

# Integrated Photonics based on Silicon Nitride

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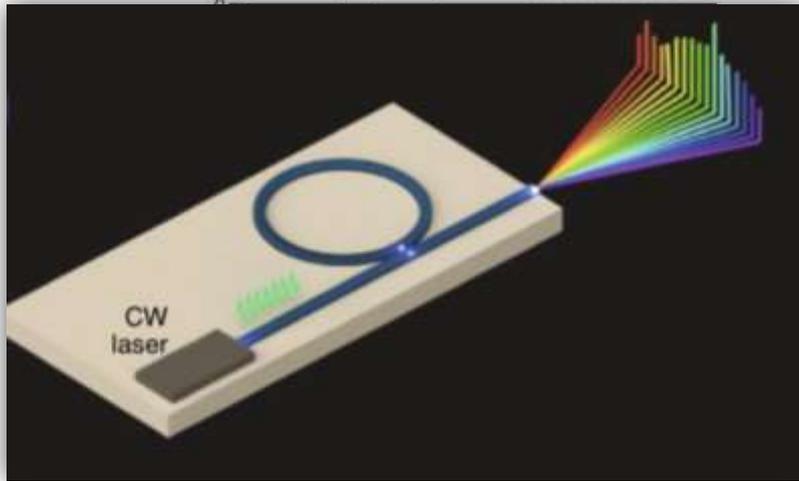
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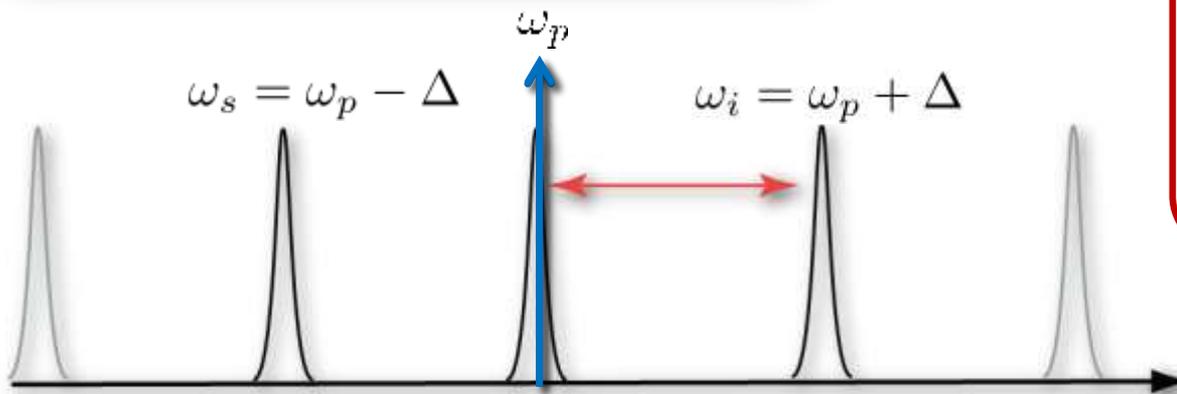
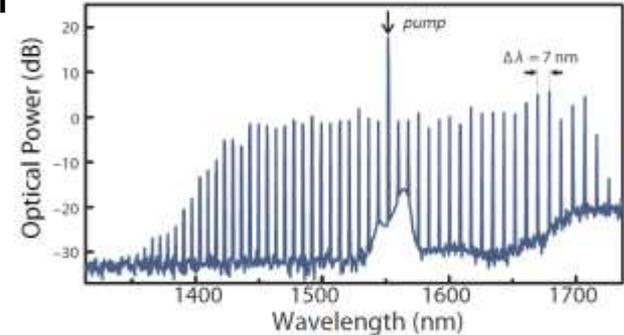
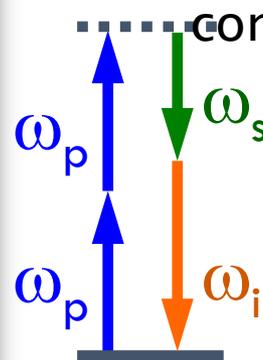
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# Kerr combs: Parametric interactions



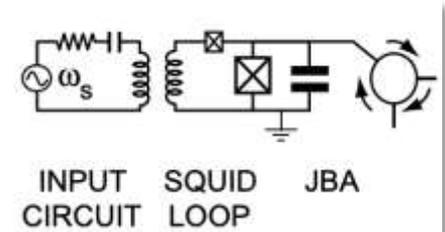
Parametric frequency



$$\hat{H}_{\text{kerr}} = \hbar g : \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_s^\dagger \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_p :$$

$$g = \frac{\hbar \omega_0^2 c n_2}{n_0^2 V_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$P_{\text{th}} = \frac{\kappa^2 \hbar \omega_0}{8 \eta g_0} \propto \frac{V_{\text{eff,nl}}}{Q^2}$$



Josephson Bifurcation Amplifier for Quantum Measurement

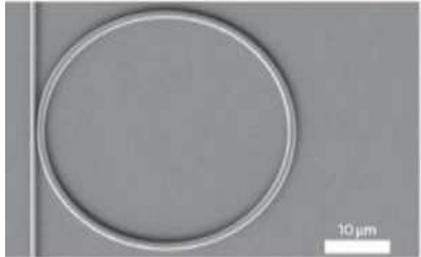
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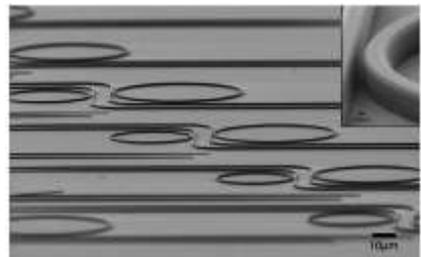
# Microresonator platforms for frequency combs



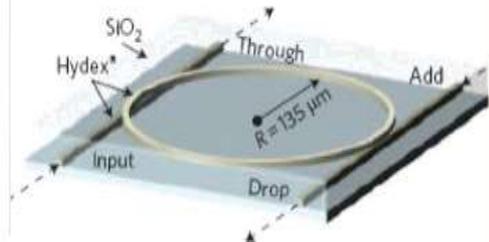
**Silicon Nitride** (Columbia, Purdue, EPFL, UCLA, NIST, ..)



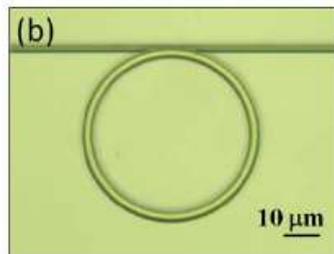
**Diamond** (Harvard)



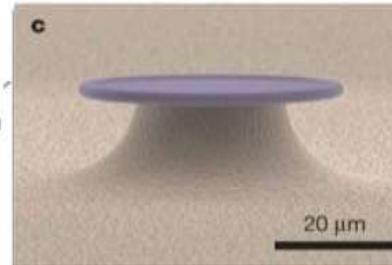
**Hydex** (INRS, Melbourne)



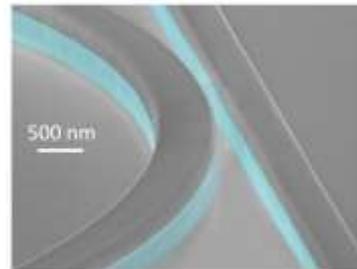
**AlN** (Yale)



**Fused Silica** (NIST, Caltech,)



**AlGaAs** (DTU)



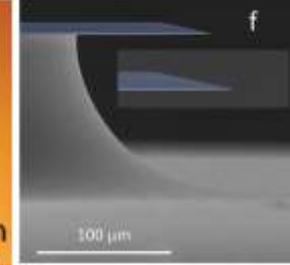
**CaF<sub>2</sub>, MgF<sub>2</sub>** (JPL, OEwaves, RQC, EPFL)



