

# OPTOMAN

YOUR SIDEKICK FOR  
LASER OPTICS DEVELOPMENT

## Low Absorption Coatings on Transmissive Micro-Optics

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# WHAT IS OPTOMAN?

2017

2021

2022

Future

## BABY OPTOMAN

2 founders  
Spin-off from CPST  
Independent.  
47 000 EUR revenue 1<sup>st</sup> year

**Dr. Simonas Kičas**  
Doctor of IBS, LIDT and  
GDD



**Remigijus Šliupas**  
Master of laser physics, BDR, SDR,  
Marketing and some other 100  
hundred things



2017

2021

2022

Future

## Growing nicely

Entered 2021 with 12 employees  
Finished 2 500 000 EUR revenue



2017

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2022

Future

OPTOMAN today

24 sidekicks do all the magic  
4 000 000 EUR revenue forecast

Mission: OPTOMAN – your sidekick for laser optics development

Vision: OPTOMAN - number one choice manufacturer for laser optics worldwide.



2017

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Future

Projected investment



## Facilities

2022: +300 m<sup>2</sup> ISO6 clean room

2023: +400 m<sup>2</sup> production facilities (not so clean)



## Coating chambers

2022: +1 IBS chamber for mid-IR solutions

2023: +1 IBS chamber.

2024: +1 IBS chamber and so on...

