



# Recent developments in radiometry

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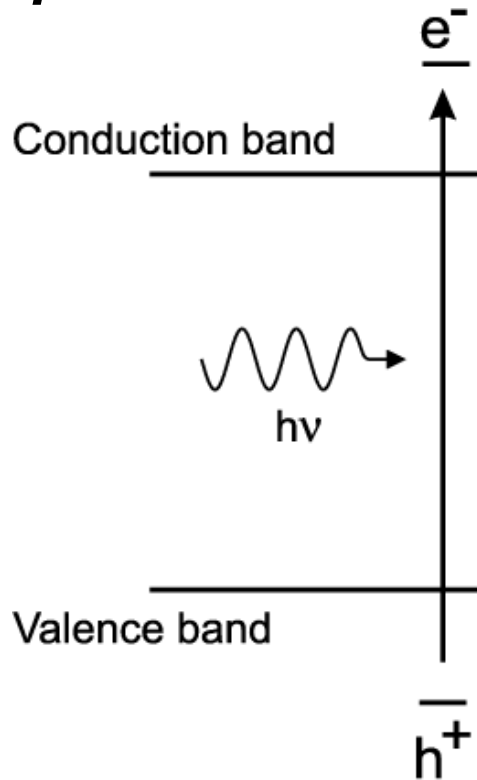
# Outline

- Radiometry: the measurement of light
- Traceability chain: cryoradiometer to routine calibrations
- Uncertainty budget
- Wavelength uncertainty – test case





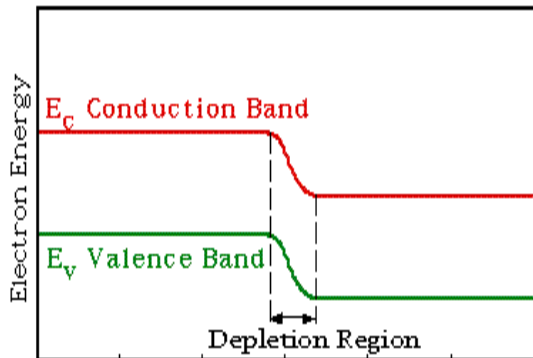
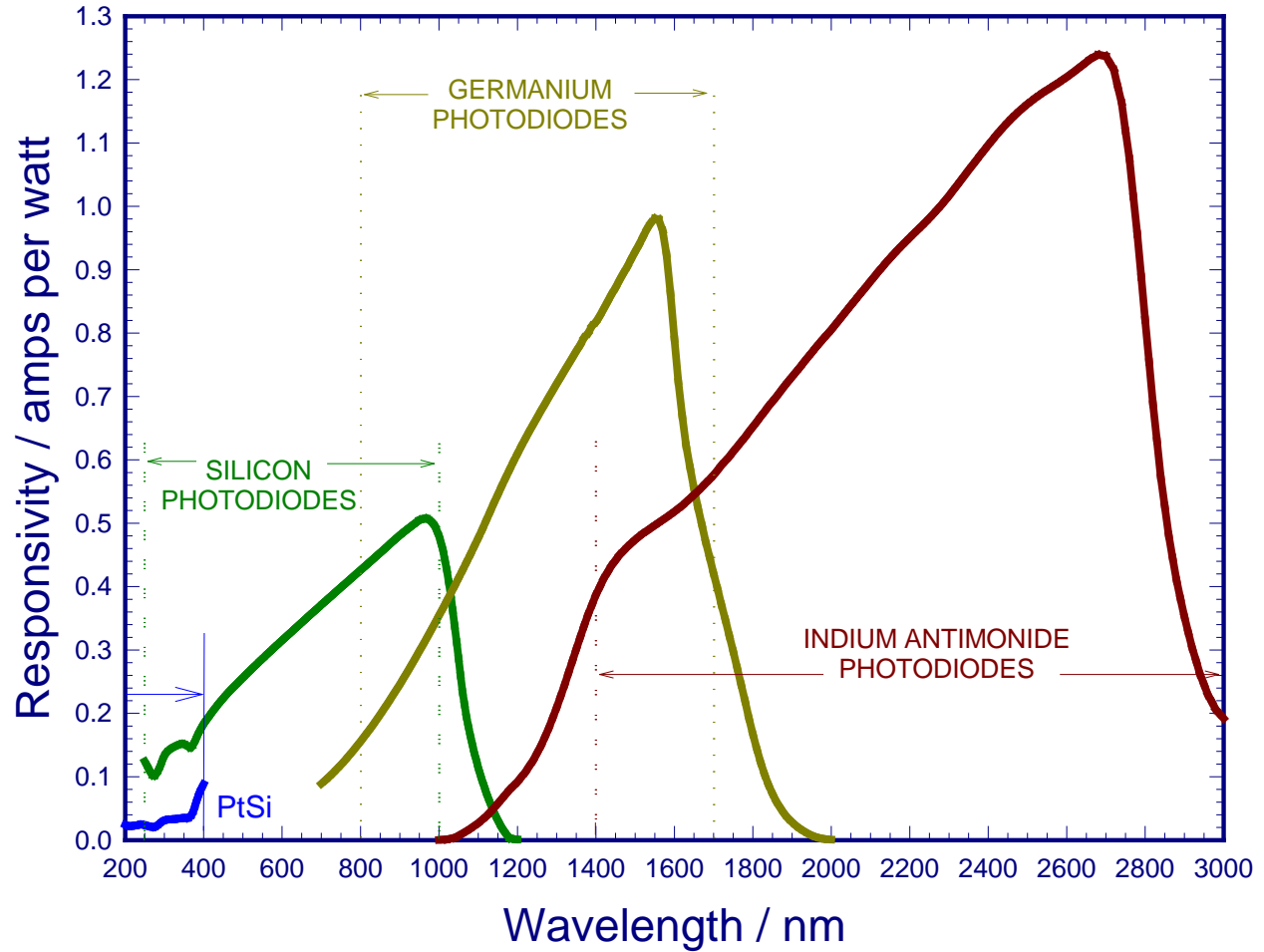
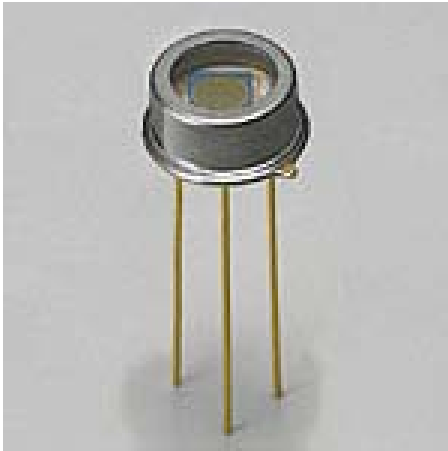
In a semiconductor, *absorption of a photon* creates two charge carriers:



