

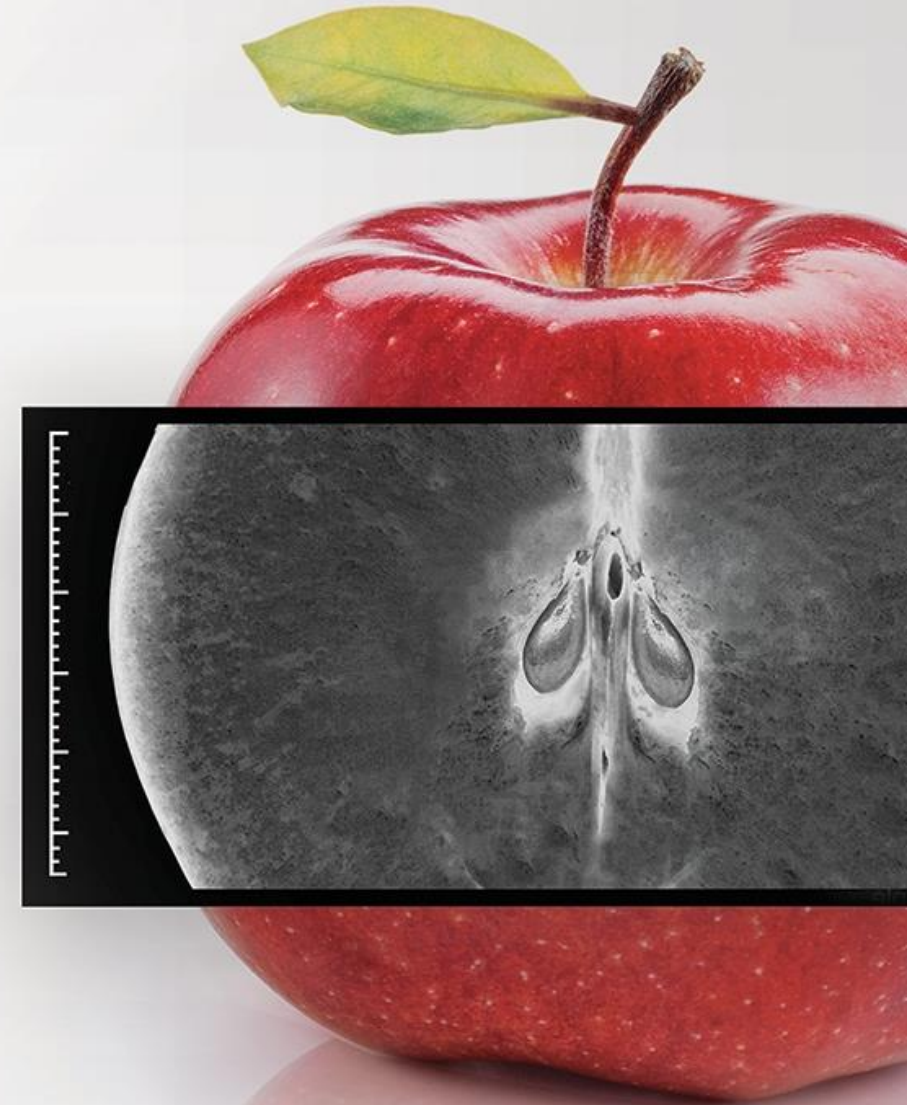
Light-powered innovation for Smart Agriculture

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Photonics for AgriFood Industry

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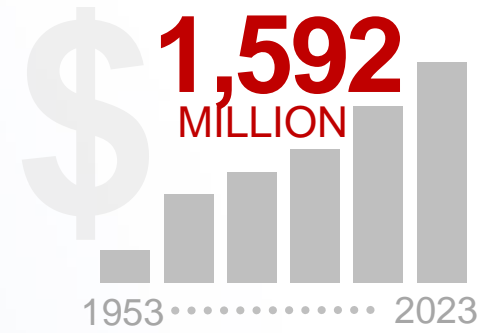


Hamamatsu Photonics: A Driver in the Industry



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Hamamatsu City, Japan
- MAIN OFFICE
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10
RESEARCH
& PRODUCTION
BASES



SINCE
1953

15,000
PRODUCTS

5,795
EMPLOYEES

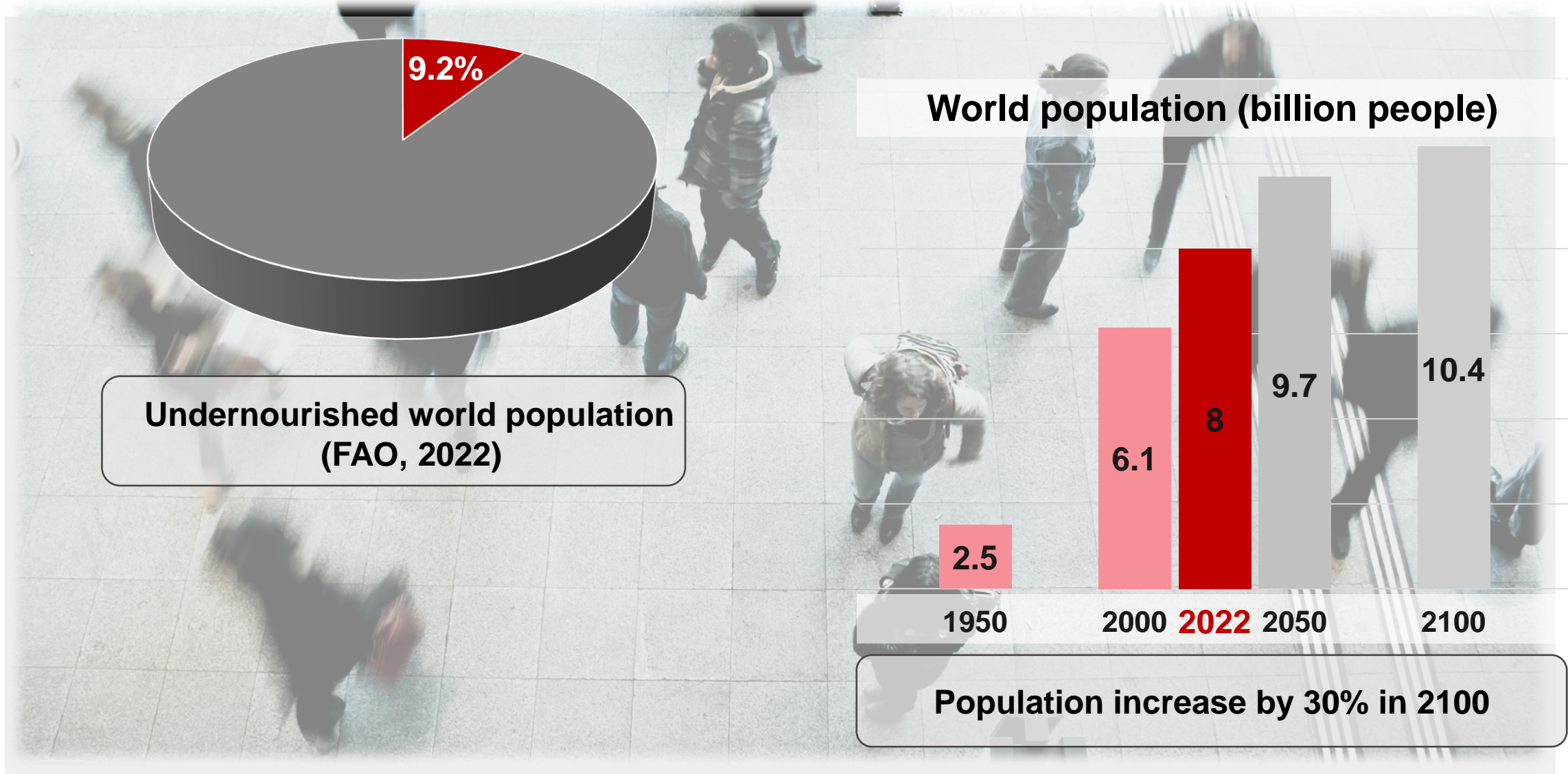
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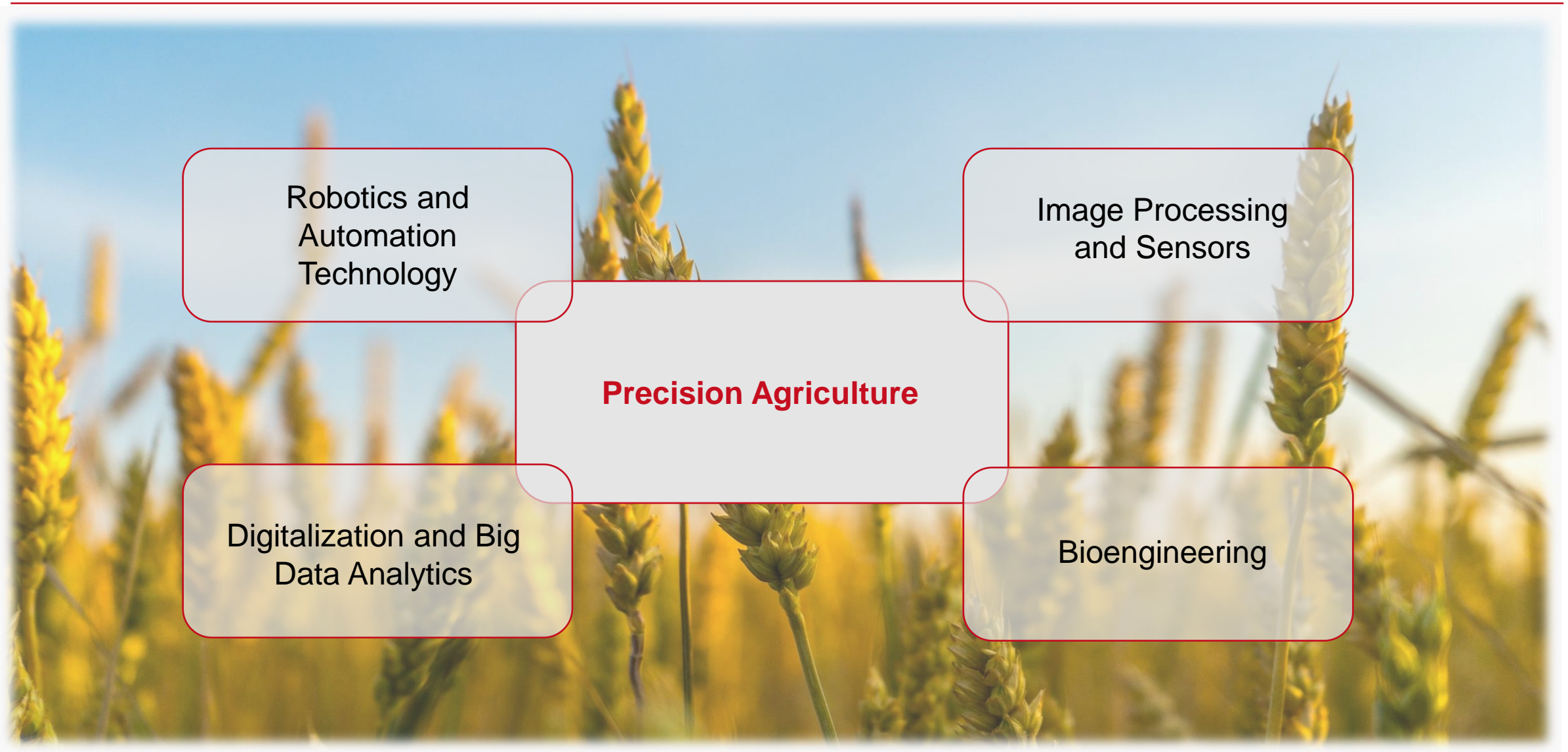


