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# Optical properties of atmospheric aerosol: development of innovative instrumentation and modelling applications

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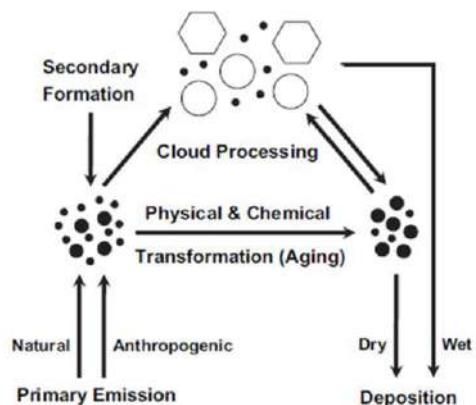


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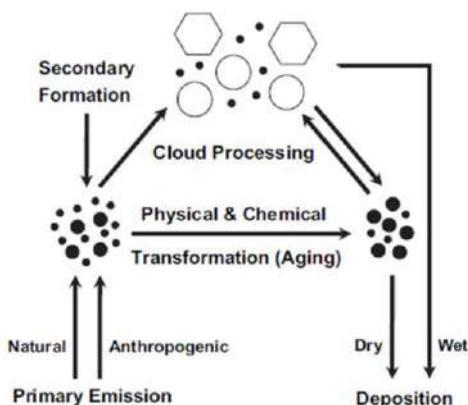
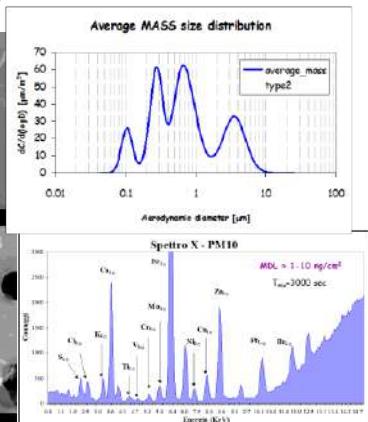


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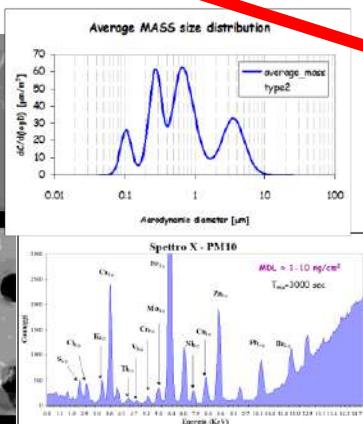
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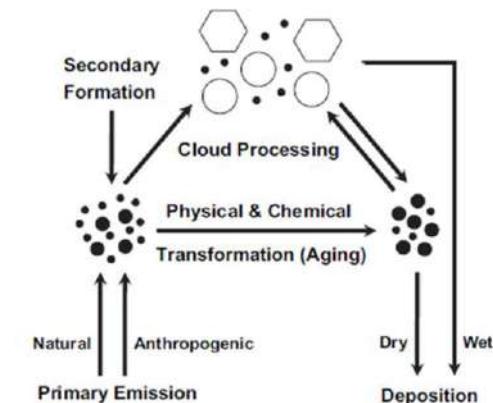


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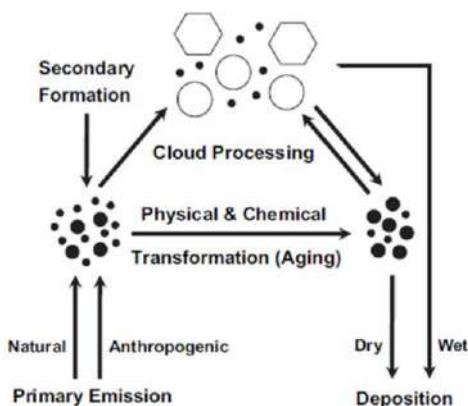
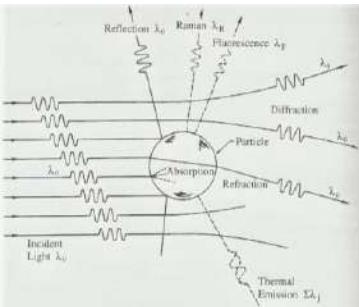
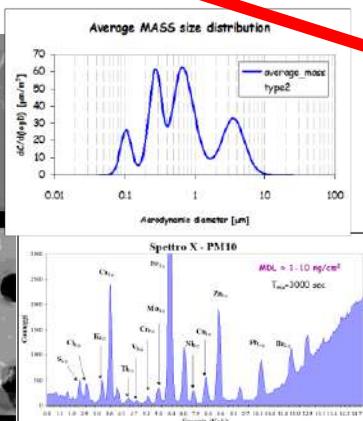


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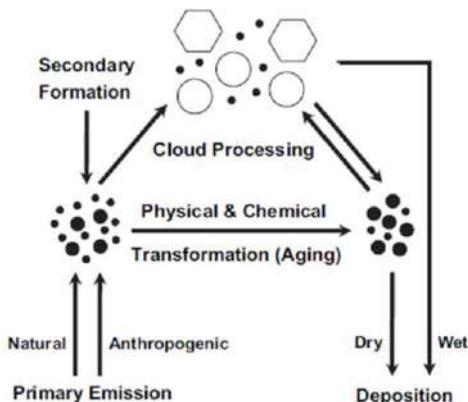
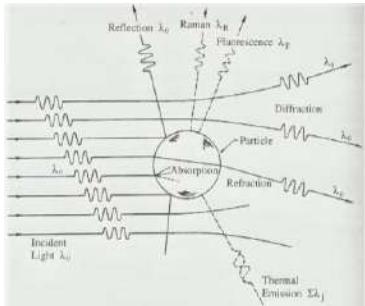
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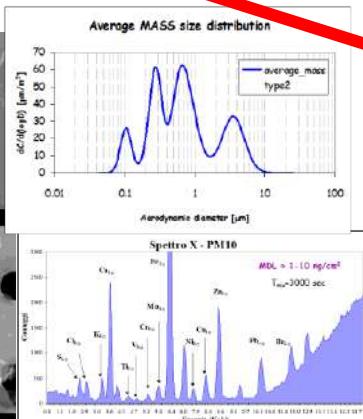
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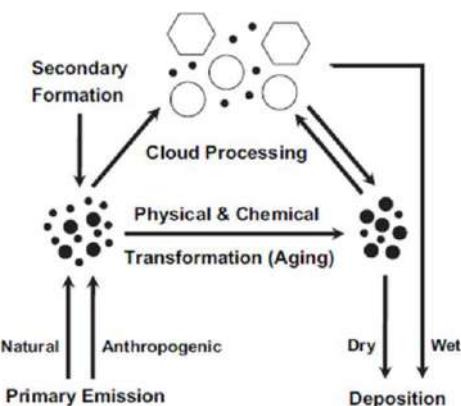
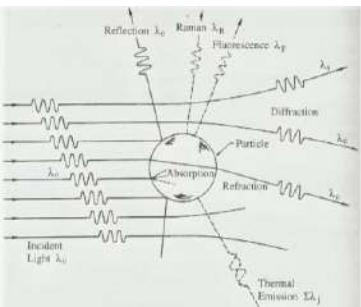
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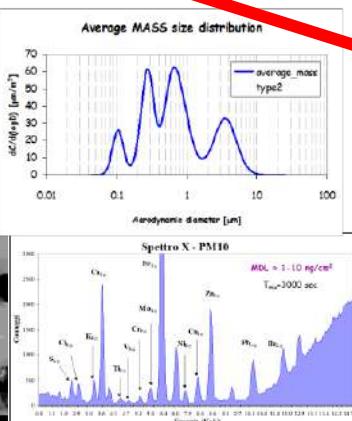
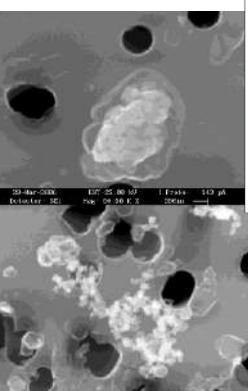


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Radiative forcing of climate between 1750 and 2011  
Forcing agent

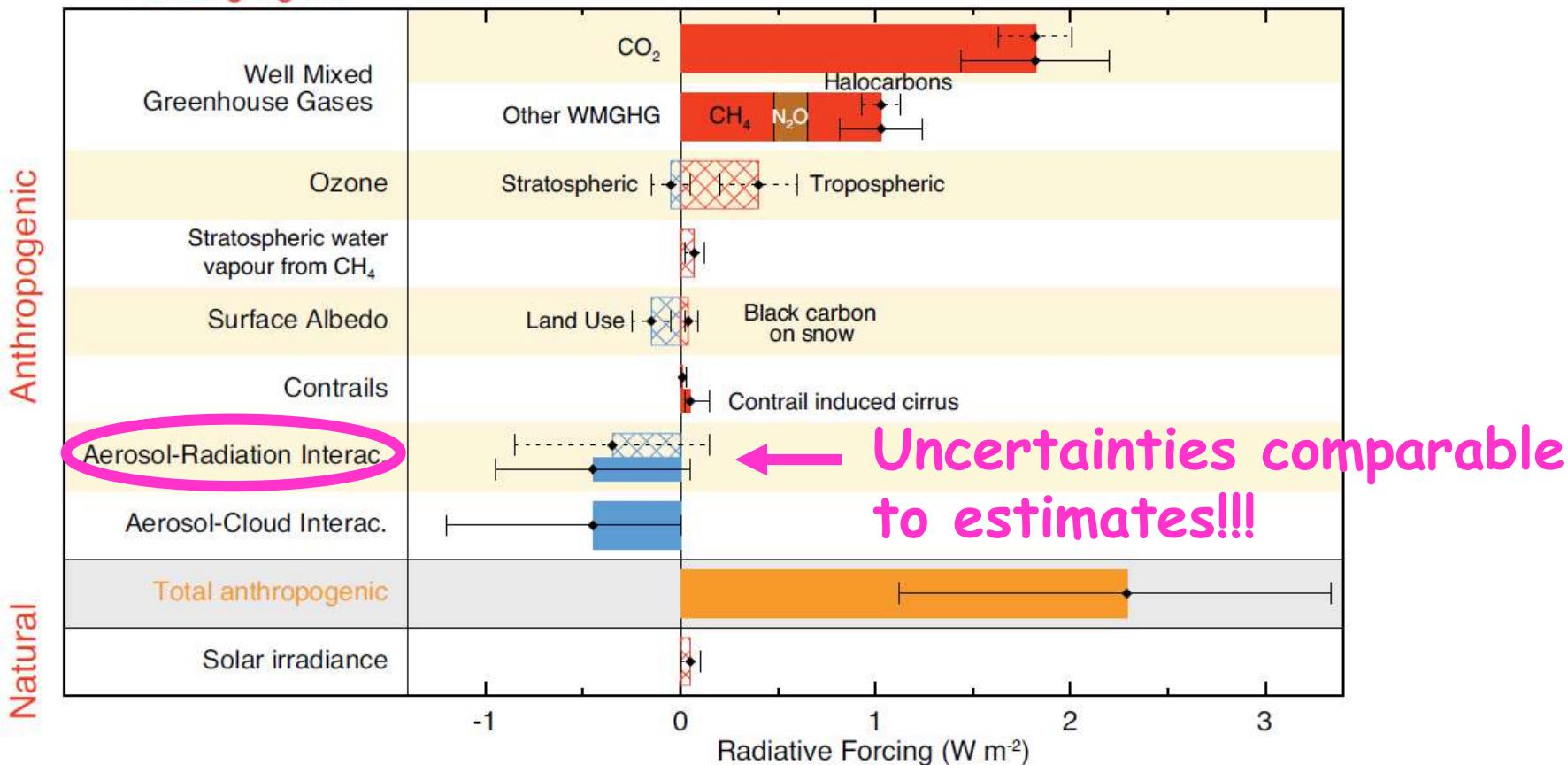


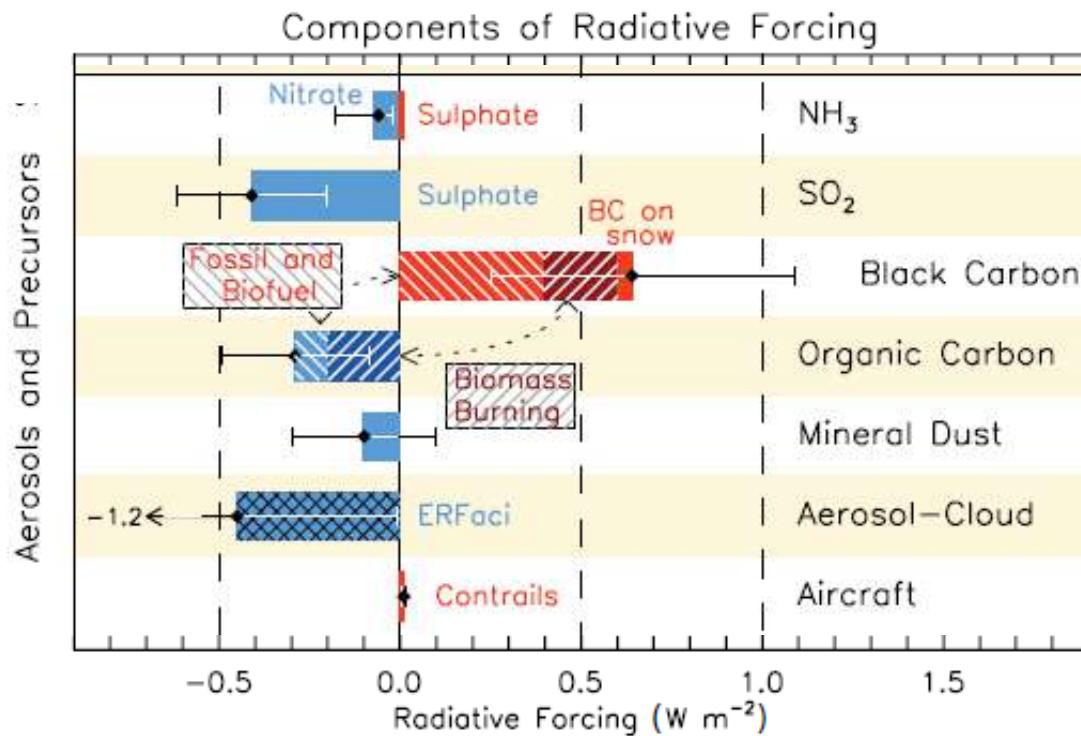
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IPCC, 2013

RF = net flux at tropopause  
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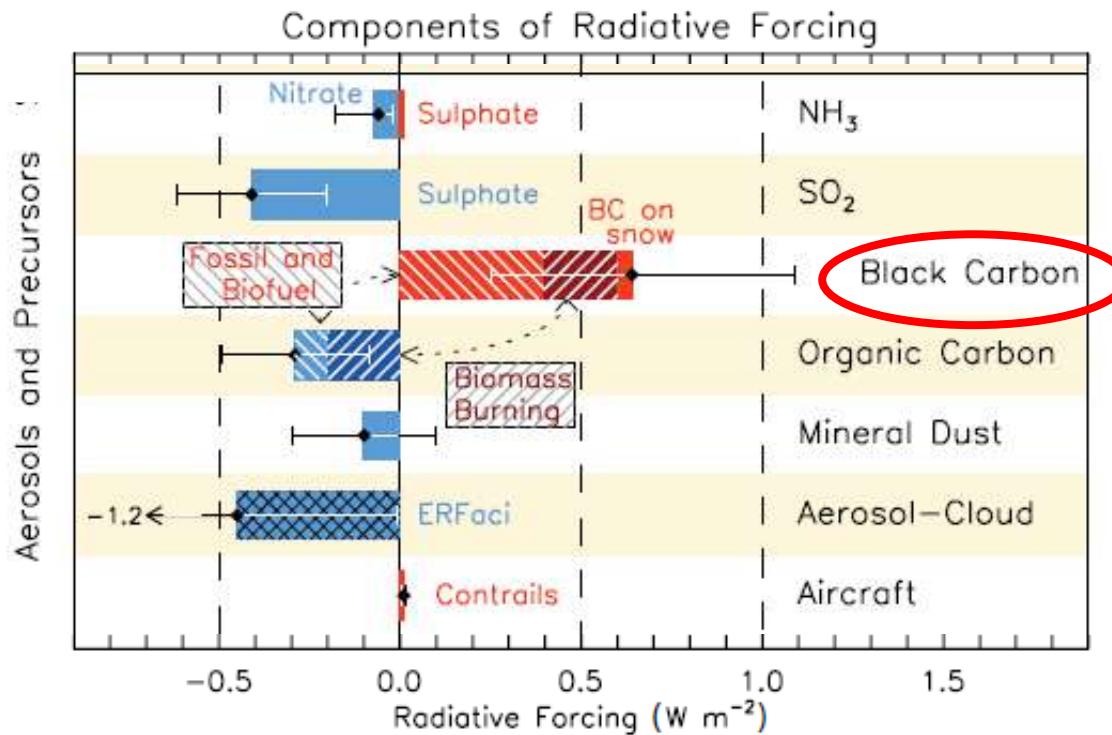
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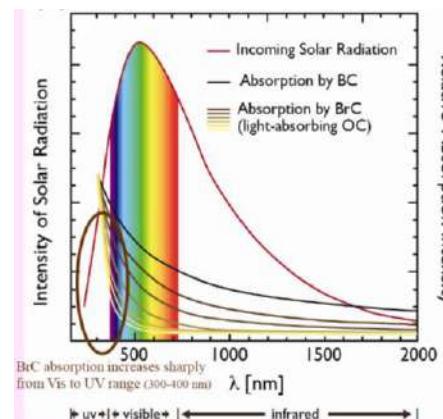
$k(\lambda)$ : strong  $\lambda$ -dependence

$k(\lambda)_{BrC} \ll k(\lambda)_{BC}$  in visible range,

BUT

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US EPA, Report to Congress  
on Black Carbon, 2012



