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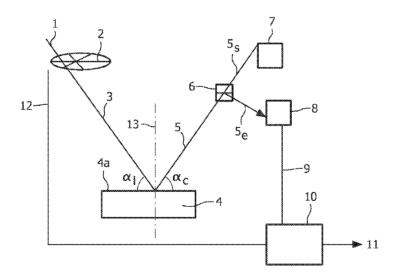


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for the analysis of a probe medium (4) by interaction between an incident light beam (3), having an intensity, and the probe medium (4), the incident light beam (3) also passing through a scattering medium, the method comprising: - modulating the amplitude of at least two polarization components of the incident light beam (3), while keeping the intensity of the incident light beam constant, - after interaction between the modulated incident light beam (3) and the probe medium (4) and scattering by the scattering medium, generating an outgoing interacted and backscattered light beam (5, 5'), collecting a collected interacted and backscattered light beam (5p, 5s) from the outgoing light beam (5, 5'), - demodulating the collected light beam (5), in order to measure a value related to the interaction, free from scattering which does not preserve modulation.



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