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Nouvelles technologies pour l'analyse
de composés chimiques : Solutions de
monitoring bas coûts

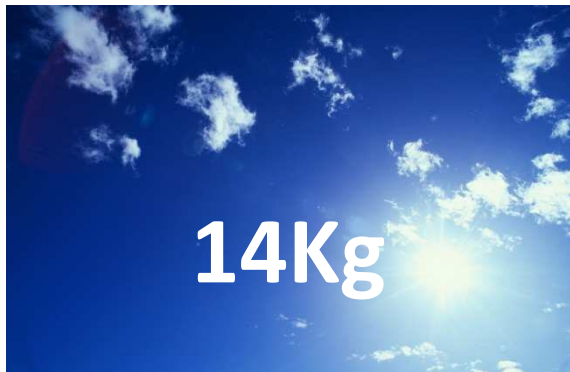
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All the air we breathe

- Every human

inhales



of air

drinks



of water

eats

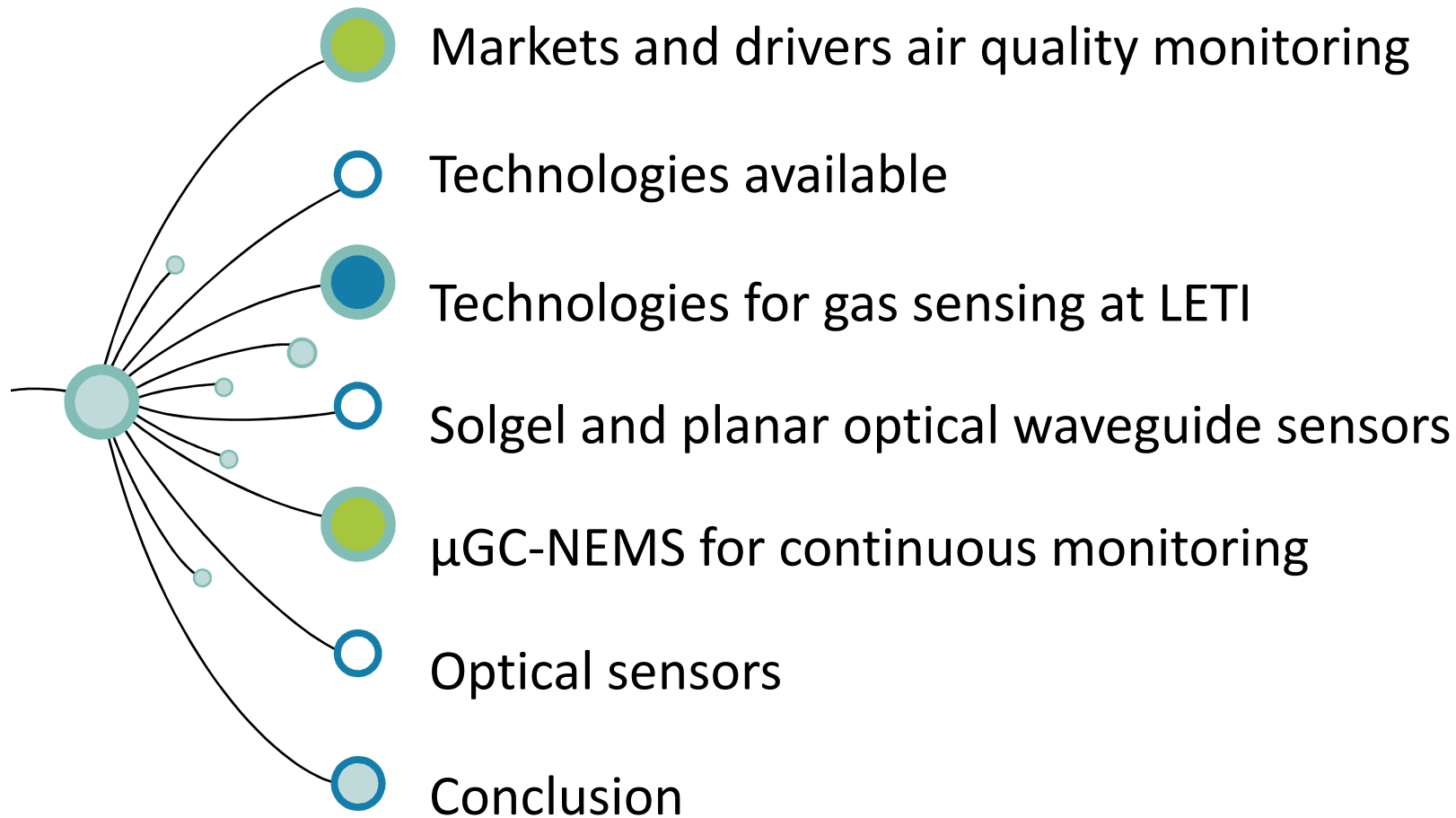


of food

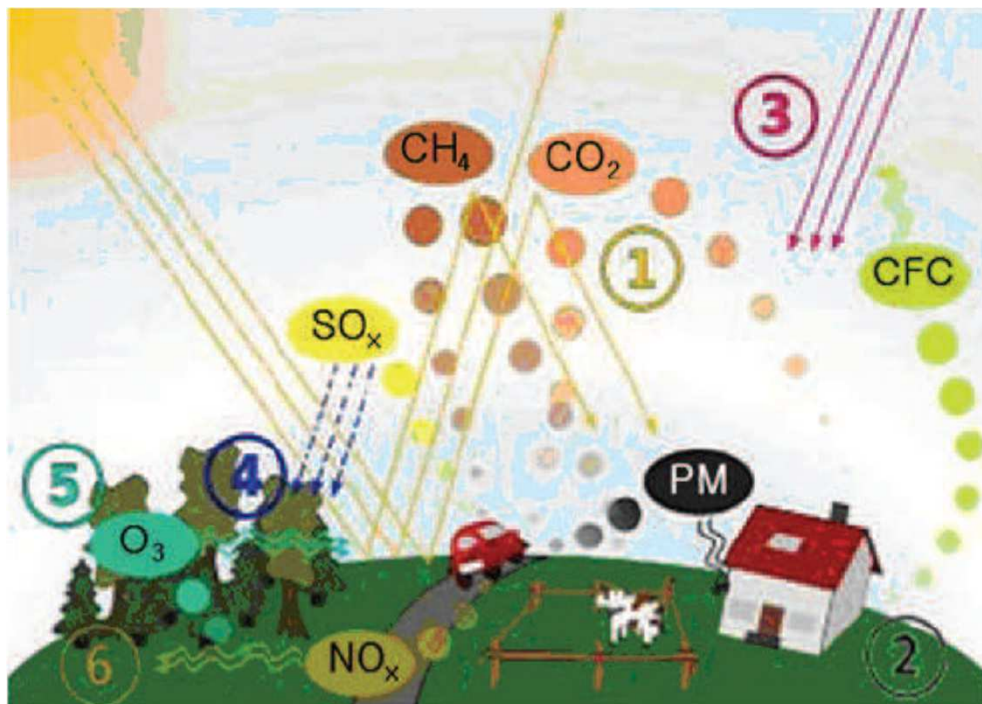
every day.

**Air is therefore an essential element for life,
and a good quality of air is a fundamental need**

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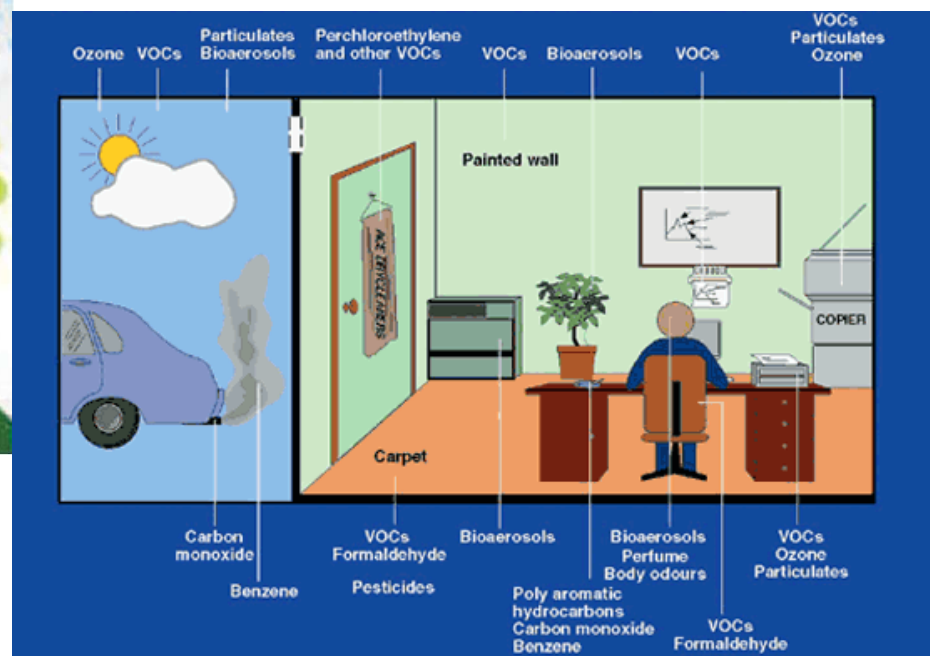


Sources of air pollution



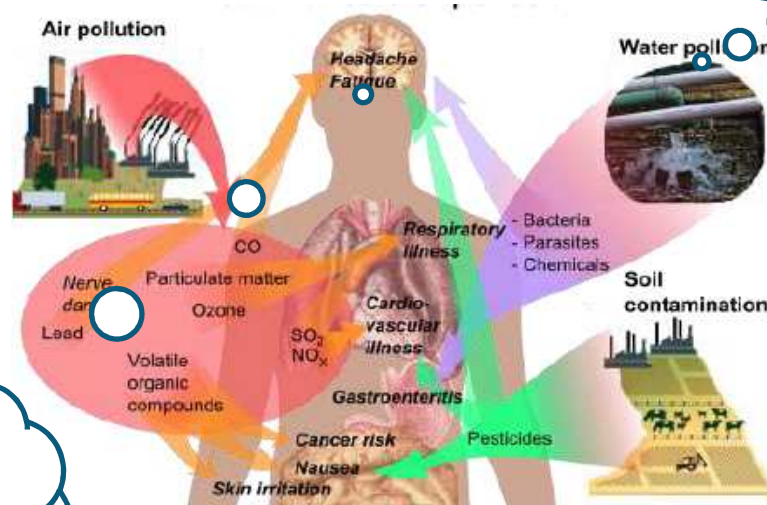
Outdoor air pollution

Indoor air pollution

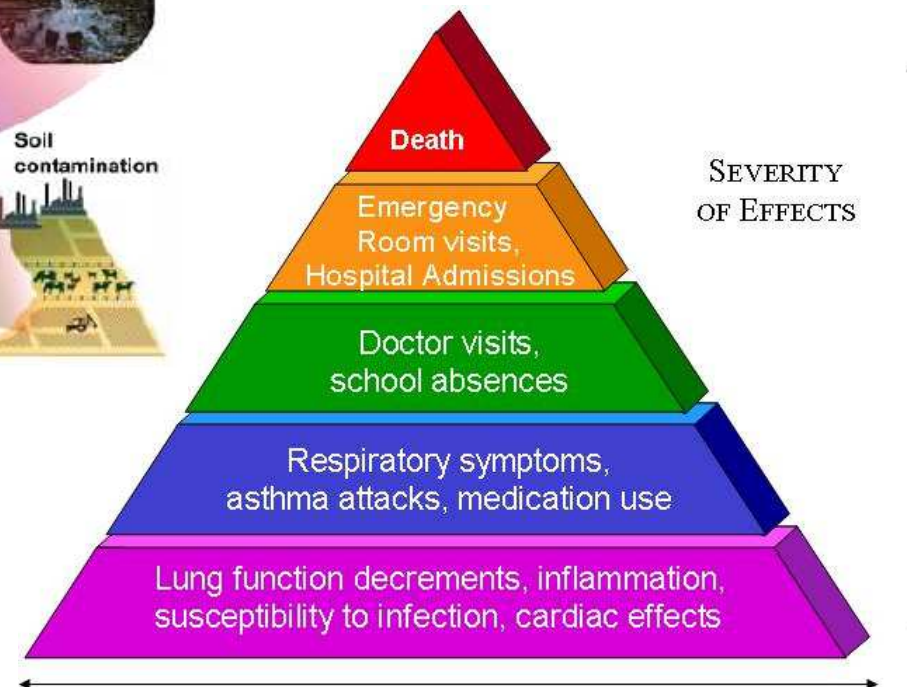


Health effects pollution

According to the Aphekom project, air pollution in Europe leads to a life expectancy reduction of around 8,6 months



