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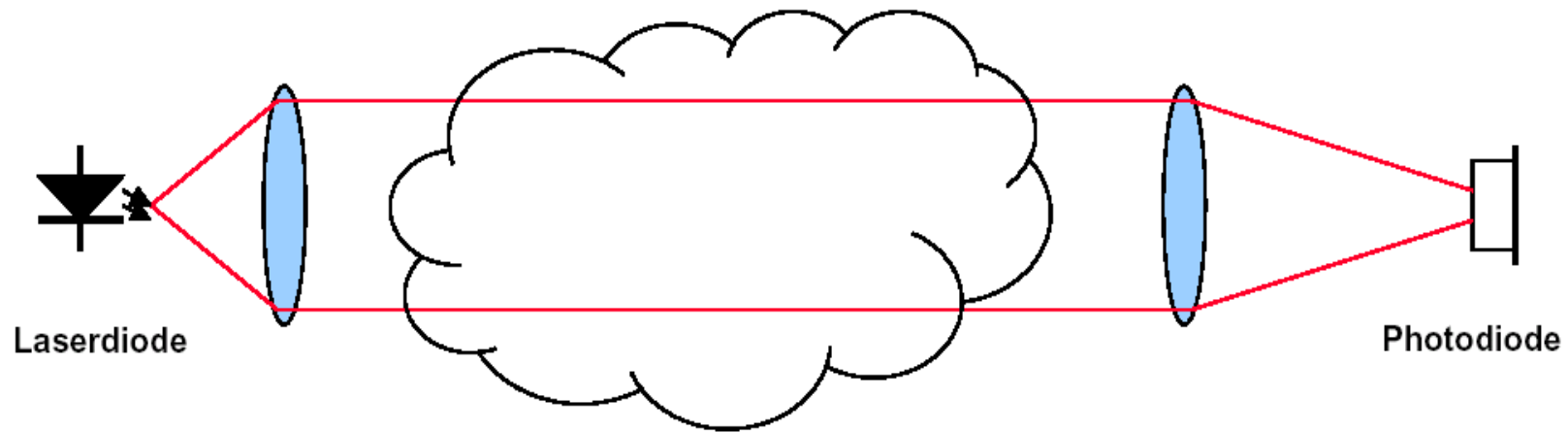
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Optical Gas Detection Methods

Absorption spectroscopy

- Molecule specific absorption of electromagnetic radiation at characteristic wavelengths

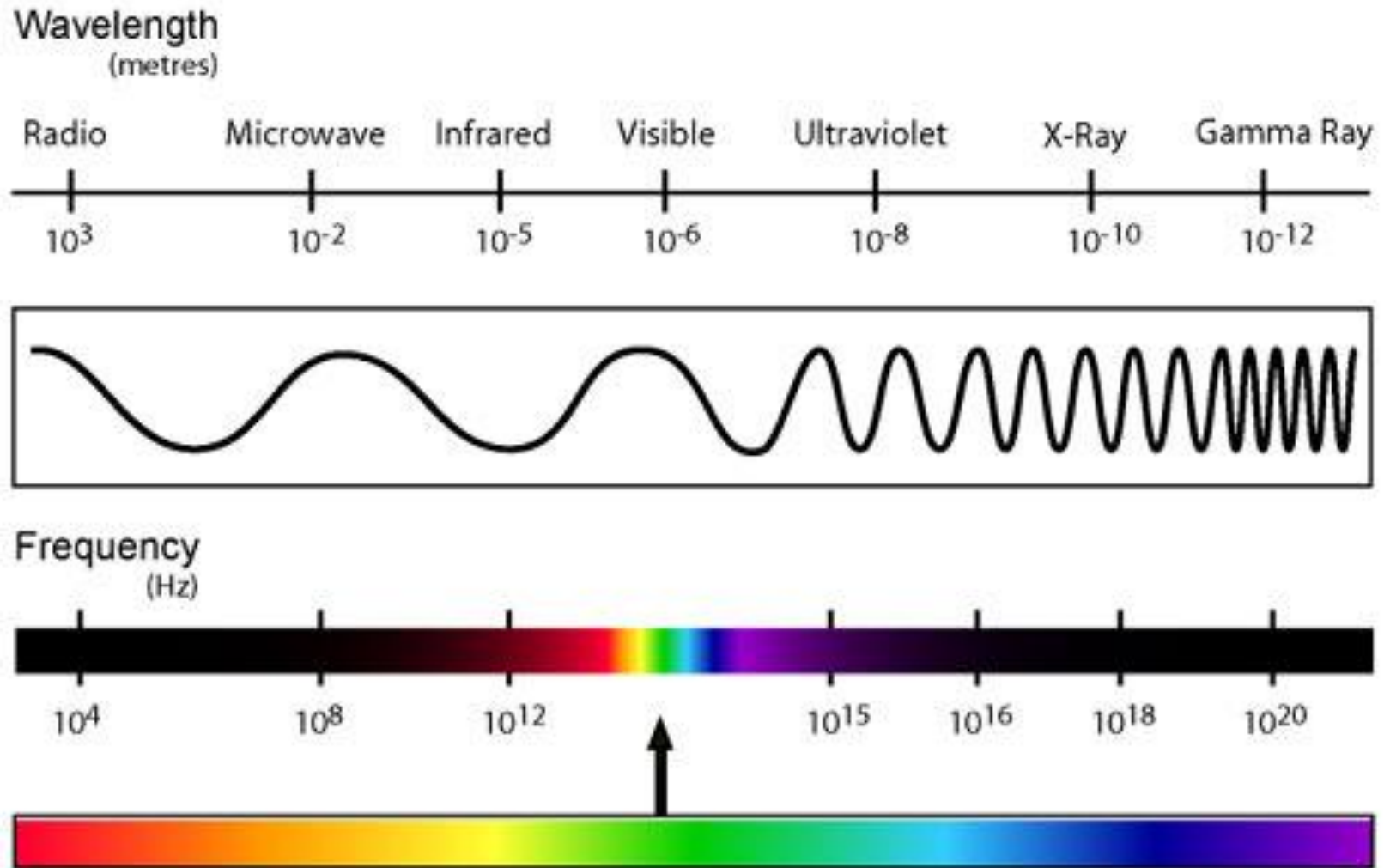


Measurement principle

**Transmission
Measurement**

Absorption spectroscopy

THE ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM



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Absorption spectroscopy

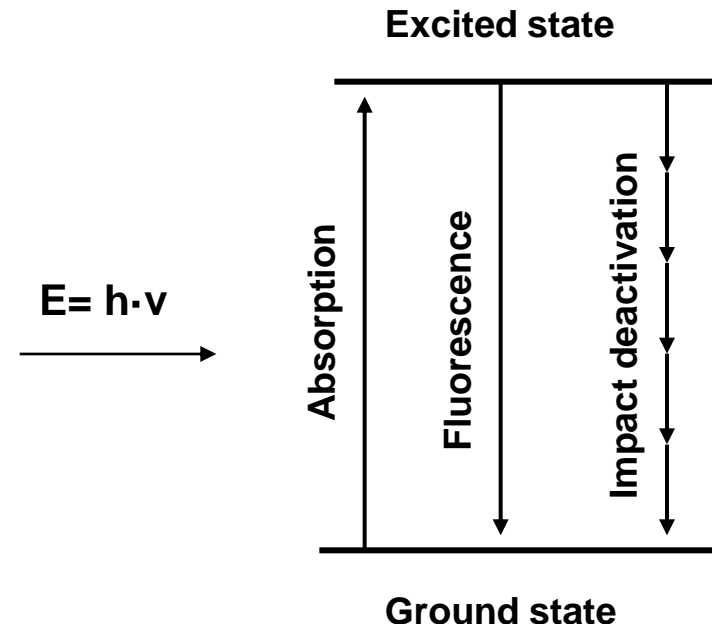
- Absorption spectroscopy
 - UV / VIS
 - IR
 - Terahertz
 - Microwave range
- IR based sensors are most relevant for air pollution measurements



Absorption of electromagnetic radiation

- **Two – Level System**

- Absorption of photons
- Transition ground state \rightarrow excited state
- Absorption for $E_1 - E_2 = h \cdot \nu$
- Relaxation caused by
 - Fluorescence
 - Mechanical deactivation
- UV/VIS: electronic transitions
 - Interaction of light with valence electrons
- IR: Rotation and vibration transitions
 - Interaction of light with dipole moments of molecules

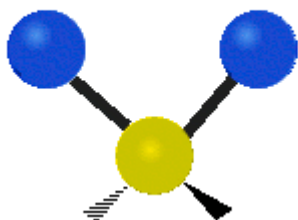


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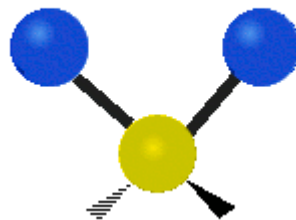
- Molecules can fall back radiant or nonradiant from the excited state E_2 to the ground state E_1 – absorbed light quantum will be reemitted
- Radiative recombination is used by fluorescence spectroscopy
- IR spectroscopy is using the amount of energy which is transformed from kinetic energy by inelastic impacts
The transformation of the energy difference $(E_1 - E_2) = h \cdot n$ in translation energy results in a higher velocity of the colliding molecules
- Increase of velocity equivalent with increase of gas temperature
- Increase of temperature leads to thermo elastic expansion of the sample and therefore to an increase of pressure

Oscillation and Rotation spectra

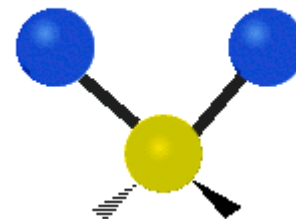
Symmetrical stretching



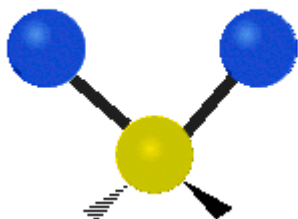
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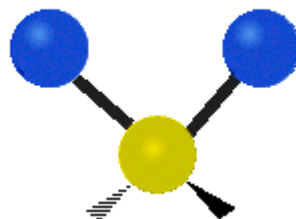
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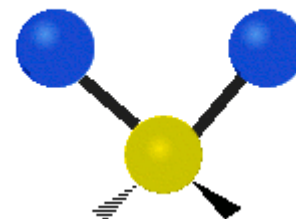
Rocking



Wagging



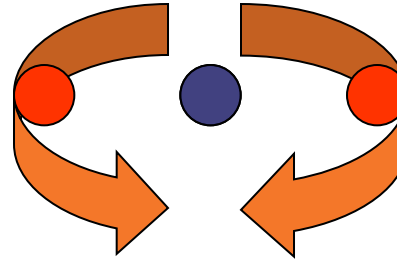
Twisting



Oscillation and Rotation spectra

- **Oscillation and rotation modes (e.g. CO₂)**

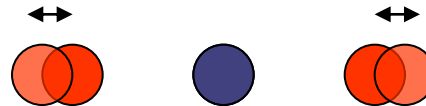
- Rotation modes



1/cm	μm
0,7	

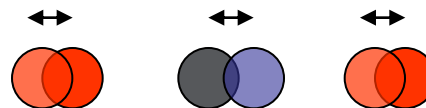
- Oscillation modes

- Symmetric stretching



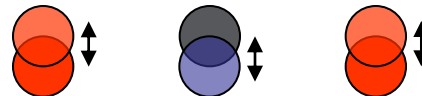
1/cm	μm
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- Asymmetric stretching



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- Bending vibration



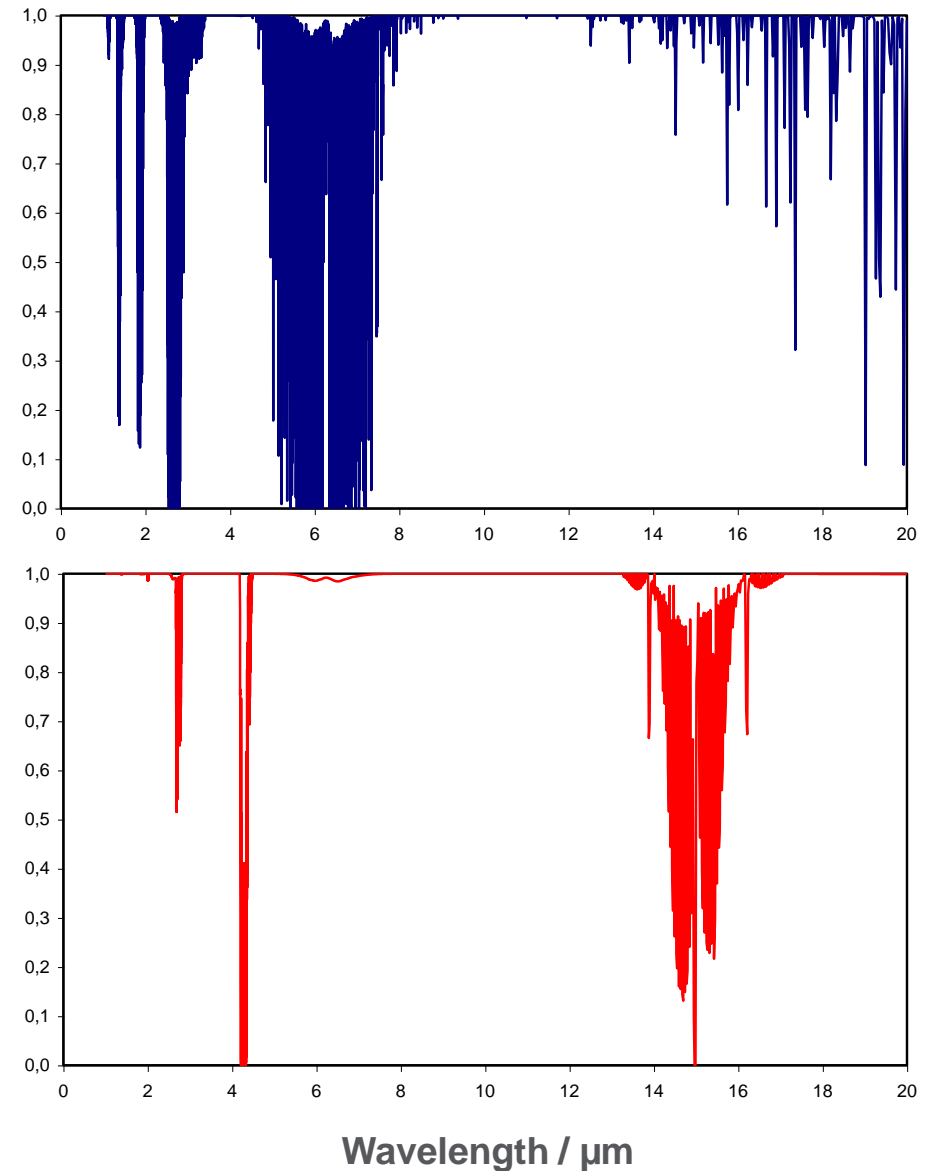
667	14,99
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Absorption of electromagnetic radiation

- Absorbed energy in sample (Lambert-Beer Law)
 - $I_{\text{abs}} = I_0 \cdot (1 - \exp(-\alpha \cdot L))$
 - With I_0 as irradiated intensity and L as sample length
- Absorption coefficient α of transition E_1 to E_2
 - $\alpha = \sigma \cdot (N_1 - N_2)$
 - With σ as absorption cross section, N_1 and N_2 as occupation densities of the ground state E_1 and the excited state E_2

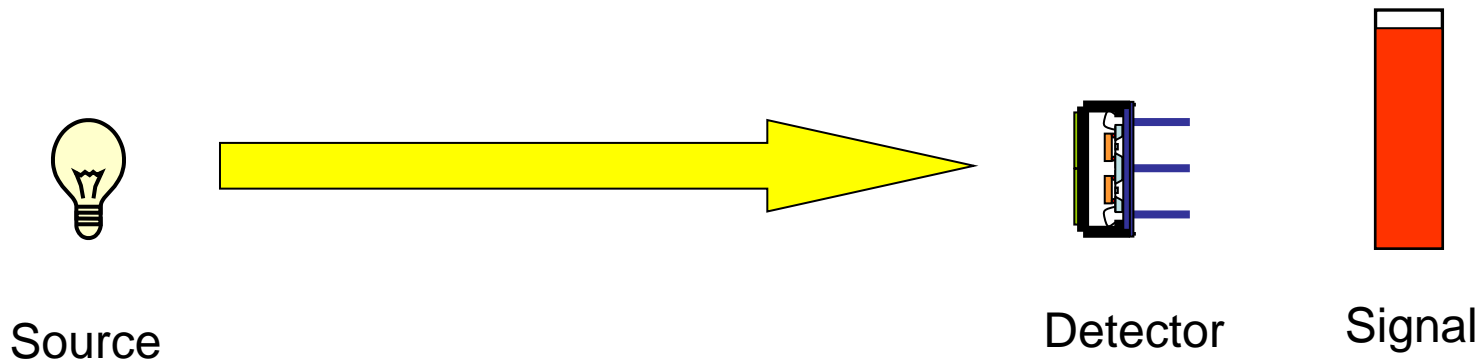
IR absorption of gases

- **IR spectra of gases**
- HITRAN spectra of
 H_2O (0,7 Vol%)
 CO_2 (1000 ppm) from 1-20 μm
- “Atmospheric window”
- NDIR:
 - CH_4 , CO_2 : 3 – 5 μm
 - Others: 8 – 12 μm



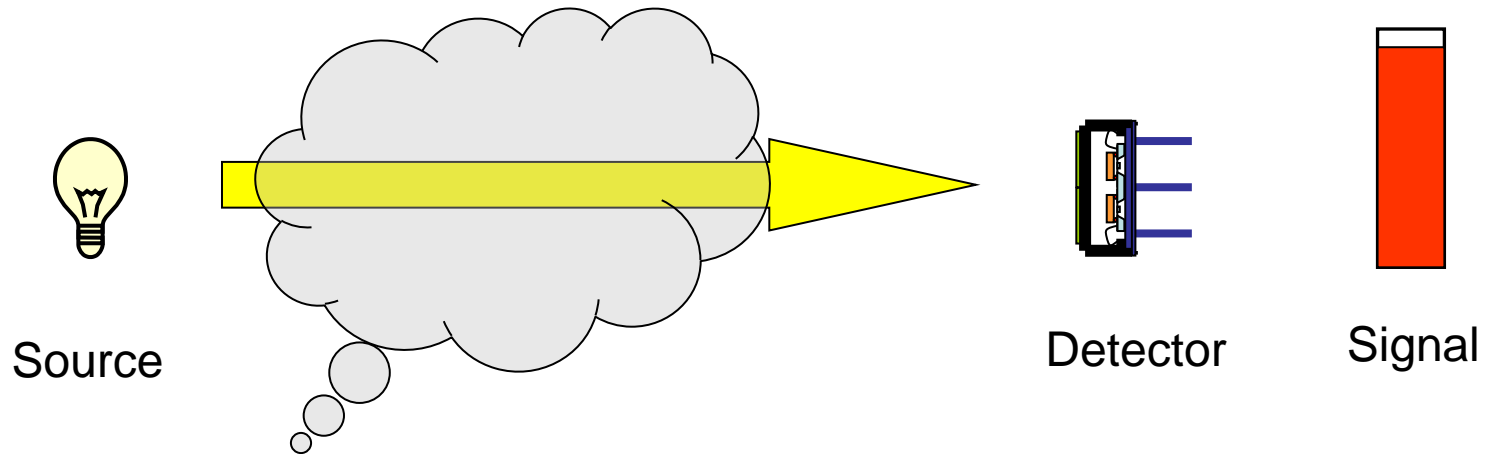
Measuring principle of NDIR systems

- Measuring principle
- IR-Radiation is emitted by the source
- Detector measures the IR-Radiation



