

Airborne ultrasound spectrogram of a laser welding process



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Non-contact ultrasound sensing up to 1 MHz

The optical microphone enables true non-contact surveillance of industrial processes and machines. It does not require solid or liquid coupling, nor does it rely on direct optical access to vibrating surfaces.

Clear signals, no background

High frequency acoustic emissions typically travel only a few tens of centimeters in air. Thus, the optical microphone listens directly to processes and machines, while background noise from the environment is strongly suppressed.

Intelligent in-line monitoring

Acoustic signals feature a slim data stream. This allows the implementation of powerful real-time analysis and machine learning methods. 3D-pattern recognition algorithms can automatically separate "good" from "bad" acoustic signatures, enabling 100% process quality control at every stage in the production line.

Applications

- Acoustic process monitoring of laser welding, marking and structuring
- Wear-monitoring of machining tools
- Gas leak detection
- Contact-free crack detection
- End of line quality inspection using ultrasound

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