



# Radiation tolerant fiber optic sensors for long-term humidity monitoring in the CMS experiment

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### **Humidity Sensors Issues in HEP Trackers**

### <u>CMS specifications for new generation</u> <u>RH sensors:</u>

- ✓ Low mass and Small dimensions
- ✓ Insensitivity to magnetic field
- ✓ Environment T down to -10 °C and in [0, 100] %RH range
  - ✓ Accuracy: better than ±3 %RH
    - ✓ Reduced number of wires
    - ✓ High long term stability
  - ✓ Radiation resistance to dose up to 1 MGy (100 Mrad)



### G. M. Berruti's CERN Doctoral student program (2012) :



1) Different types of miniaturized sensors

(standard capacitive)













# NO-ONE satisfies CERN requirements:

- Not radiation hard
- "Dead" at absorbed radiation doses ≤ 10 kGy

### 2) Remote air sniffers

Measurements with laboratory instrument on air samples transferred over long distance



## **Our solution: Fiber Optic-based relative humidity sensors**

### **Fiber Optic Sensors**

For a large number of environmental monitoring and industrial applications fiber-optic sensor technology offers several advantages for significant metrological improvement through:

- High sensitivity
- Immunity to electromagnetic interference
- Lightweight
- Possibility to work in harsh environments
- Versatility
- Absence of electronic circuitry in the measurement area



### **Fiber Bragg Grating fundamentals**

FBG is a permanent periodic modulation of the refraction index in the core of the fiber



$$\lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle B} = 2 \cdot n_{\scriptscriptstyle eff} \cdot \Lambda$$

- $n_{eff}$  is the fiber effective refractive index ( $n_{eff} \sim 1.455$  in silica)
- Λ is the grating pitch (typically ~ 500 nm)
- $\lambda_{
  m B}$  is the reflected Bragg's wavelength

### **FBG- based Strain and Temperature Sensors**



### Strain changes:

- A via direct deformation
- *n<sub>eff</sub>* via elasto-optic effect





### **Temperature Changes:**

- $\Lambda$  via thermal expansion
- *n<sub>eff</sub>* via thermo-optic effect



For strain measurements, <u>discrimination between temperature and strain needed</u>: Strain free reference FBG sensor coupled to another FBG (T-Compensation technique)

• FBG- based Temperature and Strain Sensors already in use in CMS since 2009

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### **FBG Multiplexing Principle**





 Up to hundreds of FBG sensors can be realized within a single optical fibers by changing the grating period

 $\Delta\lambda_{B-i}=2n \Lambda_i$ 

- Maximum number of sensors is ruled by taking into account:
  - spectral range of the light source
- maximum wavelength shift of each sensor
- Typically a dozen of FBGs is a reasonable number

## FBG Sensors: Standardized Technological Platform

### ... An attractive sensing solution:

- All the FOS Advantages
  - Wavelength encoded
    - Linear output
      - Multiplexing
        - Reduction of cabling complexity
          - Multi point Sensing
            - Multi parametric sensing





**Functionalization**: integration with appropriate materials and suitable packaging to measure physical, chemical and biological parameters

# FBG + COATING: <u>Multi-parametric sensing</u>

- Magnetic field
- Humidity
- Cryo temperatures
- Acoustic waves
- Weight
- Chemical and biological analytes



### **FBG-based sensors for CERN**





FOS Community:

academic and industrial partners

CMS Experiment **CERN:** PH-DT Group LHC TE-MSC Group

High LHC High LHC H-DT Detector Technologies H-DT Crait Study 

FOS4HEP collaboration from 2009:



### R&D on:

- <u>RH-FOS based sensors</u>
- T and strain FBG-based sensors
- T and strain FBG-based sensors for superconductive magnets
  - B-field FBG-based sensors
    - Dosimetry

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### **FBG-based relative humidity sensors**

- Bare FBGs are insensitive to humidity
- Use of a sensitive material as coating of the FBG to induce a mechanical effect
- Hygroscopic polymers swell upon adsorption of water molecules



• Polyimide-coated FBGs intrinsically sensitive to temperature:

$$\Delta \lambda_B = f(\Delta T, \Delta RH) = S_T(T, RH) \cdot \Delta T + S_{RH}(T, RH) \cdot \Delta RH$$

Temperature compensation scheme required to extract RH measurements from the sensor readings

Final configuration of FBGbased thermo-hygrometers developed for CMS: 2 FBGS coupled side by side (1 poly-coated and 1 bare)



