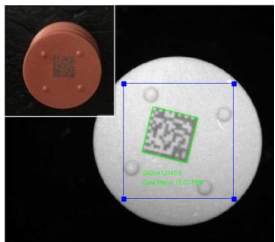
VULQ1™ Product Offer: From optical module to stand-alone laser marking system



VULQ1-S Systems FLASH series

Model NS NIR

Model NS VIS



VULQ1-S Systems BEAMS series

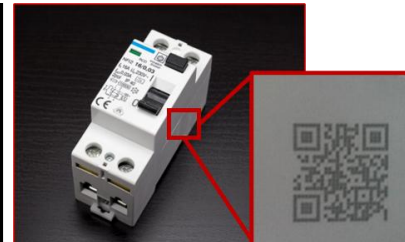
Model NS NIR

Model NS VIS

Model FS NIR



©: Pochet Ducourval



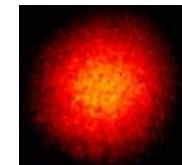
VULQ1-M Modules

BBD-P010

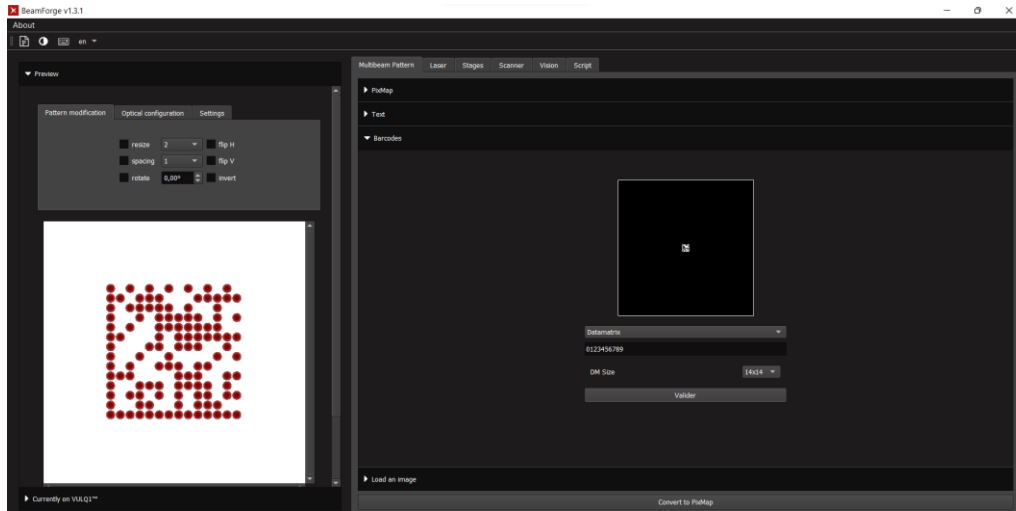
NIR-P050

VIS-P050

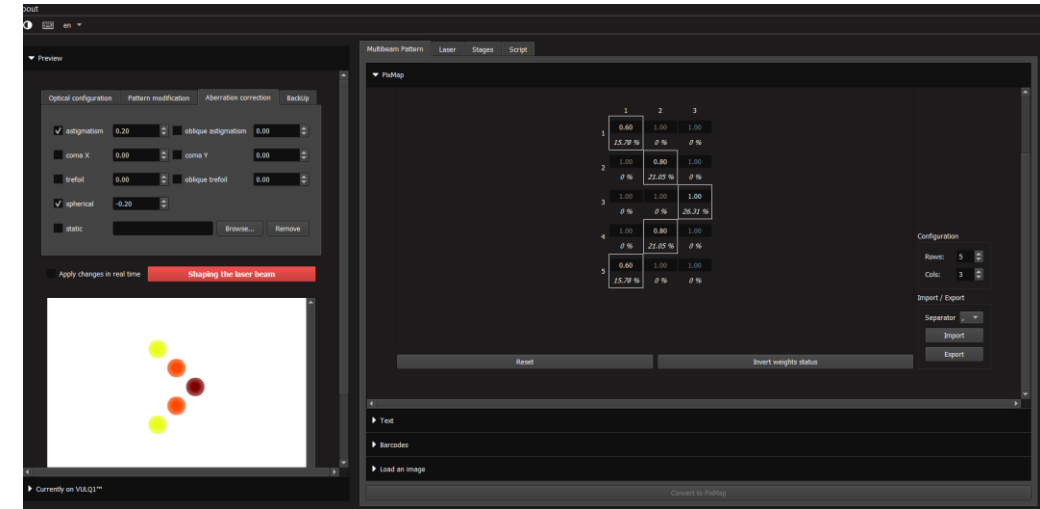
NIR-P100



All powered by our proprietary software suite BeamForge

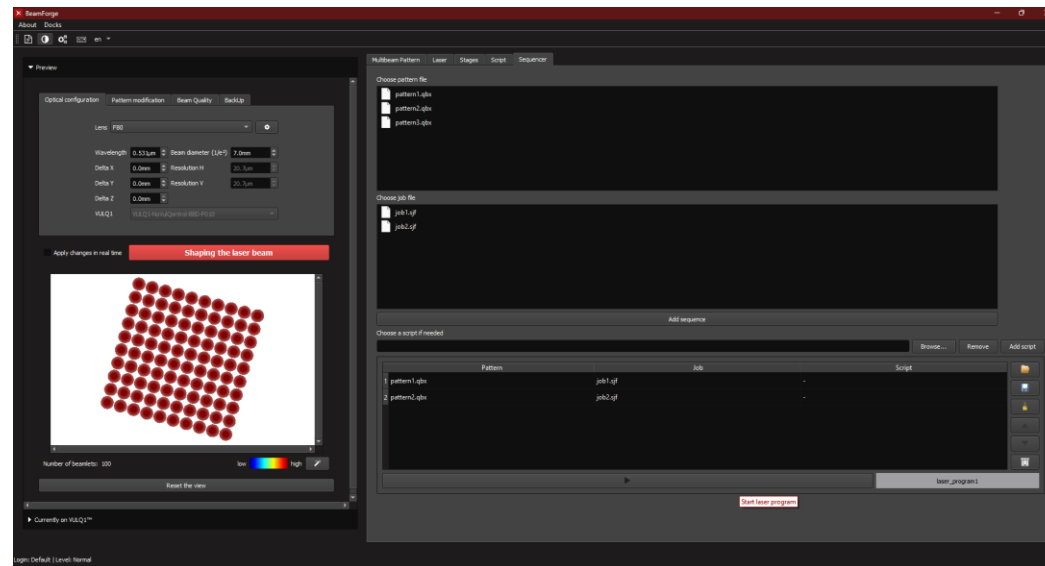


Generate 2D codes automatically from data



Create your own multibeam shapes interactively, save and reload on demand.

Drag-and-drop beam shapes, scanning jobs and scripts to create custom marking sequences





VULQ1-S

Multibeam Laser Marking systems



VULQ1-S Multibeam Laser marking system components

1. Multibeam Laser head

- Wavelength: NIR or Visible
- Up to 80W power
- Up to 40mJ energy
- Down to fs pulse duration range



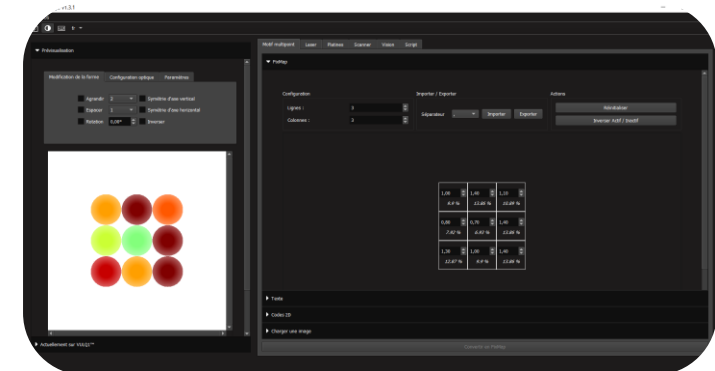
2. Control bay

- 19" rack bay
