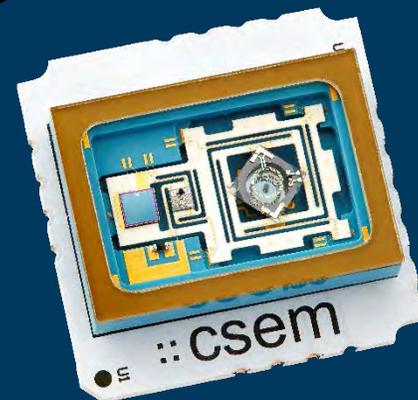


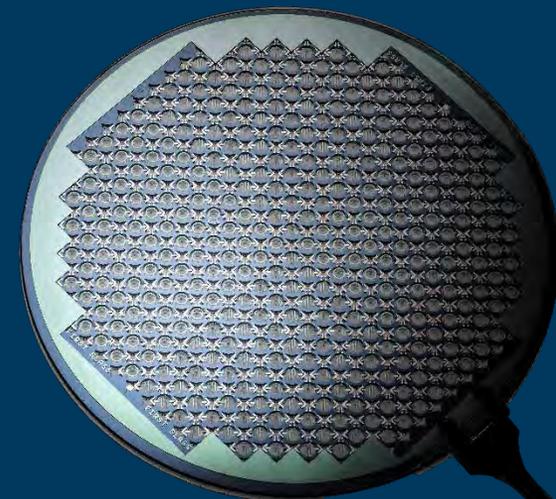
# Horloges atomiques Neuchâteloises:



## des applications spatiales à la miniaturisation

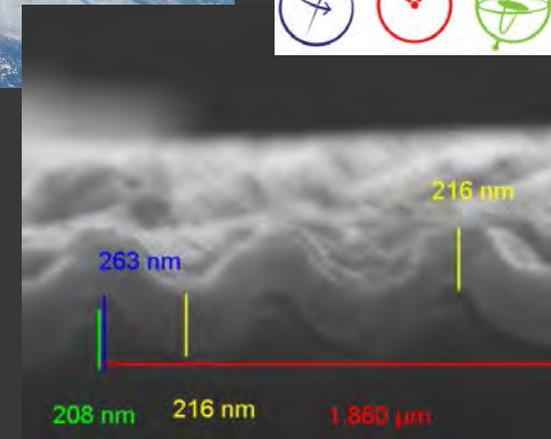


Jacques Haesler  
Trends in Micro Nano  
12.12.2018



# Agenda

- Horloges atomiques Neuchâteloises
- Application spatiale pour Galileo
- Miniaturisation au CSEM grâce au micro nano
- Prochaines étapes



Crédits images: Orolia Spectratime SA, ESA.int, CSEM SA

# Horloges atomiques Neuchâteloises



PHM

Maser à hydrogène passif

18 kg

de 2000 à aujourd'hui

Orolia Spectratime SA



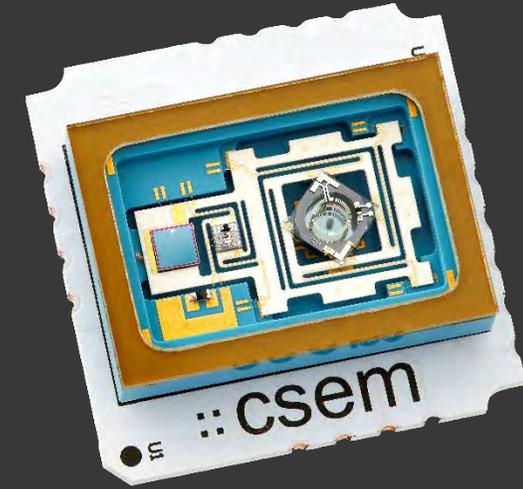
RAFS

Horloge atomique Rubidium

3.2 kg

de 1991 à aujourd'hui

Orolia Spectratime SA



SMAC

Horloge atomique CPT

0.005 kg

de 2007 à aujourd'hui

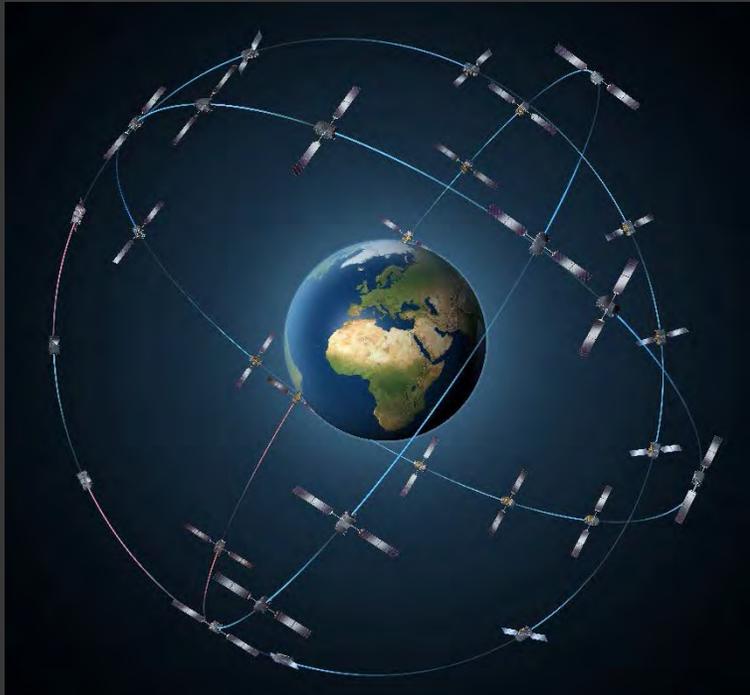
CSEM SA



# Application spatiale pour Galileo



- Positionnement 3D, horodatage (transactions)
- Synchronisation (télécommunications, réseaux d'énergie)
- et bien d'autres...