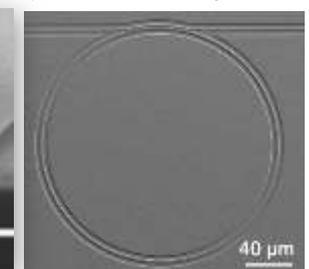
**GaP** (IBM Zurich)



**Silica Disks** (Caltech, NIST)



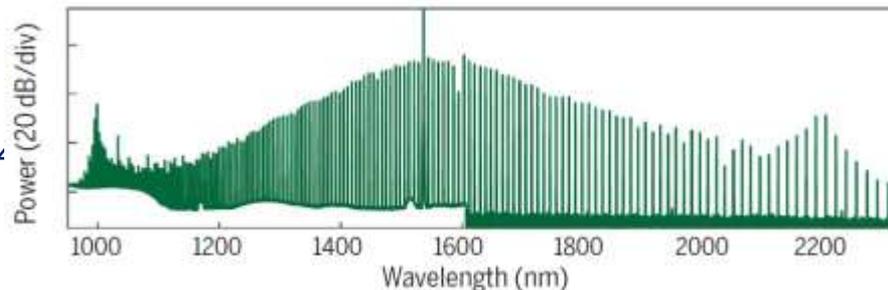
**LiNbO<sub>3</sub>** (Rochester, Caltech)



**Bulk silica/ sapphire** (CSEM, MPQ)

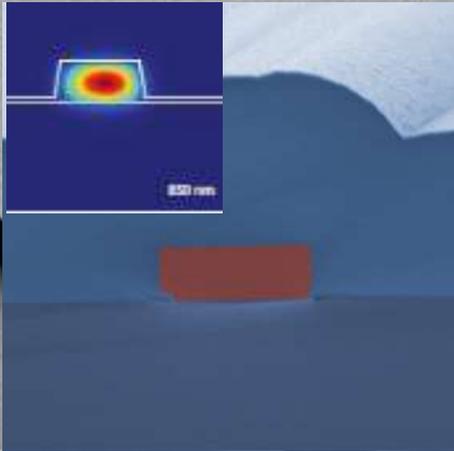


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*Ultrahigh rep-rate (> 100 GHz)*  
*Large/Octave bandwidth solitons*

# Photonic chip based frequency comb

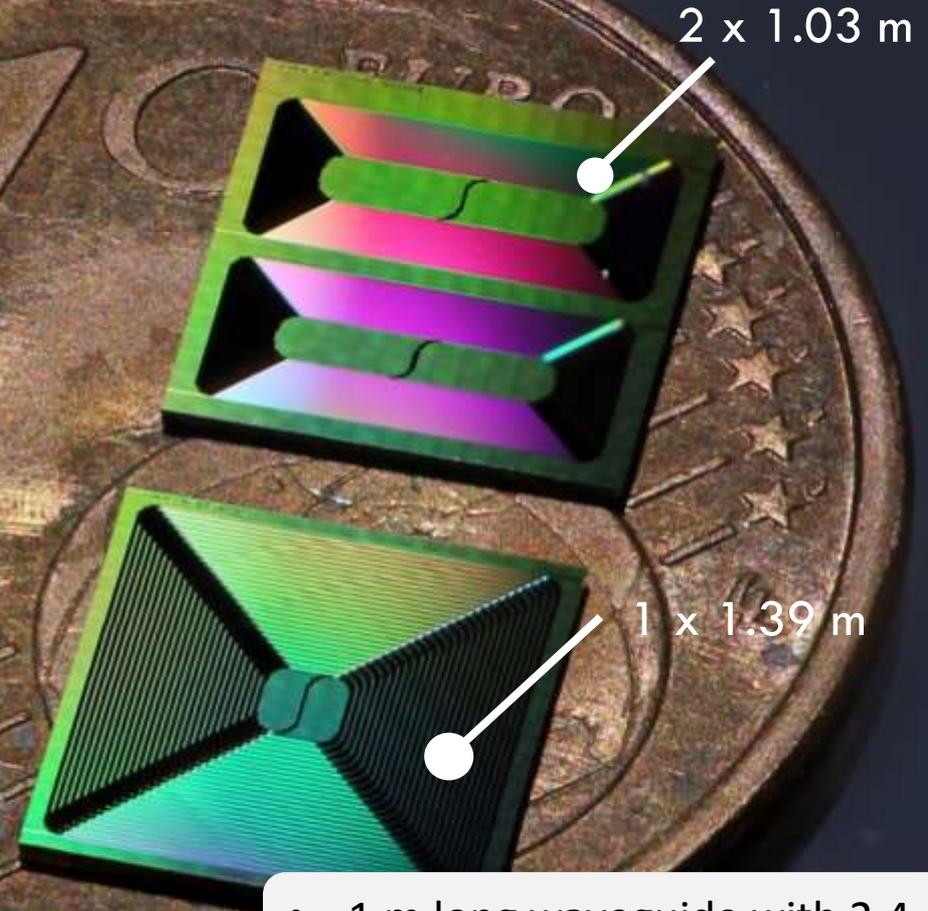
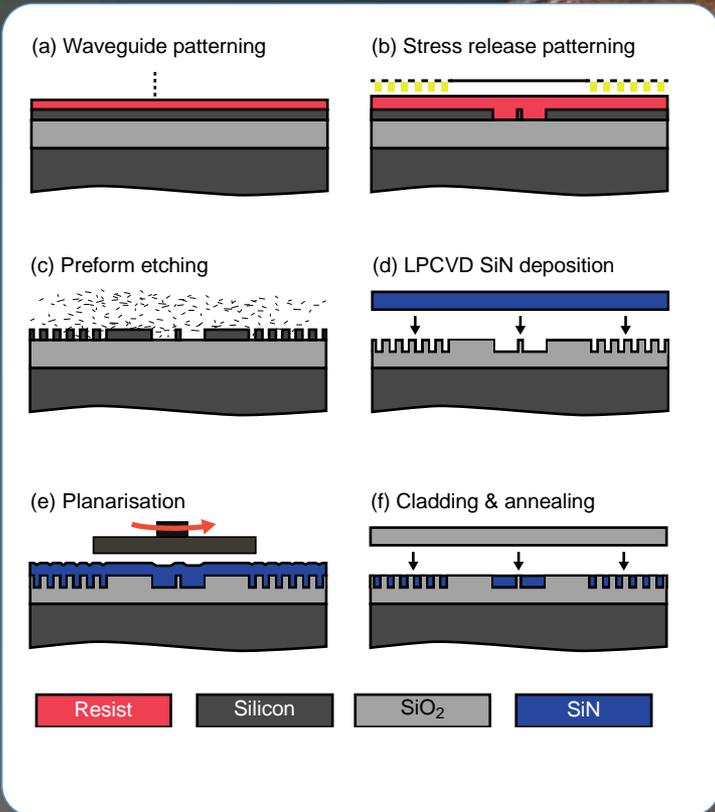


- No two photon absorption
- Low Raman and SBS gain
- High power handling (> 10 Watt CW)
- High effective nonlinearity
- Space compatible material
- Transparency window visible-mid IR



