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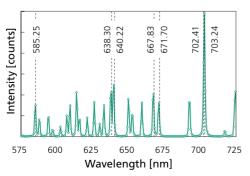
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Aim

Parallel spectroscopy in the visible spectral range is applied in various analytical tasks ranging from industrial inspection via digital farming to life sciences. To address parallel distributed sensing applications, a fibercoupled system has been developed. Utilizing micro-optics array technologies in combination with standard CMOS image sensor yields a very compact system for parallel snapshot spectral sensing.



Optical unit without fiber array and image sensor.



Section of a measured spectrum indicating the wavelengths of some selected spectral lines (Avantes Neon calibration lamp)

Technology

- Grating spectrometer array utilizing a meta grating in PGP configuration
- High diffraction efficiency (>70%) across the full spectral range
- Optical micro-lens arrays for collimation and imaging replicated in wafer scale technology
- Passively mounted optical system, only fiber array and image sensor aligned actively

Specifications

- Up to 39 input fibers analyzed in parallel (depending on image sensor)
- Spectral range 400 ... 800 nm; achromatic system design can be extended to NIR range < 1'600 nm
- Dispersion approx. 0.6 nm/pixel
- < 3 nm spectral linewidth @ 650 nm</p>
- Optical system's track length < 18 mm with 24 x 19 mm² lateral size
- Convertible to an imaging array spectrometer (without fiber input)

Cover: Photo of the array spectrometer's image plane without the image sensor

Top: Artistic illustration of system application in digital farming

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