

# Astrophotonics

*From laser nanostructuring of electro-optic materials to exoplanet research*

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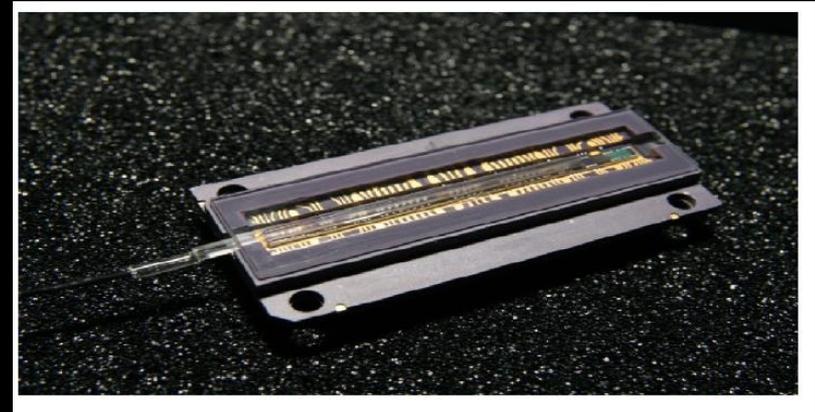
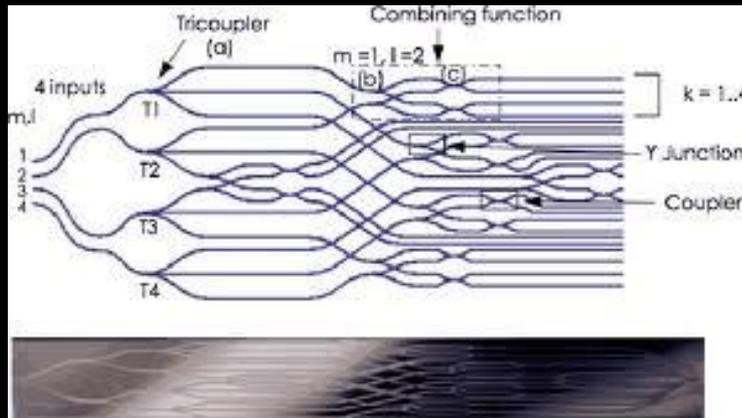
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- CEA-LETI: Recombineurs Passifs (P. Labeye)
- PHOTLINE: Recombineurs Actifs (J. Hauden, H. Porte)
- IMEP-LAHC: Simulations (A. Morand)
- LabHC: Femtosecond Laser Writing (R. Stoian, C. d'Amico)



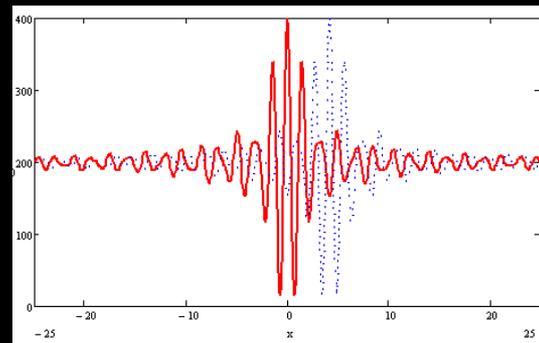
# A RAPID OVERVIEW

For astronomical applications (specially, for spatial applications) needs are:

-Integrated optics beam combiners (2D, 3D) & spectrometers (SWIFTS):



Both will generate  
**FRINGES !!!**



Can we generate phase  
modulation without  
any moving part?  
**ELECTRO-OPTICS**

From the Phase and Contrast we will  
understand the nature of the source

From the Fourier Transform, we will get  
the emission spectrum of the source

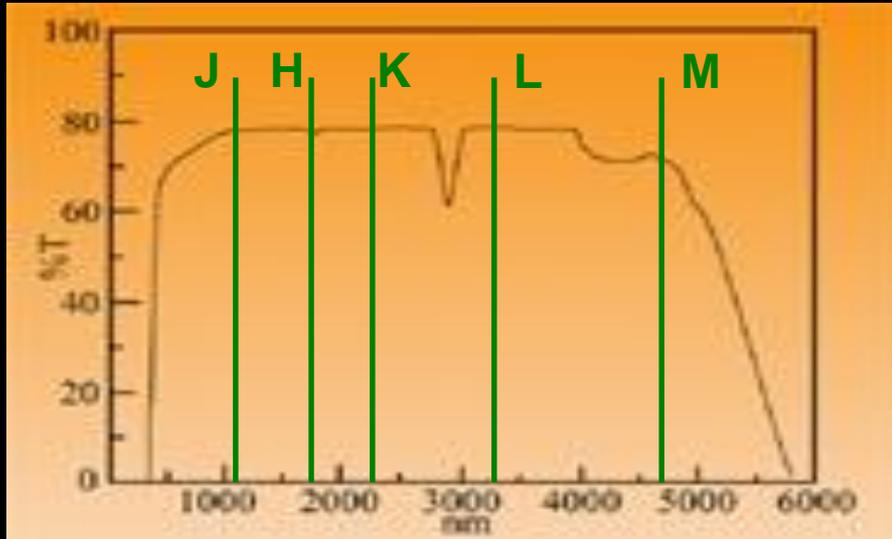
# ASTROPHOTONIC (I): MATERIALS

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## MID IR MATERIALS

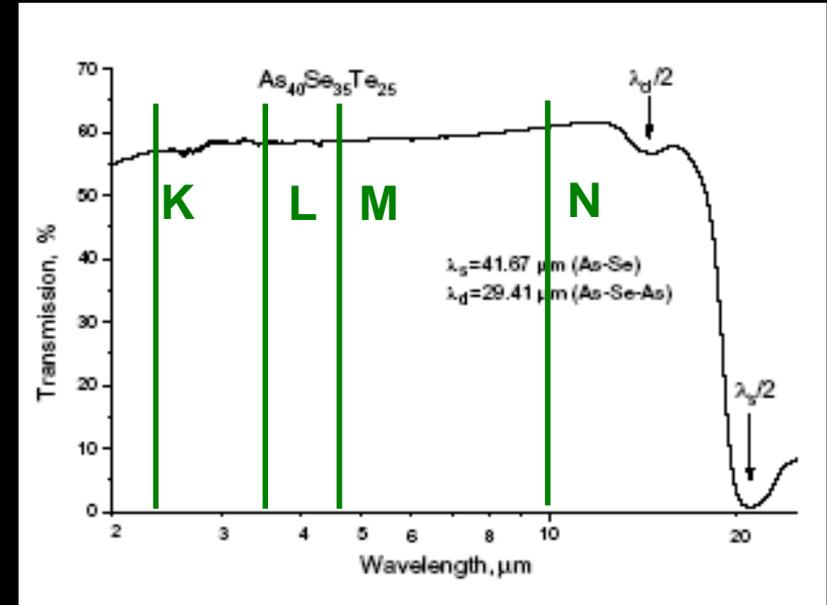
# INFRARED MATERIALS

## MID-IR MATERIALS



Lithium Niobate

Transmittance  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ : 420-5200 nm



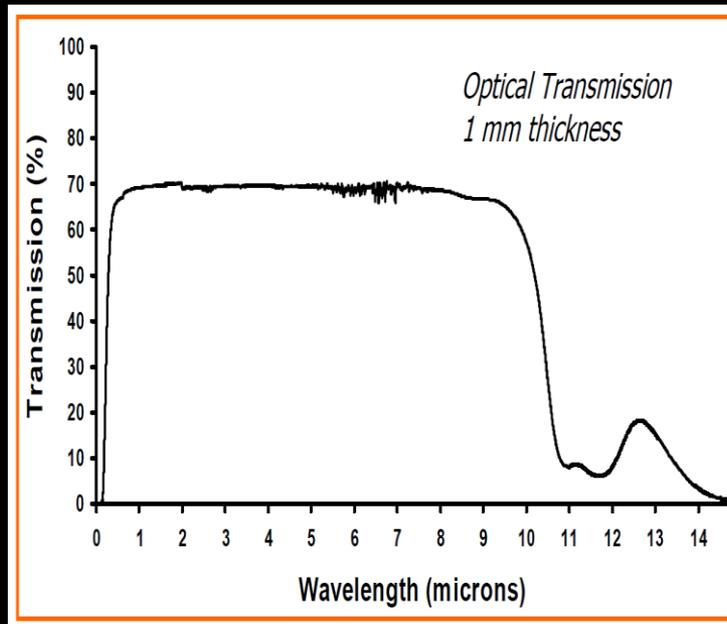
Chalcogenides:  $\text{TeAsSe}$ ,  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ ,  $\text{As}_2\text{Se}_3$ ...

-> **Goal:** Find IR materials that can be turned into waveguides/fibers

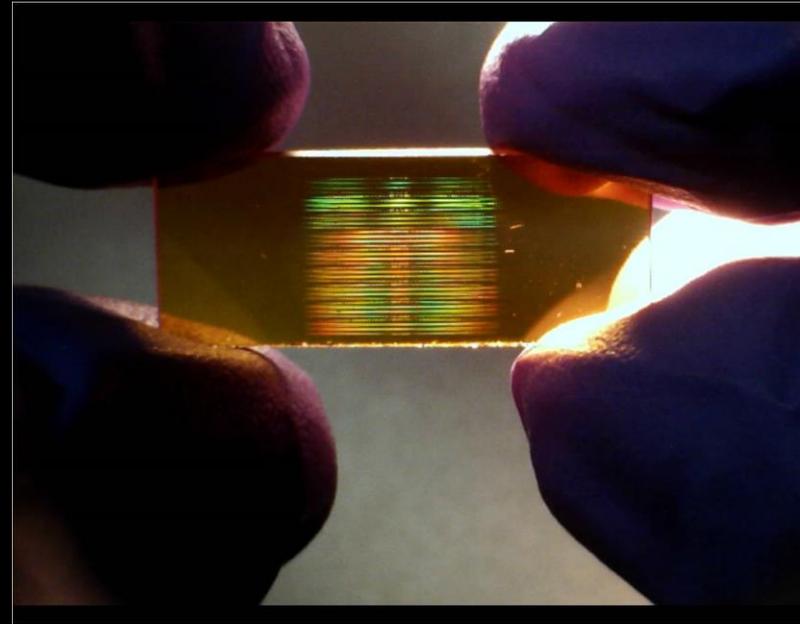
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## MID-IR MATERIALS

Chalcogenides: Te, Ge, La, S, Se



Wide transmission range



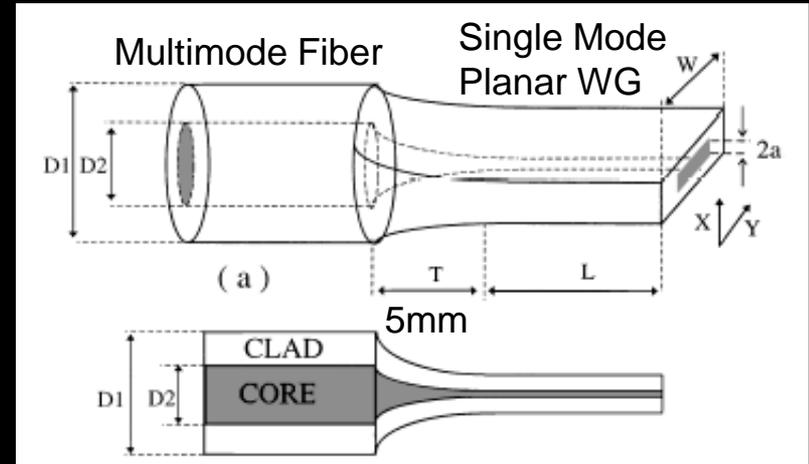
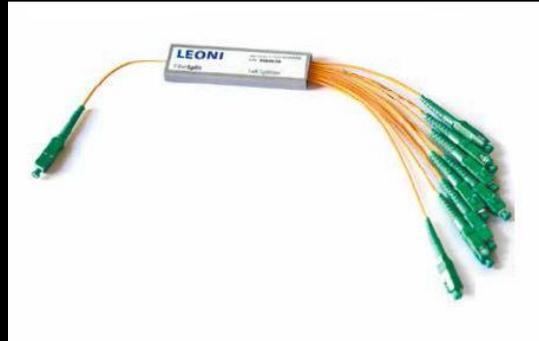
Possibility to change the refractive index by femtosecond laser writing

-> Goal: Fabrication of mid-infrared waveguides and beam combiners

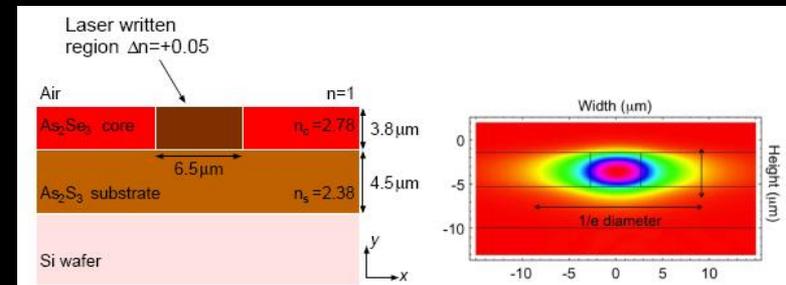
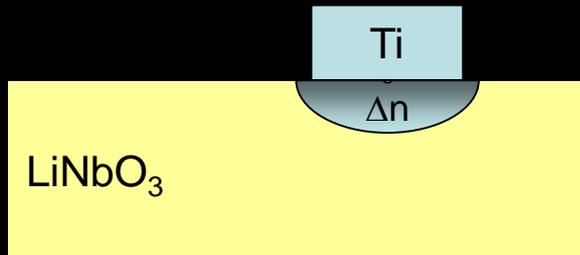
# INTEGRATED OPTICS WAVEGUIDES

Different technologies:

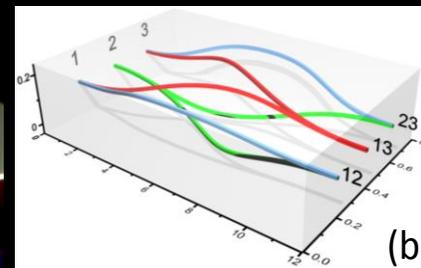
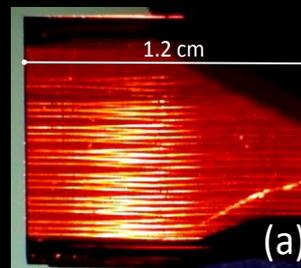
-Fibers, Lanterns



-Channel/Planar 2D Waveguides



-Channel 3D Waveguides



-> **GOAL:** To develop single mode waveguides in the target spectral range

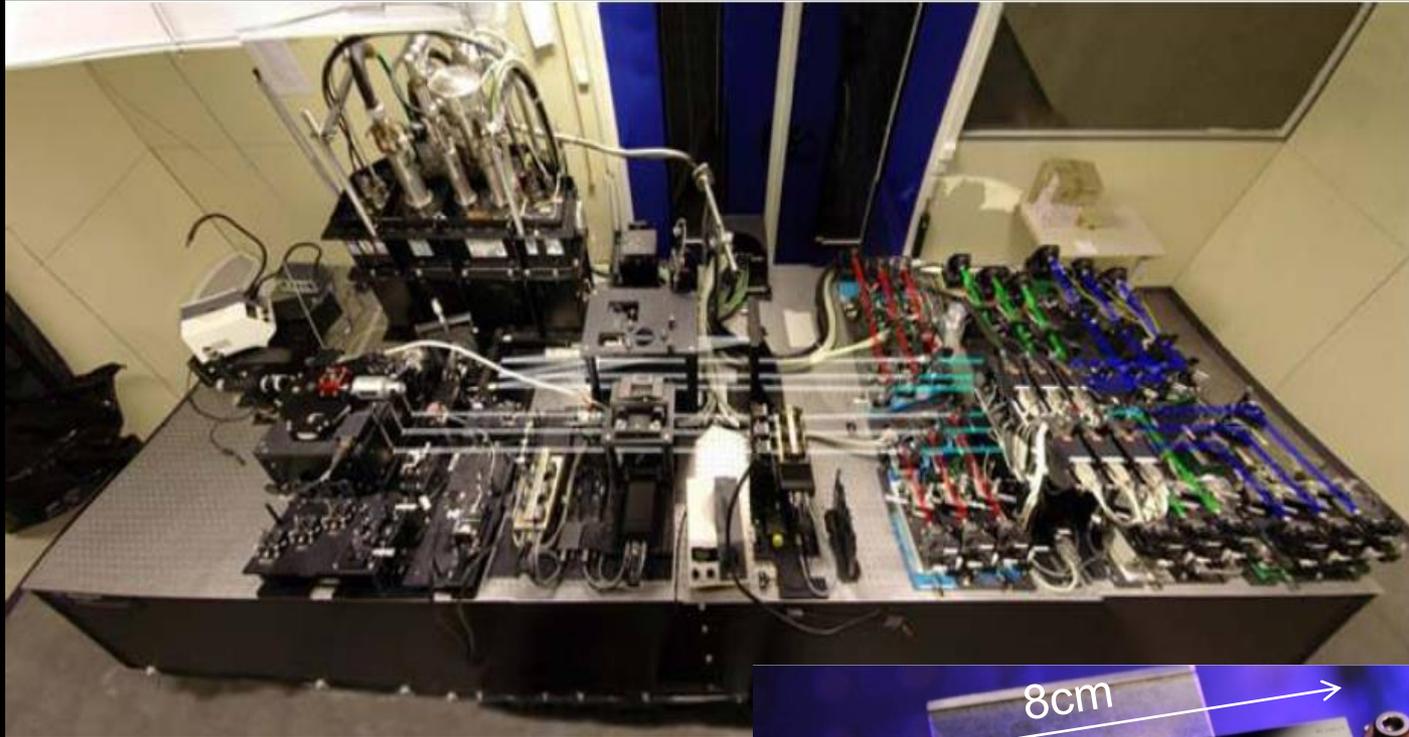
# ASTROPHOTONICS (I): CONCEPTS

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## INTEGRATED OPTICS CONCEPTS

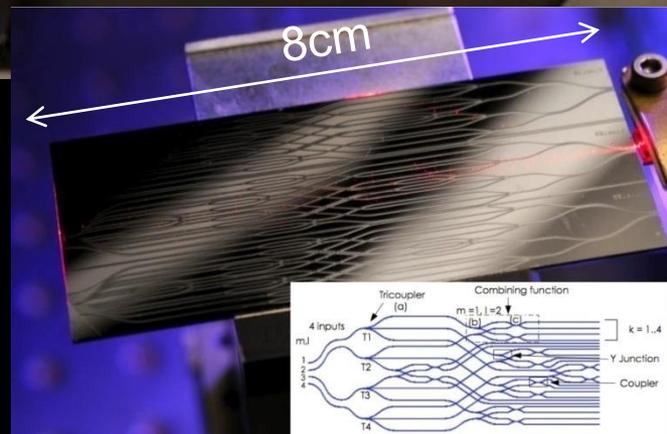
# BULK OPTICS vs INTEGRATED OPTICS

In order to combine the signal coming from different telescopes, the complexity increases with the number of apertures:



3 Telescopes  
250kg  
J,H,K bands  
( $R=10000$ )  
4.2m x 1.5m  
Periodical  
Re-alignment

Instead, integrated optics can be a useful alternative:



4 Telescopes  
One single device  
200g  
H band ( $R=8000$ )  
80mm x 15mm  
*No alignment*

# INTEGRATED OPTICS FOR SPACE

For spatial applications: Reducing weight, volume and degrees of freedom is compulsory

## DARWIN/TPFI



FIGURE 1.6 – Vue d'artiste de DARWIN/TPFI dans sa solution finale. Source : cnes.fr

4T combination  
Mid-IR (5-20um)

## PEGASE

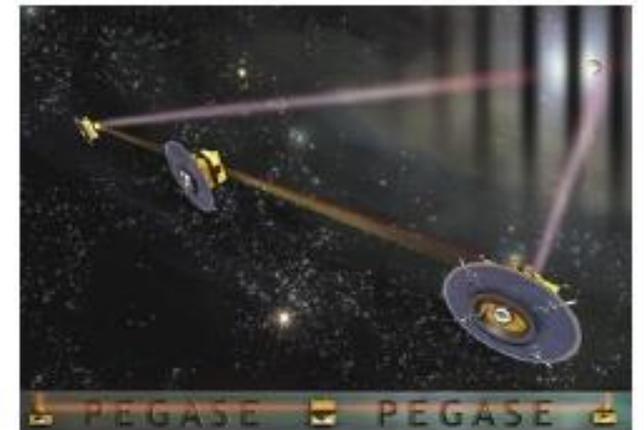
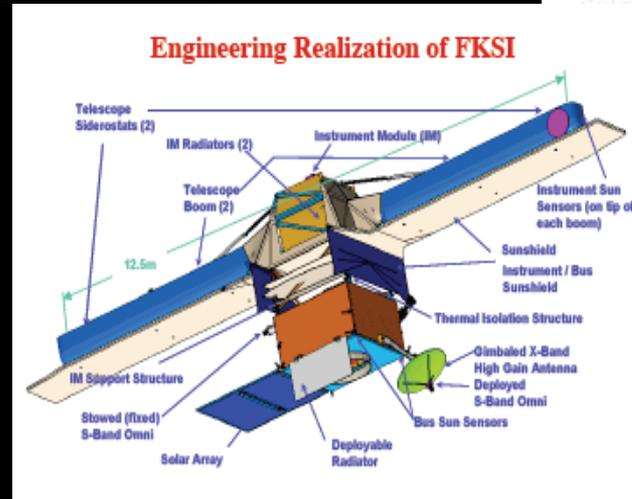


FIGURE 1.7 – Vue d'artiste de PEGASE. Source : obspm.fr

2T combination  
Mid-IR (2.5-5um)

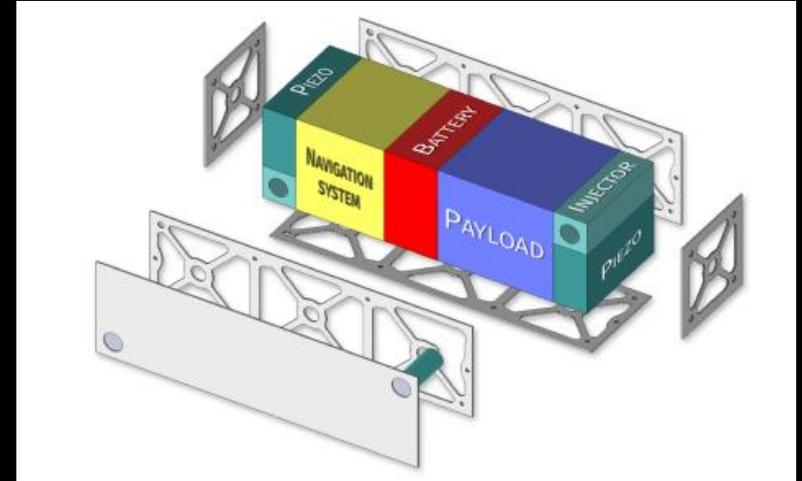


2T combination  
Mid-IR (3-18um)

