

# NETL Sensor Technologies Progress Overview

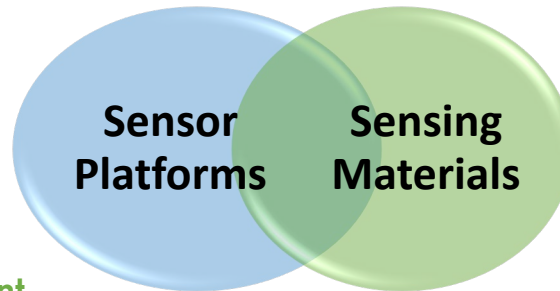
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# NETL Sensor Expertise and Capabilities for Energy Infrastructure

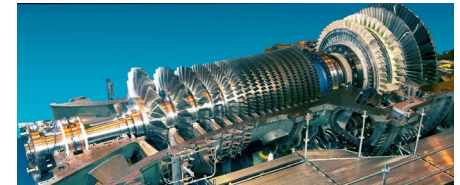
## Advanced Sensors for Energy Efficiency, Safety, Resilience, and Sustainability

- ✓ 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



GENERATION

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



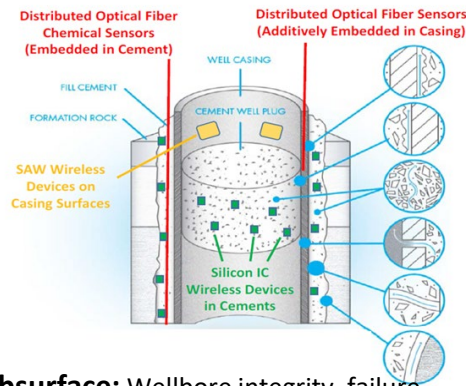
### ENERGY DELIVERY & STORAGE



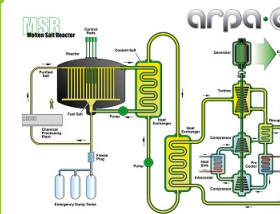
**Pipelines:** Monitor corrosion, gas leaks, T, acoustics to predict/prevent failures. NG, H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>



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

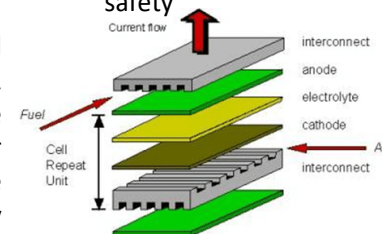


**Subsurface:** Wellbore integrity, failure prediction, leak detection. Geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>/NG, or abandoned wells.



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

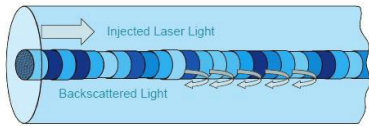
**SOFCs:** Fuel concentration & temperature gradients for improved lifetime and efficiency



# Multiple Sensor Technology Platforms

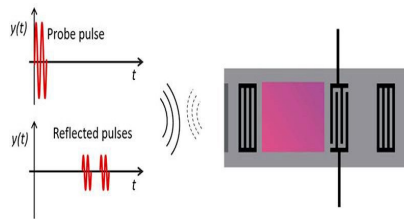
## Long-distance Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors

Imperfections in fiber lead to Rayleigh backscatter:

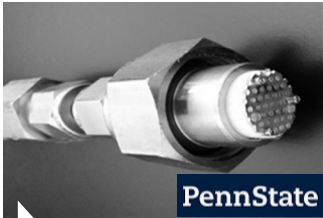


Rayleigh backscatter forms a permanent spatial "fingerprint" along the length of the fiber.

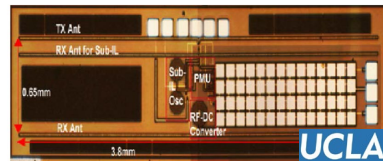
## Passive Wireless Sensors



## Advanced Electrochemical Sensors



## Wireless Miniature Silicon Integrated Circuit (SiIC) Sensors

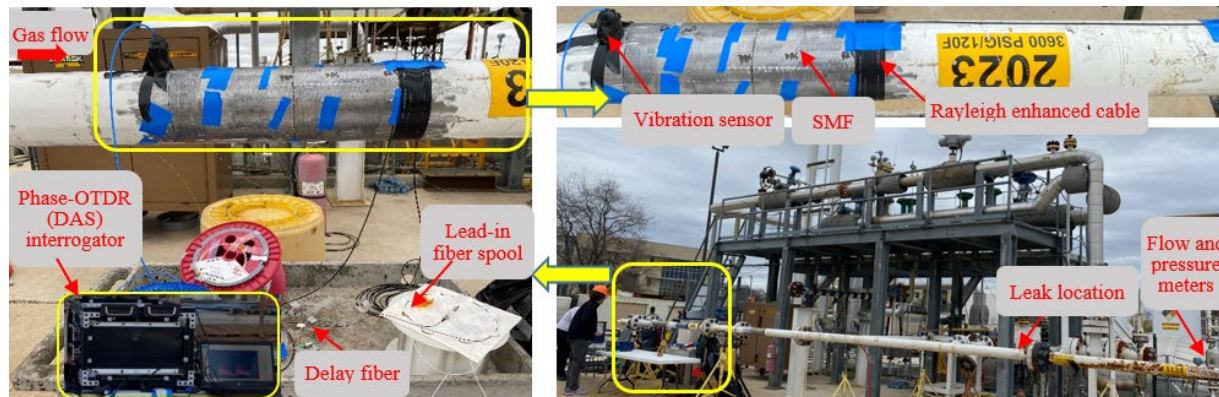


	Geospatial Attributes	Cost	Targeted Function
Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors	Linear Sensor Adjustable Distance and Resolution	Cost Per Sensor "Node" Low	Temperature, Strain, Gas Chemistry (CH <sub>4</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, H <sub>2</sub> , etc.) Early Corrosion/pH Detection
Passive Wireless SAW Sensors	Point Sensor	Low	Temperature, Strain, Gas Chemistry (CH <sub>4</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, H <sub>2</sub> , 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

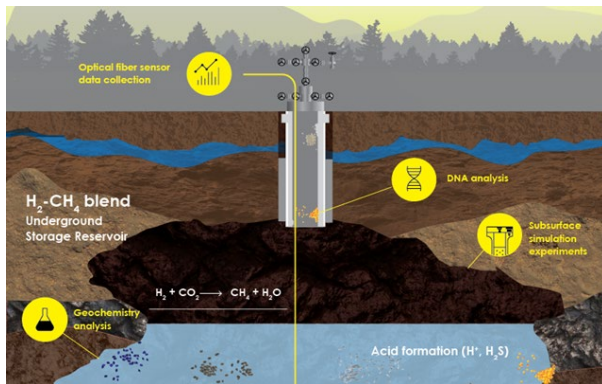
- **Multiple pipeline sensor technologies** were tested at pilot-scale at Southwest Research Institute Testing Facility, including distributed optical fiber sensors and passive wireless sensors for gas flow, pressure, corrosion and gas leak monitoring.
- Distributed fiber/wireless sensor technologies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



Team 188 Pipeline Sensors

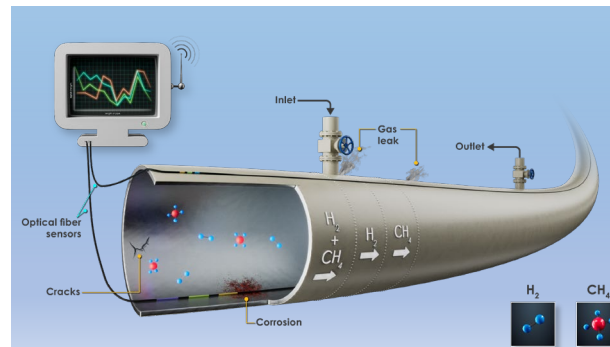
## NETL Sensor Technologies Progress and Achievements -Hydrogen Transportation and Subsurface Storage

- Pd nanoparticle (NP) incorporated SiO<sub>2</sub> coated optical fiber H<sub>2</sub> sensor was demonstrated for a wide range of hydrogen sensing from 0.5% to 100 %.
- A new filter layer was overcoated on the H<sub>2</sub> sensing layer to increase selectivity and mitigate humidity interference. Under 99% relative humidity, negligible cross-sensitivity from common cushion gas CO<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>4</sub>.
- Demonstrated at high pressure (~1000 psi) and high temperature (80 °C), relevant for subsurface hydrogen storage.



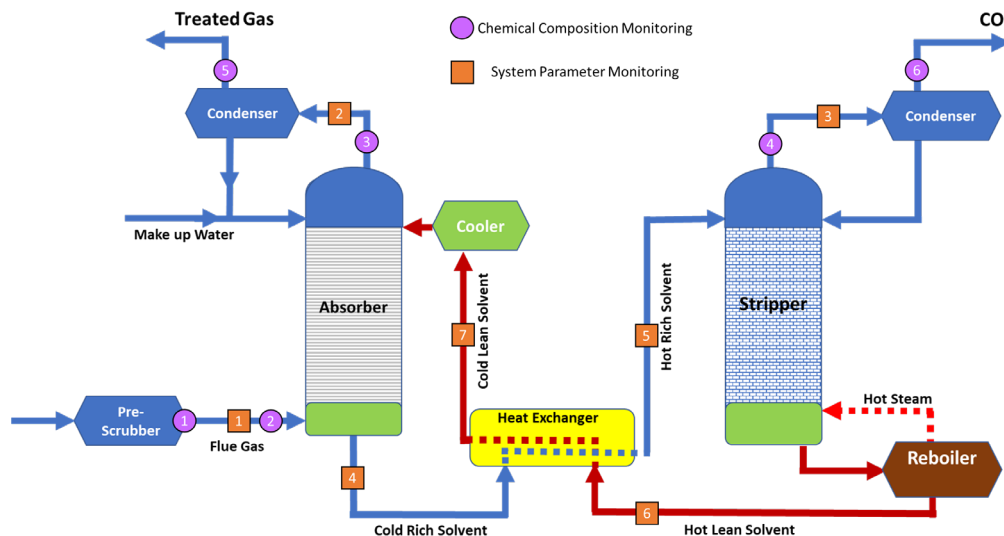
### Natural Gas Decarbonization and Hydrogen Technology FWP (NGDH2T)

