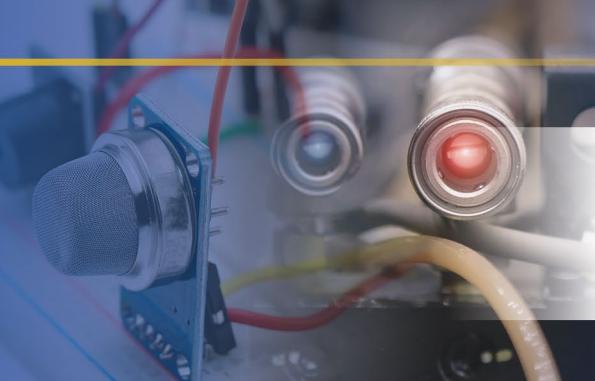




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# FINAL REMARKS AND POSTER SESSION SUMMARY

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## Nanomaterials & Manufacturing in NanoProduct Lab @ Pitt

Mostafa Bedewy, Swanson School of Engineering

- ✓ Spatially controlled laser-induced graphene<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Electrochemical sensing of biomolecules<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Superhydrophobic fluorinated graphene<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Dynamic chemical vapor deposition: nanotubes<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Engineering catalytic activity and lifetime<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ Protein-nanocarbons for transient electronics<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ Sequential laser-based folding of polymers<sup>7</sup>
- ✓ Machine learning for process discovery<sup>8</sup>
- ✓ Data analytics for process improvement<sup>9</sup>

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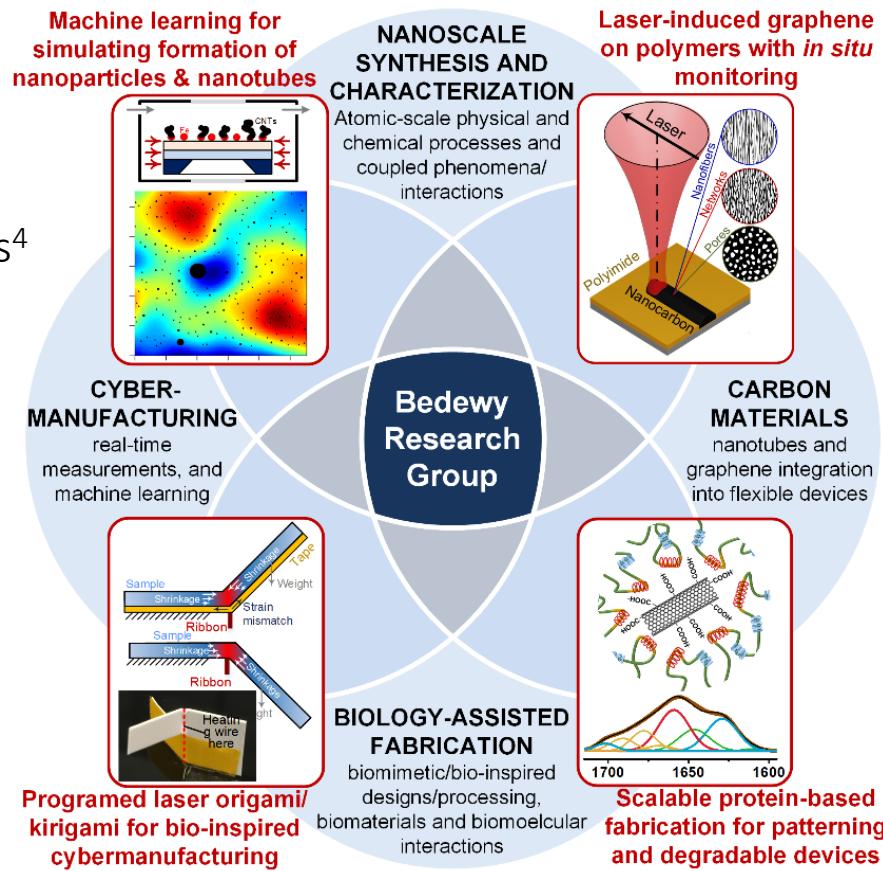
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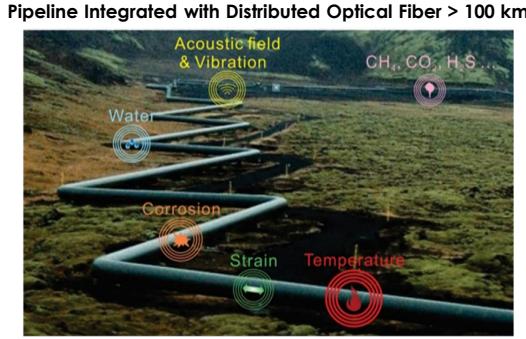
## Corrosion and pH Monitoring of Pipelines and Subsurface Wellbores Using Optical Fiber Sensors

Nathan Diemler,<sup>1,2</sup> Alexander Shumski,<sup>1,2</sup> Nageswara Lalam,<sup>1,2</sup> Ruishu Wright<sup>1</sup>

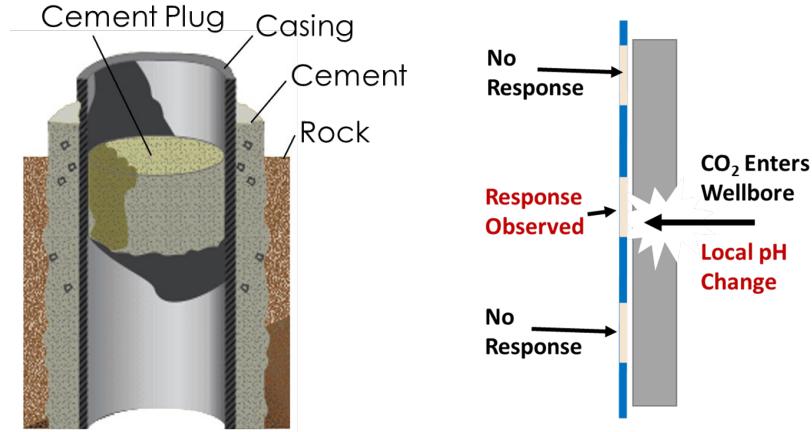
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### Pipeline Corrosion Monitoring



### High Temperature Wellbore pH Monitoring



- Direct Early Corrosion Onset Detection inside the Pipeline
- Other parameters that can cause corrosion, e.g. water
- Pipeline corrosion costs billions of dollars annually
- Sensors have been field tested in pipeline conditions

- Harsh wellbore conditions limit pH sensor operation
- TiO<sub>2</sub> coating detects changes in pH at 80°C
- Sensor responds to pH changes under harsh conditions

**Functionalized with sensing material coating, distributed optical fiber sensors were demonstrated for corrosion and pH monitoring in pipeline and harsh subsurface conditions.**



