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Fiber optic-based sensors for relative humidity monitoring in the experiments running at CERN

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CMS environmental monitoring: needs and requirements

CMS needs: a reliable multi-point thermo-hygrometric distributed monitoring of the environmental water vapor content at DP \leq -30 °C

- Low mass and Small dimensions
- Insensitivity to magnetic field
- Operation down to -10 °C and [0- 100] %RH
- Accuracy: better than ±3 %RH
- Radiation resistance to dose up to 1 MGy



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NO miniaturized humidity sensor available on the market well suited for HEP detector applications

REQUIREMENTS FOR RH SENSORS

Our solution:

Fiber Optic-based humidity sensors

- Immunity to electromagnetic interference
- Possibility to work in harsh environments
- ✓ Radiation tolerance
- ✓ Absence of electronic circuitry in the measurement area



FOS classification

- Increased popularity and market acceptance of fiber optic sensors:
 - Intrinsic sensor: the fiber itself is the sensing element
 - <u>Extrinsic sensor</u>: fiber simply transports light to or from the sensing element



Experimental set-up at CERN





Dry Air (2 bar)

Pressure

Reducer

Top view

- T range: [-20 , 30]°C
- Stability of T measurements: ± 0.05°C
- RH range: [0, 100]%RH
- Stability of RH measurements: ± 0.1 %RH

Dry Air (6 bar)

Test section

Wet Air

Bubbler

First generation: Polyimide-coated FBGs







Pre-irradiation of FBGs is suggested to bring them in the "Safety zone" before installation in high radiation environments

Installation in CMS tracker (1)

CMS Tracker financed in 2012 the purchasing of 80 optical FBG-based thermohygrometers for TEMPERATURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY and DEW POINT MAPPING

in front of the tracker volume of the experiment

72 FBG- based thermo-hygrometers installed in critical regions of the experiment:

limited possibility of RH control

presence of cold pipes



Z- Bulkhead Outside



One year of FBG-based thermo-hygrometers in operation

in the CMS experiment at CERN

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Installation in CMS tracker (2)

- FOS coupled to capacitive <u>standard 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



Capacitive standard RH+T sensors: expected to "die" for LHC operations

Remote air SNIFFING: not influenced by LHC collisions but no multi-point sensing provided

First example of RH-FOS operation in CMS

E.g. 26 months of measurements in CMS (April 2015 - June 2017)

Capacitive RH+T FBG based thermo-hygrometer sensor damaged Capacitive thermo-hydrometer by rad!!!! 0 April 2015: LHC RUN 2 -10 16-05-15 24-08-15 02-12-15 11-03-16 19-06-16 27-09-16 05-01-17 15-04-17

Relative humidity monitoring

Temperature monitoring



Time(Date)



The T +RH standard capacitive sensors show drift due to radiation damage from June 2016 - Expected absorbed dose of 10 kRad (from FLUKA simulations)

FBG-base thermo-hygrometers:
- radiation resistant
- no drift in time
- providing T and RH reasonable measurements during RUN2

April 2015: LHC RUN 2 3/07/2017

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Second example of RH-FOS operation in CMS

E.g. Two years monitoring of temperature and dew point temperature in the Outside Tracker Bulkhead

Temperature monitoring



Dew Point temperature monitoring





- One sniffing point available on the BH outside in pos. 2

<u>Complete map</u> of Temperature, Relative humidity, Dew point Temperature on the volume <u>provided ONLY</u> by the FBG-<u>based thermo-hygrometers</u>

T, RH and DPT mapping with FOS

Useful maps that only FBG-based thermo-hygrometers can provide:

- Study of the T, RH and TDP distribution in the volume
- Localization of eventual critical spots



FBG-based RH sensors: issues to be improved

From experience of FBG-based thermo-hygrometers in operation in CMS experiment:



New generation of RH fiber optic-based sensors for ATLAS

In 2015 ATLAS officially enquired the possibility of installing a small network of FOS-based hygrometers in critical areas during LS2 for water vapor content at DP ≤ -40 °C



