

Insight on optical fiber sensing and instrumentation

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CEA at a glance ...





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Optical fibers : basics

Optical fibers are cylindrically-symmetric

Ultra-pure silica is the main material (refractive index (RI) ~1.46 [@1.55 μ m]),

Fibers are also made from PMMA, PS, PC, fluoride, chalcogenide glasses, etc.

Waveguiding (in the core) provided by total internal reflection : Step index or Graded-Index (GRIN) Waveguiding in Bragg photonic crystal is also possible, very exotic ...

Core doped with GeO_2 , P_2O_5 (RI 7) Cladding doped with F or B_2O_3 (RI \checkmark) Buffer coating serves as protection against abrasion and shear stress Usually in polymer (acrylate, polyimide) Core Possibly carbon, metallic (copper, aluminum, gold) or ceramic (ormocer) **Buffer Coating N_{cladding}** N_{cladding} n_{core} n_{core} n_{air}=1 Step index profile **n_{cladding} ON** = $\sqrt{n^2_{coeur} - n^2_{gaine}} = \sqrt{2 \,\overline{n} \,\Delta n}$



Brief history of optical fibers

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1966	First experimental demonstration of optical fiber communication (Charles Kao, George Hockham)							
1970	20 dB/km	λ=850 nm	First manufacturing of low-loss optical fibers by Corning Glass Works using the MCVD (Modified Chemical Vapor Deposition) method (D. Keck, R. Maurer, P.C. Schultz)					
Those first large-core fibers were highly multimodal, imposing a strong limitation in data rate (mode-dispersion limited) First tentative to design optical fibers in the Near Infra-Red (NIR), in order to reduce loss Singlemode fibers (1990-2000) were designed to eliminate MD and increase data rate.								
1974	2 – 3 dB/km	λ=1060 nm	ATT, Bell Labs					
1976	0,47 dB/km	λ=1200 nm	NTT, Fujikura					
1979	0,2 dB/km	λ=1550 nm	NTT					
1986	0,15 dB/km	λ=1550 nm	Sumitomo					
2002	0,148 dB/km	λ=1570 nm	Sumitomo					



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C. Kao, G. Hockham, Nobel prize 2009

SingleMode Fibers (SMF)

Core diameter = $2a \sim 9.2 \ \mu m$ Cladding diameter = $125 \ \mu m \ (\pm 1 \ \mu m)$ NA ~ 0.1 to 0.12

N.B. : Polarization-Mode Dispersion (PMD) also plays a role (neglected at first approach)



Transmission is strongly dependent on glass purity



Fiber transmission is also wavelength-dependent

Light loss in fiber is due to both absorption and scattering Minimum of attenuation ~ 0.2 dB/km (at 1.55 μ m)



J. Hecht, the story of fiber optics, Oxford, 1999

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Optical fibers for telecommunications (... and sensing)

Chromatic dispersion (CD)

Two contributions : material dispersion and waveguide dispersion Material-induced dispersion is zero at 1.3 µm (2nd OW), \rightarrow 17 ps/nm.km in SMF-28 fibers (@1.55 µm) CD may be compensated for by waveguide dispersion \rightarrow dispersion-shifted (DS) fibers, *e.g.* to cancel CD at 1.55 µm (3rd OW).

Standardized fibers : G651 (MM), G652 (CD 0 @ 1,3 µm), ... G655/656 (DS @1,55 µm), G657 (bend-insensitive).



SMF made internet possible ...



ITU Grid in C-band : 1520.25 nm (197.2 THz) \rightarrow 1577.03 nm (190.1 THz) Dense Wavelength-Division Multiplexing (DWDM) : 100 GHz channel spacing (~0.4 nm) 72 channels in C-band, each carrying 10 Gbits/s coded data ... (720 Gbits/s) Over a distance of 50 km or more ... (between each optical amplifier)

Since then, other bands were opened : C+L-band, S-band, etc ...

In fiber sensing, we use all devices and tools developped/standardized for optical telecommunications ... (IEC 60793)

Initially anecdotic in the 80s, fiber sensing is now taking a significant part of the fiber market OFS market share = 1.3 BUSD/year (continuous grow since 2000).