V. Brasch et al Science 2016  
TJK et al. Science 2018

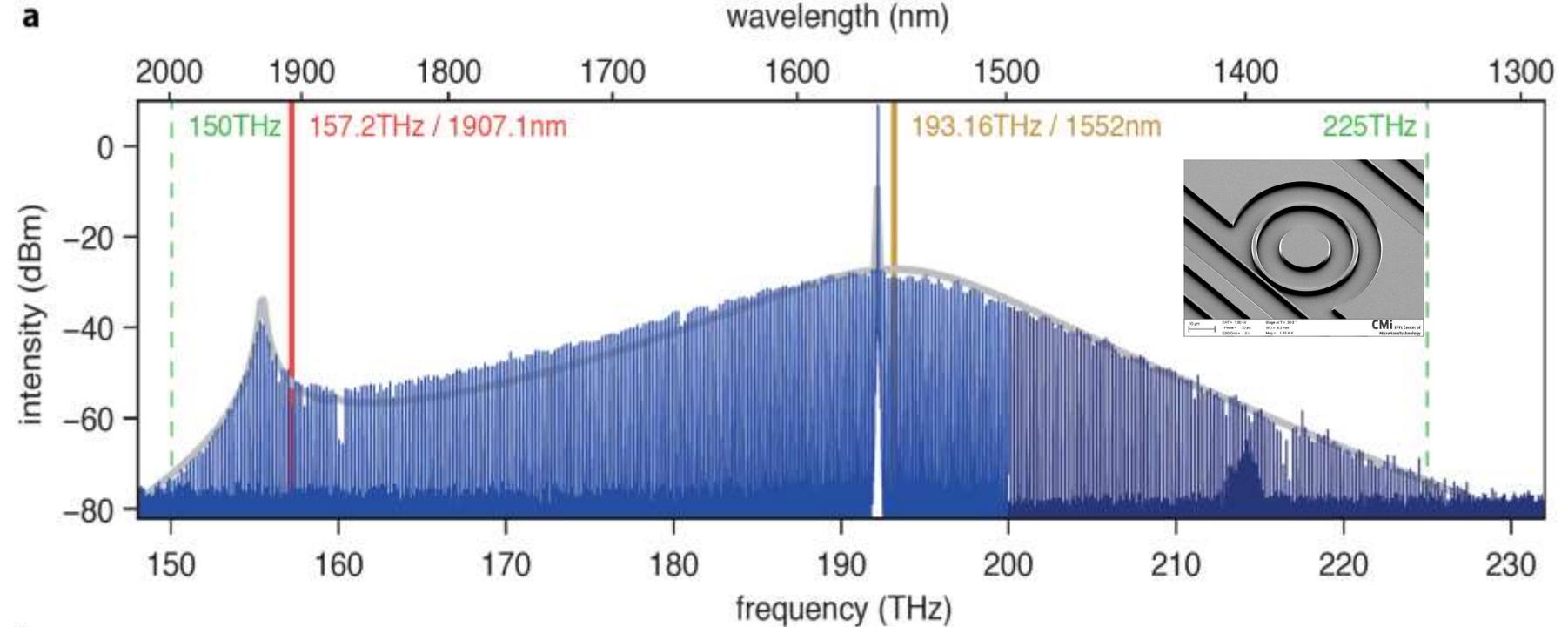
# Ultra low loss photonic nonlinear integrated circuits



- 1 m long waveguide with 2.4 dB/m loss, occupying a footprint of  $6.6 \text{ mm}^2$

# Soliton Cherenkov Radiation on a photonic chip

## Experimental spectrum and simulation

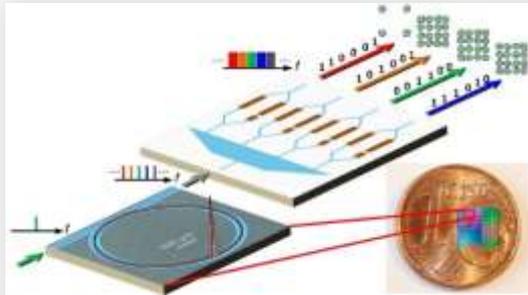


$$\frac{\partial A(\phi, t)}{\partial t} = - \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} + i \cdot (\omega_0 - \omega_p) \right) A + i \cdot D \cdot A + i \cdot \hat{s} \cdot g \cdot \left\{ (1 - f_R) |A|^2 + f_R h_R (2\pi t / t_R) \otimes |A|^2 \right\} A + \sqrt{\kappa_{ex}} \cdot S_{in}$$

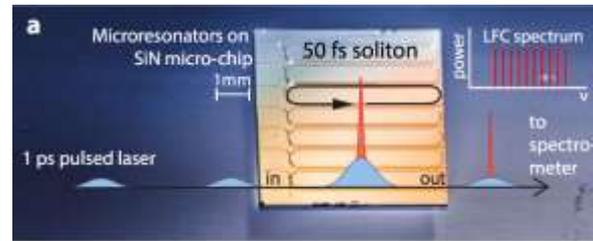
Thermal effects      Soliton Cherenkov dispersive wave      Raman effect

# Recent highlighted applications

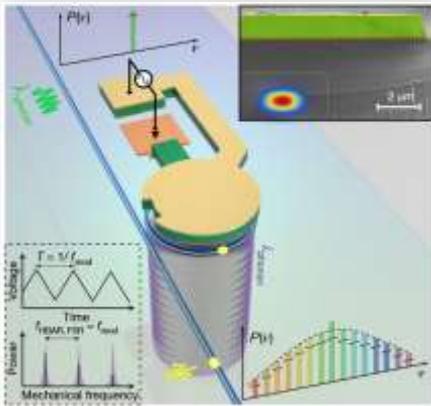
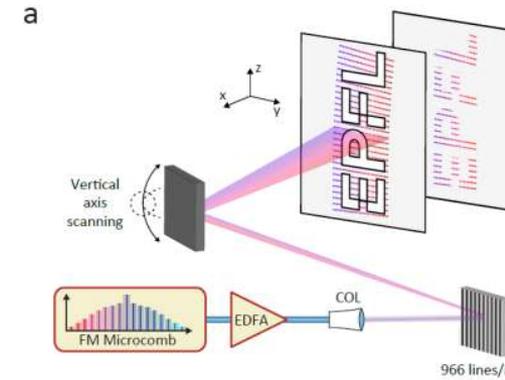
Massively Parallel Telecom  
(P. Marin-Palomo, TJK&Kooos, Nature (2017))



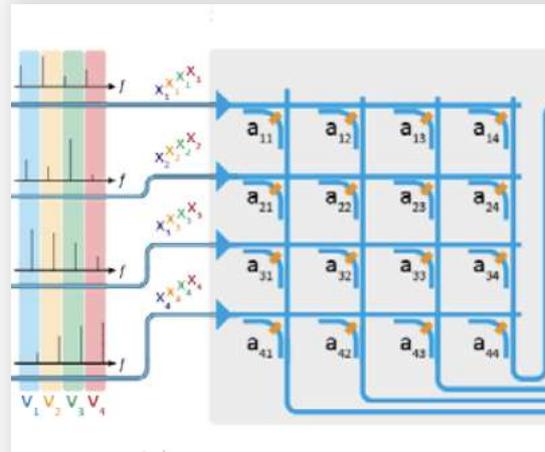
Astrophysical spectrometer calibration  
(Obruz, et al. TJK& Herr (2019))



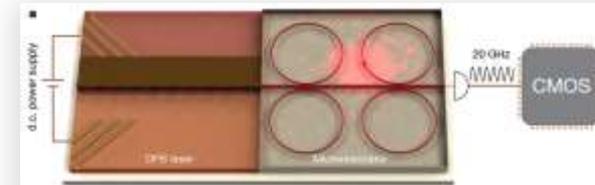
Massively Parallel Coherent LiDAR  
(J. Riemensberger, TJK Nature (2020))



Piezo-electric soliton microcomb control  
(J. Liu, TJK Nature (2020))