*FKSI Proposal. William Danchi*

# INTEGRATED OPTICS FOR SPACE: CUBESATs

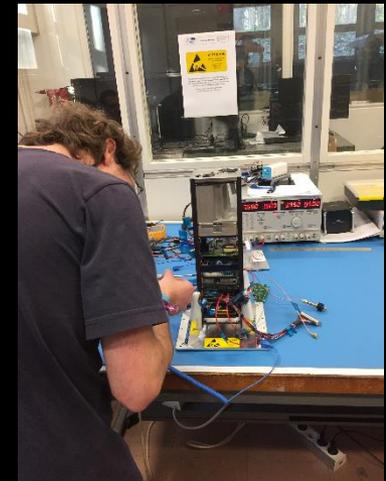
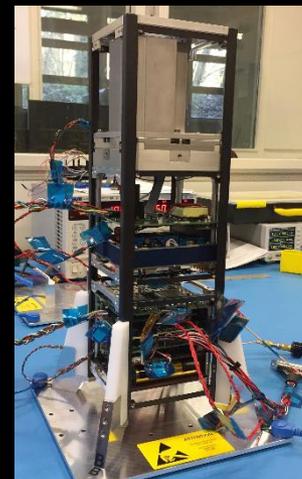
A new era of satellites: Low cost, rapid launch (5 years)



PICSAT and FIRST-Lithium projects

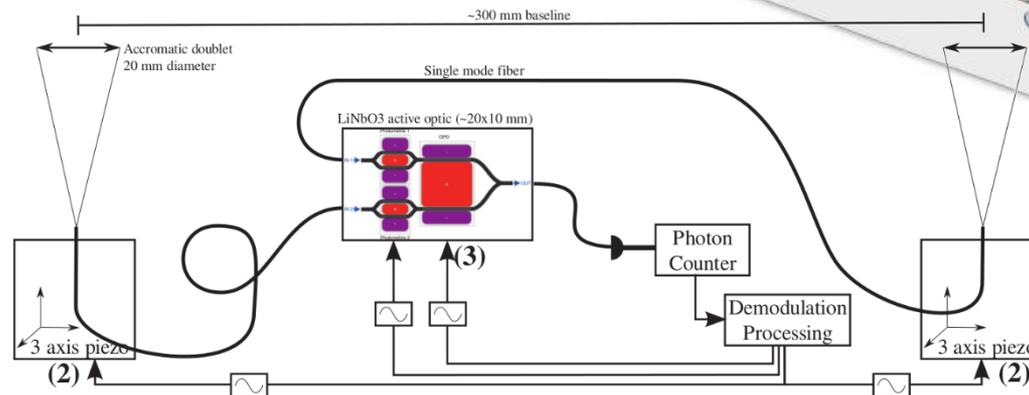
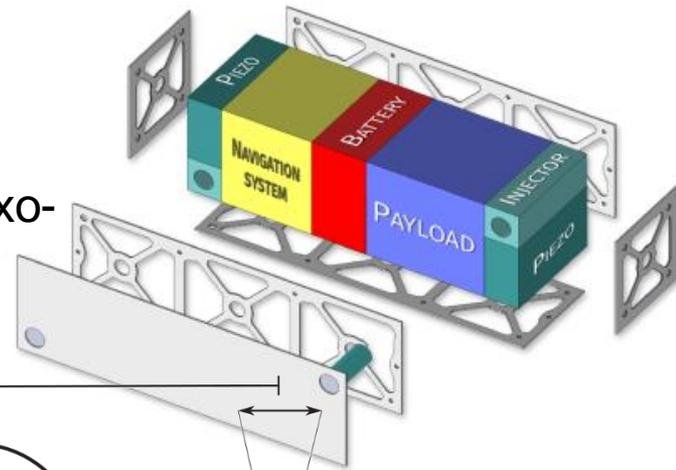
Collaboration LESIA – IPAG

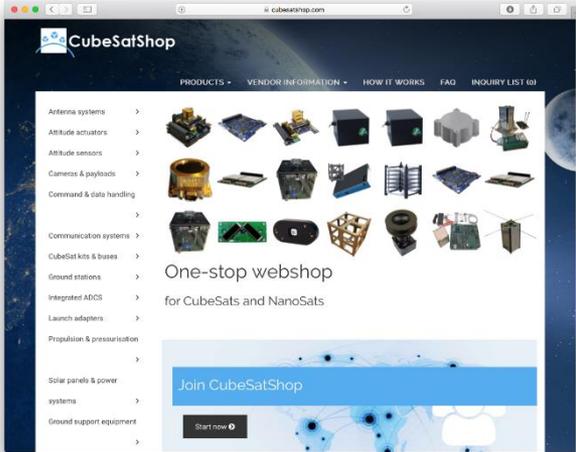
First demonstrations of cubesat interferometry



# Le projet FIRST-S

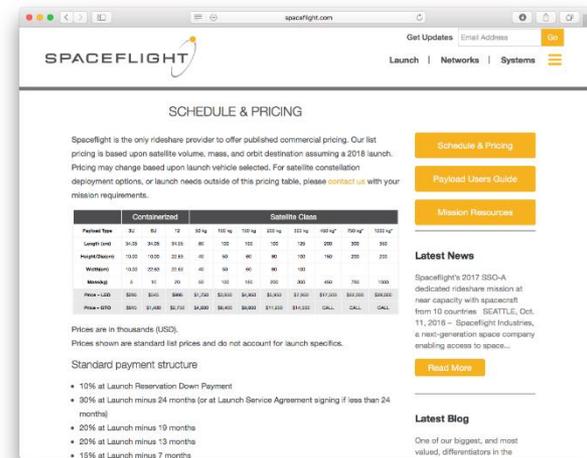
- Dérivé de FIRST, autour des composants d'optique active au cœur de l'ERC Lithium
- Cubesat 3U pour caractériser la lumière exozodiacale
- Atelier Nanosat à Meudon (Nov. 2013)





# PICSAT Cubesat Project

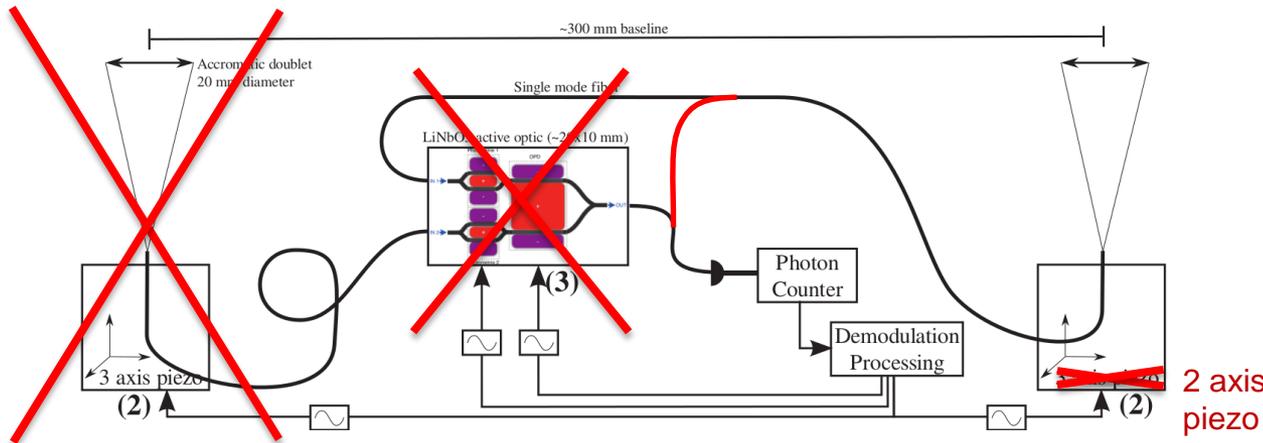
<https://picsat.obspm.fr/picsat/>



- Etude design préliminaire (stage été 2014 : Salima Aroub)
- Communication SPIE (aout 2014)
- Symposium Cubesat en Suisse (oct 2014) : Contact ISIS
- Journée Esep (Dec 2014)
  - → Projet Beta Pictoris

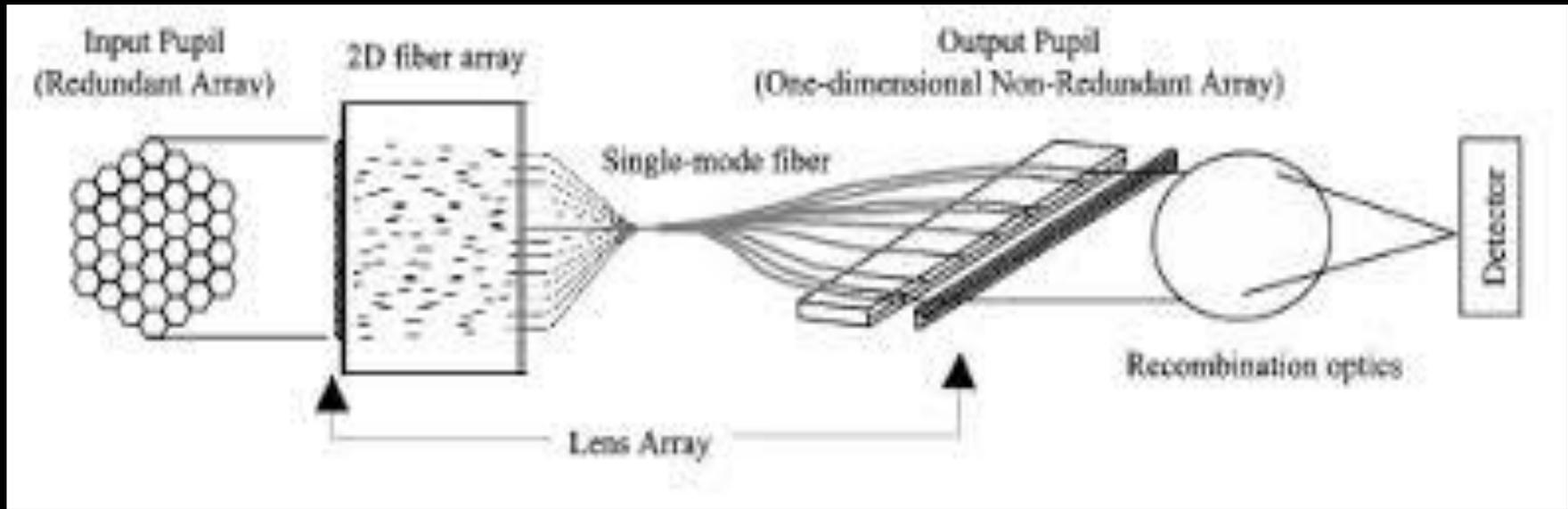


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# SINGLE MODE FIBERS: PHOTONIC LANTERNS

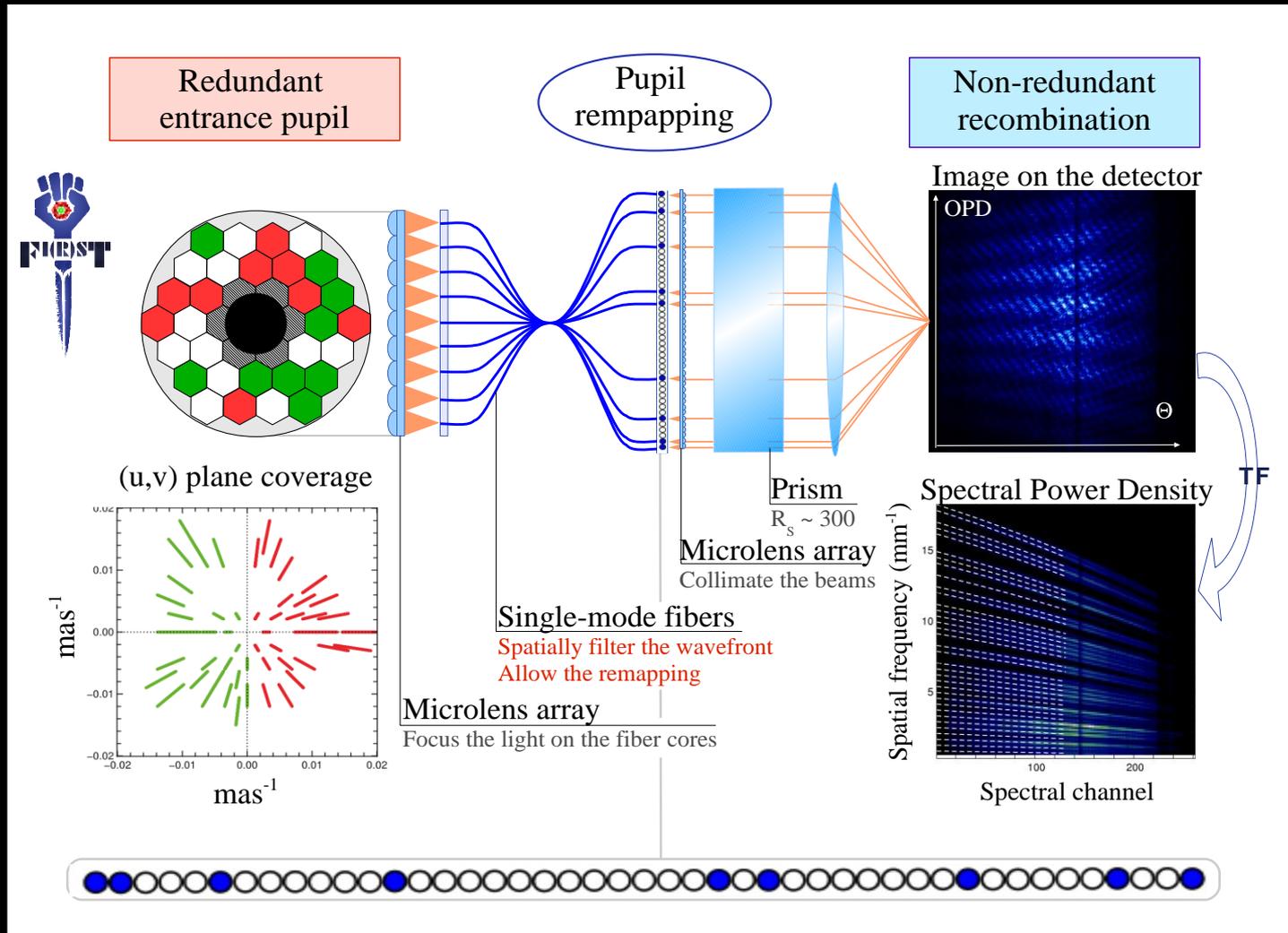
Photonic Lanterns for pupil remapping:



Bundle of single-mode fibers, that will be reconfigured to obtain interference fringes on the detector

**For mid-IR applications standard functions (Y junctions, X-couplers, 1xN splitters are not available).**

# FIRST (Fibered ImageR for a Single Telescope)



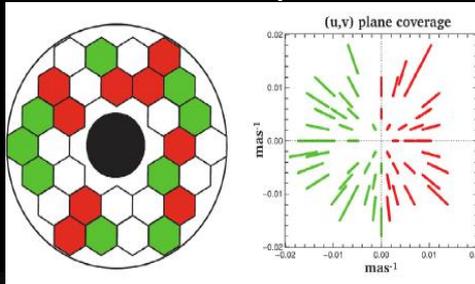
# COMPLEX BEAM COMBINERS: Multi-Apertures & Hybridation

Higher Number of Telescopes : Hybridation Glass-Niobate

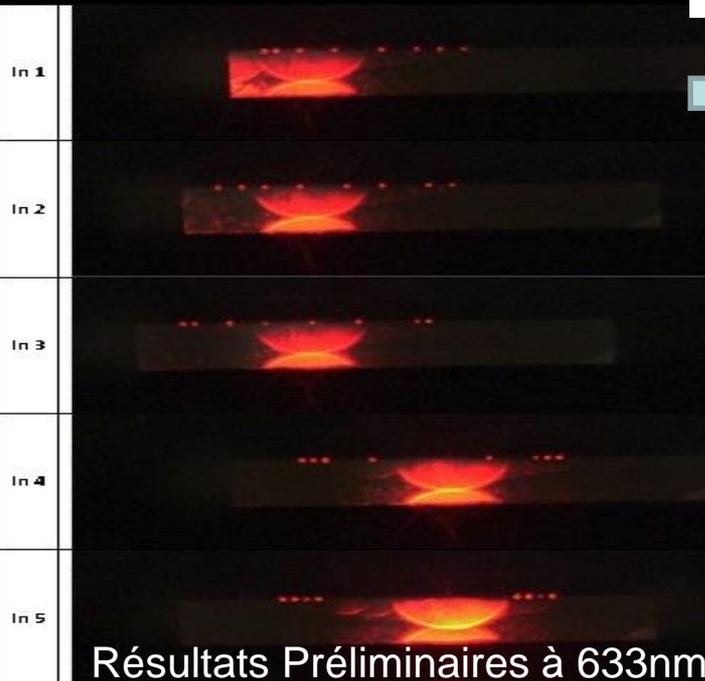
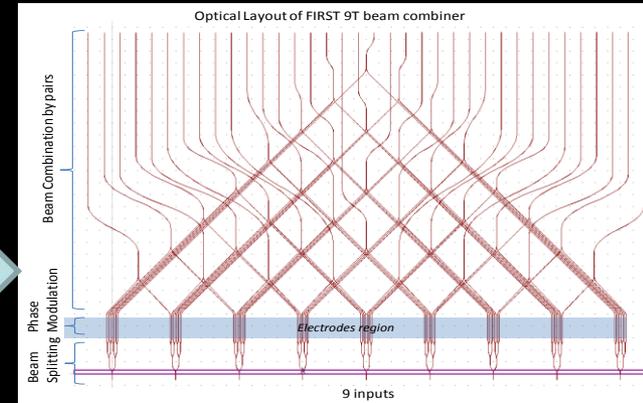


Collab. avec S. Lacour LESIA

Instrument FIRST  
(SUBARU Telescope)  
3x 9 « télescopes »

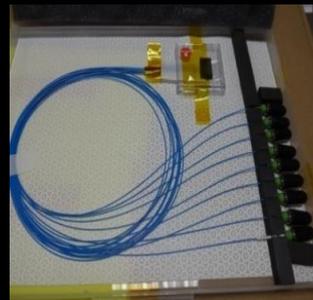


Proposed Design



Résultats Préliminaires à 633nm

Assembling photonic elements

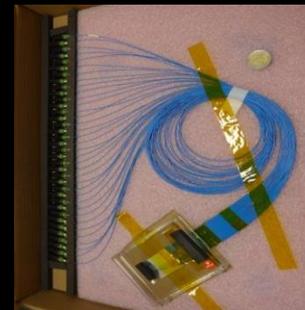


V-groove  
d'entrée 9T

72 Modulateurs de Phase



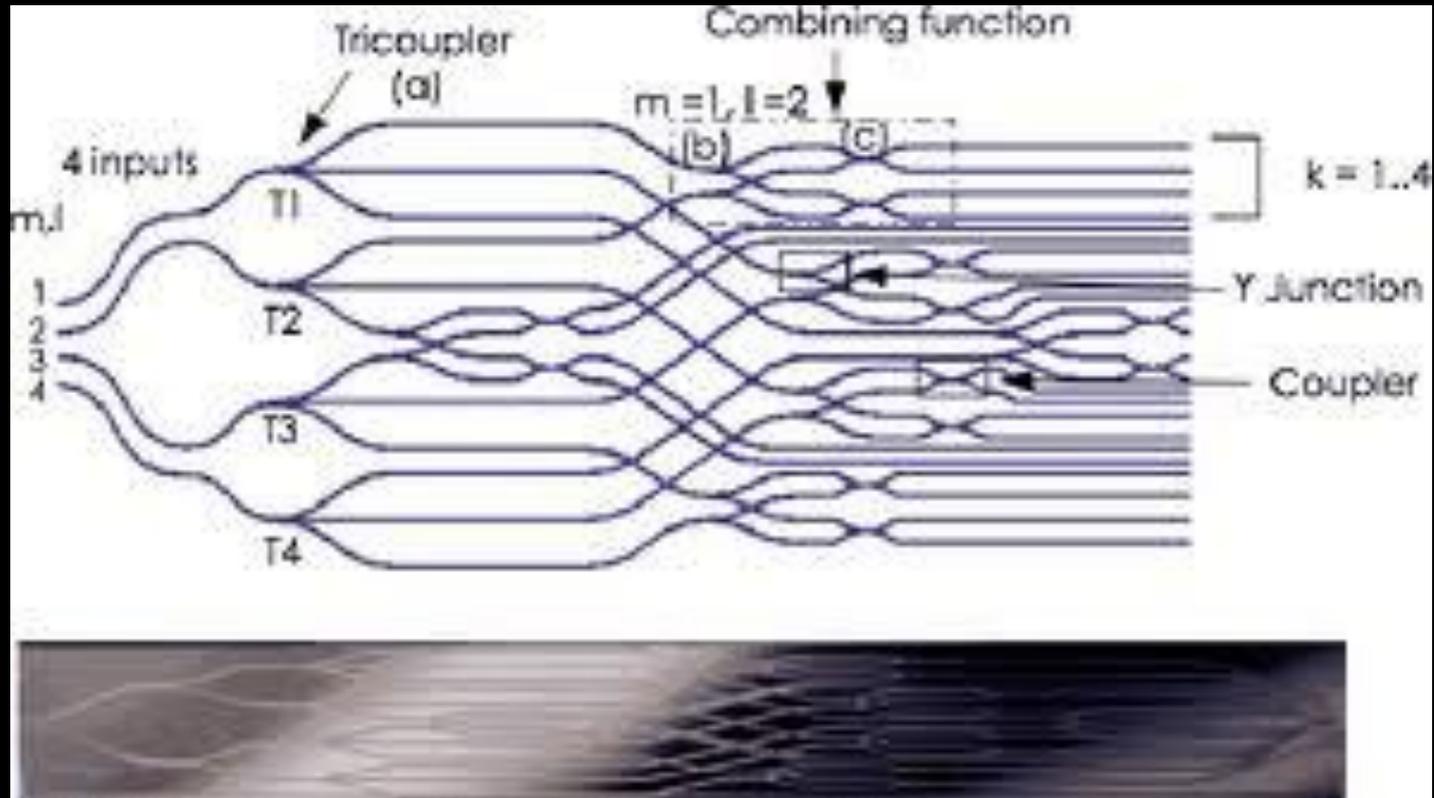
Puce 9 -> 72 -> 36



V-groove de  
sortie 36 Y

# COMPLEX 2D BEAM COMBINERS

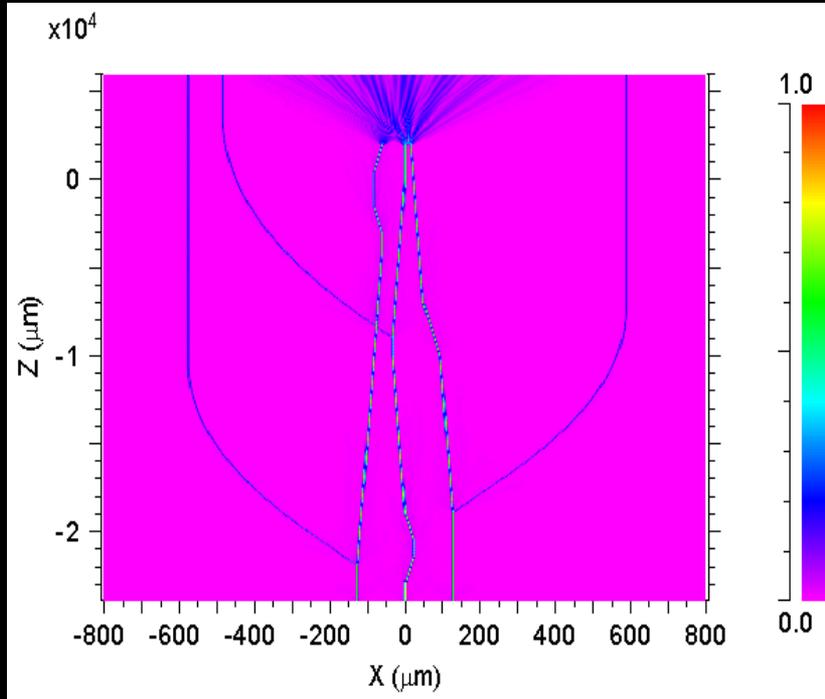
Achieve complex functions in a compact device:



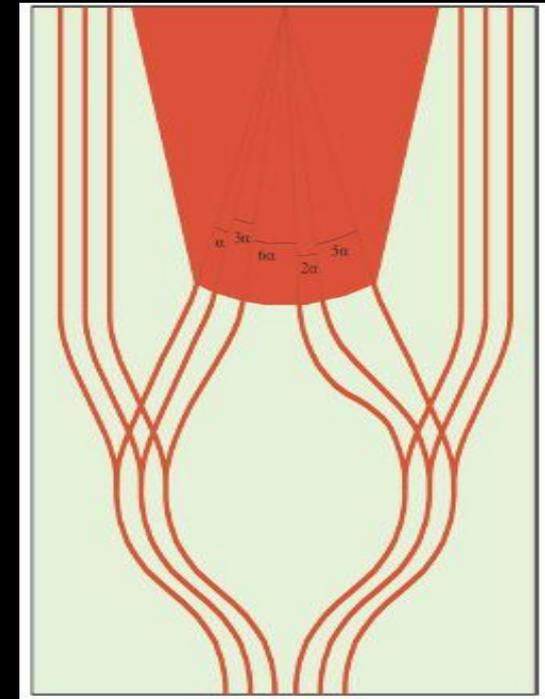
-> **GOAL:** Obtain good transmission, achromatic functions, avoid polarization issues...