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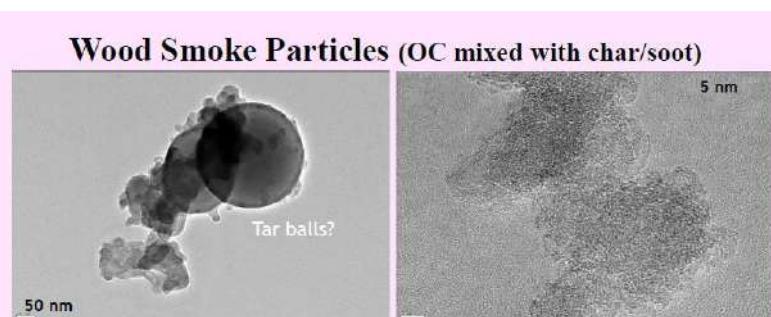
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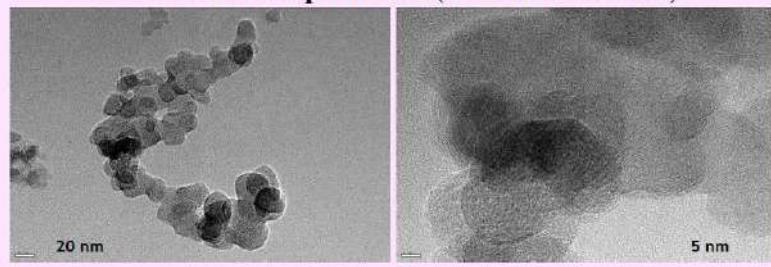
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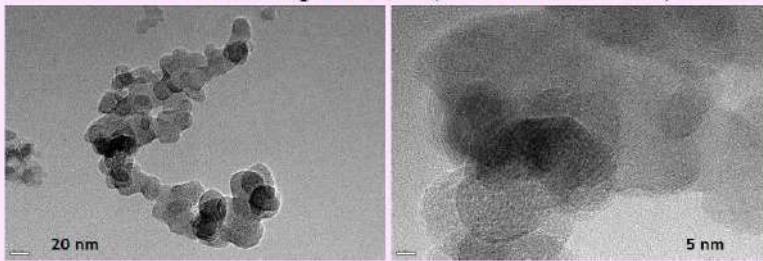
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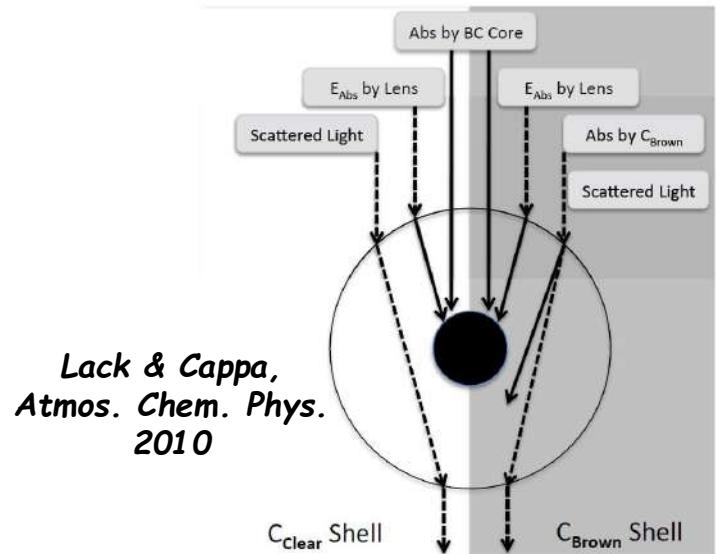


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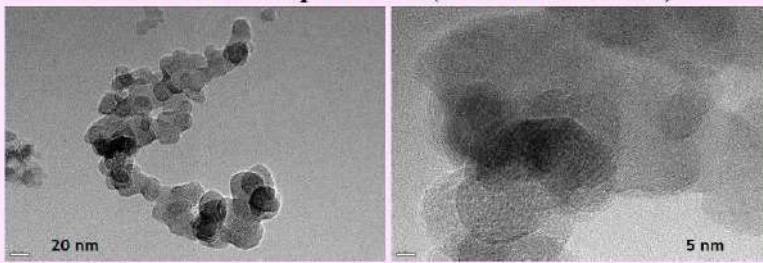
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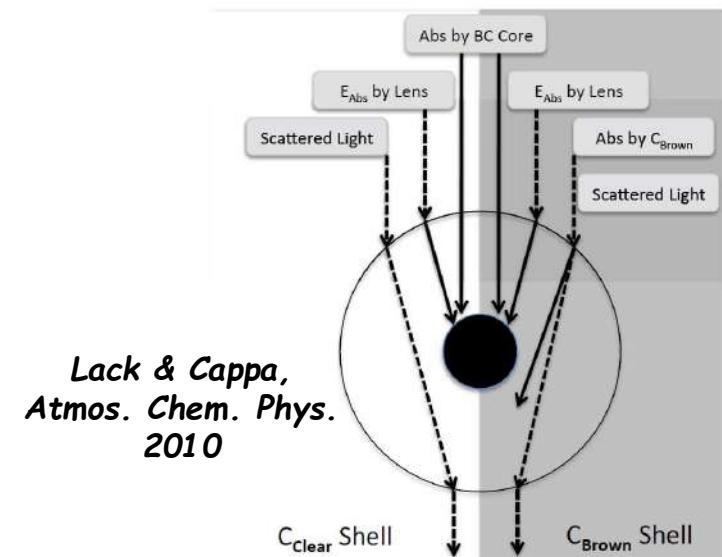
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Importance of measurement of atmospheric aerosol optical properties with no sample pre-treatment (e.g. water extraction...)



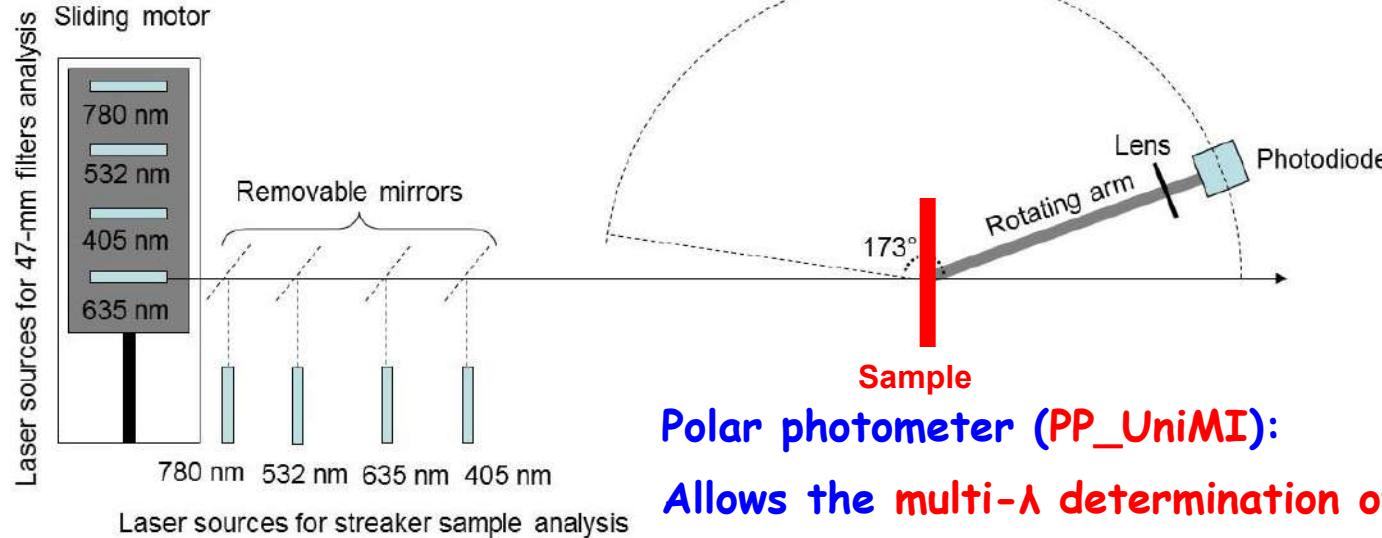
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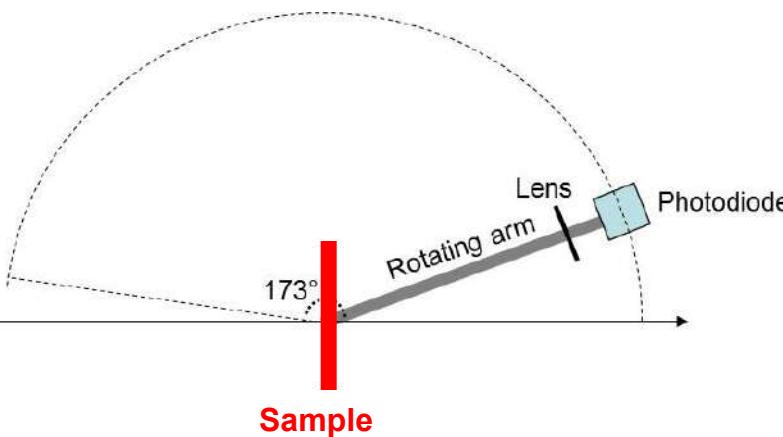
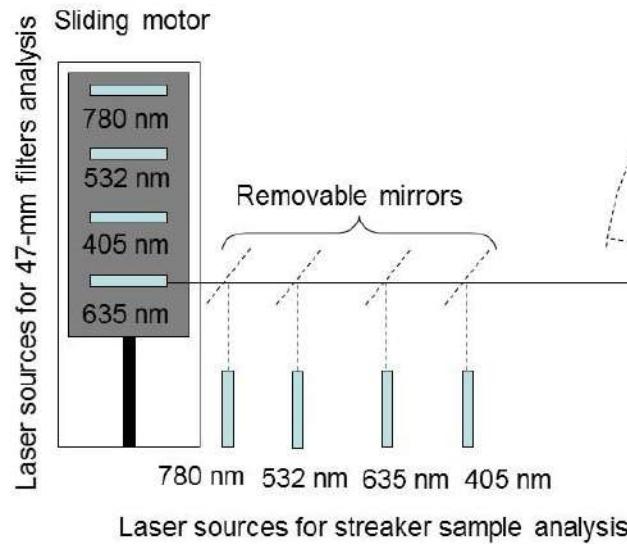
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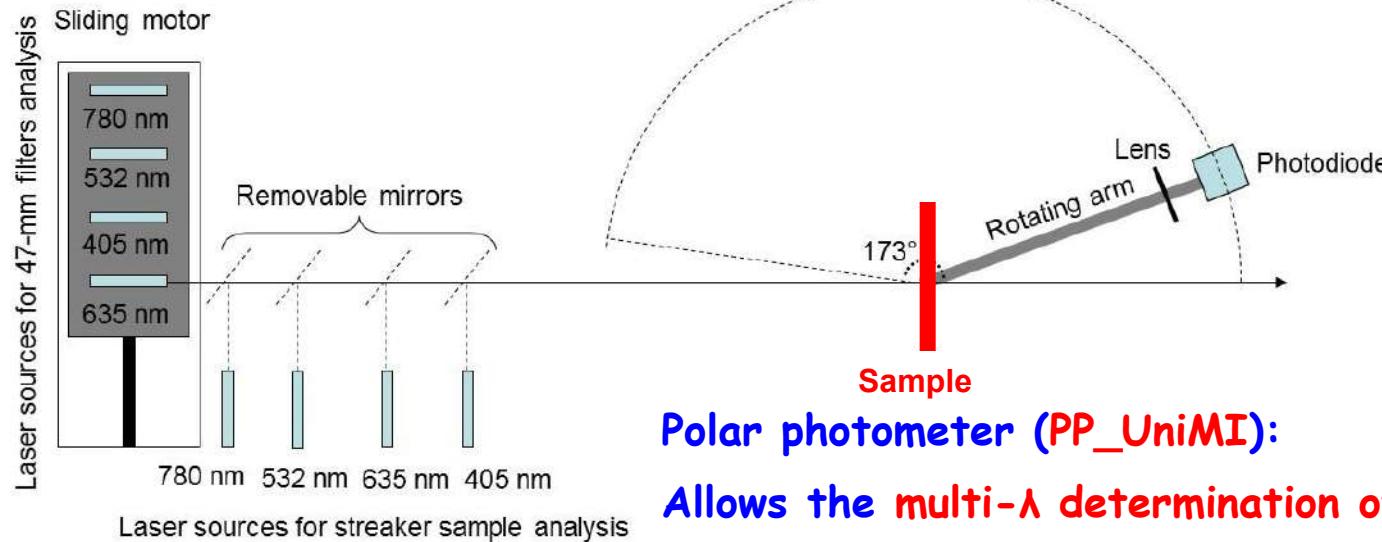
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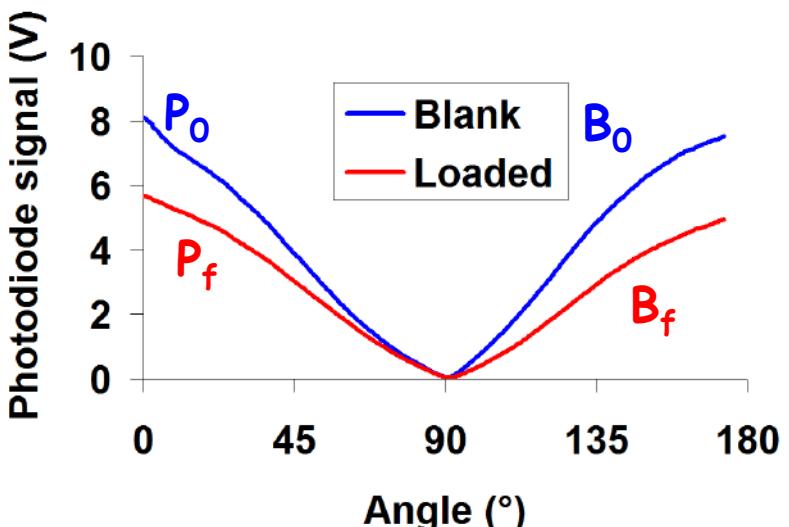
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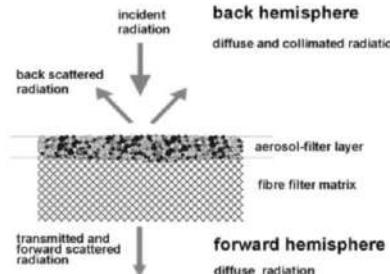
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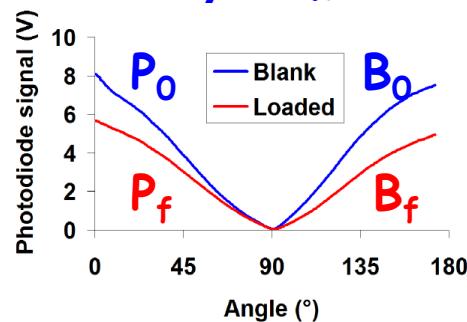
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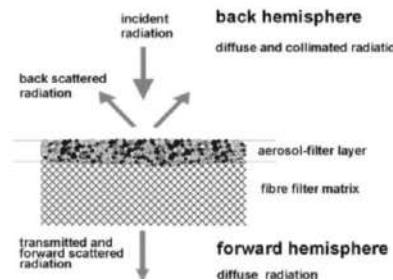
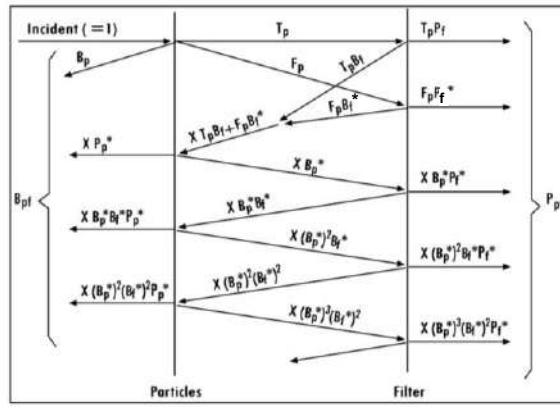


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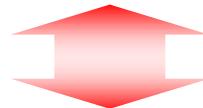
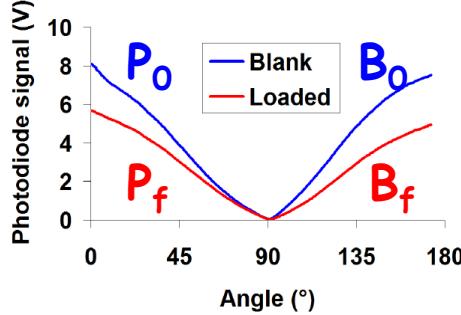


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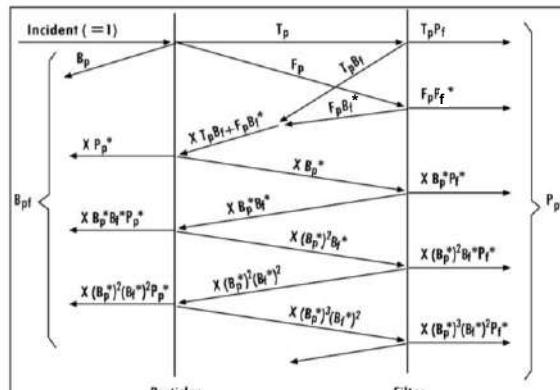


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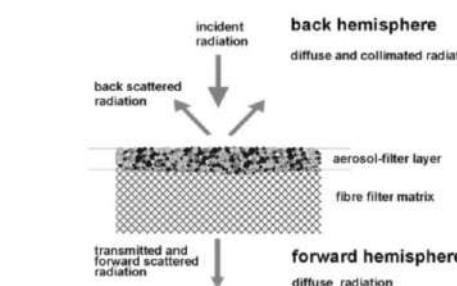
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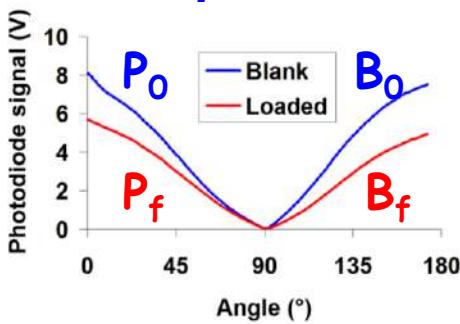


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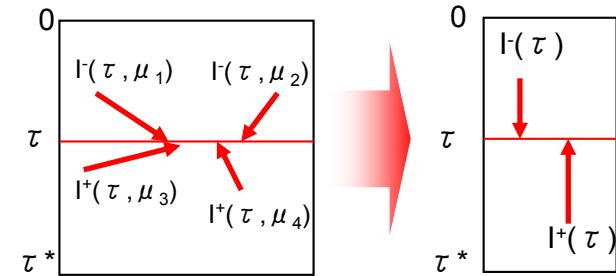


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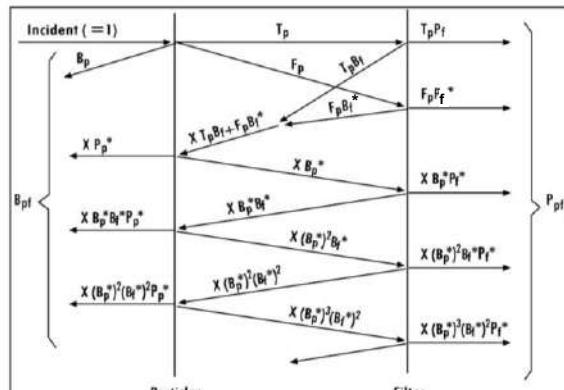
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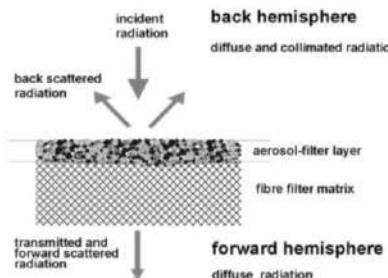
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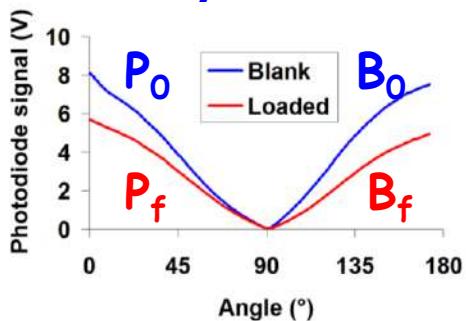


