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## VIRGO Photodetector

- Aim : measure the output interferometer light

- Specifications :

- about 10 MHz frequency bandwidth
- high quantum efficiency
- incident power of 1 W (if  $1-C = 10^{-4}$ )  
without characteristic modifications

- Available commercial photodetectors

at  $\lambda = 1.064 \mu\text{m}$  :  $\eta = 10\%$  for silicon

$\eta = 50\%$  for doped silicon

$\eta = 70-80\%$  for germanium

$\eta = 85-90\%$  for InGaAs

⇒ Photodiode InGaAs

## Photodetectors - 2

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### 1 mm diameter InGaAs photodiode

	Reference	Capacity (pF)	Breakdown voltage (at 10 $\mu$ A)	Dark current (at 10 V)
Telcom (U.S.A)	35PD1M	38	75 V	2.5 nA
Fermionics (U.S.A)	FD1000-WX	25.3	"mou"	-
E.G.G (Canada)	C30641	18.2	60 V	2 nA
Epitaxx (U.S.A)	ETX-1000T	-	-	-
E.O.S (U.S.A)	IGA010	-	-	-
E.O.M (Great Britain)	InGaAs-1mm	26.5	"mou"	150 $\mu$ A
Hamamatsu (Japan)	G3476-10	25	70 V	2 nA

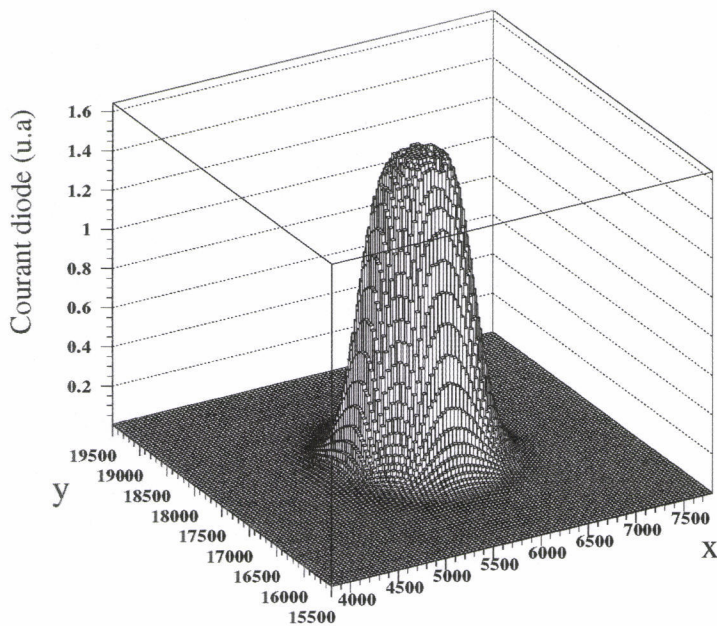
### 3 mm diameter InGaAs photodiode

	Reference	Capacity (pF)	Breakdown voltage (at 10 $\mu$ A)	Dark current (at 10 V)
E.O.S	IGA030	253	85 V	1 nA
Epitaxx	ETX-3000T5	330	30 V	11.5 nA
Hamamatsu	G5114-03	-	80 V	1.6 nA
E.G.G	C30665E	144	"mou"	1 $\mu$ A
E.O.M	InGaAs-3mm	125	"mou"	150 $\mu$ A

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## Uniformity of the diode response