one electron  
& one hole

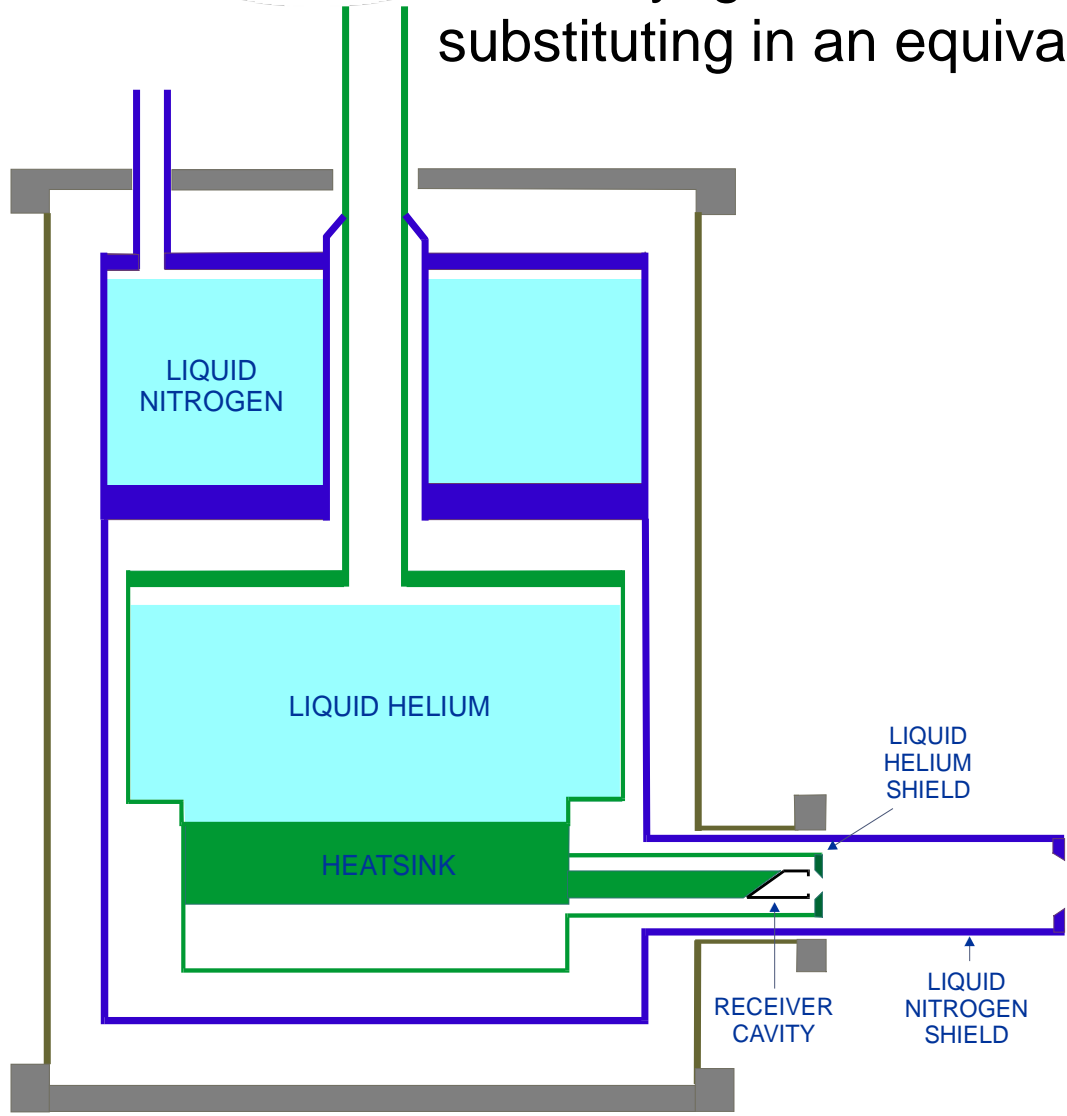


In a p-i-n diode, the 'energy landscape' is engineered so that electrons run downhill





The cryogenic radiometer measures optical power by substituting in an equivalent amount of electrical power