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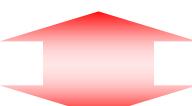
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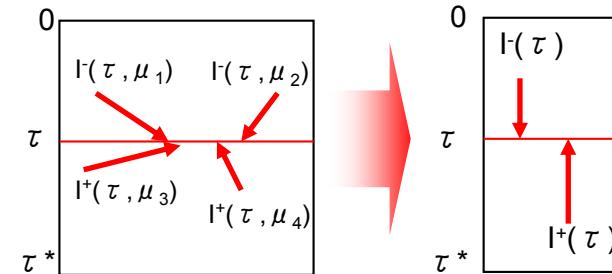
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$$ABS = (1-w) \cdot T$$

considering sampling volume (V) & deposit area (A)

$$b_{abs} = ABS \frac{A}{V}$$

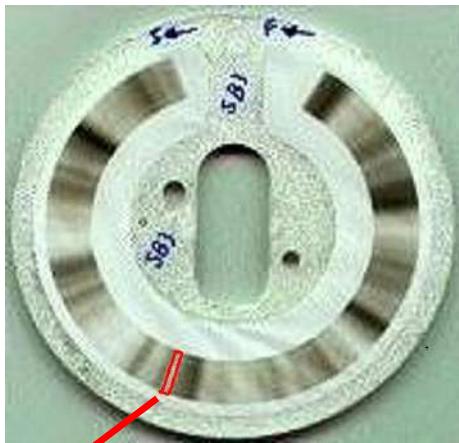
**2-stream approximation**  
(Coakley & Chylek et al., 1975)  
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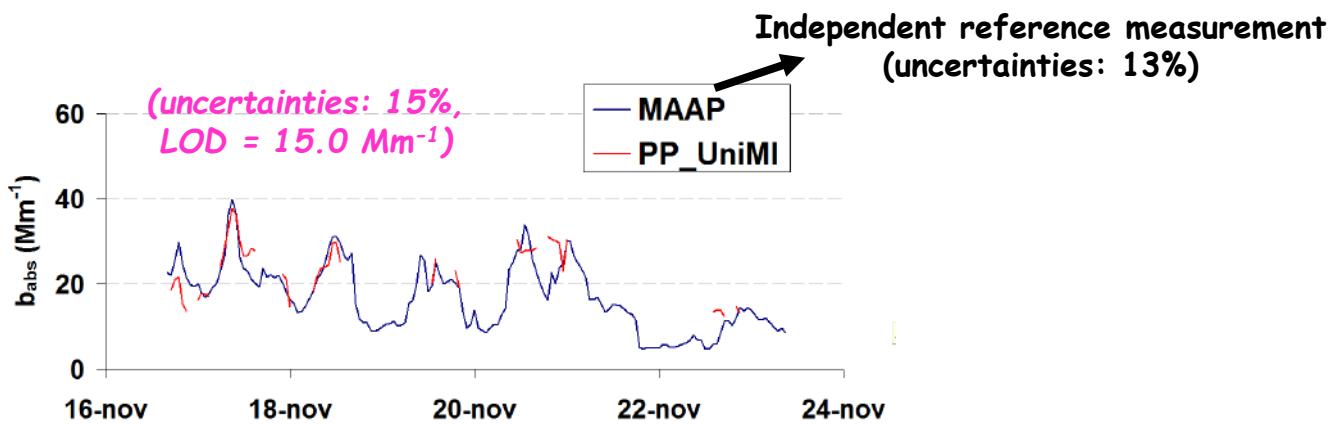
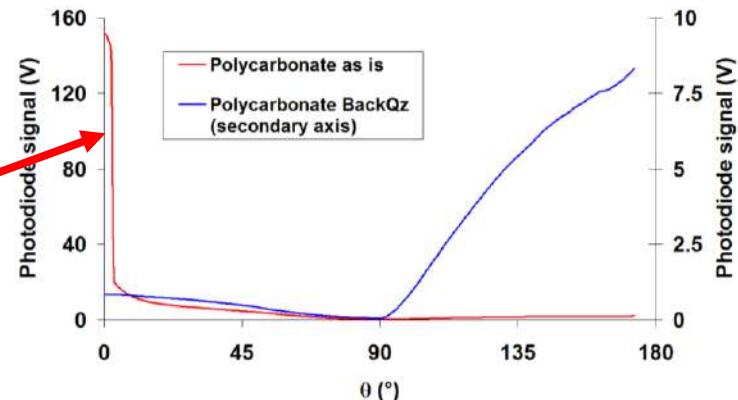
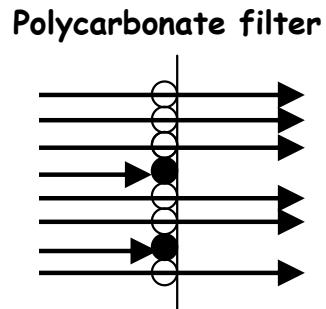


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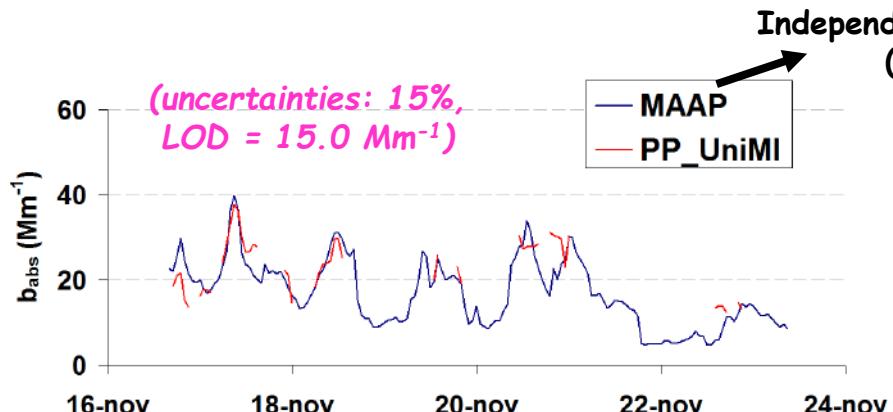
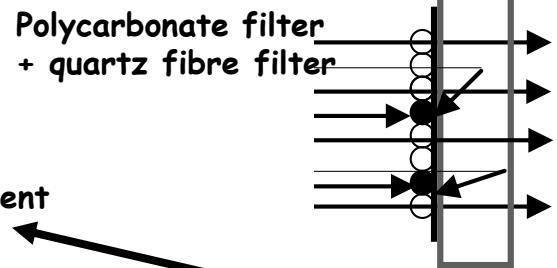
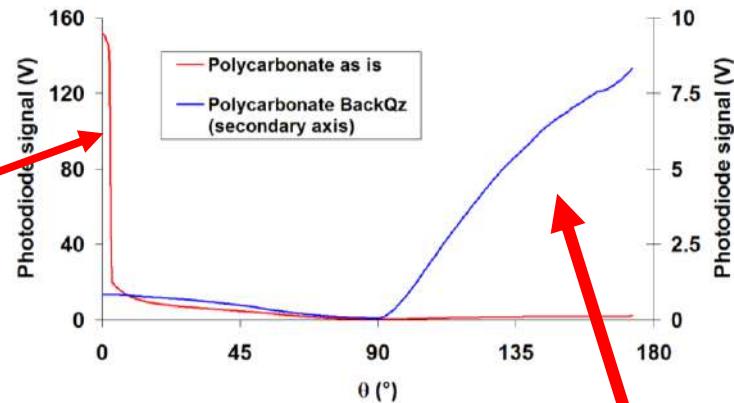
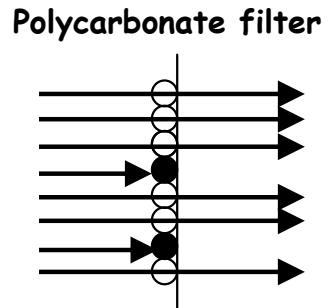


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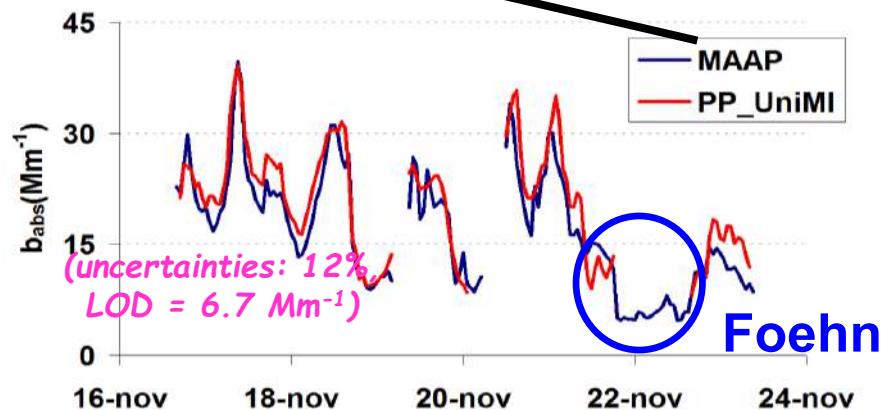
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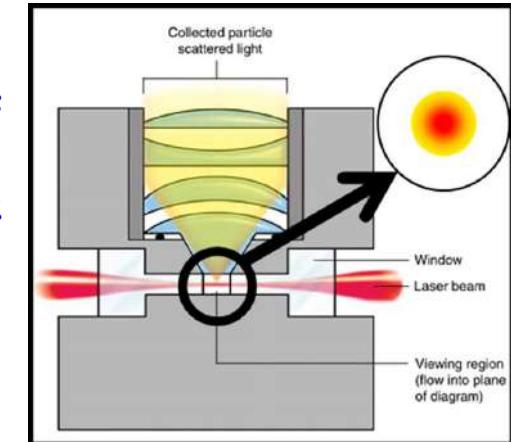


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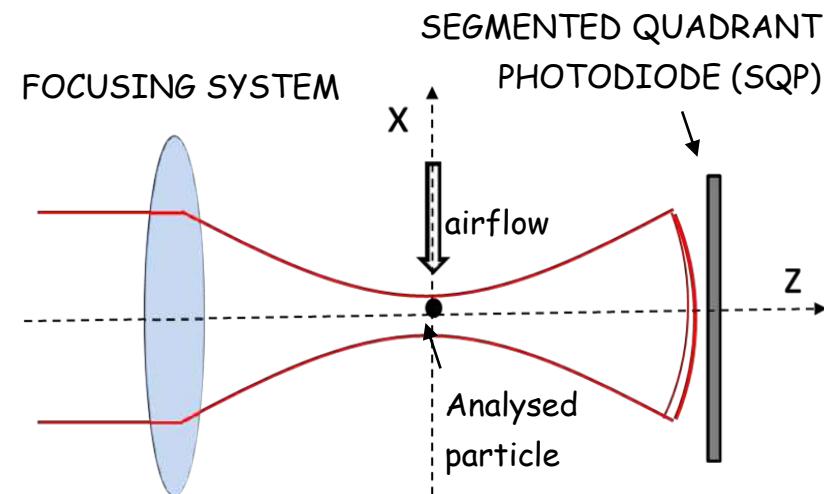
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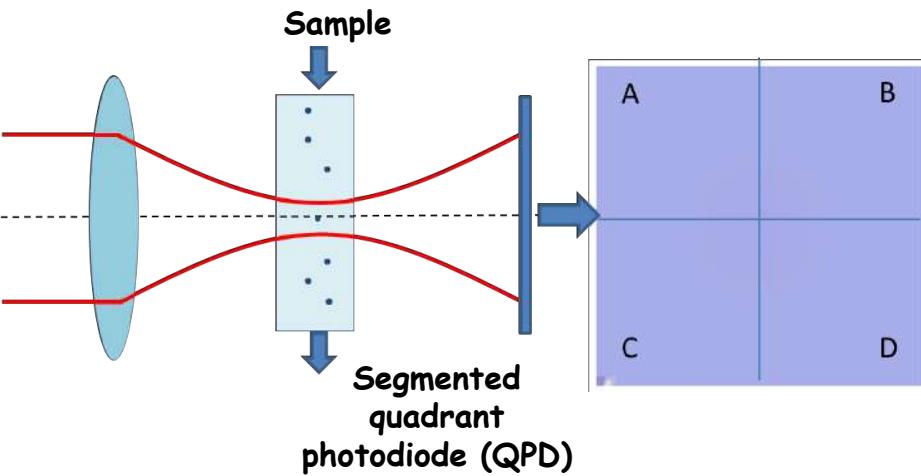
Traditional measurements: detection of INTENSITY of the scattered light to gain information on particle size OR monitoring attenuation of the beam.



SPES: measurement of extinction and scattering to gain information on the complex forward scattering amplitude  $S(0)$ , which is related to particle polarizability (and thus to particle size and refractive index)



