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MIR-FIBER SENSORS FOR REMOTE SPECTROSCOPY
AND PYROMETRY IN 4-16 μm REGION

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Recent development in technology of polycrystalline silver halide fibers for Medium Infrared Region 4-16 μm (MIR-fibers - Fig.1) opens a new area of applications of IR-spectroscopy in "fingerprint region" of molecular vibrations for the most of gaseous, liquid and solid substances. Fiber accessories for FTIR- (Fig.2) and TDL (Tunable Diode Laser) spectrophotometers (Fig.3) include fiber coupler to FTIR-interferometer or to TDL, pig-tail LN cooled HgCdTe-detector, MIR-fiber cables and a variety of evanescent probes and gas/liquids cells.

Promising applications are on line in real time chemical reaction control (Fig.4a), biomedical diagnostics in vivo (Fig.4b) and pollution monitoring (Fig.4c). Remote process control and environment monitoring with multichannel fiber probes are facilitated for petrochemical, polymer, pharmaceutical and food industry even for toxic and hazardous environments.

Synergy of MIR-fibers with sensitivity of LN cooled MCT-detectors creates the new opportunity of non-contact heat irradiation monitoring for 100-600K range (Fig.5-6). Flexible handling of MIR-fiber pyrometer and endoscopical IR-imaging with MIR-fiber bundle became possible.

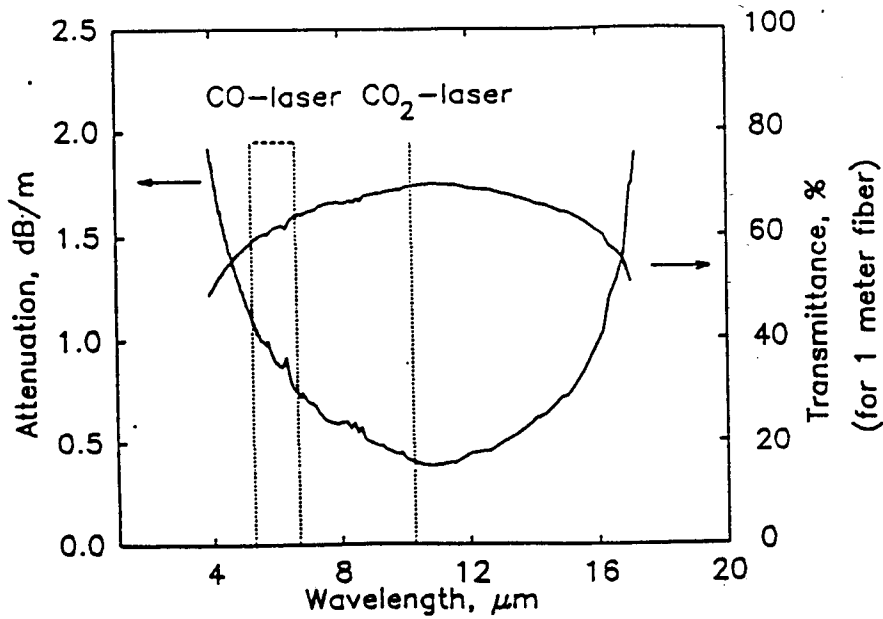


Fig.1 Spectra of transmittance and optical losses of MIR-fibers (for 1 meter fiber)