### 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.

**R&D  
100  
AWARDS**

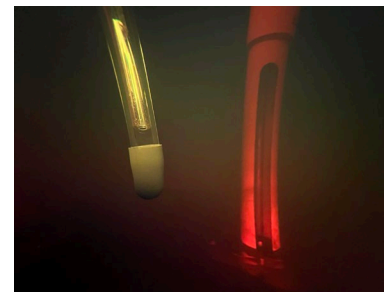


# Transformer Watchman

Temperature Sensing of Distribution Transformer



Acoustic Sensing at Medium-voltage Transformer

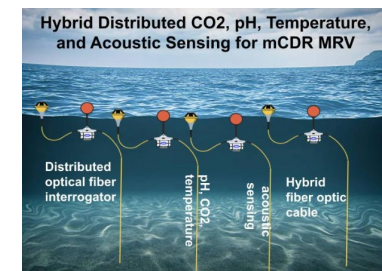


Dissolved Gas Analysis of Transformer Oil



## 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, CO<sub>2</sub>, 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 CO<sub>2</sub>). Led by UPitt. NETL is collaborating on chemical and CO<sub>2</sub> 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:** CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 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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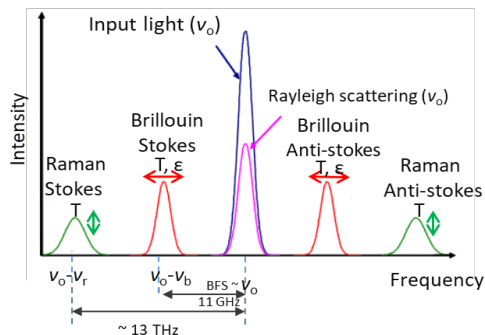
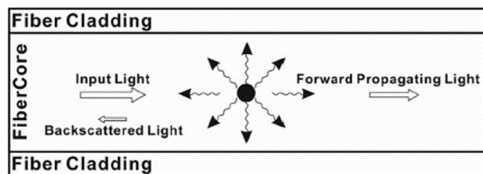
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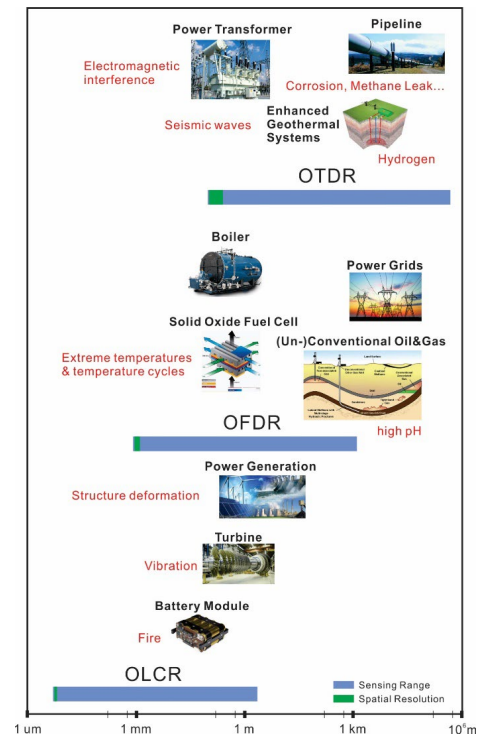
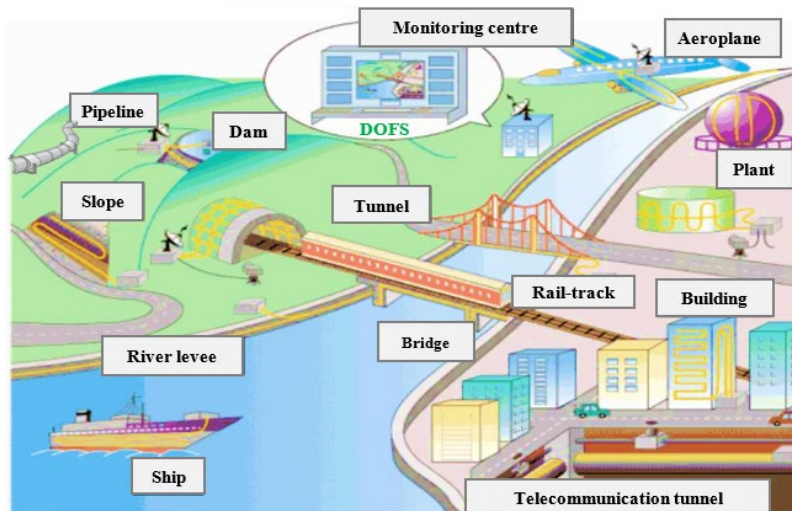
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## Distributed Sensing and Infrastructure Monitoring

Scattered light spectrum of optical fiber



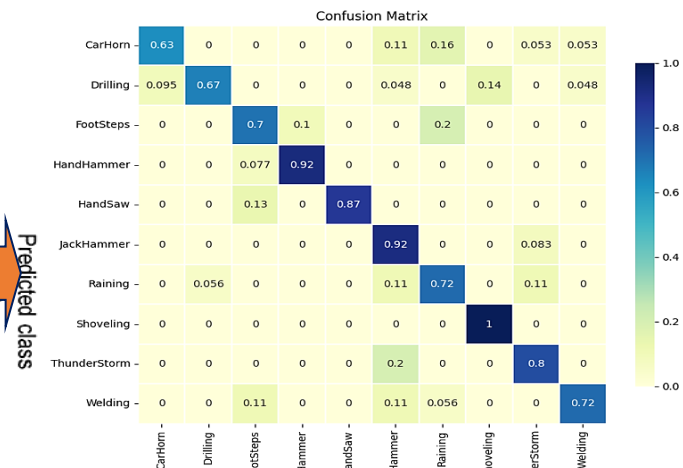
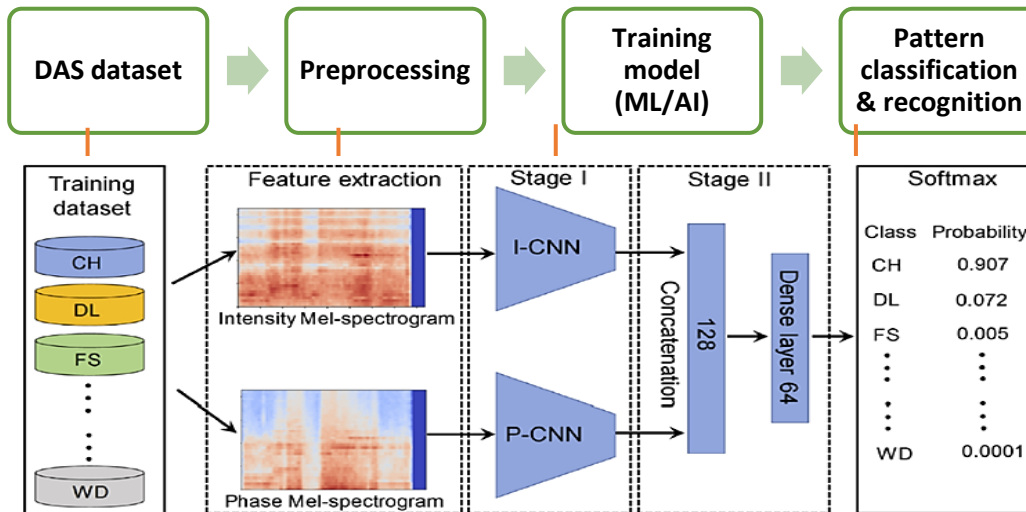
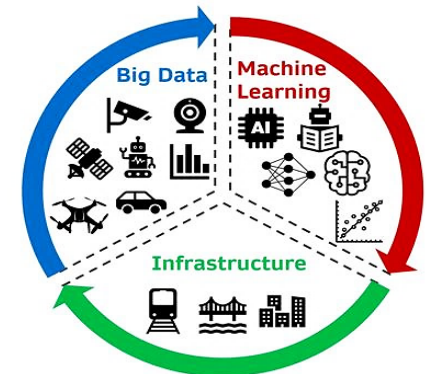
Various Applications



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## 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

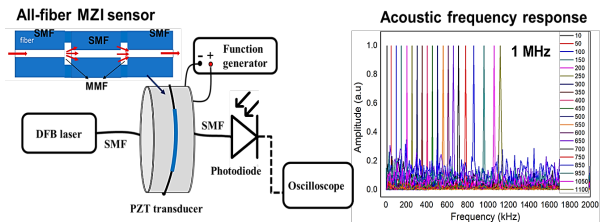


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## Distributed Sensing Applications @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

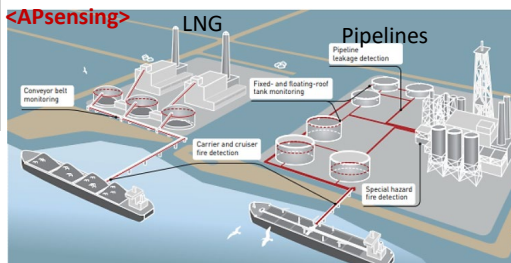
### Acoustic sensing

- Point and Multipoint



### Temperature sensing

- Distributed Temp Sensor / DTS: Commercial interrogator



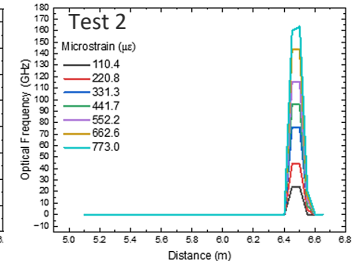
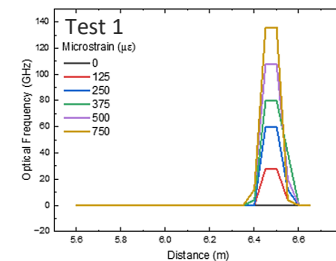
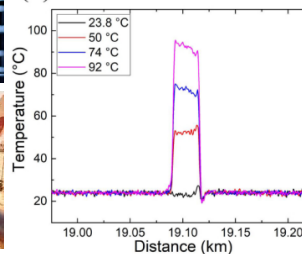
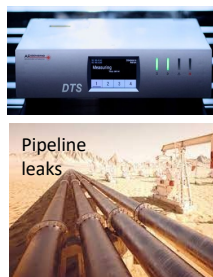
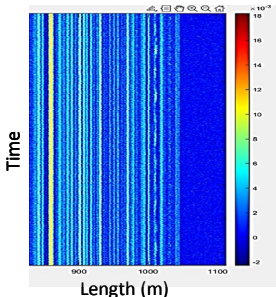
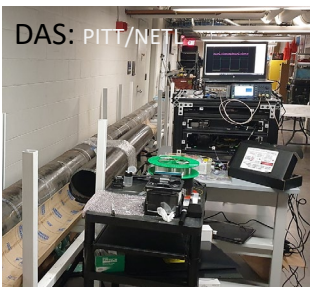
### HD Strain/Temperature

- Benchtop OFDR.....PITT/NETL



- Distributed Acoustic Sensor (DAS):

- Benchtop Interrogator
- Commercial Interrogator acquisition

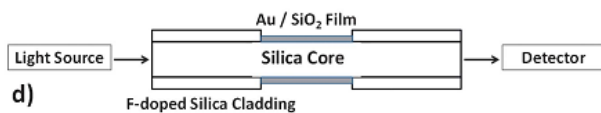
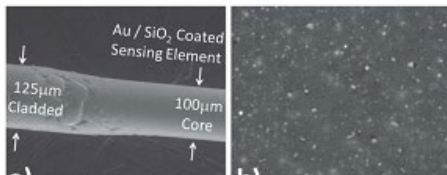
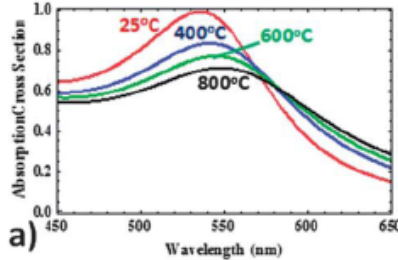


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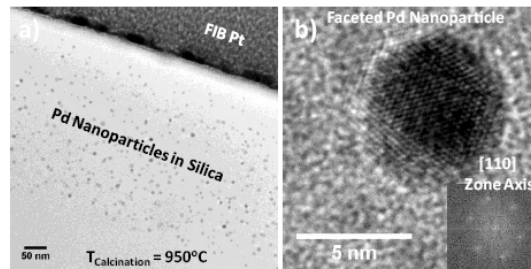
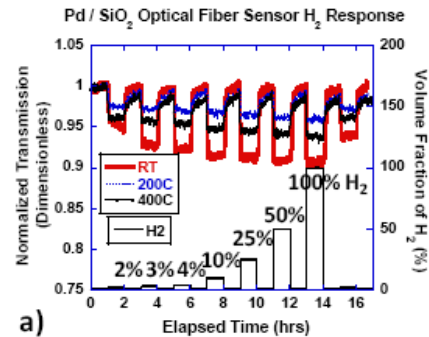
## Functionalized Optical Fiber Sensing @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

### Temperature Sensing

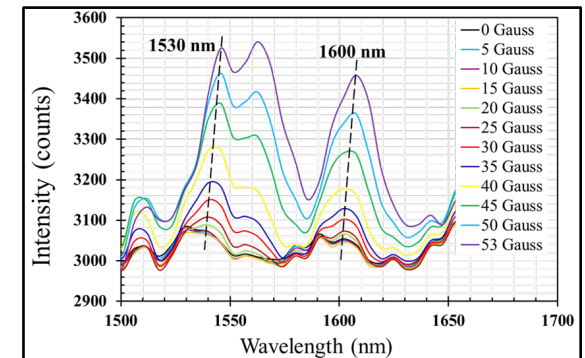
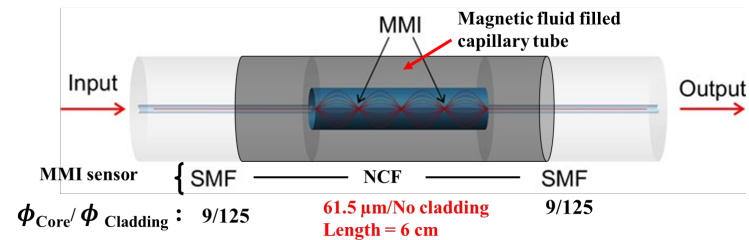
Temperature Response  
 (Free Carrier Mobility Dominated)