M.F. Bado, J.R. Casas, A review of recent distributed OFS applications for civil engineering SHM, *Sensors*, 21, 1818-1901 (2021)

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Optical fiber sensing – what makes them so attractive ?

- Small volume and mass
- EM/lightning insensitive
- Low loss (~ 0,22 dB/km @ 1,55 μm),
- Remote sensing, up to tens of km (even more with EDFAs)
- Flexibility,
- Withstand high temperature, chemical & radiative environments,
- Passive sensing (no electronics in the sensor head), ATEX-compatible
- High strain/Temperature/Pressure range
- High performance
 - Multi-parameter sensing
 - High capacity (WDM, TDM, FMCW, ...)
- ⇒ Optical sensing is used for monitoring in harsh environments, in substitution to electronic devices (*e.g.* high T°, high EM fields)
- Optical sensing provides distributed monitoring (several thousands of meas^t points/fibre) (typical optical feature).







Fibre

Readout

Optical fiber sensing for monitoring in harsh environments



OFS may be classified into 3 categories



Distributed measurements



OTDR: Optical Time Domain Reflectometry; POTDR: Polarization OTDR; DAS: Distributed Acoustic Sensor; OFDR: Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry; FWCW: Frequency Modulated Continuous Waves; BOTDR: Brillouin OTDR; BOTDA: Brillouin Optical Time Domain Analyzer; PPP-BOTDA: Pre–Pulse-Pumping-BOTDA; COTDR: Coherent OTDR; TW-COTDR: Tunable Wavelength-COTDR; SF-BOTDA: Sweep Frequency-BOTDA; BOFDR: Brillouin OFDR; BOFDA: Brillouin Optical Frequency Domain Analyzer; BOCDA: Brillouin Optical Correlation-Domain Analyzer.





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White-Light Interferometry (1/2)

Broadband source \rightarrow low coherence length (~ 10 µm)

Interference figure appears where time delay is compensated.



P. Ferdinand, Tech. De l'Ing., R460, 2020



White-Light Interferometry (2/2)

SOFO long-base extensometers (Smartec, first bought by Micron Optics, bought again by Luna)



 \rightarrow Absolute measurement

 \rightarrow Autocompensated temperature effects

But ... usually single point measurement (coherence multiplexing is strongly limited in capacity ...)

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Fiber Bragg Gratings : basics



FBG for sensing

Primary parameters : strain, direct pressure, temperature, external refractive index

Secondary parameters : indirect pressure, force, inclinometry, extensometry, displacement, shock/vibration, radiation dose, liquid level, magnetic/electric fields, shape, ...





Short-Gage FBG extensometers (© CEA)

FBG inclinometer (© CEA)



Long-Gage FBG composite extensometers (© CEA)



Pressure sensors (© CEA)

FBG thermal sensor (for temperature compensation in composite materials)

FBG for strain, T° and pressure monitoring

Strain/Pressure

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N.B. : Sensitivities are the same for FBG and OFDR monitoring techniques

FBG photo-inscription processes

(4) Talbot setup [hybrid of (1) and (2)]

FBG photo-inscription with femtosecond lasers

Type-III (femto) FBG photo-inscription (point-by-point)

FemtoBragg platform : Nanostructuration and FBG photo-inscription

- > Inscription through the polymer coating : mechanical reliability +++
- Inscription on many transparent substrates (silica, sapphire, diamond, etc.)
- Extreme temperature stability >> 1000°C
- > WDM Multiplexing
- > Ultra-short FBG (mm or less)
- Point-by-point engineering of complex structures : apodisation, chirped, etc.