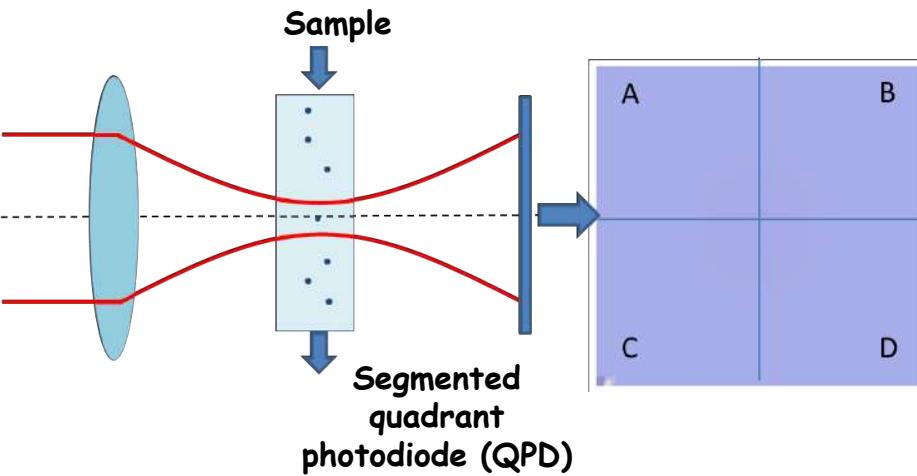
# SPES: phenomenological description



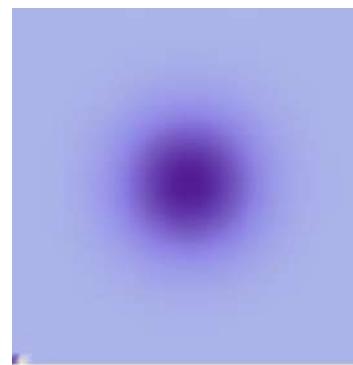
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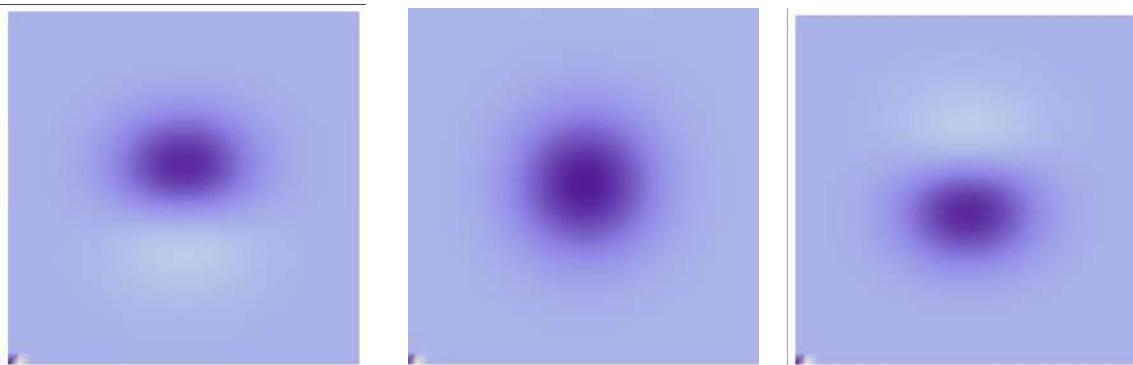
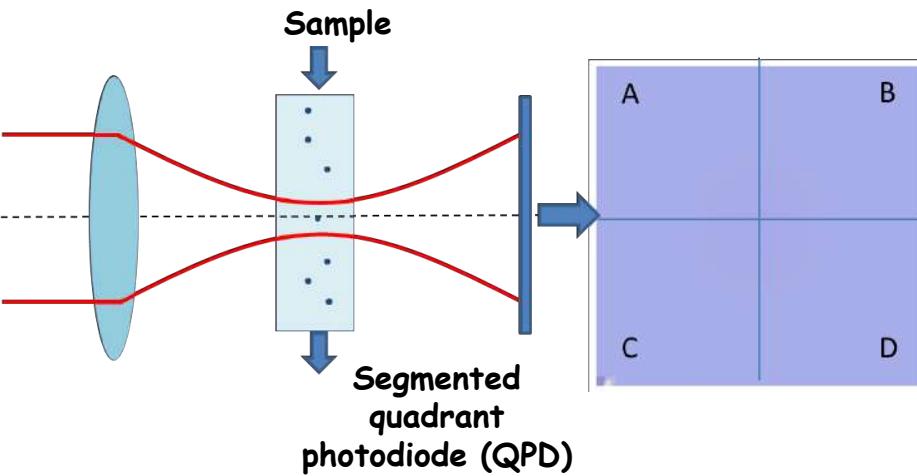
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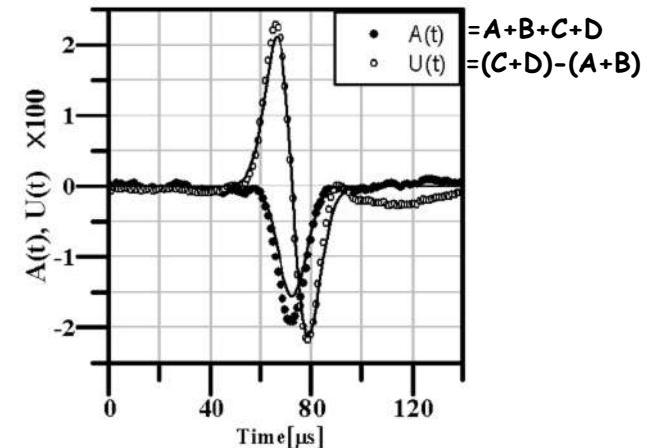
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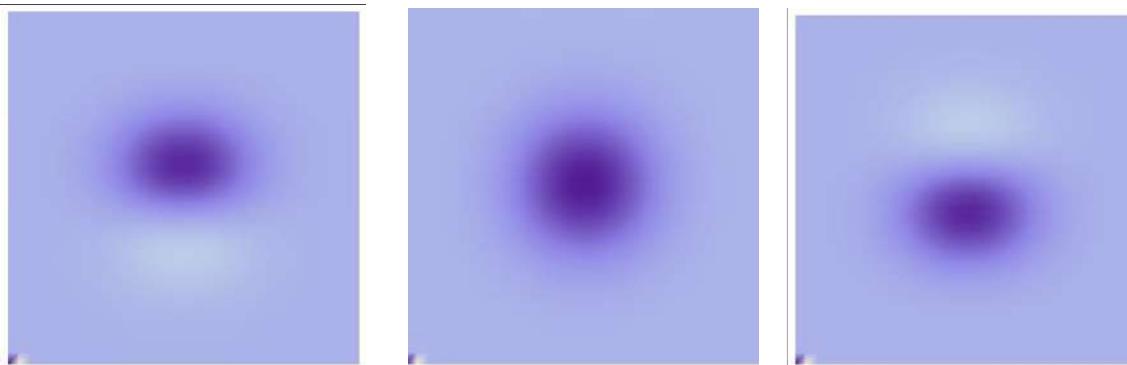
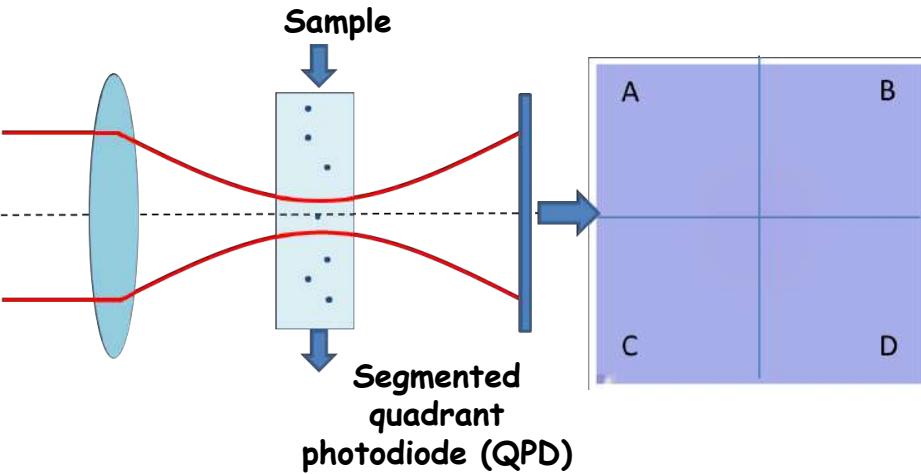
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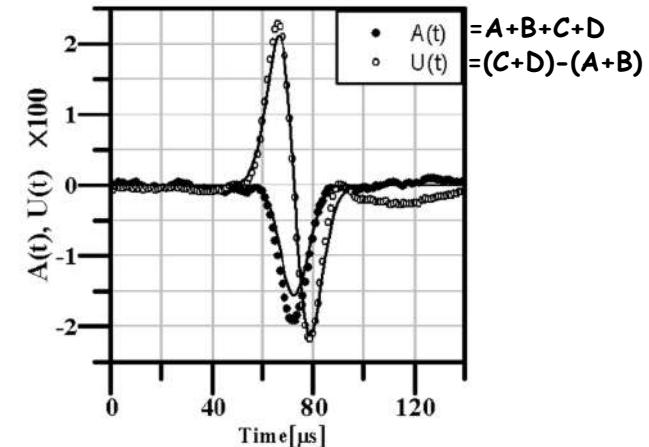
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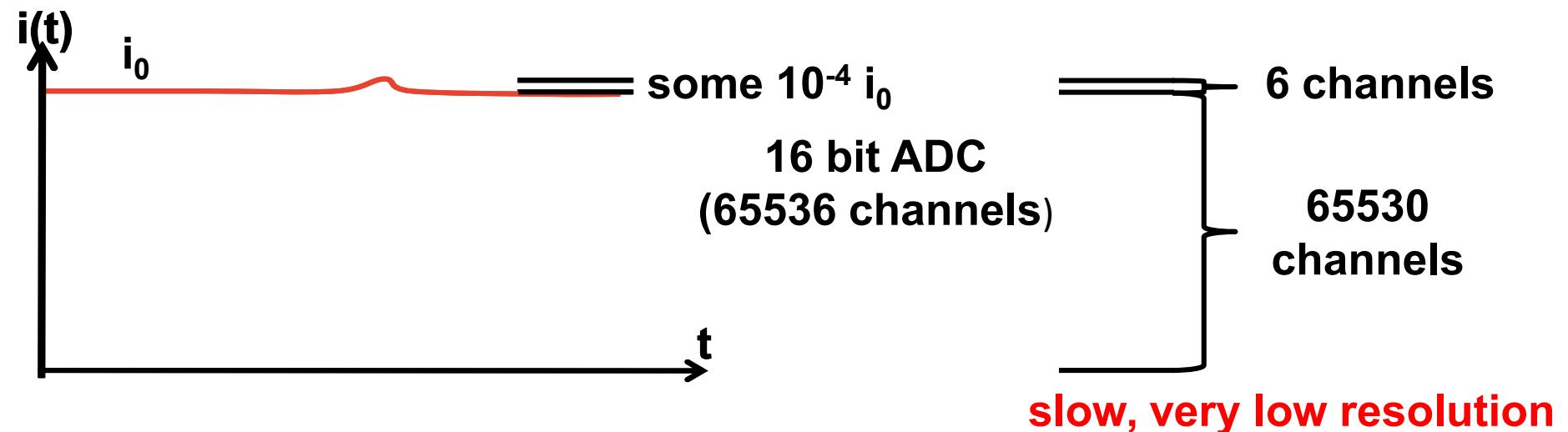
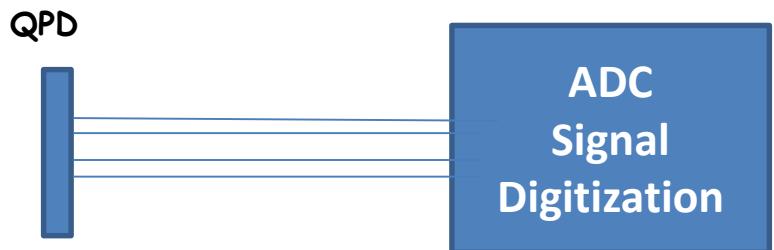
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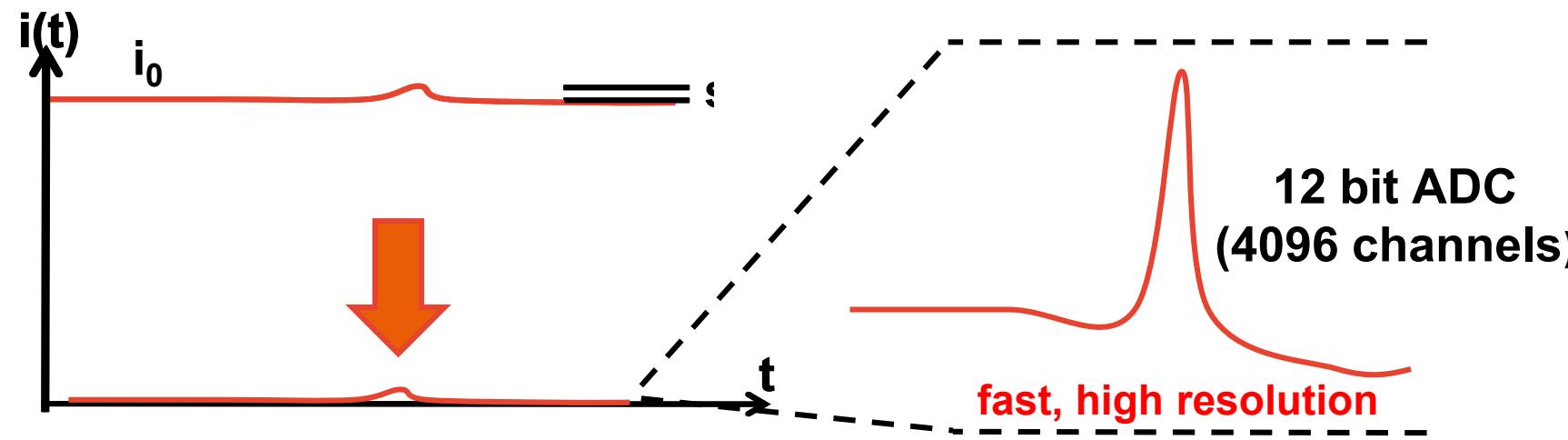
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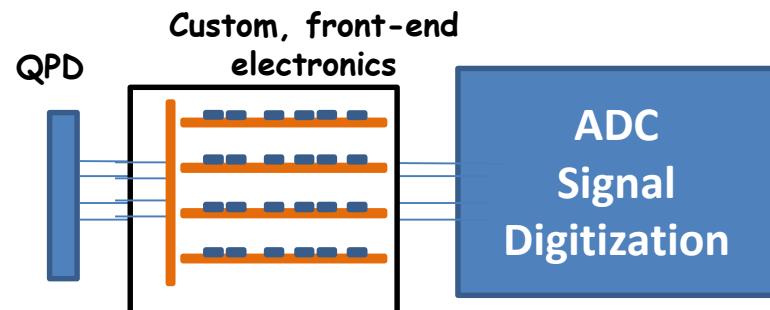


Slow signal by low pass filter with time constant ( $\tau = 250 \mu\text{s}$ )  
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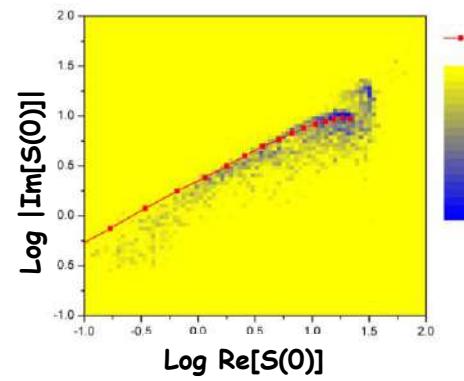
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set up @ electronics group (A. Pullia)



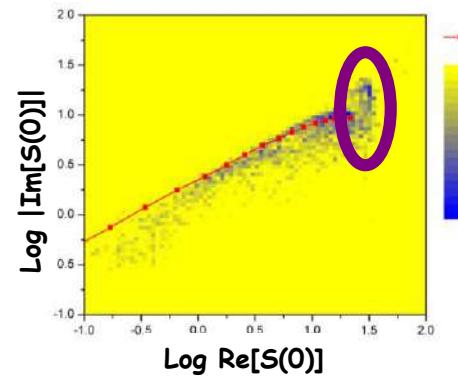
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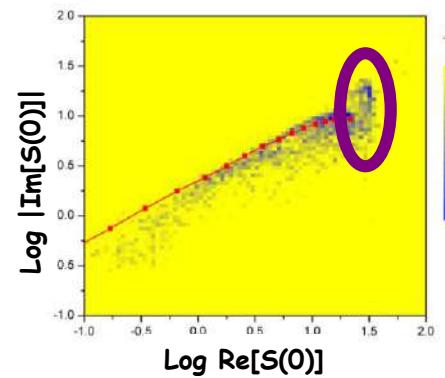
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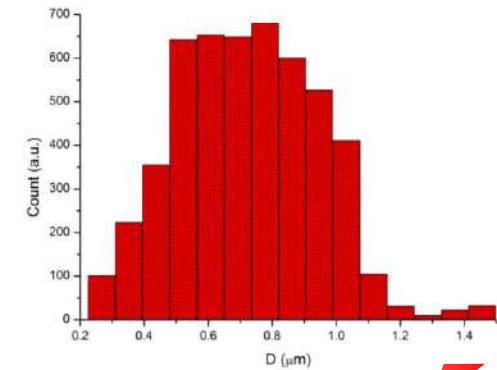
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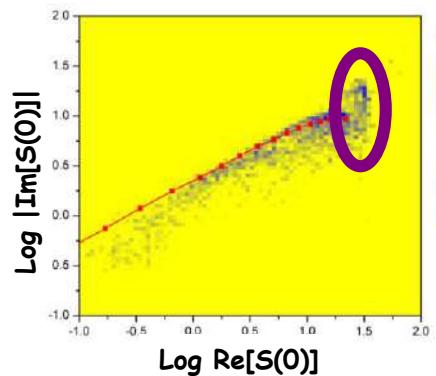


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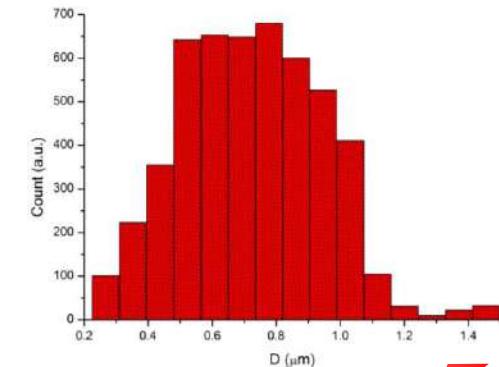
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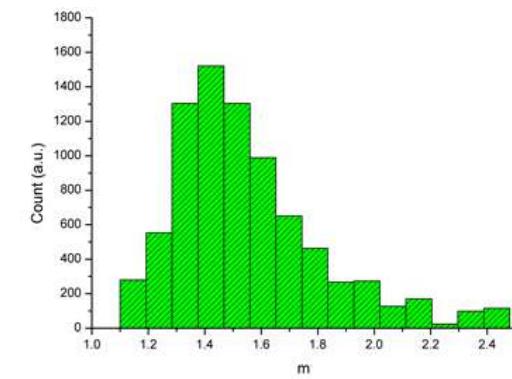
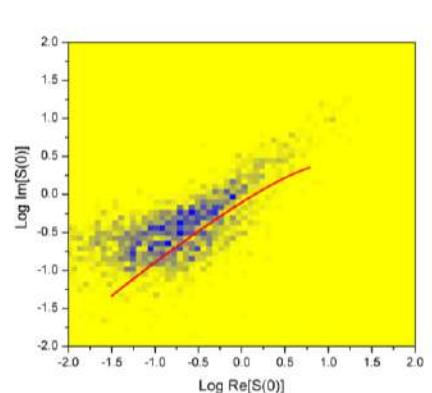
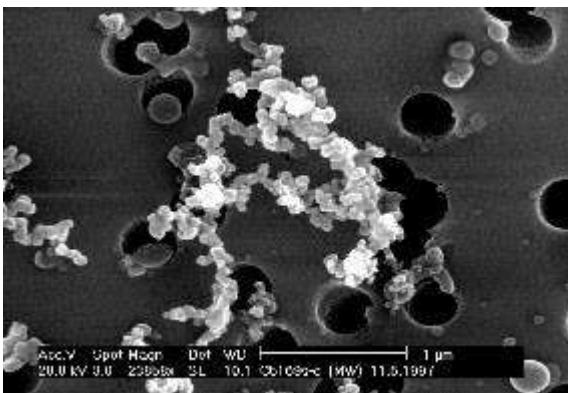


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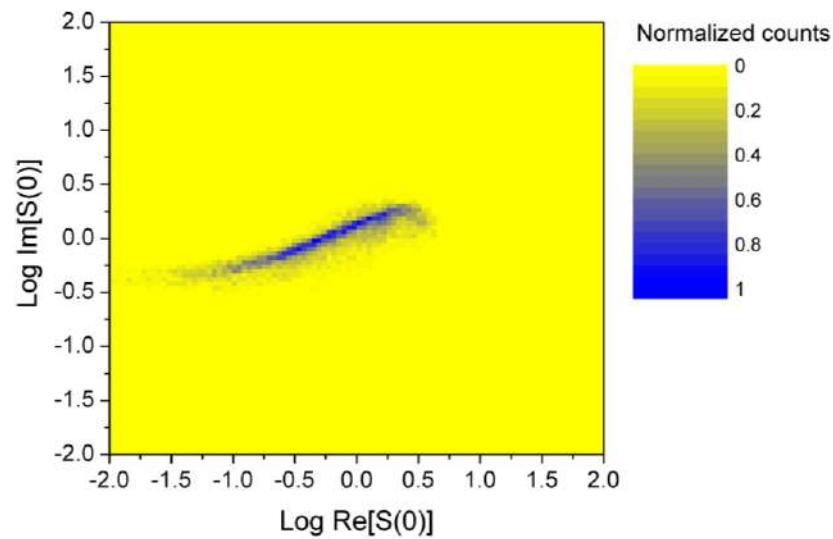
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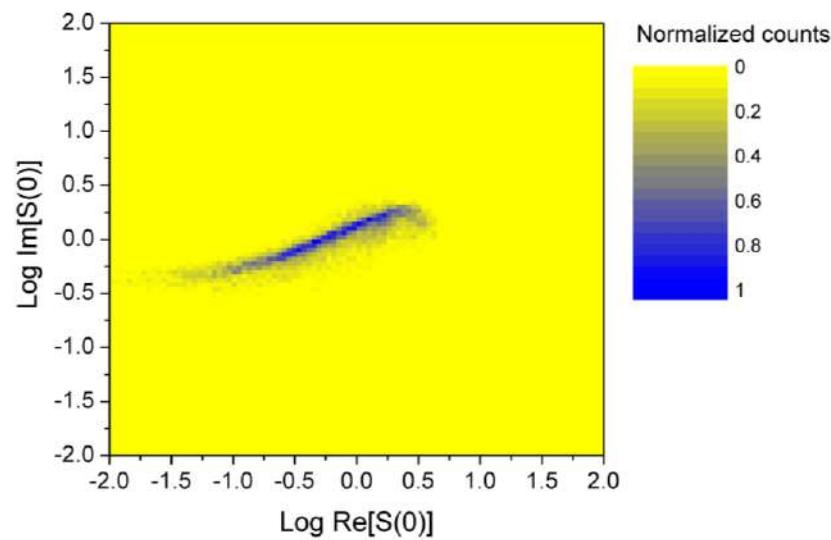
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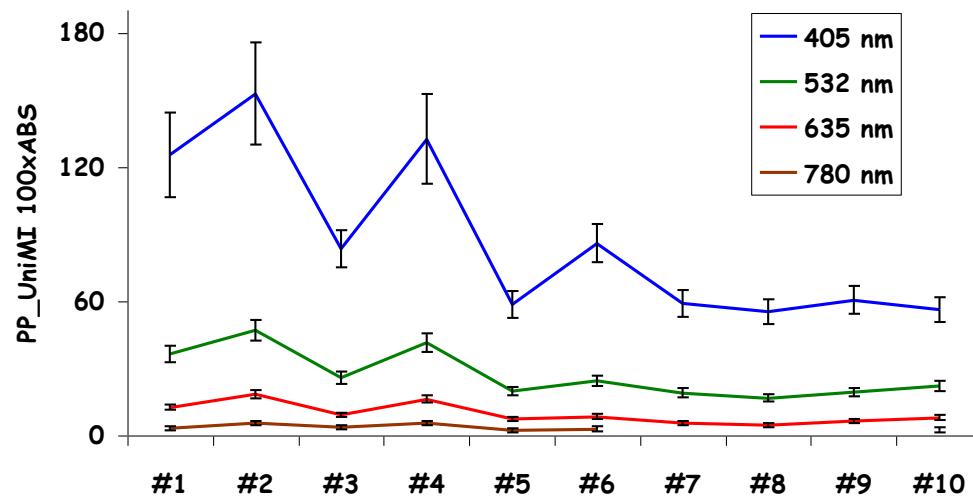
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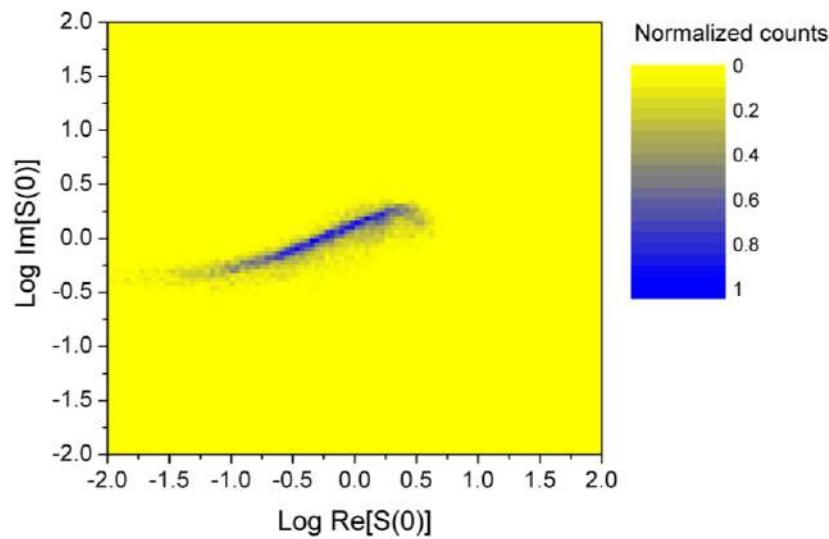
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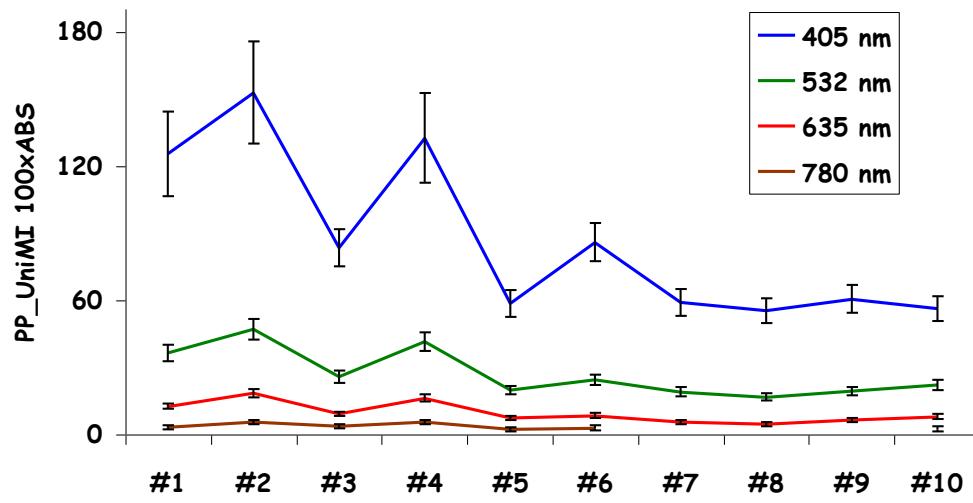
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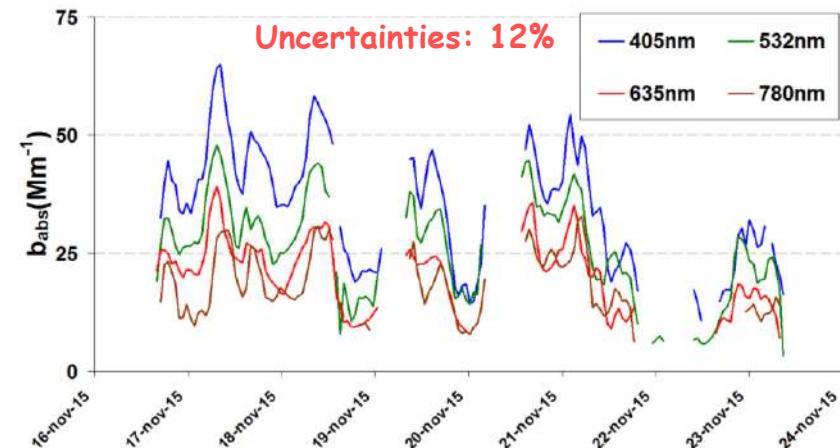
Possible emission of spherical BrC by pyrethrum !!!



