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#### STAND OFF OPTICAL SYSTEMS FOR CHEMICAL DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION AS TOOL TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SECURITY

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#### LASER MONITORING

- SAI LIDAR system (smoke/pollutants at long distance)
- TELEMACO (particle analysis with laser in air at long distance)

- SNIFF – LIDAR & DIAL systems (environmental pollutants source and diffusion control)

#### MATERIAL SCIENCE

- Material characterization (SEM, XRD, X-ray and Optical Spectroscopy)

- New structure growth and possible applications (new detectors, specific material properties, etc...)

#### **DIDACTICAL ACTIVITIES**

- Undergraduate Courses in Physics, Laser Systems, Fusion Energy
- Post Graduate Courses in:
- CBRNe Protection : www.mastercbrn.com (info@mastercbrn.com)
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#### **NUCLEAR FUSION – Magnetic Confinement**

- Energy production
- Material studies (Fast particle production and radioprotection)
- Safety studies (Loss of Vacuum Accidents) with STARDUST-U facility
- Development of a genetic code to process database to find connection and physics law (computational work)

#### **NUCLEAR FUSION – Inertial Confinment**

- Controlled nuclear explosions for energy production
- Equation state in Warm Dense Matter (Stars, giant Planets core)
- Material studies (Fast particle production and radioprotection)
- Development in diagnostic and detectors (opteration in extreme regime)
- Hydrodynamic simulations



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# AGENDA

- 1. Overview
- 2. LIDAR as Detection technology
  - LIDAR based equation
  - LIDAR Systems developed & applications
- 3. DIAL as Identification technology
  - DIAL based equation
  - DIAL Systems developed & applications
- 4. Integration of both methodologies and Future development



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# 1. OVERVIEW









#### Chemical events



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# 1. OVERVIEW

The intentional or accidental diffusion of chemical contaminants in air (both in open and closed environments) presents a dramatic risk for the health of the public worldwide.

# **Chemical events:**

Natural or incident event





#### Viareggio (2009)



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# 1. OVERVIEW





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# 2. LIDAR AS DETECTION TECH.





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# 2. LIDAR AS DETECTION TECH.



# SOMETHING is SOMEWHERE = ALARM!

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ALARM



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# 2. LIDAR AS DETECTION TECH.

Remote sensing laser based technologies

- Detection methodologies (LIDAR)
  - Particulate measurements for:
    - Forest fire detection
    - Pollutants source detection
      - Industrial activity
      - Urban activity
  - Atmospheric measurements for evaluate PBL height



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# 2.1 LIDAR BASED EQUATION

$$P_{\lambda_0}(\mathbf{z}) = P_0 \frac{O(\mathbf{z})}{\mathbf{z}^2} \left[ \beta_{\lambda_0}^{\text{aer}} + \beta_{\lambda_0}^{\text{mol}} \right] \times \exp\left\{ -2 \int_0^{\mathbf{z}} \left[ \alpha_{\lambda_0}^{\text{aer}} \left( \zeta \right) + \alpha_{\lambda_0}^{\text{mol}} \left( \zeta \right) \right] d\zeta \right\}$$





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Some applications based on particulate detection:

- Fire detection
- Vertical Particulate concentration and measurements
- Pollutants source detection
- Detection of anomalies in monitored area for first alert in case of accidental releases



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#### 2.2 LIDAR SYSTEMS DEVELOPED & APPLICATIONS Forest Fire detection 14



TRANSMITTER	
Laser	Q-switch Nd:Yag
Energy pulse at 1064 nm	360 m J
Pulse time width	5 ns
Divergence angle	0,5 m rad
Pulse Frequency	10 Hz





RECEIVER	
Telescope type	Newtonian
Nominal focal length	1030 mm
Primary mirror diameter	210 mm
Detector	Photomultiplier (PMT)
Photocat hode sensibility	0.256 mA/W
Response time	28 ns





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# 2.2 LIDAR SYSTEMS DEVELOPED & APPLICATIONS Automatic fire detection: a case study Italian National Park of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise





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## 2.2 LIDAR SYSTEMS DEVELOPED & APPLICATIONS 16 Automatic fire detection



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#### Mini LIDAR system

# Mini-Lidar unit (operating at 1064 nm).

Assembling and easily transportable compact lidar system. Configuration is monostatic and biaxial. The whole apparatus is mounted on altazimuthal system.

The transmitter is constituted by a Nd:YAG laser, the receiver system is based on a Cassegrain telescope and a Si-APD module.

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Particulate detection in urban area



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Automatic detection of pollutant source in real time



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 $\times 10^{-4}$ 

2.5

1.5 E

0.5

 $\times 10^{-4}$ 

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#### Automatic detection of pollutants sources: a temporal map



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# IDENTIFY CHEMICALS



# SUBSTANCES FINGERPRINTS= EMERGENCY!

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- Identification methodologies (Differential Absorption Lidar - DIAL)
  - Chemical identification
  - Dispersion of chemical gas by industrial area
  - Water vapour measurements
  - Pollutant dispersion study



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# 3.1 DIAL BASED EQUATION



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# TAEMS system

TEA CO2 laser (tunable about 60 lines)	
Output Energy	500 mJ
Pulse width	100 ns
Beam divergence	0.77 mrad
Spectral range	9÷11µm



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Vertical profile of Water Vapour: PBL height





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The **mini-CO**<sub>2</sub> system, based on DIAL technique, was born within a research project in collaboration with the Italian Army in order to obtain a remote, stand-off identification of CWAs, TIMs and TICs.

#### Work in progress .....





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LASER TEA MTL-5 (Transversely Excited-Atmospheric)



**CELL AND VACUUM PUMP** 



**MOTOR CONTROLLER DC MERCURY C-862** 













**CARRIER GAS** 



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#### SENSOR GENTEC





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Absorption coefficient of methanol - different conditions



#### wavelenght [µm]



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Absorption coefficient of methanol - different conditions



absorption coefficients of toluene - different conditions





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wavelenght [µm]



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absorption coefficients of benzene - different conditions





wavelenght (µm)







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Present problem:

- 1. Develop mini LIDAR system able to detect anomalies in atmosphere very compact and low cost.
- 2. Develop an DIAL system able to discriminate several chemical compound in atmosphere

#### **TECHNIQUES INTEGRATION**

Useful for a first alarm



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#### **Present Research**

# Development of methodologies of a multi-wavelength analysis in order to identify in atmosphere CWA and Toxic agents.

#### PROBLEM

THE IDENTIFICATION OF TOXIC CHEMICAL AGENTS IN ATMOSPHERE



No, it is not possible because of interfering substances with similar functional set



Is it possible to identify a particular gas in atmosphere using only two wavelengths (DIAL method)?



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Each molecule can be identified if its absorption spectrum is known **INCREASING THE WAVELENGTHS** USED IN DIAL METHOD COULD ALLOW TO IDENTIFY CHEMICAL WA COMPOUNDS IN **ATMOSPHERE** 



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As it is stated in the **OPCW Press Release**,

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# Scientific International Conference on CBRNe

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- Decision Support Systems
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- Economical aspects of CBBNe events
- Diffusion & Dispersion of CBRNe Agents
- Detection & Identification
- CBRNe Forensies
- Protection & Decontermination
- Cyber Security
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