

Cosmology at cm/s scale using ultrastable spectroscopic interferometry

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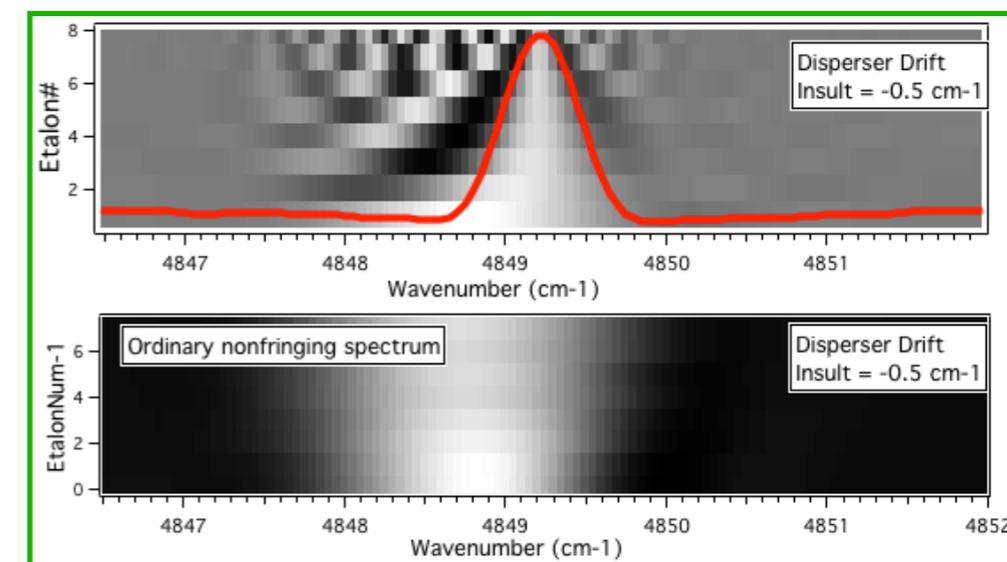
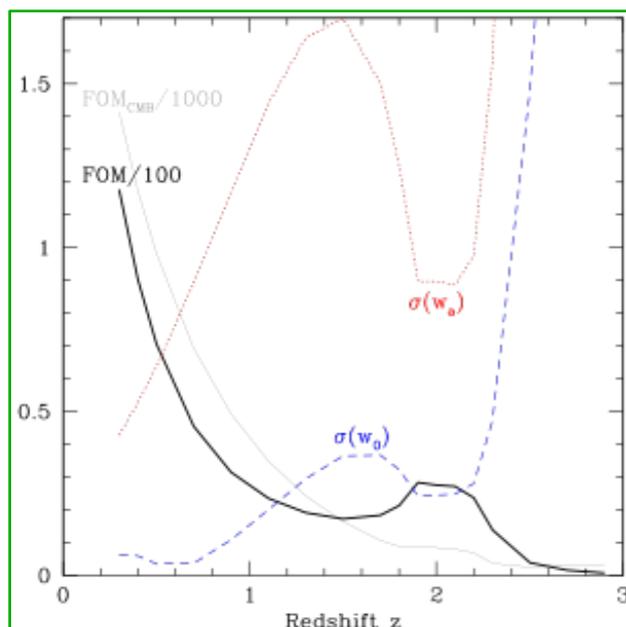
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Our portion begins 30 min into 60 min
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“Direct Acceleration: Cosmic and Exoplanet Synergies”, D. J. Erskine, E. V. Linder, A. Kim, and 10 endorsing coauthors, white paper, Astro2020 Decadal Survey on Astr. and Astrophys., Nat. Acad. Sciences, arXiv:1903.05656, Bull. Am. Astr. Soc. 51 (3):53 May (2019). (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.05656v1>)



Density survey, Velocity Survey, Acceleration Survey

Einstein: “Acceleration = Gravity”

Achieving cm/s velocity accuracy in spectroscopy enables 4 major science cases:

- Cosmic redshift drift and direct detection of cosmic acceleration
- Earth mass exoplanet detection from radial velocities
- Milky Way structure mapping through stellar accelerations [UL axions]
- Dark matter properties through Milky Way gravity mapping
- Biomedical, National security/remote sensing, Fusion

Breakthroughs on science and technology sides

- Recognition of synergy between science cases
- Recognition that low redshift spectroscopy is sweet spot, complementary
- Technology advances, e.g. crossfading

Cosmic Acceleration

“Redshift z gives velocity, **Redshift drift \dot{z} gives acceleration**”

Proposed as cosmology probe McVittie (1962), Sandage (1962).

Revisited in 70s, 80s; dark energy probe Linder (1997).

Survey: strategy, systematics, full theory Kim, Linder,

Edelstein, Erskine 1402.6614 ; **Astro2020** Erskine+ 1903.05656

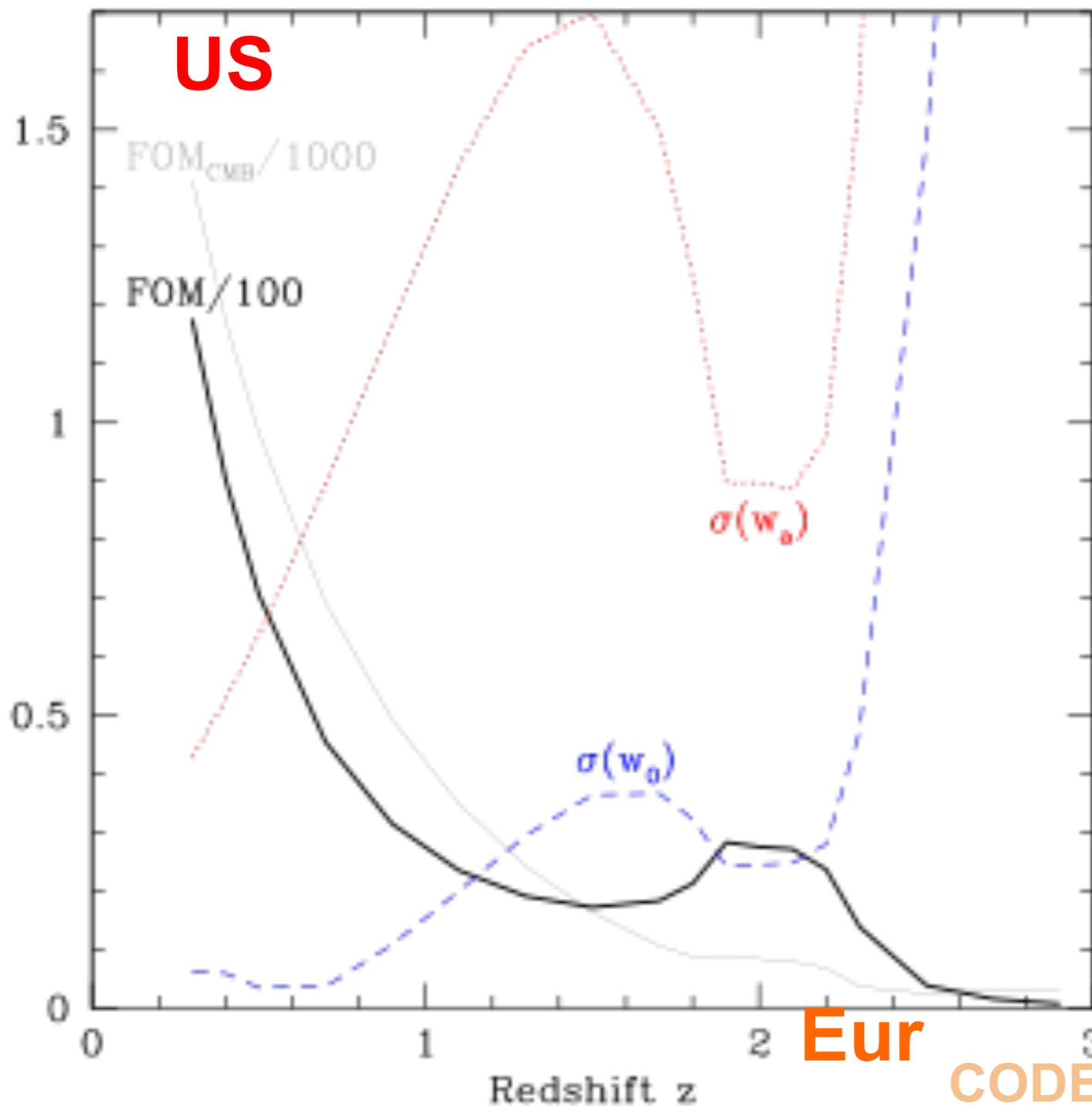
Basics:

- **Differential measurements are more robust than absolute ones.**
- **Use doublet lines to measure cosmic expansion differentially.**
- **Use interferometer to compare signals from two arms.**
- **Use delays “shift symmetry” to cancel instrumental systematics.**

Technology: 2016 – demo on Hale Telescope of **10x resolution** gain, **20x stability** gain. 2018 – GPI **100x resolution** gain on biomarkers. 2019 – “crossfading” lab demonstration of **1000x stability** gain.

Redshift Drift (+ CMB)

If redshift drift z can be measured, it has powerful complementarity with CMB.



$$\dot{z} = H_0 (1 + z) - H(z)$$

$$\Delta z \rightarrow \text{cm/s } (\Delta t/3\text{y})$$

Leverage ranges from independent crosscheck to **3x above Stage 4.**

Optimal range $z < 0.5$.

Need lots of photons, e.g. **ELTs best, 10m ~ok.**

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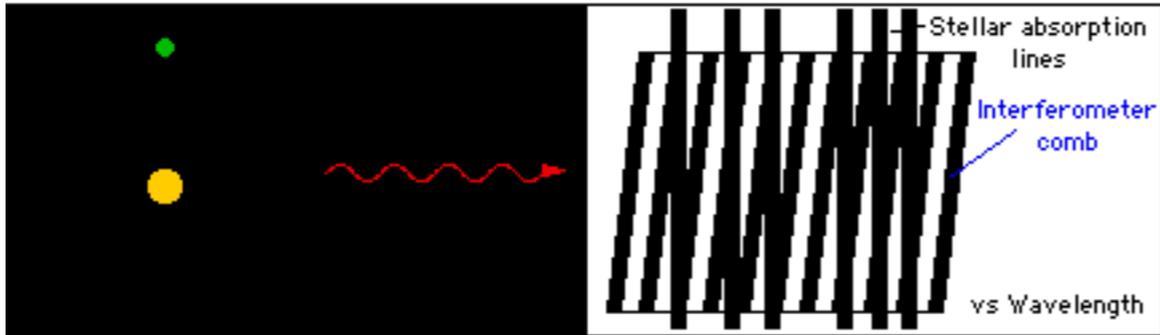
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Poster of same title, AAS 234th Mtg., St. Louis MO, June 9-13, 2019.
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Abstract

Externally Dispersed Interferometry (EDI) has been used since 1998 to detect exoplanets and perform high resolution spectroscopy,

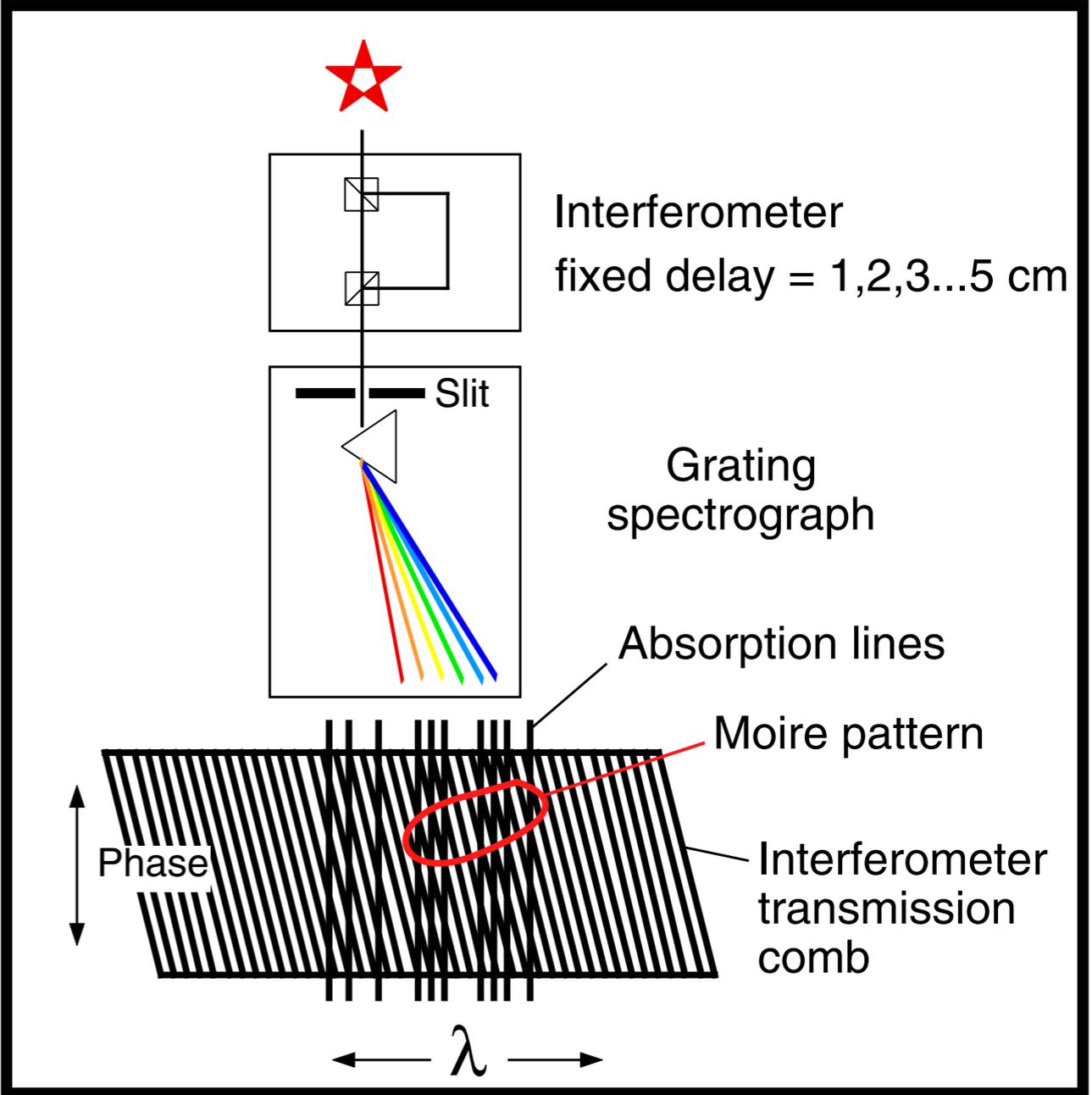
1 to 3 orders of magnitude more robust to wavelength drifts than conventional dispersive spectrographs



The basic EDI is 1 to 2 orders of magnitude more robust to wavelength drifts than grating spectrograph alone

We have made improvements (called Crossfading) that further boosts the robustness by 1 to 2 orders of magnitude

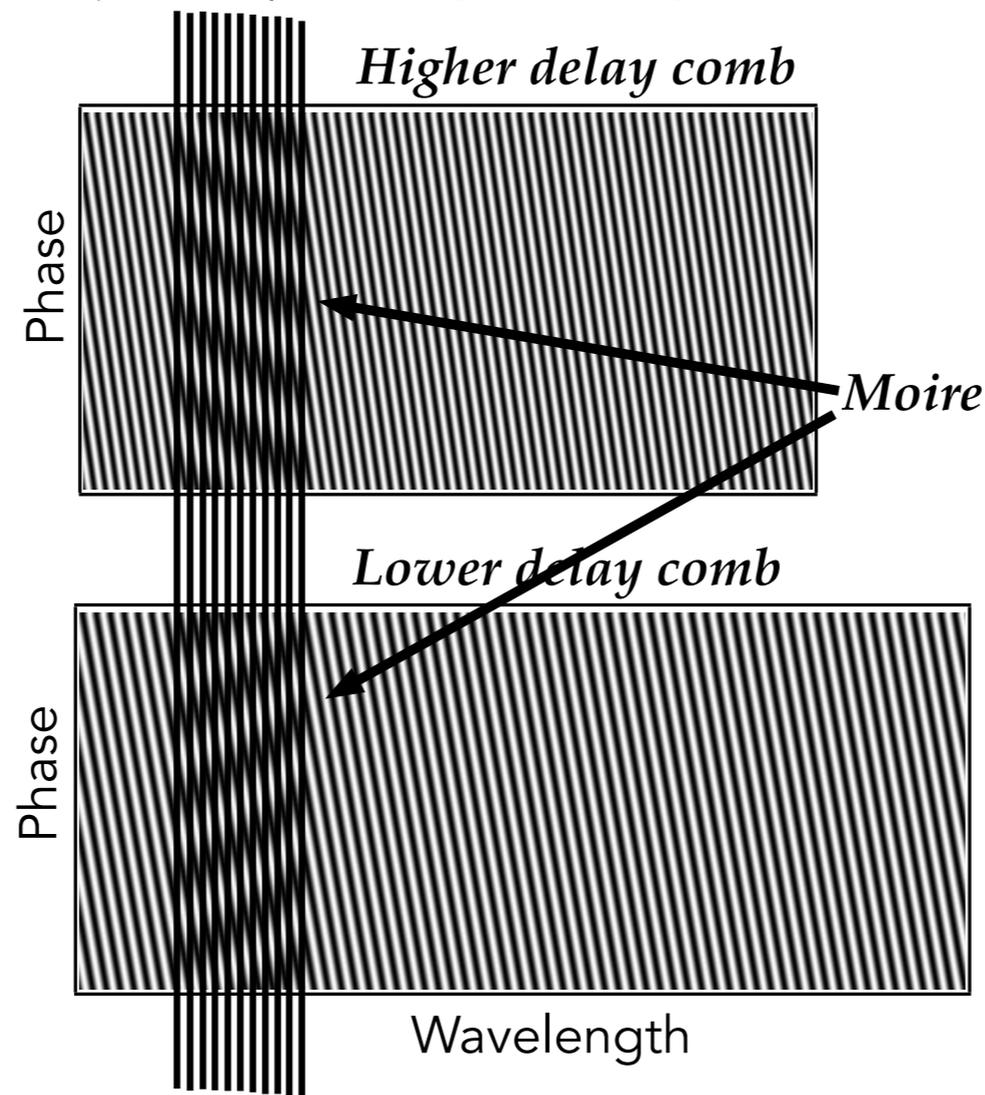
1000x robustness demo'd in simulation



Crossfading: Strategically weighted, we **CANCEL** net reaction to wavelength drift Δx

These Moire patterns have opposite slopes for high and low delay interferometers

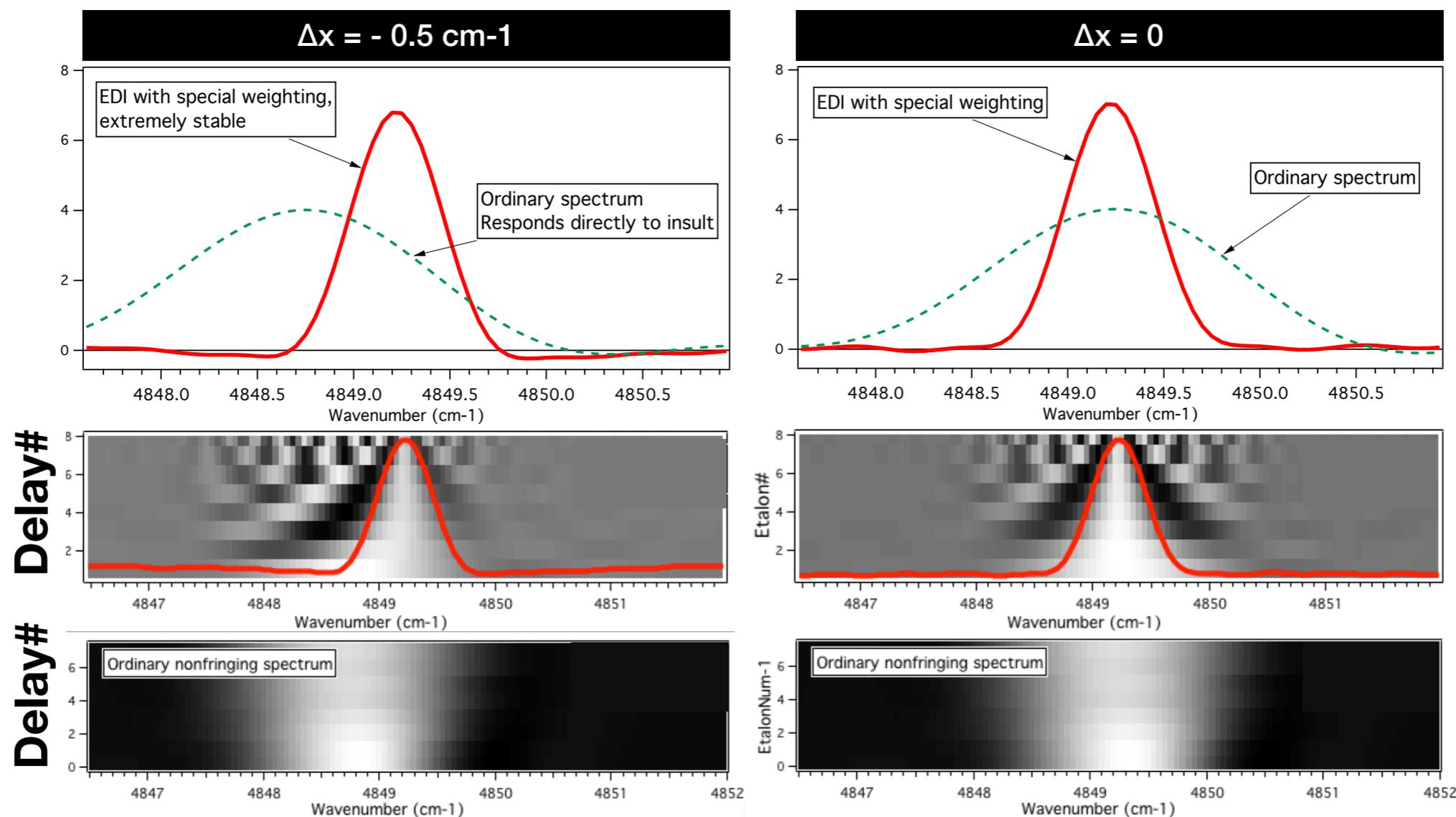
Spectral feature (Blended)



The pair is 2 or 3 orders of magnitude more robust to wavelength drift Δx

Demo: 1000x stability gain compared to conventional

Demo used real multiple-delay EDI data from Mt. Palomar, but artificially imposed Δx drift, showed 1000x smaller output wavelength drift than does conventional.



