

NETL Sensor Technologies Progress Overview

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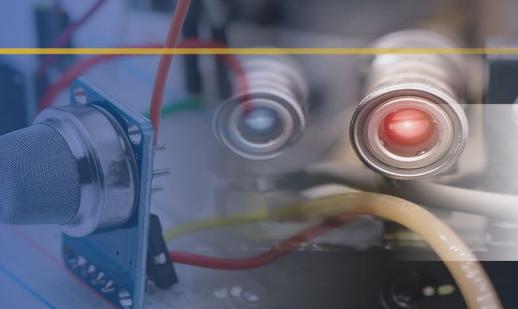
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NETL Sensor Expertise and Capabilities for Energy Infrastructure

Advanced Sensors for Energy Efficiency, Safety, Resilience, and Sustainability

- ✓ Monitor systems and conditions
- ✓ Improve performance & efficiency
- ✓ Enhance reliability & safety
- Temp, acoustics, chemical, gas, corrosion
- Composite nano-materials, thin films & fiber optics, sensor devices development

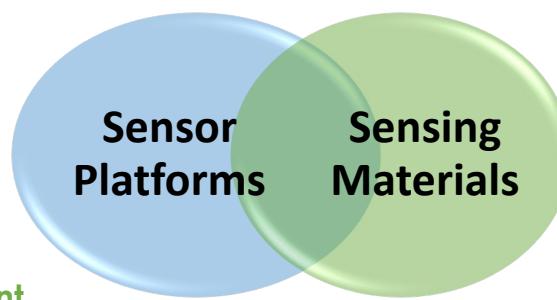
ENERGY DELIVERY & STORAGE



Pipelines: Monitor corrosion, gas leaks, T, acoustics to predict/prevent failures. NG, H₂, CO₂

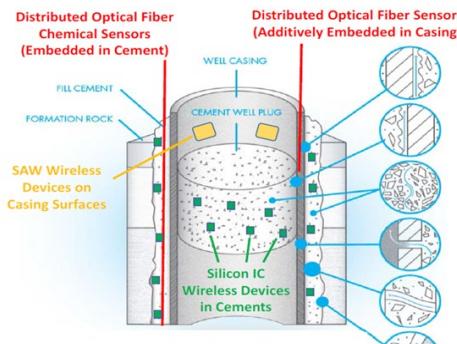


Grid: Transformer, powerline failure prediction, fault detection, state awareness

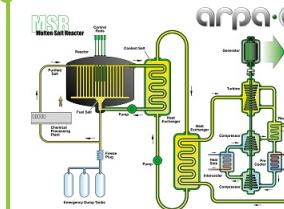


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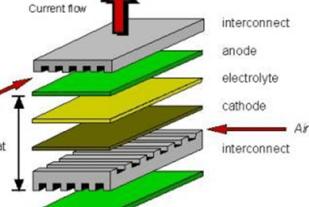
Turbines: Real-time fuel composition and combustion temperature for improved service life and efficiency



Subsurface: Wellbore integrity, failure prediction, leak detection. Geologic storage of CO₂, H₂/NG, or abandoned wells.



Nuclear: Core monitoring and molten salt temperatures for reactor fuel efficiency & reactor safety

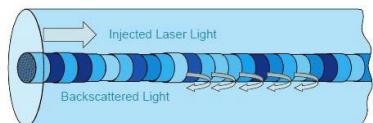


SOFCs: Fuel concentration & temperature gradients for improved lifetime and efficiency

Multiple Sensor Technology Platforms

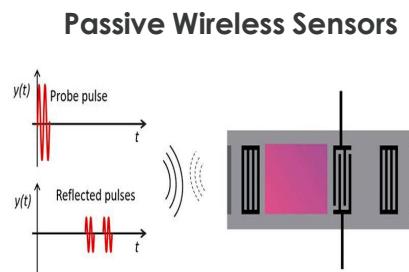
Long-distance Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors

Imperfections in fiber lead to Rayleigh backscatter:

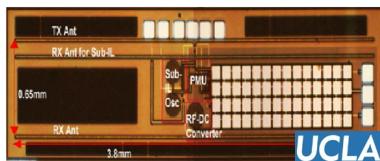


Rayleigh backscatter forms a permanent spatial "fingerprint" along the length of the fiber.

Advanced Electrochemical Sensors



Wireless Miniature Silicon Integrated Circuit (SiIC) Sensors



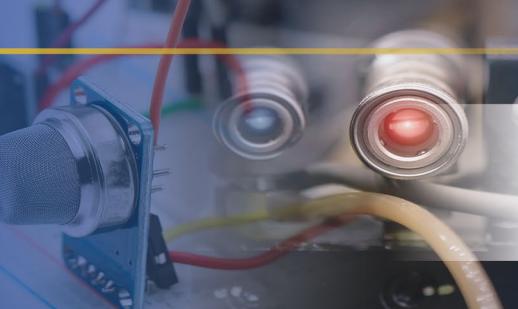
	Geospatial Attributes	Cost	Targeted Function
Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors	Linear Sensor Adjustable Distance and Resolution	Cost Per Sensor "Node" Low	Temperature, Strain, Gas Chemistry (CH ₄ , CO ₂ , H ₂ O, H ₂ etc.) Early Corrosion/pH Detection
Passive Wireless SAW Sensors	Point Sensor	Low	Temperature, Strain, Gas Chemistry (CH ₄ , CO ₂ , H ₂ O, H ₂ etc.) Early Corrosion/pH Detection
Advanced Electrochemical Sensor	Point Sensor	Moderate	Water Content, Corrosion Rate, T, Pitting Corrosion
Wireless Miniature SiIC Sensors	Point Sensor	Low	pH and Chemical Sensing

Multiple Sensor Platforms with Various Cost, Performance, and Geospatial Characteristics have been developed at NETL and via collaborations.

NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Natural Gas Infrastructure

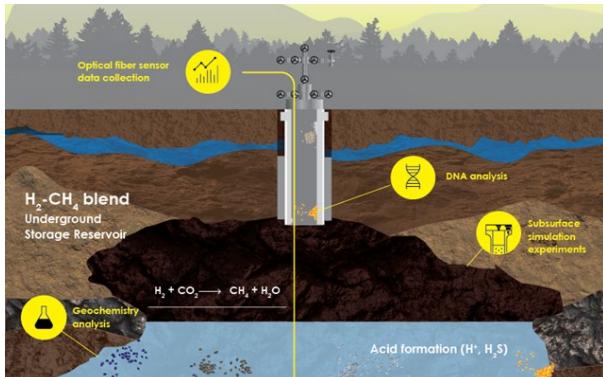
- **Multiple pipeline sensor technologies** were tested at pilot-scale at Southwest Research Institute Testing Facility, including distributed optical fiber sensors and passive wireless sensors for gas flow, pressure, corrosion and gas leak monitoring.
- Distributed fiber/wireless sensor technologies developed at NETL awarded **DOE Energy I-Corps Program Cohort-15**.



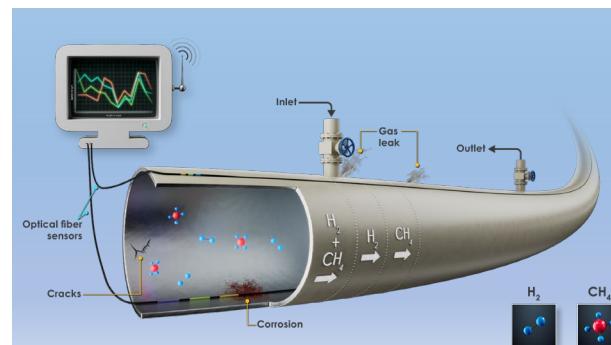


NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Hydrogen Transportation and Subsurface Storage

- Pd nanoparticle (NP) incorporated SiO_2 coated optical fiber H_2 sensor was demonstrated for a wide range of hydrogen sensing from 0.5% to 100 %.
- A new filter layer was overcoated on the H_2 sensing layer to increase selectivity and mitigate humidity interference. Under 99% relative humidity, negligible cross-sensitivity from common cushion gas CO_2 or CH_4 .
- Demonstrated at high pressure (~1000 psi) and high temperature (80 °C), relevant for subsurface hydrogen storage.



**Natural Gas Decarbonization and
Hydrogen Technology FWP (NGDH2T)**

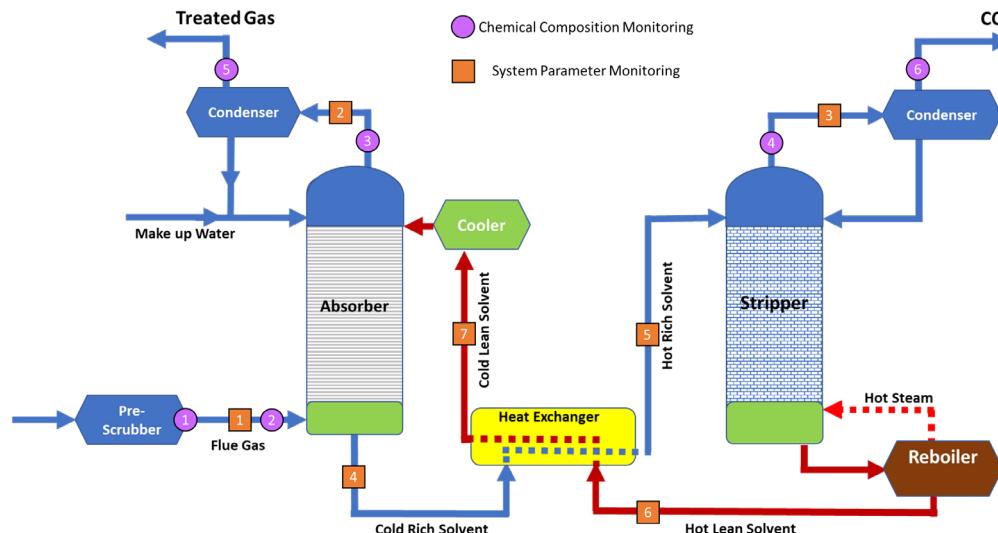


H2@Scale NREL CRADA



NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Carbon Capture Amine Degradation Monitoring

- Completed a report reviewing monitoring needs, sensor technology survey, and recommendation for cost-effective online monitoring of amine degradation.
- Identified key indicators for amine degradation as sensing targets.
- Surveyed and selected low-cost existing sensor technologies for these targeted indicators, instead of expensive full-on laboratory chemical analysis.
- Planning for a pilot-scale field test at National Carbon Capture Center (NCCC).



NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Power Grid Modernization

- “Transformer Watchman” developed and matured by NETL, UPitt, and Sensible Photonics won **2023 R&D 100 Award**.
- “Transformer Watchman” is an integrated fiber optics-based sensor system that can monitor dissolved gases, acoustics, and temperatures of transformers simultaneously and continuously to monitor and warn of any dangers that might be encountered.

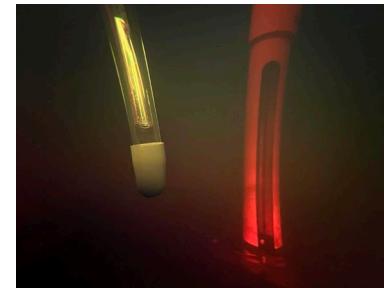


Transformer Watchman

Temperature Sensing of
Distribution Transformer



Acoustic Sensing at
Medium-voltage Transformer

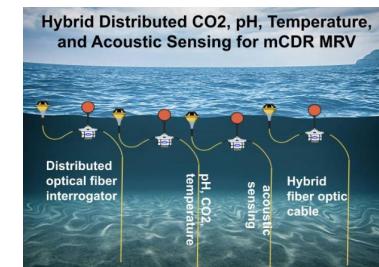


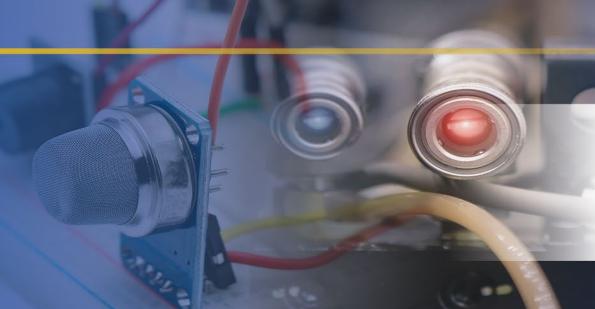
Dissolved Gas Analysis
of Transformer Oil



NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Newly Awarded Projects in 2023

- **“Advanced Methane Sensor Demonstration and Deployment”** under NETL’s National Emissions Reduction Initiative (NEMRI) in support of EPA Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP), to quantify and mitigate methane emissions from oil and gas industry.
- **“Grid Research, Integration, and Deployment for Quantum (GRID-Q)”** funded by Grid Modernization Initiative (GMI). Multiple-lab effort led by ORNL. NETL is leading the **quantum sensing thrust for grid anomaly detection**, collaborating with UPitt.
- **“Hybrid Distributed pH, CO₂, Temperature, and Acoustic Sensing for Monitoring and Verification of Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Applications”** in response to ARPA-e 2023 DE-FOA-0002989, Sensing Exports of Anthropogenic Carbon Through Ocean Observation (SEA CO₂). Led by UPitt. NETL is collaborating on chemical and CO₂ sensing and fiber optic interrogation system.