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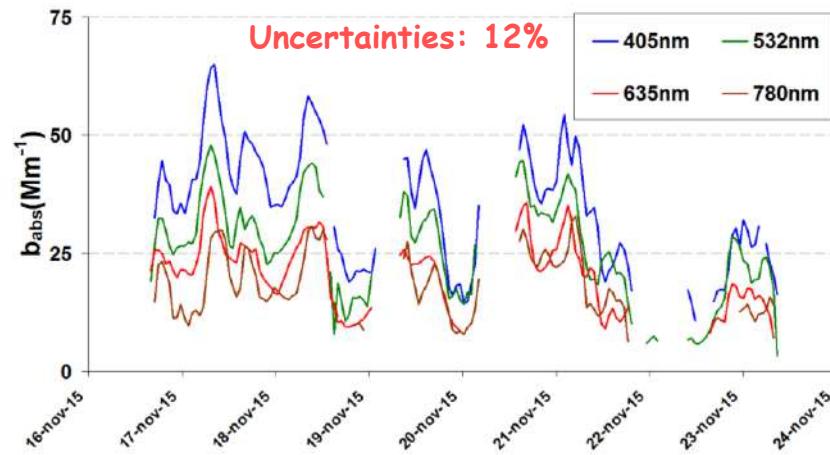


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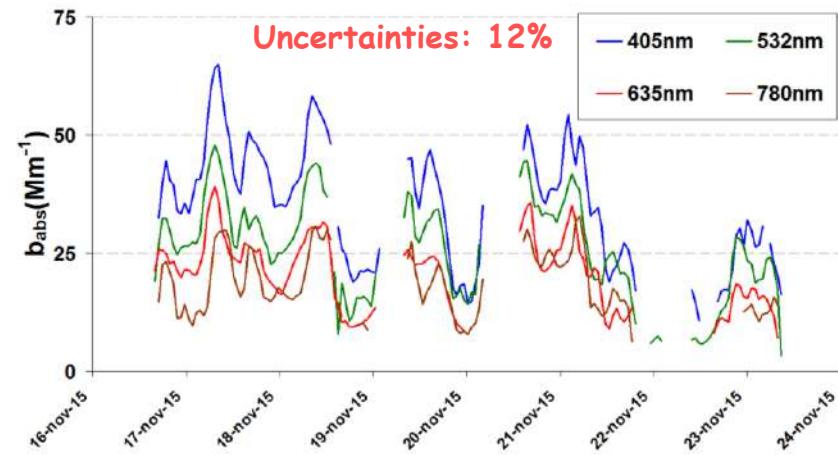


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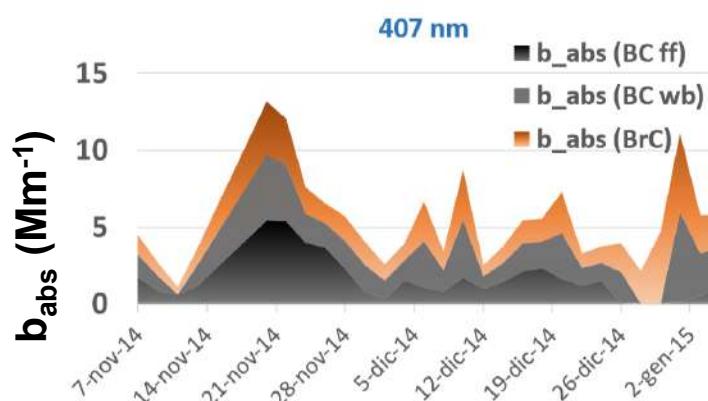
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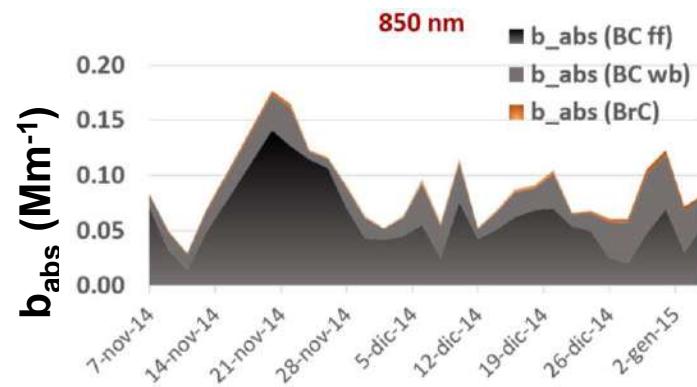
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3.9 @ site highly impacted by WB



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*Thank you for kind attention!!*

Further activities connected to the topics of the talk in the posters:

- Valentini et al., #50; Potenza et al., #35; Forello et al., #47





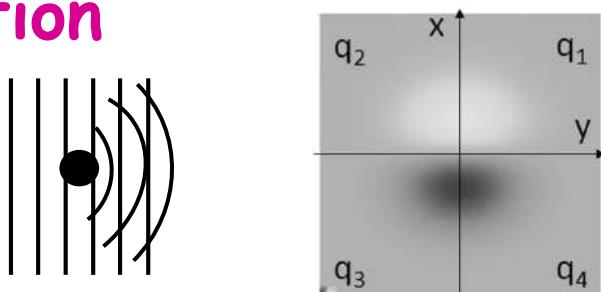
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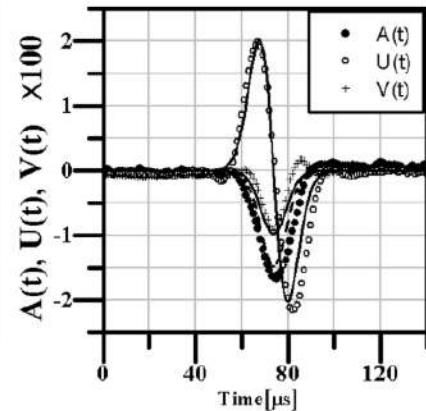
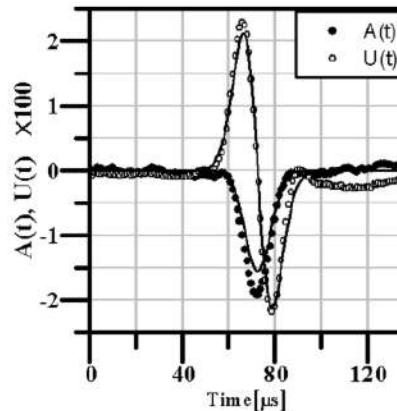


SQP allows measuring **attenuation** - due to scattering & absorption - of the incident beam **A(t)** and **intensity asymmetry** due to interference **U(t)**, related to the dimensionless scattering amplitude

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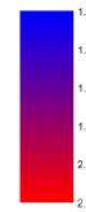
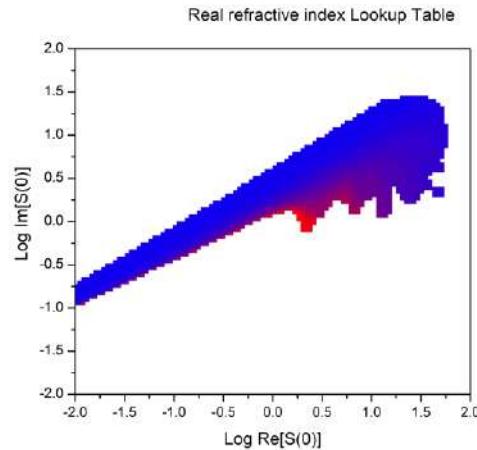
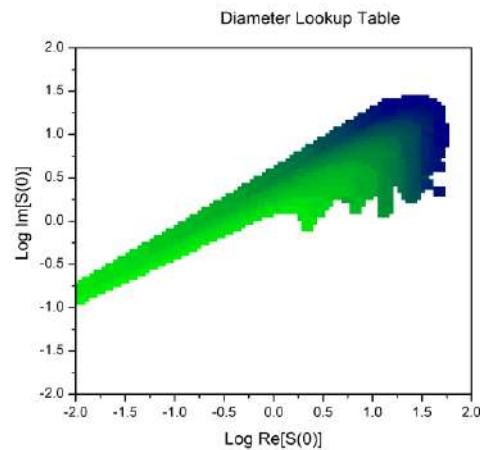


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Information on **asymmetry** of the signal in **y-direction** **V(t)** is indication of particle passage out of laser focus  
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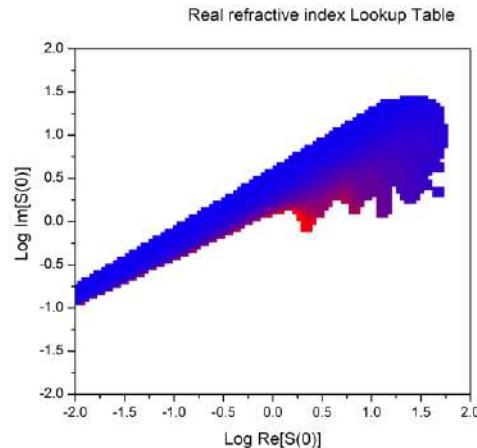
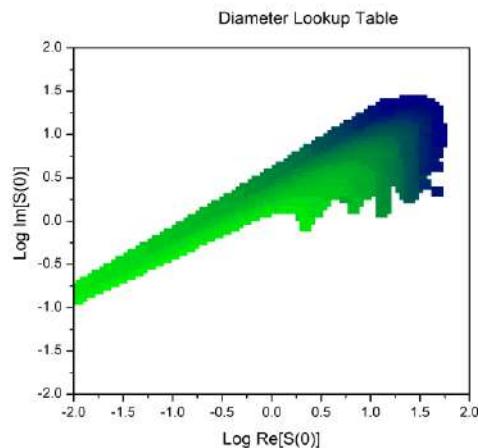
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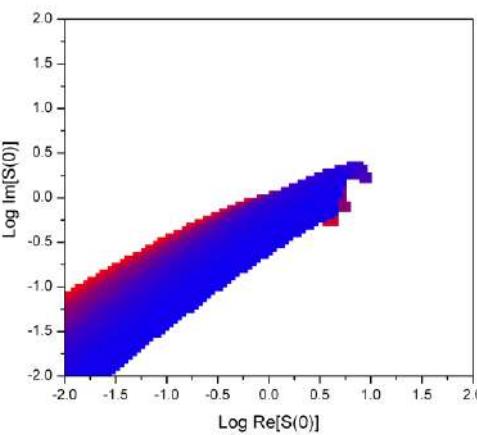
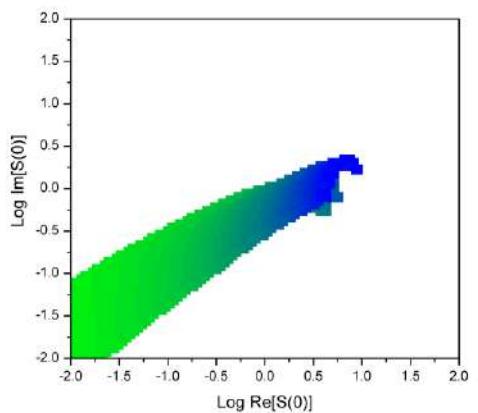
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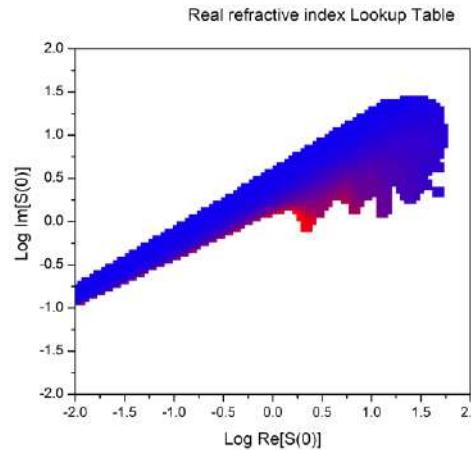
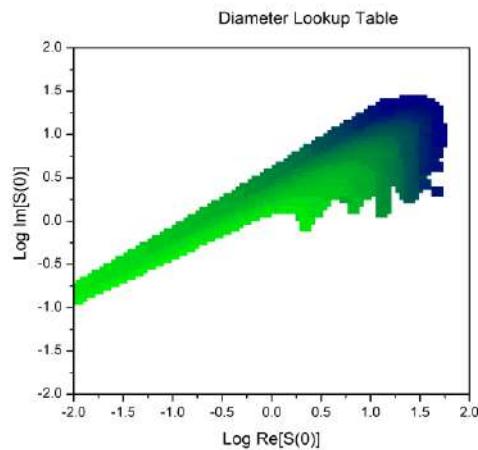
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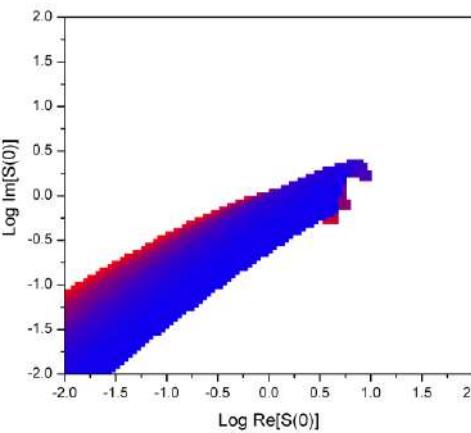
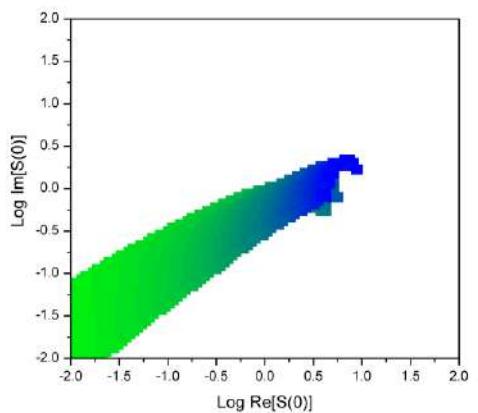
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Non absorbing particles and particles with significant imaginary part of the refractive index lay in different areas of the complex plane thus allowing their determination



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(see further details in the poster by Valentini S.)