Regenerated FBG (FBG-R)

Simultaneous regeneration of 10 FBGs

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Main FBG readout techniques

Polychromator & CCD (@800-860 nm) associated with Gaussian fit detection W. Ecke, IPHT-Jena

Tunable filter (P. Ferdinand, Tech. De l'Ing., Lavoisier)

Main FBG readout techniques : scan rate vs capacity

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FBG chronology

- Until 1980, Bragg gratings were obtained by Reactive Ion Etching (RIE) onto planar guides (many materials),
 → complex, time-consuming and costly fabrication, fragile device with low reflectivity (evanescent interaction)
- In 1978 : K.O. Hill (CRC Ottawa) incidentally made the first Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG).
 He injected an ultra-coherent 488-nm beam (Ar-ion laser) into a single-mode germanosilicate fiber cleaved at both extremities
 - → standing-wave pattern inside the core and 2-photon FBG photowriting thanks to SiO₂-GeO₂ photosensitivity FWHM 20 MHz ! (1-m long fiber)
 - The Bragg wavelength is identical to the laser wavelength (480 nm).
 - Preliminary investigations in early 1980's revealed that Hill gratings (« type-0 ») are not stable with T°: purely photochromic in nature.
- In 1988, G. Meltz and W.W. Morey (UTRC Hartford, CT) photowrite FBGs from the outside : transverse holographic method (Lloyd mirror) Highly flexible method : arbitrary Bragg wavelength, high efficiency (saturated gratings).
 → Type-I grating : erasure at low temperatures (200°C-300 °C). Photo-compaction is mainly involved.
- During the 1990's, other photo-inscription techniques are proposed : phase mask, point-by-point, Talbot interferometer. Higher powers are delivered (ns- and ps-pulsed laser) → type-II gratings : erasure at higher T° (IIa:750 °C, IIb: 1000°C). Formation of nanogratings (resulting from the interference between the laser field and plasma wave).
- During the 2000's, FBG regeneration was incidentally discovered (Fokine, 2004).
 Meanwhile, peak power rises again (femtosecond pulsed laser) → type-III gratings : erasure at higher T° (1100°C 1200°C) Nanostructuration and local fusion (voids) for local intensities in excess of 10¹⁴ W/cm².

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In situ temperature monitoring in PFU (TOKAMAK Fusion WEST)

PFU = Plasma Facing Unit (graphite/tungsten)

Divertor = target for high E particles, surface T° up to 2000°C

Arrays of high T° resistant FBGs (FBG-R and FBG-III) to monitor sub-surface temperature

WEST Tokamak at CEA Cadarache

PFU instrumented with FBG probes

Last Closed Magnetic Flux Surface

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Fusion WEST

TOKAMAK WEST (CADARACHE, FRANCE)

THERMAL DIAGNOSTIC IN A TOKAMAK >800°C INSTRUMENTED W-BLOCKS OF A DIVERTOR'S SECTOR

Heat flux 5 MW/m2, Sun surface \sim 60 MW/m2, On the beach 0.001 MW/m2

FULL INSTRUMENTATION

Packaged FBGs, Feedthrough, Remote line, System/Soft to the control room

Acoustic sensing with FBG

Compact monitoring system for λ -mux FBG acoustic receivers in SHM systems

- Array Waveguide Grating customized for sensing needs (edge filtering)
- AWG Si/SiN developed through a collaboration between CEA List and Leti

200 X (mm)

Active/Passive Tomography for damage detection in composite panels FBGs = acoustic receivers and PZT = emitters

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J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 147, 2020, pp. 3565-3574

FBG sensing applied to shock monitoring (1/2)

Launcher (CEA/Gramat)

Plane impact

- □ Impact stress dependent on impactor speed and impactor-target materials
- □ Sustained shock during several microseconds (geometry-dependent).

FBG sensing applied to shock monitoring (2/2)^{\vee}

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OTS is now used for intense shock sensing

C-band, pulse 90 fs, 13 km SMF28 (220 ps/nm), PRF = 100 MHz, High-speed PhD (23 GHz) and oscilloscope (25 GHz) Capacity = 1 [CFBG 10 mm, FWHM 30 nm] 18 km SMF28 (306 ps/nm), PRF = 100 MHz High-speed PhD (38 GHz) and oscilloscope (33 GHz) Capacity = 3 FBGs