- Uniformity measurement example

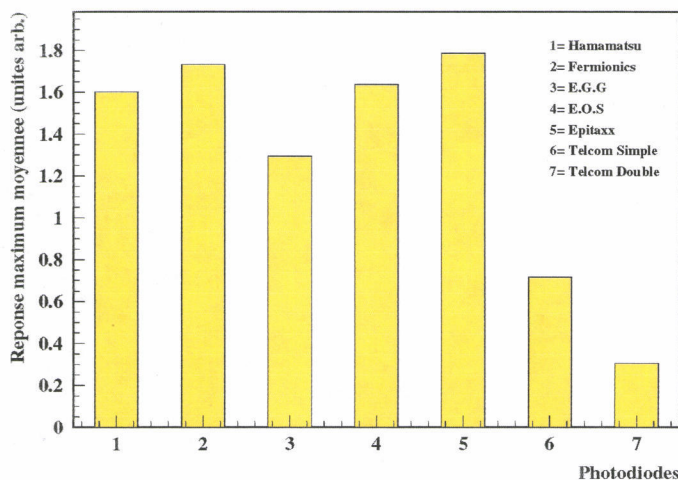


photodiode Hamamatsu  
diameter 1 mm

beam : diameter 350  $\mu\text{m}$

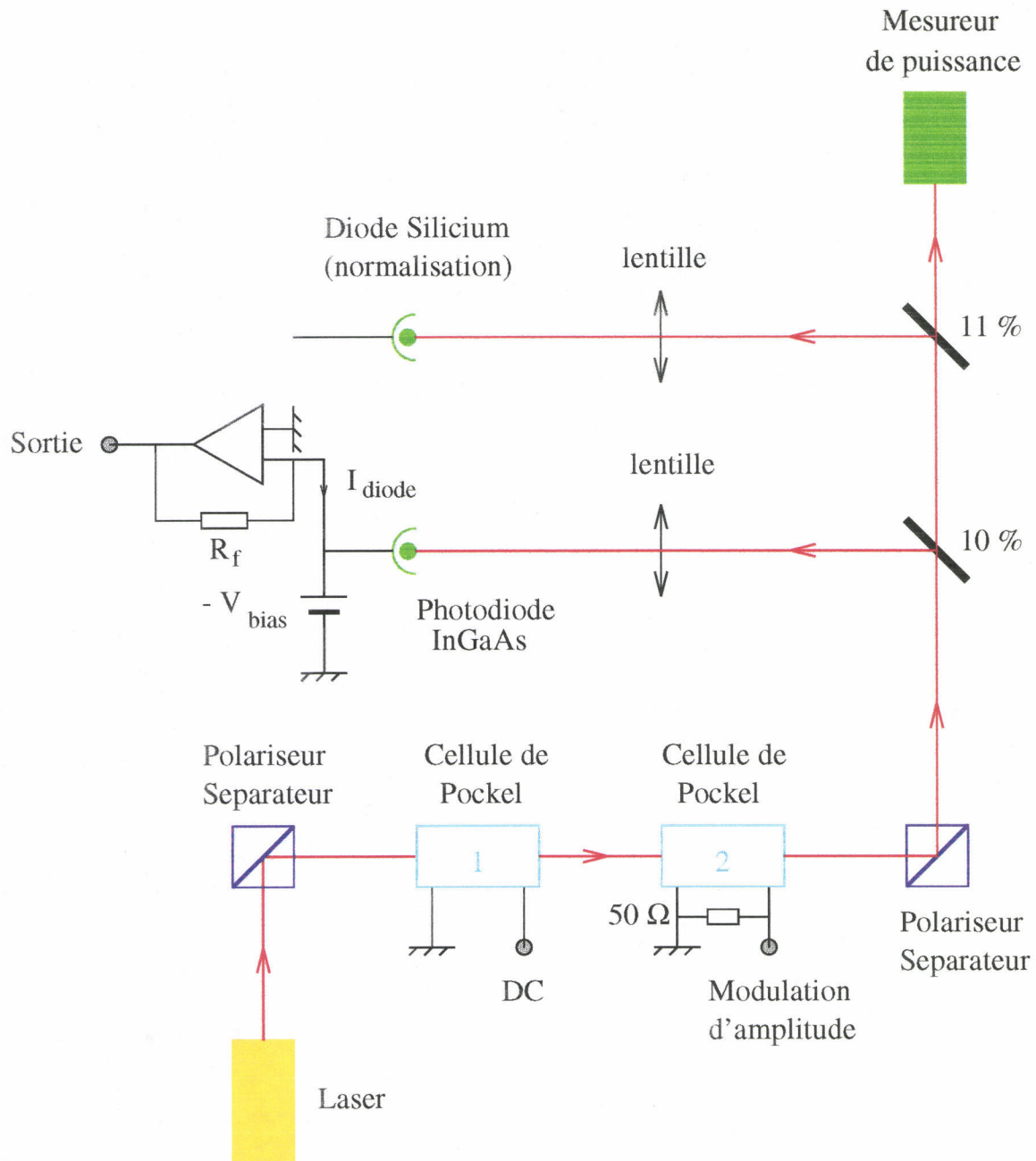
⇒ UNIFORMITY OK

- Photodiodes comparison