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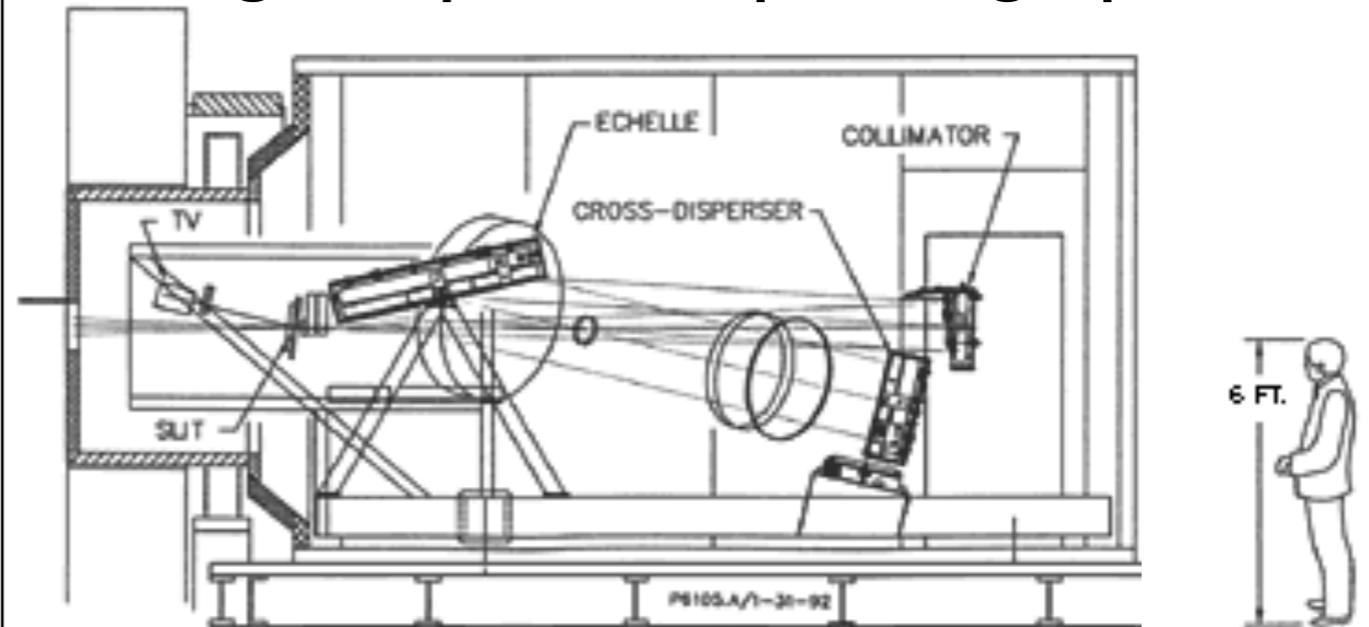
Motivation

Astrophysics (cosmology, exoplanet search), biophysics (Raman spectroscopy), and general science need precision optical spectrographs, which are **STABLE over long periods of time, light efficient, light weight, compact, inexpensive**

Susceptible to drift Δx along wavelength axis of detector

DISPERSIVE (grating or prism) optical spectrographs are conventional. But for cosmology and exoplanet requirements are large, massive, and expensive

The conventional method:
A large dispersive spectrograph



Keck Obs. Spectrograph

Res ~ 50,000

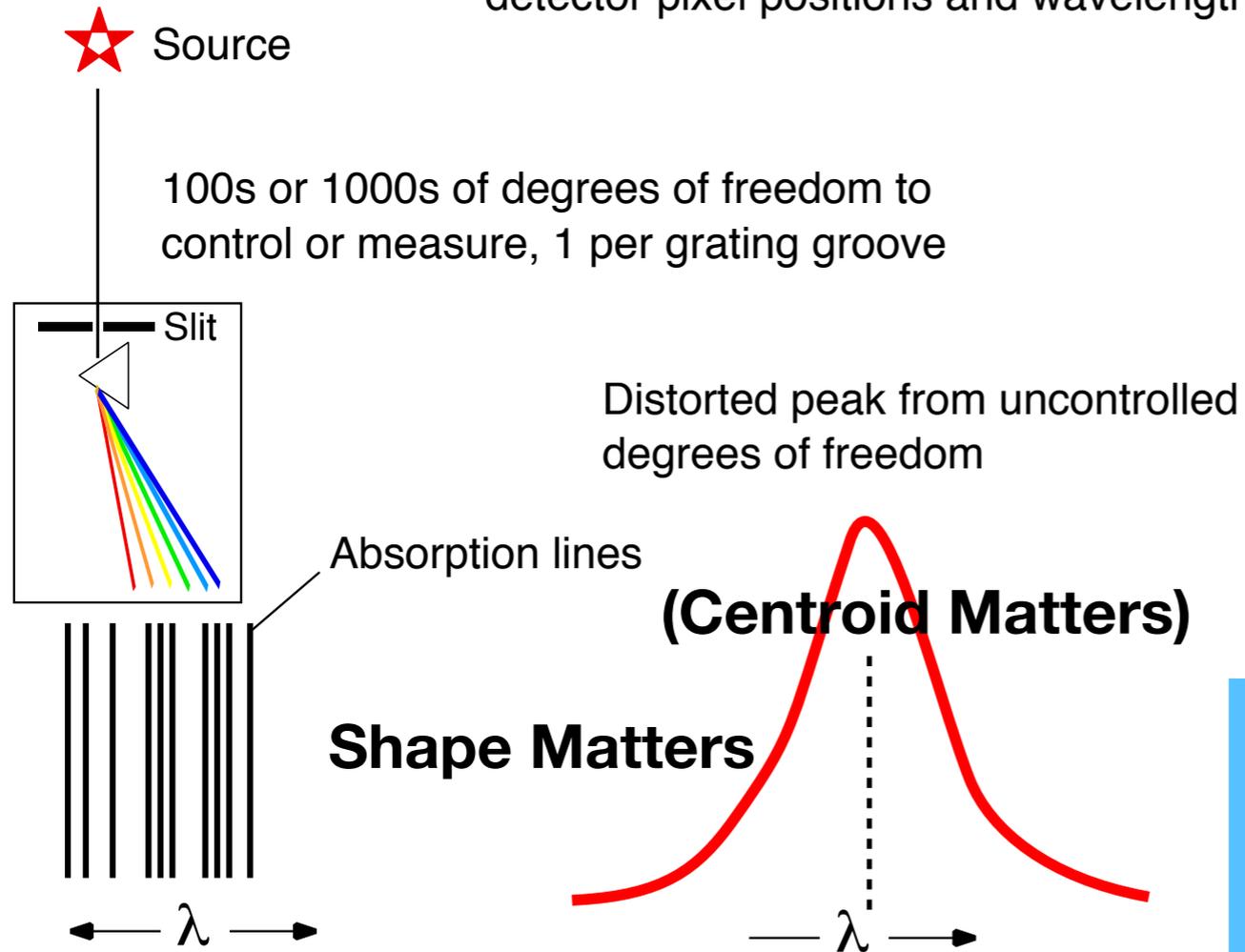
\$4 million, 8 tons, 5 m length

Drawbacks: high cost, large size & weight

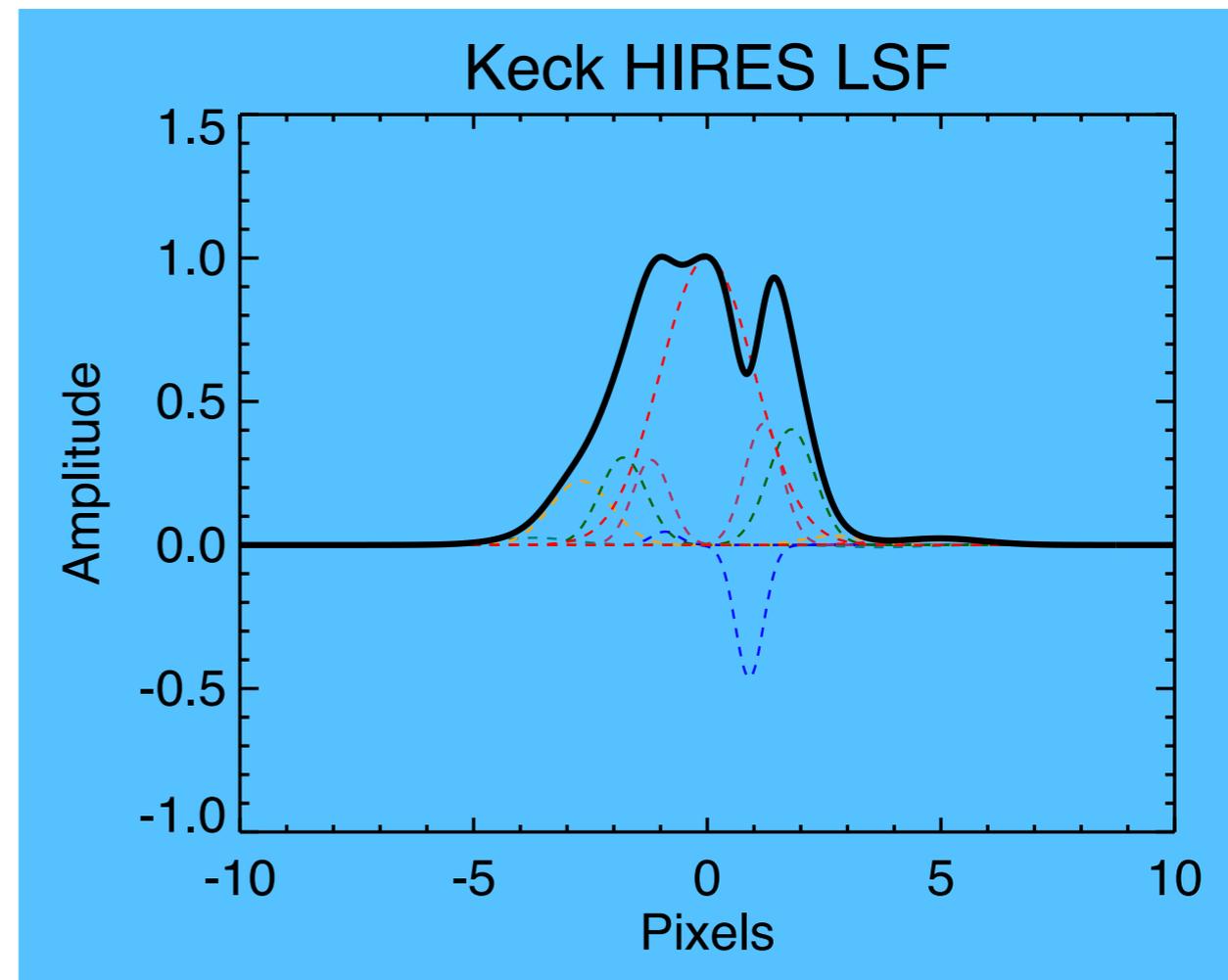
Susceptible to drift along wavelength axis of detector

Dispersive spectrograph

Assumes linear correspondence between detector pixel positions and wavelength



Atmospheric induced distortions in brief exposure of a narrow line



Doppler Planet Search, conventional method for Earth-like's: Requires high resolution dispersive spectrograph stable to ~0.01 milli-pixel (0.03 m/s) over year long time scales

(based on typical 3 pixels per 10 km/s solar rotational linewidth)

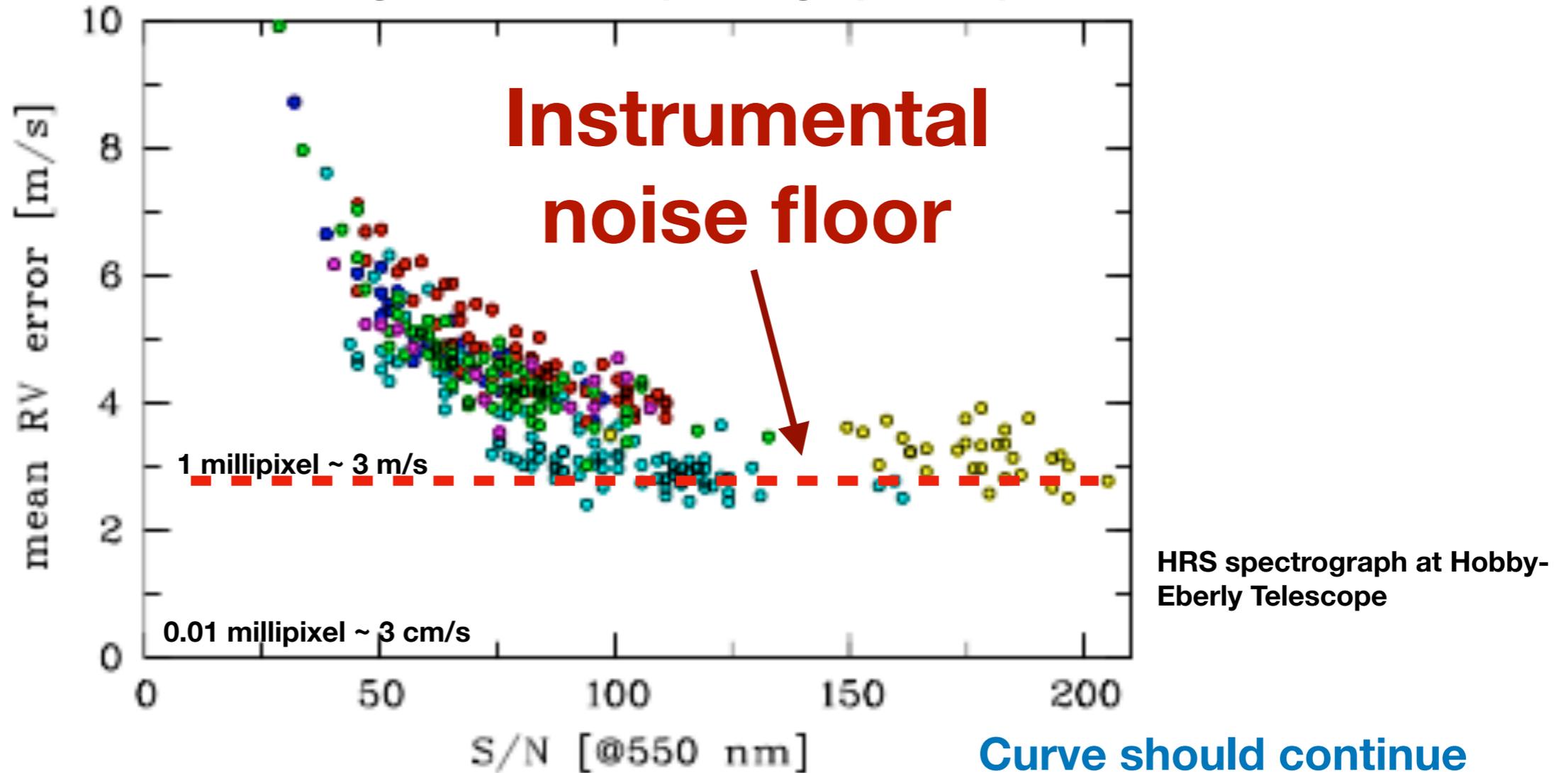
(Earth produces ~0.1 m/s Doppler tug on sun)

Instrumental drifts prevent reaching photon limited performance

1 in a Billion dimensional stability required

($0.03/3 \times 10^8 = 10^{-10}$, fractional wavelength Doppler change)

Conventional high resolution spectrograph, for planet search



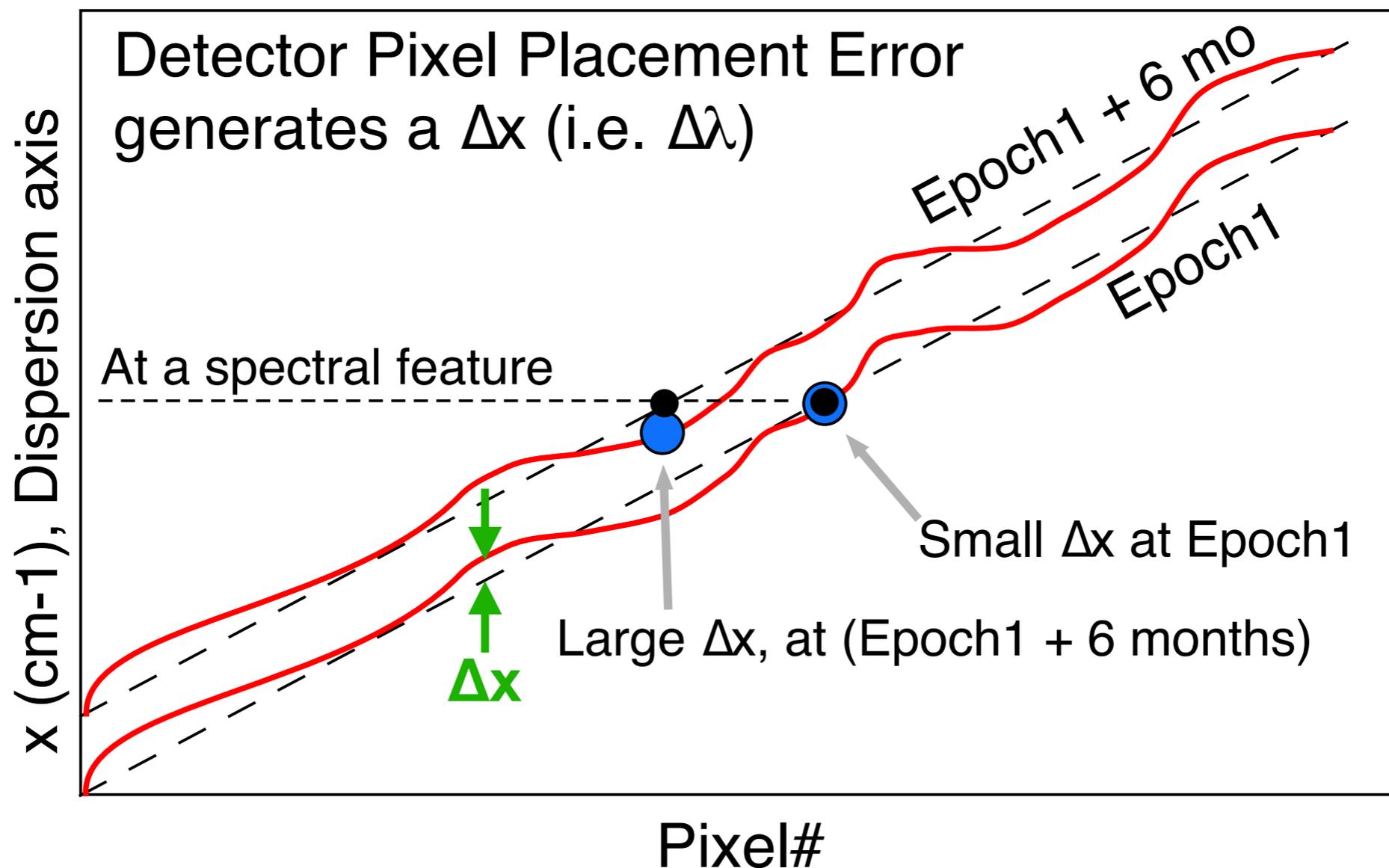
Curve should continue downward if no instrument drifts