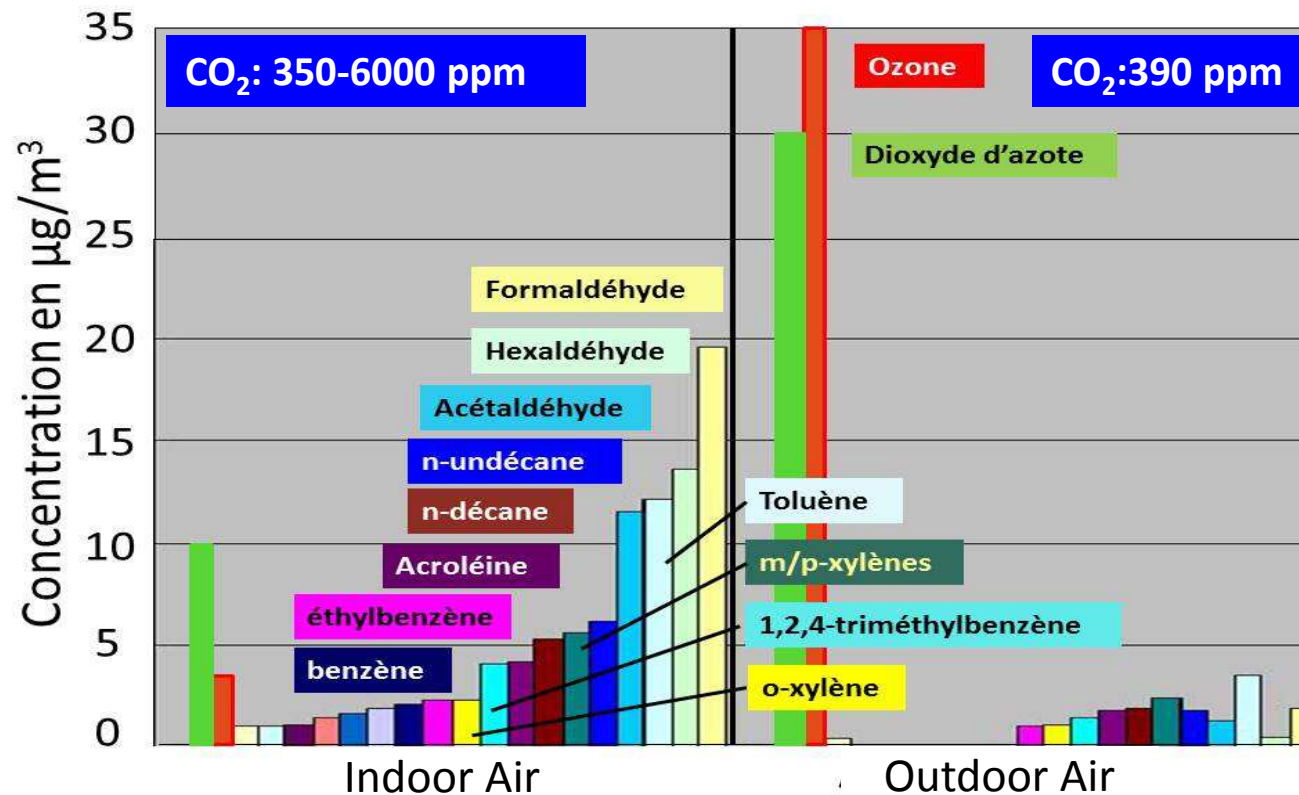
Almost one out of five Europeans says that they suffer from respiratory problems



It has long been understood that, under certain meteorological conditions, emissions of pollutants can have strong impacts on the environment, visibility, health and death rates

France: Indoor Air quality (IAQ) & outdoor (OAQ)

Values - ANSES
For long time exposure



Carcinogenic compounds

Formaldehyde (CH₂O)

Target value (2015) : 5µg.m⁻³

Current: 10µg.m⁻³

Benzene (B)

Target value (2015) : 5µg.m⁻³

Current: 10µg.m⁻³

Dioxide azote (NO₂)

Current: 20µg.m⁻³

Particles PM_{2,5} and PM₁₀

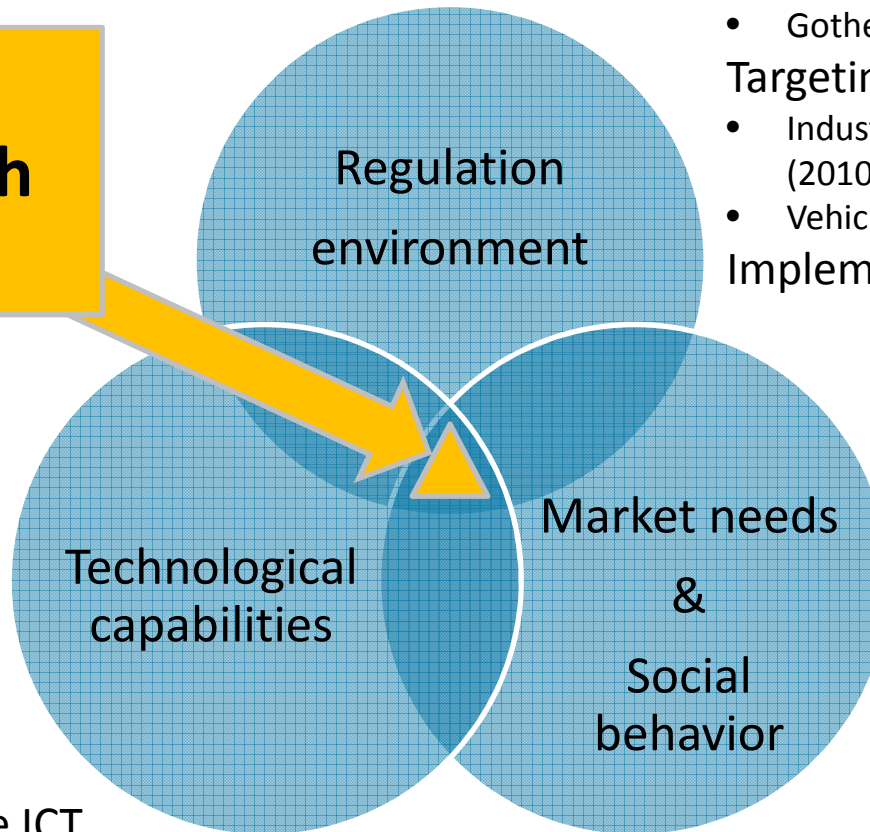
Currents: 10 µg.m⁻³ et 20 µg.m⁻³

- Large number of pollutant gas to measure
- Very wide range of concentration (1 ppb benzene and formaldehyde to 500 ppm for CO₂)
- ➔ Highly heterogeneous gas sensors : optic, electrochemical, sample and analyses

Trends



Market breakthrough products



Targeting pollutants

- 2008 Directive on ambient air quality and clearer air for Europe
- National annual emissions limits
- Gothenburg protocol

Targeting sectors

- Industrial emissions directive (2010/75/EU)
- Vehicle emission Euro 5 and 6

Implementation on the ground

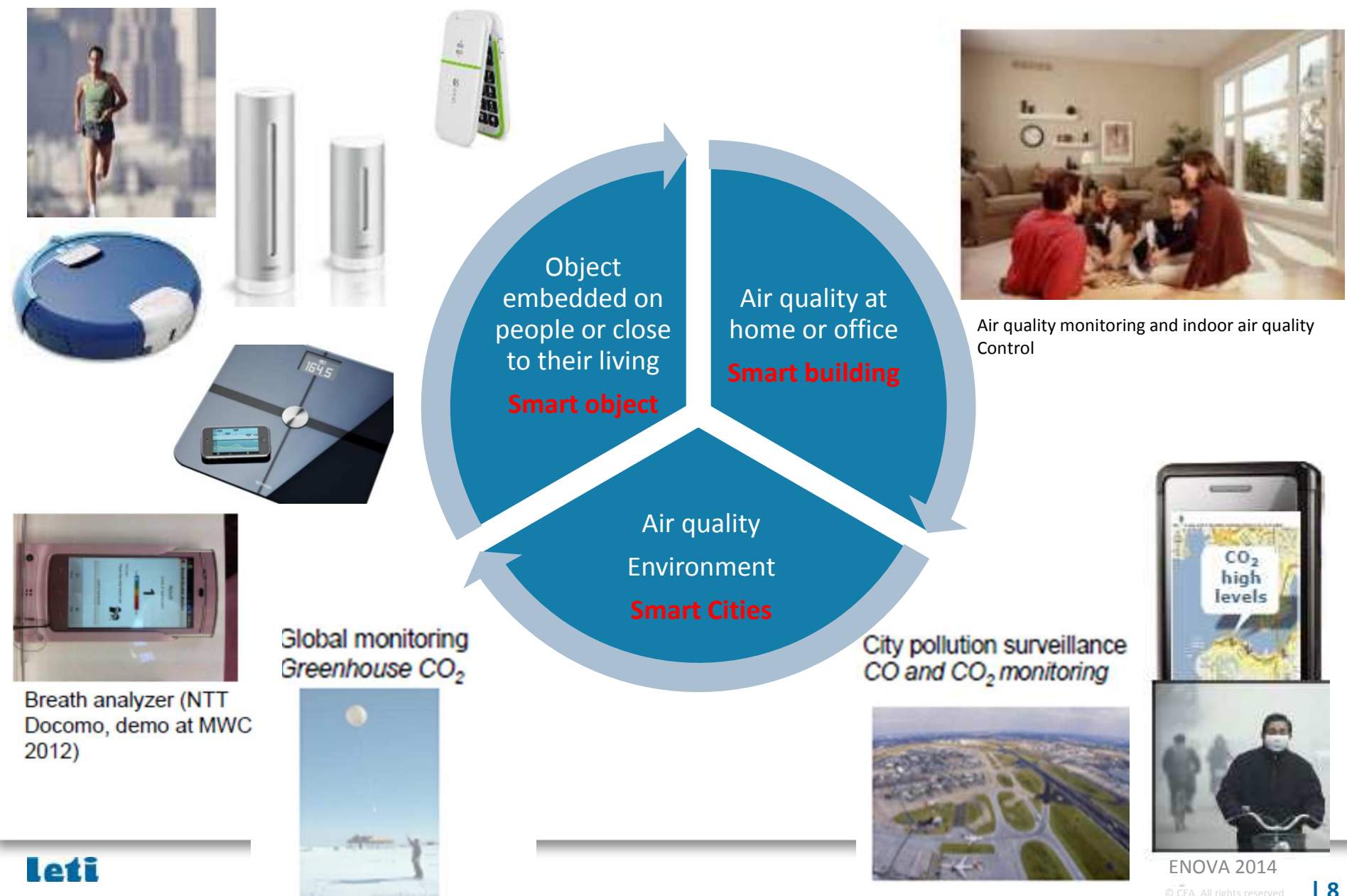


- Telecom Infrastructure ICT
- Anytime/anyplace devices – convenience mobile phone
- Sensors smaller, sensitive and low cost