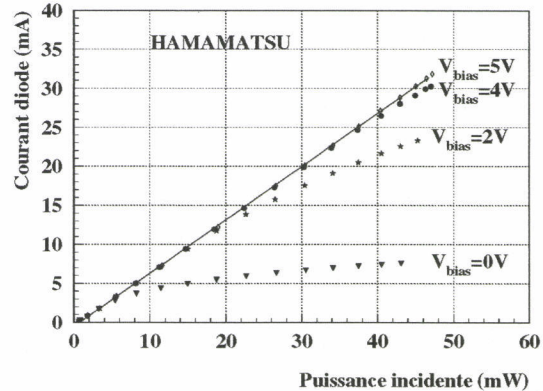
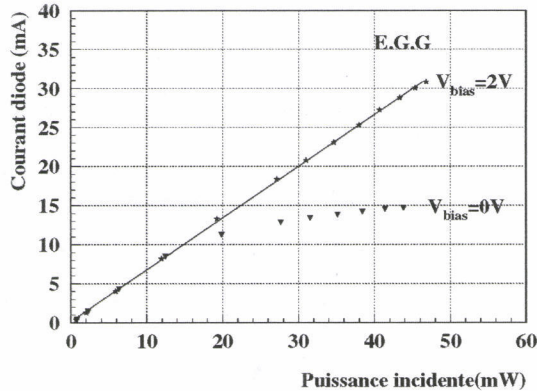
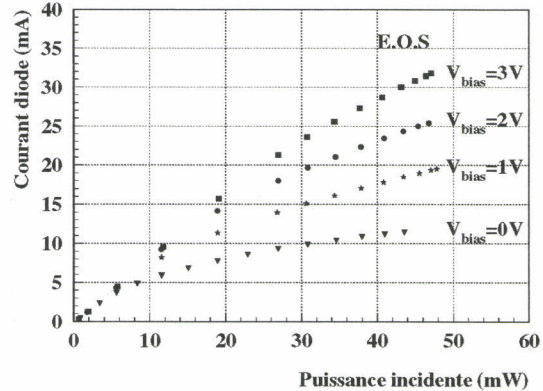
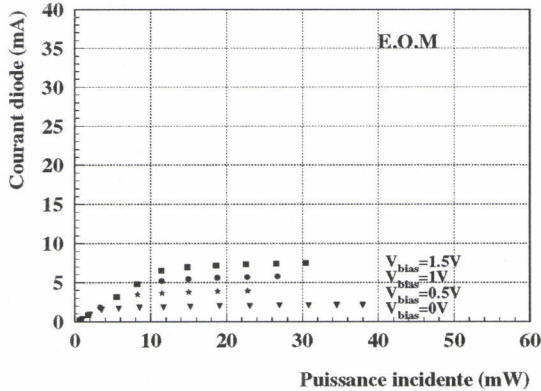
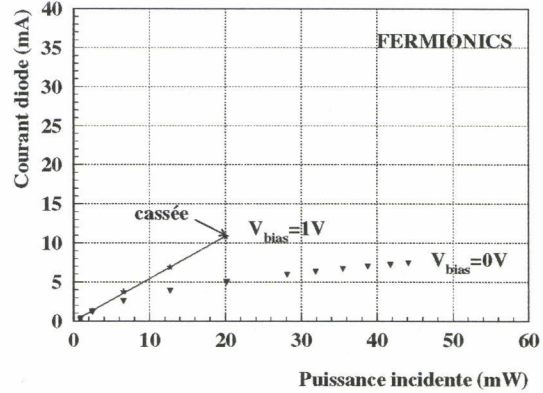
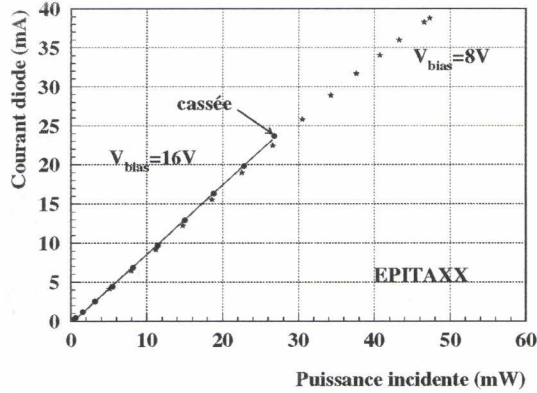