# Détails d'un satellite Galileo

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Satellites 1-4	
Launch mass	700 kg
Size	2.74 x 14.5 x 1.59 m (solar wings deployed)
Available power	1420 W
Satellites 5-26	
Launch mass	732.8 kg
Size	2.5 x 14.67 x 1.1 m (solar wings deployed)
Available power	1900 W
Launch vehicles	
Launch site	
Navigation payload	
Orbit	
Operational lifetime	
Satellite control centre	
Navigation control centre	

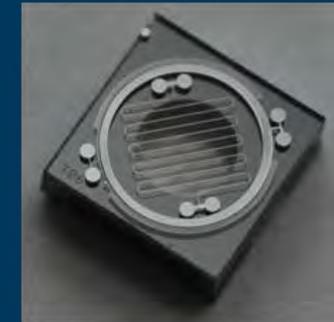
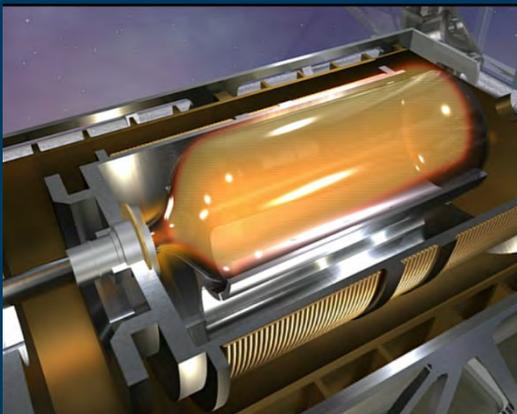
Passive hydrogen maser atomic clocks (two)  
 Rubidium atomic clocks (two)

- Navigation signal generator unit
  - L-band antenna for navigation signal transmission
  - C-band antenna for uplink signal detection
  - Two S-band antennas for telemetry and telecommands
  - Search and rescue antenna
- 23 222 km, 56°
- more than 12 years
- Oberpfaffenhofen Galileo Control Centre in Germany with CNES in Toulouse, France support of ESOC in Darmstadt, Germany for launch and early operations, while ESA performs the in-orbit test campaign
- Fucino Galileo Control Centre in Italy
- [www.esa.int/Our\\_Activities/Navigation](http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Navigation)  
[ec.europa.eu/galileo](http://ec.europa.eu/galileo)



# Miniaturisation des horloges atomiques – pourquoi et comment ?

- Horloges atomiques miniatures pour des applications portables et diverses (récepteur GNSS, nano-satellite,...)
- Neuchâtel comme pôle de compétence des micro- et nano-technologies
- Historique Temps / Fréquence: Observatoire de Neuchâtel
- Couverture de toute la chaîne de développement à Neuchâtel: LTF – CSEM – Spectratime
- Exemple: miniaturisation du cœur de l'horloge atomique – la cellule qui contient les atomes

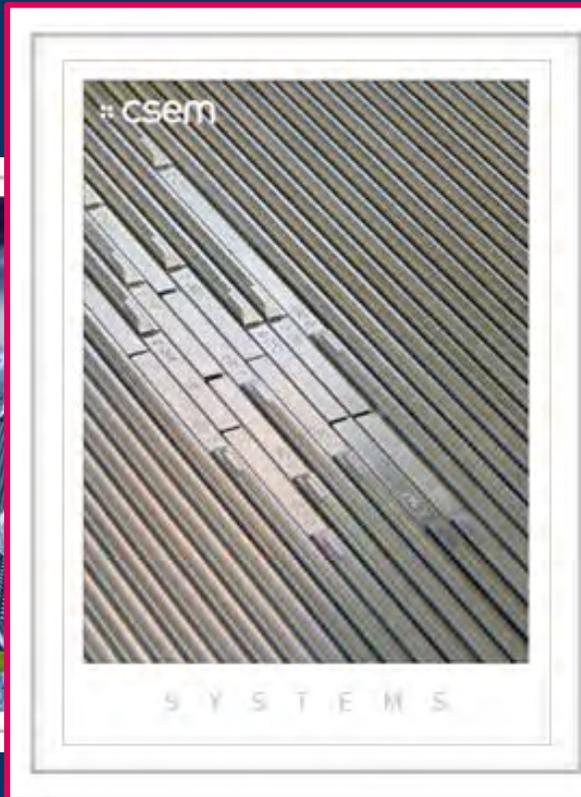


technologies verre / saphir

technologies silicium (MEMS)

# Compétences technologiques CSEM

- ∴ MEMS
- ∴ Surface Engineering
- ∴ **Systems**
- ∴ Ultra-low-power integrated systems
- ∴ PV-center & energy management



