



# **Vacuum tribometer with in-situ wear measurement by DHM<sup>®</sup> (digital holography microscope)**

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# 1999: 20 years ago !

The first Digital Holography Microscopes  
for simultaneous single shot  
phase and intensity contrast  
measurements

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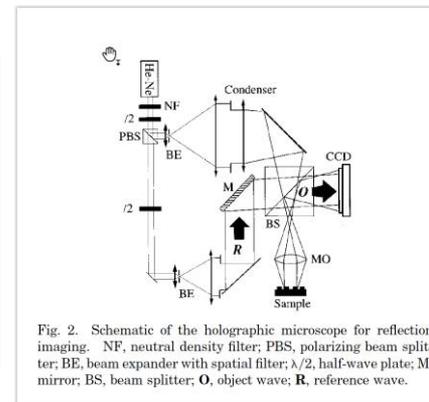
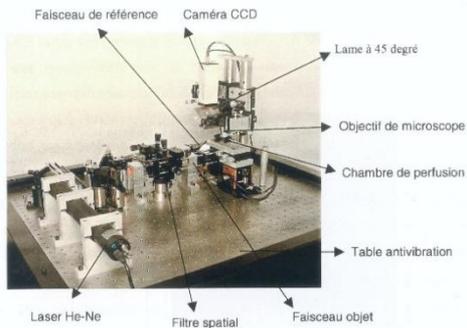
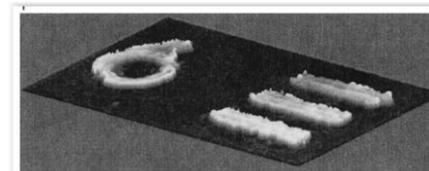


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Reflection DHM

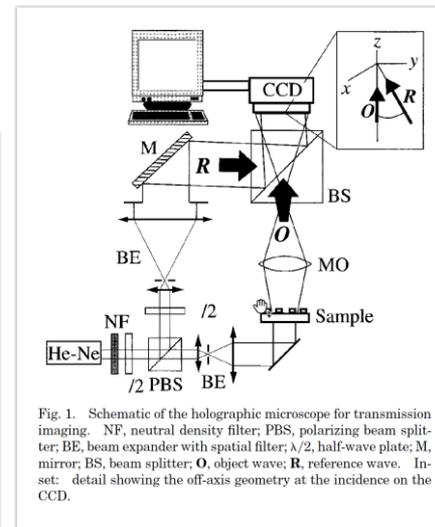


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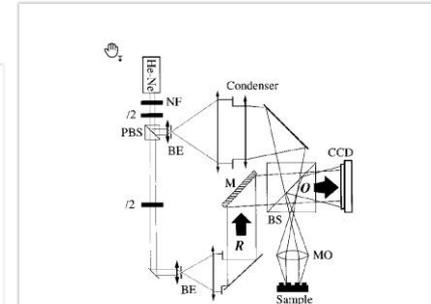
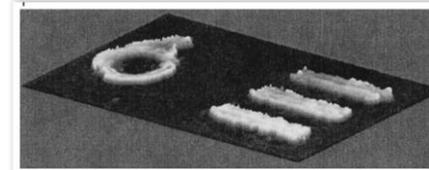


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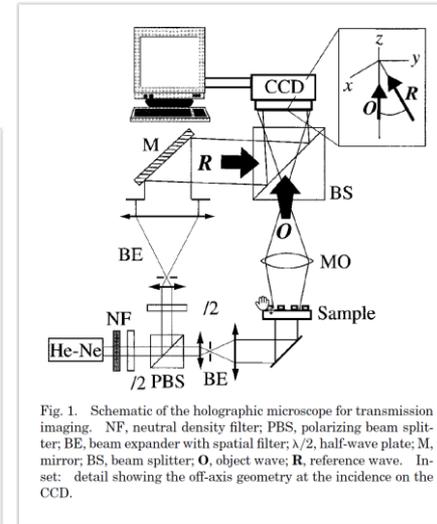
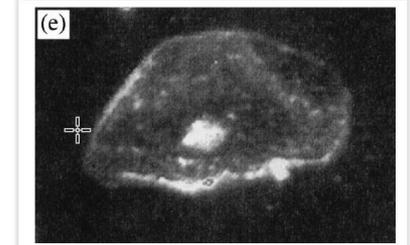


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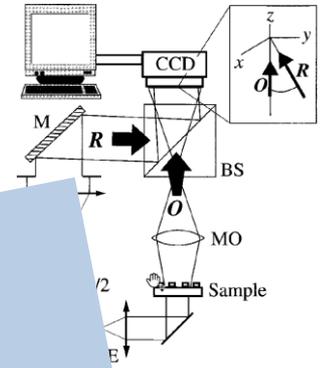
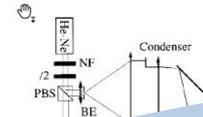
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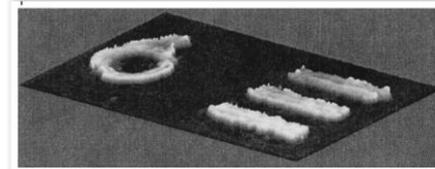
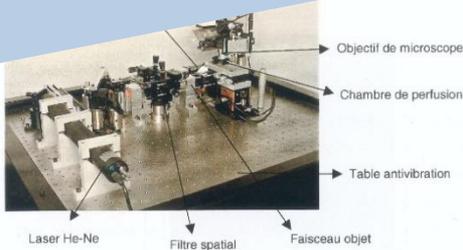
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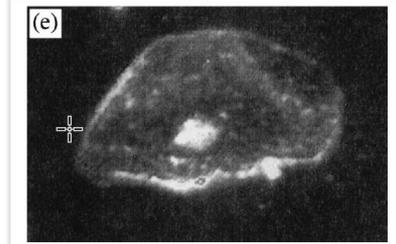
The first Microscopes enabling SINGLE SHOT simultaneous PHASE and intensity contrast measurements