### Chemical Sensing



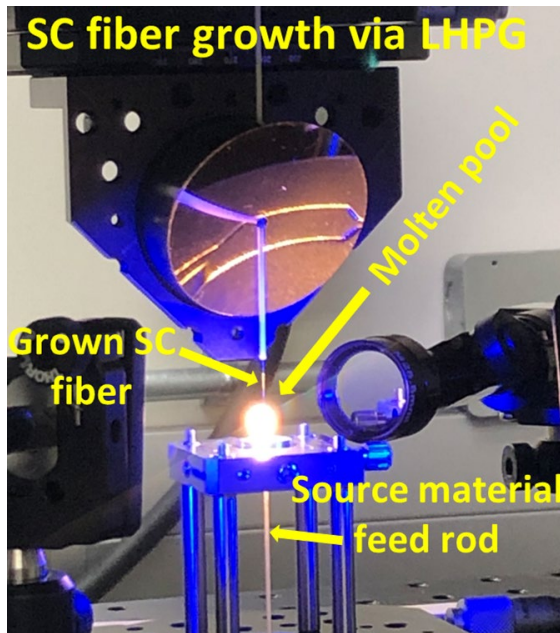
### Magnetic Field Sensing



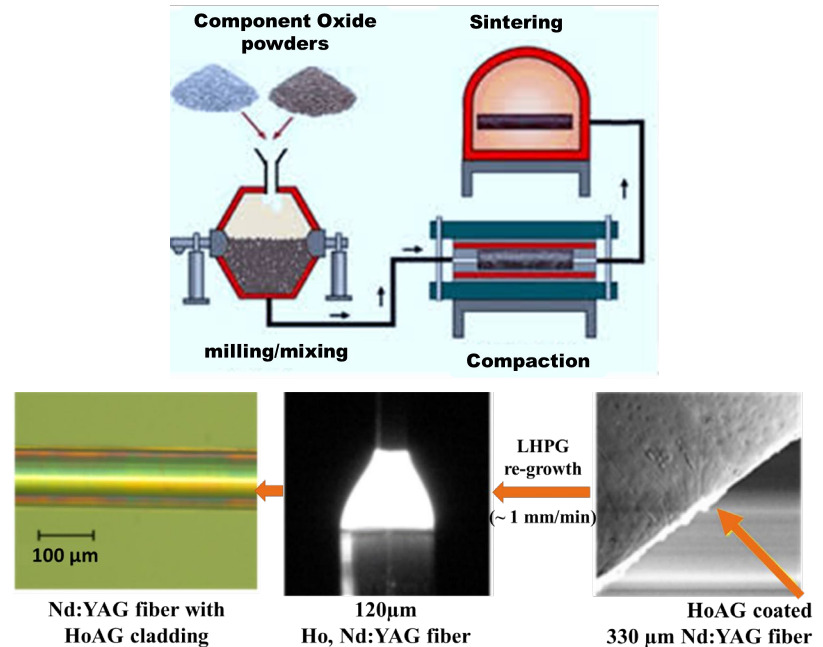
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## Single Crystal Oxide Fiber Sensing @ PITT Ohodnicki Lab

❑ Laser Heated Pedestal Growth



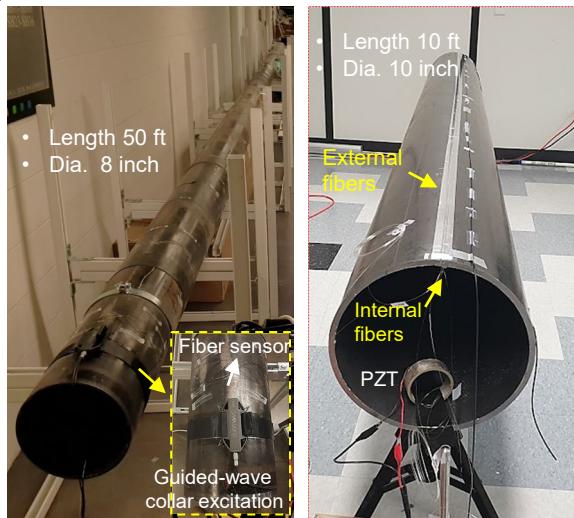
❑ Functional Crystal Oxides



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

### Pipeline monitoring

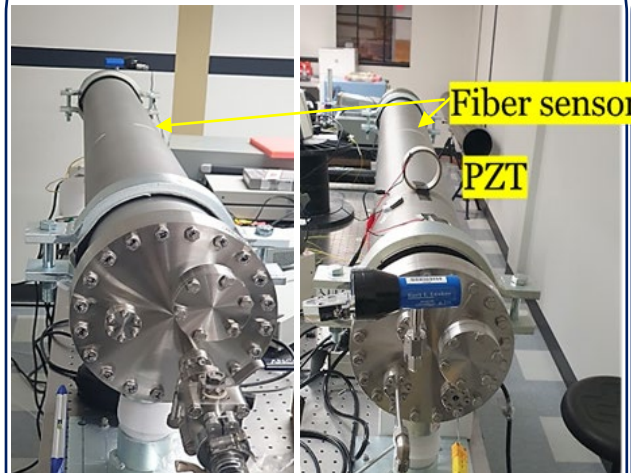


Overview of Pipeline test setup with different sensing optical fibers deployed internally using robotic FODT

**Point & Distributed Acoustic Sensing:**

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

### Nuclear Canister monitoring

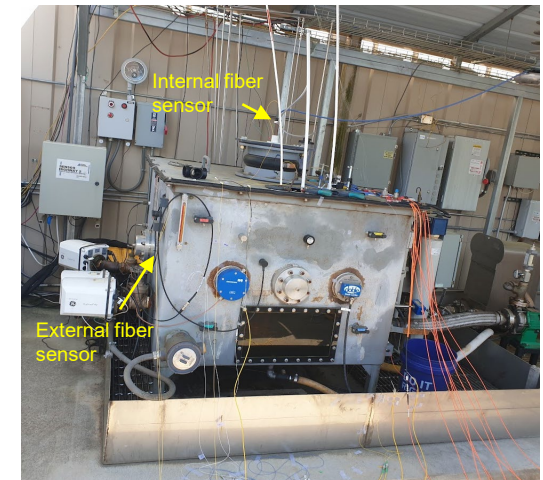


Dry Cask Storage System for Nuc. Canister monitoring

**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

**Q-distributed Acoustic Sensing:**

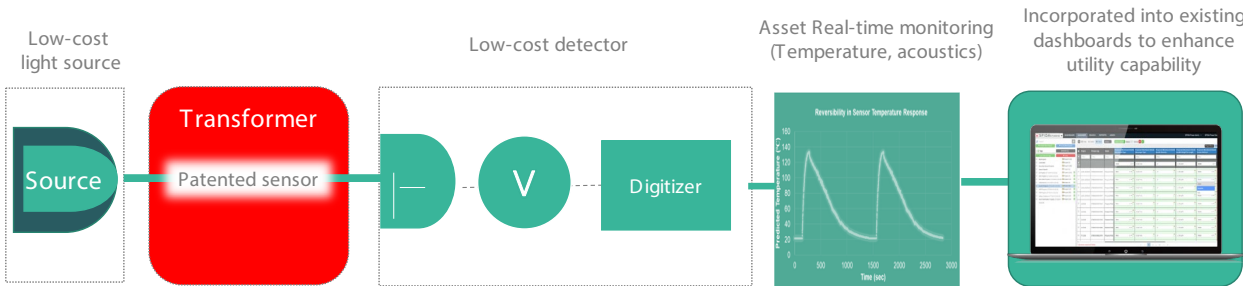
- Partial Discharge detection
- Gas and temperature monitoring



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## Commercialization and Technology Transfer Activities : Electrical Asset Sensing

### Low-Cost Fiber Optic Sensing Technology



University of Pittsburgh & National Energy Technology Lab Spin-Off

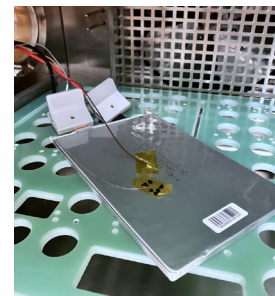
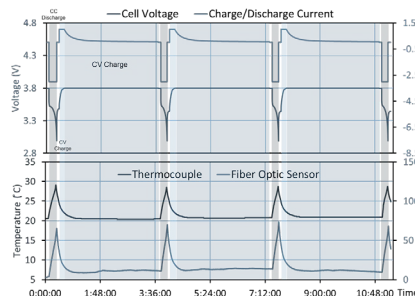
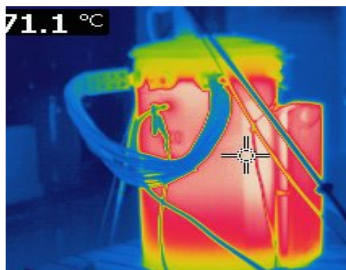
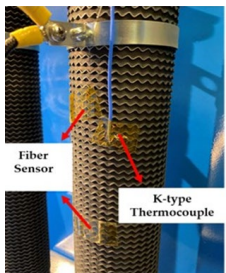
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### Electrical & Magnetic Components Sensing (e.g. Transformers)

### Internal and External Battery Monitoring

Pre-Seed Stage : Initiating Fundraise



# PITT Sensor Technologies Updates and Overview

## 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 Negotiaton)

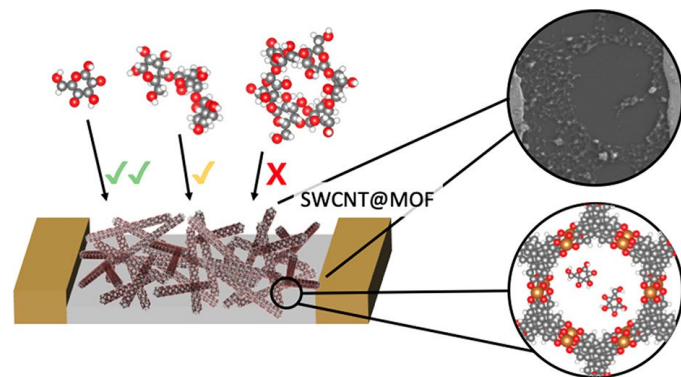


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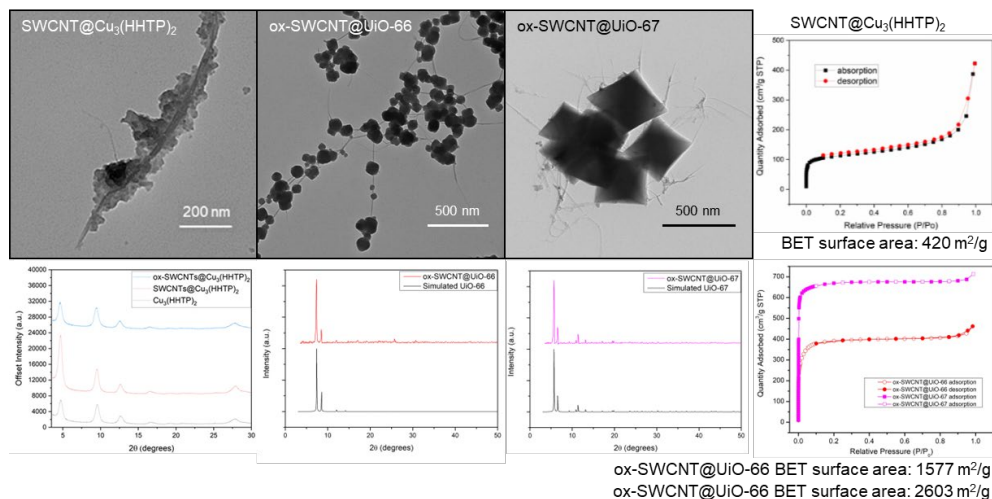
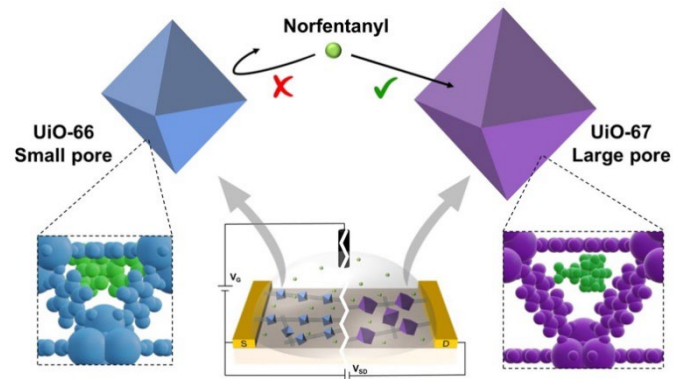
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## Size-based Molecule Discrimination and Detection via Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube@Metal Organic Framework Composite Field-Effect Transistor

