

# Sensor Device Technologies

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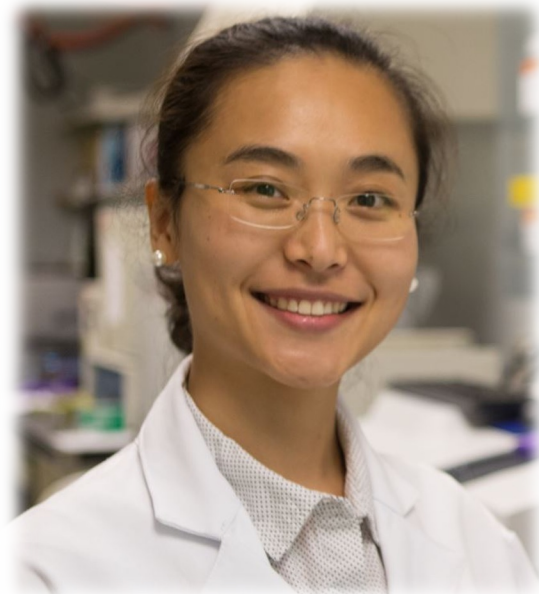
Paul R. Ohodnicki is an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 2008, after which he joined PPG Industries R&D working on thin-film coating materials and earned the Advanced Manufacturing and Materials Innovation Award from Carnegie Science Center in 2012. Ohodnicki later continued his career at the DOE National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), where he eventually served as a technical portfolio lead guiding teams of materials scientists working on the development of optical and microwave sensors as well as magnetic materials and power electronics development for high frequency transformer based solar PV / energy storage inverters.

Paul has published more than 140 technical publications and holds more than 10 patents, with more than 15 additional patents under review. He is the recipient of the 2016 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor the federal government can bestow on early-career scientists or engineers. He also is the recipient of several other awards and recognitions, including the Federal Employee Rookie of the Year Award (2012), the Advanced Manufacturing and Materials Innovation Category Award for the Carnegie Science Center (2012, 2017, 2019) and in 2017 he was a nominee for the Samuel J. Heyman service to America Medal. Before joining the University of Pittsburgh as an Associate Professor, he received the 2019 R&D 100 Award owing to his work on cobalt-rich metal amorphous nanocrystalline alloys for permeability-engineering gapless inductors.



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Dr. Ruishu F. Wright is a Research Physical Scientist on the National Energy Technology Laboratory's Functional Materials Team. She serves as Technical Portfolio Lead for Natural Gas Infrastructure FWP and Principal Investigator for multiple projects and coordinates R&D efforts of an interdisciplinary team to develop real-time sensors and functional sensitive materials to monitor and mitigate corrosion and gas leaks of natural gas pipelines, enable subsurface geochemical monitoring in support of subsurface hydrogen-natural gas storage, wellbore integrity monitoring of carbon storage wells, and plugging abandoned wells. Dr. Wright's expertise lies in advanced sensors development for structural health monitoring and environmental detection for energy infrastructure using distributed and nondestructive sensor technologies to ensure safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure for, among other things, natural gas and hydrogen transportation, subsurface wellbores, CO<sub>2</sub> storage systems, and plugged abandoned wells. She has extensive experience in design and development of functional materials (e.g. metallic thin films, metal oxides, nanomaterials) to enable various sensor platforms (e.g. fiber optic sensors, passive wireless sensors, electrochemical sensors). She also has strong expertise in corrosion and materials degradation in natural gas pipelines and in deep wells with extreme conditions, such as high-temperature, high-pressure (HTHP) environments. Dr. Wright holds a Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University, and she has published more than 40 technical articles and given more than 30 presentations at conferences, and holds five pending and awarded U.S. patents on sensor technologies.

## Sensing Technology Research

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## Natural Gas, Oil, & H<sub>2</sub> Transport & Storage



## Civil (Road, Bridges, Water)

## Electricity Grid Transport & Storage



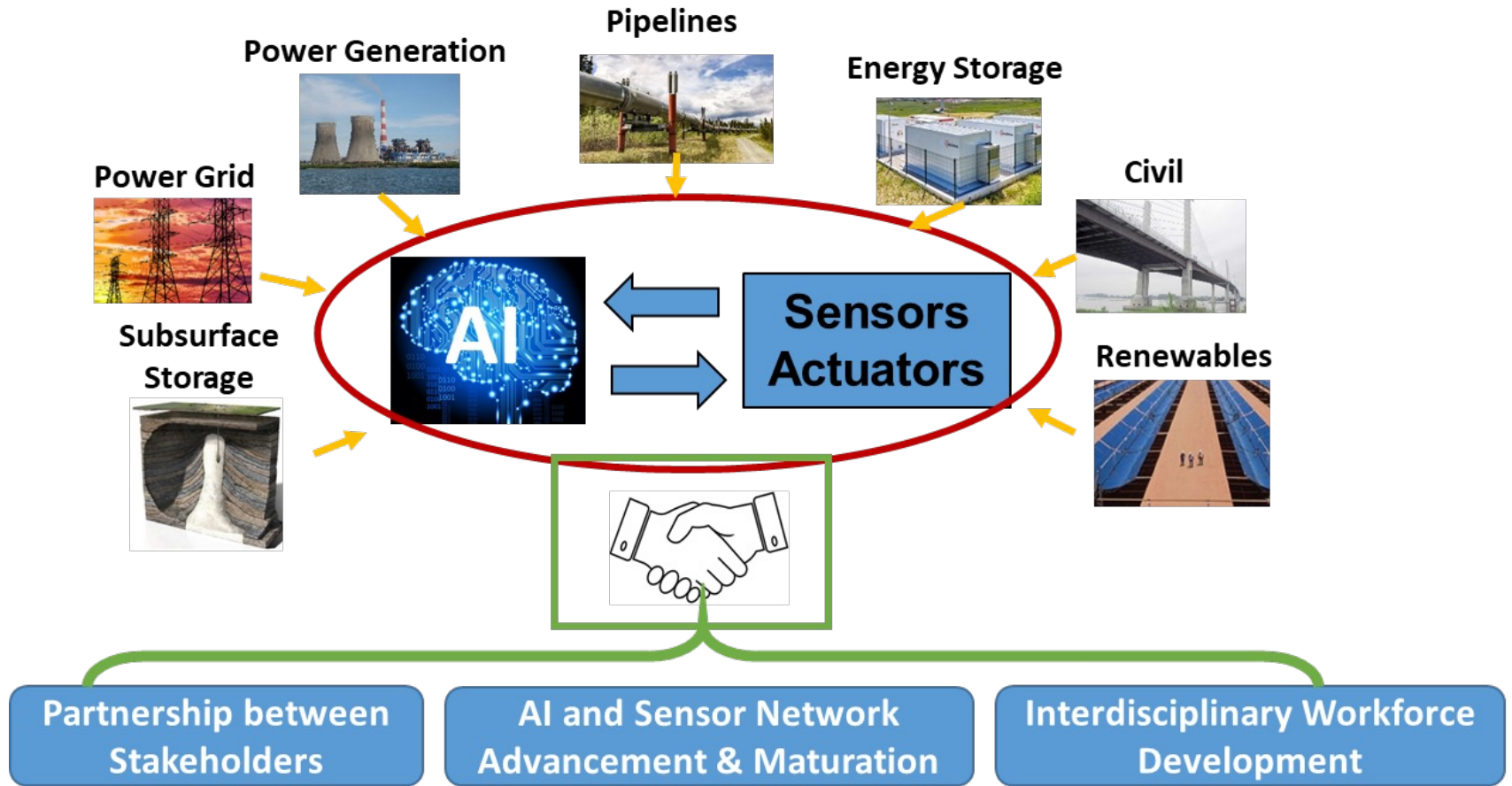
## Conventional & Renewable Generation



**Mission:** UPIISC Seeks to Pursue Research and Innovation, Workforce Development, and Technology Transfer in the Area of Critical Infrastructure Sensing and Monitoring

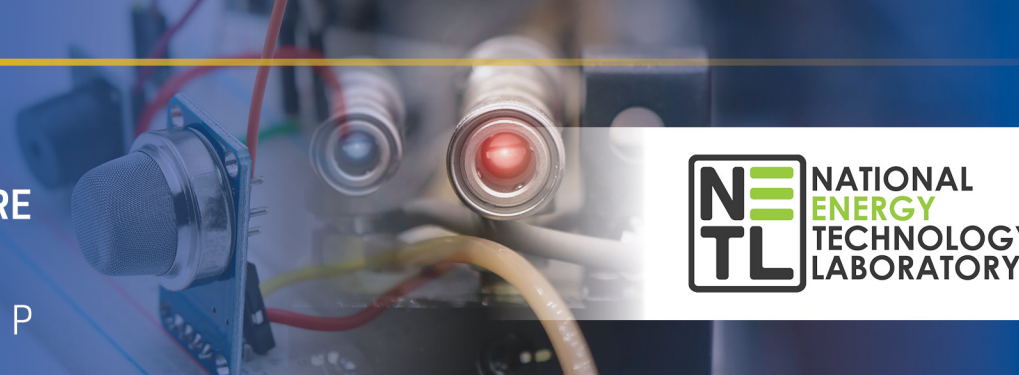


## Objective of UPIISC Workshop : Community and Partnership Development



University, Lab, Industry, and Government Partnerships are Necessary to Maximize Impact

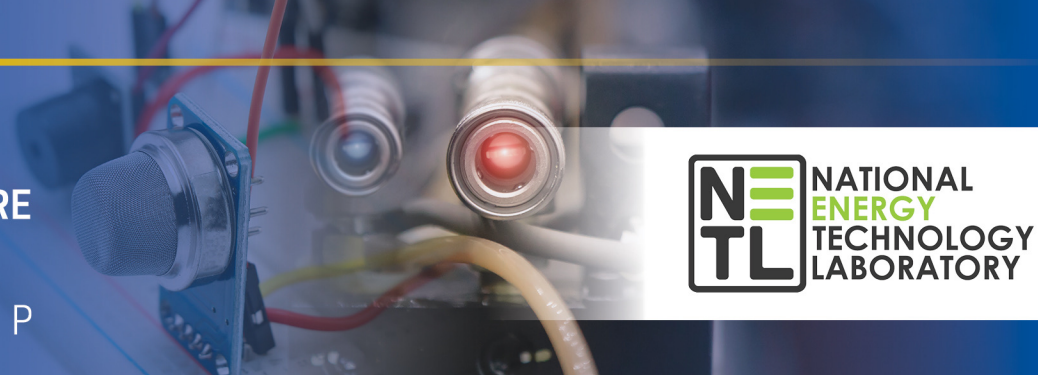




## How Do We Define a Sensor?

Attributes	Example Metrics and Qualities				
Cost	Per Unit Information	Per Node	Total Installed	Total Installed w/ Communications	
Information Content	Single Parameter	Multi-Parameter		Big Data	
Geospatial Attributes	Point	Multi-Point	Line	Area	Volume
Telemetry and Communications	Wired (Electrical)	Wired (Optical)		Wireless	
Power Requirements	Wired	Battery	Harvesting	Passive	
Cybersecurity Risks	Local Data Use Only	Direct Data Transmission		Distributed Data Transmission	

A Sensor is a Node Providing Information About a System That Must Be Accessed and Acted Upon to Produce Value...