Responsivity is the ratio of the amount of current that flows out of the device for a given input optical power

$$S_{pow}(\lambda) = I(\lambda) / P(\lambda)$$





# The calibration of every client detector is traceable to the cryorad

cryogenic radiometer



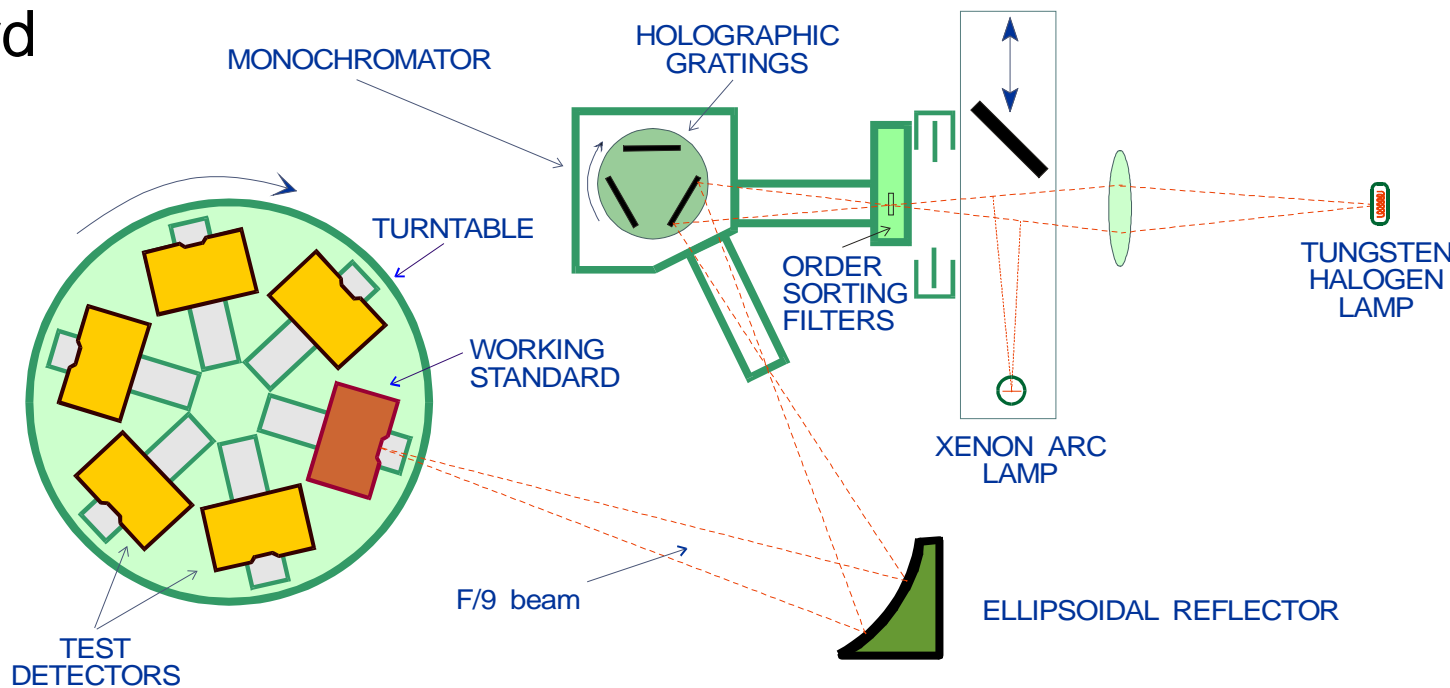
transfer radiometer



working standard



client detector





## cryorad → transfer standard

Source Of Uncertainty	Cryogenic radiometer effects	Calibration Of Electronic Equipment	Measurement Repeatability	Monochrom. Wavelength Calibration ( ± 0.1 nm )	Monochrom. Bandwidth Effects 5 nm FWHM	Overall Uncertainty %
Type	B	B	A	B	B	
Wavelength nm	Magnitude of uncertainty component , %					
300	.017	.010	0.03	0.021	0.026	<b>0.049</b>
320	.017	.010	0.03	0.020	0.042	<b>0.059</b>
340	.017	.010	0.03	0.025	0.025	<b>0.051</b>
360	.017	.010	0.03	0.020	0.027	<b>0.049</b>
380	.017	.010	0.03	0.034	0.021	<b>0.054</b>
400	.017	.010	0.03	0.027	0.001	<b>0.045</b>
450	.017	.010	0.02	0.024	0.016	<b>0.041</b>
500	.017	.010	0.02	0.021	0.004	<b>0.035</b>
550	.017	.010	0.02	0.018	0.000	<b>0.034</b>
600	.017	.010	0.02	0.016	0.003	<b>0.033</b>
650	.017	.010	0.02	0.015	0.006	<b>0.033</b>
700	.017	.010	0.02	0.015	0.006	<b>0.032</b>
750	.017	.010	0.02	0.013	0.006	<b>0.032</b>
800	.017	.010	0.04	0.012	0.006	<b>0.047</b>
850	.017	.010	0.04	0.011	0.008	<b>0.047</b>
900	.017	.010	0.03	0.010	0.002	<b>0.038</b>
950	.017	.010	0.02	0.002	0.015	<b>0.032</b>
1000	.017	.010	0.02	0.066	0.025	<b>0.076</b>

