



# Visible Emission Management Alternative Method 082 Certification Course Using The Digital Opacity Compliance System Second Generation (DOCS II):

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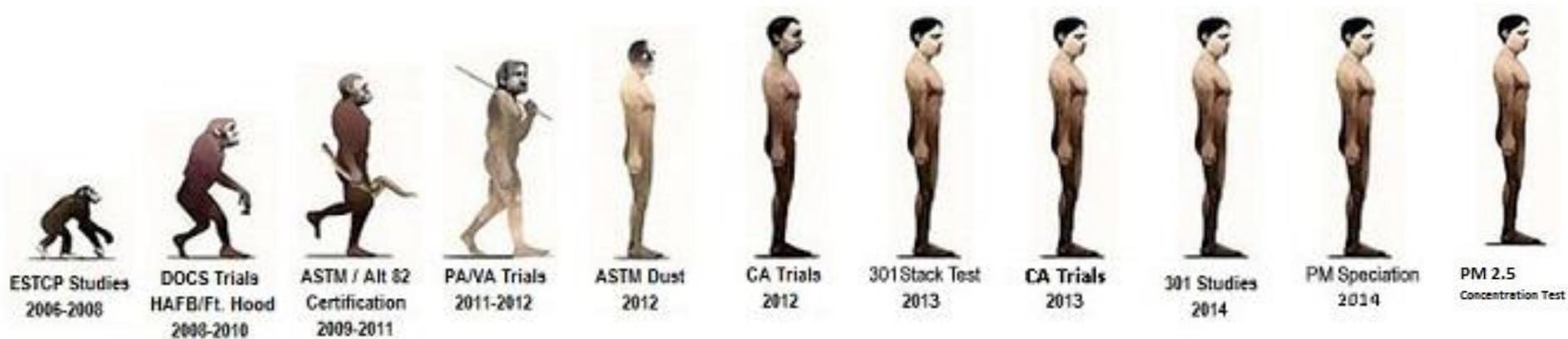
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# Evolution of DOCS II (2006-2016)

## Evolution of DOCSII...The Road to SaaS



DOCS

DOCS II

DOCS II Web

DOCS II SaaS

DOCS III SaaS



# Evolution of DOCS II

- 2000 to 2005 – Several research projects contracted by DOD & Universities
  - EPA Technology Transfer Network, Emission Technology Center Publishes PRE-008 - Determination of Visible Emissions Opacity from Stationary Sources Using Computer-based Photographic Analysis Systems
- 2005 to 2009 – Research continued by DOD
  - 2007 - ASTM Workgroup formed due to EPA consensus standard direction
  - 2009 - ASTM D7520-09 approved and published
- 2012 February – EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards published US EPA Alternate Method 082 (ALT 082) in the Federal Register as a **Broadly Applicable Standard**, citing ALT 082 certified Digital Camera Opacity Techniques (DCOTs) can be used “in lieu” of Method 9, for all subparts of 40 CFR 60, 61 and 63
  - Federal Permit changes not required
  - Match ASTM D7520
  - Stationary, Mobile, Fugitive

***US EPA ALT 082 Broadly Applicable Standard***



# Evolution of DOCS II Continued

- 2012 October – ASTM D7520-13 Update Approved by ASTM
  - Allows use of any Digital Image Device: High Definition Digital Recorders (Digital Video), (Cell Phones), all Sony CCD based Cameras (98% of Digital Cameras)
  - Allows certification of optical and digital zoom
- 2012 to Present – Fugitive Dust Applicability
  - Original research performed June 05' - June 11'
  - Full NIST Long Path Trans. certification completed January 2012
  - ASTM Research Report submitted to committee July 2012
  - Applicable to fugitives per 40 CFR 60 Subpart 000 October 2012
- 2013 – 301 Testing began to eliminate 7' ASTM stack exit limit
  - EPA desired “comparison with current compliance method”
  - Results ALT 082 is the same as Method 9 observers on stack exits greater than 7'.
- 2015- EPA opinion “Any Creditable Evidence” rule of Clean Air Act, makes applicable to all sources types “a picture says a thousand words”.
- 2015- FerroAlloy NESAP defines DCOT as BACT, and mandates for Process Fugitive Emis.
- 2016 – ASTM D7520-16 Approved no limits on Applicability. Stationary, Mobile, Fugitive
- 2017 – FerroAlloy NESHAP final reconsideration ruling DCOT is BACT for Opacity.

