Fabrication of Multi-Functional Optical I/O Via Imprint Lithography

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Physical relief features are important for the fabrication of nanometer-scale optical features. In this paper, a new fabrication method is described to form high aspect ratio, complex structures. This fabrication method combines nano-imprint lithography and photolithography together, to produce macro-scale features with micro-scale structures on them in a single process sequence, with one ultraviolet exposure step. The imprint step used a prefabricated stamp to directly emboss the photosensitive polymer prior to ultraviolet exposure without affecting the photosensitivity of the polymer. A temporary glass layer was deposited over the imprinted structure to preserve the fine features so that the large-scale photodefined on top of polymer pillars.