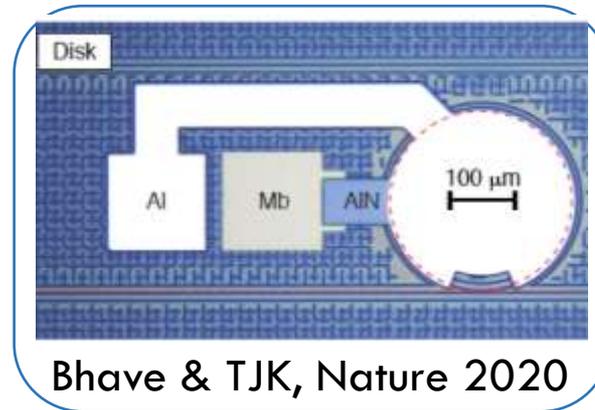
Neuromorphic  
(J. Liu, TJK, Pernice,.. Nature (2021))



Integrated turnkey soliton microcomb  
(B. Shen, TJK, Vahala, Bowers Nature (2020))

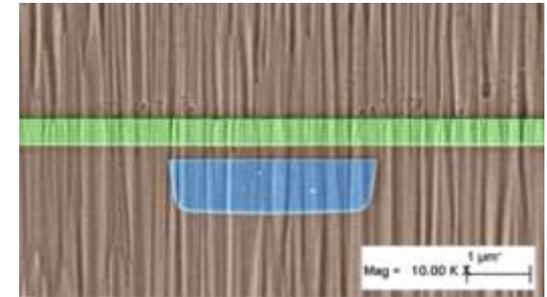
# Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> as Hybrid Nonlinear Integrated Platform

## Modulation



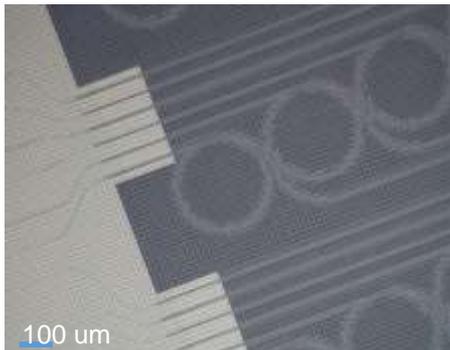
## EO-Modulation

Integration with Lithium Niobate

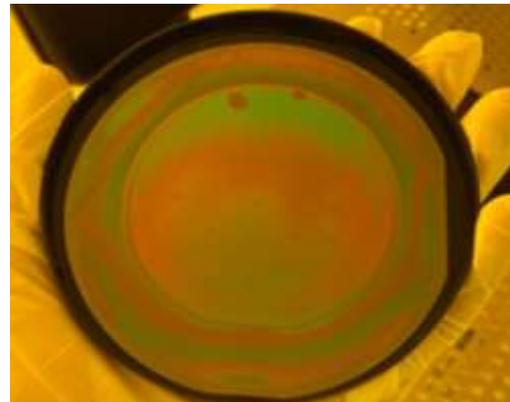


## Amplification

III-V Heterogenous integration



[arxiv.org/pdf/2103.02725](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.02725)

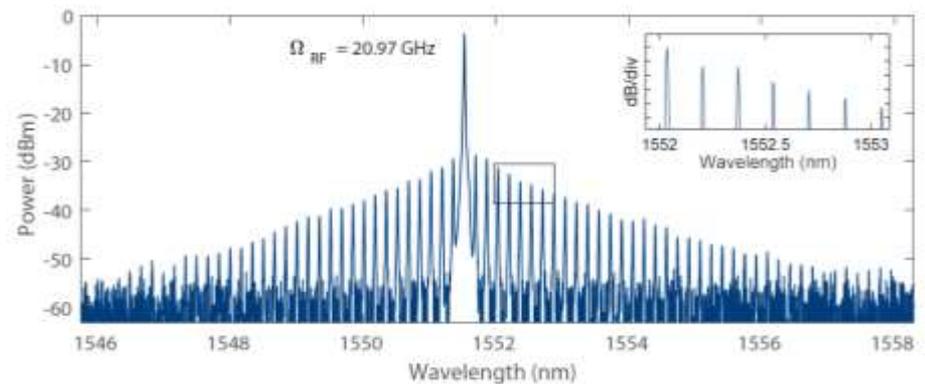
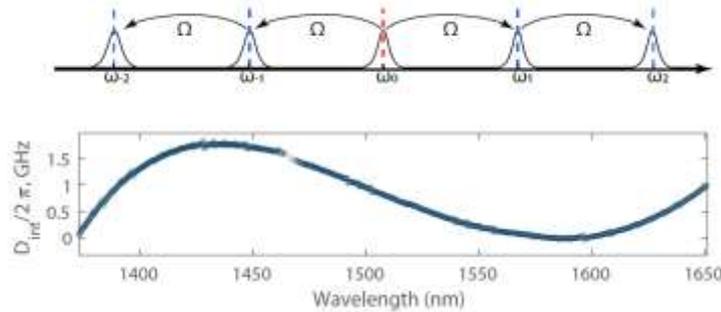
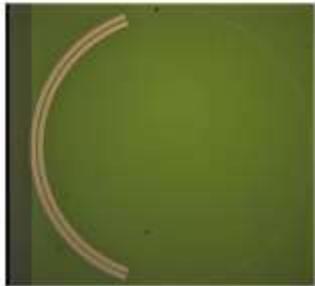
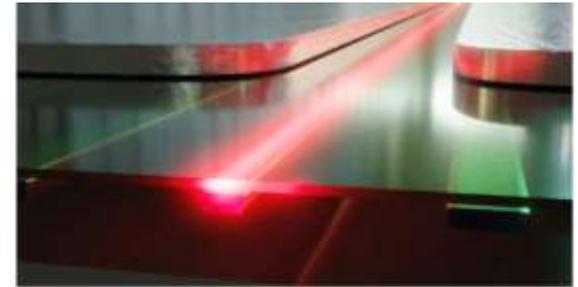
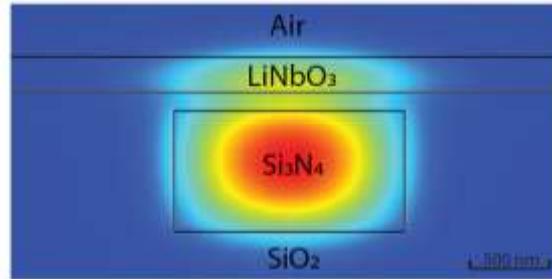
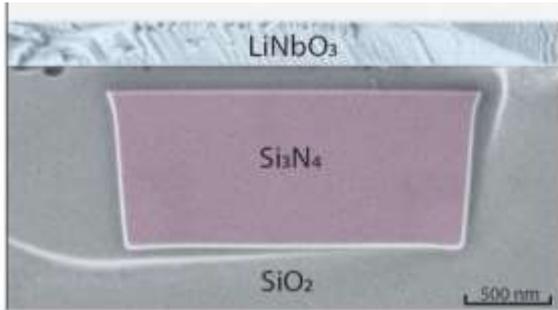