- Includes water connection
- Default 5m connection cable to the laser head



3. BeamForge software

- Main software with interactive graphic tools
- Embeddable API version for integration



VULQ1-S: a modular system range to provide an industrial response to every mass customization need

Product line	Model	Max Energy	Max Power	Pulse duration	Wavelength	Materials	Marking time
VULQ1-S FLASH series	NIR	40mJ	4W	ns	1064 nm	Metals, coated materials, polymers, moulded compound	<10ns
	VIS	40mJ	4W	ns	532 nm	Polymers, films, multilayers, elastomers	<10ns
VULQ1-S BEAMS series	NS NIR	6,4mJ	64W	ns	1064 nm	Metals, coated materials, polymers, moulded compound	3-10x shorter (*)
	NS VIS	3,2mJ	32W	ns	532 nm	Polymers, films, multilayers, elastomers	3-10x shorter (*)
	FS NIR	800µJ	80W	ps-fs	1030-1064 nm	Ceramics, glass	3-10x shorter (*)
(*) Marking time typically 3-10x shorter than conventional laser marking							

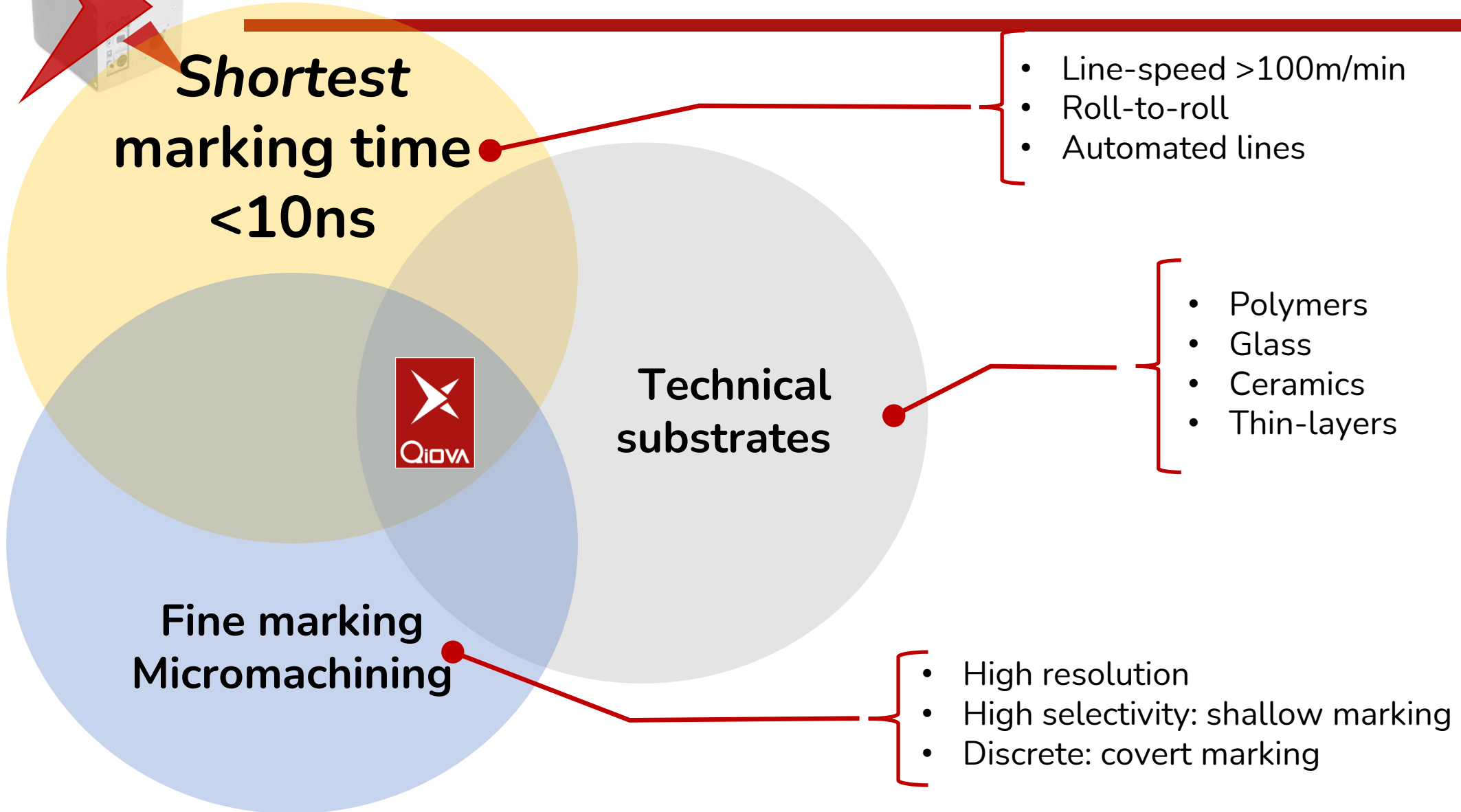
- High throughput laser marking systems based on programmable multibeam technology
 - Infrared and visible spectral range
 - Up to 80W power
 - Up to 40mJ energy per pulse