***DOCS II is the only ASTM D7520-16 & ALT 082 certified DCOT***

# DOCS II Global Acceptance

## The Nations of the World



1994 MAGELLAN GeographicSM Santa Barbara, CA (800) 929-4MAP

Robinson Projection

**World Bank Requires, <20% Opacity Guarantee for Payment  
ASTM D7520-16, used for World Bank Opacity Measurement**



Leading Organizations in Conservation, Compliance, Sustainability, Training  
 Regulatory Policy and Enforcement, Local and International, all Agree  
**Digital Image Based Monitoring is the Way to GO**

FAMILIES FOR CLEAN AIR



Industrial Technology  
 Institute  
 Sri Lanka

California Environmental Protection Agency  
**Air Resources Board**



**Digital Image Based Analysis, The "Best" Solution** <sup>5</sup>





# DOCS II Compared to Humans

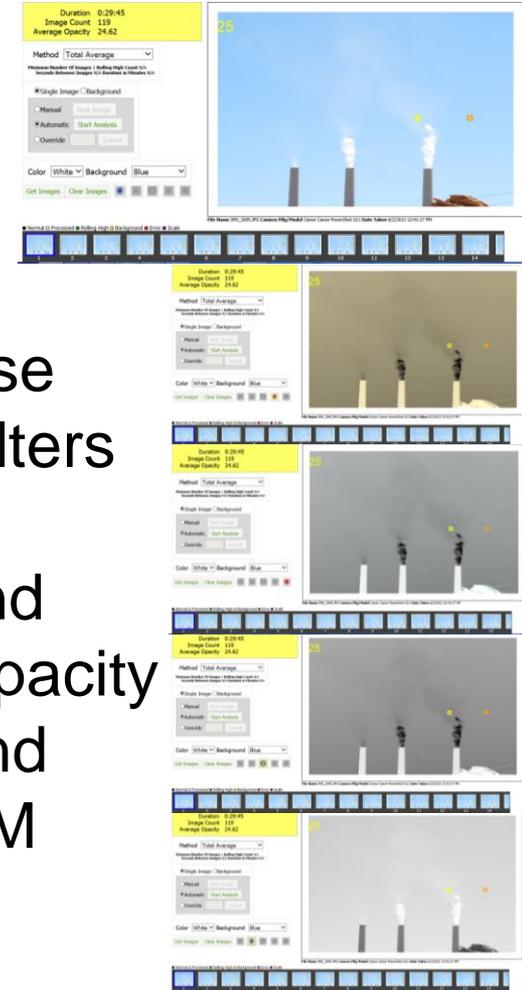
- Less variation than Method 9 against NIST traceable transmissometer
  - Average deviation count for students at CARB certification is 23
  - Typical deviation count for DOCS II on same certification run is 15
  - Over 95% of DOCS II readings were zero or 1 deviation count
- Average deviation under ideal conditions (high contrast)
  - DOCS II  $\pm 5\%$
  - Method 9  $\pm 10\%$
- Average deviation under difficult conditions (low contrast)
  - DOCS II  $\pm 10\%$
  - Method 9  $\pm 15\%$
- Flexible applicability
  - Clouds, Rain, Snow, Trees, & Buildings
  - Day or Night
  - Close & Far (Limited only by camera zoom)

***Simple, Fast, Reliable, Repeatable***

# How DOCS II Works

- An image or images of the emission source are captured by a certified Camera Operator using a certified camera
- The images are uploaded to the “Cloud” where they are acquired by a Certified Analyst who identifies the Regions of Interest (marked according to explicit rules and training)
- DOCS II then applies algorithms to the Regions of Interest and calculates the opacity of each image and the average, based on the selected rule, e.g. 6 min. avg., 3 min. avg.
- DOCS II generates a draft VEE report
- Source owner accepts and/or rejects the draft VEE report
- DOCS II generates final VEE report and archive record

Use  
Filters  
to  
find  
Opacity  
and  
PM



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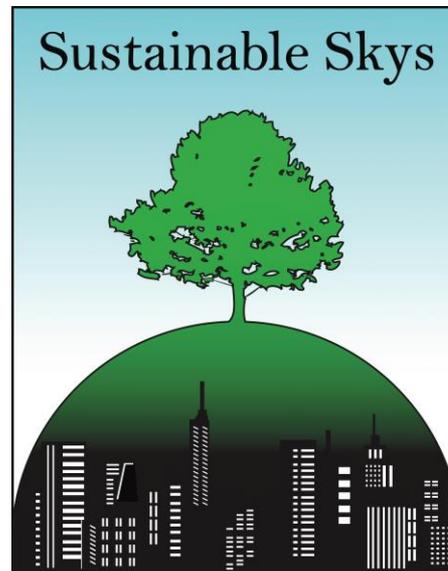