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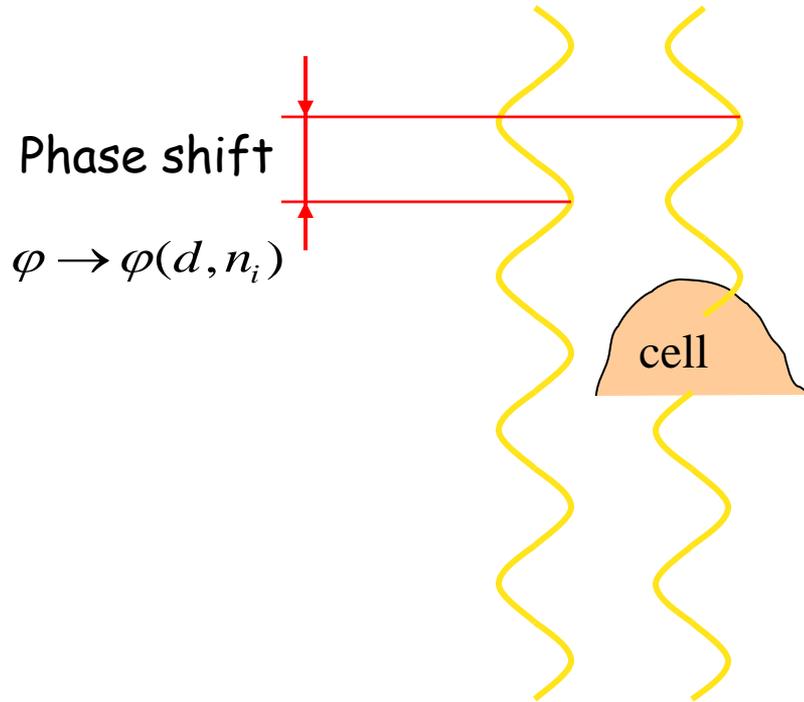
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# Why is the **PHASE** of the wave relevant ?

In both bio imaging and material sciences ...

# DHM<sup>®</sup> for life sciences applications

Cells are “phase objects”



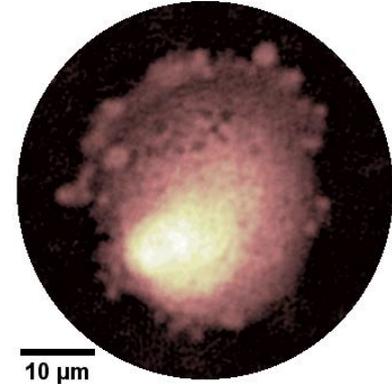
$$\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (n_c - n_m) d$$

living cells = transparent object  
= **phase object**

# DHM<sup>®</sup> for life sciences applications



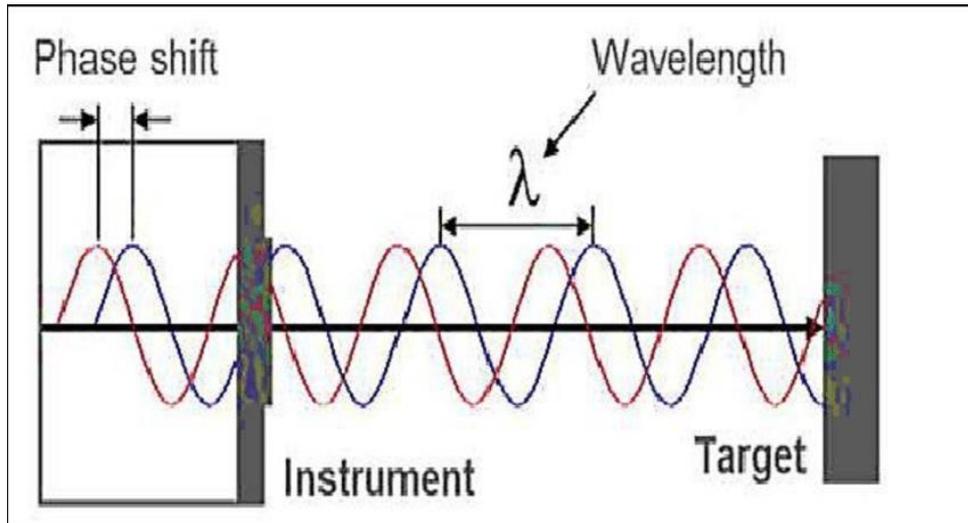
- ✓ Label-free non-invasive imaging technique (non-perturbing measurements)
- ✓ Quantitative information about morphology and intracellular content
- ✓ Millisecond to multi-days continuous recording





# DHM<sup>®</sup> for life sciences applications

- PHASE shift images enables to measure distances for each pixel of the field of view !



