

Optical Fibre Sensing CRAB Cryomodule

Michael GUINCHARD on behalf of EN-MME-EDM

STFC Visit



Introduction





Introduction

Mechanical measurements are done on several types of components : superconducting magnets, dumps, RF cavity, detectors in different conditions as electro-magnetic field, vacuum, radiation, cryogenic, water, etc...





Introduction

Experimental stress analysis	Dynamic strain measurements Residual stress measurements Experimental model analysis
Vibration analysis	 STRAIN MEASUREMENTS IS A KEY TECHNIQUE ! Strong interest in optical strain measurement systems for harsh environmental conditions :
Seismic measurements	 Beginning of the study in 2011 with FBG technology; Main requirements:
Mechanical testing	 Optical strain measurements 1.9 K up to 400 K DAO integrated system
Thermo-physical analysis	 As a measurement lab, we must perform a metrology qualification of new systems before field implementation.
Sensors development	Load cell based on strain gauges Displacement sensors



ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT

Strain Sensing Techniques at CERN





Principles of Optical Fibre Sensing (OFS)

Optical Fibres Sensing refers to the use of optical fibres to measure various physical parameters: temperature, strain, pressure, chemical composition, vibrations, radiation, rotation, shape, EM field, etc.

The information is encoded in at least one property of the light travelling in the optical fibre: *intensity, phase, polarization, wavelength*



Intrinsic sensors

When the OF itself is the sensing element

The physical measurand modulates one of the light properties.

Extrinsic sensors

When the OF is only used to transmit the light

The physical measurand modulates the light emission in an object external to the fibre.



Working principle of the FBG



Through-coating FBG inscription process [4].



- Through the coating inscription technique;
- Fabricated with ultra short femtosecond laser pulses [7].



Reflection spectra of an FBG presenting the effect of tensile and compressive strains on the Bragg wavelength.

$$\Delta \lambda_B = \lambda_B [(1 - p_e)\varepsilon + (\alpha + \xi)\Delta T]$$
[8]





Working principle of the RBS



Rayleigh scattering [9].



Rayleigh scattering from air molecules [9].





Diagram of the operating principle behind c-OFDR.



- Rayleigh backscattering is caused by the random fluctuations in the index profile along the optical fiber.
- Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry (OFDR) technology in a single-mode optical fiber was reported in 1981 for the first time (Eickhoff and Ulrich, 1981) as a method to measure the spatial distribution of the Rayleigh scattering and optical losses along the optical fiber (0.5 m spatial resolution achieved) [6];
- However, it has recently been investigated and commercialized for numerous monitoring applications (0.1 mm spatial resolution achieved) [11].

Advantages of the optical fiber strain sensors

Works in harshest environments



- Immune to electromagnetic interference;
- Chemically inert;
- Different optical fiber types can be used depending on the need (radiation-hard; high-temperature, water-resistant, etc.).

Flexibility



The red strand is a lit, nanoscale optical fiber. The black rod is a human hair.

- Very small;
- From 125 μm down to 40 μm cladding diameter;
- Less invasive than ESG;
- Lightweight.

Applications at CERN



FBG technique

- Real-time sensing up to 40 sensors per single optical fiber (depending on the optical interrogator performance);
- Static and dynamic measurements up to 2000 Hz;
- Better time resolution.

RBS technique

- Ultra-high spatial resolution down to 0.65 mm;
- Static and dynamic measurements up to 250 Hz;
- Better spatial resolution.





Strain sensing at cryogenic temperatures



- A perhaps surprising property of optical fibers is that they remain flexible at cryogenic temperatures [12];
- Zirconia ferrule has a very low thermal expansion coefficient, which reduces material stresses caused by temperature gradients; and is also very close to that of the fiber.



Production and utilization of hydrogen from renewable energy [13].



- Hydrogen liquid is seen as one of the energy vectors of the future;
- H₂ must be cooled to 20.28 K to be in liquid state;
- Future emerging research with strain sensing at cryogenic temperatures.







Technical Challenges

- ➢ Adhesion technique is a crucial parameter as the deformations of the studied material need to be perfectly transferred to the sensor and need to be repeatable → Specific procedure
- Adhesion technique developed internally at CERN for strain sensing experience in harsh environments such as cryogenic temperatures.