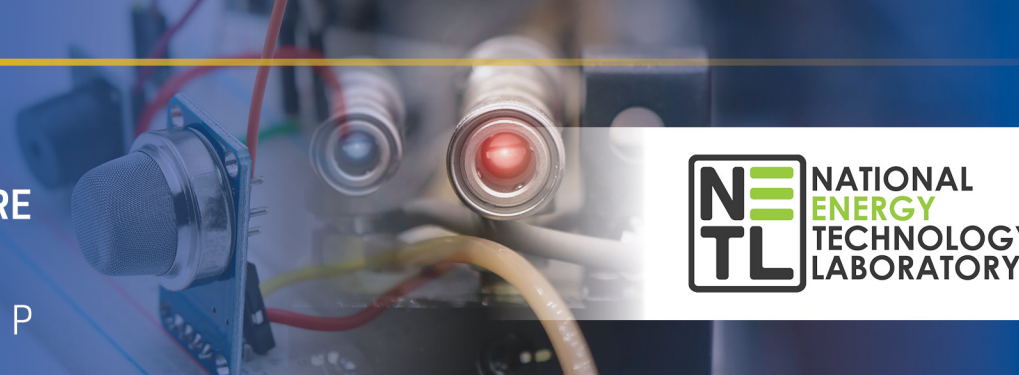


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**Example : Natural Gas Pipelines, Electrical Transmission Lines**



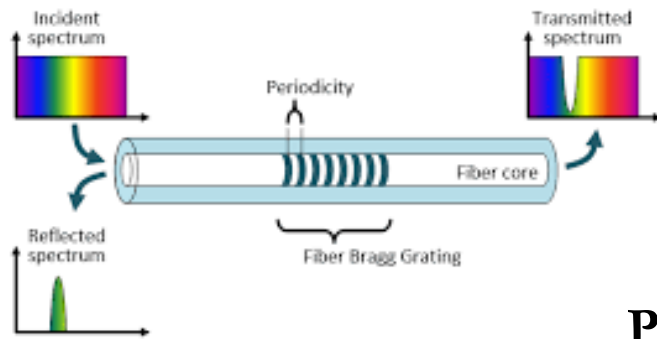


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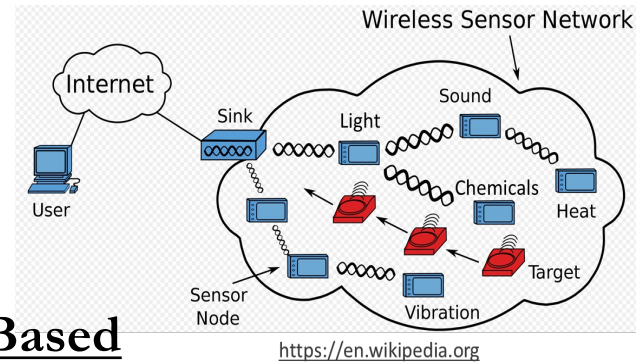
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**Example : Electrical Assets in Distribution System**

## Optical Fiber Sensing

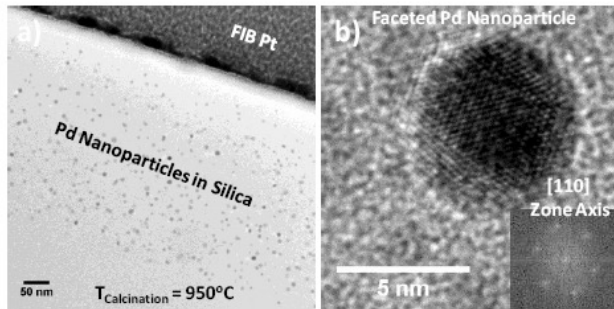


## Passive Wireless Sensing

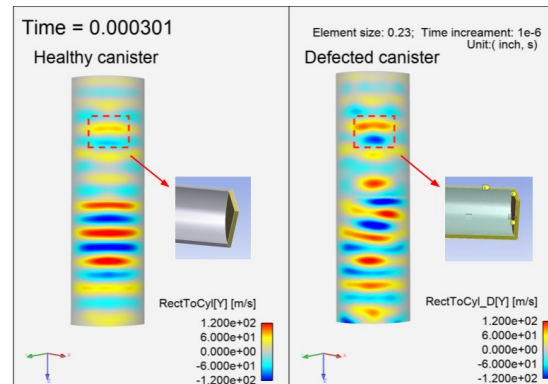


## Physics Based

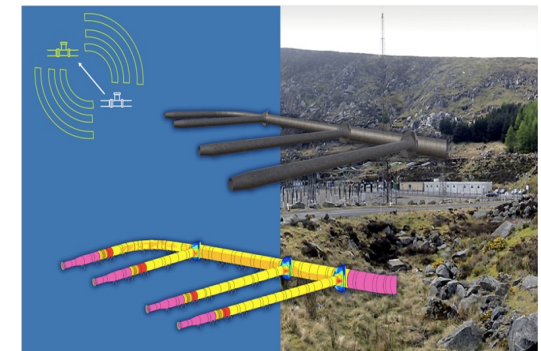
## Novel Sensing Materials



## Machine Learning & AI



## Digital Twin Models



**Enabling Technologies:** UPIISC Scope Encompasses all Aspects of Critical Infrastructure Sensing Spanning Enabling Technology, Hardware, Communications, Data, and Analytics.

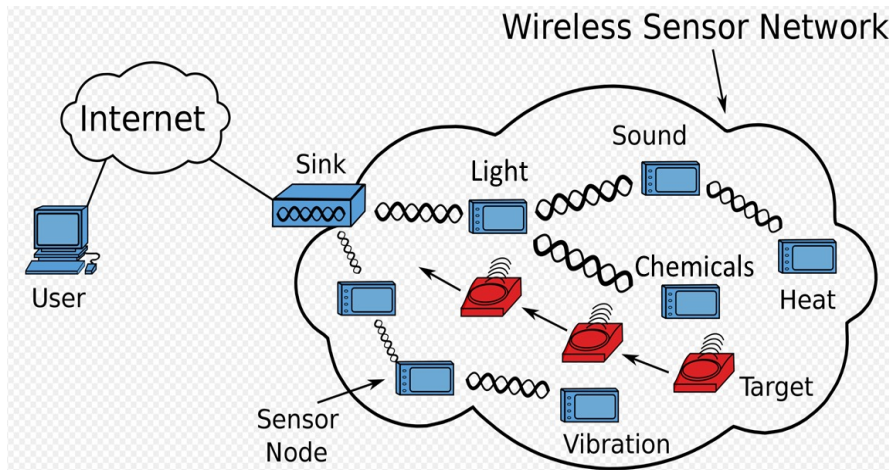


## “Attributes” of Passive Wireless Sensors

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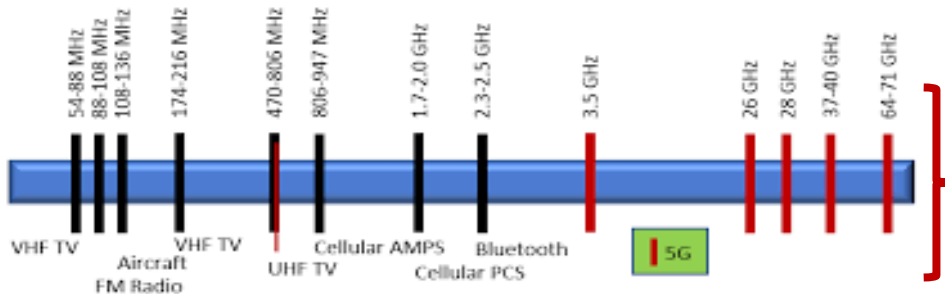
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## Wireless Sensors and Internet of Things (IoT)



<https://en.wikipedia.org>

- Sensors are the end devices and are indispensable enablers of IoT.



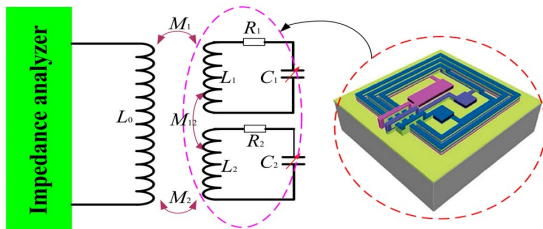
### Wireless Sensors:

- Dominate most IoT applications.
- Collect data about local environment and wirelessly transmit
- Simple circuitry, small power, and low level of maintenance
- Wireless Passive sensors overcome need for local power
- Telemetry is a primary challenge.
- Emerging 5G Wireless Networks



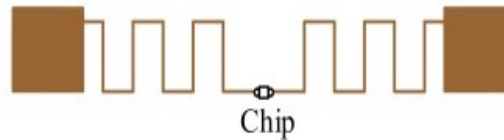
## Passive Wireless Sensors

### Oscillating Circuit Sensors



Li et al., Sensors 2015, 15, 13097

### RFID Antenna Tags

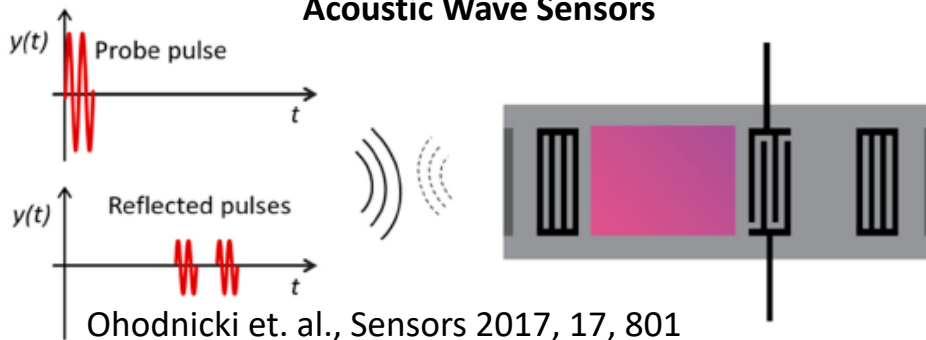


Cui et. al., Sensors 2019, 19, 4012

### Telemetry for Wireless Passive Sensors

- Antenna Gain
- Thermal Noise
- Insertion Losses
- Radiated Frequency
- Radiated Power

### Acoustic Wave Sensors



Ohodnicki et. al., Sensors 2017, 17, 801

Examples of Various Passive Wireless Sensor Platforms

## “Attributes” of Optical Fiber Sensors

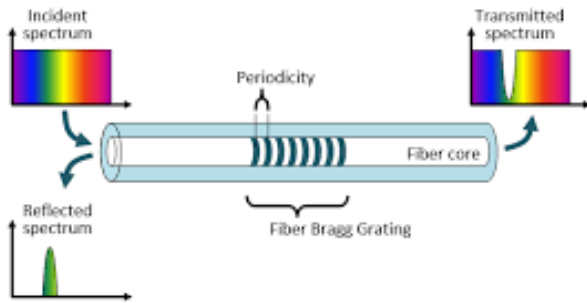
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Optical Fiber Sensors are Also of Particular Interest for a Range of Energy Infrastructure Monitoring Applications (Stability, Reliability, Harsh Environment Capability, etc.)