Each link in the traceability chain has its own uncertainty budget





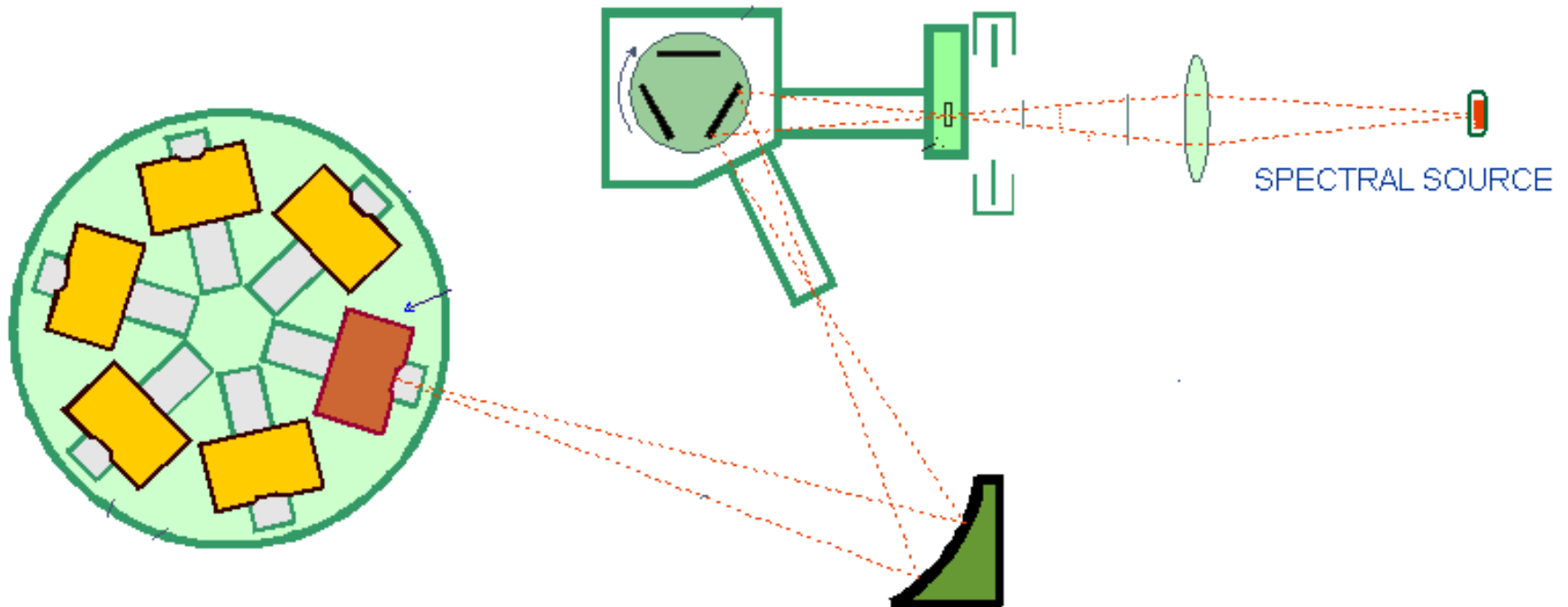
# Since wavelength uncertainty is often the biggest component, address that

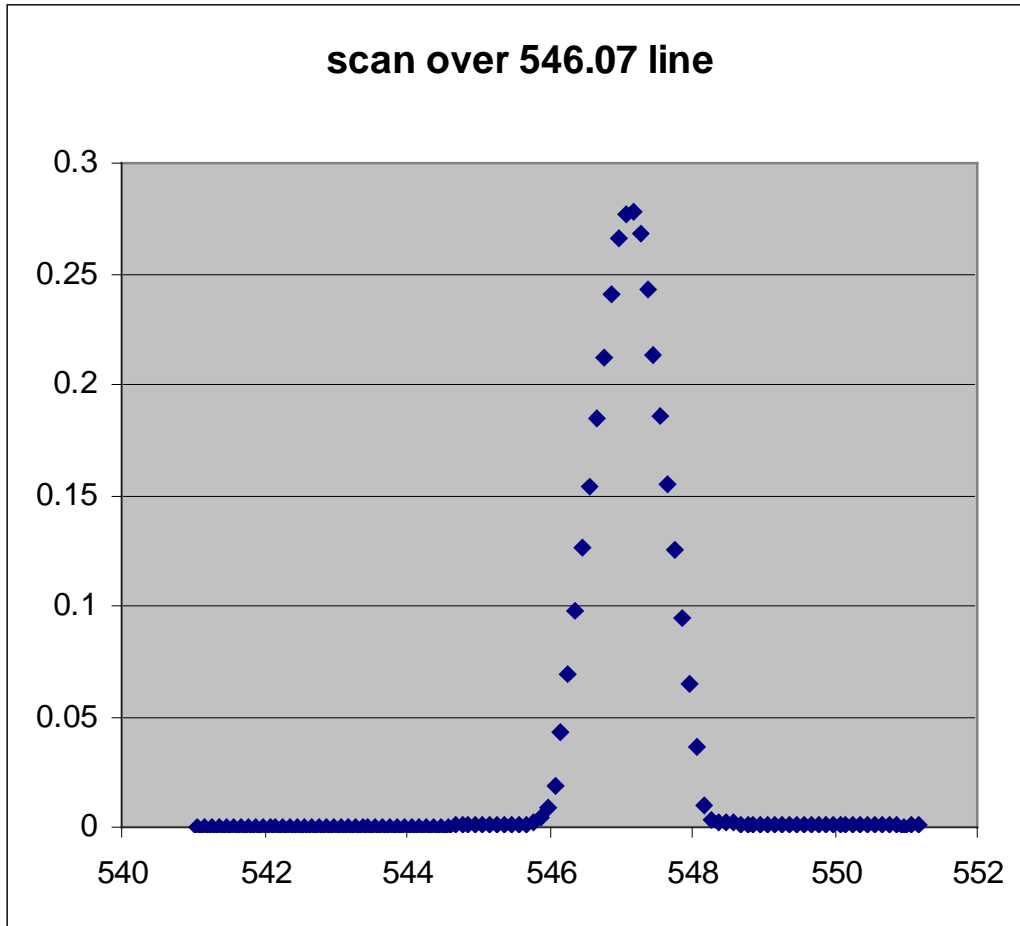
- upgrade monochromator
- perform in-house wavelength calibration
- generate corrections to beat manufacturer's spec