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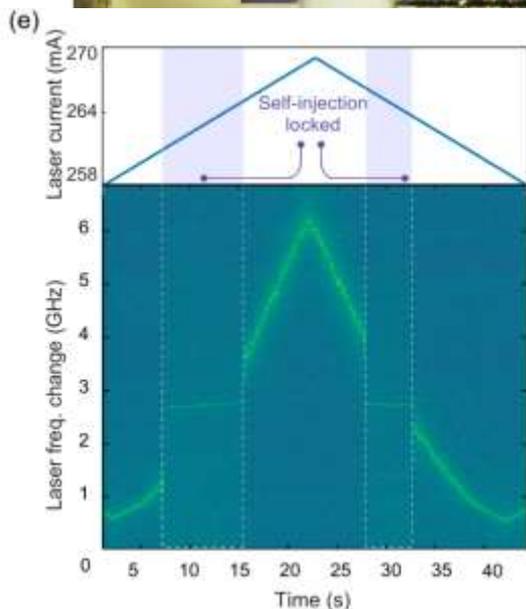
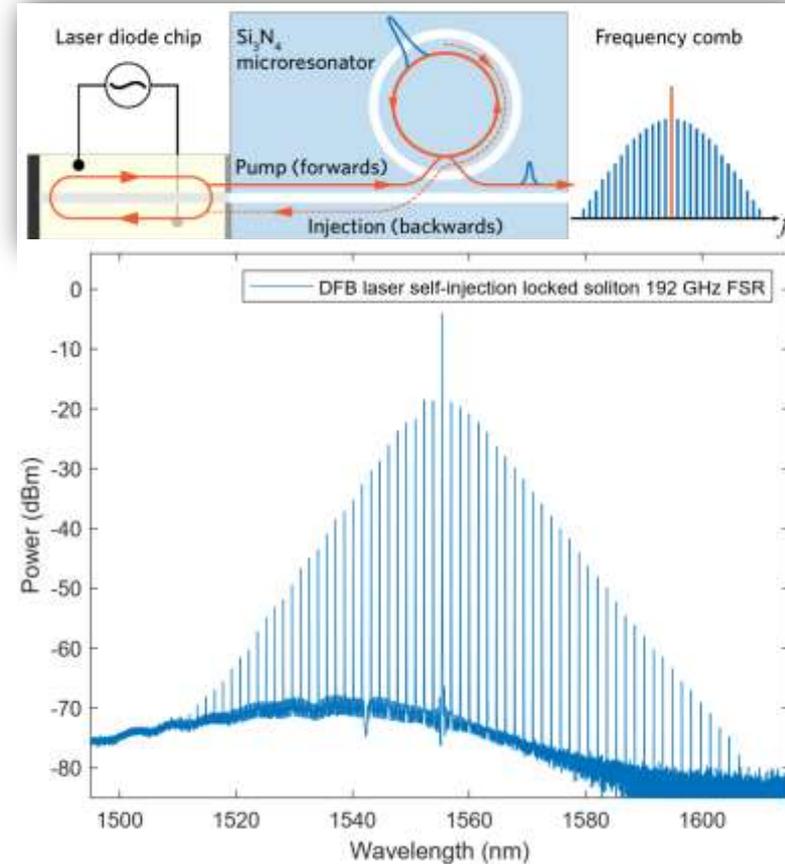
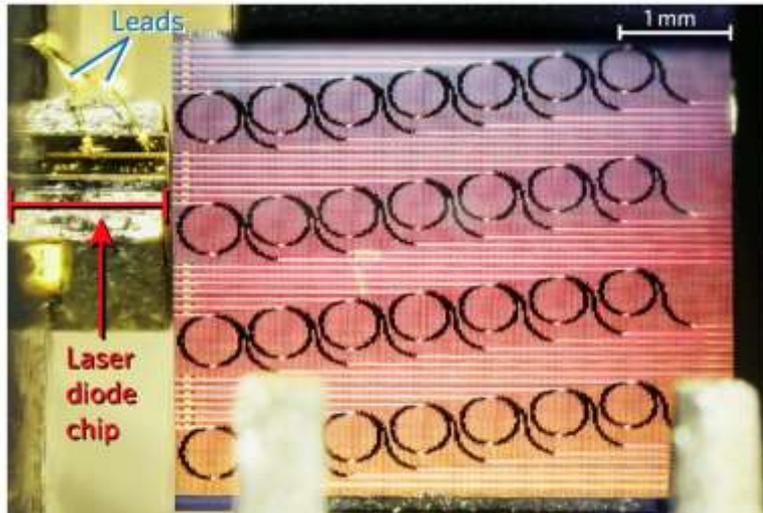
Integration with Erbium doping



# Heterogenous integration of Lithium Niobate on SiN (with IBM Zurich, Paul Seidler)



# Hybrid integration: Self injection locked DKS



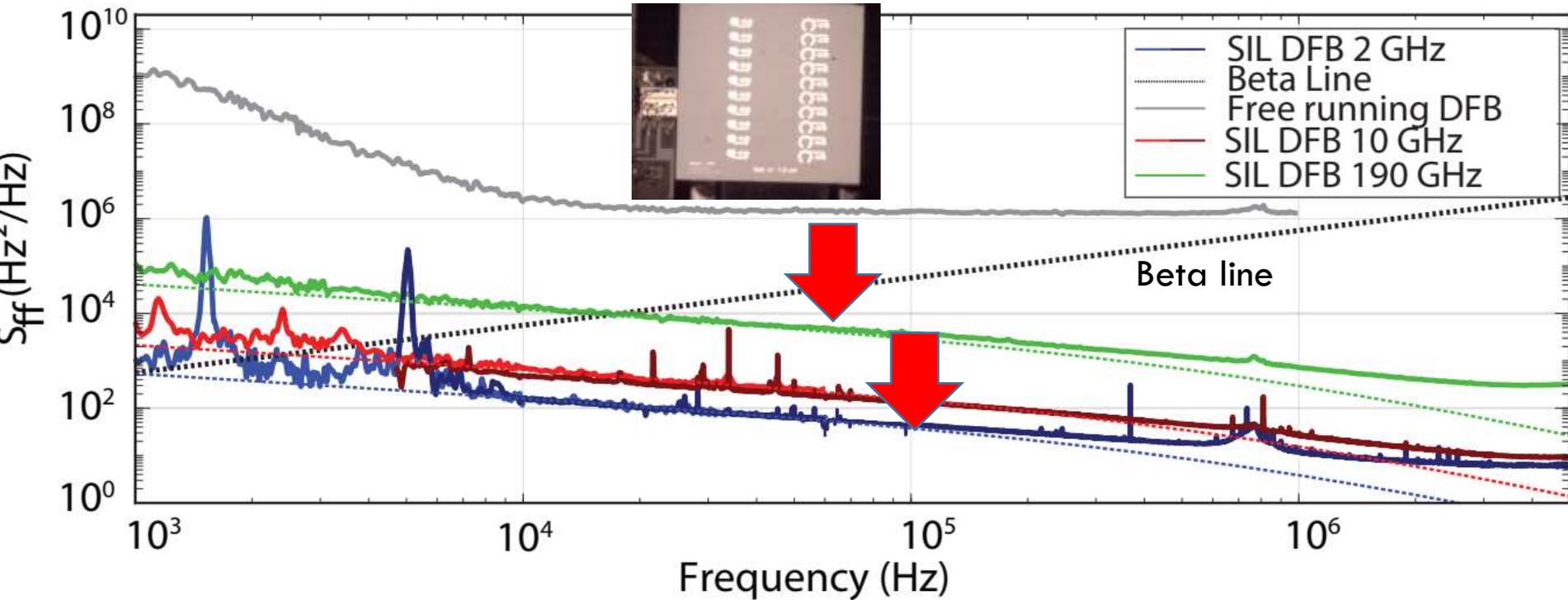
$$\Delta\omega_{\text{lock}} \approx r\sqrt{1 + \alpha_g^2} \frac{\omega}{Q_{\text{LD}}}$$

$$\delta\omega \approx \delta\omega_{\text{free}} \frac{Q_{\text{LD}}^2}{Q^2} \frac{1}{16r^2(1 + \alpha_g^2)}$$