# Products Available

## Regulatory Compliance, Community, Conservation

- Digital Opacity Compliance System second generation (DOCS II) – Digital Camera Opacity Technique, Software as a Service
- Spot the Smoke – Public Application
- Multi Point Visible Emission Survey Method 22
- Virtual Watch: Stacks, Flares, Vents, Continuous Near Real time Opacity Monitoring and PM Concentration Estimates

GAS and Oil MACT ooooo:  
If you use a combustion control device, you must also maintain a continuous pilot flame at all times of operation and conduct monthly visible emissions tests. You must conduct the visible emissions test for 15 minutes using EPA Method 22. Devices must be operated with no visible emissions, except for periods not to exceed 1 minute during any 15-minute period. [ § 60.5415a(b)(2)].



**Community Air Protection Program: Technical Summits - February 2018**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in technical summits on the implementation of the Community Air Protection Program (Program).



# Products Available

## Regulatory Compliance, Community Conservation



Observation Analysis

Software As a Service

Observation Analysis



MPG/JPG  
VEE Process



MPG/JPG  
VEE Manage

Obs.  
Event  
Trans  
for  
Analysis



Onsite Observation Switch  
Archive Storage

### FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION

#### OUTDOOR LOCATION

COMPANY: SENSORY  
LOCATION: STARR PASS CONVENTION  
COMPANY REP: SDD  
SKY CONDITION: CLEAR  
TEMPERATURE: 63  
REL HUMIDITY: 21  
INDUSTRY: TOURISM

OBSERVER: LINDA RAWSON  
AFFILIATION: SENSORY  
DATE: 3/27/2018  
PRECIPITATION:  
WIND SPEED/DIR: 5 W  
WET BULB TEMP: 22  
PROCESS: N/A



LONGITUDE: 111.02518

#### EVENT TIME LIMIT 3

SOURCE ID	SECONDS	IMAGE
AC1	65	
AC2	32	
AC3	0	



Electronic Complaints

Visible Emission Observation Form	Image	Severity	Comments	Camera and Weather Information
		1	Observed smoke emission from facility.	Camera: HighPoint Camera Location: Facility 011 Weather: 011 Wind Speed: 5 Wind Direction: W Temperature: 63 Relative Humidity: 21 Wet Bulb Temp: 22
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Multi Point  
Method 22 Surveys

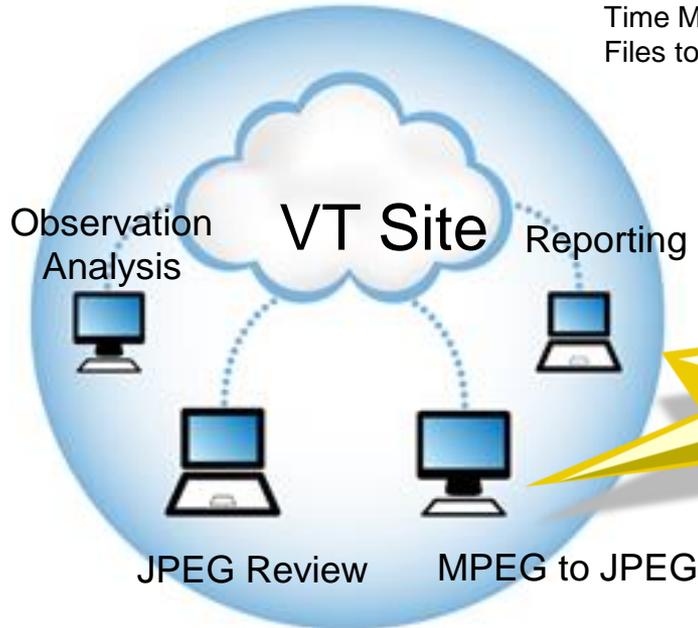
Electronic VEE Reports



# Flare Monitoring System with Opacity Event Reporting

Convert to JPEG every 15 seconds  
During marked event times  
and display for observation cut down

