



**PHOTONICS TECHNOLOGY** 







# OPTRICKS & OptoBotics®

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The Optics Institute

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#### What is Light?

#### Light is radiation we can see



## **Optics is the Science of Light**

#### Where are optics in everyday life?







Glasses

Cameras



Lasers



Telescopes

Displays





**Fiber Optics** 



## **Optics is the Science of Light** *Basic Optics*





#### Lens

#### Mirror



#### **Silicon Makes Mirrors and Lenses**



#### Silicon plus Oxygen is Silicon Dioxide

 $Si + O_2 \rightarrow SiO_2$ 



Sand is amorphous SiO<sub>2</sub> It has no shape



Glass is crystalline SiO<sub>2</sub>

#### **Camera Optics**



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#### **Eyeball Optics**



### **Computer?**

#### Lenses = Lens + Cornea

#### Your Brain is Your Computer!



The *striate cortex* in the back of your brain interprets images from your eye.

## Wavelength is Color



By Sir ISAAC NEWTON, Knt.

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### Magnify Your Optricks Card At a distance...



## Magnify Your Optricks Card Tiny Dots of Color Appear!



#### Magnify a Cell Phone Display



## Magic Patch Liquid Crystal

- "Magic Patches" change color with heat
- These are liquid crystals (LCs) that selectively reflect different colors at different temperatures
- Temperature changes the ordered structure of the LCs, like the students in the images below
- Engineers cut LCs into tiny pieces known as pixels (picture elements)
- Tiny LC pixels are arranged in a grid and individually heated to make LC displays (LCDs) for computers, watches, cell phones, etc.





#### **Cholesteric Liquid Crystals**



#### **Rainbow Peepholes®** Diffraction Gratings



The grid of bumps in the plastic **diffract** the colors of the white light into the **visible spectrum**.

#### **Rainbow Peepholes®** Diffraction Gratings

Colors are mixed together to make many types of lights.

Lights are separated into its constituent colors by diffraction





#### Diffraction

#### Incandescent (tungsten halogen) Light



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## **Diffraction** Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL)



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## **Diffraction** Sodium Vapor Street Light



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#### **Diffraction** LED Flashlight



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# Diffraction

#### Gas-Discharge Lamps ("Neon" Lights)



## **Diffraction** Atomic Emission Spectra



#### **Optics Bench Kit**



# **OptoBotics®** teaching about Optics + Robotics

#### Why give your robot eyes?

- •So it can see where it is going?
- •So you can see where it is going?

# What kind of eyes can you give a robot?

- •Video cameras?
- •Laser Sensors?
- •Radar?
- •IR (night vision)?

What to do with the information?



#### **OptoBotics and the Mars Rover**

- NavCam (x2)
- PanCam (x2)
- Rear HazCam
- Front HazCam
- Sun Sensor
- Belly Cam
- Micro Imager
- Illumination Ring



#### **Bio-Laboratory Optobots**





#### **Factory Automation use of Optobots**



#### **Soldiers use IR Night Vision**



## Group photo of aerial demonstrators at the 2005 Naval Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Air Demo



#### **Helicopter Mounted Optobots**



#### Helicopter-mounted infrared camera (FLIR)



#### **Remote Sensing – Watching the Earth**





Remote sensing is any technique for measuring, observing or monitoring a process or object without physically touching the object under observation. Optical and radio telescopes, cameras, even eyesight, are types of remote sensing with which you are probably familiar.

#### **Remote Sensing – Watching the Earth**



#### **Global Analyses of Urban Reflectance**



#### What about your OptoBotics?





Duration

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#### OptoBotics<sup>™</sup>

Giving your Robots Eyes - A Fun Filled Learning Experience about Light, Lasers, Optics & Robots

Grade level: 5th to 8th grade Preregulate Curlosity

Session Timeline:

Offered in Irvine Lab



#### Course Description: OptoBotics™

The Optics institute of Southern California (OISC) joins with Mathobotix to present an exciting new course: OptoBotics \*\* (optics, lasers & robotics) based STEAM Open Learning Projects in this fun filed 3 month program in a special format for curious students. In this course, junior high level students will learn how to apply grade level math and science in simulated real world projects. Each project utilizes a sample set of applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) concepts. Project based learning methods are used in a lab environment. Students demonstrate their finished projects to an audience at the monthly open house.

#### Class Objectives:

- To have fun playing with light, lenses, lasers, optics, video cameras and friendly computerized systems. >
- To learn the basics of using light, laser and optics to give your robots eyes (optical sensors) 2
- To understand the basics of light by using the Photonics Explorer Kits & Optics Benches 2
- To introduce basic problem solving techniques using light, lasers, optics and robots
- To help build soft skills to work in a team environment 5

12 weeks, 2hours/week (24 hours total)

Session 1: Day Monday Time 5:30 - 7:30 pm Session 2: Day Friday Time 5:30 - 7:30 pm

September - November 2014 Weekly Schedule (enroll In one session only):

#### Sample Projects:

Make a product or create a service using their OptoBotics<sup>114</sup> based STEAM knowledge and skills. For example:

- Add a wireless remotely controlled optical video system to a robotic roving vehicle that lets the owner operation 2 from a different room. Include a small pointing laser to hit a designated target.
- Create a spectroscopic optical / video / robotic system to analyze material composition at a distance ×

An extreme version of these are on the famous Mars Rover Curlosity.

Language & Communication: Students write Project Reports and present their project to audience and explain how their program works and how they solved their problems.

Soft Skills: 5Cs: Critical thinking, Creative problem-solving, Communication, Collaboration, and Cross-cultural relationship building.

Learning Activities: Hands-on Optics & Laser Lab, Short Presentations, Writing, Team Review, and Research

#### \$480 Course Fee:

Lab Fee: \$40







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#### **Thank You for Paying Attention**

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