### .. Use of FBG as RH sensor not new in literature..



- RH measurements limited to [10, 65] °C and [0-10] %RH ranges
- Completely unexplored the effect of ionizing radiations

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### **Optoelectronic interrogation system**

- Commercial optoelectronic interrogation system
- Same interrogator already in use at CMS for T/strain FBG-based sensors



#### Optical Sensing Interrogator | sm125 sm125-200 sm125-500 sm125-700 1 (up to 16) 4 (up to 16) 4 (up to 16) 1 Hz 2 Hz 5 Hz 1520-1570 nm 1510-1590 nm 1510-1590 nm 10 pm 1 pm 2.5 pm 1 p Optical Sensing Interrogator | sm225 Specifications (B) sm225-200 sm225-500 sm225-80 **Optical Properties** Number of Optical Channels 16 4 Scan Frequency 1 Hz 2 Hz 0.5 Hz Wavelength Range 1520-1580 nm 1510-1590 nm 1510-1590 nm Wavelength Accuracy 10 pm 1.pm 1 pm Wavelength Stability 3 5 pm 1 pm 1 pm Wavelength Repeatability 1pm at 1Hz 5pm at 1Hz, 0.2 pm at 0 1pm at 0.5H Dynamic Range<sup>1</sup> 40dB 50 dB 40dB Typical FBG Sensor Capacity 15 80 320 Full Spectrum Measurement Included Internal Peak Detection Mode Included sm041 Switch Compatible No No Switches internal **Optical Connectors** FC/APC (E2000 availabl **Data Processing Capabilities** Interfaces Ethernet - other interfaces available via an optional Internal Sensing Processo Protocols Custom Micron Optics protocol via Ethernet Remote Software Spectral analysis, peak detection, data logger, peak tracking, and instrument con LabVIEW™ Source Code Allows for customization of remote softwa Enhanced Data Management **ENLIGHT** Sensing Analysis Software Mechanical, Environmental, Electrical Properties Dimensions; Weight 435 mm x 442 mm x 45 mm; 4.1 kg (9 lbs max) Rack Mount Hardware Included Operating Temperature; Humidity 0° to 50°C; 0 to 80%, non-condensing +20° to 70°C; 0 to 95%, non-condensing Storage Temperature; Humidit Input Voltage 7 - 36 VDC (100-240 VAC, 47-63Hz), AC/DC converter included

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Power Consumption at 12V

20 W typ, 30 max

### **PH-DT experimental set-up**

• RH-FOS interrogation setup available in Crystal Palace









### Investigations @ CERN about RH-FBG sensors from 2011





Radiation Hard Humidity Sensors for High Energy Physics Application using Polyimidecoated Fiber Bragg Gratings Sensors

G. Berruti, M. Consales, M. Giordano, L. Sansone, P. Petagna, S. Buontempo, G. Breglio, and A. Cusano (Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical, 2012)



Optical microscope image of sample S1 (~23µm-thick coating)

### In-house fabricated sensor:

- multiple dip coating

- oven curing cycles
- polyimide: PI2525 HD Microsystem
  - Pyralin 12

**Characteristic curves** 



### **T** and **RH** Sensitivities



### Slight dependence of $S_{RH}$ on T and $S_{T}$ on RH !!

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### **Issues Related to Radiation Tolerance**

2 categories of <u>commercial electronic humidity</u>

<u>sensors</u>



Sensitive to radiations

Not resistant to radiations ("Die" in presence of radiations)



# NO COMMERCIAL SENSORS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET SUITABLE FOR HEP APPLICATIONS!!

- FBGs are resistant to radiations
- FBGs are not insensitive to radiations

Depending on:

- Writing technique
- Type of fiber

(F. Berghmans et al ,Fiber bragg grating sensors in nuclear environments, in: A. Cusano et al, Fiber Bragg Grating Sensors:Recent Advancements, Industrial Applications and Market Exploitation, Bentham Science Publishers, , Ch. 12 (2011) 218-237 )



# Are FBG-based thermo-hygrometers suitable for HEP applications?

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### **FBG-based thermo-hygrometers under radiation**



FBG RH sensors



- Commercial sensors (Welltech)
- Coating thickness:10 μm (nominal)
- Irradiated up to 210 kGy
- Sensing performances unchanged
- Radiation-induced shift to be taken into account



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### **Engineered FBG sensors for radiation tolerance**





Pre-irradiation of FBGs is suggested to bring them in the "Low S<sub>irr</sub> zone" before installation in high radiation environments