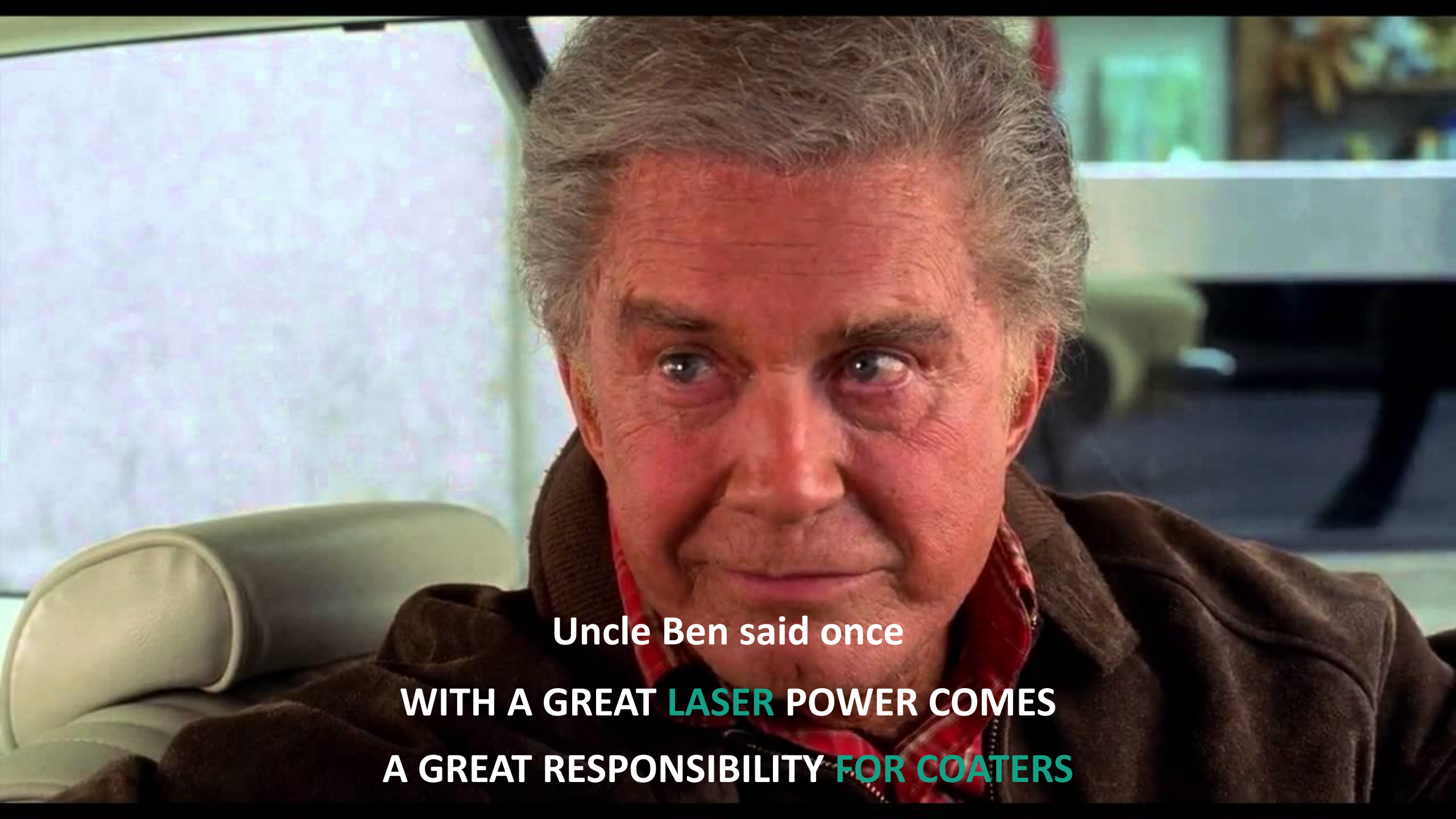


## Additional equipment

2022: +1 ARGOS for automatic quality inspection, + 1 interferometer, +1 USC cleaning station for volume and big optics.

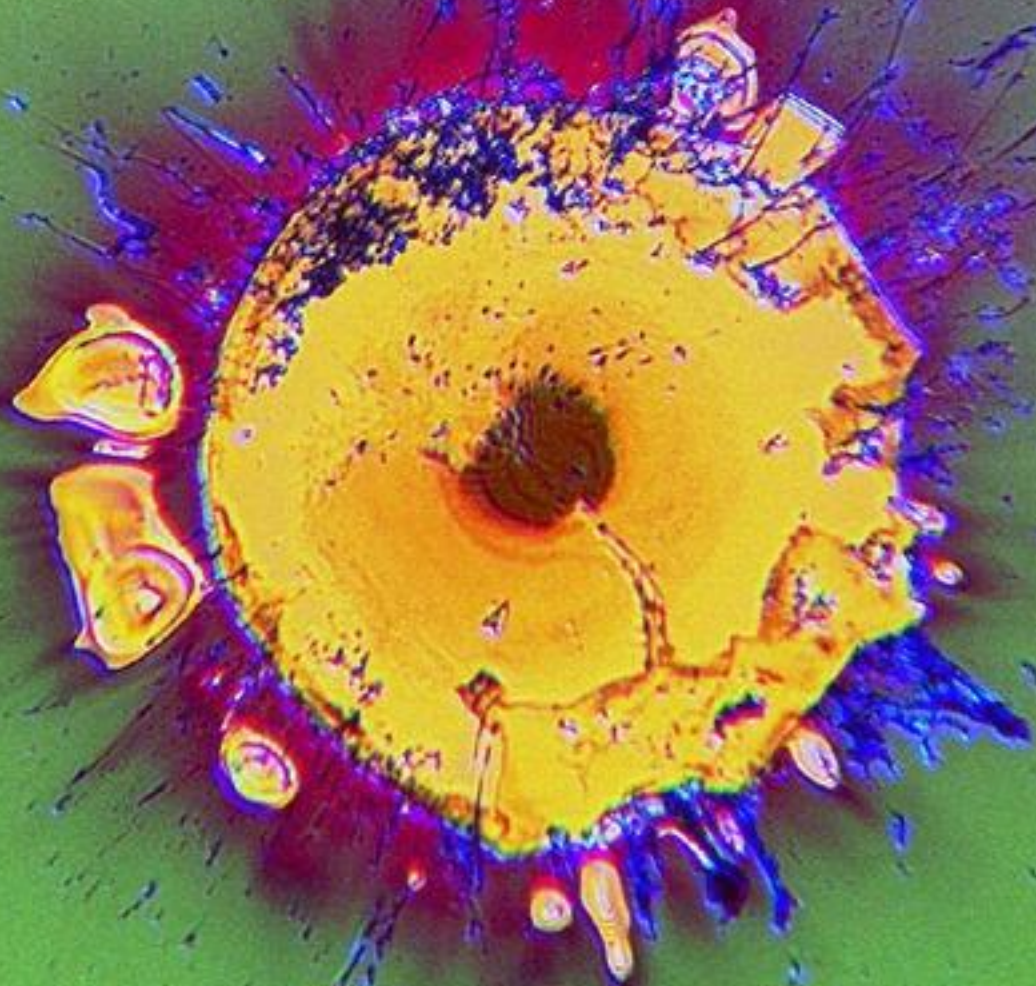
*Partners oriented investment to capacity and capabilities.*

**WHAT DO WE DO?**




Uncle Ben said once  
**WITH A GREAT LASER POWER COMES**  
**A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COATERS**





**A laser is only as strong as its weakest link.**



**“Nobody  
beats Vitas  
Gerulaitis 17  
times in a  
row.”**

— VITAS GERULAITIS,  
upon beating Jimmy Connors  
after 16 consecutive losses to him