Time Marked  
Files to Cloud

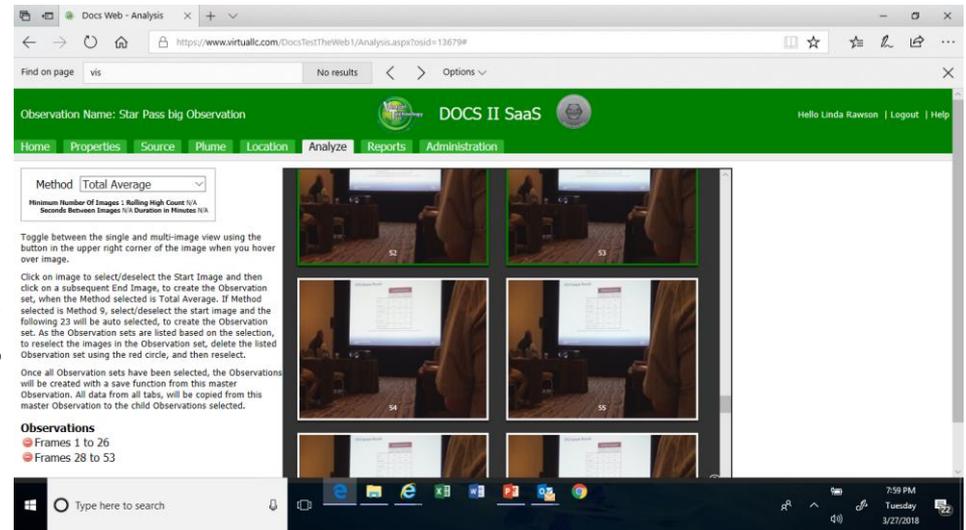


## Flare Site

Local Mounted  
Intrinsic all weather  
Internet Protocol Cam



Local copy of MPG4 "video files"  
mirrored high capacity drives, Archived  
monthly Time marked by "Control  
Operators log" for events.



Remote copy of MPEG "video files"  
Control Operators log, time marked for events.  
Cuts MPEG into JPG at 15 second increments  
Extracts JPG sets (Observations)  
Runs screening on Observations  
Marks observations JPG w opacity.  
Generates Monthly and Semi Annual report.



# Gas & Oil OOOOa Fugitive Emission Survey Opacity Event Reporting



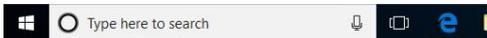
## FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION

### OUTDOOR LOCATION

COMPANY: SENSORY      OBSERVER: LINDA RAWSON  
 LOCATION: STARR PASS CONVENTION      AFFILIATION SENSORY  
 COMPANY REP: SDD      DATE: 3/27/2018  
 SKY CONDITION: CLEAR      PRECIPITATION:  
 TEMPERATURE: 63      WIND SPEED/DIR: 5 W  
 REL HUMIDITY: 21      WET BULB TEMP: 22  
 INDUSTRY: TOURISUM      PROCESS: N/A



LONGITUDE: 111.02.51.970 W  
 LATITUDE: 32.12.57.458 N



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### EVENT TIME LIMIT 3

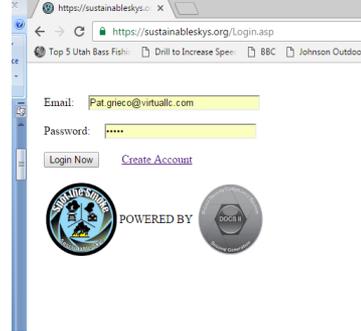
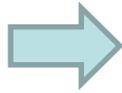
SOURCE ID	SECONDS	IMAGE
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AC3	0	

- User drags the emission points from facility onto map.
- Emission Points all start Blue
- User touches each Emission point as they see emissions
- Emission points toggle color Green on Red off
- Clock displays survey time and remaining time
- End of Survey sum totals all on/off events by source and compares to limit
- Generates Survey report listing emission units, visible emission time
- User prompted to record picture of exceeding emission units.

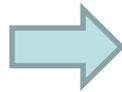


# Coalition For Clean Air Citizen Science

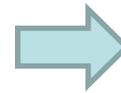
Navigate to SustainableSkys.Org  
 Log In or Create an Account  
 Submit to create a Draft Report  
 Submit Draft for Opacity Analysis  
 Receive Final Report



Take or Attach an Existing Picture



Touch the Screen to Indicate Where you are looking



## 2-5 Billion Dollars To Build Community Air Monitoring Infrastructure



# Spot the Smoke



## CA AB 617 Community Air Protection Program

- Spot the Smoke Released in March 2014 (7 Step)
  - Buggy and did not operate well on iPhone (Safari) platform
  - Revision 2, in June 2015 still has browser compatibility (5 Step)
    - works plug and play 70% of the time.
  - Revision 4, Released January 2017, (3 Step)
- Stationary Sources
  - Requiring Permits, require other compliance monitoring
  - Category people pay to expedite
- Mobile Sources
  - Smaller mobile sources, cars, trucks
  - Requiring frequent licensing
  - Larger mobile sources, planes, trains, ships
  - Reduced licensing frequency
- Fugitive Area Sources
  - Larger sources farms and agriculture
  - Fugitive emissions, largest category of undocumented air pollution
  - Includes Wood Smoke also category people pay to expedite
- Natural Area Sources (spikes during event)
  - Great Dust Storm and Forest Fire Pictures
  - Not predictable