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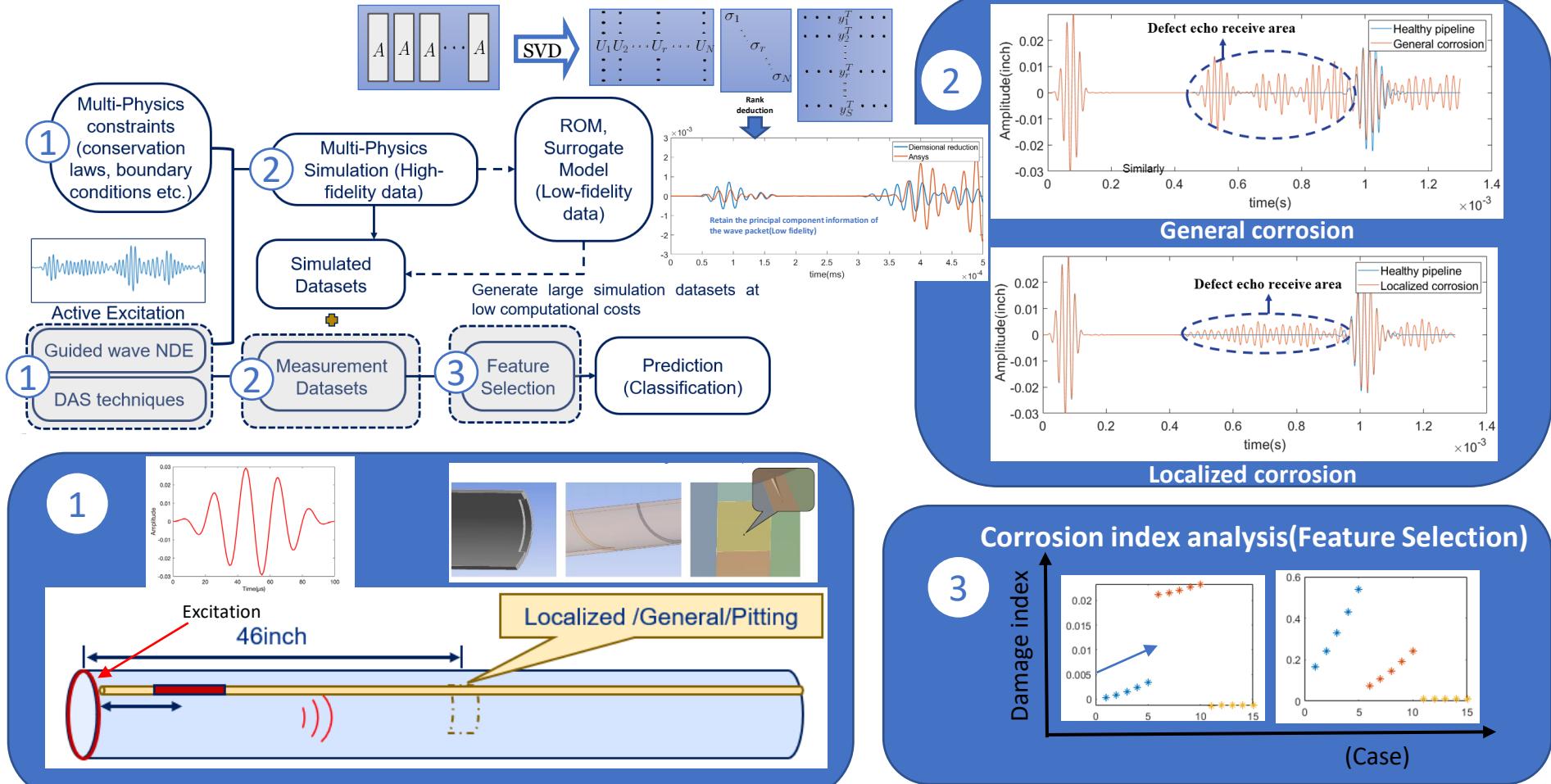


## Designing methods for more identity-obscuring, equitable sensing in shared spaces

- Shifting to smarter buildings and spaces comes at the cost of privacy
- Privacy-obscuring measures are necessary to preserve people's trust in public, shared spaces
- Novel visual representations of spaces that obfuscate the space's inhabitants while still revealing useful information about activities in the space
- Formative studies verified that people are comfortable with these visualizations in regards to obscuring identity



### Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing + Physics Based Modeling + AI + Ultrasonic Acoustic NDE

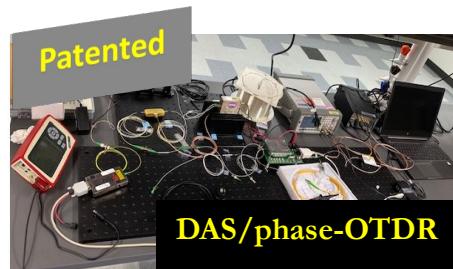
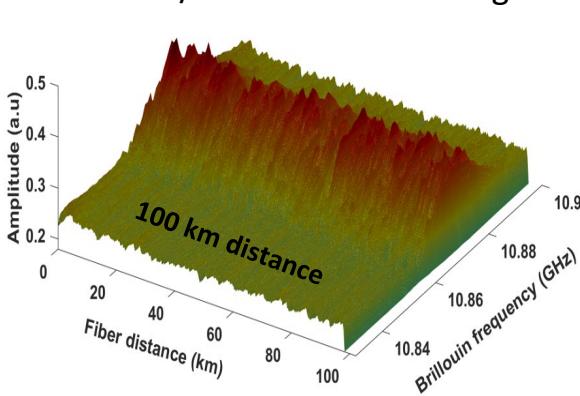
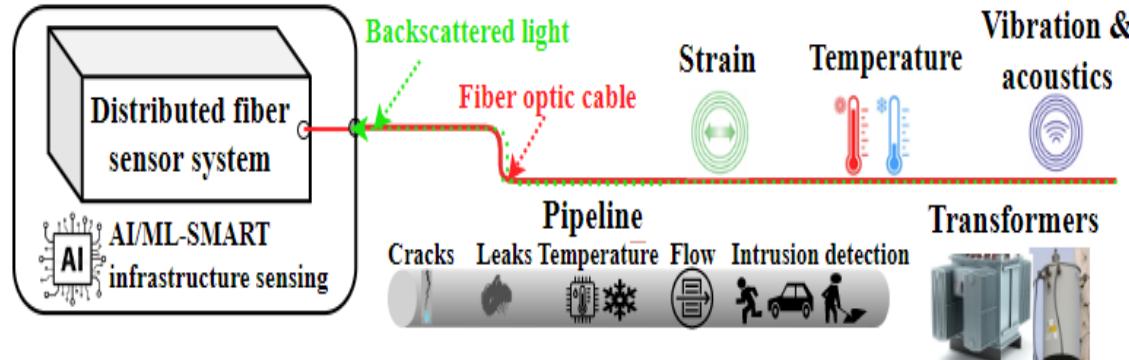


## Distributed Fiber Sensor Interrogators for Multi-Parameter Monitoring

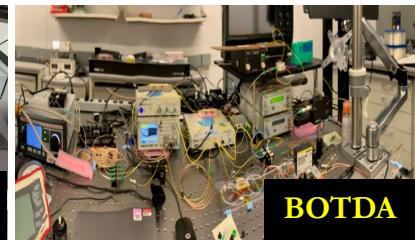
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Distributed fiber optic sensor interrogators;

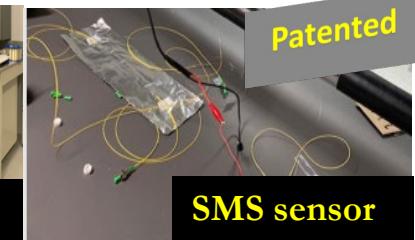
- ❖ Brillouin optical time domain analysis (BOTDA) for long distance strain and/or temperature monitoring
- ❖ Phase-sensitive optical time domain reflectometry ( $\phi$ -OTDR), also called distributed acoustic sensor (DAS) for vibration/acoustic monitoring.
- ❖ Quasi-distributed single-mode–multi mode–single-mode (SMS) fiber sensor for vibration/acoustics monitoring.