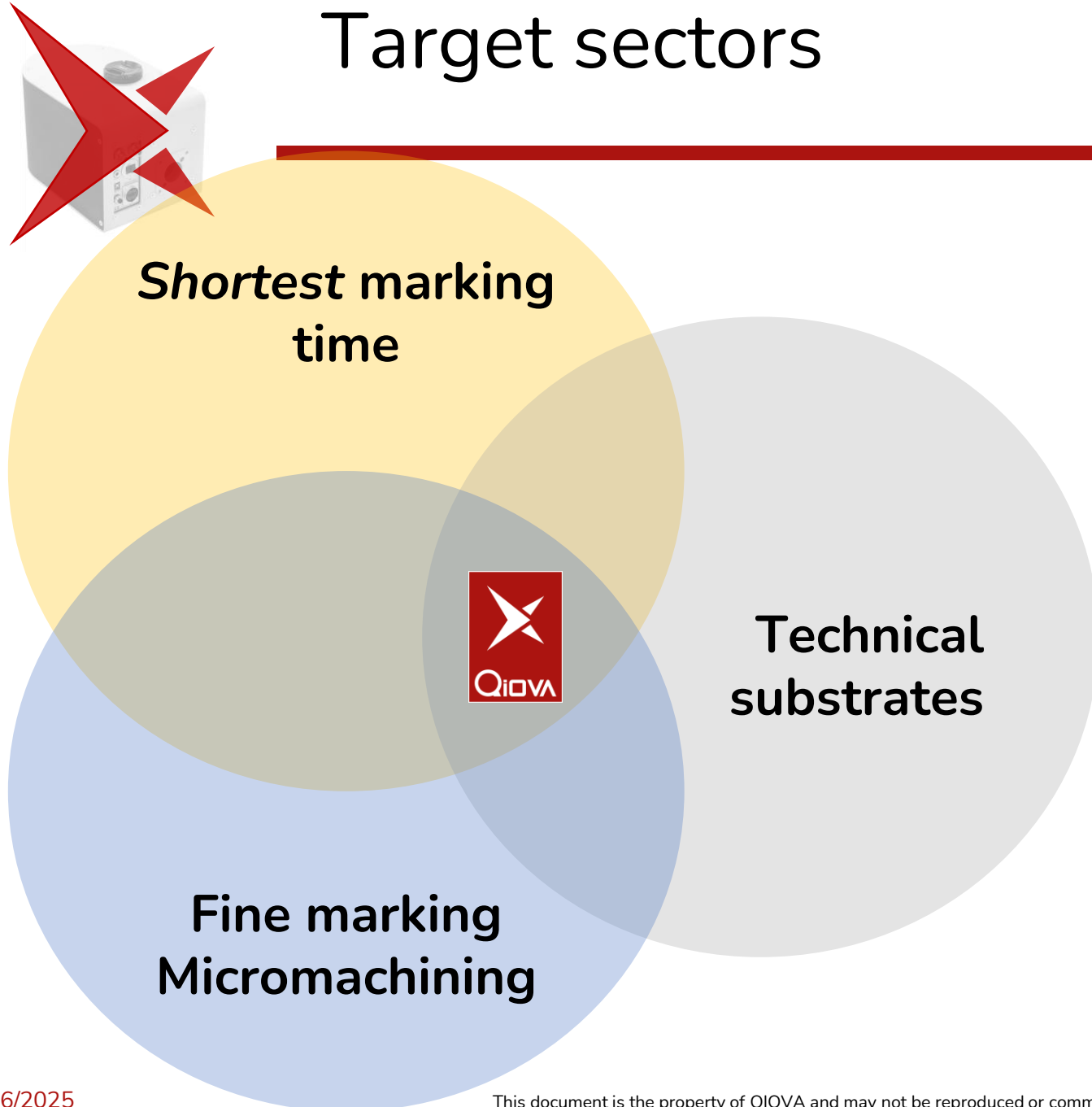
VULQ1 multibeam laser marking systems Industrial applications