Growing awareness of public

- Show in market survey
- IE: Cities hosting Olympic games

Applications for air quality monitoring



Products for today environmental monitoring towards “Smart cities”

**Atmospheric
measurements and
satellites**

7500 monitoring stations
in Europe
Air-base

**Ground
stations &
large industrial
facilities**

**Local
network
cities**



ATMO terminal

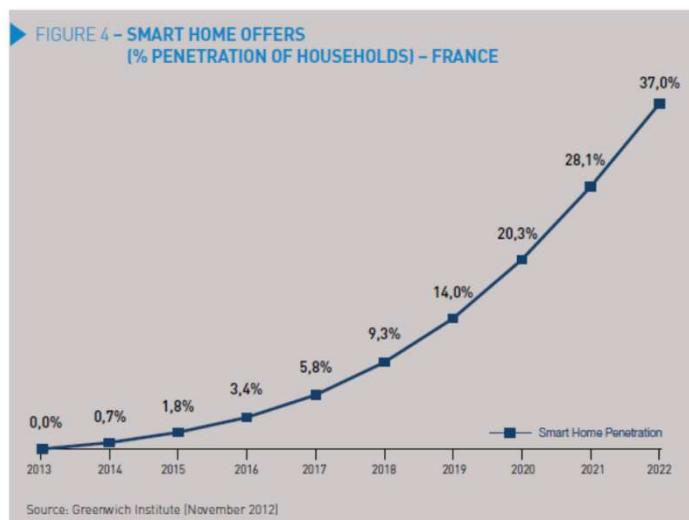


AirBase



*Azimut
Monitoring*

Smart home Market



Smart home environment

Progressive influence on IP technology

IP Access

Telecom operators internet box with Wifi and Bluetooth



Multimedia

Entertainment usage performed by customer. TV VoD, Music



Utilities

Management of water, waste, gas, electricity and HVAC



Safety, comfort, health

Standards for communication between sensors and the security and health centers

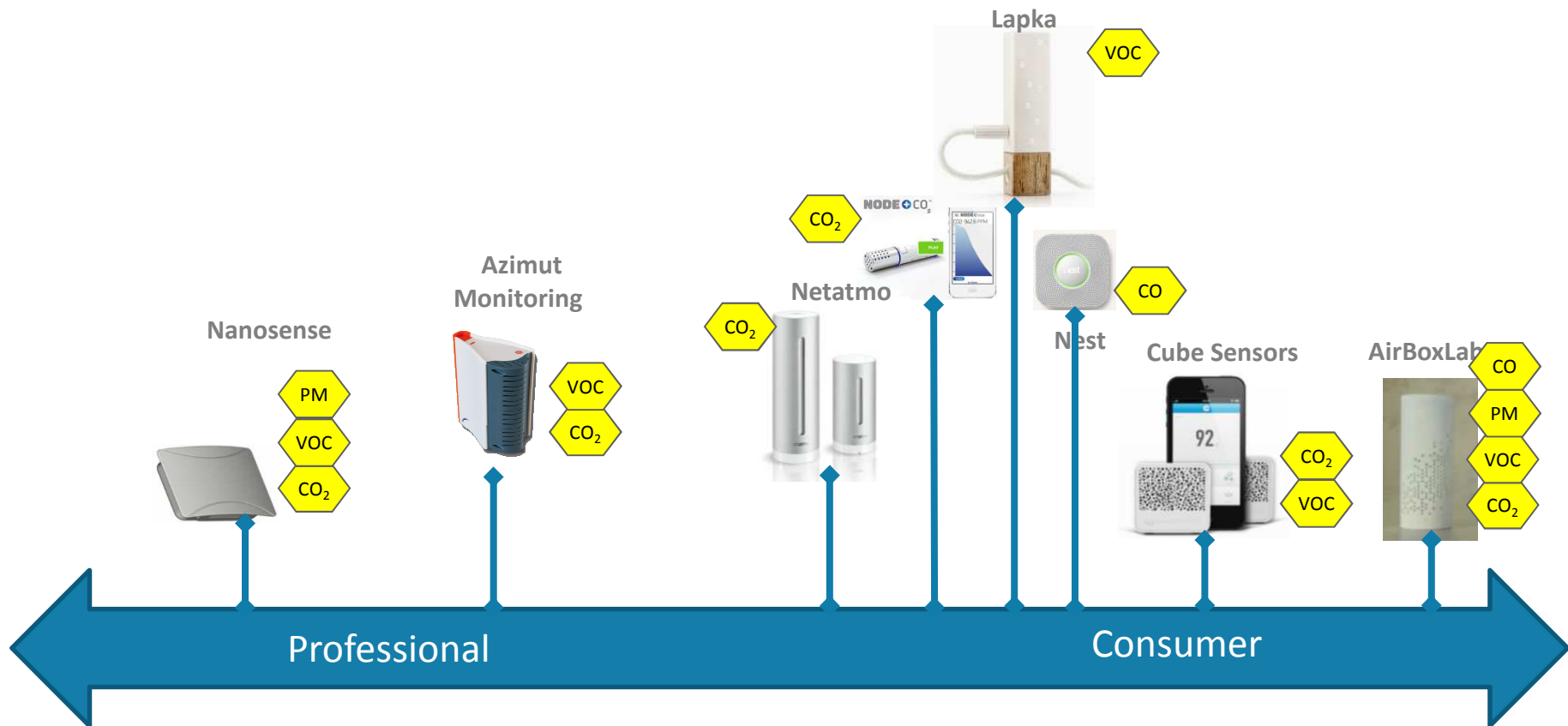


Smart sensors ... gas sensors

A promising market with more than 90 millions home connected in 2017 according to ABI research
Everything is in place from the connection to the SW, smartphone, tablets ... actors are frantically searching smart sensors

Existing solutions for smart home air quality

This market is still at its infancy ...





Google
+
nest

\$3.2 billion Google handed over to Nest

Smart objects ... a starting for gas sensors?

- Environmental / bio sensors in handsets



Humidity sensors from Sensirion in handsets from Fujitsu and Chinese OEMs since 2010.
API available in Android



LG SD410, KP4100 and LP4100 with breath analyzer for alcohol (2004)

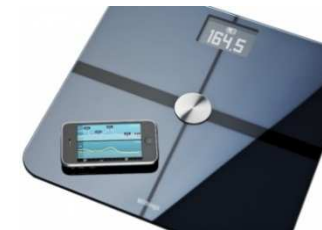


Breath analyzer (NTT Docomo, demo at MWC 2012)

Biochip mobile phone analyzing the biogas
Prototype of a portable breath acetone analyzer



Just blowing into the device, it gives an estimate of how much fat you are burning and your hunger levels
Gas sensor to monitor fat burning and hunger level (NTT docomo, March 2012)



Weather sensors (pressure, humidity, temperature, UV),
NTT demo at MWC 2012

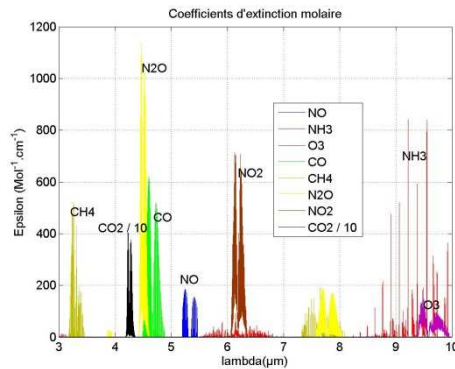


Sharp Pantone 5 with radiation sensor, July 2012

Examples of smartphone

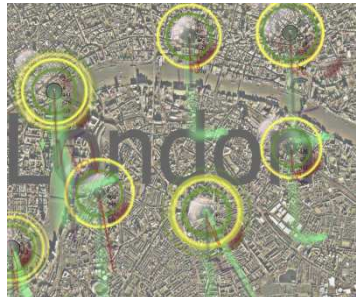
Examples of daily products

Need for new technologies for monitoring chemical exposure

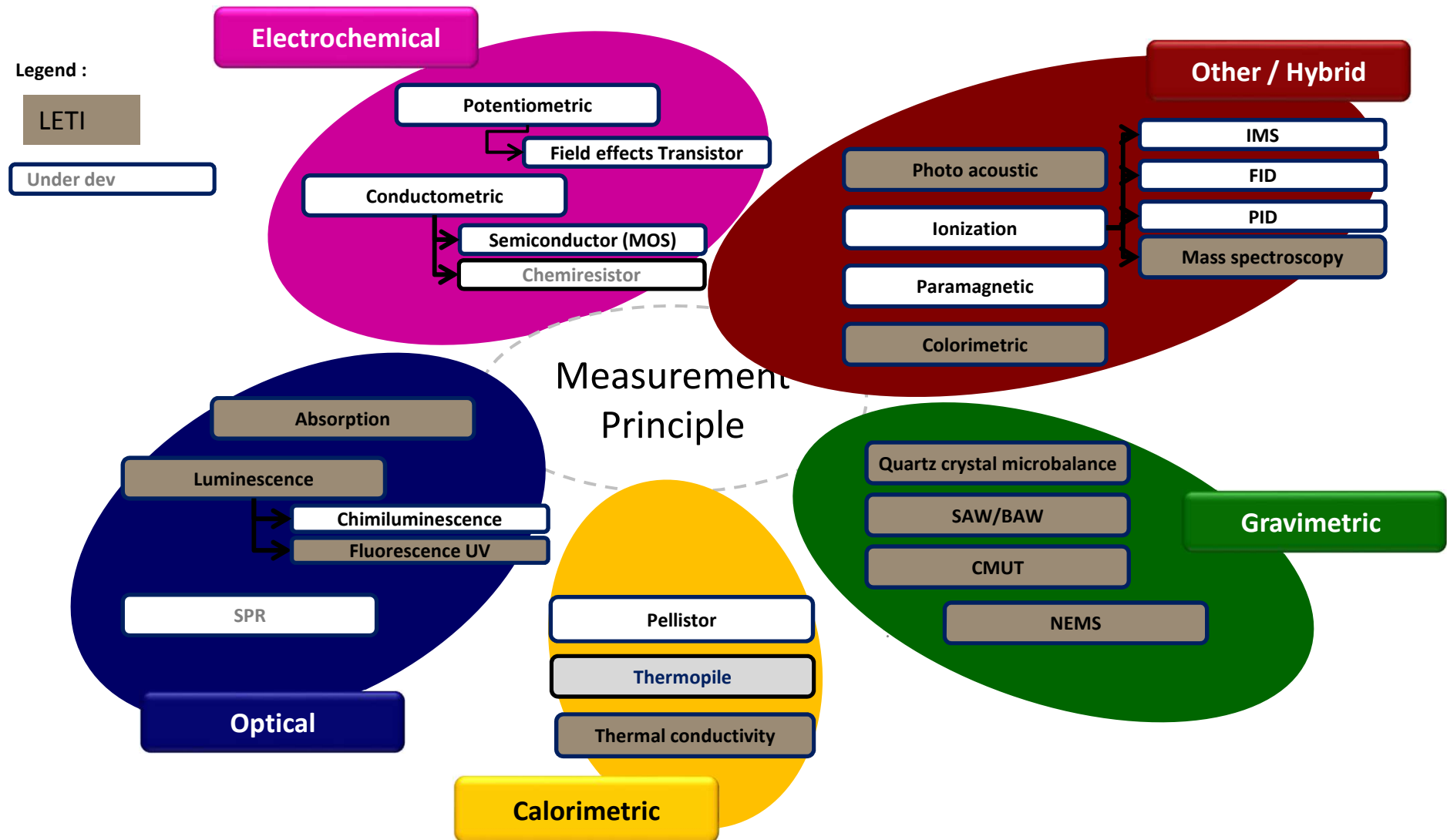


Key Requirements:

- **Sensitive and selective** basic requirements
- **Professional market**
 - miniaturized, robust
 - and low cost
 - No maintenance
 - Low-power
- **Consumer market**
 - User friendly, miniaturized
 - Ultra low cost
 - Autonomous (ultra low-power)



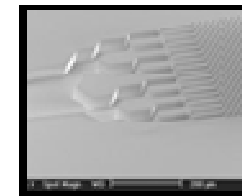
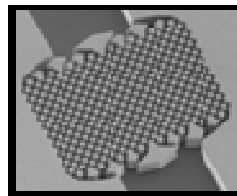
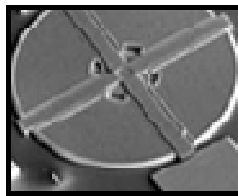
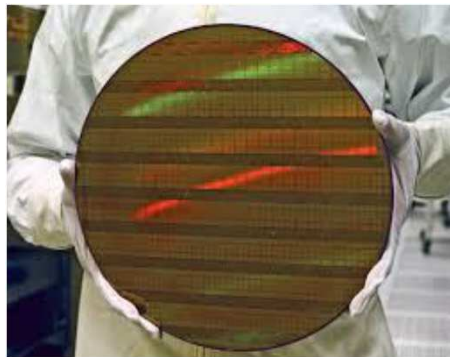
A lot of technologies available



End-users requirements and technology trends

Technology trends

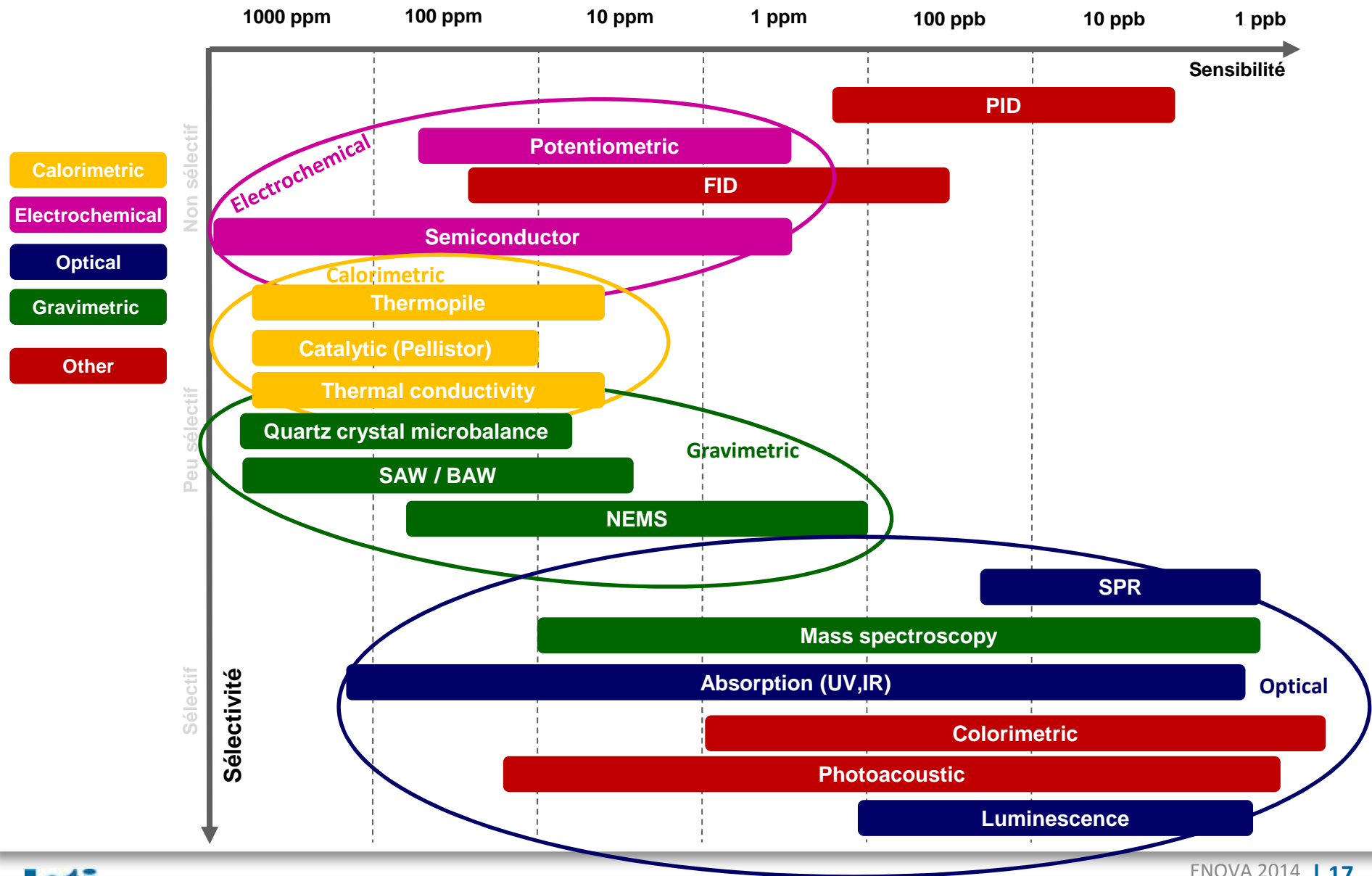
- Increasing miniaturization and integration
- Increasing use of silicon MEMS
- New standard NeSSI: New Sampling and Sensor Initiative from CPAC (Center for Process Analysis and Control) at the University of Washington.