Another problem:

Detector manufacturing pixel registration irregularities (~milli-pixel) that are “baked in”

Cannot be fixed by conventional mitigations (vacuum tank, thermal control, fiber scrambling)

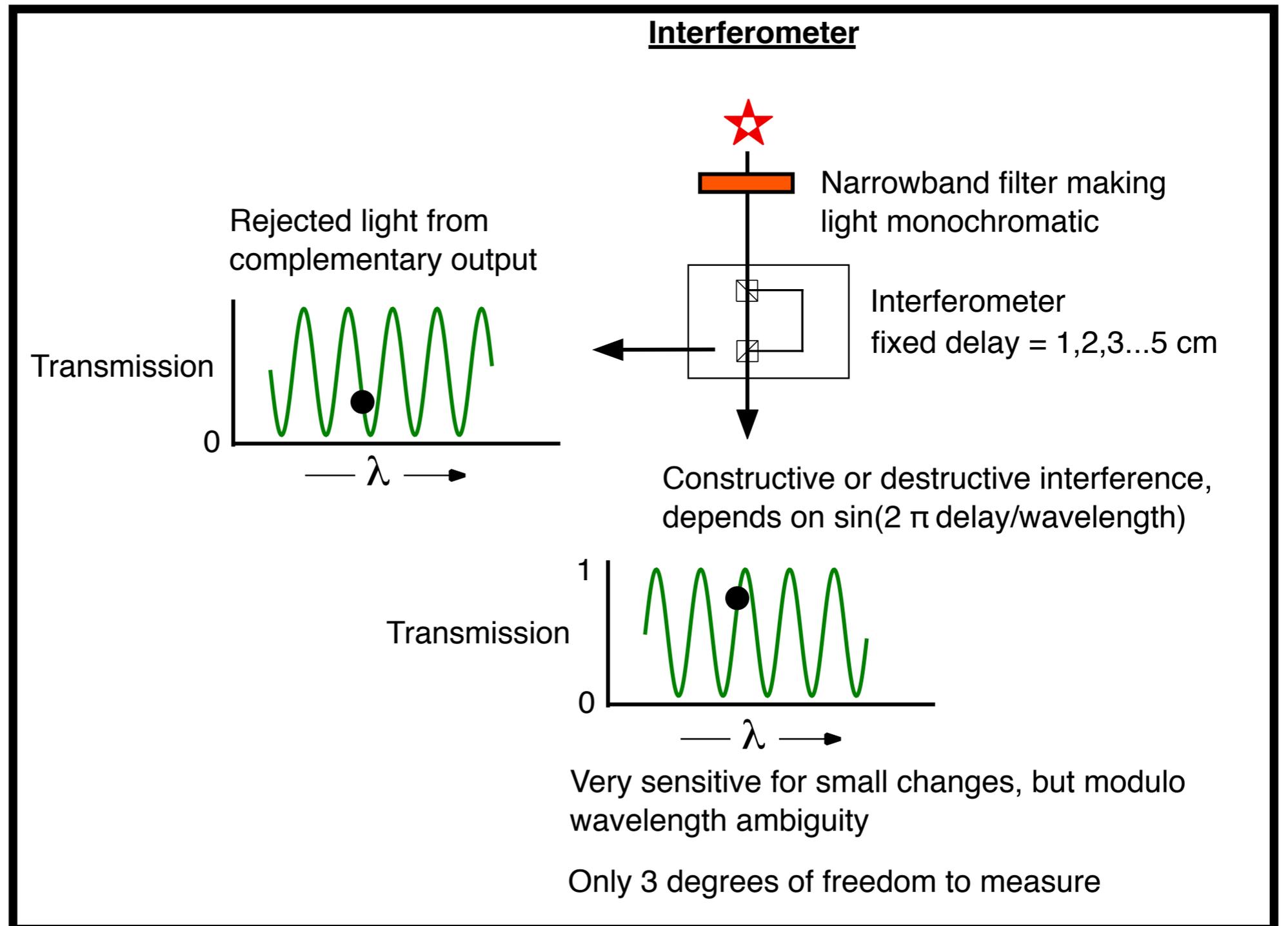
After 6 months, significant pixel shift due to large Doppler velocity change of Earth's around sun



Another way, but imperfect

PURE INTERFEROMETRY has the desired precision, compactness, low weight and inexpense,

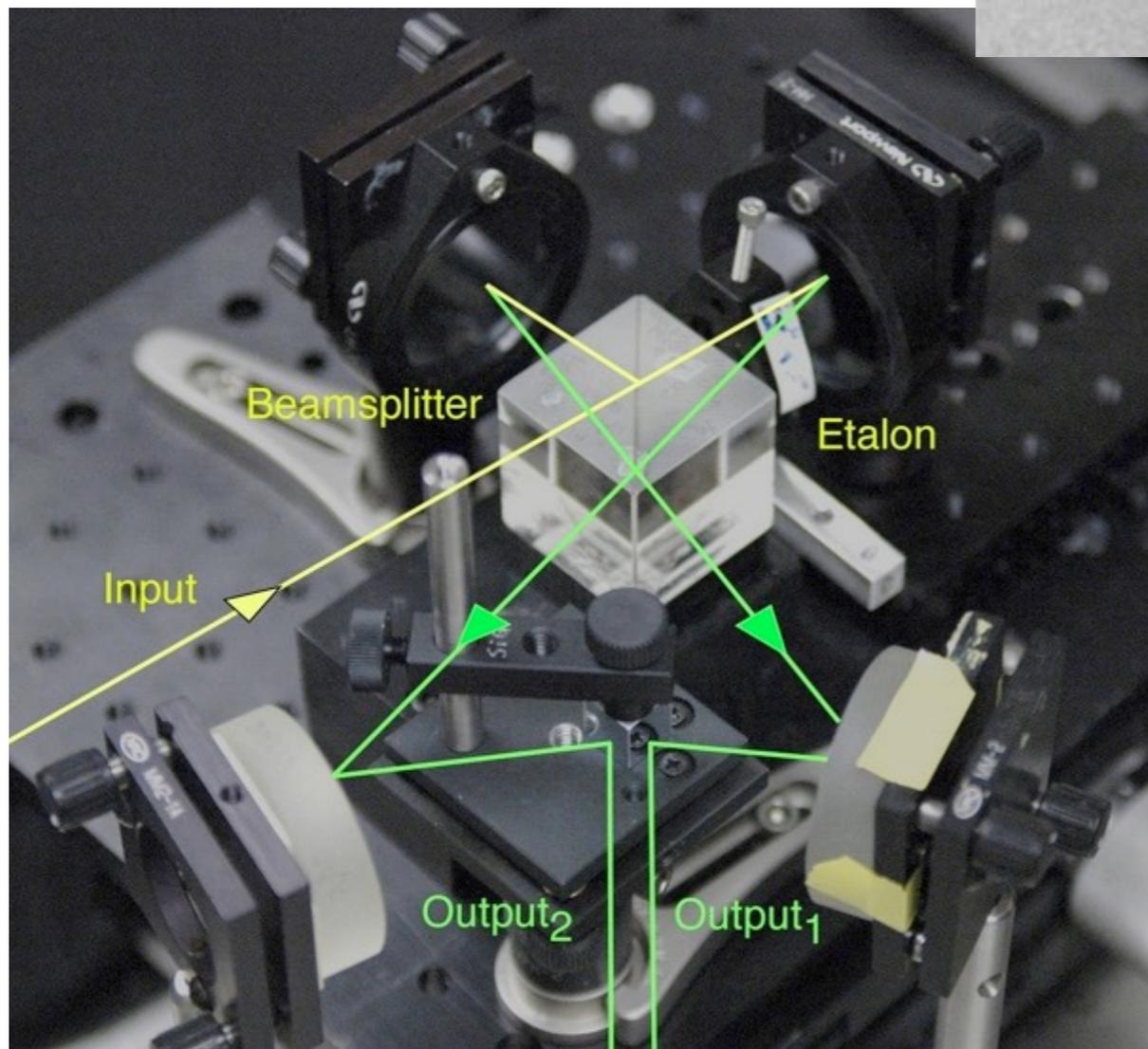
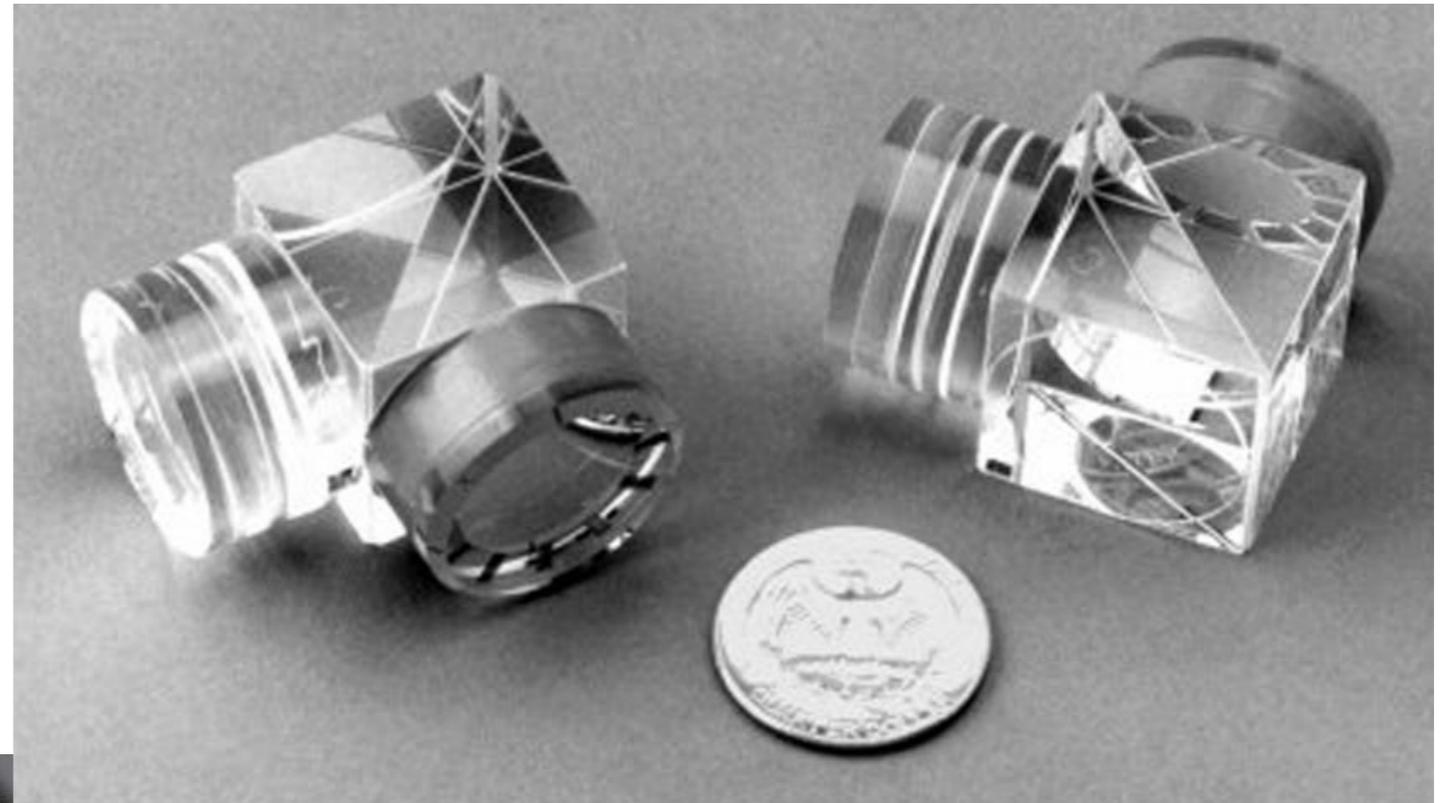
but has insufficient bandwidth for low flux astrophysical sources in visible light



Interferometers can be compact

Few cm size

Monolithic interferometers used
by Nat. Sol. Obs. for Doppler



Dual outputs for high efficiency

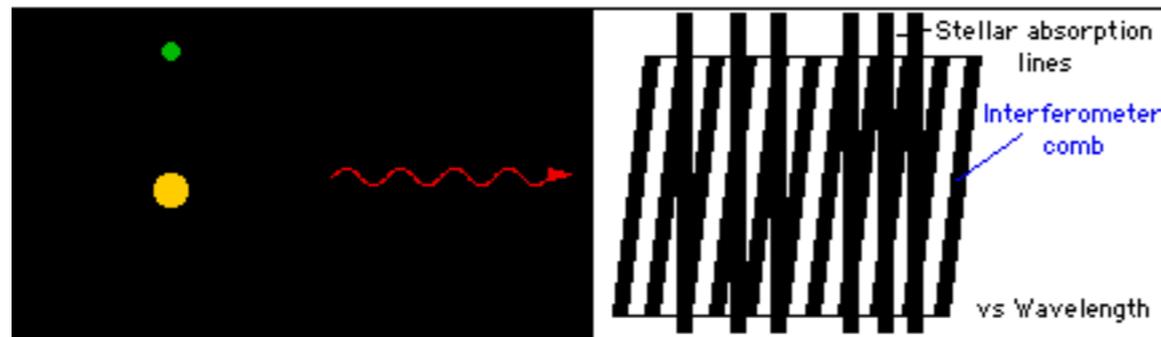
Both complementary outputs can
be directed to spectrograph for
nearly ideal flux efficiency

Solution:

A hybrid method **DISPERSED INTERFEROMETRY (EDI)**

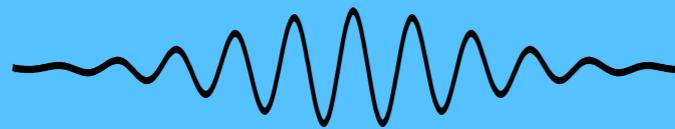
has been demonstrated for Doppler exoplanet search and high resolution spectroscopy

Combines precision and compactness of the interferometer with the high photon light efficiency of a grating

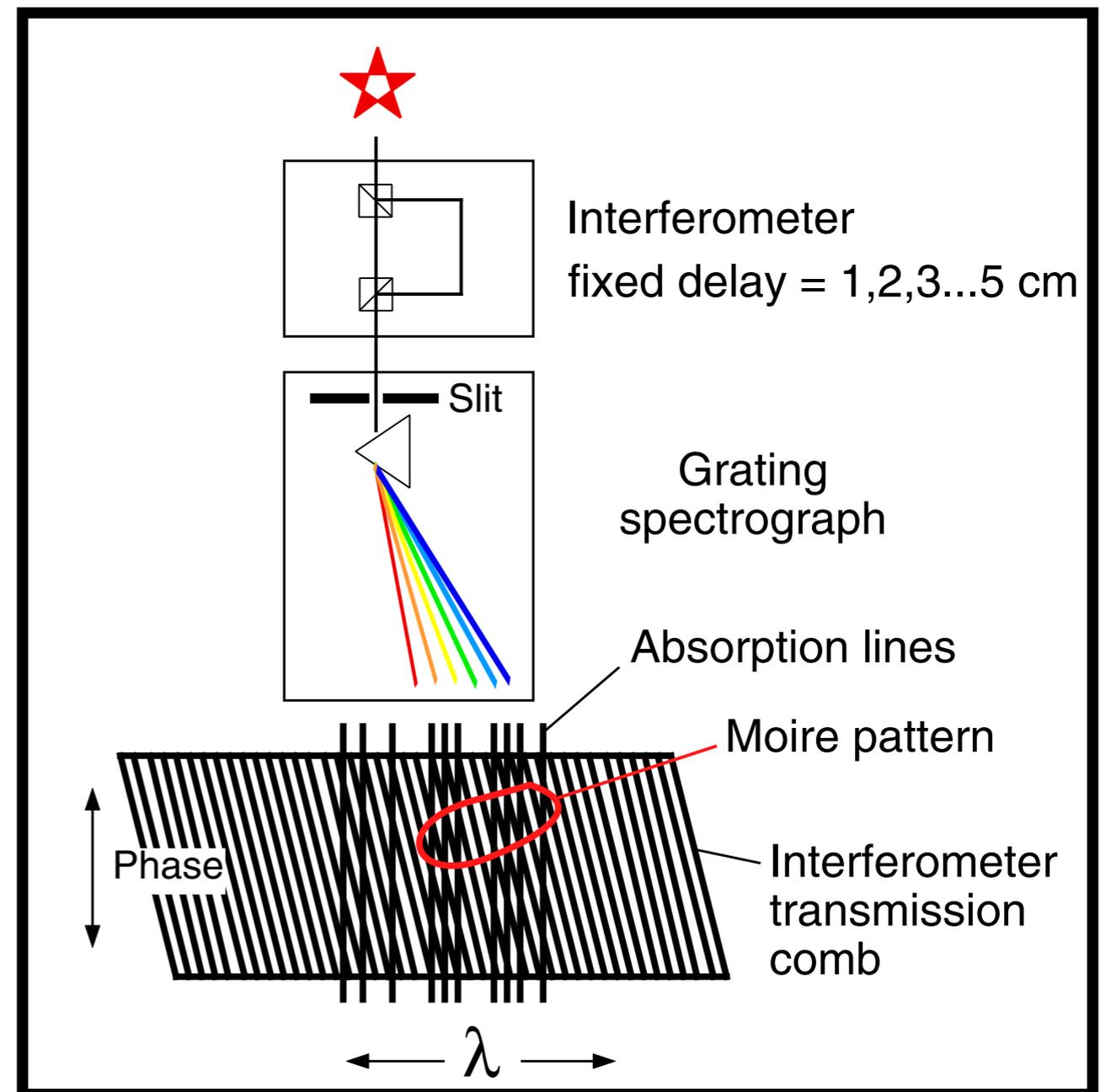


Interferometer has only 3 degrees of freedom

EDI instrument lineshape



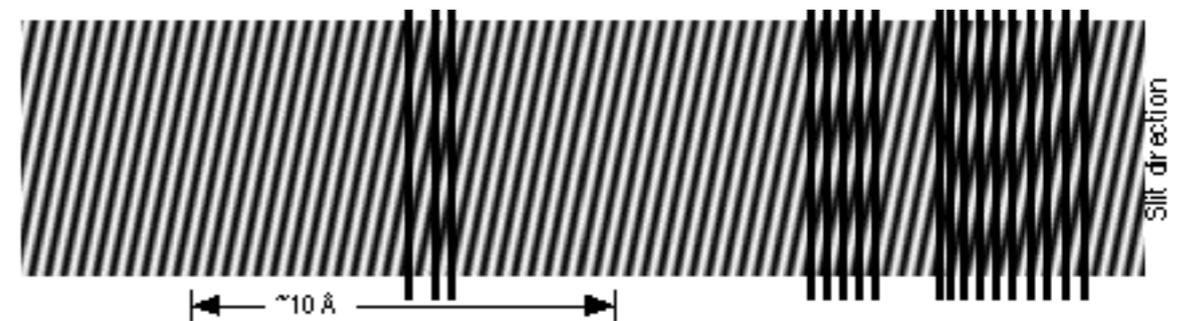
Much easier to measure a precise wavelength