- ✓ Interferometric resolution
- ✓ Laser metrology
- ✓ Multi wavelengths for large distances



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Why is **SINGLE-SHOT** a key ?



# DHM® in material sciences

A 3D optical profilometer

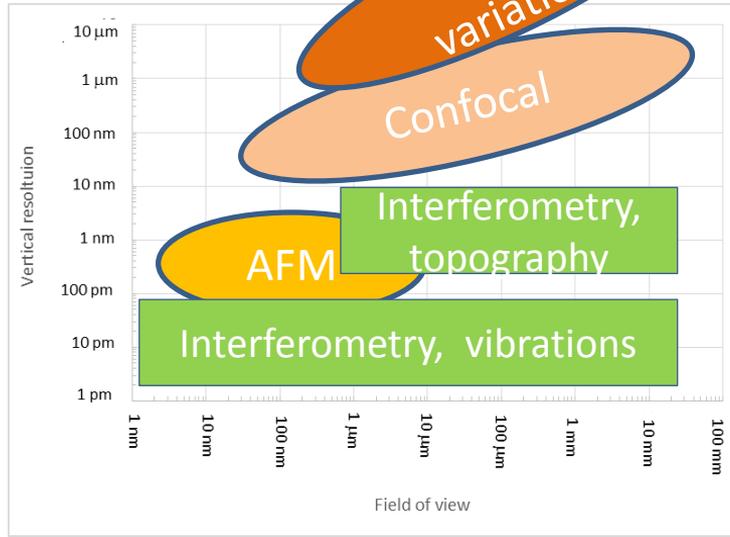
- with an interferometric resolution
- capturing the full field of view in a **single shot**, without any vertical or lateral scanning



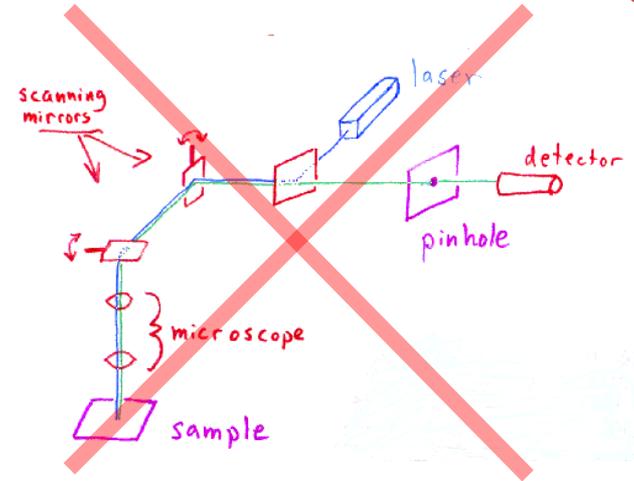
Reflection



Transmissions



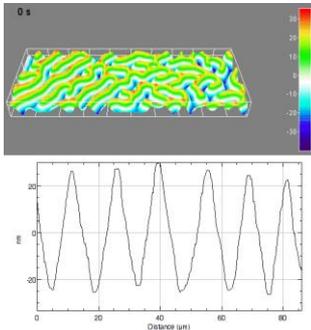
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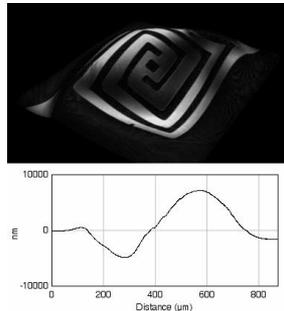
# DHM<sup>®</sup>: Time-resolved optical profilometry

Sample 3D topography changes with temperature, chemical action, light irradiance, mechanical, electrical, magnetic forces, ....

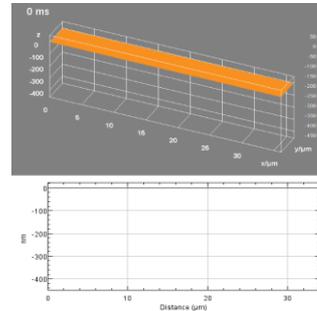
- Up to 100'000 fps (standard 190 fps)
- In liquid, vacuum, high temperature, ...
- Nanometer vertical resolution for an choice of objective



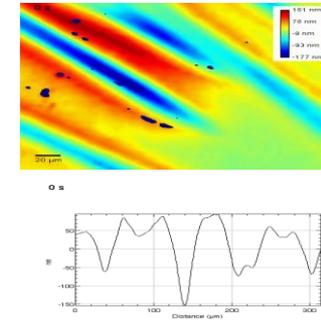
Smart coating sensitive to UV



Micro hot-plate temperature deformation



Graphene membrane deformation by pressure

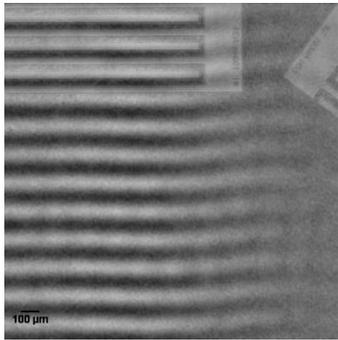


Self-recovery surface from mechanical scratches

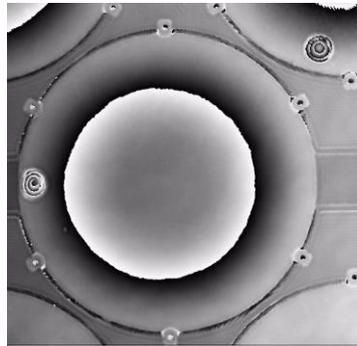
# DHM<sup>®</sup>: 3D MEMS analyzer

MEMS probing, driving and time-resolved 3D topography up to 25 MHz.

