Lightweight Chemical Sensor for Robotic Aerial Vehicles

A lightweight and costeffective C sensor for mini-RAVs, based on pre-concentration and dispersive IR analysis of vapours, suitable to detect and identify with ppm sensitivity and low false alarm rate a wide range of volatile threats, including low-mass molecules that commonly go undetected by IMS sensors.

Size (case included): $< 25 \times 15 \times 10 \text{ cm}$;

Weight: < 0.5 Kg

< 1 Kg (case included)

Power needs (average): < 7 W

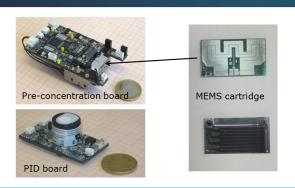
Targets: a wide range of volatile toxic compounds

(NH3, PH3, H2S,...)

Detection range: 1-1000 ppm

Sensing cycle-time: < 3 min

Warm-up time: < 1 min



Vapor phase preconcentrator

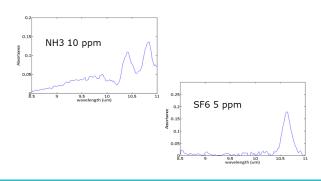


InfraRed analyzer





Lightweight C sensor prototype



Measured IR absorption spectra