Technical Challenges

Main temperature effects on the optical fibers :

- Strong attenuation of the optical power due to the thermal contraction (- 15 dB) which can disturb the peak tracking (optical budget issue);
- High insertion losses observed at cryogenic temperatures on the optical fiber feedthroughs / connectors.





Validation Process

Optical strain gauges validation campaign down to cryogenic temperatures :

- Evaluating the repeatability and reproducibility down to 77 K;
- Evaluating the trueness of the three measuring systems down to 4.2 K according to ISO 5725.





Validation Process

Optical and strain gauges validation campaign down to cryogenic temperatures





Conferences > OFS > 2018 > WF > WF85



Mechanical Strain Measurements Based on Fiber Bragg Grating Down to Cryogenic Temperature-Precision and Trueness Determination

M. Guinchard, F. Araújo, C. Barbosa, L. Bianchi, M. Cabon, L. Ferreira, P. Grosclaude, and A. Pereira

Author Information \star — Q Find other works by these authors \star

26th International Conference on Optical Fiber Sensors OSA Technical Digest (Optica Publishing Group, 2018), paper WF85 * https://doi.org/10.136/



Tutorials

Keziban Kandemir

Distributed and Discrete Optical Strain Measurements down to Cryogenic Temperatures

Strain monitoring of prototypes is crucial to confirm the mechanical response of structures and validate Finite Element Analysis. Optical fiber-based strain sensors offer many advantages with respect to electrical strain gauges, such as being less invasive and intrinsically immune to electromagnetic fields [1,2].

The optical fibers can be used as discrete strain sensors through the Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) technology. Within a short section of the optical fiber, the refractive index of the core is periodically modulated such as the FBG reflects a specific wavelength λB called Bragg



Received 13 January 2023; revised 16 May 2023; accepted 16 May 2023; posted 17 May 2023; published 23 May 2023

Rayleigh backscattering (RBS)-based distributed fiber sensors technology is becoming more and more rcucial in various fields such as aerospace and defense, automotive, civil, and geotechnical. This technology is measuring the naturally occurring Rayleigh backscatter level in the optical fiber core; thus, any standard single-mode telecom optical fiber can be used. The application of distributed optical fiber strain sensing in the harsh environments of the European Organization for Nuclear Research required several mechanical tests to study the accuracy of strain sensing in cryogenic conditions. This study compares the performance of a RBS-based distributed optical fiber strain sensing down to cryogenic temperatures (4.2.5) with previously validated instrumentations such as electrical strain gauges grating technologies. © 2023 Optica Publishing Group

https://doi.org/10.1364/AO.485677



Patrons & Exhibitors

HL-LHC superconducting quadrupole magnets (MQXF) :

- 7m length coils instrumented with OFS (FBG / discrete measurements) to assess the stress state (key parameter in the magnet performance);
- > Stress monitoring performed during the loading, thermal cycles and powering processes.





Optical Fibre Discussion with STFC team

HL-LHC superconducting quadrupole magnets (MQXF) :

Aluminum outer shell instrumented with OFS (RBS / distributed measurements) to assess the stress state during loading operation;





HL-LHC superconducting quadrupole magnets (MQXF) :

> Real time data acquisition + Cloud data streaming \rightarrow Grafana Dashboards





Embedded OFS in carbon fiber structure (EP-DT Collaboration)





Optical Fibre Discussion with STFC team

Developments

Optical feedthrough development in the EN-MME (Design, FEA, Workshop) :

- Some issues to extract optical fiber signal from 1.9 K bath with commercial connectors ;
- Internal development to produce a brazed solution without connectors to improve the optical losses at cold.



Brazing methodology :

- Single-mode pure-silica core optical fiber with 35 µm ± 5 % Cu-alloy thickness;
- OFE copper inserts also brazed into the center of the AISI 316LN flange 14/01/2025



Optical Fibre Discussion with STFC team

Developments

Optical feedthrough development in the EN-MME group :







Crab Cavity instrumentation Design

Michael GUINCHARD on behalf of EN-MME-EDM

STFC Visit

Fiber Bragg grating based strain sensor

FSG-A03-AA0 0.609/4/1520-1544/1

FemtoSecond Gratings in Polyimide coated 125µm Bend Insensitive fiber optimized for 1550nm wavelength window

Number of FBG's: 4 Lead in: 103mm Lead out: 112mm Total fiber length: 609mm Grating length: ~4mm Spacing between gratings: 83mm, 228mm, 83mm Wavelength configuration: 1520nm, 1528nm, 1536nm, 1544nm PI coated direct FC/APC connector* at lead in and lead out

*no kink protection **Individual FBG marking directly at the FBG location over whole FBG length (4mm), Marking Tolerance +/-1mm







Optical fiber bonding

Optical fiber bonding on the blades.