⇒ SELECTION

# Photodiode test setup



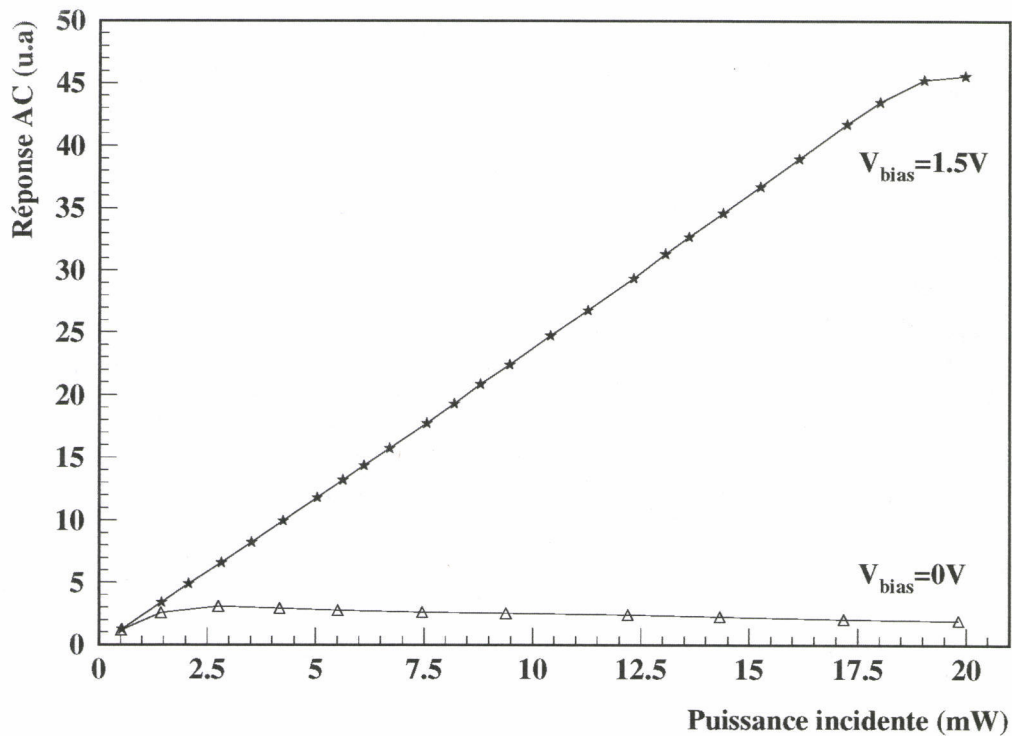
# DC response linearity



⇒ Linearity increases when  $V_{bias}$  increases

## 10 MHz response linearity

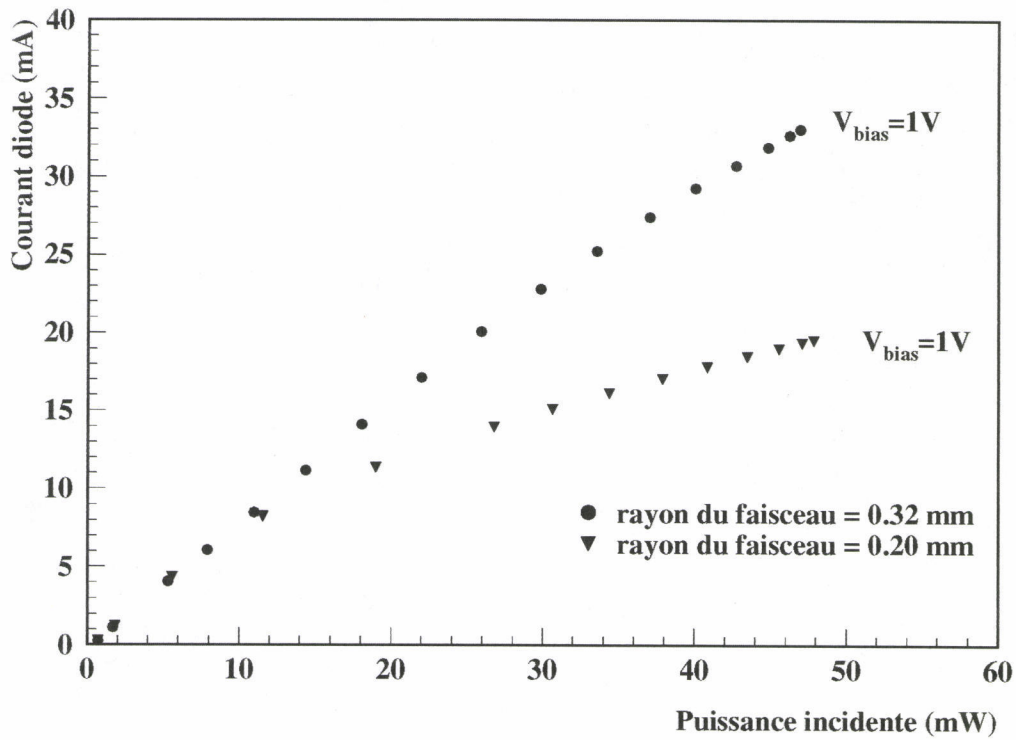
modulation depth = 7 % of incident light power



Photodiode E.O.S  
diameter 1 mm