# COMPLEX 2D BEAM COMBINERS

Obtain fringes and photometry in a single device: Non redundant combination of input telescopes



3T multiaxial



6T multiaxial

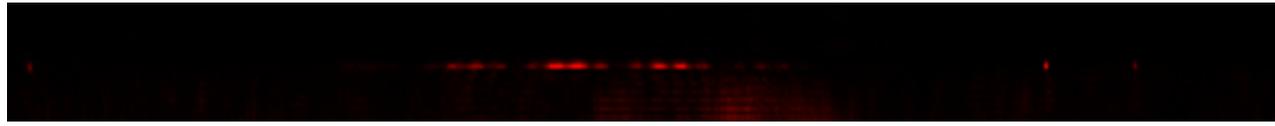
-> **GOAL:** Obtain non-redundant fringes of the inputs

# RESULTS ON THE 3T MULTIAXIAL COMBINER

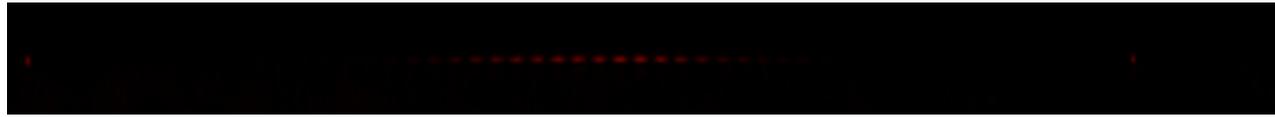
Fringes and Photometry in a single shot measurement: Passive Device (Glass)

- Fringes in monochromatic light (633 nm)

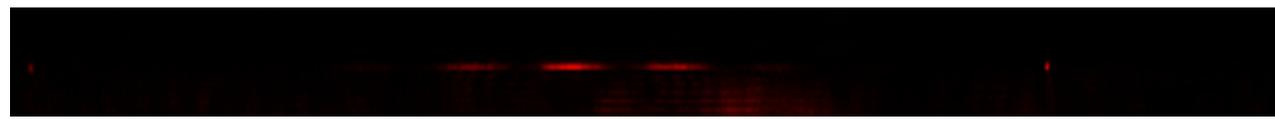
3-T



2-3



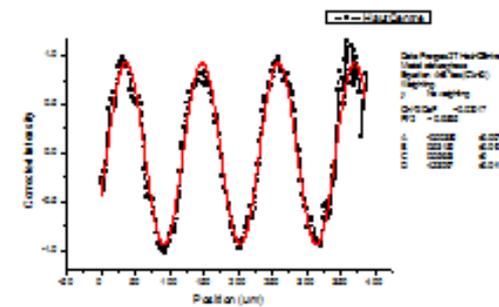
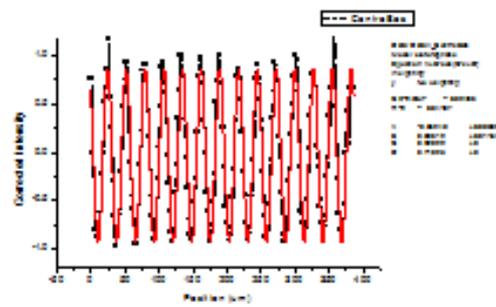
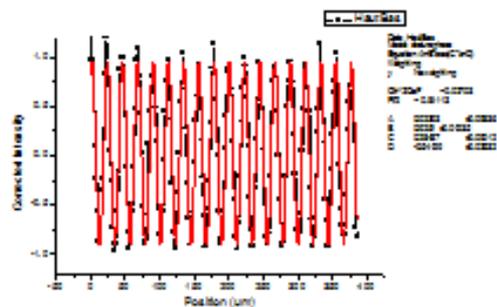
1-2



1-3



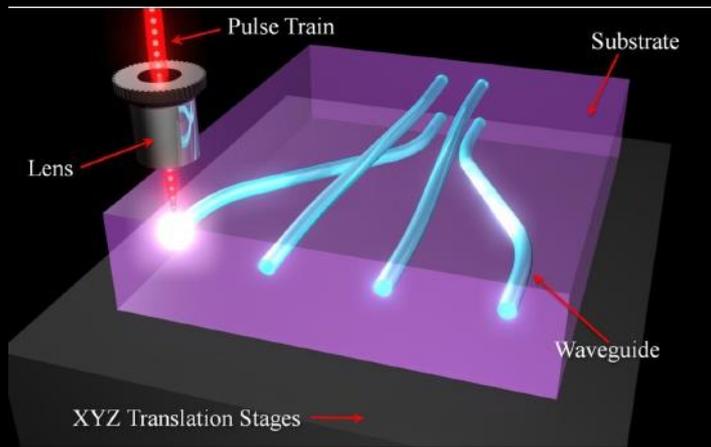
Contrast > 89%



# COMPLEX 3D BEAM COMBINERS

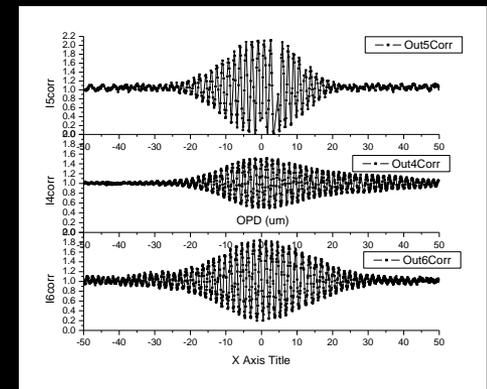
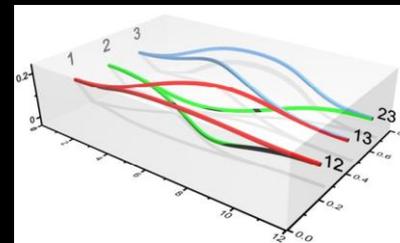
Use the vertical dimension to avoid in-plane crossing and crosstalk:

Laser-written waveguides

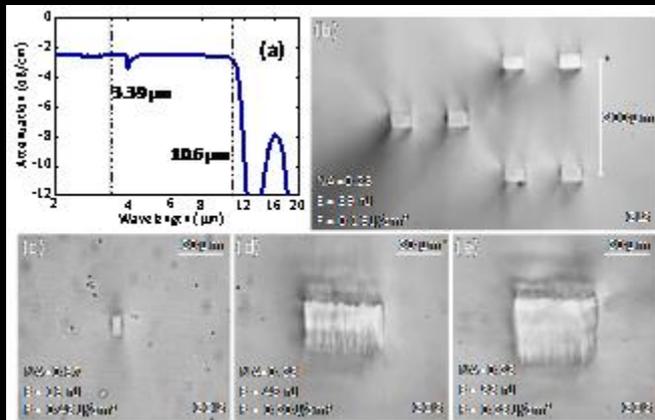


Design of complex multi-T combiners

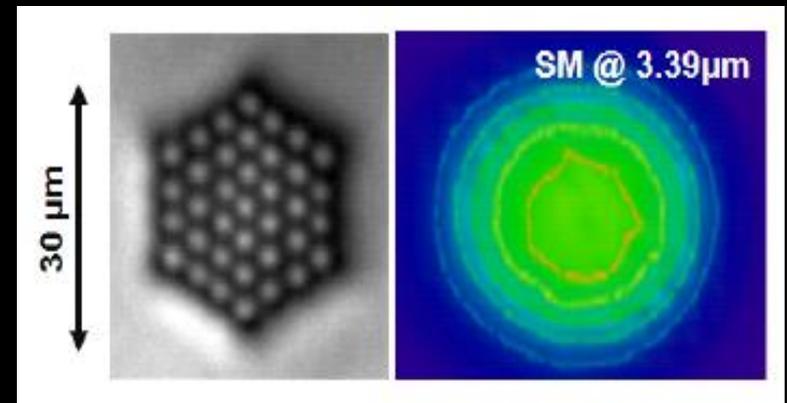
Simultaneous 3T injection and scan



Slit-shaping



Multi-core



# LASER WRITING BASICS

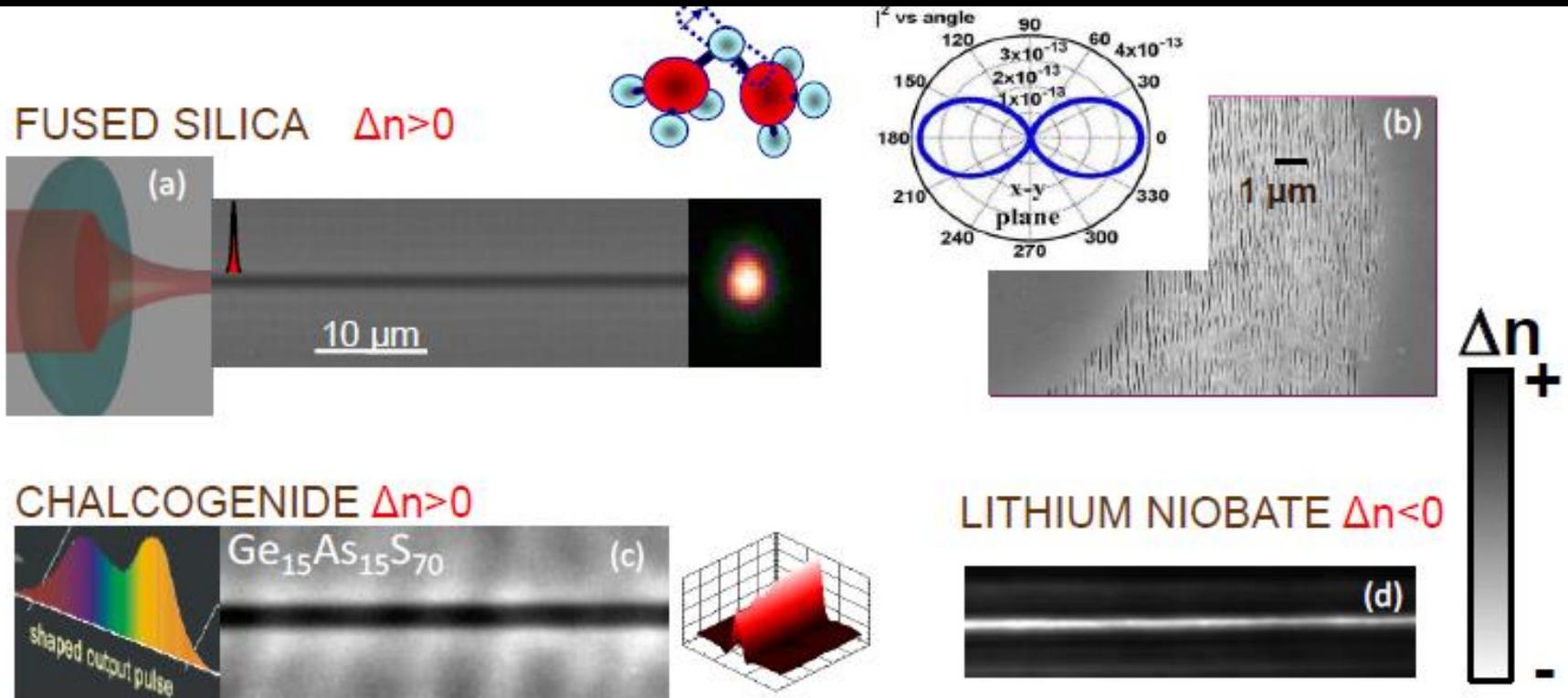
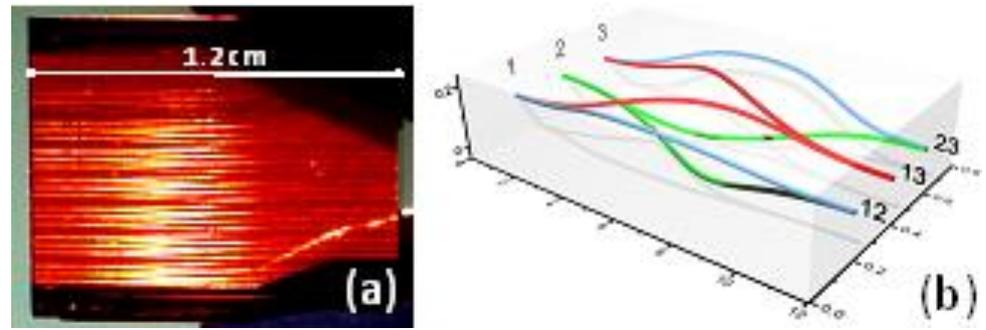


Fig. 8. Example of refractive index changes in the various substrates. (a) Positive index change in fused silica based on defect-driven densification with guided near-IR mode. (b) Spontaneous self-arrangement of nanogratings in fused silica with anisotropic scattering patterns. (c) High contrast index change in Ge-doped S-based chalcogenide glass using shaped ps pulses. (d) Negative index change in  $\text{LiNbO}_3$  determined by mechanical rarefaction [source LaHC].

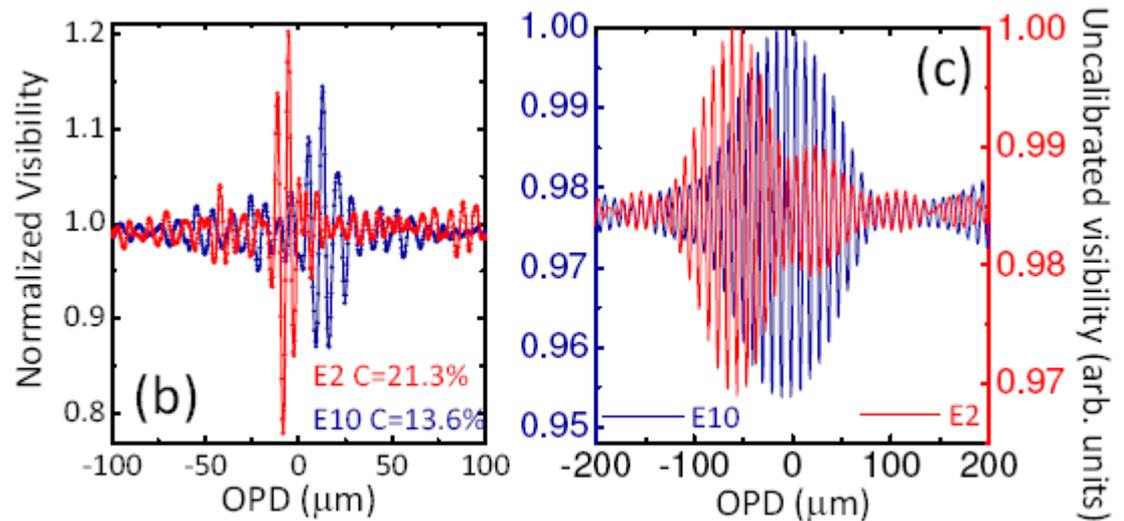
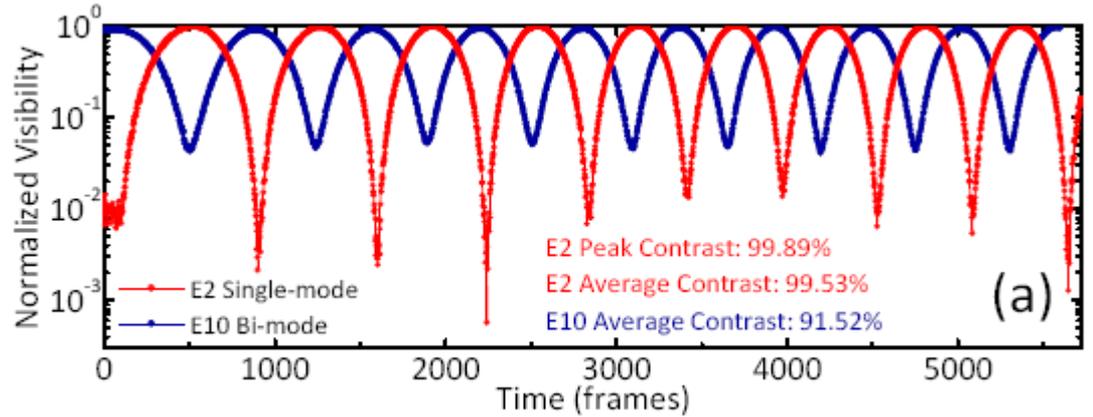
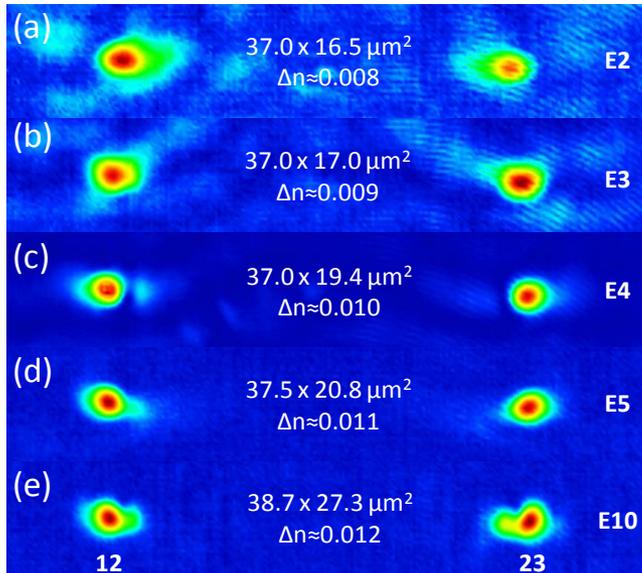
Collab.  
Airan Rodenas & R. Thomson



Single vs Multimode  
Visibility Fringes



Optical outputs



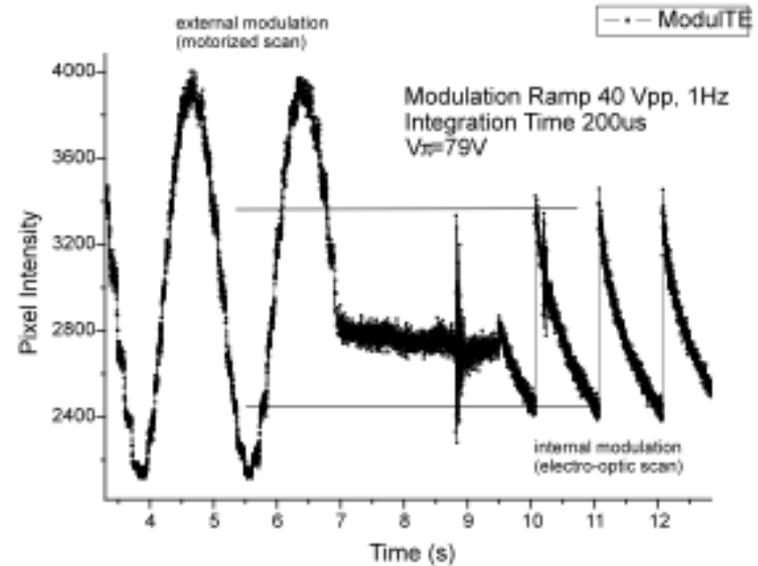
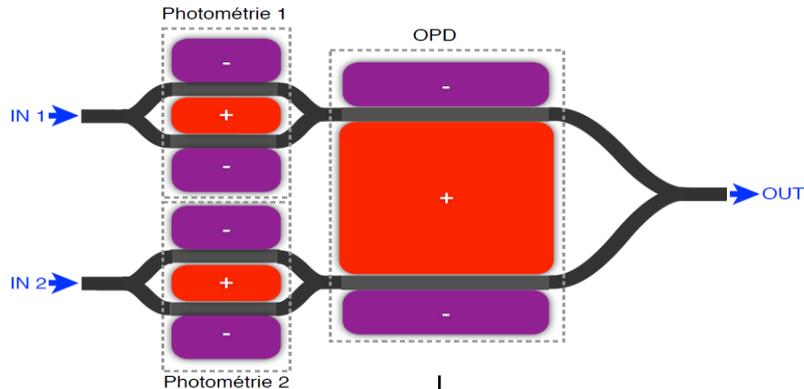
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## ELECTRO-OPTICS

# Internal Modulation using LiNbO3

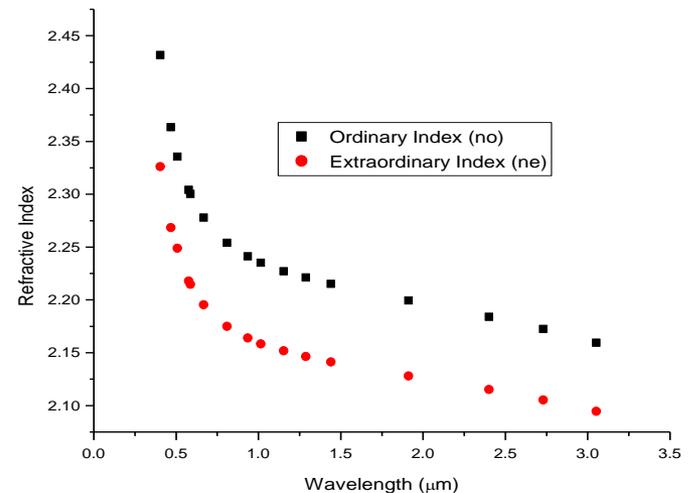
Guide Ti:Diff ;  $w = 14 \mu\text{m}$  ;  
Aluminium sur Silice ; Laser  $3.39 \mu\text{m}$



$$\varphi(V, \sigma) = \varphi_0 + 4\pi\sigma \left( \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} r_{33}(\sigma) n_e^3(\sigma) \frac{V}{d}}_{\Delta n_{EO}(\sigma)} \right) L_{elec}$$