# Temps & Fréquence au CSEM

## Temps & Fréquence

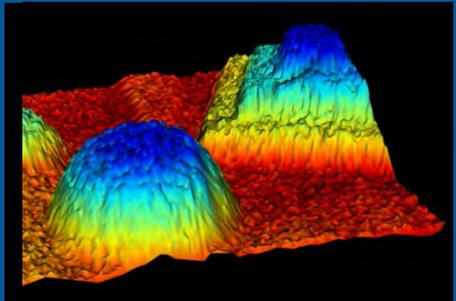
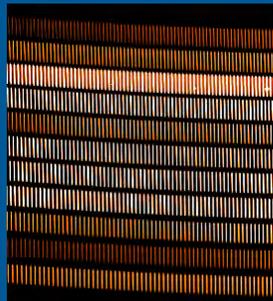
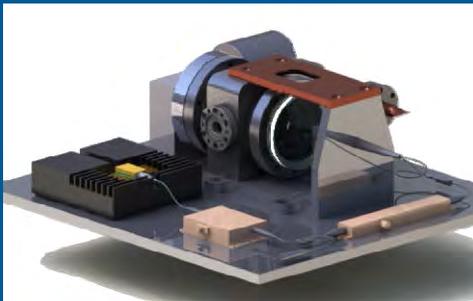
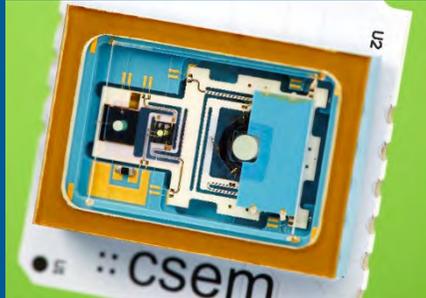
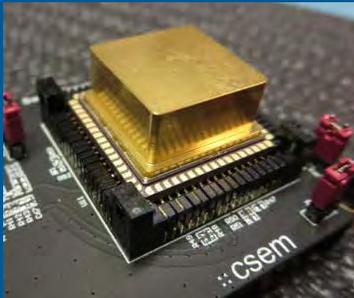
Micro-ondes

Horloges atomiques

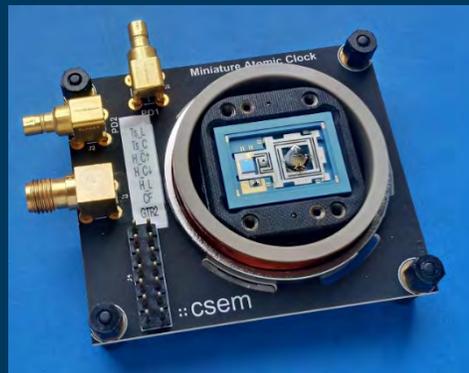
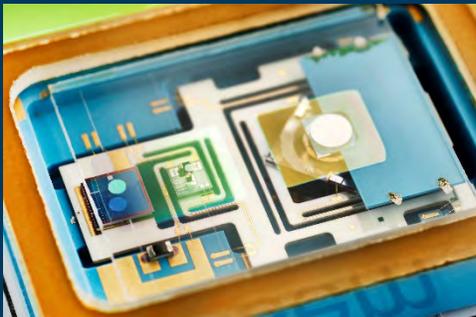
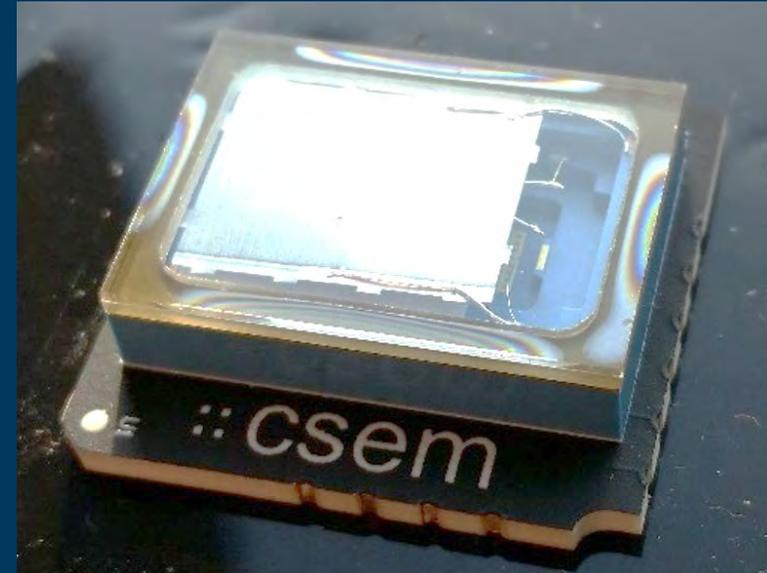
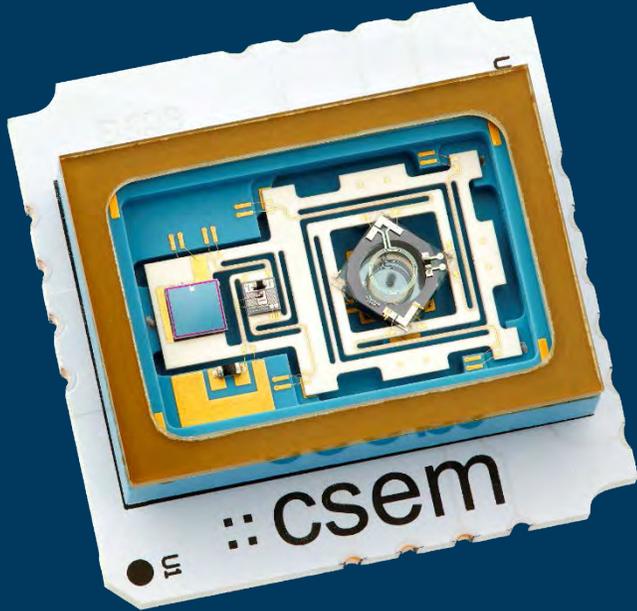
Optique