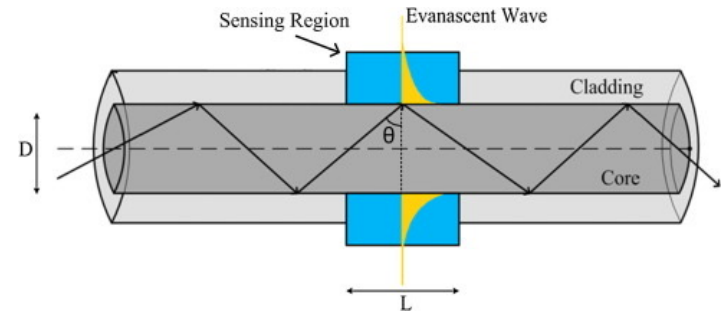


## Optical Fiber Sensors

### Point Sensors (FBG, FPI)

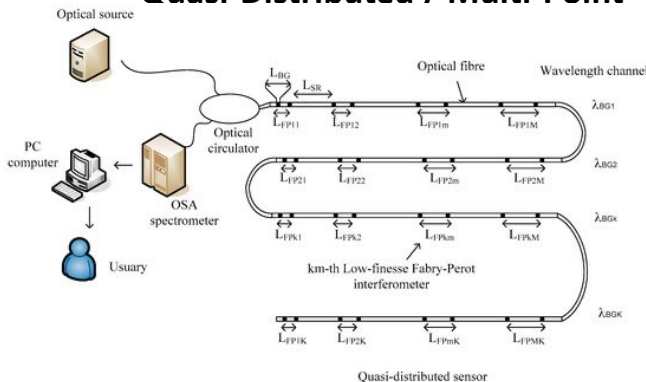


### Point Sensors Evanescent, Fluorescent



<https://hittech.com/de/portfolio-posts/noria-the-fiber-bragg-grating-manufacturing-solution/> A. Sharma, J.Gupta, R. Basu, Optics & Laser Technology, 98, 291 (2018)

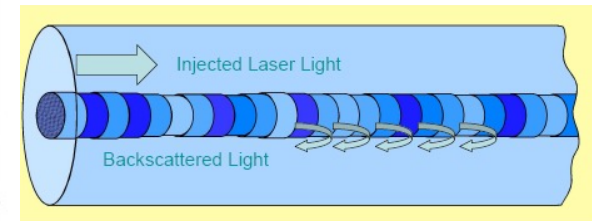
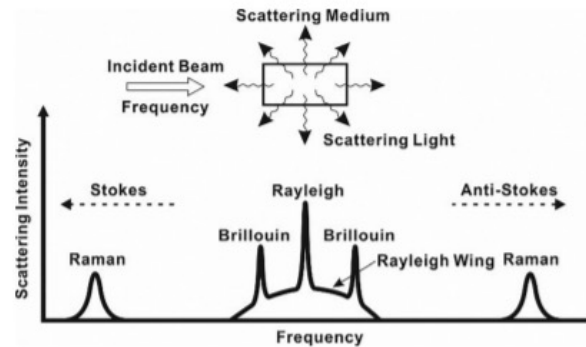
### Quasi-Distributed / Multi-Point



J. Bonilla et al., Sensors 2019, 19, 1759 (2019)

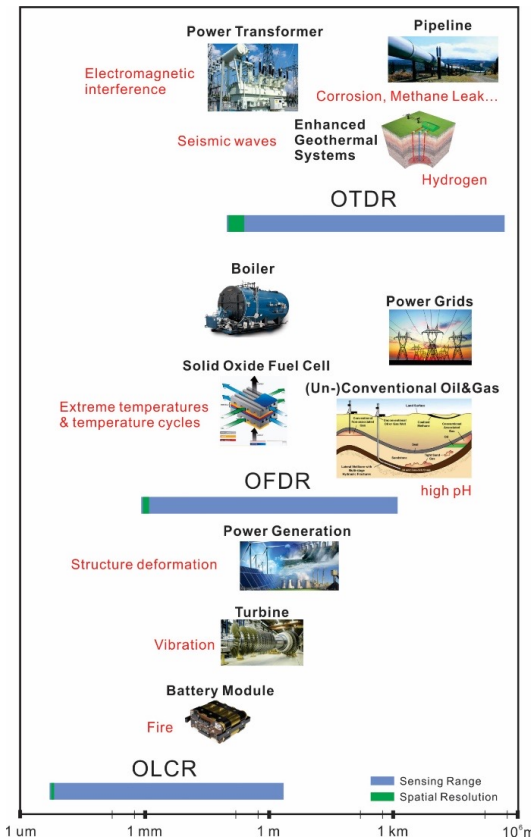
### Distributed Optical Backscattering Based

- Rayleigh Scattering
- Raman Scattering
- Brillouin Scattering



P. Lu et al., Applied Physics Reviews 6, 041302 (2019)

## Optical Fiber Sensors and Sensor Networks



### Optical Fiber Sensors:

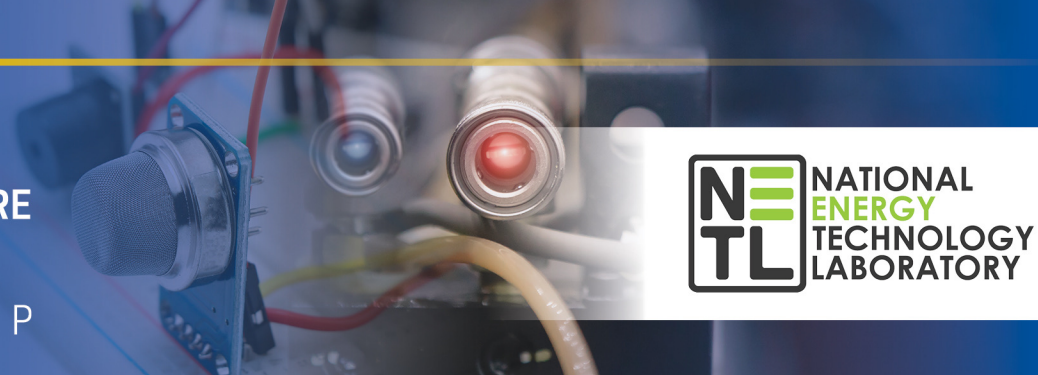
- Signal transmission medium and sensor are integrated
- Elimination of sensor node power and electronics
- Compatible with “distributed” sensing
- Harsh environment compatible
- No need for local power
- **Cost** tends to be a primary challenge for distributed sensors.

Distributed Sensing Over Different Length Scales

P. Lu et al., Applied Physics Reviews **6**, 041302 (2019)

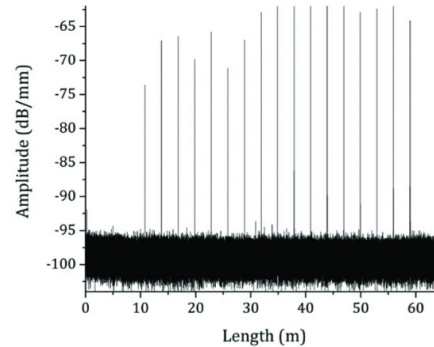
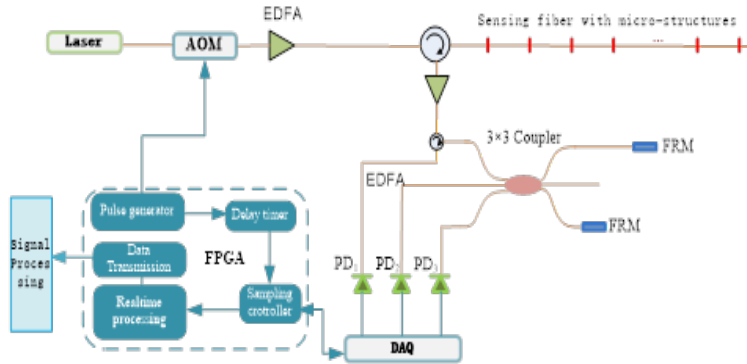
- A broad range of energy applications envisioned.



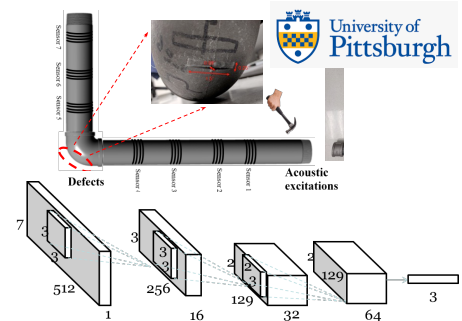


(Grant #DE-AR0001332) - \$1M

## Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing



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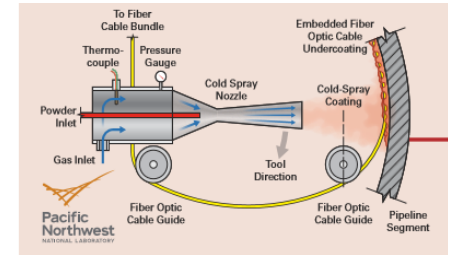
## Identify and Locate Defects With Artificial Intelligence

## Proposed Targets

Metric	State of the Art	Proposed
Deployed Fiber Optic Sensor Cost Per km	>\$5000 / km, external to pipe	< \$500 / km, internal to pipe
Deployed Internal Coating Cost	Does Not Exist	< \$500 / m

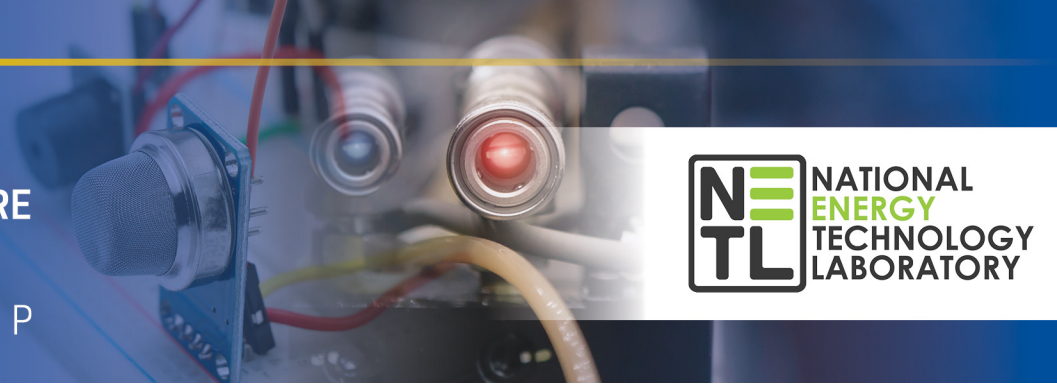


Guided Wave Acoustic NDE



In-Situ Repair, Coating and Sensor Embedding with Robotic Deployable Cold-Spray

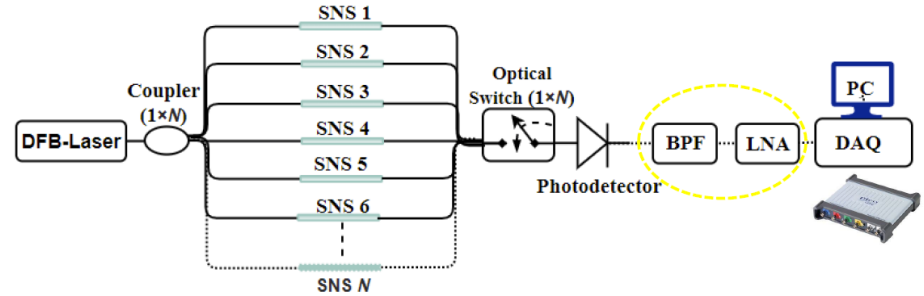
Example Major Project: ARPA-E REPAIR “Innervated Pipelines” (2021 - 2022)