1st generation of fiber optic based RH sensors:

• Smooth and reliable performance, as demonstrated with the experience in CMS

<u>BUT</u>

• Limit of applicability considering the performance requested and environmental conditions in ATLAS



Development of a second generation of FOS launched in collaboration with ATLAS and CMS experiments: Long Period Grating (LPG) based sensors for Relative Humidity monitoring

Long Period Gratings

Long period gratings (LPGs) are photonic devices obtained by inducing a periodic modulation of the refractive index of the core of a single mode fiber

• "Long" period of the grating (from 100 μm to 1 mm)



LPGs' operation principle

 LPG couples light from the fundamental guided core mode to discrete forward-propagating cladding modes. Each coupling happens at a distinct wavelength:



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

Multi-parametric sensing with LPGs

- 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_{eff} cladding modes variation and, consequently, a different phase matching condition.



LPG as RH sensor



Development of LPG-based RH sensors by coating the grating with material able to respond to physical stimuli



Selection of the sensitive coating material

• Different coatings explored in literature for the development of LPG-based relative humidity sensors:

- polymers, hydrogels, gelatin..
- No indication in literature concerning LPG-based RH sensors in terms of:
 - behavior below 20 %RH and below 15 $^\circ\mathrm{C}$
 - effect of radiations
- For our application:

3/07/2017



Characterization of TiO₂ coated LPG RH sensors



T Sensitivity of TiO₂ coated sensors



• 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 corresponds to:</u>

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

Typical declared behaviour for commercial RH sensors (ONLY AT 25 °C):

- RH Accuracy=± 2÷3 %RH in the range [10-80]%
 - RH Accuracy=± 3÷5 %RH in the range [0-10]%
- Hysteresis not included (typ. ±1 %RH)

Resistance to Y-radiation of LPG based sensors

- WHY?
 Damage expected to be higher in case of ionizing radiations
 Investigations about the effect of radiation on the sensing performance of LPGs
 Study of the saturation properties of the LPG radiation induced wavelength shift

 as observed for the first generation developed for CMS
- On going collaboration with ATOMKI (Hungarian Academy of Sciences Institute for Nuclear Research) in Debrecen
- LPG sensors travelling from CERN to ATOMKI and vice versa for irradiation campaigns
- Currently investigating the behaviour of uncoated LPGs under irradiation - for a better understanding of the effect of the radiation on the grating
- Incremental irradiation campaigns with TiO₂ coated LPGs scheduled for the next months - no relevant difference expected as TiO₂ should be insensitive to Υ – rays
- Investigations to be extended to protons in near future



Measuring irradiation set-up in ATOMKI



"Experimental" cavern

- Co⁶⁰ source
- Cone shaped window in the cylindrical lead shielding
- Sensors installed in the box placed in front of the source





SIDE VIEW OF THE SOURCE



FOR OUR APPLICATION :

- @ 26.7 cm far from the middle of the source (LPGs installation point)
 a dasa rate of 0.108 kCu/b* is supported.
 - a dose rate of 0.108 kGy/h^{*} is expected
- To get 10 kGy, 92.4 hours (exposure time) are needed

* 0.11 KGy/h is the same irradiation dose rate of an oject exposed to 10 MGy in 10 years

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On-line monitoring during irradiation campaign

• ON LINE acquisition : 1. Thermalization phase

1. THERMALIZATION

- 2. Source ON phase
- 3. Relaxation phase



• E.g.: Response of LPG sensor during a Υ-ionizing irradiation exposure at 20 kGy



Off line re-characterization @ CERN

Sensors re-characterized in EP-DT climatic chamber after each campaign

- <u>Initial radiation induced shift</u>, as observed for the first generation of RH sensors for CMS
- <u>Sensor performance not significantly affected</u> by radiation



Next steps concerning irradiation

- Y-ionizing irradiation campaigns at higher doses
 - more investigations about the saturation properties of the radiation induced shift needed
 - more statistics to collect
 - study of the radiation damage on optical fibers, relaxation time, effect of the dose rate in collaboration with ATOMKI
- From next months, extend Υ-irradiation studies to <u>TiO₂ coated LPG samples</u>
 same testing protocol as described before
 statistics to collect
- <u>Neutron and mixed beam irradiation</u> on coated and uncoated LPG sensors
 - in contact with irradiation facilities at CERN
 - possible start at IRRAD (with Federico Ravotti) in summer 2017

Other tasks under investigation..

