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Sensors versus Analyzers for Air-Pollution Monitoring in Aveiro City

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CO₂ Sensors for AQ monitoring



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World leading company in Research & Development and manufacturing of costeffective IR gas sensing

Develops and produces affordable precision carbon dioxide sensors for high volume applications

Competence centre for infrared gas measurements





Gas and Air Sensors



Background / Problem statement:

- Usage of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for monitoring of Indoor Air Quality is well accepted and in common use in the building automation/ventilation industry.
- For outdoor air quality, it is less commonly used (garages and tunnels are the exceptions).
- Combustion engines generates a lot more CO₂ than CO
- How well does CO₂ levels in city air correlate to other gases?
- Can CO₂ be measured and used as an indicator of presence of other pollutant gases?



DESCRIPTION of Sensor-System to be Used in Exercise

Two types of sensors will be used for the exercise:

• tSENSE: A 3-in-1 IAQ sensor (CO₂, Temp, RH)









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- Both types measures carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels in the range 0-2000ppm_{vol}
- The CO₂ sensors are based on NDIR (Non-Dispersive Infrared) technology. The main features of NDIR are selectivity and long-time stability





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The idea of the experiment is:

- to see if the measured CO₂ levels in Aveiro city air correlates with measured levels of CO, NO_x, etc.
- to see if small, low-cost sensor modules are useable for air quality monitoring applications in cities

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