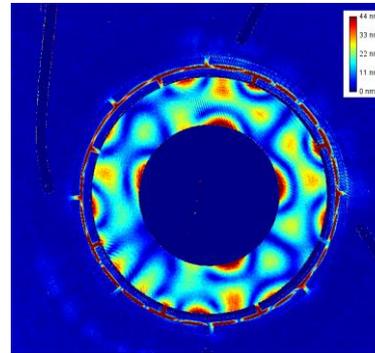
- In liquid, vacuum, high temperature, ...
- Picometer out-of-plane and nanometers in-plane vibrations resolution
- Electrical, in- out-of-plane vibration and frequency analysis



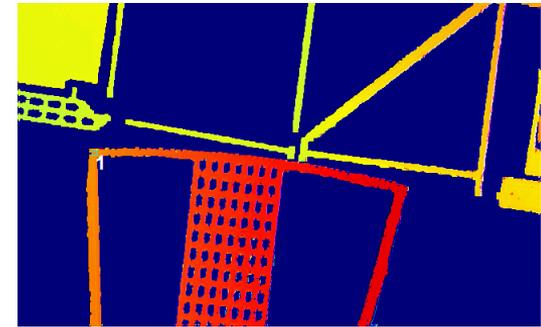
Full field of view  
measurements  
up to 25 MHz



Measurements  
in vacuum,  
in liquid, ...



Vibration maps with  
Unrivalled spatial  
resolution



3D time sequence for  
in- & out-of plane  
analysis

# DHM® for material sciences applications



## EXPOSURE TIME SENSITIVE

- Suspended structures
- Liquid interfaces
- Air turbulences (warm/cold)
- Moving samples
- Environmental vibrations

No blurred or altered measurement

## TIME-RESOLVED 3D measurements

- Large surface scanning
- Fast and on-flight quality control
- MEMS
- Energy harvesters
- Liquid interfaces
- Samples deformation due to:
  - temperature or pressure
  - light irradiance
  - mechanical force
  - electromagnetic fields
  - ...

Interferometric resolution up to 25 MHz

## VIBRATION characterization

- Amplitude and phase maps
- Resonance and spurious modes
- Frequency and time analysis
- Picometer range vertical resolution

Unbeatable lateral resolution



PAPER

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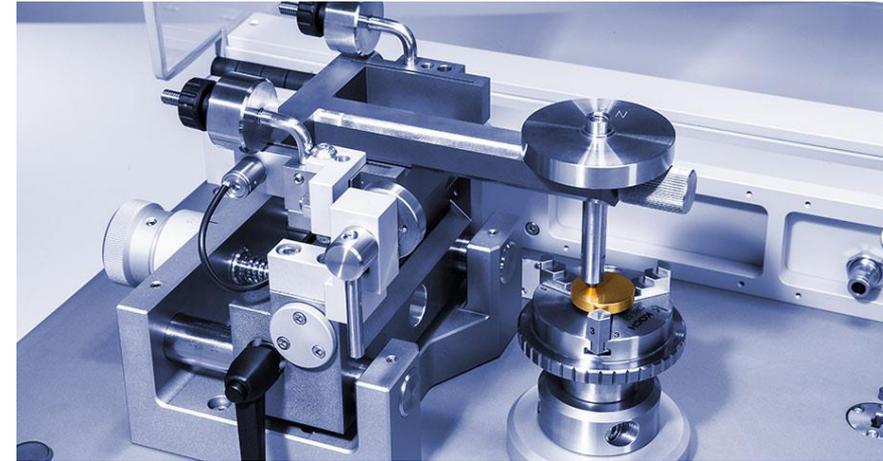
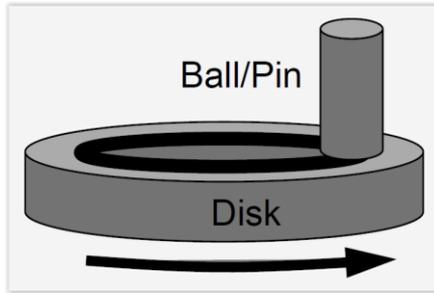
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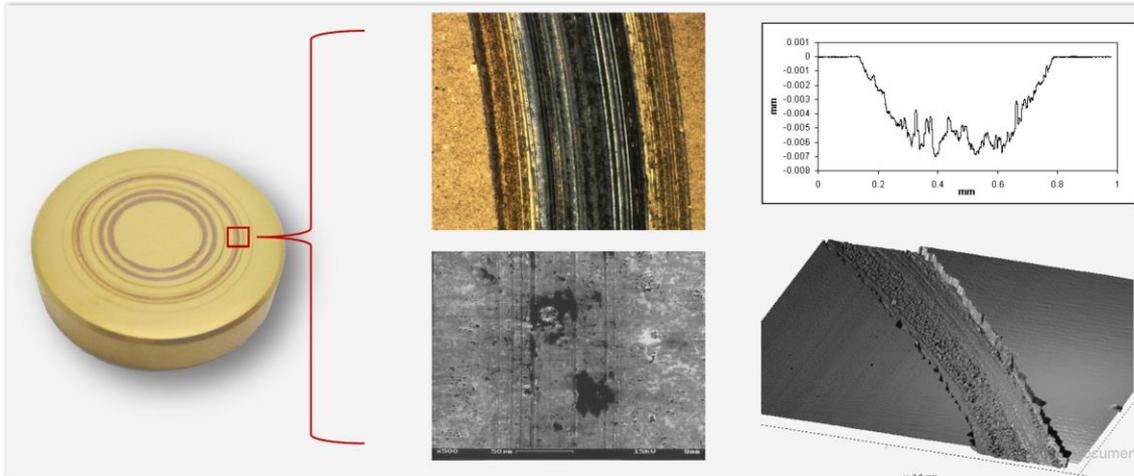
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# Ball/Pin-on-Disk tribometer