A spectral source is scanned with the monochromator





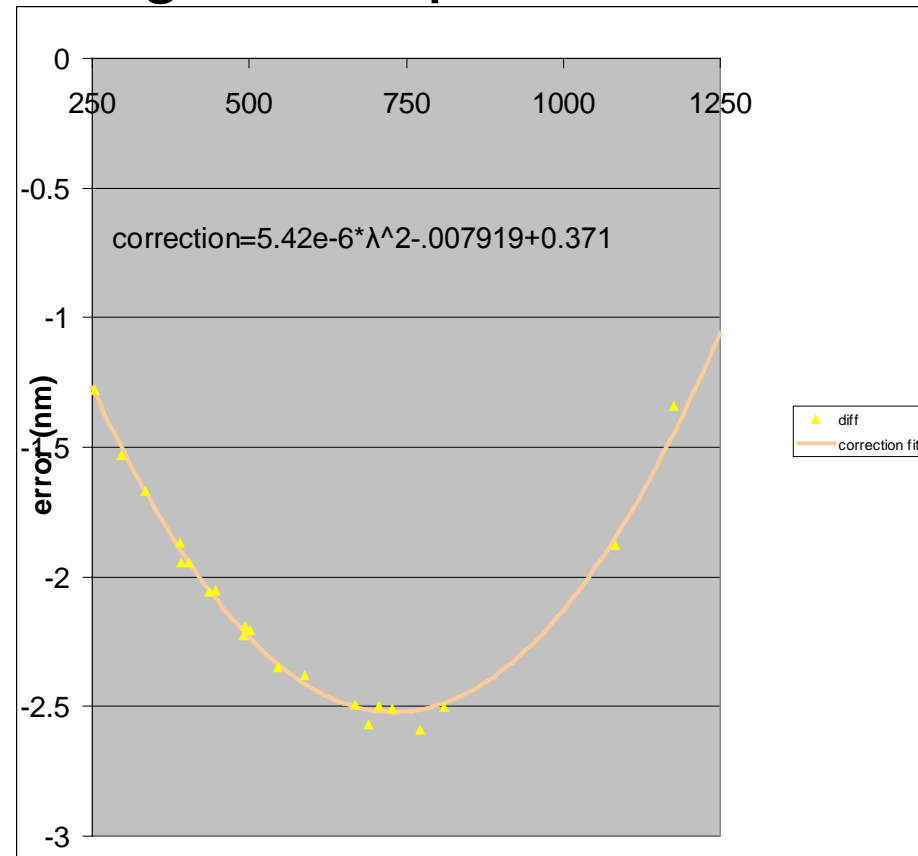
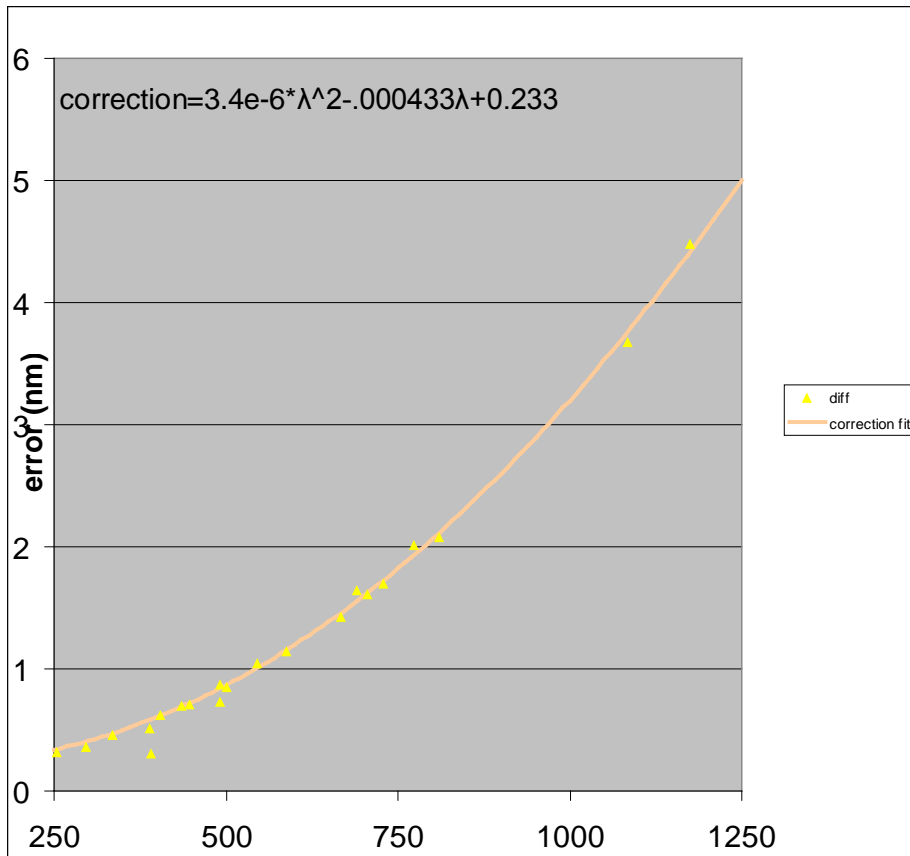
Corrections can be generated for the difference between measured wavelength and accepted value