### • Commercial capacity RH sensors permanently damaged before the 10 kGy dose

10 kGy absorbed dose corresponds to 2 years of LHC activity considering (from Fluka Simulations):

- Luminosity of 100 fb-1
- Sensors 40 cm distant from the beam pipe

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For the collected very promising results:

CMS Tracker financed in 2012 the purchasing of 80 optical FBG-based thermo-hygrometers for TEMPERATURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY and DEW **POINT MAPPING** in front of the tracker volume of the experiment

- Design
- Manufacturing Quality control



- Calibration and testing **Before/After Irradiation**
- Installation in the experiment
- Monitoring



### FOS installation in CMS tracker (2)

# 72 FBG- based thermo-hygrometers installed in CMS Tracker, providing a full map of T, RH and DPT in the volume



### FOS pre-irradiated at 210 kGy before installation to reduce the cross sensitivity due to irradiation

- FOS coupled to <u>commercial T+RH sensors</u> (read out with ARDUINO microcontrollers) for cross-checks during LS1
- On the volume, a few <u>sniffing points</u> also available for comparisons



Commercial RH+T sensors: expected to "die" for LHC operations, depending on the

absorbed dose

**<u>Remote air SNIFFING</u>**: not influenced by LHC collisions but no distributed sensing or

T/RH/DTP mapping provided

FOS-based sensors: demonstrated to be TOLERANT TO RADIATIONS, will provide full

mapping of T/RH/TDP in the volume even during LHC operations

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### First example of FBG-RH sensors in operation in CMS





- 9 months of measurements (October 2014 - June 2015)
- <u>Sniffer not available</u> in the installation point
- <u>Commercial based DP sensor</u> <u>coupled to the FOS</u>:
  - expected to die with LHC collisions

FBG-based thermo-hygrometer will be the <u>only sensor</u> to provide T, RH and DPT readings during RUN2

### **Benchmark in the RH sensors market**

- **Developed by Sensirion**
- SHT2X: Considered as high-end model of new generation of digital RH+T sensors

### **Declared behaviour of Sensirion SHT2X**



- RH Accuracy values exclude hysteresis (±1 %RH declared in the datasheet)
- HIHs RH sensors installed in CMS and coupled to optical fiber based RH sensors

### during LS1 show at best comparable performance

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### Second example of FBG-RH sensors in operation in CMS



FOS, Reference and Sniffer readings in comparison on Positive Side

 9 months of measurements (October 2014 – June 2015) Very good FOS DP reconstructions in comparison to reference commercial sensors (which will "die" with LHC radiation) and the sniffer readings (average measurement, as available in only a few sniffing points in the volume)

### Third example of FBG-RH sensors in operation in CMS



- BH outside, Positive Side
- ~3 months of measurements (March – June 2015)
- <u>Complete map</u> of Temperature, Relative humidity, Dew point on the volume provided ONLY by <u>FOS</u>



Only one sniffing point present on the BH outside (pos. 2)
Commercial RH+T sensor present in pos. 2 will "die" with LHC radiation

### **Example of T, RH and DPT mapping with FOS**

- Referring to a steady state condition (referring here to 12<sup>nd</sup> April 2015)
- FOS installed on BH outside-Positive Side



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### Summarizing..

### FIBER BRAGG GRATING-BASED RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSORS:

- R&D program <u>completed</u>
- <u>Consolidated technology</u>
- 3 years of work experience accumulated
  - The installation of the FBG-based thermo-hygrometers in CMS tracker represents the very first real application of this technology in real environment
  - <u>All the requests from CMS experiment fully satisfied</u>:
    - Reliable system
    - Multi-point map in terms of T, RH, DP conditions in the tracker volume
    - Sensors surviving to radiation exposure



Wavelength (nm)

For higher accuracy at low dew point, development of a second generation of FOS launched: LONG PERIOD GRATING-BASED RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSORS

-R&D in PH-DT from 2013



Wavelength (nm)

- "Long" grating (from 100 μm to 1 mm)
- LPG couples light from the fundamental guided core mode to discrete forward-propagating cladding modes
- Each coupling happens at a distinct wavelength:

# Phase matching condition

$$\lambda_{{}_{res,i}} = \left(n_{{}_{e\!f\!f},core} - n^{i}_{{}_{e\!f\!f},clad}\right) \cdot \Lambda$$

$$\begin{split} n_{eff,core} &= \text{core effective refractive index} \\ \lambda_{res,i} &= \text{resonance wavelength} \\ & \text{for } i_{\text{th}} \text{ coupled mode} \\ n^{i}_{eff,clad} &= \text{cladding effective refractive index} \\ & \text{for } i_{\text{th}} \text{ coupled mode} \end{split}$$

• As a result of this process, the LPG transmission spectrum shows several attenuation bands



- LPGs are sensitive to different environmental parameters (T, strain, bending...)
- Particularly interesting is their sensitivity to surrounding medium refractive index



 The SRI change induces a n<sub>eff</sub> cladding modes variation and, consequently, a different phase matching condition.