Discrimination of homologous carbohydrates



Electrical sensing of norfentanyl



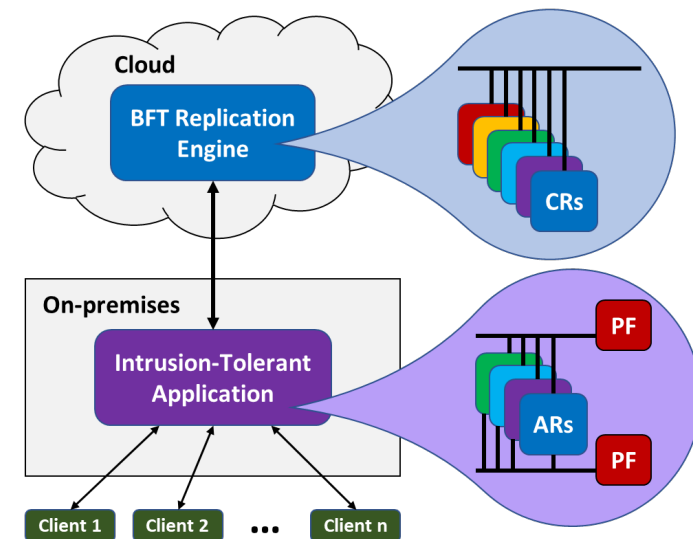
- Combination of porosity and electric conductivity.
- Novel sensing mechanism for SWCNT-based field-effect transistor sensor.
- Analyte size-based sensing signal.

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

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- **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

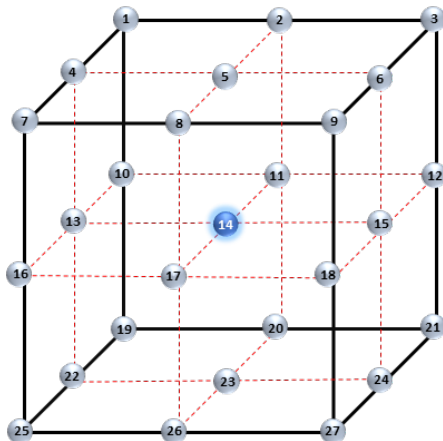




**Data-driven Local Porosity Prediction in Laser Powder Bed Fusion via In-situ Monitoring**

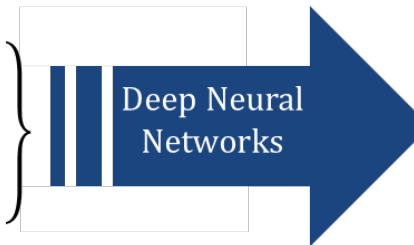
Berkay Bostan (beb171@pitt.edu), Shawn Hinnebusch, David Anderson, and Albert C. To

# Defect Predictor Geometry Independent DNNs



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{o^3} \\ \nabla T_1, \nabla T_2, \dots, \nabla T_{o^3} \\ IT_1, IT_2, \dots, IT_{o^3} \\ S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{o^3} \end{array} \right\}$$

Input vector  
 $[1 \times (n \times o^3)]$



$$\{ \text{Porosity \%} \}$$

$$[1 \times 1]$$

- $T$  : Heatmap value
- $\nabla T$  : 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.**

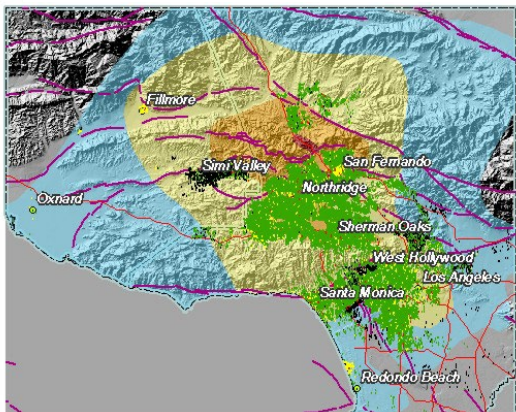
**Understand the earth system better.**

Plate Tectonic Motion of Pittsburgh

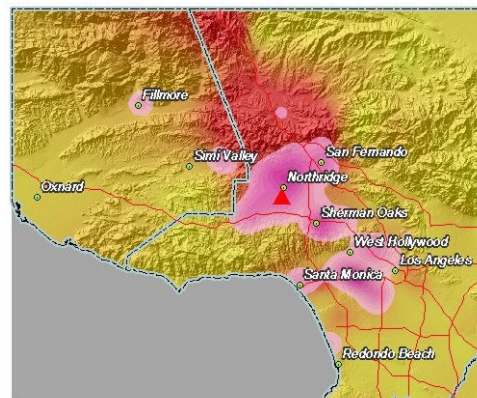


North America Tectonic Plate motion Pittsburgh	
Rate of movement	Direction of movement
<b>14.93 (mm/yr)</b>	<b>272.41°</b>
<b>(1.24 mm/mo)</b>	
<i>Fingernails grow about 3 millimeters a month</i>	

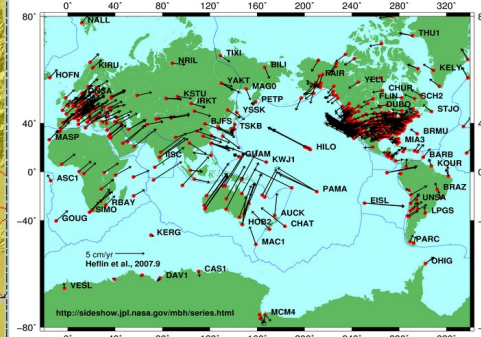
Northridge building damage



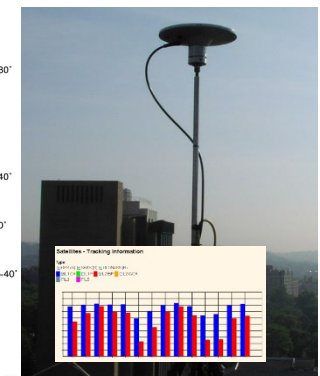
Northridge ground acceleration



Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)  
Plate Motion Data

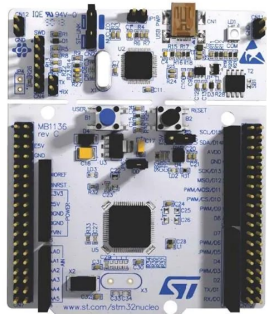


Pittsburgh CORS GPS Station: PAAP



## Machine Learning on Intermittently Powered Microcontrollers

Paul Kyros, Yukai Song, Christopher Brubaker, Inhee Lee, Jingtong Hu

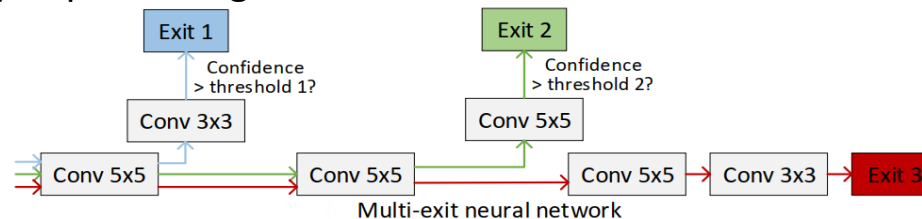
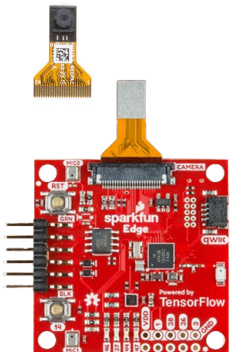


- Adapting Neural Networks to low-power microcontroller boards to perform image detection on images
- Uses a STM32 Nucleo-64 board (Top Left) to run inferences
- Uses a SparkFun Edge board (Red) to capture images
- Powered by a solar panel and charge and fire circuit
- Inferences are run using a Multi-exit 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

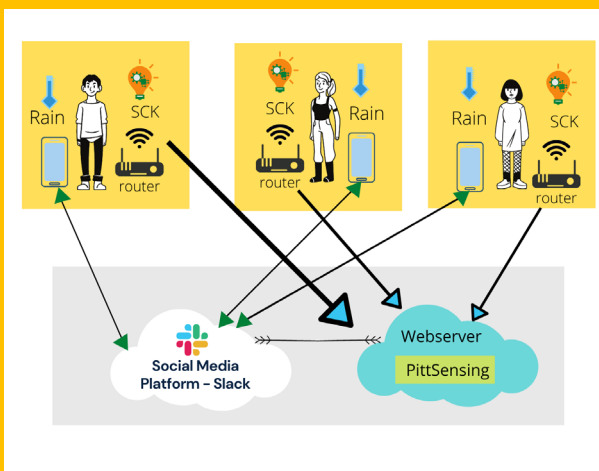




## Social Sensor Network: A distributed hyper-local network of low-cost air quality sensors and community scientists

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

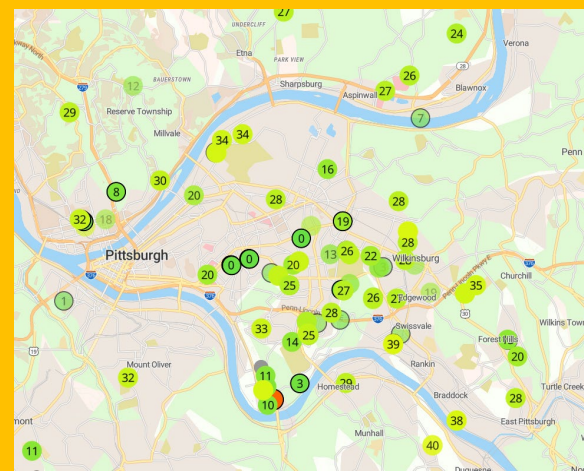
Partnering with local non-profit organizations (Upstream Pittsburgh and Hazelwood Initiative) to engage residents in understanding and addressing local air quality through low-cost air quality sensors, community science, data storytelling, and science communication.