Summary

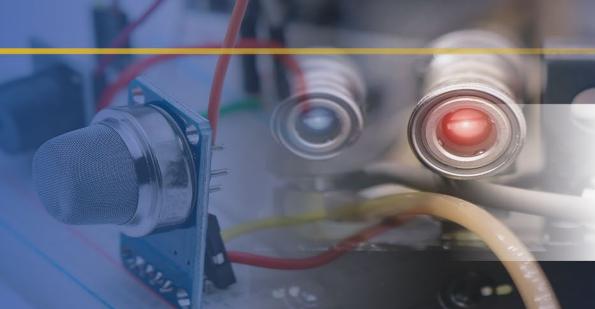
- Multiple complementary sensor technologies are developed to leverage the advantages of optical, electrochemical, and microwave / wireless sensor platforms, to build an in-situ, multi-parameter, distributed, and cost-effective sensor network, as well as quantum sensor and networking technologies.
- A wide range of sensing materials are developed to achieve high sensitivity, selectivity, and fast response, including MOF, polymers, metallic films, and nanocomposites.
- Sensing parameters:

Gas: CO₂, CH₄, H₂, O₂, CO, and other gases;

Chemical: pH, corrosion, water condensation, ionic strength, salinity, REE;

Physical: strain, temperature, vibration, acoustic

- Artificial intelligence-enhanced sensor network with ubiquitously embedded sensors will ultimately achieve desired visibility across the critical infrastructure.
- Advanced sensors and materials for critical infrastructure and extreme high-T environments.



PITT Sensor Technologies Updates and Overview

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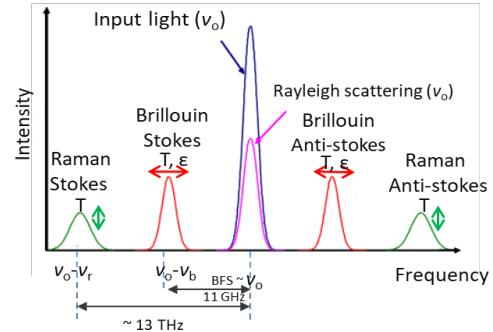
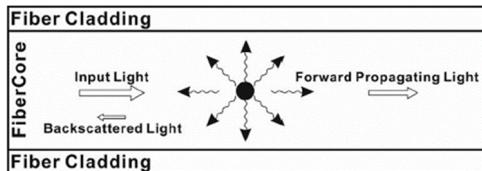
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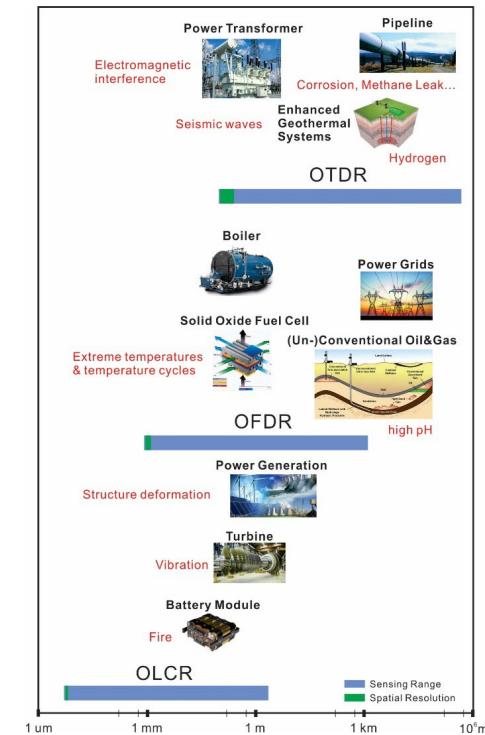
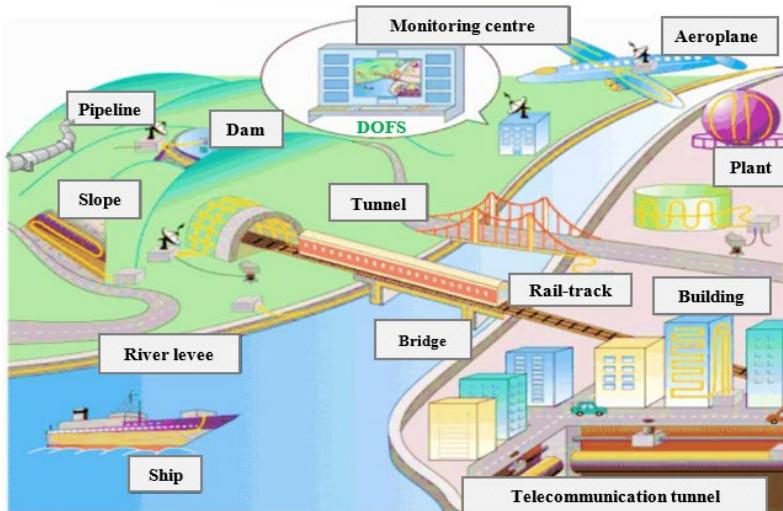
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Distributed Sensing and Infrastructure Monitoring

Scattered light spectrum of optical fiber



Various Applications



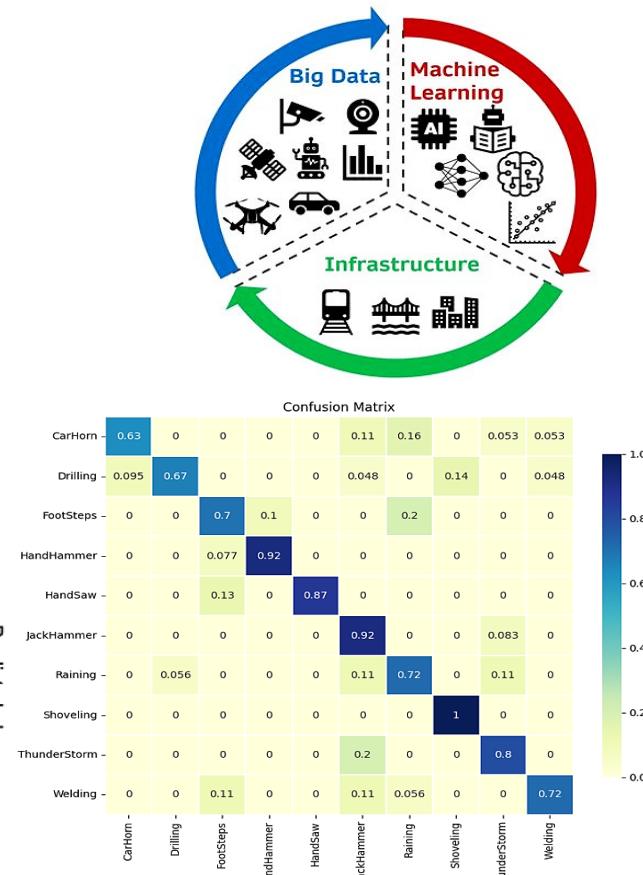
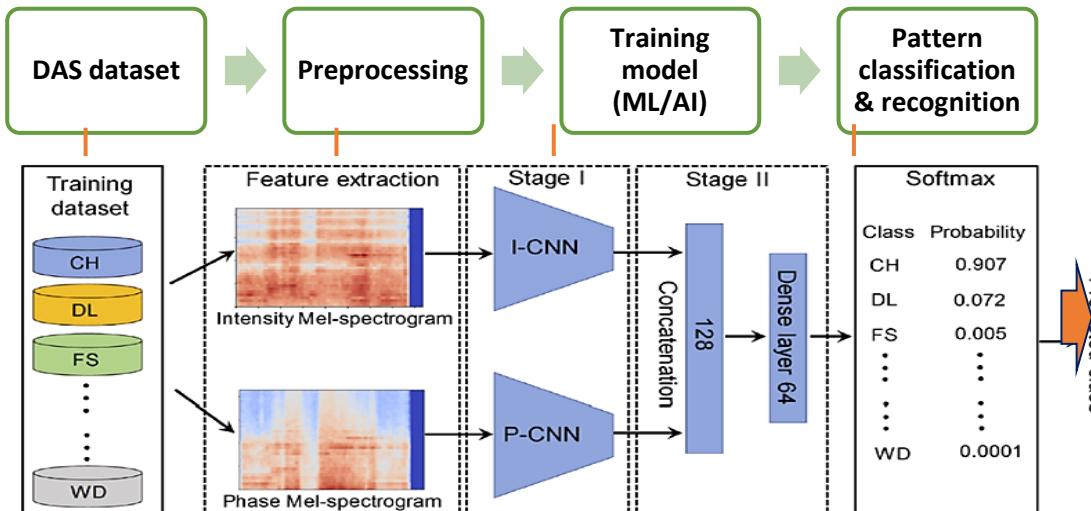
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Distributed Sensing Over
Different Length Scales

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Intelligent Fiber Sensors: A Fusion of DAS & AI

- Infrastructure type: Threats analysis
- High-quality Datasets: Acoustic signatures of various threats/events
- Data processing: Pre-processing and AI/ML models

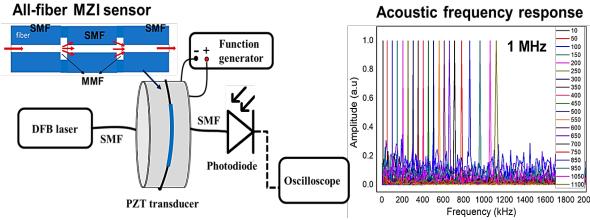


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Distributed Sensing Applications @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

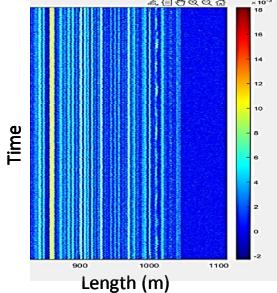
Acoustic sensing

- Point and Multipoint



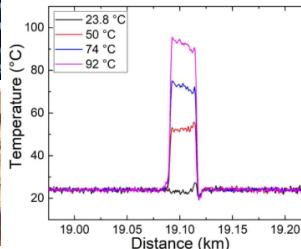
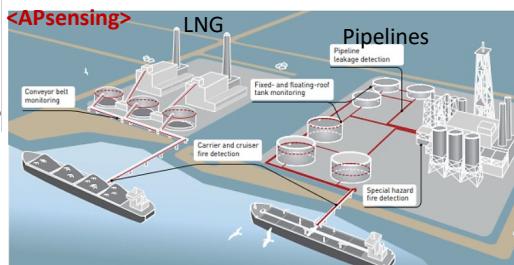
- Distributed Acoustic Sensor (DAS):

- Benchtop Interrogator
- Commercial Interrogator acquisition



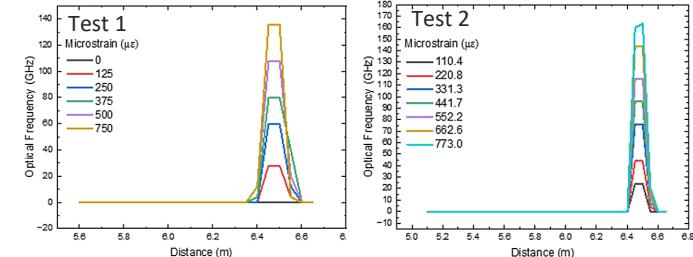
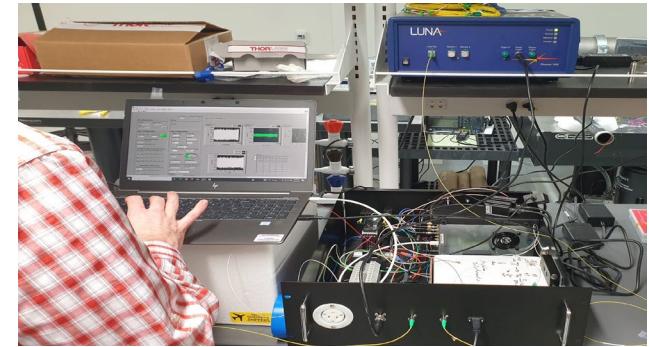
Temperature sensing

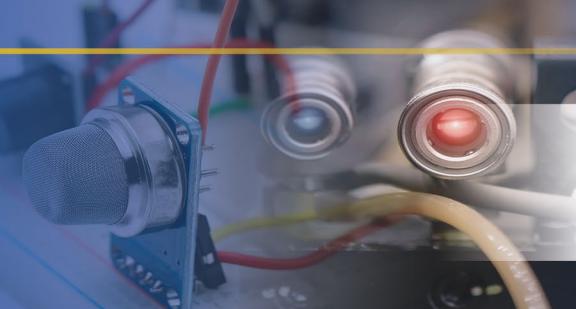
- Distributed Temp Sensor / DTS: Commercial interrogator



HD Strain/Temperature

- Benchtop OFDR.....PITT/NETL

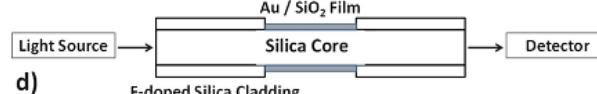
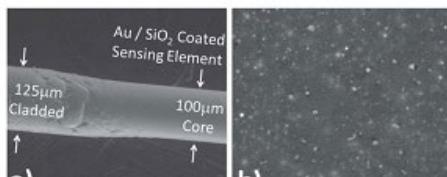
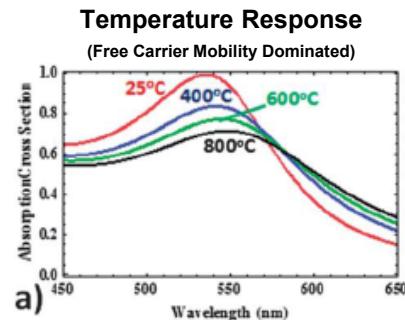




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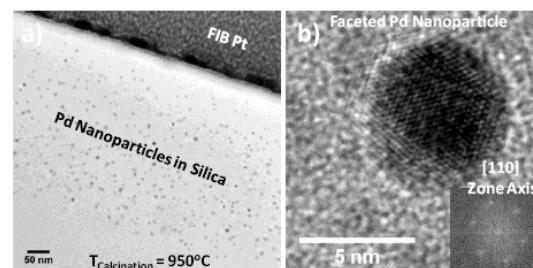
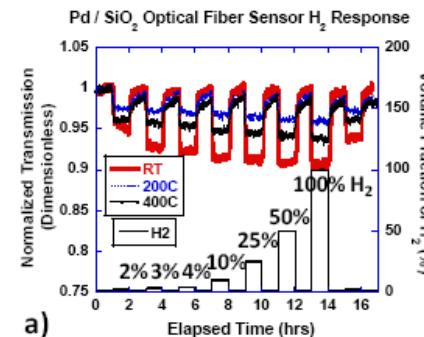
Functionalized Optical Fiber Sensing @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