DAS/phase-OTDR



BOTDA



SMS sensor

Sensing range = >10 km;  
Spatial resolution = <1m;  
Frequency range  $\leq$  20 kHz;  
Frequency resolution < 2 Hz;

Sensing range =  $\leq$  150 km;  
Spatial resolution = <5m;  
Temperature resolution:  $\pm$  1°C  
Strain resolution: 10 to 20  $\mu\epsilon$

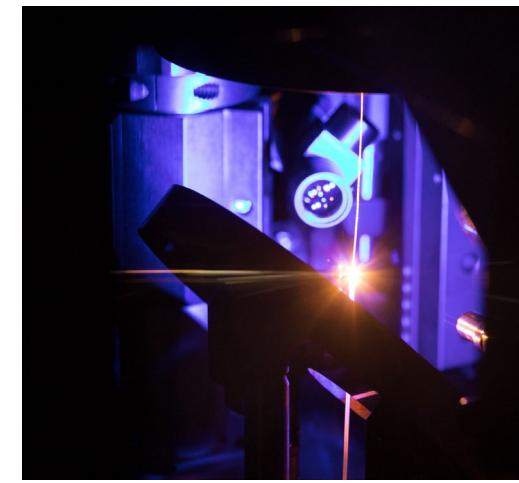
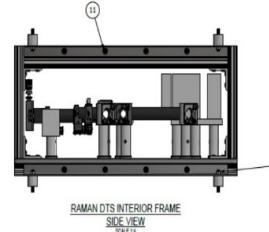
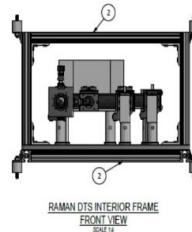
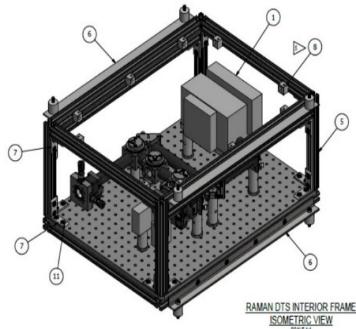
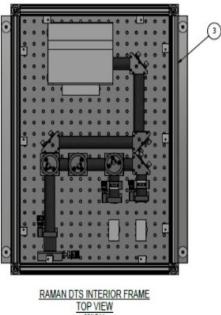
Frequency range: 1 Hz to 1.5 MHz;  
resolution < 1 to 2 Hz;

### Distributed molten salt-loop development acceleration with single-crystal harsh-environment optical fiber-sensors

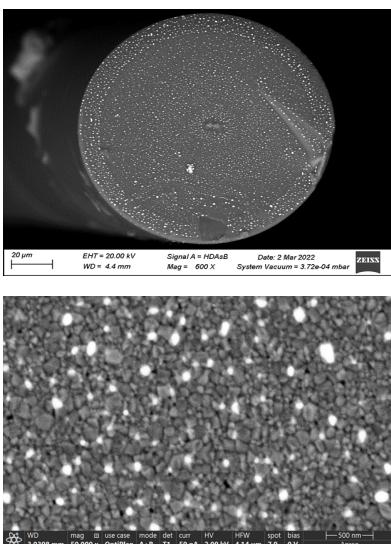
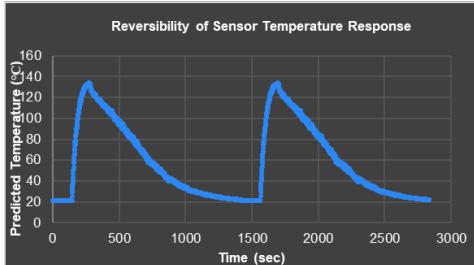
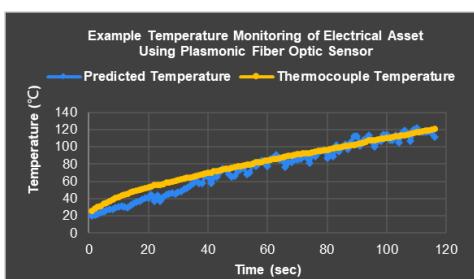
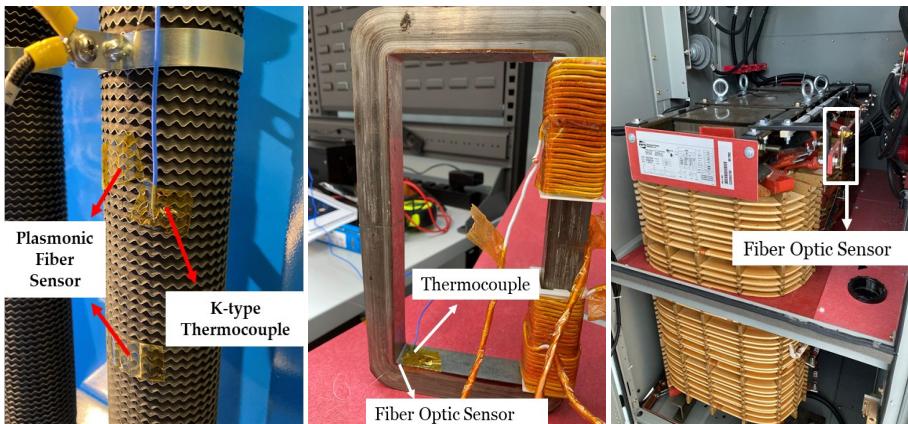
With Patrick Calderoni (INL), Ruchi Gahkar (INL), and Koroush Shirvan (MIT) (co-PI's), Guensik Lim (Leidos), Gary Lander (Leidos), and Jeff Wuenschell (Leidos)

#### Technology Summary

- New single-crystal fibers withstand harsh nuclear core conditions
- Distributed optical interrogation enables precise core and coolant control
- Allows measurement of loop temperatures, piping strain, or other important parameters
- Reactor automation accelerates Molten Salt Reactor designs, ushers in a new paradigm of distributed core-monitoring
- Sensor fibers produce thousands of data points to aid reactor designers or improve reactor operational awareness

