

# Fotónica de microondas en guerra electrónica y espacio

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Tecnologías ópticas y fotónicas para  
aplicaciones espaciales (Tres Cantos)

# ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)

Electronic Warfare (EW) is any action involving the use of the electromagnetic spectrum (EM spectrum) or directed energy to control the spectrum, attack an enemy, or impede enemy assaults



We need to “listen” as much as possible electromagnetic spectrum (**bandwidth**) with high **sensitivity** and **dynamic range**.

# ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)

## Electronic Warfare

### RIGEL

Radar band, detection and countermeasures

### REGULUS

Communications band, detection and countermeasures

## Radar and IFF

LANZA-N 3D Long Range Surveillance

ARIES LPI Radar

CIT-25D mode S and mode 5 IFF

## SATCOM

TNX terminals in X, Ka and Ku bands

## Optronic

SEOTS and ALPHARD observation systems

Technologies installed on over 100 ships of Navies all around the world



# ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)

Key industrial partner in the most important European programs

- Eurofighter
- Airbus A400M



# ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)



## Benefits microwave Photonics:

- High bandwidth
- Low losses
- Low power consumption
- Low weight

## Particularly useful for:

- Photonic generation of microwave and mm-wave signals
- Photonic processing of microwave signals and mm-wave signals
- Optically controlled phased array antennas for beam forming
- Radio-over-fiber systems
- Optical Transceivers
- Photonic **analog-to-digital conversion** for ELINT systems.

