

Development of instruments based on spectroscopic techniques for monitoring systems and analysis of industrial processes

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Collaborations

The enterprise was born after a long period of collaboration between the group and the hightechnology industry, for advising and prototyping of measurement instruments

- v LIGO Project (NSF CalTech MIT)
- v TAMA Project (Università di Tokyo)
- v Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI)
- v Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN)
- v Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)
- v Thales Alenia Space

R&D

Marwan participates to several R&D projects at regional, national and European level; among these we mention:

- **V Q-WEP** (Atom Interferometry test of the Weak Equivalence Principle in space)
- v **STE-QUEST** (Space Time Explorer and Quantum Equivalence Space Test)
- v **MED-SUV** (MEDiterranean Supersite Volcanoes)
- ShredderSort Selective Recovery of Non-Ferrous Metal Automotive Shredder by Combined Electromagnetic Tensor Spectroscopy and Laser-Induced Plasma Spectroscopy
- v ALMA (Laser Analysis of Precious Metals and Ambers)
- MONDI (MONitoring and DIagnostics of frescoes at the "Camposanto Monumentale" in Pisa)



Products & Services

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Sensors and Instruments for Industry and Research

Analytical Instrumentation ν **Laser Sensors** ν -1100 **Laser Source** ν Low-noise Electronics ν Laser Spectroscopy ν ChemImage Lotis tii

Analytical Instrumentation

AFS - Atomic Fluorescence Spectroscopy Instrumentation

Environmental Monitoring







Raman Chemical Imaging System



Laser Source

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Custom Electronics Systems

Seismic Attenuation Systems

The isolators have been developed within a collaboration between LIGO experiment (CalTech), TAMA experiment (Tokyo University), and Pisa University





Laser Sensors

Fiber Optic Sensors based on Bragg Grating

FBG sensors are presently used in the EU project MED-SUV To monitor the real strain in rocks on the Etna volcano



Custom Lasers Detectors

Nanometric Laser Measuring System to detects nanometric displacements or oscillations





MObile Dual-pulse Instrument

Fully integrated and transportable system for LIBS multi-elemental analysis of materials

LIBS - Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy

extracting information on the atomic composition from the fluorescence spectrum of the plasma generated by a laser pulse on the sample surface

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Applications of a portable LIBS Instrument

- Industry process control
- Materials analysis and studies
- Metallurgic, cement, ceramic, glass, power sectors
- Chemical, pharmaceutical, polymers industry
- Environmental pollution monitoring and diagnostic
- Waters and soils analysis
- Bio-medicine, biology, biochemistry, in-vivo tissues
- Forensic in-situ analysis
- Cultural heritage

In the future...

- Hazardous materials
- Food industry

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...and many others...

Original Motivation

- Market of analytical instrumentation is huge
- Taking even a small fraction of such market is appealing
- However, big producers of analytical instruments are not enthusiastic about LIBS
 - Complex interpretation of LIBS spectra
 - Empirical approach dominating
 - Most of LIBS know-how is still "Academic research"
 - > No "standard" experimental set-up, procedures or assessed applications
 - No real in-situ measurements

Need for affordable commercial instrumentation to speed up the process of diffusion of LIBS-based applications



Thanks for your attention!