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The Challenge of Food Quality & Supply



Addressing Food Supply Quality & Shortage



The Role of Photonics



The Role of Photonics

Soil Quality
Assessment



The Role of Photonics



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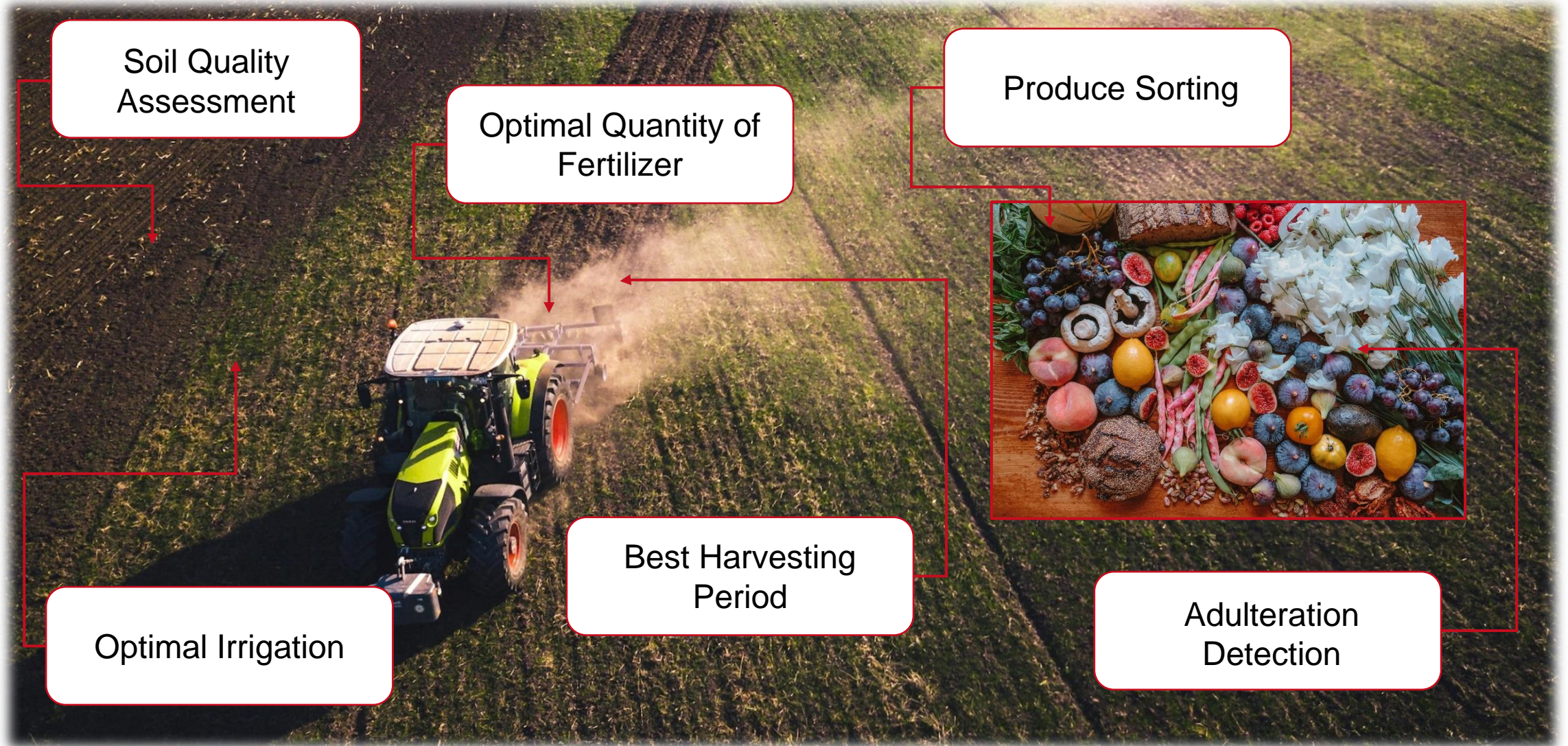
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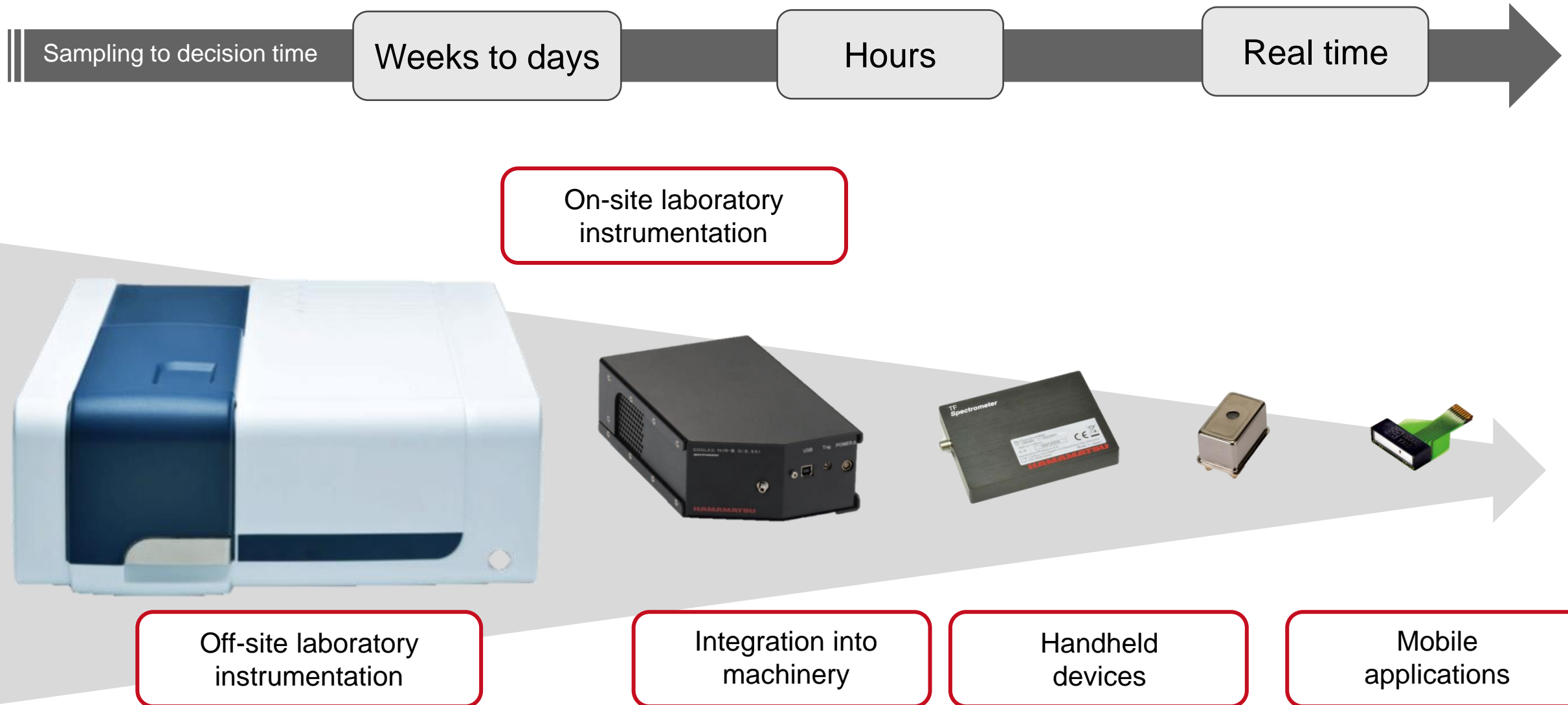


