



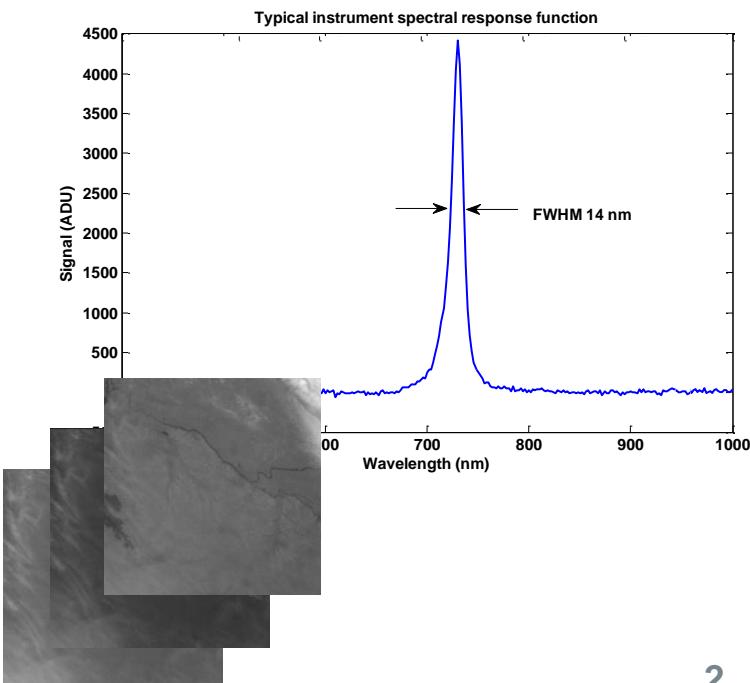
Snapshot hyperspectral imaging for atmospheric measurements

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Snapshot spectral imagers

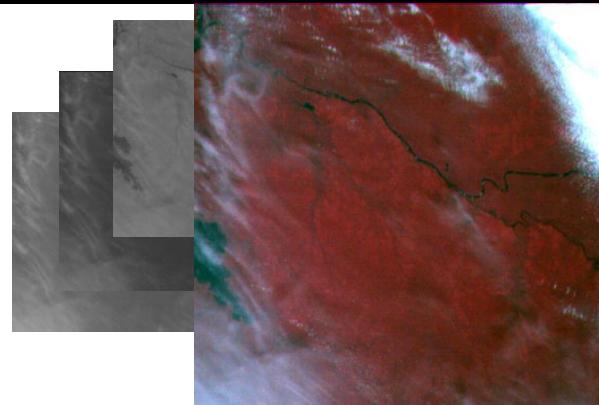
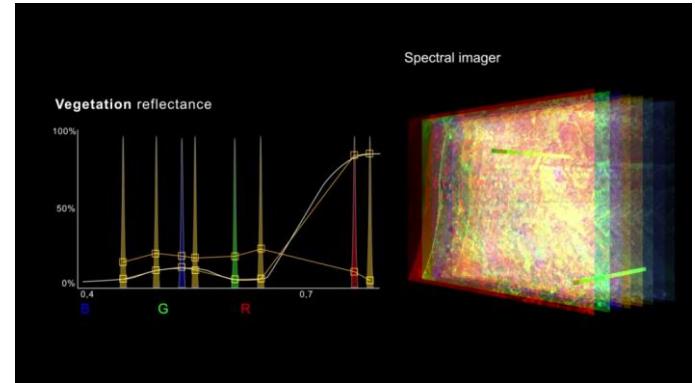
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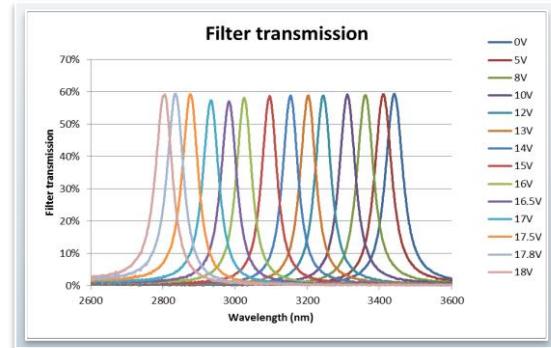
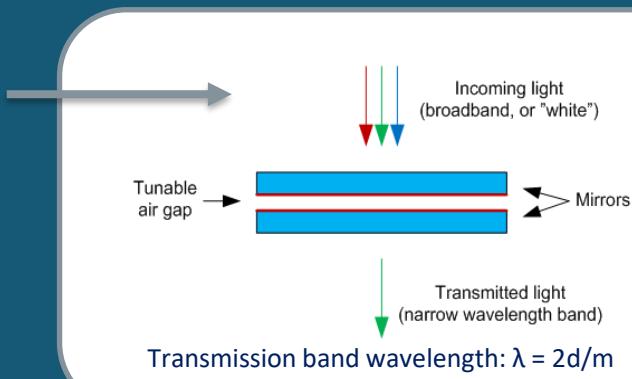
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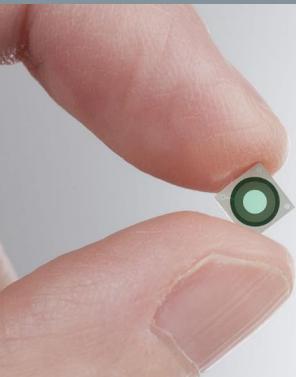