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OTS basic principle

- Pulse laser (typ. ps to 100 fs), Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF) ~ 1 MHz to 100 MHz
- PRF = readout rate, •
- Temporal delay of Bragg reflected pulse is proportional to Bragg shift,
- Pure TDM or combined TDM-WDM approach,
- Propagation delay must be taken into account (FBG location along fiber),
- Several trade-offs to consider : Capacity vs scan rate, distance range vs PRF, spatial separation between FBGs vs measurand range ($\epsilon/T^{\circ}C$). •

photoreceiver

Modulated CW ASE source (EOM), Dispersive fibre (D x L = -170 ps/nm), High-speed PhD ~ 10 GHz

oscilloscope

High-speed FBG sensor interrogation using dispersion-compensation fibre, Electron. Lett., 44 (10), 2008, pp. 618-620

FBG sensing used in High Pulse Power (HPP)

Specifications

- Strain range : [-1 %, 1 %]
- Uncertainty ± 0,5 % (k=2)
- Accuracy < ± 2 % (k=2)
- Spatial resolution < 2 mm
- Bandpass [DC, 10 MHz]

Generation of magnetic pressure pulses (Lorentz force)

Capacity discharge : ~ 5 MA (~ kT) High-frequency ~ 50 – 500 kHz Max pressure ~ 100 GPa Pulse lapse ~ microsecond Energy ~150 kJ

S. Magne *et al.*, Fiber Bragg Grating Dynamic Extensometry on metallic samples submitted to High Pulse Power Magnetic Fields, OSA Advanced Photonics Congress, BGPP, Zurich (Switzerland), 2-5 July 2018

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Reflectometry schemes in optical fibers

Measurements relying on scattering phenomena in optical fibres

- Distributed Temperature Sensing DTS Raman
 - ⇒ Distributed Temperature and Strain Sensing DTSS Brillouin

The optical fibre is the sensor

Raman scattering

Brillouin scattering

- From μm/m and 0.1°C (OFDR Rayleigh) to typ. 30 μm/m and several °C (Brillouin)
- Up to several tens of km (Brillouin, Raman)
- Application to remote Long-range/High-capacity monitoring
- Distance resolved in the Time-Domain or in the Frequency-Domain

Reflectometry units available at CEA List

Optical Time-Domain Reflectometry (OTDR)

Time-resolved Rayleigh scattering (« optical radar »)

Time delay converted into distance

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OTDR is heavily used in telecommunications

Main use : Fault detection and localization

Main wavelengths : 1550 nm, 1300 nmm, sometimes 850 nm or 1064 nm (YAG)

Commercial OTDR devices (*e.g.* JDSU[™] MTS 6000)

Wavelengths : 1300 nm et 1550 nm

Measurement dynamic ~ 15 dB (@1550 nm),

Range ~ some tens km

Spatial resolution : meter (10-ns pulse width)

Scan rate ~ several minutes (range-dependent).

Raman-OTDR

+ **DTS** (Distributed Temperature Sensor)

- > Collection of Rayleigh or Stokes AND AntiStokes backscattered light,
- > AntiStokes light is temperature-dependent
- The temperature profile is obtained through the ratio of both AS/S or AS/R ratios

(Raman (Boltzmann) (DAF) scattering)

Applications of Raman-DTS

Hot spot on HV lines

Underground storage monitoring

Leak detection

Brillouin-OTDA (1/2)

Mesure du décalage de la raie Brillouin en fonction de la déformation ou de la température

Acquisition de profils de T° / déformations (résolution spatiale métrique)

$$\Delta v_{Brillouin}(\varepsilon,T) = \frac{2.n_e(\varepsilon,T).V_a(\varepsilon,T)}{\lambda}$$

Brillouin sensitivities:

In strain: \rightarrow 50 kHz/microstrain (20 microstrain/MHz),

In temperature: \rightarrow ~ 1 MHz/°C

No amplification for this stretch (figure 4). Amplification occurs at another Brillouin shift (b), (depending on strain or temperature applied.)

(Picture from Omnisens)

M. Nikles, L. Thevenaz, P.A. Robert, Simple distributed fiber sensor based on Brillouin gain spectrum analysis, Opt. Lett., 21 (10), 1996, pp. 758-760

Brillouin-OTDA (2/2)

Stimulated Brillouin Scattering (SBS): 2 lasers are used

- ✓ Contra-propagative pump (CW),
- ✓ Co-propagative probe (pulsed),
- \rightarrow B-OTDA devices require end-loop.