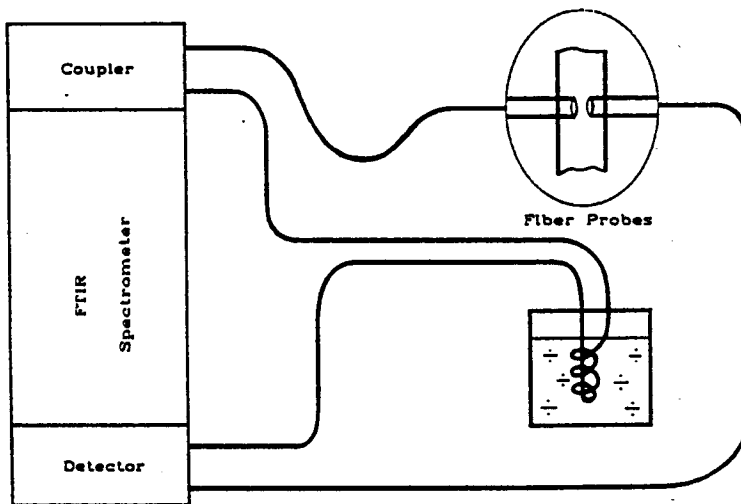


Fig.2 Scheme of MIR-fiber probes with FTIR-spectrophotometer

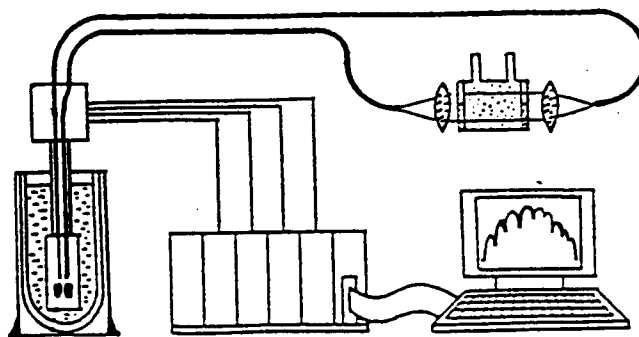
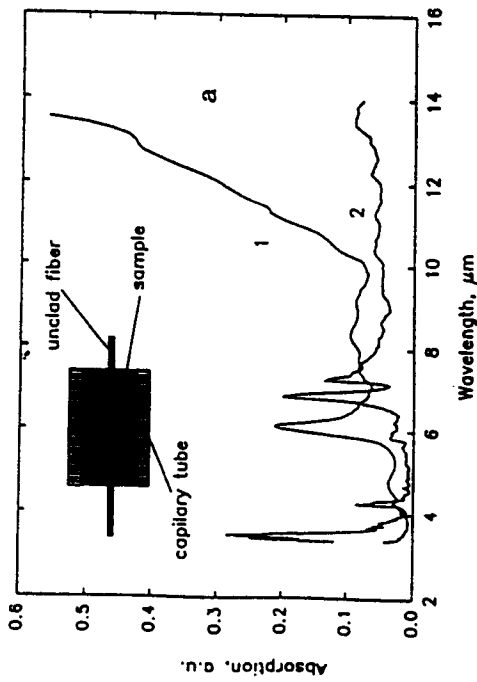
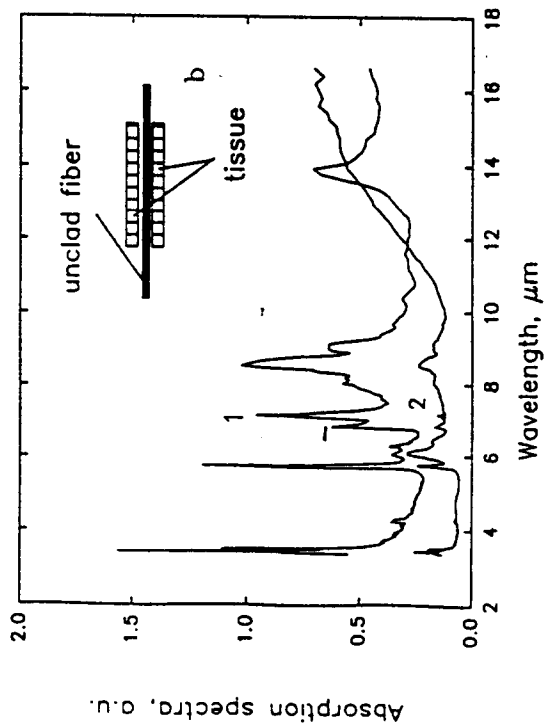