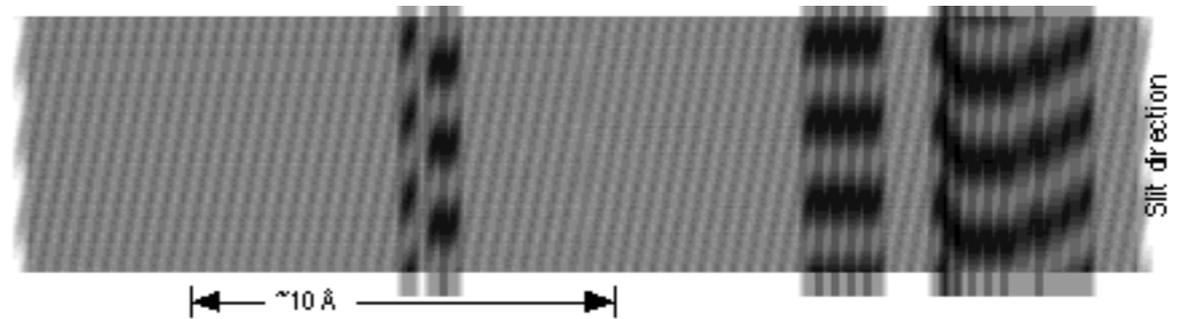
Moire effect allows use of lower resolution gratings

Interferometer comb is tilted here (phase varies spatially across slit) to aid visualization

Unblurred case (high res spectrograph)



Blurred case (low res spectrograph)



High resolution spectrographs not necessary to measure small changes in wavelength

(The interferometer comb does not need to be resolved)

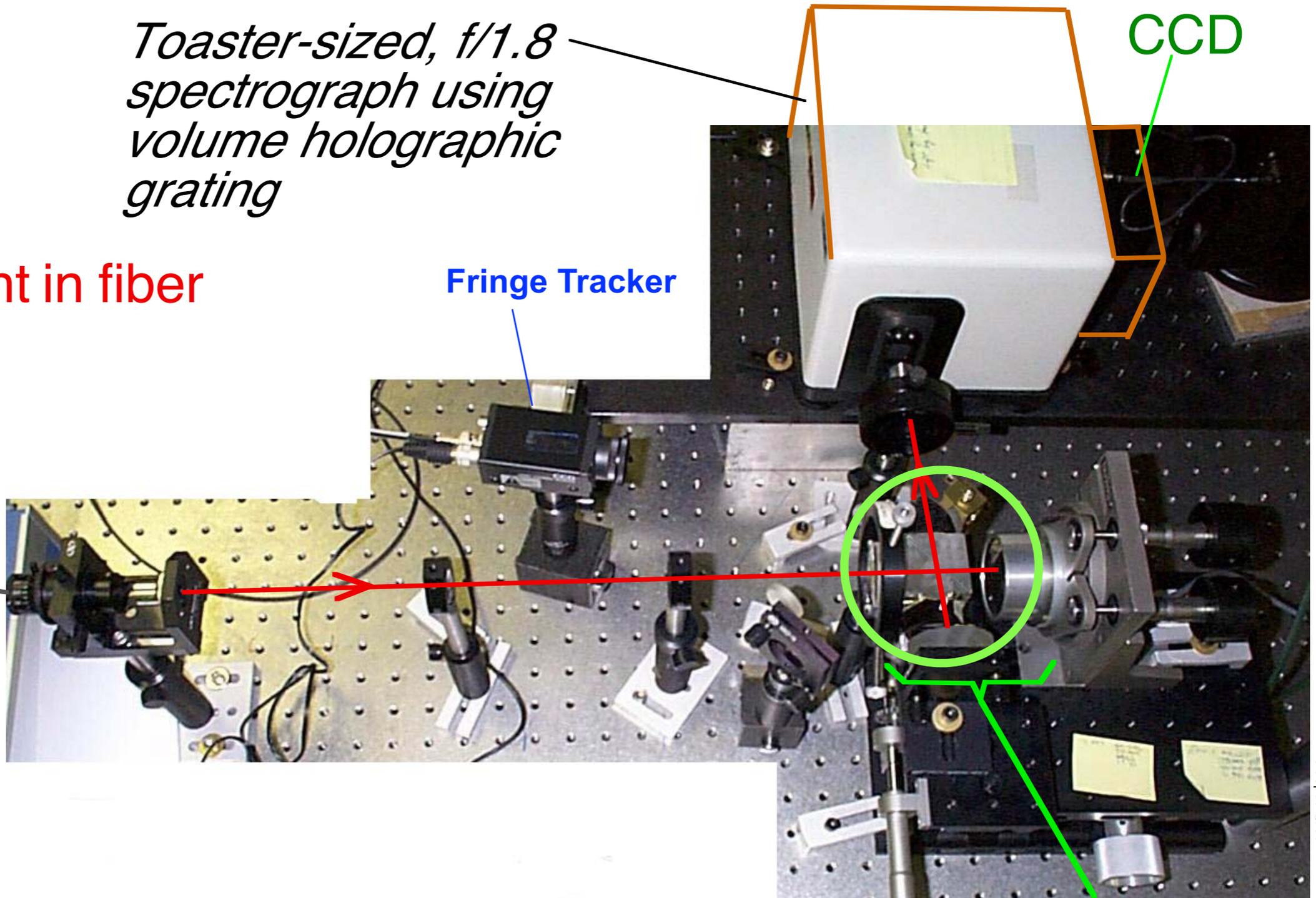
Compact EDI + Disperser (1999)

Toaster-sized, f/1.8 spectrograph using volume holographic grating

Starlight in fiber

Fringe Tracker

CCD

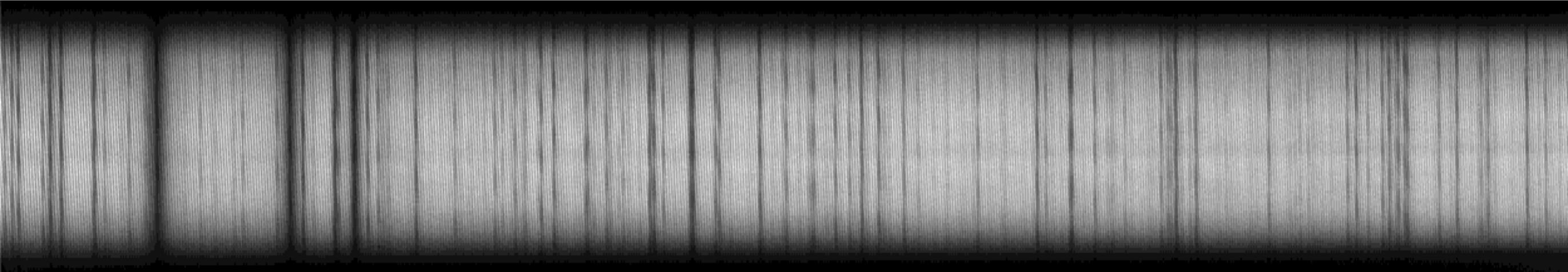


Michelson interf.
11 mm delay

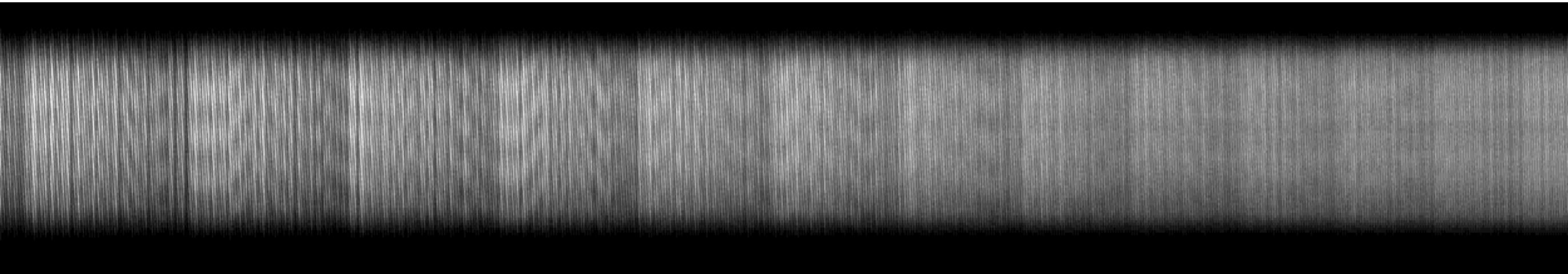
50 cm size

Measured sunlight and iodine data 1998

Sunlight (phase is artificially dithered to simulate Doppler)



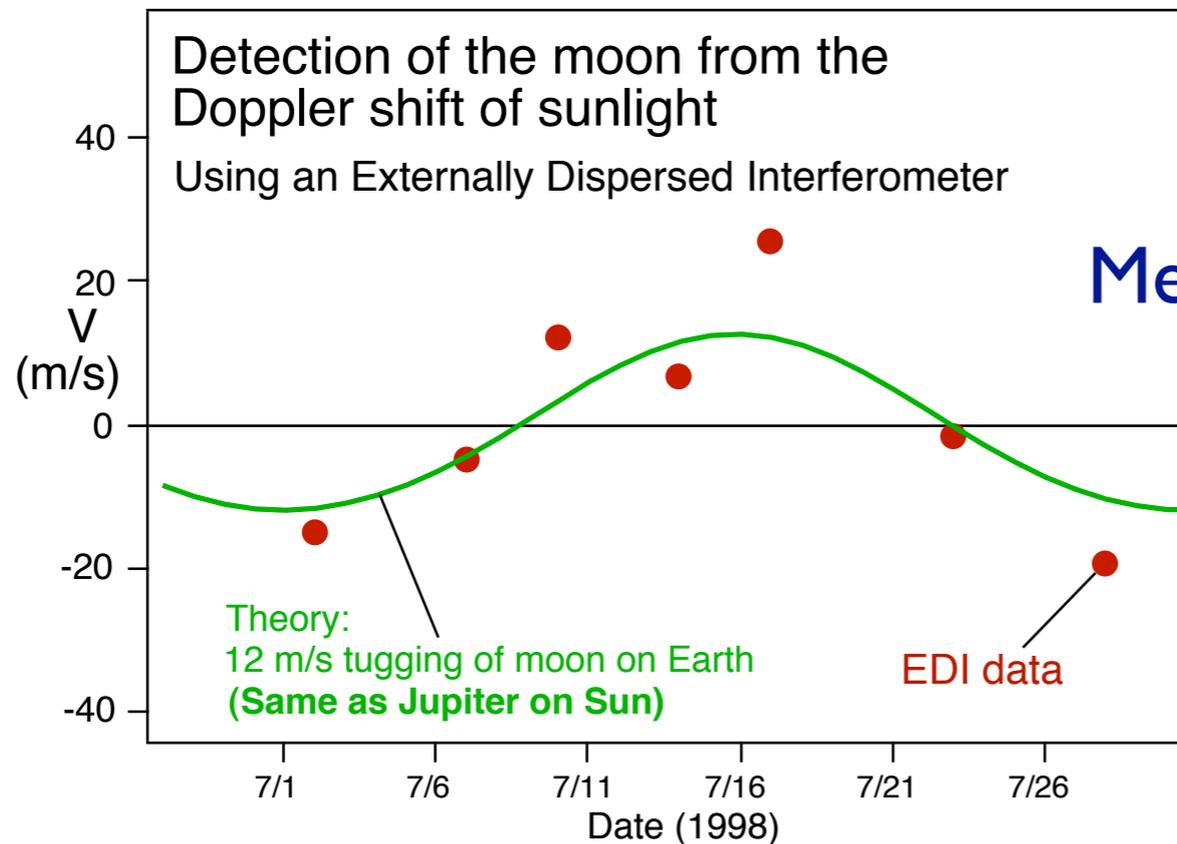
White light through iodine cell



Relative phase shift of (sunlight - iodine) reveals solar motion, independent of interferometer delay drift

1998 single-delay EDI on sunlight, in open air (!)
without vacuum tank or thermal control

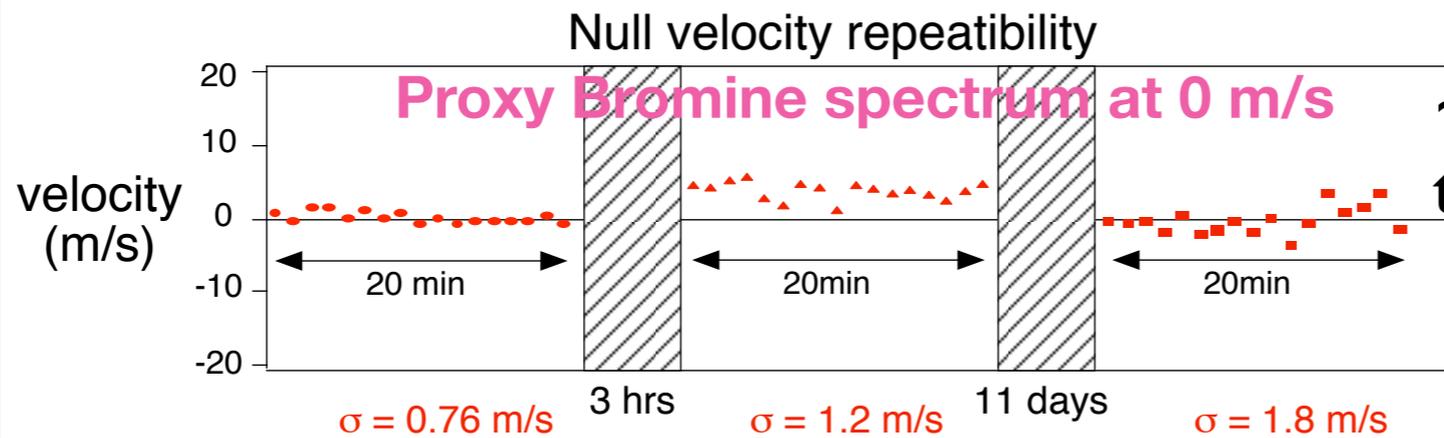
EDI has m/s precision, without environmental controls



1 month test

Measure Moon pulling Earth

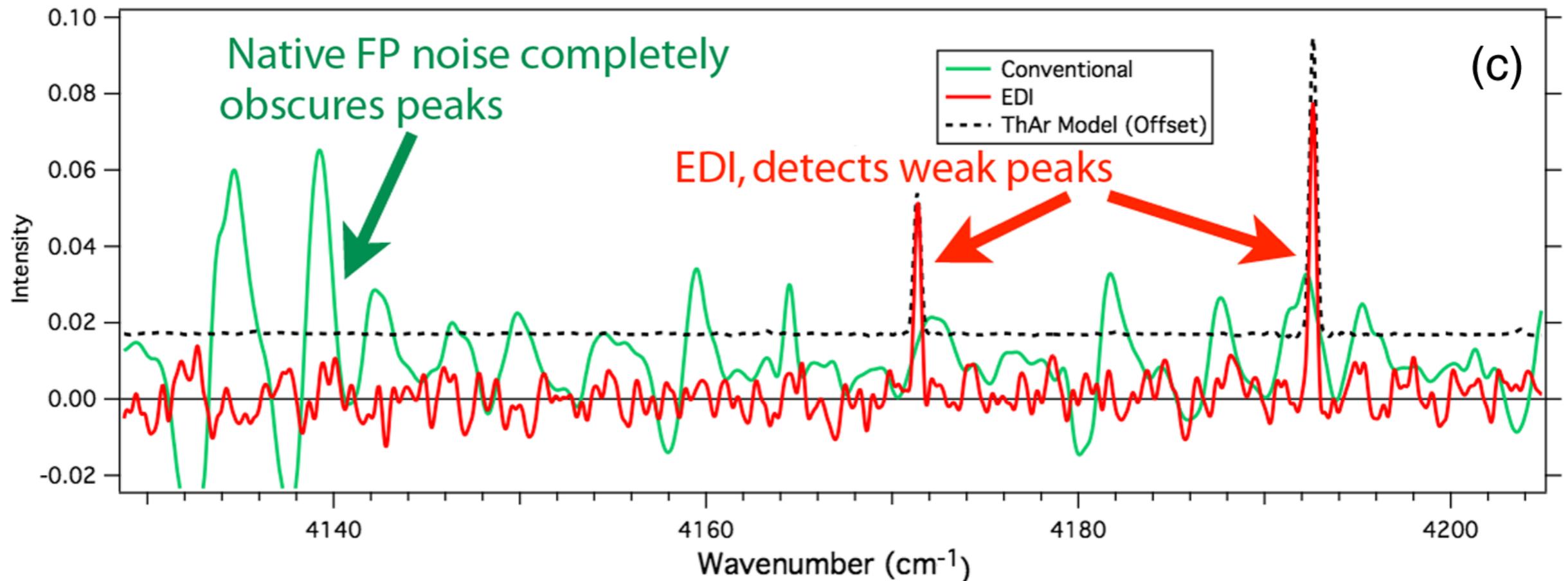
12 m/s amplitude effect



~1 m/s short term stability

Another practical benefit of EDI:

EDI is robust to bad pixels and other FIXED PATTERN (FP) errors because it dithers between 3 exposures comparing differences



Only the EDI curve (red) agrees with ThAr model (black dashes)

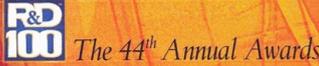
The conventional spectrograph (green) was completely obscured by FP noise

Exoplanets have been discovered with EDI technique in 2005* (HD102195) and 2016** (HD87646)

*J. Ge, J. van Eyken, S. Mahadevan, C. DeWitt, et al., “The first extrasolar planet discovered with a new-generation high-throughput Doppler instrument,” *ApJ* 648, 683–695 (2006), [astro-ph/0605247](https://doi.org/10.1086/50605247).

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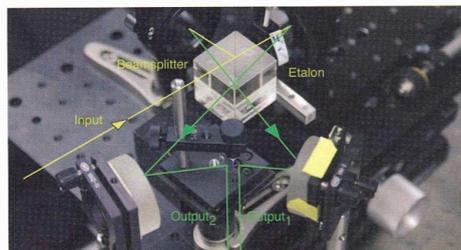
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Finding a Planet in the Stars

One of the most exciting and recent applications of high-resolution spectroscopy has been in the search for planets around distant stars through the measurement of stellar spectra. This Doppler Planet Search has been fully realized with the development of the Externally Dispersed Interferometry (EDI) by David Erskine at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Calif., and Jerry Edelstein in the Space Sciences Laboratory at the Univ. of California, Berkeley.

EDI is dramatically less expensive (\$14,000 vs. \$4 million) for making the highly precision measurements required that will enable the hundreds of medium-sized (~1-m) telescopes around the world to participate in the Doppler Planet Search. Already, EDI has detected the planet around 51 Pegasi and discovered a new planet in the constellation Virgo.

The tugging of a planet orbiting a star causes the star to wobble, with a period of a few days, weeks, or months and an ampli-



tude of 10 to 100 m/sec. This creates a small Doppler shift in the wavelength of the stellar spectrum that acts like a fingerprint relative to a spectral reference. The EDI has the precision to detect this precision through its combination of a wide-angle fixed-delay interferometer and a dispersive spectro-

graph. The Doppler measurement is performed by the interferometer which creates non-overlapping fringes that are embedded in the spectrum created, thus resulting in a Doppler measurement that is up to 10,000 times more robust than competing systems.