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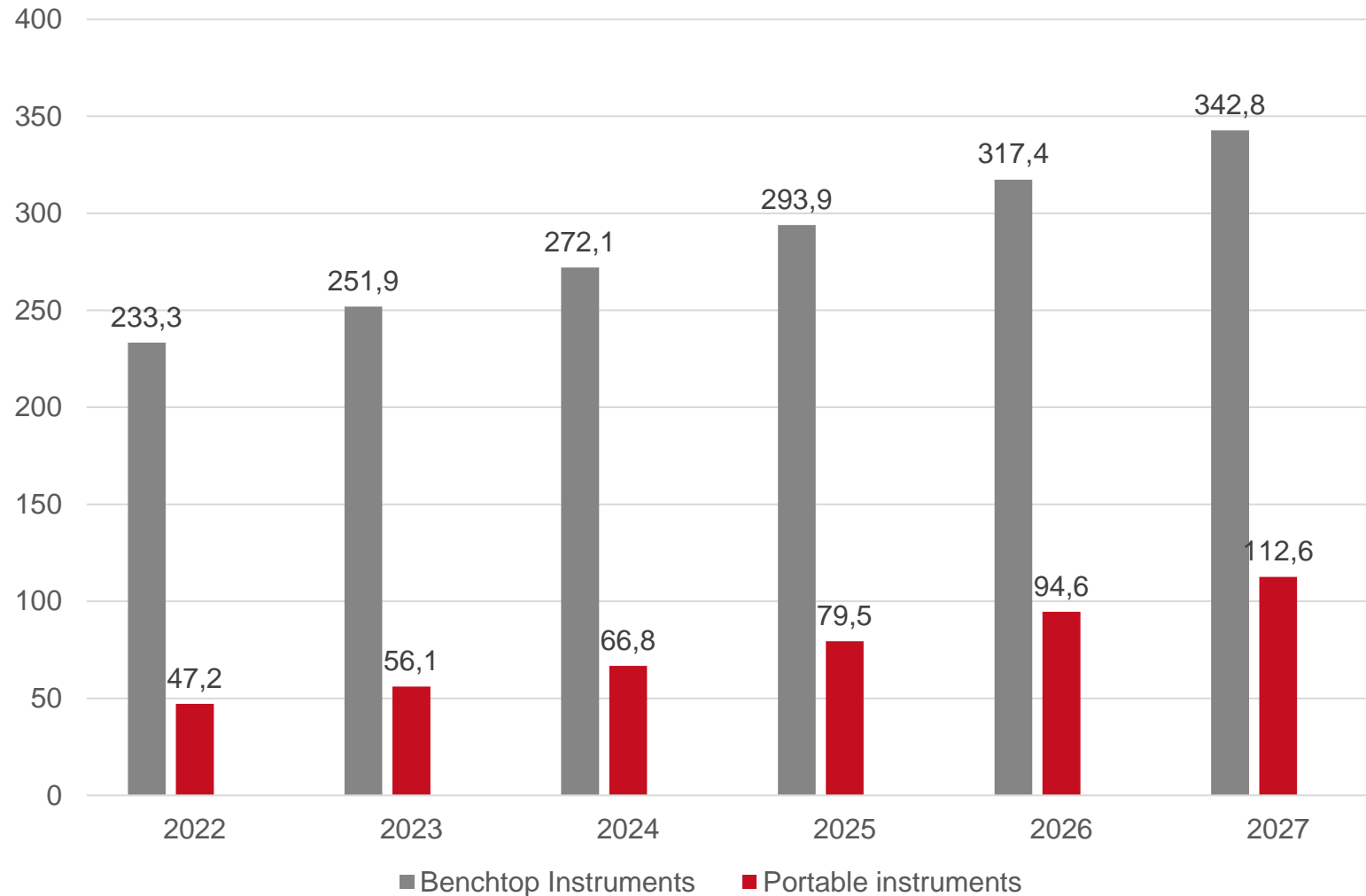


Spectroscopy

The Miniaturization in Dispersive Spectrometers Trend



Spectroscopy in Precision Agriculture



Benchtop spectrometers market is expected to grow by 8%

The handheld spectrometers market is expected to grow by 19%

Challenges in Farming

Objectives



Optimize production yield



Minimize pollution



Minimize water waste

Solutions



On-field evaluation of crops in all phases of product growth:

- Fertilizer quantity optimization



Optimization of harvest time & fruit-picking automation:

- Produce ripeness by checking content



Monitoring of moisture content / dry matter content:

- Irrigation optimization
- Feed-quality monitoring



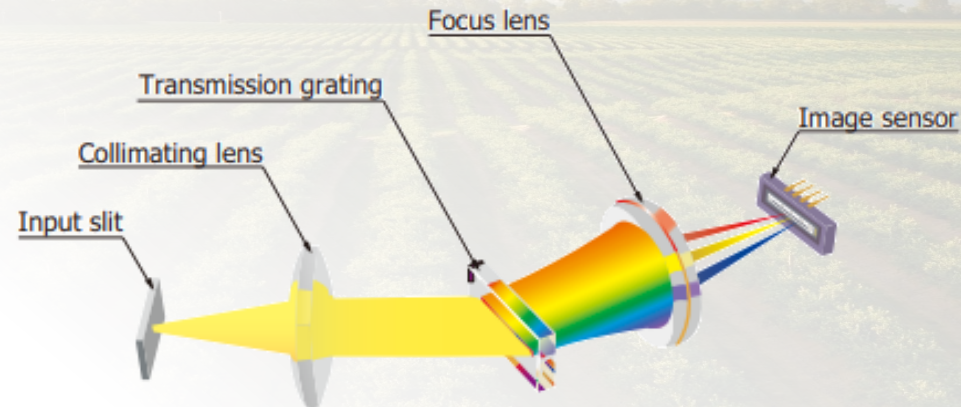
Vertical farming

- Spectrum monitoring of growth lamps



UV to NIR wavelength range: 200 – 1700 nm

- High sensitivity and wide dynamic range
- Up to 0.3 nm resolution
- No moving parts
- USB powered
- Dedicated control/readout software