Acquisition protocol

- 1/ Acquisition of Brillouin traces at several Δv_B
- 2/ Transposition of Brillouin gain spectra/location table

End loop (« optical U-turn »)

BOTDA vs BOTDR

Applications of BOTDA

Monitoring of ground pipelines

Civil engineering structures

Monitoring of soil movement

Traction control during deployment, storage and during service life of telecommunication cables

Monitoring of high voltage lines

Level/leak monitoring

Process control of cable manufacturing

Rayleigh – OFDR (1/2)

- Signal = Rayleigh backscattering
- Highly coherent laser (200 kHz, $L_c = 1.5$ km), frequency-modulated : $v(t) = v_0 + \gamma \Delta t$
- Interference between the reference signal and the frequency-shifted backscatted signal
- Both polarization states (TE, TM) are separated (PBS)
- For each polarization state, interferograms are recorded as a function of laser frequency (module = $\sqrt{|S|^2 + |P|^2}$)
- Interferogram = TF of susceptibility distribution ($\Delta \varepsilon$)
- Interferogram = TF of susceptibility distribution ($\Delta \varepsilon_i$) Susceptibility profile along the guide is then retrieved by inverse TF $\Psi(\beta) \sim \frac{\beta}{2i} \int_0^L \Delta \varepsilon(z) \cdot \exp(2i\beta z) dz$
- Distributed strain/T° measurement is done by intercorrelation along gaugelength (~ 5 mm to 20 mm).
- Frequency shift : Δv (GHz) = 0,151 x $\Delta \epsilon$ (μ m/m)

$$\Delta \varepsilon \left(z_0 + \frac{x}{2} \right) \sim \frac{i}{\beta} \int_{-\Delta\beta}^{\Delta\beta} \mathrm{I}(\beta - \beta_0) \cdot \exp(-i\beta x) \, d\beta \qquad \beta = \frac{2\pi n}{\lambda} \qquad \mathrm{I}(\beta) \sim |\Psi(\beta)|^2$$

Rayleigh – OFDR (2/2)

 $\Delta z = rac{\lambda^2}{2n\Delta\lambda}$ (TF property)

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 $\Delta z \simeq 10 \ \mu m$ for $\Delta \lambda = 88 \ nm$

N = number of data points (several millions)

- $\Delta\lambda$ = wavelength range, typ. between 0.8 nm and 88 nm,
- Δz = Spatial resolution (m), typically 10 µm up to 250 µm
- L_{max} = Measurement range (m), ~ 70 m (extended version : 2 km)
- γ = tunable rate (in GHz/s or nm/s), typ. 10 nm/s (2500 GHz/s) at 200 nm/s
- Δt = scan time ~ several seconds
- R = scan rate (MS/s) ~ typically **3.5 MS/s**

Dynamic > 70 dB (10^{7})

$$L_{max} = \mathrm{N} \cdot \frac{\Delta z}{2} = \frac{N\lambda^2}{4n\Delta\lambda} = \frac{Nc}{4n\Delta\nu} = \frac{Nc}{4n} \cdot \frac{1}{\gamma\Delta t} = \frac{c}{4n\gamma} \cdot R \qquad \mathrm{R} = \frac{N}{\Delta t}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\delta v}{\delta t}$$

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Frequency-Modulated Continuous-Wave (FMCW)

Beat frequency f_b is proportional to distance L \rightarrow frequency-to-distance conversion Very commonly used in RADAR, LIDAR, etc ... First transposed to fiber sensing in 1985.