□ Temperature Sensing



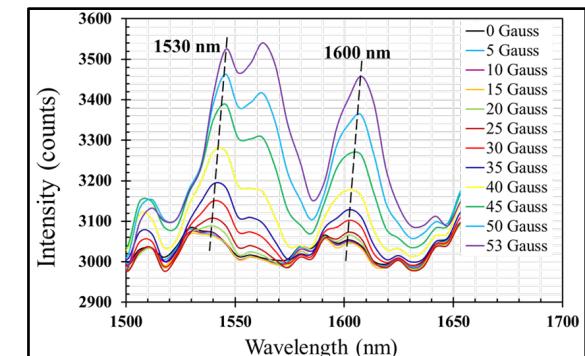
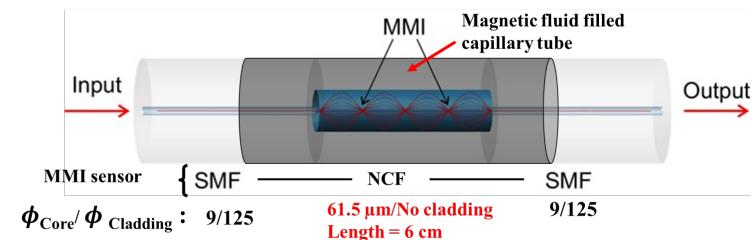
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□ Chemical Sensing

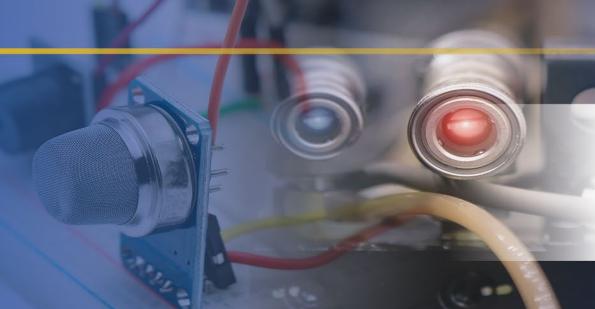


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□ Magnetic Field Sensing



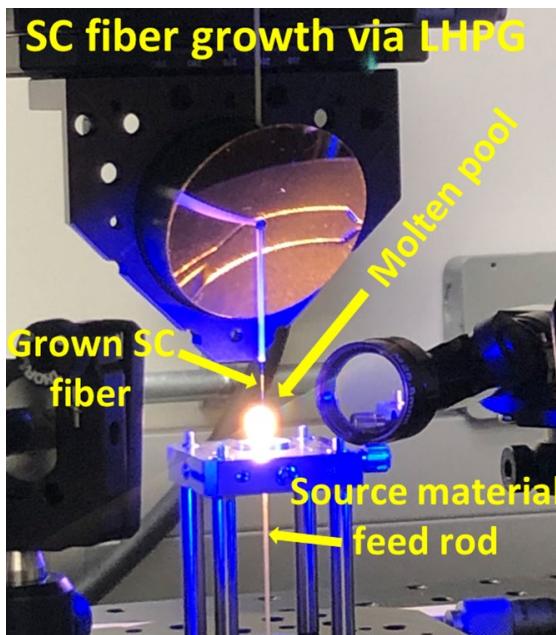
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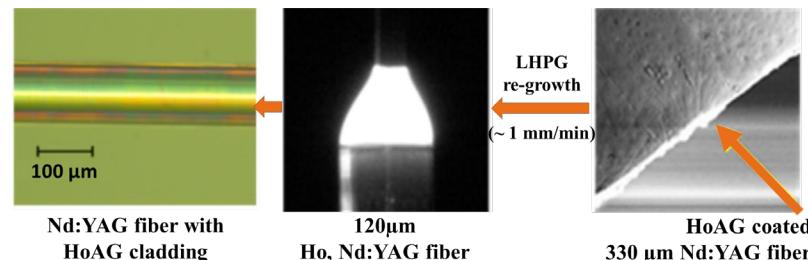
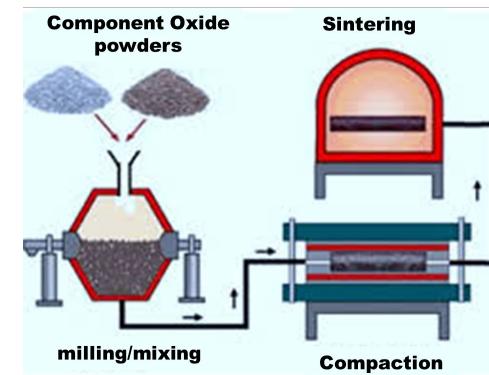
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Single Crystal Oxide Fiber Sensing @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

Laser Heated Pedestal Growth



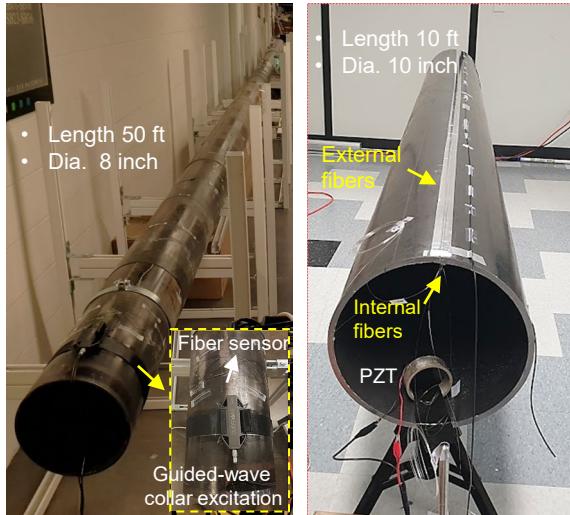
Functional Crystal Oxides



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Example On-Going Work: Fusion of Acoustic NDE + Fiber Optics

Pipeline monitoring

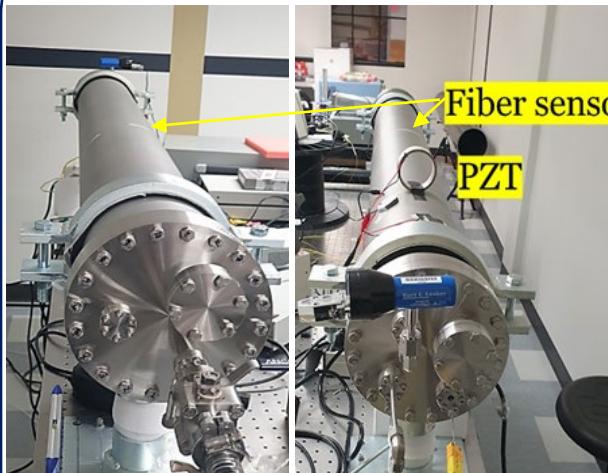


Overview of Pipeline test setup with different sensing optical fibers deployed internally using robotic FODT

Point & Distributed Acoustic Sensing:

- Structural integrity and degradation
- Natural gas and oil leakages
- SHM: Internal state and corrosion

Nuclear Canister monitoring

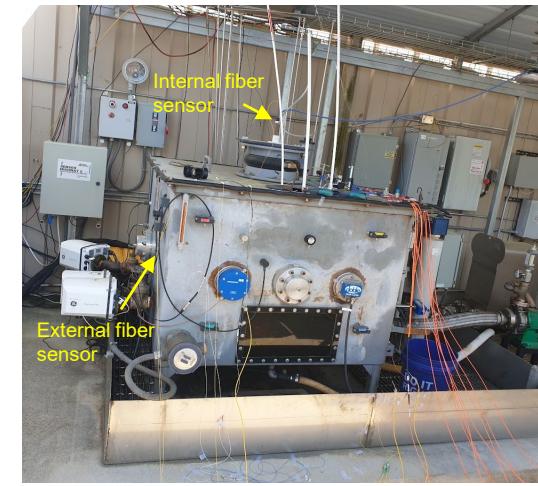


Dry Cask Storage System for Nuc. Canister monitoring

Q-distributed Acoustic Sensing:

- Internal radio-active leak detection
- Corrosion, gas phase, and temperature monitoring

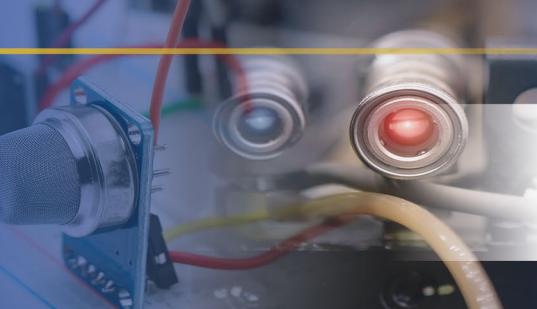
Elect. Assets monitoring



Test setup for Partial discharge detection @ EPRI

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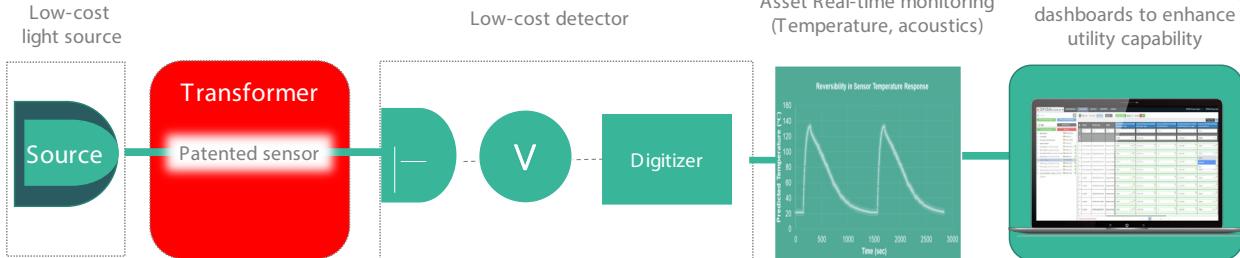
- Partial Discharge detection
- Gas and temperature monitoring



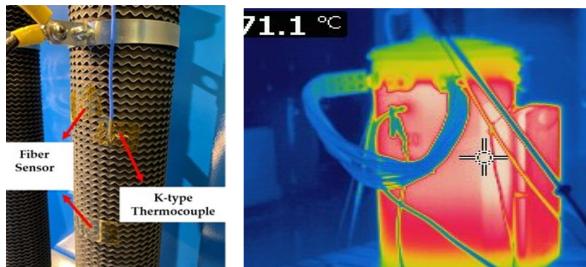
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Commercialization and Technology Transfer Activities : Electrical Asset Sensing

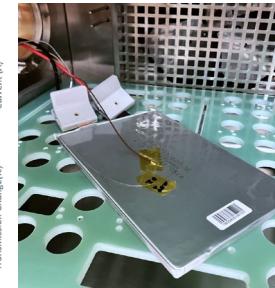
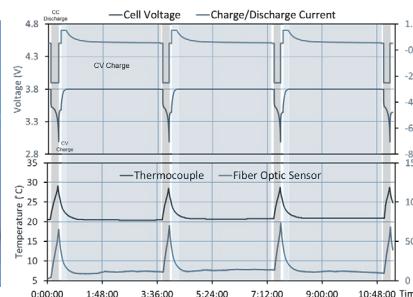
Low-Cost Fiber Optic Sensing Technology



Electrical & Magnetic Components
Sensing (e.g. Transformers)



Internal and External Battery Monitoring



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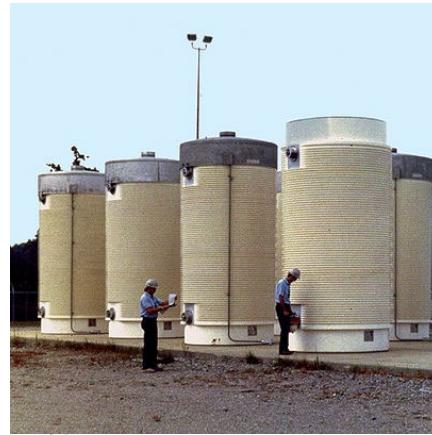
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Example Major R&D Programs Sponsored at University of Pittsburgh

- Low-Cost Electrical Grid Asset Sensing + Grid Analytics
- Spent Nuclear Fuel Waste Facility Monitoring
- Distribution Pipeline Sensing
- Marine Carbon Capture (in Negotiation)



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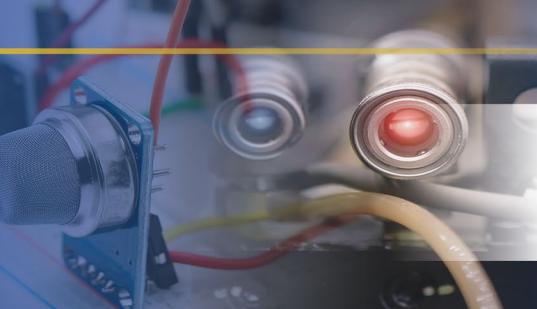