⇒ Inverse tension  $V_{bias}$  needed

## Density effect

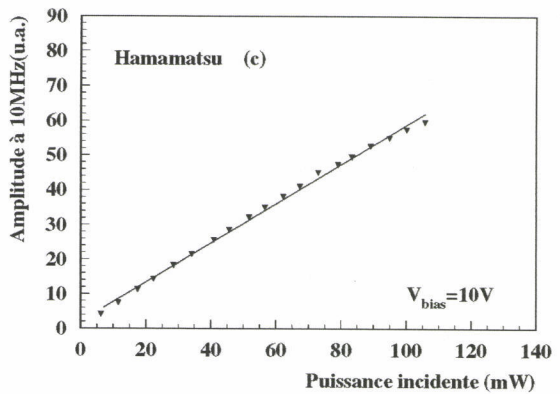
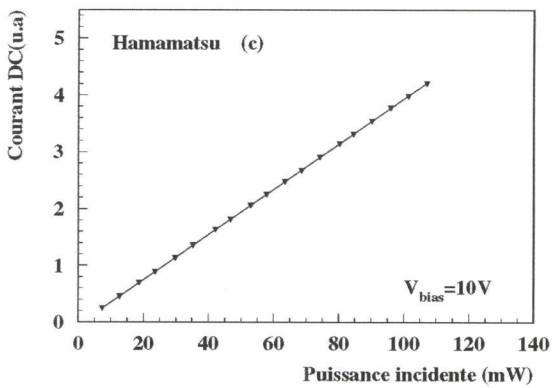
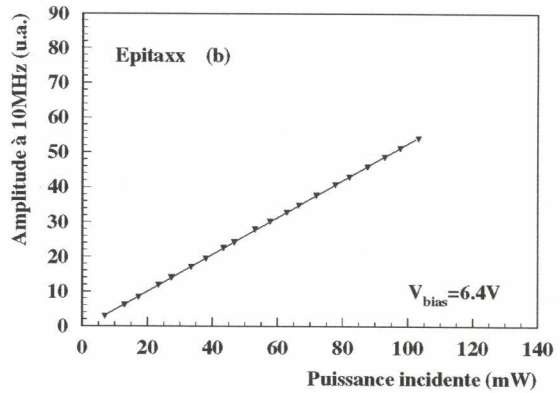
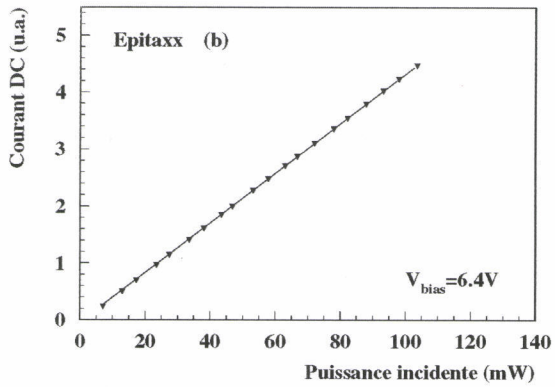
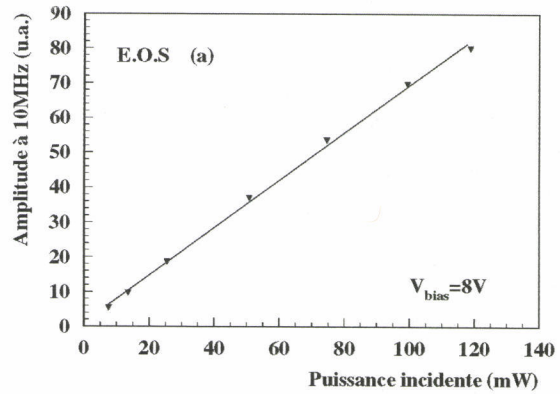
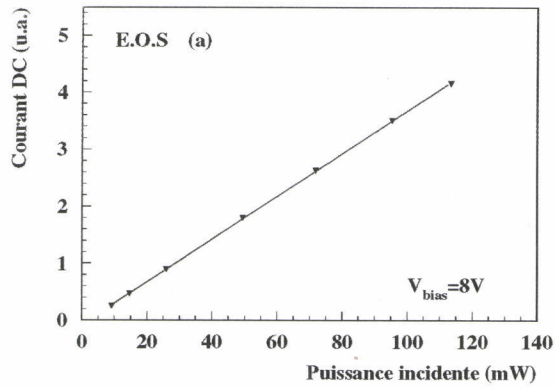