**HOW DO WE  
DO THAT?**

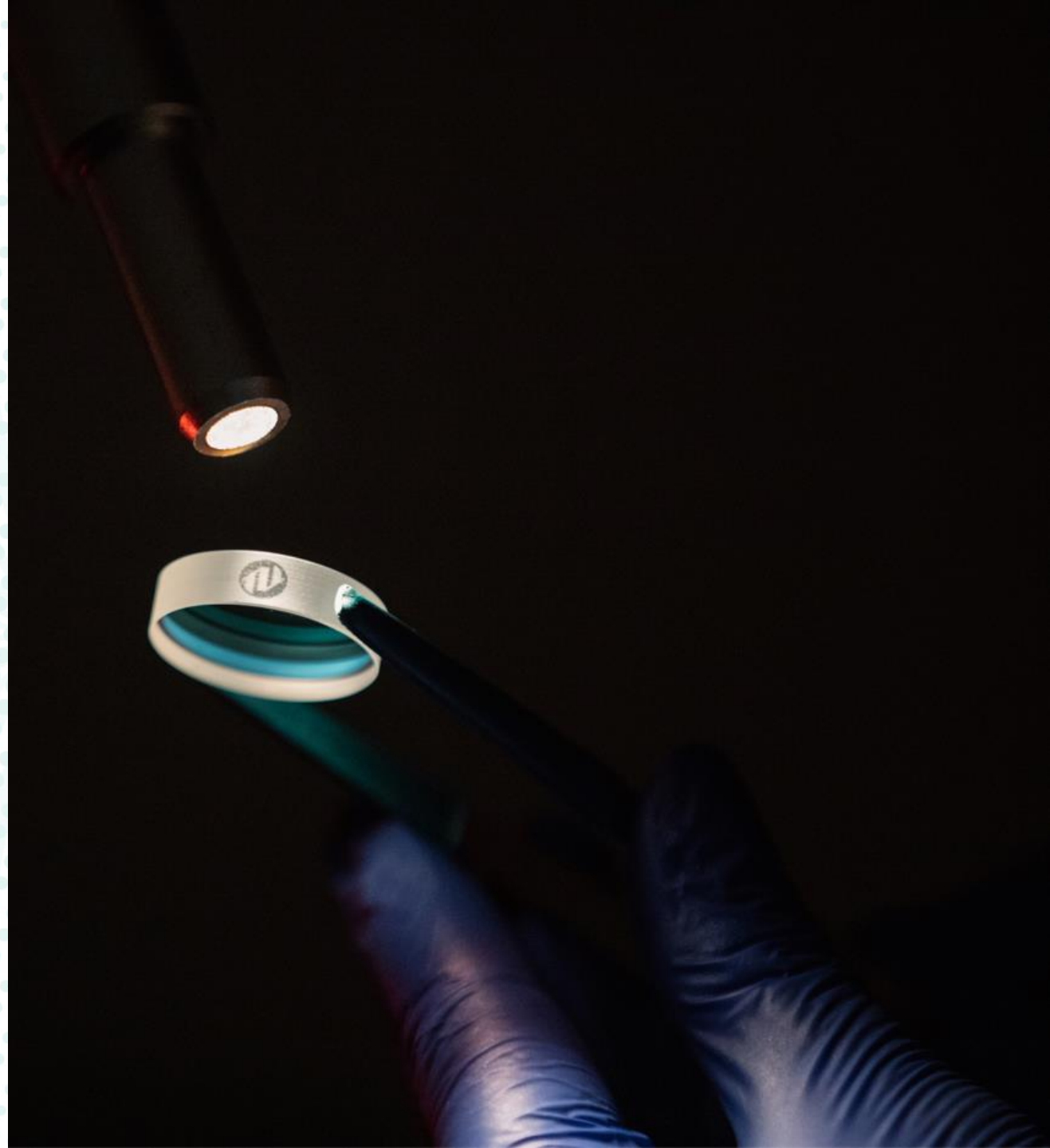
# Concentration

Highly customized and application-optimized laser optics for **high power** and **ultrafast lasers** with **ultrafast turnaround**.

R&D-driven issues solving on the fast-track to serial production.

*„Intelligence is a privilege, and it needs to be used for the greater good of laser people.“*

*Dr. Otto Octavius*



# Concentration

Single manufacturing  
technology

**Ion-Beam Sputtering**



## PETRA

Effective ( $\pm 0.5\%$  edge-to-edge uniformity) coating area  
 $\varnothing 270$  mm x 2 pallets

## ALBERT – THE ATOM SMASHER

Effective ( $\pm 1\%$  edge-to-edge uniformity) coating area  
 $\varnothing 600$  mm x 2 pallets



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Make it clean!