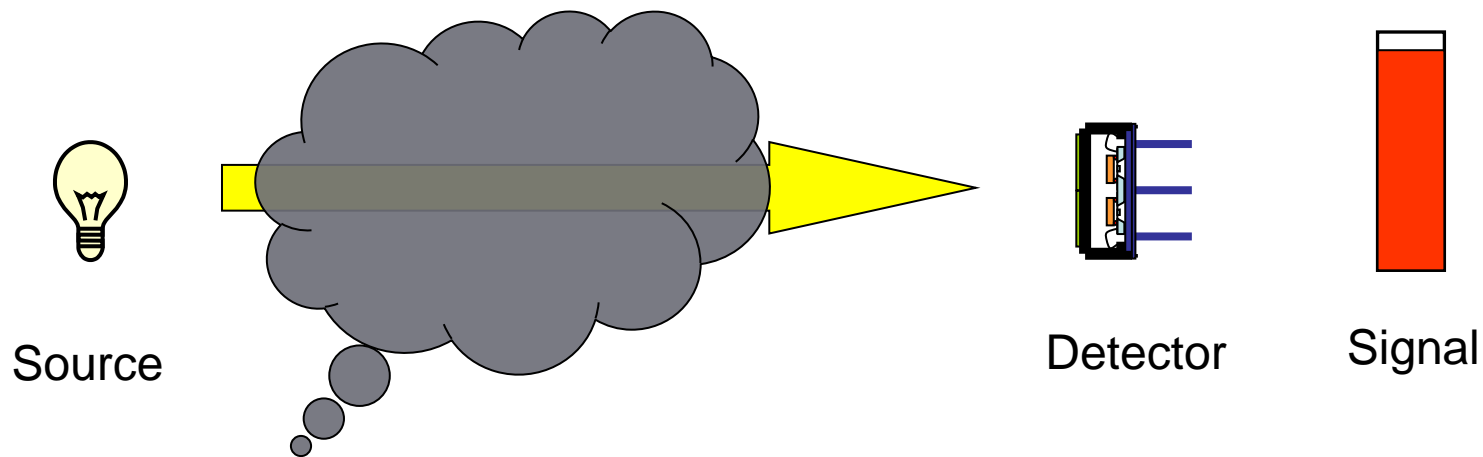
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- Radiation is emitted by the source
- Detector measures the IR-radiation
- Gas is absorbing IR-radiation



Measuring principle of NDIR systems

- Higher gas concentration results in a stronger absorption
- Lambert-Beer law $I_{\text{abs}} = I_0 \cdot \exp(-c \cdot \varepsilon \cdot L)$

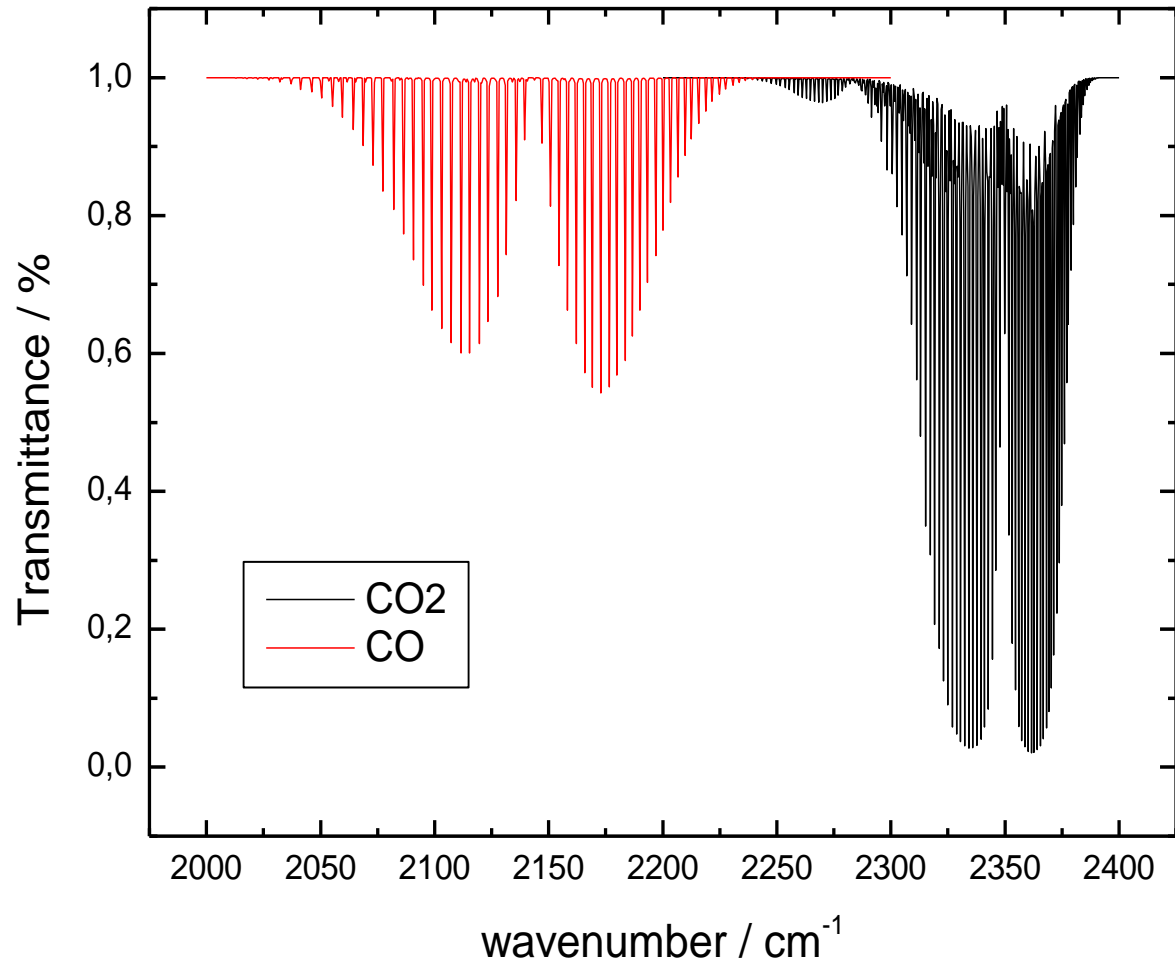


Measuring principle of NDIR systems

- **Selectivity**
- Simulation
10 ppm CO / CO₂
- Absorption way 1 m
- Pressure 1 bar
- Temperature 296 K

HITRAN calculations of CO and CO₂ transmittance

optical path 1m, pressure 1 atm, partial pressures 0.0001 atm, temperature 296K

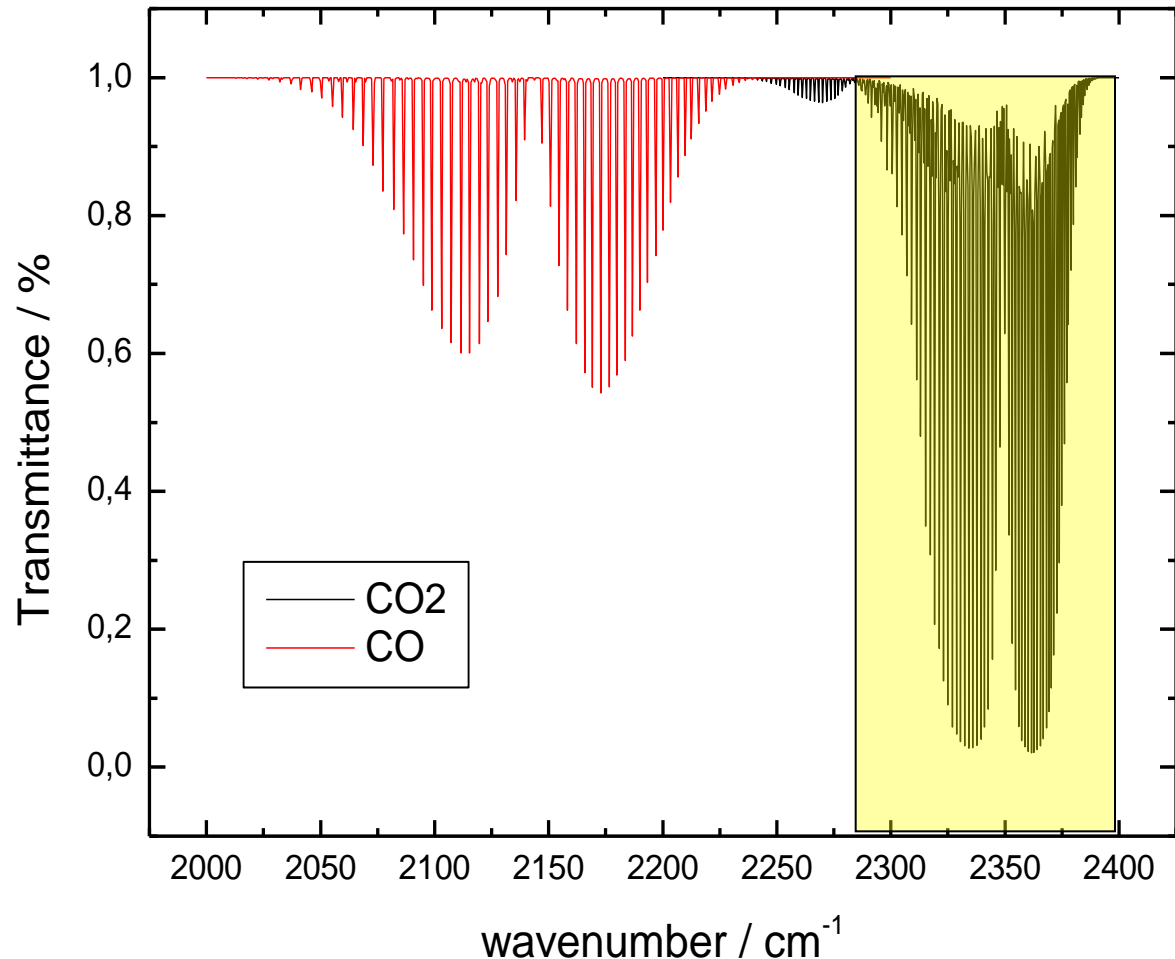


Measuring principle of NDIR systems

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- Filter at 4,1 – 4,4 μm

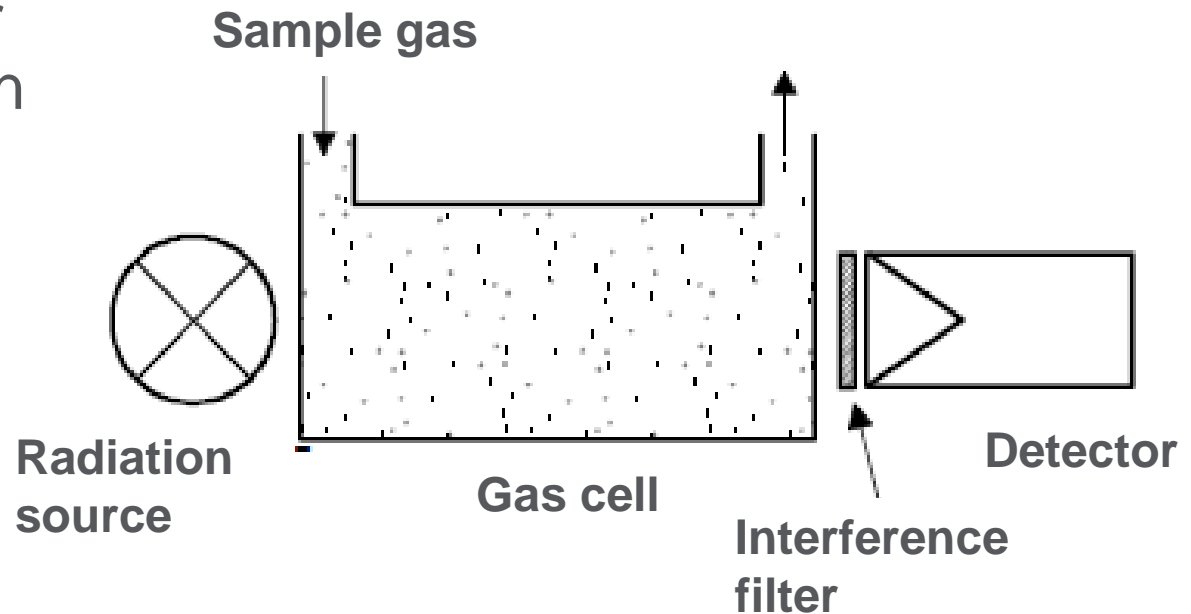
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Measuring system setup

- **Single channel sensor**
- Radiation source
- Gas measurement cell
- Interference filter for wavelength selection
- Radiation detector



Measuring system setup

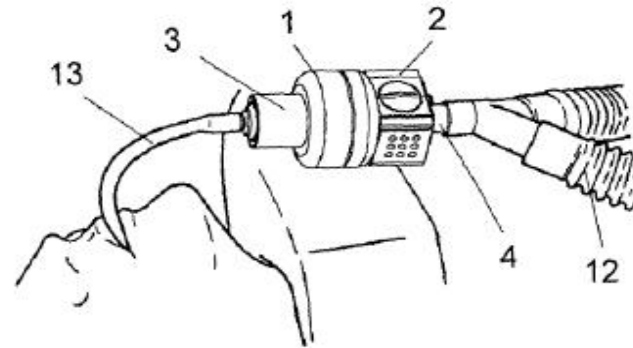
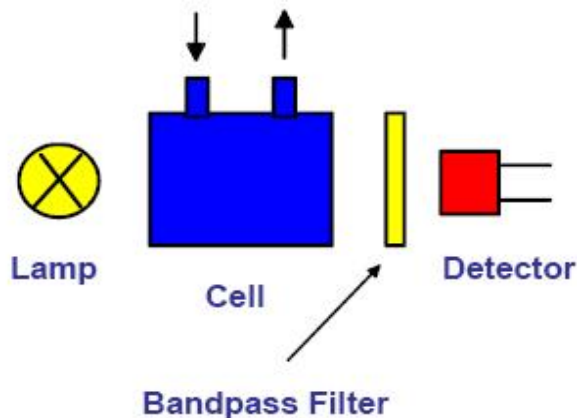
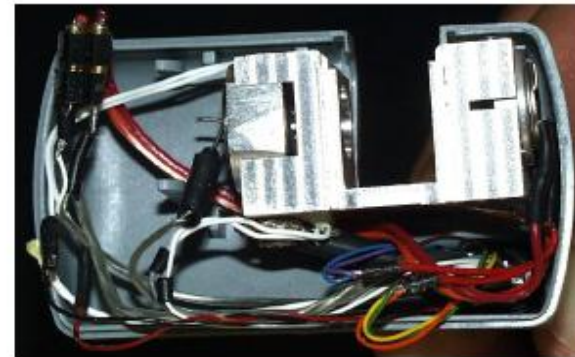
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Optical Gas Sensors for Medical and Safety Applications

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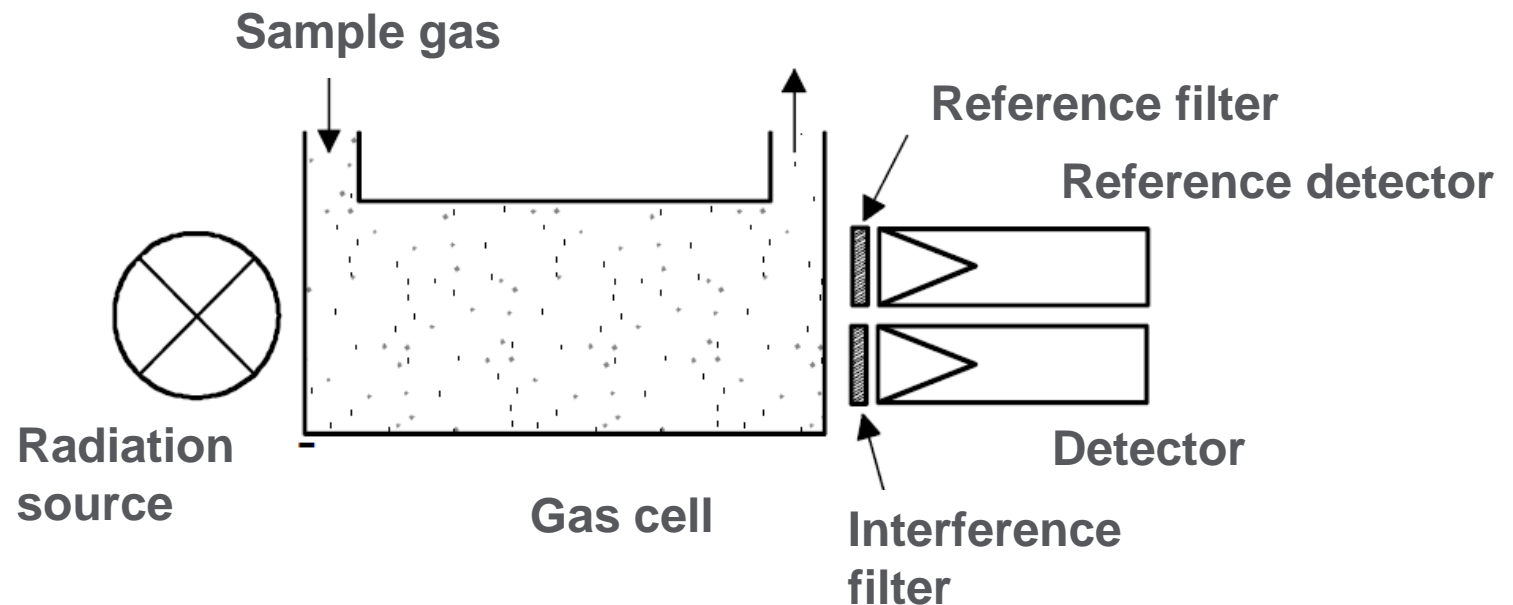
Single Channel Sensor

