

Workshop AFT - misura dei nitrati per acque potabili

Teorico: Misura in continuo “optical measurement principles”



Overview

Morning

- Definitions of important terms optical measurement
- Characteristics of the absorption of light (visible and invisible)
- Characteristics of nitrate and organic compounds

Afternoon

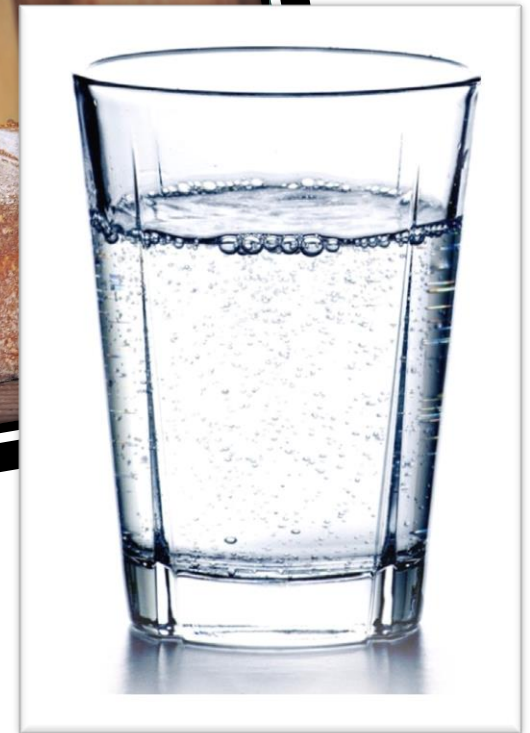
- Photometric construction: CAS51D Viomax
 - Nitrate sensor
 - SAC sensor
- Experiment: Turbidity and Absorption
- Measurement loop in drinking water
- Discussion

Definition of important terms optical measurement

- Dispersion and dissolved substances
- Absorption, color, intensity, scattering, turbidity
- Lambert Beer law



What do you see...? → Flipchart



Dispersion and dissolved substances

Dispersion – heterogeneous fluid → turbidity

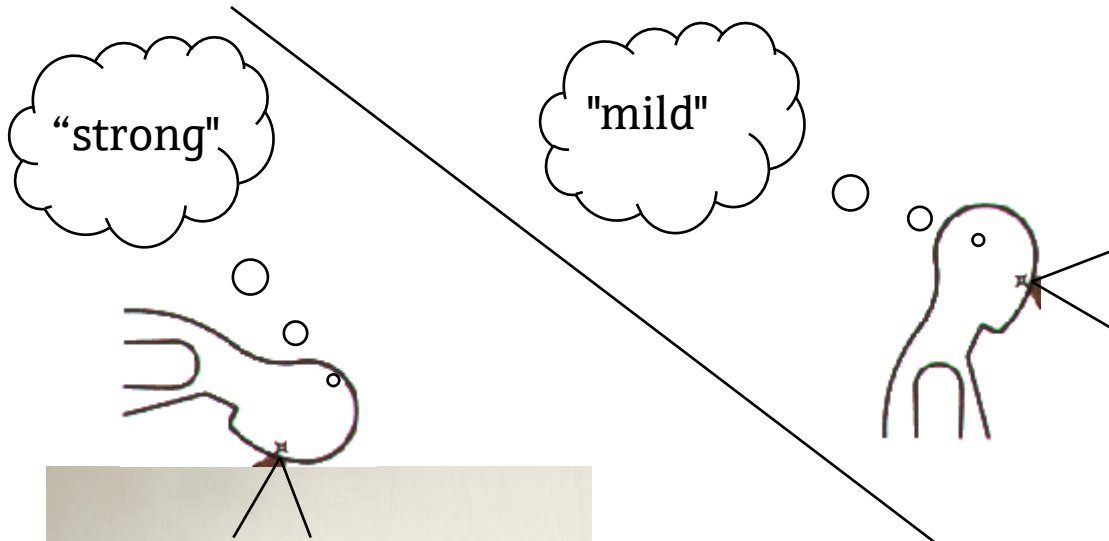
- Emulsion: Two not mixable fluids
- Suspension: Solid in fluid
- Foam: Gas in Fluid

Dissolved substances – homogeneous solution → color

- Molecules, ions or atoms homogeneous distributed

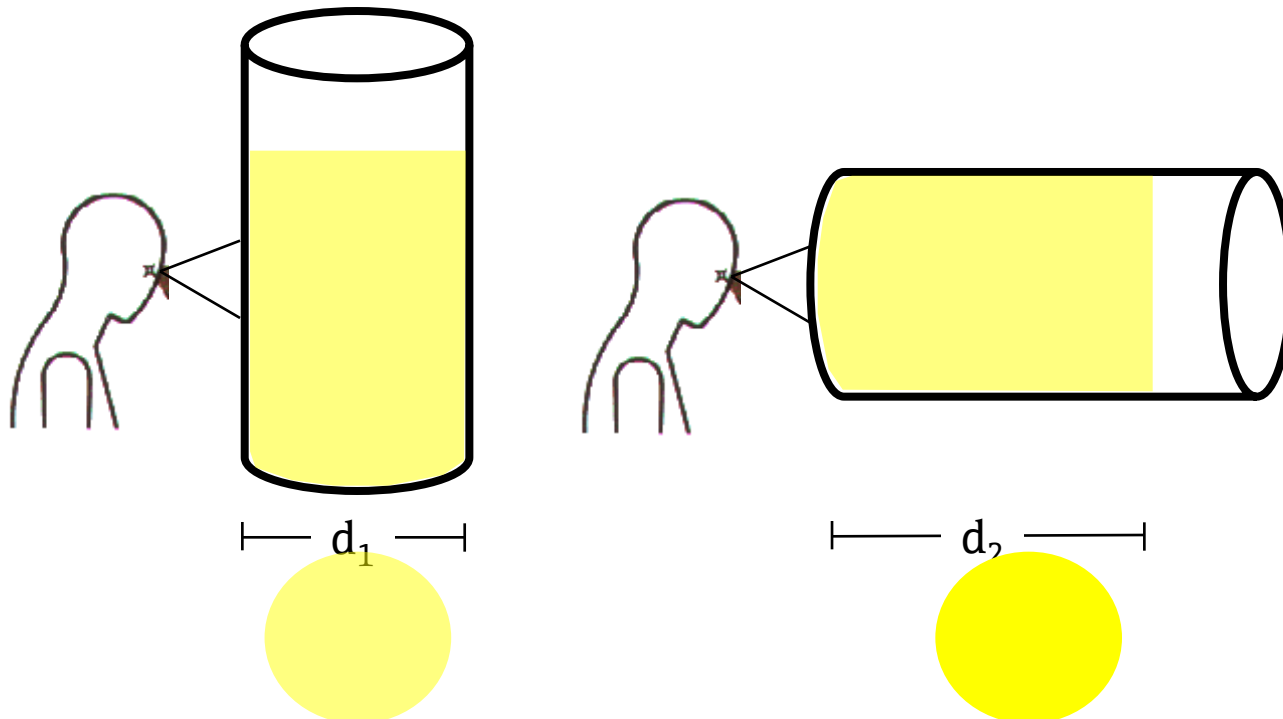
Relevance for drinking water?