Class ISO 6 clean room  
lab environment  
for contaminant-free  
manufacturing



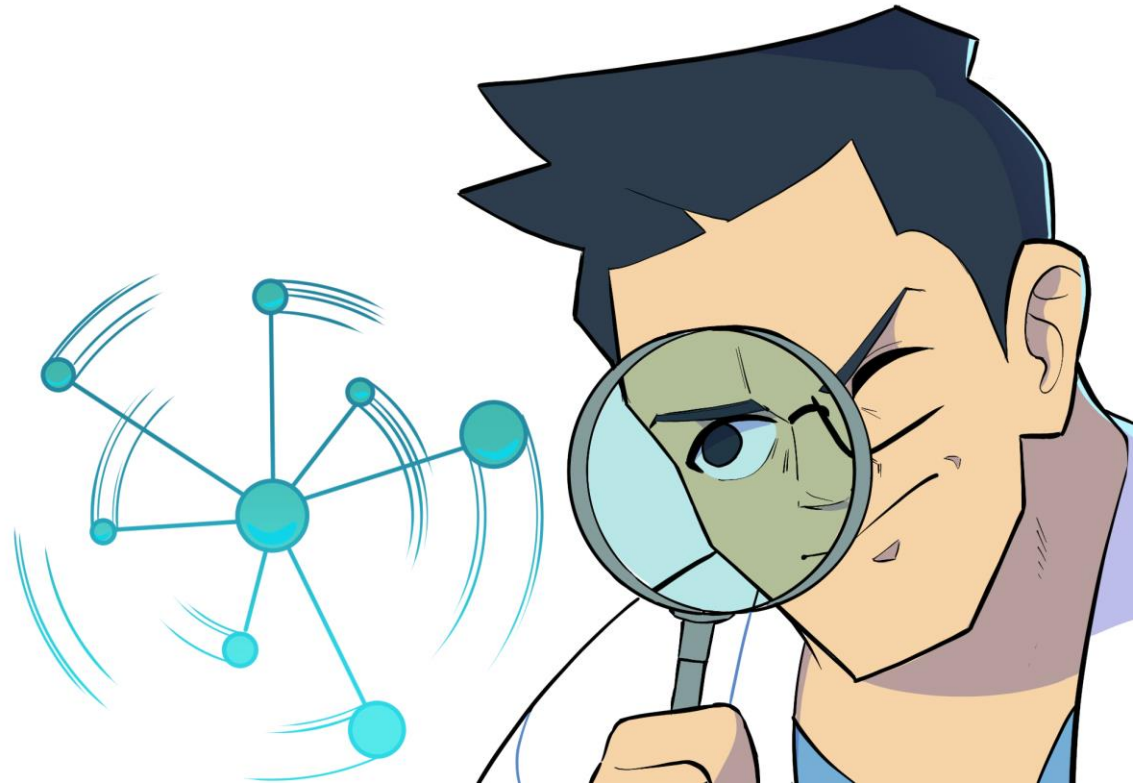
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# LOW ABSORPTION COATINGS ON MICRO OPTICS

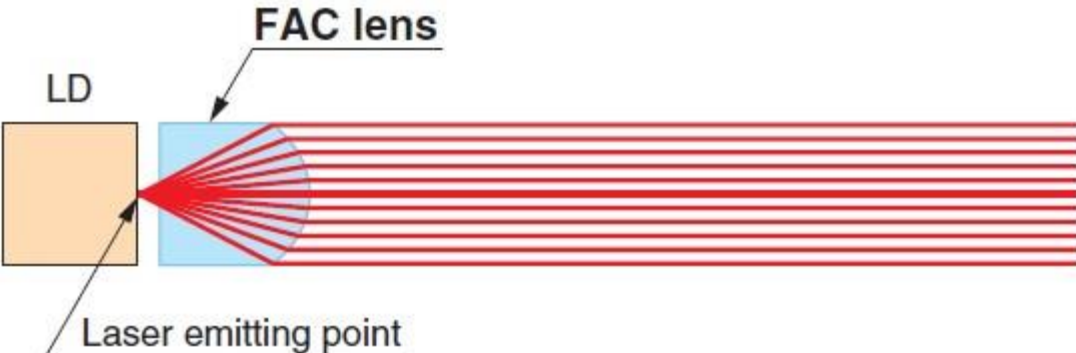
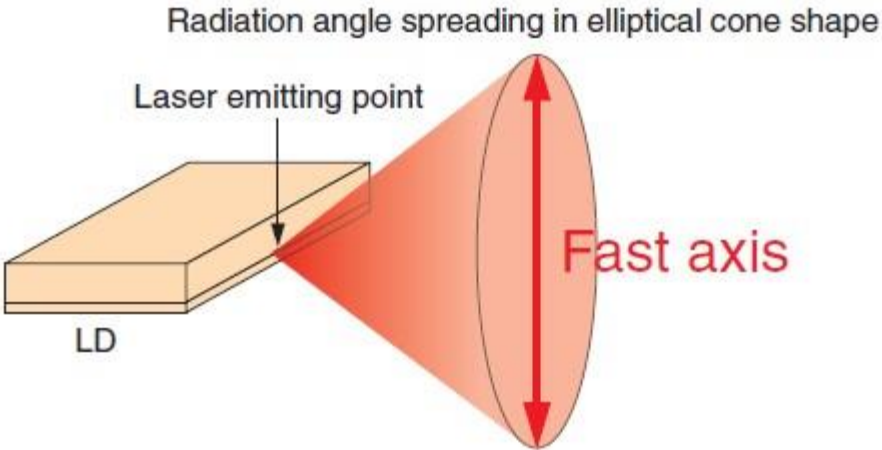