- + low weight, low production costs
- + no moving parts
- Prone to concentration drifts (dirt, lamp ageing)
- frequent zeroing required (U_{bright})



Measuring system setup

- **Sensor with reference channel**
- Radiation source
- Gas measurement cell
- Two interference filter for wavelength selection



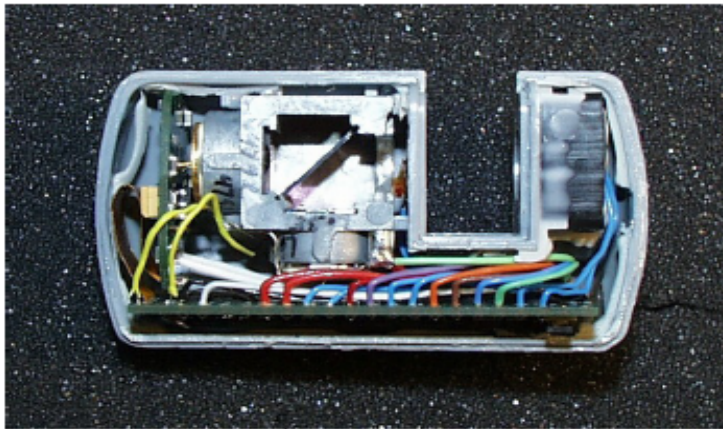
Measuring system setup

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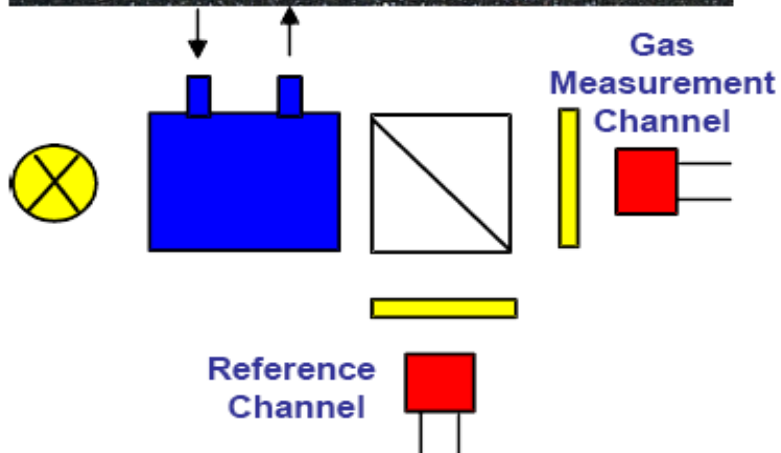
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CO₂ Sensor for Intensive Care



additional optical channel:
continuous measurement of I_0

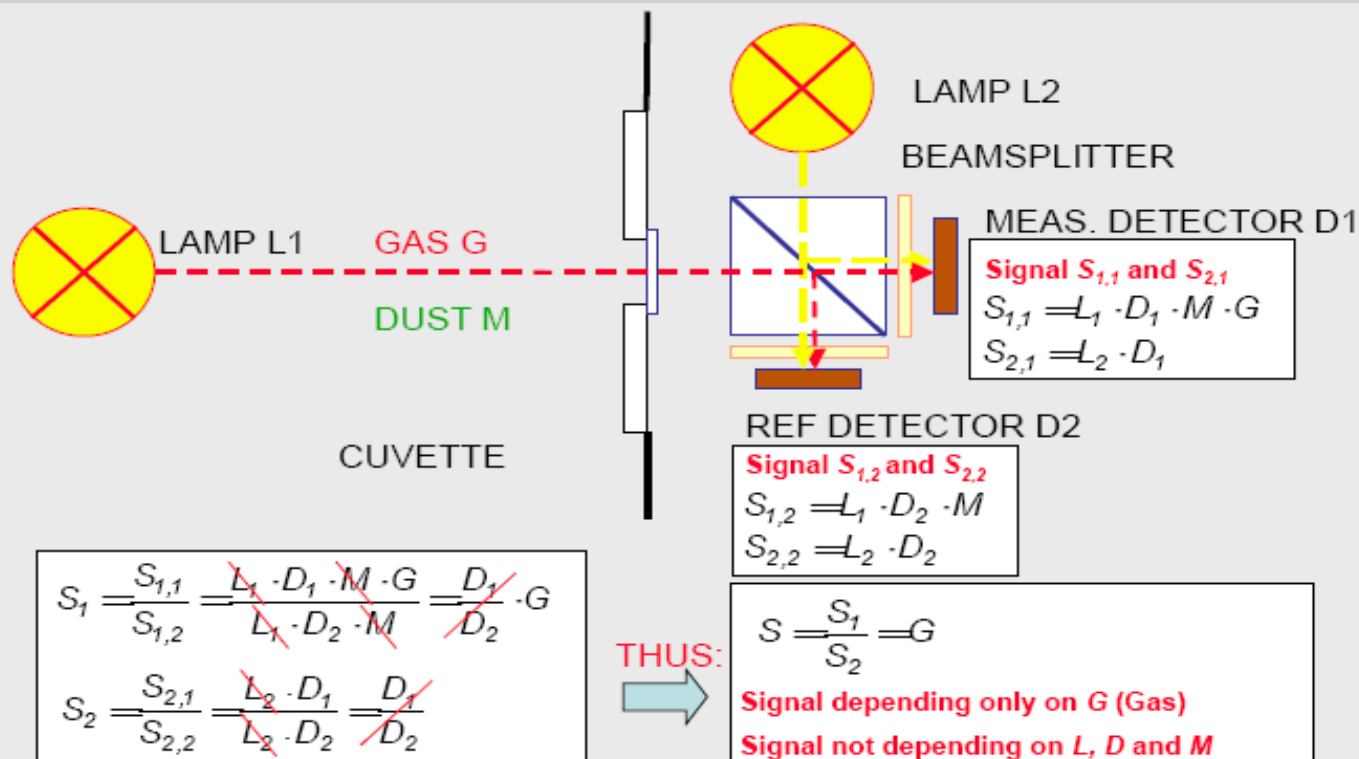


- + low drifting
- + collinear setup (beam splitter)
- + no moving parts
- detector adjustment
(temperature behaviour, ageing)
- only one measurement channel (CO₂)

Measurement Wavelength: 4.3 μ m

Measuring system setup

POLYTRON IR DOUBLE COMPENSATION



Infrared Carbon Dioxide Sensor for Automotive Applications

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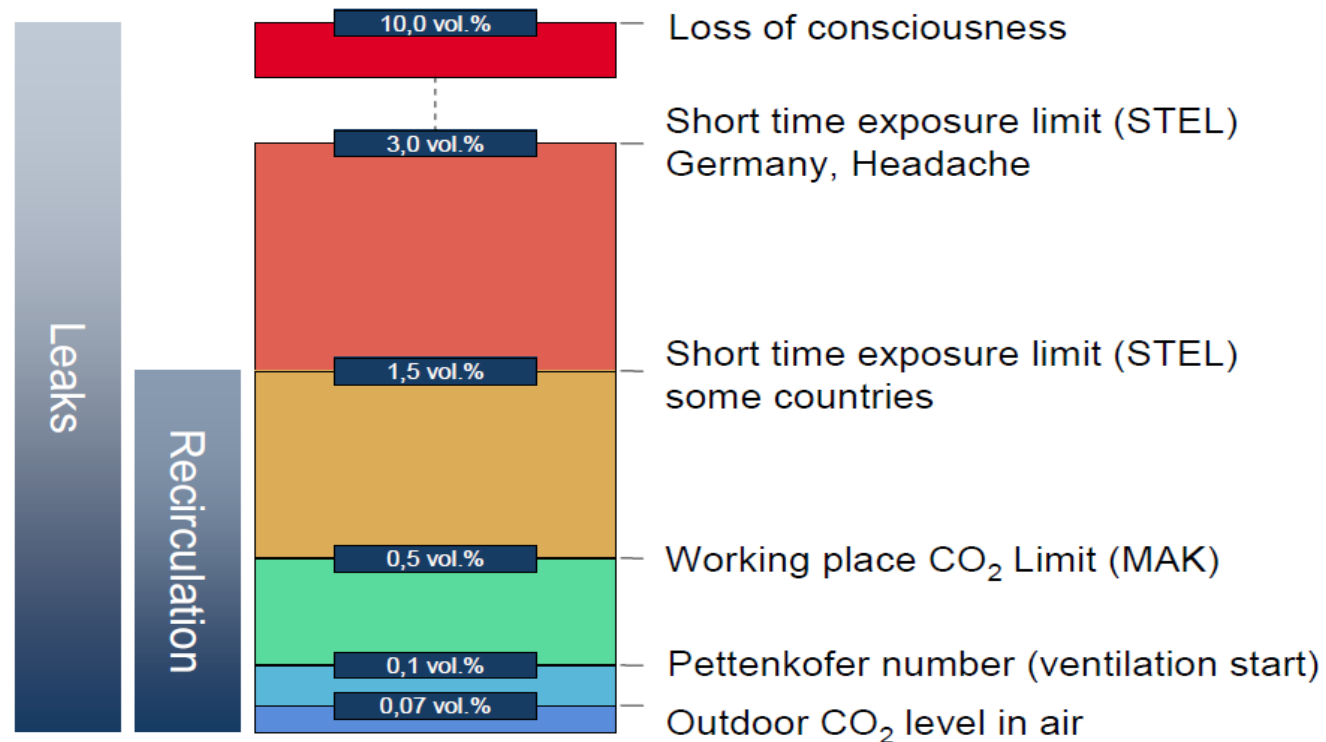


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Application examples

Infrared Carbon Dioxide Sensor for Automotive Applications

Carbon Dioxide in Cars



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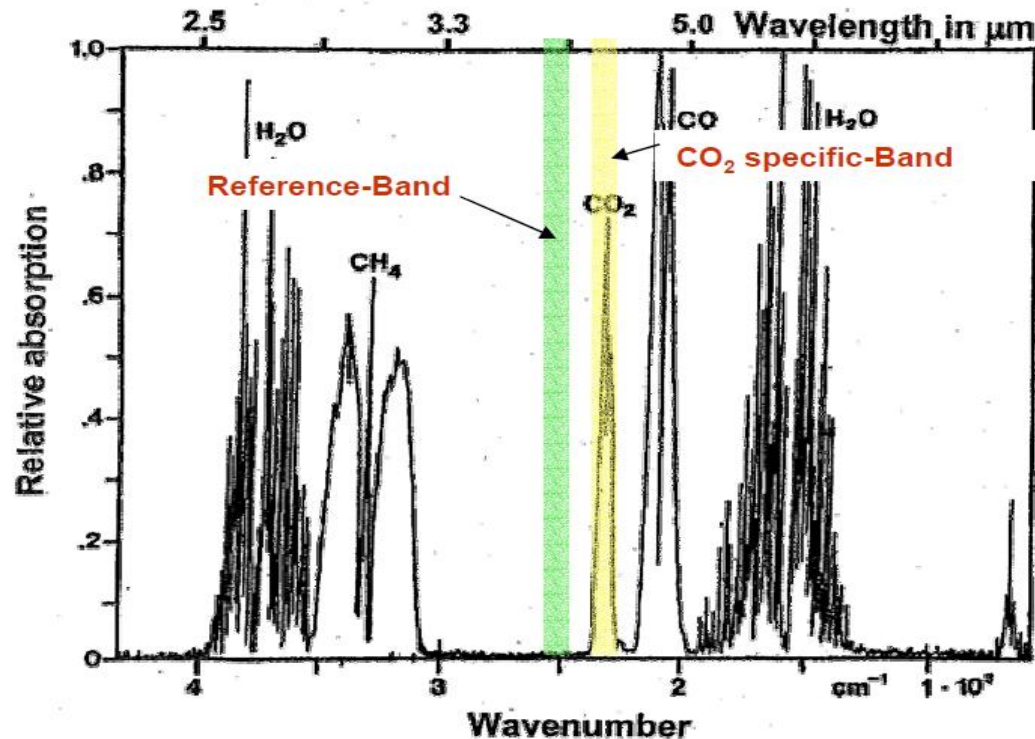


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Application examples

Infrared Carbon Dioxide Sensor for Automotive Applications

Spectroscopic Gas-Measurement



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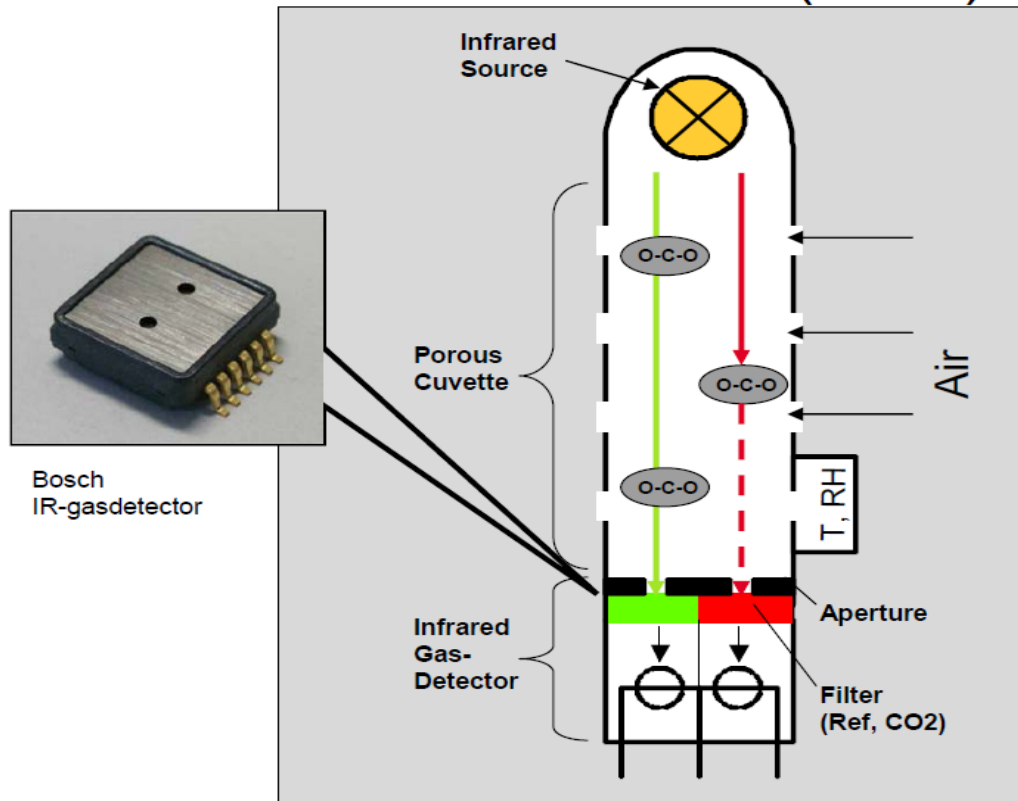


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Application examples

Infrared Carbon Dioxide Sensor for Automotive Applications

Climate Control Sensor (CCS)



Range: 0..3 vol. %
Resolution: <0.02 vol. %
Interface: digital or analog

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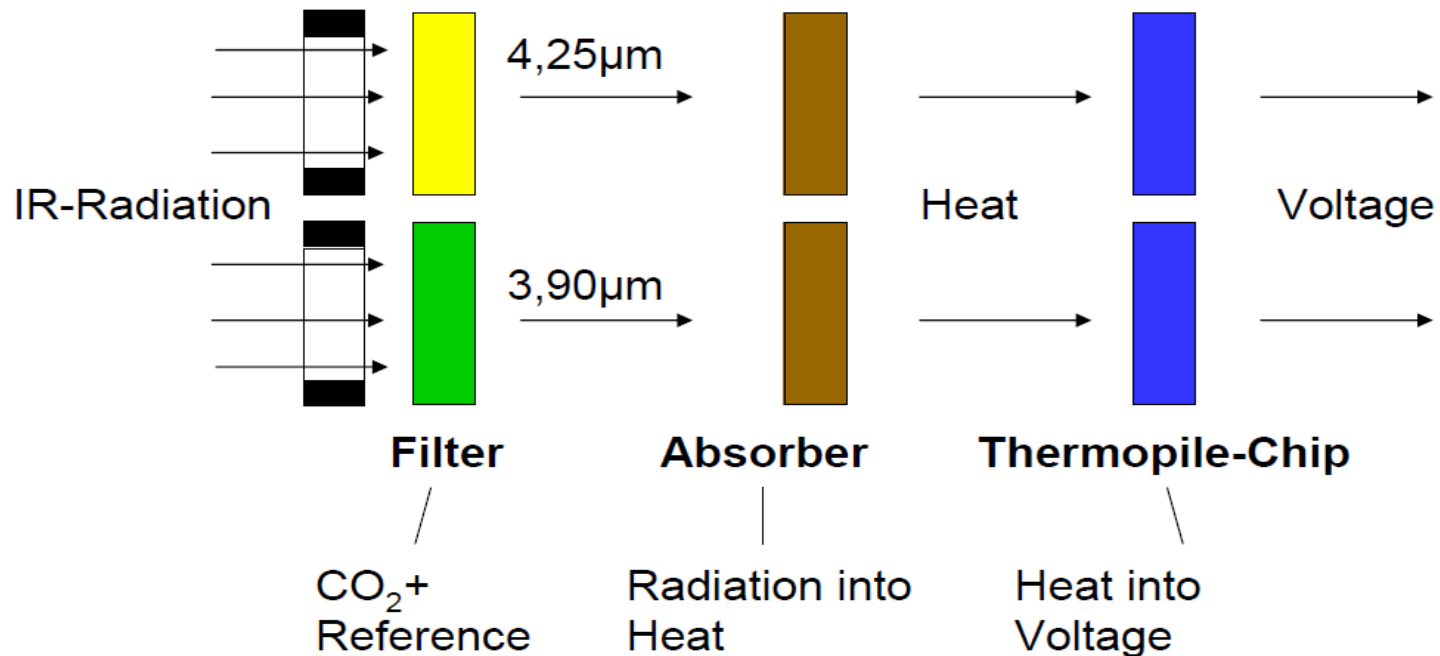