Photodiode E.O.S  
diameter 1 mm

⇒ Increase of the photodetector surface area

3 mm diameter photodiode

# 3 mm diameter photodiode linearity



DC  
response

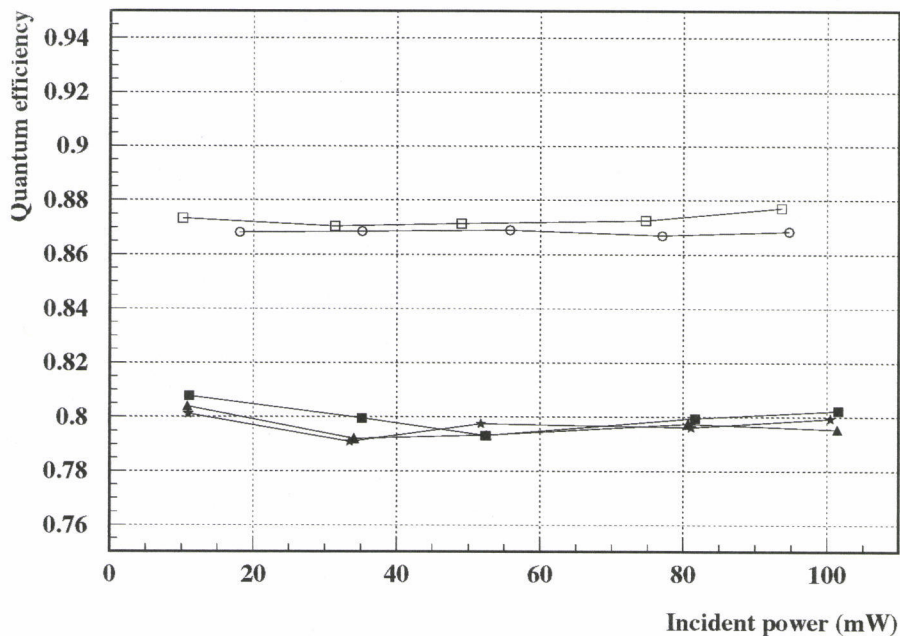
10 MHz  
response



## Photodiode choice

⇒ “Hamamatsu” photodiode

fulfils : 100 mW incident power  
at 10 MHz  
and a good uniformity  
with a high quantum efficiency



- anti-reflection coating on the window
- anti-reflection coating on the photodiode