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CHANGING WHAT'S POSSIBLE



COLLABORATION WORKSHOP

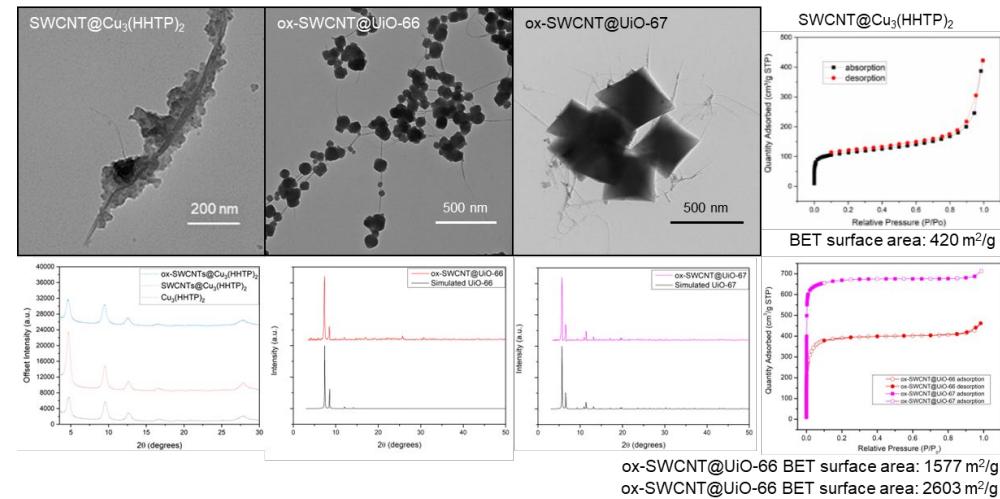
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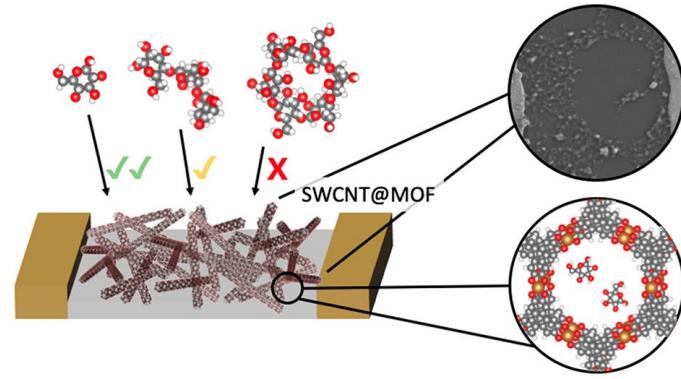
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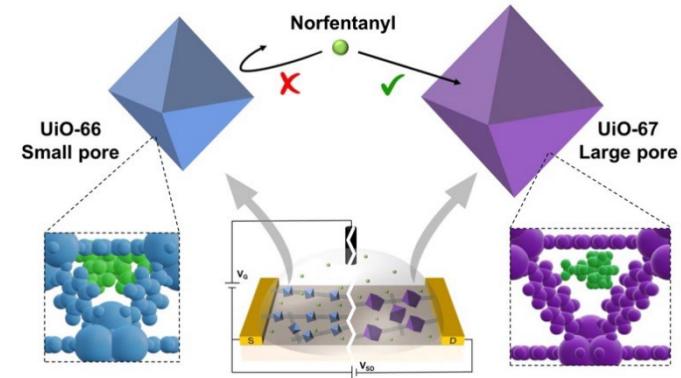
Size-based Molecule Discrimination and Detection via Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube@Metal Organic Framework Composite Field-Effect Transistor



Discrimination of homologous carbohydrates



Electrical sensing of norfentanyl



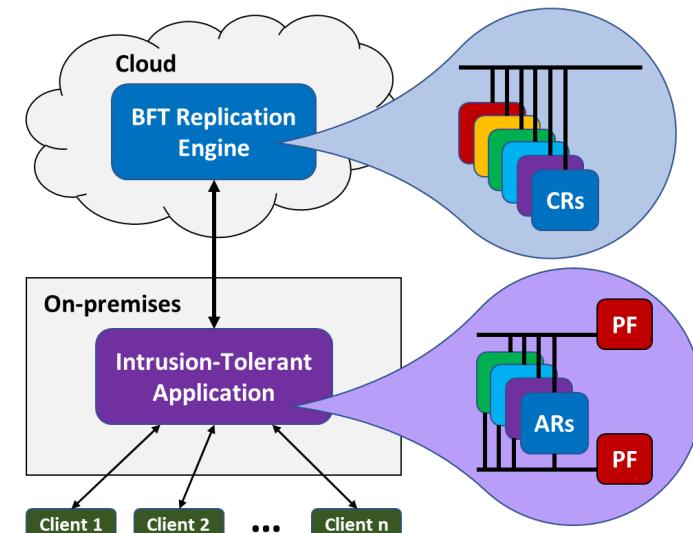
- Combination of porosity and electric conductivity.
- Novel sensing mechanism for SWCNT-based field-effect transistor sensor.
- Analyte size-based sensing signal.

Simplifying the Deployment of Intrusion-Tolerant SCADA by Leveraging Cloud Resources

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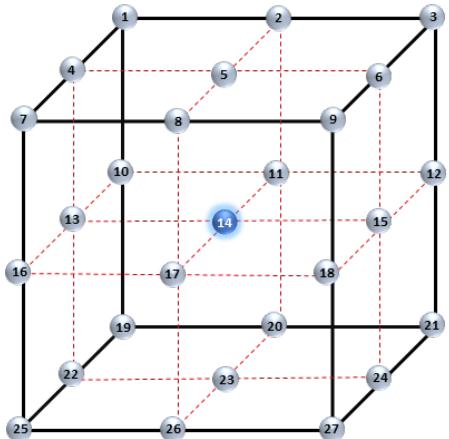
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- **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)** systems:
 - Monitor and control the power grid
 - Collect and process data from various sensors
 - Face an increasing number of nation-state-level attacks
- **Intrusion-Tolerant** SCADA systems:
 - Operate correctly even when partially compromised by an attacker
 - Are complex with multiple sites and many replicas
 - Are difficult to deploy and manage
- Our **Cloud-based Hybrid Management** approach:
 - **System operators** only deploy and manage their on-premises site(s).
 - **Cloud providers** manage additional sites
 - All data in the cloud is encrypted

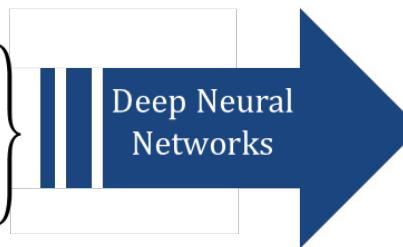


Data-driven Local Porosity Prediction in Laser Powder Bed Fusion via In-situ Monitoring
 Berkay Bostan (beb171@pitt.edu), Shawn Hinnebusch, David Anderson, and Albert C. To

Defect Predictor Geometry Independent DNNs



T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{o^3}
 $\nabla T_1, \nabla T_2, \dots, \nabla T_{o^3}$
 $IT_1, IT_2, \dots, IT_{o^3}$
 S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{o^3}
Input vector
 $[1 \times (n \times o^3)]$



{Porosity %}
 $[1 \times 1]$

- T :Heatmap value
- ∇T : Cooling rate
- IT : Interpass temperature
- S : Spatter count
- o : Neighbor order
- n : Number of main features

Using dark fiber can improve seismic monitoring and help predict ground acceleration.

Monitor local region for unusual seismic activity.

Estimate local ground acceleration.

Monitor atmospheric and hydrological storm activity.

Monitor earthquake and tsunami activity.

Understand the earth system better.

Plate Tectonic Motion of Pittsburgh



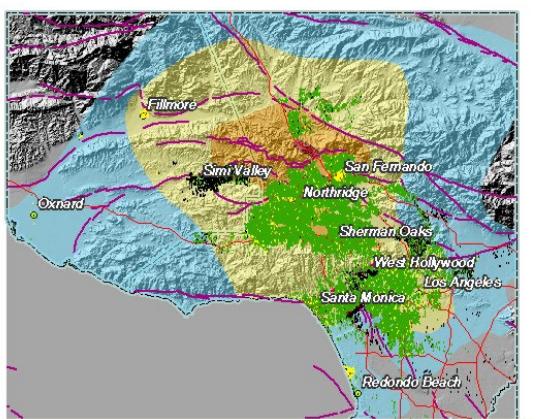
North America
Tectonic Plate motion
Pittsburgh

Rate of movement
14.93 (mm/yr)
(1.24 mm/mo)

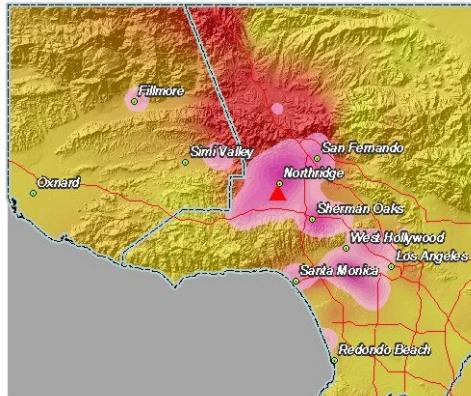
Direction of movement
272.41°

Fingernails grow about 3 millimeters a month

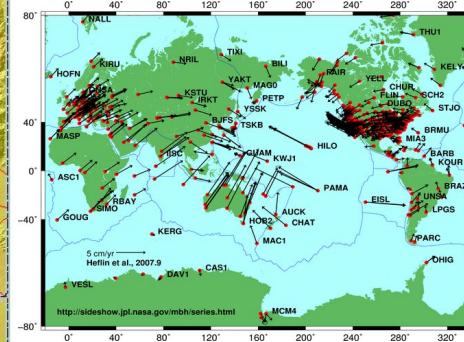
Northridge building damage



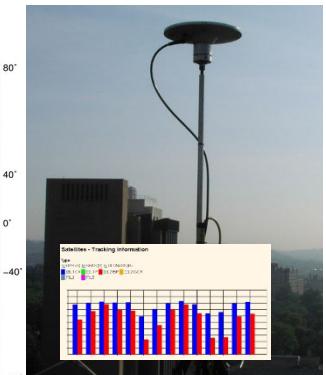
Northridge ground acceleration



Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Plate Motion Data



Pittsburgh CORS GPS Station: PAAP



Machine Learning on Intermittently Powered Microcontrollers

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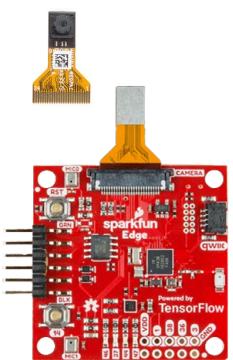
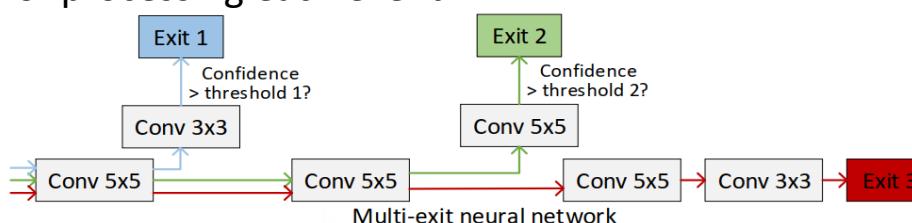


- Adapting Neural Networks to low-power microcontroller boards to perform image detection on images
- Uses a STM32 Nucleo-64 board (Top Left) to run inferences
- Uses a SparkFun Edge board (Red) to capture images
- Powered by a solar panel and charge and fire circuit
- Inferences are run using a Multi-exit Convolutional Neural Network (Shown Below)
- Chooses Exits based upon power conditions of the system



Contributions

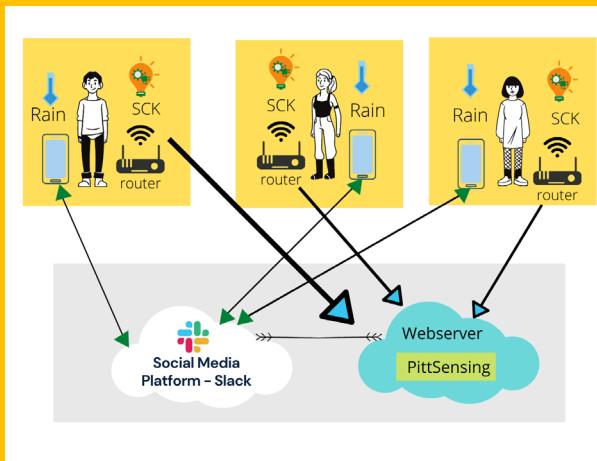
- Intermittent Inference Model** guarantee an inference result before power failure occurs
- Power Trace-Aware Compression** of multi-exit networks to fit onto MCUs while maximizing the average inference accuracy
- Runtime Adaptation** selects the exit for each event, considering the EH environment and difficulty of processing each event



Social Sensor Network: A distributed hyper-local network of low-cost air quality sensors and community scientists

Abhishek Viswanathan, Amy Babay, Rosta Farzan – School of Computing and Information

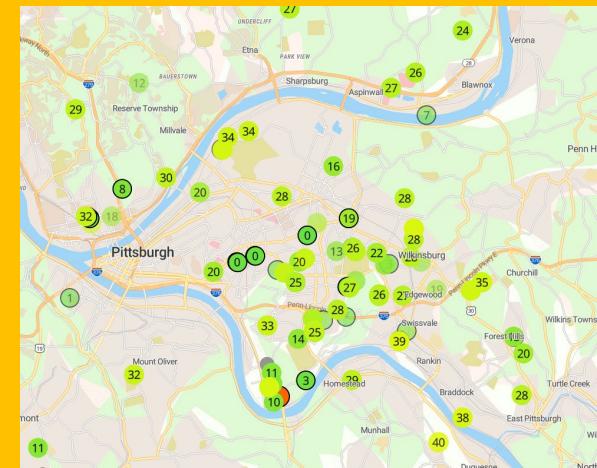
Partnering with local non-profit organizations (Upstream Pittsburgh and Hazelwood Initiative) to engage residents in understanding and addressing local air quality through low-cost air quality sensors, community science, data storytelling, and science communication.