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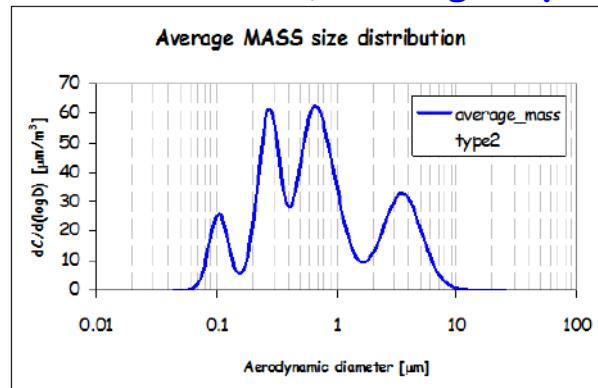
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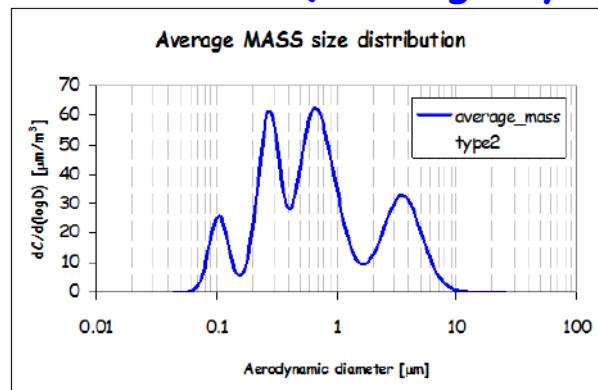
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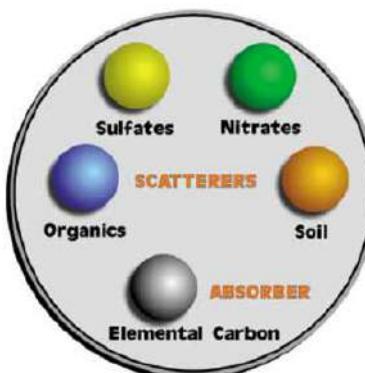
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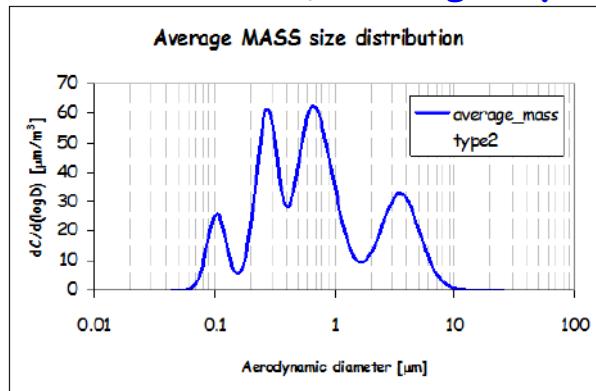
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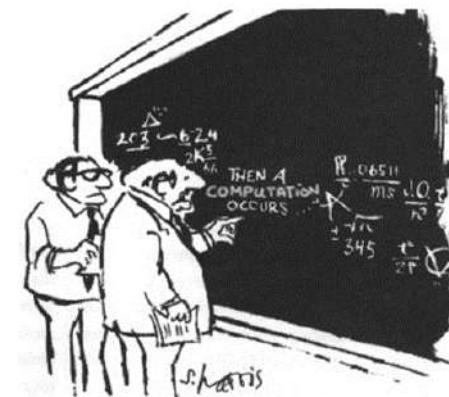
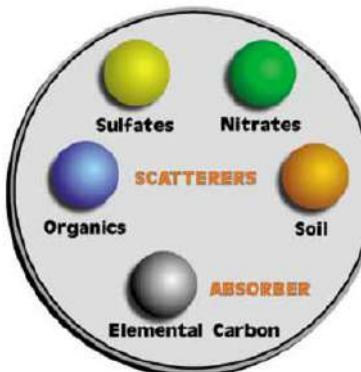
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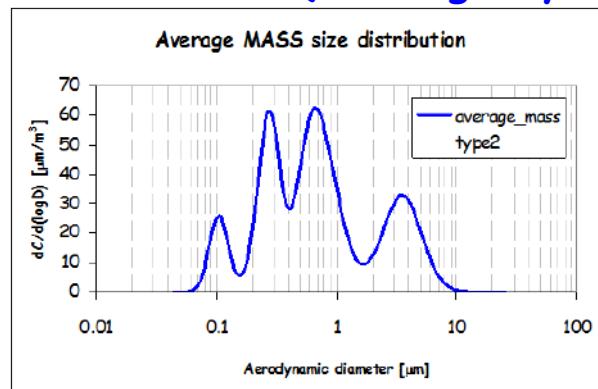
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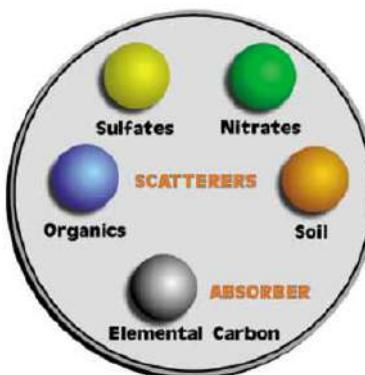
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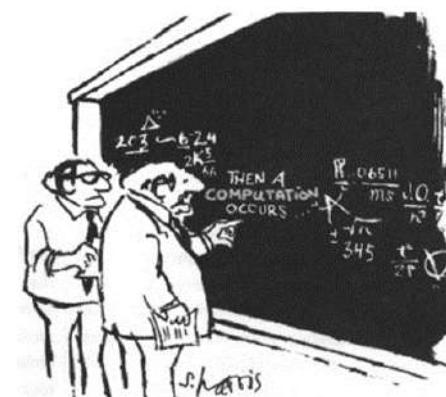
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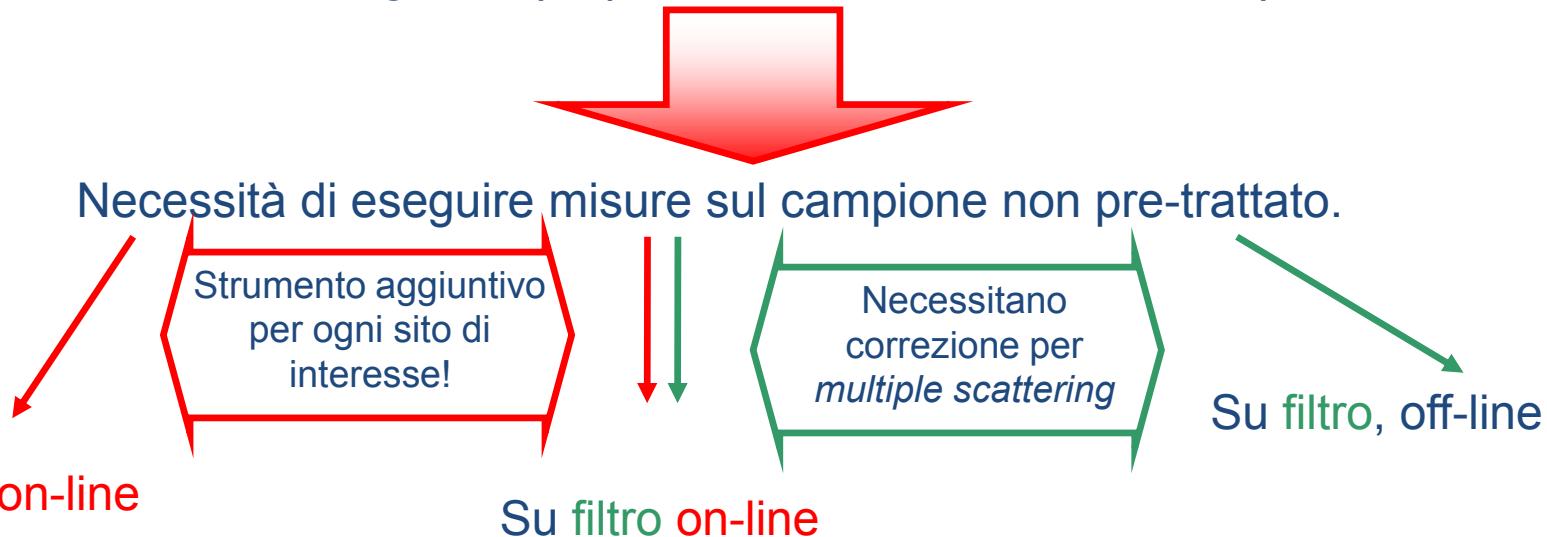


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Necessità di eseguire misure sul campione non pre-trattato.

Strumento aggiuntivo  
per ogni sito di  
interesse!

Necessitano  
correzione per  
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Su filtro, off-line

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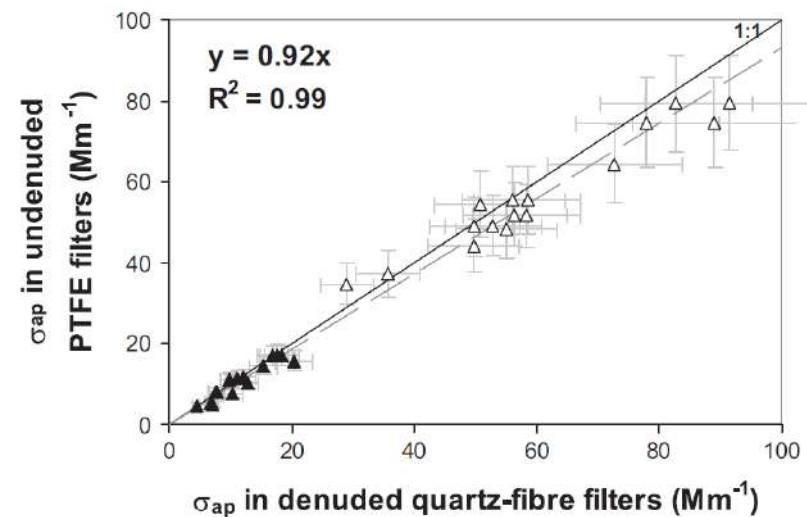
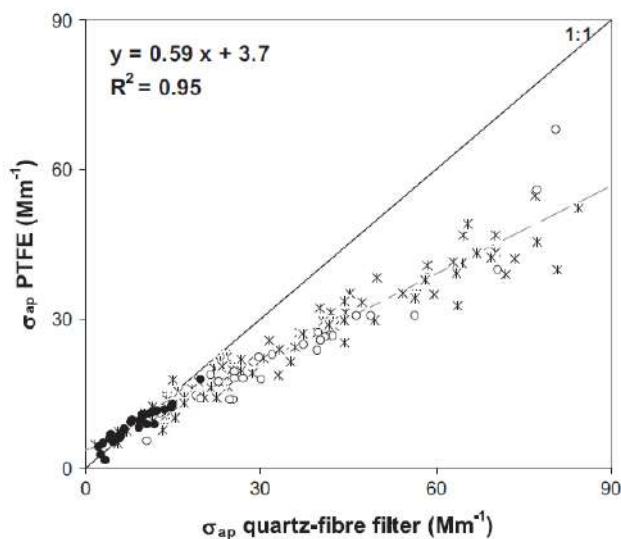
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Vecchi et al., 2014



# Misure di proprietà di assorbimento dell'aerosol campionato ad elevata risoluzione temporale



1.25 x 8 mm

Particolare interesse per misure su campioni raccolti su filtro ad elevata risoluzione temporale.

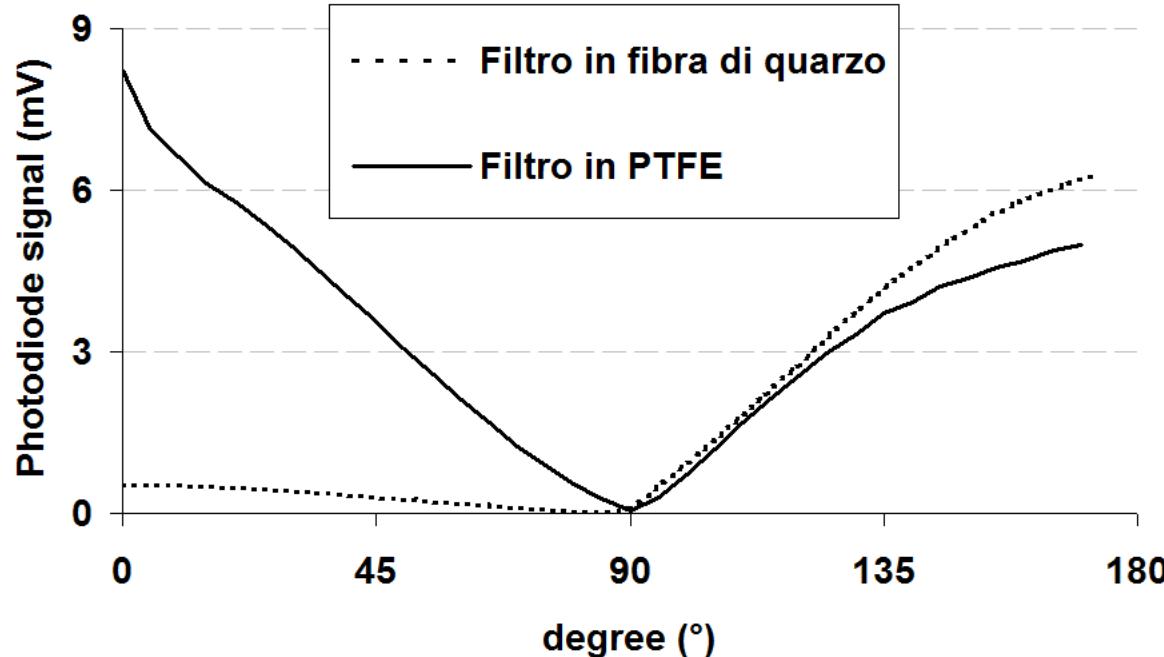
Finora solo caratterizzazione elementale (Na-Pb, tecnica PIXE).

Misure di assorbimento → *source apportionment* con metodi applicati direttamente alle proprietà ottiche o, dopo valutazione di BC attraverso opportuno MAC (v. poi) e fornire un ulteriore *marker* utile per *source apportionment* da informazioni sulla massa delle diverse componenti chimiche.



# Il fotometro polare. Andamenti di luce misurati

## FILTRI BIANCHI



Distribuzione  
di luce

Aerosol raccolto

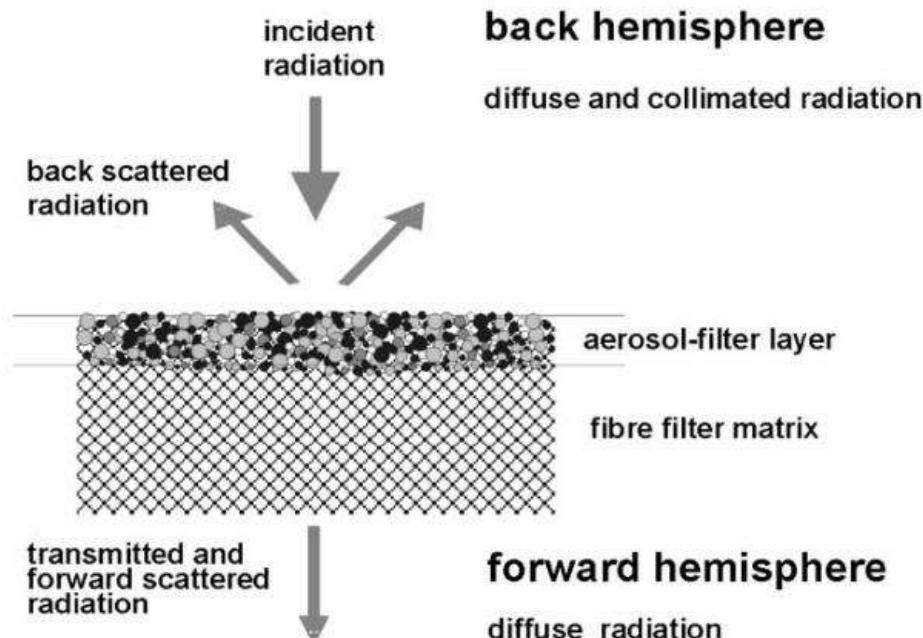
Supporto filtrante

Es. Trasmissione  
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Modello di  
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# Il modello di trasferimento radiativo: step 1: schema a 2 layer



Schema di trasferimento radiativo a 2 layer

Filtri a membrana

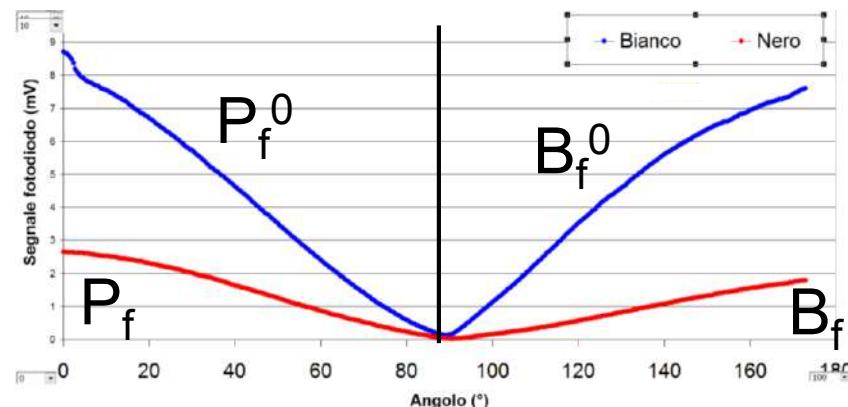
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Filtri in fibra  
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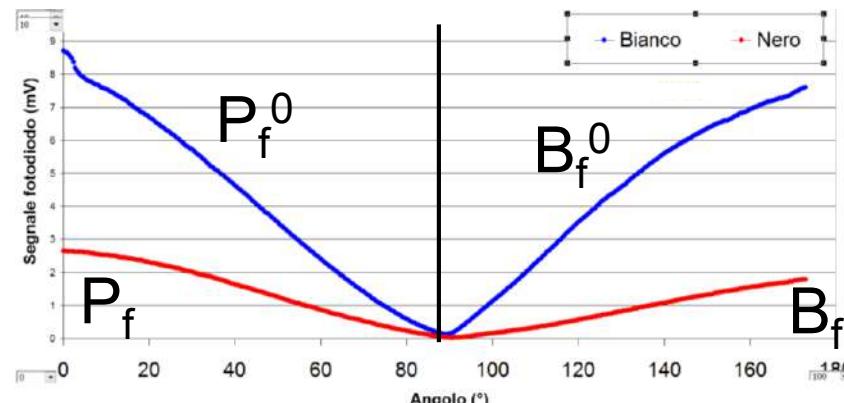
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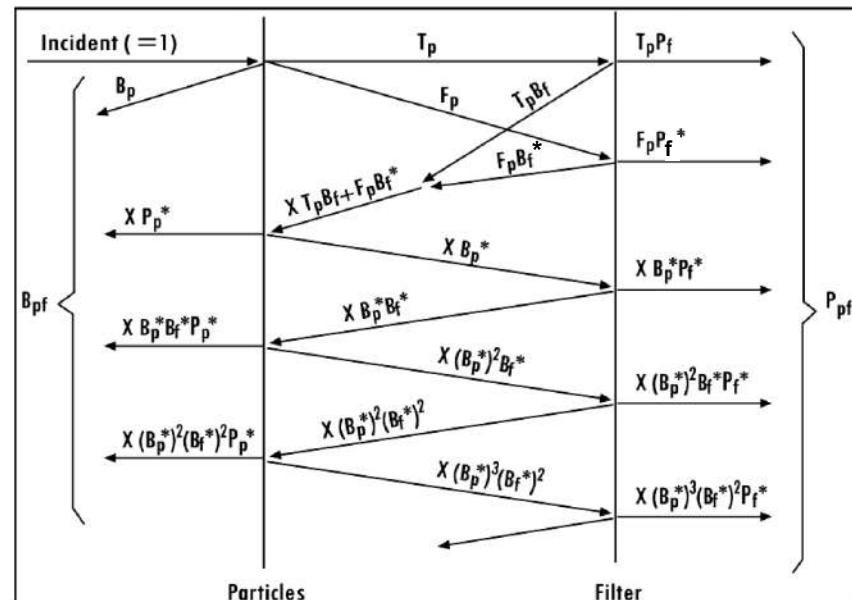
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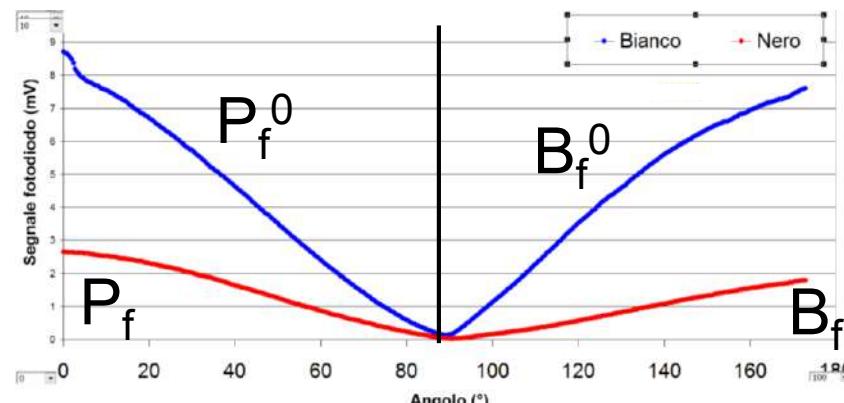
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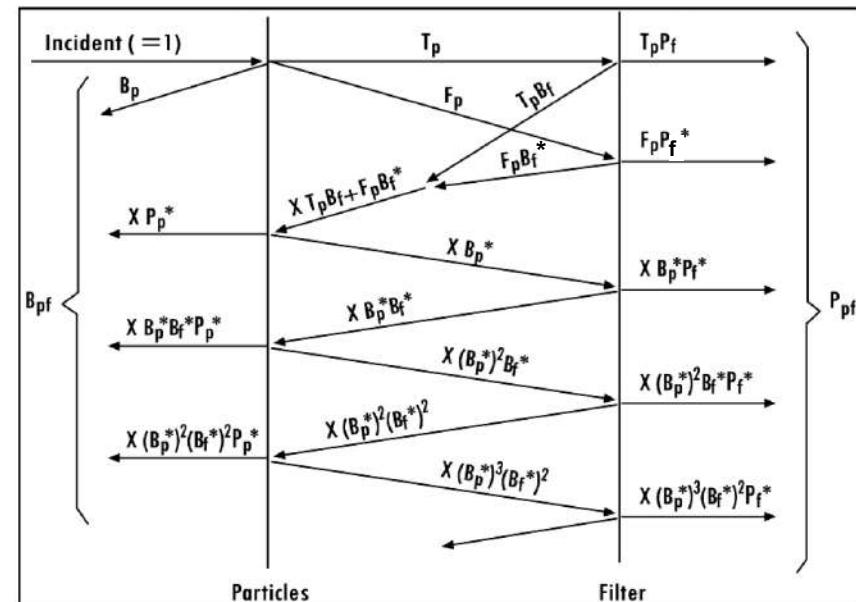
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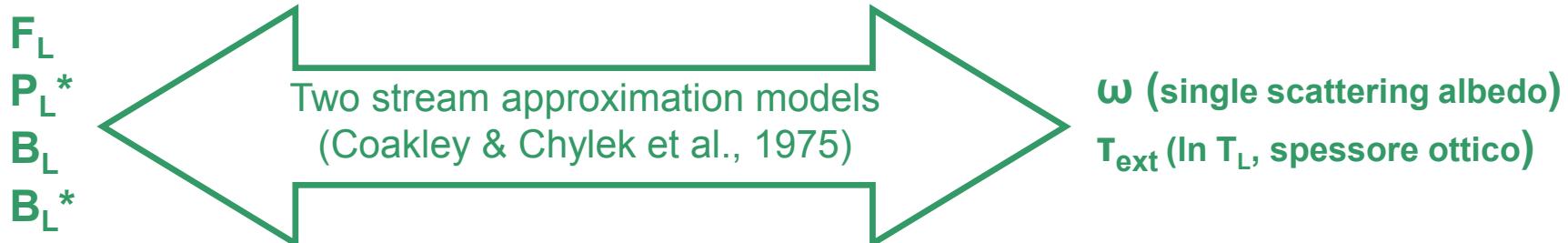
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5 incognite