A. Raja et al. TJK , *Nat. Comm.* 2019

Related work: Lipson group, *Nature* 2018  
Gorodetsky group *Nat. Photon* 2018

# Performance of Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-AlN integrated Lasers

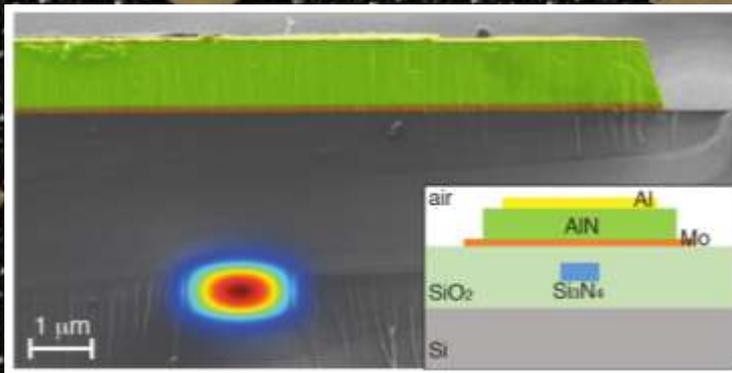
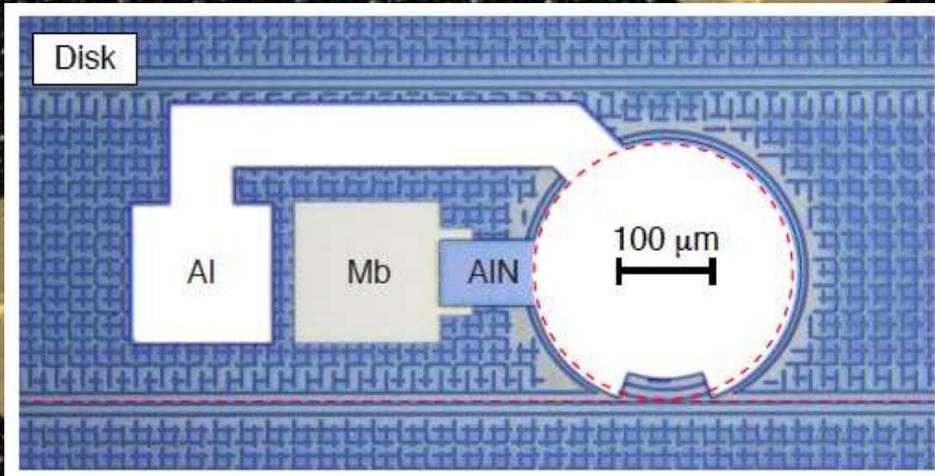


- Noise is limited by **thermorefractive noise**
- Increasing the cavity size decreases the phase noise due to thermodynamical noise
- 2 kHz rms linewidth (from betaline)

$$\langle \delta T^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T^2}{\rho C V}$$

(arXiv, 2021)

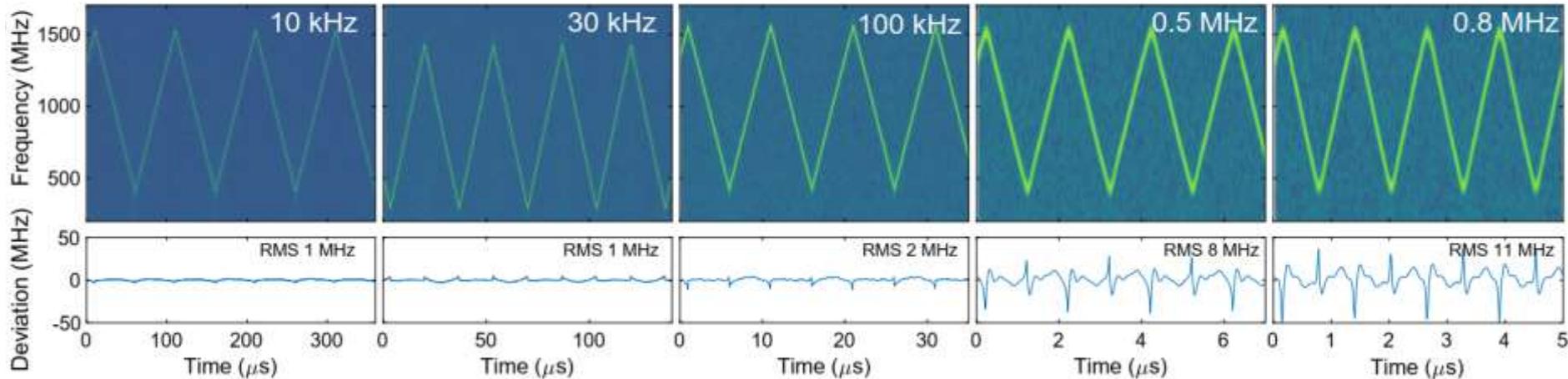
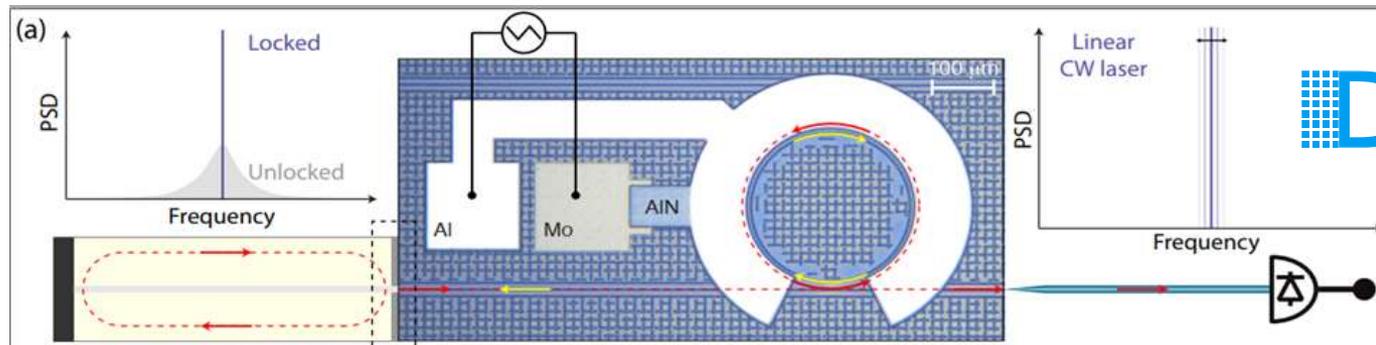
# Piezomechanical control on a chip



Tian et al., TJK & Bhawe *Nat. Commun.* 11, 3073 (2020)