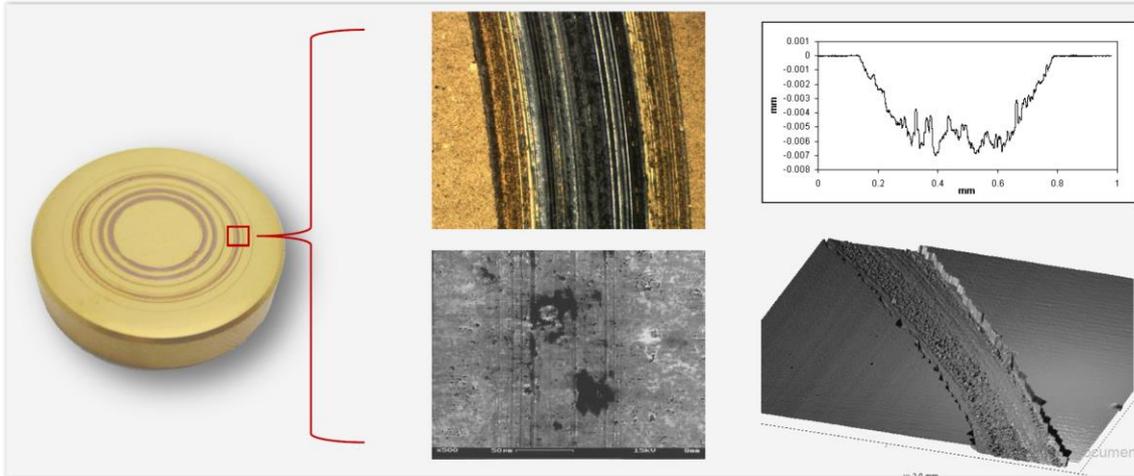
- “Simple” system and highly reproducible measurement
- Simulation of real frictional condition
  - Contact pressure
  - Movement mode
  - Sliding speed
  - Static partner (size, geometry, mechanical properties, etc.)
  - Lubrication
  - Environmental condition (temperature, vacuum, humidity, etc.)

# Ball/Pin-on-Disk tribometer



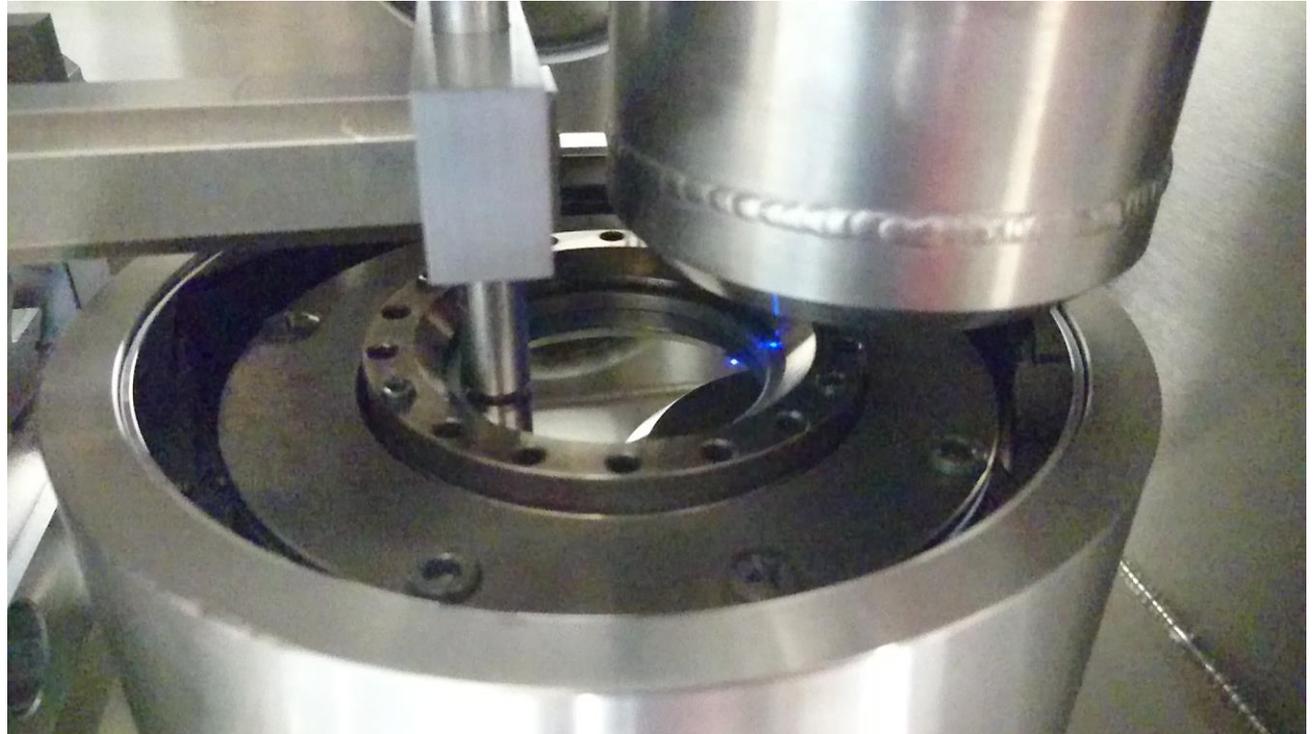
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# On site Ball/Pin-on-Disk tribometer