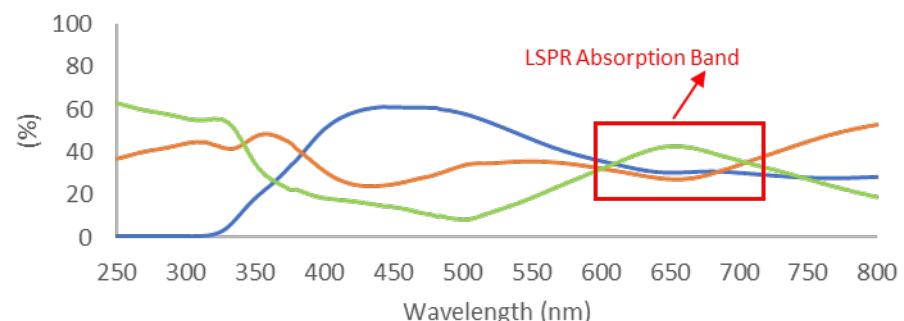


## Electrical Asset Monitoring Using Optical Fiber Based Sensors

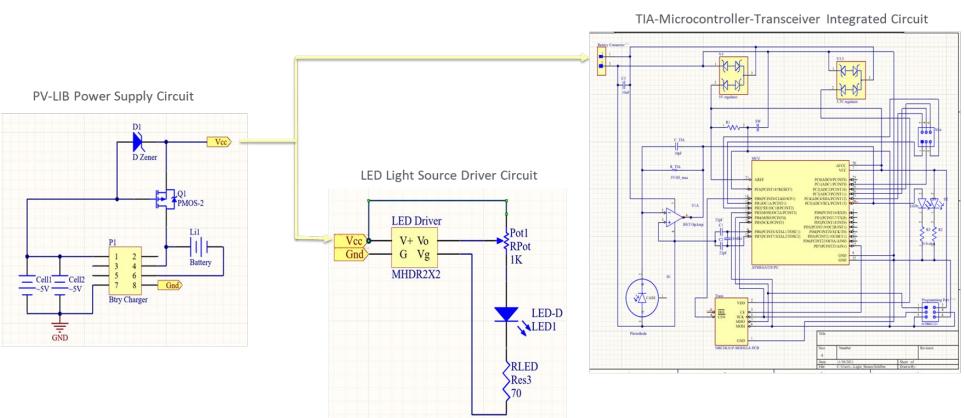


Spectrophotometry of Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> Film Calcinated at 900 °C

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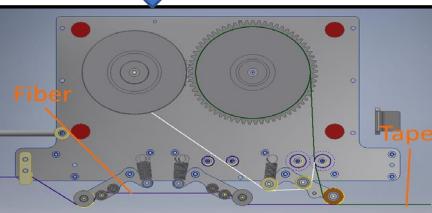
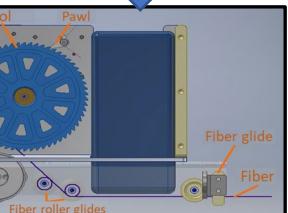
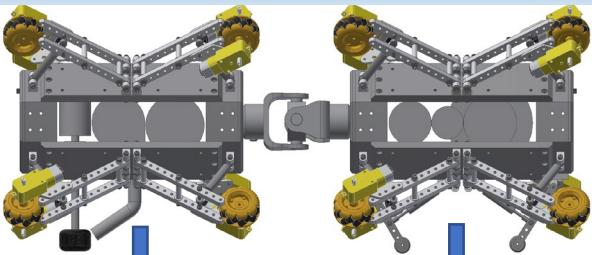


## Low-Cost Light Source and Fiber Optic Interrogator



## Fiber optic deployment tool (FODT) for pipeline applications

FODRT  
Prototype  
schematic



Pipe Diameter Range	8" – nominal (6" up to 12" and greater is possible)
Maximum Speed	15 feet per minute
Fiber Capacity	2500 Feet
Tape Capacity	250 Feet (per spool)
Material & Weight	Aluminum alloy / ~ 10lbs

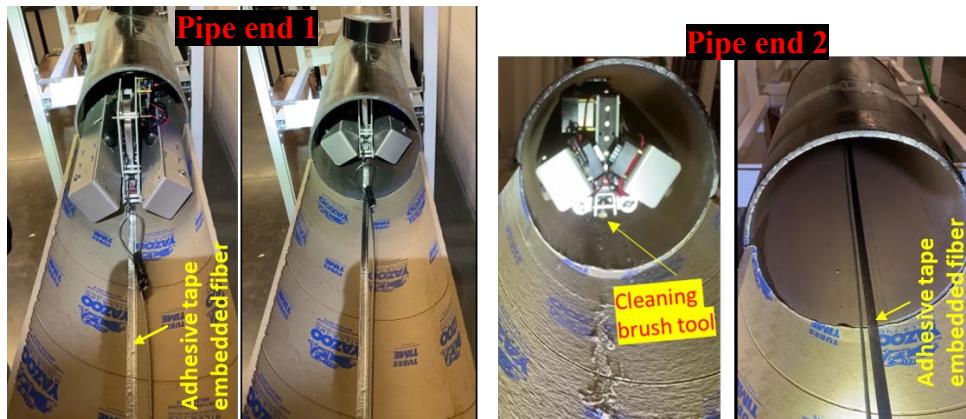


Joint Patent



- Self-Propelled / Remotely Controlled
- Intrinsic Invert Orientation –COG / Mecanum/wheels / Scissor Centering
- Self- Contained Material Storage
- Mechanized Feed Systems
- Application Path Abrading and Air Blow Off

### Snapshots of FODRT during fiber-embedding deployment internal to 8" pipeline



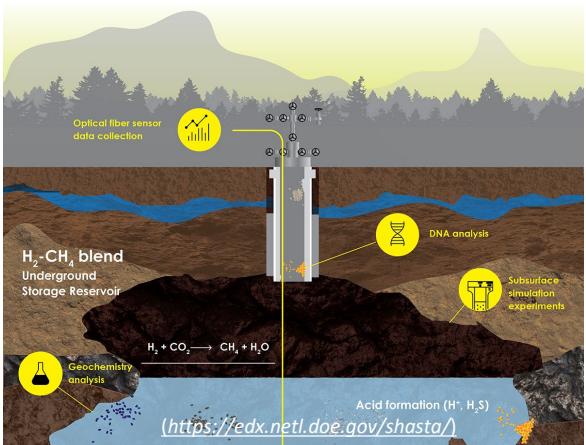
Metric	State of the Art	Proposed
Deployed Fiber Optic Sensor Cost Per km	>\$5000 / km, <i>external to pipe</i>	< \$500 / km, <i>internal to pipe</i>
<p><b>Technology Impact / Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Unprecedented Capability for In-Situ fiber-sensor Embedding inside pipeline at Scale for an Economical Cost</li> <li>❖ Fiber Optic Sensing and Commercial NDE Technique Synergy with Artificial Intelligence Data Analytics for Defect Identification and Localization</li> <li>❖ New "Embedded Intelligence" Imparted By Real-Time Monitoring and an AI Classification System Approach</li> </ul>		

### Gas Sensitive Materials Enabled Optical Fiber- and SAW- Sensors for Hydrogen and Methane Monitoring

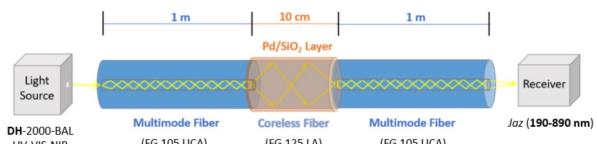
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#### Optical Fiber Hydrogen Sensor



- Subsurface H<sub>2</sub> storage to mitigate the impact of varying H<sub>2</sub> production rates, ensuring energy reliability.
- Needs to develop H<sub>2</sub> monitoring sensors to manage H<sub>2</sub> leakage risks and to improve the safety of subsurface H<sub>2</sub> storage.