# Gas Turbine Stack Opacity and PM Sources

## Common Sources of Liquid Fuel GT Opacity:

- Acid mist:  $H_2SO_4$ , etc..
  - < 5 ppm  $H_2SO_4$  for 20% opacity
- $SO_3$  (Blue plume)
  - ~ 10 ppm  $SO_3$
- $NO_2$  (Yellow plume)
  - ~15 ppm  $NO_2$
- Solid PMs
  - Carbon soot
  - Ash
- Other vapors
- UHCs reactions with  $NO_x$  &  $SO_x$ (?)
  - Greatly increase  $NO_2$
  - Maybe  $SO_3$
- Mitigations:
  - Stack temperature ( $SO_x$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ )
  - Fuel composition
  - Oxidation catalyst
  - Carbon soot catalyst
  - ESP, Electrostatic Precipitator
  - FGD, Flue Gas Desulfurization
- Measurement:
  - Digital Opacity Meter, EPA 082
  - Human, EPA 9

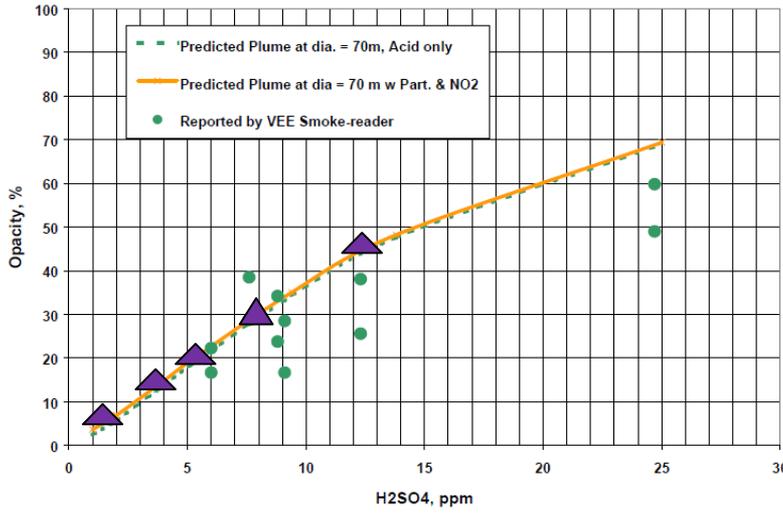


Figure 7.10. Comparison of predicted plume opacities versus  $H_2SO_4$  concentration with those measured by a certified "smoke reader" for a 1300 MW unit with a pollution control system consisting of an SCR followed by a cold-side ESP and an  $SO_2$  scrubber.

## # Label is % Opacity

**Digital image analysis regions**

- Plume analysis region
- Background analysis region

**Gil Kraemer**

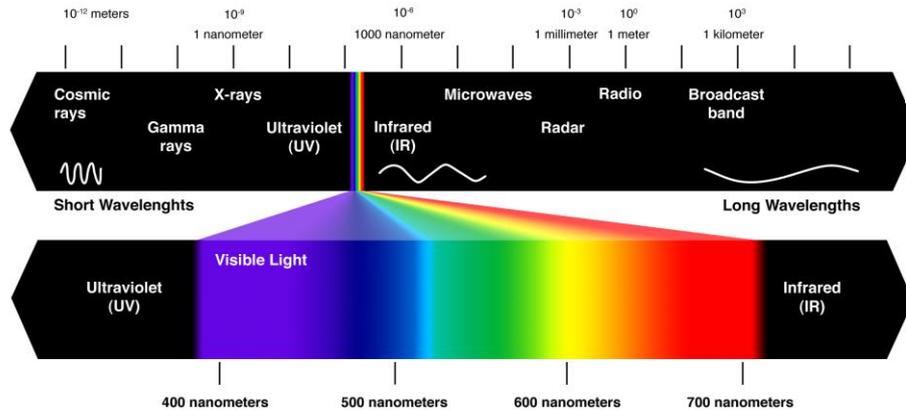
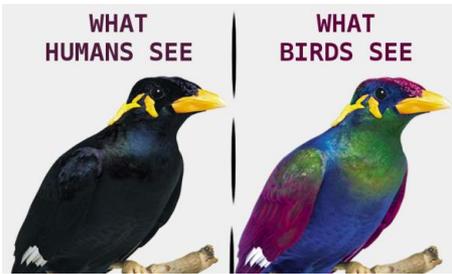
# Future Now: PM Speciation