$$547.12 - 546.07 = 1.05$$





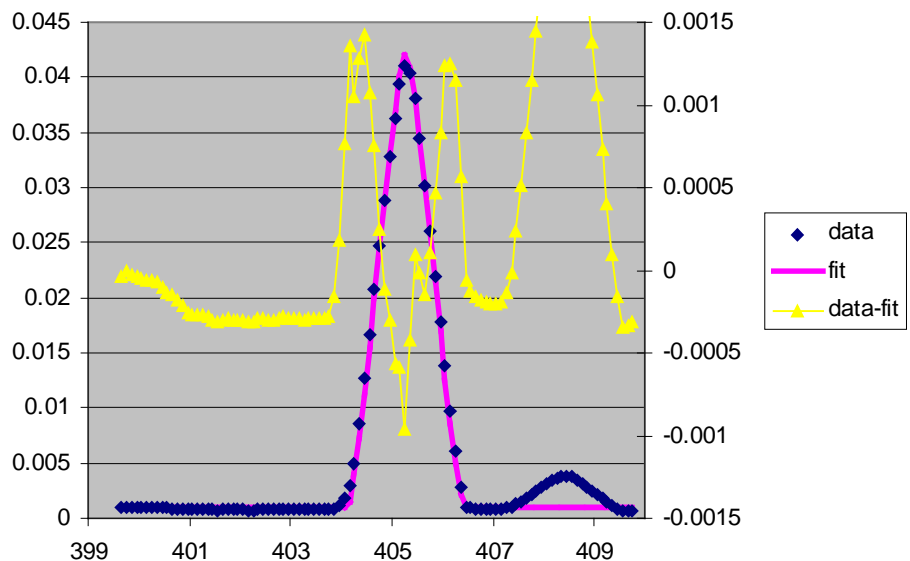
# Each monochromator was calibrated with Hg & He spectral sources



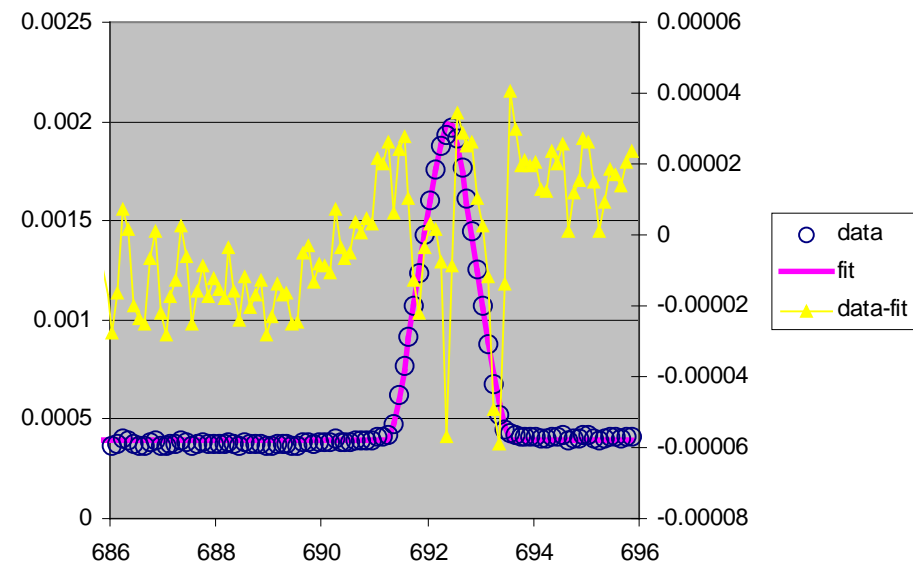


# Underlying contaminant peaks could skew the centroid

405nm line (residual .0012nm)



fit to 691nm line (residual 0.089)