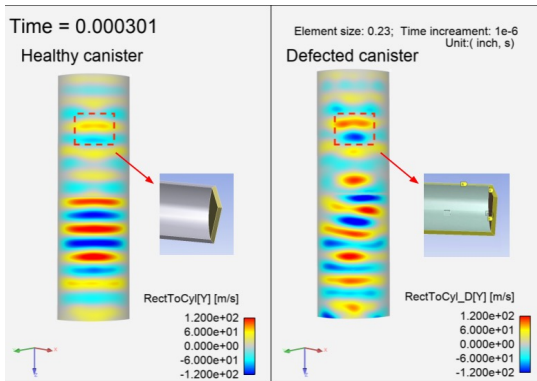
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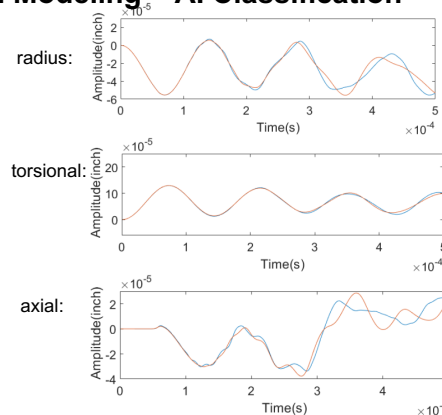
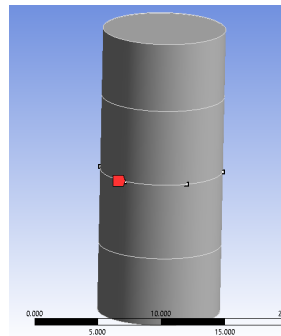
### Quasi- / Fully Distributed Sensing



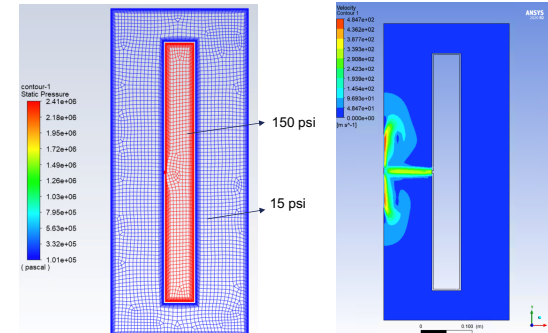
### Early Corrosion Onset Detection



### Physics Based Modeling + AI Classification



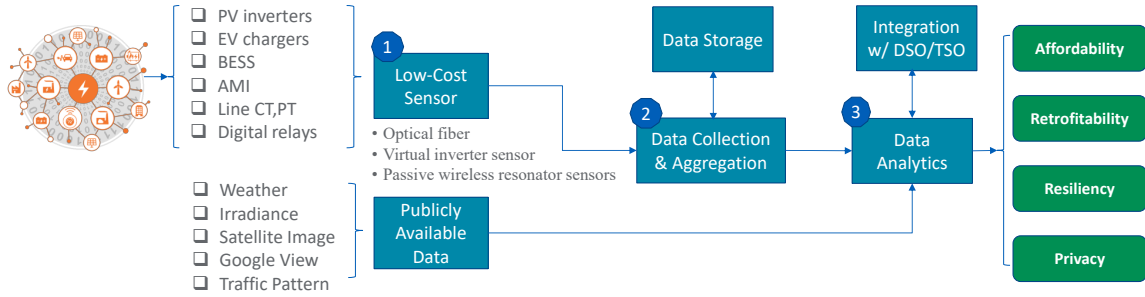
### Active Leak Detection



Example Major Project: DOE NEUP “Nuclear Canister Monitoring” (2021 – 2024)



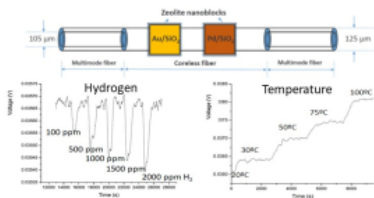
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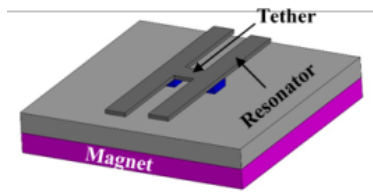
- 1 Low-Cost Sensor**
  - Lower cost by 20%
  - Plug-n-play
  - Waveform up to 50<sup>th</sup> harmonic
- 2 Data Collection & Aggregation**
  - IEC 61850 compliant
  - Heterogeneous data
  - Scalable to million nodes
- 3 Data Analytics**
  - Time Synchronization
  - Missing data inference
  - Data cleaning
  - Anomaly Detection
  - BTM PV power estimation within 5% error
  - Solar hosting capacity and new installation study

### Commercial Micro-Phasor Measurement Units

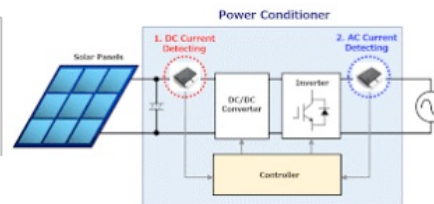
#### Low-Cost Multiparameter Optical Fiber Sensors



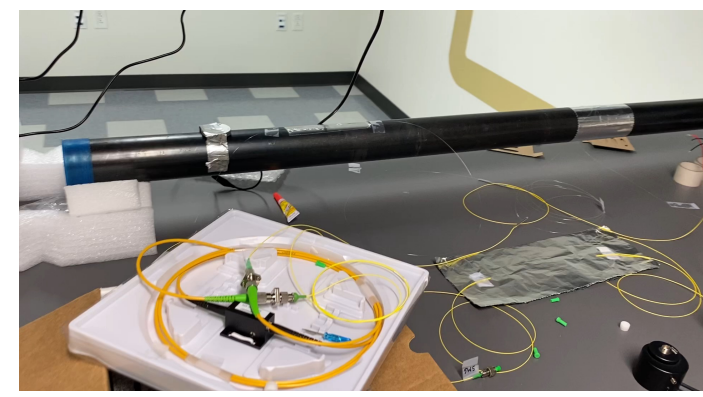
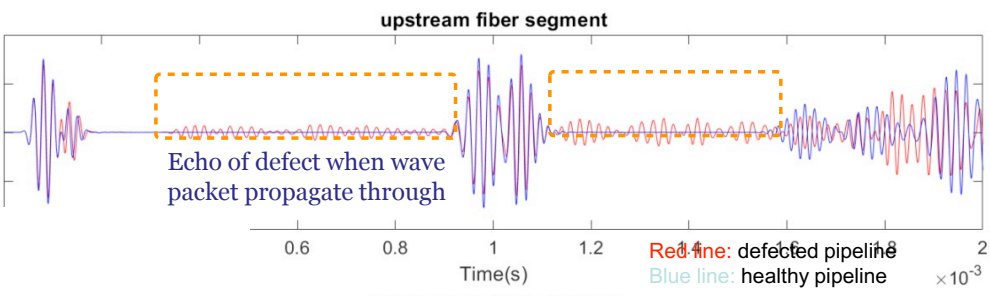
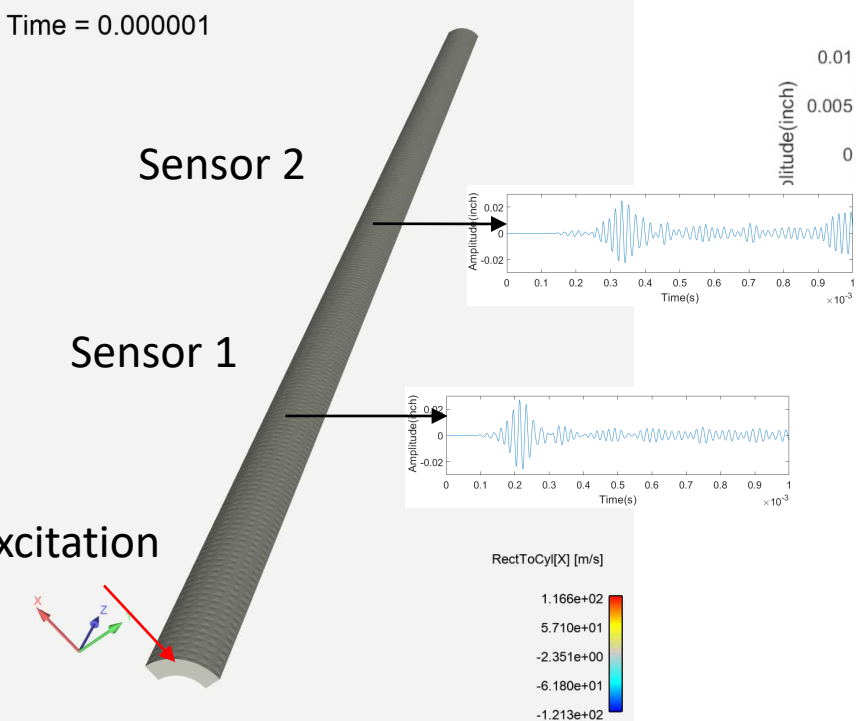
#### Passive Wireless Resonator Sensors



#### Inverter Hardware as Virtual Sensors

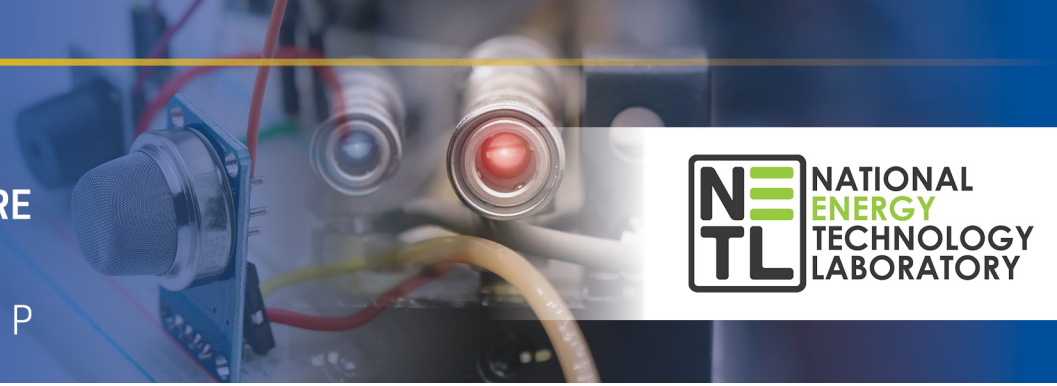


**Fiber Optics + Acoustics + AI / ML**



Example Area of Capability : Distributed / Quasi-Distributed Fiber Optics + AI

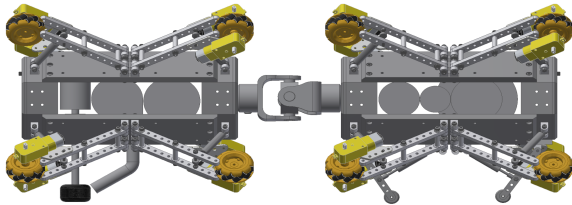




## Field Validation of Sensor Technology

### Robotic Deployment Tool: Sensor Installation

- Self-Propelled, Remote Controlled
- Self-Contained Material Storage
- Mechanized Feed Systems