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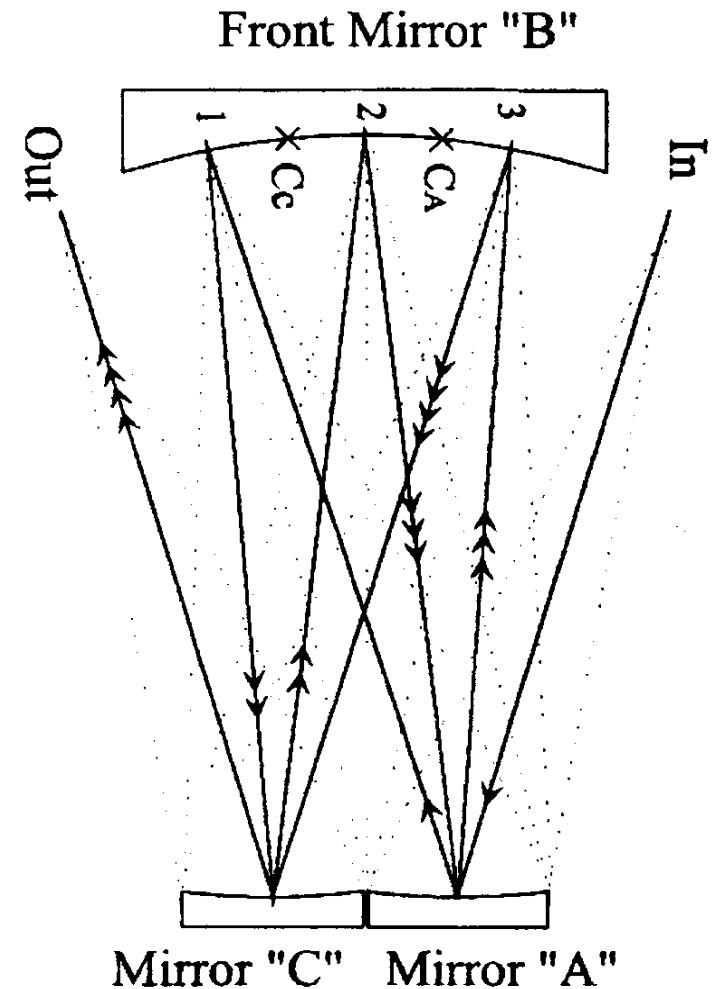
Bosch Infrared Gasdetector



Long path cell

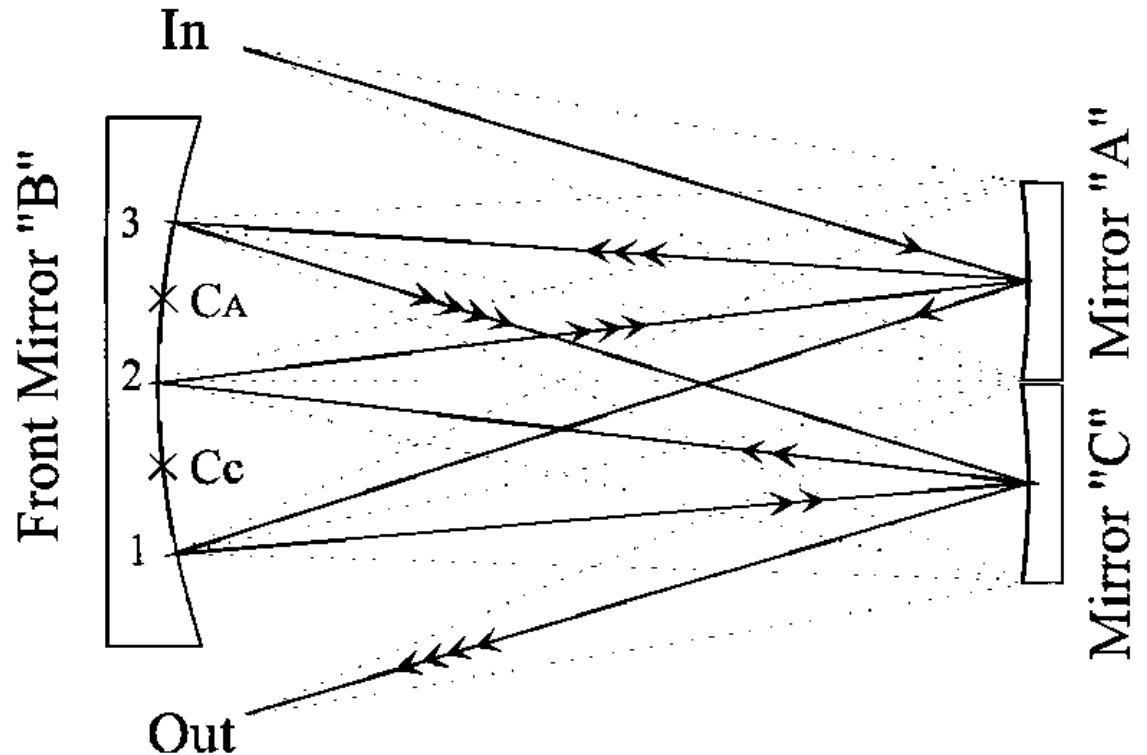
- **White cell (= optical long path cell)**
- John White 1942
- Multiple reflections
- Three spherical mirrors with identical radius of curvature
- Good transmission
- Uncritical alignment

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White cell – functional principle

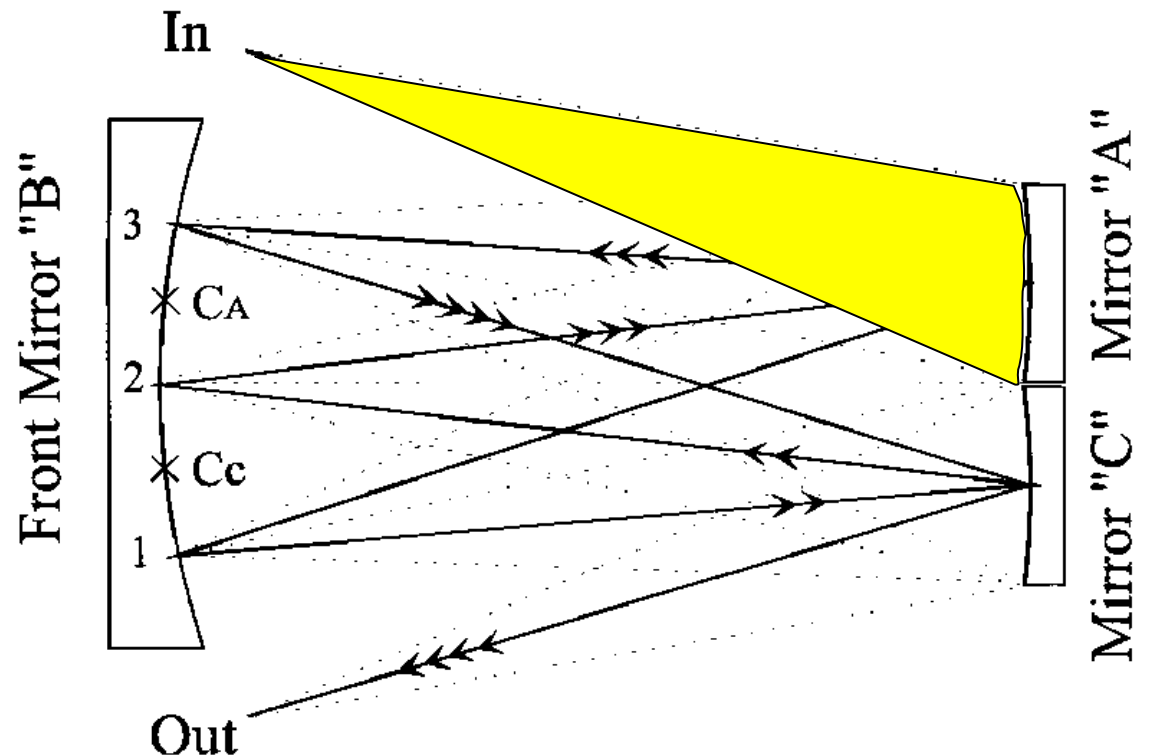
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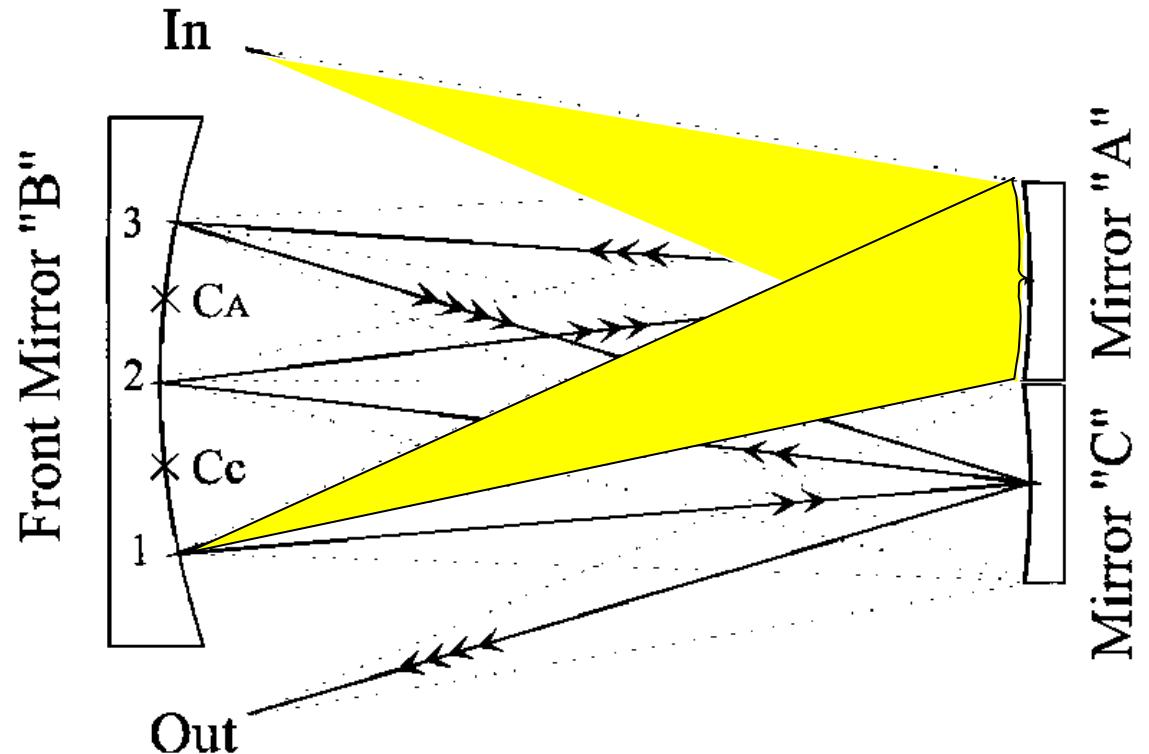
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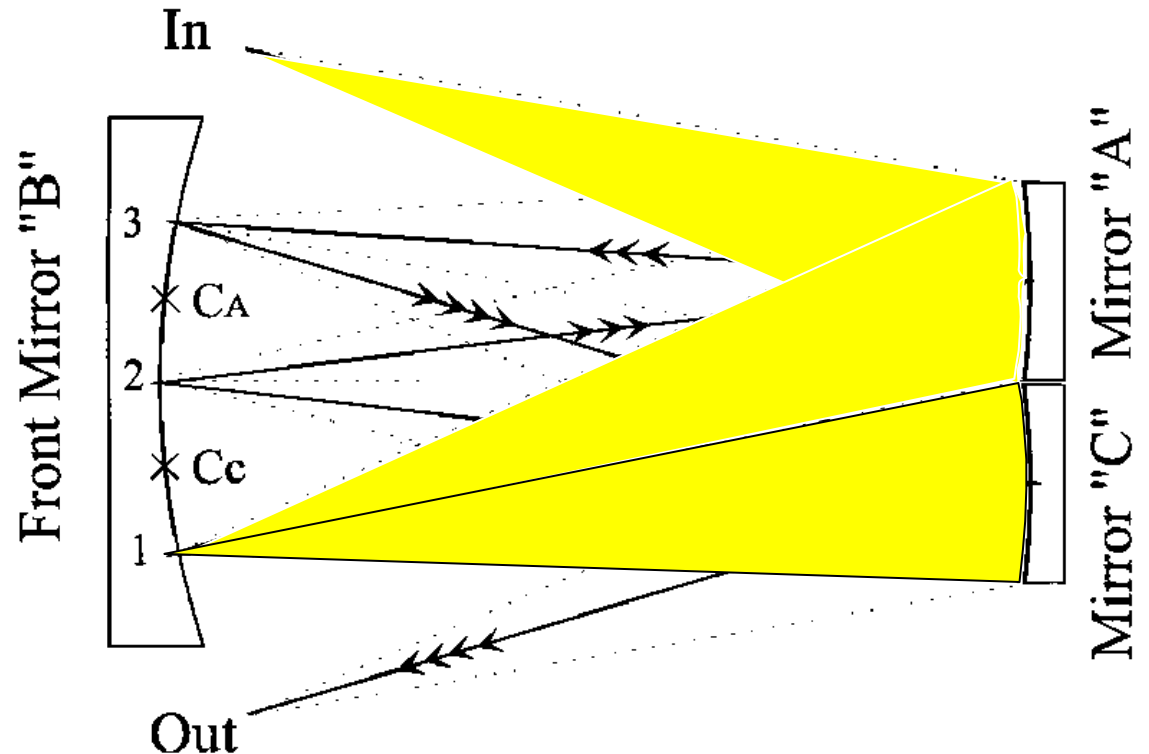
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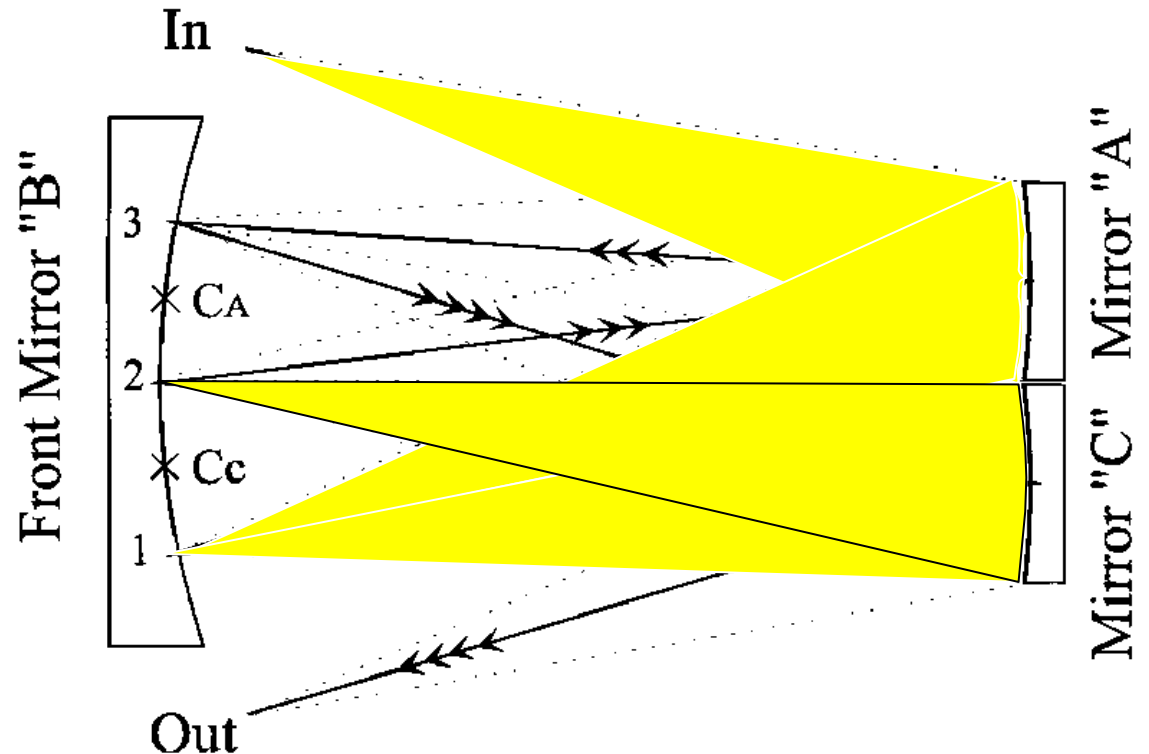
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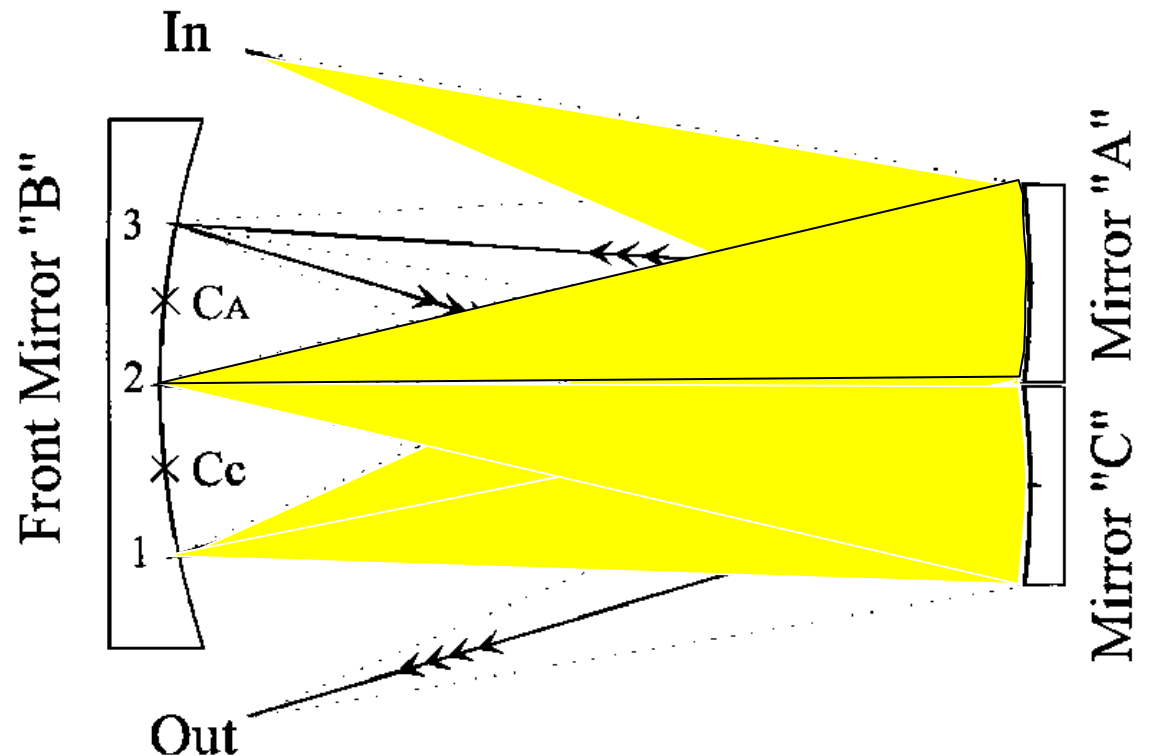
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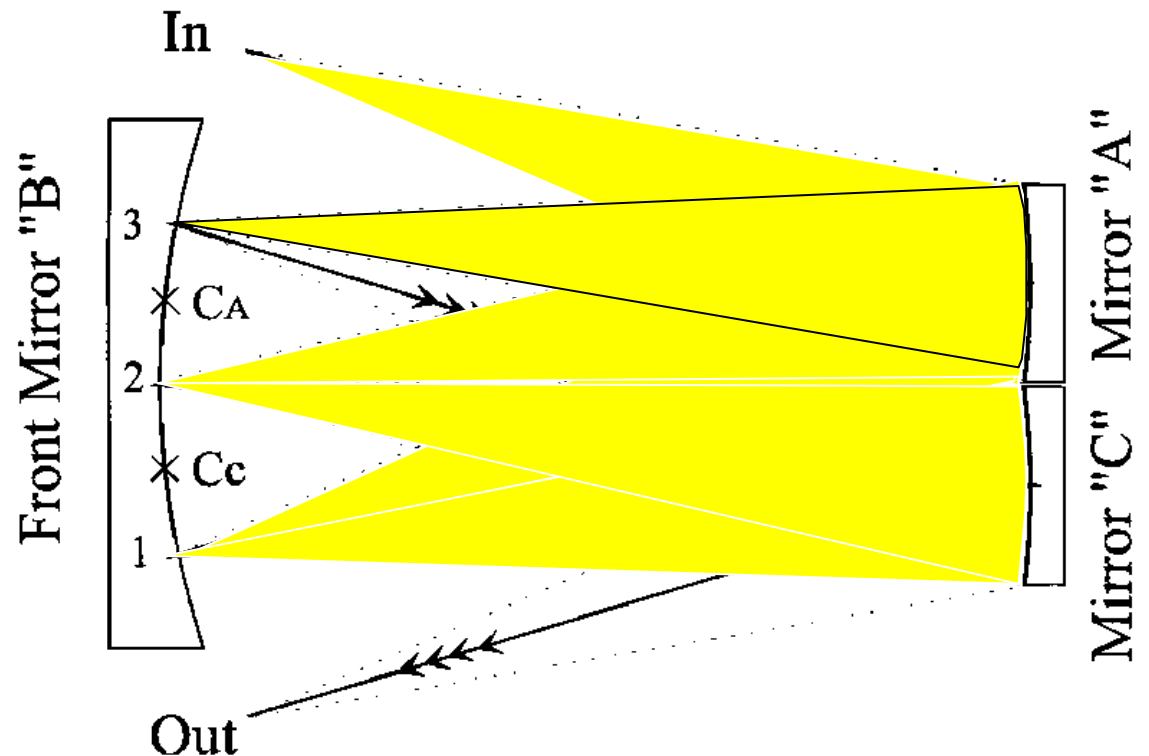
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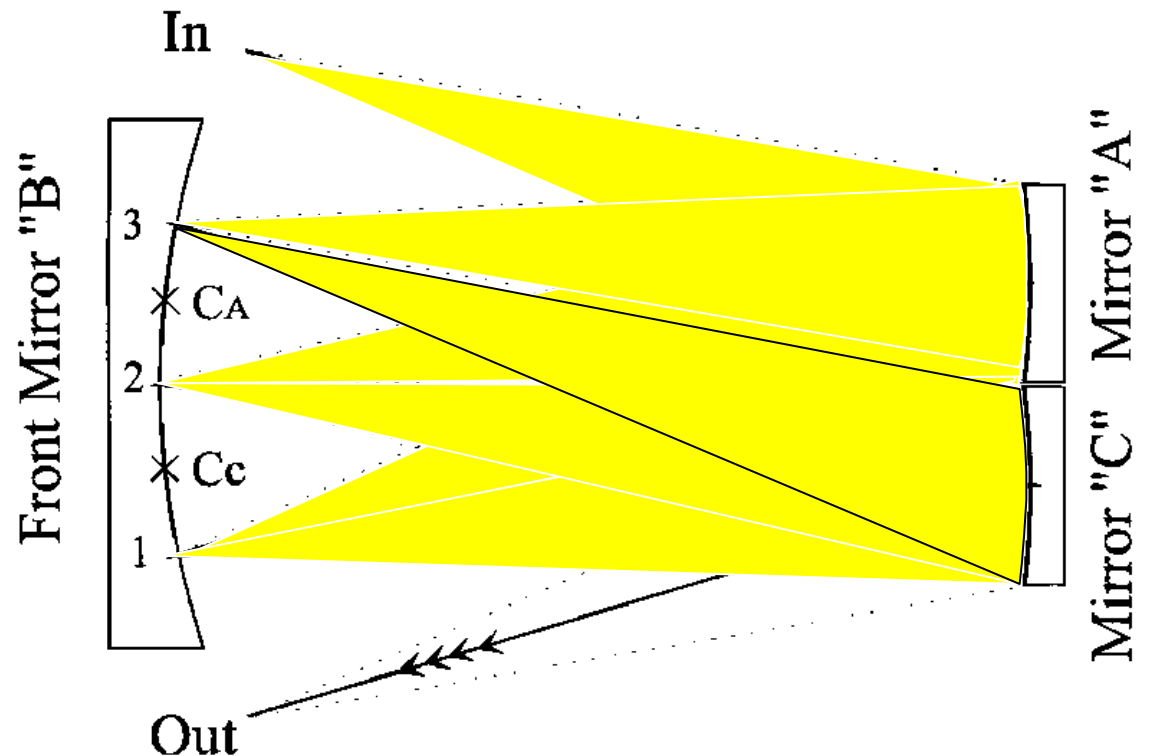
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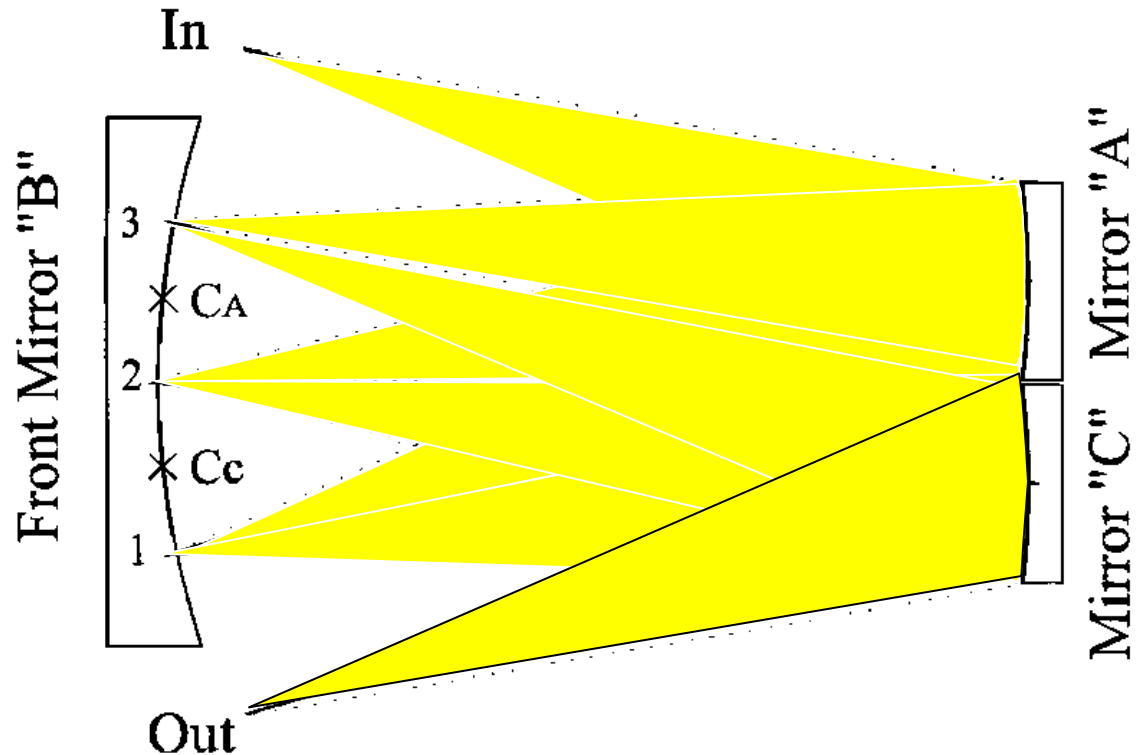
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Photo-acoustics