- Measuring PM Concentration via Light Scatter & Energy Emittance

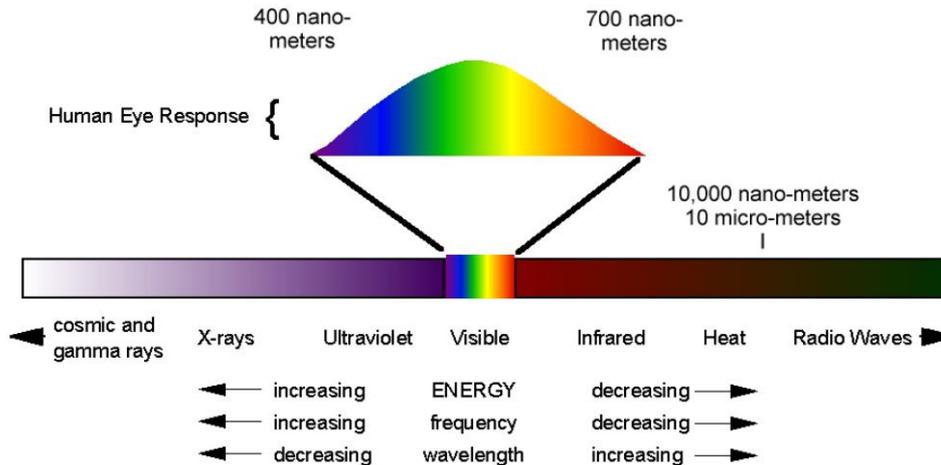


# Light Wavelength

Sony CCD Based Cameras “see” an wider spectrum than does the human eye, like birds “see” more UV