Technology differentiation regions



Target sectors



Electrical products



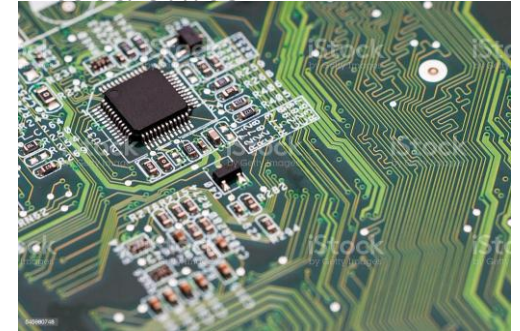
Medical devices



Luxe



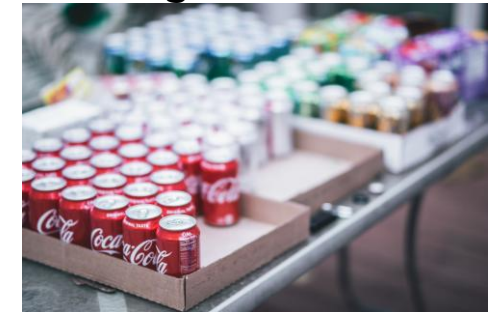
Electronics



FMG packaging

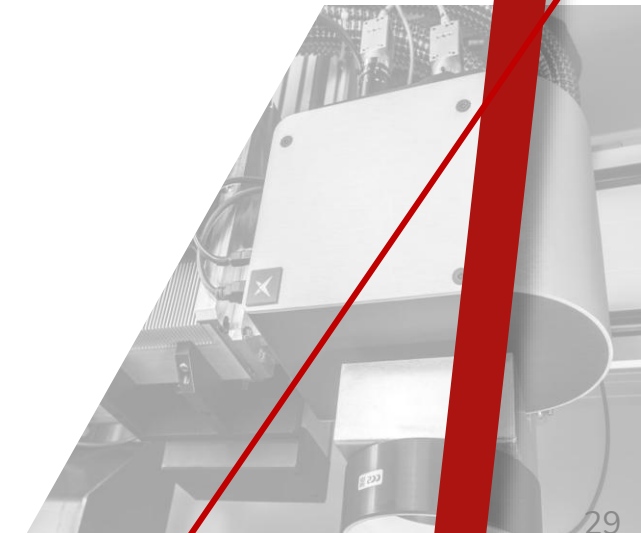


Beverages





Applications examples with **VULQ1-S FLASH series**



VULQ1-S FLASH series: The best permanent serialization solution for fast lines

[Link to youtube video FLASH marking](#)

Product features

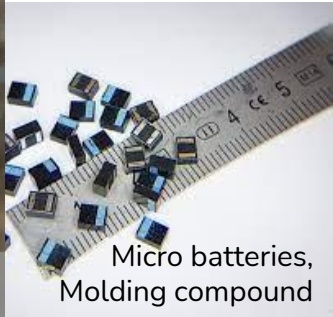
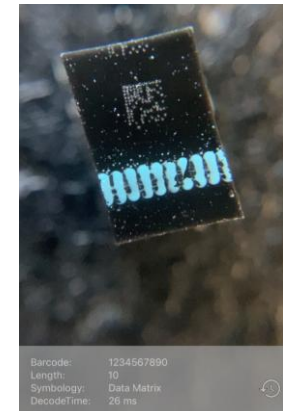
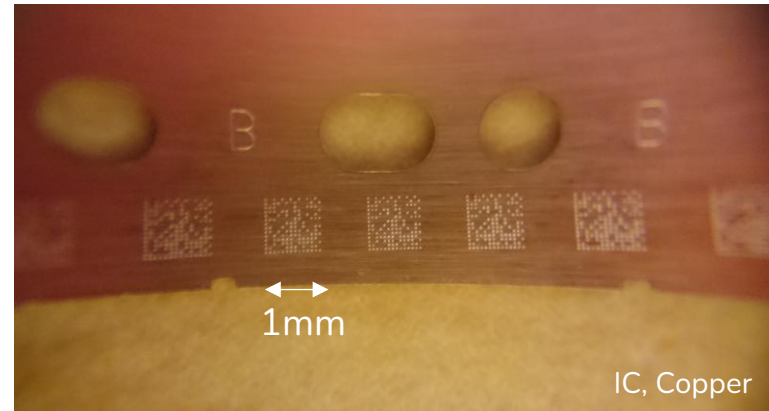
- **Shortest marking time of the market <10ns**
- Supports QiOVA's patented FULL-STAMP marking method
- 20Hz serialization rate
- 2kHz lot marking rate
- Down to 300µm code size

Applications:

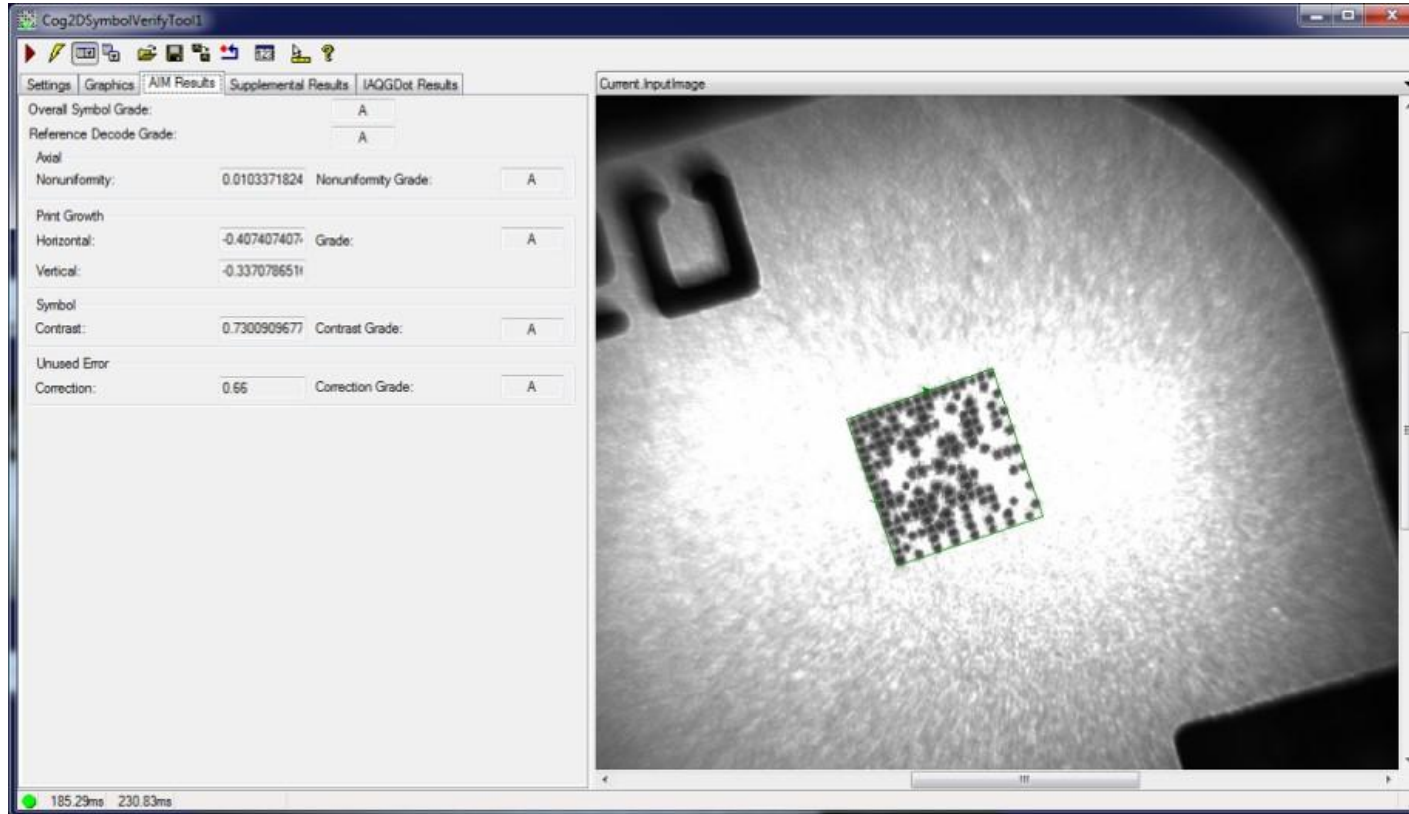
- In-line serialization of small products
- In-line serialization of components
- Anticounterfeting

Sectors

- Medical
- Electronics & semiconductors



VULQ1-S FLASH series delivers speed & marking quality



- Datamatrix 16x16 marking on IC chip, 1mm size code
- A Grade quality
- 10 unique 2D codes per second, on the fly marking

In-line serialization of insulin cartridge

MATERIAL:

•Elastomer

DM14x14 GS1 code:

•2,5mm

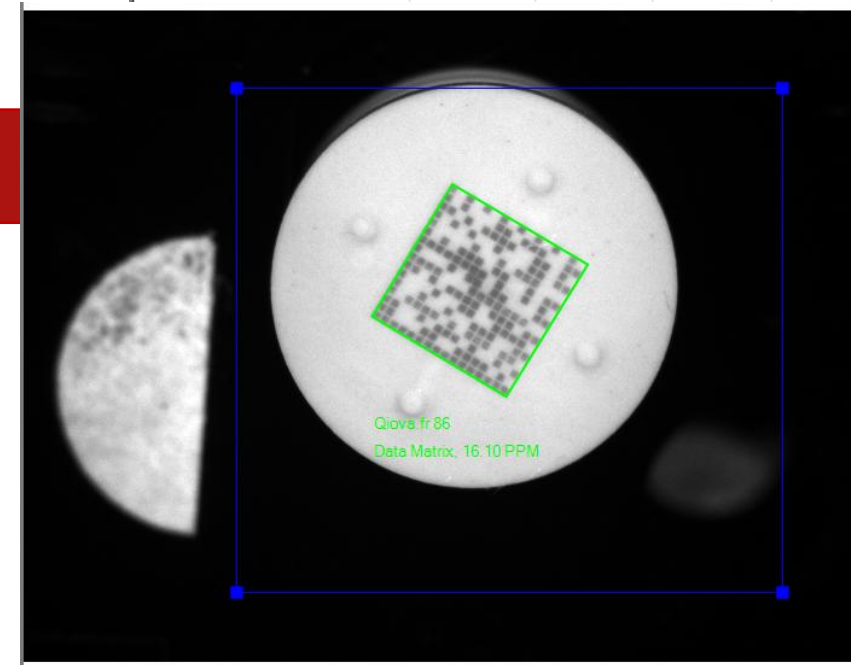
Product & process:

- FLASH NS VIS
- FULL-STAMP

Market: Medical, pharmaceutical packaging

- In-line on-the-fly marking, 600u/min
- Marking in one pulse with FULL-STAMP patent
- Marking Quality: Grad A to C
- Straightforward retrofit, with +/-4mm depth of focus