Fabry-Pérot interferometer (FPI)

- Tunable optical bandpass filter
- VTT has two complementary solutions



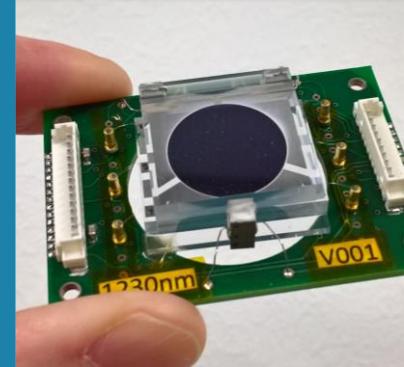
MEMS FPI



- Mass producible
- 2–4 mm aperture
- Low unit cost
- Very compact structure

Piezo FPI

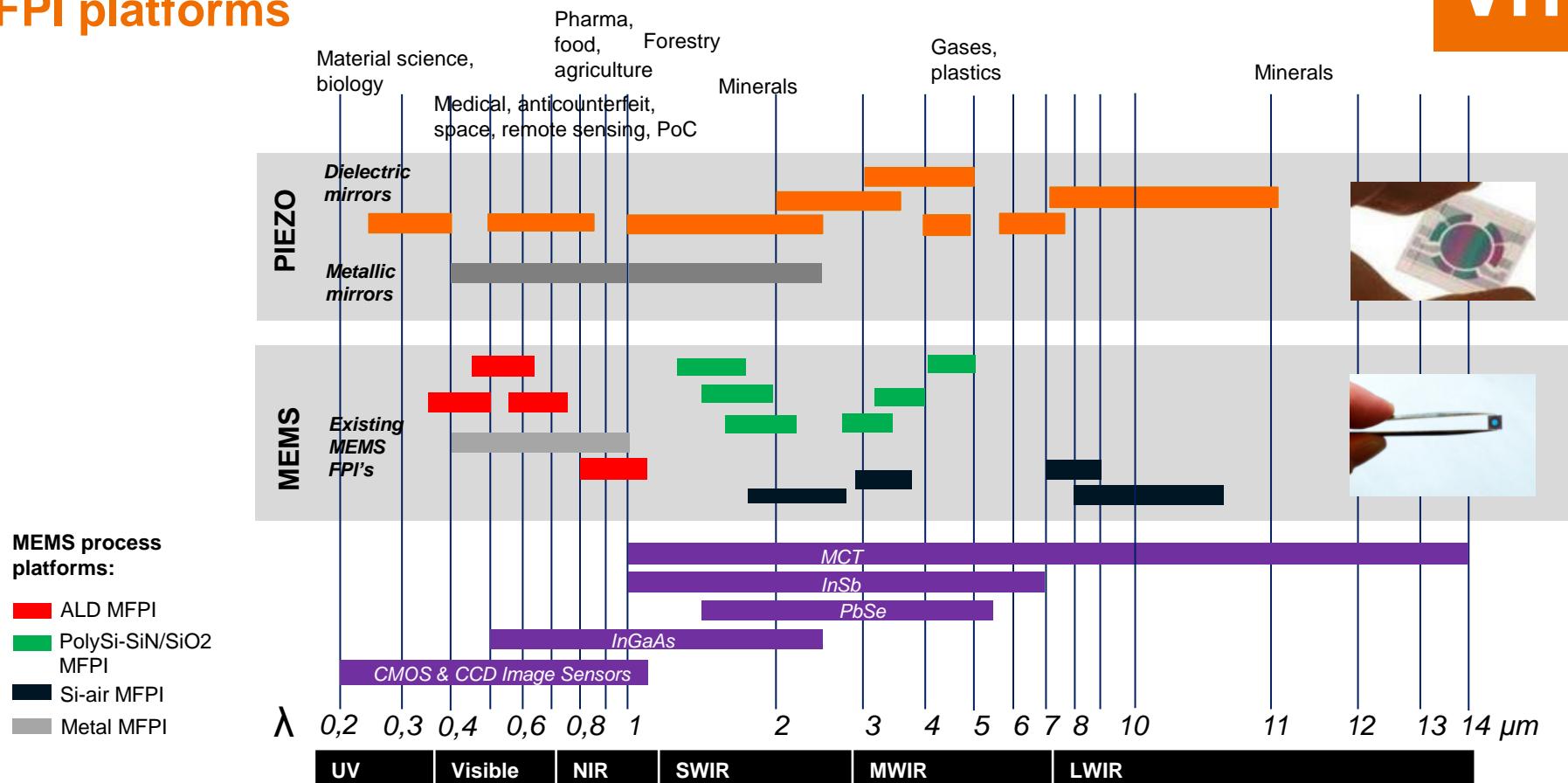
- Small-to-medium volume applications
- Large aperture, up to 43 mm
- Broad tuning range