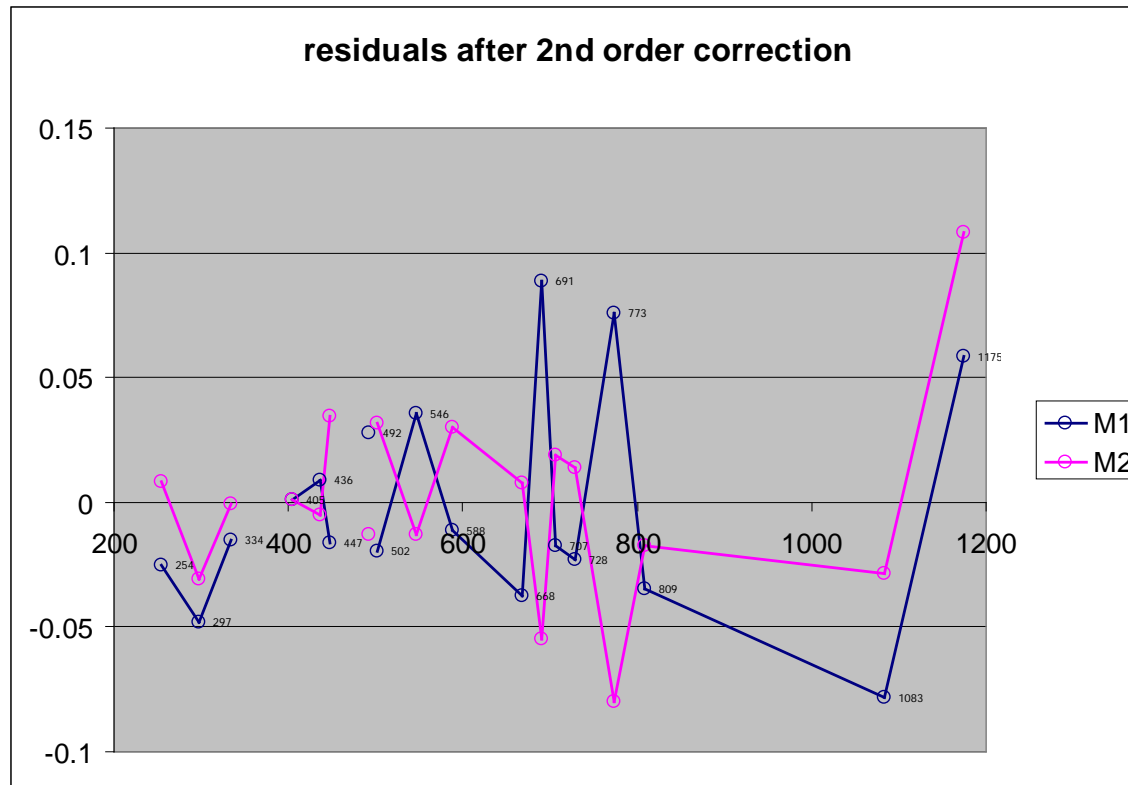


Note the asymmetry





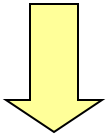
# Are the residuals real?



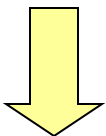


# Checking with an independent spectrometer

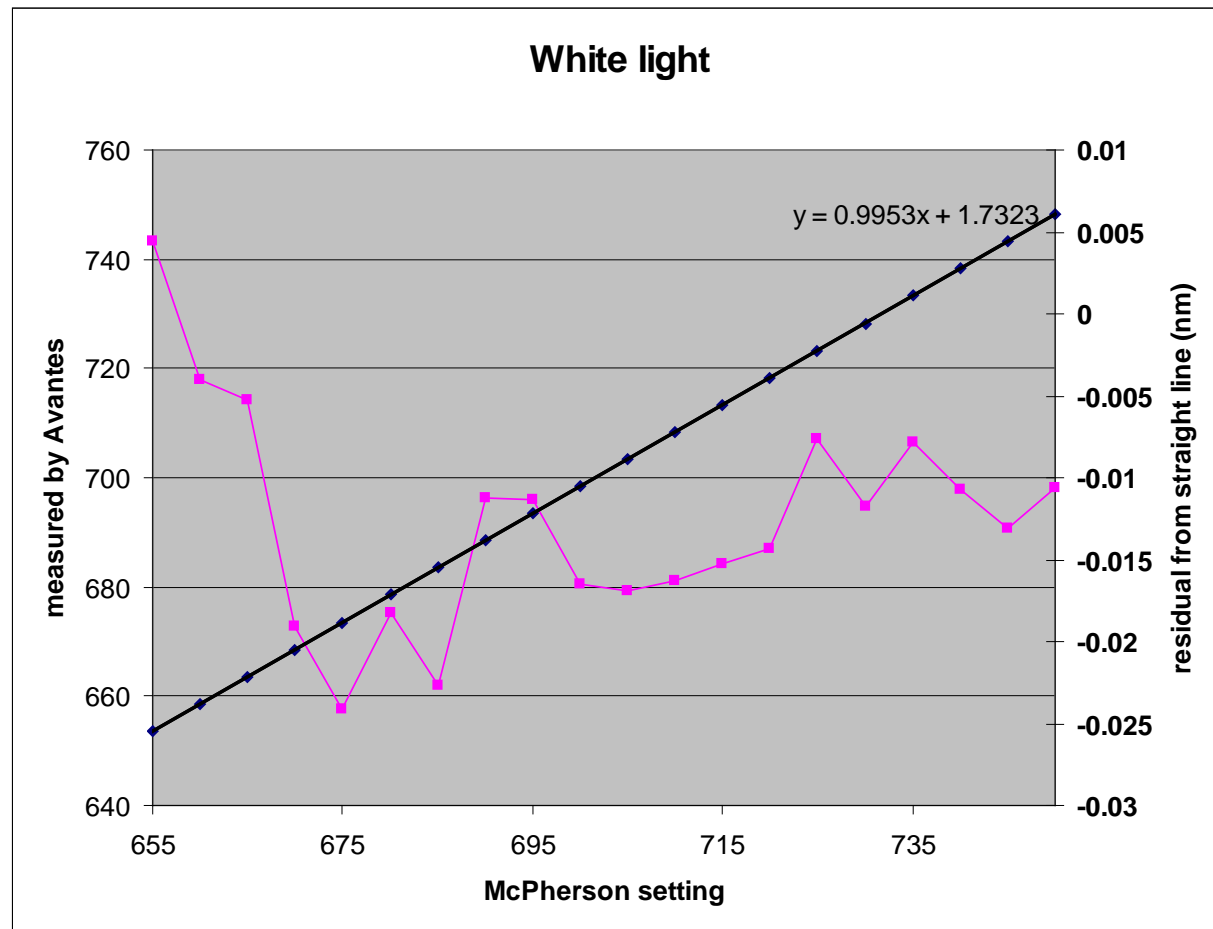
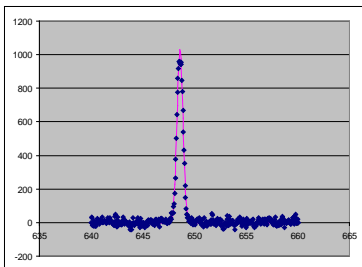
White light