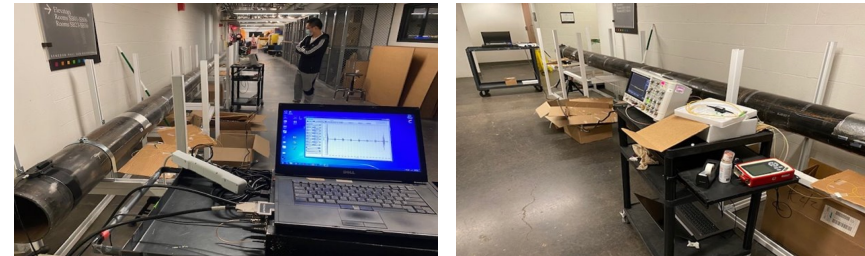
### Sensor Testing in Applications:

- Electrical Assets (Transformers)
- Pipelines
- Electrical Cables

### Medium Voltage (23kV/13.8kV) Transformer

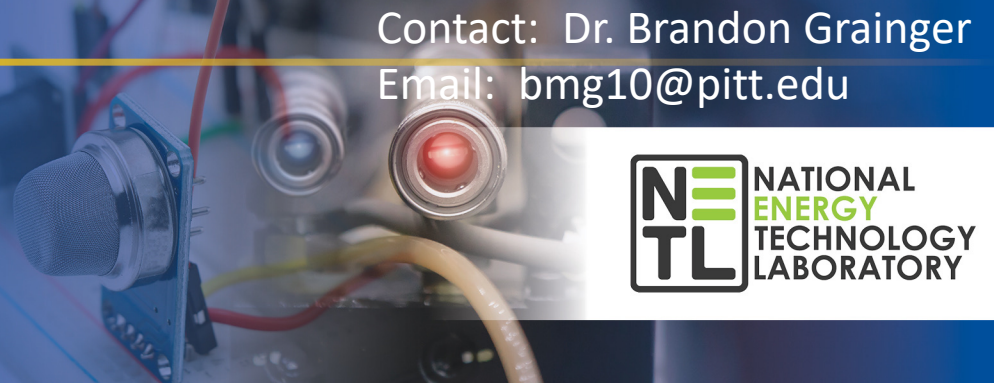


### Natural Gas Pipeline



Example Area of Capability : Novel Sensor Deployment, Validation, and Testing





## Electric Power Technologies Laboratory

### Medium Voltage Features

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

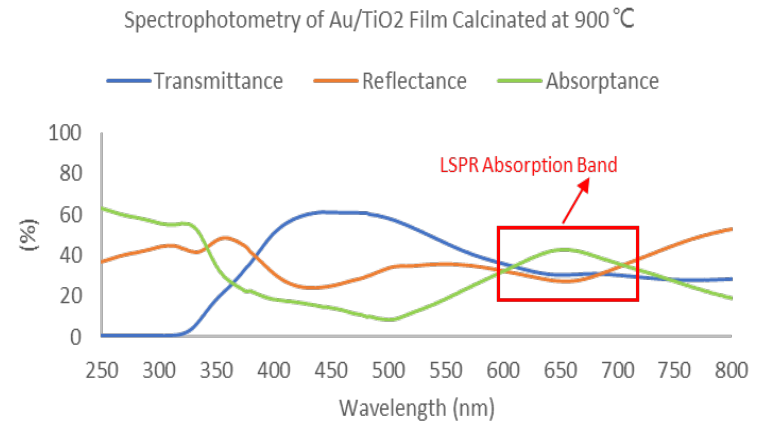
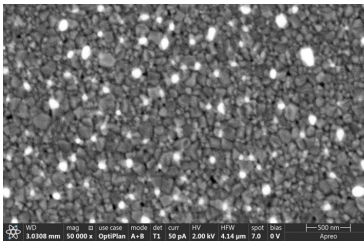
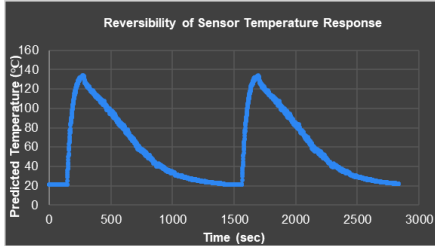
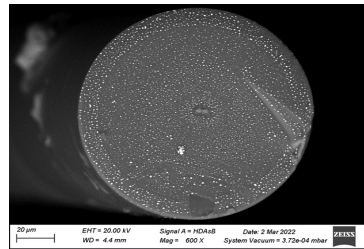
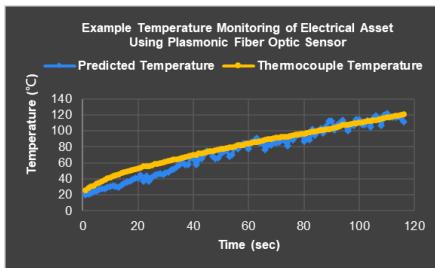
### Notable Equipment Provided In-Kind

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

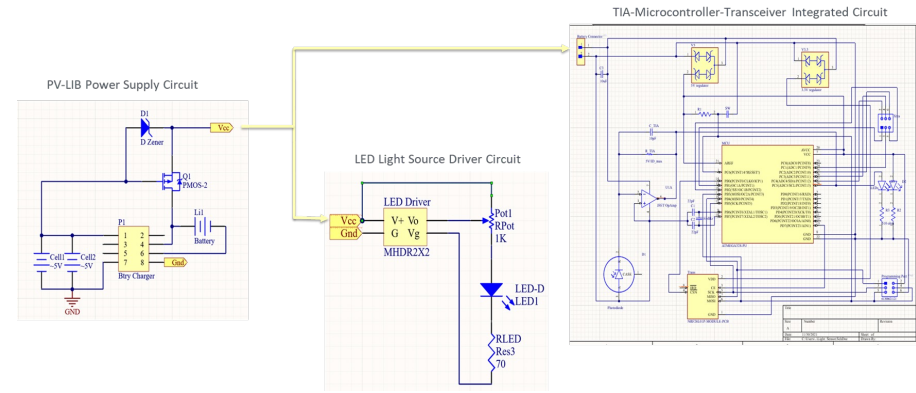
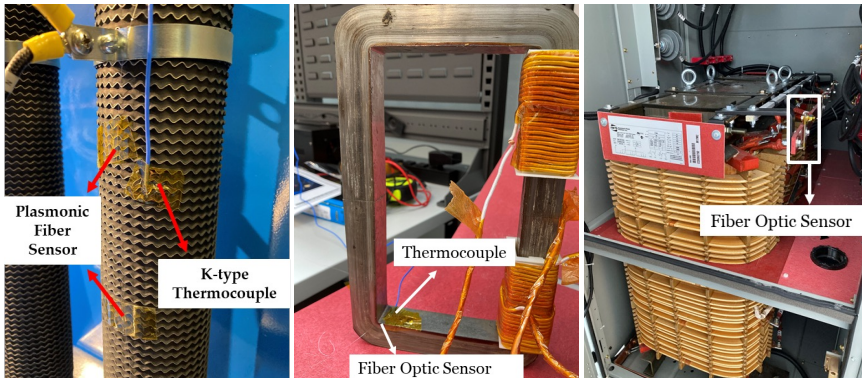
Virtual Tour of Medium Voltage Lab <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=p85qmPtaFx>



## Functional Sensor Layers and Low-Cost Sensor Devices



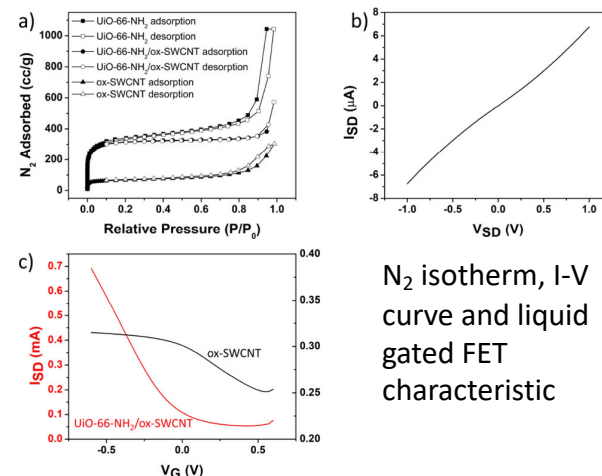
## Low-Cost Light Source and Fiber Optic Interrogator



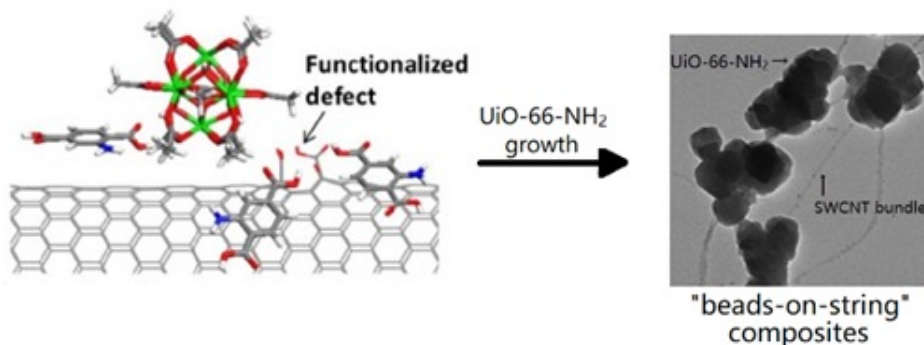
Example Area of Capability : Low-Cost Optical Fiber Probes, Interrogation, and Telemetry

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

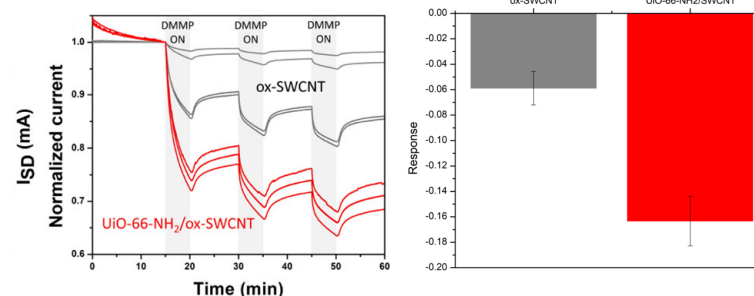
- Composites combine porosity with the electrical conductivity.
- DFT calculations to investigate heterogenous MOF growth on carbon nanotube sidewalls.
- Characterization of the interaction between CNTs and MOF metal precursors.
- Potential application as chemiresistor sensor.