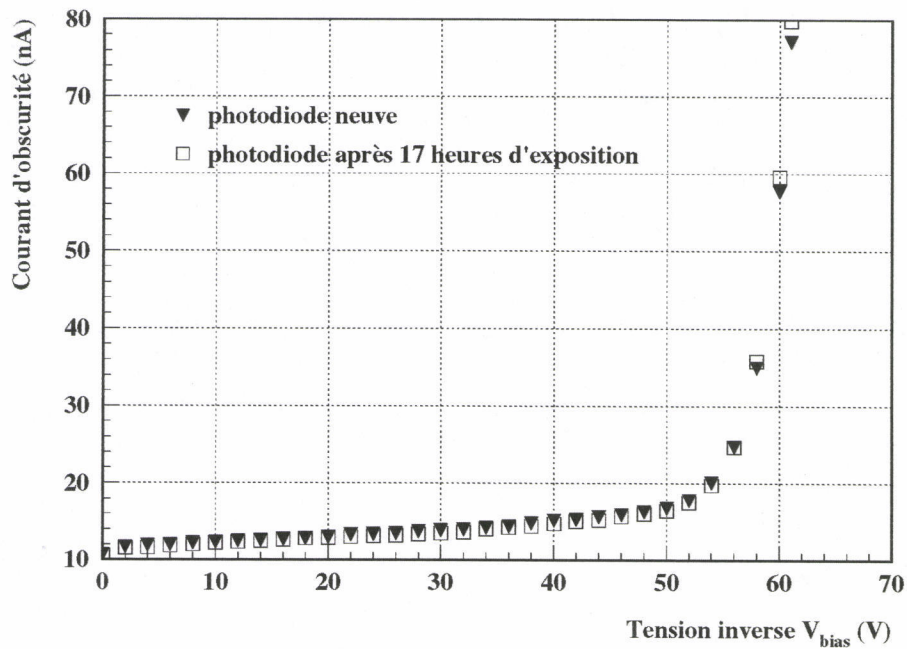
⇒ quantum efficiency = 86 % (0.74 A/W)

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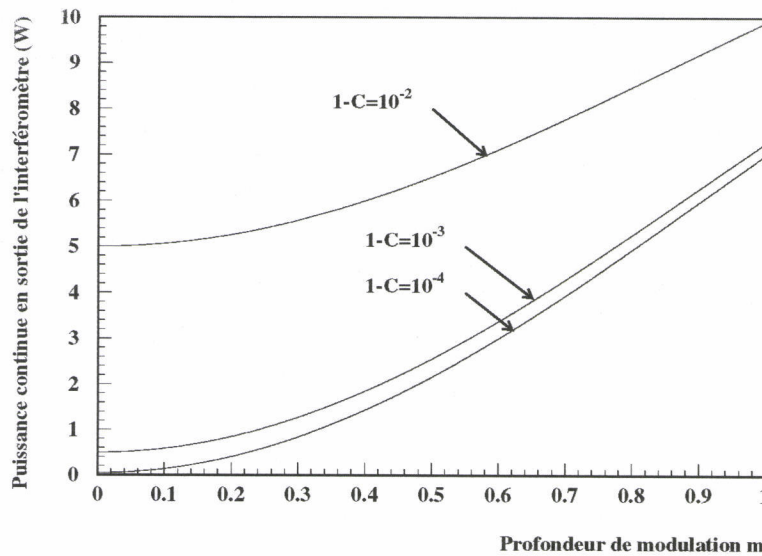
## ”Hamamatsu” photodiode

### Other measurements :

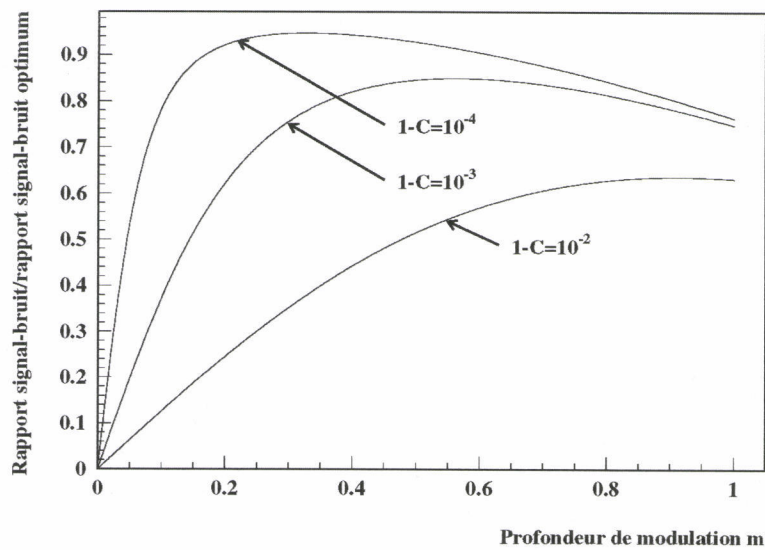
- noise measurement
- resistance to temperature increase
  - measurement of  $E_g = 0.841 \pm 0.003$  eV
- long time power exposition (100 mW)