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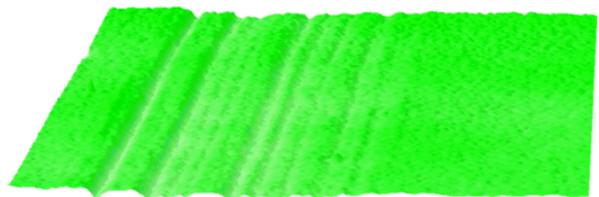
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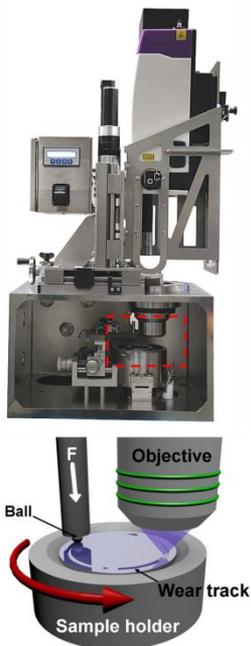
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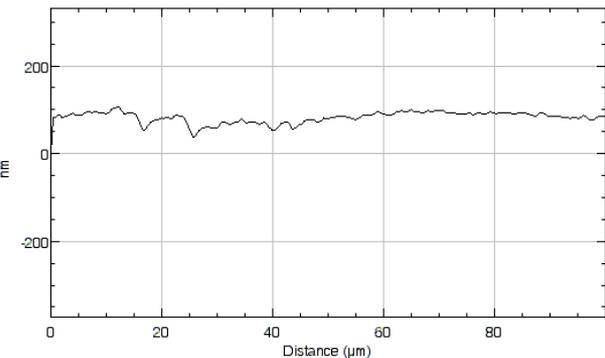
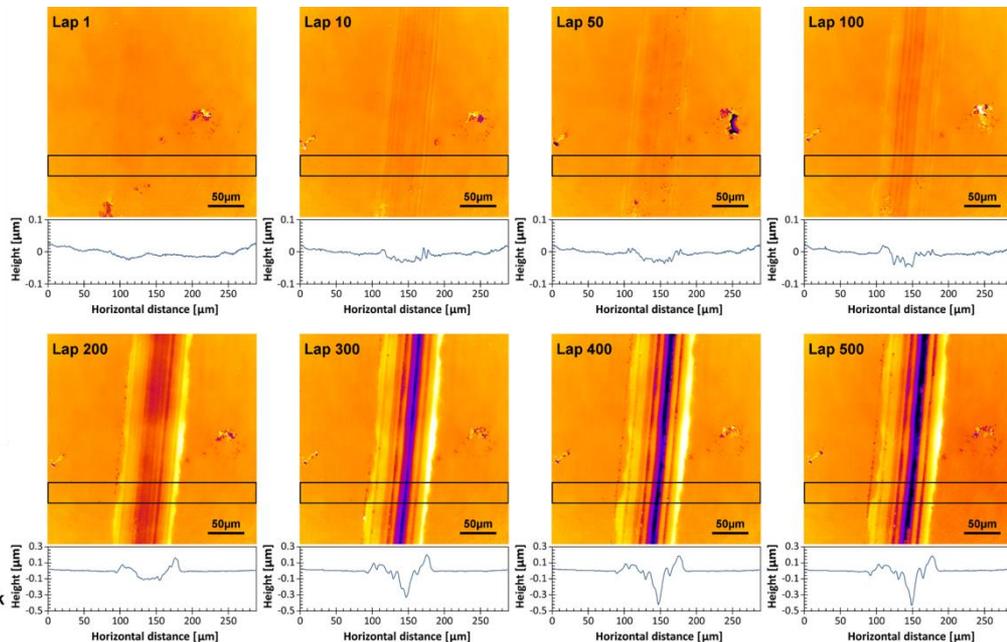