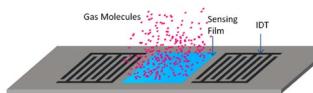


- Patented hydrogen sensitive materials for sensitive and selective optical fiber hydrogen sensors
- Broad sensing range of H<sub>2</sub> concentrations from 100% down to 100 ppm.

#### Surface Acoustic Wave Methane Sensor



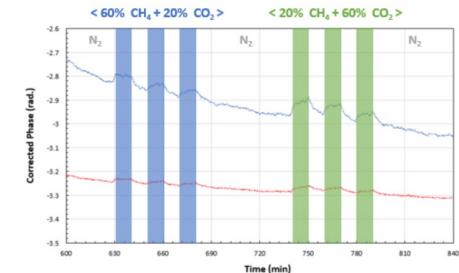
##### Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW) Sensor:



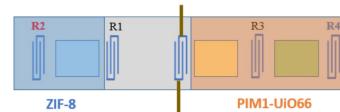
(Devkota et al. Sensors 2017, 17, 801)

- Detect methane leaks and monitor gas composition along the natural gas pipelines.
- Develop SAW sensors to detect methane wirelessly.

- High sensitivity, fast response time, reversibility
- Small size, low cost, wireless mode



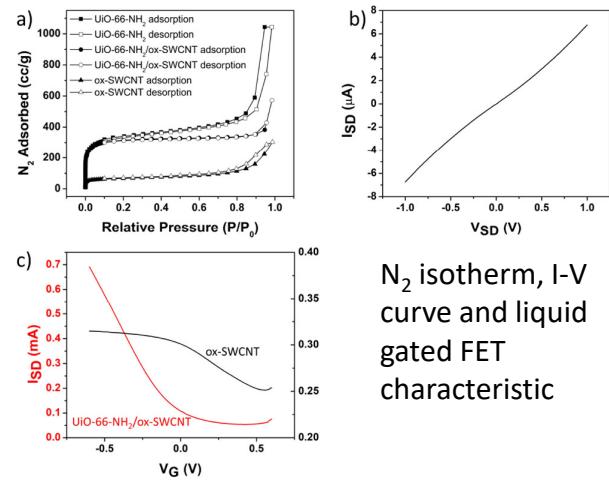
##### Multi-element SAW Sensor Array



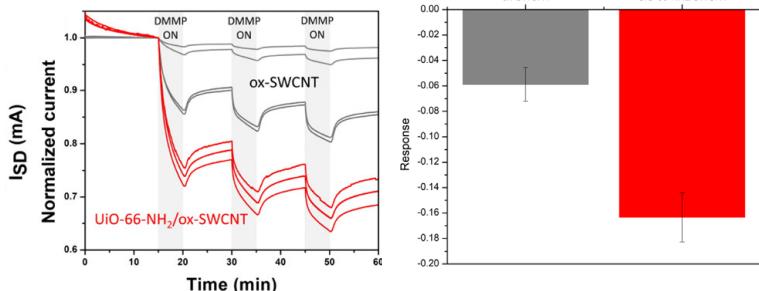
- The multi-elements SAW sensor developed has shown sensing capability with mixture gas of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> in the wireless mode.

## Heterogeneous Growth of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> on Oxidized Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes to Form “Beads-on-a-String” Composites

- Composites combine porosity with the electrical conductivity.
- DFT calculations to investigate heterogenous MOF growth on carbon nanotube sidewalls.
- Characterization of the interaction between CNTs and MOF metal precursors.
- Potential application as chemiresistor sensor.



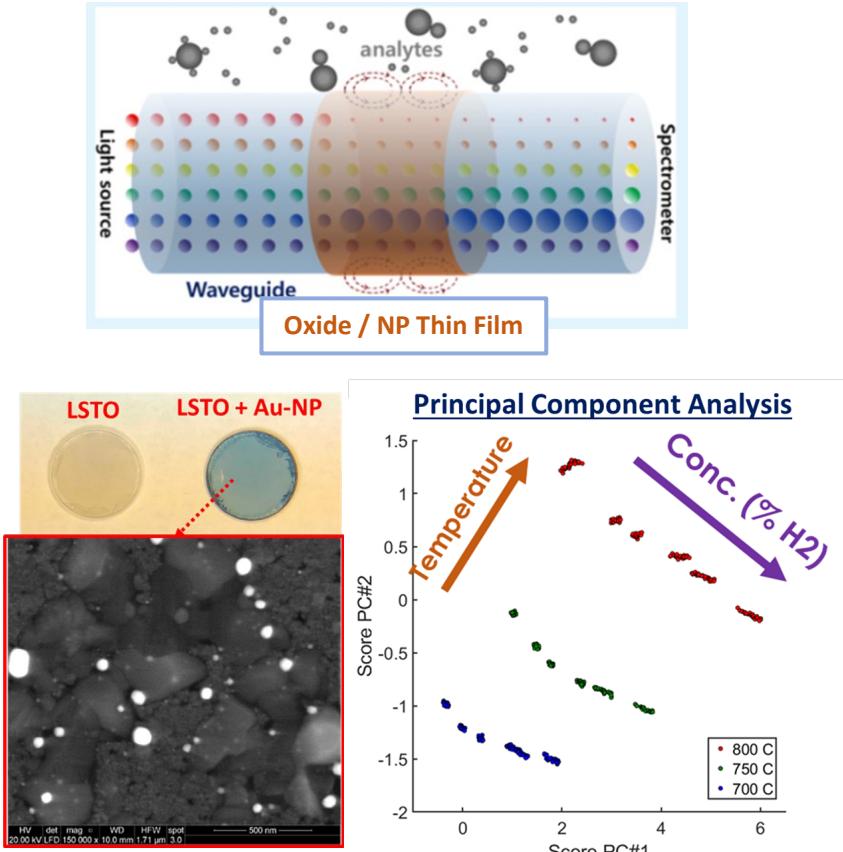
Improved sensing response toward DMMP



## Nanocomposite Films for Harsh Environment Sensing Applications on Optical Fiber

Jeffrey Wuenschell<sup>1,2</sup>, Ki-Joong Kim<sup>1,2</sup>, Youngseok Jee<sup>1,2</sup>, Michael Buric<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>US Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Pittsburgh PA /Morgantown WV; <sup>2</sup>NETL Site Support Contractor, Pittsburgh PA / Morgantown WV



- Areas of interest: **harsh environment sensing** – high temperature applications ( $>500^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), strongly oxidizing or reducing conditions, high EM interference.
- Oxide nanocomposites on optical fiber offer balance between stability and responsiveness to target process variables (temperature, gas detection).
- Results will be demonstrated for applications in oil-filled transformer dissolved gas detection, high-temperature gas monitoring for extreme temperatures (SOFCs, power generation).
- Demonstration of machine learning techniques applied to broadband spectral data for multi-parameter detection.