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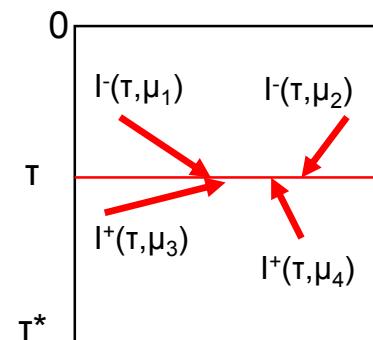
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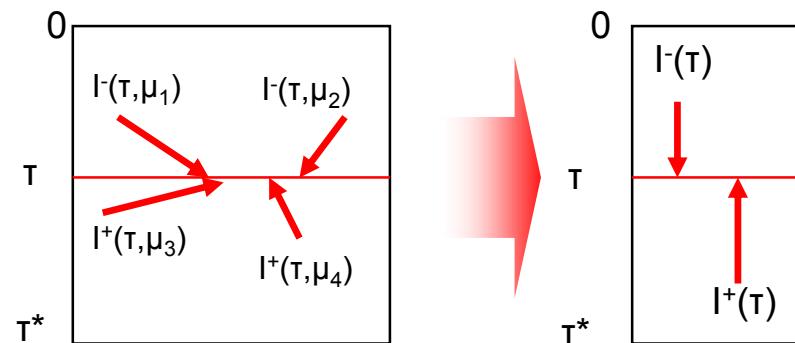
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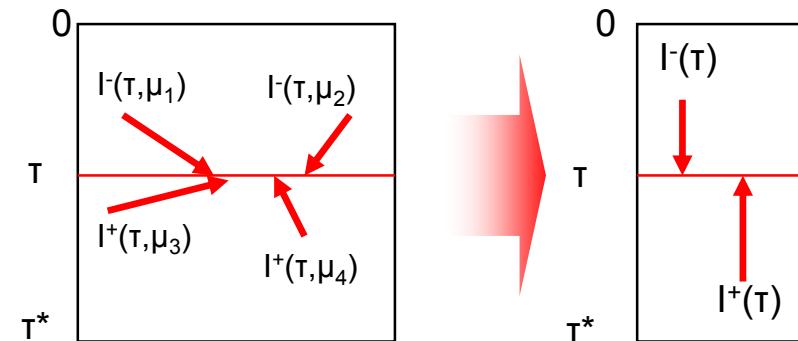
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$$\beta_L = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - g - \frac{4}{25} \left( 1 - \frac{|1-2g|}{8} - \frac{7}{8}(1-2g)^2 \right) \right]$$

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Intensità diffusa ad angolo  $\theta$

$$g = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int_0^\pi \cos \theta F(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_0^\pi F(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta}$$

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Funzione di fase



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Da cui, definendo lo spessore ottico di estinzione del layer come  $\tau_L = \ln T_L$ , si ricava lo spessore ottico di assorbimento del deposito:

$$ABS = (1 - \omega)^* \tau_L$$

Considerando l'area del deposito e il volume campionato  $\rightarrow$  coefficiente di assorbimento dell'aerosol in aria:

$$\sigma_{ap} = ABS \frac{A}{V} = b_{ABS}$$



# RISULTATI



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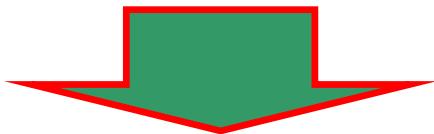
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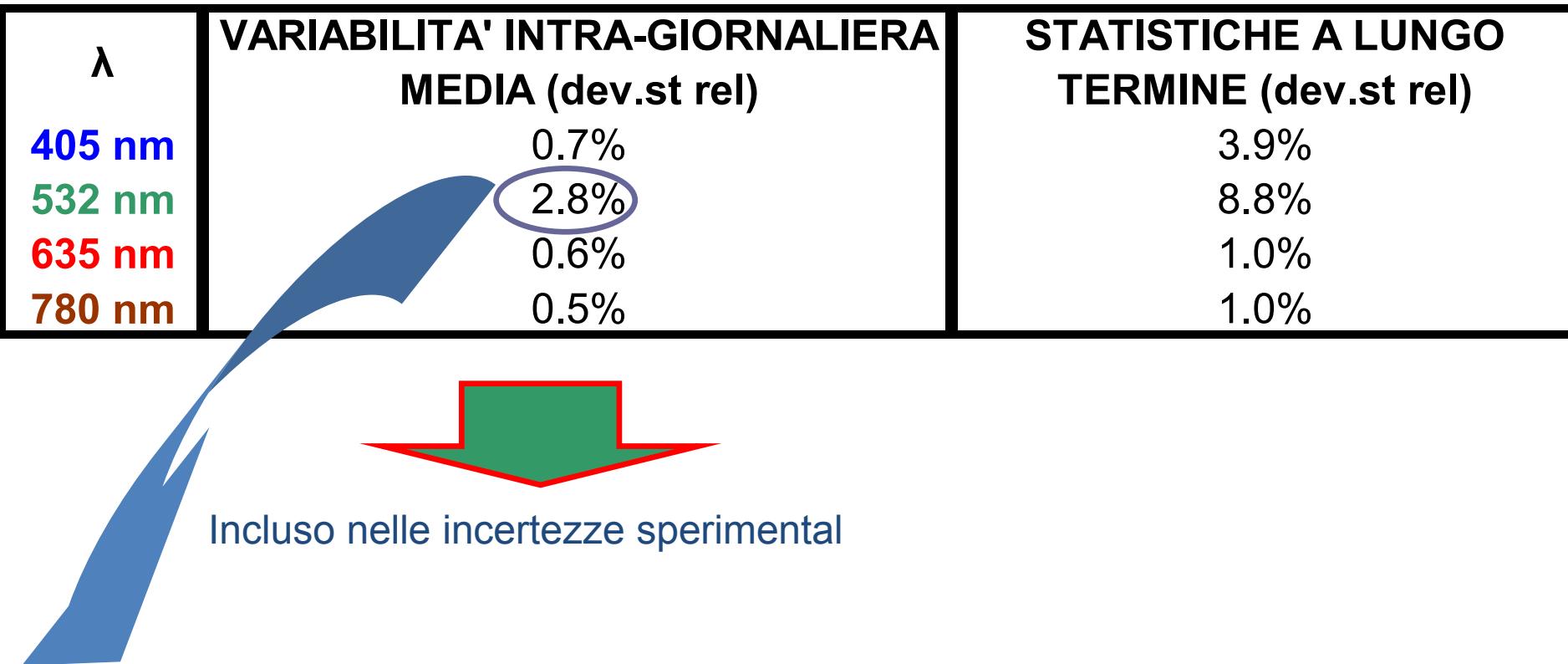


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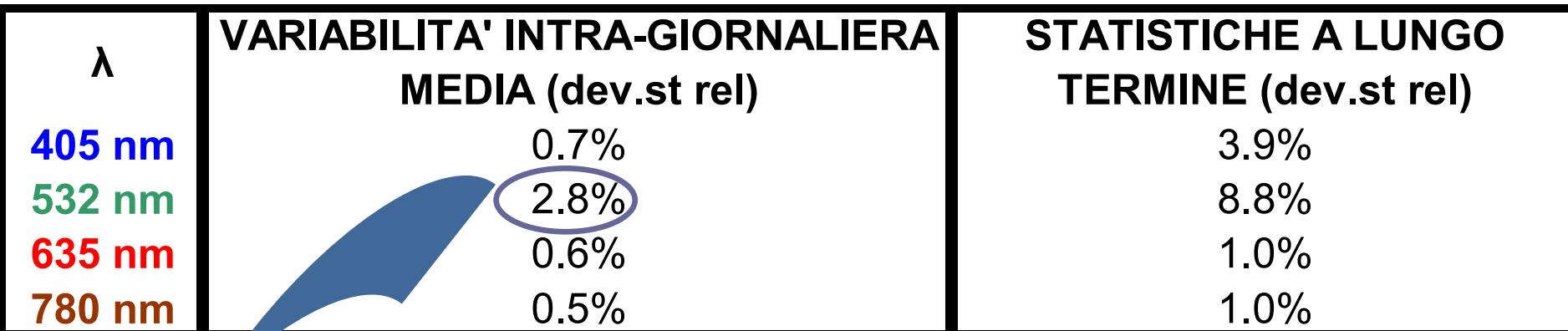
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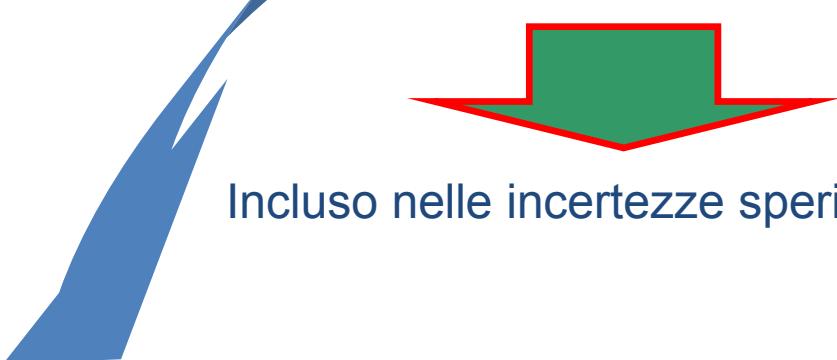
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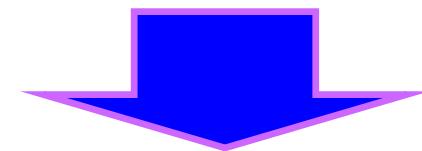
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Info utilizzate per correzione dato  
pre-elaborazione dati: misura su  
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Spot: fino a diametro 5 mm

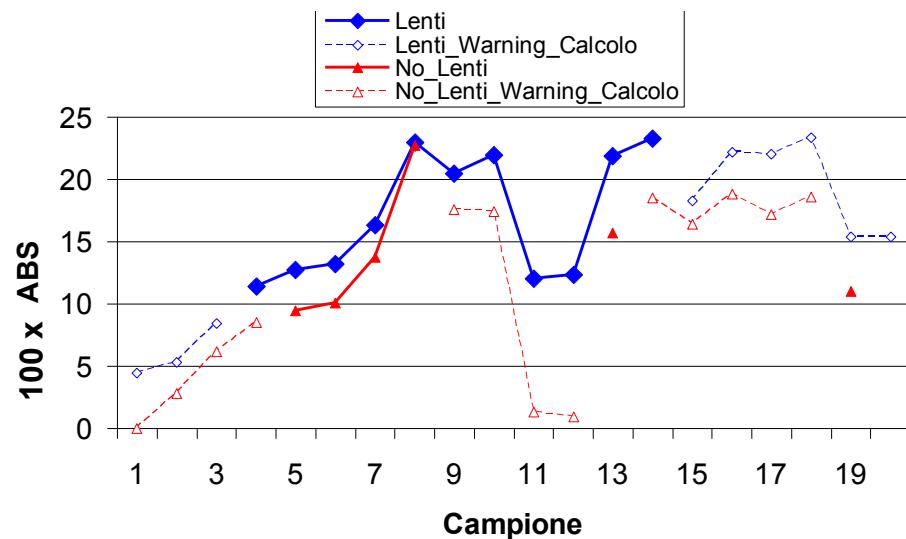
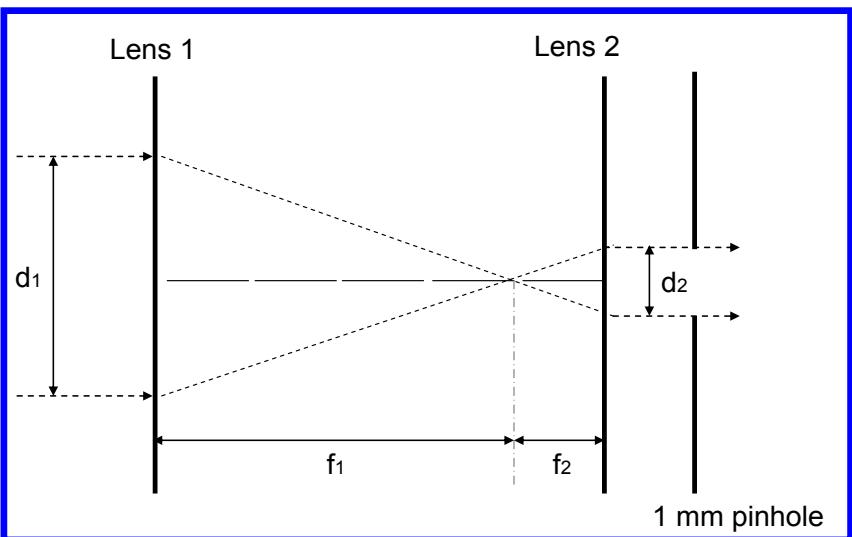


1.25 x 8 mm

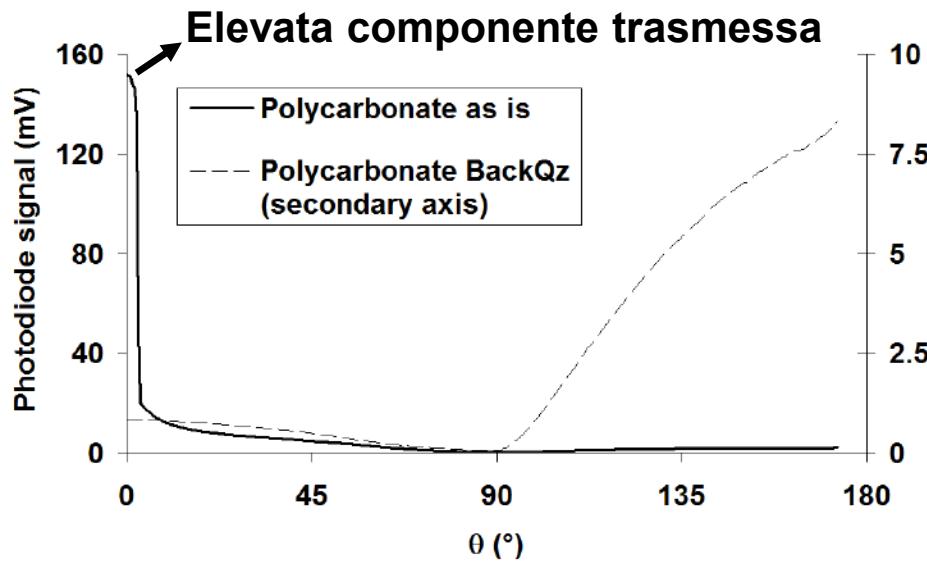
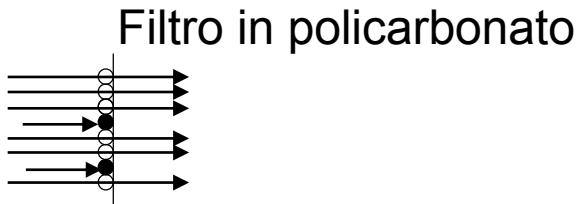
Spessore=10 $\mu$ m

