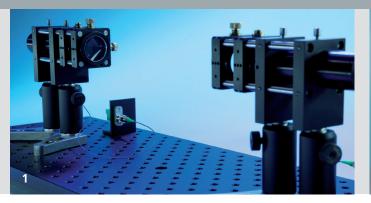


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# FIBER-COUPLED TERAHERTZ SYSTEM

1 FFiber-coupled terahertz modules: transmitter and receiver unit

2 Supply unit

The terahertz frequency range opens up new possibilities for non-destructive and contact-free testing of non-metallic materials. Due to its comparatively low energy, terahertz (THz) radiation – unlike, for example, UV radiation or X-rays – causes no changes in the chemical structure of the materials to be tested. Terahertz radiation is non-ionizing and thus harmless to humans. No special radiation protection is necessary.

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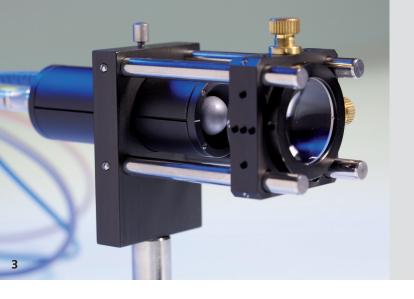
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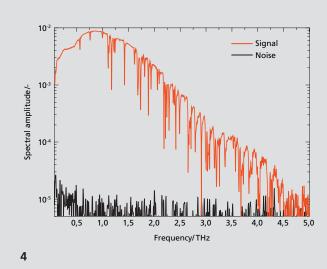
#### The benefits

- Compact system for mobile application
- Robust and long-term stable construction
- Quick and simple switching between transmission and reflection configuration
- Simple integration into existing measuring systems via flexible fiber and cable connection
- Length of connecting cables freely selectable up to 15 m
- No special laser protection measures necessary due to complete fiber-coupling
- Operator-friendly user interface of the control software

#### Our offer

- Comprehensive consultation
- Test measurements on existing systems
- Individual design of measurement modules and peripherals according to customer preferences
- Equipment rental
- Translational and rotational axes for surface scanning of samples including software integration optionally available





### 3 Terahertz antenna module

## **4** Spectrum of the fiber-coupled terahertz-system at:

- · Measuring time: 200 ms
- Measuring rate: 5 measurements per second
- · Scan range: 100 ps
- Configuration: transmission measurement with two parabolic mirrors

### **System specifications**

■ Pump wavelength: 1550 nm

■ Repetition rate: 80 MHz

- Connecting cable length: 5 m (up to 15 m optional)
- Dynamic range: >60 dB at maximum
- Online operation: >40 measurements per second
- High-resolution measurements (sub 5 GHz frequency resolution)
- Transmission and reflection measurements

### Measuring module (fig. 2 + 4):

- Measuring in reflection
- Dimensions: W75 x H75 x D220 mm
- Weight: approx. 1.3 kg

### Supply unit:

- 19" rack
- Dimensions: W 420 x H 500 x D 265 mm
- Weight: approx. 33 kg
- Uninterruptible power supply (optional)

### Transmission and reflection unit (fig. 3):

Dimensions: Ø25 x L70 mmWeight: approx. 200 g

### **Applications**

**Contact-free inspection:** Layer thickness measurement, foreign particles detection, moisture measurement, inspection of hidden structures, delamination, adhesive joints, detection of inhomogeneities, inspection of packed and unpacked items.

**Non-destructive materials characterization:** Degree of purity, analysis of mixtures, conformation, polymorphism, isomers, amorphous/crystalline distinction, determination of charge-carrier mobility and concentration in semiconductors.

### **Materials selection**

Transparent materials, which permit looking inside or through the material, include ceramics, polymers, composite materials such as GFRP, chemicals, paints and varnishes, adhesives, semiconductors, textiles, and paper.

Reflective materials, which only allow surface or applied-coatings inspection, are metals and electrically conductive materials such as CFRP.

**Crystalline substances** can be detected specifically.

**Polar liquids,** such as water, do absorb strongly, non-polar liquids like gasoline only absorb slightly.