### LPG as RH sensor



Development of LPGbased RH sensors by coating the grating with material able to respond to physical stimuli



Moisture absorbtion/desorption by the coating



the coating

Different coatings <u>explored in literature</u>:

- polymers, hydrogels, gelatin..

- Completely unexplored in literature:
  - behavior below 20 %RH and below 15 °C
  - effect of radiations
- Idea: to use oxides as coatings:

- stable

- expected to be radiation resistant



### **Characterization of LPG**



July 15, 2004/Vol. 30, No. 14/OPTICS LETTERS Nanoscale TiO<sub>2</sub>-coated LPGs as radiationtolerant humidity sensors for high-energy physics applications Maro Canadas,' Gaia Bernit,'' Ama Bortidia,' Michele Giardans,' Salvater Buselserpe,' Givenni Beglie,'' Adaps Malorec,' Peola Petagas,' and Andrea Casans,''



20x microscope image of a TiO<sub>2</sub>-coated LPGprobe



### In-house fabricated sensor:

- Sol- gel dip coating for TiO<sub>2</sub> deposition
- Multiple depositions needed to get the desired thickness
- <u>~100nm estimated TiO<sub>2</sub>thickness</u>

- $\lambda_{res,05}$  blue shift induced by TiO<sub>2</sub> water molecules absorption
- Similar results at 10, 0 and -10 °C
- Non linear characteristic curves

### **Characteristic curves**



### **Sensitivities of LPG**



### **T** Sensitivity

Precise T - compensation required only if very precise RH measurement is needed

If no compensation is applied, a <u>T reading error of ± 1 °C</u>

#### corresponds to:

- 7-10 %RH error for coated FBG based RH sensors
- 0.5+1 %RH error for coated LPG based RH sensors

\* ± 1%RH is the typical RH error declared for commercial RH sensors

### **RH Sensitivity**

 At 25 °C, S<sub>RH</sub> is 1.4 ÷ 0.11 nm/%RH in the range [0-10] %RH

> S<sub>RH</sub> from one to three orders of magnitude higher than the one of polyimide-coated FBG's\*

#### \* For a coated FBG, S<sub>RH</sub>≈ 1 pm/%RH



### LPG's Radiation Tolerance investigations

 Investigations about the sensing characteristics of LPGs after Υ radiations dose exposure



• Irradiation campaigns at higher doses to be performed

### **Conclusions (1)**

- The FOS4HEP project started at CERN in 2009 for developing novel and high performance multifunctional fiber optic sensors to be used in CERN experiments and accelerators
- Different **R&D projects launched** over the years launched:
  - FOS for strain and T measurements in CMS (raisers, Ipipe, YE4, T-UXC, PLT, BRM, RPC)
  - FOS for humidity measurements in CMS (tracker)
  - FOS for B fields measurements (prototypes)
  - FOS for cryogenics in LHC (T and strain in SC magnets and cryo Power-lines)
  - FOS for dosimetry (prototypes)
- CMS and PH-DT group fully involved in the development of a new generation of relative humidity fiber optic sensors for high radiation environments in collaboration with academic and industrial partners















### **Conclusions (2)**

### FOS for humidity measurements at CERN:

### 1) FBG-based RH sensors

- R&D started in 2011
- 4 years of work experience accumulated
- 72 FBG-based thermo-hygrometers installed in CMS Tracker:
  - Reliable system in acquisition H24
  - Providing for the first time a full punctual map of T, RH, DPT
  - Tolerant to radiations, will be the only reference during RUN2 with

sniffers for the hygrometric control of the air

- Conventional sensors will "die" with LHC radiation
- NO multi-point sensing with sniffers (only a few points available)

### 2) LPG-based RH sensors

- R&D started in 2013
- Very promising first results (in terms of performance, radiation tolerance...)

















# Thanks for your attention! Bedankt voor uw aandacht!

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