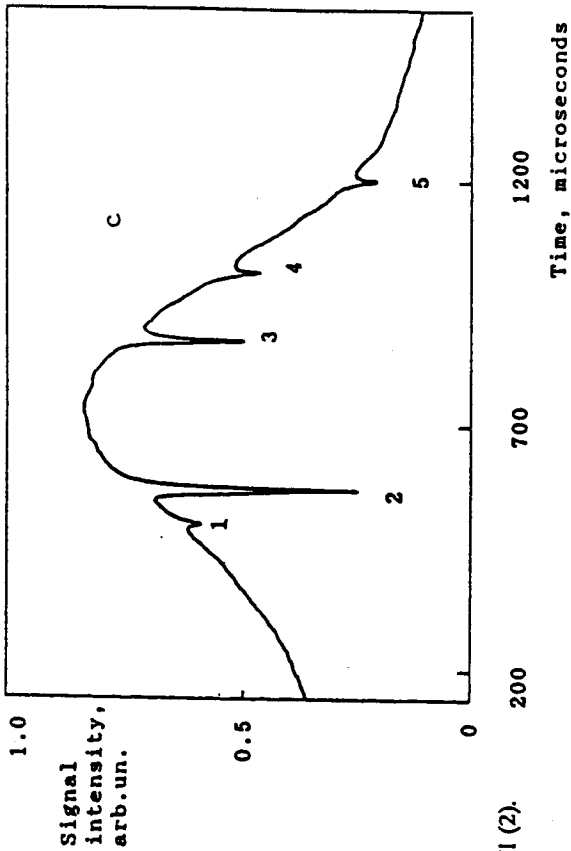
Fig.3 Scheme of TDL-spectrophotometer with MIR-fibers for gas analysis



Evanescent spectra of aqueous solution of sulphuric acid (1) and technical oil (2).



Evanescent spectra of adipose (1) and blood-forming (2) tissue.



Tunable diode laser pulse intensity with transmission spectrum of natural isotope mixture of ammonium near 990 cm^{-1} region. An assignment of the absorption lines:

1. aR(2,2) of $\nu_2^{15}\text{NH}_3$ -987.632 cm^{-1} (13),
2. R(1.0) of $\text{a}2\nu_2\text{-s}\nu_2^{14}\text{NH}_3$ -987.741 cm^{-1} (14),
3. R(1.1) of $\text{a}2\nu_2\text{-s}\nu_2^{14}\text{NH}_3$ -988.200 cm^{-1} (14),
4. aR(2,2) of $\nu_2^{15}\text{NH}_3$ -988.397 cm^{-1} (13),
5. aR(2,2) of $\nu_2^{15}\text{NH}_3$ -988.648 cm^{-1} (13).

Fig.4 Examples of spectra, obtained with MIR-fiber evanescent probes (a,b) and FTIR-spectrophotometer, and TDL-spectra of NH_3 with fiber multipass cell (c)

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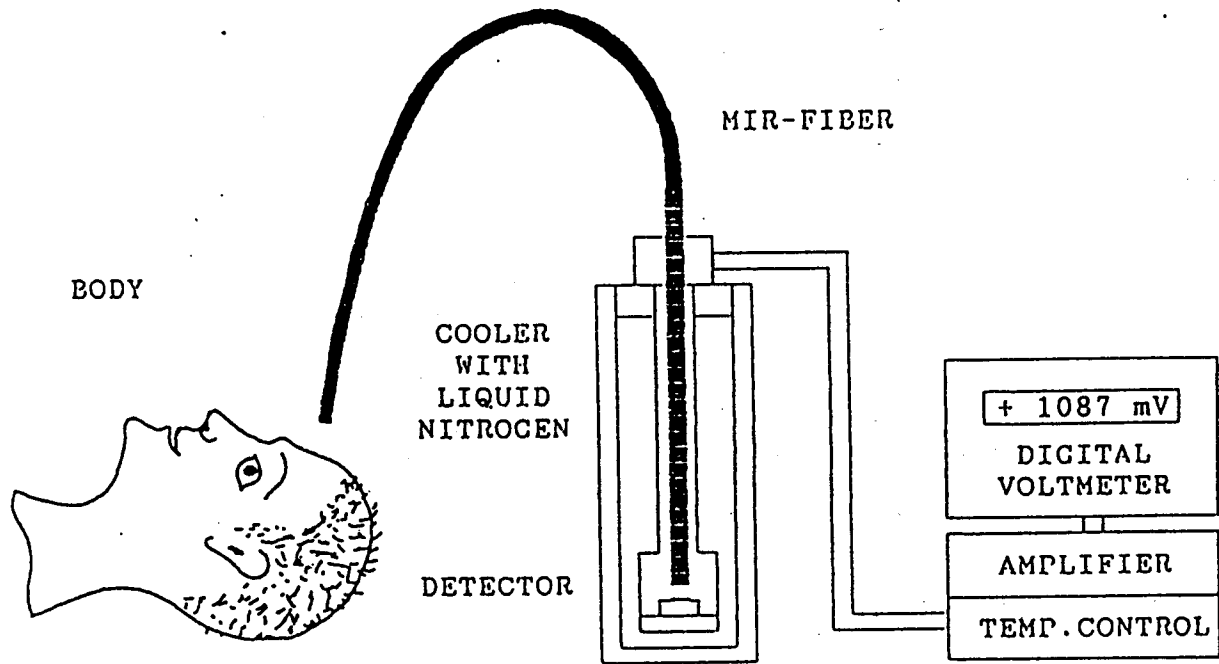