► More info: www.llnl.gov

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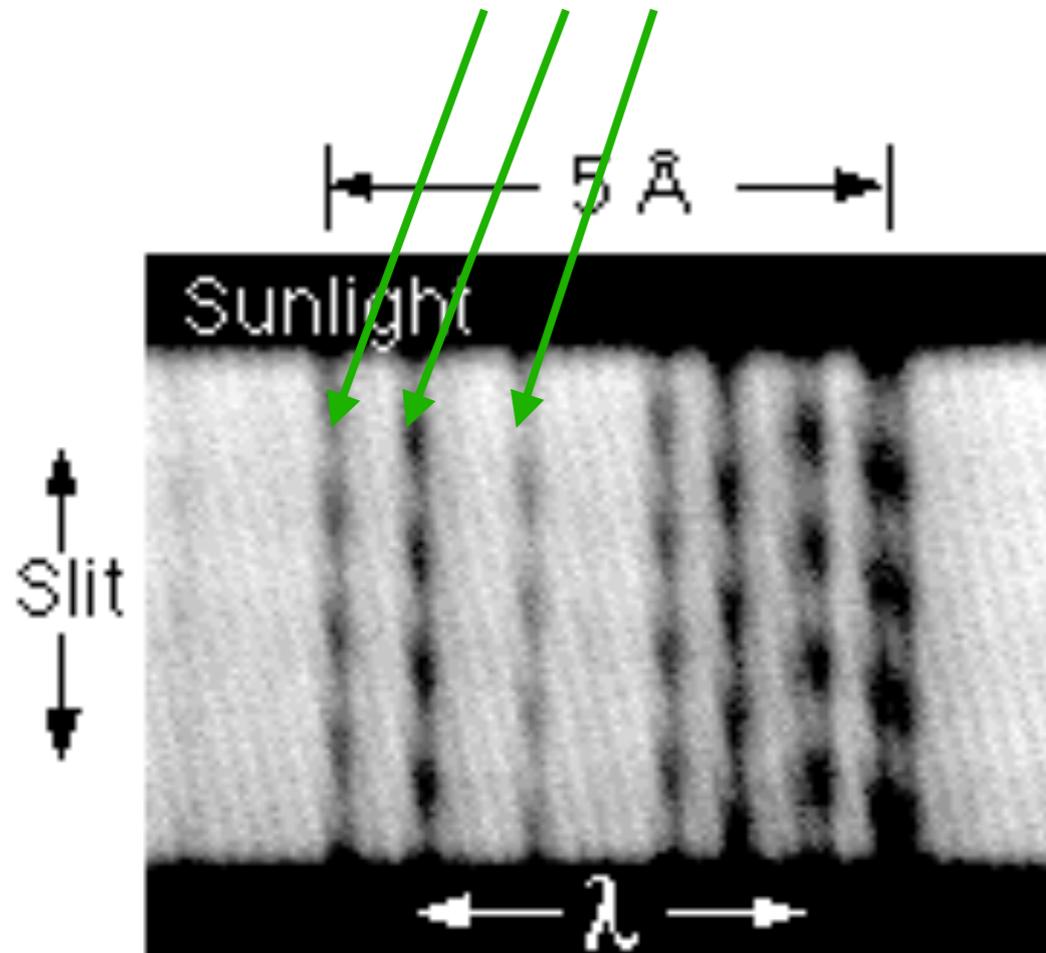
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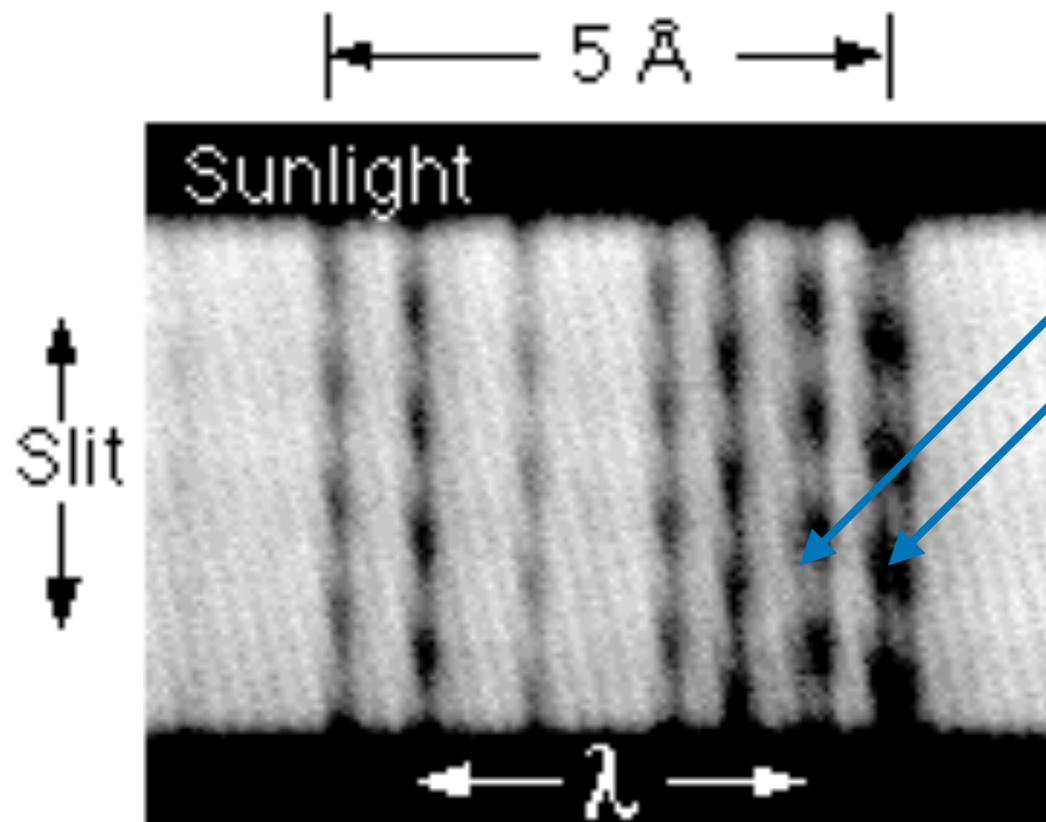
Motivation for the 2018 Crossfading improvement

ISOLATED spectral lines are extremely stable with EDI under Δx drift



Since input spectrum is married to interferometer transmission comb and drifts same amount on detector horizontally

Motivation for the 2018 Crossfading improvement



Problem: BLENDED lines produce a small phase reaction to a Δx drift

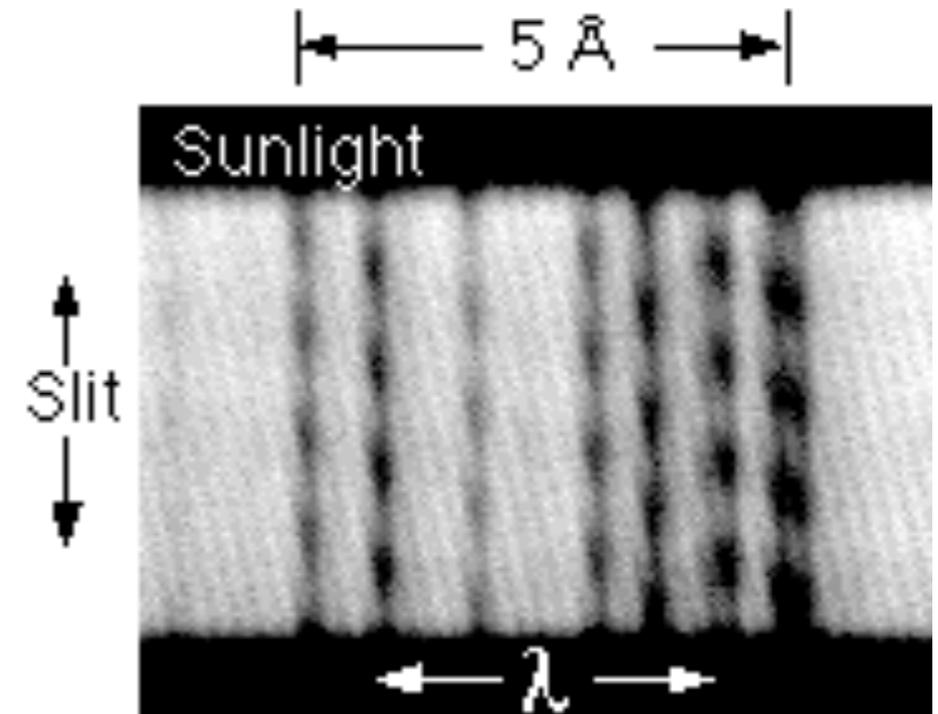
(This reaction for EDI is already $\sim 10x$ smaller than for conventional spectrographs).

But we discovered we can make it even smaller with crossfading!

Motivation: Blended features can convert an instrumental wavelength shift into a phase error

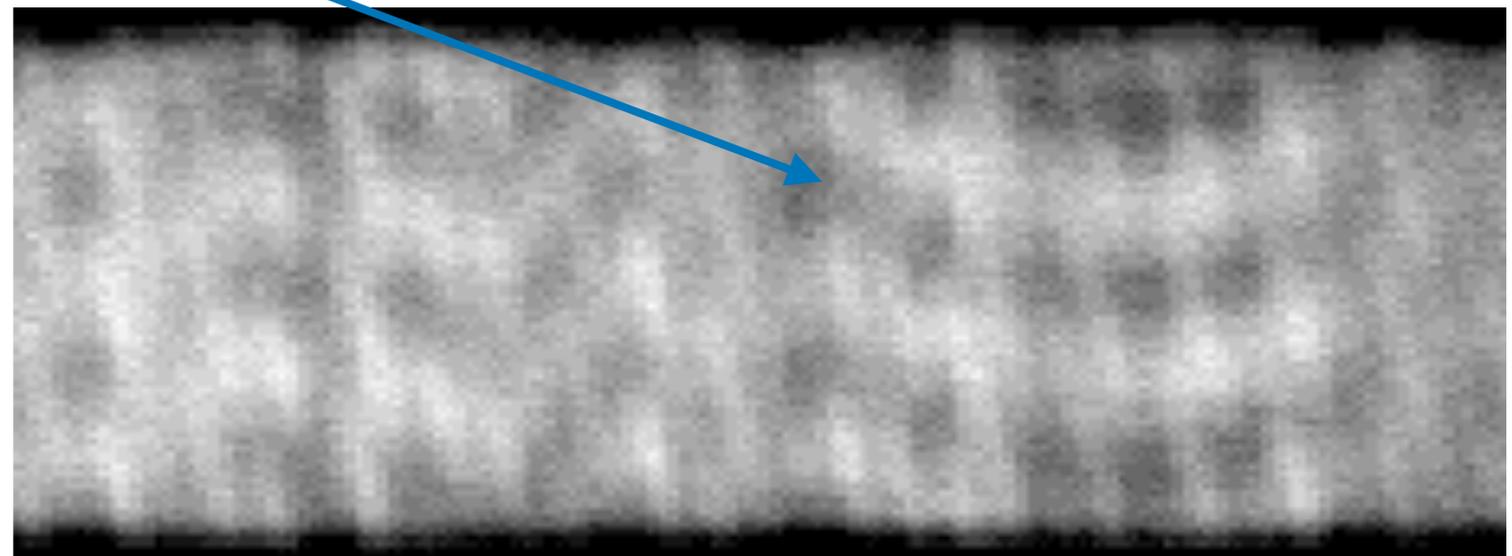
Example EDI data

Sunlight

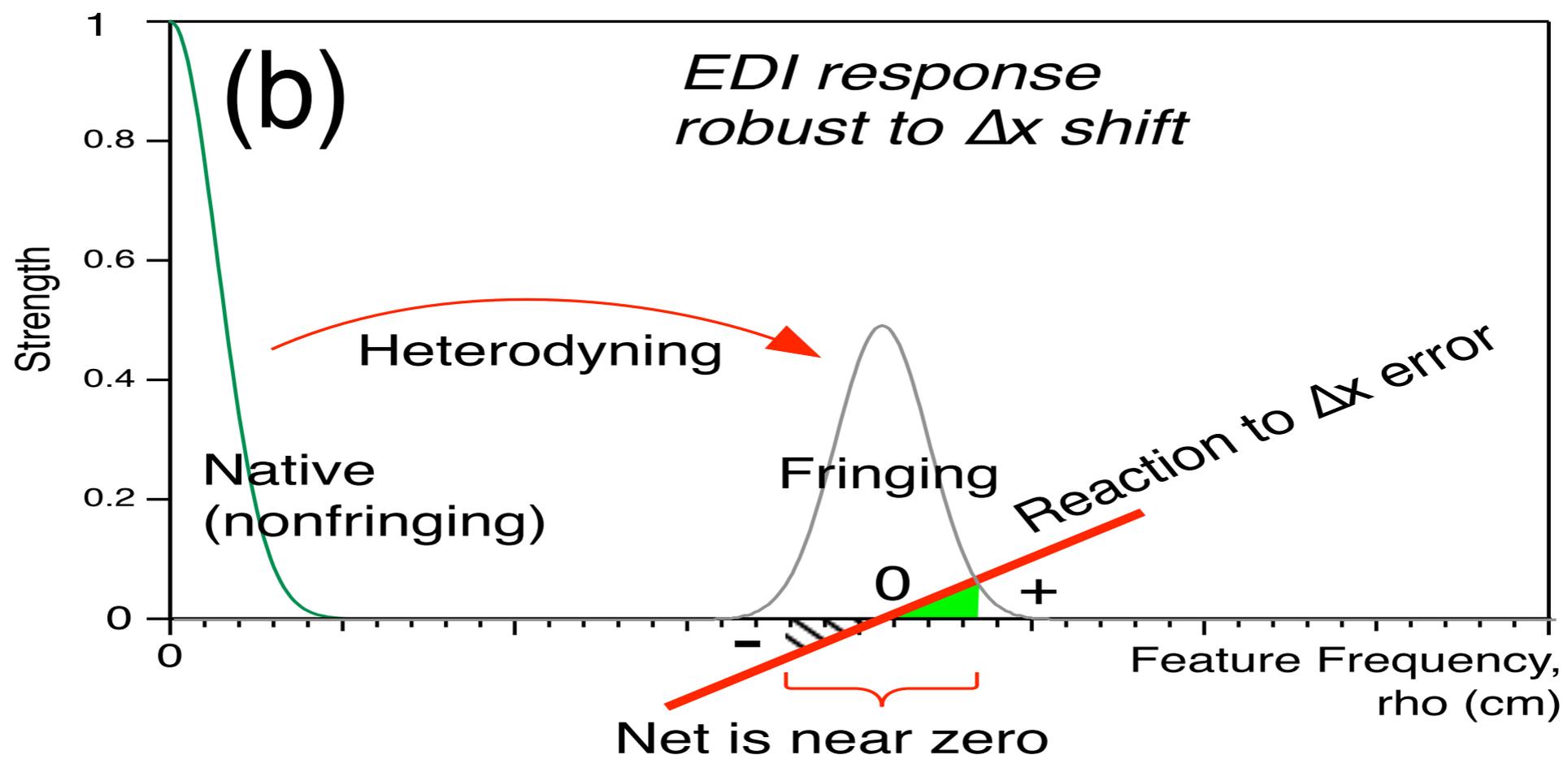
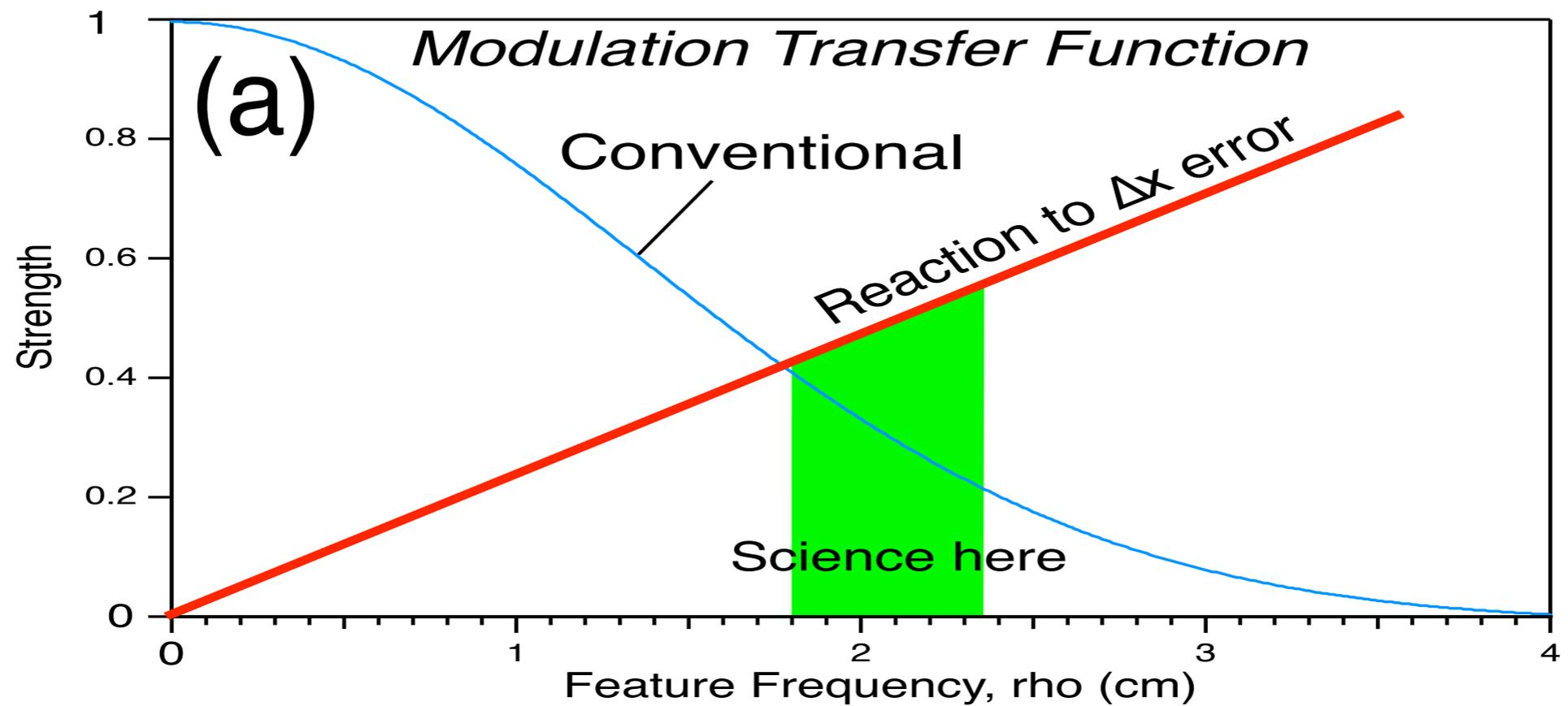