Compact spectrometer heads



- UV-VIS-NIR wavelength range: 190 - 1050 nm
- High sensitivity and wide dynamic range
- Up to 12 nm resolution
- Compact design
- No moving parts

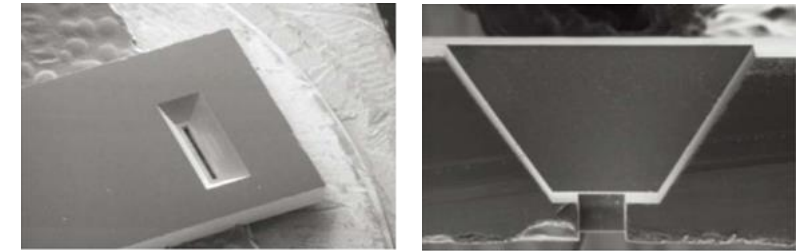
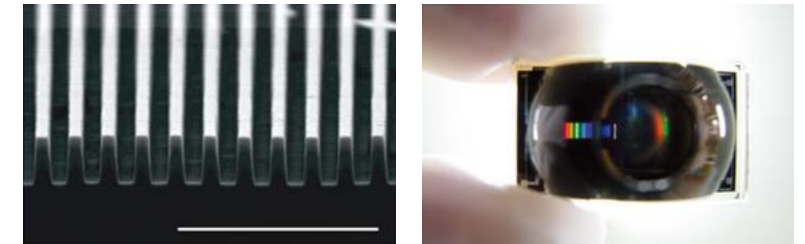
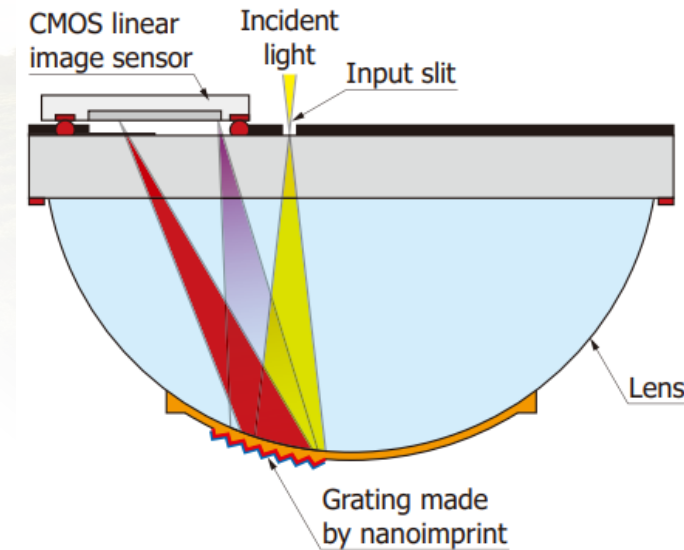
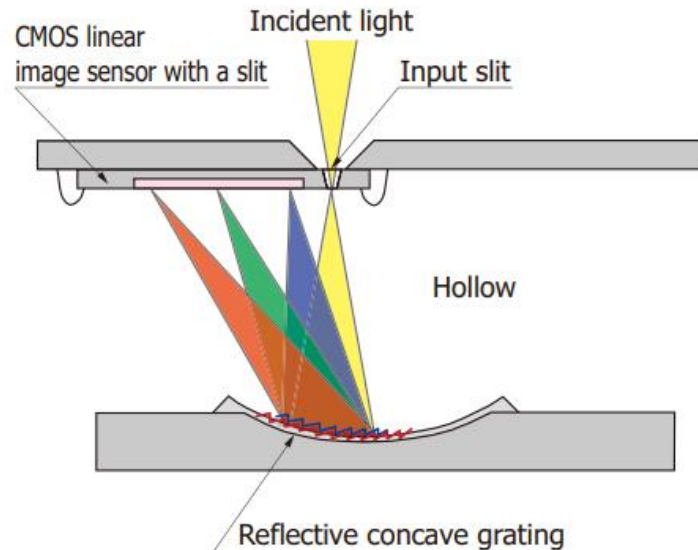


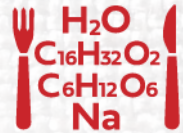
Image sensor with a through-hole slit



Grating that uses nanoimprint

Challenges in Food Quality Assessment

Objectives



Food nutrition quality measurement
(including during production)



Prevention of adulteration



Estimation of alcohol type
& concentration

Solutions



Food content measurement:

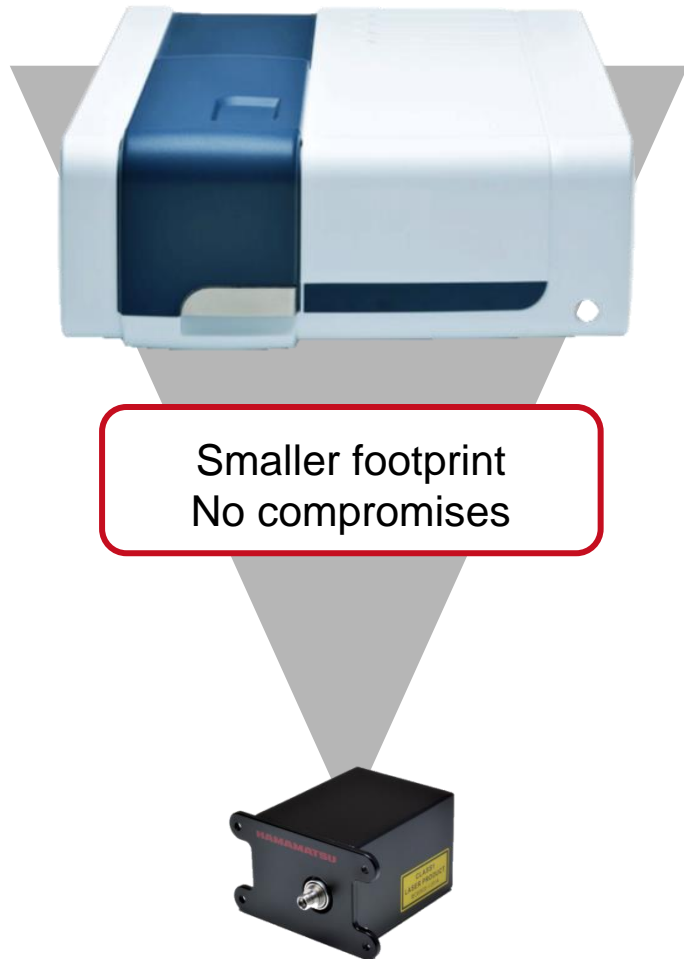
- Moisture/Water
- Lipids
- Carbohydrates
- Protein (Gluten, Lactose)