Sensors are demultiplexed in the spectral domain (Fourier-Transform)

Example $\Delta f = 120 \text{ GHz} (960 \text{ pm} @ 1,55 \text{ }\mu\text{m})$ $f_s = 1 \text{ kHz}$ L = 13 m $\rightarrow f_b \text{ max} = 15.6 \text{ MHz}$

Spatial resolution depends on frequency excursion Δf ($\Delta L = 0.8$ mm with above values)

$$f_b = \frac{2 \cdot n_{eff} \cdot L}{c} \cdot \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot n_{eff} \cdot L}{c} \cdot \Delta f \cdot f_s$$
$$\gamma = \text{chirp (Hz/s)}$$

$$\Delta L = \frac{c}{2 \cdot n_{eff} \cdot \Delta f}$$

Features

- Ruggedized
- 8 simultaneously monitored fiber optic sensing channels
- 2048 equally spaced sensors per fiber
- Software selectable spatial resolution down to 6.3mm.
- Real time strain and temperature measurements through FBGs
- Up to 100 Hz refresh rate
- Deflection sensing capability
- 3D shape sensing capability
- Immune to EMI/RFI and radiation for reliable operation in demanding environments.
- Networking capability via Ethernet

www.sensuron.com/rts125

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Wavelength [nm]

1 547

1 549

-40

CFG (Continuous-Fiber Grating)

Reflectivity ~ 0,1 % Same Bragg wavelength Pitch ~ between 25.4 mm et 6.3 mm

Leak detection/localization with the OFDR technique

Installation FUTUNA (CEA/CAD)

- Sodium leak detected and localized as hot spot
- metal-coated silica fiber (gold or copper) wounded as spiral form onto the structure surface
- Metal packaging and point soldering.

Sodium leak detection/localization onto the 2D surface

SHM of concrete structures with the OFDR technique

Corrosion detection/localization with the OFDR technique

Sensing	Quasi-distributed	Distributed	Distributed	Distributed	Distributed
Specification	Fiber Bragg	Rayleigh	Raman	Brillouin	Rayleigh
	Grating	OTDR	DTS	BOTDR/A	OFDR
Spatial resolution	2 mm (Bragg length)	1 m (v-OTDR: 1.3 cm)	1 m	50 cm (to 5 cm)	3 cm (OTDR mode: 2 mm)
Spatial Range (L)	up to ~ 10 km	50 km (v-OTDR: 20 km)	30 km	30 km and more	70 m (N*80 m up to 2 km)
Measur ^t . speed	DC-10 kHz up to GHz	10 sec. typ.	10 s to hours	2-3 s up to 10 min	10 s (L<70 m) + post process N 10 s (N=L/80m) + post pro.
Dynamic (budget)	> 20 dB	50 dB (v-OTDR: 35 dB)	20 dB typ.	10 dB (loop 20 dB)	(OTDR mode: 70 dB)
Temp. resolution	0.01°C (0.1 pm resol.)		0.1°C @ 2 σ	1°C @ 2 σ	+/- 0.1°C
-			(1 h averaging)	(minutes averaging)	
Temp. accuracy	0.1°C (with abs. ref.)		+/- 1°C	°C (with calibration)	5µm/m(<70m); 25µm/m(>70m)
Temp. range	1000°C (limited by		- 200°C; 700°C	700°C	relative +/-175°C (L>70 m)
	fiber specifications)		(fiber specif.)	(fiber specif.)	
Strain resolution	0.1 μm/m (0.1 pm)			+/-10 μm/m (+/- 10 ⁻⁵)	+/- 1 μm/m (+/- 10 ⁻⁶)
Strain accuracy					$< 10 \ \mu m/m \ (L < 70 \ m)$
Strain range	1% to 4% on-line FBG			> 2% (20 000 µm/m)	+/- 25 μm/m (L > 70 m) +/- 0.425% (L < 70 m) +/- 0.13% (L > 70 m)

P. Ferdinand, EWSHM 2014, Nantes, France

Rayleigh – incoherent OFDR

- \rightarrow Not interferometry-based : SMF or MMF may be used
- \rightarrow Amplitude modulation (fixed frequency) and lock-in detection
- → Fourier-Transfom of demultiplexed signals
- \rightarrow Only applied to Raman-based temperature monitoring

Advantages of IOFDR-Raman compared to OTDR-Raman (Conventional DTS)

- + Improved SNR (CW light instead of pulsed),
- + Improved range : typ. 30 km, without amplifier
- ✤ No dead zone,
- + Spatial resolution ~ 30 cm,
- + Readout device insensitive to vibrations (onboard use).