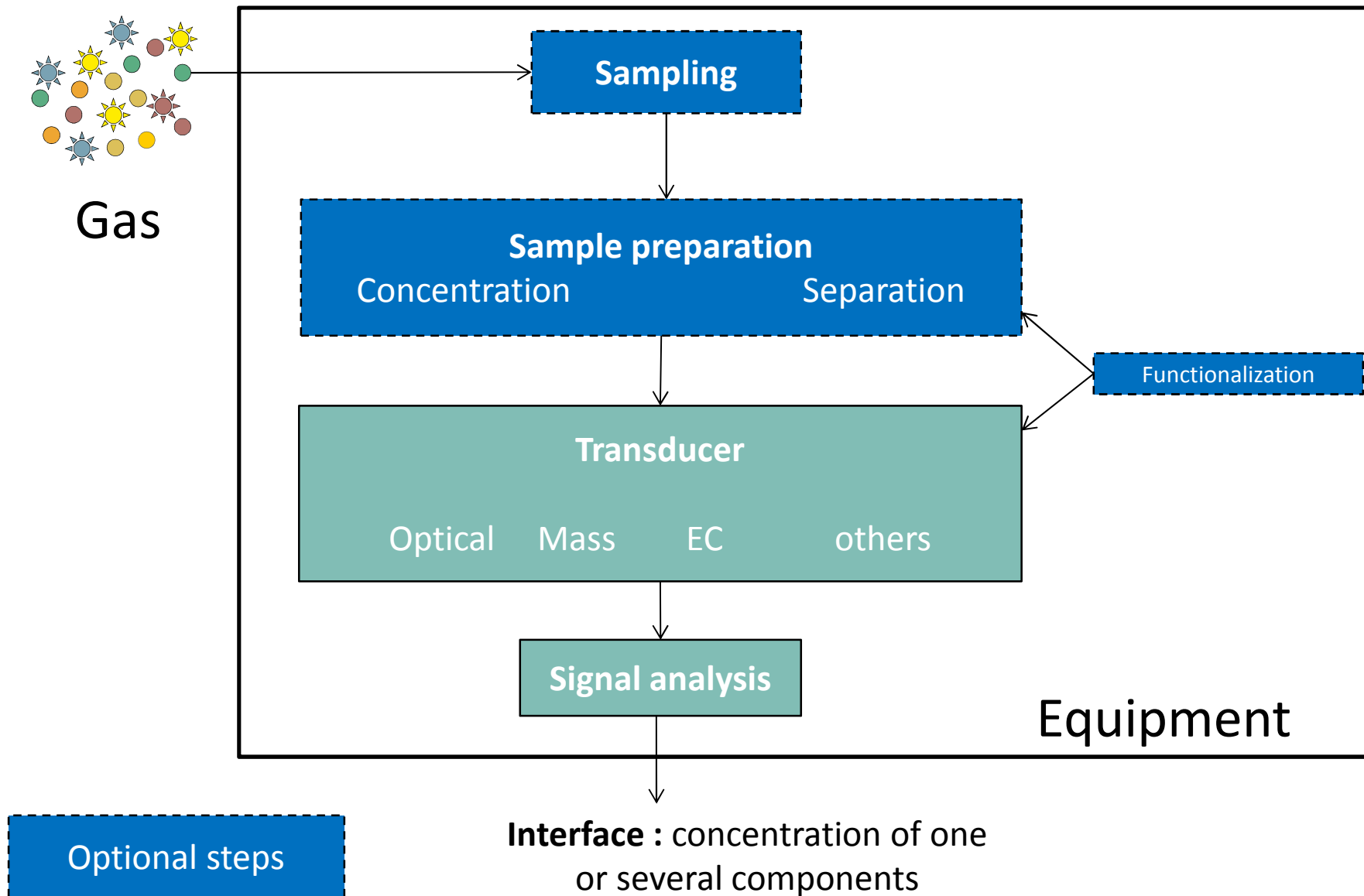
End-users requirements

- Low maintenance
- High performance (accuracy, reliability)
- Decrease of price

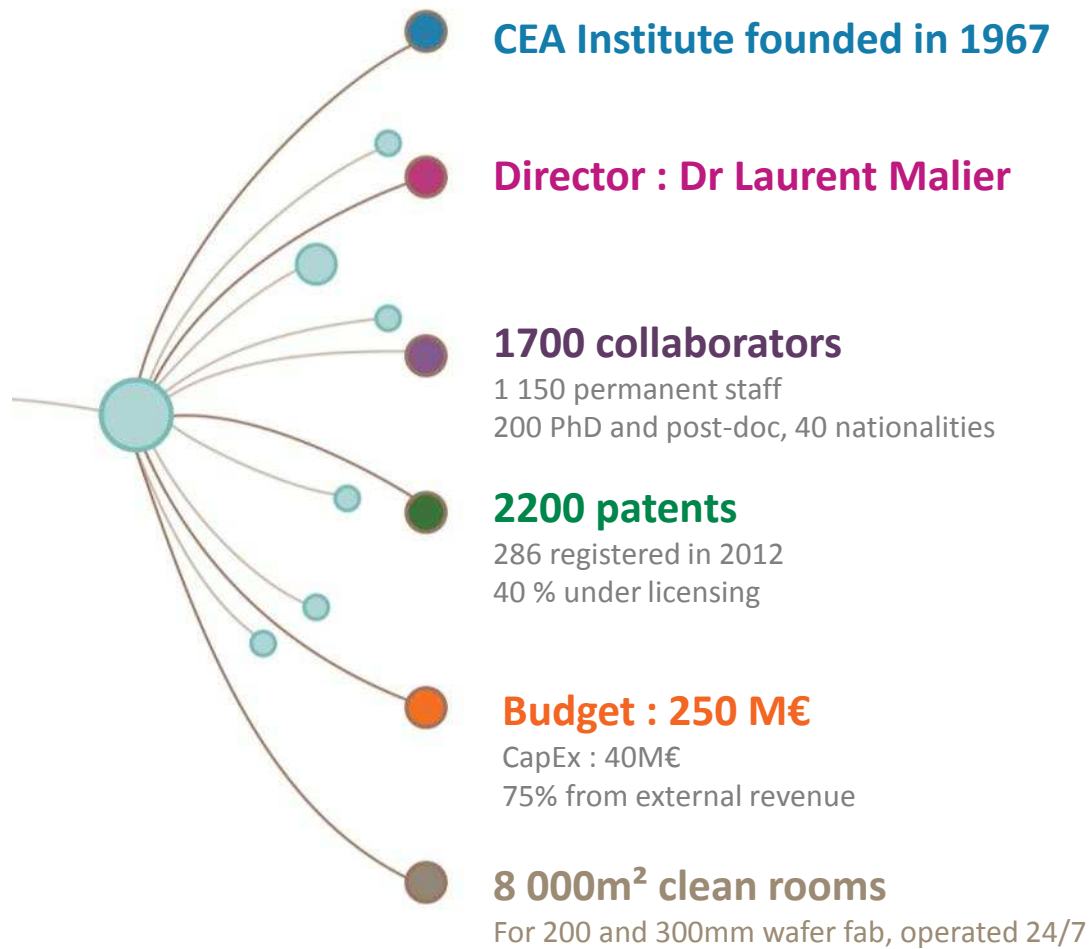
Technology positioning



Gas analyser or detector



Leti key figures



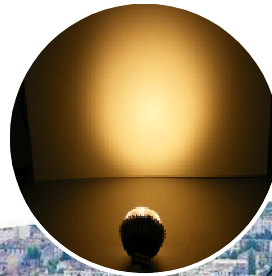
Our research platforms

Embedded systems Integration

Chemistry



Photonics



Micro and
nanoelectronics



Nanocharacterization

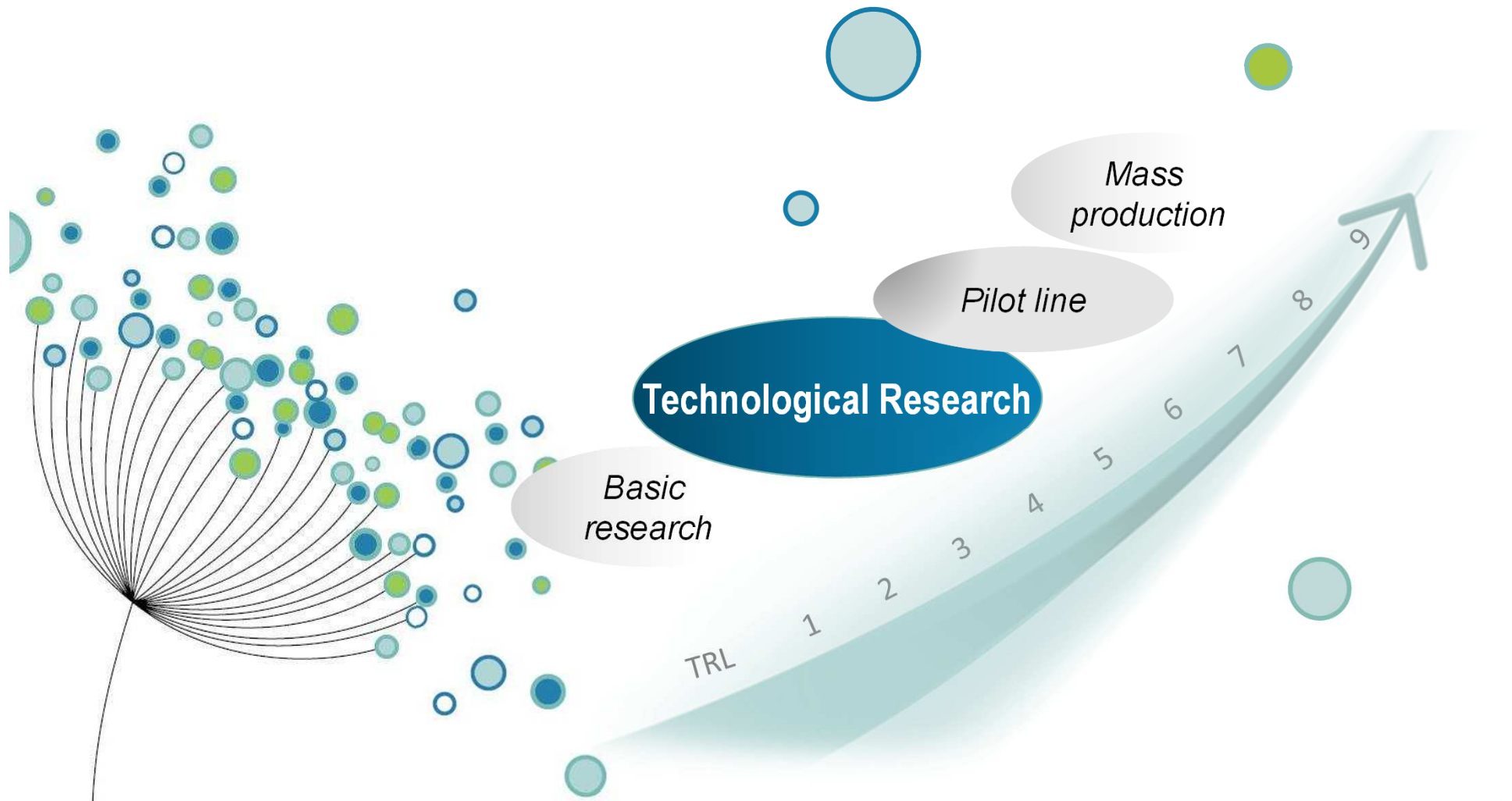


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A Business Model ...

Create and transfer innovation to our industrial partners



Gas sensing @ Leti

System & Instrumentation

CO2 control in habitat



Miniaturized System for Real time & Multi-gas analysis



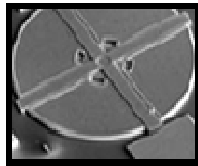
Continuous monitoring system for Explosives detection



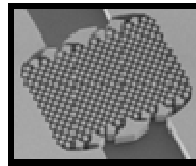
Portable system for Formaldehyde analysis in Ambient air



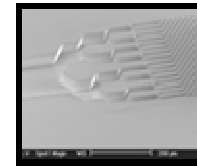
Pre-analytical bricks



sample



concentration



separating

Detection

Chemical Surface functionalization

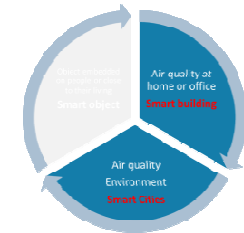
Optical components

Mems & Nems resonators

Sol-gel

Others...

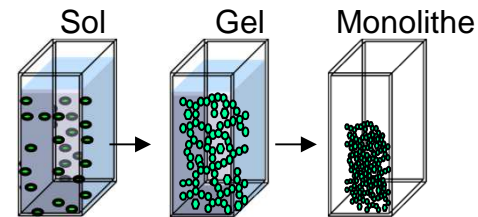
Sol-gel porous materials for VOC detection



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Porous silica using sol-gel processes

- Porous silica with meso- and microporosity
- High ratio surface/volume (until 600m²/g)
- Detection of color/fluorescence- Specific detection
- Detection limit : ng/mL (depending on VOC)
- Thin layer (300nm), monolithic or defined shape



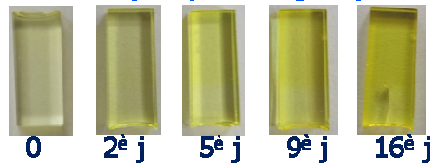
Main partners



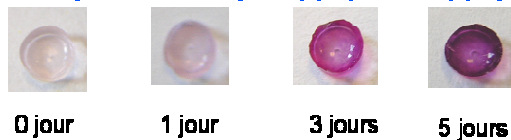
Example of applications

1 Formaldehyde & total Aldehydes detection

Formaldéhyde (cancérogène) : 18 ppb

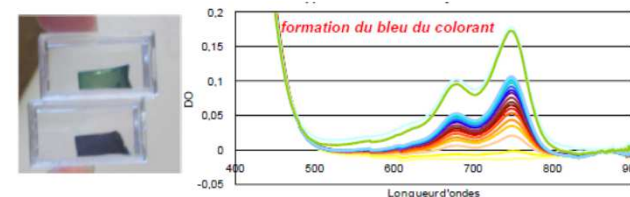


Aldéhydes totaux (F:18ppb, Ac:17 ppb)



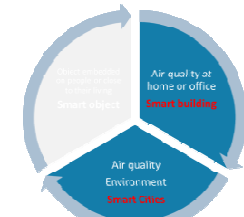
2 H₂S detection emitted by Salmonella

H₂S + specific probe → dye



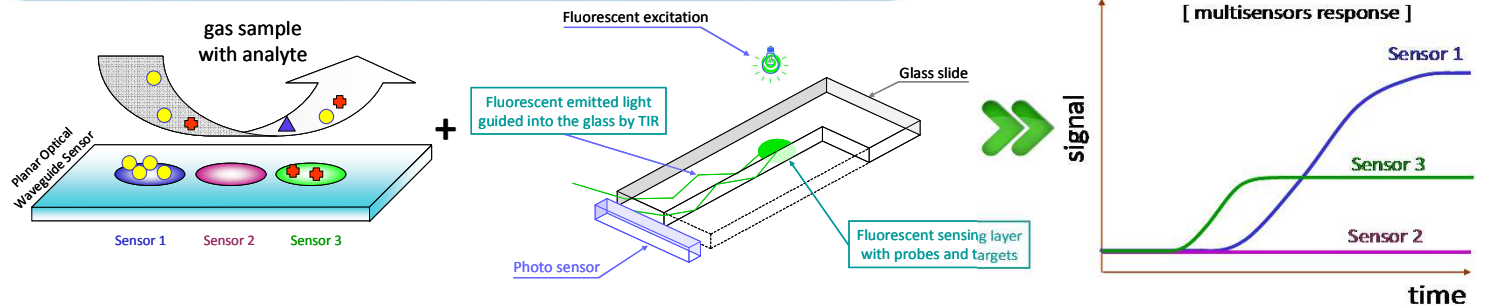
Specific probe is included in a transparent nanoporous matrix fabricated by sol-gel technology.
Reaction of H₂S with the specific probe produce a product which absorbs in visible range.