## SAMI NETL's Science-based AI/ML Institute

- NETL established SAMI, a joint institute for AI and ML, in 2020.
- The Institute is a *crosscutting catalyster*, supporting the acceleration of AI/ML solutions across the NETL R&D mission space.
- SAMI addresses fundamental challenges of applying AI/ML: available data sets, data management, science-AI integration, and governance.
- SAMI has AI/ML capabilities in the applied energy domains (e.g., **subsurface, material, computational science, and system analysis**) and research data curation, management & virtual computational capabilities (EDX++).  <https://edx.netl.doe.gov/about>

### SAMI's 5 key emphasis areas

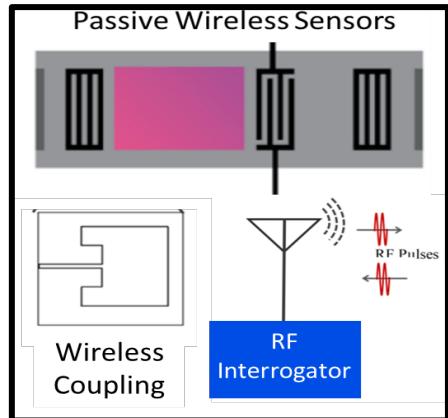


## Passive Wireless Surface Acoustic Wave Sensors and Wireless Telemetry

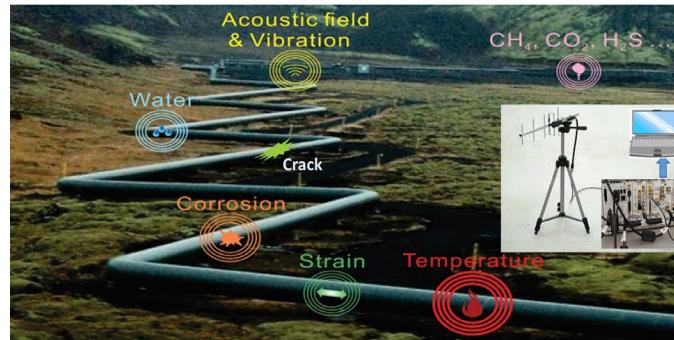
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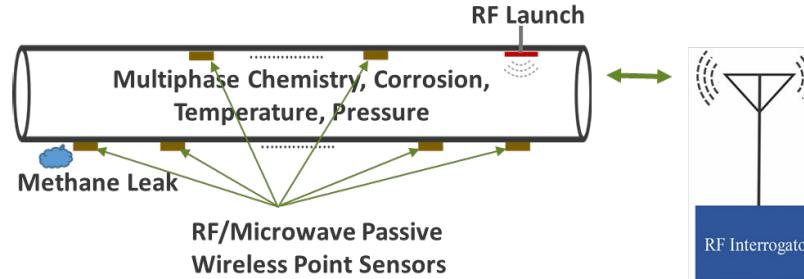


### Pipeline Monitoring with Passive Wireless Sensors



### Other Applicable Industries

- Subsurface Wellbores
- Harsh Environments in Energy Generation,
- Automotive
- Aerospace
- Manufacturing



### Advantages:

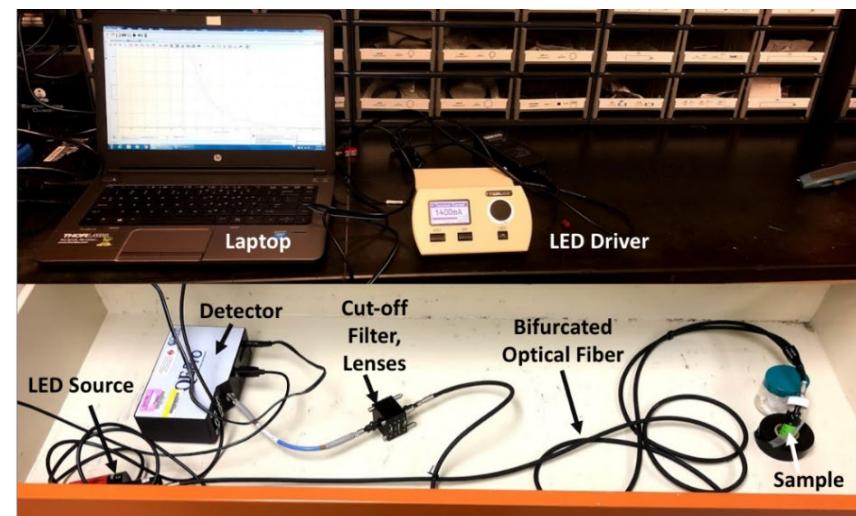
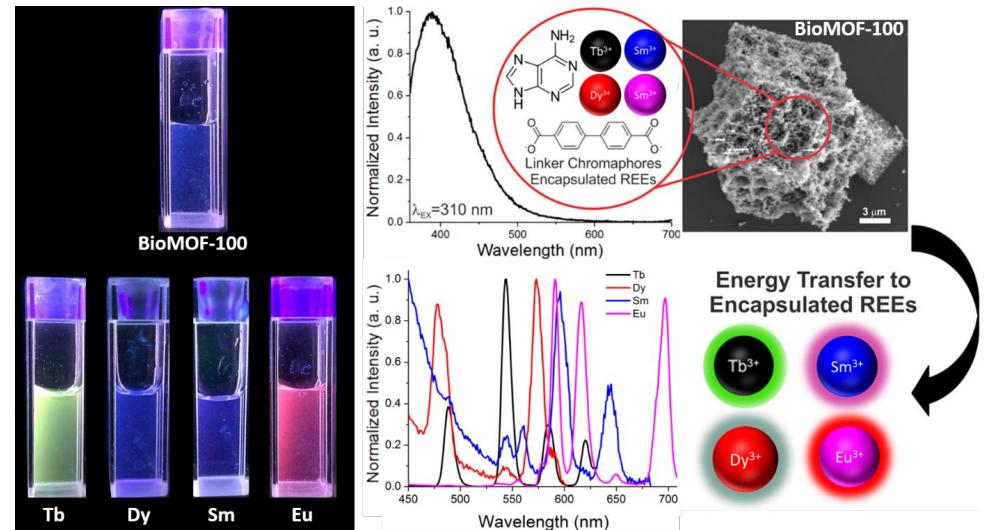
- Passive, Wireless, Matured Devices
- Sensitive, Low-cost Point Sensors
- Possible for Multi-Parameter Operation (Temperature, Pressure, Strain, Chemical Species, Corrosion etc.)