Fig.3. The general scheme of the MIR-fiber sensor.

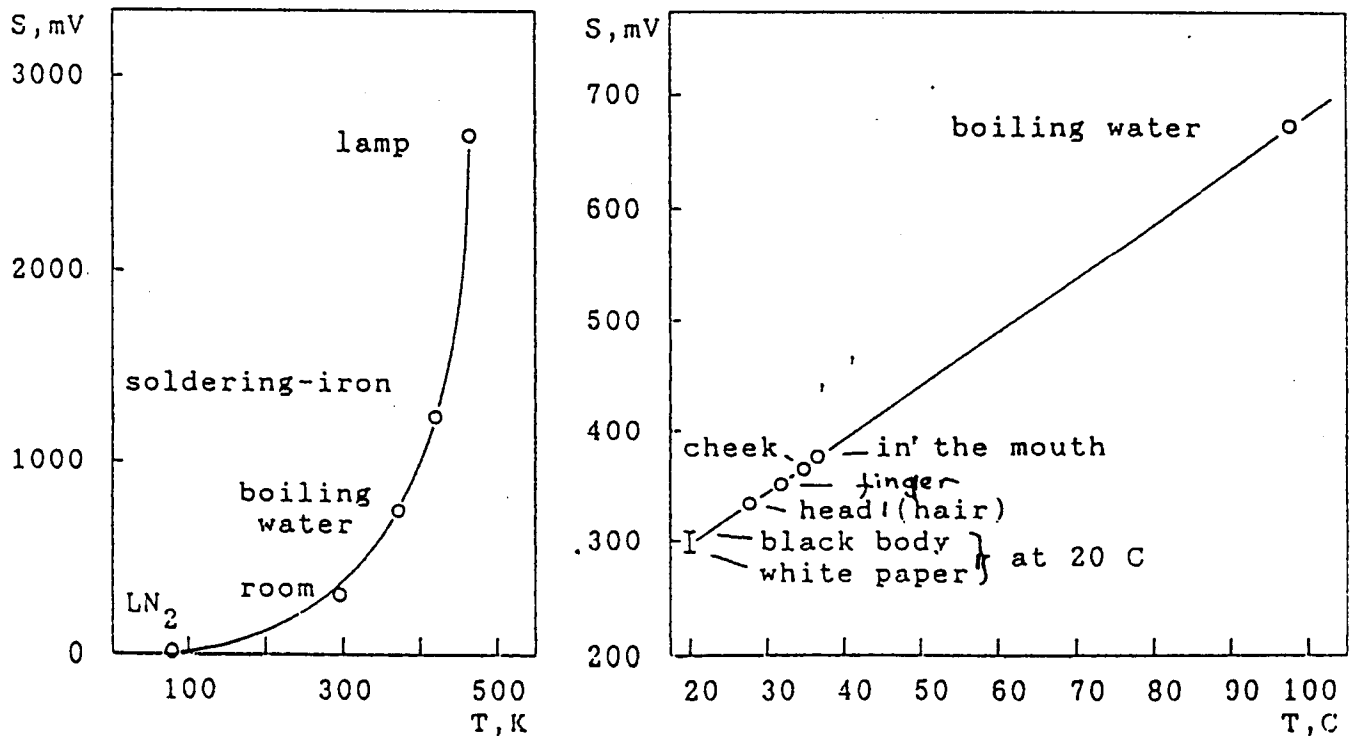


Fig.4. Calibration of MIR-sensor, a) and the results on measuring radiation coming from human body, b).