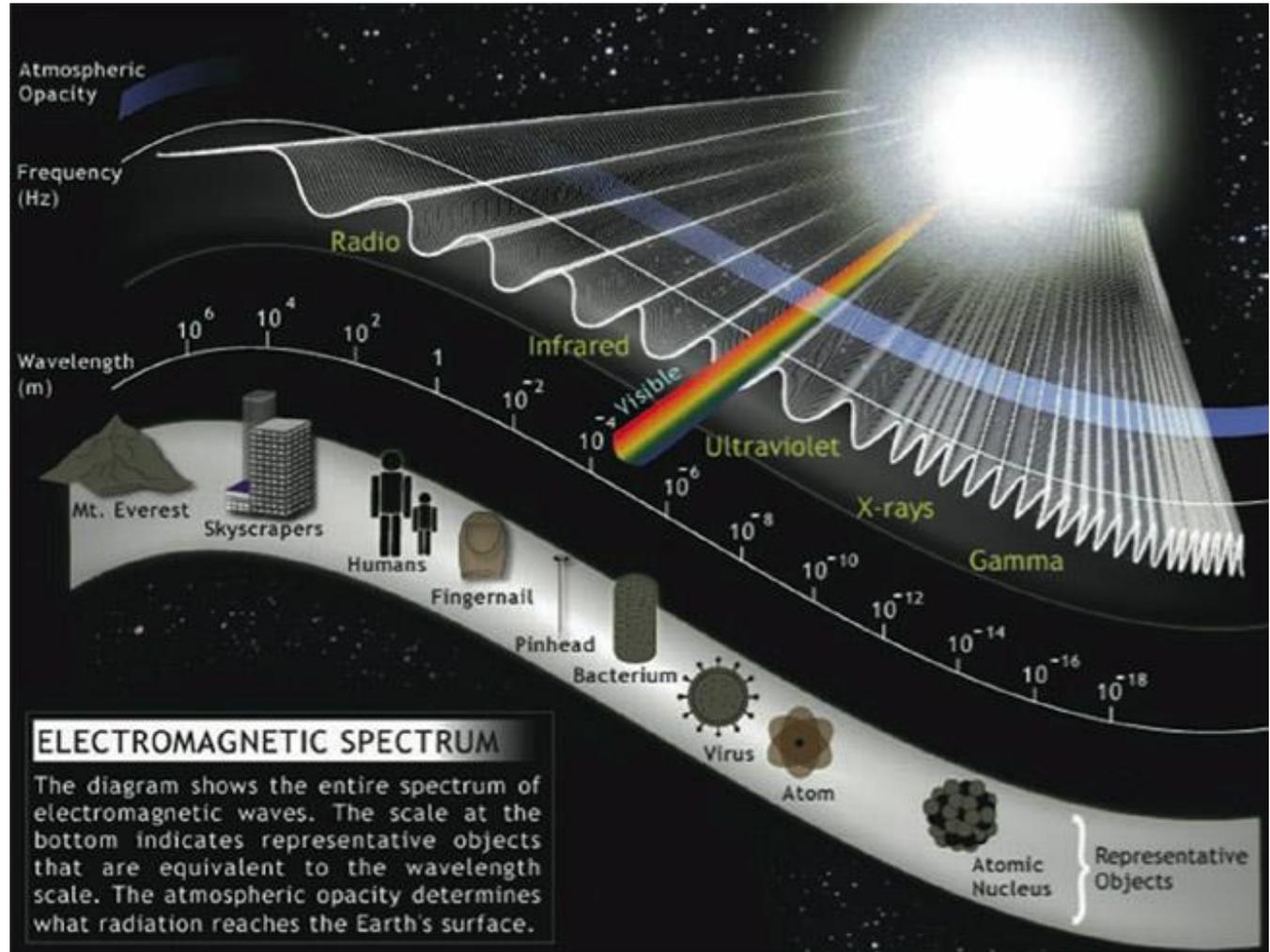
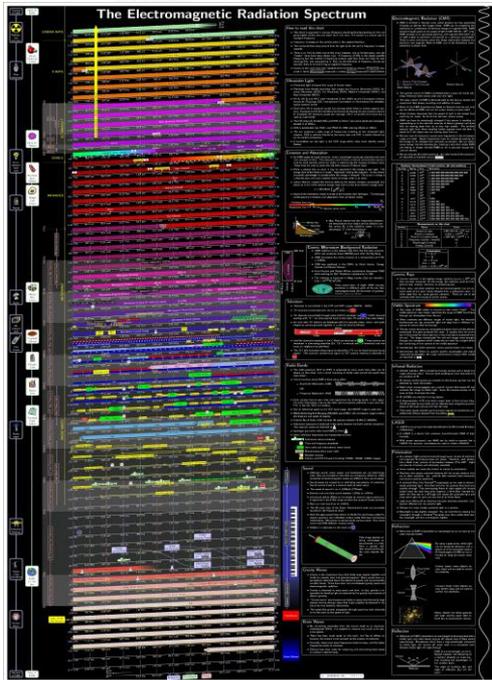
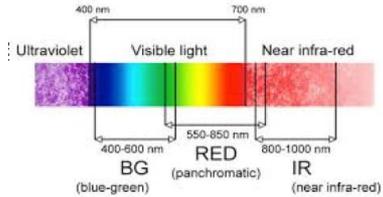


Sony CCD Based Cameras “see” from the non-visible UV to the non-visible IR spectrum and 1080P is dense enough to measure scatter in all directions.



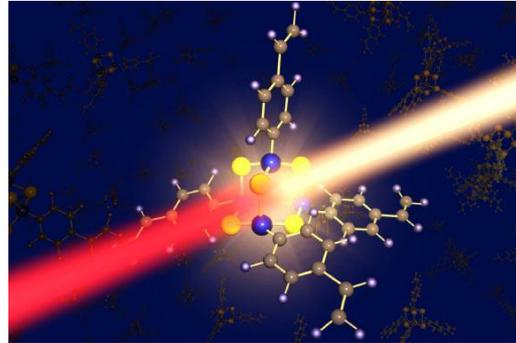
Foundational Physics Principles Universally apply to plumes, e.g. as particle size decreases energy emittance and frequency increase .