Small (~5x10 cm<sup>2</sup>), Low-Cost, Passive Wireless SAW Sensors to enable Ubiquitous Wireless Sensor Network for Energy Infrastructure Monitoring

## Portable Photoluminescent Sensors for Critical Metals

Scott E Crawford,<sup>1,2</sup> Ki-Joong Kim,<sup>1,2</sup> James E Ellis,<sup>1,2</sup> Nathan A. Diemler,<sup>1,2</sup> and John P. Baltrus<sup>1</sup>

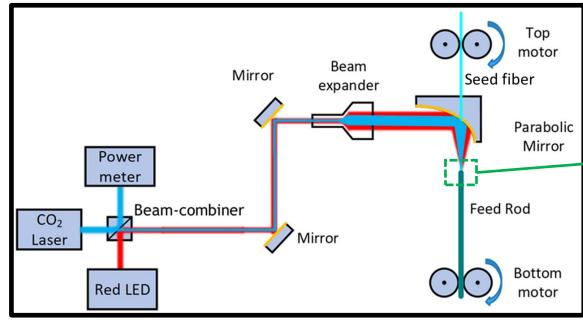
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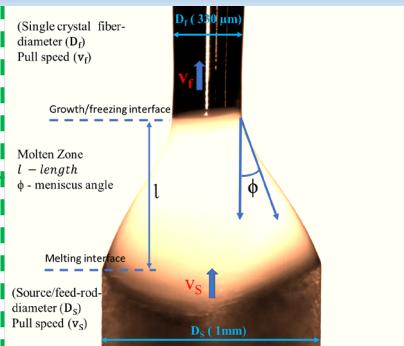
- Luminescent sensing materials combined with **compact** fiber optic spectrometer for full portability
- Capable of **low part-per-billion** detection limits for a range of high value elements (rare earths, cobalt, aluminum) with **~3 minute analysis time**.
- Intended applications include **process stream characterization** for critical metals extraction, field-deployable metals **prospecting**, and **wastewater quality monitoring**.
- Significant **cost savings** versus current state-of-the-art (\$20,000 vs. \$180,000 for ICP-MS) as well as time savings (minutes vs. hours/days)

### Single crystal fiber growth via LHPG method for harsh environment sensing applications

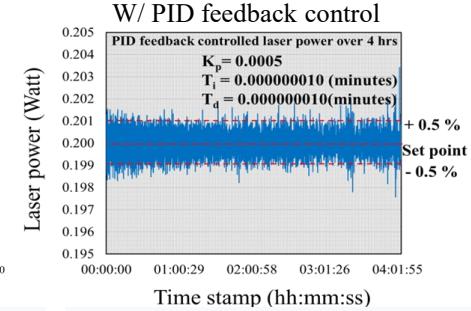
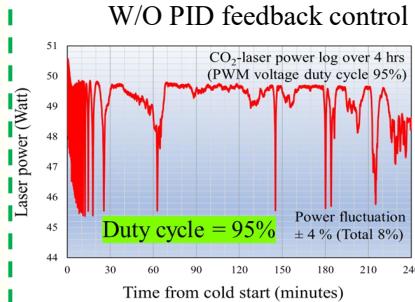
#### LHPG set up at UPitt



#### Molten-zone thermodynamics

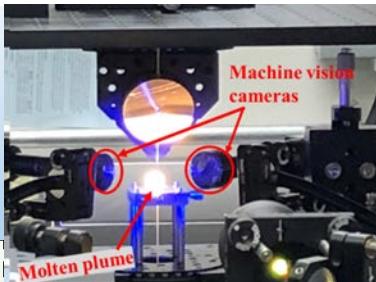


#### Laser power control (PID feedback loop)

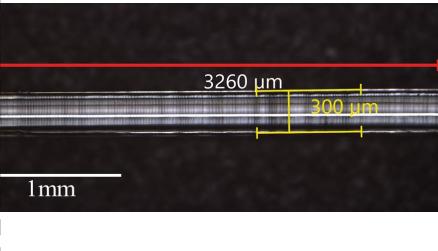


#### LabVIEW machine vision based in-situ

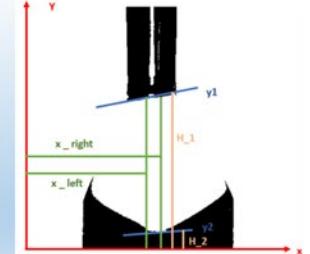
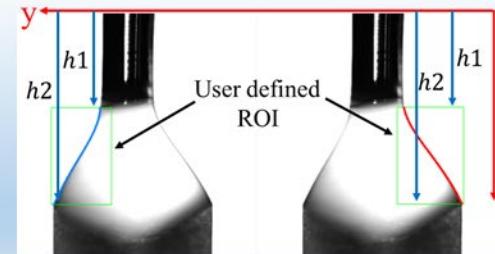
- ❖ Diameter tracking and measurement
- ❖ In-situ molten zone contour tracking and volume estimation
- ❖ Molten zone height/length tracking and measurement
- Versatility in melting/growing refractory oxides sapphire, YAG, MO-oxides (YIG/TGG), EO-oxides (LN, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>), .... (melting point up to 3000°C)
- Crucible free , Purity, diameter < 100 µm
- High temperature (>2000°C) sensing
- Radiation sensing
- EM field sensing
- Harsh chemical environment sensing