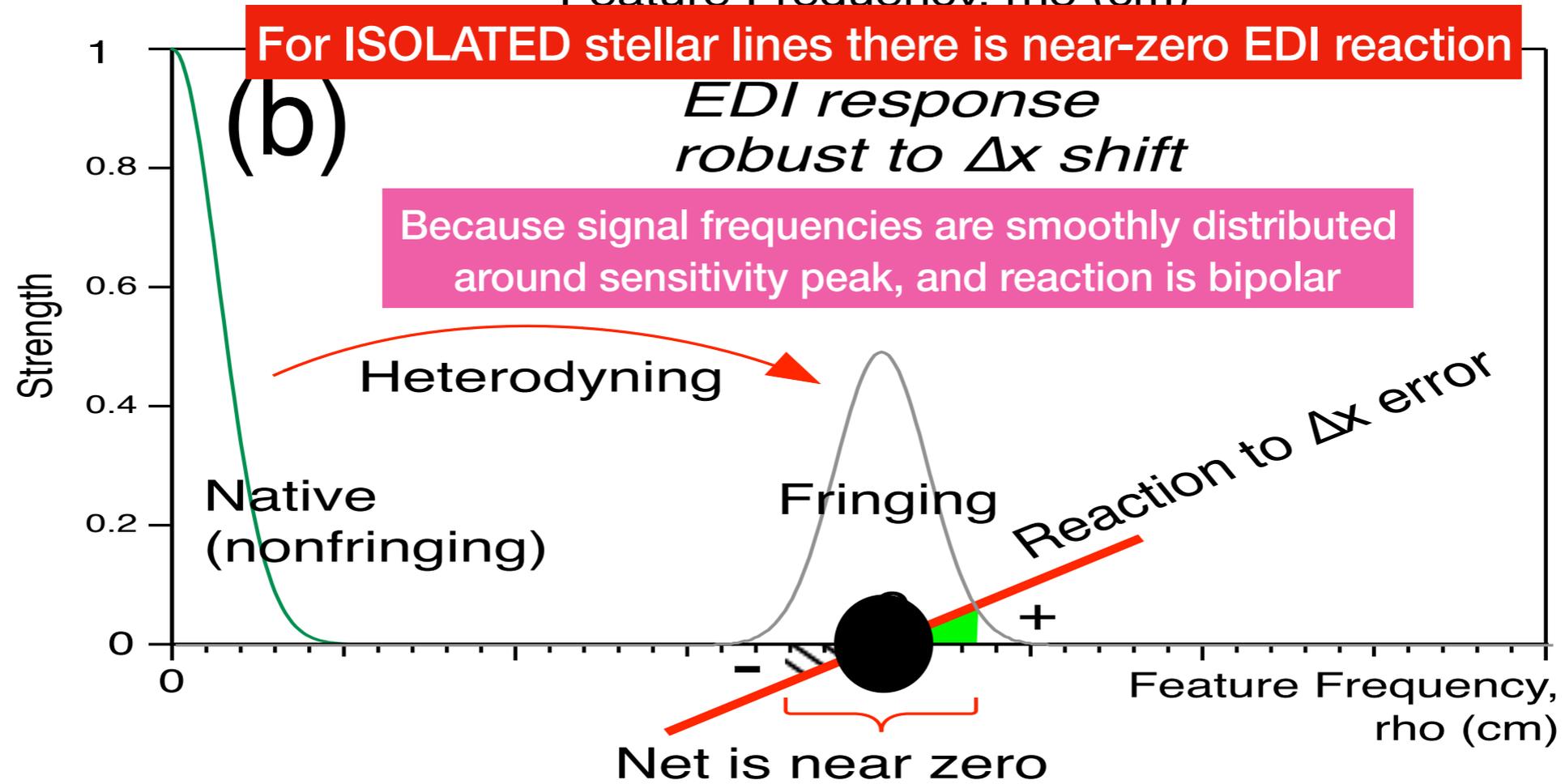
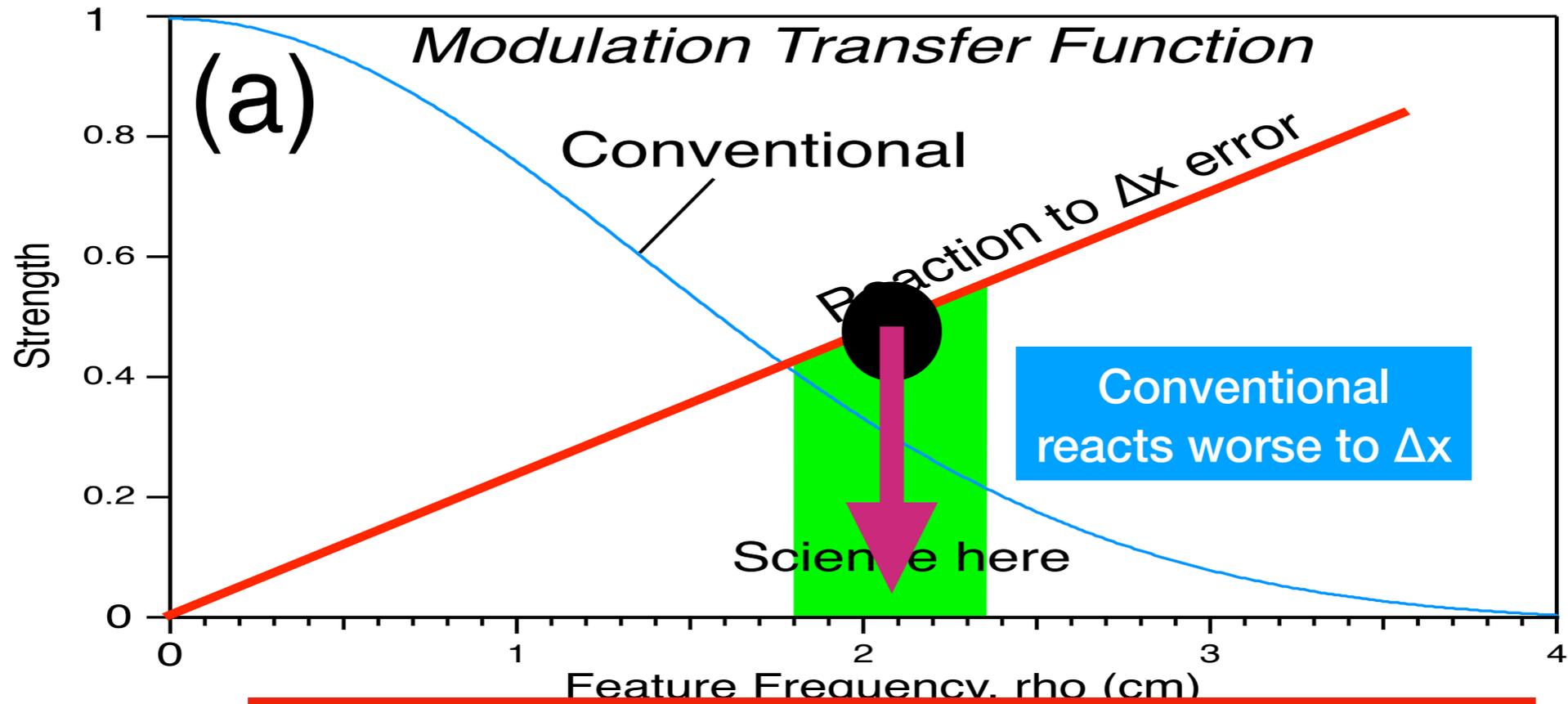
“Smile” feature is a set of blended lines
Slopes in the Moire are the problem

Iodine

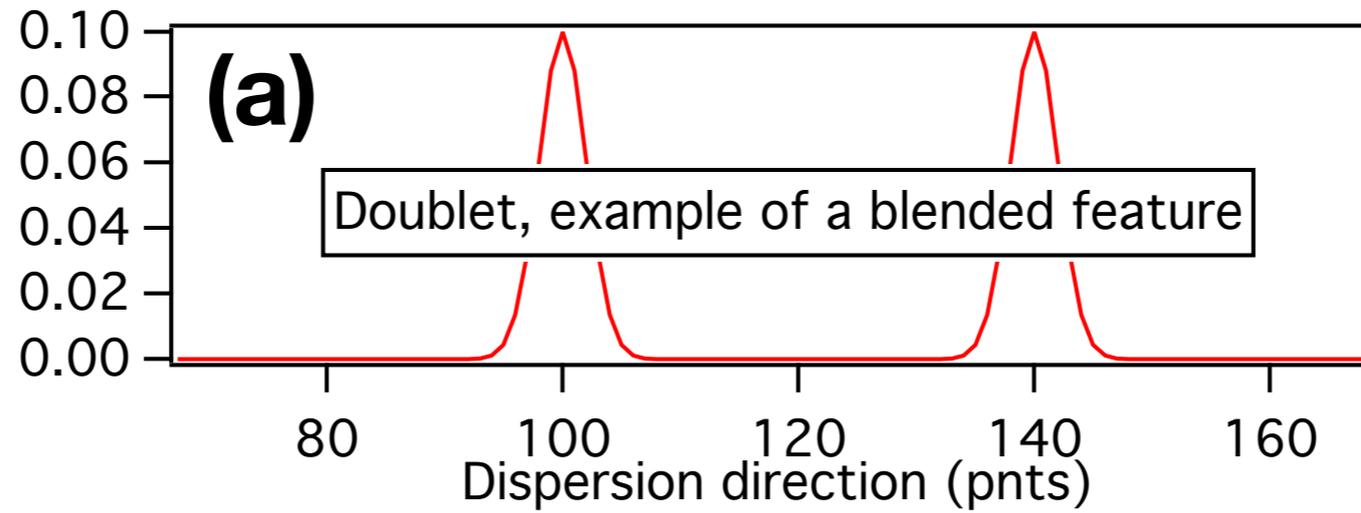


Wavelength (Δx) drift viewed in Fourier space

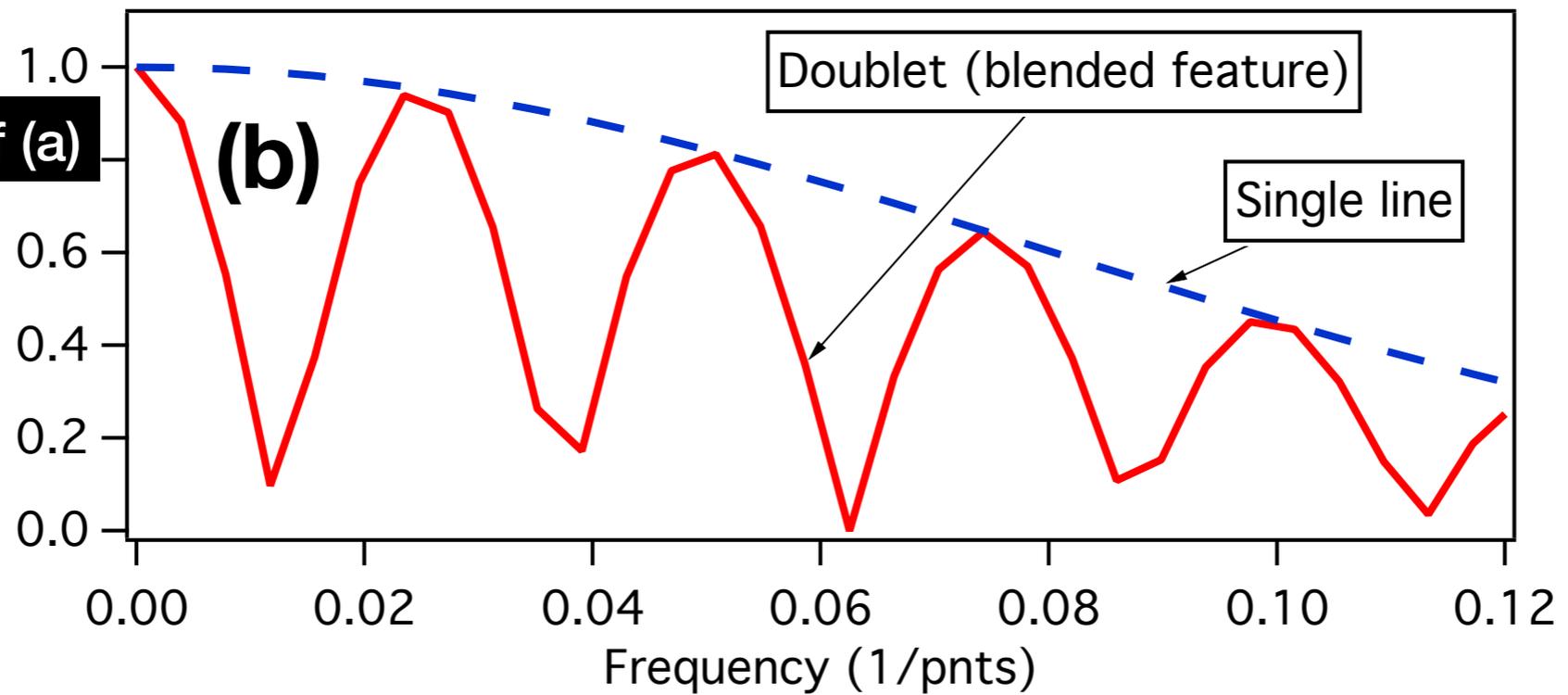


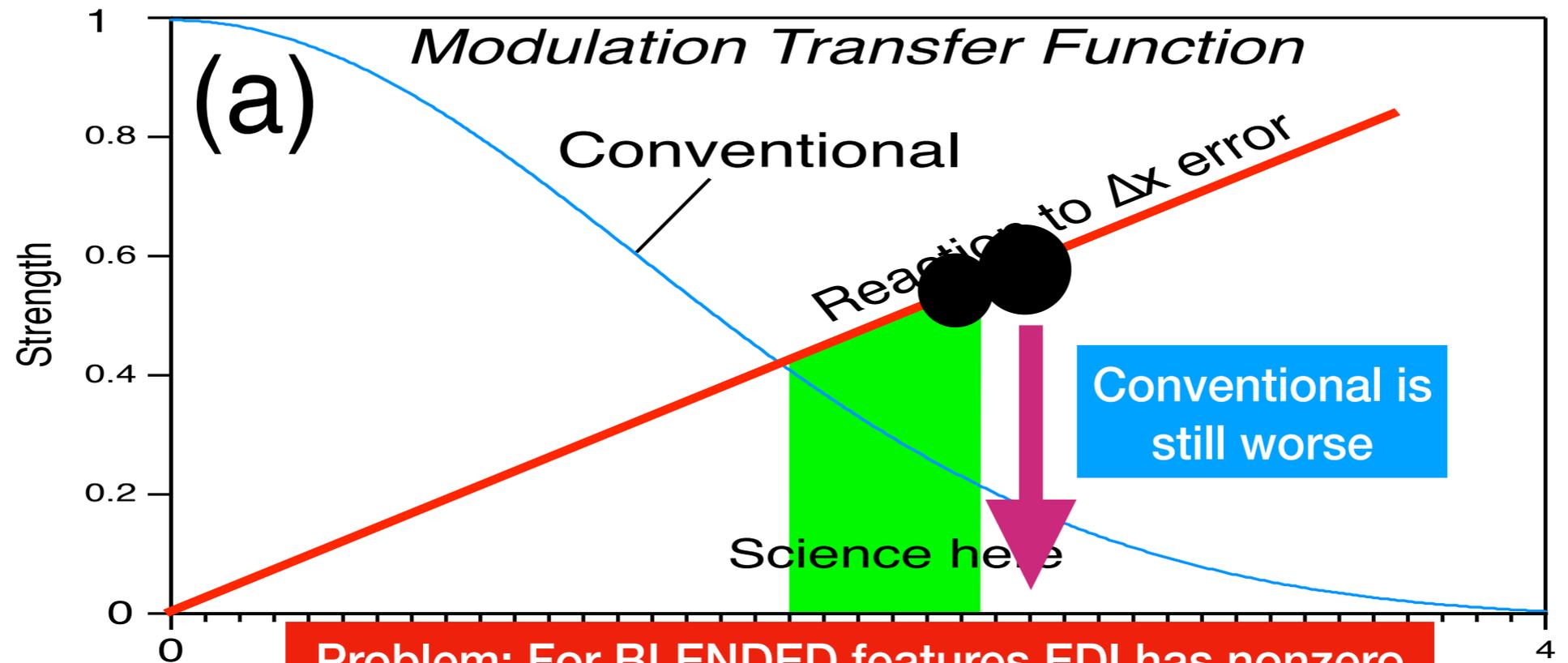


However BLENDED features have LUMPY frequency distributions

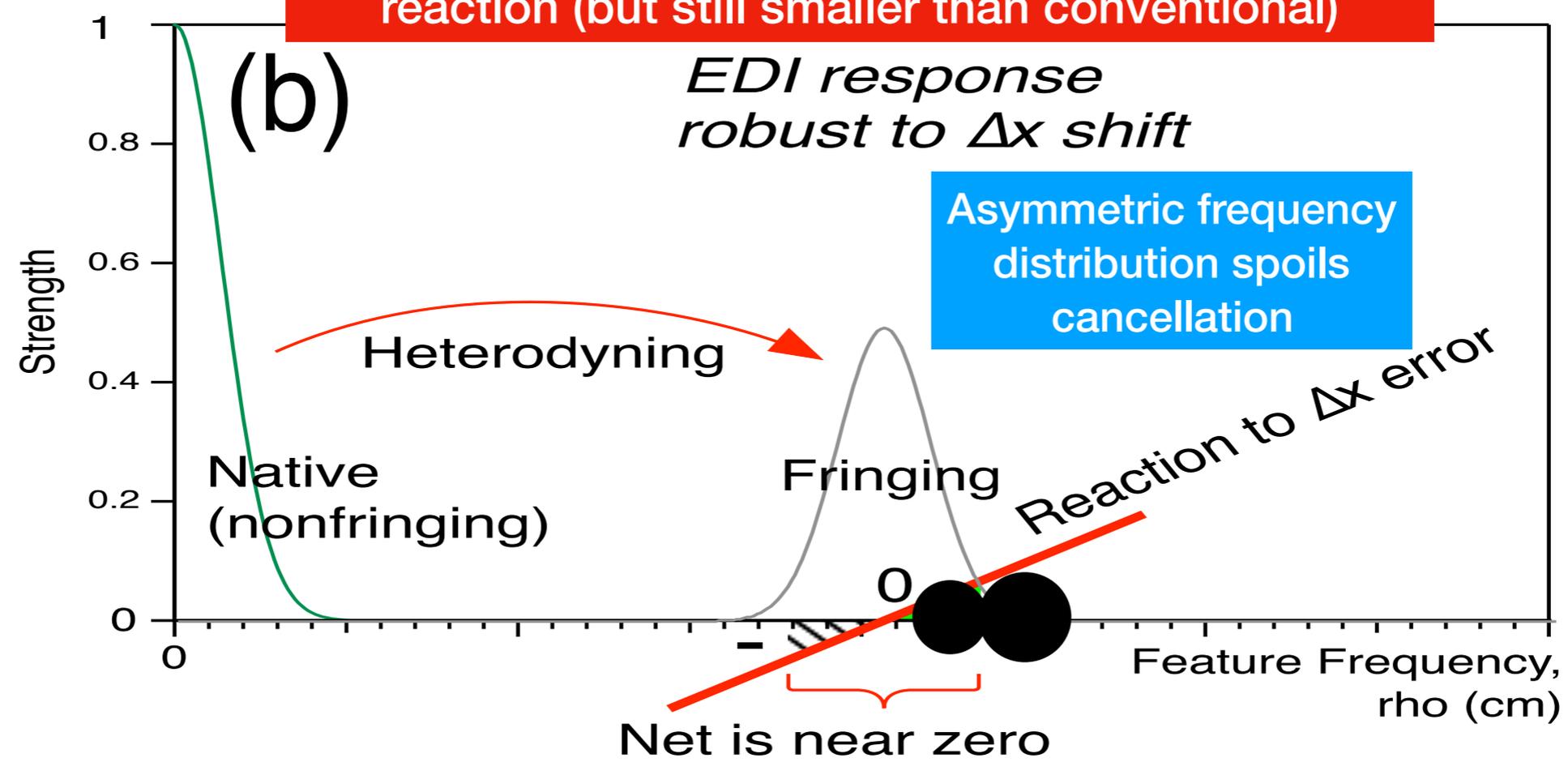


Fourier transform of (a)





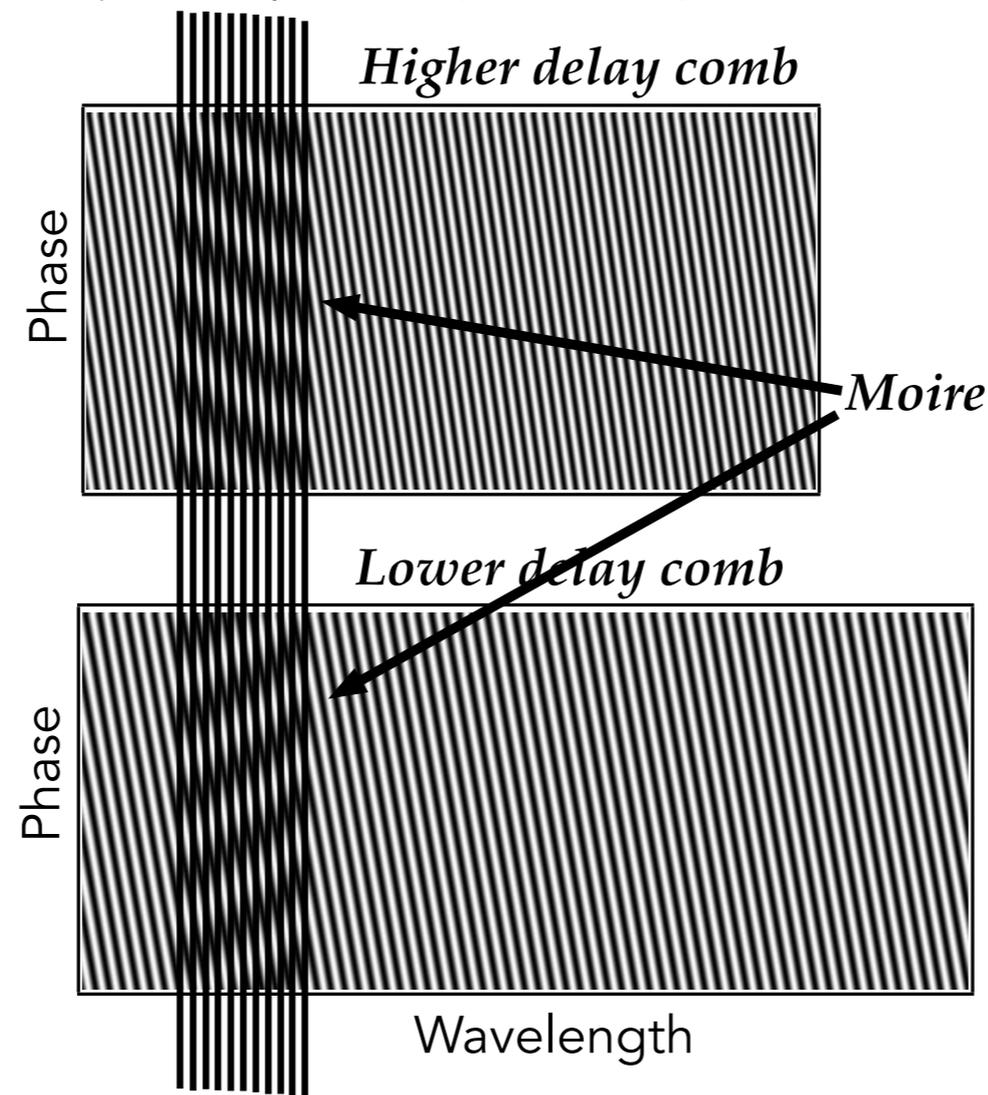
Problem: For BLENDED features EDI has nonzero reaction (but still smaller than conventional)



Crossfading: Strategically weighted, we CANCEL net reaction to wavelength drift Δx