McPherson  
monochromator

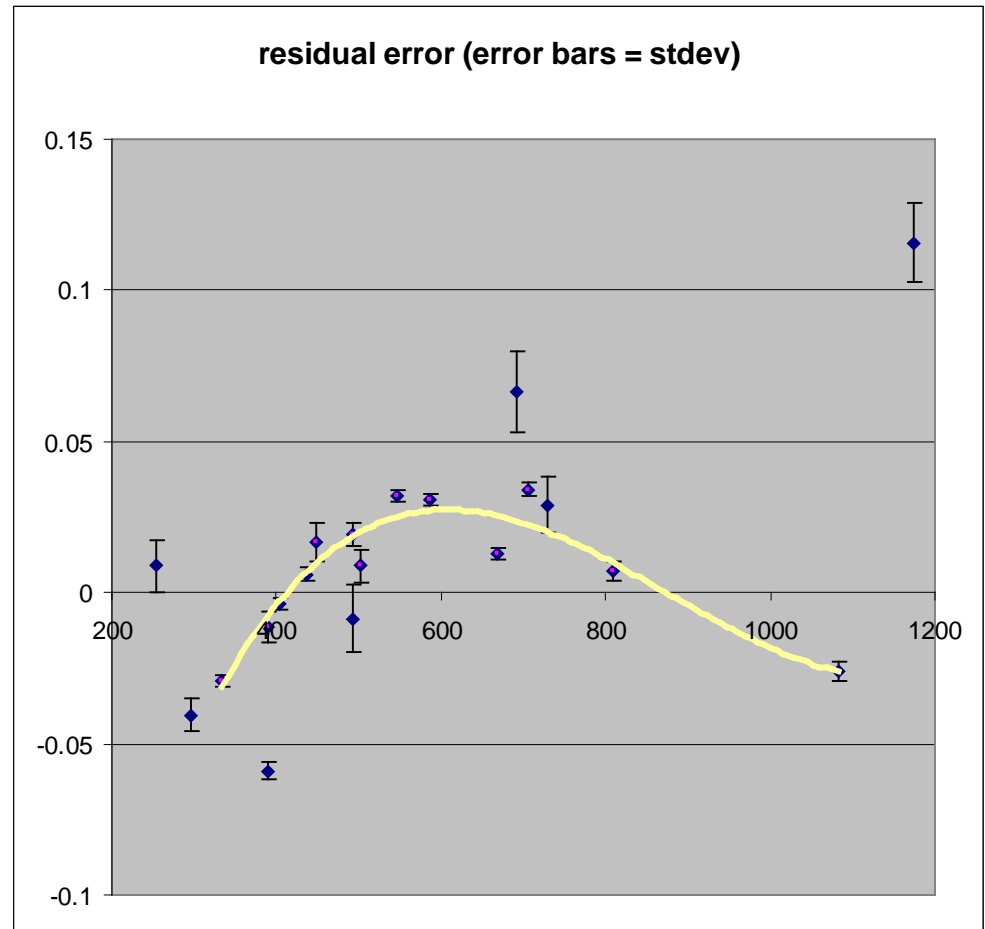
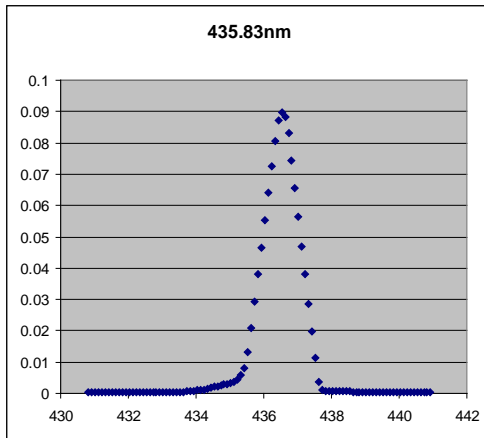
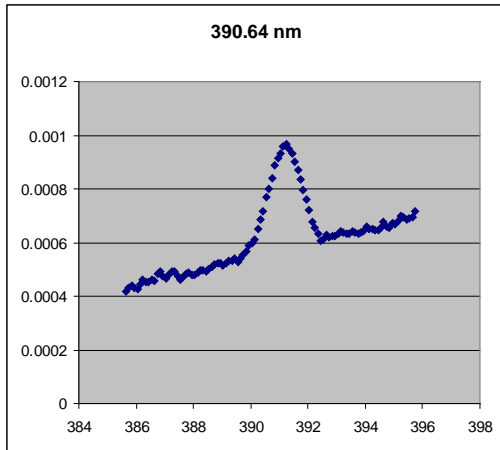


Avantes  
spectrometer





# Some spectral lines will be eliminated from the calibration







# Lessons learned

- Work on the largest sources of uncertainty
- Know your equipment
- Know the physics
- Be cautious
- Be conservative