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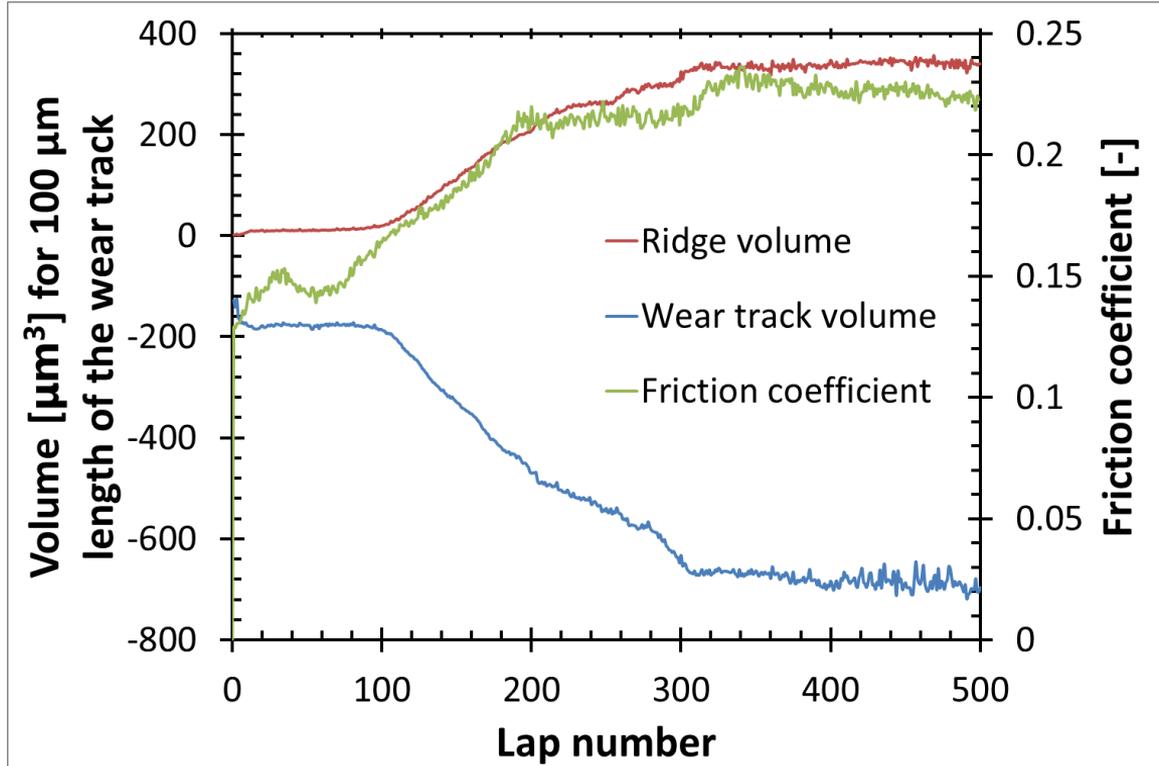