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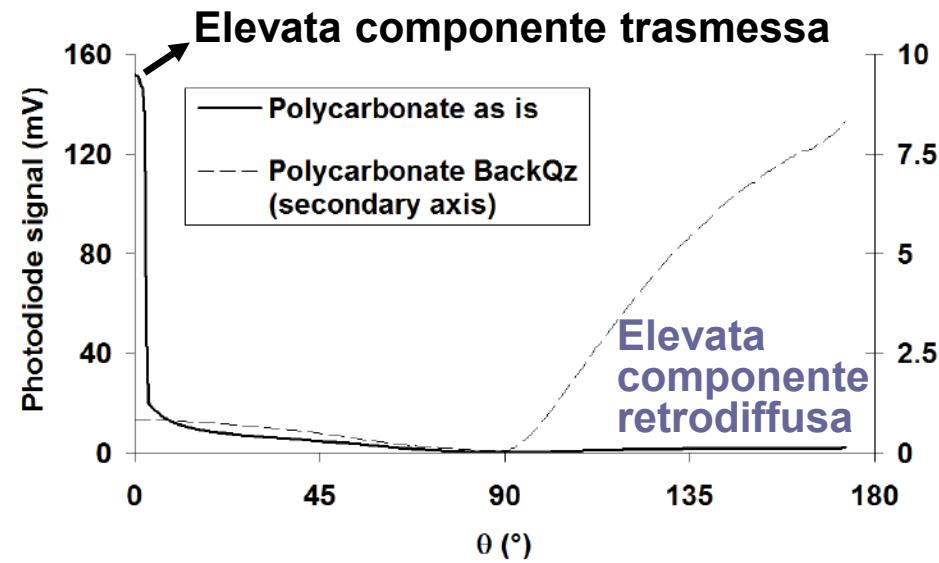
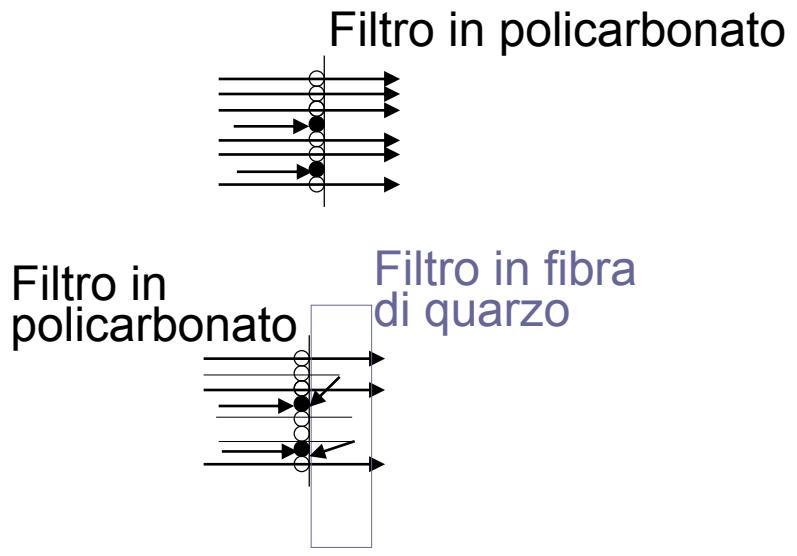
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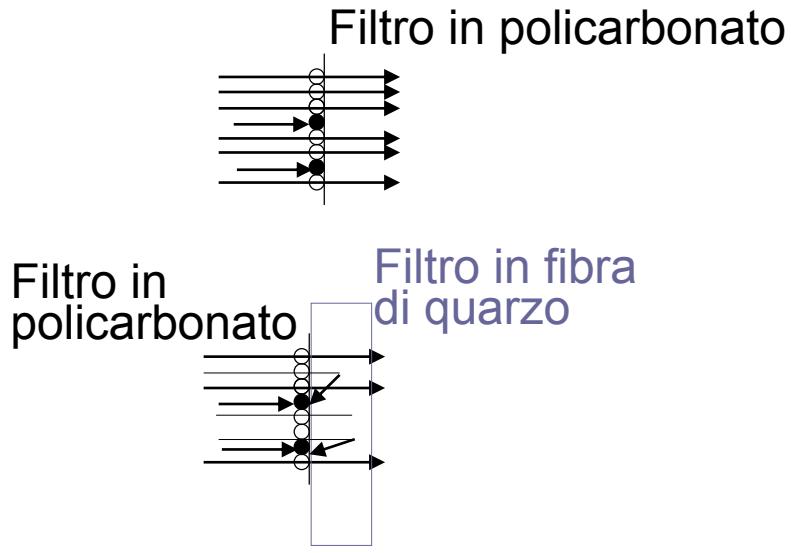
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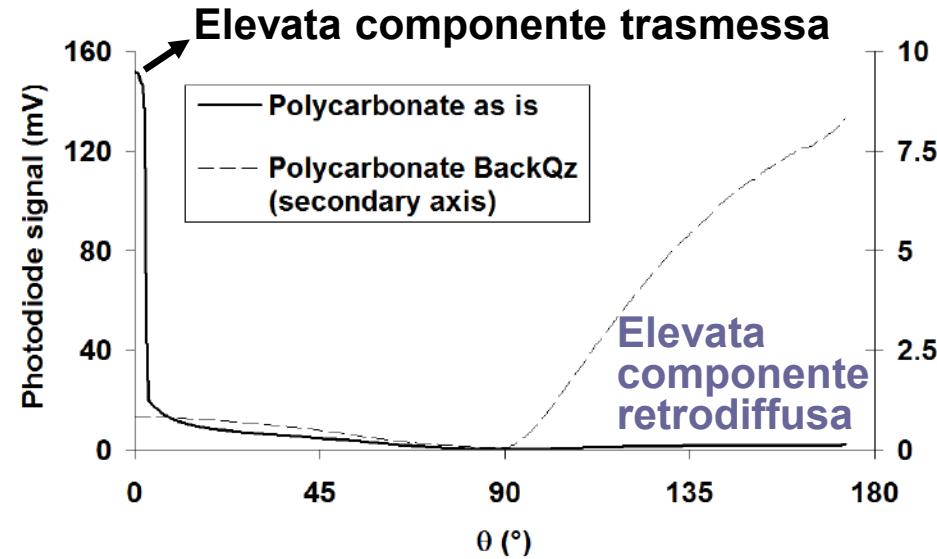
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Utilizzo di un filtro in fibra appoggiato al filtro in policarbonato

aumento della componente retrodiffusa

aumento della probabilità di interazione tra fascio incidente e materiale assorbente

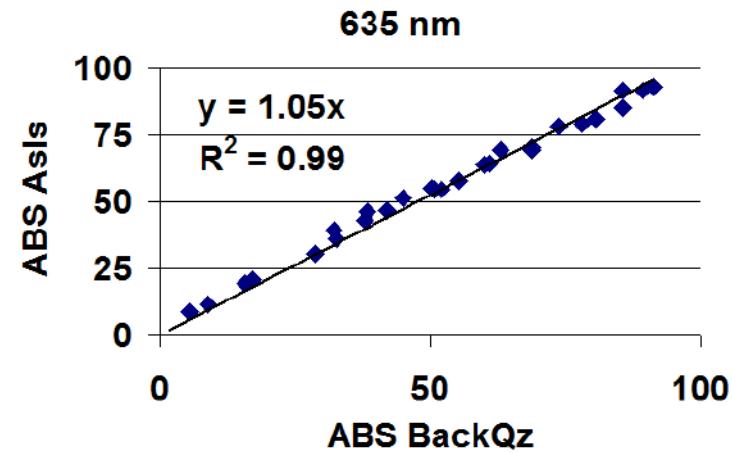
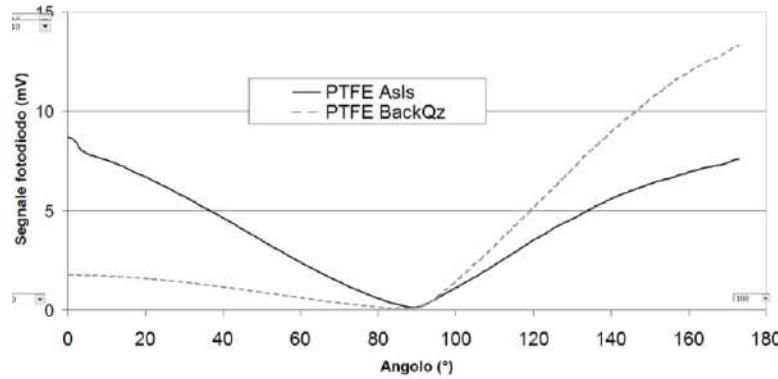


**AUMENTO DELLA SENSIBILITÀ DELLO STRUMENTO!!!**



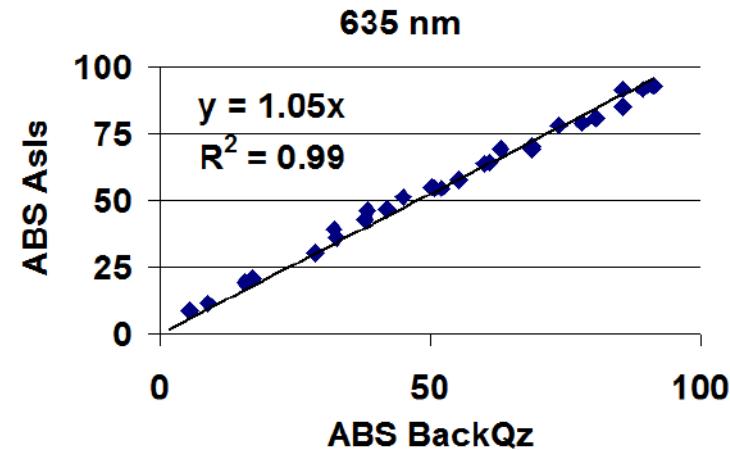
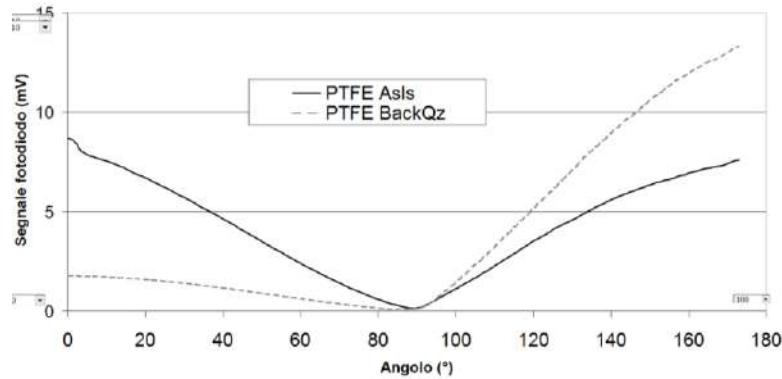
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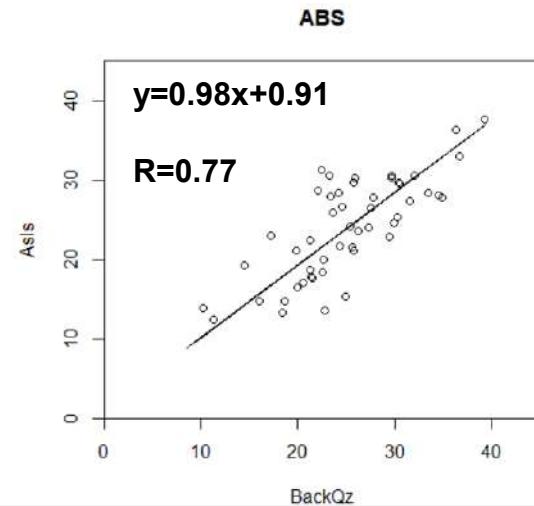
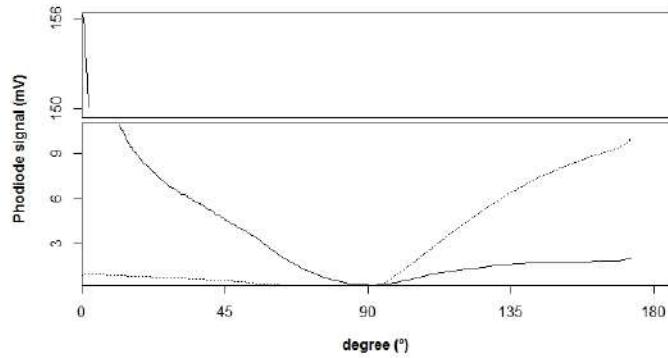


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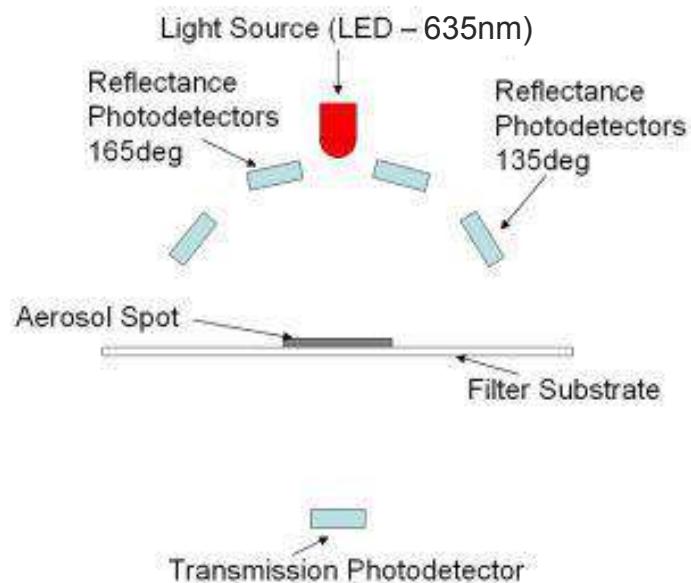
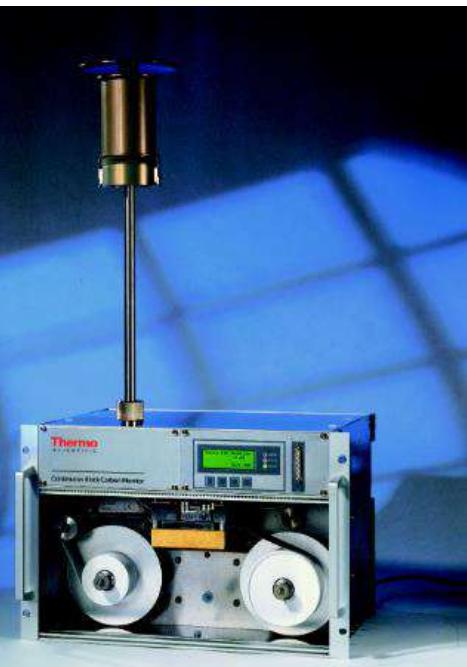
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N.b. con analisi as-is disponibili solo 44% dei valori misurati con filtro in quarzo back!!!



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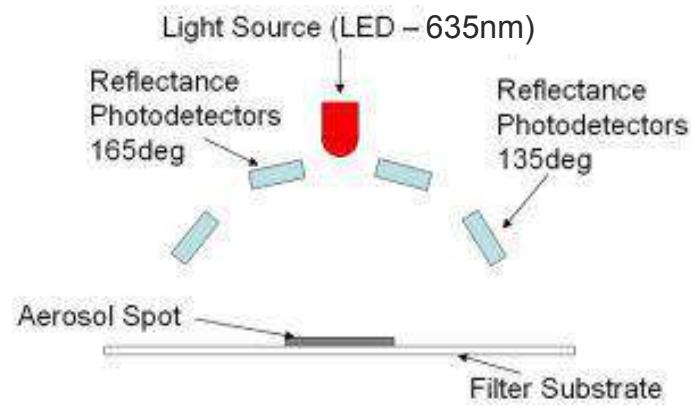


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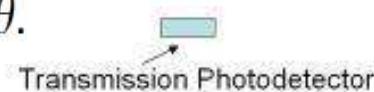
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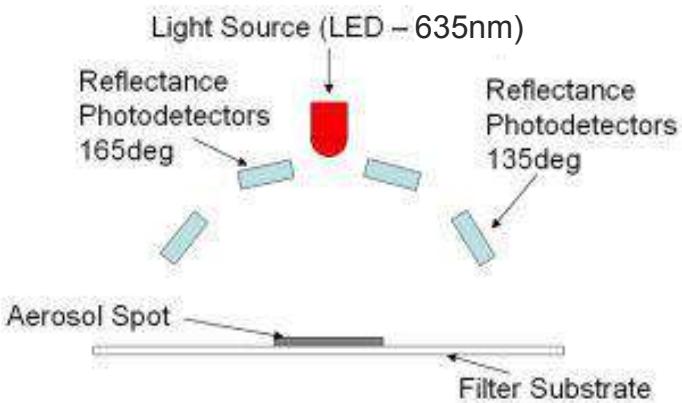


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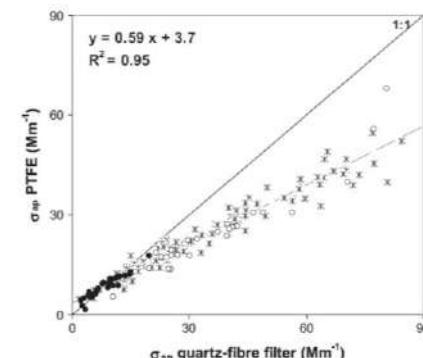
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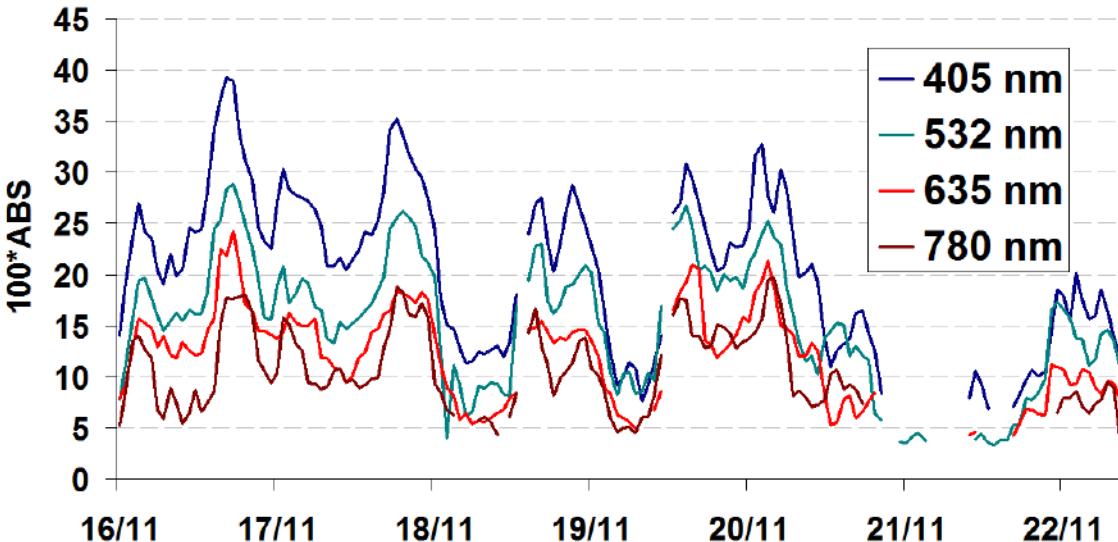
Transmission Photodetector



Misura ad elevata risoluzione temporale su filtro in fibra di quarzo →  
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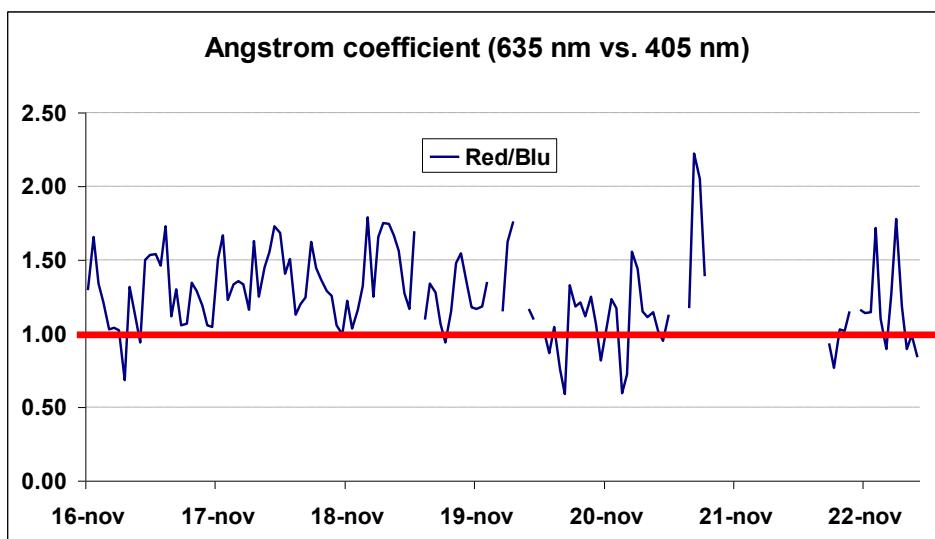


# Misure su streaker sampler a più lunghezze d'onda



Esempio di misure a 4- $\lambda$   
risoluzione oraria

N.b: passaggio a BC/BrC  
richiede conoscenza di mass  
absorption coefficient (critico!  
V. prospettive)



Coefficiente di Ångström:  
$$\alpha = \frac{-\ln(\text{ABS}(\lambda_1)/\text{ABS}(\lambda_2))}{\ln(\lambda_1/\lambda_2)}$$

$\alpha=1$ : valore atteso per BC puro (in  
letteratura considerato marker di  
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## SOLUZIONE

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source  
apportionment  
di  $b_{\text{abs}}$

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