Color intensity at same concentration



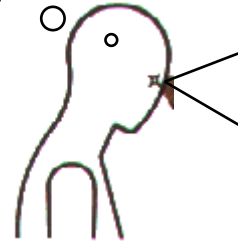
Lambert-Beer-Law - Küvettenlänge

$$A = \varepsilon * c * d$$

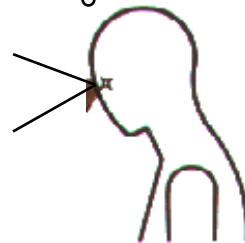


Different colors

“brown”

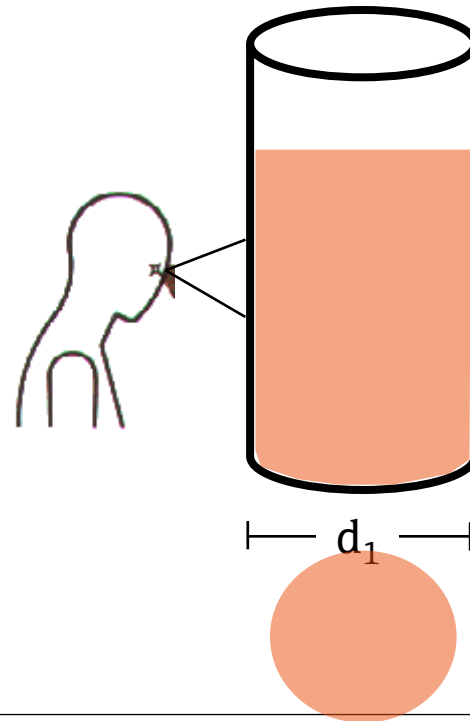
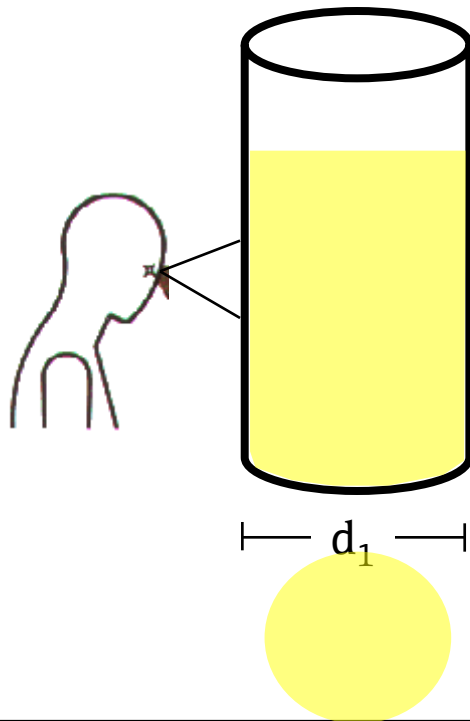


“green”



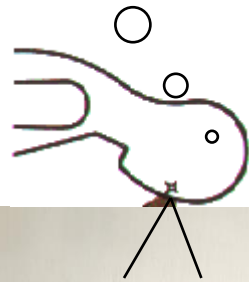
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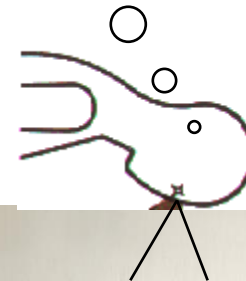


Color intensity at same view points

"strong"