N<sub>2</sub> isotherm, I-V curve and liquid gated FET characteristic



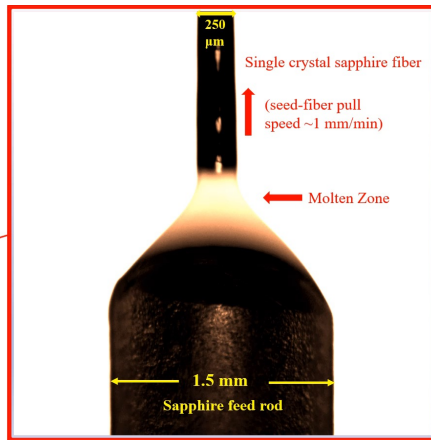
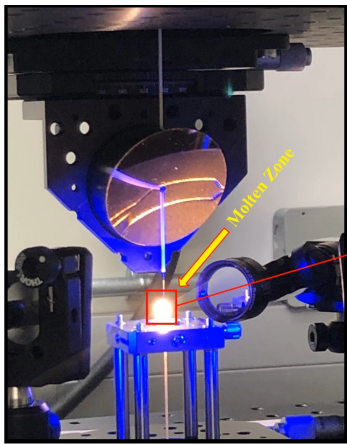
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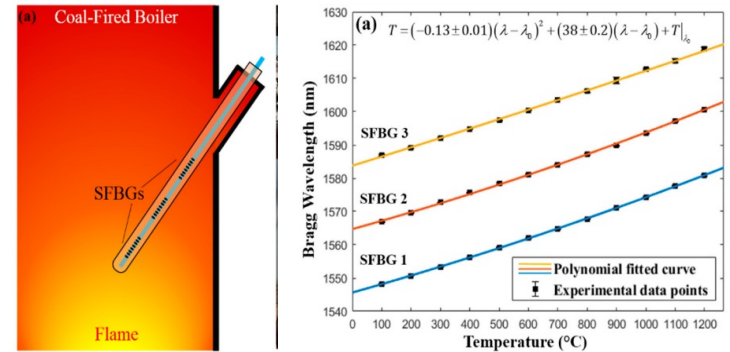


# Single Crystal Fiber Based Harsh Environment Sensing

## Refractory Functional Single Crystal Fibers:

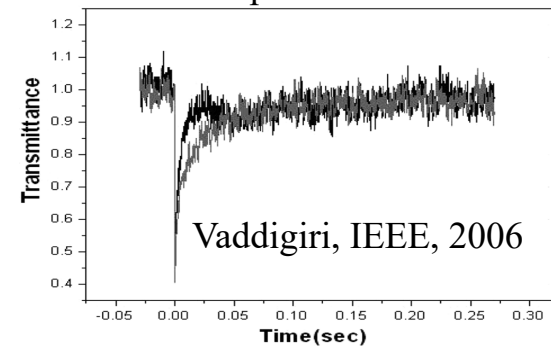


## ❖ Quasi-distributed sensors (FBG and Raman scattering based)

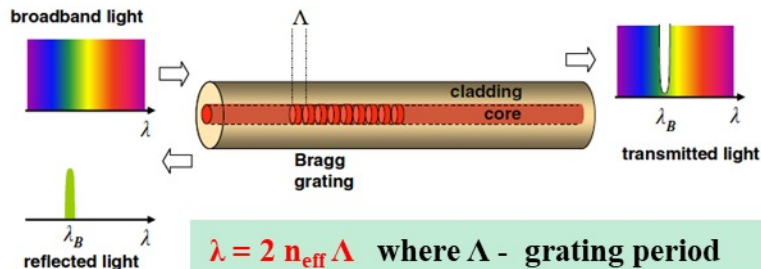


## ❖ Radiation Sensing

## ❖ Transmission response to incident radiation;



## ❖ Point sensors- FBG and FPI based

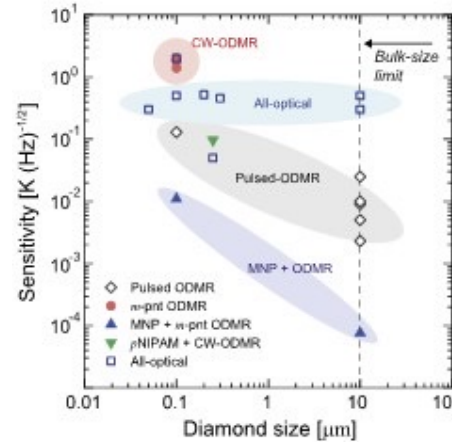


Example Area of Capability : High Temperature, Radiation Stable Sensor Technologies

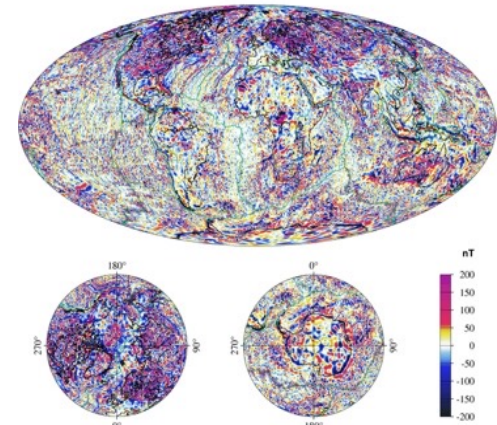
## Rugged, Practical Quantum Sensors

### Quantum Sensing Materials and Quantum Physics:

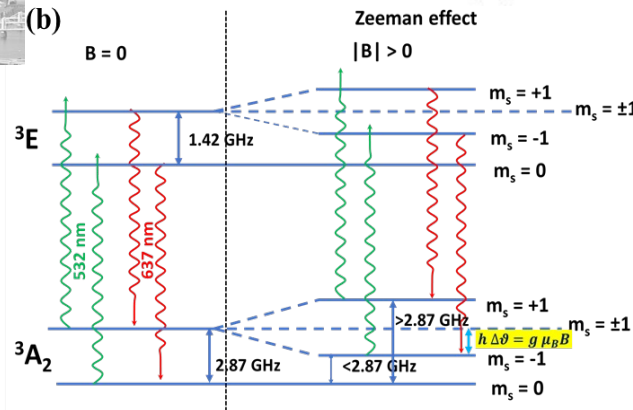
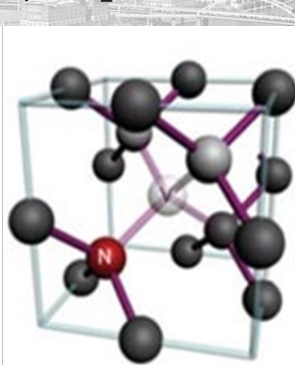
- Nanodiamonds
- Quantum Optics
- ODMR
- Microwave + Optical
- All-Optical



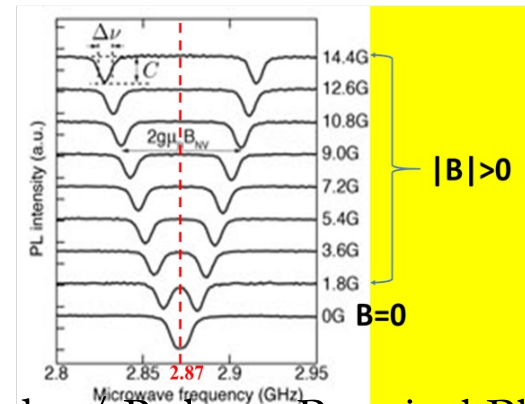
NGDC-720 Version 3.0: Bz at Earth Surface



(b)



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Example Area of Capability : Quantum Sensing Integrated w/ Robust, Practical Platforms



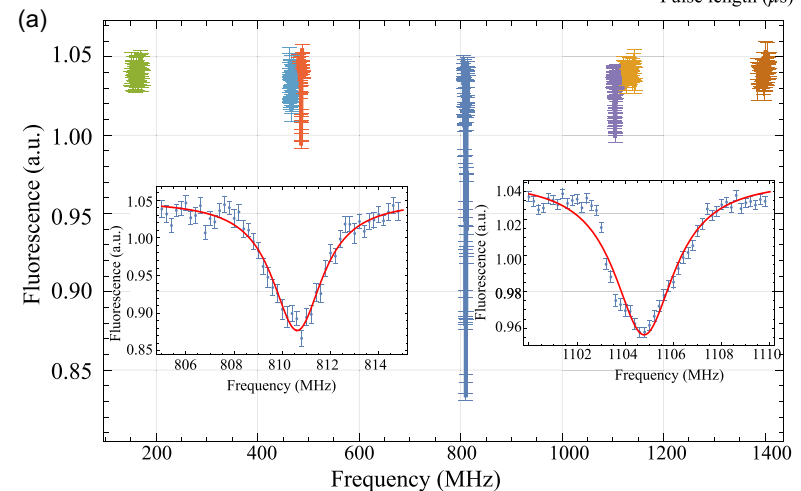
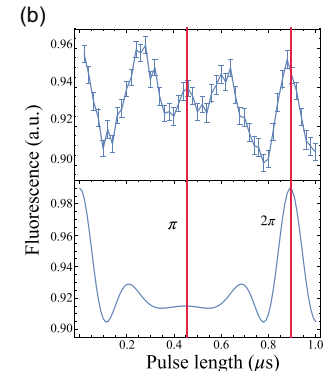
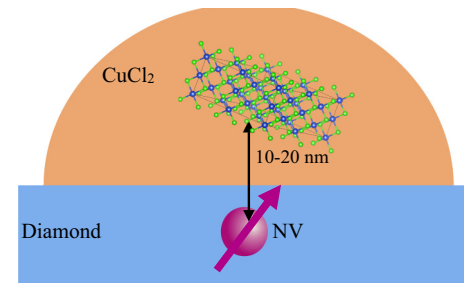
# Quantum Sensors @ Pitt

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

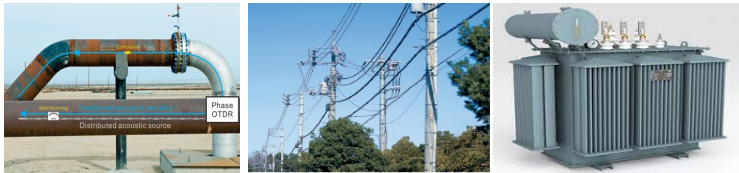
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## ESR of single Cu spins on diamond surface



## Advanced Optical Fiber Interrogation

### Major Applications



Pipeline

Power cable

Transformer



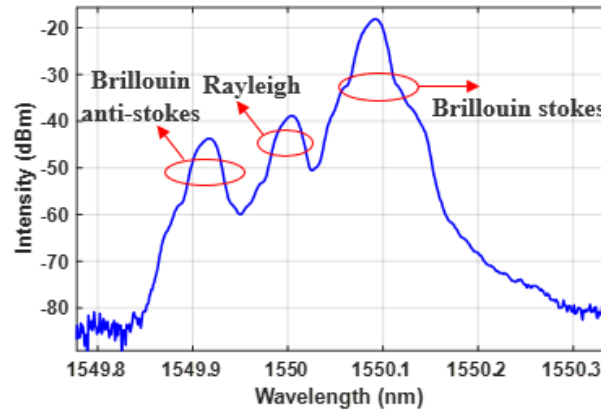
Gas turbine

Perimeter security

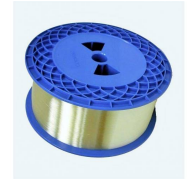
Underground cable

Brillouin stokes- Strain/temperature

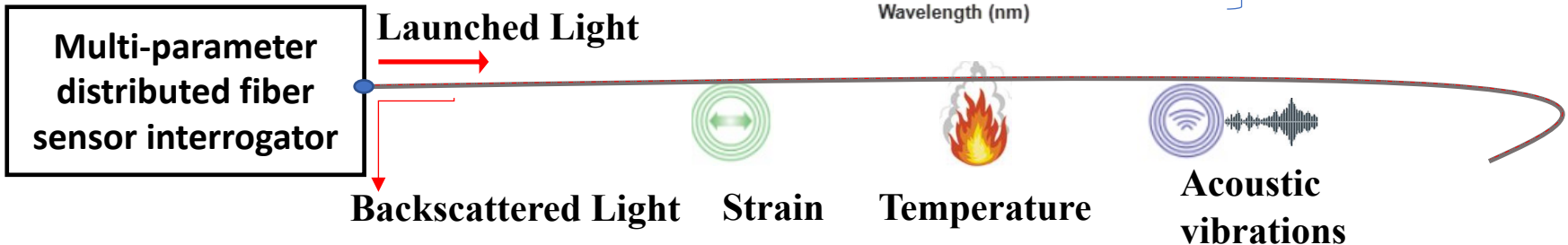
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Sensing Fiber