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 Babae*

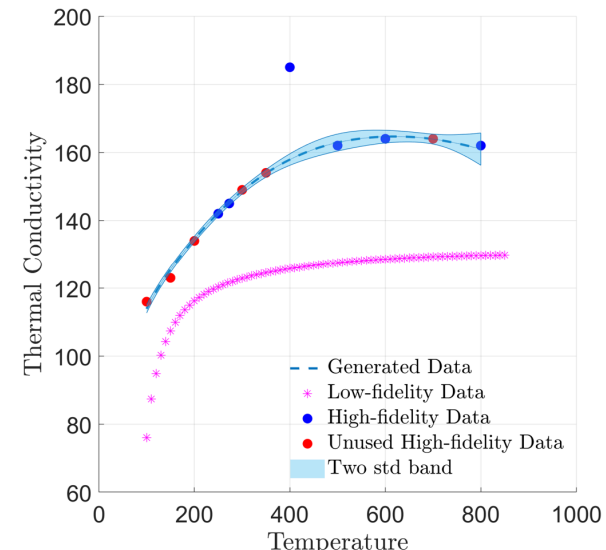
*Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Pittsburgh*

- 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)

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

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

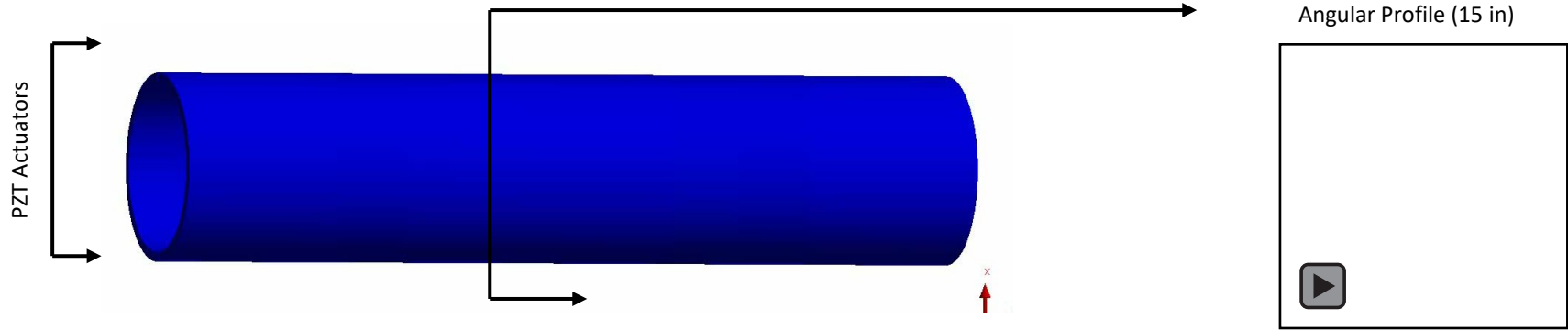
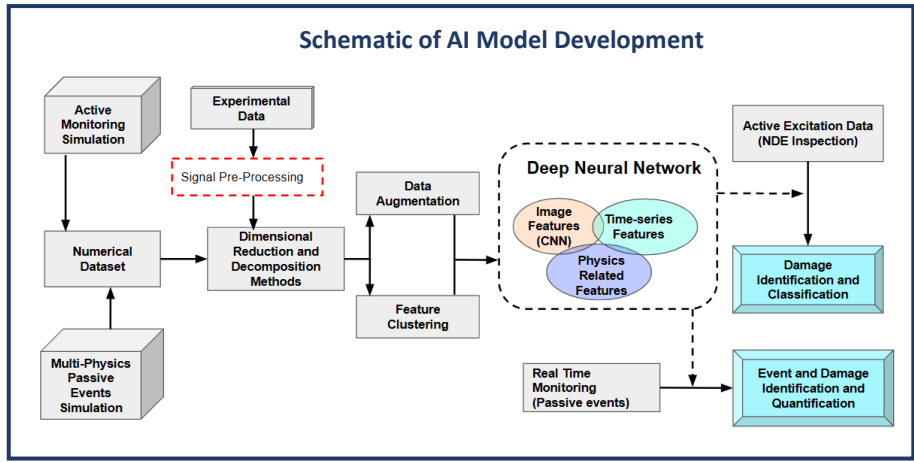
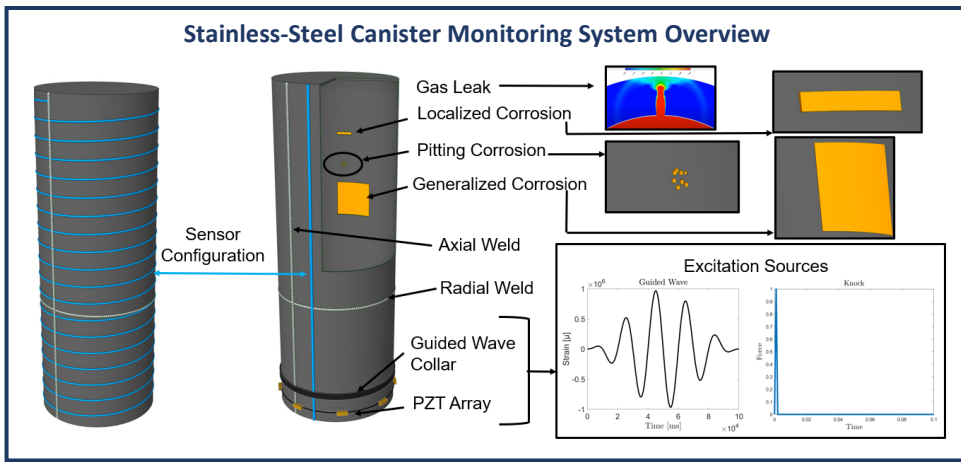
- LF and HF combined into joint probabilistic model.
- Integrating LF and HF improves overall prediction performance.
- Optimize sensor locations to maximize prediction accuracy, minimized uncertainty, and used limited sensor.



*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

Enrico Sarcinelli<sup>1</sup>, Pengdi Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Abhishek Venketeswaran<sup>2</sup>, Ruishu F. Wright<sup>2</sup>, Khurram Naeem<sup>1</sup>, Nageswara Lalam<sup>2</sup>, Paul Ohodnicki<sup>1</sup>  
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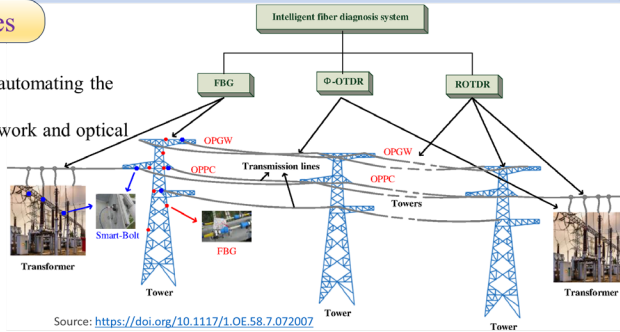


## Fiber optic current/magnetic field sensor for Power grid monitoring applications

Dolendra Karki, Tulika Khanikar, Khurram Naem, Paul Ohodnicki  
University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA

### 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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### Fiber Optic current sensor architecture

#### Self imaging in MMI

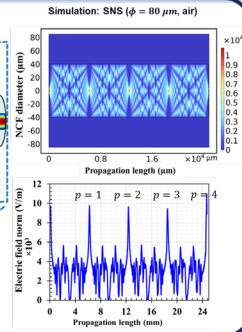
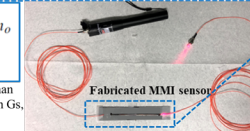
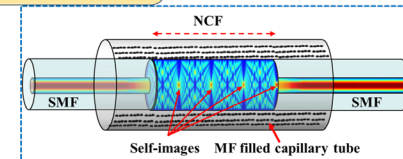
$$L_{MMF} = P \frac{n_{eff}^2 D_{MMF}^2}{\lambda}$$

#### RI of Magnetic fluid (H, T)

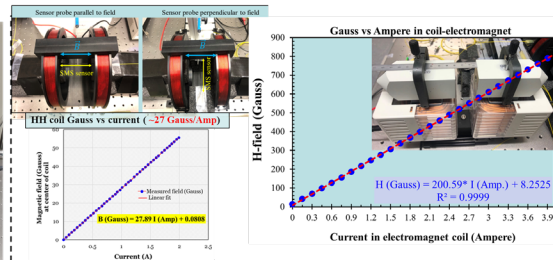
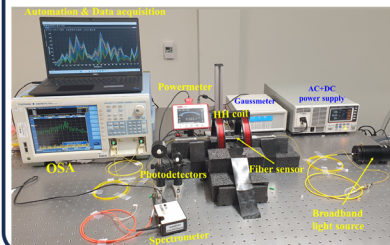
$$n_{MF} = [n_s - n_o] \left[ \coth \left( \frac{\alpha(H - H_{c,n})}{T} \right) - \frac{T}{\alpha(H - H_{c,n})} \right] + n_o$$

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,  $\alpha$  - the fitting parameter

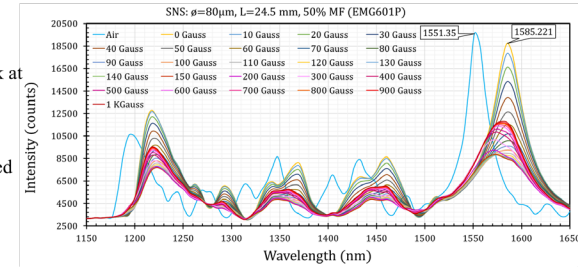


### Sensing interrogation set up



### Method of interrogation

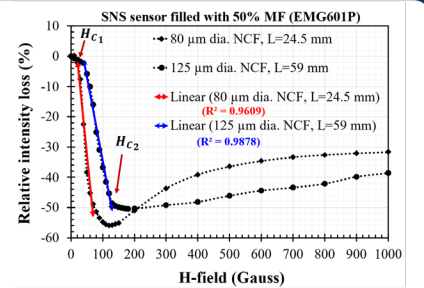
- Sensor optimized for 4th self-imaging peak at C-L band wavelength
- Intensity based interrogation
- Change in relative intensity of 4th self-imaging peak as a function of current induced magnetic field



### Results

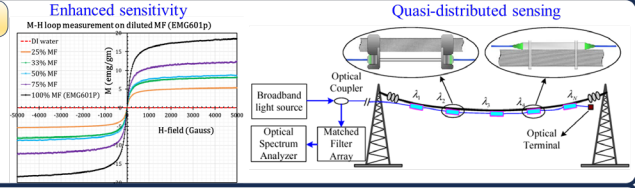
- Sensitivity > 0.5%/Gauss
- Linear response range below 130 Gauss
- Linearity  $R^2 > 0.96$

Magnetic fluid-based SMS sensor's performance metrics based on optimized 4 <sup>th</sup> self-imaging condition				
SNS Sensor Specifications	4 <sup>th</sup> self-imaging $\lambda_{peak}$ (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	<b>0.52 %/Gauss</b>
$\phi = 80 \mu\text{m}$ , $L = 24.5 \text{ mm}$	1568.28	$R^2 = 0.9609$	10 to 70 Gauss	<b>0.82 %/Gauss</b>



### 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



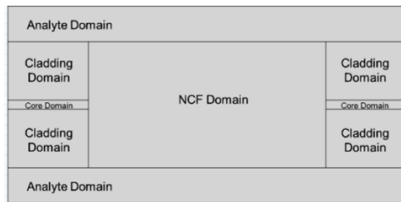
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## Simulation of fiber optic Multimode Interferometer with COMSOL Multiphysics and its Application

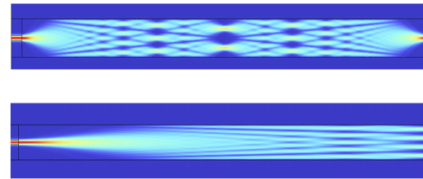
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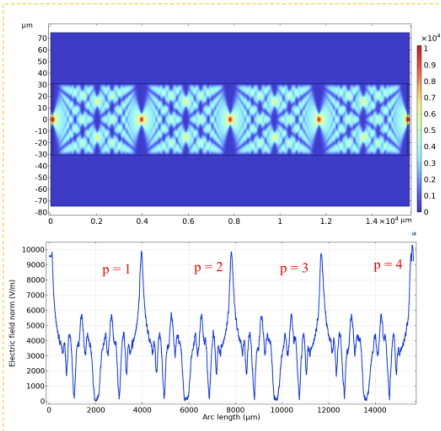


$$L_{MMF} = P \frac{n_1 D_{MMF}^2}{\lambda}$$

$n_1$  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.

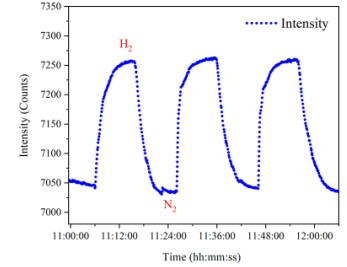
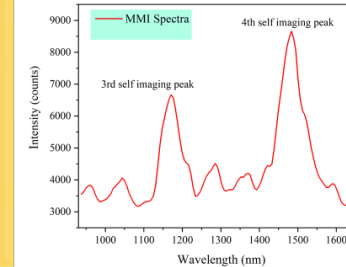


- When light is coupled from a SMF to a MMF/NCF, the modes that are supported by the MMF/NCF are excited and interferes with each other giving rise to an interference pattern along the MMF/NCF.
- At a certain length, light interferes constructively along the MMF/NCF central axis forming replicas of the 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.