FPI spectral imager characteristics

Feature	Benefit	Enables
Snapshot 2D image	Relaxes stability requirements	Hand-held, UAV, nanosatellite
Fast filter switching	e.g. 50 layers in < 2 seconds	Fast measurements
Programmable	Select only the bands you need	Reduced amount of data
Simple optical structure	Wavelength ranges from UV to MIR	Vast range of applications
High spatial resolution	Small features can be detected	Improved image analysis

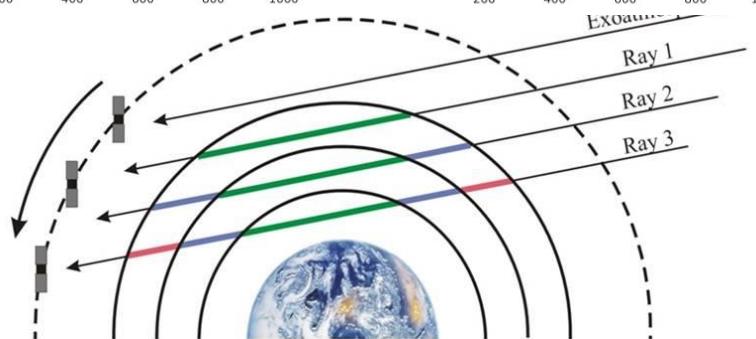
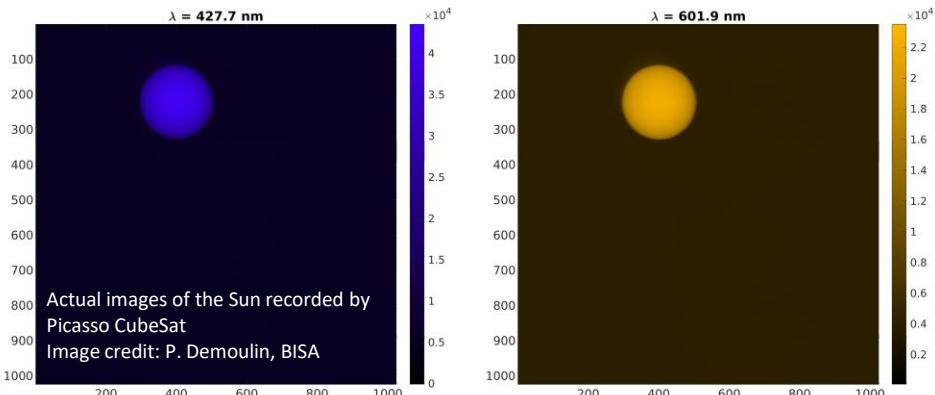
FPI platforms