Social Sensor Network - Architecture



Part of a Data Story created by participants



PurpleAir Realtime Air Quality Map in Hazelwood

Multi-Fidelity Framework for Thermal Conductivity of Al-Cu

Sara Akhavan – Hessam Babaee

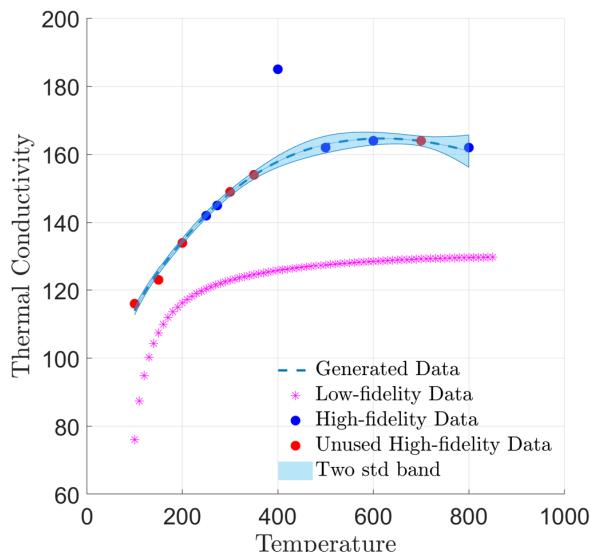
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- Multi-Fidelity model: leverage low-fidelity (LF) and high-fidelity (HF) data sources.
- High-Fidelity data points (Experiment) : expensive but more accurate
- Low-Fidelity data points (Simulation-Approximation-Estimation) : cheap but less accurate, used to capture the trend
- LF and HF data modeled as separate Gaussian Processes (GPs) with own kernels (square exponential kernel)

$$y_L(x) = u_L(x) + \epsilon_L$$

$$y_H(x) = \rho u_L(x) + \delta(x) + \epsilon_H$$

- LF and HF combined into joint probabilistic model.
- Integrating LF and HF improves overall prediction performance.
- Optimize sensor locations to maximize prediction accuracy, minimized uncertainty, and used limited sensor.



*Thermal Conductivity of Al-Cu as a function of temperature
Generate set of data by fix Al (0.85), fix Cu (0.15), change temperature, predict thermal conductivity by multi-fidelity model
Low-Fidelity data are not accurate but capture the trend
High-fidelity data are accurate but expensive and limited in number (even have noise and outlier in high-fidelity data)
Best point for next sensor location is the point that multi-fidelity model has maximum uncertainty*

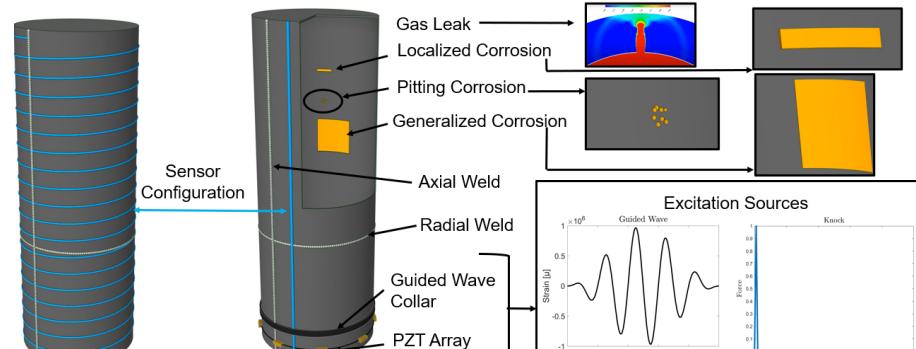
Fusion of Distributed Fiber Optics, Acoustic NDE and Physics-Based AI for Spent Fuel Monitoring

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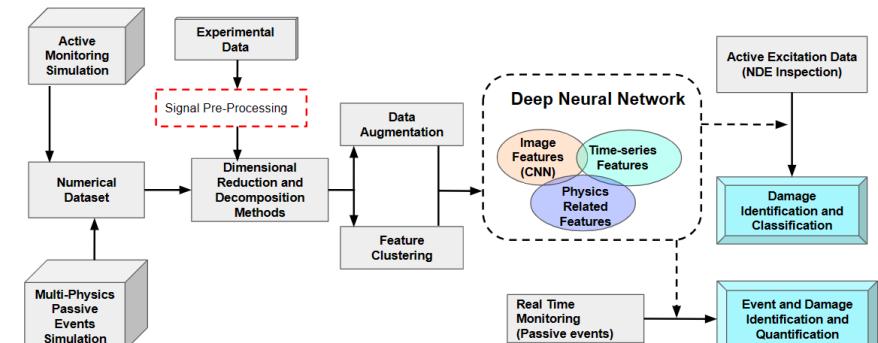
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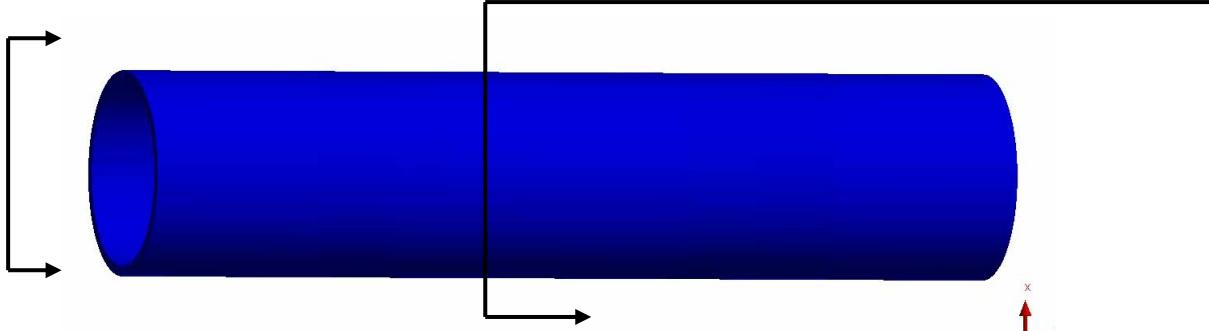
Stainless-Steel Canister Monitoring System Overview



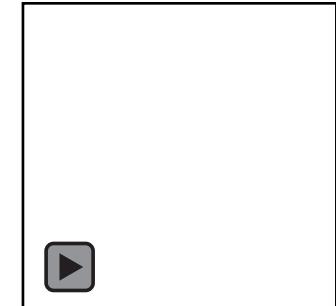
Schematic of AI Model Development



PZT Actuators



Angular Profile (15 in)



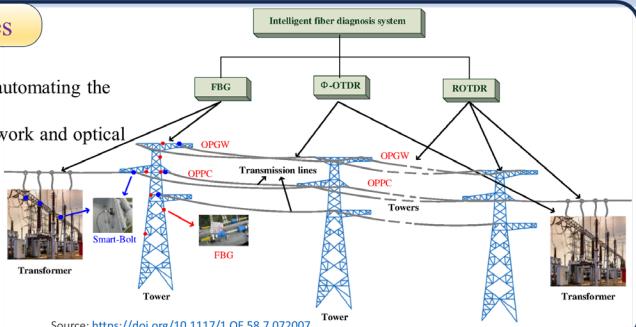
Fiber optic current/magnetic field sensor for Power grid monitoring applications

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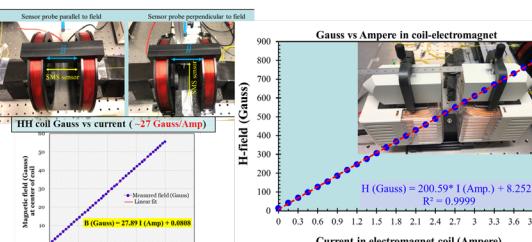
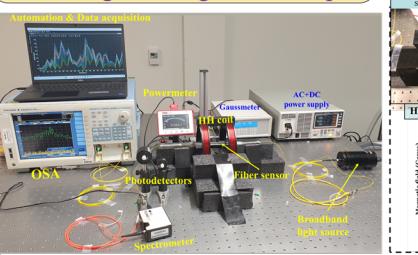
Motivation and Objectives

- Current meter, monitor, control and automating the power grids systems
- Integration to smart grid sensing network and optical fiber communication system
- Reliable and safe delivery of power to consumer level
- Low size, weight and cost
- Immune to EMI



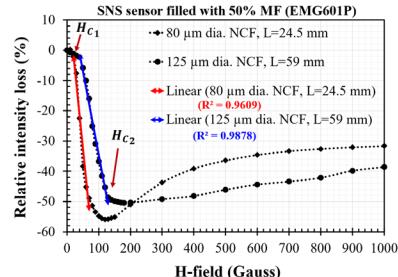
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Sensing interrogation set up



Results

- Sensitivity $> 0.5\%/\text{Gauss}$
- Linear response range below 130 Gauss
- Linearity $R^2 > 0.96$



Magnetic fluid-based SMS sensor's performance metrics based on optimized 4 th self-imaging condition				
SNS Sensor Specifications	4 th self-imaging λ_{peak} (nm)	Response linearity	Sensing range (Gauss)	Sensitivity (S) (% intensity loss/Gauss)
$\phi = 125\mu\text{m}$, $L = 59\text{ mm}$	1562.64	$R^2 = 0.9878$	40 to 130 Gauss	0.52 %/Gauss
$\phi = 80 \mu\text{m}$, $L = 24.5 \text{ mm}$	1568.28	$R^2 = 0.9609$	10 to 70 Gauss	0.82 %/Gauss

Fiber Optic current sensor architecture

Self-imaging in MMI

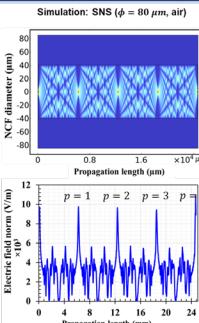
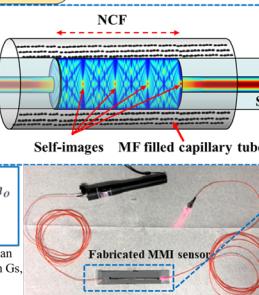
$$L_{MMF} = P \frac{n_{eff} D_{MMF}^2}{\lambda}$$

RI of Magnetic fluid (H, T)

$$n_{MF} = [n_s - n_o] \left[\coth \left(\alpha \frac{H - H_{c,n}}{T} \right) - \frac{T}{\alpha(H - H_{c,n})} \right] + n_o$$

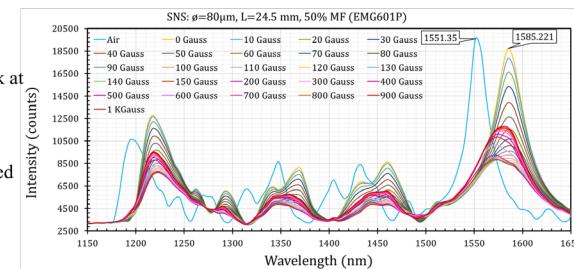
for $H > H_{c,n}$.

$H_{c,n}$ - critical field strength, n_o - refractive index of MF for fields lower than $H_{c,n}$, n_s - saturated value of the refractive index of MF, H - field intensity in Gs, T - temperature in kelvin, α - the fitting parameter



Method of interrogation

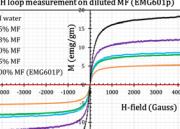
- Sensor optimized for 4th self-imaging peak at C-L band wavelength
- Intensity based interrogation
- Change in relative intensity of 4th self-imaging peak as a function of current induced magnetic field



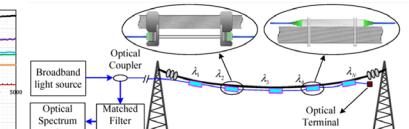
Conclusion and outlook

- DC magnetic field sensing ~200 Amps of equivalent current in a straight wire
- Magnetic fluid with high saturation magnetization and magnetic nanoparticles concentration for higher sensitivity
- Magnetostrictive /magneto-optic materials layers for AC field sensing

Enhanced sensitivity



Quasi-distributed sensing



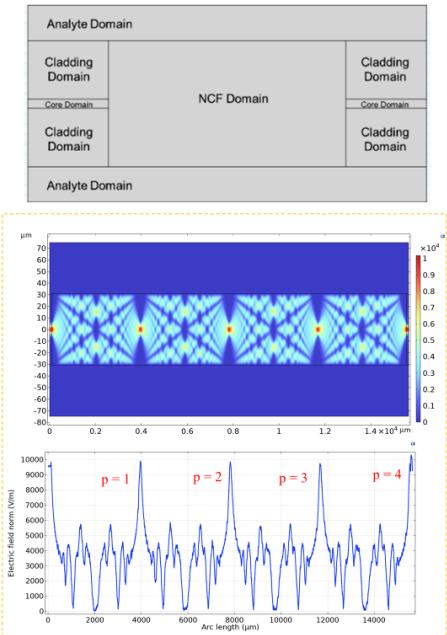
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Simulation of fiber optic Multimode Interferometer with COMSOL Multiphysics and its Application

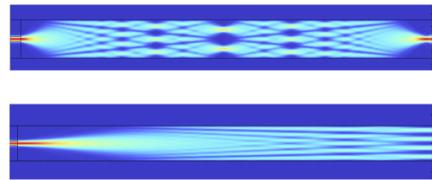
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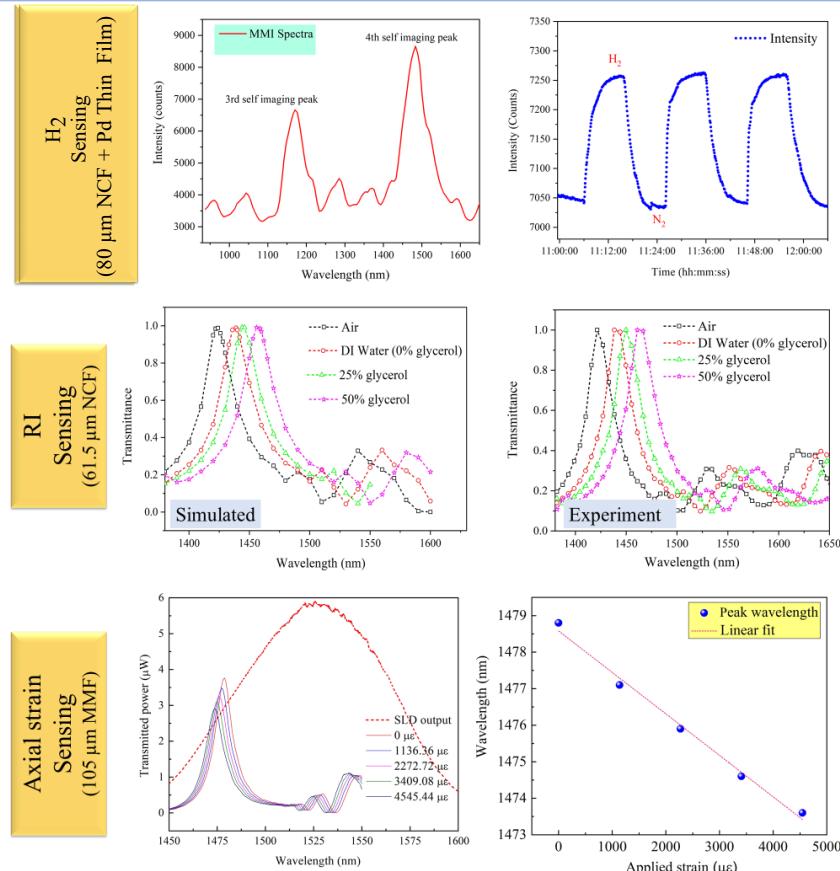


$$L_{MMF} = P \frac{n_1 D_{MMF}^2}{\lambda}$$

n_1 is the RI of core,
 D_{MMF} is the diameter of MMF,
 L_{MMF} is the MMF length,
 $P = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ is an integer, representing the self-image order.