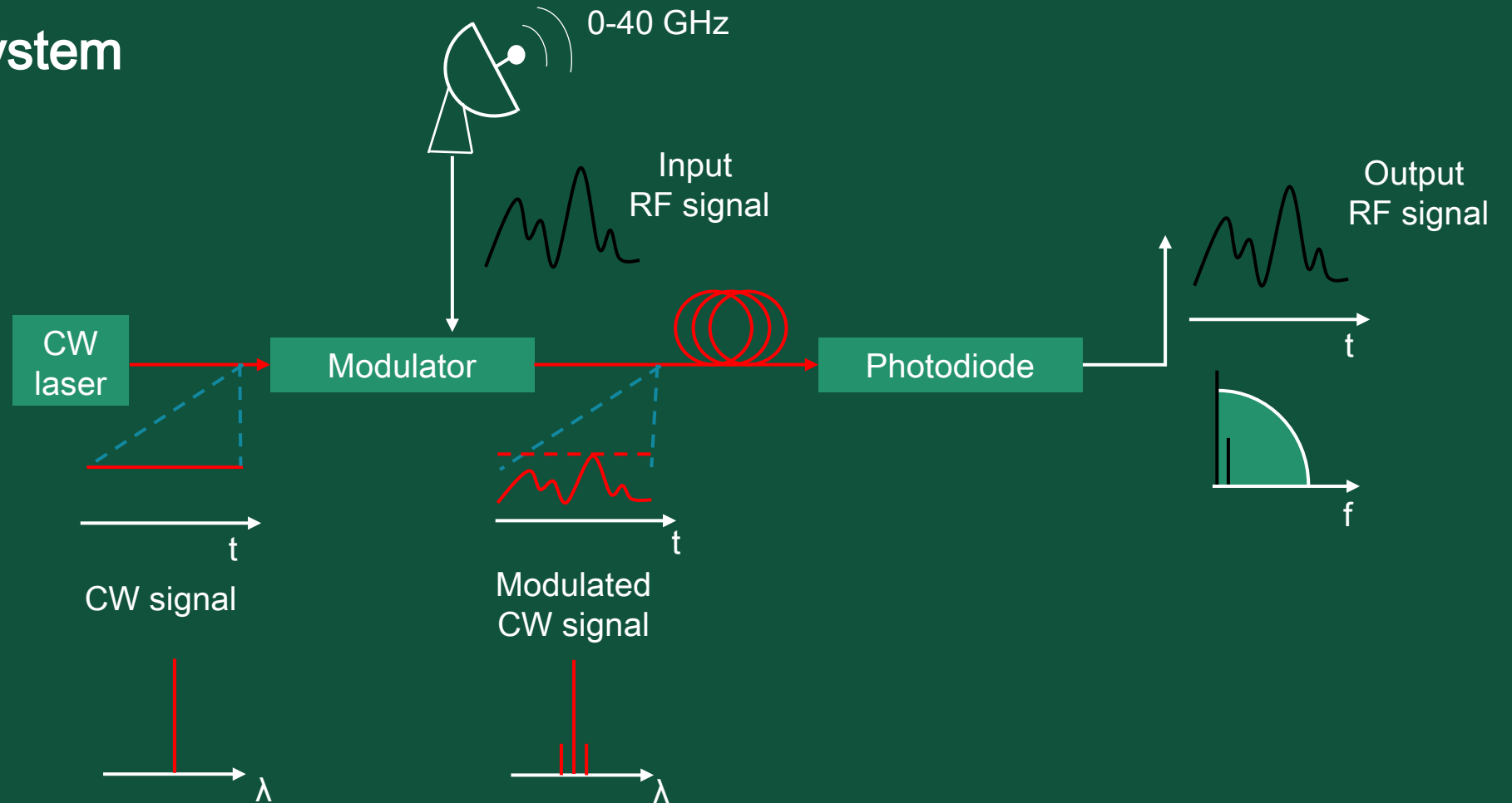
# PHOTONIC-EW

## Conventional RoF System

Bandwidth limited by:

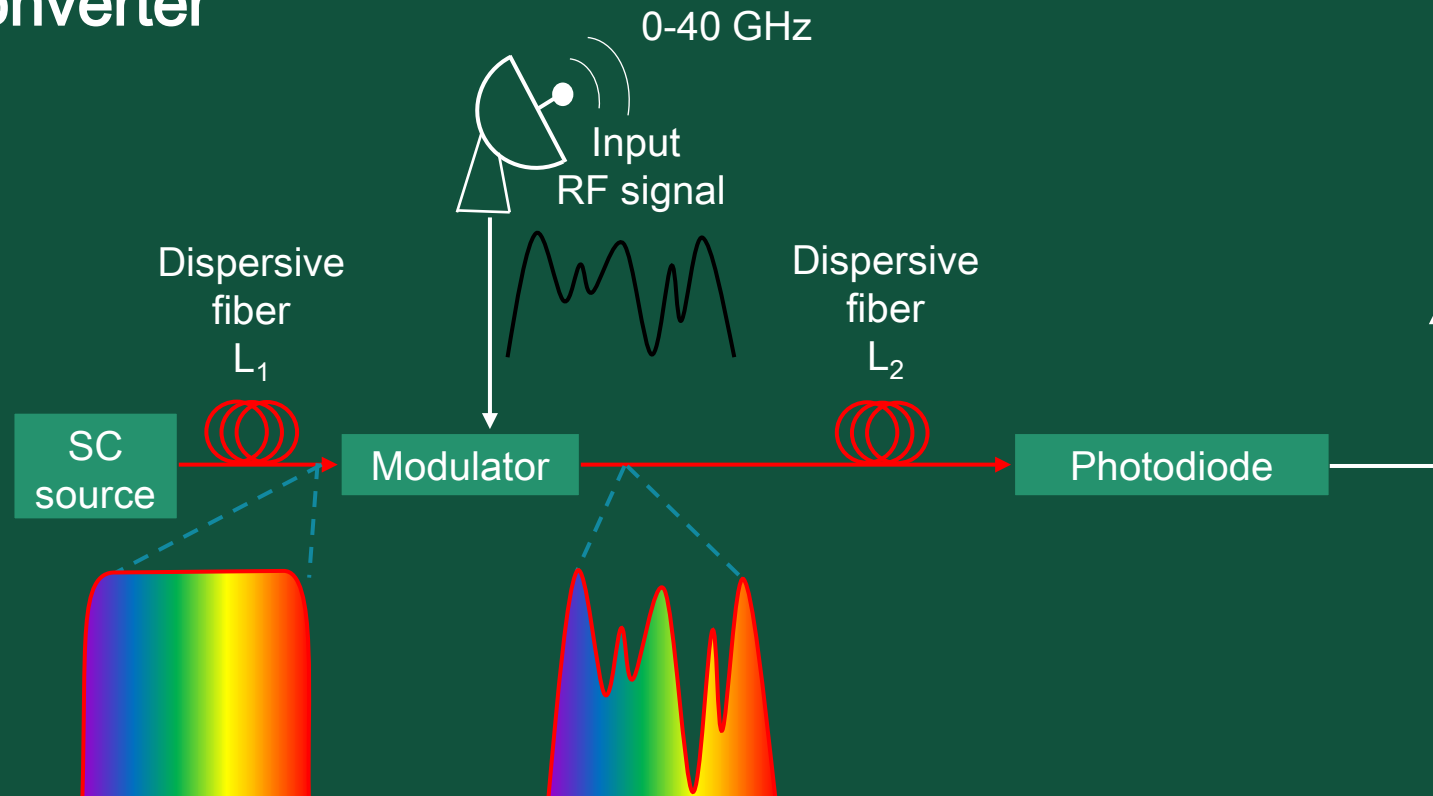
- Modulator
- Photodiode
- ADC

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# PHOTONIC-EW

## Photonic Time-Stretched Analog-to-Digital Converter



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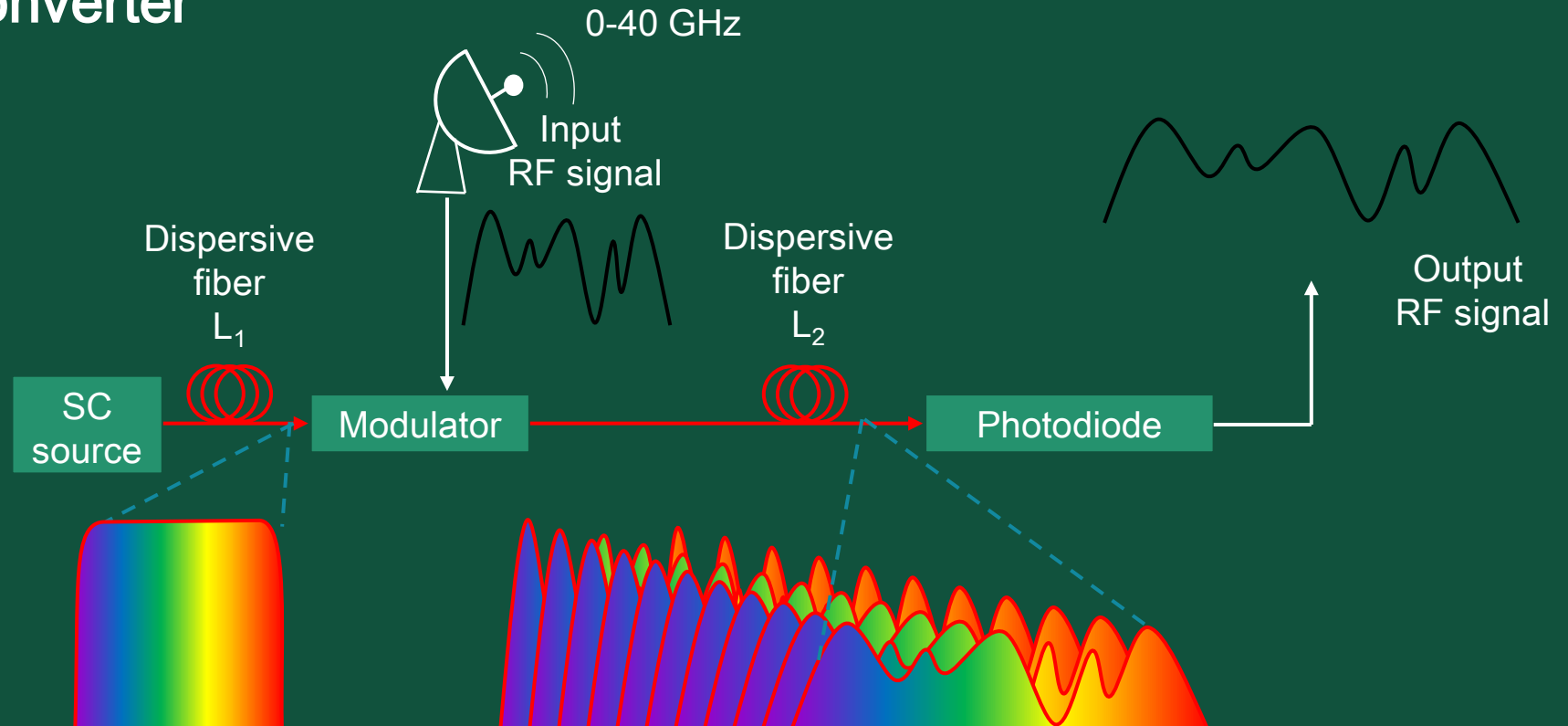
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## Photonic Time-Stretched Analog-to-Digital Converter