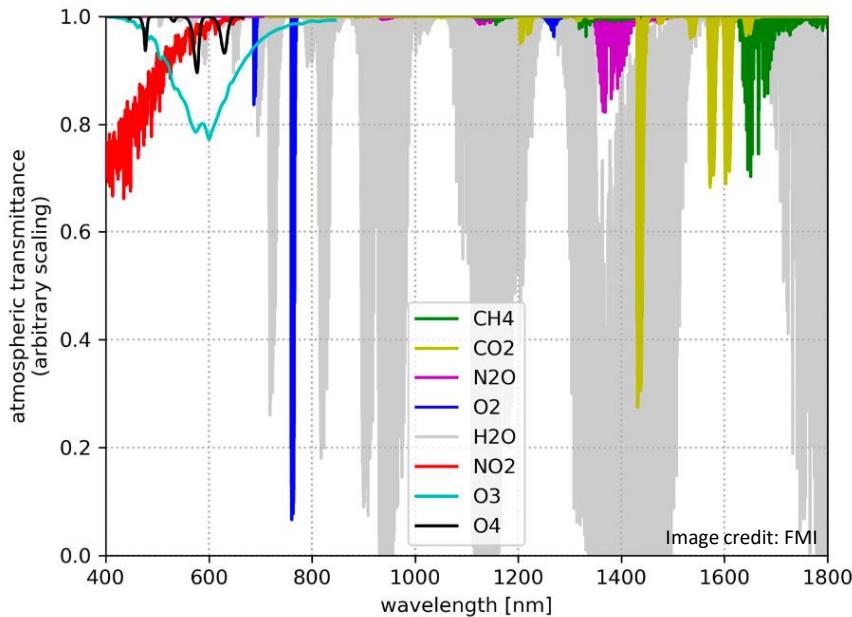
Solar occultation

- Observation of **sunsets** and **sunrises** through the Earth's atmosphere
- Occultation technique is **self-calibrating** (dividing by out-of-atmosphere signal)
- Vertical distribution retrieved by **onion peeling** method

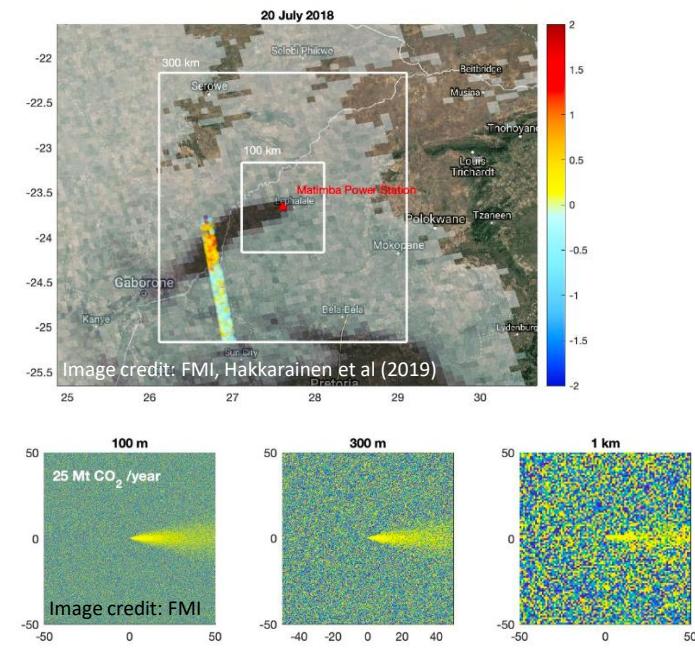
Very suitable for nanosatellites!



Greenhouse gases



Atmospheric transmittance of different gases



Measured (top) and simulated (bottom) CO₂ plumes

Conclusions

- Snapshot spectral imagers always provide the 2D spatial information at selected spectral band
- Adjustable in flight
- Solar occultation is self calibrating and enables high SNR
- Suitable for small and low cost platforms