Lasers

LiDARs

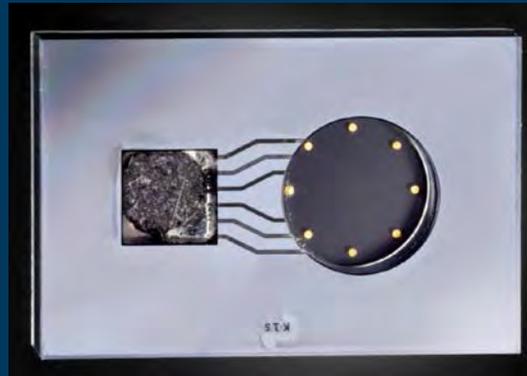
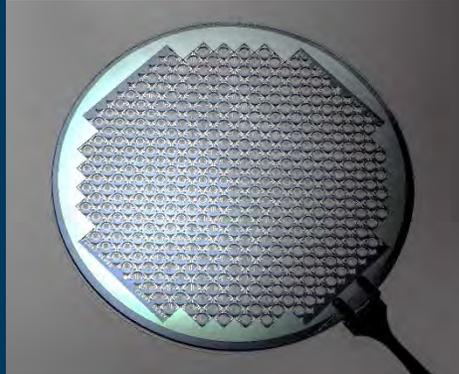