Qualité du code				
Réussi (B) ✓				
Propriété	Valeur	Grade		Moyenne
AIM-DPM (Data Matrix: Giova.fr 86)				
Note du symbole				
Contraste des cellules	+0.385	A	✓	A
Hétérogénéité axiale	+0.015	A	✓	A
Grossissement de l'im...	-0.152			
% d'erreurs non corrigé...	+1.000	A	✓	A
Cell Modulation		A	✓	B+
Dégradation d'un motif...		B	✓	B
Hétérogénéité du quad...	+0.056	A	✓	A

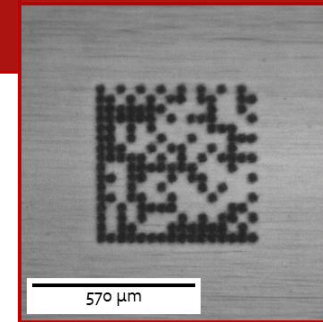
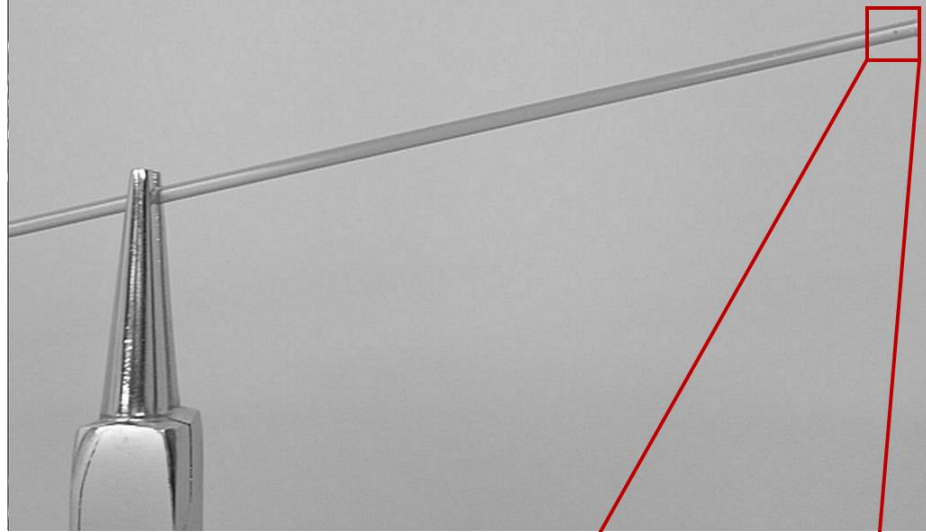


Batch product identification on small medical device

MATERIAL:
PVC polymer with additives

DM 16x16
570µm

- Product & process:**
- FLASH NS NIR
 - FULL-STAMP



Market: Medical

- Throughput: 77 000 parts marked per hour
- Resolution: DM 16x16 in 570µm
- Readable on-site with smartphone to allow secure transaction WW and customer support



Applications examples with **VULQ1-S BEAMS series**



VULQ1-S BEAMS series: laser processing now AUGMENTED

Features

- **Typical x3-x10 throughput increase vs conventional marking**
- Supports QiOVA's patented PIXEL-STAMP marking method
- Surface marking rate in cm^2/s with micron resolution
- Glass
 - High-end soft touch and appearance
 - No micro-cracking when cold marking

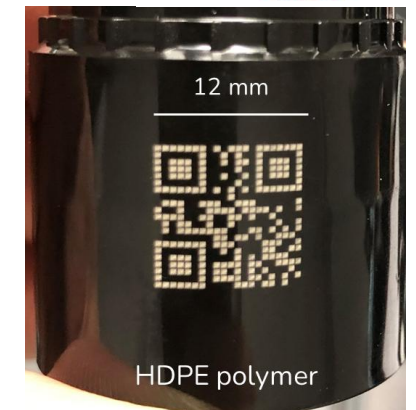
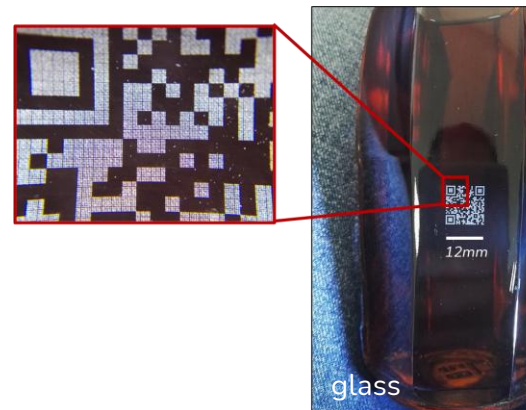
Applications:

- **Unique QR codes marking**
- **Product personalization**
- **Security marking**

Sectors

- Luxe
- Medical
- Beverages
- Electrical goods

[Link to youtube video PIXEL-STAMP marking](#)



VULQ1-S BEAMS series delivers throughput and quality

Test

Trigger Complete

Reading Tact Depth Speed Verification

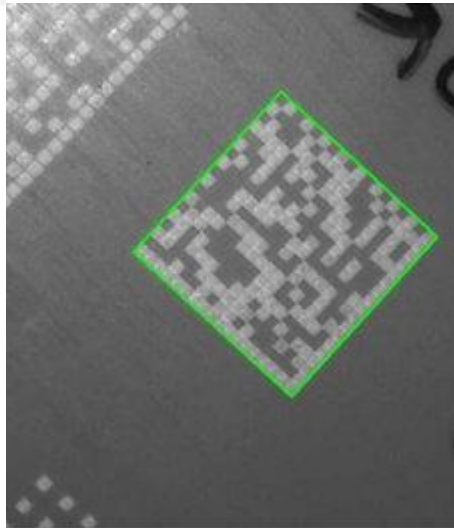
Overall **B**

Bank specification

ISO/IEC TR 29158

Decode	A	4,0
Cell Contrast	A	4,0
Cell Modulation	B	3,0
Reflectance Margin	B	3,0
Fixed Pattern Damage	B	3,0
Format Info. Damage	-	-
Version Info. Damage	-	-
Axial Nonuniformity	A	4,0
Grid Nonuniformity	A	4,0
Unused Err. Correction	A	4,0
Print Growth Horizontal	A	4,0

