Towards a Low Temperature FTIR-Spectrometer with SNSPD detector

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For years, our group has been using a grating spectrometer with a superconducting nanowire single-photon detector (SNSPD) to be able to measure very weak laser induced fluorescence in the mid infrared from vibrationally excited molecules. [1]

In this work, I attempt to use a Michelson interferometer instead of the grating. I will discuss the pros and cons of each method and present the current progress of the project.

Reference

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