**Difficulty: EO effect is chromatic,  
Dependence in  $\sigma=1/\lambda$**

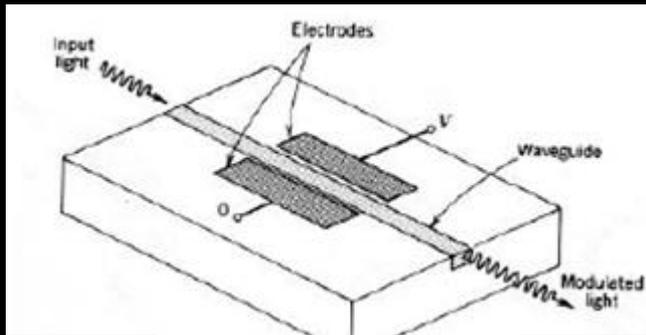
$$n_e(\lambda) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2.9804 \cdot \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 0.02047} + \frac{0.5981 \cdot \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 0.0666} + \frac{8.9543 \cdot \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 416.08}}$$



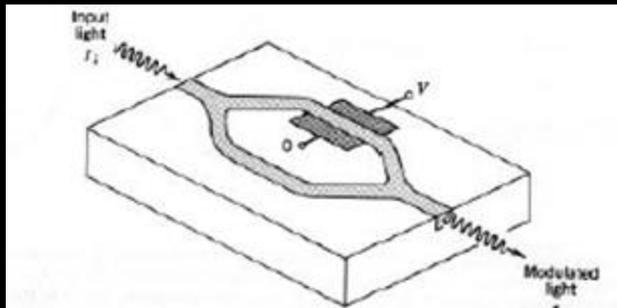
# ELECTRO-OPTIC EFFECT

Orders of magnitude:

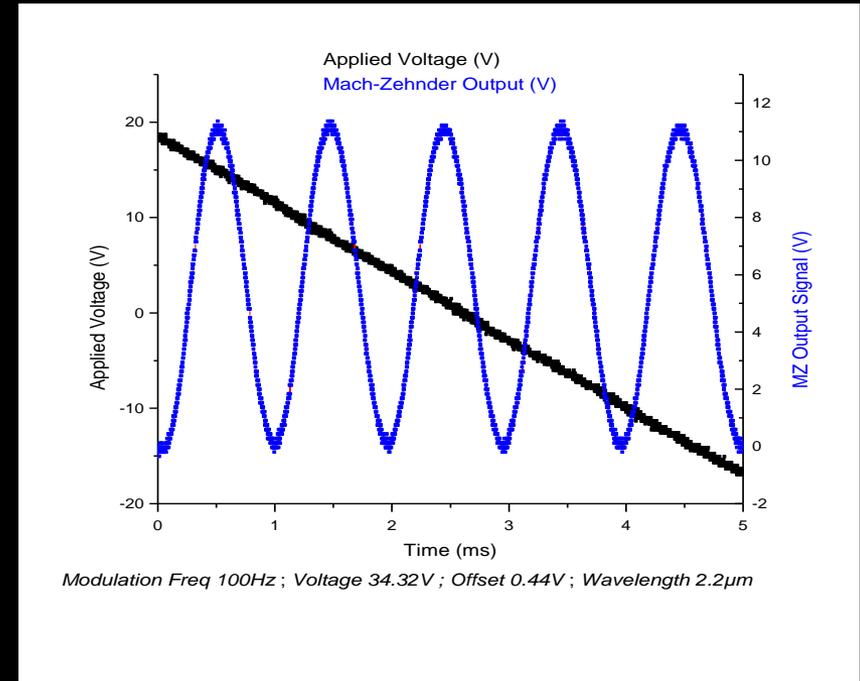
Internal modification of optical path delay -> phase modulation :



**Phase Modulation**



**Amplitude Modulation**



Example: 35V for 5 fringes in a K-band modulator

- Chromatic effect
- Problematic for long OPD scans

$$I_{out} = 2I_0(1 + \cos \phi_k)$$

# ELECTRO-OPTIC WAVEGUIDES

LiNbO<sub>3</sub>, BGO, SBN, YCOB...

-Classical waveguides (ion in-diffusion, proton exchange)

LiNbO<sub>3</sub>

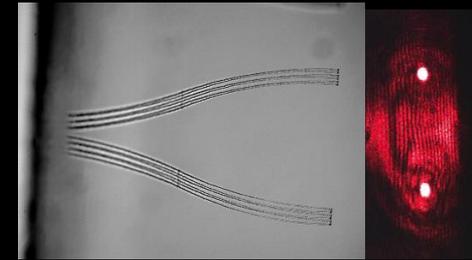
- Well known
- $r=30\text{pm/V}$
- Anisotropic

BGO

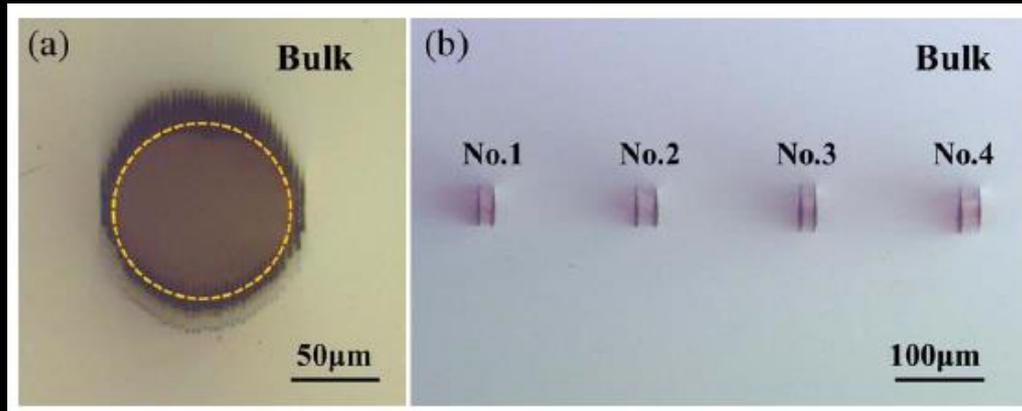
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- Isotropic

SBN

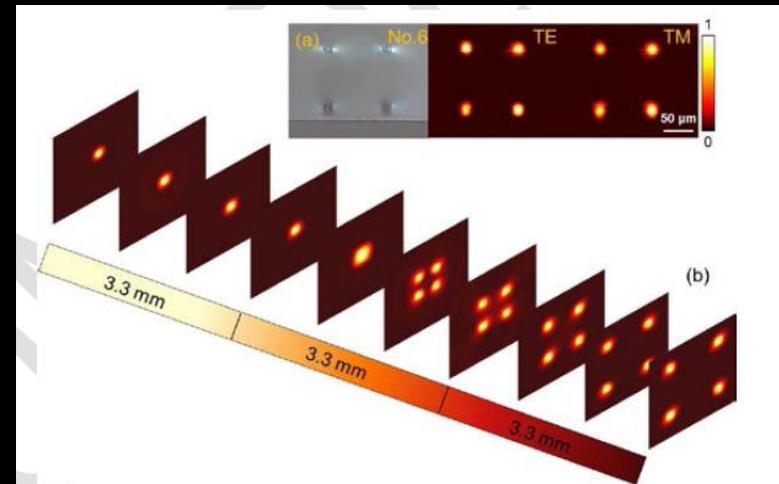
- $r= 1300\text{pm/V}$
- Anisotropic
- Low Curie T



-Laser-written waveguides: J.R.V. de Aldana, A. Rodenas



Cladding and dual line Type II BGO Waveguides



Multiscan Type I BGO Waveguides

# INTEGRATED OPTIC CONCEPTS

## Challenge:

- On-chip phase and intensity modulation
- Achieve achromatic phase modulation
- Combine 3 telescopes or more
- Both TE and TM polarizations (no birefringence)
- Low propagation losses
- Low driving voltages



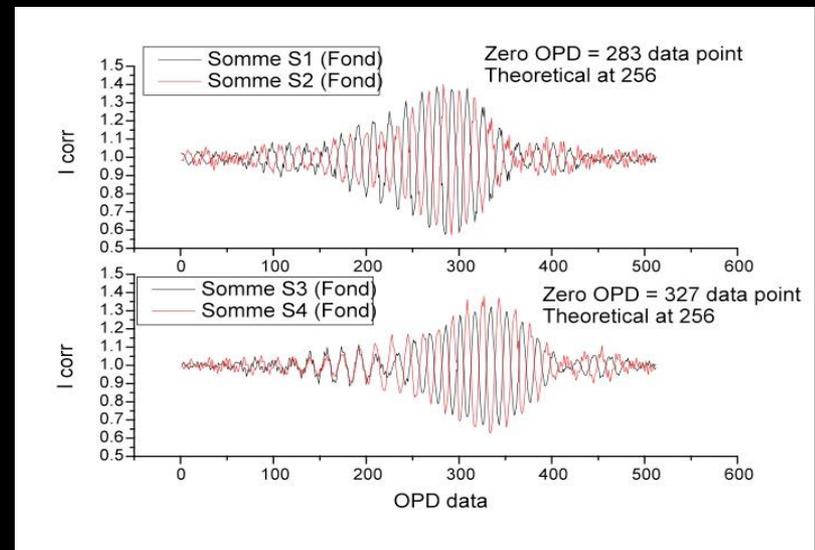
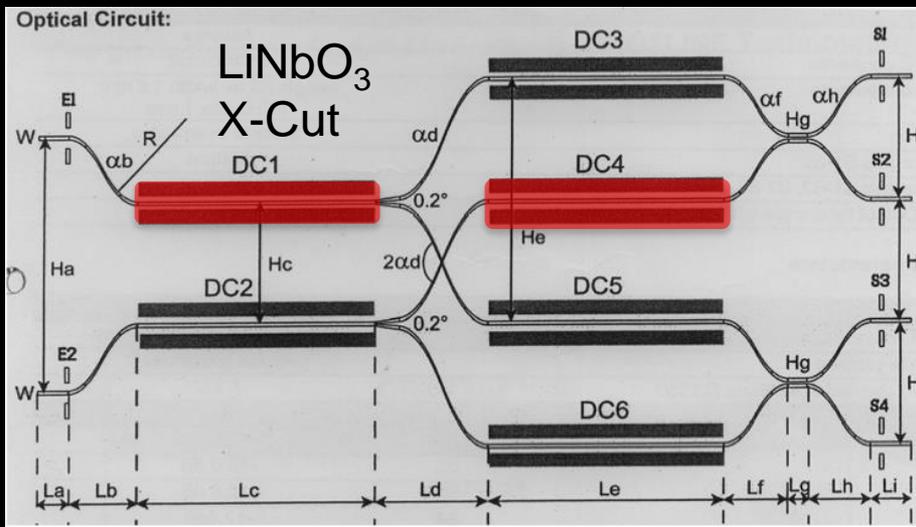
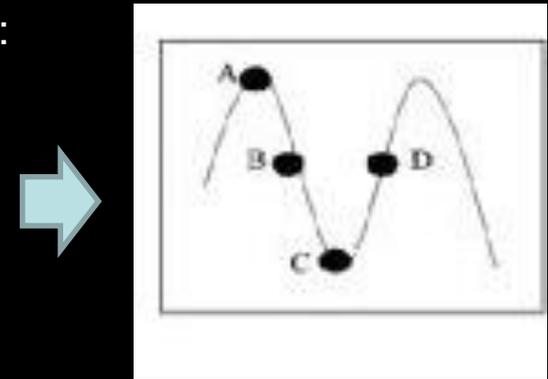
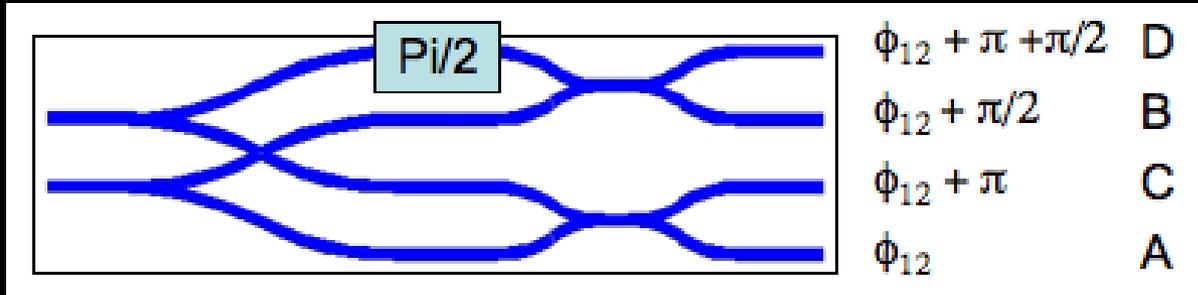
## Astrophysical Needs:

- Achieve high contrast fringes -> Nulling Interferometry
- Achieve High spectral resolution -> Integrated Spectrometers

# COMPLEX 2D BEAM COMBINERS

The 2T ABCD Concept: **DEMO!**

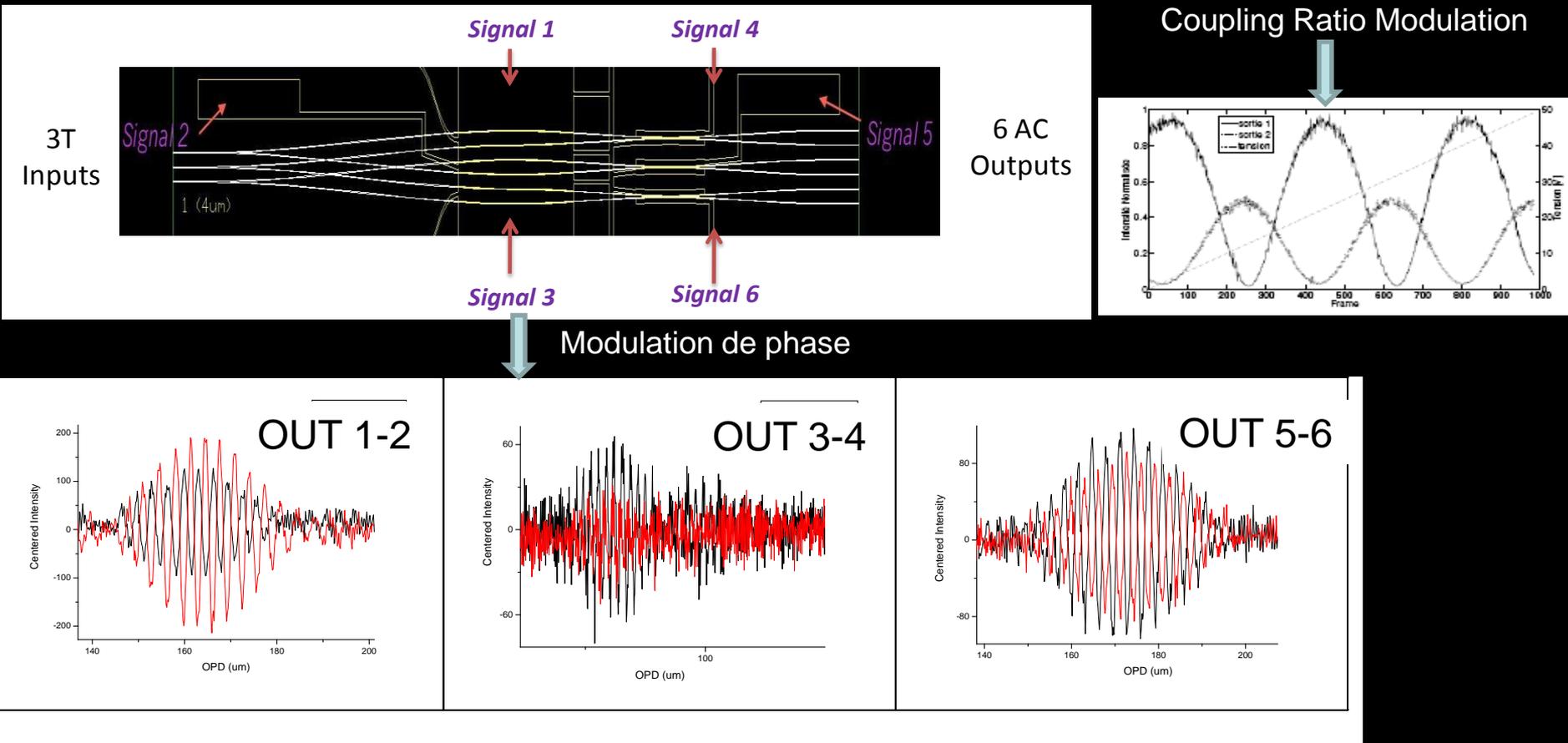
The interference fringes are sampled using 4 data, phase shifted:



# COMPLEX 2D BEAM COMBINERS

The 2T ABCD Concept:

Signal 4-6 modifies the coupling ratio; Signal 1-2-3 shifts the relative phase (fringe scan)



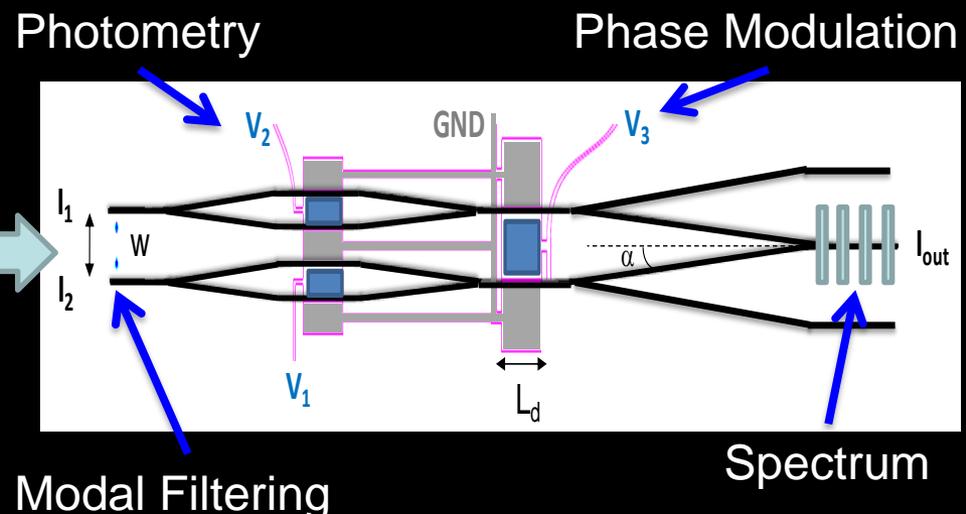
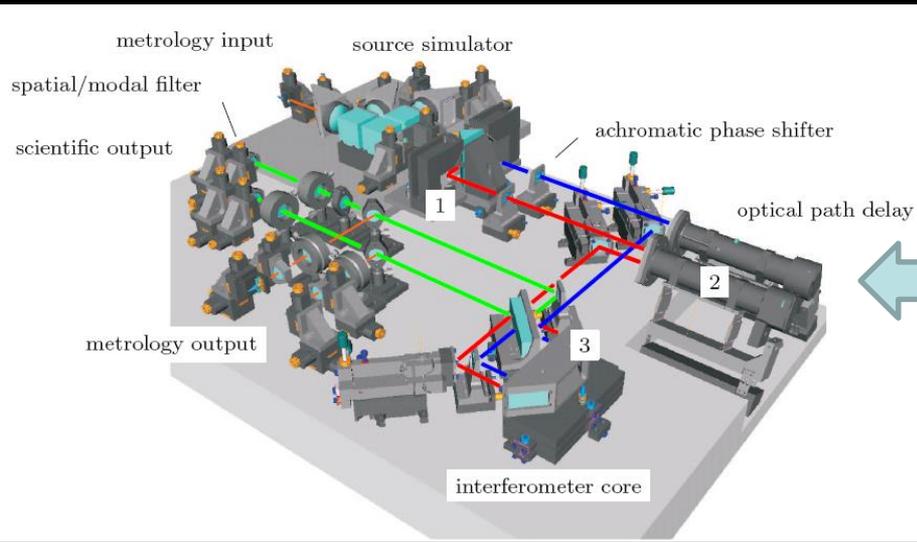
# ASTROPHOTONICS (II): HIGH CONTRAST INTERFEROMETRY

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## **NULLING INTERFEROMETRY IN ASTROPHYSICS**

# NULLING INTERFEROMETRY: BULK vs INTEGRATED OPTICS

## Nuller for DARWIN (Wallner 2003)



Mid IR Waveguides

Optical Functions (Coupler, Y...)

High Contrast: 40dB ( $C > 99.98\%$ )

Multiple Beam Combining (2T, 3T...)