- First description by Alexander Graham Bell 1880
- Energy supply with short flashes of light
 - Temperature variation
 - Pressure variation
 - Measurement with a microphone



Photo-acoustical gas measurement

- **Photo-acoustical spectroscopy (PAS)**
- PAS uses the energy which is transformed into kinetic energy by inelastic impacts
- The transformation of the energy difference $(E_1 - E_2) = h \cdot \nu$ in translation energy results in a higher velocity of the colliding molecules
- Increase of velocity equivalent with increase of gas temperature
- Increase of temperature leads to thermo elastic expansion of the sample and therefore to an increase of pressure

Photo-acoustical gas measurement

- Increase of velocity is equivalent with increase of gas temperature T
- For a sample which is approximately an ideal gas:

$$p \cdot V = n \cdot k \cdot T$$

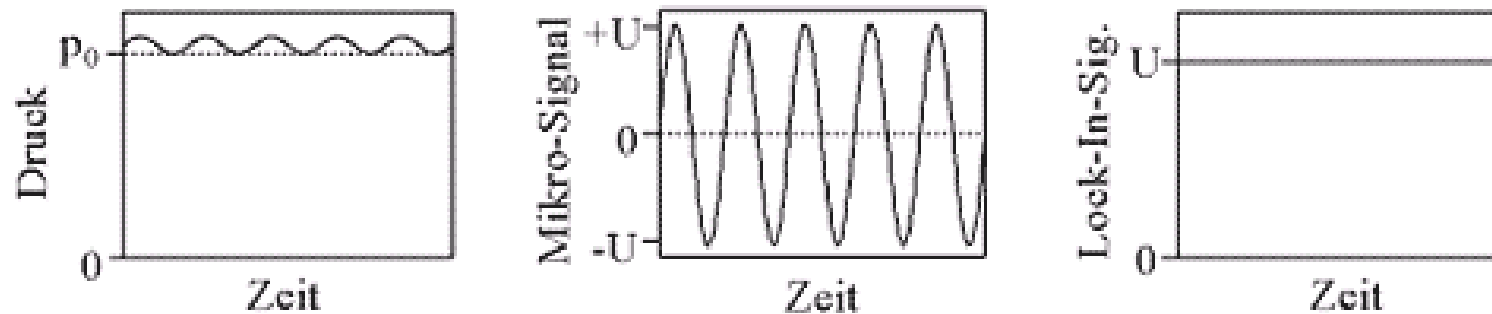
with p being the pressure, n the number of particles and k the Boltzmann constant

- An increase of temperature leads with constant volume V (and density) to an increase of pressure p
→ thermo elastic expansion

Photo-acoustical gas measurement

- An interruption of irradiation leads due to the diffusion of the molecules to a heat dissipation over the measurement cell
→ Pressure reduction to initial value
- Modulated irradiation results in a small periodic variation of pressure (typically 10^{-2} to 10^{-1} Pa) with the same frequency as the modulation of the radiation source
– the photo-acoustic signal
- Detection of this acoustic wave with a microphone eliminates the background (atmospheric pressure) because only pressure variations are detected
- Microphone signal yields a a constant offset-free signal

Photo-acoustical gas measurement



Time course of the harmonic pressure variation in the measurement cell, the microphone voltage and the lock-in signal

Photo-acoustical gas measurement

- Resonant excitation with alternating light
- Often used with laser light sources
- Partially use acoustic resonators

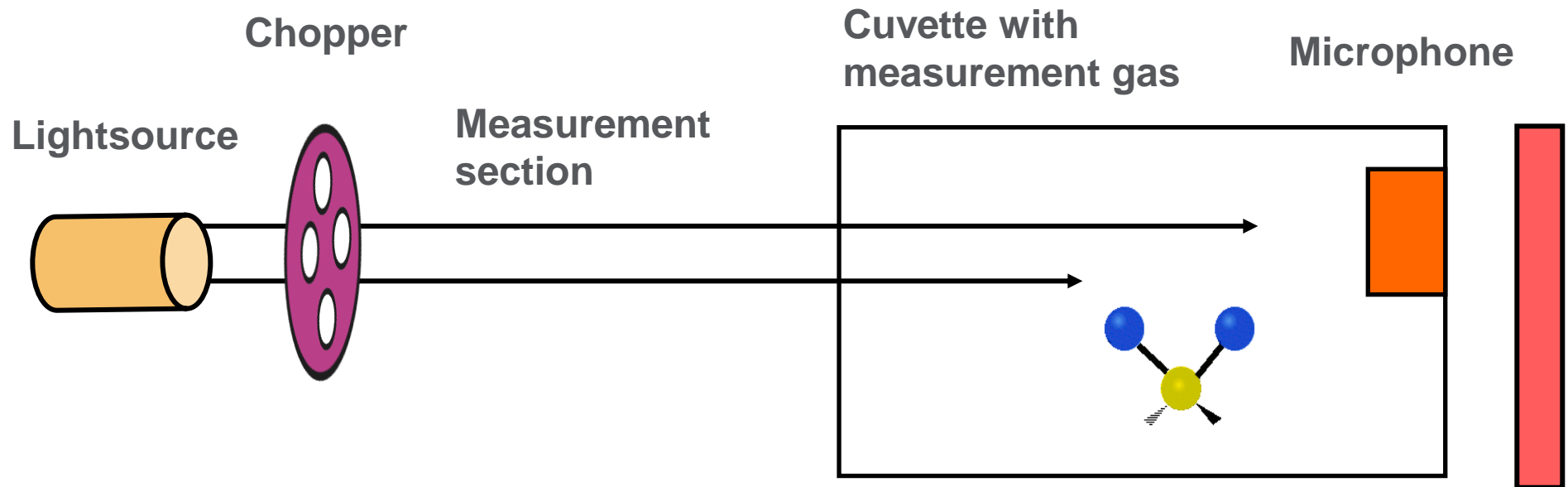


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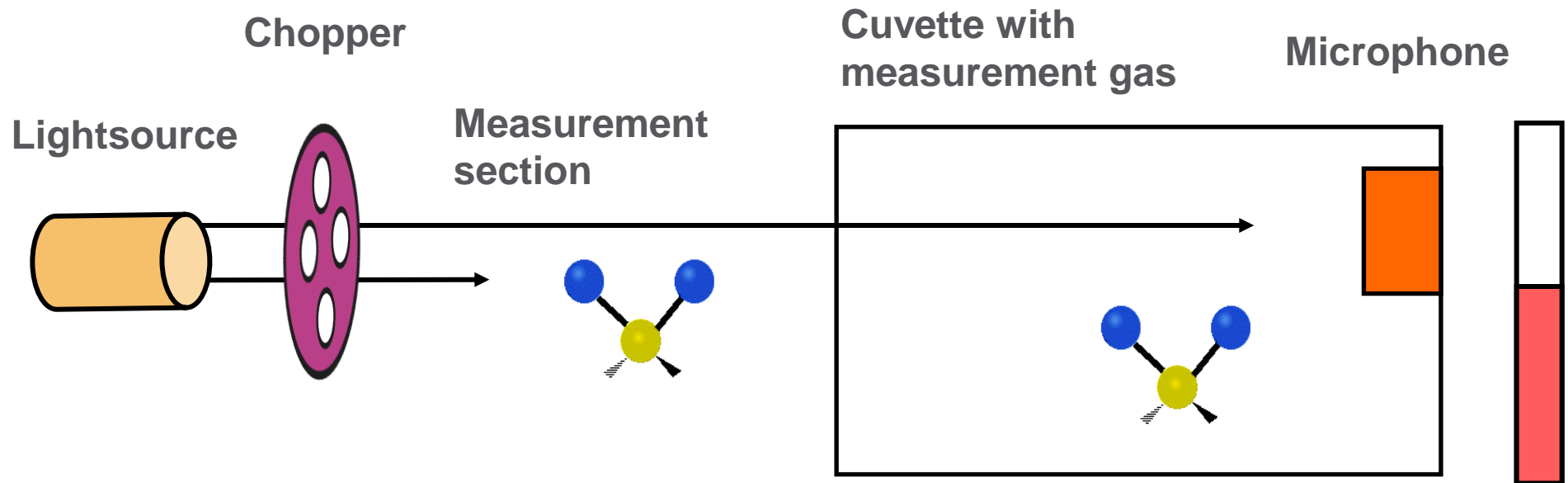


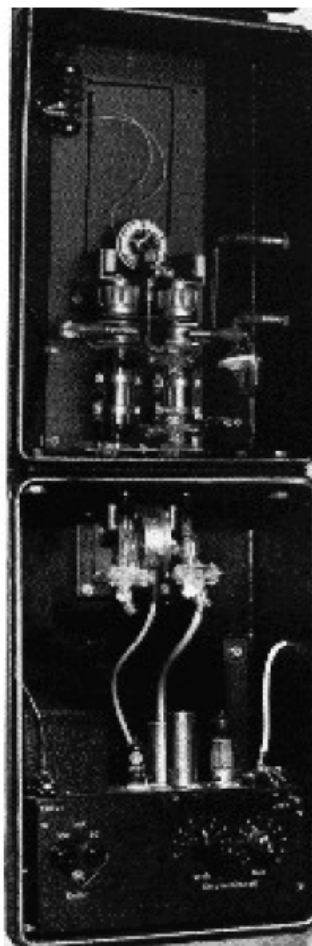
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Measurement Principle