J. Liu et al Bhawe & TJK. *Nature* (2020)

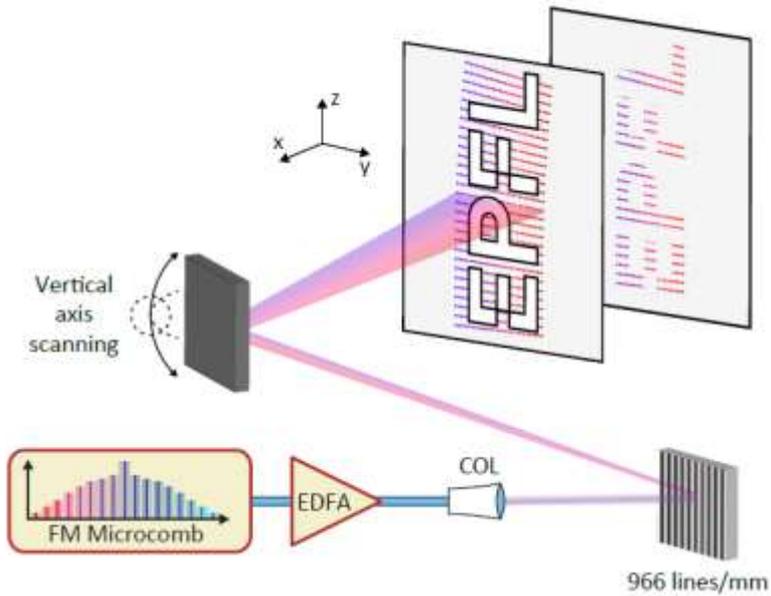
# Ultrafast and linear chirping on chip



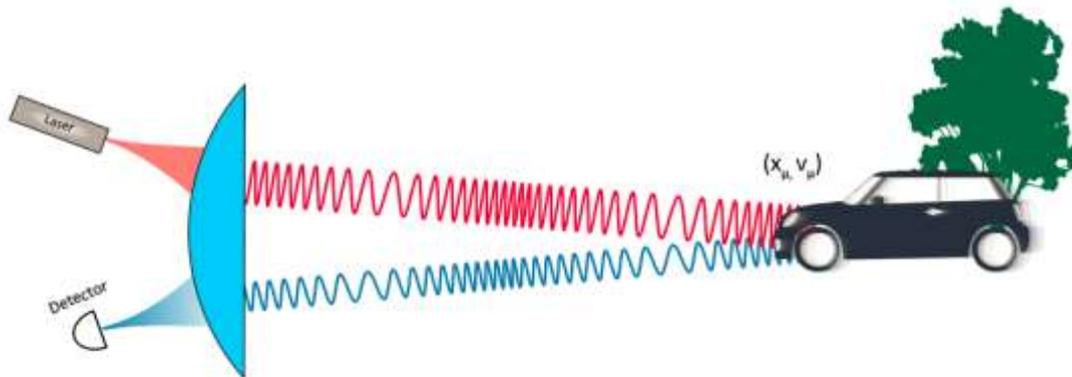
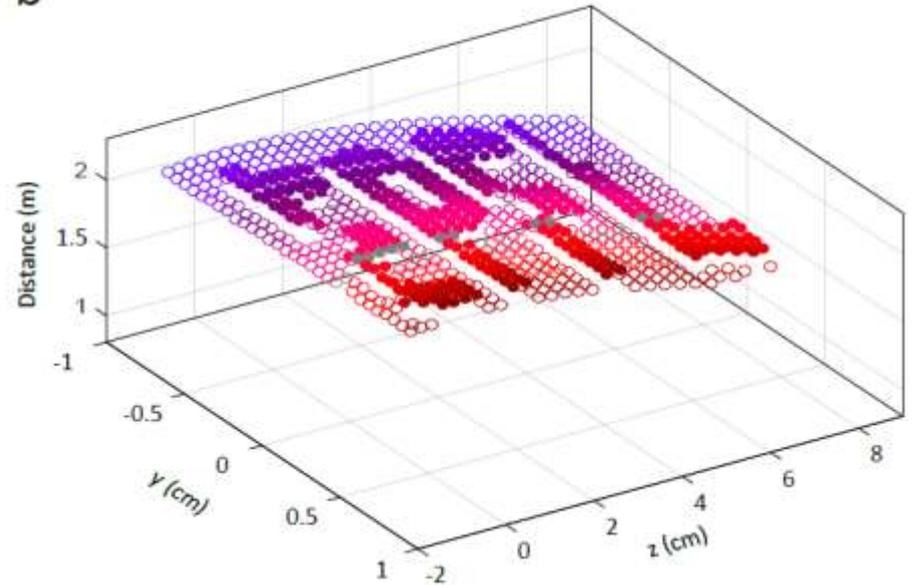
- MHz Bandwidth tuning with 1 GHz chirp amplitude
- Without any active linearization
- Extendable to 10 GHz amplitude and  $> 1$  GHz bandwidth

# Massively Parallel LiDAR

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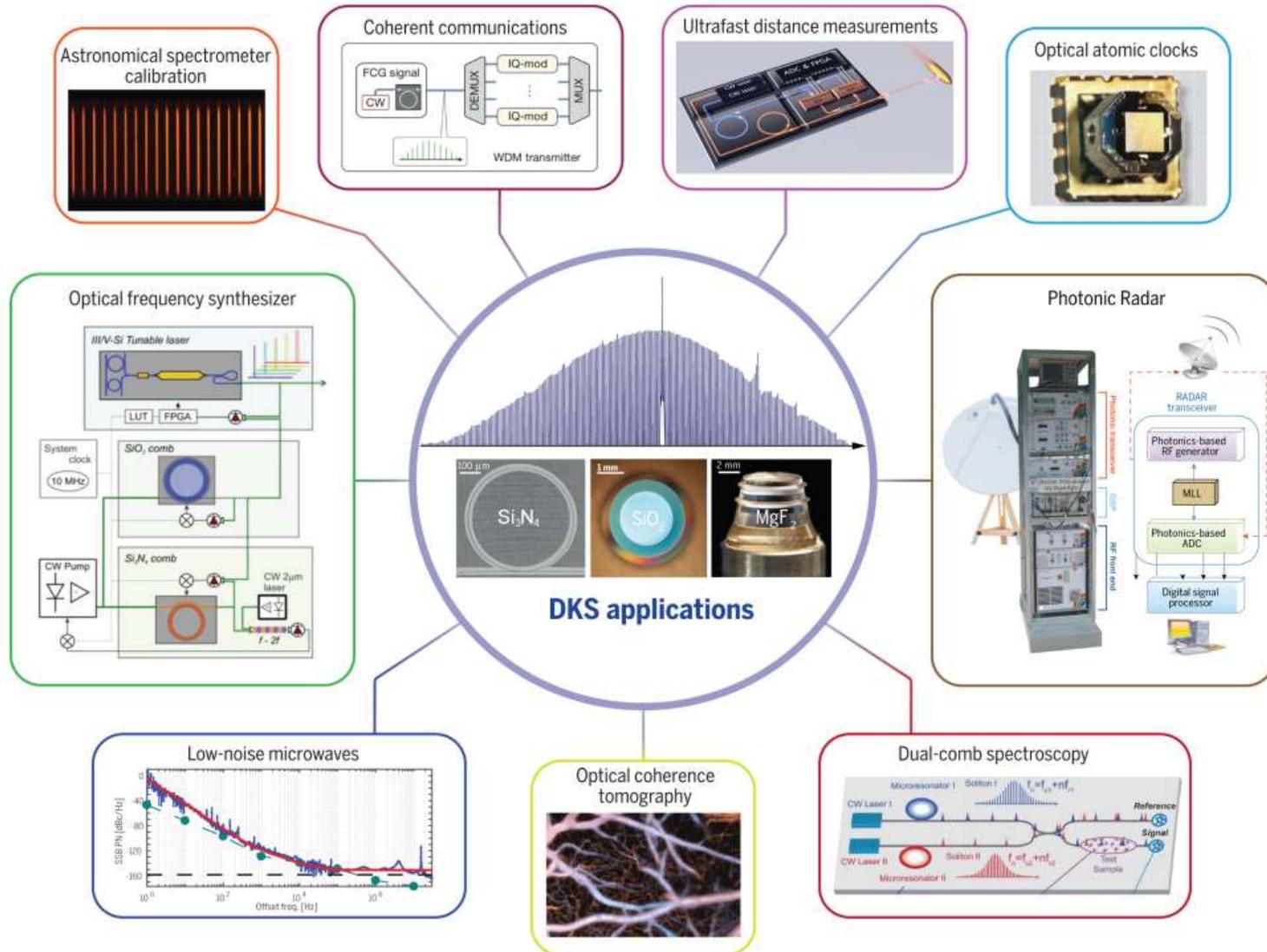