Magnification factor (stretch factor):

$$M = 1 + \frac{L_2}{L_1}$$

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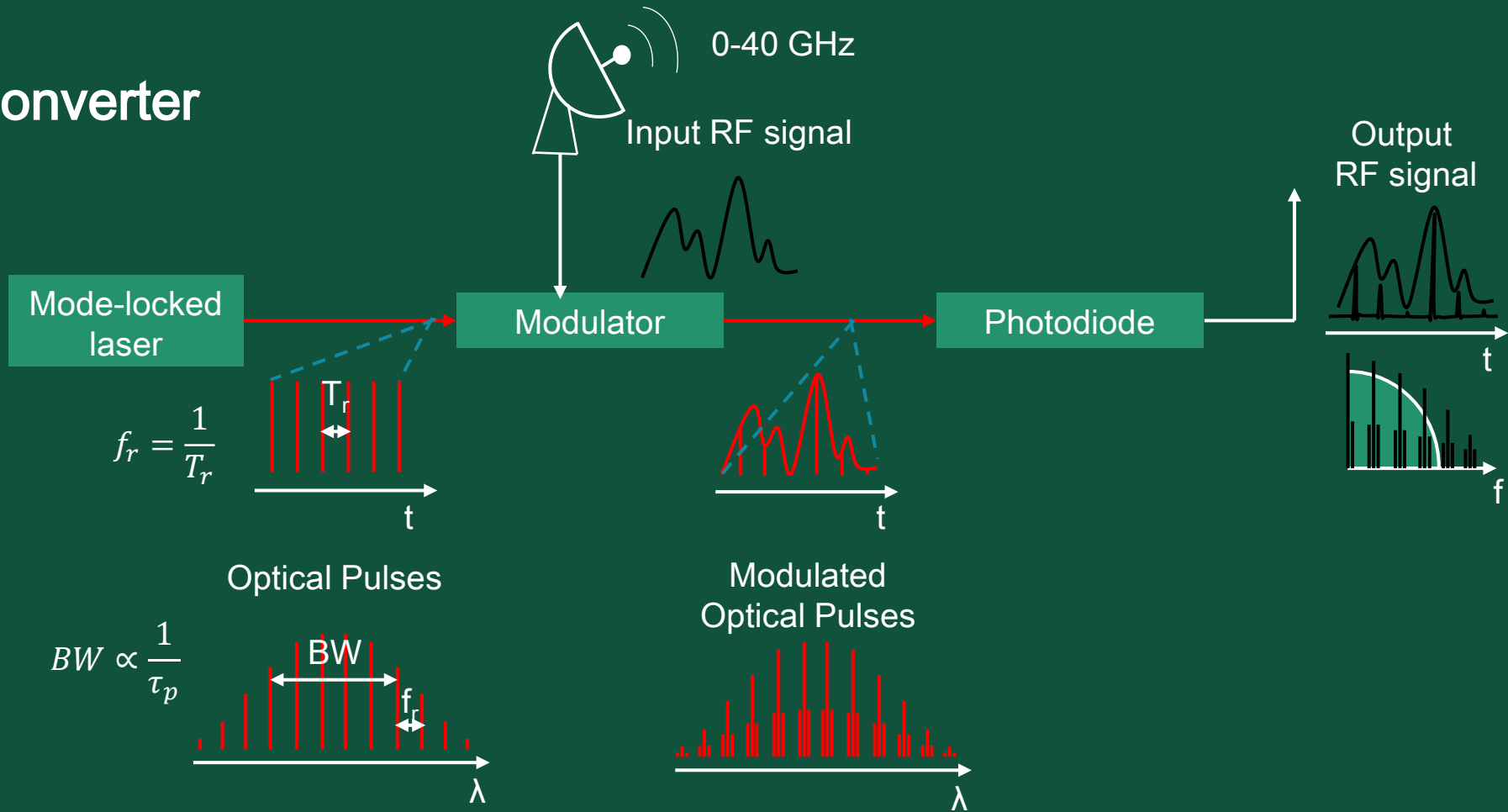
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## Photonic Sampled Analog-to-Digital Converter

Bandwidth limited by:

- Pulse Duration

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# APPLICABILITY OF PHOTONICS IN INDRA

## Energy (Oil & Gas)

- Chemical Sensing (gas and liquid)
- Leak detection in pipelines

## Security

- Civil Infrastructure protection
- Distributed sensing technology in avionics and space via miniaturization of the optical interrogator

## Electronic Warfare

- Reduction of size and weight
- Reduction of power consumption
- Controllable phase matching

## Among Others...

# CONCLUSIONS

INDRA has found several applications of photonic technology in its markets



Different photonic devices are required such as:

- High power lasers
- Pulsed lasers
- High power photodiodes
- High sensitivity infrared image sensors
- High bandwidth intensity modulators
- High dispersive devices

INDRA is interested in the applicability of PIC in a near future.

INDRA is looking for partners to work together in this new field!



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