Polypropylen



Test

Trigger Terminé

Lecture Cycle Profondeur Vitesse Vérification

Global **A**

Specification des banques

ISO/IEC TR 29158

Decode	A	4,0
Cell Contrast	A	4,0
Cell Modulation	A	4,0
Reflectance Margin	A	4,0
Fixed Pattern Damage	A	4,0
Format Info. Damage	A	4,0
Version Info. Damage	-	-
Non uniformité axiale	A	4,0
Grid Nonuniformity	A	4,0
Unused Err. Correction	A	4,0
Print Growth Horizontal	A	4,0
Print Growth Vertical	A	4,0
Min. Reflectance	-	-

Glass



- Dot-peen like code marking approach **maximizes throughput**: DM14x14 in < 50ms
- Square cell shape **optimises code grading level**
- Cell characteristics are **fully software configurable to optimize quality**

Serialization of polymer cans

MATERIAL:

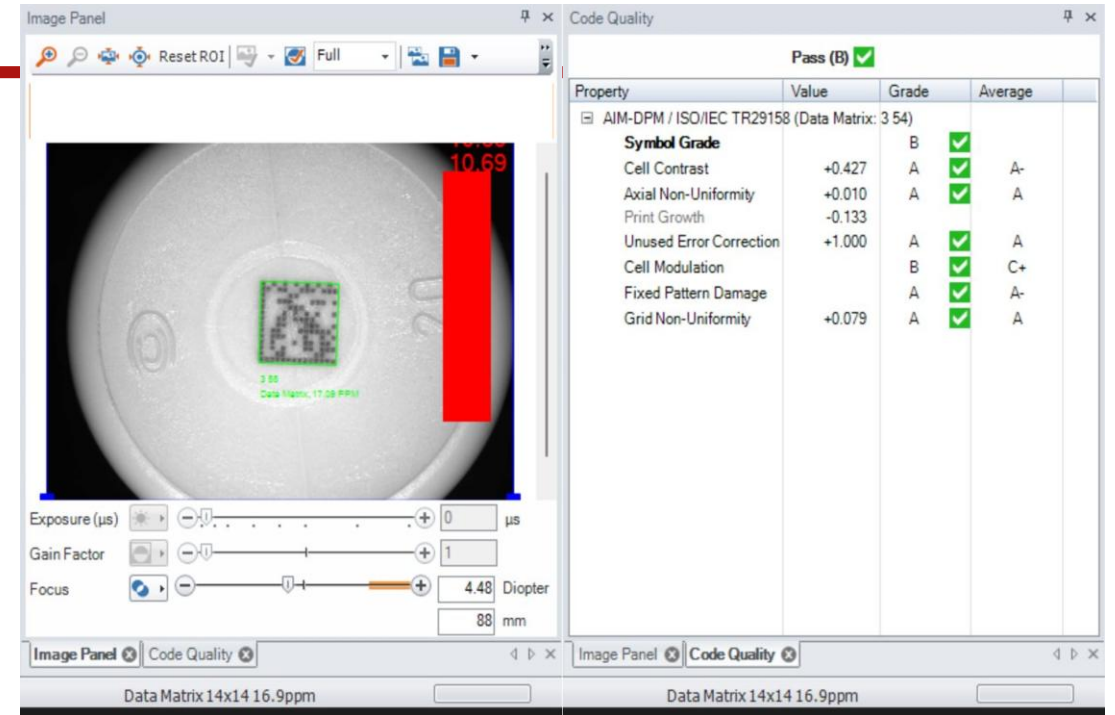
•Polymer: PFMD

DM14x14 GS1 code:

.5mm

Product & process:

- BEAMS NS VIS
- PIXEL-STAMP



The screenshot displays a software interface for inspecting a polymer can. On the left, the 'Image Panel' shows a top-down view of the can with a green square highlighting a GS1 code. A red vertical bar is overlaid on the right side of the image, and the number '10.69' is visible in the top right corner. Below the image, there are control sliders for 'Exposure (µs)' (set to 0), 'Gain Factor' (set to 1), and 'Focus' (set to 4.48 Diopter and 88 mm). On the right, the 'Code Quality' panel shows a 'Pass (B)' status with a green checkmark. Below this is a table with columns for 'Property', 'Value', 'Grade', and 'Average'.

Property	Value	Grade	Average
AIM-DPM / ISO/IEC TR29158 (Data Matrix: 3 54)			
Symbol Grade		B	✓
Cell Contrast	+0.427	A	✓
Axial Non-Uniformity	+0.010	A	✓
Print Growth	-0.133		
Unused Error Correction	+1.000	A	✓
Cell Modulation		B	✓
Fixed Pattern Damage		A	✓
Grid Non-Uniformity	+0.079	A	✓

Market: Medical, pharmaceutical packaging

- Marking time < 150ms to support 400u/min productivity
- Optimal marking quality, Grade B
- Industrial nanosecond pulsed laser source for optimal ROI

[Pharma] Individual traceability of medical glass packages

MATERIAL:

- Borosilicate glass

2D CODE TYPE:

- GS1: 10 digits, DM14x14

Product & process :

- BEAMS FS NIR laser
- PIXEL-STAMP



Market: Medical, pharmaceutical packaging

- **20 unique codes per second** for serialization
- Semi-invisible marking: no perturbation to in-line screening
- Direct cold marking, no micro-cracking, **2,5mm depth of focus**