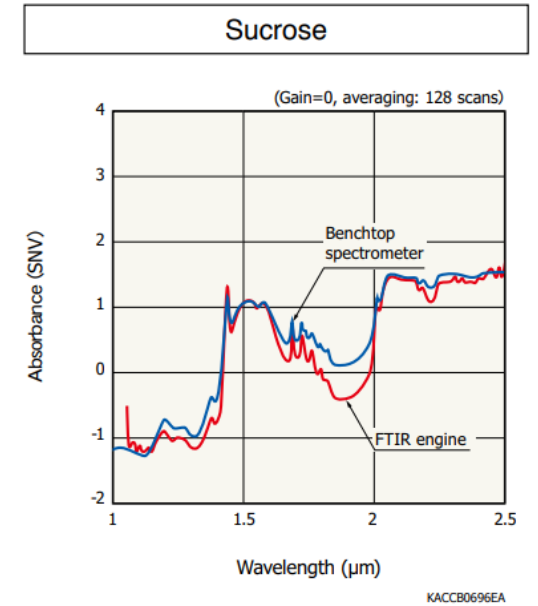
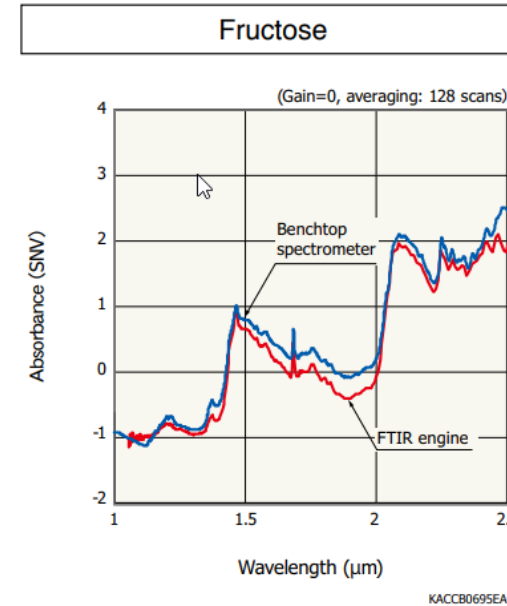
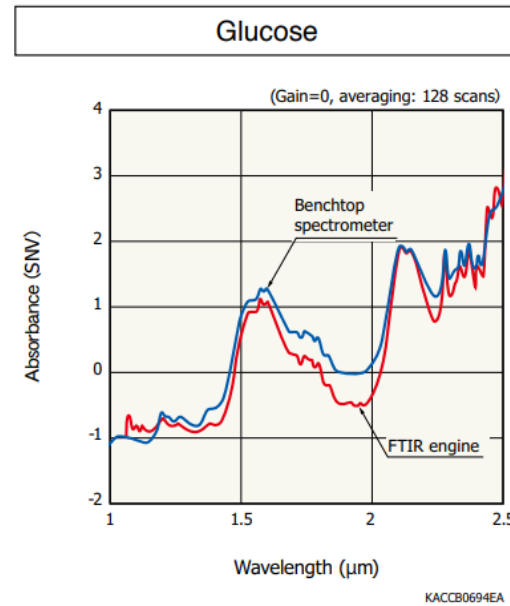
Fraud prevention:

- Olive Oil
- Wine
- Coffee
- Honey

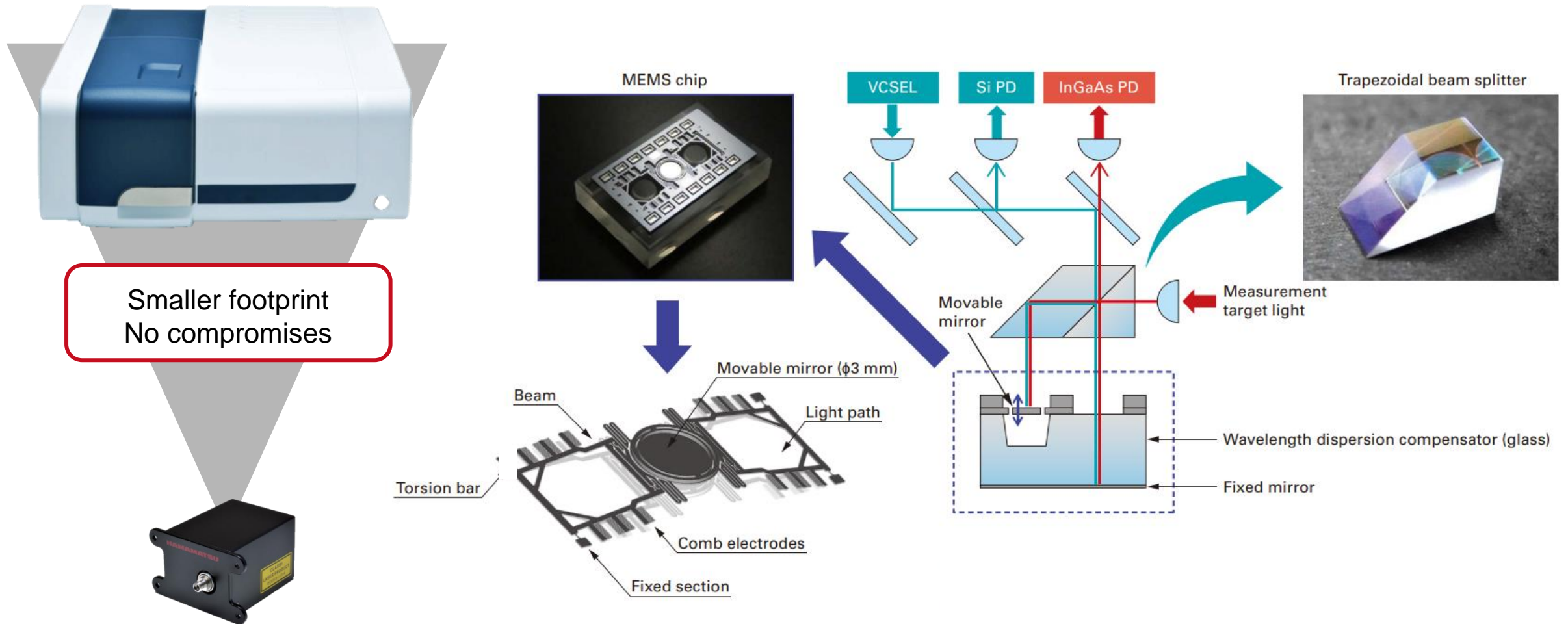
The Miniaturization in FTIR Spectrometers Trend



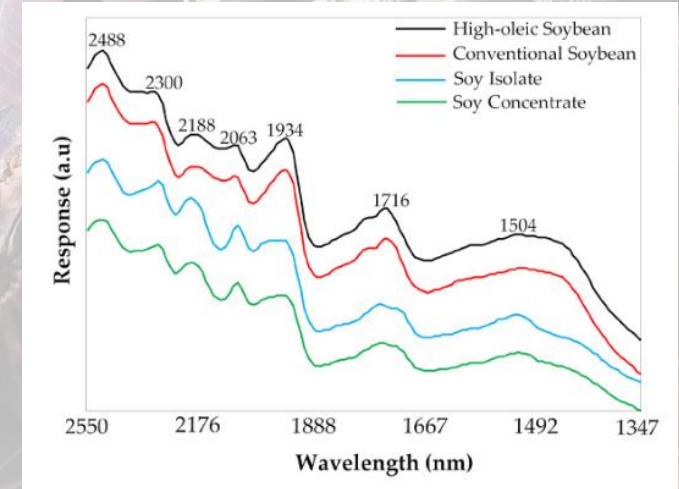
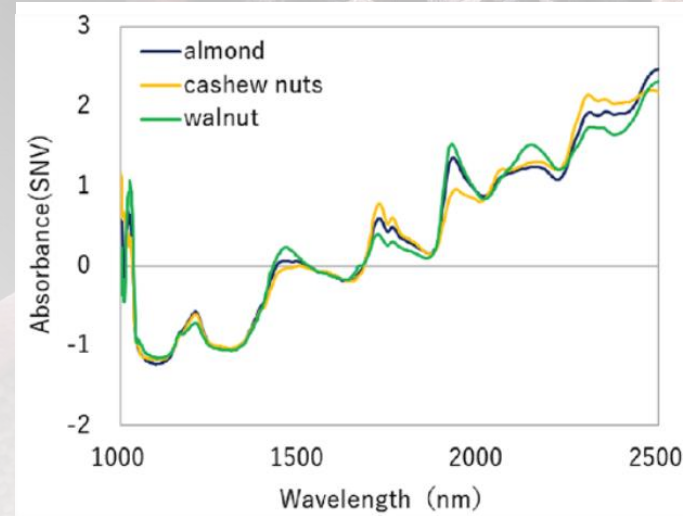
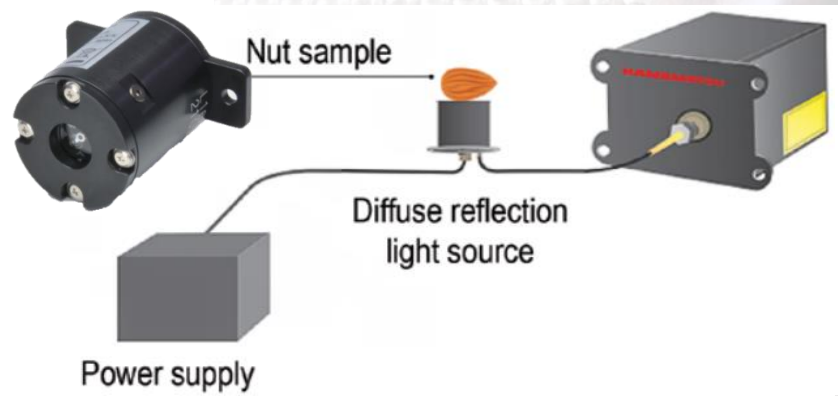
■ Comparison of absorbance spectra of powder sugar samples