## Definition

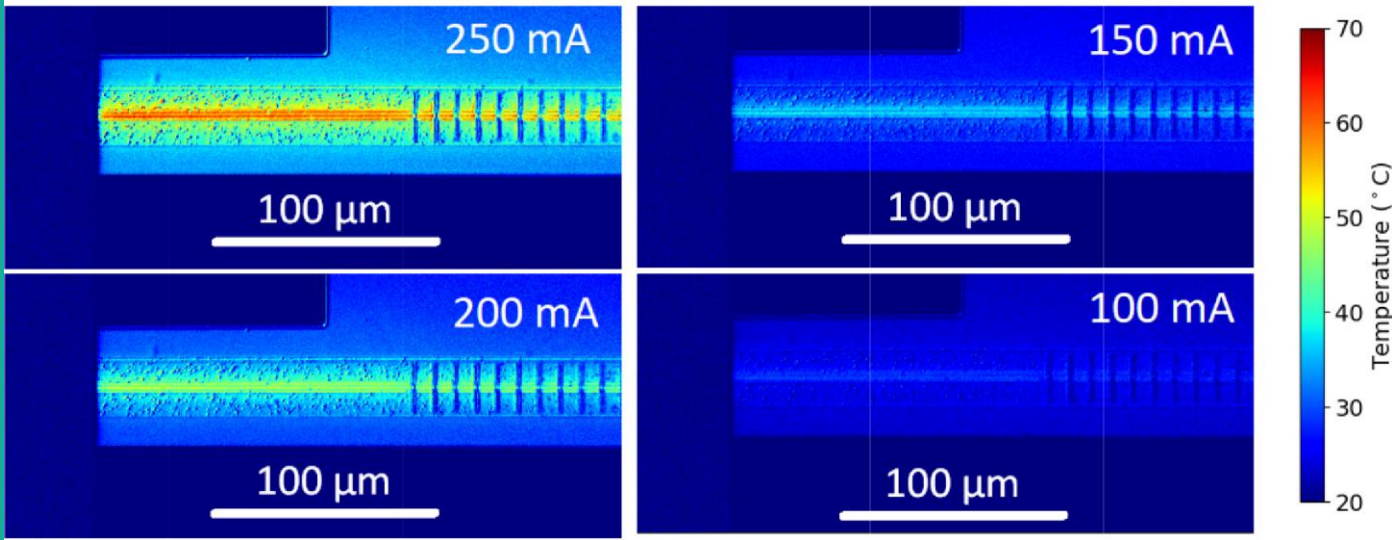
Micro-optics are optical systems that are between a few micrometers and a millimeters in size



# FAC lenses

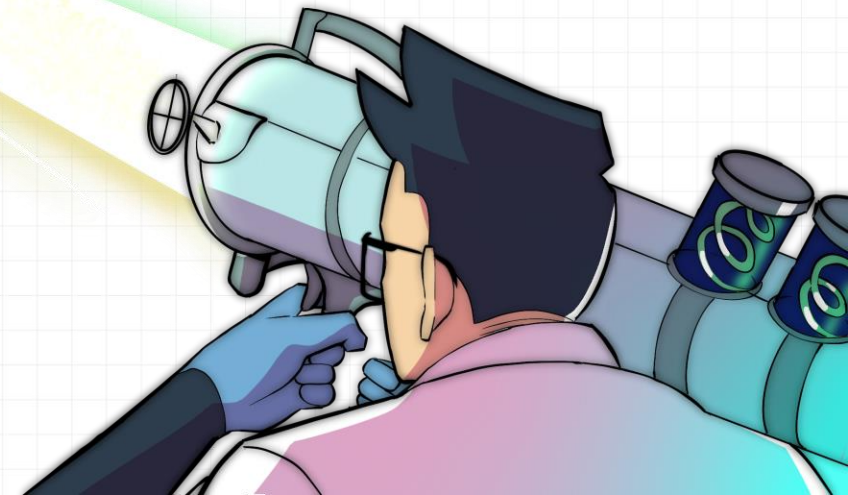


# Where is the problem?



How can we deal with it?