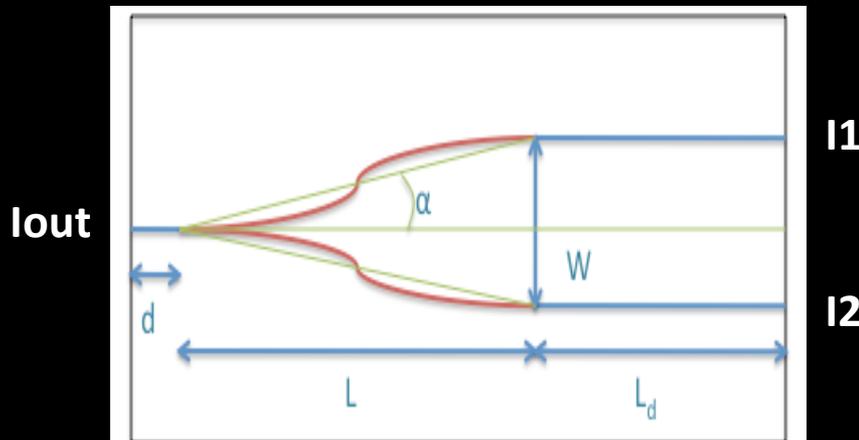
# Niobate de Lithium: Monochromatic MZ Modulation

- Fringes modulation at  $3.349\mu\text{m}$  (L Band)

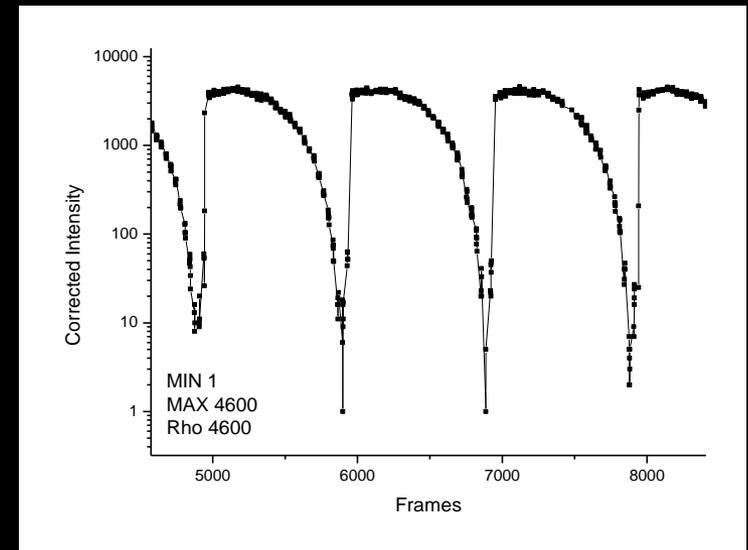
**Mach-Zehnder Modulators and Y-junctions:**  
High rejection ratio and on-chip L band scan



20mm x 10mm LiNbO<sub>3</sub> sample

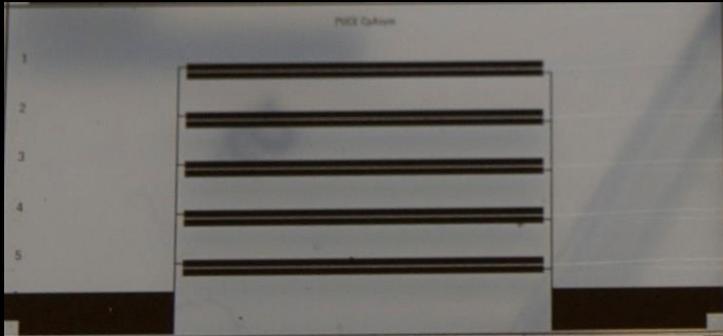


**On-Chip mid-IR Nulling (36dB) @ 3.39 $\mu\text{m}$**

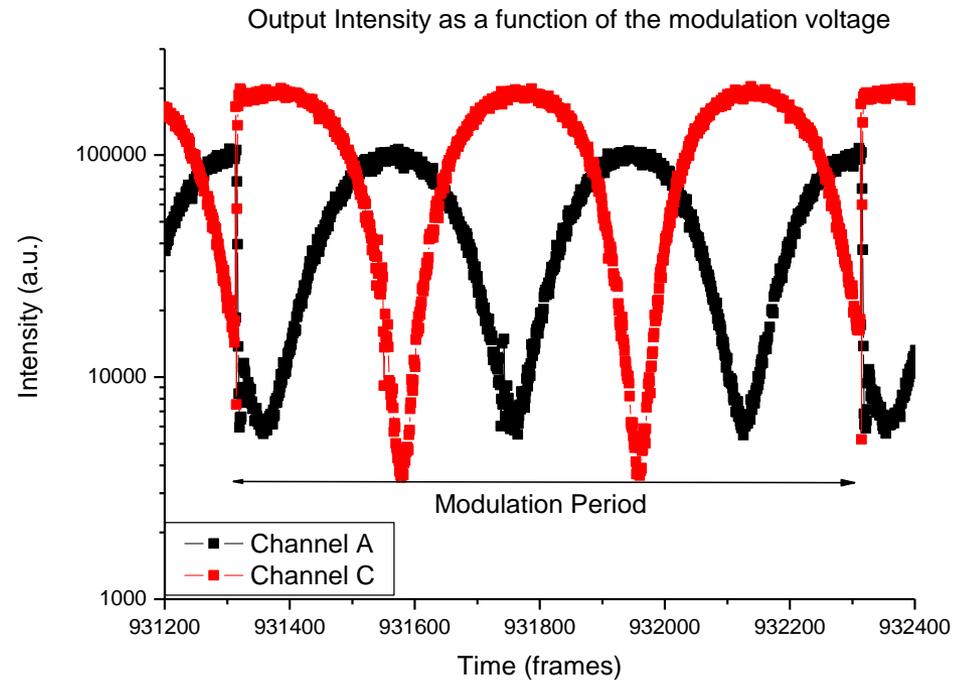
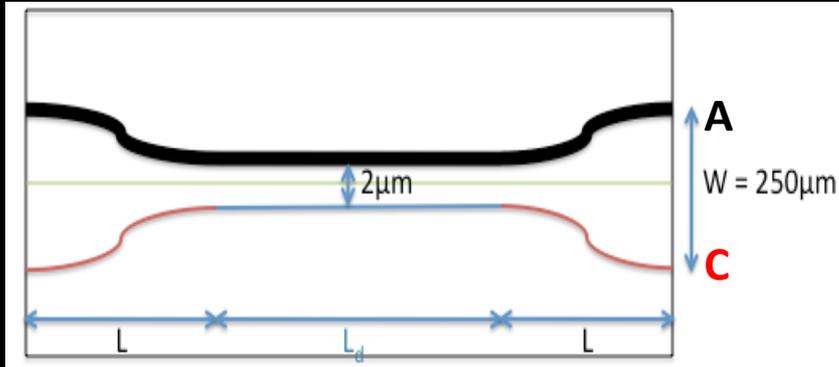


# Niobate de Lithium → Directionnal Couplers

## Active Directionnal Couplers: On-Chip Amplitude Tuning @ 3.39 $\mu\text{m}$

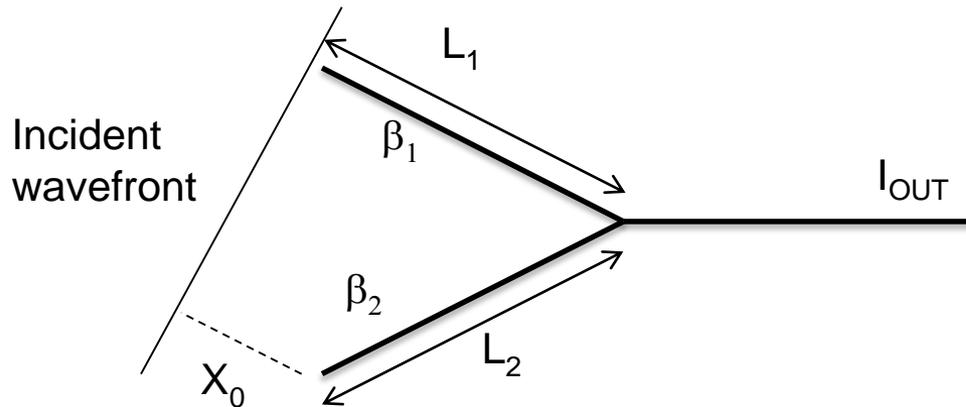


20mm x 10mm LiNbO<sub>3</sub> sample



## Phase modulation: Differential dispersion

$$I_{OUT}(x) = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos \varphi(x)$$



Both arms are not strictly identical:

$$L_1 \neq L_2 \text{ et } \beta_1 \neq \beta_2$$

$$\varphi(\sigma, x, E) = \varphi_0 + 2\pi\sigma \left( (x - x_0) + n_{eff}(\sigma)\Delta L + \Delta n_{eff} L + \Delta n_{EO}(\sigma, E)L_{elec} \right)$$

Initial phase difference (pure phase)

Path delay at the entrance of the telescopes

$$\Delta L = L_1 - L_2$$

Relative effective index difference

Electro-optic effect over the length of the electrodes

And refractive index also depends on the wavelength

# Problem of differential dispersion

$$I_{OUT}(x) = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos \varphi(x)$$

$$\varphi(\lambda) = A_0 + \frac{A_1}{\lambda} + \frac{A_2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{A_3}{\lambda^3}$$

⇔

$$\varphi(\sigma) = A_0 + A_1\sigma + A_2\sigma^2 + A_3\sigma^3$$

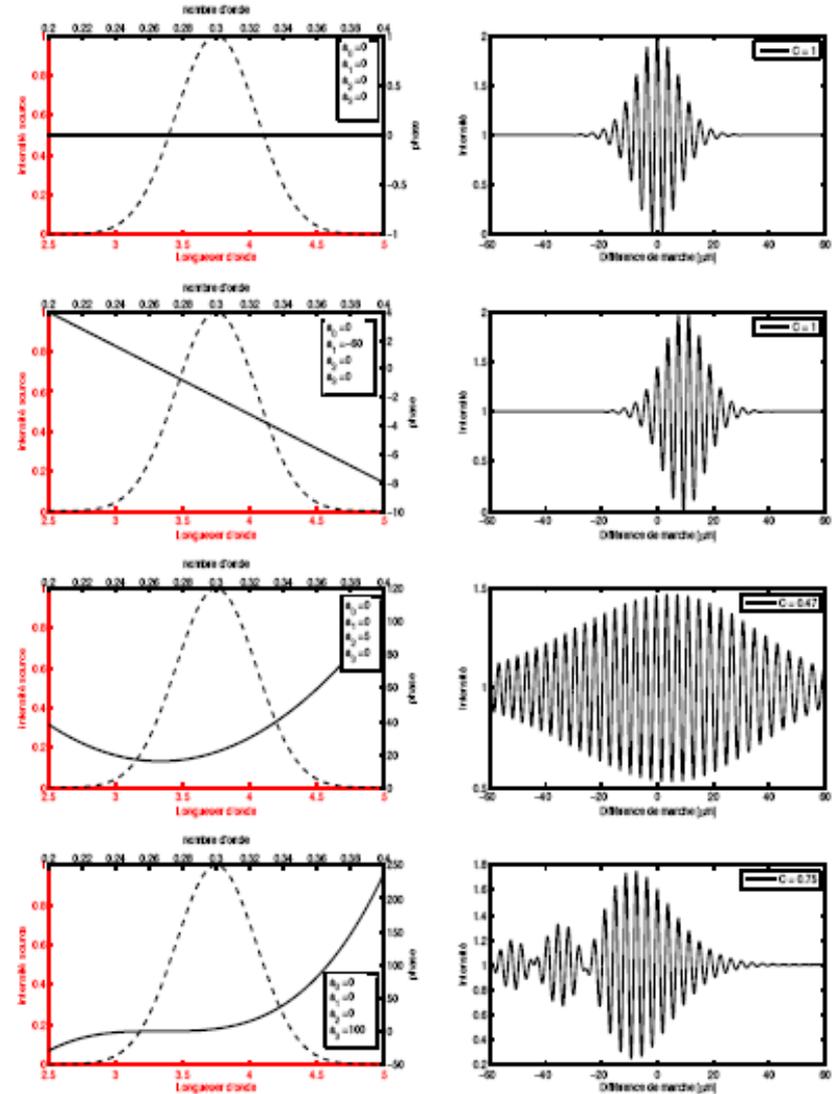
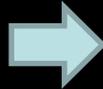
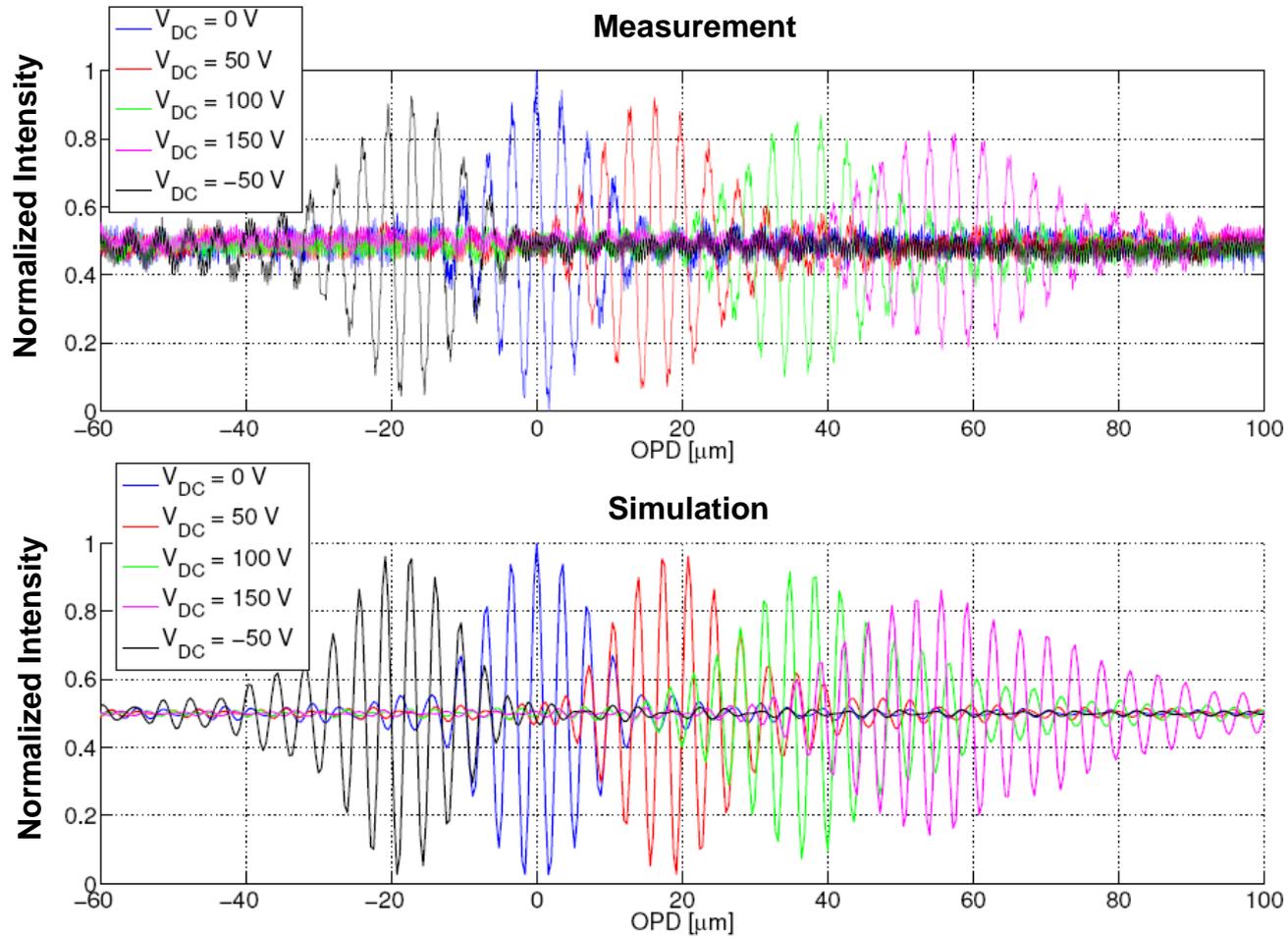


FIGURE 1.22 – Illustration de l'effet des différents ordres de courbure de phase sur l'interférogramme large bande (simulations). A gauche : la densité spectrale d'énergie de la source et la phase du paquet de frange en fonction de  $\sigma$  pour la différence de marche nulle. A droite : le paquet de franges obtenu.

EO effect is chromatic:  $r_{33}(\sigma)$  et  $n(\sigma)$  -> Even in an ideal Y-junction the dispersion is visible, at high modulation voltages

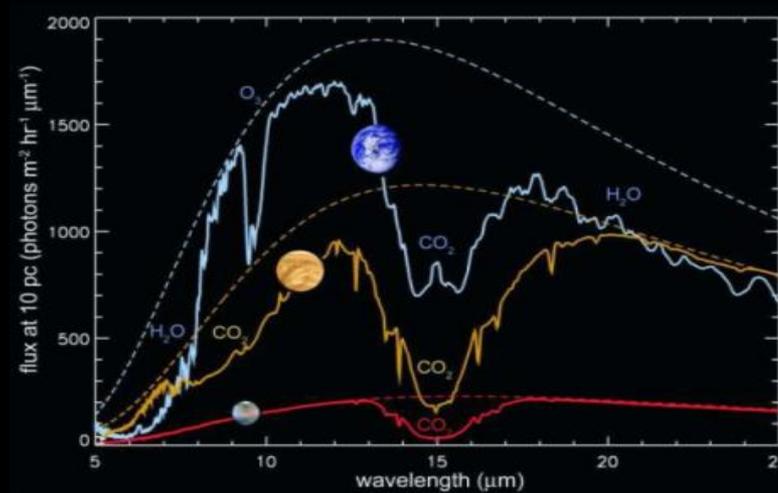


This can be used to compensate an initial differential chromatic effect

# ASTROPHOTONICS (III): SPECTROMETRY

## INTEGRATED SPECTROMETERS

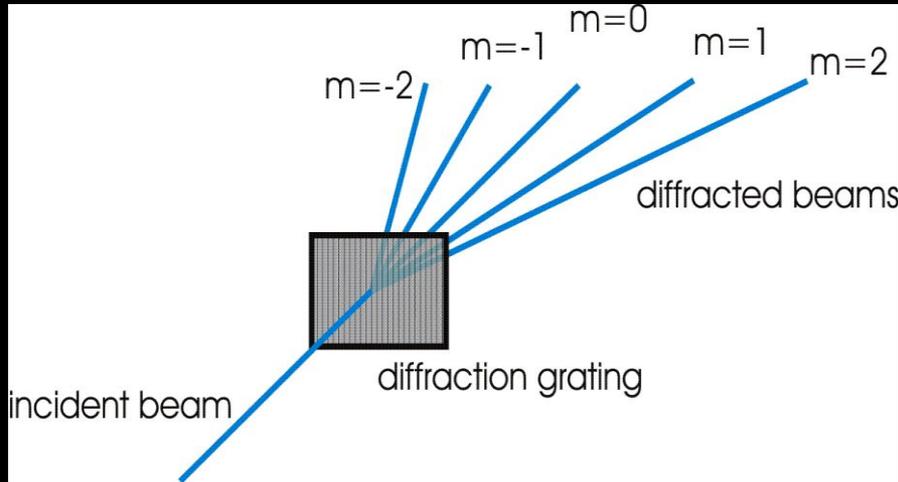
Caractérisation



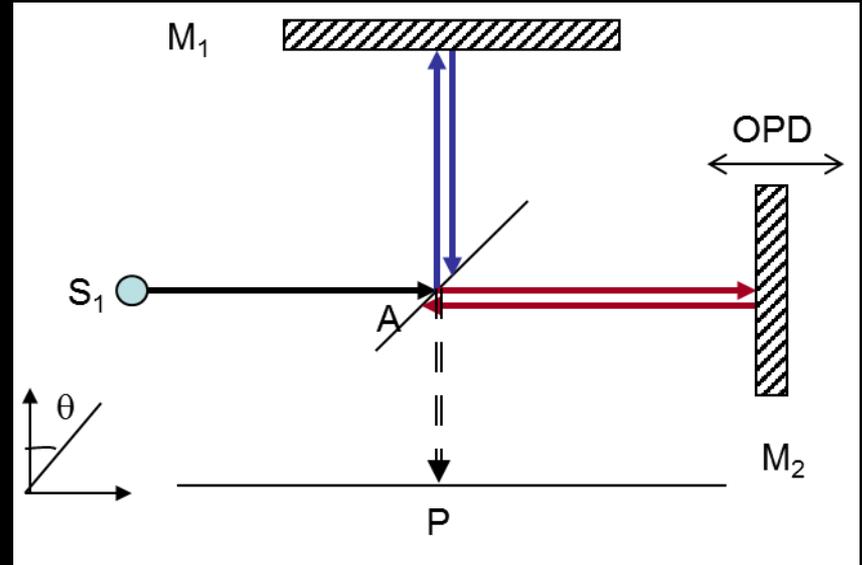
Spectrométrie

# Spectrometry Basics

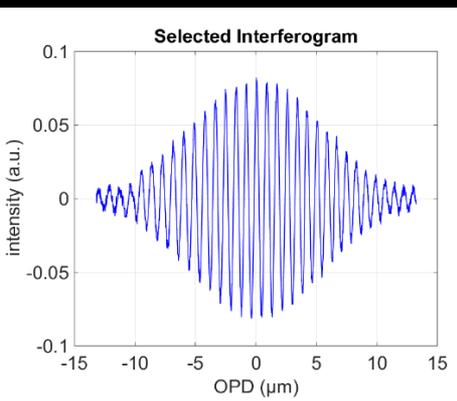
## Diffraction Gratings



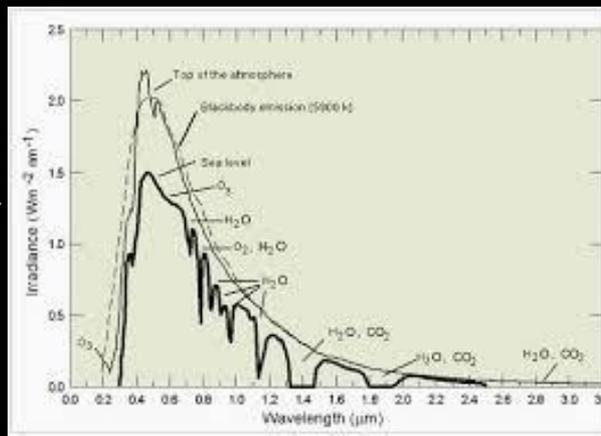
## The Michelson approach



## Fourier Transform Spectrometers



TF



-Résolution Spectrale:

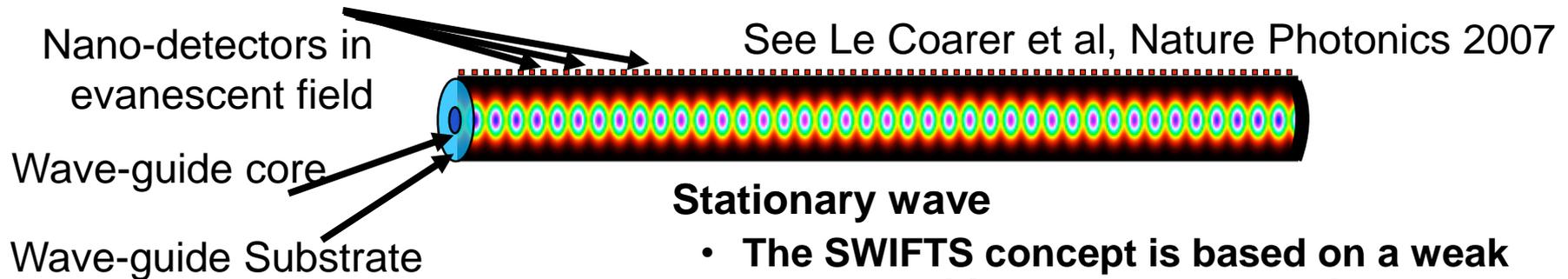
$$R \approx L/\lambda = 10000 \text{ for } L=1\text{cm @ } \lambda=1\mu\text{m}$$

-Etendue Spectrale:

$$\delta\sigma \approx 1/\delta L \Rightarrow \delta\lambda=10\text{nm for } \delta L=10\mu\text{m}$$

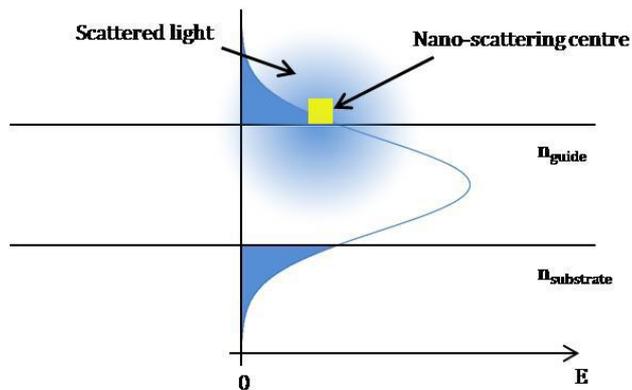
# Swifts

## Stationary-Wave Integrated Fourier Transform Spectrometer



### Stationary wave

- The SWIFTS concept is based on a weak non-perturbing measurement along a standing interference within a wave guide
- where sub-wavelength scale detectors pick up the evanescent field
- The overall sensitivity results from a collective effect of the set of nano-detectors, each one detecting a slight amount of the light propagating in the waveguide.



