# Optical coherence tomography for nondestructive testing and imaging applications



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## General information

#### **RE**search **CE**nter for **N**on-**D**estructive **T**esting



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## Research topics and groups

- Laserultrasound
- Photoacoustic
- Infrared-spectroscopy
- Terahertz technology
- Optical coherence tomography





## Expertise

 Quality control and quality assurance for batch production and production control

contactless control by laser, ultrasound, infrared etc.

 Non-destructive testing of materials, contactless analysis and material characterization

for carbon fiber, composites, metals, etc.

#### Prototype construction for contactless sensors

"From the idea to a marketable product": by integration of optics, electronics,  $\mu$ -processor technology, software (from basic research to a prototype)

 Technology- and project management / special projects
 Sensor development for various areas of application and processes (researchand client-specific-projects)



## Optical Coherence tomography for non-destructive testing



### **OCT** Principle



Axial Resolution:

$$l_{c} = \frac{2 \ln 2}{\pi n} \cdot \frac{\lambda_{0}^{2}}{\Delta \lambda} \approx$$
$$\approx 0.44 \cdot \frac{\lambda_{0}^{2}}{\Delta \lambda}$$

Lateral Resolution:

$$\omega_0 \approx \frac{4\lambda_0}{\pi} \cdot \frac{f}{d} \propto \frac{\lambda_0}{\mathrm{NA}}$$

Probing depth:  $b = 2z_r = 2 \frac{\pi \omega_0^2}{\lambda_0}$ 

 $\lambda_0$  – center wavelength  $\Delta\lambda$  – spectral bandwidth n – refractive index



#### OCT in General





#### Fourier domain OCT





#### Image formation





#### **OCT Scans examples**



Tape Commercial Thorlabs System





#### Sub2mu system at RECENDT





#### Polarization sensitive OCT





# Micro-crystallites in turbid materials Extruded polypropylene with internal defects (micro-crystallites)



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## Ultra High Resolution OCT System





#### Semi-automated thickness measurement of wall-layer-thickness

- Plastic bottle, three layer structure: PP / EVOH / PP
- At-line setup for easy measurement at 16 points
- New bottle geometries possible
- Colours: transparent and red Challenges: Straight orward mechanical se and co ckness extraction out fr alignment **automatic** her colours not tested





# Research projects



## MORSPEC Main Idea



https://www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/csu\_polymer\_lesson01



SRS+OCT



Key parameters:Covered spectral range: $1493 - 2018 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ Spectral resolution  $\approx 4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ Lateral resolution  $\approx 10 \ \mu m$ Acquisition time  $\approx 2.5 \ \mu s$  persingle spectrum

**Higher depth penetration** because of NIR excitation



# MID IR OCT

Mid-infrared Fourier-domain optical coherence tomography with a pyroelectric linear array

Ivan Zorin, Rong Su, Andrii Prylepa, Jakob Kilgus, Markus Brandstetter, and Bettina Heise

Optical scheme and spectral range



Lateral resolution: 35 um Axial resolution: 50 um





- High power
- High brightness
- Spatial coherence

#### Enhanced Penetration depth has been achieved



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#### MID IR OCT

High potential for new types of materials: ceramics, polymers, paints etc.







### MIR OCT Spectroscopy modality







### Diffraction limited Hyperspectral microscopy





SCL ... Supercontinuum Laser FPFS ... Fabry-Pérot Filterspectrometer PM ... Parabolic Mirror BS ... Beamsplitter

- CH ... Chopper
- RO ... Reflective Objective

# Dried blood smear on microscopic glass slide







# Thank you!

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