## DR. ABSORPTION



## What can we do?

Coatings (IBS):

**S1 (CX):** Ra<0.1% 900 nm - 990 nm;

AOI= 0° to 8°

Ra<0.4% AOI= 0° to 30°

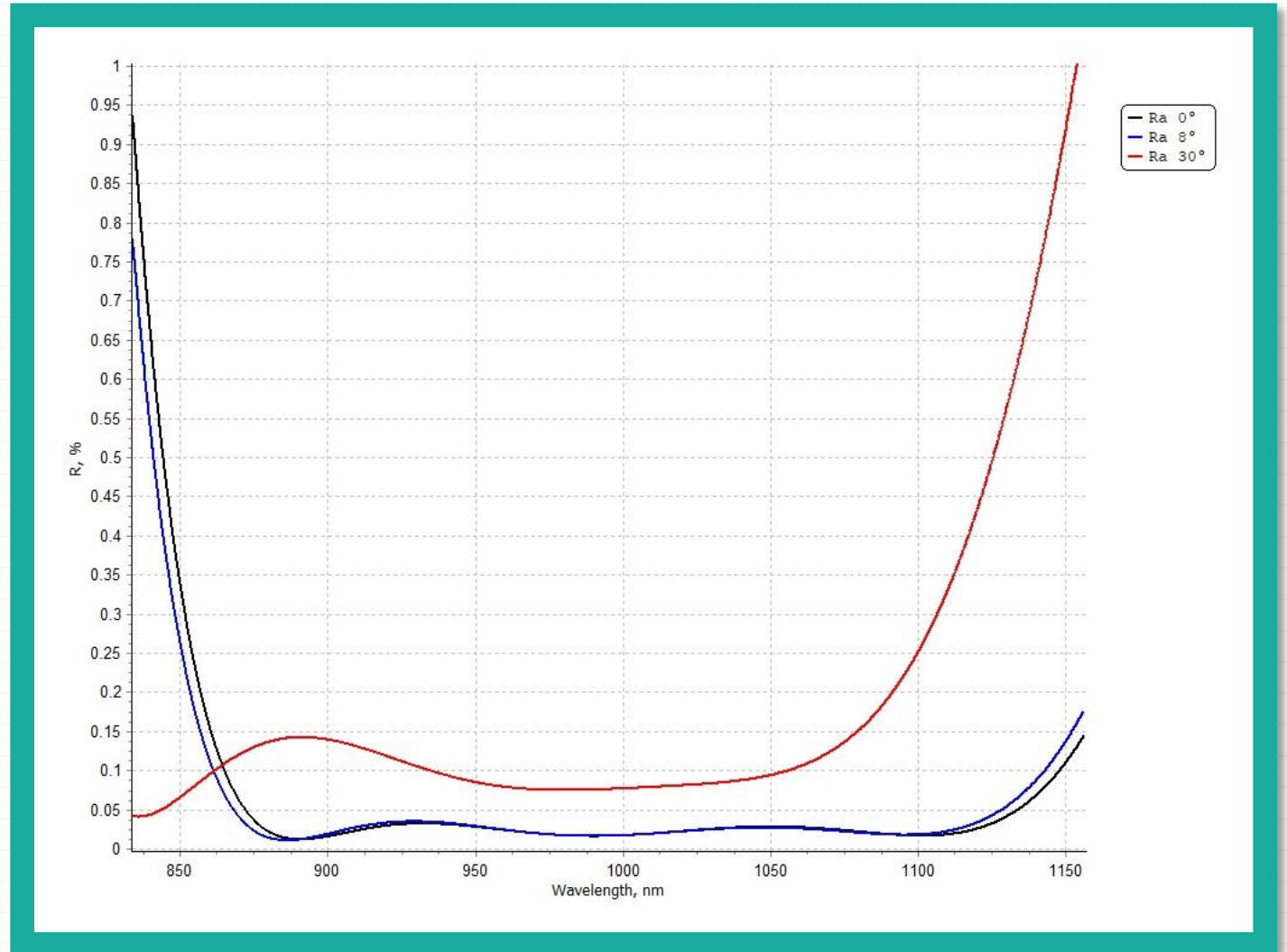
low absorption coating (<40ppm)