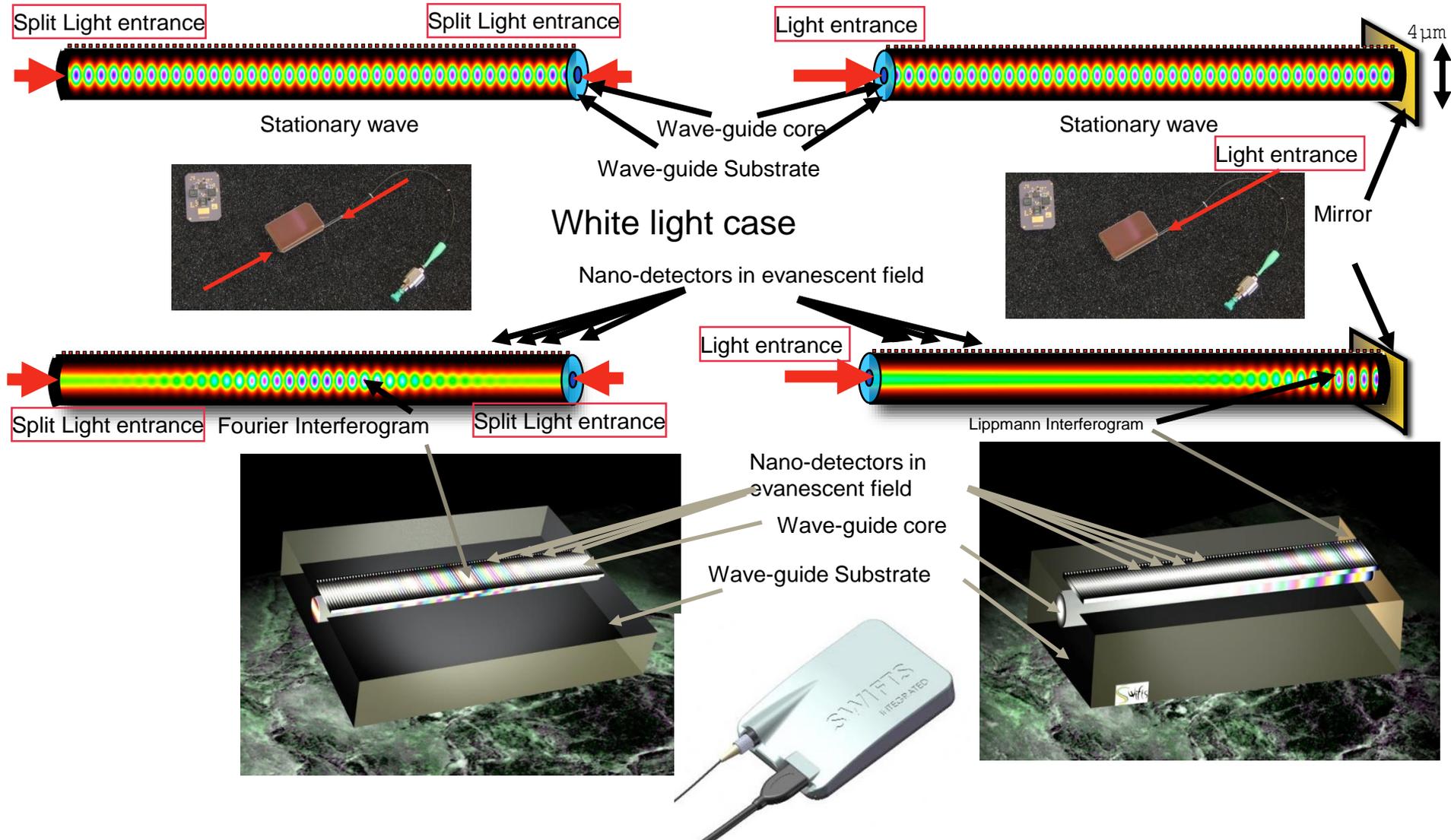
# SWIFTS-Principle

SWIFTS-Gabor

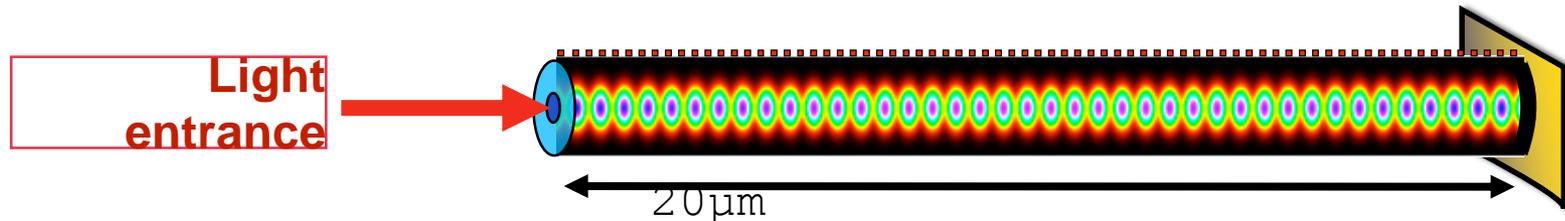
SWIFTS-Lippmann

Monochromatic light case

White light case



# SWIFTS resolution



**R:** number of fringes between first and last detectors

$$\delta\sigma \approx 1/2nL \quad R \approx 2n L/\lambda$$

**L:** Length between first and last detector ( $20\mu\text{m}$ )

**n:** effective index (1.5)

**$\lambda$ :** Wavelength ( $1.5\mu\text{m}$ )

**R= 40 in this example** ( $\delta\lambda \approx 37.5\text{nm}$ )

**10cm long instrument provide: R= 200 000 or  $0.033\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\delta\lambda \approx 7.5\text{pm}$ )**

Note: an under-sampling of the fringes results in a reduced operation bandwidth

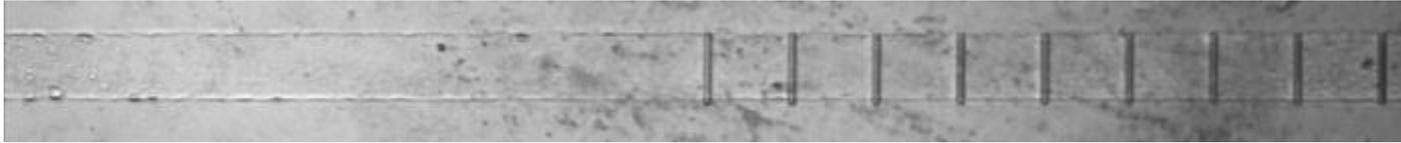
limited by the detector pitch  $p$  :

$$\Delta\sigma = 1/4n.\Delta z \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta\lambda = \lambda^2/4n.\Delta z$$

a  $18\mu\text{m}$  pixel in this case induces  **$\Delta\lambda \approx 20\text{ nm}$**

In order to recover the fringes, use of nanodots or nanogrooves

Guide avec centres de diffusion (sans injection): -> **FEMTO-ST**



Guide avec centres de diffusion (avec injection):



Le signal échantillonné est alors récupéré par un détecteur collé au dessus du guide:



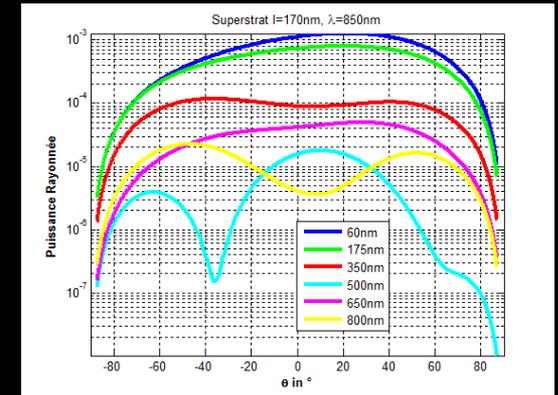
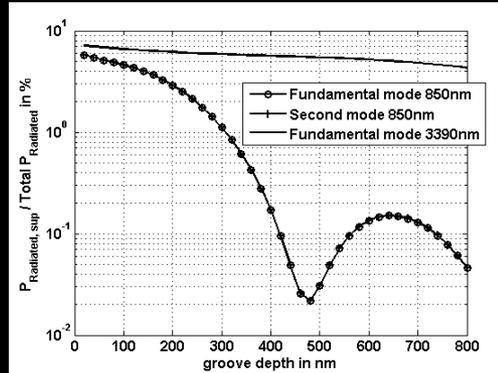
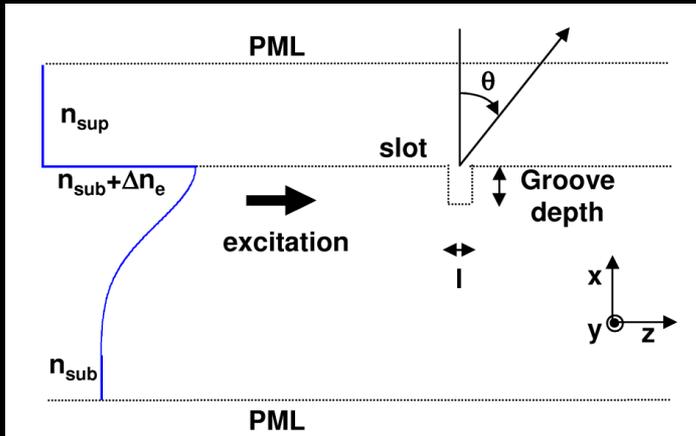
Barrette SWIFTS



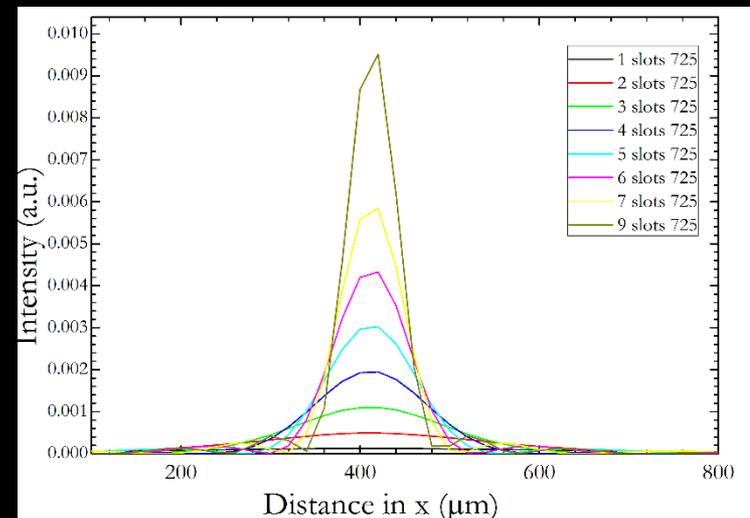
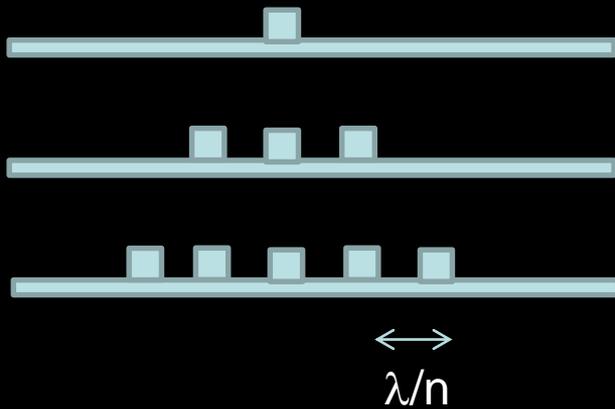
Détecteur sur SWIFTS Matriciel

# DIRECTIVITY

Simulations on the effect of Groove geometry on the diffraction efficiency



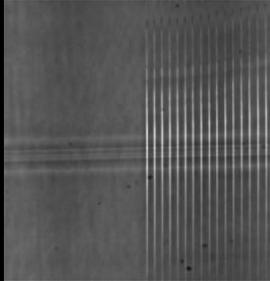
Simulations on the effect of Groove assembling: Antenna Effect



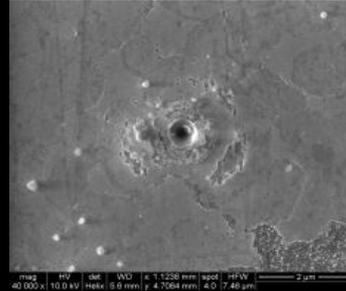
# LASER WRITTEN SWIFTS: FOR MID-IR

Use fs laser to write the sampling centers  
-possibility to obtain large areas

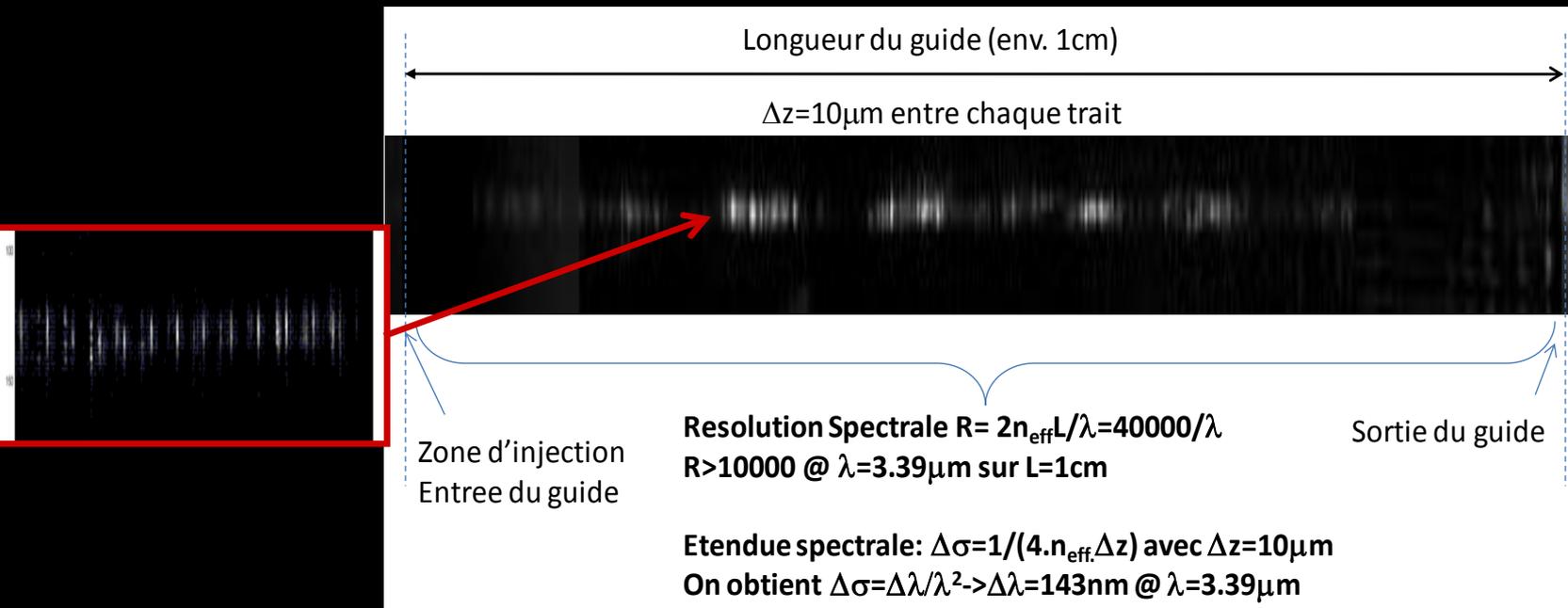
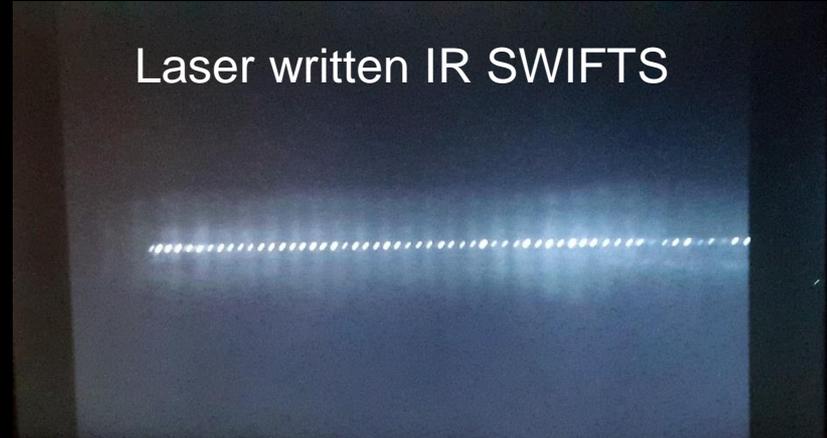
View from top



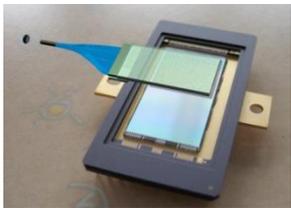
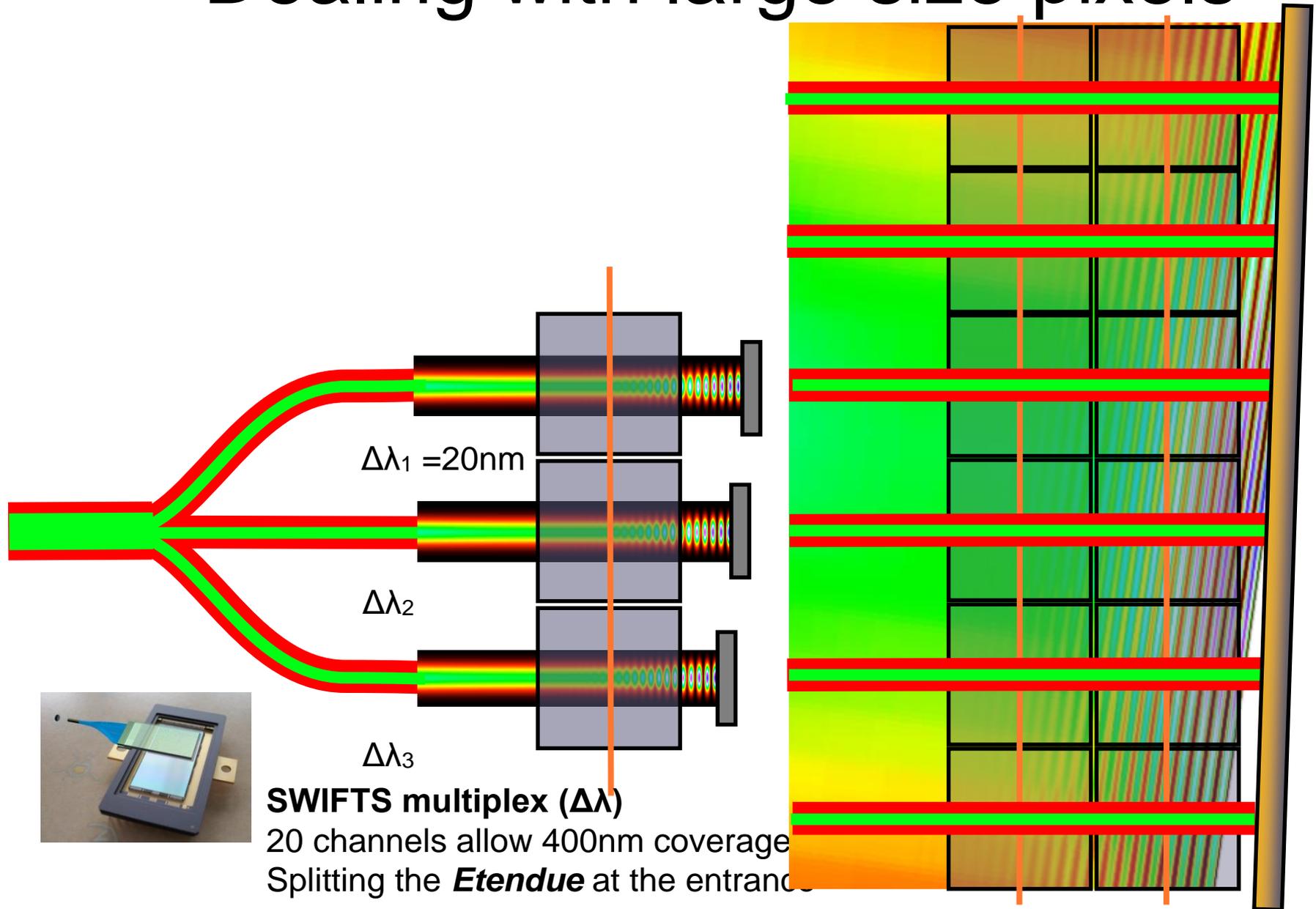
Side view



Laser written IR SWIFTS



# Dealing with large size pixels

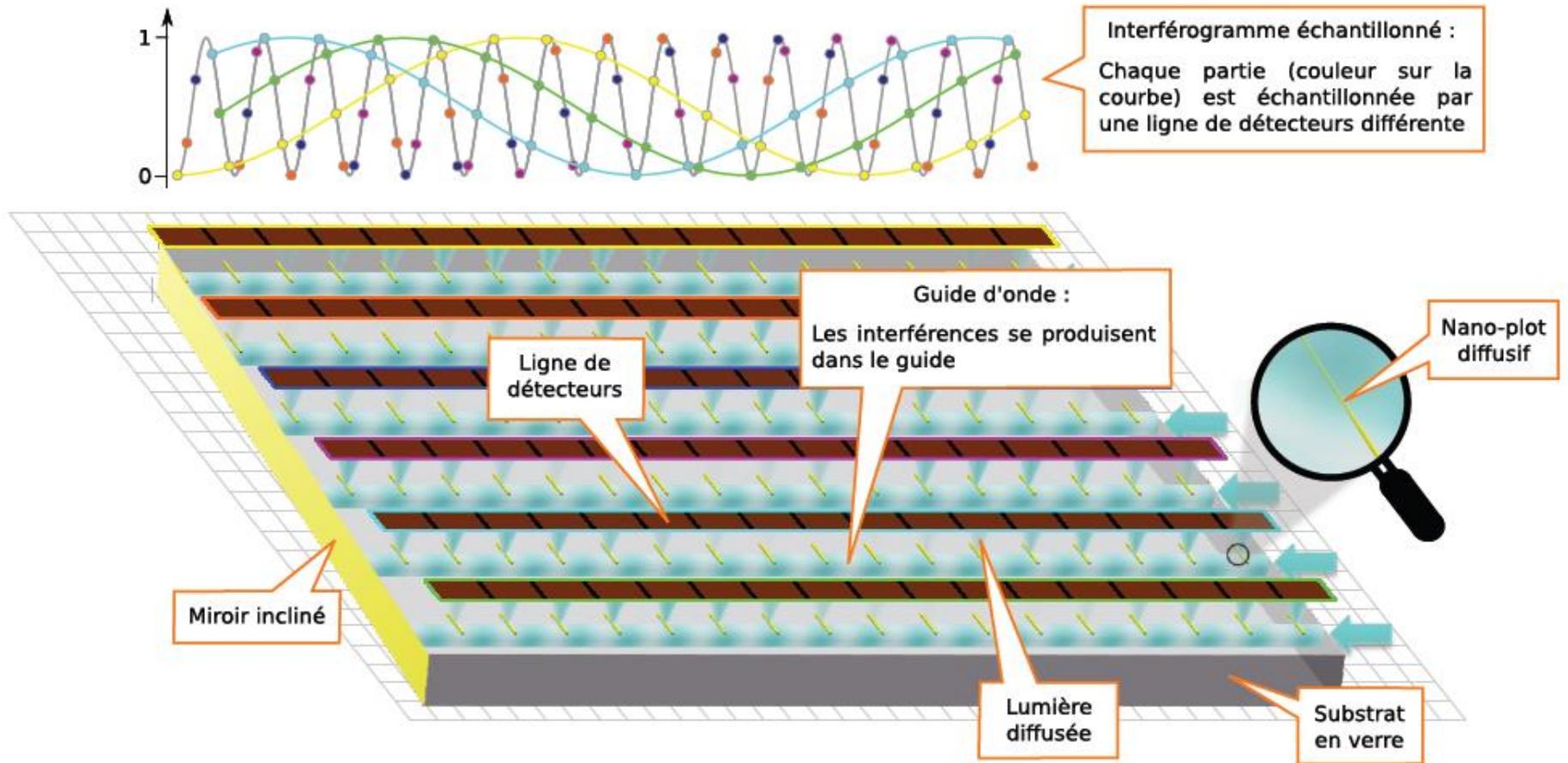


**SWIFTS multiplex ( $\Delta\lambda$ )**

20 channels allow 400nm coverage

Splitting the *Etendue* at the entrance

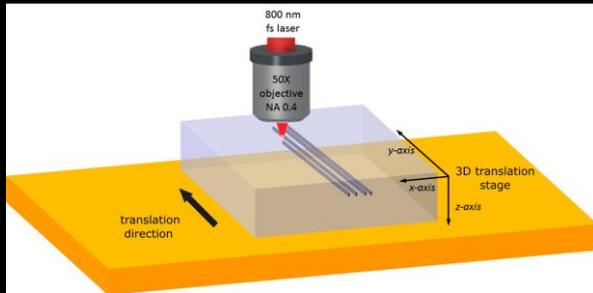
# Multiplexage: Swifts WIDE



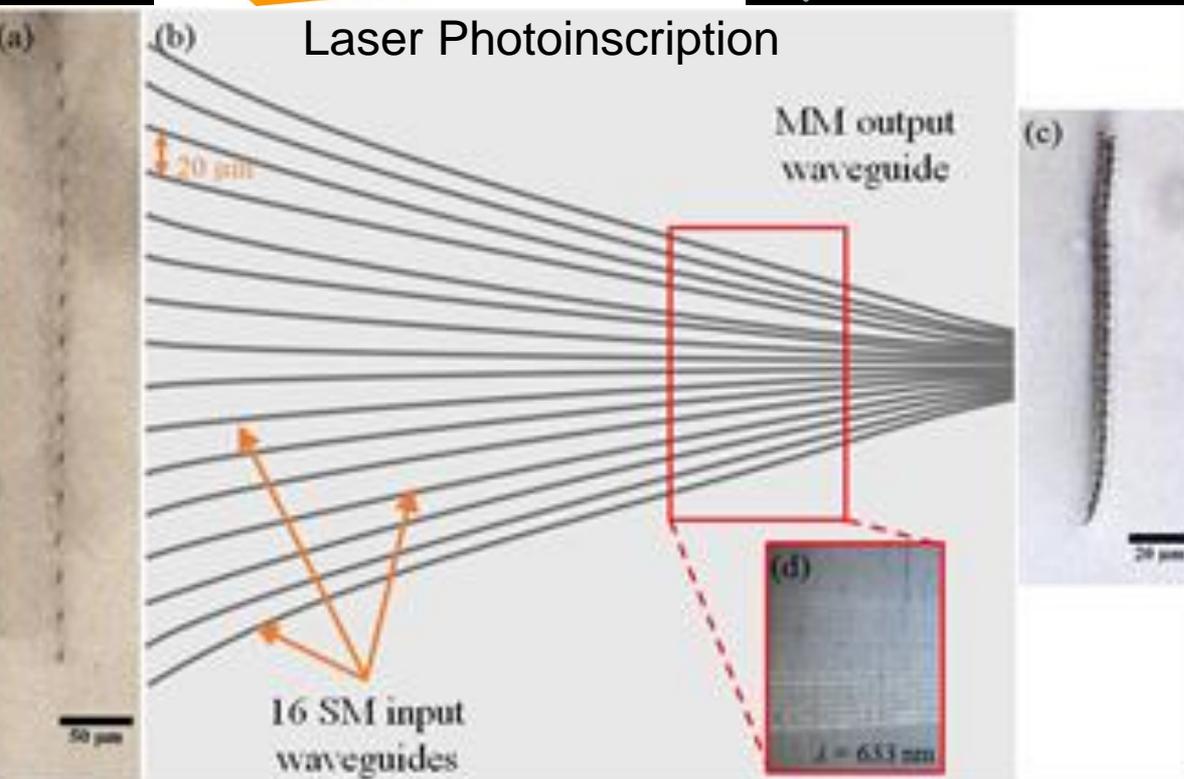
La superposition des interférogrammes sous-échantillonnés, permet de reconstruire un interférogramme sur-échantillonné