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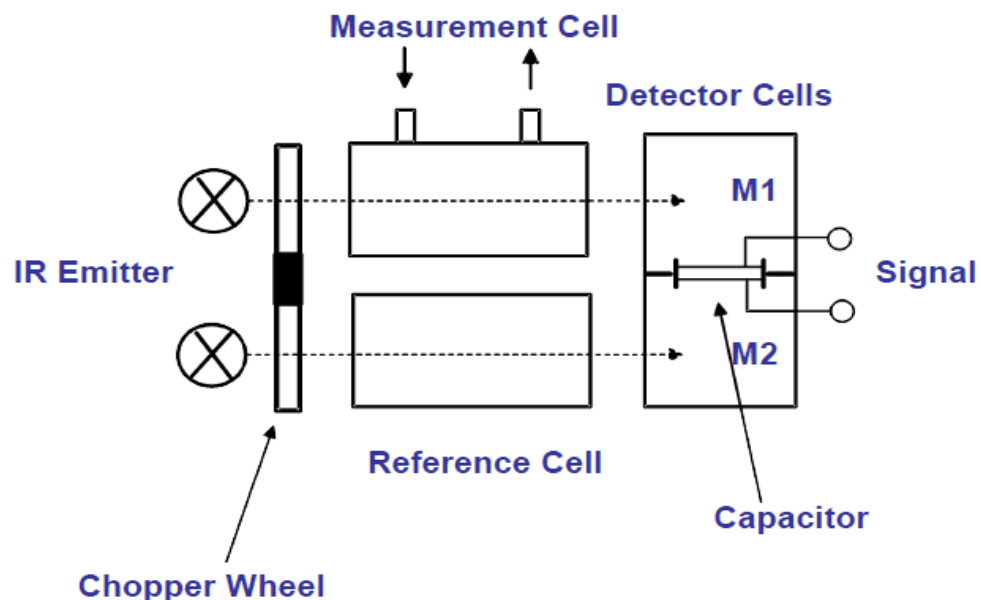
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URAS (Ultrarot-Absorptionschreiber)

Lehrer, Luft (1938)

acoustooptic / optopneumatic
Detector (target gas as a positive filter)



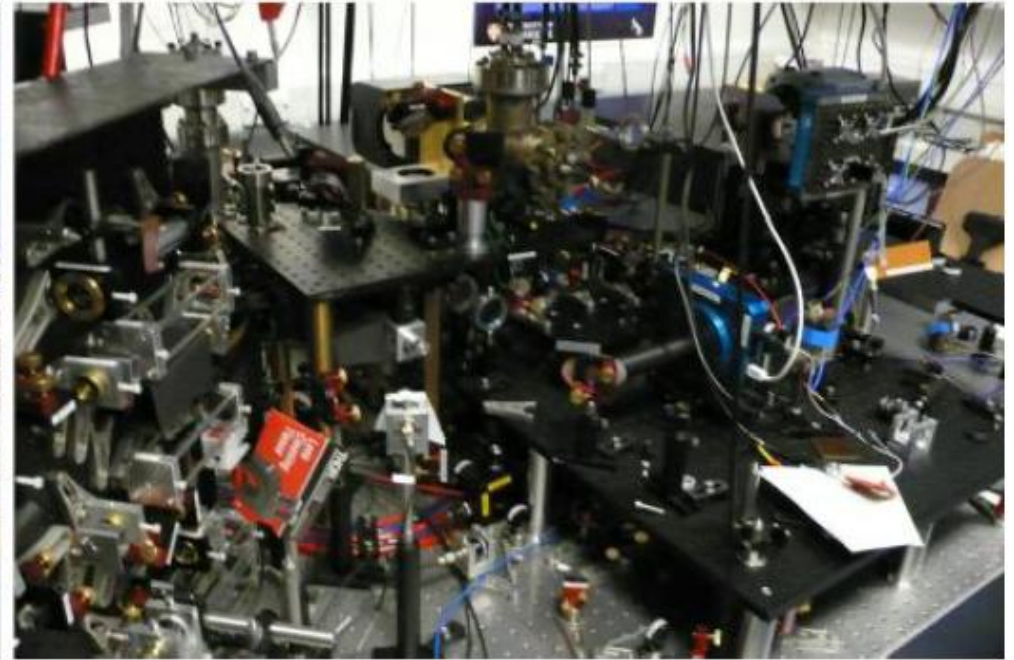
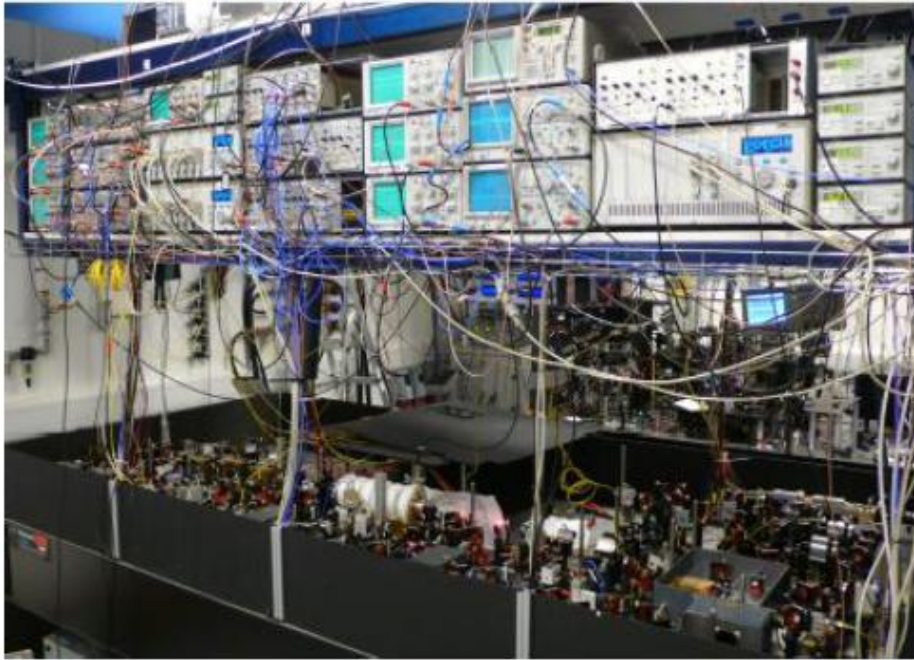
$\Delta p = 0.1 \mu\text{bar}$, $\Delta x = 1 \text{ nm}$, $\Delta C = 0.016 \text{ pF}$
Full scale values: N_2O , CO_2 : 100ppm
Hydrocarbons, CO: 500ppm

Laser spectroscopy

- Measurement principle
- Single Mode Laser
- Wavelength adjustment
- Direct spectroscopy
- Open Path system
- Multireflexion cell
- Derivative spectroscopy
- Cavity-Ring-Down



Laser spectroscopy



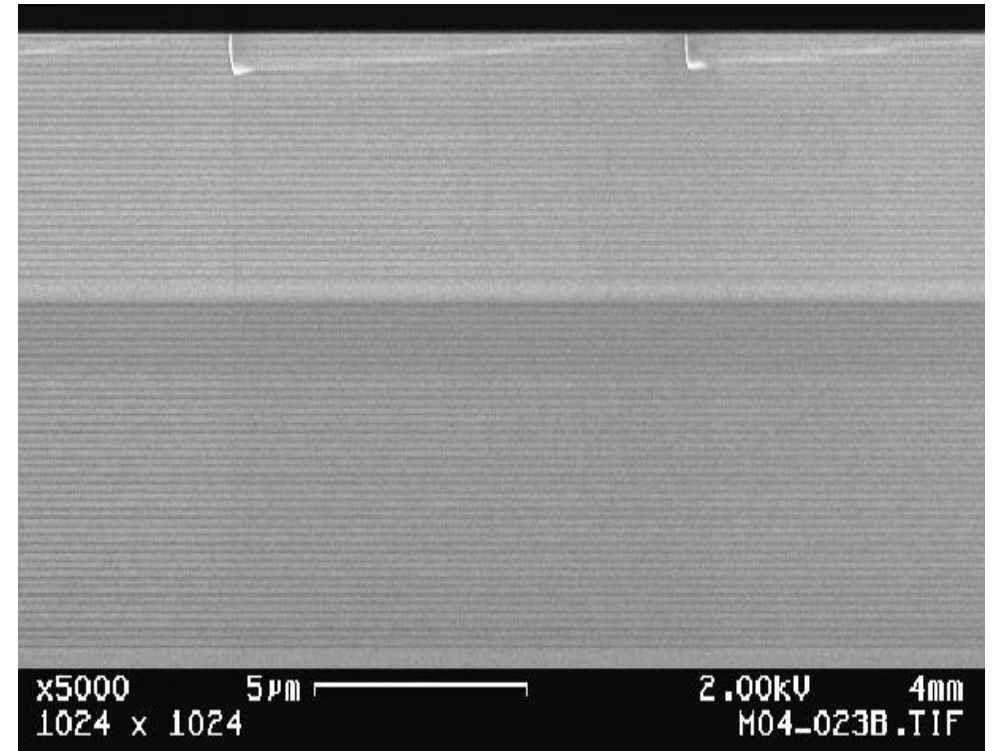
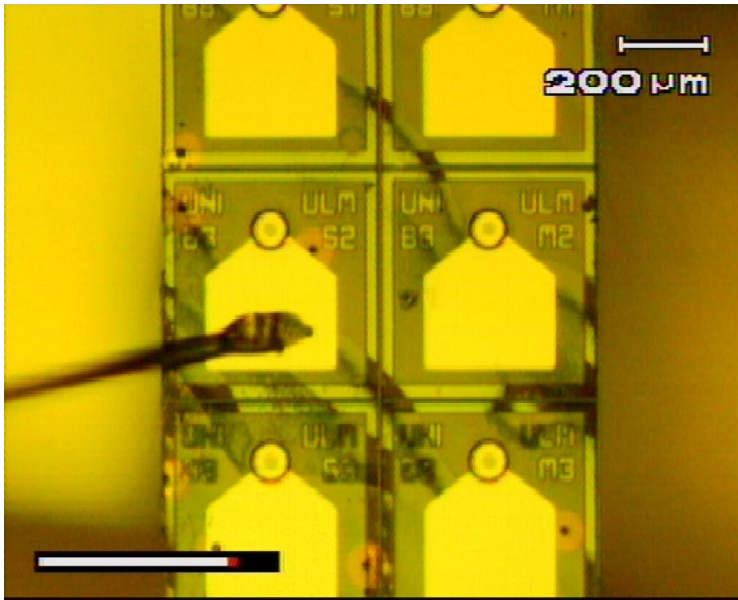
Laser spectroscopy in basic research (University Cambridge)

Laser spectroscopy



Wavelength stabilisation of a laser

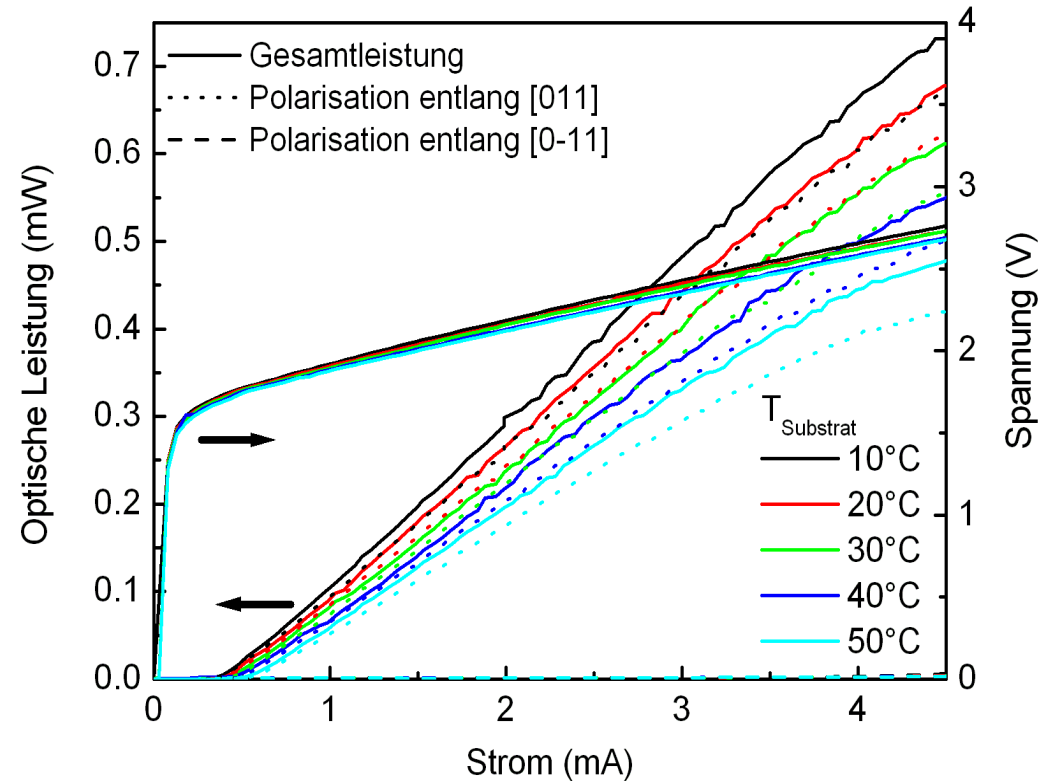
- **Laser as selective light source**
- Requirement for laser diodes:
 - Single Mode: Only one wavelength
 - Suitable Wavelength
 - Wavelength adjustable



Surface-emitting laser diodes (VCSEL)

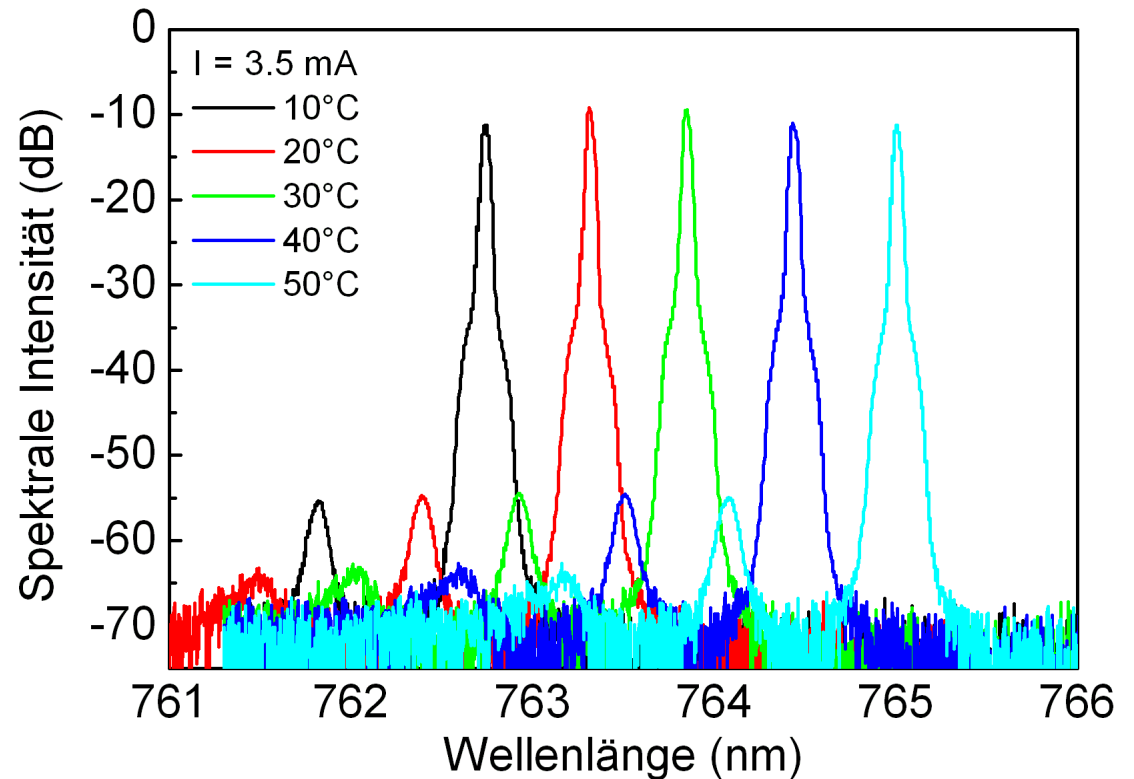
Laser spectroscopy

- **Laser characterization**
- Investigations regarding to electrical behavior and radiation power
- Voltage-Current characteristic
- Optical power as a function of current



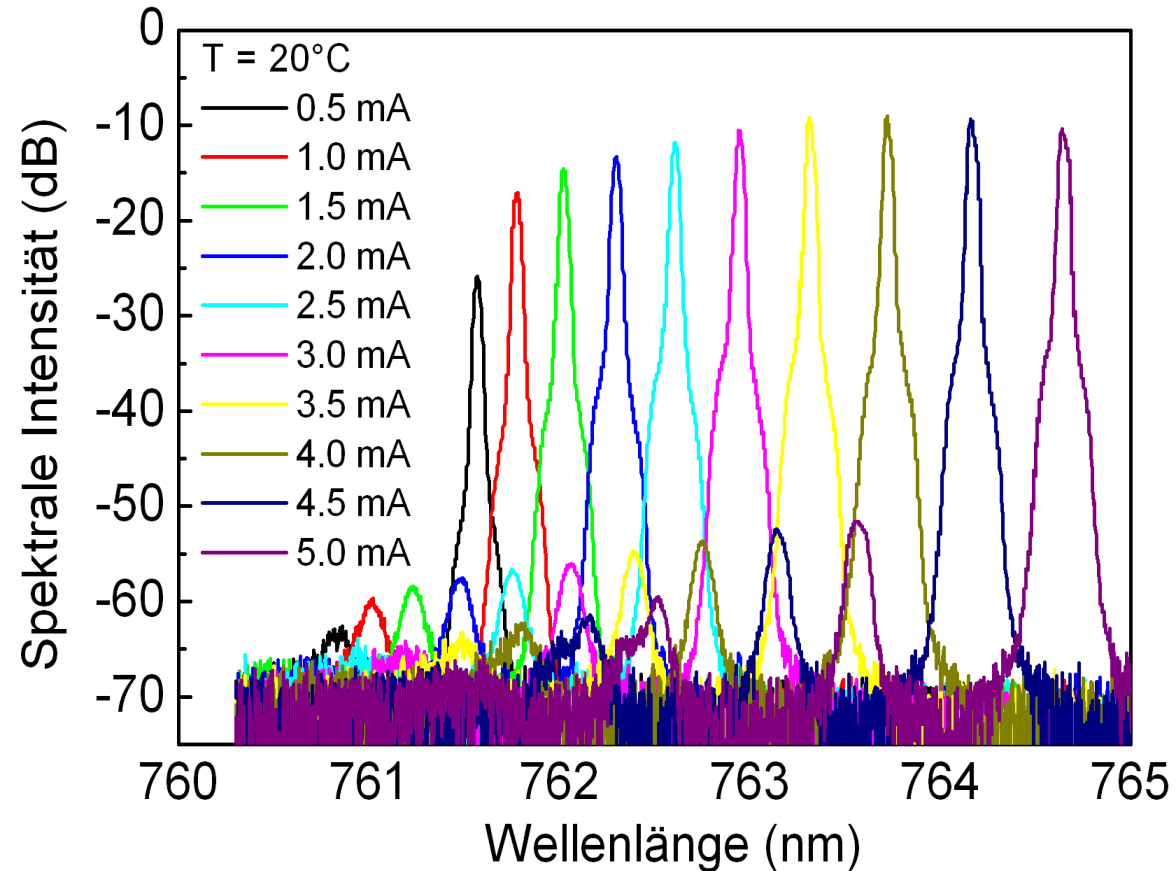
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- **Laser characterization**
- Adjustment regarding to laser substrate temperature