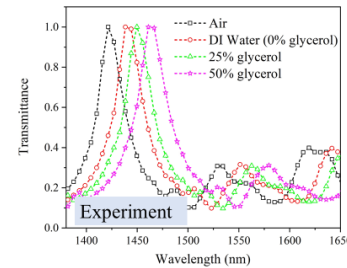
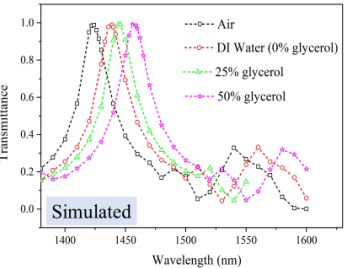


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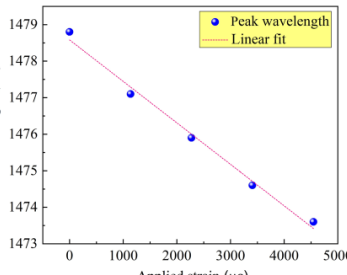
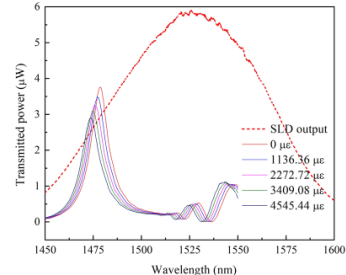
**H<sub>2</sub> Sensing**  
 (80 µm NCF + Pd Thin Film)



**RI Sensing**  
 (61.5 µm NCF)



**Axial strain Sensing**  
 (105 µm MMF)



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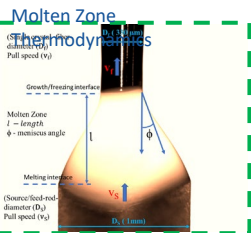
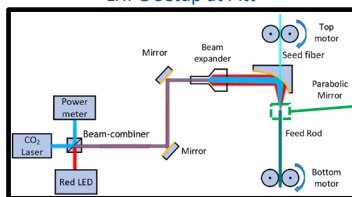
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## Single crystal fiber growth via LHPG method with focus on material melting properties

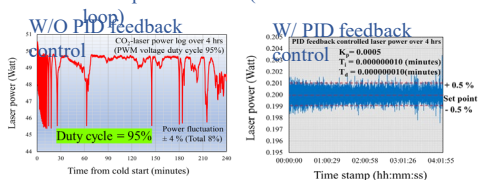
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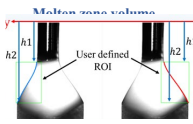
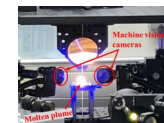
LHPG Setup at Pitt



Laser power control (PID feedback)



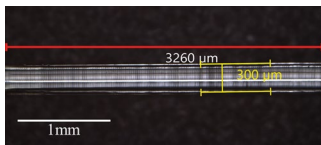
LabVIEW machine vision based in-situ  
❖ Diameter tracking and measurement  
❖ In-situ molten zone contour tracking and volume estimation



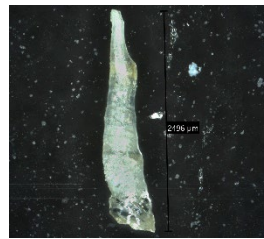
Varied Material Growth

- ❖ 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 incongruence

Sapphire Fiber Grown at Pitt



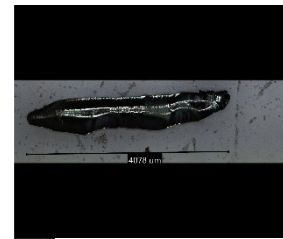
TGG Fiber Grown at Pitt



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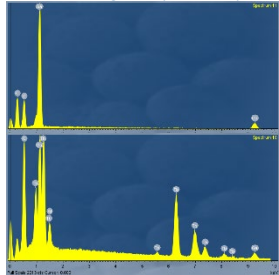
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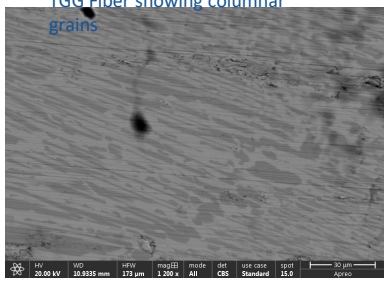
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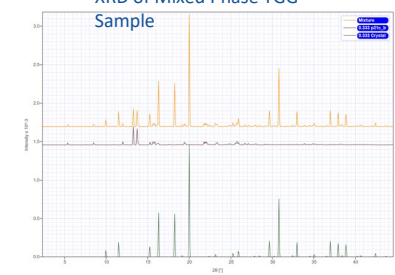
EDS revealing Ga depletion/deposition



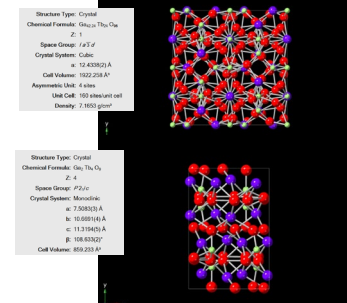
TGG Fiber showing columnar grains



XRD of Mixed Phase TGG Sample



Crystal Structures of TGG samples



TGG Crystal Structure

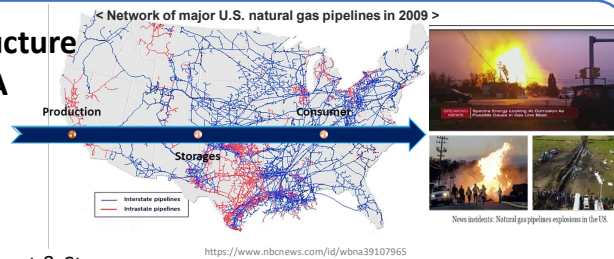
- ❖ Overcoming the GaO evaporation issue
- ❖ Fabrication of different Ga ratios via powder processing methods
- ❖ Avoid gallium depleted regions with different crystal structures
- ❖ Evolution of elongated grain structures along the direction of growth
- ❖ Examined by SCXRD/microPXRD to reveal a roughly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

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

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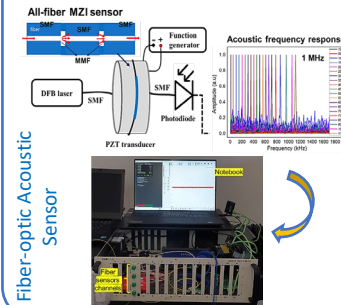
### 1 Pipelines Infrastructure Monitoring in USA



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

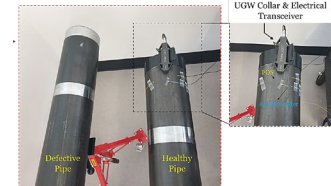
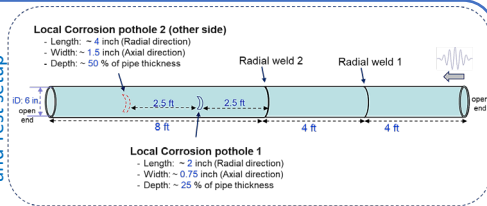


### 3 Damage detection in Pipe



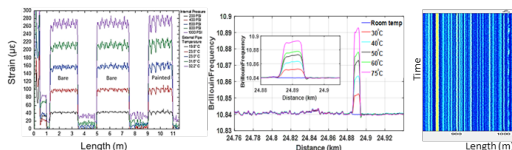
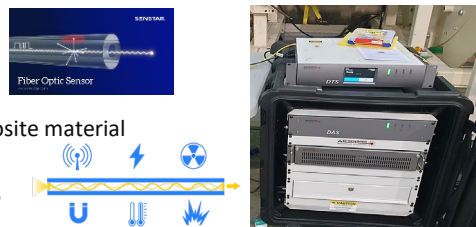
Fiber-optic Acoustic Sensor

Pipe schematics and Test setup



### 2 Fiber-optic Sensor Technology

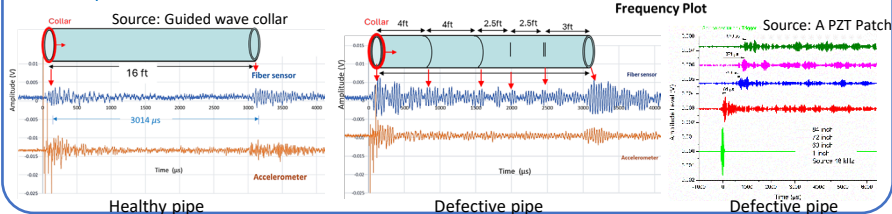
- Lightweight / embeddable in composite material
- Explosion- and electrical-proof
- Can work upto 1000 °C temperature
- Passive devices
- Point, quasi-distributed
- Fully-distributed sensing



### 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 >



Electric Transceiver

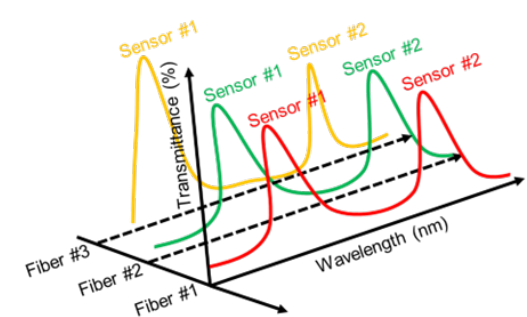
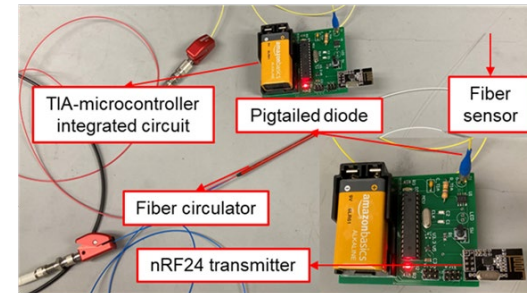
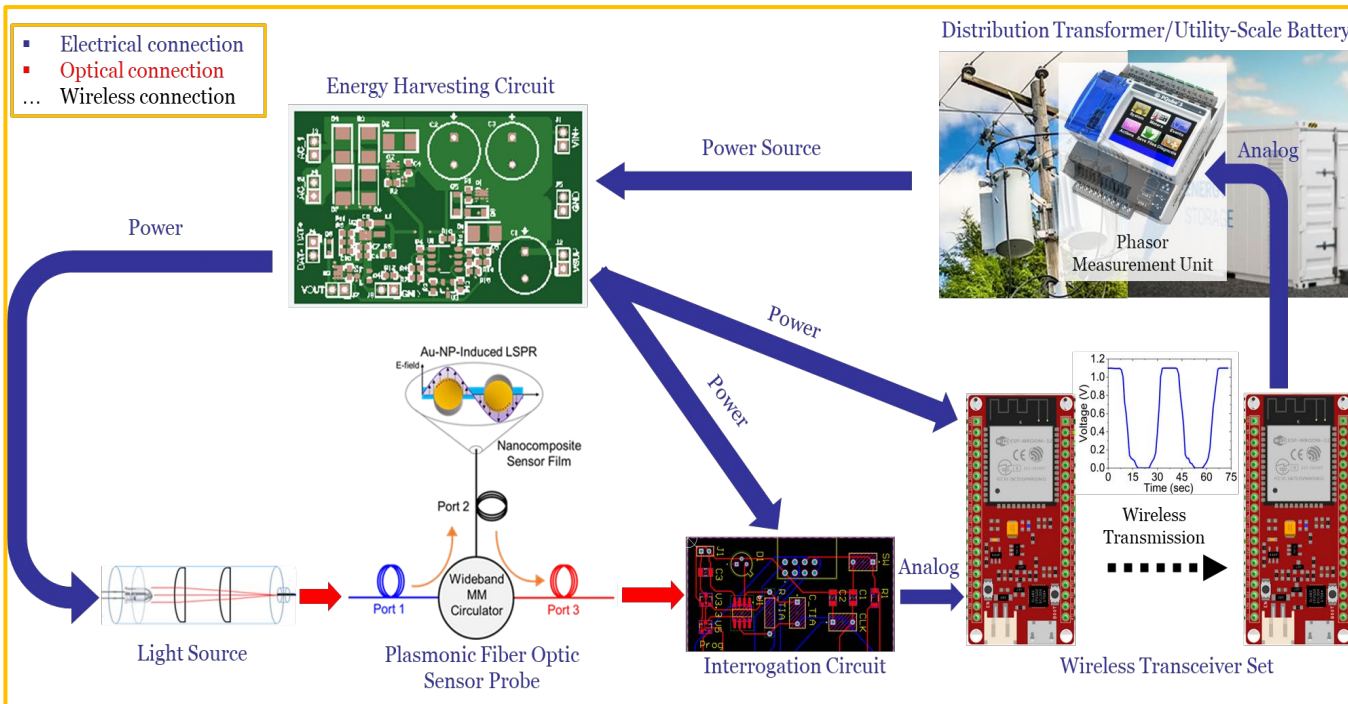
## Towards Portable and Simultaneous Gas/Temperature Fiber Optic Point Sensor Interrogator for Electrical Assets Health Monitoring