# Multiplexage: Swifts WIDE

## Collaboration avec IMEP-LAHC (A. Morand)



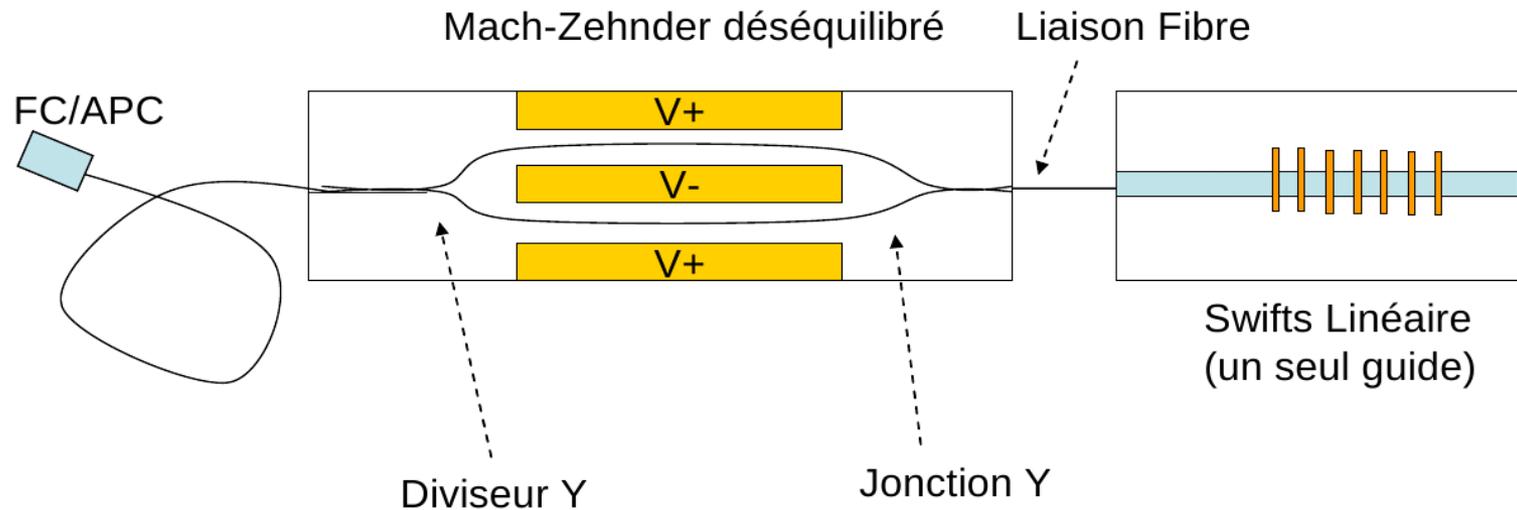
Couplage avec Détecteur Hamamatsu  
128 x 128 (20um pixel pitch)



Premiers tests d'une lanterne de 16 guides

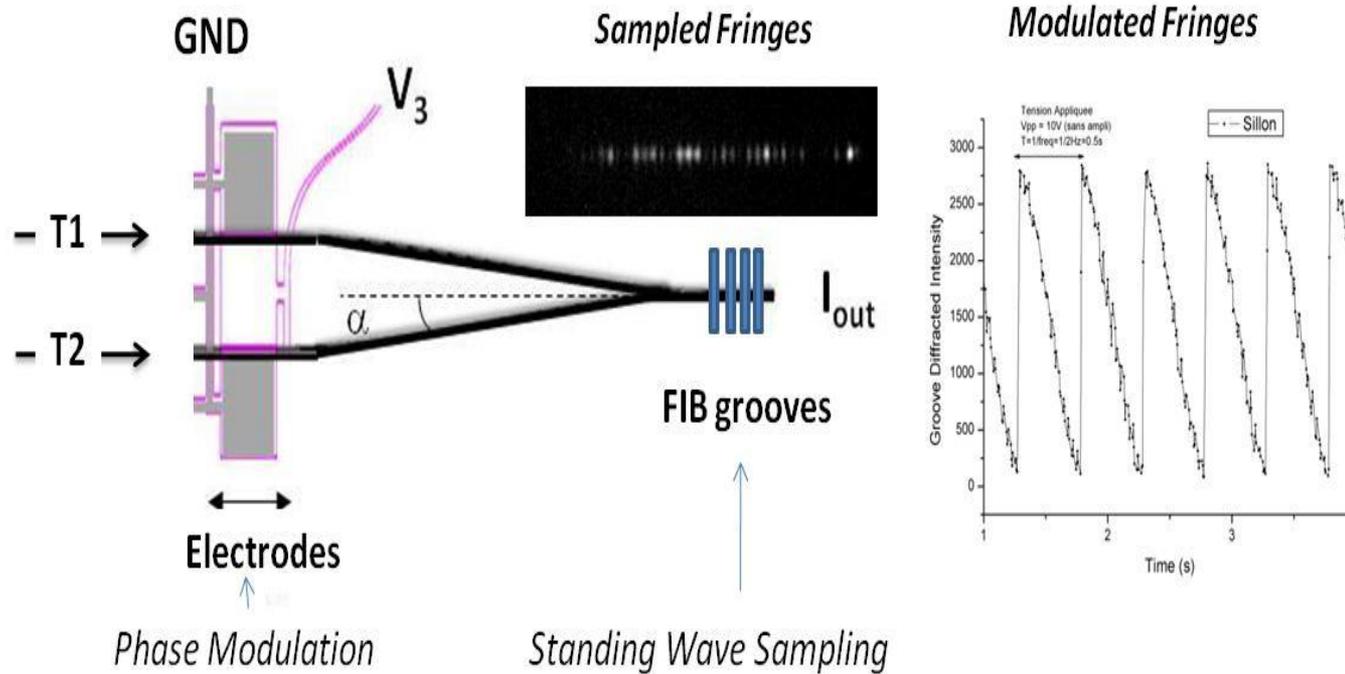
## *Interest of an internal modulation (electro-optic) to improve sampling efficiency*

« **Static** » SWIFTS is limited to  $\Delta\sigma=10\text{nm}$  since distance between sampling centers is too high.

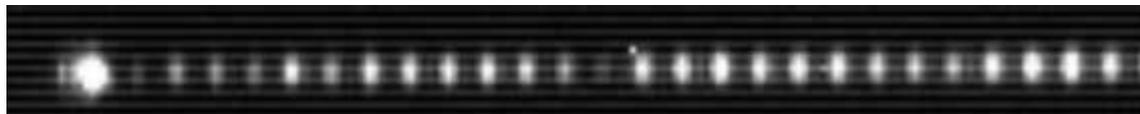


**Using an unbalanced MZ allows to set a second « dynamic » fringe pattern over the sampling centers, and scan it actively**

# Fringe Modulation in a single chip using the Electro-optic effect

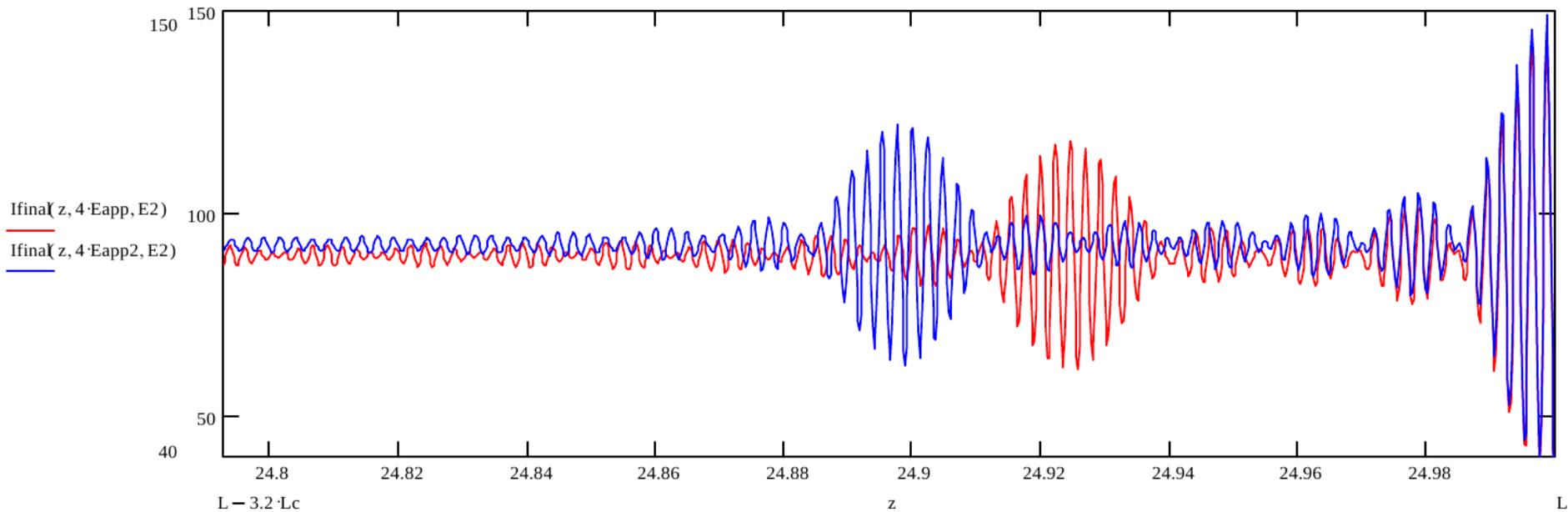


$$I(\lambda, z, V_3) = \left[ I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta n(V_3) L_{elec}\right) \right] \left[ 1 + R - 2\sqrt{R} \cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n(\lambda, E) 2(z - L)\right] \right]$$



# L'interférogramme OCT

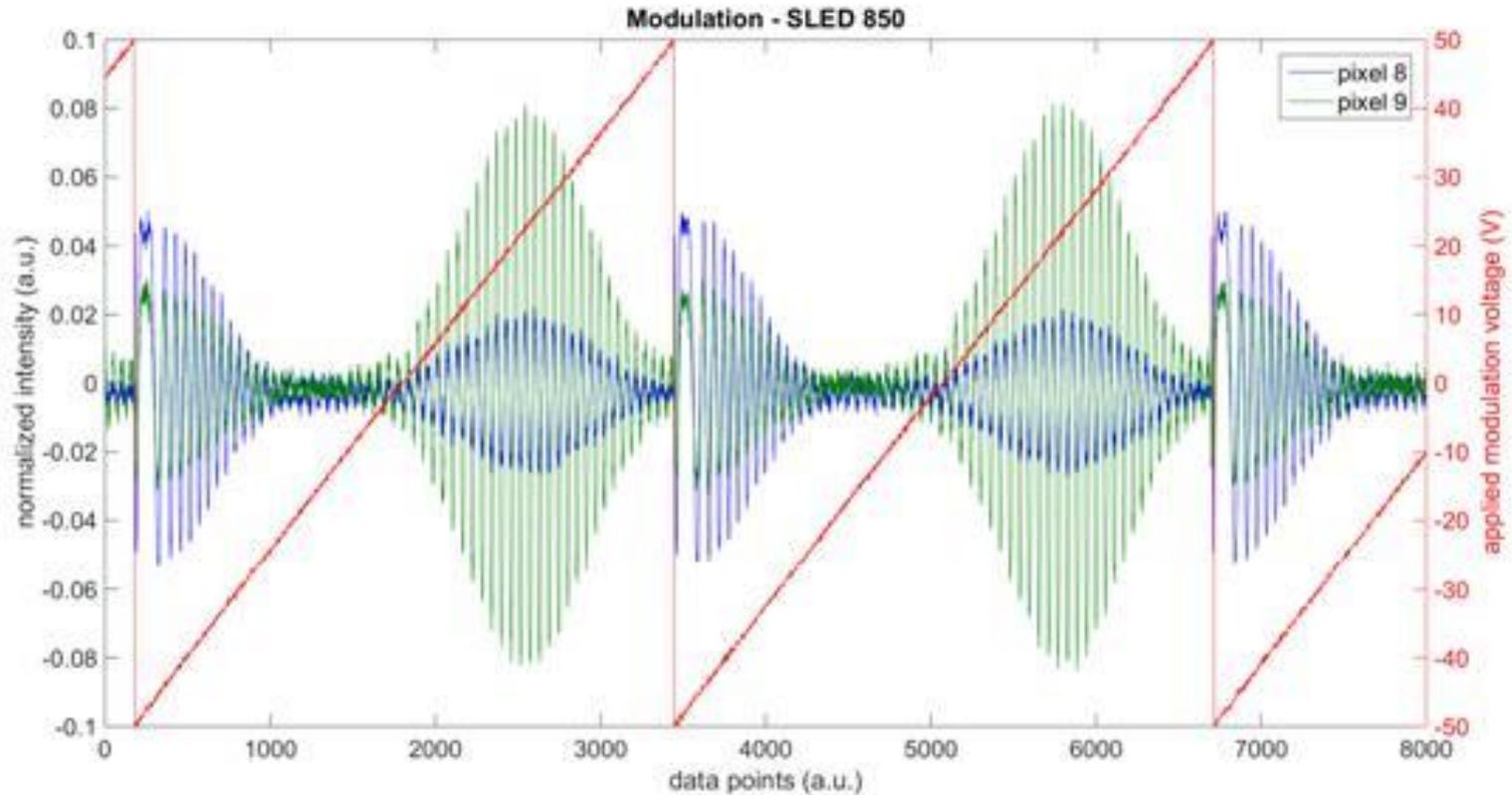
**Depending on the initial unbalance in the MZ, we can set the fringes where needed (but not too far from the edge)**



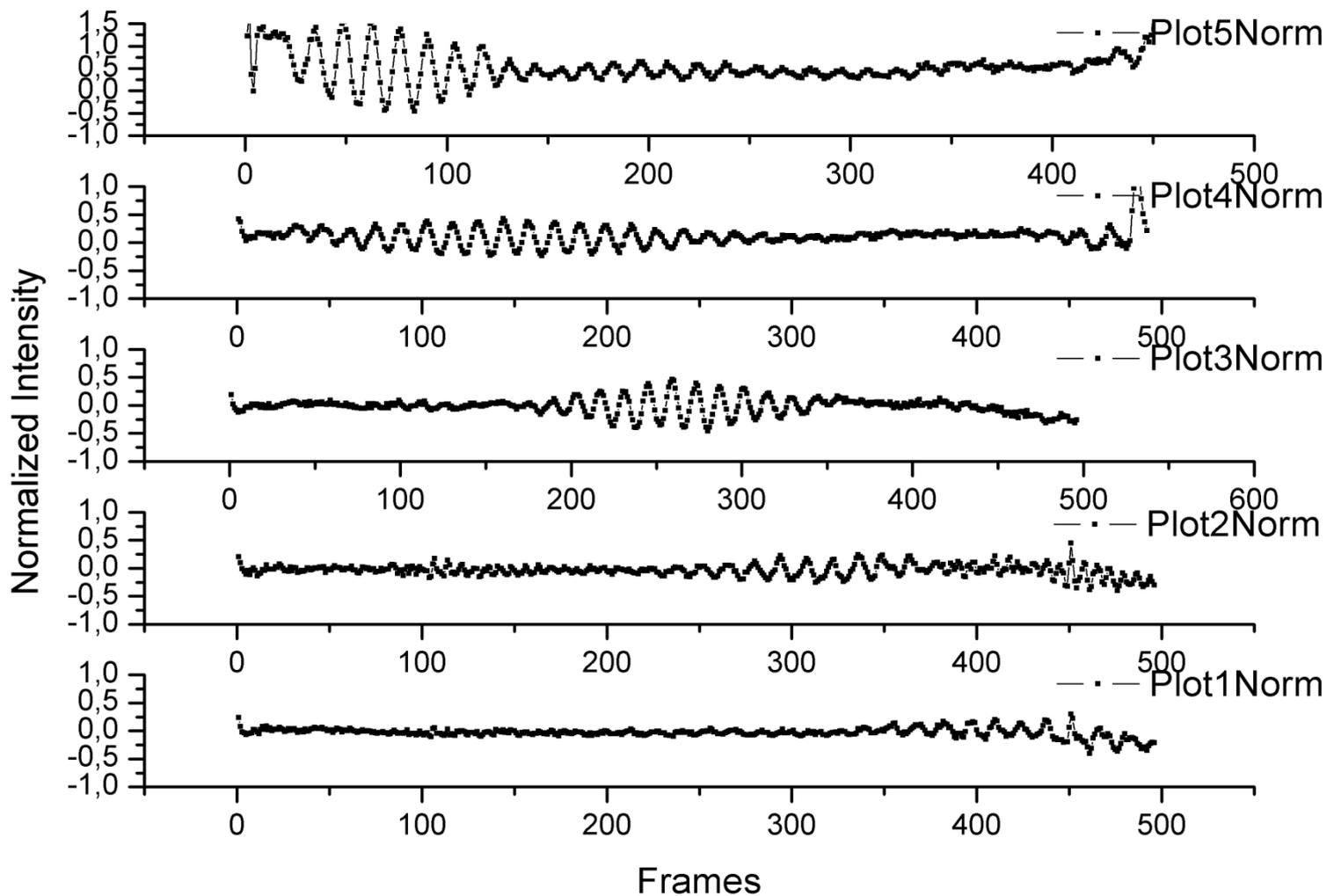
**By applying a modulation voltage, we scan the fringes over the grooves**

# RESULTS:

Recording one sampling center using a Voltage ramp:



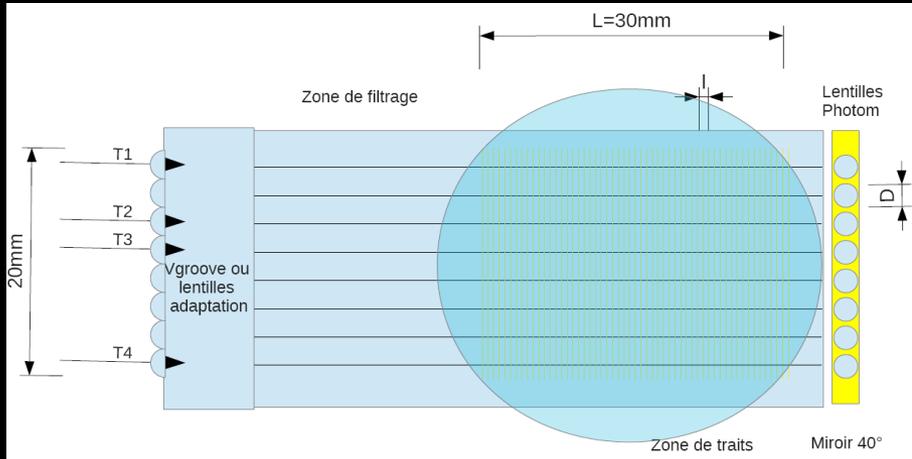
# Shifting the wide-band fringes under the sampling grooves:



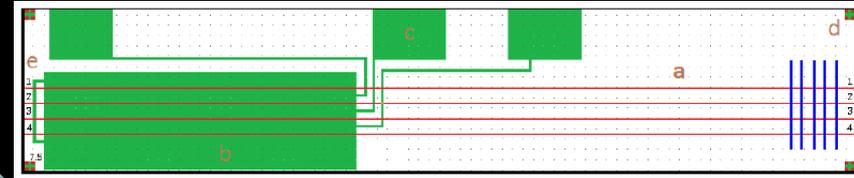
# TOWARDS MULTI-T SPECTRO-INTERFEROMETERS

## High Spectral Resolution

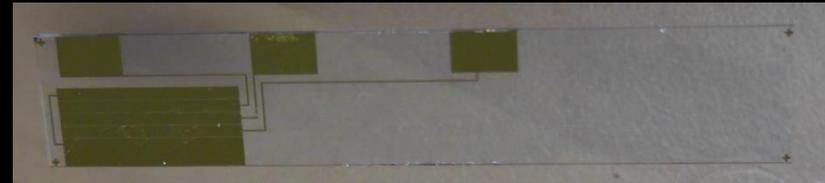
### Grating Waveguide Spectro-Interferometer