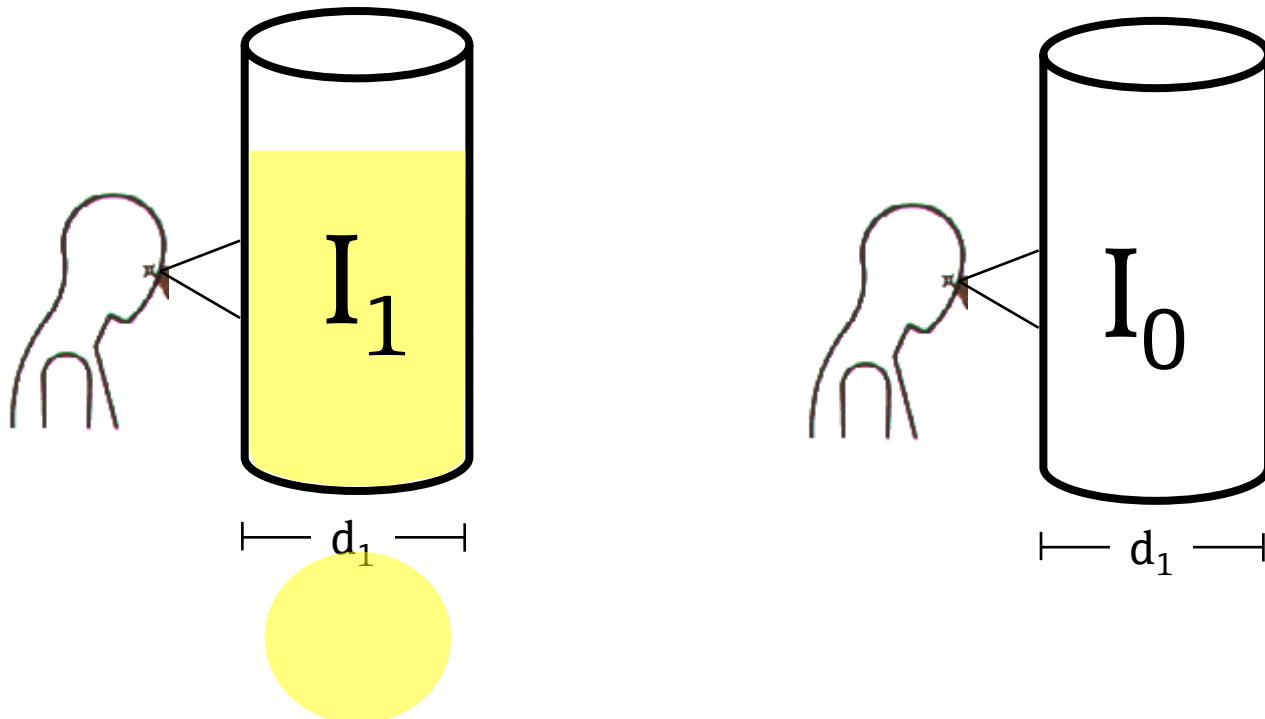


"mild"



Lambert-Beer-Law - Concentration

$$A = \varepsilon * c * d = -\log \left(I_1 / I_0 \right)$$



Summary Lambert-Beer-Law

Absorption Konzentration Lichtmenge ohne Probe

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Extinction Coefficient Küvettenlänge Lichtmenge mit Probe

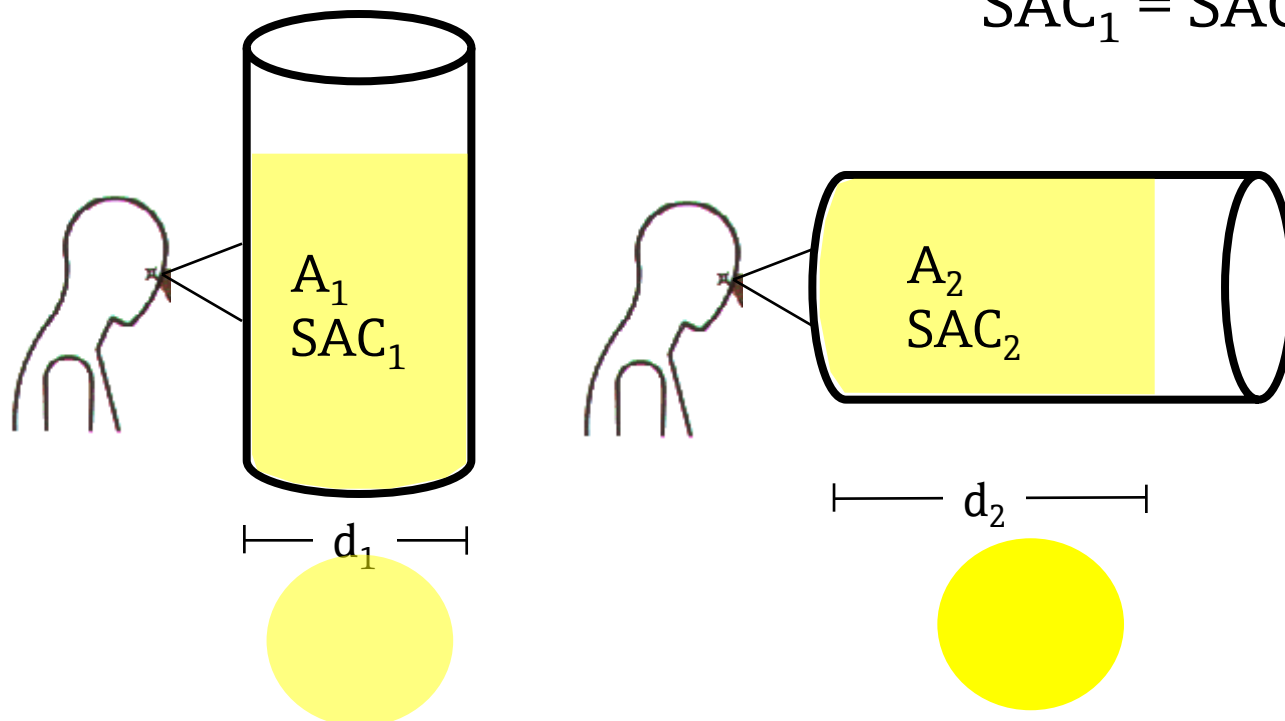
The diagram shows the Lambert-Beer-Law equation: $A = \epsilon * c * d = -\log(I_1/I_0)$. Blue arrows point from the text labels to the corresponding variables in the equation. 'Absorption' points to 'A', 'Extinction Coefficient' points to 'epsilon', 'Konzentration' points to 'c', 'Küvettenlänge' points to 'd', 'Lichtmenge ohne Probe' points to 'I_0', and 'Lichtmenge mit Probe' points to 'I_1'.