# L'horloge atomique miniature du CSEM: SMAC – Swiss Miniature Atomic Clock

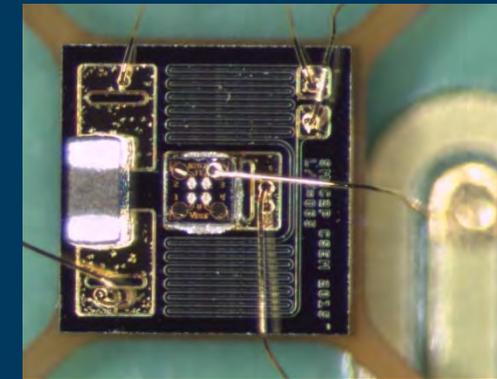


# Les blocs principaux de l'horloge atomique miniature

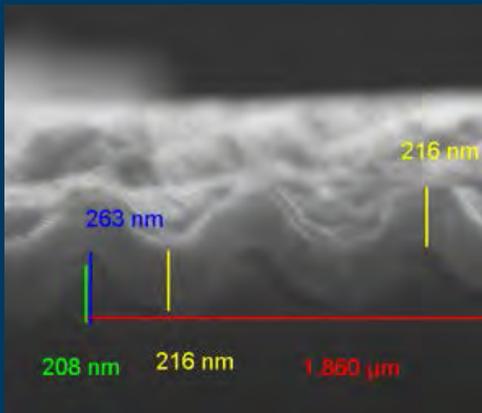
Cellules atomiques MEMS



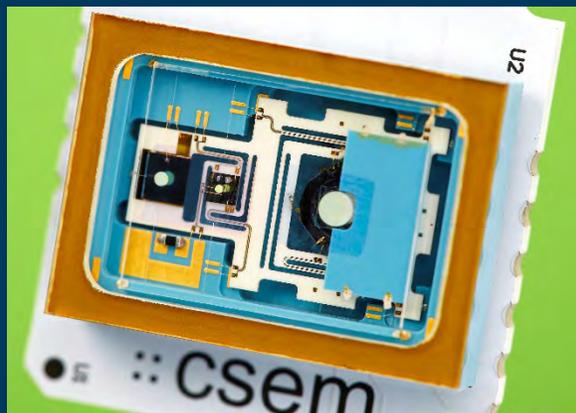
Laser



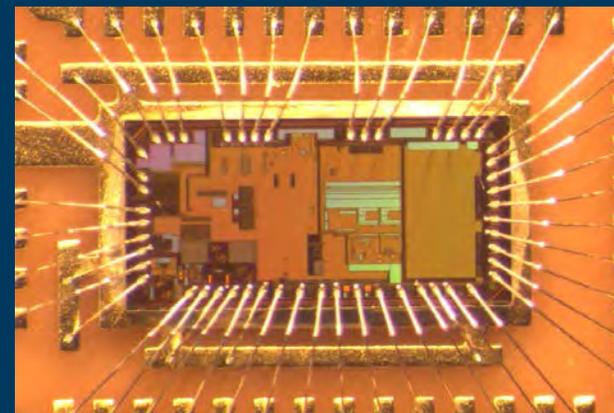
Optique



Système physique



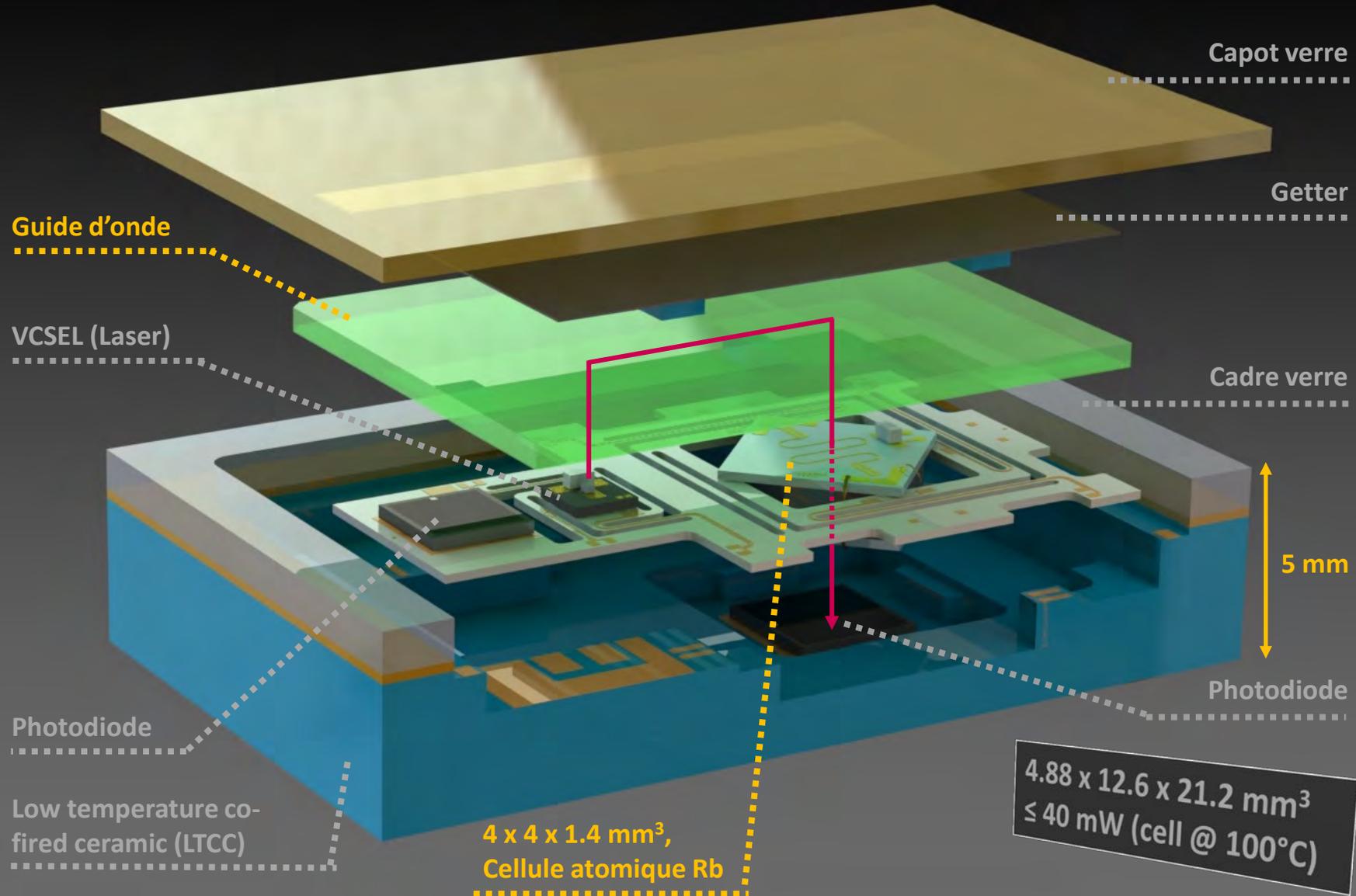
Circuit intégré spécifique (ASIC)