The Miniaturization in FTIR Spectrometers Trend



Applications

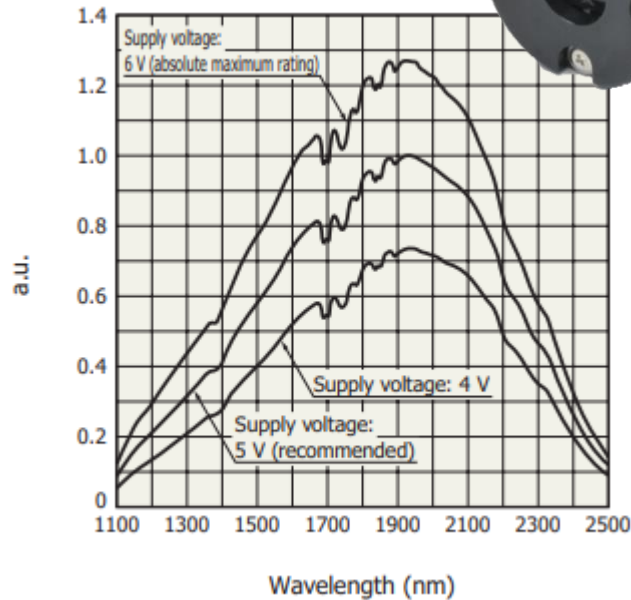


FTIR Engine

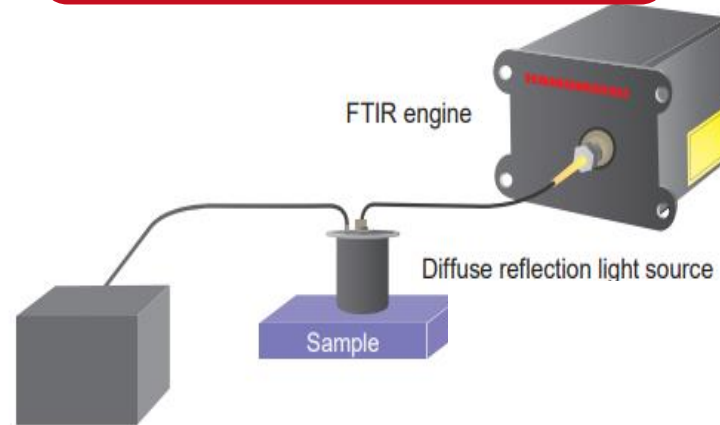
- Compact design
- Extended IR range: 1100- 2500 nm
- High SNR: 10'000
- Resolution up to 5.7 nm
- USB interface
- Fiber coupling

Hamamatsu's L16462-01 improves SNR

NIR emission

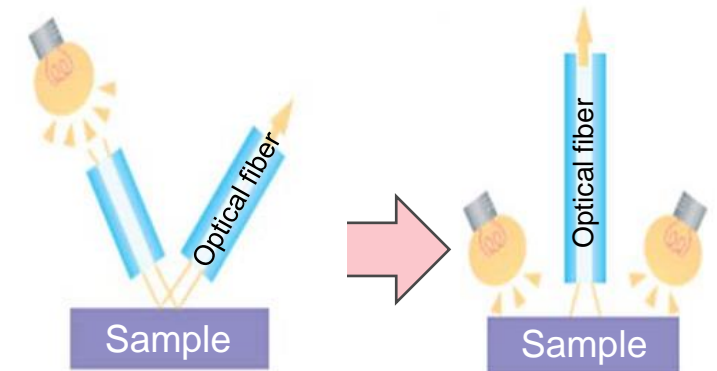


Diffuse reflection measurements

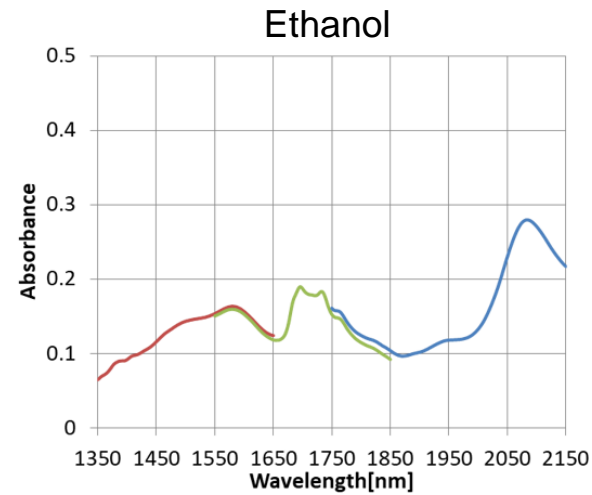
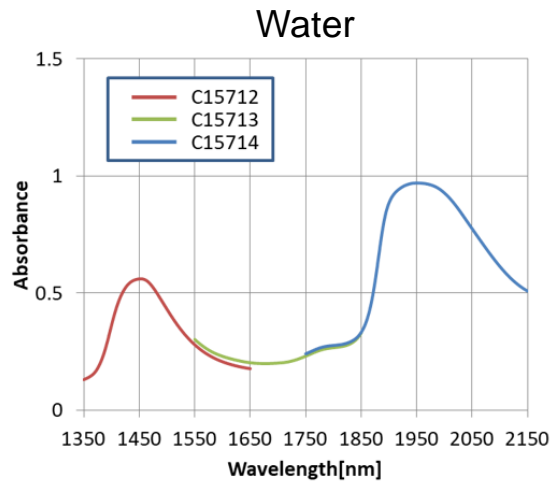


- Integrates 4 halogen lamps
- Output power: 2.5W
- Compact: 28 mm x 35.5 mm
- Long lifetime: 7000h

Improved optical design



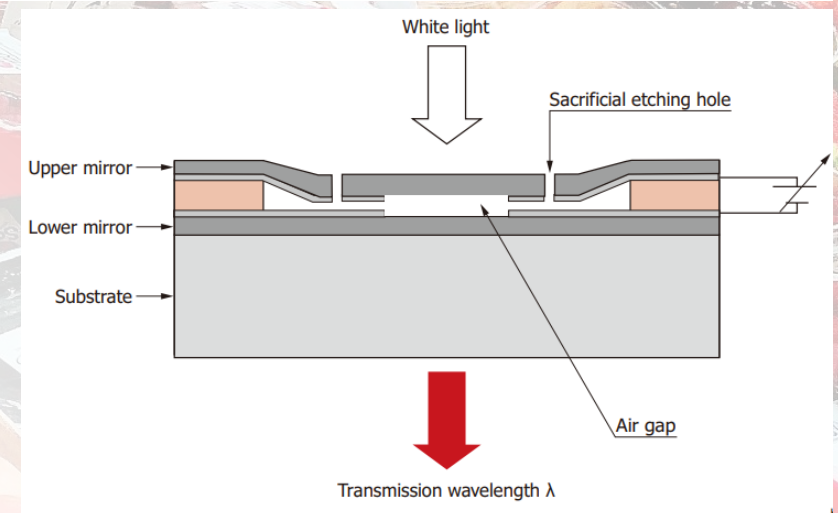
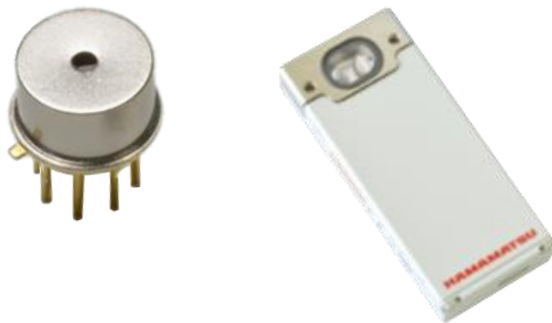
Applications