Yang-Duan Su<sup>1</sup>, Atieh Shirzadeh<sup>1</sup>, Heather Phillips<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey Wuenschell<sup>3</sup> and Paul Ohodnicki<sup>1,2</sup>

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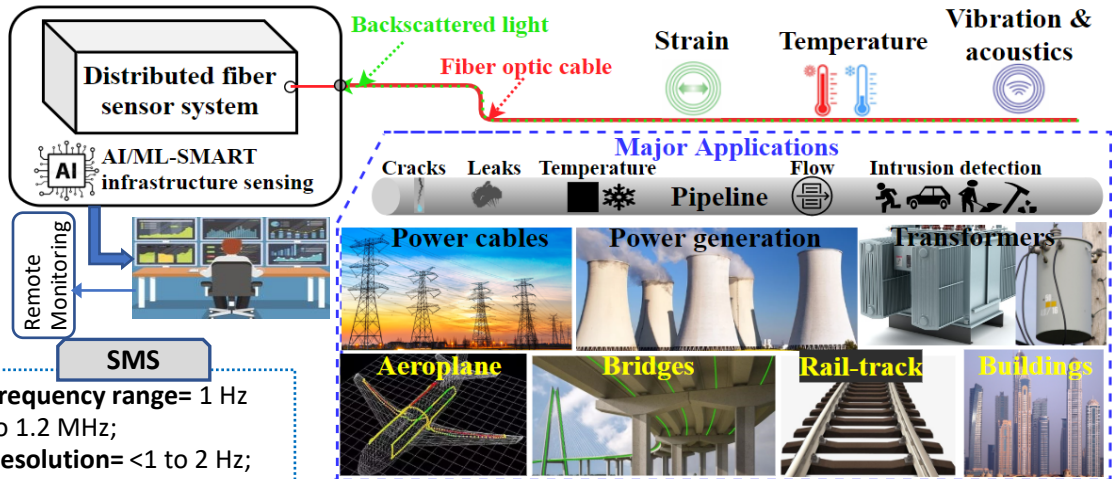
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## Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Systems for Multi-Parameter Monitoring

Nageswara Lalam (NETL), Ruishu Wright (NETL), Michael Buric (NETL), Hari Bhatta (NETL), and Paul Ohodnicki (Pitt)

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 ( $\phi$ -OTDR), also called distributed acoustic sensor (DAS).
- ❖ Single-mode-multi mode-single-mode (SMS) fiber sensor.



### BOTDA

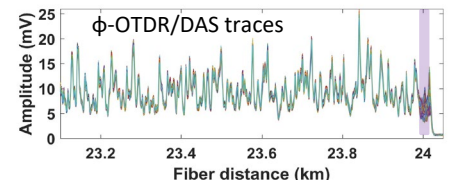
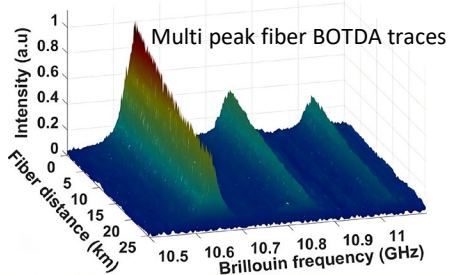
Sensing range = >100 km;  
Spatial resolution = <5 m;  
Measurable parameters: strain, and temperature

### $\phi$ -OTDR/DAS

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

### SMS

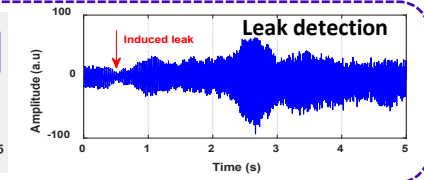
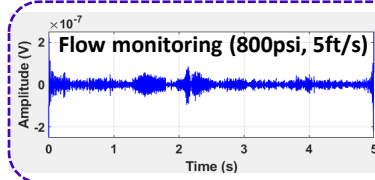
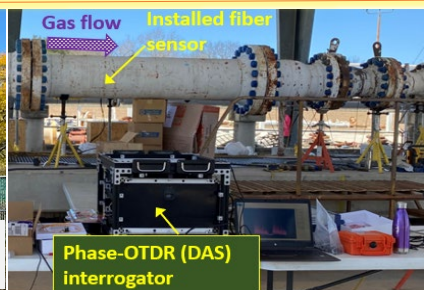
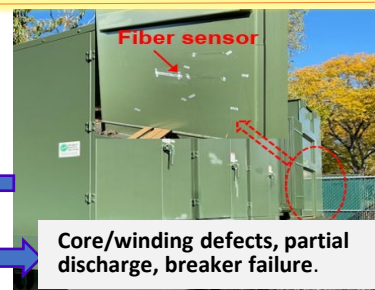
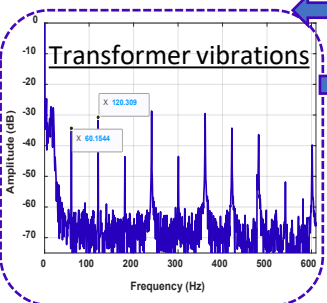
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- ### Advantages
- Compact size
  - EMI resistance
  - Withstand harsh environment
  - Real-time and remote monitoring
  - High accuracy and stability
  - Enhanced structural safety

### Field validation

Power Transformer  
Oil and Gas Pipeline





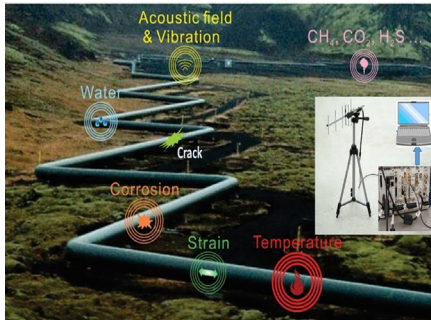
## Passive Wireless Sensing of Methane Leak and Monitoring Corrosion in Pipelines

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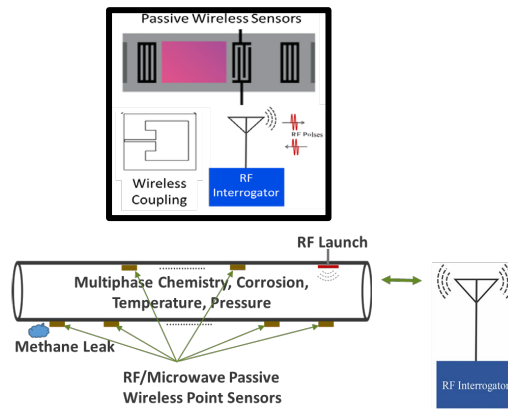
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### Motivation



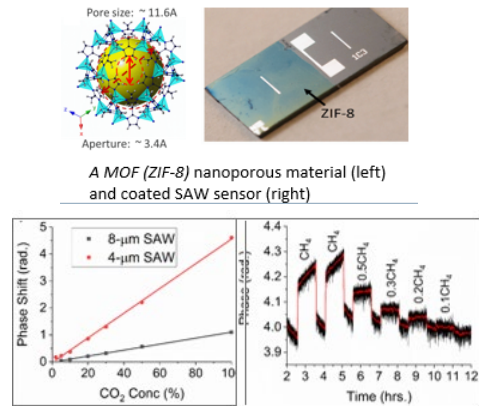
- Conventional monitoring techniques are infrequently performed making prediction of potential events difficult.
- Continuous and real-time monitoring technologies are helpful to better identify, locate, and quantify methane leaks and corrosion events.
- Passive wireless sensors and their network are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

### Pipeline Monitoring with Passive Wireless Sensors



### Advantages

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



### Other Applicable Industries

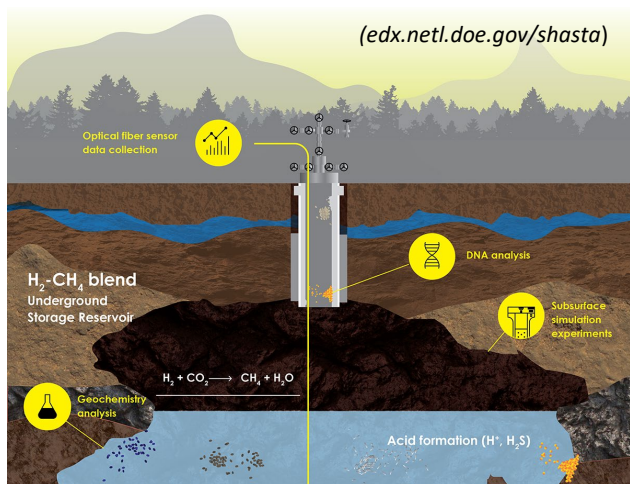
- Subsurface Wellbores
- Harsh Environments in Energy Generation
- Automotive
- Aerospace

**Small (~5x10 cm<sup>2</sup>), 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 H<sub>2</sub> Storage Applications

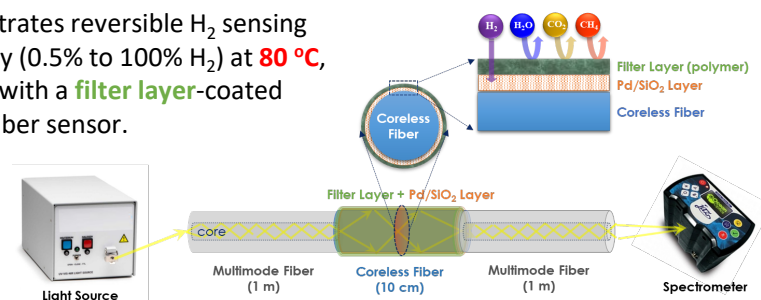
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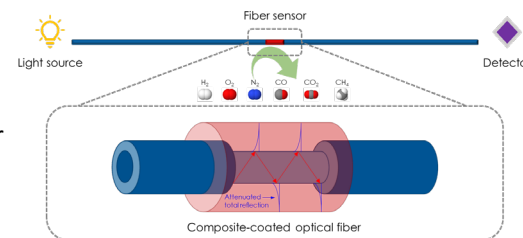
### H<sub>2</sub> Sensor

- Demonstrates reversible H<sub>2</sub> sensing capability (0.5% to 100% H<sub>2</sub>) at **80 °C**, **99% RH** with a **filter layer**-coated optical fiber sensor.

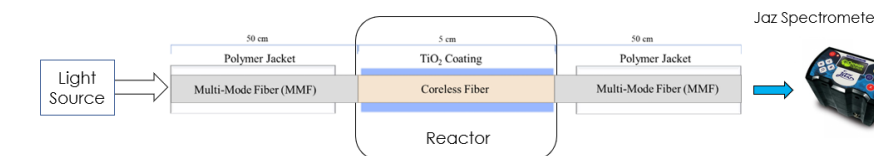


### CH<sub>4</sub> Sensor

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



### pH Sensor



- **TiO<sub>2</sub>**-coated optical fiber pH sensor was demonstrated at **80 °C**, **1000 PSI**.

- 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 storage facilities.