SAC: specific absorption coefficient (definition)

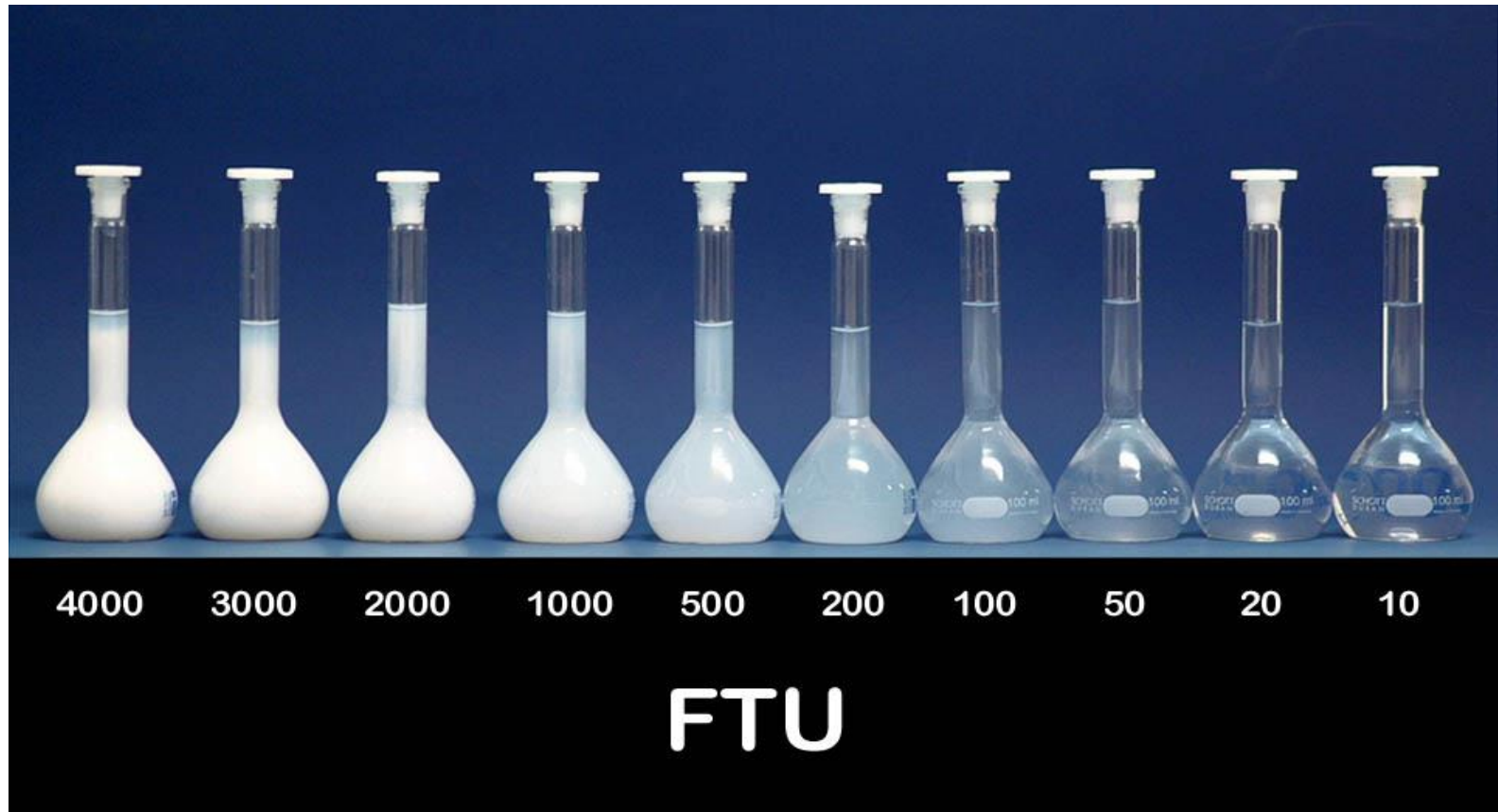
Lambert-Beer: $A = \varepsilon^* c^* d = -\log (I_1/I_0)$