**S2 (PL):** Ra<0.1% 900 nm - 990 nm;

AOI= 0° to 8°

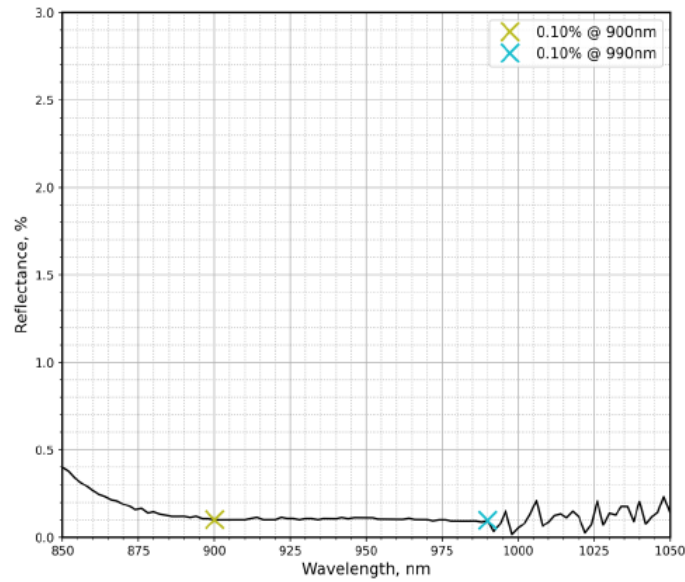
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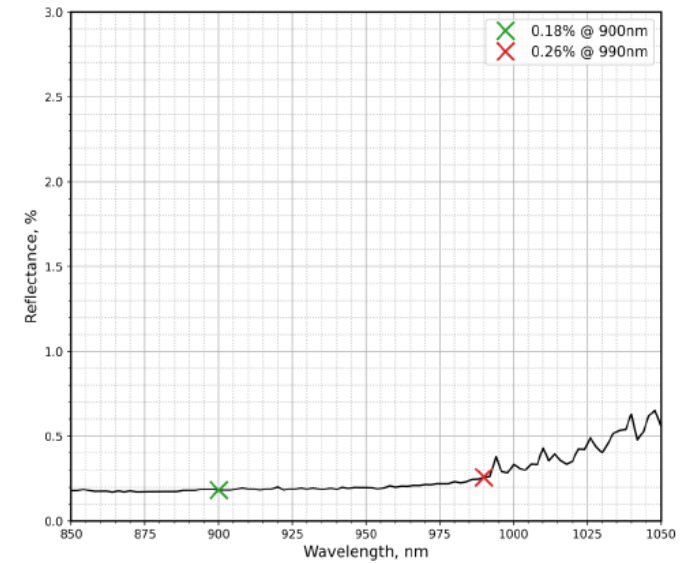
PO2967 Ra i8 S1

Fig. 1.

SIDE MEASURED: S1 only (grinded witness sample)

COMMENTS: Margin of measurement error: +/-0.25%

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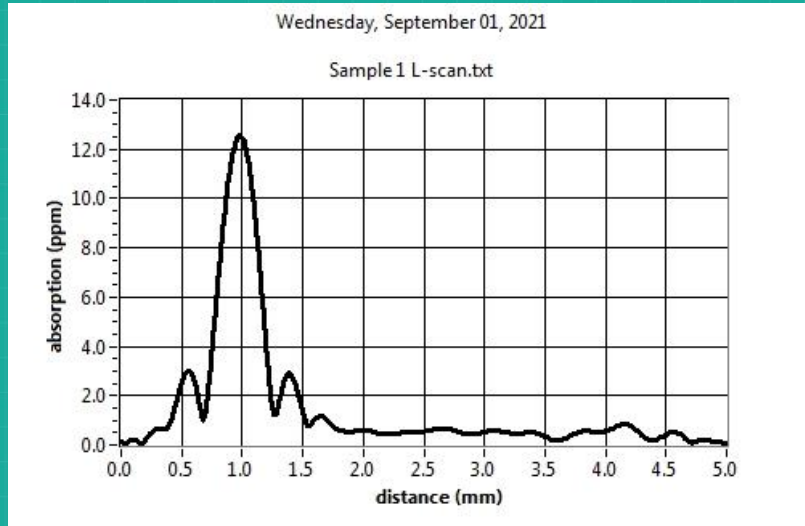