These Moire patterns have opposite slopes for high and low delay interferometers

Spectral feature (Blended)



The pair is robust to wavelength drift Δx

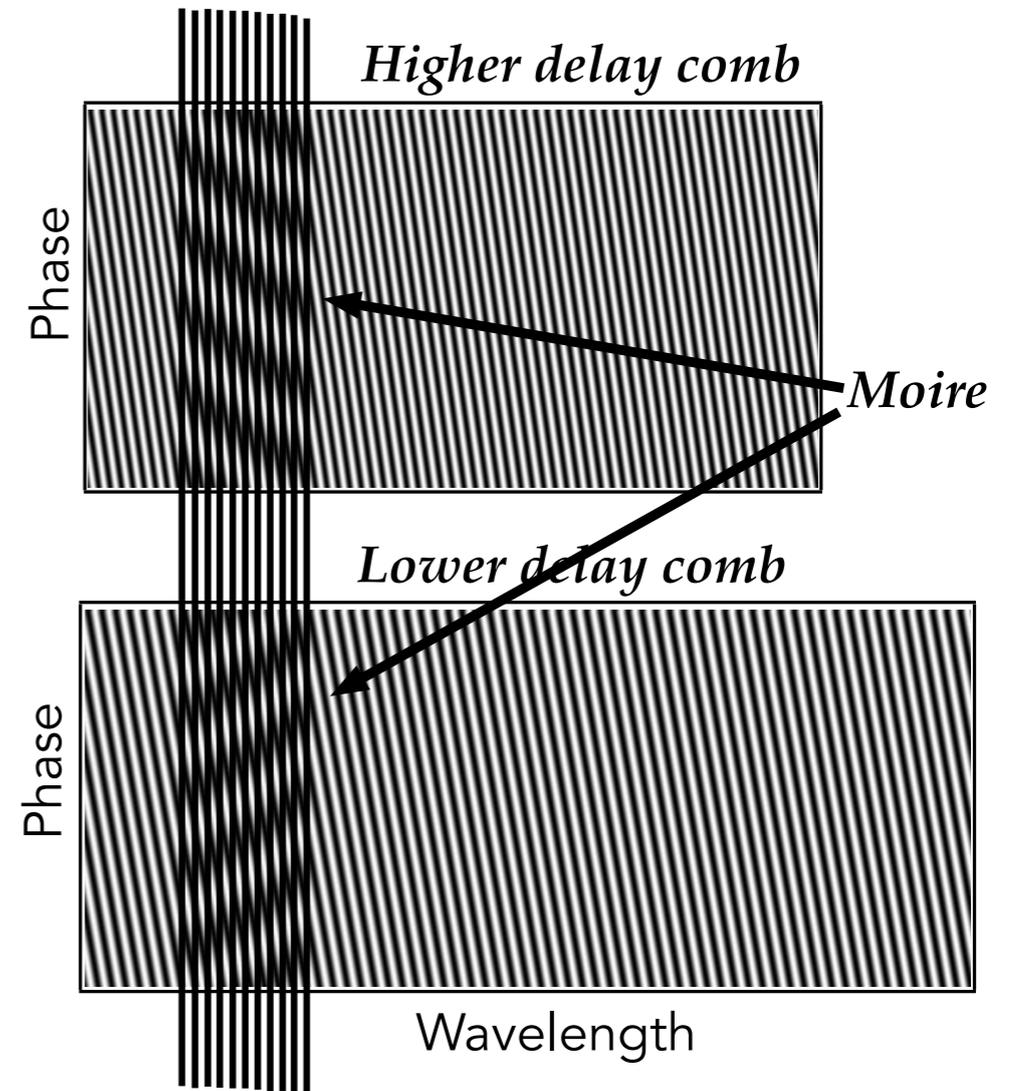
Solution: Crossfading between two or more overlapping delays

X-fading idea: Using pairs of high & low delays we can CANCEL wavelength drift Δx

(Case of 2 delays)

These Moire patterns have opposite slopes for high and low delay interferometers

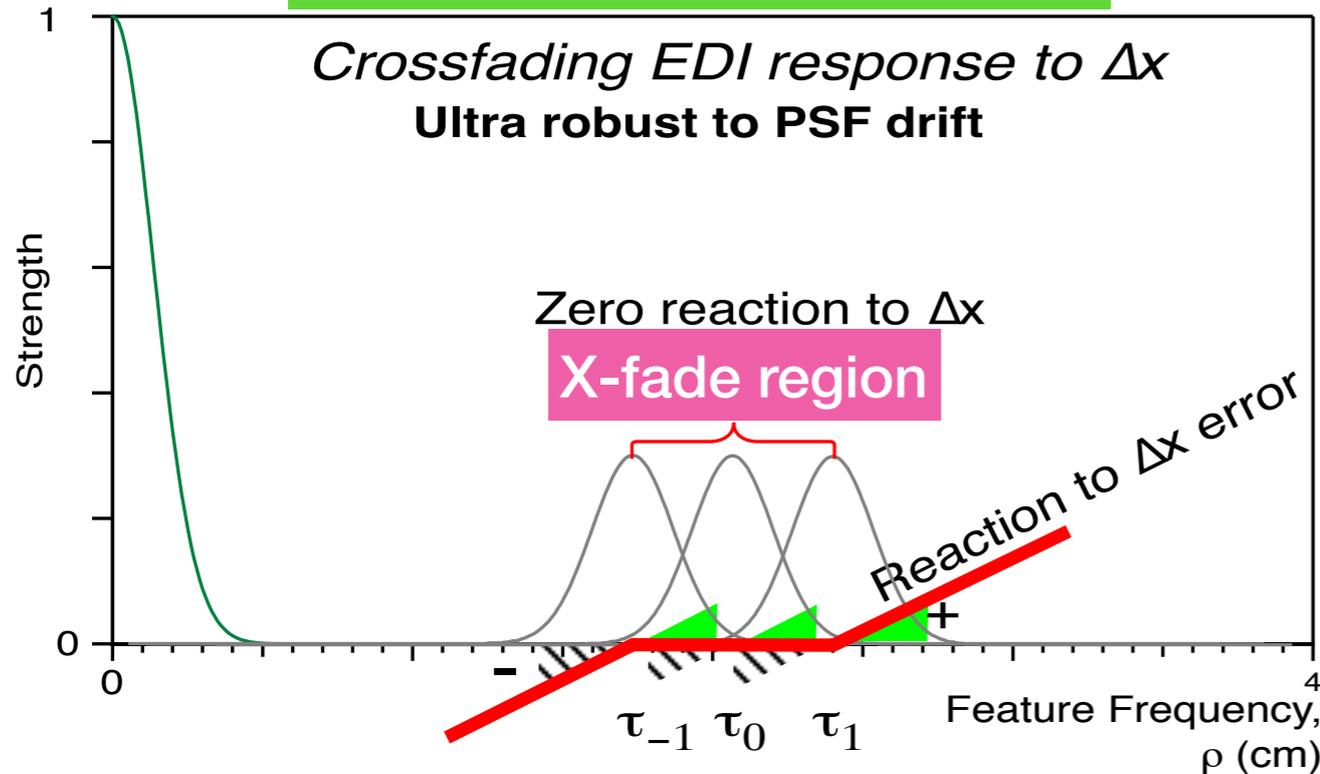
Spectral feature (Blended)



The pair is robust to wavelength drift Δx

(Case of 3 delays)

Frequency response of X-EDI



X-fading concept realized in 2014, 3 years after EDI data taking ended in 2011. X-fading software made practical by 2018.

Means for achieving simultaneous drift Δx on all delays

Side view

Stepped mirror

Stepped etalon

Intrf.

Relay lens

Grating spectrograph

CCD

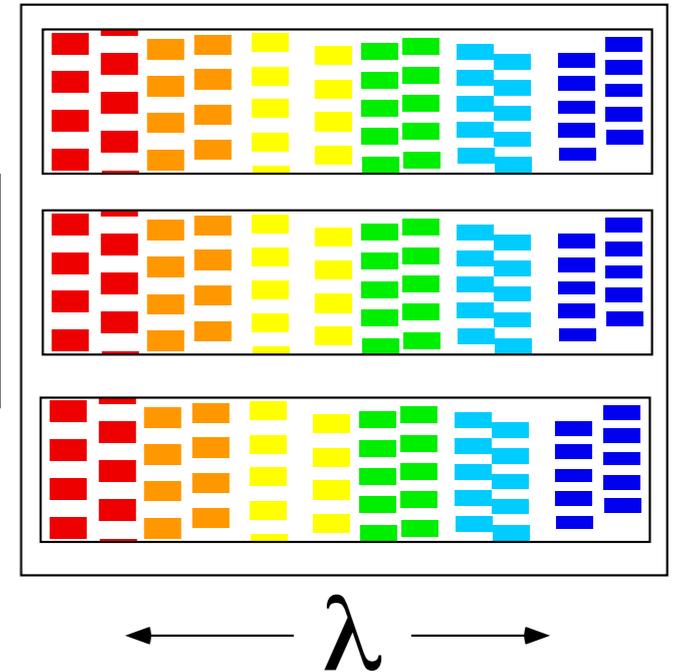
Slit

Delays

$\tau_a = 0.3$ cm

$\tau_b = 0.6$ cm

$\tau_c = 0.9$ cm etc.



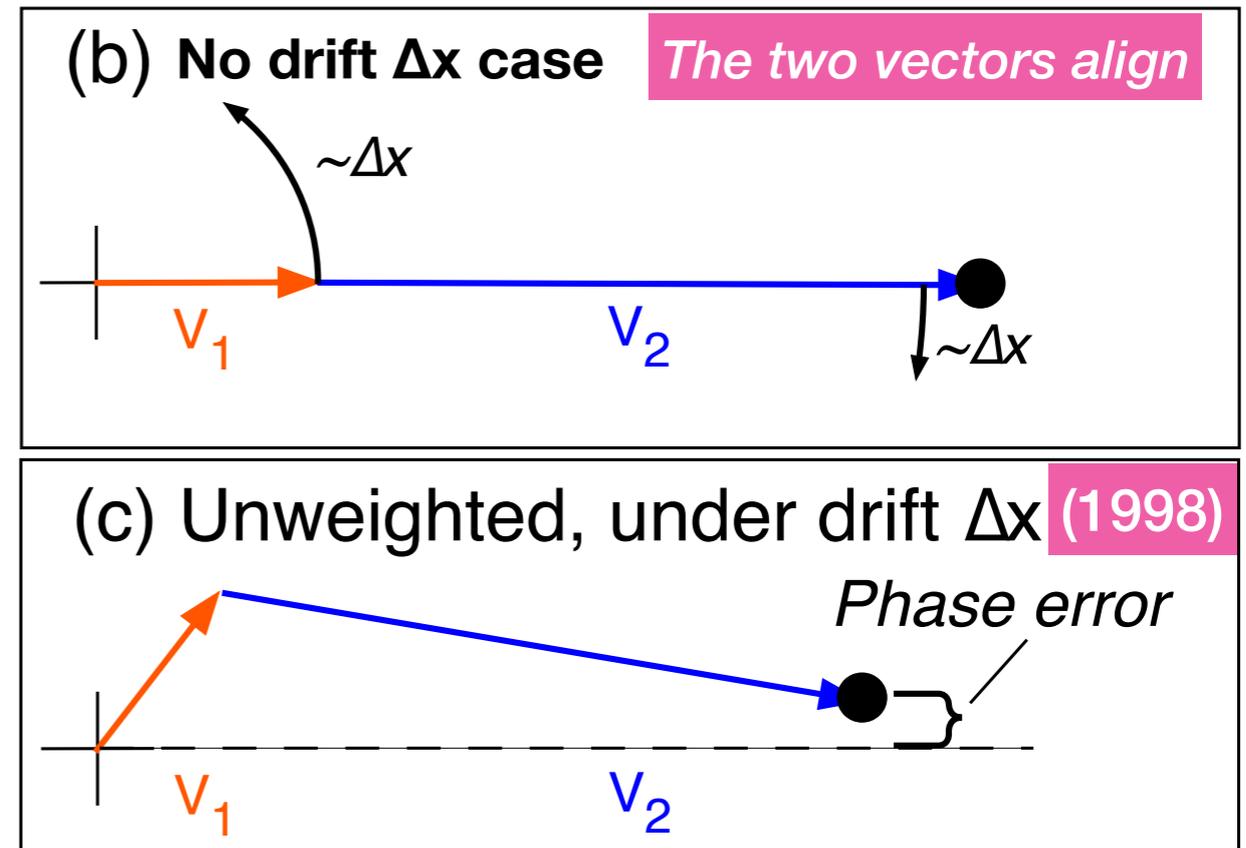
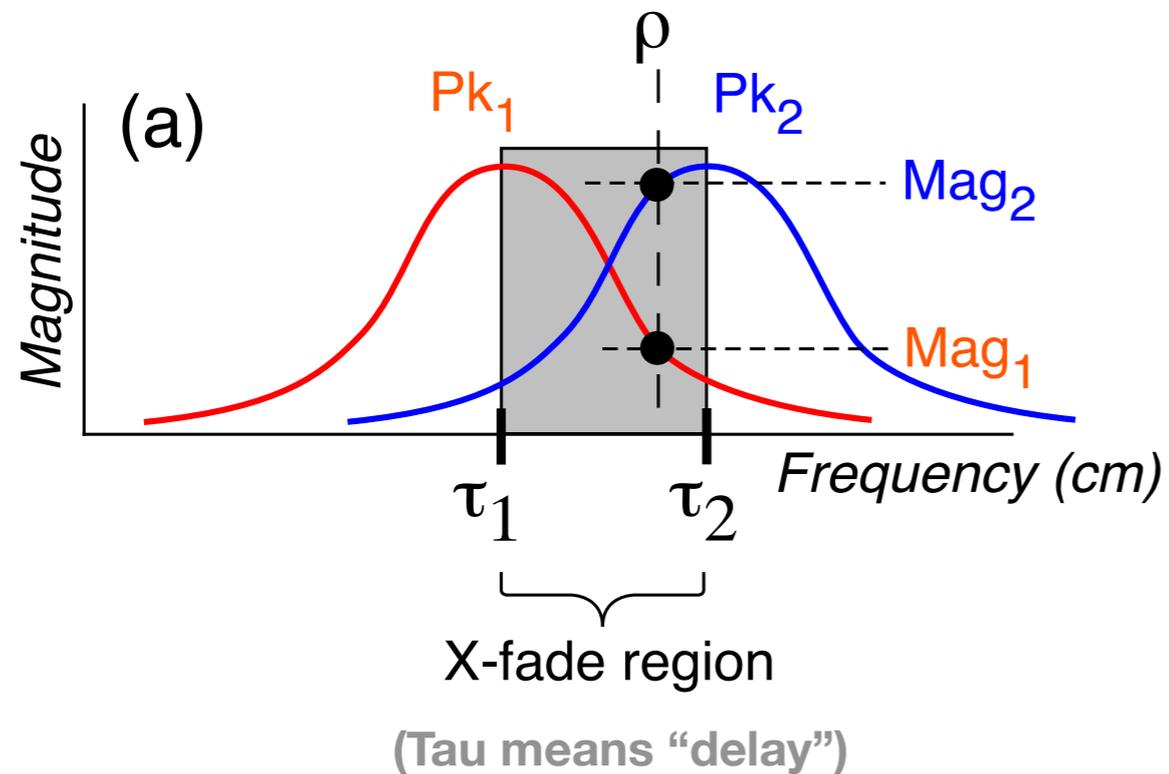
(Etalons are glass slabs creating delay)

Scheme for an interferometer with multiple pairs of simultaneous delays, since ideal crossfading cancellation requires the same drift for each of the two delays.

The high and low frequency portions of sensitivity peaks twist phase in **OPPOSITE** directions, under wavelength drift Δx

Frequency response of X-EDI

Modulation Transfer Function



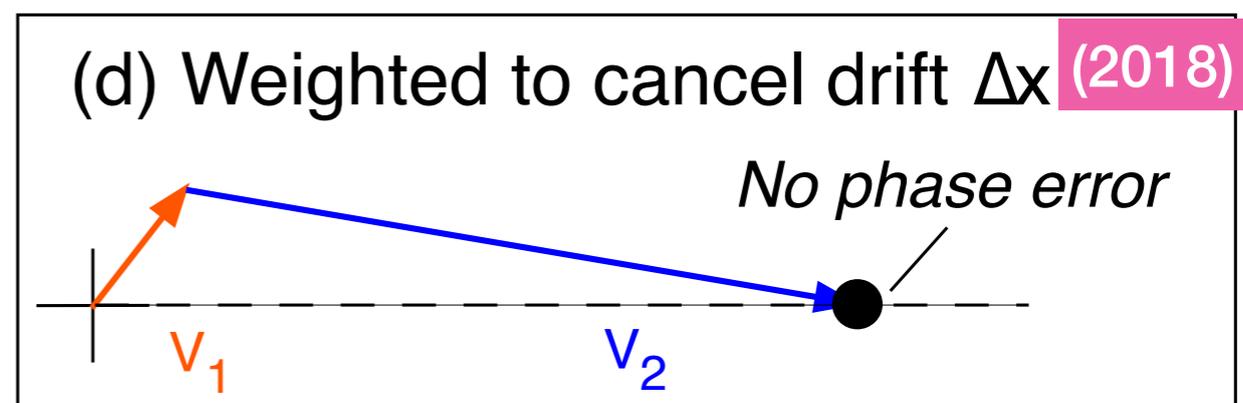
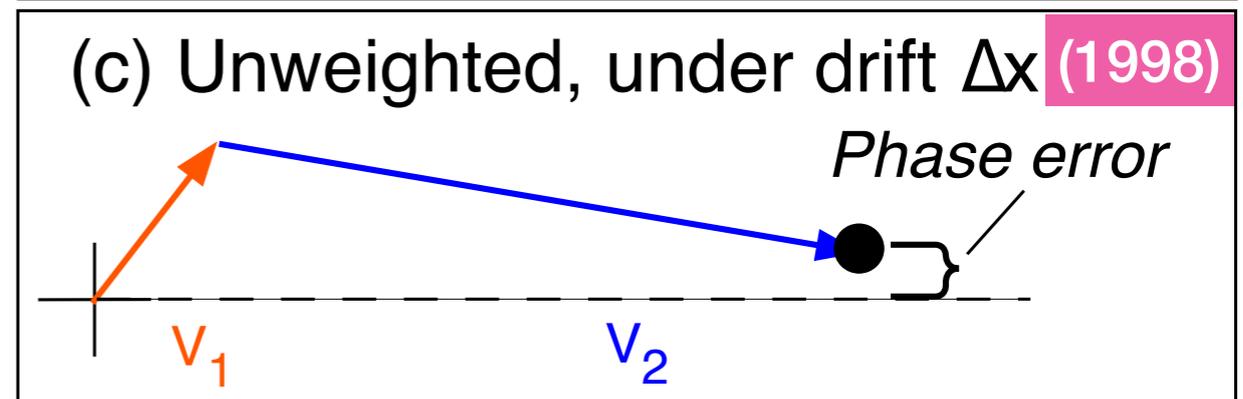
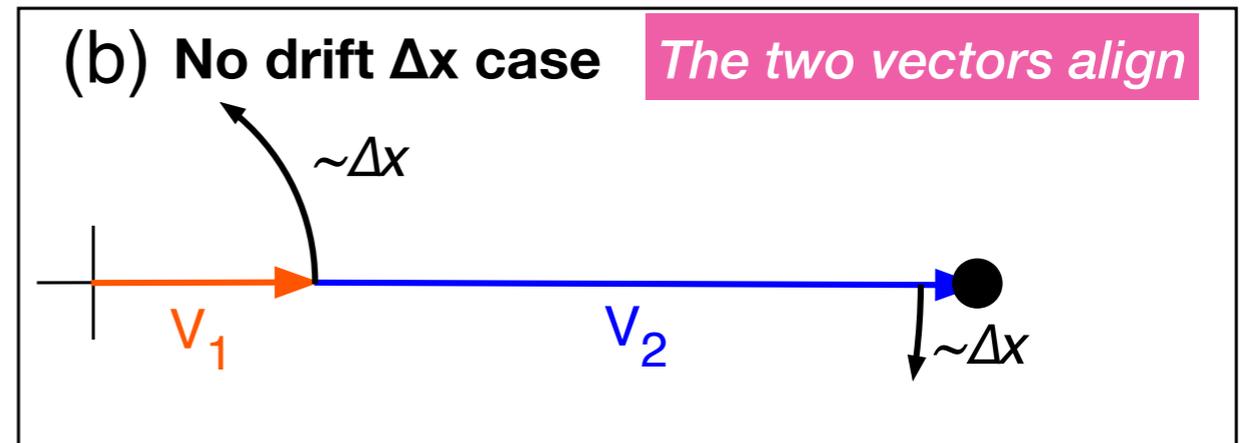
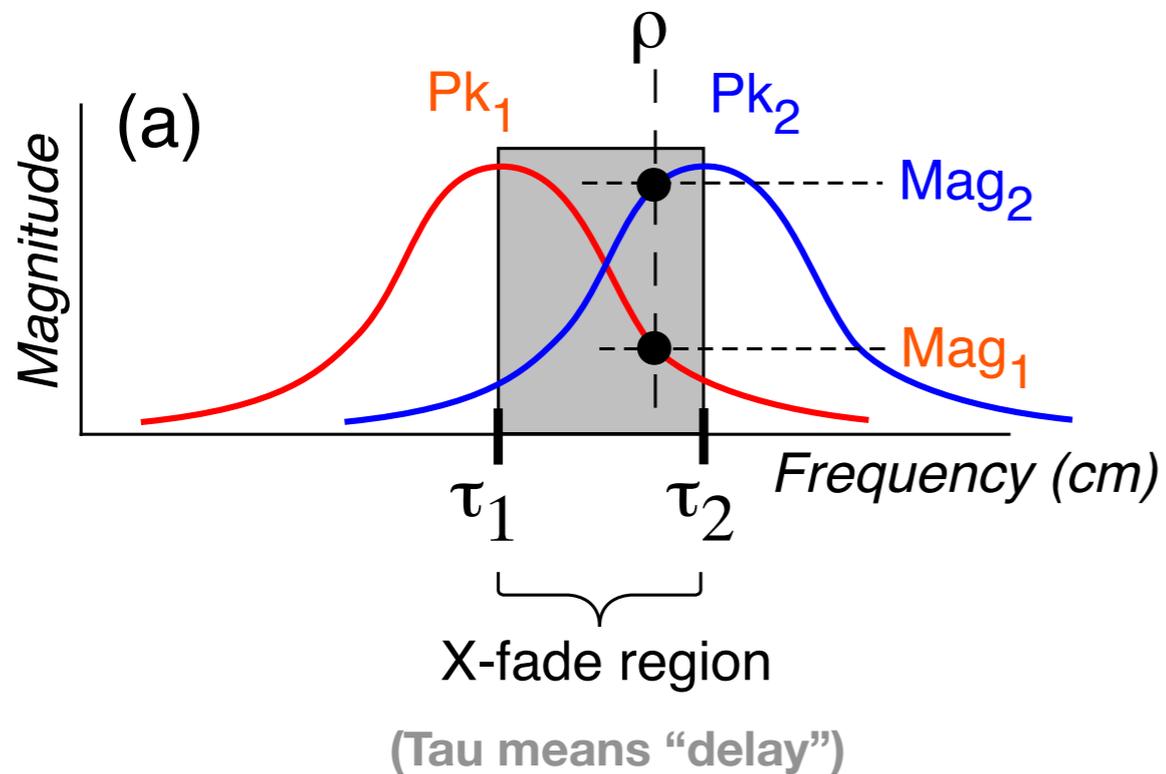
Doing dumb-simple addition can **partially cancel** the net phase rotation