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

Matthew M. Brister<sup>1,2</sup>; Alexander Shumski<sup>1,2</sup>; Chet R. Bhatt<sup>3,4</sup>; Jeffrey Culp<sup>1,2</sup>; Krista Bullard<sup>1,2</sup>; Dustin McIntyre<sup>3</sup>; Benjamin Chorpene<sup>3</sup>; Nicholas Siefert<sup>1</sup>; Ruishu F. Wright (PI)<sup>1</sup>

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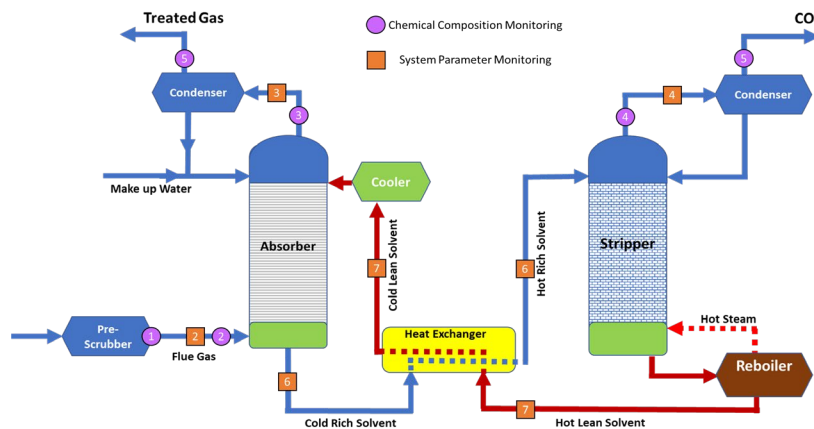
### Solvent Darkens with Degradation and Lightens when Regenerated



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- 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.

### Post Combustion Carbon Capture Design



### 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 <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub>
1	Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	CO <sub>2</sub>
2,5,6	FTIR	CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, NH <sub>3</sub> , NO, NO <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> O, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O, Amines
2,5,6	NDIR	CO <sub>2</sub>
2	Paramagnetic	O <sub>2</sub>
3,4	GC/MS	CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O
3,4	LC/MS	CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O
2,4	Electric Conductivity	O <sub>2</sub> 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

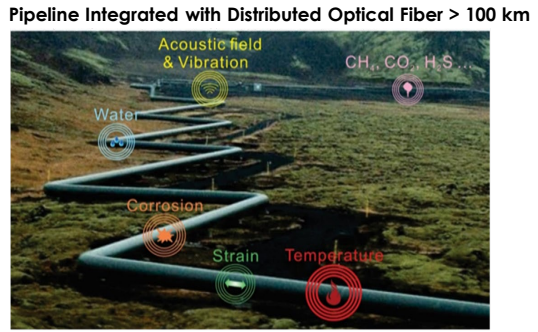
## Multi-parameter Optical Fiber Sensor for Simultaneous Monitoring of Humidity, Pressure, CO<sub>2</sub>, and Corrosion

Badri P Mainali<sup>1,2</sup>; Alexander Shumski<sup>1,2</sup>; Nathan Diemler<sup>1,2</sup>; Ruishu Wright<sup>1</sup>

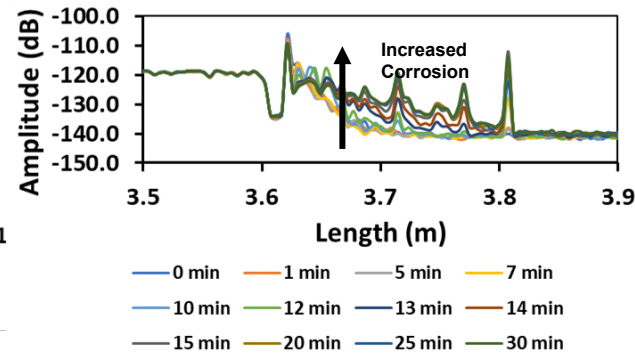
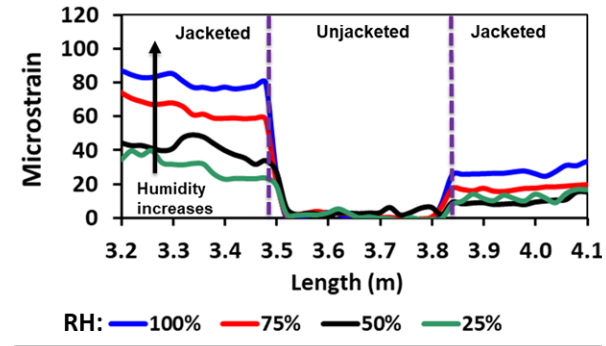
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### Pipeline Monitoring Concerns



### Humidity and Corrosion Monitoring



- Pipeline corrosion costs billions of dollars annually.
- Increased humidity and CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

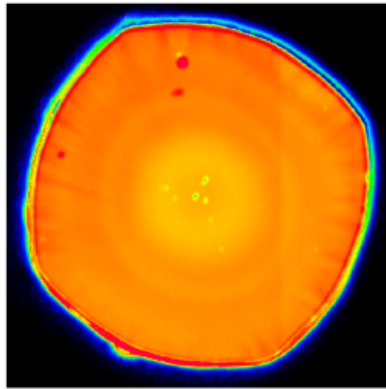
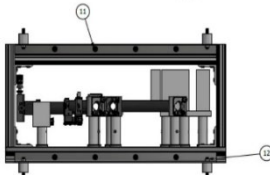
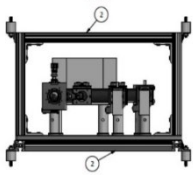
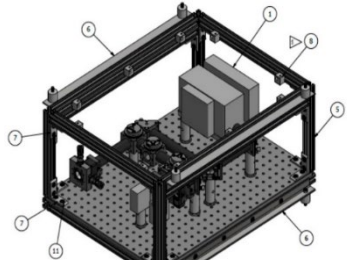
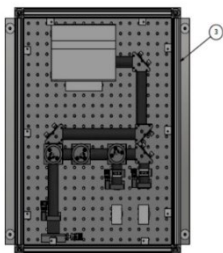
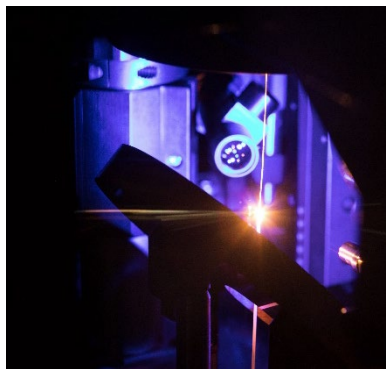
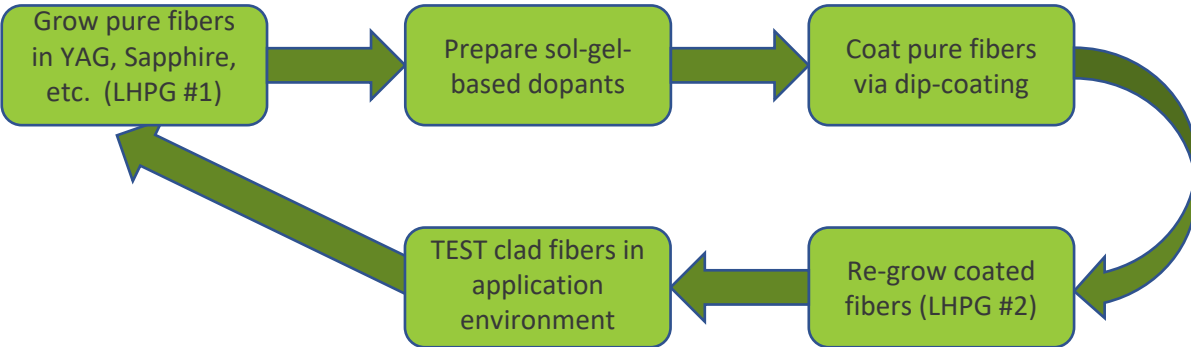
- Single-mode fiber (SMF) jacket detects humidity and CO<sub>2</sub> concentration using swelling-induced strain.
- Unjacketed fiber detects only pressure-induced strain.
- Changes in backscattered light intensity of a thin Fe coating acts as a continuous distributed proxy for pipeline corrosion.

Optical fiber sensors provide long distance distributed sensing of humidity, pressure, CO<sub>2</sub>, and corrosion in natural gas pipeline conditions.

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## 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.





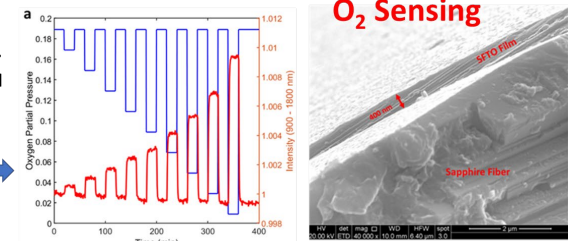
## Modeling and Experimental Testing of High-Temperature Stable Sensor Materials for Gas Monitoring

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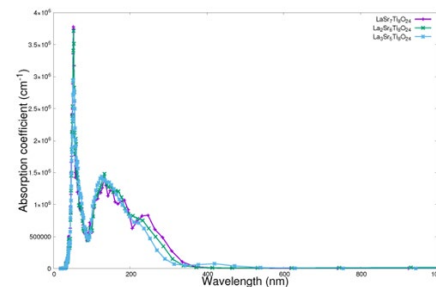
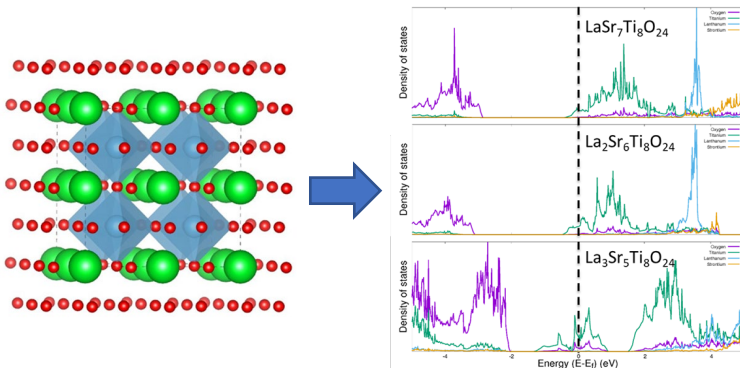
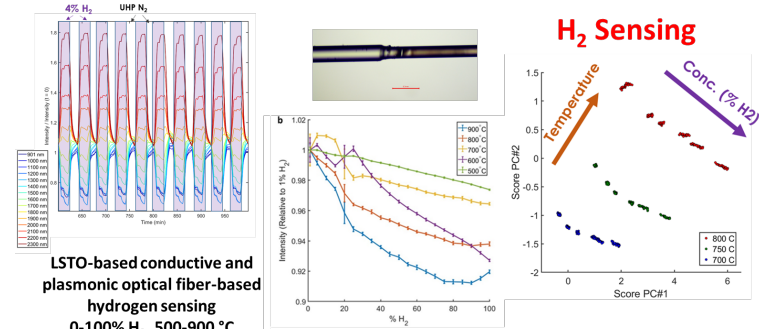
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- Doped perovskite oxide thin films on the optical fiber platform show promise for gas detection in extreme environments (paired with single crystal fiber, may exceed 1000 °C operation for some applications). **Provides a pathway to distributed gas sensing via approaches such as OTDR.**
- La-doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub> demonstrated for H<sub>2</sub> sensing up to 900 °C on sapphire fiber. “p-type” doped systems (SrFe<sub>x</sub>Ti<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) demonstrated for O<sub>2</sub> 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 SrTiO<sub>3</sub> 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.**

SFTO-based sensor  
Using single crystal sapphire fiber  
0-19% O<sub>2</sub> at 800 °C



LSTO-based conductive and plasmonic optical fiber-based hydrogen sensing  
0-100% H<sub>2</sub>, 500-900 °C



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## Quantum for Energy Systems and Technologies

- Growing interest in quantum sensing, quantum computing and quantum networks for processes pertaining to energy production, distribution, and consumption.
- Published three open-access comprehensive review articles on quantum computing, quantum networking, and quantum sensing for energy sector applications, with a fourth in preparation.
- Constructed apparatus capable of optically detected magnetic resonance and spin relaxometry using NV centers in nanodiamonds for ultra-sensitive magnetic field, electric field, temperature, and pressure sensing.
- Perform *ab initio* density functional theory (DFT) calculations on the bulk and surface properties of the N and NV defective bulk and diamond surfaces.