- Synchronized with rotation speed of the tribometer



Dual wavelengths DHM, measurement rate 200 Hz

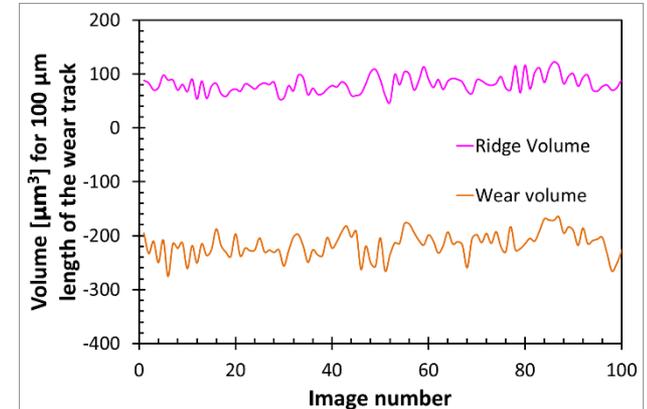
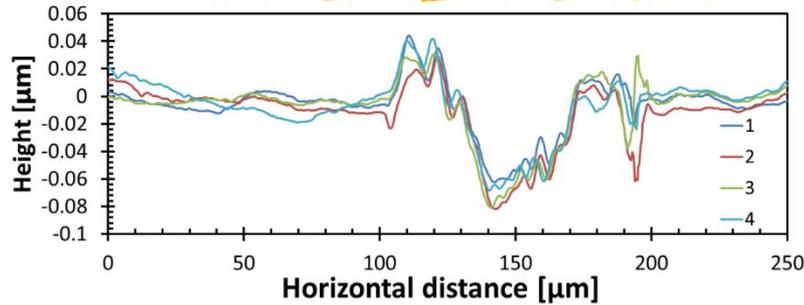
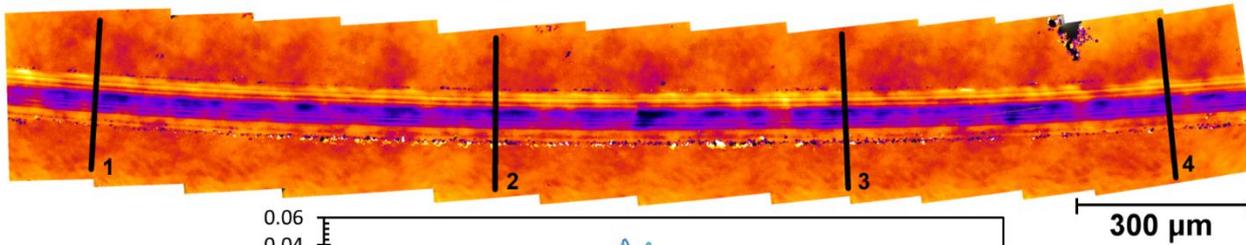
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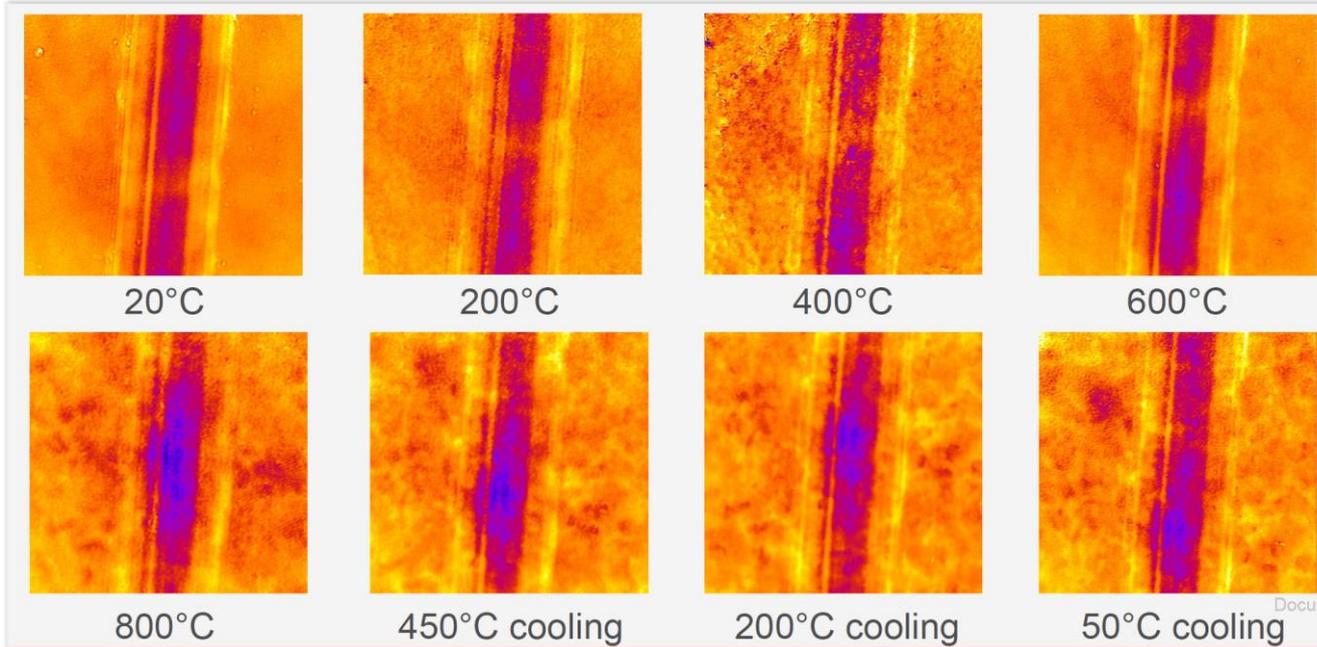
*Friction coefficient , ridge volume and wear track volume versus the lap number*

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*PANORAMA MODE – One exemple*



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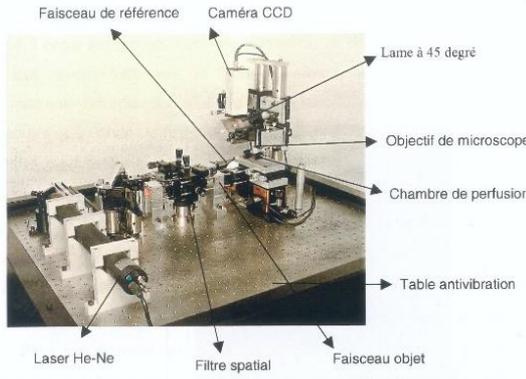
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  - Replaces common workaround to get wear evolution
    - Wear only measured ex situ and post-mortem
    - Several experiments stopped at different duration
    - One experiment stopped various times
- New measurement possibilities
  - Can be operated at high temperature
  - In presence of other gases
- Instrument
  - Validated by EMPA
  - Sold to other research institute



# 20 years of DHM applications !

- Lyncée Tec has been founded on 2003
- **SINGLE SHOT** and **PHASE** are **KEYS** !
- Many applications demonstrated: DHM used daily for research and QC
- A full range of products and accessories tailored for both material and life sciences



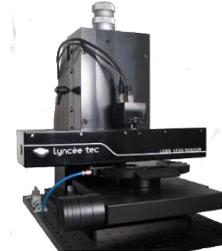
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Transmission



Macroscopie



Without lens



Holographic Camera



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