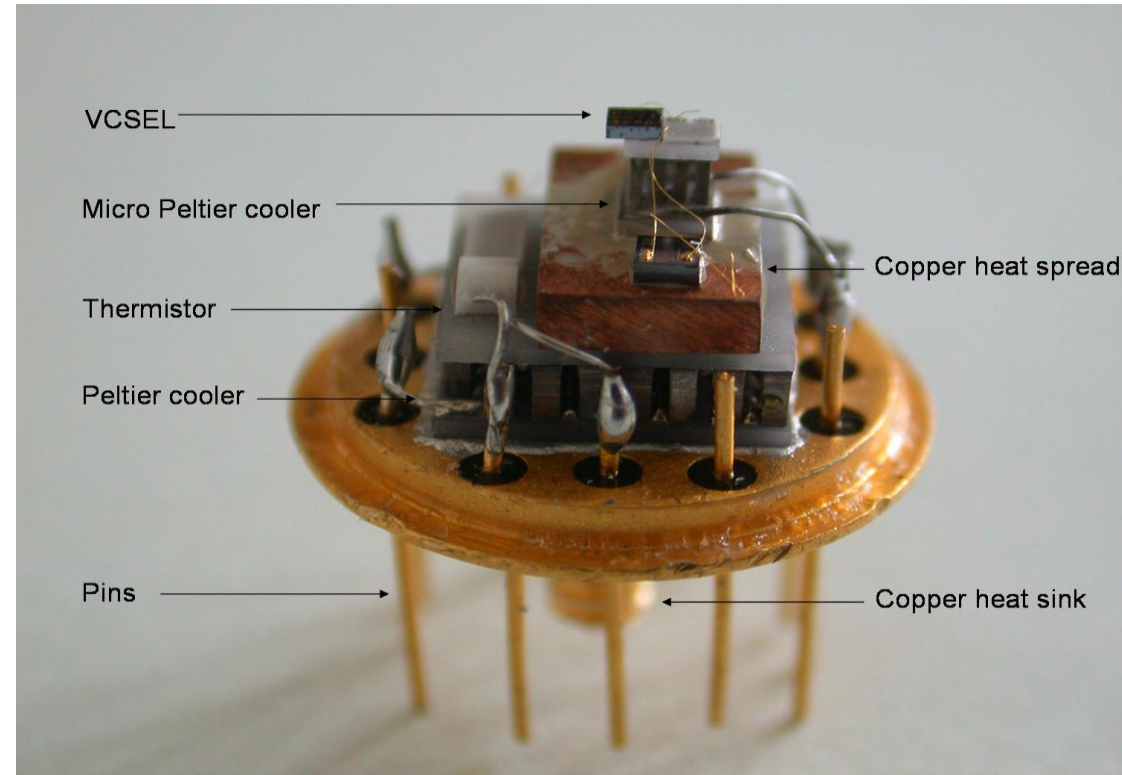
Laser spectroscopy

- **Laser characterization**
- Adjustment regarding to the laser current
- Record of spectra with different currents ($T_{\text{substrate}}=20^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Up to 3mA laser current few secondary modes
- Adjustment rate: 0,0625 nm/mA

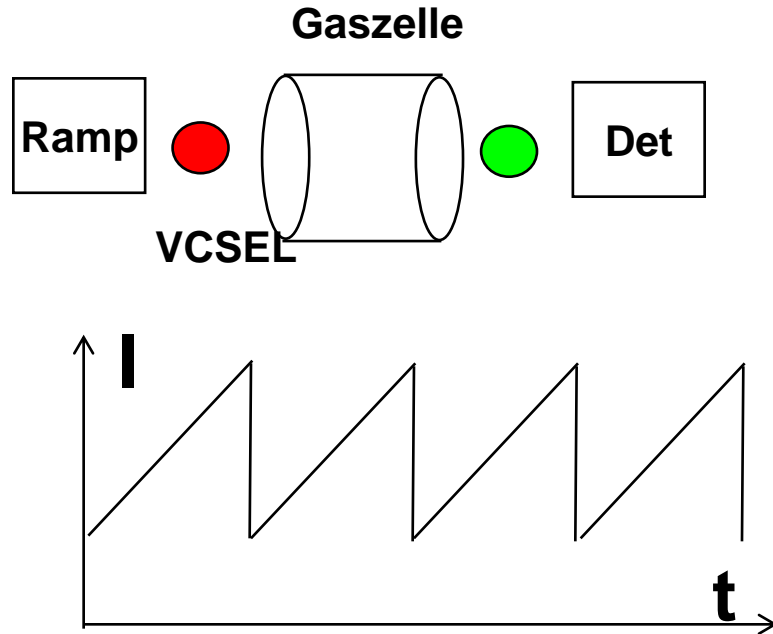


Wavelength stabilization of a laser

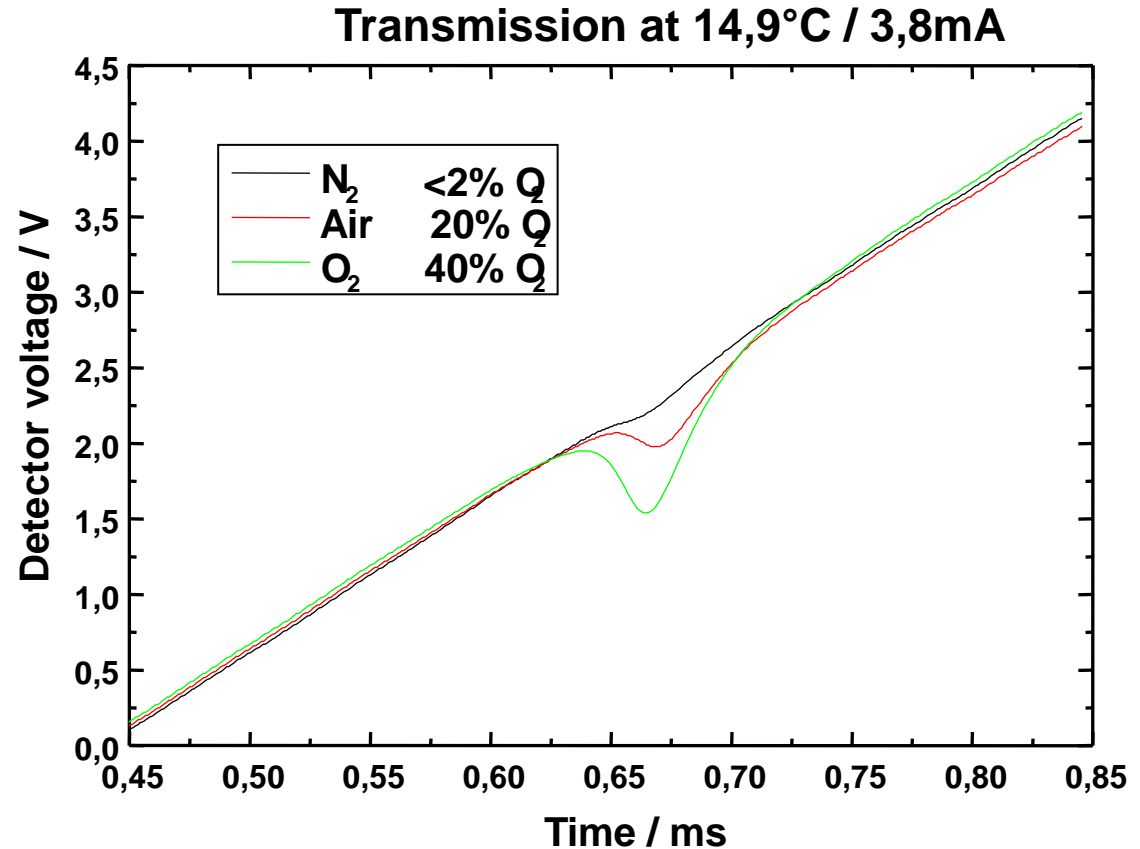
- **762 nm VCSEL on a two-step Peltier cooler**
- With this setup temperature differences of more than 130K could be achieved. With a temperature tuning coefficients of 0,055nm/K this corresponds to a modehop-free tuning range of more than 7nm.



Wavelength stabilization of a laser



- On base current modulated saw tooth pulse with a frequency of 1100Hz, standard pressure, 298K





Cavity-Ring-Down Spectroscopy

Ring Down Cavity Spectroscopy Technique

First Developed by O'Keefe and Deacon

Rev. Sci. Instr. 59, 2544 (1988)

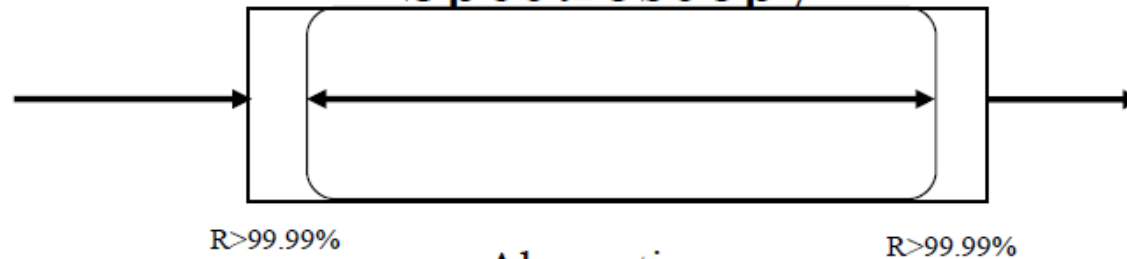
Theory: Romanini and Lehmann

J. Chem. Phys. 99, 6287 (1993)

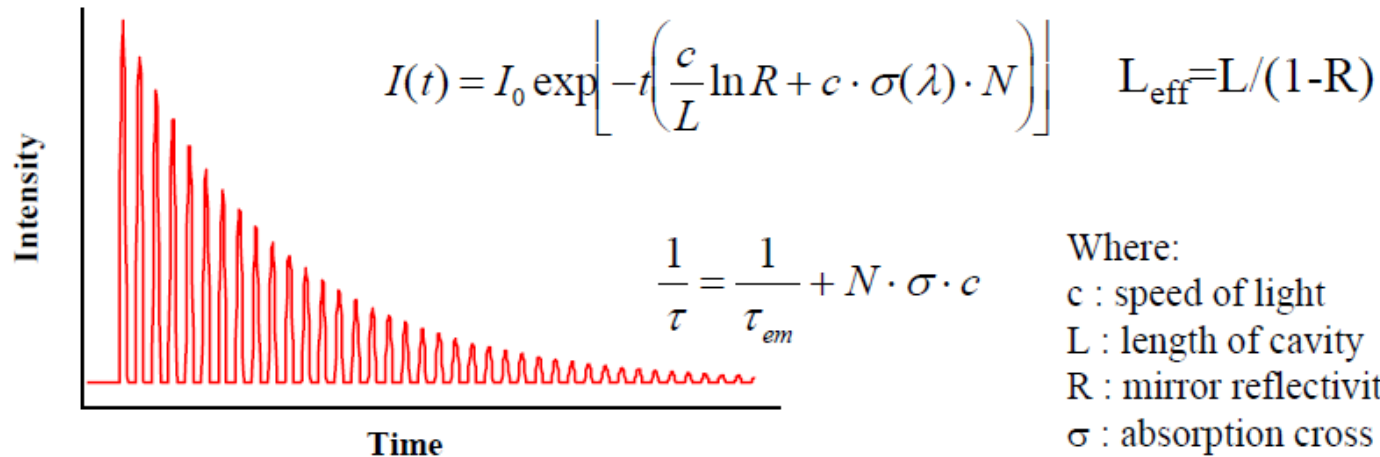
- Use a passive optical cavity formed from two high reflective mirrors ($T \sim 1-100$ ppm)
- Excite cavity with a pulsed laser to 'fill' with photons
- Detect exponential decay of light intensity inside resonator
- Decay rate reflects:
 - Loss due to mirrors (slowly changing with wavelengths)
 - Absorption of gas between mirrors

Cavity-Ring-Down Spectroscopy

Cavity Ring-Down Absorption Spectroscopy



Absorption



Where:

c : speed of light

L : length of cavity

R : mirror reflectivity

σ : absorption cross section

N : number density

L_{eff} : effective pathlength

History of FTIR spectroscopy

- About 1800: F.W. Herschel discovers infrared radiation
- 1891: Development of the Michelson-Interferometer (“ether experiment”)
- ~1900: Rayleigh: Calculation of the spectrum from an interferogram with Fourier transformation
- 1911: Rubens and Wood: First type of FT spectroscopy (two-plate quartz interferometer, long wave IR, but: calculation effort too big)
- 1953: Fellgett discovers multiplex advantage over grating spectrometer
- 1956: first long wave IR spectrum with Michelson-Interferometer
- 1964: First commercial FTIR spectrometer (Research and Industrial Instruments Company)
- 1965: Development of Fast Fourier Transformation algorithm (Cooley and Tukey) → significantly lower calculation effort
- **Today widely used and established method**
Well known manufacturer: Bruker, ThermoScientific



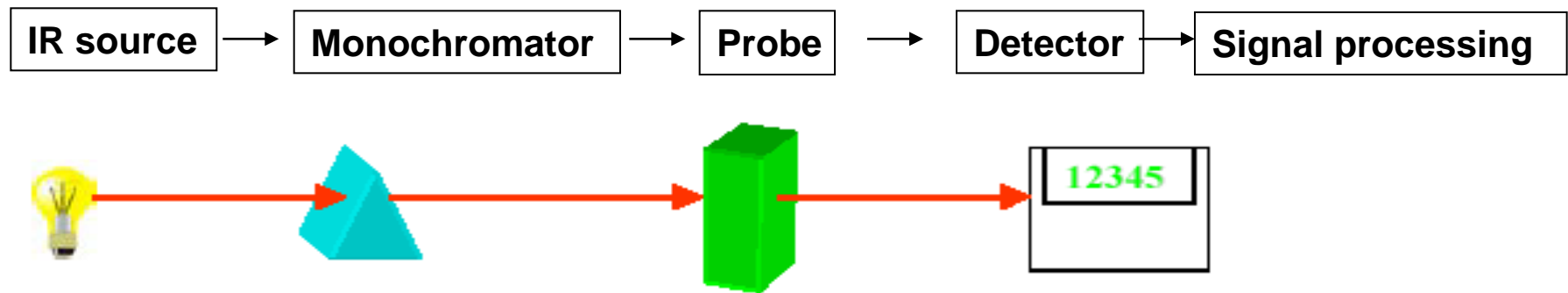
Albert Abraham
Michelson



John William Strutt,
Lord Rayleigh

FTIR spectroscopy –measurement principle

Conventional IR Spectroscopy:

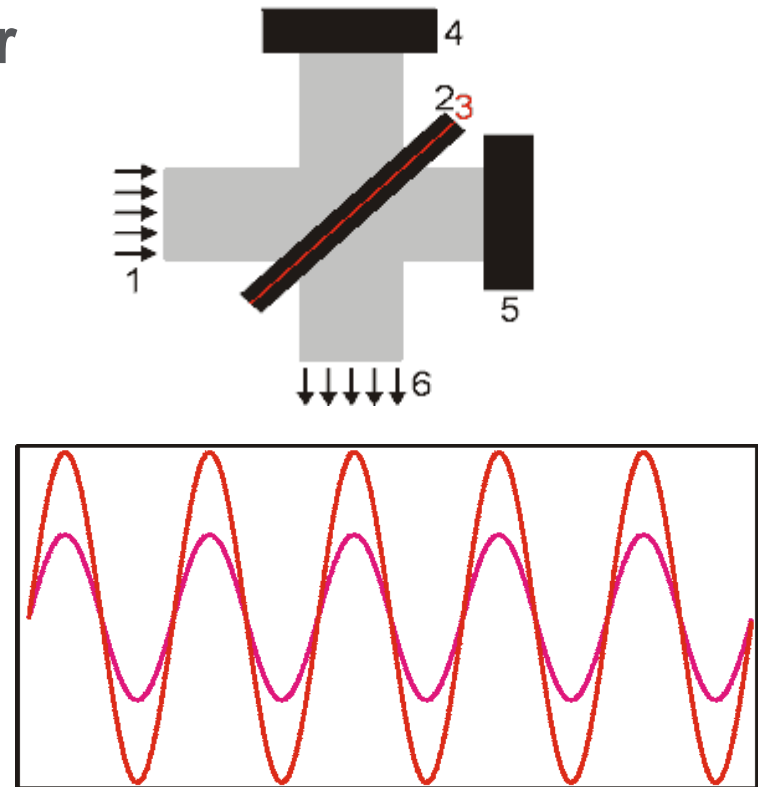


Fourier Transformation IR (FTIR) Spectroscopy:



FTIR spectroscopy - Interferometer

- **Functionality of an interferometer**
- Light wave is divided in two parts
- Two Waves run through paths with different length
→ phase shift
→ constructive or deconstructive interference