$$SAC = A / d = [m^{-1}]$$

$$A_1 < A_2$$
$$SAC_1 = SAC_2$$

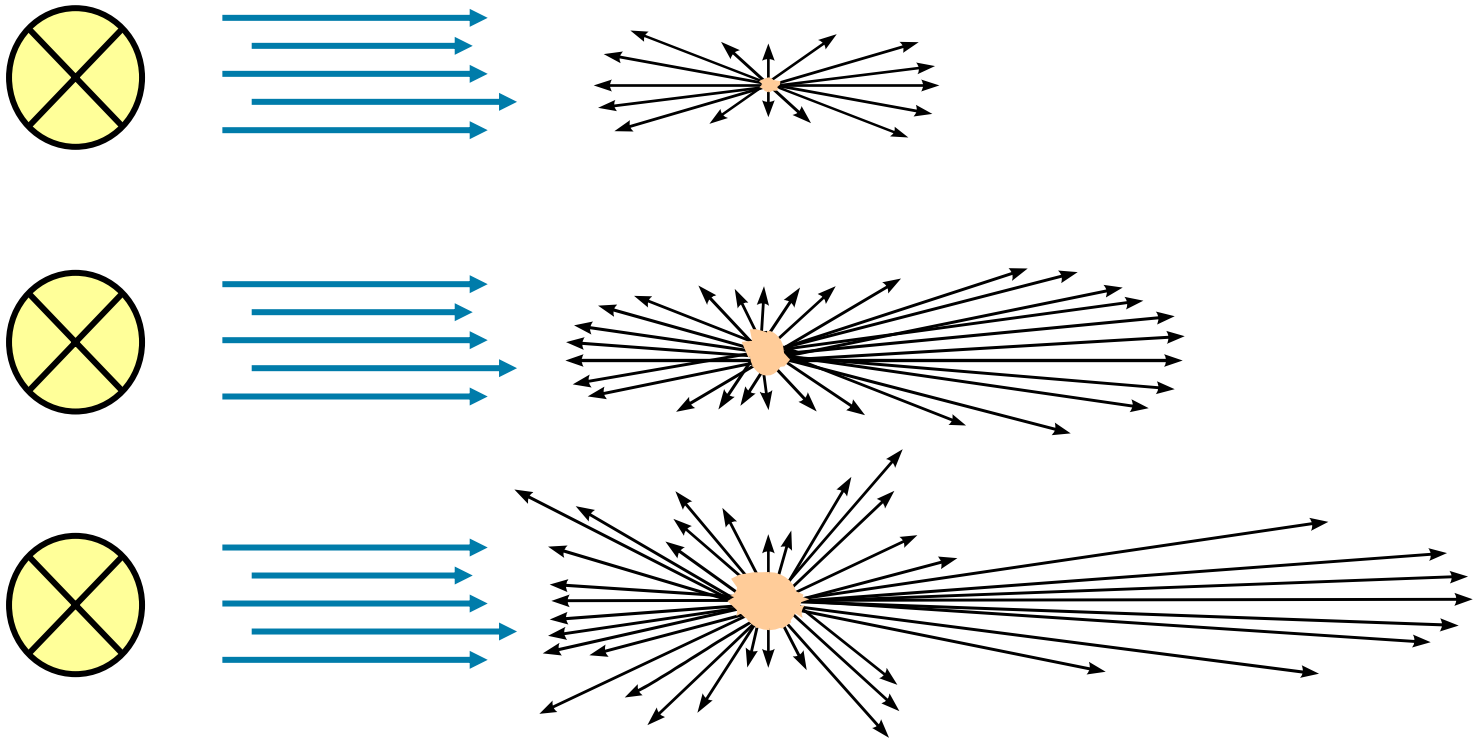


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- The **reflection** is a function of the **size** and **shape** of the particles



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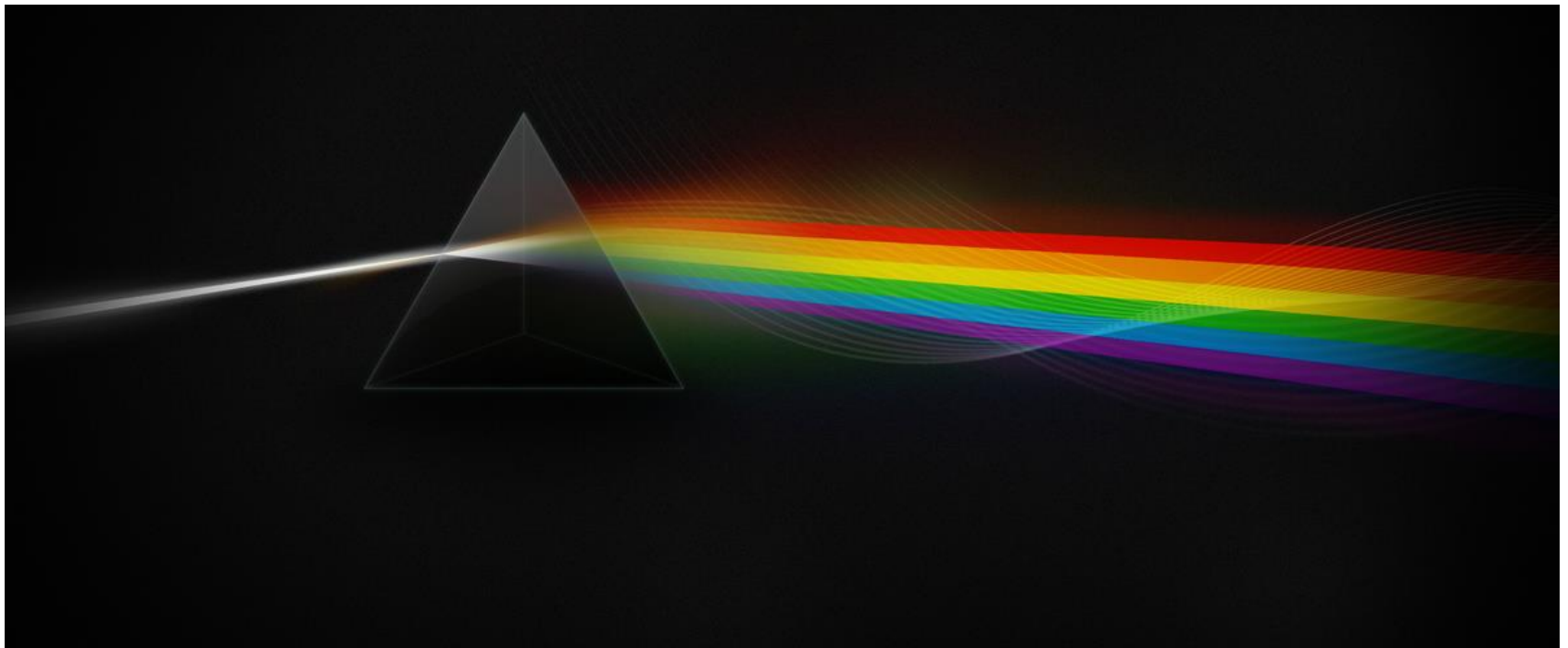
- Dissolved substances lead to absorption at certain wave lengths (color)
- Emulsions and air bubbles lead to scattering (turbidity)

Keep in mind:

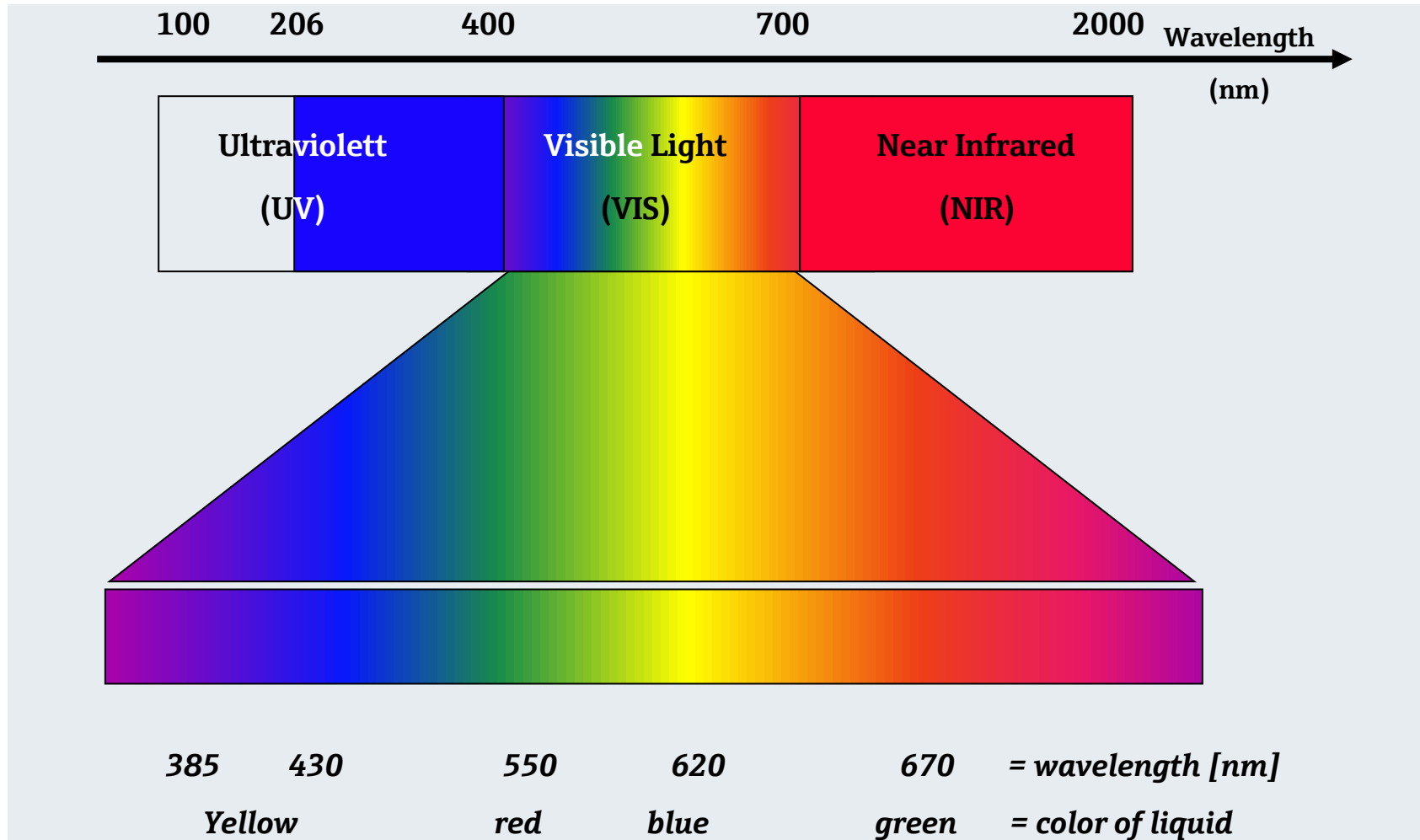
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Characteristics of the absorption of light

- Visible and invisible light – why do we see colors?
- Characteristics of nitrate and organic compounds (specific absorption)



Visible light: Colors and wavelengths



Characteristics of nitrate and organic compounds

- Nitrate: Strong absorbance at 214nm
→ **Concentration = mg/L NO₃⁻**
- Organic compounds: Strong absorbance* at 254nm → **SAC = m⁻¹**

Are there any restrictions...?

**Each organic compound has its own ϵ – the correlation to the concentration is only possible, if the matrix is stable (alcohols and sugars do not show any absorbance)*