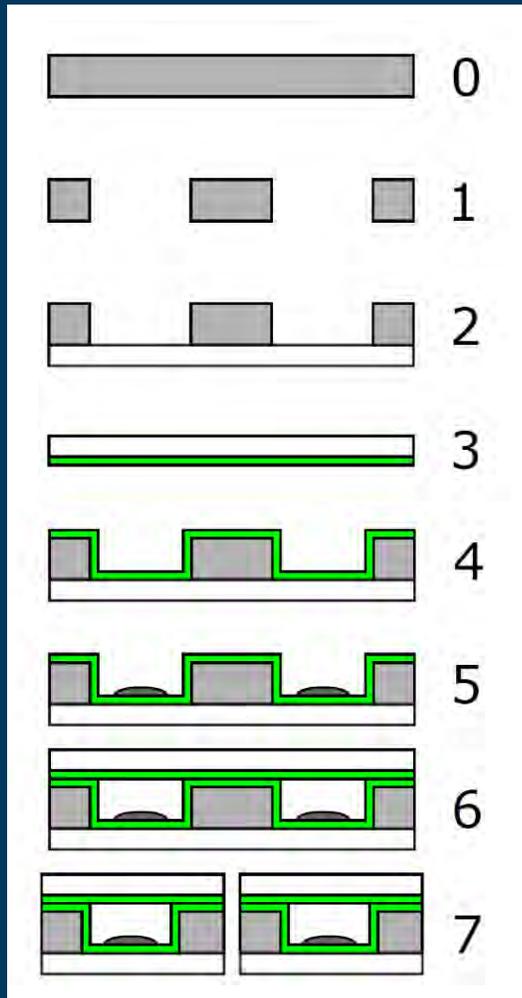
Packaging et assemblage



# Swiss Miniature Atomic Clock



# Fabrication des cellules atomiques MEMS



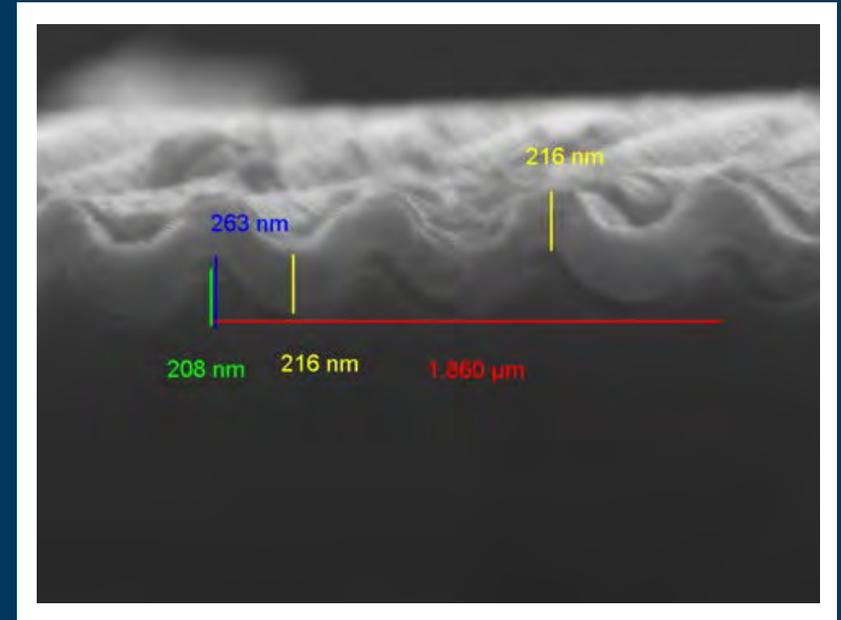
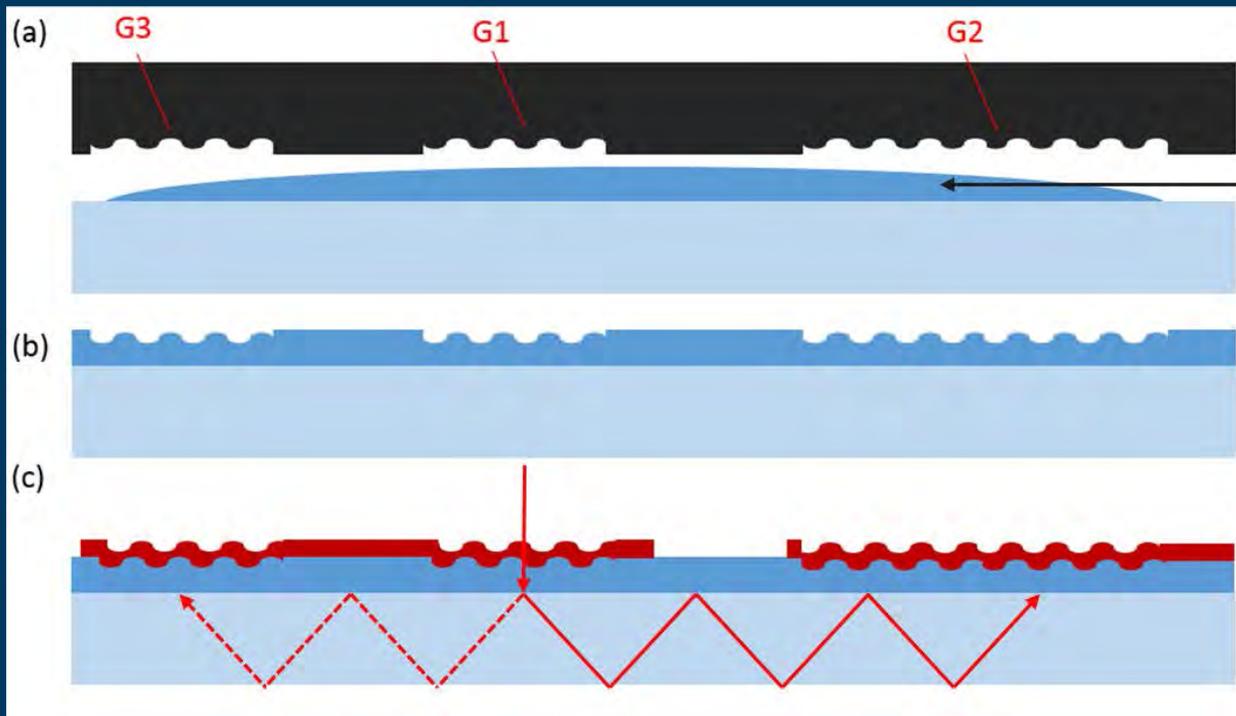
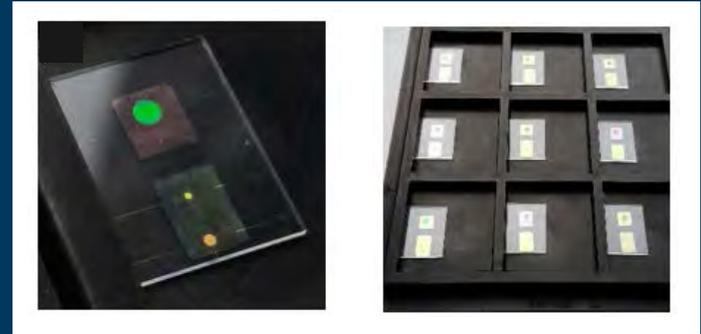
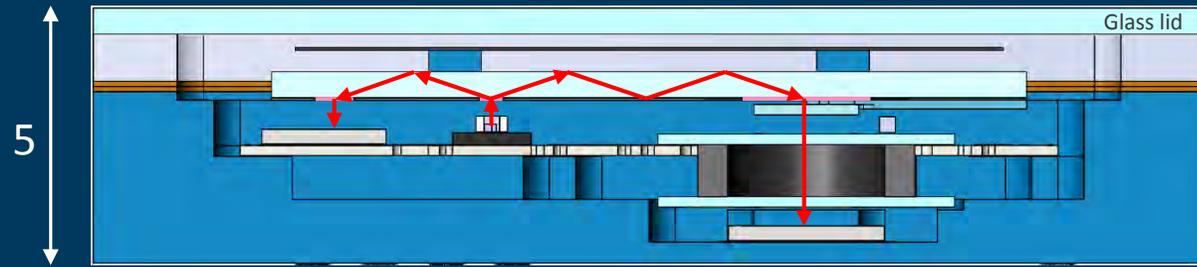
■ Si    □ glass    ■  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$     ■  $\text{RbN}_3$