Schematic setup of a Michelson interferometer and resulting interferogram

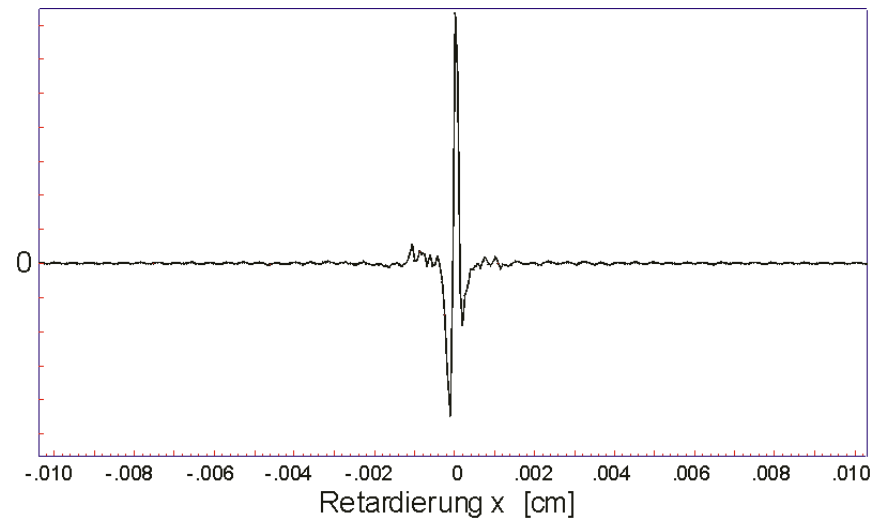
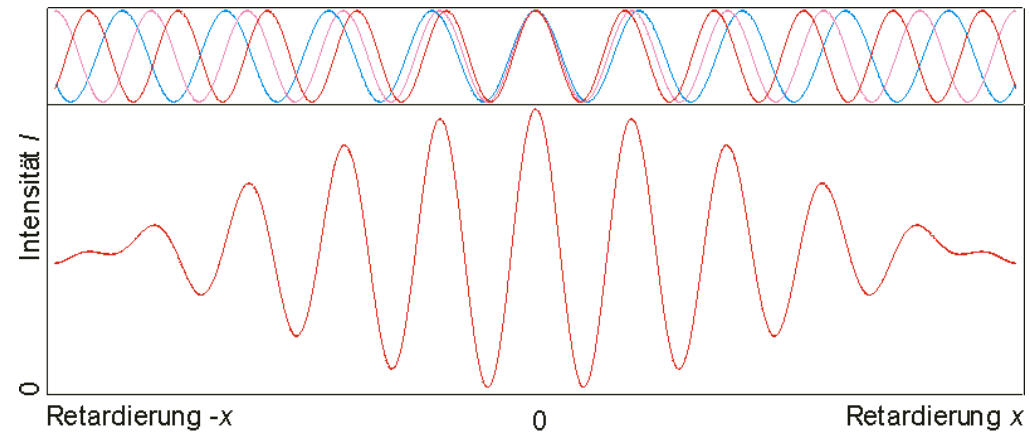
FTIR spectroscopy - Interferometer

- **Polychromatic interference**
- Spectrometer process the light of many wave lengths
→ interference by every wave length
→ superposition
- Intensity at detector as function of the mirror way x

$$I(x) = \int_B I(\tilde{\nu}) \cos(2\pi\tilde{\nu}x) d\tilde{\nu}$$

$\tilde{\nu}$ = Wellenzahl

B = Bandbreite



FTIR spectroscopy - FFT

Monochromatic Interference: constructive $n \cdot \lambda$ and destructive $(2n+1) \cdot \lambda/2$

$$I(x) = I_0(1 + \cos(2\pi\nu x)) \quad \text{Interferogramm}$$

Continuos Spectrum: $-\infty \leq \nu \leq \infty$

$$I(x) = \int_0^{\infty} I(\nu) \cos(2\pi\nu x) d\nu \quad \text{Interferogramm}$$

$$I(\nu) = \int_0^{\infty} I(x) \cos(2\pi\nu x) dx \quad \text{Spectrum}$$



Fourier transformation of interferogramm of place- $I(x)$ or time-domain $I(t)$ into frequency-domain $I(\nu)$ results inb spectrum of the substance

Only for limited intervals possible

FTIR spectroscopy - FFT

Continuous Fourier Transformation

$$\hat{x}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{x}(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

Discrete Fourier Transformation

$$\hat{x}_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-i2\pi \frac{kn}{N}} \quad x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{x}_k e^{i2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

=> Sampling theorem should not be infringed

Fast Fourier Transformation

Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT) is an algorithm for fast calculation of the values of a discrete Fourier Transformation (DFT)

FTIR spectroscopy - FFT

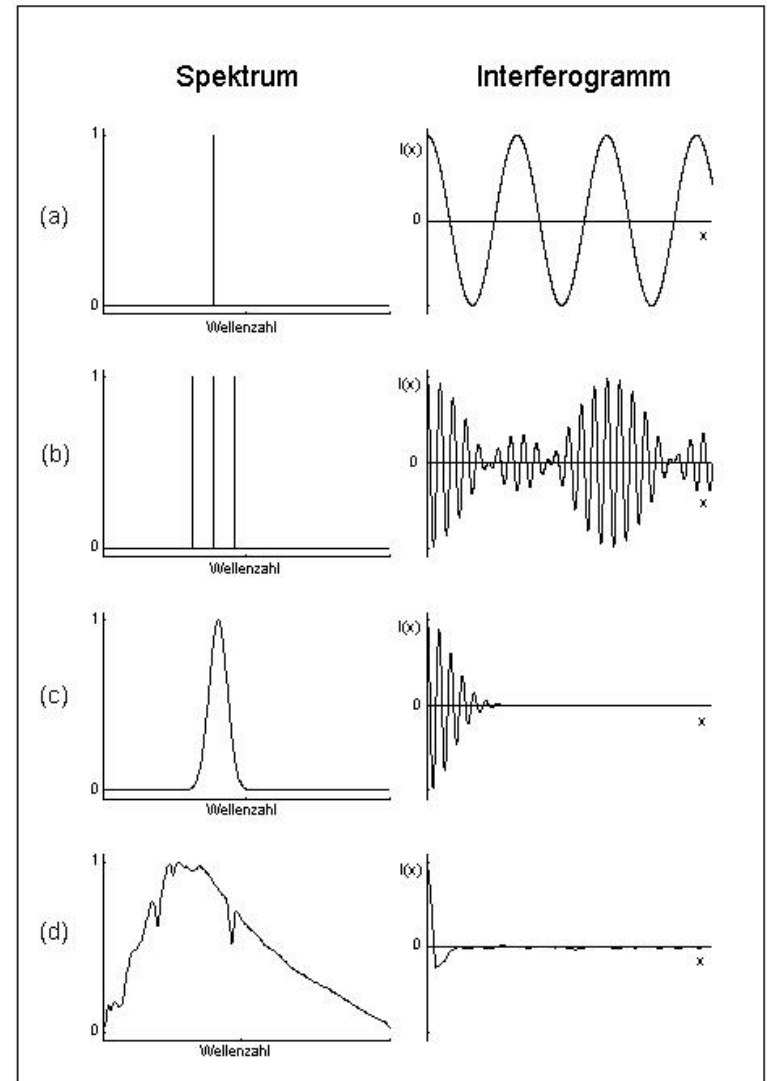
Interferogramms of different spectra

a- monochromatic wave

b- three monochromatic waves

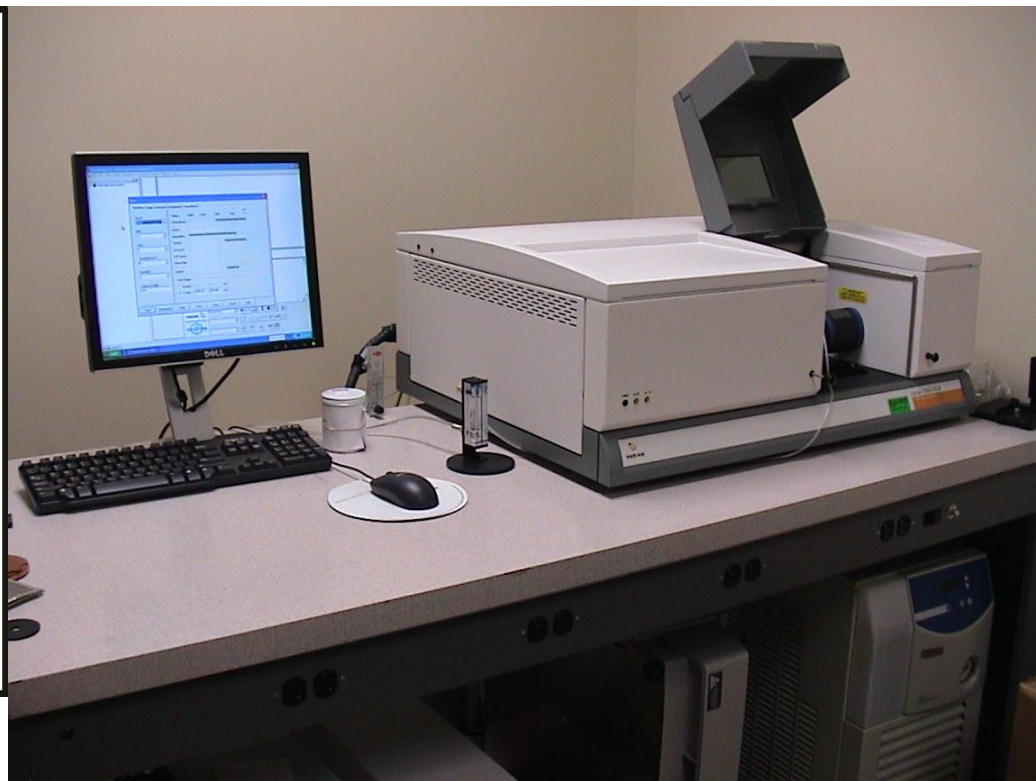
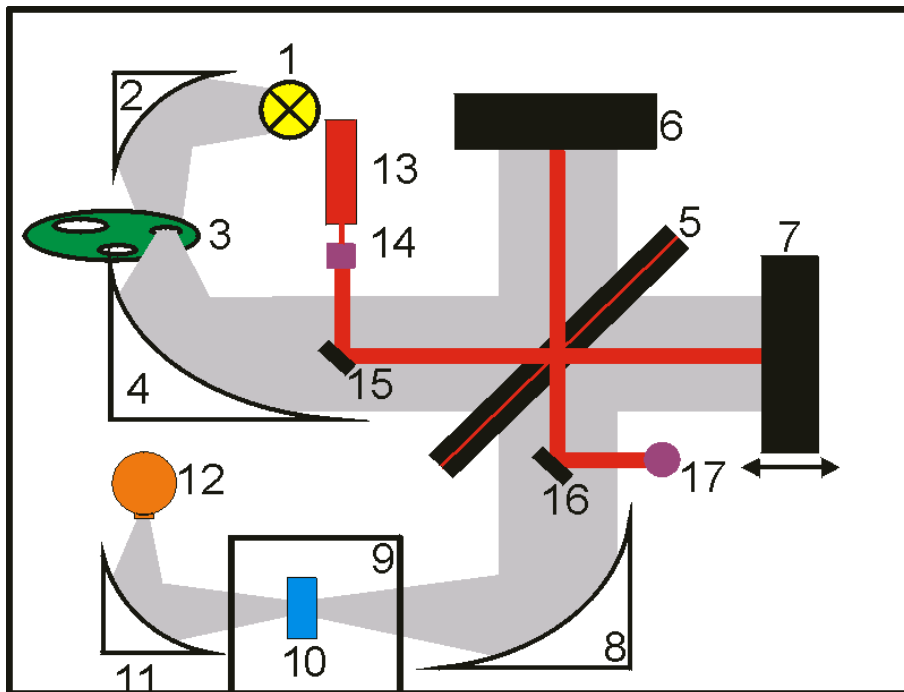
c- continuos spectra

d- broadband emitter



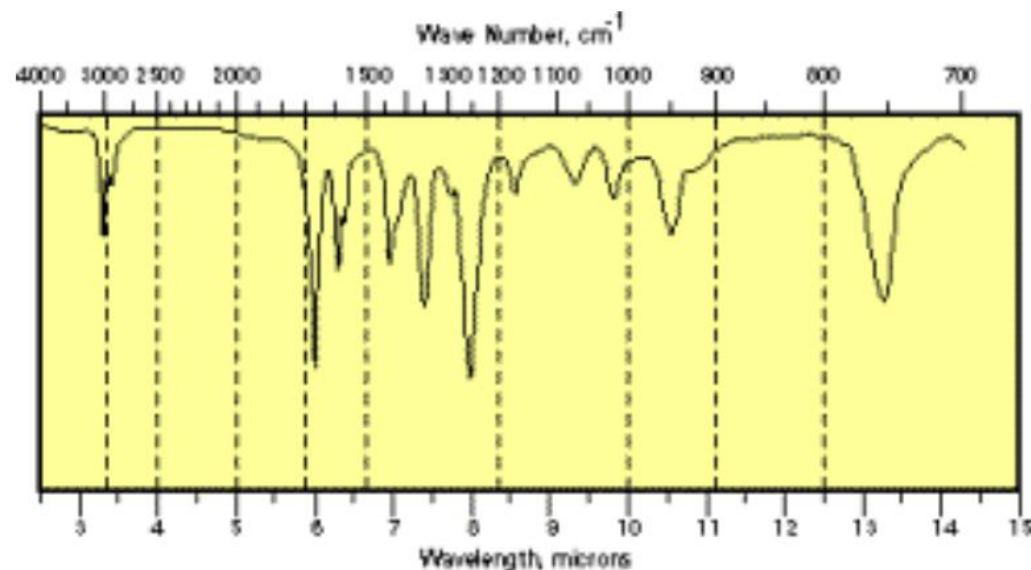
FTIR spectroscopy - Practice

Setup of an FTIR spectrometer

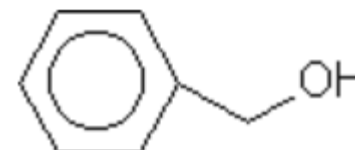


FTIR spectroscopy - Application

- **Assignment of the signals**
- Molecular formula: C_7H_8O
→ How looks the belonging molecular structure?
- **Interpretation:**
 - 3400-3200 cm^{-1} : strong Peak → OH
 - 3100 cm^{-1} : weak peak → unsaturated CH
 - 2900 cm^{-1} : weak peak → saturated CH
 - 2200 cm^{-1} : no unsymmetric triple bond
 - 1720 cm^{-1} : no C=O group



Answer:



FTIR spectroscopy – Microspectroscopy

Advantages due to MOEMS technology

Replacement of the macroscopic mirror and its drive with an oscillating micro-mirror.

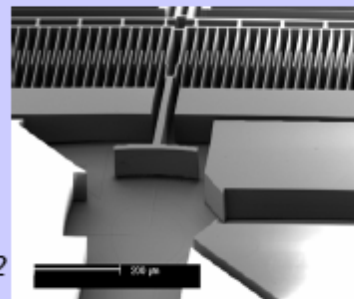
- Increased reliability and ruggedness.
- System miniaturization.
- Cost reduction.
- Ultra-rapid scan capability. Acquisition time of 0.2 ms for a single scan.

Example of MEMS based FTS:

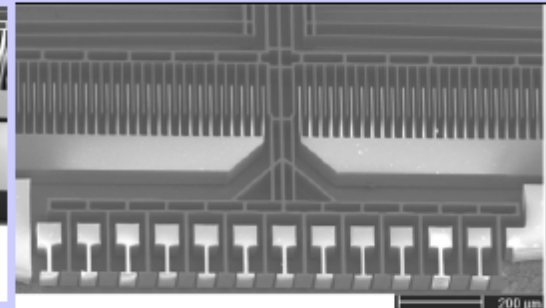
a) Translatory mirror, b) Lamellar grating booth with in-plane-comb drive

Quelle:

O. Manzardo, Ph.D. Thesis, Neuchatel, 2002



a)

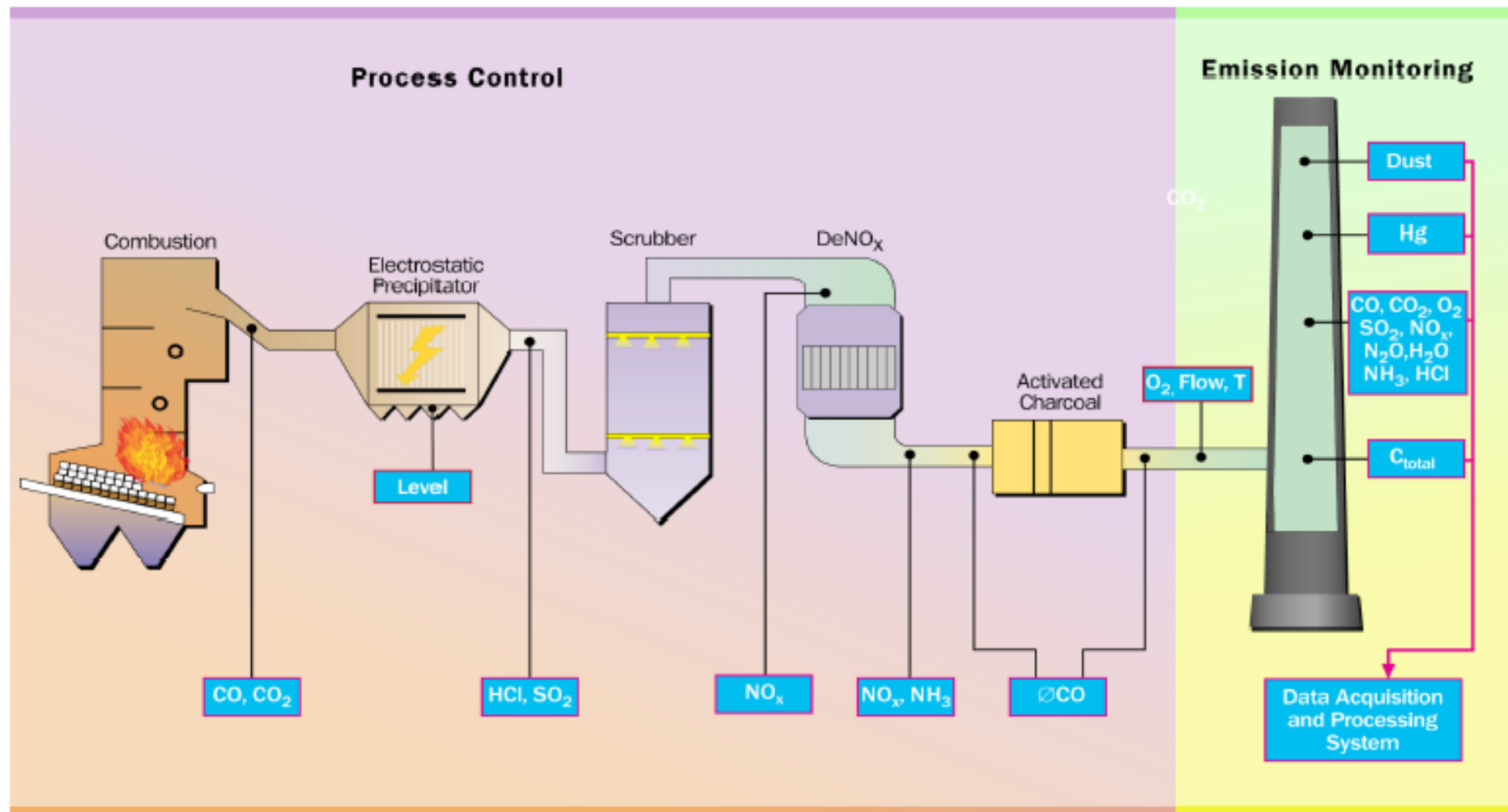


b)



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Application example





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