Real-time air quality monitoring



Professional

Sol-gel & POW Sensor: principle

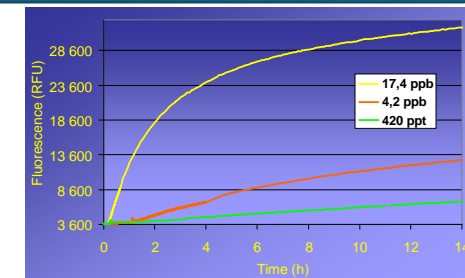
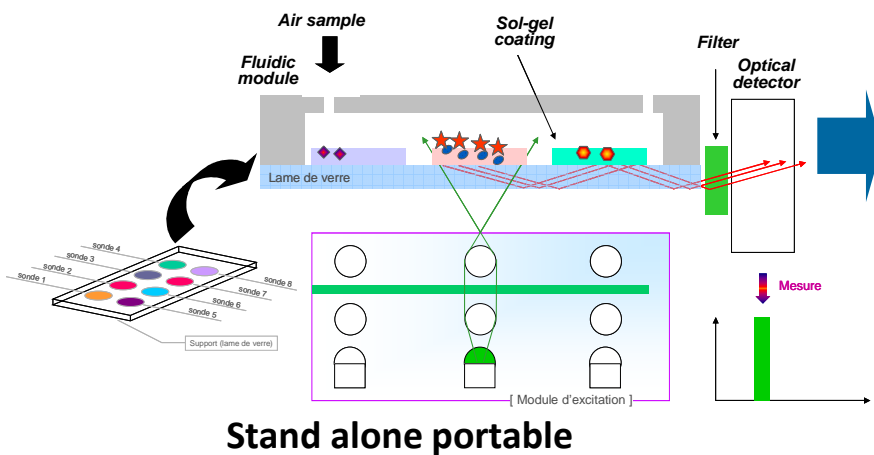


- Highly sensitive, selective sensor for **VOCs** (formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, H₂S, total aldehydes, BTEX...)
- Low cost disposable sensor chip
- Optical detection

Main partners



Multi-gas portable system for on-site air quality control (fluorescence detection)



Ex: Quantification of formaldehyde

- Real time
- No sample preparation
- Multiplex : up to 10 targets

- 8 ppb in 3 minutes
- Detection limit: 400 ppt
- Temperature: 5 → 45°C

Multi-sensors for gas detection and identification



T-REX (Technology for the Recognition of Explosives)

16 sensors:

4 fluorescent sensors

8 surface acoustic wave sensors

2 Quartz crystal microbalance sensors

Temperature and humidity sensors

GAS
OUTLET



Fluidic
Chamber
(16 sensors)

Main partners



Collaboration
CEA Le Ripault ,
CEA List & CEA Leti

Electronic Nose

Advantages:

Good selectivity

Good sensitivity

Multicomponent analysis

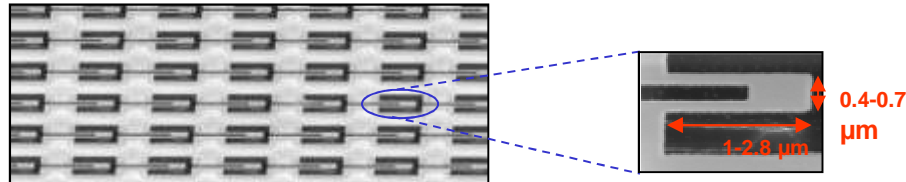
Analyte recognition



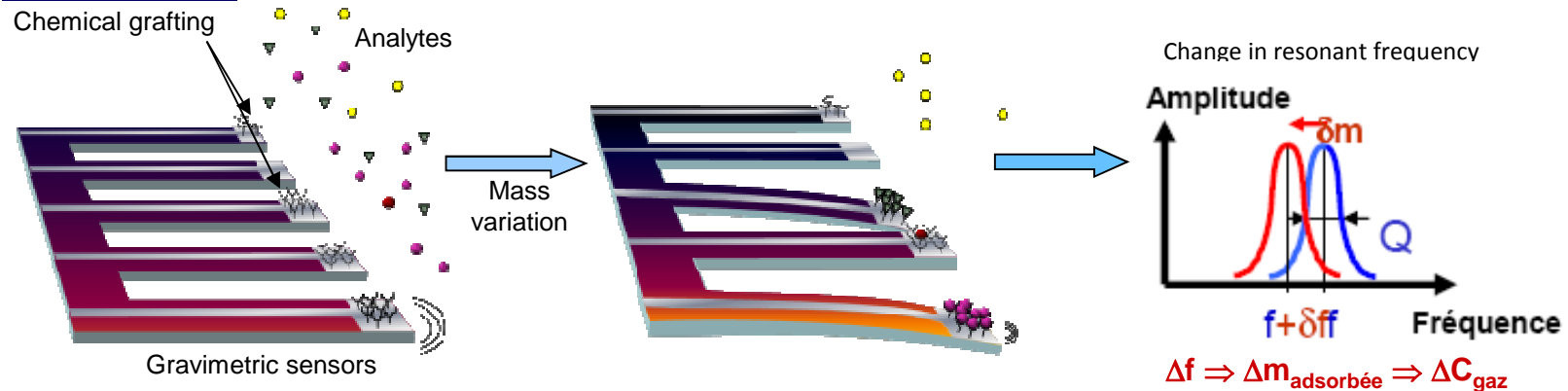
NEMS for multi-gas analysis

Objective

- Multi-gas analysis with nanostructures



Principle



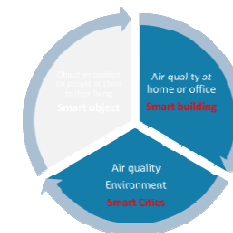
Main features

- Enhancement of sensitivity and resolution, thanks to nanometric dimensions
- High selectivity, thanks to chemical functionalization

=> Specific and Sensitive Gas Analysis achieved with NEMS

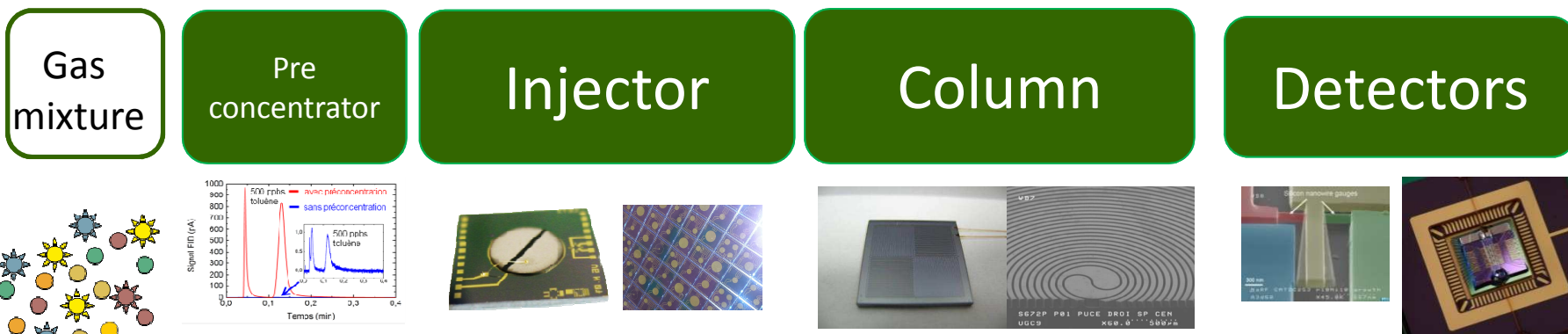
Lab-on-chip gas analysis systems

Revisiting gas analysis with new technologies



Professional

Gas chromatography principle



Main advantages: Wafer scale technology development

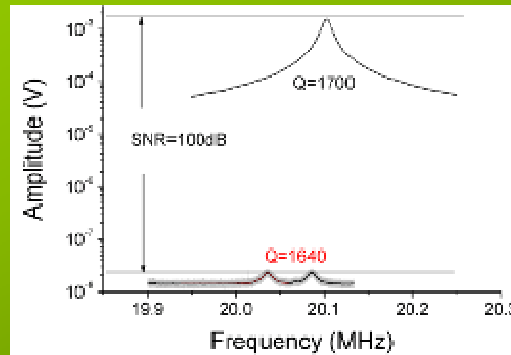
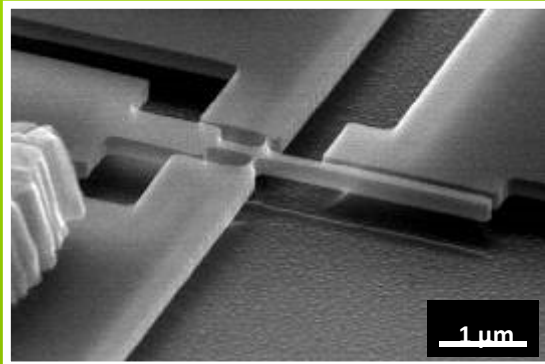
Miniaturization opens new product development opportunities :

- Collective fabrication (MEMS technology)
- Lower power systems
- Faster analysis times
- Replace laboratory instrument by inline/field sensors

Integrated LOC system: μ GC-NEMS for continuous monitoring



NEMS resonator

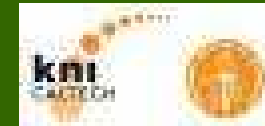


Very small
characteristic length



- High resolution: ato gram (10^{-18} g)
- Very short respond time
- High integration

Main partners



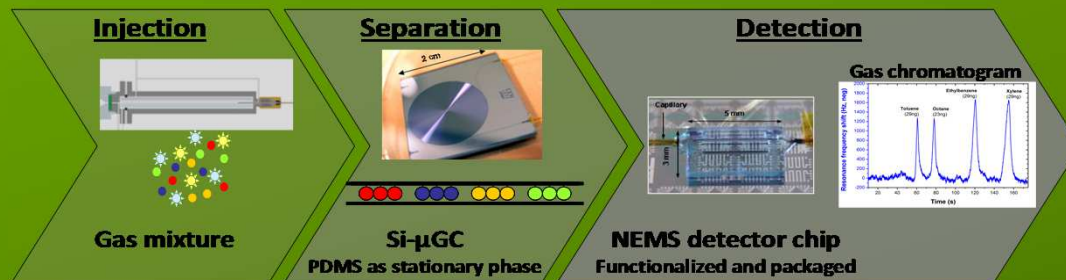
LETI/
CALTECH
Alliance

Startup establishment (2011) :

APIX



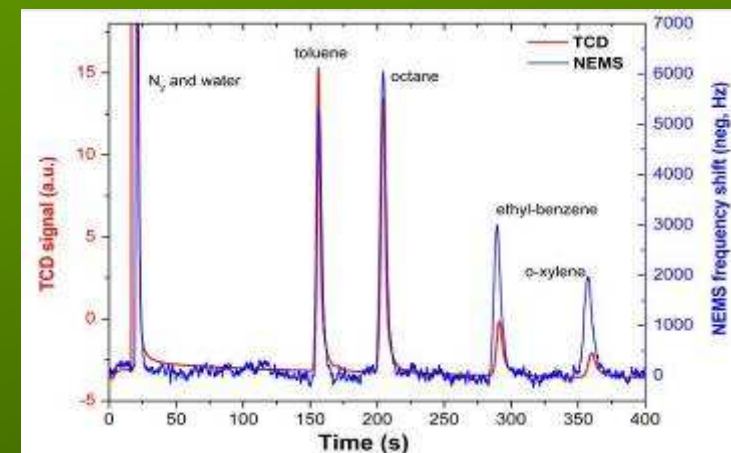
Multi-gas analyzer for continuous environment monitoring



Very high integration
between μ GC and NEMS



- Very reduced dead volumes
- Maintaining a good flow matching



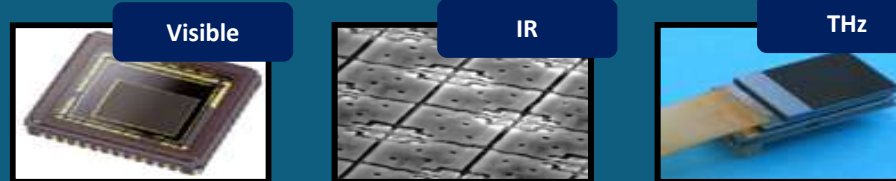
Optic for chemical sensing

Optical components

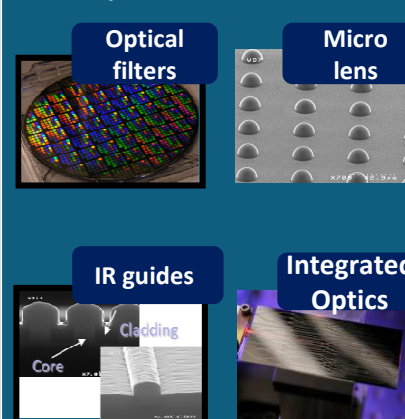
Sources



Detectors



Integrated optics & nanophotonics

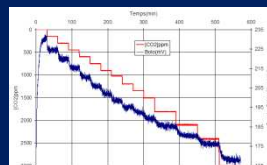
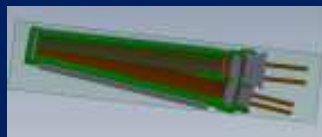