## Etapes de fabrication:

- (0) Substrat Si de 1 à 1.5 mm d'épaisseur
- (1) Gravage DRIE de trous traversant
- (2) Soudure anodique d'un verre Borofloat®33
- (3-4) Couche de protection nanométrique  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- (5) Micro-dispensing d'une solution aqueuse  $\text{RbN}_3$
- (6) Soudure anodique d'une 2ème fenêtre
- (7) Sciage
- + (8) Activation des cellules par irradiation UV

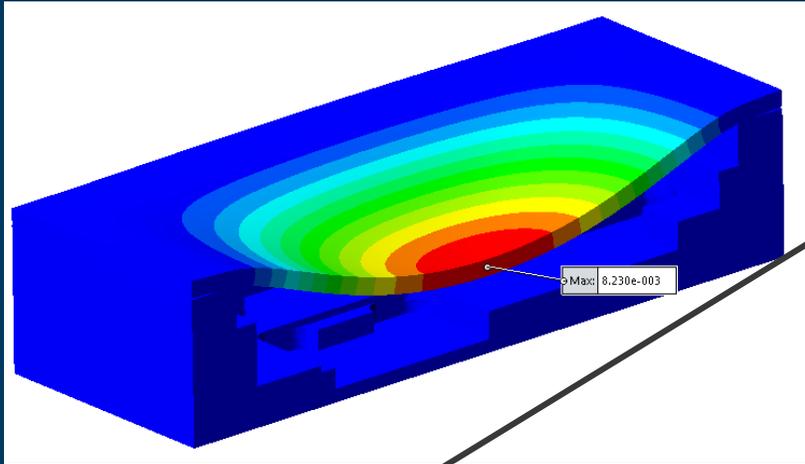


# Guide d'onde planaire et réseaux de couplage

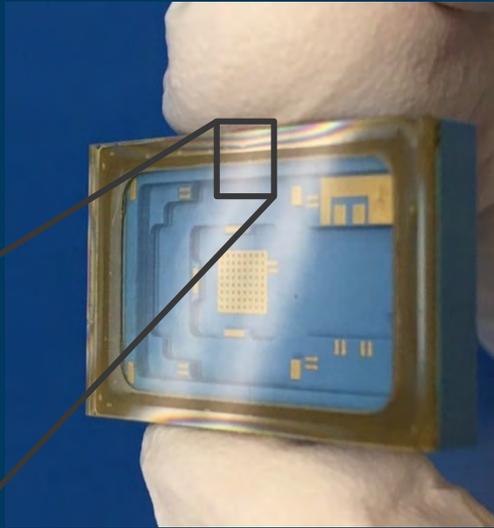


# Encapsulation: soudure verre-verre par impulsion laser

Déflexion de  $8.2 \mu\text{m}$  (simulée)