Fiber Bragg grating based strain sensor

FSG-A03- 0.462/4/1520-1550/1

AA0

FemtoSecond Gratings in Polyimide coated 125 μm Bend Insensitive fiber optimized for 1550nm wavelength window

Number of FBG's: 4 Lead in: 99mm Lead out: 64mm Total fiber length: 462mm Grating length: ~4mm Spacing between gratings: 89mm, 120mm, 90mm Wavelength configuration: 1520nm, 1530nm, 1540nm, 1550nm PI coated direct FC/APC connector at lead in and lead out

*no kink protection **Individual FBG marking directly at the FBG location over whole FBG length (4mm), Marking Tolerance +/-1mm







Optical fiber bonding

Optical fiber bonding on the FPC tubes.







Optical fiber flange configuration

Evaluation of the strain along the blades and FPC:

- Bending strain;
- Traction stress.





Crab cavity design







Crab Cavity instrumentation Results

Michael GUINCHARD on behalf of EN-MME-EDM

STFC Visit















	18th August 2023	17th October 2023	23th October 2023	variation due to transport
	Strain (μm/m)	Strain (µm/m)	Strain (µm/m)	Strain (µm/m)
CAV1_FPC_Secondary_Line	29.12	-13.4	-23.8	-10.4
CAV1_FPC_Short_Side	-29.91	-43.41	-59.47	-16.06
CAV1_FPC_Long_Side	17.97	-76.33	-99.1	-22.77
CAV1_FPC_Cavity_Line	104.7	-24.16	-46.58	-22.42
CAV1_RightBlade_Cavity_Long Side	299.1	281.62	262.4	-19.22
CAV1_RightBlade_Secondary_Long Side	22.24	-43.96	-52.49	-8.53
CAV1_RightBlade_Secondary_Short Side	-268.3	-418.47	-447.9	-29.43
CAV1_RightBlade_Cavity_Short Side	-388.7	-489.43	-519.1	-29.67
CAV1_LeftBlade_Secondary_Long Side	90.7	59.36	26.7	-32.66
CAV1_LeftBlade_Cavity_Long Side	6.579	-47.39	-41.57	5.82
CAV1_LeftBlade_Cavity_Short Side	-147.3	-242.3	-267.74	-25.44
CAV1_LeftBlade_Secondary_Short Side	-103.3	-146.14	-161.43	-15.29
CAV2_FPC_Secondary_Line	-73.02	-129.23	-141.69	-12.46
CAV2_FPC_Short_Side	41.06	-19.99	-29.3	-9.31
CAV2_FPC_Long_Side	168.6	64.92	53.54	-11.38
CAV2_FPC_Cavity_Line	48.74	-44.96	-58.38	-13.42
CAV2_LeftBlade_Secondary_Long Side	-182.9	-139.04	-170.8	-31.76
CAV2_LeftBlade_Cavity_Long Side	-34.94	-153.79	-169.67	-15.88
CAV2_LeftBlade_Cavity_Short Side	-360.1	-411.13	-387.81	23.32
CAV2_LefttBlade_Secondary_Short Side	48.44	-23.51	-42.46	-18.95
CAV2_RightBlade_Cavity_Short Side	-44.86	-97.98	-118.8	-20.82
CAV2_RightBlade_Secondary_Short Side	-184.1	-321.01	-354.98	-33.97
CAV2_RigthBlade_Secondary_Long Side	150.6	98.07	64.25	-33.82
CAV2_RightBlade_Cavity_Long Side	26.02	-5.79	-31.13	-25.34







Transport Results – Worst case event





Transport Results – Worst case event





Repair of Cavity #1 FPC (Straightening)





Repair of Cavity #1 FPC (Straightening)



Presence of strain gauges - very useful!





Crab Cavity instrumentation What's next ?

Michael GUINCHARD on behalf of EN-MME-EDM

STFC Visit

Expected instrumentation



What do we expect from STFC team ?

- Local experts must be identified and/or trained to support our activities remotely.
- Internal instrumentation based on optical fibers is useful also during assembly
 operations → Optical instrumentation must be connected most of the time !







Discussions and Lab Visit