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PhD in Physics - XXXIV cycle

Research and development of optoacoustic trace gas sensors for industrial, safety and environmental applications

Industrial partner



MERMEC is a developer of high-tech solutions to the railway and steel industries, focused on rail inspection and diagnostics, signaling and asset management software.

Within the PhD project they will collaborate in the implementation of "on-rail" QEPAS sensors for hazardous gases transport security

Industrial partner



Thorlabs is a vertically integrated manufacturer of photonics and optomechanic equipments for research, industrial, medical, and defense applications.

Within the PhD project they will collaborate in the development of compact "on-drone" QEPAS sensors for early fire detection and environmental security

Description of Activities

Development of a compact QEPAS sensor for simultaneous detection of hydrocarbons (such as ethane, methane, propane, butane and carbon monoxide) and other hazardous/toxic as well as explosive gases. Installation and validation of the trace-gas sensor both on diagnostic trains as well as on ordinary trains or Undergrounds.



Development of "on-drone" QEPAS smart-sensor for detection of hydrocarbons and other fire-related gases, which have to be able to recognize and follow gradients in gas concentrations and reach locations inaccessible to man both for early fire detection and pipeline/oil extraction monitoring.

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