Lunchtime

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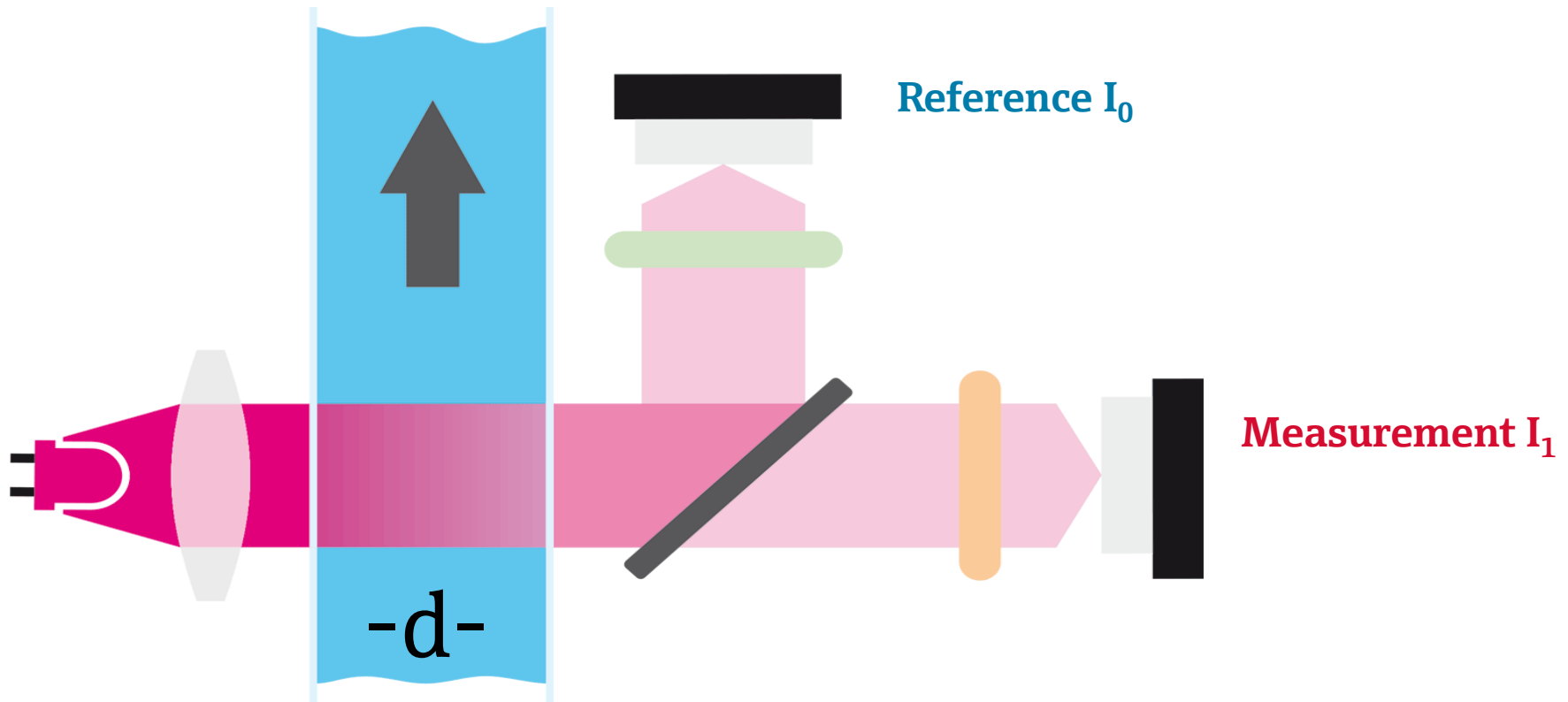
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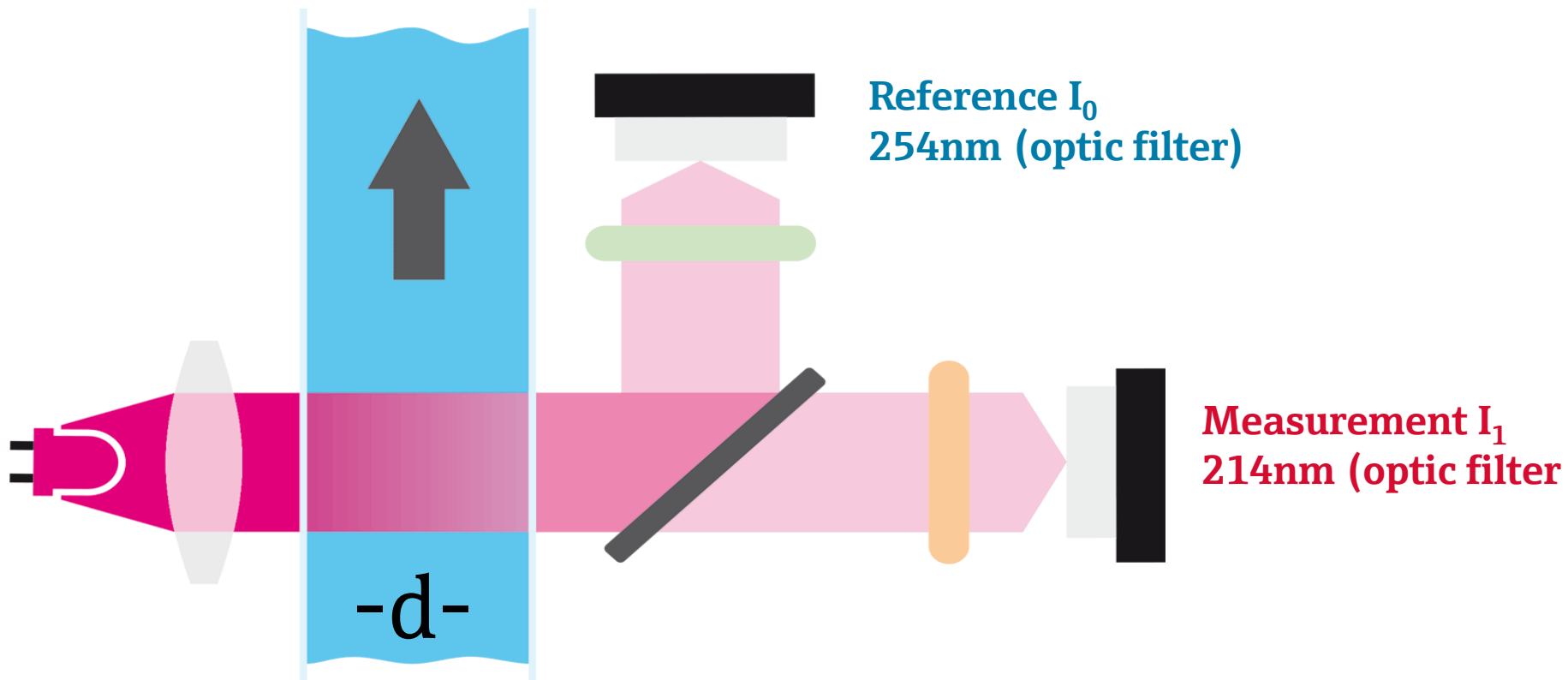
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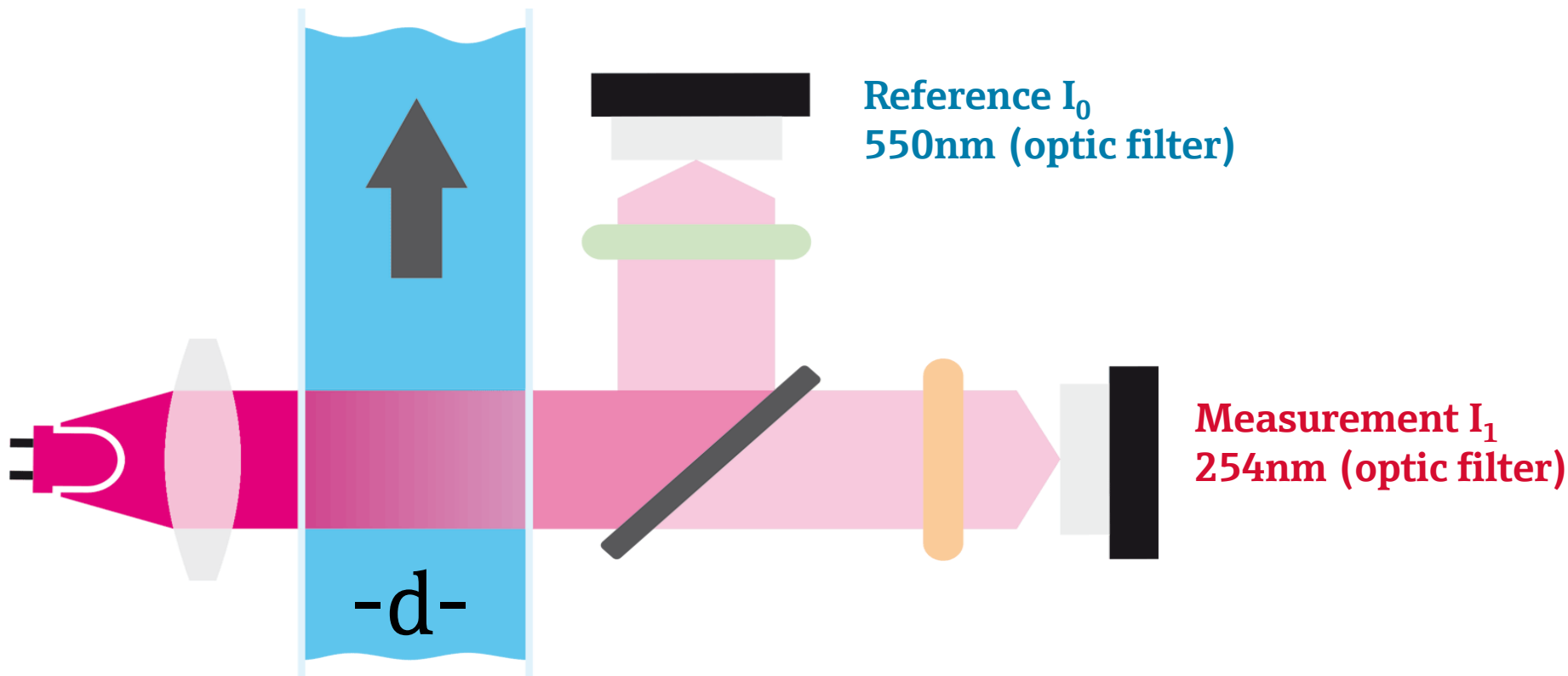
Photometric construction: CAS51D-AAA* (Nitrate)