- When light is coupled from a SMF to a MMF/NCF, the modes that are supported by the MMF/NCF are excited and interfere with each other giving rise to an interference pattern along the MMF/NCF.
- At a certain length, light interferes constructively along the MMF/NCF central axis forming replicas of the input light field (self-image).
- If another SMF is connected to the MMF/NCF at the self-image point, multimode interference (MMI) information can be obtained.
- The self-imaging peaks are dependent on refractive index, wavelength, length and diameter of the MMF/NCF.



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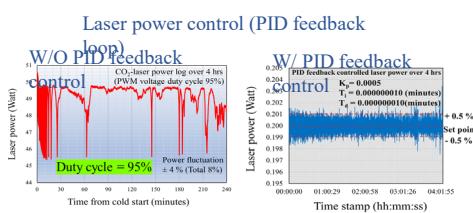
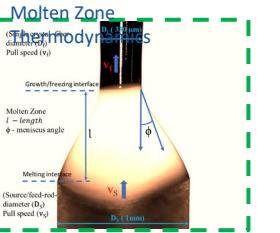
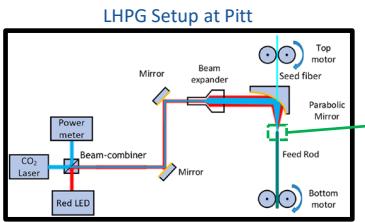
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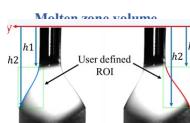
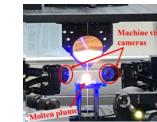
Single crystal fiber growth via LHPG method with focus on material melting properties

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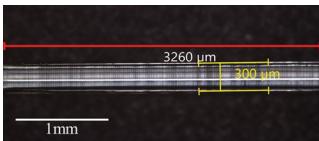


LabVIEW machine vision based in-situ
❖ Diameter tracking and measurement
❖ In-situ molten zone contour tracking and volume estimation



Varied Material Growth
❖ High temperature ceramic oxides
❖ Versatility in growing refractory oxides fibers e.g. sapphire, YAG, MO-oxides (YIG/TGG), EO-oxides (LN, BaTiO3)
❖ Crucible free, high purity, diameter > 100 µm
❖ Specific focus on magnetic properties for novel magnetic field sensing applications
❖ Greater understanding of growth characteristics of materials based on melting characteristics; e.g. congruence vs.

Sapphire Fiber Grown at Pitt



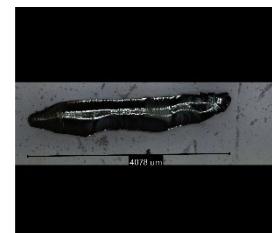
TGG Fiber Grown at Pitt



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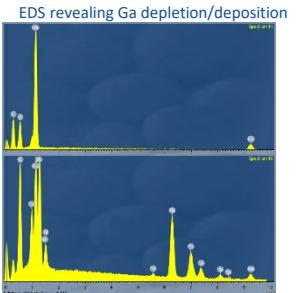
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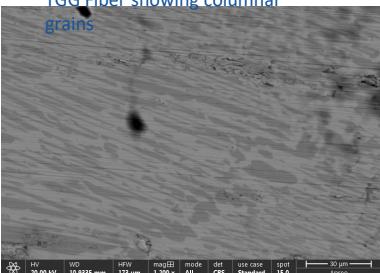
YIG Fiber Grown at Pitt



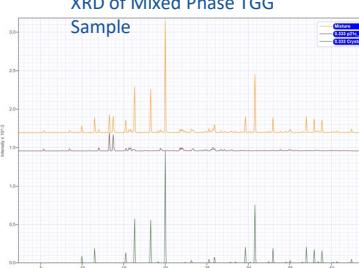
TGG Crystal Structure
❖ Overcoming the GaO evaporation issue
❖ Fabrication of different Ga ratios via powder processing methods
❖ Avoid gallium depleted regions with different crystal structures
❖ Evolution of elongated grain structures along the direction of growth
❖ Examined by SCXRD/MicroPXRD to reveal a roughly even mixture of phases



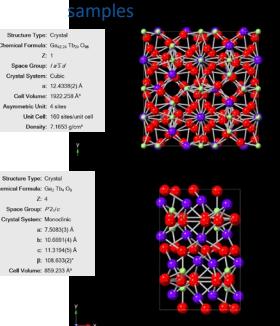
TGG Fiber showing columnar grains



XRD of Mixed Phase TGG Sample



Crystal Structures of TGG samples

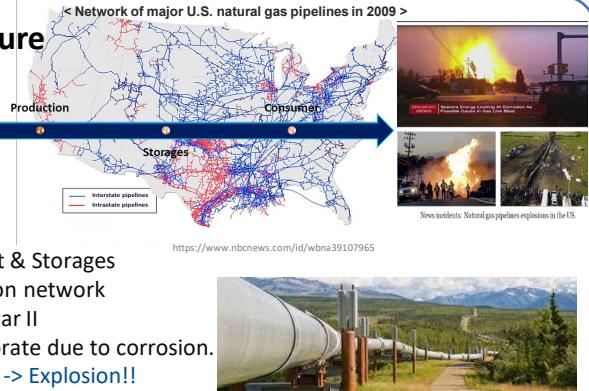


Pipeline Health Monitoring using Fiber-optic Sensor Technology and Ultrasonic Guidedwave

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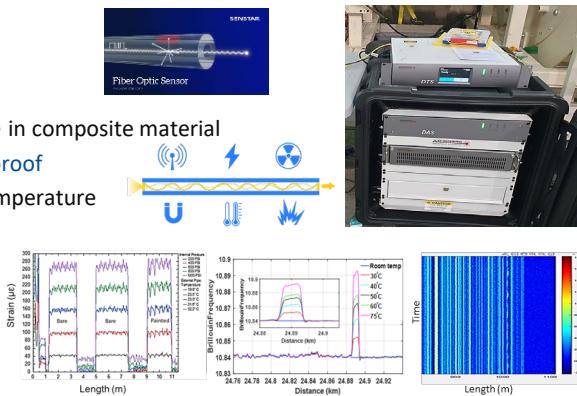
1 Pipelines Infrastructure Monitoring in USA



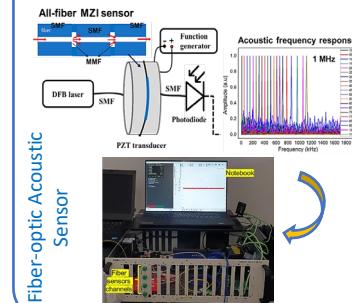
- Natural Gas, Oil Transport & Storages
- > 300k miles of distribution network
- > 50% built after World war II
- Aging and tend to deteriorate due to corrosion.
- Ruptures occurs -> Leaks -> Explosion!!

2 Fiber-optic Sensor Technology

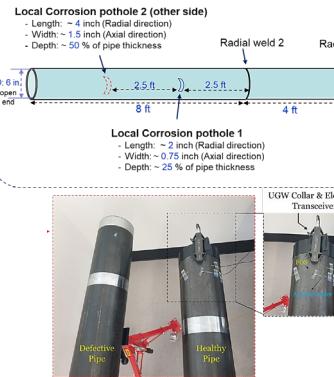
- Lightweight / embeddable in composite material
- Explosion- and electrical-proof
- Can work upto 1000 °C temperature
- Passive devices
- Point, quasi-distributed
- Fully-distributed sensing



3 Damage detection in Pipe



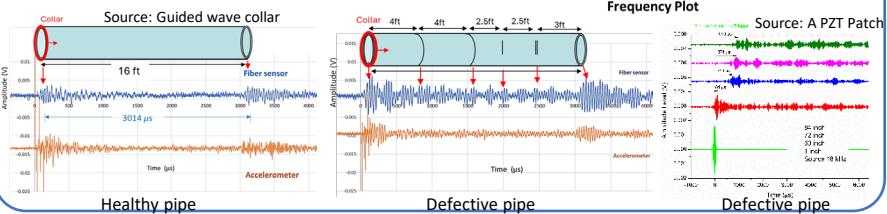
Pipe schematics and Test setup



4 Our Results

- Ultrasonic Source: Guided wave collar
-> Torsional mode (symmetric wave) is excited by the UGW collar on the pipe surface.

< Fiber-optic Acoustic Sensor >



Towards Portable and Simultaneous Gas/Temperature Fiber Optic Point Sensor Interrogator for Electrical Assets Health Monitoring

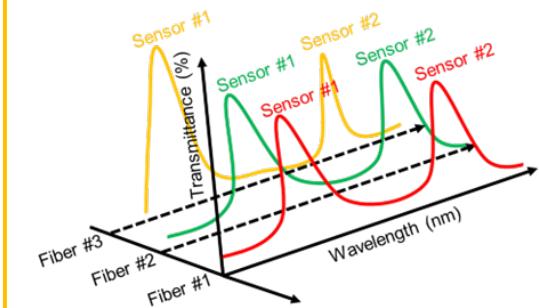
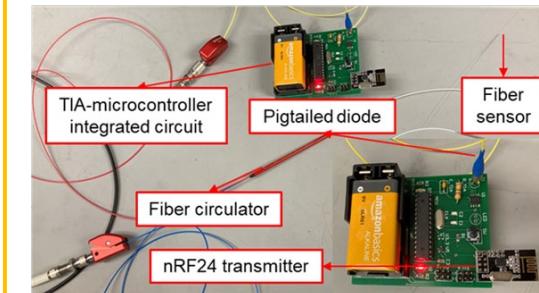
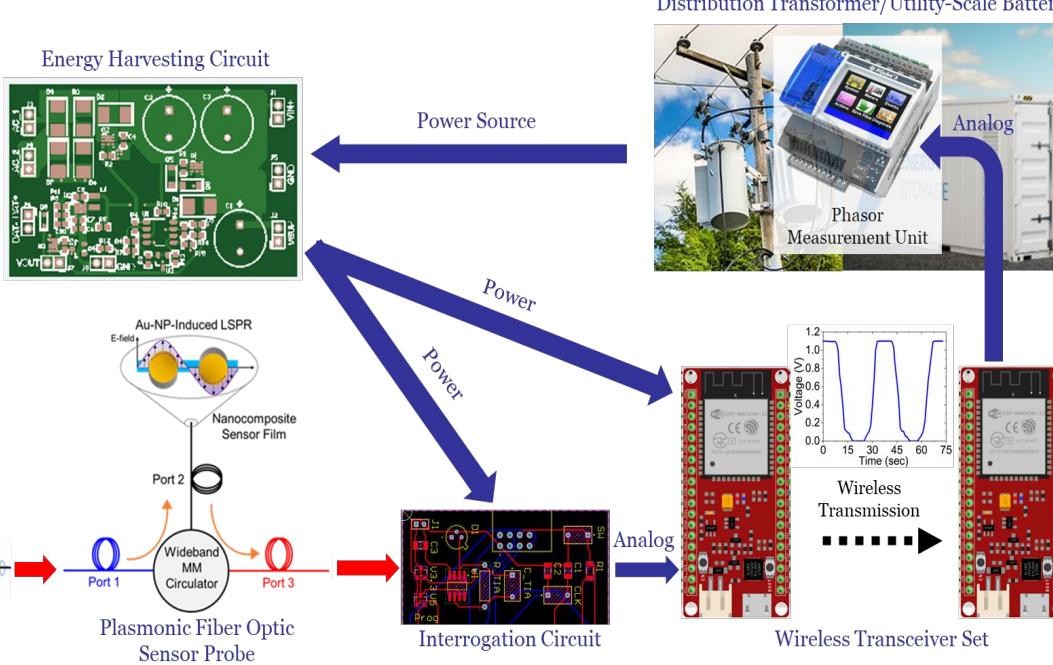
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- Electrical connection
- Optical connection
- ... Wireless connection

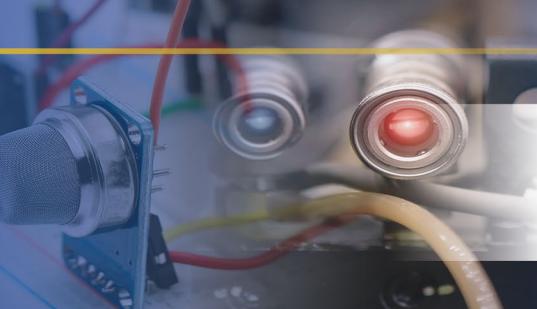


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Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Systems for Multi-Parameter Monitoring

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Distributed fiber optic sensors allow the measurement of structural parameters; such as strain, temperature and vibrations at thousands of locations along a single fiber cable. The distributed/quasi-distributed fiber sensors include;

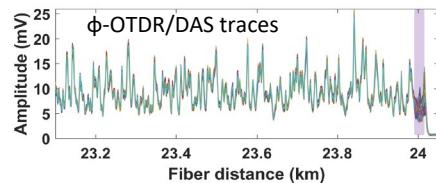
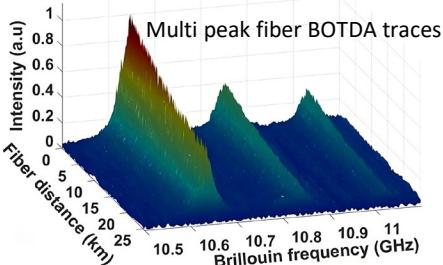
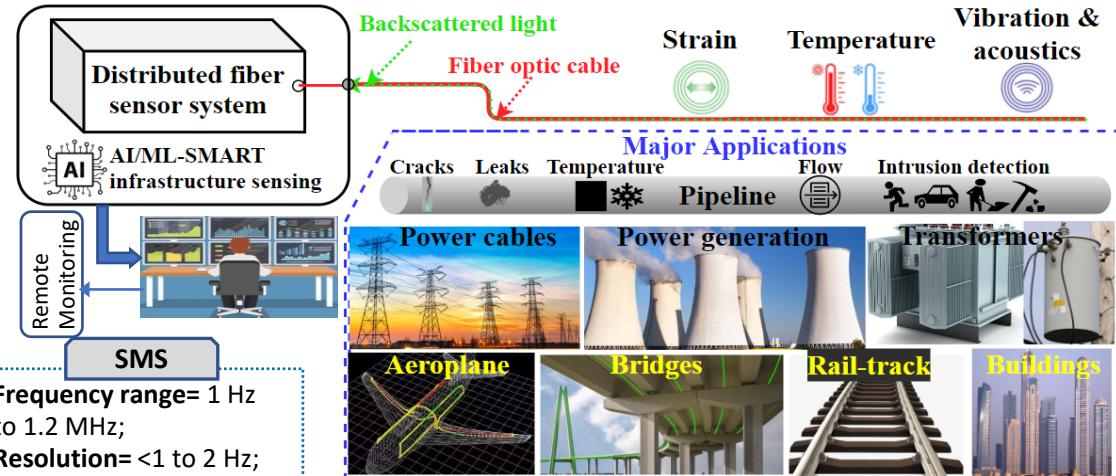
- ❖ Brillouin optical time domain analysis (BOTDA).
- ❖ Phase-sensitive optical time domain reflectometry (ϕ -OTDR), also called distributed acoustic sensor (DAS).
- ❖ Single-mode–multi mode–single-mode (SMS) fiber sensor.