[Pharma] Serialization of syringes with RNS end marking

MATERIAL:
• Polypropylene

DM14x14 GS1 code:
• 1mm

- Product & process :**
- BEAMS FS NIR laser
 - PIXEL-STAMP



Market: Medical, pharmaceutical packaging

- **Marking in <50ms**, robustly readable with industrial vision
- In-line integration possible with **depth of focus 4mm**
- Femtosecond laser favored to ensure homogeneous marking characteristics vs supplier/batch material composition difference

Individual identification of ceramics packages

MATERIAL:

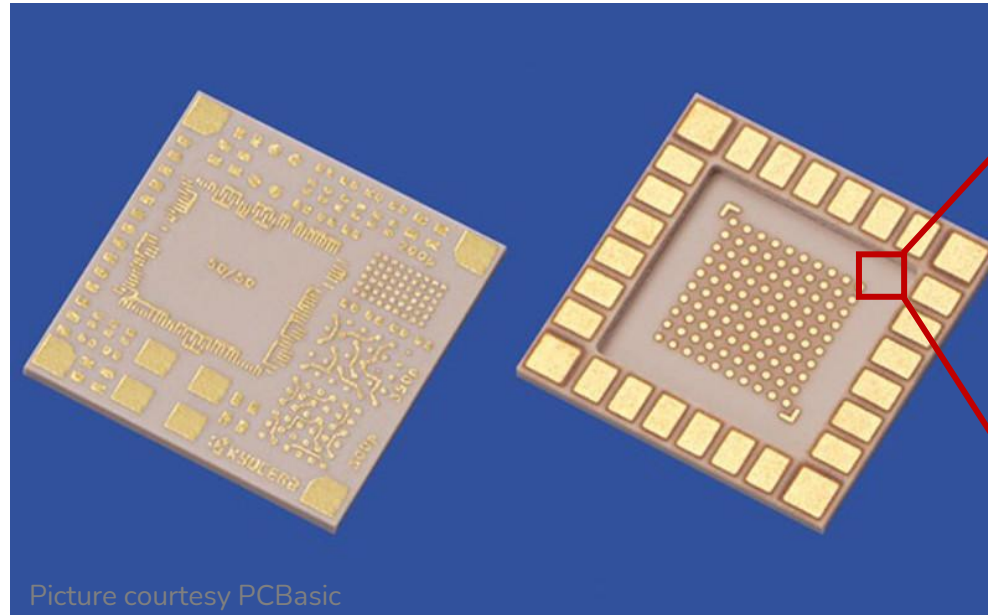
• Zirconium ceramics

DM 14x14 code:

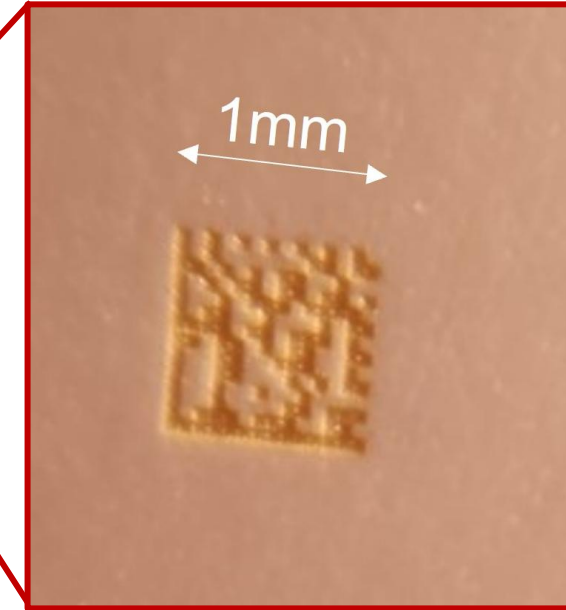
• 1mm

Product & process :

- BEAMS FS NIR laser
- PIXEL-STAMP



Picture courtesy PCBASIC



Market: Electronics

- Discrete unique identification of ceramics-based power electronics products
- **Marking time < 100ms**
- Reading with standard vision tools

Sustainable labelling of PET bottles

Material:

- Additived PET

Marking:

- Drawings
- Alphanumeric

Product & process :

- BEAMS NS NIR laser
- Multibeam marking



Market: Beverages

- Market driver: replace plastics labels by direct marking to reduce production costs and environmental footprint
- **Multibeam marking accelerates marking process manyfold:**
 - **x5 for drawings**
 - **x3 for alphanumeric**

[Consumer goods]: serialization of polymer electrical goods

Application

- Serialization of circuit breakers using a QR code
- The QR code will be linked to the product page to develop consumer services

Current solution

- On-line UV laser marking: cycle time = 1 to 2s/piece

QiOVA advantages vs. current solutions

- QiOVA marking speed = 3 to 6 x higher
- "Visible" laser technology less dangerous and less costly to maintain

Costs vs. QiOVA

- Marking cost per part 3 to 6 x lower
- No loss of line speed with a single integrated



Fire resistant
PolyAmide
PA6/PA66



PolyCarbonate

[Luxe] Use case: sustainable decoration of luxury bottles



Current industrial solution for decoration:
screen-printing, pad printing, spray gun

No industrial solution for direct marking on glass

VULQ1 enables new possibility for decoration,
combining high resolution and throughput

VULQ1 solution = PIXEL-STAMP marking with
short-pulse lasers

- Unprecedented design possibilities
- Much reduced impact on environment
- Flexible with much reduced OPEX

In collaboration with:



Thank you for your trust !

**If you have any questions, we
will be happy to answer them.**

QIOVA SAS

**828 rue Adrienne Bolland
ACTIPARC**

42160 Andrézieux-Bouthéon, France

Tel: +33 (0)4 77 93 71 85

E-mail: info@qiova.fr