## Contrast and signal-to-noise ratio



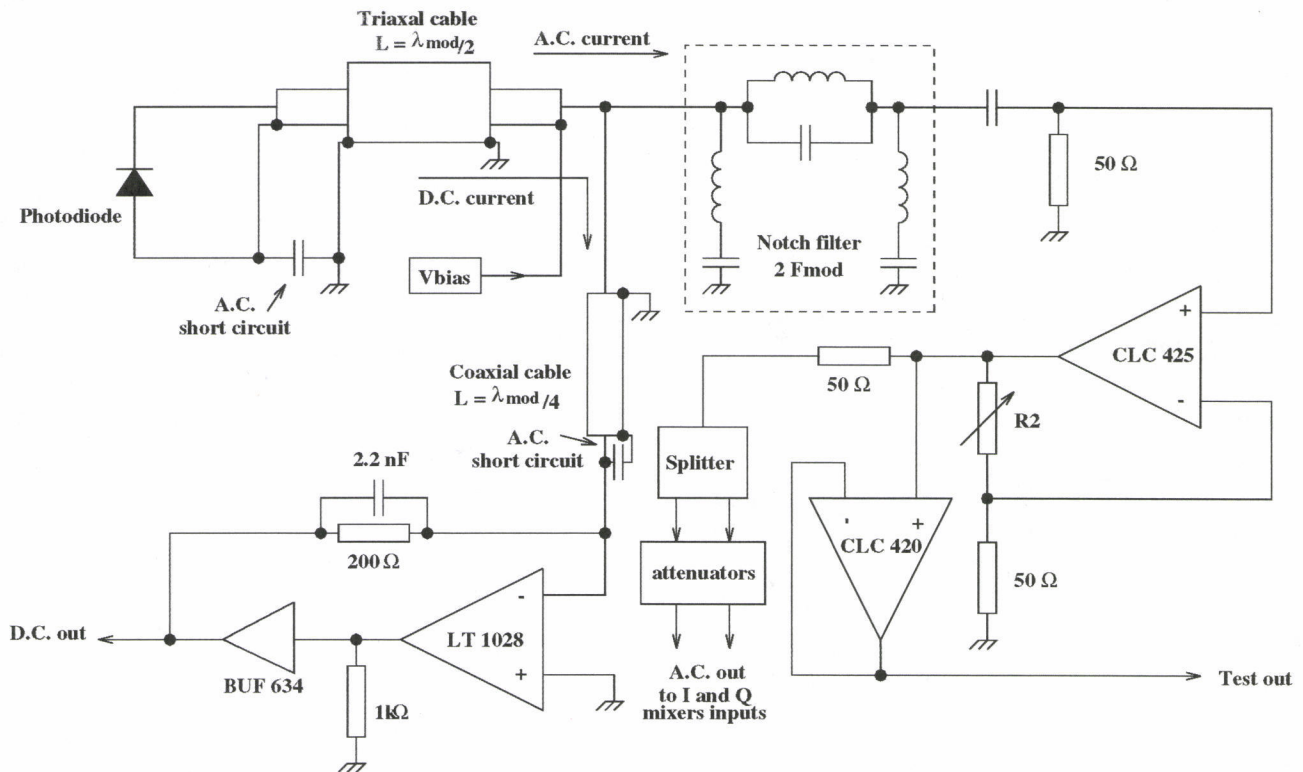
Better contrast  $\Rightarrow$  decrease of incident light power on photodetectors



Better contrast  $\Rightarrow$  better signal-to-noise ratio

# Photodiode electronic

- Incident light power = 1W  $\Rightarrow$  16 photodiodes
- One photodiode electronic channel



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