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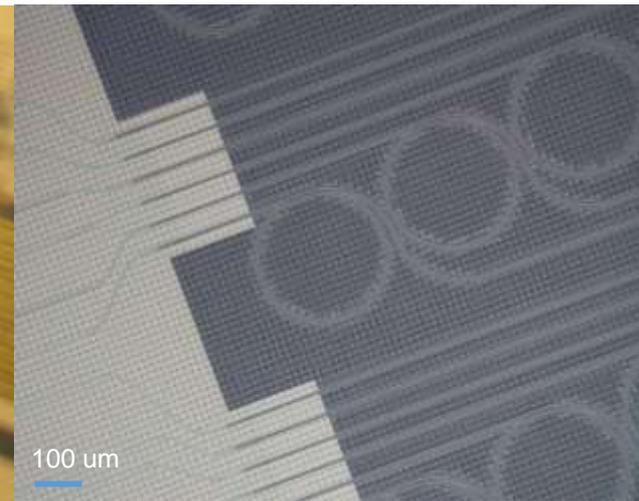
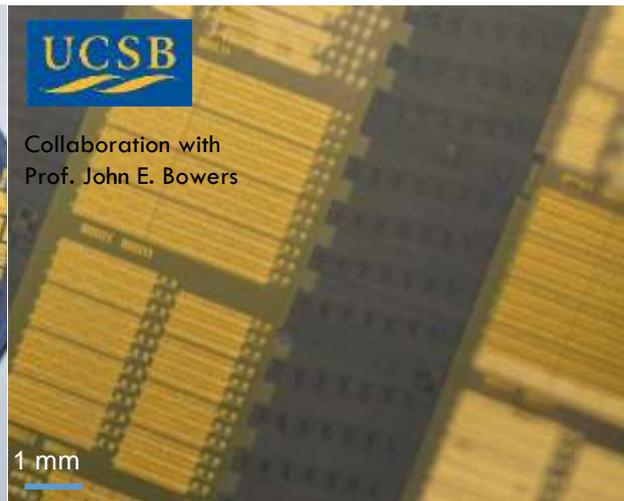
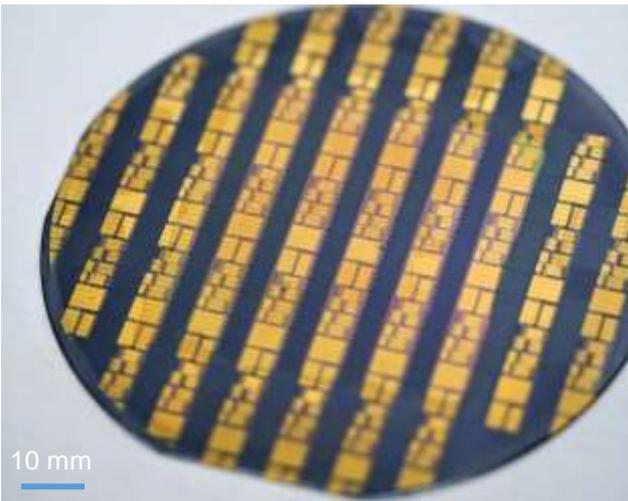


Riemensberger et al. TJK Nature (2020)

# Soliton-based Frequency Comb Applications



# Wafer compatible frequency combs



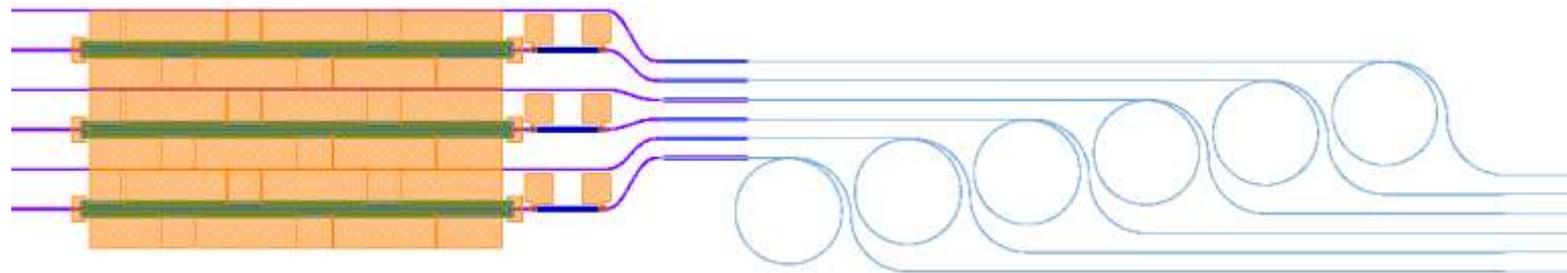
HR coated facet

InP/Si DFB laser

Phase tuner

Si-SiN taper

SiN high-Q resonator

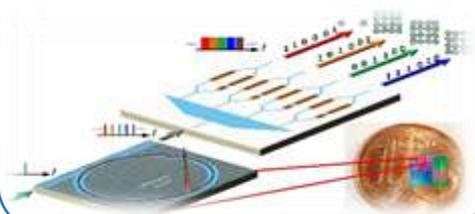


- First wafer scale frequency comb compatible with Intel Foundry processing

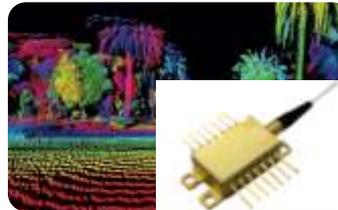
TJK & Bowers, *Science* (in press)

# Ultra low loss $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ integrated photonics enabled products

Microcombs sources



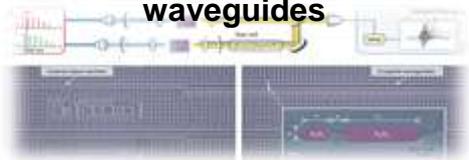
FMCW laser 1550 nm



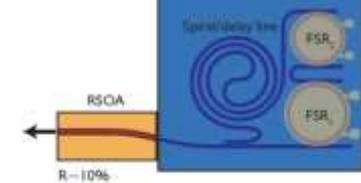
Frequency agile lasers at custom visible wavelength (950,



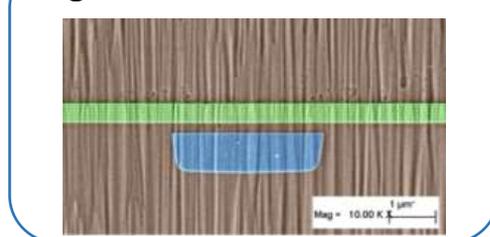
Mid IR supercontinuum waveguides



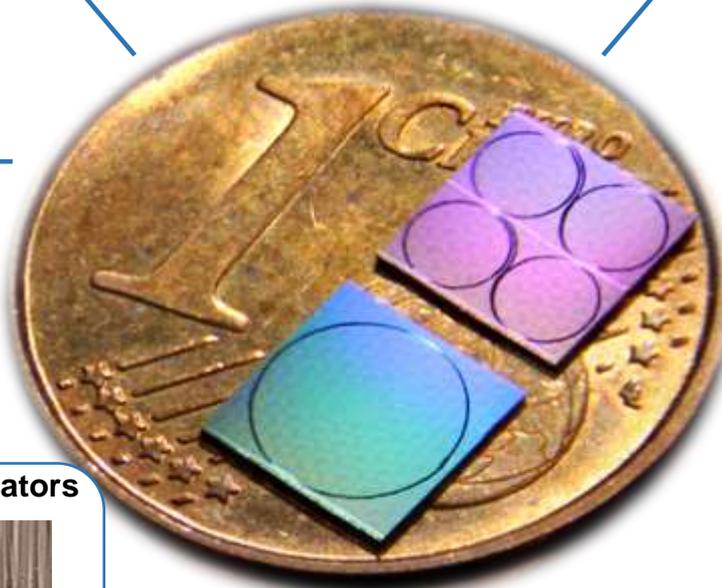
Discretely tunable Vernier lasers



Integrated LiNbO3 modulators



Submounted lasers, combs



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- Dr. Pascal Del Haye, Group Leader NPL, UK
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