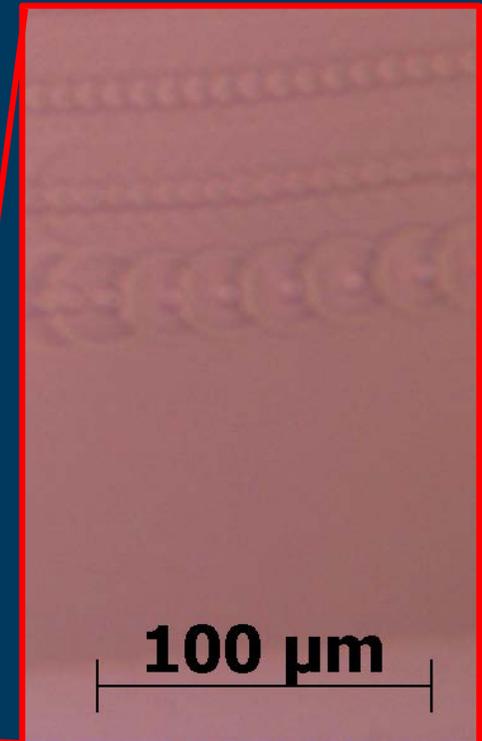
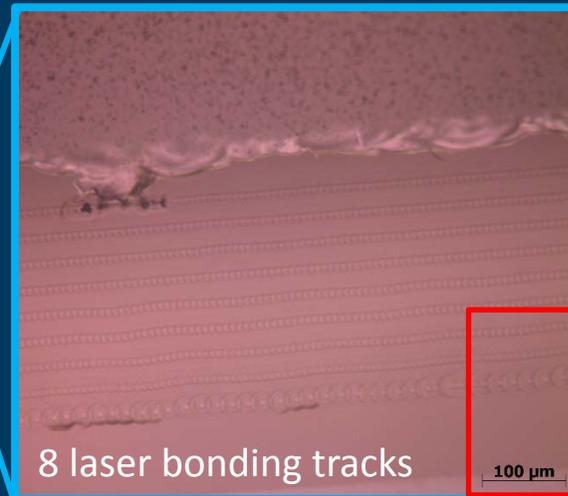
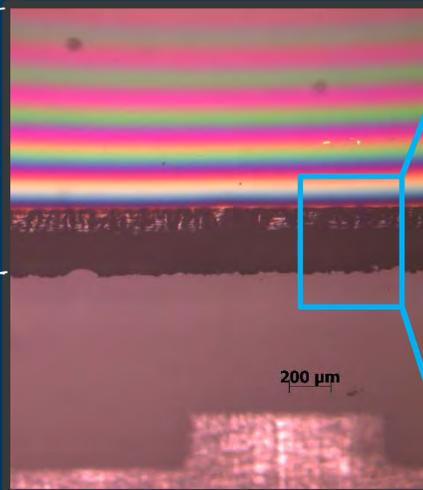
Déflexion de  $8.5 \mu\text{m}$  (mesurée)



Cadre de scellage

Lignes de soudure laser

Cavité



# Prochaines étapes: transfert technologique

## Objectives

## Applications



**O1: Miniature Optically Pumped Magnetometers (OPM)**

O1.1: Highly sensitive OPM for biomagnetic applications  
TRL 2-3 → TRL 4-5

O1.2: Quantum-enhanced OPM concept  
TRL 1 → TRL 2-3

**O2: Miniature Atomic Clocks (MAC)**

O2.1: Flat form-factor, low-power CPT MAC  
TRL 4 → TRL 6-7

O2.2: Quantum-enhanced MAC concept  
TRL 1 → TRL 2-3

**Common platform:** MEMS atomic vapor cells with integrated optics & electronics

**O3: Miniature Atomic Gyroscopes (MAG)**

O3.1: (Spin) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Gyroscope  
TRL 2-3 → TRL 4-5

O3.2: Quantum-enhanced MAG concept  
TRL 1 → TRL 2-3

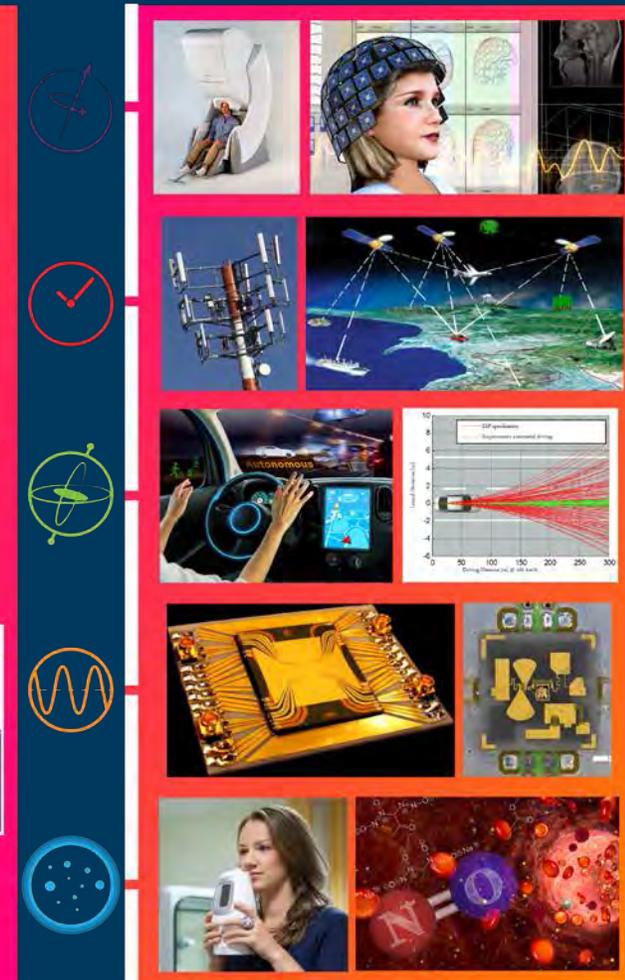
**O4: Atomic GHz & THz Sensors and Vector Imagers**

O4.1: Calibration-free detection and vector imaging of GHz and THz fields  
TRL 2-3 → TRL 4

O4.2: Quantum-enhanced GHz sensor  
TRL 1 → TRL 2-3

**O5: Rydberg based Gas Sensors**

O5.1: NO sensor  
TRL 1 → TRL 2-3



# Merci pour votre attention!

Suivez-nous sur



[www.csem.ch](http://www.csem.ch)