Single Optical Fiber





# NETL Sensor Technologies and Projects Overview

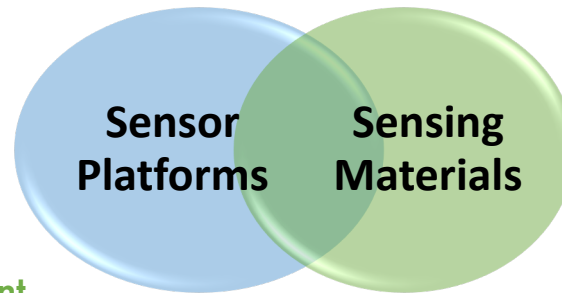
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Research Scientist,  
Technical Portfolio Lead  
NETL CORE-Sensors Capability Manager  
**National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)**

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2022 Workshop  
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## NETL Sensor Expertise and Capabilities for Various Energy Systems

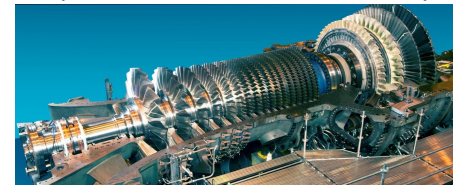
### Advanced Sensors for Energy Efficiency, Safety, Resilience, and Sustainability

- ✓ 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



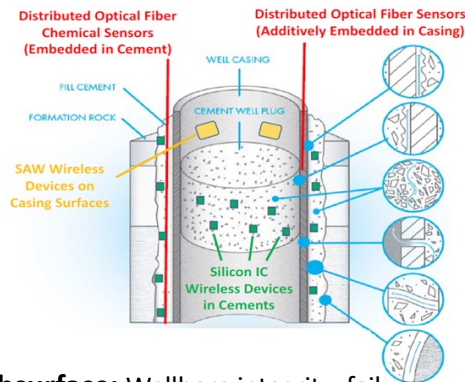
### ENERGY DELIVERY & STORAGE



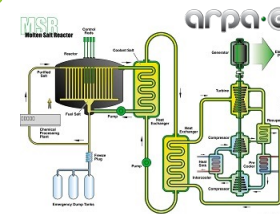
**Pipelines:** Monitor corrosion, gas leaks, T, acoustics to predict/prevent failures. NG, H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>



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

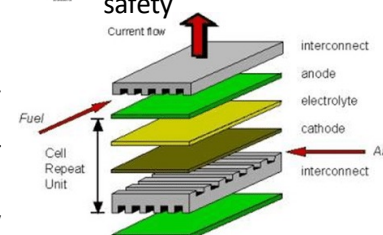


**Subsurface:** Wellbore integrity, failure prediction, leak detection. Geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>/NG, or abandoned wells.

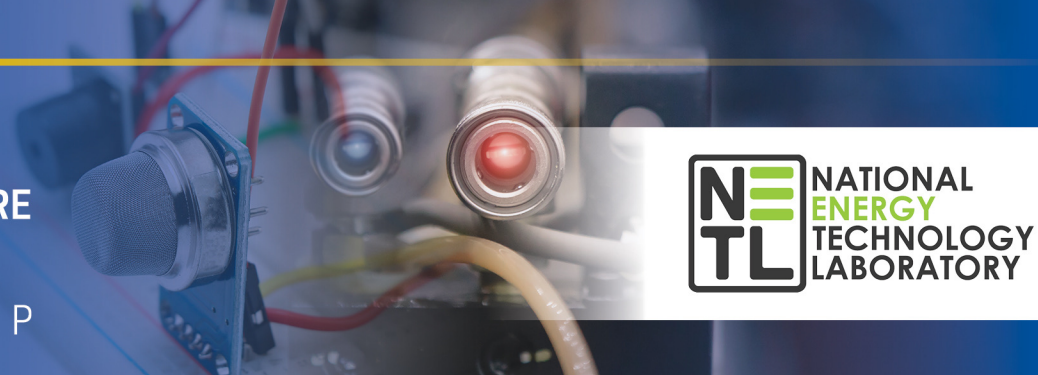


**Nuclear:** Core monitoring and molten salt temperatures for reactor fuel efficiency & reactor safety

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



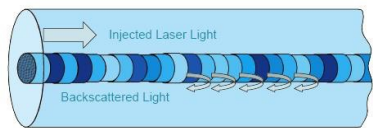




## Multiple Sensor Technology Platforms

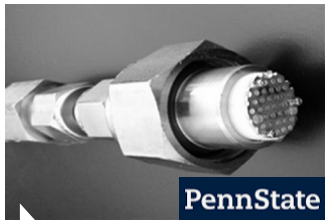
### Long-distance Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors

Imperfections in fiber lead to Rayleigh backscatter:

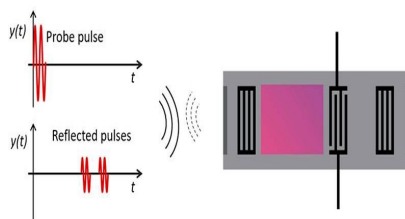


Rayleigh backscatter forms a permanent spatial "fingerprint" along the length of the fiber.

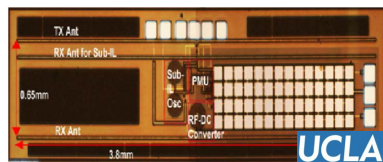
### Advanced Electrochemical Sensors



### Passive Wireless Sensors

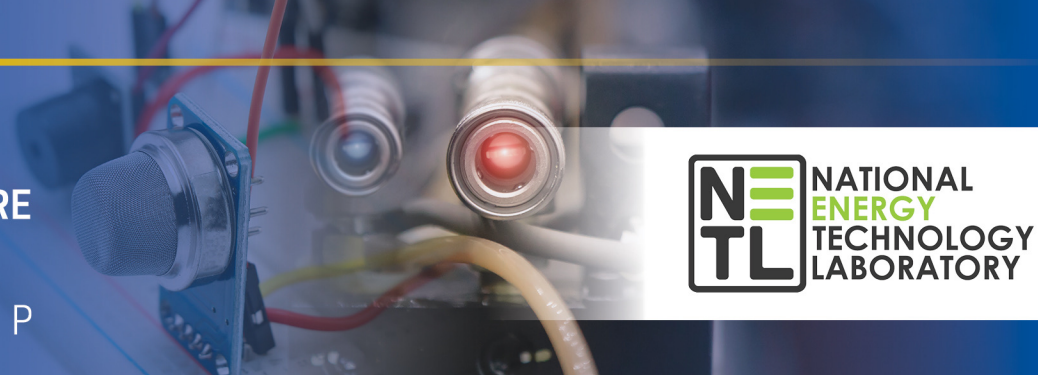


### Wireless Miniature Silicon Integrated Circuit (SiC) Sensors

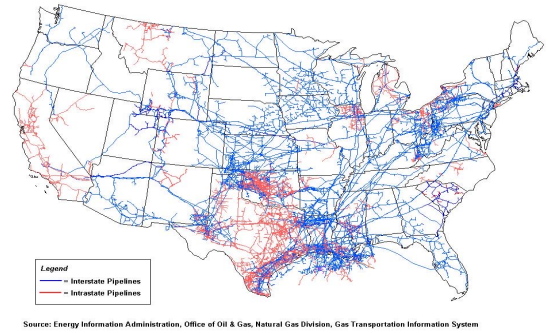


	Geospatial Attributes	Cost	Targeted Function
Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors	Linear Sensor Adjustable Distance and Resolution	Cost Per Sensor "Node" Low	Temperature, Strain, Gas Chemistry (CH <sub>4</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, H <sub>2</sub> , etc.) Early Corrosion/pH Detection
Passive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

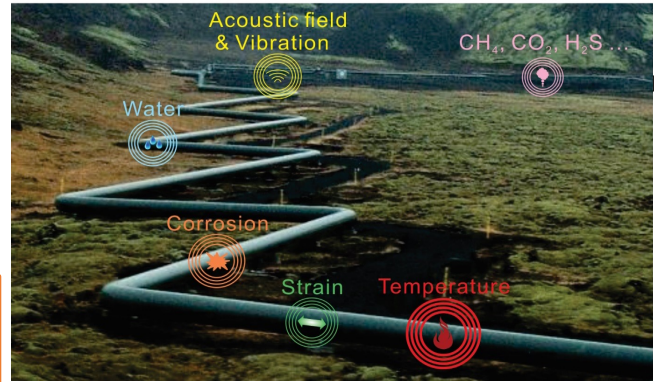


# Need for Real-time Monitoring and Leak Detection/Mitigation for Aging Natural Gas Infrastructure and New Demand for Hydrogen Transportation

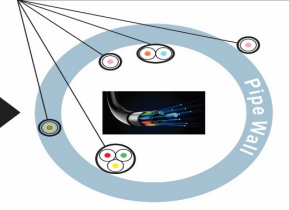


**PHMSA Data:**  
 NG Transmission Pipeline: 298,353 miles  
 NG Distribution Pipeline: 2,296,214 miles  
 Hydrogen Transmission Pipelines: 1,567 miles  
 Hydrogen Distribution Main Pipelines: 1 mile

Pipeline Integrated with Distributed Optical Fiber >100 km



Fiber Optic Sensing Cables



Distributed Sensor Interrogator (DSI)



Monitoring and Manage

- > Pipeline Structure Health Monitoring
- > Infrastructure Perimeter Security
- > Hotspot detection
- > Early Corrosion Prediction and Quantification
- > Methane Leakage Alert
- ...