(This is called "accidental" X-fading)

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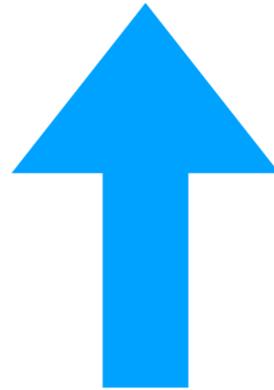
Doing a weighted sum can perfectly **CANCEL** the reaction to Δx

(This is called "strategically weighted" X-fading) (or "special weighting")

Traditional & X-EDI, stability gains **MULTIPLY** their benefits

(TRC = Translational Reaction Coefficient)

$$\Delta\lambda_{out} = \Delta x * TRC$$



Traditional mitigations reduce the wavelength shift Δx



X-EDI reduces reaction to Δx in the processed output

TRC = 1 without X-EDI,
TRC ~ 0.01 to 0.001 with X-EDI

Using **BOTH** traditional mitigations and EDI is optimal

$$\Delta\lambda_{out} = \Delta x * 1$$

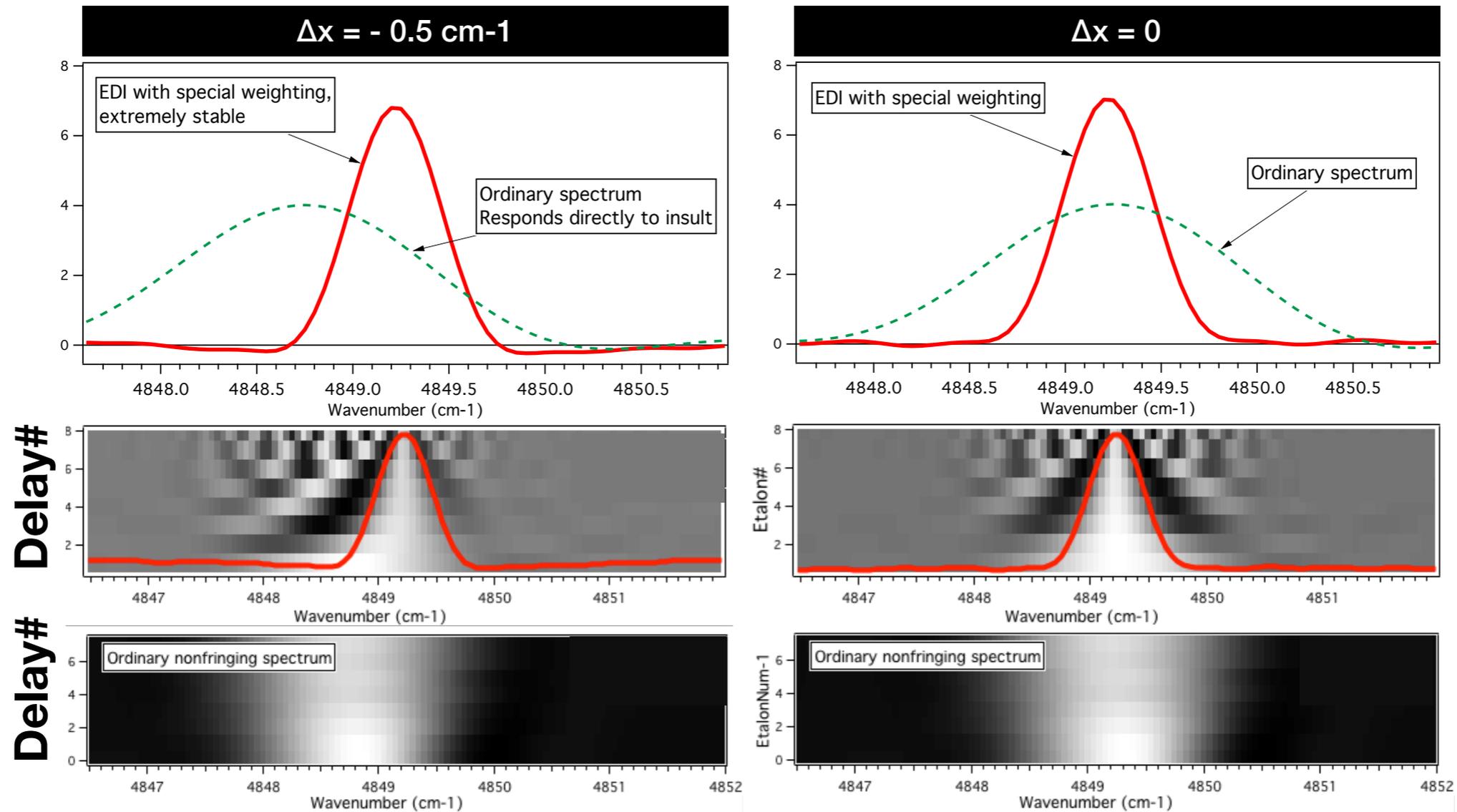
(Conventional spectrographs)

$$\Delta\lambda_{out} = \Delta x * 0.001$$

(EDI with multiple delays)

Demo: 1000x stability gain compared to conventional

Demo used real multiple-delay EDI data from Mt. Palomar, but artificially imposed Δx drift, showed 1000x smaller output wavelength drift than does conventional.



"A 1000x Stabler Spectrograph using an Interferometer with Crossfaded Delays", David J. Erskine and Eric V. Linder, Opt. Soc. Am. Optical Sensors and Sensing Congress 2019, Fourier Transform Spectroscopy Topical Mtg., San Jose, CA, June 25-27, 2019, paper FW5b.3. [FTS-2019-FW5B.3\(SanJose\).pdf](#)

Path forward: We envision small inserts temporarily added like a filter to existing observatory spectrographs

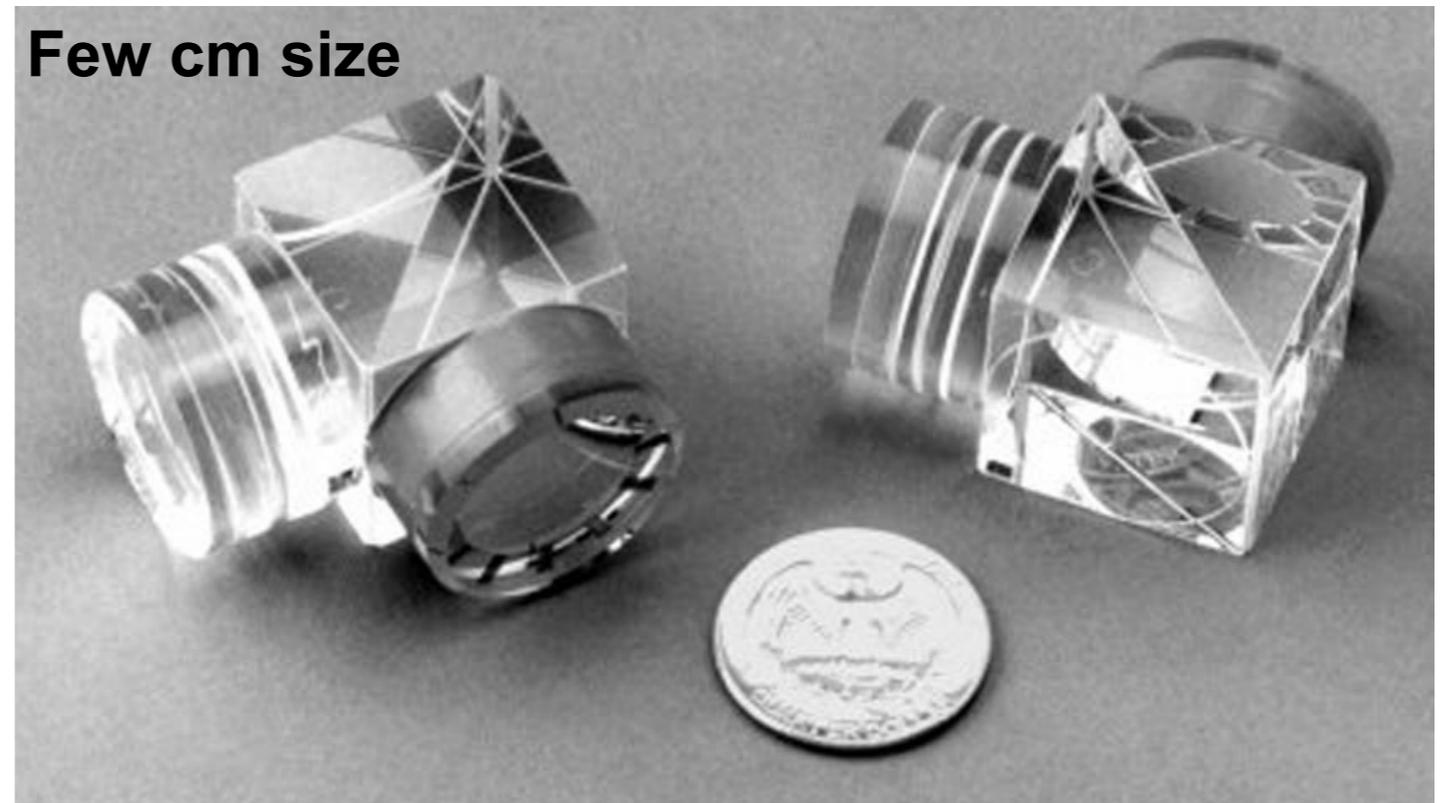
Insert interferometer in front of existing grating spectrographs

Move into beam- observe-
move out of beam

Does not prevent regular observations

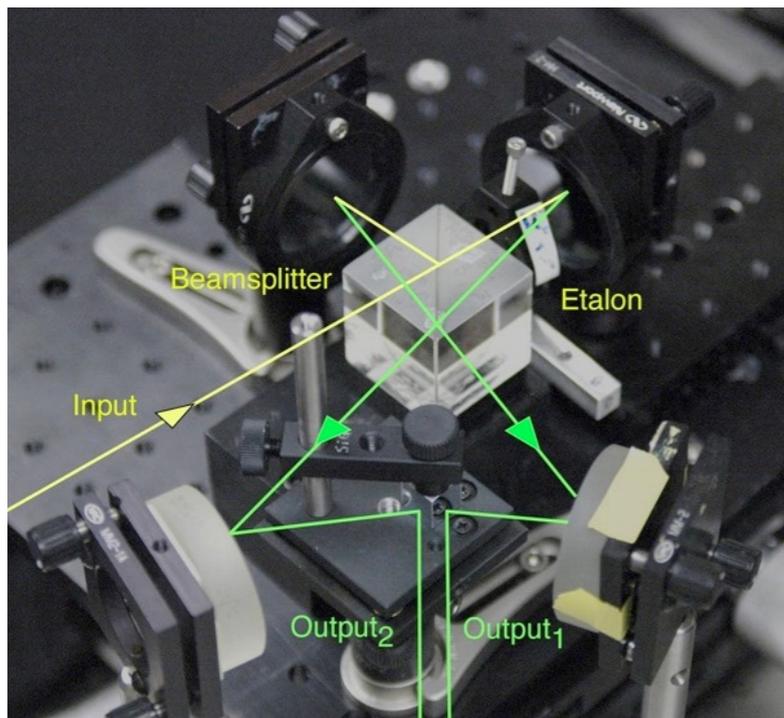
Reference spectra such as ThAr lamp or iodine

Few cm size



Several intrf. having different delays could be mounted on a “filter wheel”

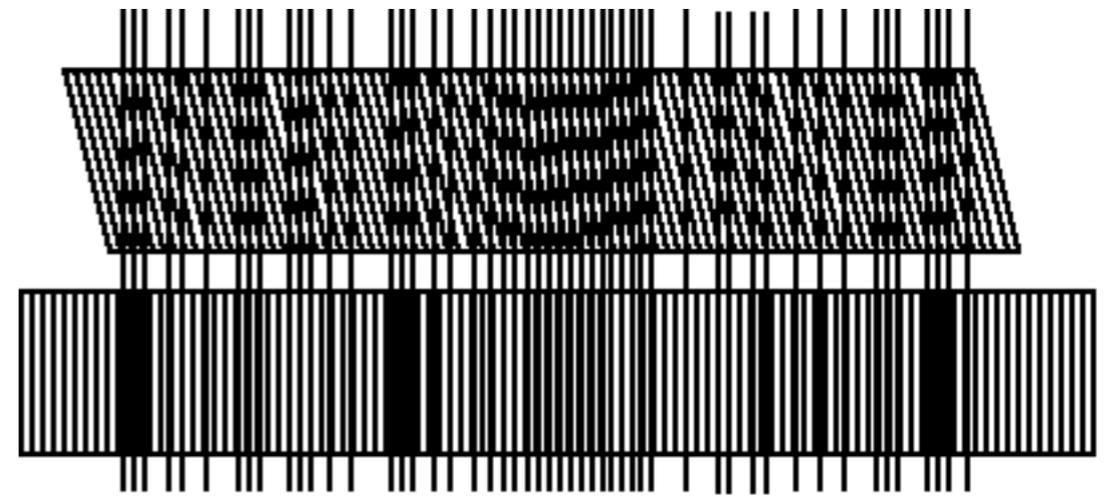
Dual outputs for high efficiency



We have already tested EDI at facility instruments

In some interferometers we make phase uniform across beam

Take four 90 degree shifted exposures

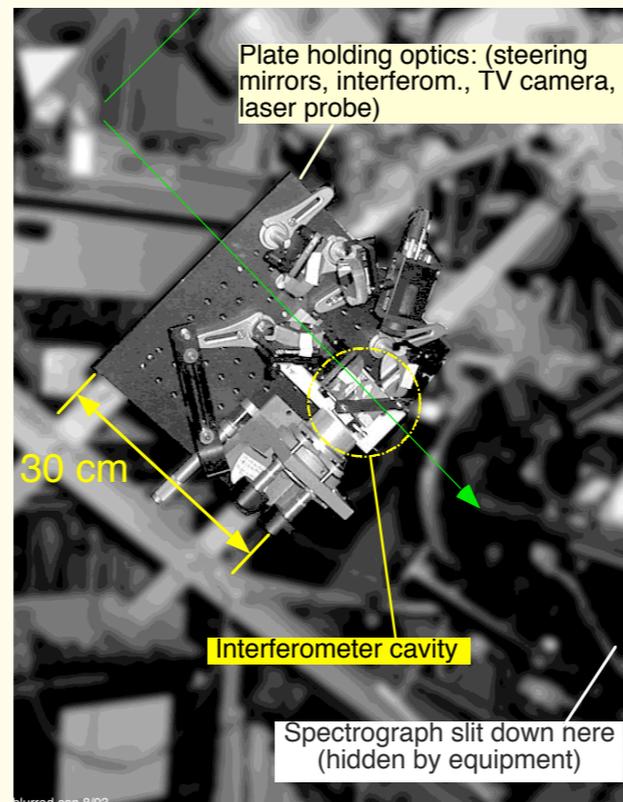


On Telescope: EDI Echelle Spectroscopy

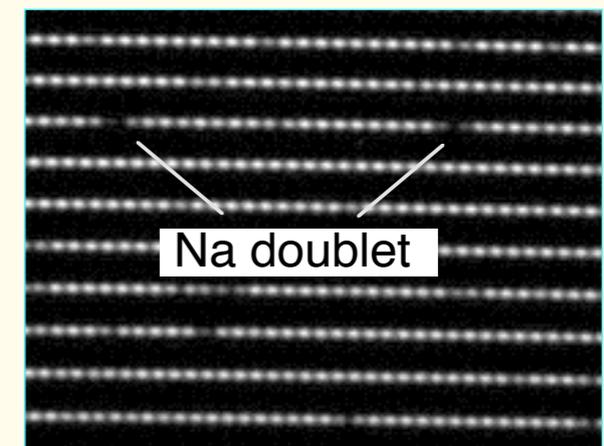
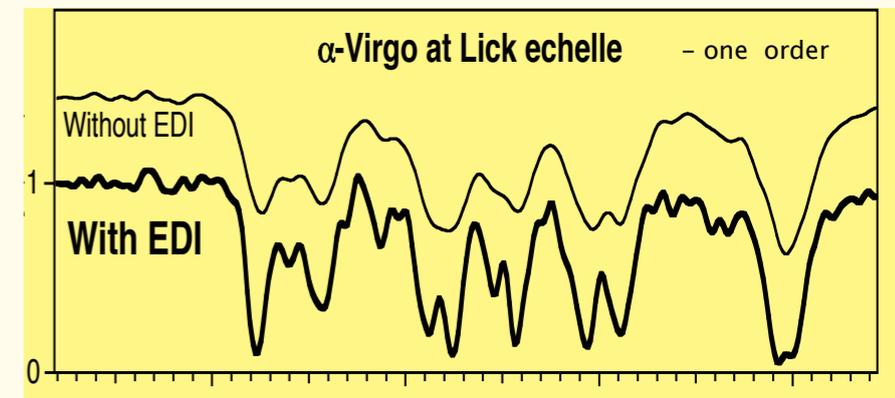
EDI Res. ~100k with Res. 50k slit

This allows use with narrow beams such as echelle grating spectrographs at Lick Obs (2003), Mt. Palomar (2008-11)

A resolution boost of 2x was demo'd with a single delay, and 10x using multiple delays



Lick - Hamilton feed (single output)



Echelle Data: Interferometer fringes beating with a sample of echelle spectrum orders

Done with main talk

Others slides for questions