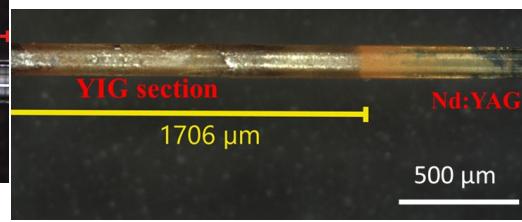
Sapphire-tube grown at UPitt



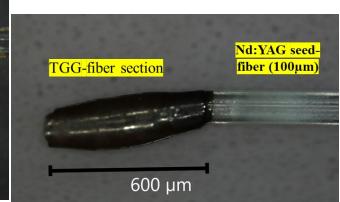
#### Molten zone volume monitoring



YIG-fiber grown at UPitt



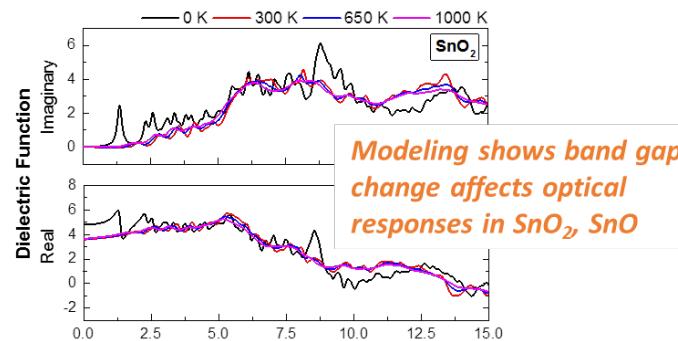
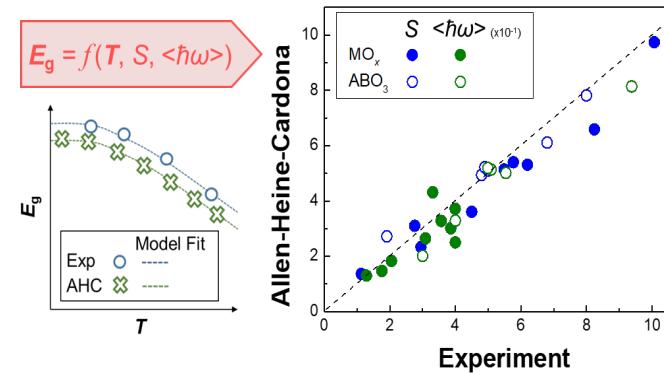
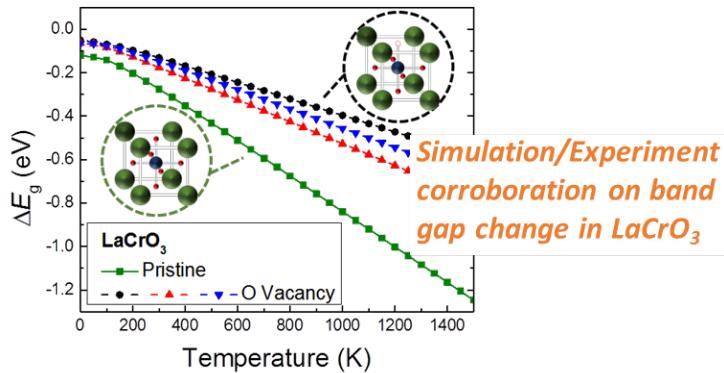
TGG-fiber grown at UPitt



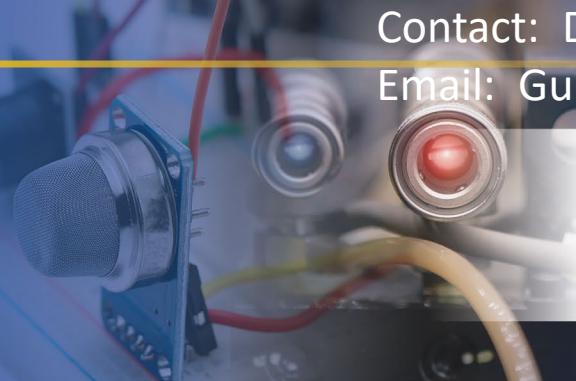
## Theoretical Study of Temperature Dependence and Optical properties of Gas Sensor Materials

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- By the first-principles simulations, effects of elevated temperatures on the optoelectronic properties of perovskite-, metal oxide-based gas sensor materials were investigated
- To build a ML model, temperature dependence of electronic band gap data were populated via the first-principles simulations
- ML model was developed for the prediction of band gap shifts in gas sensor-utilized metal oxides



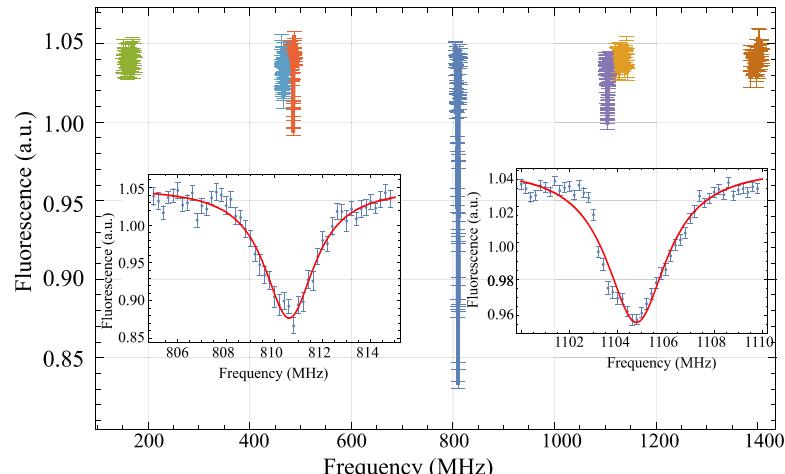
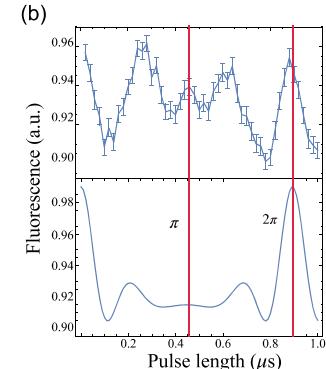
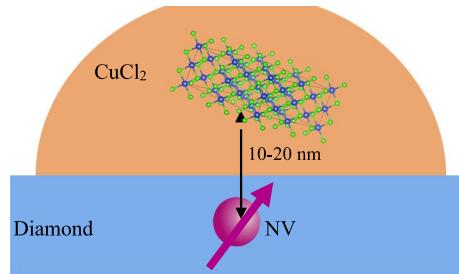
## Quantum Sensors @ Pitt

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- ✓ Phase estimation algorithms<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Sub-shot noise scaling of sensitivity<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Single spin dual-channel lock-in magnetometer<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Geometric phase measurement in single spin qubits<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Nanoscale electron spin resonance of molecules<sup>5</sup>

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### ESR of single Cu spins on diamond surface





## Electric Power Technologies Laboratory Medium Voltage Features



- 13.8kV, 4.16kV, 480V, and 208V AC voltage rails.
- Rated to handle 5MVA of power capacity.
- System is reconfigurable through Eaton reclosures to isolate parts of the lab OR create a ring architecture.

### Notable Equipment Provided In-Kind

- Eaton MITS, MV circuit breakers, reclosers, power transformers, 500HP motor drive, LV motor drives, and ground fault indicator (**Donated by Eaton**).
- **Emerson Ovation** platform communicates with all major equipment.
- All equipment installed by **Sargent Electric**.

### Virtual Tour of Medium Voltage Lab

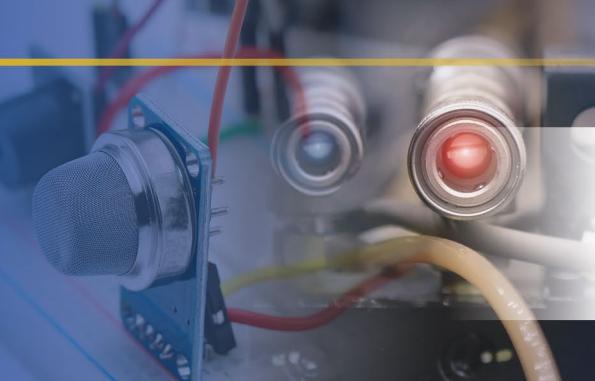
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**5:15-6:30 pm**