- **Moisture content measurement**
- **Food content measurement:**
 - Lipids
 - Carbohydrates
 - Proteins
 - Ethanol
- **Produce ripeness**

MEMS Fabry-Perot Interferometer

- Compact and lightweight design (5g)
- Wavelength range: 1.35 – 2.15 μm
- Resolution up to 18 nm
- Low-cost solution
- Hermetic package



Challenges in Water quality analysis

Objectives



Environmental monitoring

Pesticides | Pollutants | Nutrient imbalance



Measurement of drinking water quality

Solutions



Continuous monitoring and early detection of pollution events



Real time measurement in the UV-VIS

- Nitrate or nitrite concentration
- Dissolved Organic Matter
- Total Oxygen content
- Disinfectant in drinking water

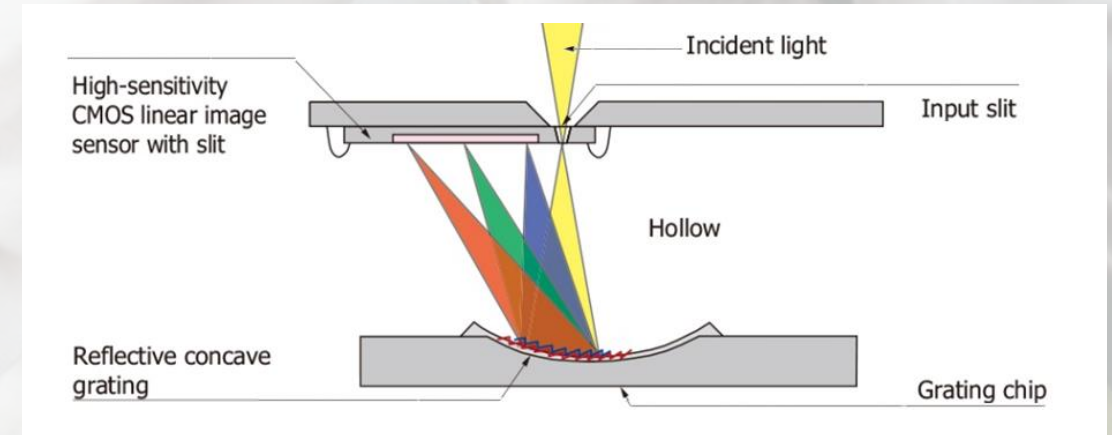
Main requirements

Suitable spectrum (UV), brightness & sensitivity, reliability & lifetime, short warm-up time, low power consumption, compact.

UV sensitive mini-spectrometer



- 190 to 440 nm
- 8 nm resolution
- Compact and lightweight at 5 g
- High UV resistance



UV photodiode with interferometric filter



- 220 nm - Nitrate
- 254 nm - Dissolved organic matter (DOM)
- 10 nm spectral linewidth
- High UV resistance

Xenon Flash lamp modules



- From 2 W to 20 W compact modules
- Pulsed emission with high peak power
- Continuous spectrum from UV to MIR
- UV glass or MgF2

Imaging

Photonics in Food Sorting – SWIR imaging

Applications



Identification of
foreign objects



Non-destructive
testing

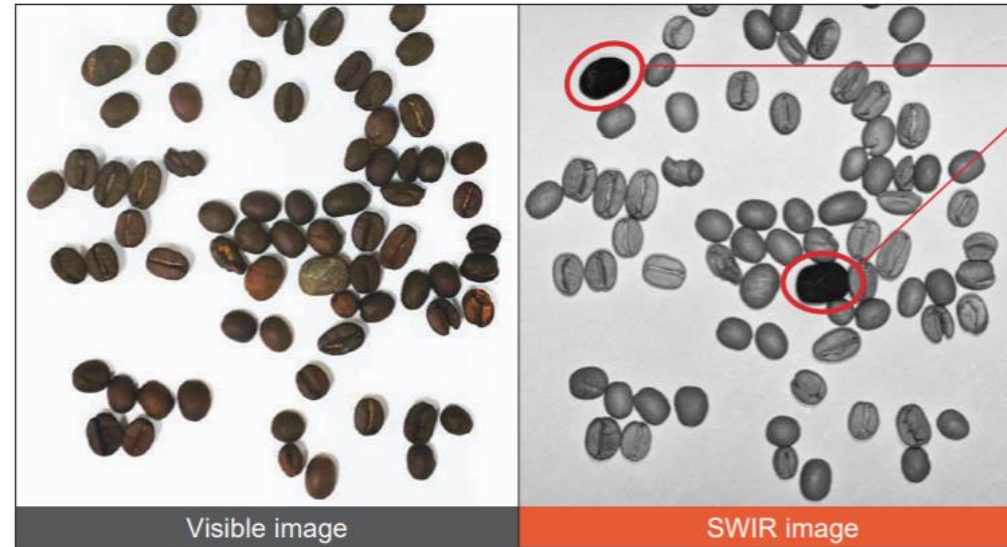


Defect
detection



InGaAs Modules

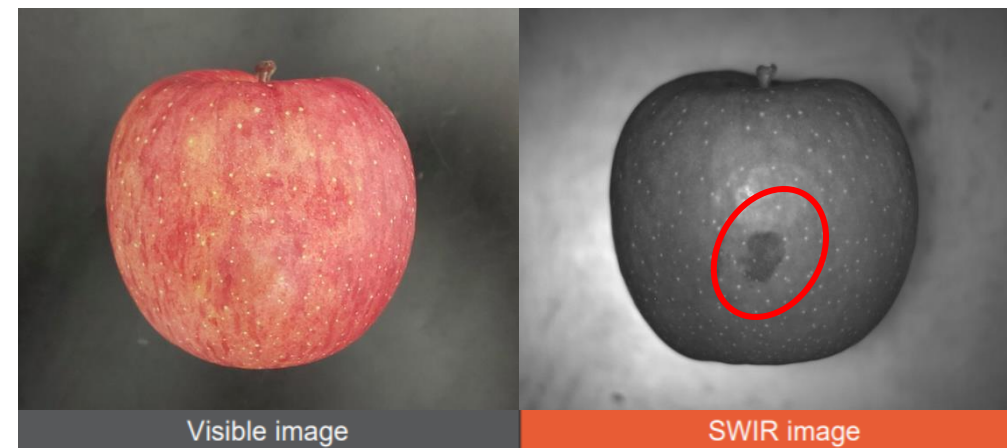
- Driver circuit
- Interface
- Housing
- Lens mount
- Cooling



Stones



Sample: Coffee beans
Contaminant: Stones
Wavelength: 1200 nm
Illumination: Reflection



Detection of damaged
produce by finger
pressure

Photonics in Food Packaging: SWIR imaging

Applications



Liquid level
detection



Package defect
detection



InGaAs Cameras

- High SWIR sensitivity: 950 -1700 nm
- Fast line rate: up to 40 KHz
- Compact design
- Calibration function