Development of final package for application in real environment

Specifications for a LPG-based sensor package: - Strain free - Small dimension - Not intrusive

- First protoype of 3D-printed sensor packaging in ceramic (SiO₂)





3-D Model for the proposed packaging design



First prototype developed at CSEM

Slight modifications of the first design under development

Other tasks under investigation..

Study of multiplexing solutions

• Possibility to write several LPG-based sensors within the same optical fibers:



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



Reasonable number for our application could be 4-5 in the range [0-50] %RH

RH high sensitivity applications for future HEP detectors

- New generation of particles detectors
- More challenging low operation temperatures
- Humidity monitoring extremely important



• Better accuracy of RH sensors at low humidity requested by experiments



THE ENHANCED SENSITIVITY OF LPG-BASED RH SENSORS (from 1000 to 100 times higher than the sensitivity of the first proposed generation) GUARANTEES HIGH PRECISION MEASUREMENTS AT LOW HUMIDITY!!!

1) FBG-based RH sensors











Conclusions

2) LPG-based RH sensors







Merci pour votre attention!

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Back-up slides



FBGs or LPGs for RH monitoring in HEP environments?

FBG

- Dense Multiplexing
 BUT
- Cross sensitivity (T-RH)
- Precise T compensation
 - Aging of the coating

- Work below 0 °C
- Radiation resistant
- S_{RH} unaffected by radiation

LPG

- High RH sensitivity and high precision measurements
- NO precise T compensation
 - No aging **BUT**
 - No dense multiplexing

A Comparative Study of Radiation-Tolerant Fiber Optic Sensors for Relative Humidity Monitoring in High-Radiation Environments at CERN Volume 6, Number 6, December 2014 IEEE PHOTONIC JOURNAL

.. Why -based sensors?

FBG as a standardized technological platform

... and an attractive sensing solution:

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





FBG as multifunctional sensors

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



Performance of RH-FBG sensors



Temperature compensation

• Polyimide-coated FBGs intrinsically sensitive to temperature:

<u>T compensation scheme required</u> to extract RH measurements from the sensor readings

 $\Delta \lambda_{R} = f(\Delta T, \Delta RH) = (S_{T}(T, RH) \cdot \Delta T) + S_{RH}(T, RH) \cdot \Delta RH$

Final configuration of FBG-based thermo-hygrometers for CMS: 2 FBGS coupled side by side (1 poly-coated and 1 uncoated)



.. RH FBG sensor not new in literature..



- RH measurements limited to [10, 65] °C and [20-100] %RH ranges
- Completely unexplored the effect of ionizing radiations

FBG-based thermo-hygrometers under radiation

Poly- Coated FBG RH sensors



PI-coated FBG produced by WELLTECH

- Designed by Unisannio and CERN
- PI-coated FBGs mounted in freestrain package
- Coating thickness:10 μm (nominal)
- Irradiation campaigns up to 210 kGy
- Same results as FBG-T sensors