N.B. Also exists in Brillouin version (Fibristerre)

Incoherent OFDR-Raman design (LIOS "Well.Done DTS")

E. Karamehmedovic, Fiber Optic DTS using incoherent OFDR, SPIE 5363, 2004

Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

Principle

FMCW, etc.

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Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

Performance and limitations

Typical parameters of Rayleigh-based DAS

- Spatial resolution ~ 1-10 m (some demonstrations as low as 10 cm),
- Phase sensitivity ~ mrad/rac(Hz),
- Range (typical) : 10 m 50 km,
- Acoustic bandpass [20 Hz, 20 kHz] (a minima), may reach 500 kHz (DVS : Distributed Vibration Sensing).

Rayleigh-based DAS limitations

- Spatial resolution,
- High directivity : along fiber axis,
- Acoustic sensitivity trades with spatial resolution and range (distributed monitoring),
- Fibre birefringence requires polarization-diversity receiver,
- Laser phase noise has a major impact over SNR
- Laser pulse power limited by nonlinear effects (XPM, 4WM, SBS, etc.),
- Heavy computational power required (high data flow) : Compressed sensing ?

Applications/Markets

- Oil & gas,
- Process control,
- Perimeter security (border/harbour control)
- · Geophysics,
- Structural Health Monitoring.

Footstep audio wave form

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MSCA USES DC02 – State of the art in OTS

HIGH CAPACITY : 2014 FBGs/fibre

C-band, pulse 2 ns, 22 km DCF (2.7 ns/nm), PRF = 20 kHz, High-speed APD (0.25 GHz) and oscilloscope (2.5 GHz)

014 FBGs/fibre

Distributed monitoring along CFBG length (« *Interferometric Temporal Spectroscopy* ») Distribution of the Free-Spectral Range (FSR) along the CFBG length (Inverse Fourier-Transform).

C-band, pulse 0.8 ps, D ~ 1.4 ns/nm PRF = 50 MHz, High-speed PhD (53 GHz) and oscilloscope (20 GHz) CFBG ~ 2.5 cm, FWHM ~ 7 nm

Reference LCFBG

Sensing LCFBG

Oscilloscope

Mode

Locked Laser

DCF

EDFA

E.J. Ahmad *et al.,* High temporal and spatial resolution distributed FBG sensors using time-stretch frequency-domain reflectometry, J. Lightwave Technol., 35 (16), 2017, pp. 3289-3295 **[Kent & Aston Universities, UK]**

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MSCA USES DC02 - Rationale

Limitation of state-of-the-art for SHM purposes

FBG sensing for SHM purposes : mainly based upon WDM or OFDR approaches. WDM : High scan rates (> 10 MHz, up to GHz) but limited capacity (~ several sensors/fibre), OFDR : Low scan rates (typ. some tens Hz, max. 100 Hz) but high capacity (several thousands sensors/fibre).

Problem : Tomographic reconstructions simultaneously require **high scan rates** (MHz) and **high capacity** (typ. tens to hundreds of sensors/fibre). Time-Division Multiplexing (TDM) associated with Wavelength-to-Time Mapping (WTM) may solve the issue.

Optical Time Stretch (OTS) technique uses highly dispersive media providing WTM of pulse Bragg signals.

 \rightarrow Optical Time-Stretch (OTS) provides both high scan rates and high capacity.

Challenges for SHM applications

- Improve strain resolution (μ strain or < μ strain) \rightarrow Increase dispersion,
- ► High-bandwidth HDO are economically prohibitive → New time measuring techniques

(under investigation)

Example of 2D tomographic reconstruction (cross-correlation of ambient noise) with FBG US transducers: A. Recoquillay, T. Druet, S. Nehr, M. Horpin, O. Mesnil, B. Chapuis, G. Laffont, O. D'Almeida, Guided-wave imaging of composite plates using passive acquisitions by FBG, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 147, 2020, pp. 3565-3574

Thank you for your attention Any questions ?