Visible image



SWIR image



Sample: Instant noodles
Wavelength: 1200 nm
Illumination: reflection



Visible image



SWIR image



Liquid level detection

Photonics in Food Sorting: Hyperspectral Imaging

Applications



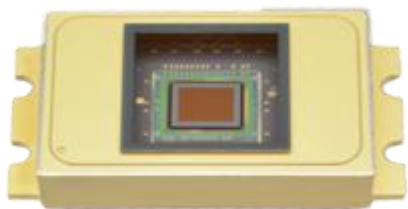
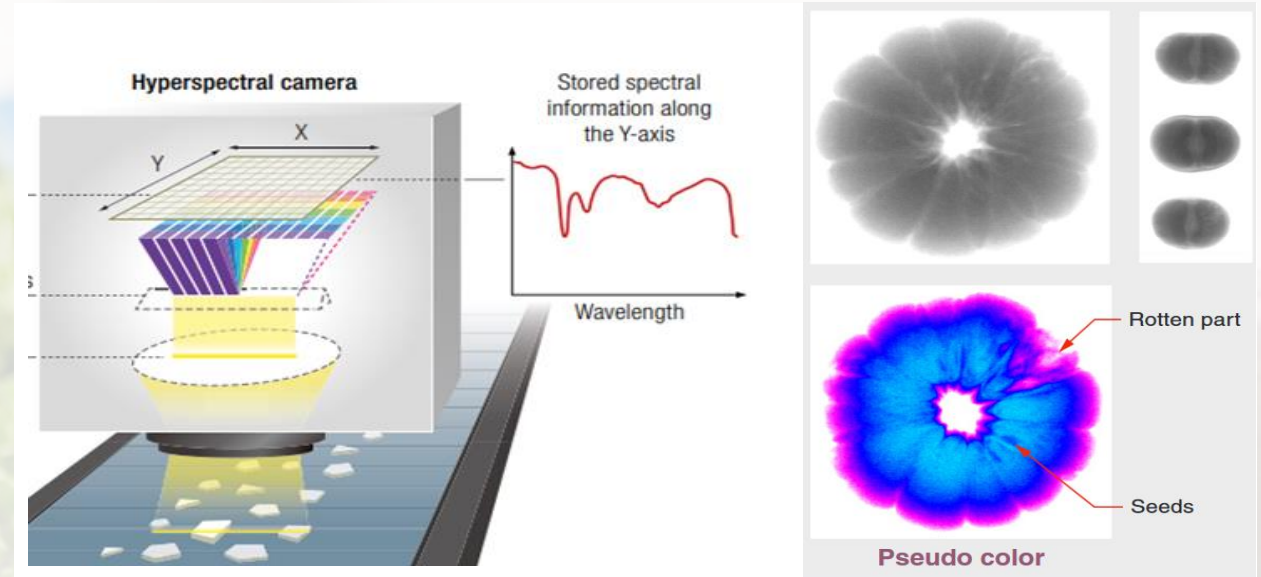
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Food sorting

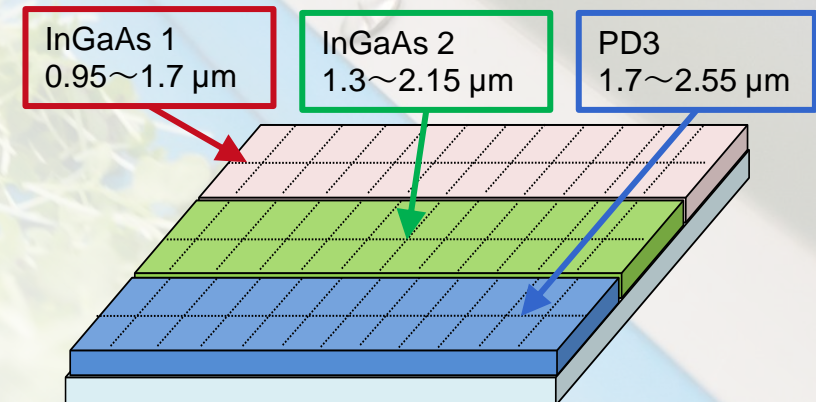


Plastic sorting



InGaAs Sensor

- Line and area sensors
- Wide wavelength range: 950–2600 nm
- Line rate up to 40k lines/s
- Low dark current and readout noise
- Customized InGaAs 2D detector



Applications



Identification of foreign objects



Package defect detection

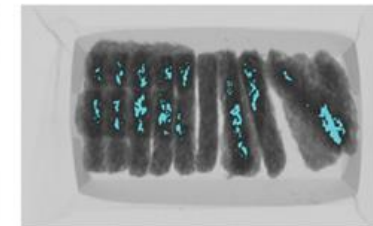
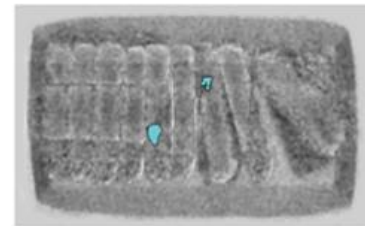


Non-destructive testing



A thin piece of rubber

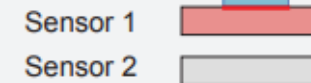
A thin piece of glass



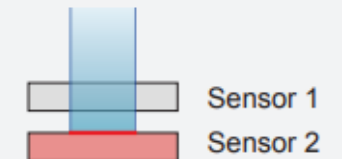
Dual Energy X-ray line scan module

- Single and dual energy sensors
- Detection of low density or thin contaminants
- X-ray sources
- Up to 100 m/min scan speed

Low energy X-rays

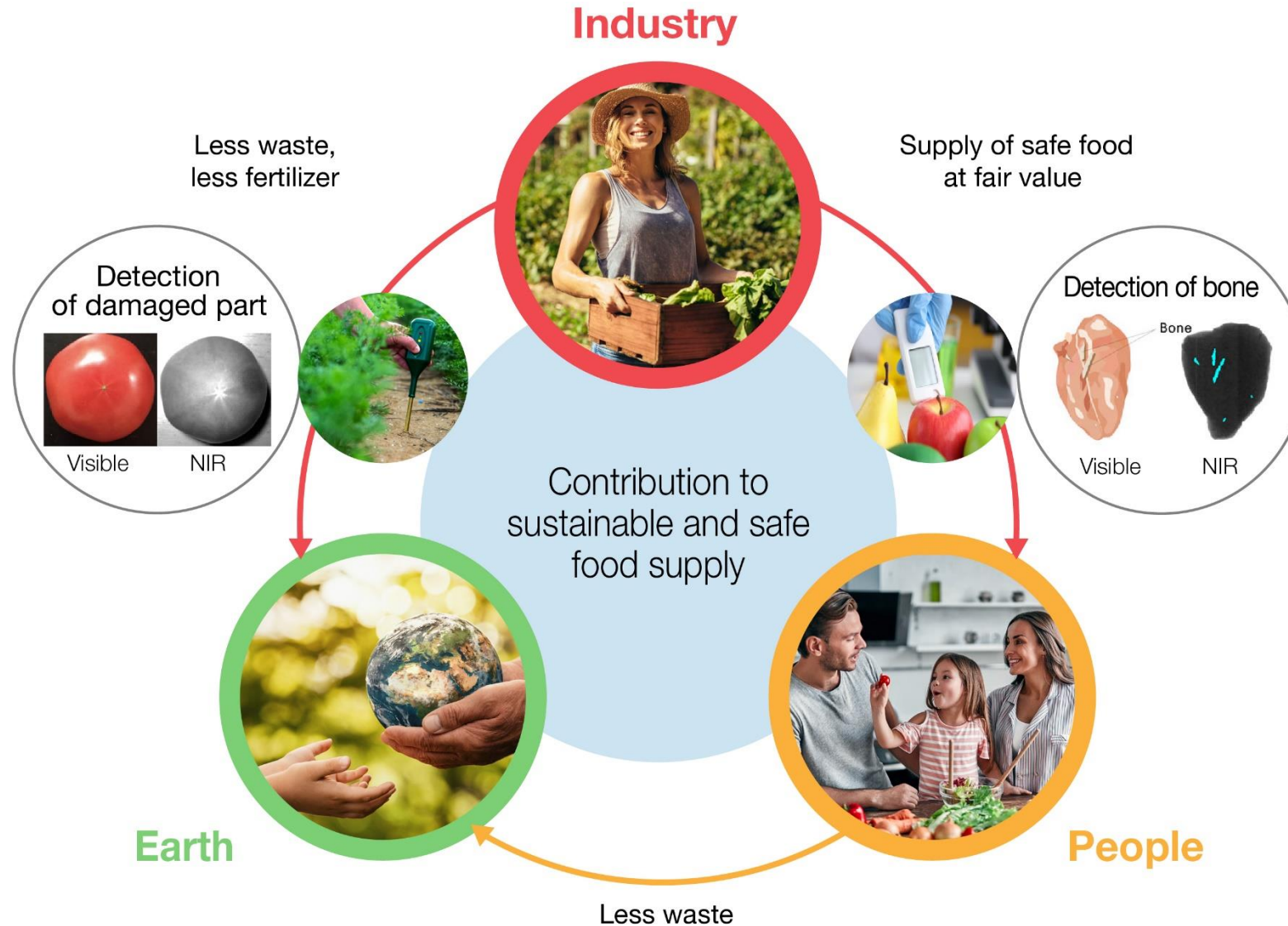


High energy X-rays



*The software can automatically correct the difference in magnification between two images.

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