# All Consumer Cameras Record UV, VL, IR, Spectrums

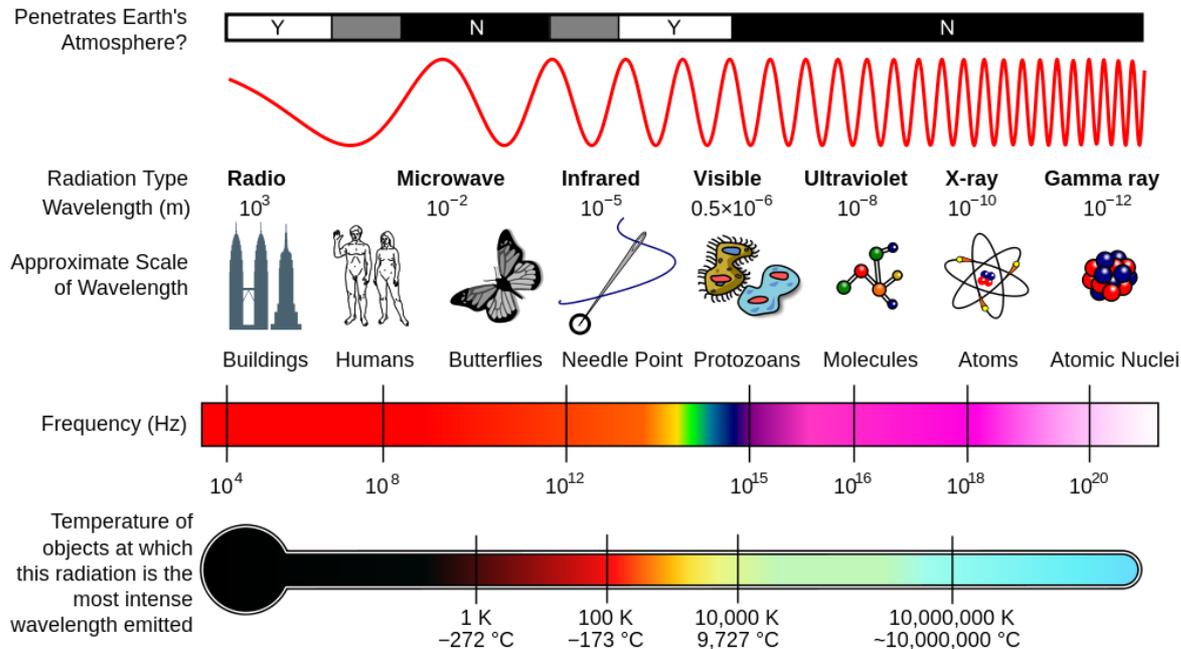


Opacity, blended with UV/VL/IR light generates expected energy profile

# Digital Images Contain The Building Blocks



Light Scatter is a well known Measurement Principle, As Particle size = Wave length = known Scatter (LiDAR)



Temperature change measurement is the baseline for all FTIR based Optical Gas Imaging

***Each Pixel holds the values to measure scatter, temp change***

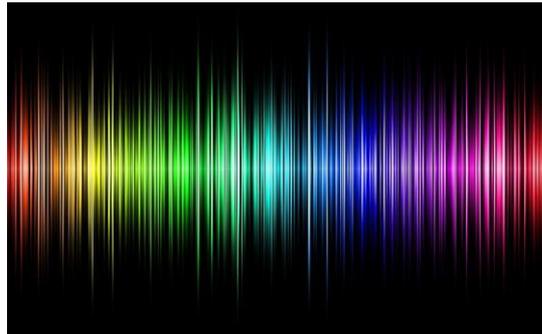


# Patent Pending, Magic Software

Cameras the human operates



Document Light Scatter the human can not see and



Energy/Intensity Level the human can not feel

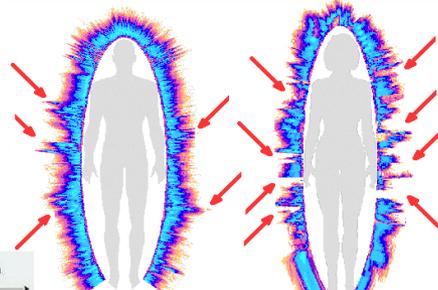


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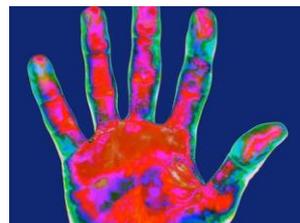
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VISIBLE EMISSION OBSERVATION FORM		Event	Time	Location	Camera	Weather	Operator
1	Camera: Wavelength: 640nm, Resolution: 640x480	10/10/2010	10:00:00	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000
2	Camera: Wavelength: 640nm, Resolution: 640x480	10/10/2010	10:00:00	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000
3	Camera: Wavelength: 640nm, Resolution: 640x480	10/10/2010	10:00:00	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000
4	Camera: Wavelength: 640nm, Resolution: 640x480	10/10/2010	10:00:00	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000
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6	Camera: Wavelength: 640nm, Resolution: 640x480	10/10/2010	10:00:00	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000	1000000000
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Temperature delta's the human can not feel



In Selected ROI's

- 30 % Opacity
- PM < 3m @ 20%
- PM 3-7m @ 35%
- PM > 7m @ 45%



# Automated Visible Emissions Monitoring and Electronic Reporting of Visible Emission Surveys (Method 22) Opacity Observations (Method 9) Stack/Flare Watch (custom)

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