Partnership



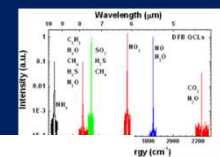
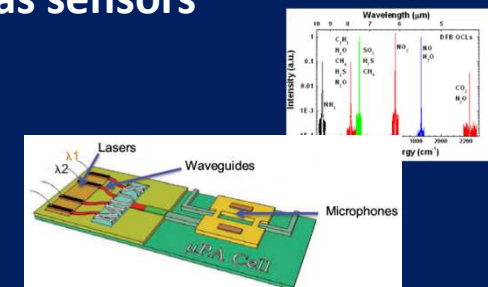
Low cost gas sensors

Non Dispersive infrared NDIR (CO_2)



High-end gas sensors

QCL-Based μPhoto-Acoustic sensor

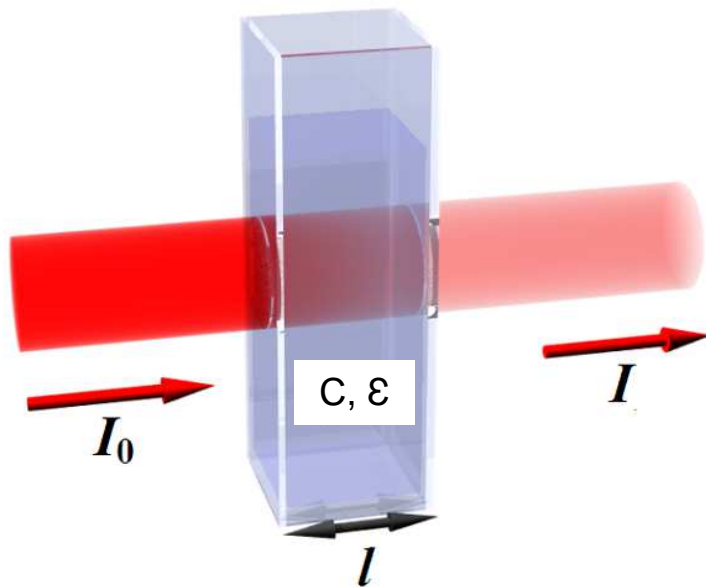


Our sensors combine optical detection strength values with miniaturization, multiple functions integration, power consumption reduction and cost effectiveness

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Non Dispersive InfraRed sensor (NDIR) principle

- Non Dispersive IR detection:
 - Based on the light absorption measurement
 - Regulated by Beer-Lambert law
 - Used to measure gas concentration from hundred of ppm down to ppb



$$A = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I} = \epsilon l c$$

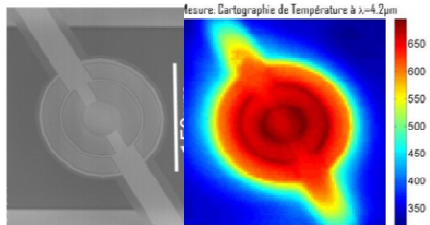
I_0 = Intensity of the incident radiation
 I = intensity of the radiation coming out of the sample
 A = *absorbance* of the sample
 ϵ = molar absorptivity
 L = Length of solution the light passes through
 C = Concentration of solution

CO₂ sensor



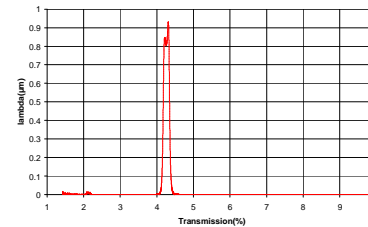
Consumer & Professional

Non Dispersive infrared NDIR : Principle



IR Source based on MEMS LETI technology

- Max Power op. 2 mW
- Lifetime > 10 Y @ 650 °C



Commercial filter at 4,26μm



Commercial Infrared Detector Arrays based on thermopile technology

«black-body» Source

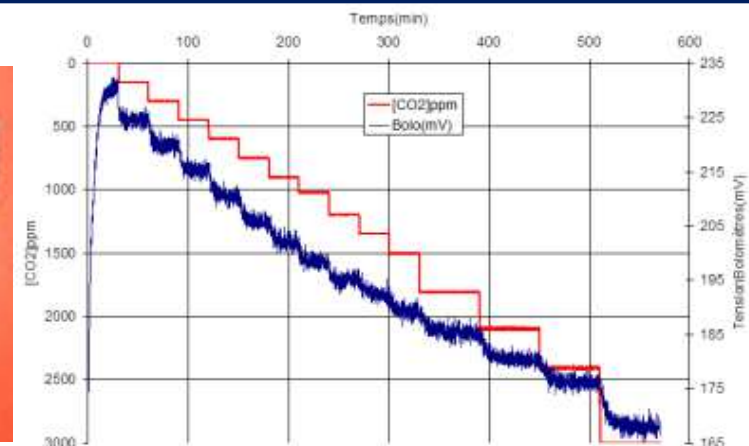
Optical path & WL lenses

Optical filters

Detectors

Key Results

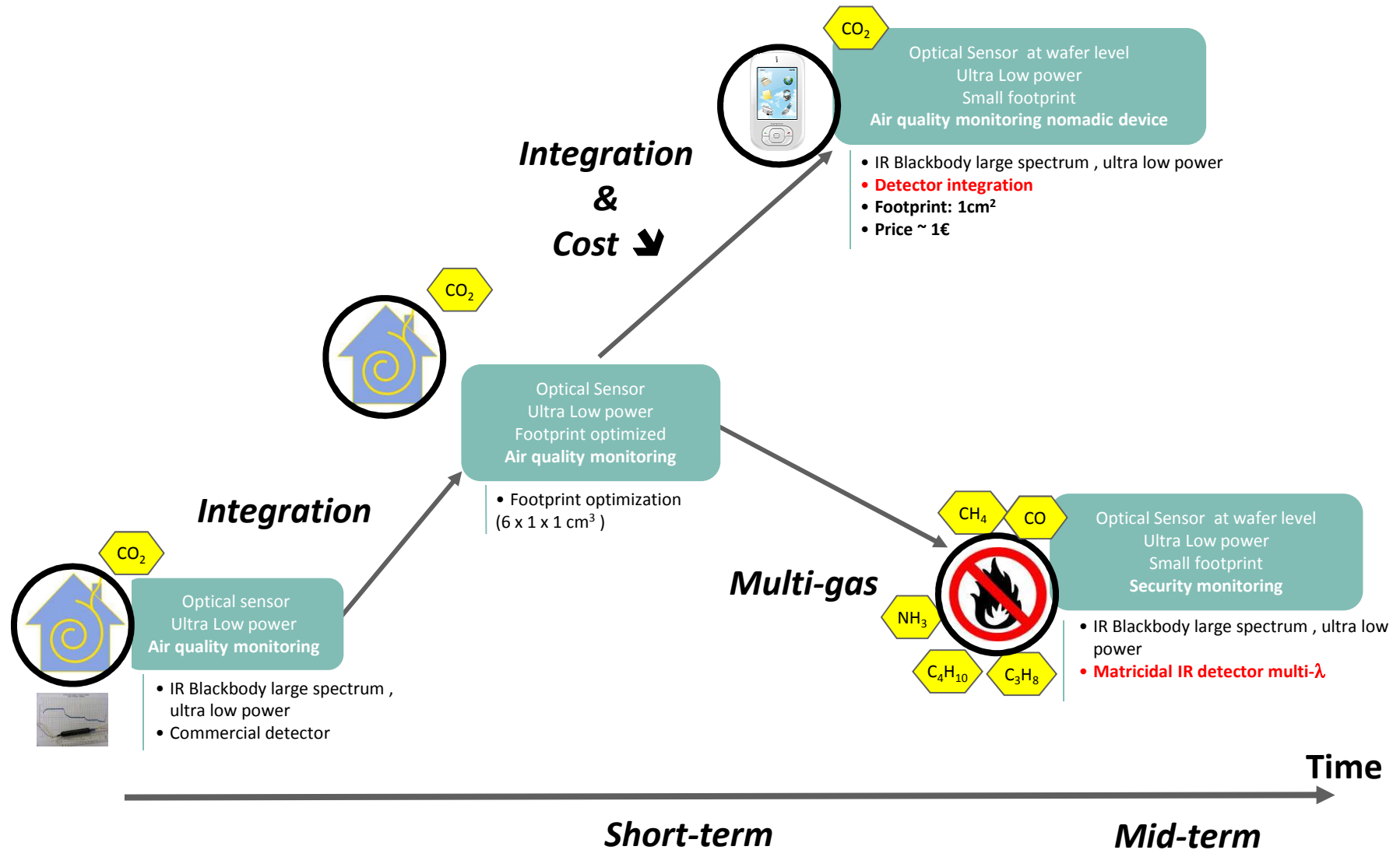
- Range: 100 – 3000 ppm
- Limit of detection: **40 ppm @ 1000 ppm**
- Lifetime: 10 Y
- Power max : **~4,8 mW**
- Measured frequency: dependent on Apps
- **~ 0,15 mJ/measure**



Roadmap to a low power, Embedded sensors

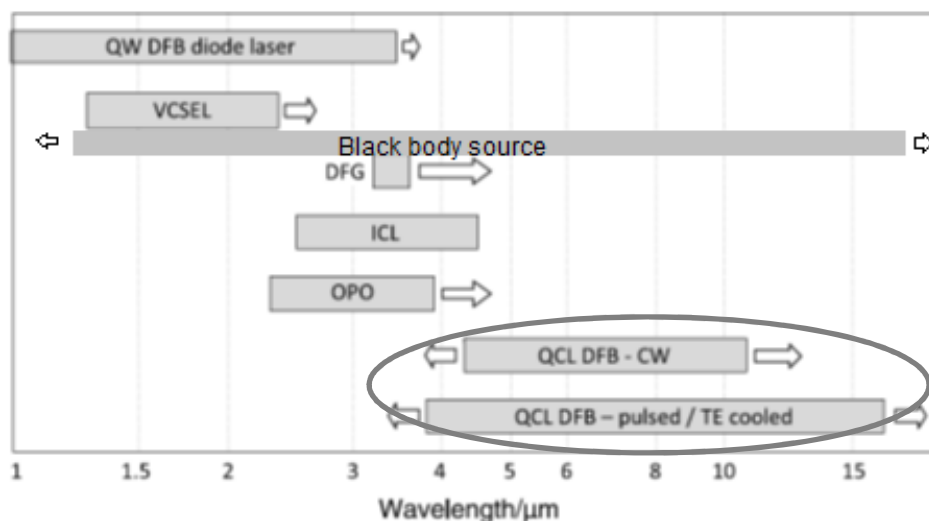


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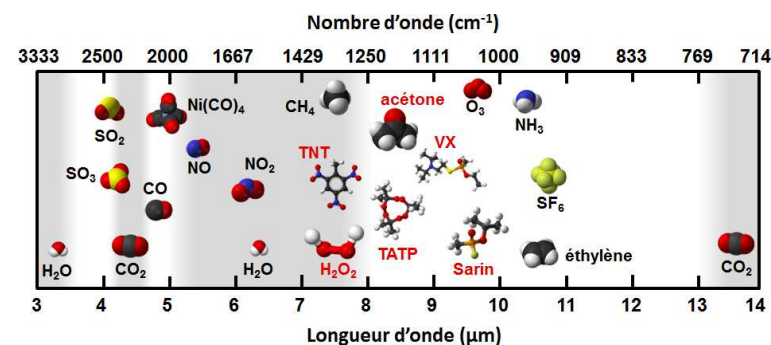