BOTDA

Sensing range = >100 km;
Spatial resolution = <5 m;
Measurable parameters:
strain, and temperature

ϕ -OTDR/DAS

Sensing range = >30 km;
Spatial resolution = <1 m;
Measurable parameters:
vibration/acoustics



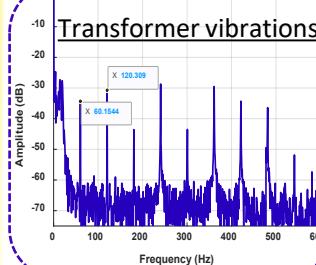
Advantages

- Compact size
- EMI resistance
- Withstand harsh environment
- Real-time and remote monitoring
- High accuracy and stability
- Enhanced structural safety

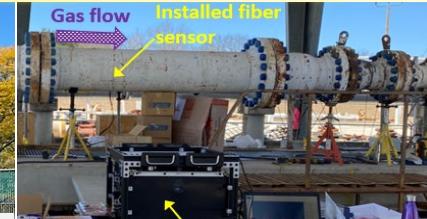
Field validation

Power Transformer
Oil and Gas Pipeline

Transformer vibrations

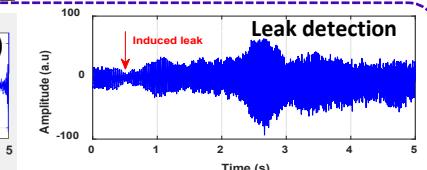
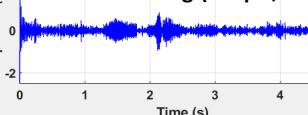


Core/winding defects, partial discharge, breaker failure.



Phase-OTDR (DAS)
interrogator

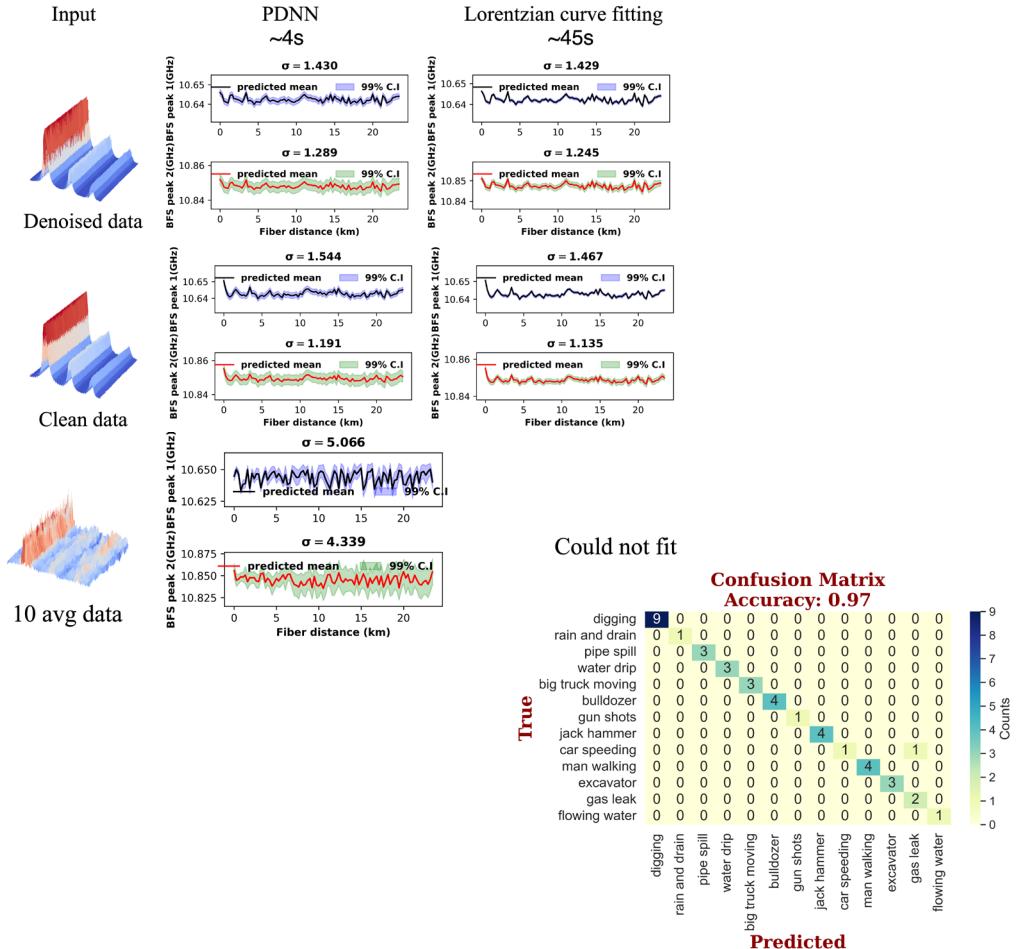
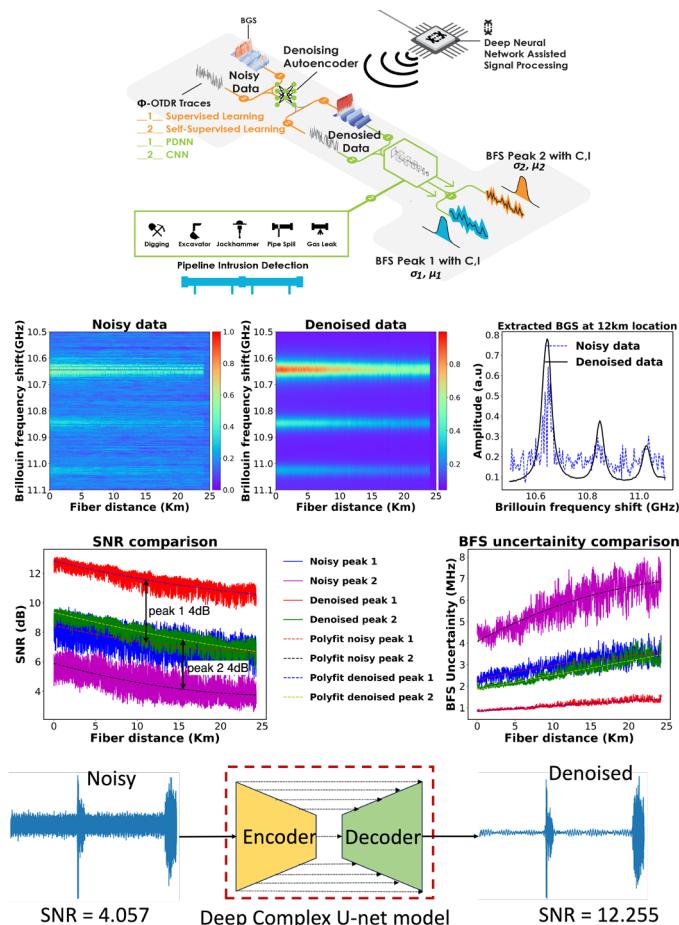
Flow monitoring (800psi, 5ft/s)



Intelligent and Real time data analytics for fiber optic sensors using deep neural networks

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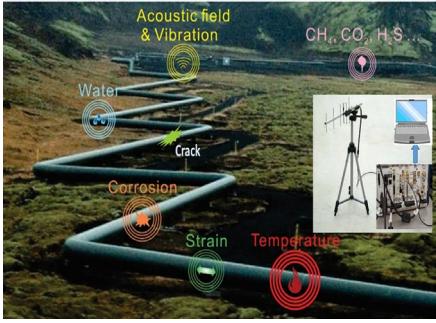
Passive Wireless Sensing of Methane Leak and Monitoring Corrosion in Pipelines

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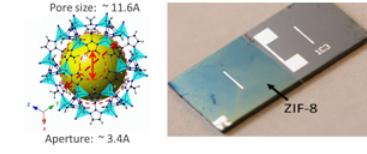
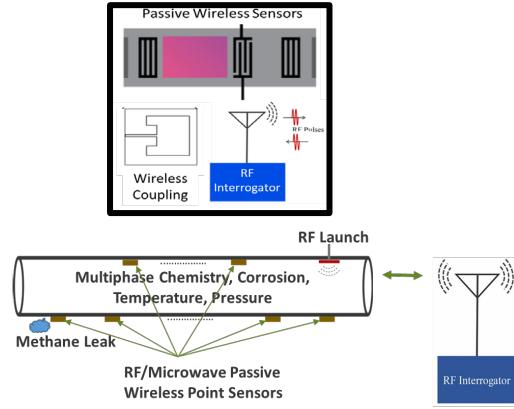
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Motivation

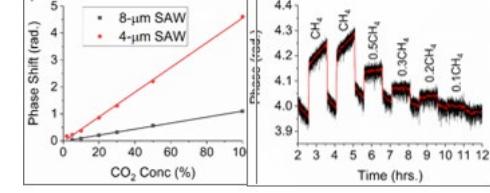


- Conventional monitoring techniques are infrequently performed making prediction of potential events difficult.
- Continuous and real-time monitoring technologies are helpful to better identify, locate, and quantify methane leaks and corrosion events.
- Passive wireless sensors and their network are emerging platforms for remote and real-time monitoring of long pipelines.

Pipeline Monitoring with Passive Wireless Sensors



A MOF (ZIF-8) nanoporous material (left) and coated SAW sensor (right)



Advantages

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

Other Applicable Industries

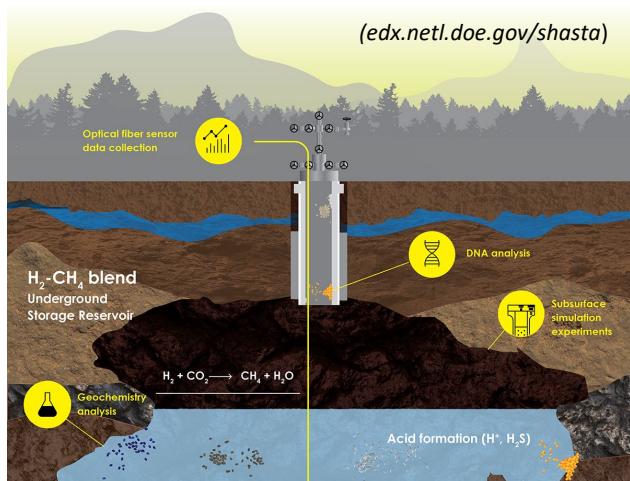
- Subsurface Wellbores
- Harsh Environments in Energy Generation
- Automotive
- Aerospace

Small (~5x10 cm²), Low-Cost, Passive Wireless SAW Sensors to enable Ubiquitous Wireless Sensor Network for Energy Infrastructure Monitoring

Optical Fiber Sensors Capable of Monitoring Harsh Subsurface Conditions for H₂ Storage Applications

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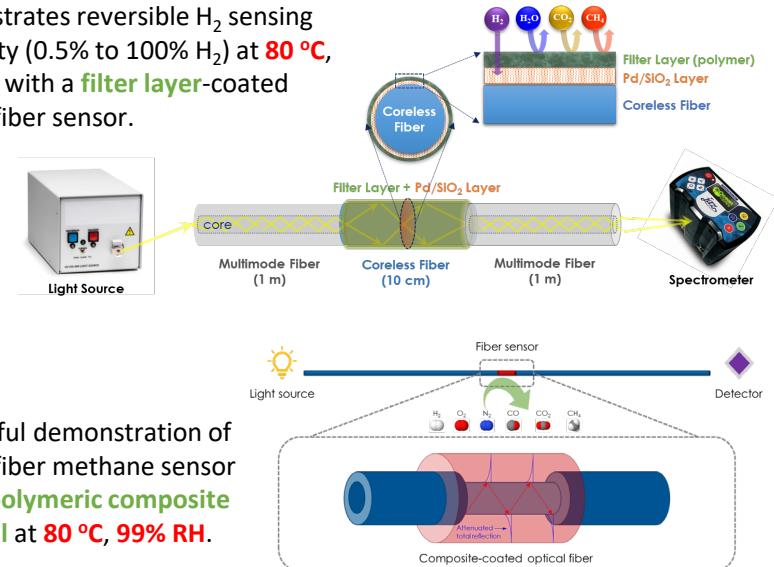
H₂ Sensor

CH₄ Sensor

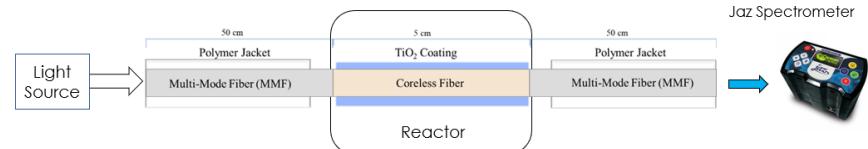
pH Sensor

- In-situ optical fiber sensors for real-time monitoring of **hydrogen**, **methane**, and **pH** at subsurface hydrogen storage conditions.
- Ensure the integrity of the underground hydrogen storage facilities.

