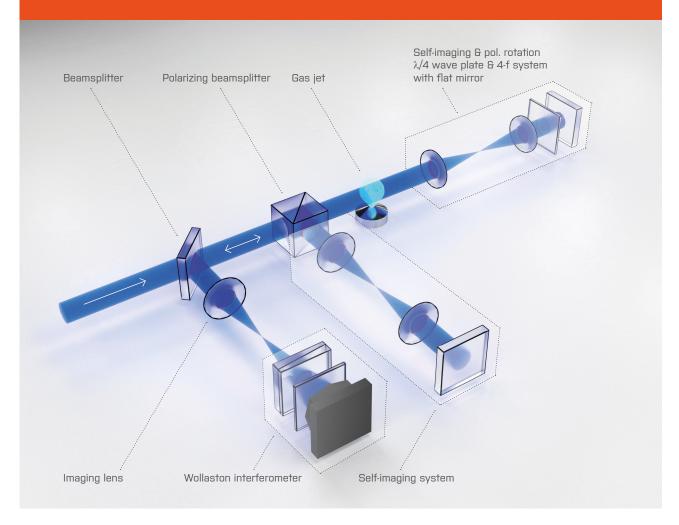
# HIGH CONTRAST IMAGING FOR METROLOGY APPLICATIONS



We have developed a new method of characterization by light with increased sensitivity. It is based on multiple interaction of the probe beam with the object of interest. The object is self-imaged between the interactions to preserve the spatial information. Our method proved to increase sensitivity for the effect of the object on probe intensity, phase or polarization.

#### **FEATURES**

#### **BENEFITS**

Both reflection and transmission setups	Simple optical setup, easy to align
Applicable to microscopy (imaging), interferometry,	Increases the effect of the object on the amplitude
holography, profilometry, polarimetry/ellipsometry	(intensity), phase and/or polarization of the probe
Classical trade-off between spatial resolution and	Two or four-fold increase in measurement sensitivity
a field of view	(SNR) using passive optical elements only
	Applicable to both quantitative and qualitative
	methods

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Multiple interactions of the probe with the object employing object self-imaging.
- The self-imaging system can consist of a lens and spherical mirror, or an afocal system of lenses and planar mirror.

#### **RESULTS**

Four-pass interferometry setup implemented for low density gas-jet characterization. SNR increases with the number of passes.

#### **PLANS**

- Four-pass interferometry setup automation being implemented for fast tomographic characterization of gas jets.
- Currently testing a prototype of a highcontrast microscope (4 pass) with intensity contrast, DIC, and wide-field fluorescence setup.

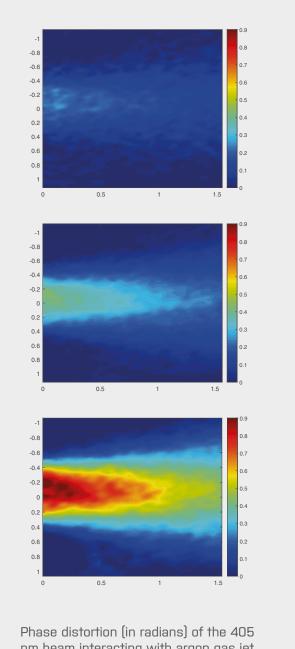
### **WE OFFER**

Theoretical and experimental know-how and a license to our patent.

#### **ABOUT US**

ELI Beamlines is an international user facility that is involved in the development and operation of state-of-the-art laser systems, including some of the most powerful lasers in the world.

Our in-house development of high power lasers has led to many new and unique engineering solutions for highly demanding applications where commercial solutions satisfying our stringent requirements did not exist.



Phase distortion (in radians) of the 405 nm beam interacting with argon gas jet obtained with single pass (top), two pass (middle) and four pass (bottom) setups.

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