Quantum Cascade Laser (QCL) positioning

Emitting sources in Mid-IR wavelength

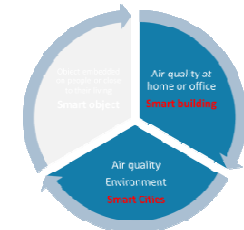


High absorption intensity
for
a larger number of components

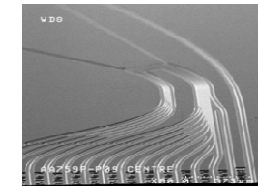
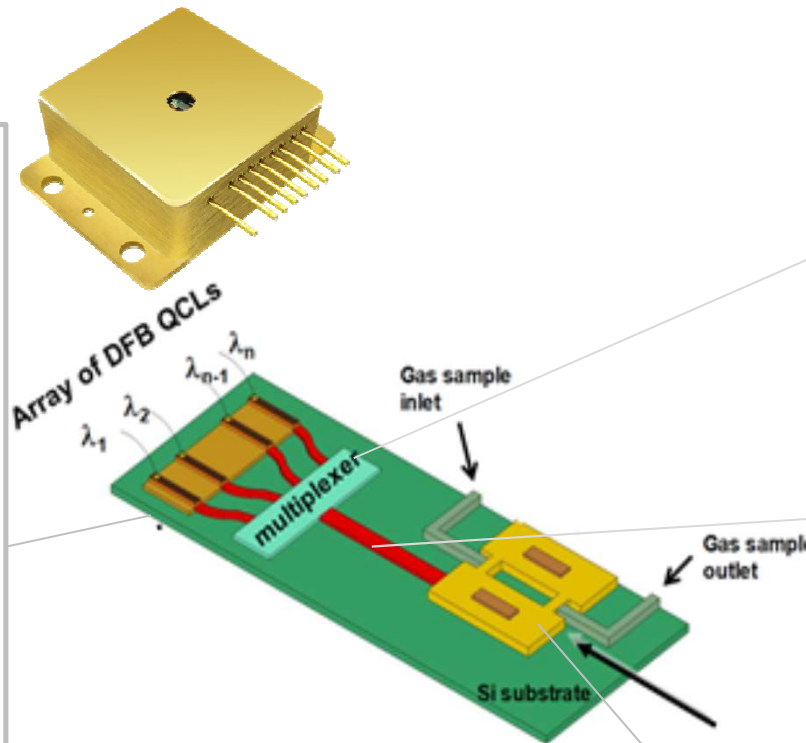
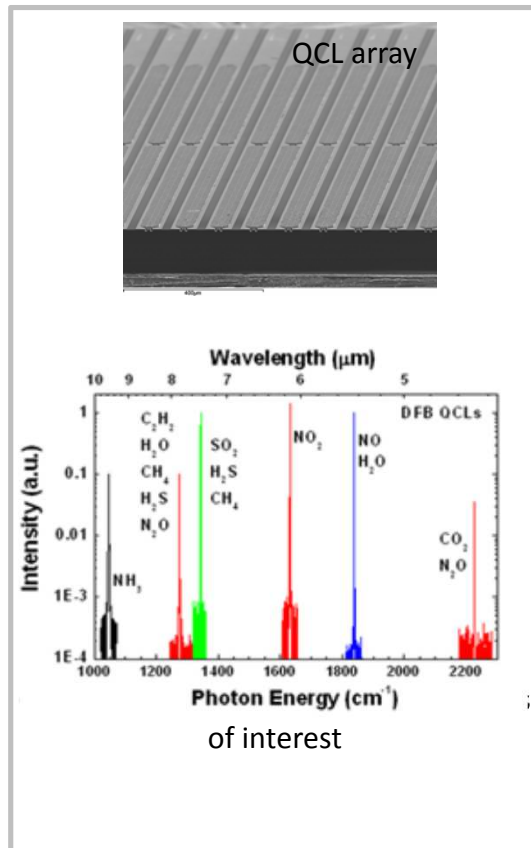


Quantum cascade laser is the most promising technology able to address the Mid-IR spectrum with high energy source and its integration on a standard silicon wafers open new opportunities for affordable instrument.

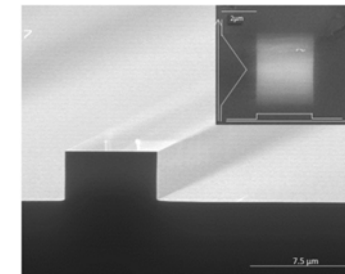
QCL-Based μ Photo-Acoustic sensor



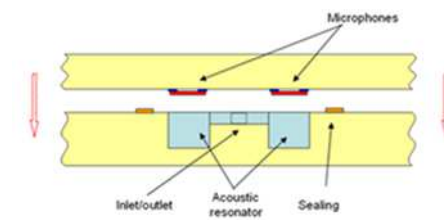
Professional



AWG multiplexer



Low Losses Waveguides working in the [4-8 μ m] wavelength range



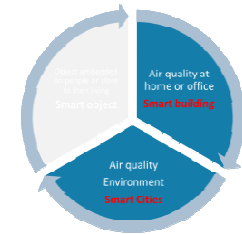
Ultra compact multi-gas spectroscopy system based on a MEMS PA cell

Lab on chip

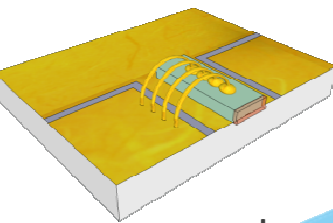
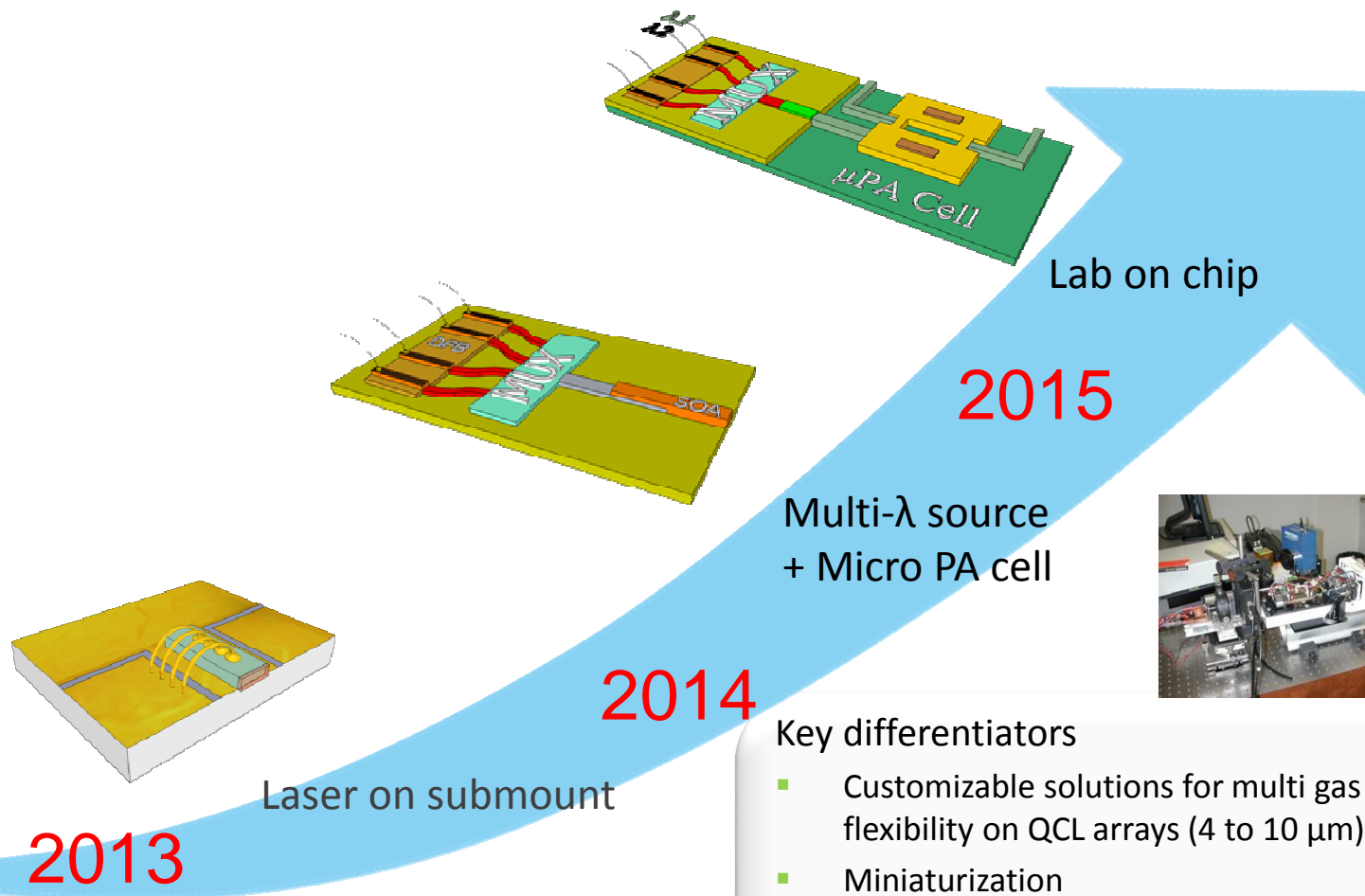
Market opportunities

The system will enable a multigas measurement, with high selectivity and improved sensitivity (from ppm down to ppb levels)
Trace detection, chemical emission monitoring, process control applications

Roadmap QCL based sensing

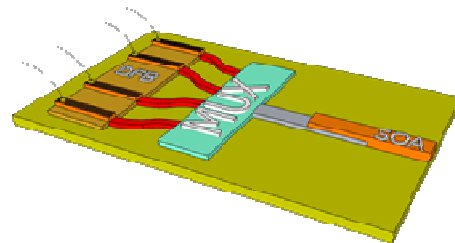


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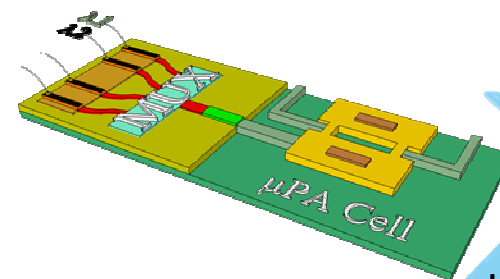
Laser on submount

2013



Multi- λ source
+ Micro PA cell

2014



Lab on chip

2015



Key differentiators

- Customizable solutions for multi gas sensing thanks to flexibility on QCL arrays (4 to 10 μm)
- Miniaturization
- Robustness
- Cost effective : IC/MEMS compatible fabrication chain
- High sensibility : high power laser sources
- High selectivity : Finely tunable narrow bandwidth

Conclusions and outlook

- LETI is positioning on sampling preparation to transducer and signal analyze to provide dedicated sensors to answer the different markets requirements “smart objects”, “smart homes”, “smart cities”
- It fulfills a direct need from the market, since consumers, citizen awareness, governments and agencies put more and more strict rules and guidelines to air quality.
- Leti's commitment is to bring value to our society and to bring value to our partners thanks to research and innovation

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