PO2967 Ra i30 S1

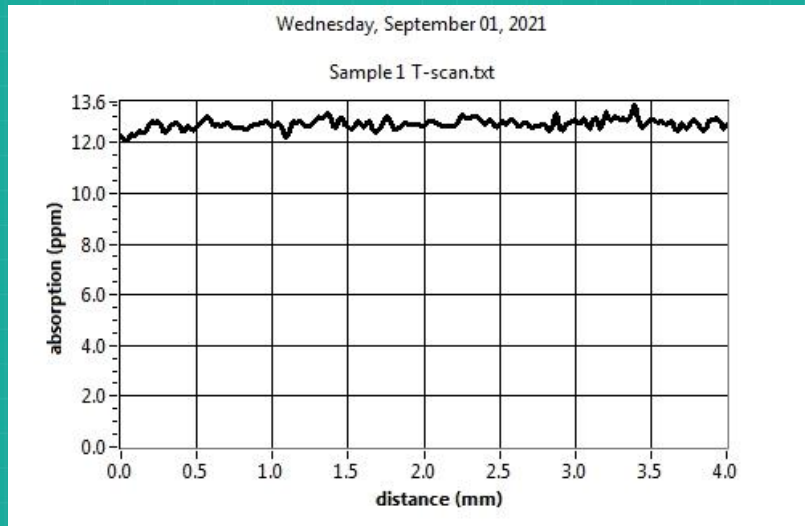
Fig. 2.

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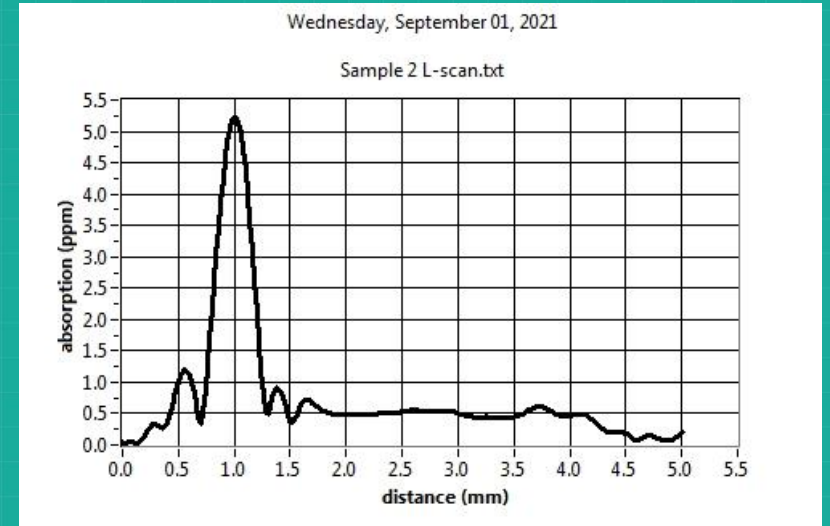
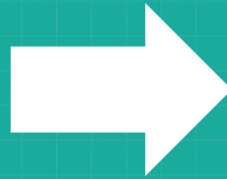
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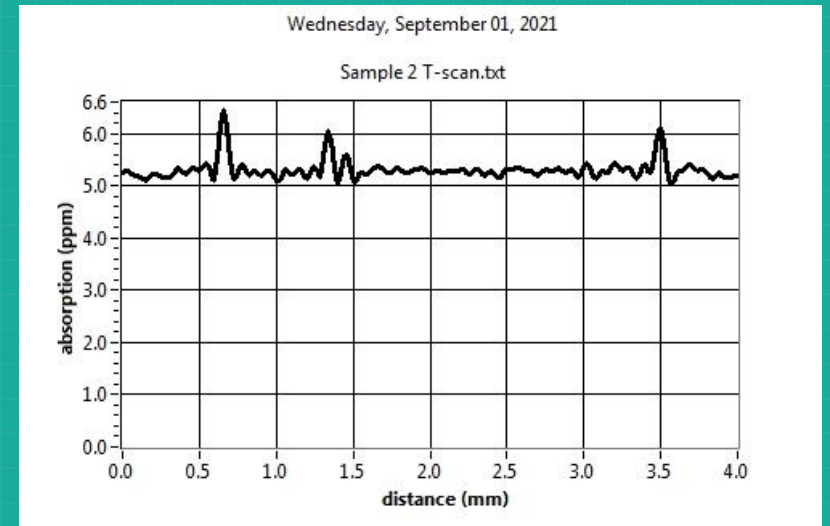
~12 ppm → too much heating



Some magic



7 ppm → ~5 degrees Celsius



## Conclusion

1. Laser diode technology advancements requires better coatings on collimating micro-optics
2. Optical coating performance is defined not only by reflection
3. Direct measurements always tells a full story





What OPTOMAN can do for EPIC members?  
What EPIC members can do for OPTOMAN?