- Demonstrates reversible H₂ sensing capability (0.5% to 100% H₂) at **80 °C**, **99% RH** with a **filter layer**-coated optical fiber sensor.



- Successful demonstration of optical fiber methane sensor with a **polymeric composite material** at **80 °C**, **99% RH**.



- **TiO₂**-coated optical fiber pH sensor was demonstrated at **80 °C**, **1000 PSI**.

Review of Sensors for In-Situ Amine Degradation Monitoring in Post-Combustion Carbon Capture

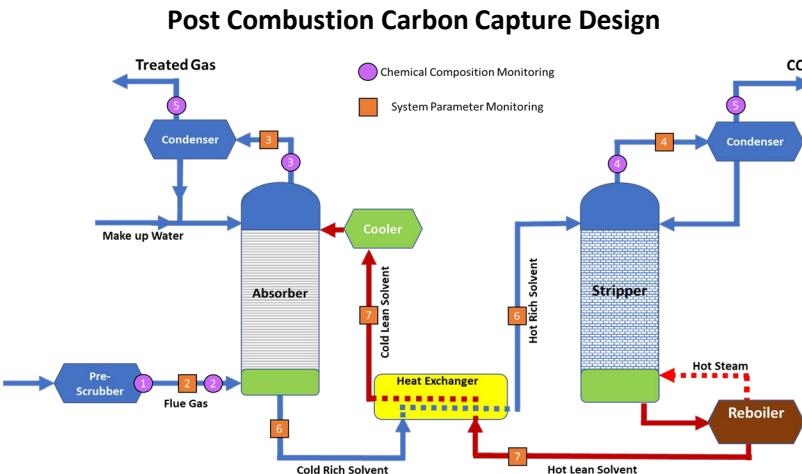
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Solvent Darkens with Degradation and Lightens when Regenerated



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Current Physical Sensing Technology

Location	Equipment	System Parameter Monitoring
1,2,3	Pressure Gauge	Pressure of Gas and Liquids
1,2	Volumetric Flow Rate	Rate of Gaseous Flow
4,5,6,7	Viscosity	Flow Rate of Solvent
4,5,6,7	Temperature	Temperature of Solvent

Current Chemical Sensing Technology

Location	Equipment	Chemical Composition Monitoring
1	pH Meter	Basicity
1	UV	SO ₂ , NO ₂
1	Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	CO ₂
2,5,6	FTIR	CO ₂ , H ₂ O, NH ₃ , NO, NO ₂ , SO ₂ , CH ₂ O, C ₂ H ₄ O, Amines
2,5,6	NDIR	CO ₂
2	Paramagnetic	O ₂
3,4	GC/MS	CO ₂ , O ₂ , N ₂ , H ₂ O
3,4	LC/MS	CO ₂ , O ₂ , N ₂ , H ₂ O
2,4	Electric Conductivity	O ₂ content
5,6	Single Ion Monitoring	Mass Spectrometry
5,6	Electric Low-Pressure Impactor	Aerosol Measurements (Size Distribution and Count)

Simultaneously **Low-Cost** and
Continuous Degradation Monitoring is
Not Currently Available

- Solvent monitoring is needed for carbon capture plant operation due to continuous **thermal** and **oxidative** degradation.
- Current solvent monitoring hardware is **expensive** and **requires sampling**.
- Degraded solvents form dark colored **heat stable salts (HSSs)** which reduce carbon capture efficiency.

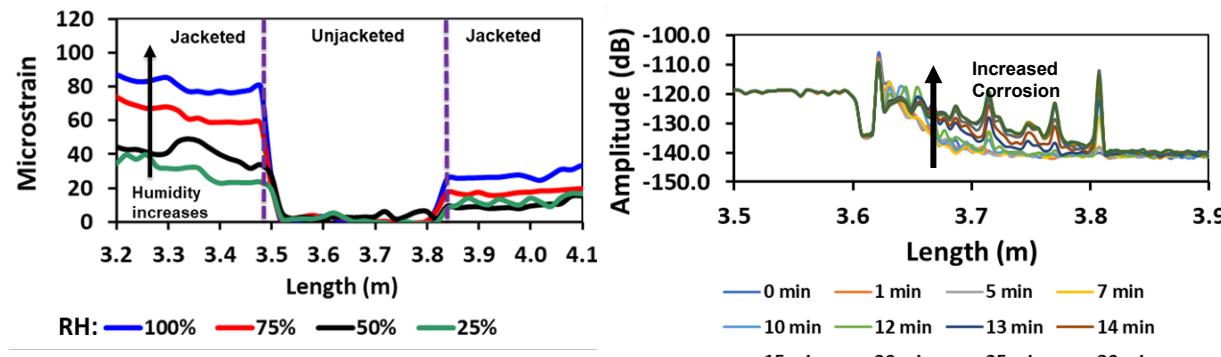
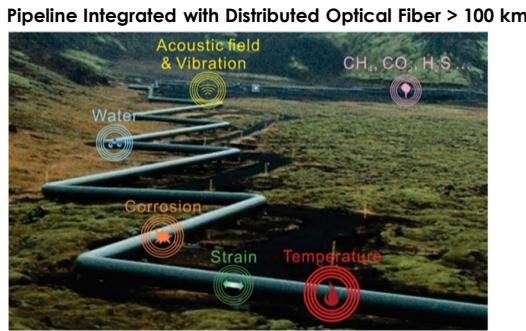
Multi-parameter Optical Fiber Sensor for Simultaneous Monitoring of Humidity, Pressure, CO₂, and Corrosion

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Pipeline Monitoring Concerns



- Pipeline corrosion costs billions of dollars annually.
- Increased humidity and CO₂ can predict corrosion favoring conditions, and pressure drops can indicate leaks.
- Periodic methods like couponing collect average corrosion rates over a long period of time.

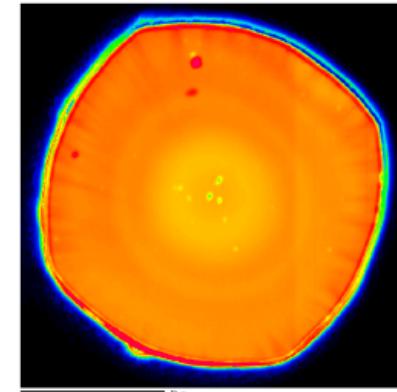
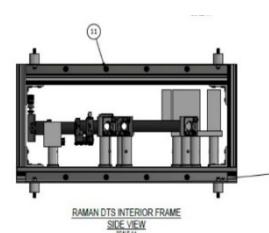
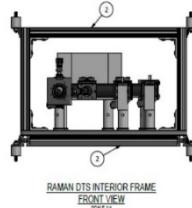
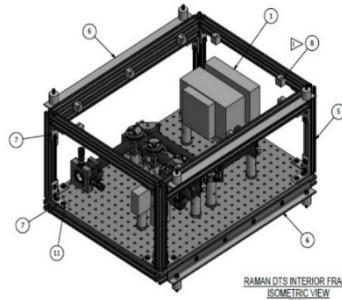
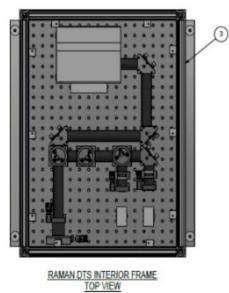
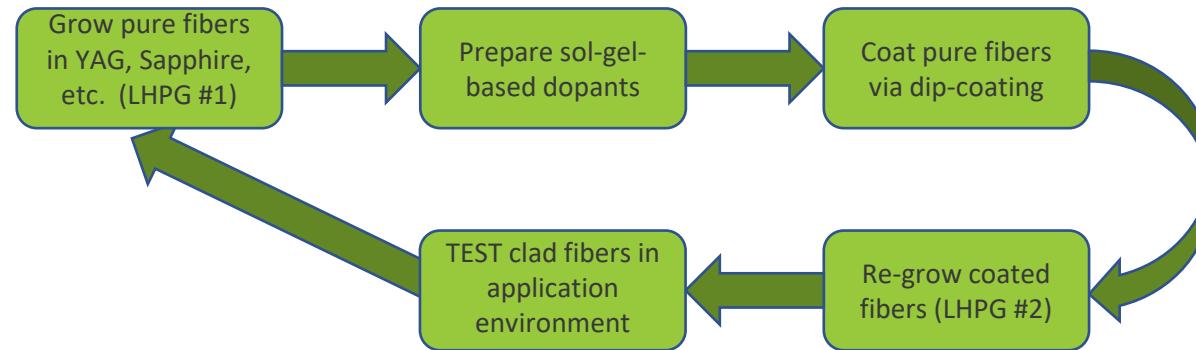
- Single-mode fiber (SMF) jacket detects humidity and CO₂ concentration using swelling-induced strain.
- Unjacketed fiber detects only pressure-induced strain.
- Changes in backscattered light intensity of a thin Fe coating acts as a continuous distributed proxy for pipeline corrosion.

Optical fiber sensors provide long distance distributed sensing of humidity, pressure, CO₂, and corrosion in natural gas pipeline conditions.



Laser-heated Pedestal Growth and Raman DTS for Harsh-environment Applications

- Single crystal fiber (SC) superior to silica fiber in regard to stability under harsh conditions.
- Grow SC fiber via laser-heated pedestal growth (LHPG).
- Sol-gel coated fiber used in two-step LHPG process to create cladding layer.
- Raman DTS system can use grown fiber for distributed temperature sensor.

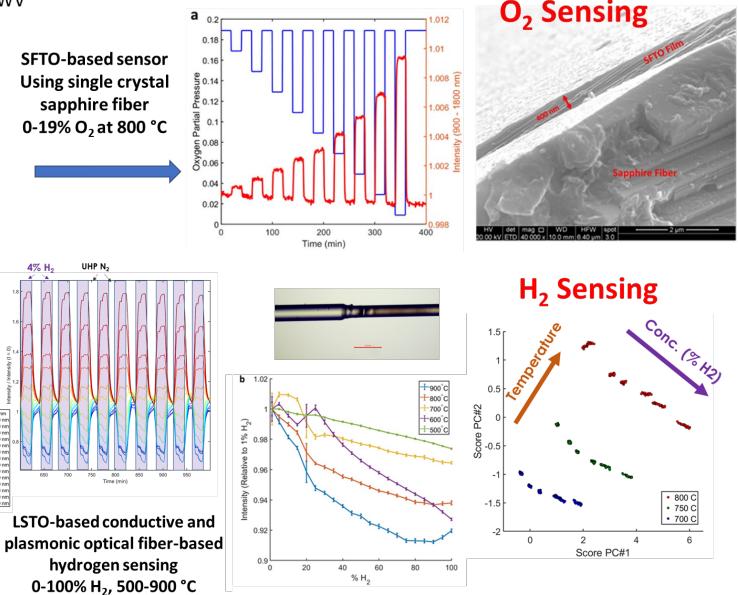
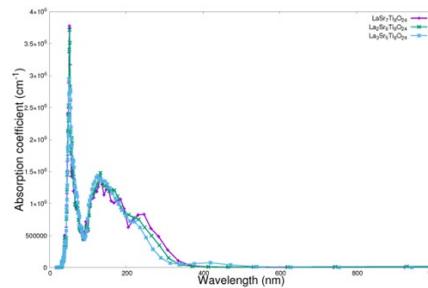
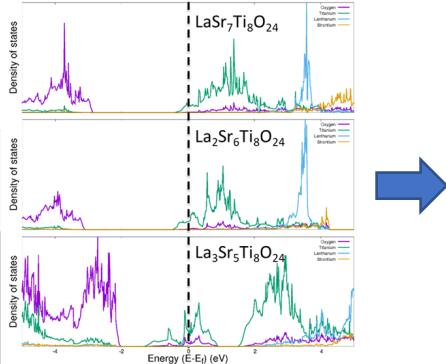
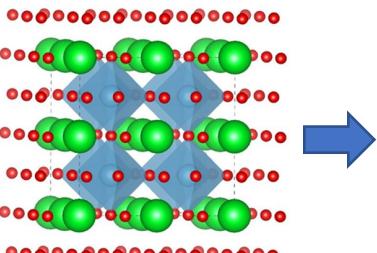


Modeling and Experimental Testing of High-Temperature Stable Sensor Materials for Gas Monitoring

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- Doped perovskite oxide thin films on the optical fiber platform show promise for gas detection in extreme environments (paired with single crystal fiber, may exceed 1000 °C operation for some applications). **Provides a pathway to distributed gas sensing via approaches such as OTDR.**
- La-doped SrTiO₃ demonstrated for H₂ sensing up to 900 °C on sapphire fiber. “p-type” doped systems (SrFe_xTi_{1-x}O₃) demonstrated for O₂ sensing up to 900 °C.
- Density functional theory (DFT):** PAW-PBE(+U) exchange-correlation in generalized gradient approximation (GGA) used to evaluate optical properties of doped SrTiO₃ systems.
- Better understanding of (1) impact of dopants, (2) impact of defects (e.g., vacancies, interstitial H), and (3) diffusion pathway energetics needed for **fast, stable, selective, and high sensitivity gas sensors**.



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- Growing interest in quantum sensing, quantum computing and quantum networks for processes pertaining to energy production, distribution, and consumption.
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