$$c = [\text{mg/L NO}_3^-] = A / d / \epsilon_{\text{NO}_3^-}$$



Photometric construction: CAS51D-AAC* (SAC)

$$\text{SAC} = [\text{m}^{-1}] = A / d$$



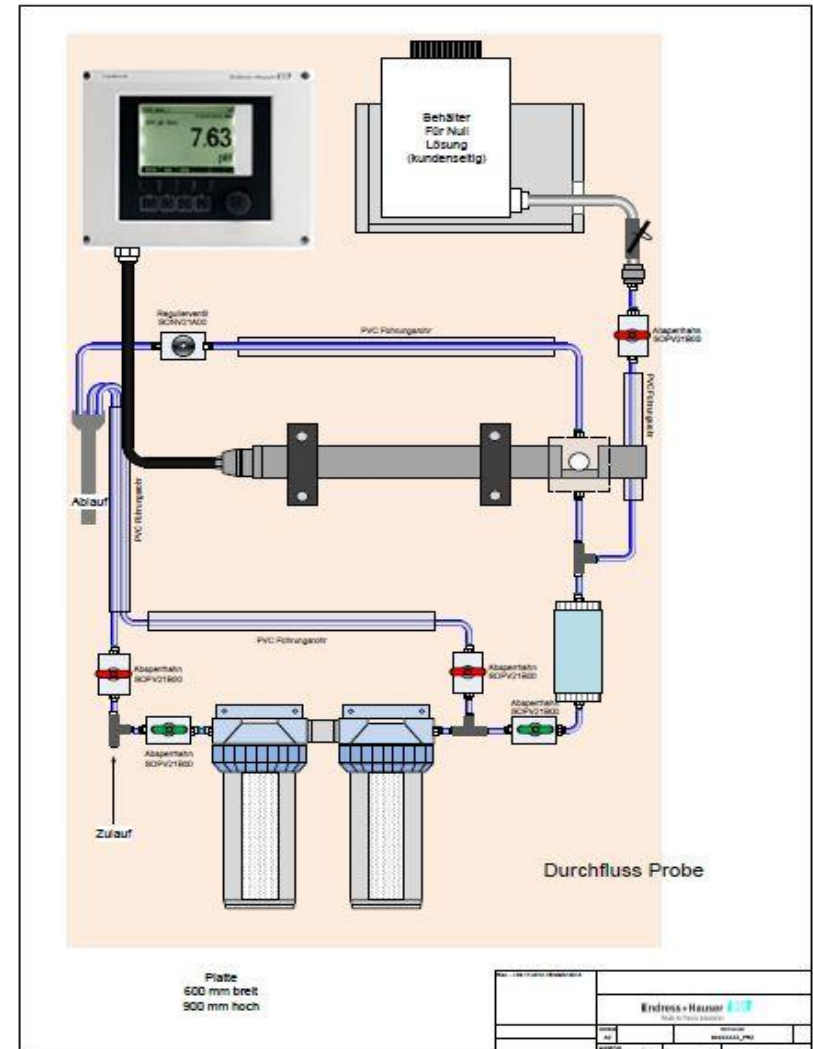
Experiment – turbidity and absorption

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Online measurement of nitrate and SAC

Bypass (Panel-Solution)

1. Transmitter Liquiline CM44x
2. Sensor Viomax CAS51D
3. Flow chamber
4. Optional: Filter (1 & 0.5 μm)
5. Optional: Flow monitoring
6. Optional: Connection for calibration



Examples

Discussion



Die Perspektive macht den Unterschied