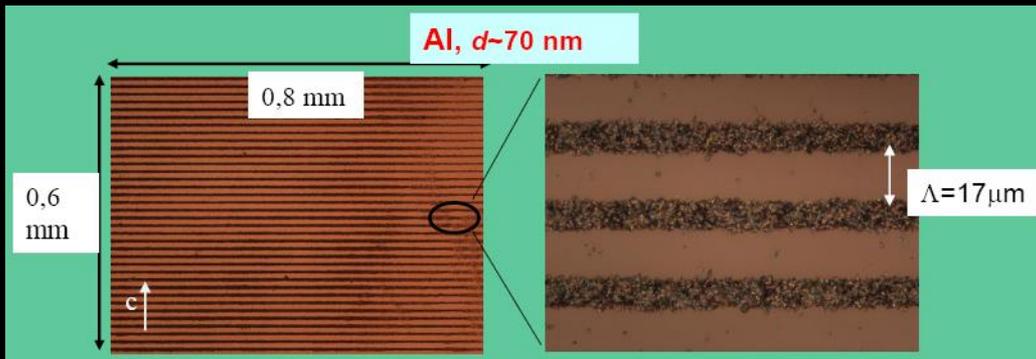
### 4T Device J. Loridat Master M2



### Prototype 4cm x 1cm (FIB)



## Collaboration with UAM-Madrid: Nanoparticles self-assembling



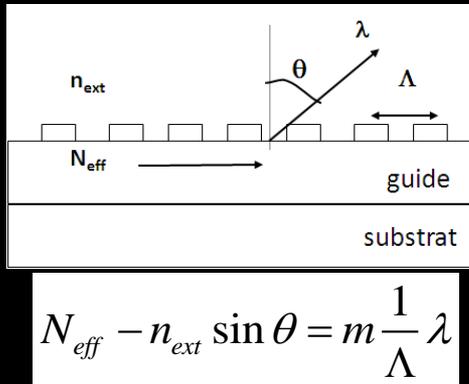
Wide Surfaces (qq mm<sup>2</sup>)

Single Step

-> Visit of J.F. Muñoz Martinez  
ETSI Aeronáutica

# Grating Waveguide Surface Spectrometers

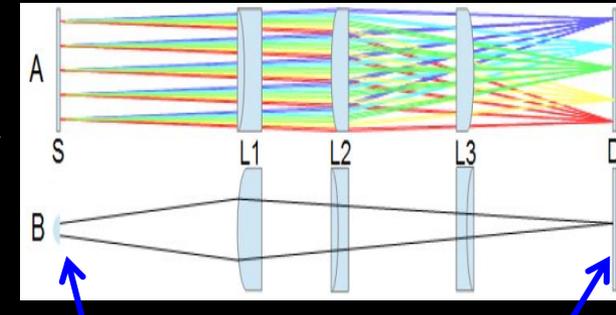
## Diffraction Grating Spectrometer



## FIB Grooves



Grooves as seen from the top



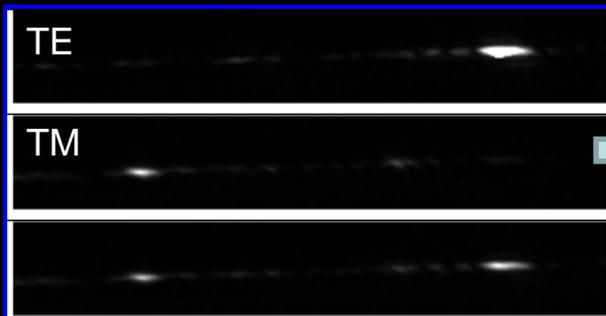
WG+Grating

Detector

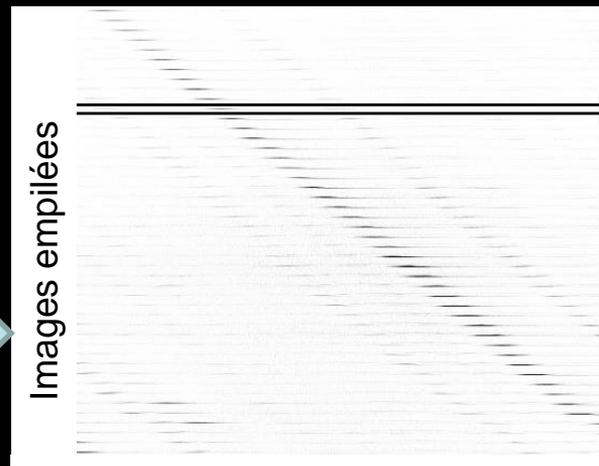
## Direct Image



## GWS Image

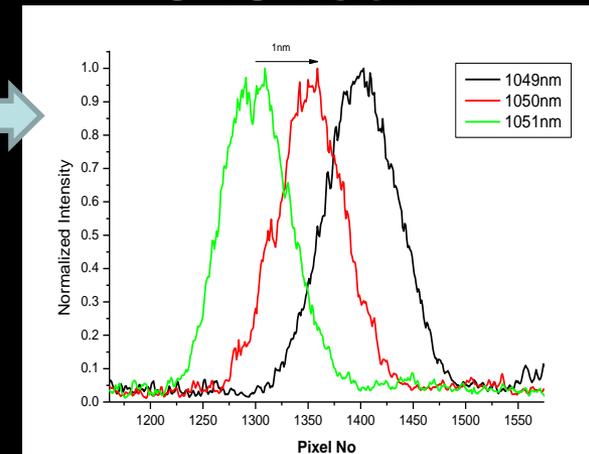


## Scan 1030-1077nm



2048 pix x 7 μm size

## GWS Vision

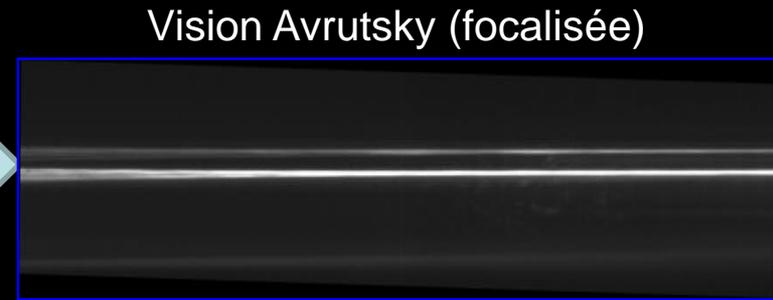
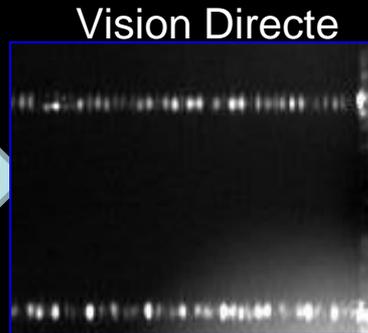


# Spectromètres AVRUTKSY

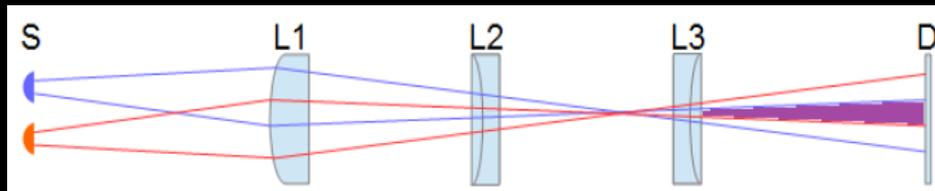
Intérêt Avrutsky: Le Multi Télescopes (Spectro Interferomètre)



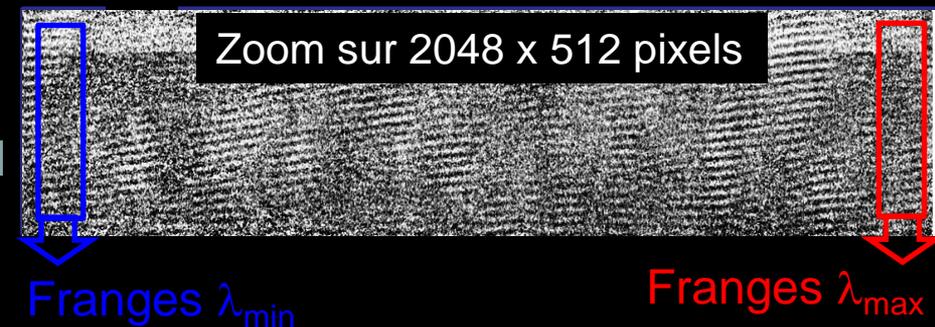
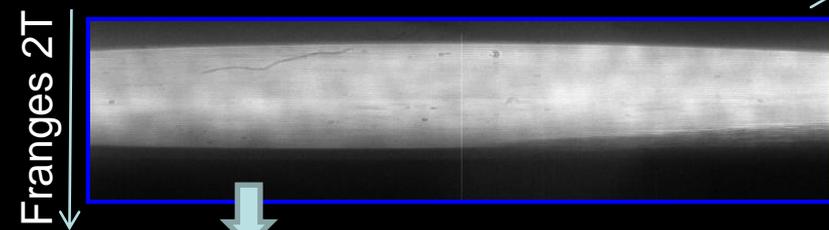
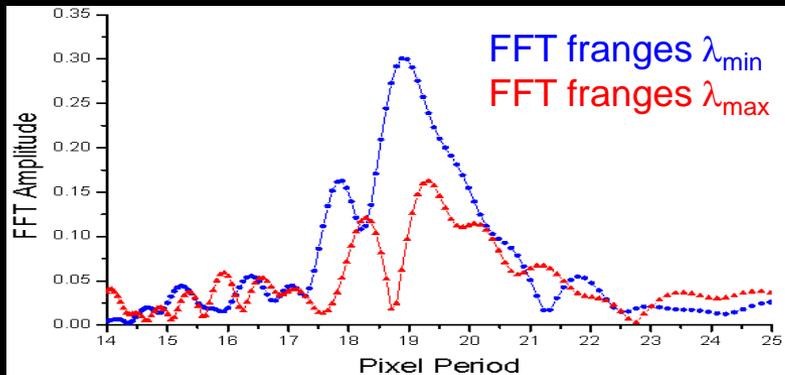
Défocalisation



Longueur d'Onde (820-870nm)



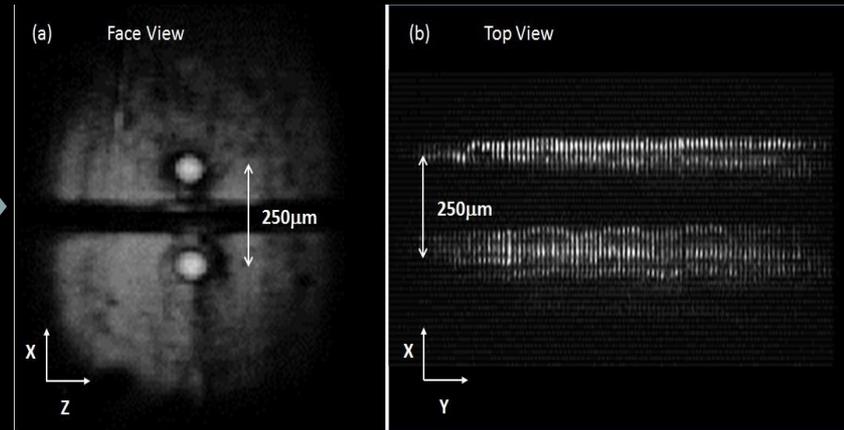
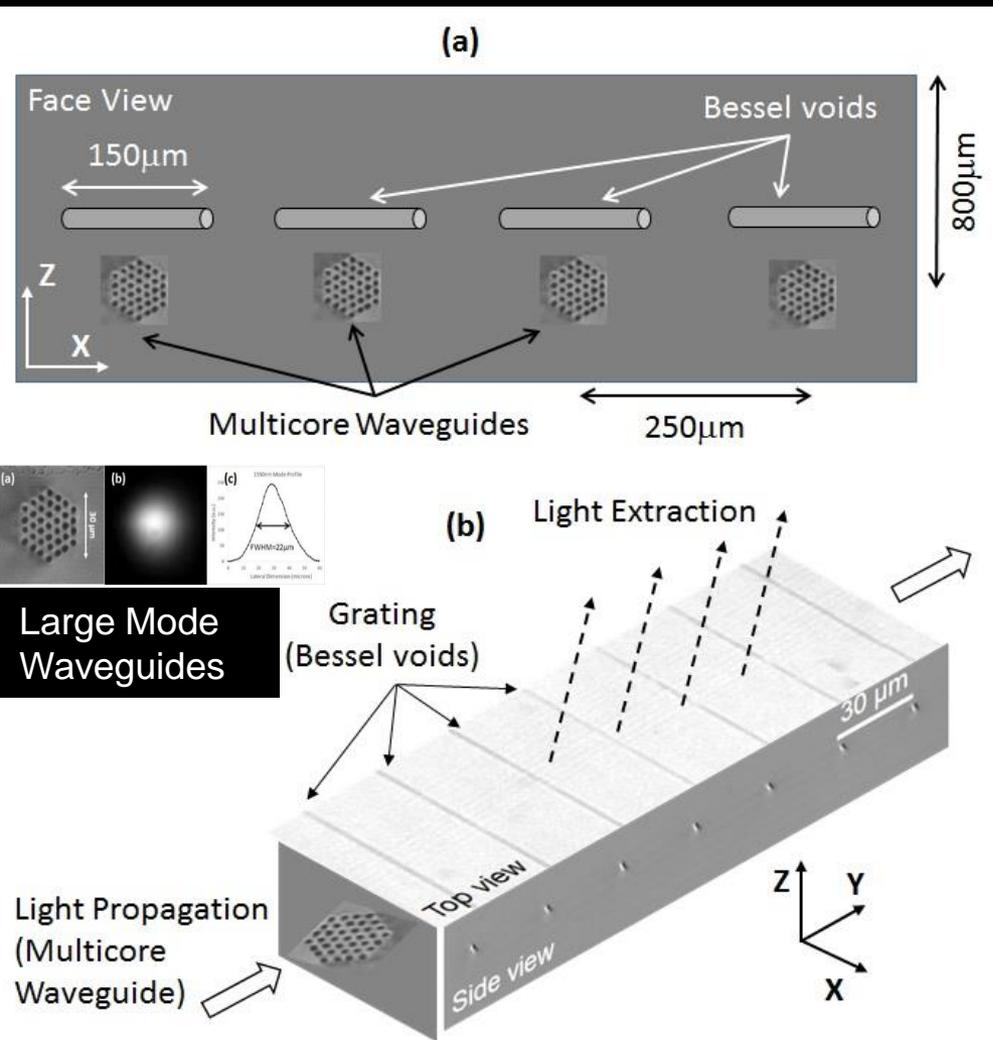
Décalage 1 pix = 40nm (5cm défocalisation)



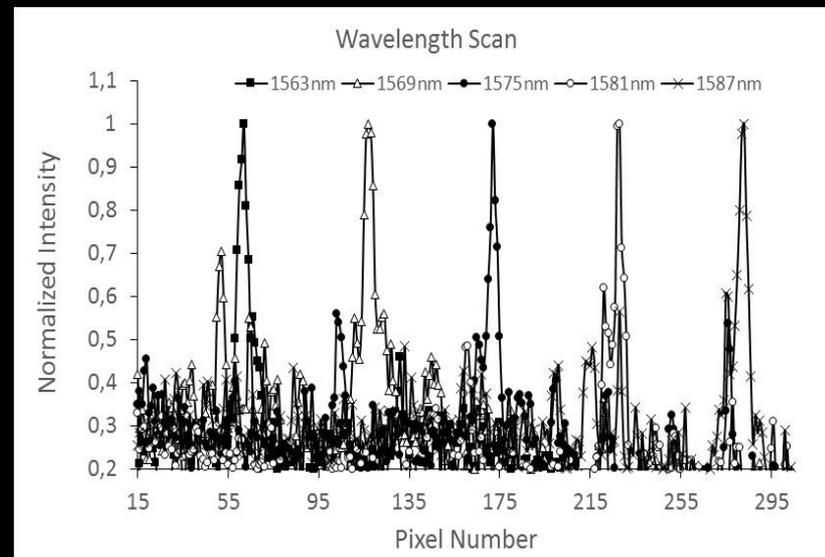
Bilan d'Etape: Amélioration de l'étendue spectrale SWIFTS; Premiers Résultats Avrutsky

# Grating Waveguide Spectrometers

Interest of GWS: Multi Telescope (Spectro Interferometry)

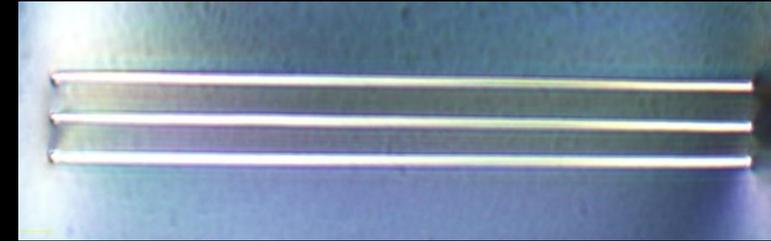
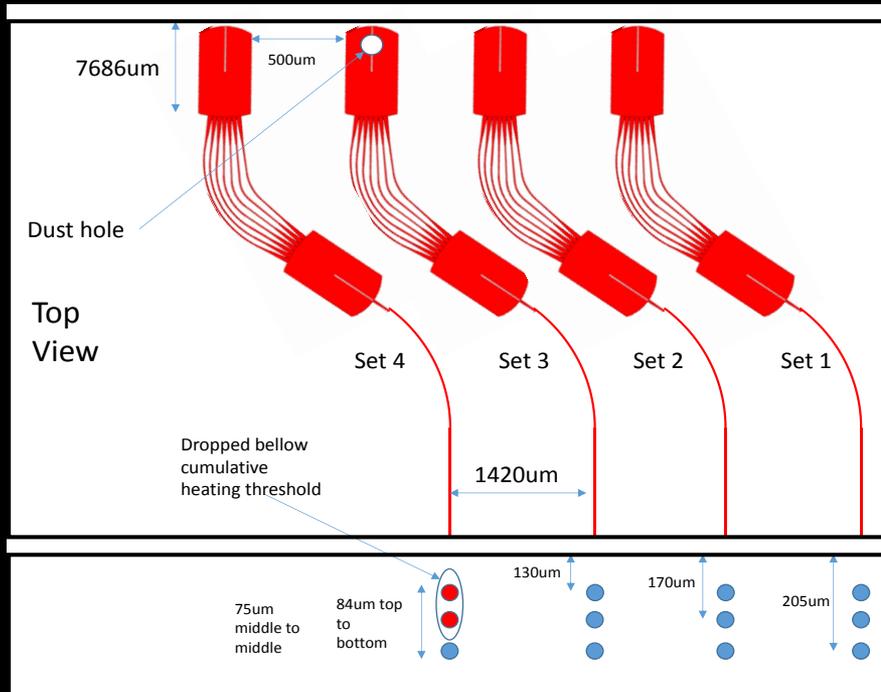


Near Infrared SWIFTS images



# Vers un spectro-interféromètre en propagation directe...

Collaboration avec McQuarie University (Sydney)

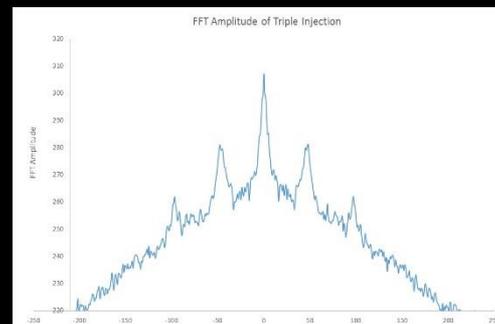


Zone planeaire de sortie (3 AWG empilés)



Image focalisée des sorties à 810nm

Projet PHC Fasic, 2016



FFT Amplitude:  
Pics fringe non  
redondants

TF

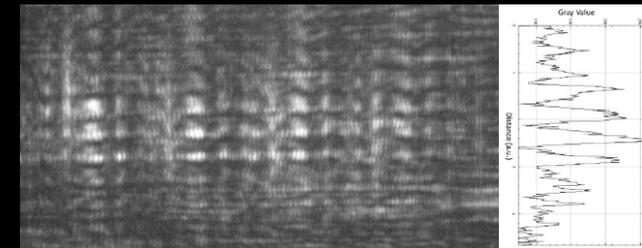
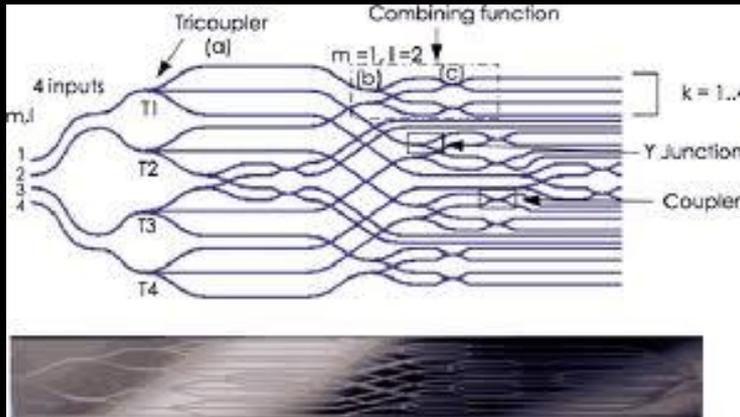


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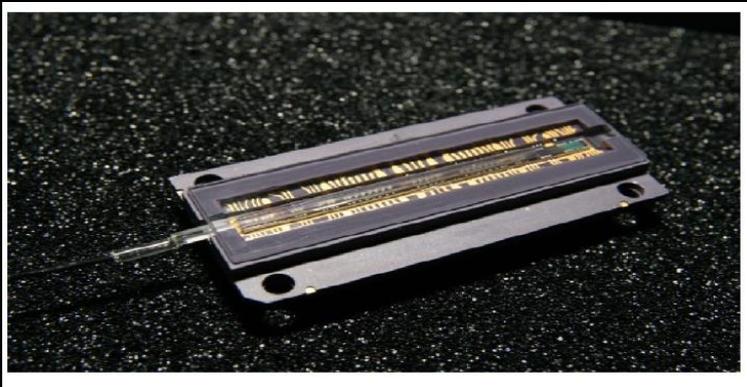
# CONCLUSION

**IPAG context: From technological developments to instruments & observation**

**-Integrated optics beam combiners (2D, 3D):**



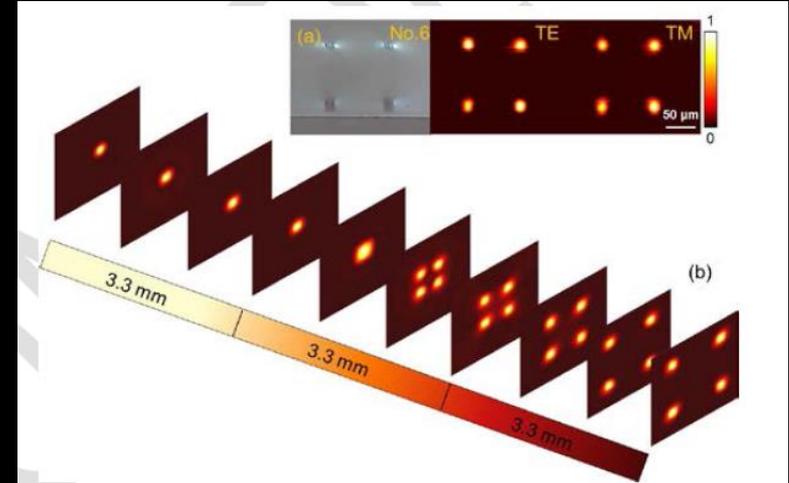
**-Integrated optics spectrometers (SWIFTS):**



1. MID-IR MATERIALS
2. INTEGRATED OPTICS
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Thanks for your attention!