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

Optoelectronic interrogation system

Optical Sensing Interrogator | sm125

-Hundreds of sensors readable

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



Optical Sensing Interrogator | sm225

FOS interrogation system ii PH-DT laboratory

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|---|-----------------|--|--------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Specifications | sm125-200 | sm125-500 | sm12 | 5-700 | | |
| Optical Properties | | | | | | |
| Number of Optical Channels ' 1 (up to 16) | | 4 (up to 16) | 4 (up t | to 16) | | |
| Scan Frequency | 1 Hz | 2 Hz | 5 Hz | | | |
| Wavelength Range | 1520-1570 nm | 1510-1590 nm 1510-1590 | | 590 nm | | |
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| Optical Connectors | Optical Proc | | SINCE SOU | STILLS 200 | SHILLS OVE | |
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| Protocols Wavele | | Range | 1520-1580 nm | 1510-1590 nm | 1510-1590 nm | |
| Remote Software Waveleng | | Accuracy 2 | 10 pm | 1 pm | 1 pm | |
| LabVIEW™ Source Code | Wavelength 1 | Stability ^a | 5 pm | 1 pm | 1 pm | |
| Enhanced Data Management | Wavelength I | Wavelength Repeatability * | | 0.5pm at 1Hz, 0.2 pm at 0.1Hz | 1pm at 0.5Hz | |
| | Dynamic Ran | Dynamic Range ^s | | 50 dB | 40dB | |
| Mechanical, Environmenta | Typical FBG S | Typical FBG Sensor Capacity [®] | | 80 | 320 | |
| Dimensions; Weight | Full Spectrum | Full Spectrum Measurement | | Included | | |
| ; Humidit; | y Internal Peak | Internal Peak Detection Mode | | Included | | |
| Humidity | sm041 Swite | sm041 Switch Compatible | | No | Switches internal | |
| | Optical Conn | Optical Connectors | | FC/APC (E2000 available) | | |
| 12V | Data Proces | sing Capabilities | | | | |
| 121 | Interfaces | Interfaces | | Ethernet - other interfaces available via an optional Internal Sensing Processor | | |
| | Protocols | Protocols | | Custom Micron Optics protocol via Ethernet | | |
| | Remote Soft | Remote Software | | Spectral analysis, peak detection, data logger, peak tracking, and instrument control | | |
| | LabVIEWTM | LabVIEW TM Source Code | | Allows for customization of remote software | | |
| entral am225 | Enhanced De | ita Management | | ENLIGHT Sensing Analysis Softw | are | |
| MORTHA L THINKING | Mechanical, | Environmental, Electrica | I Properties | | | |
| | Dimensions; | Dimensions; Weight | | 435 mm x 442 mm x 45 mm; 4.1 kg (9 lbs max) | | |
| | Rack Mount | Rack Mount Hardware | | Included | | |
| ack Mount Module | Operating Ter | Operating Temperature; Humidity | | 0° to 50°C; 0 to 80%, non-condensing | | |
| | Storage Terry | Storage Temperature; Humidity | | +20° to 70°C; 0 to 95%, non-condensing | | |
| o channeis available | Input Voltage | Input Voltage | | 7 - 36 VDC (100-240 VAC, 47-63Hz), AC/DC converter included | | |

Power Consumption at 12V

MICRON

20 W typ, 30 max

Coated-LPG: Fabrication process (1)

- Sol- gel dip coating method for TiO₂ layers integration onto LPG surface
 - good optical quality
 - ring shaped simmetry
 - longitudinal uniformity over the grating length...
- 4 steps in the fabrication process:





Coated-LPG: Fabrication process (2)

• Multiple depositions needed to get the desired layer thickness (~100nm)



20x microscope image of a TiO₂-coated LPG1 probe Smooth and homogeneus TiO₂ layer deposited onto the fiber



Trasmittance spectra before and after the TiO₂ deposition

- 1. Attenuation band of the bare device (5th cladding mode) at $\lambda_{res,05}$ =1579.0 nm
 - 2. TiO_2 deposition causes a ~ 24.1 nm resonance blue shift and ~ 5 dB increase in its depth

EFFICIENT ON-LINE THICKNESS CONTROL DURING THE DEPOSITION, THROUGHT THE MONITORING OF THE WAVELENGTH SHIFT

at CMS for RH monitoring

1) Different types of miniaturized sensors (standard capacitive)



2) Remote air sniffers

Measurements on air samples transferred over long distance