- Optimize Interrogation System (Range, Resolution, Cost)
- Early **Corrosion** On-Set Detection
- **Methane or H<sub>2</sub> Leak** Detection & In-Pipe Gas Composition Monitoring

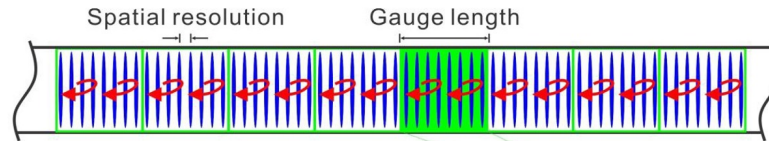
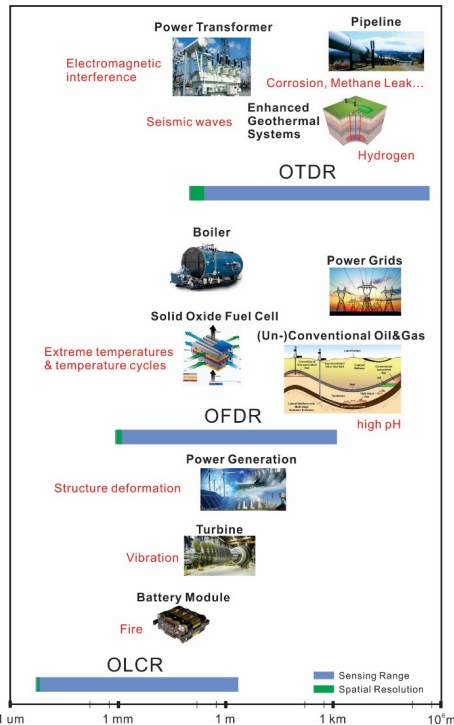


**DOE Office of Technology Transitions, Energy I-Corps, Pipeline Sensor Team**



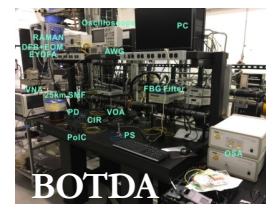
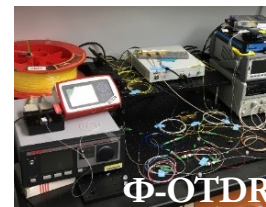
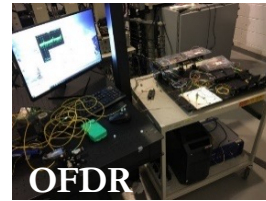
## Distributed Optical Fiber Interrogator Development

### In-House NETL Distributed Optical Fiber Sensor Interrogators



Technology	Sensing Range	Spatial Resolution	Measurement Time	Fiber Type	Sensing Performance
Coherent Rayleigh OFDR	m – km	mm – cm	seconds	SMF	Temperature, strain, vibration, chemical sensing
Coherent Rayleigh OTDR	km	m	seconds	SMF	Acoustic wave, vibration
Brillouin OTDR/BOTDA	> 100 km	cm – m	minutes	SMF	Temperature, strain,

- Multiple distributed optical fiber sensing platforms have been developed to enable structural health monitoring of pipeline and other infrastructure.
- Multiple patents have been filed.



**A Multi-Parameter, Distributed Optical Fiber Sensor Platform Enabling Reliability & Resilience**  
**Target Metrics = >100km Interrogation, <1m Spatial Resolution, <\$1 per meter**

## Field Test of Distributed Optical Fiber Interrogator: Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

Custom Phase-OTDR Interrogator Box

**BOTDA**

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

**$\phi$ -OTDR/DAS**

Patented

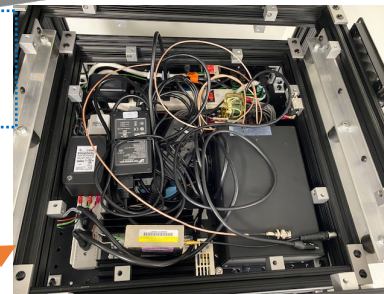
Sensing range = >10 km;  
Spatial resolution = <1 m;  
Measurable parameters:  
vibration/acoustics

**SMS**

Patented

Frequency range= 1 Hz  
to 400 kHz;  
Resolution= <1 to 2 Hz;

Top view



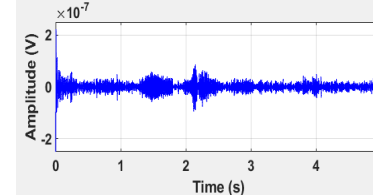
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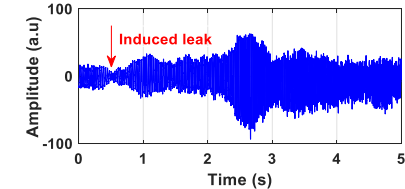
Operating NG Pipeline



Flow rate monitoring



Leak detection



NETL expertise in distributed optical fiber interrogators from system design, assembly, packaging, lab-scale, and pilot-scale demonstrations.

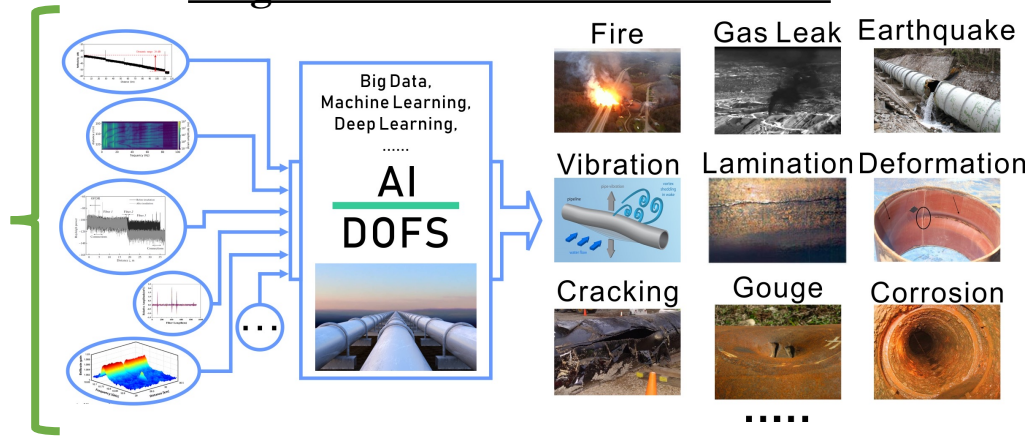
- Flow rate monitoring
- Leak detection
- Third party intrusion detection



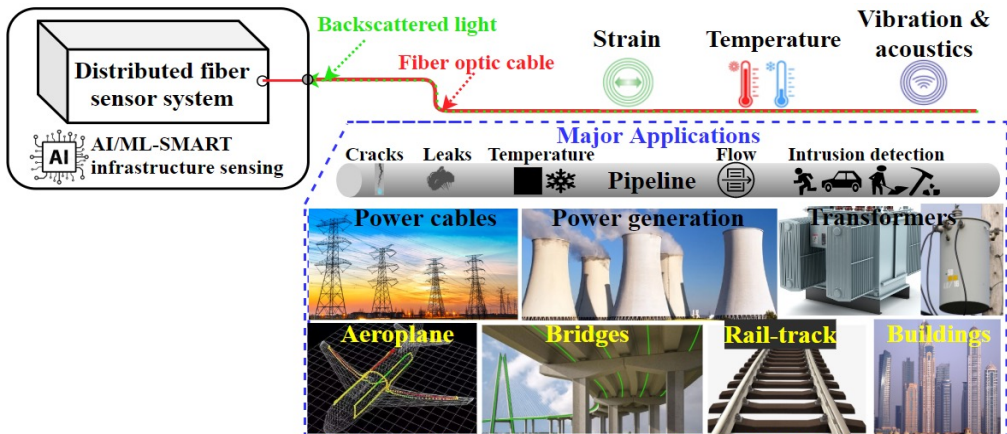
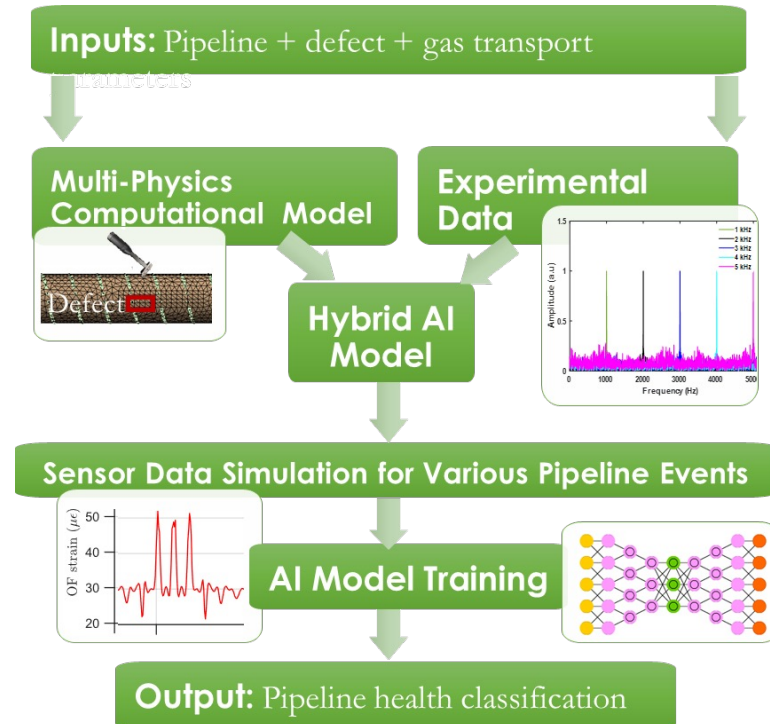
## AI-enhanced Distributed Optical Fiber Sensor Network

Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Data

### Large datasets from DOFS network

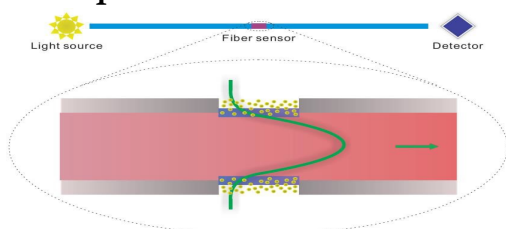


### Hybrid AI Framework: Multi-Physics Modeling + Machine Learning

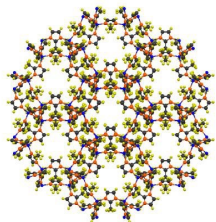


# Functional Sensitive Material Coating Enabled Gas Monitoring

Functional Sensing Layer Integrated  
 Fiber Optic



Porous Metal Organic Framework (MOF)

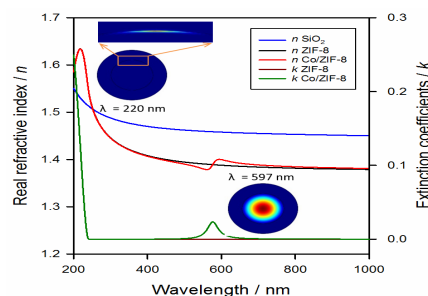


Micro-porous Gas Permeable Polymers



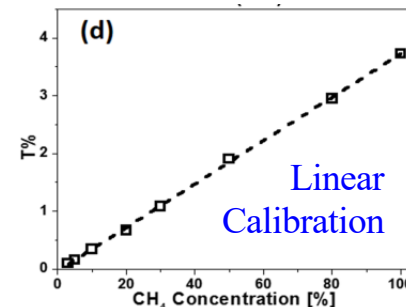
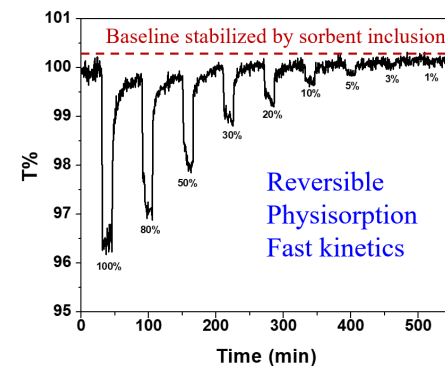
Evanescent Wave Absorption  
 Based Sensors

$$I_T(\lambda) = I_0 \exp[-\gamma\alpha(\lambda)CL]$$



Gas adsorption in the sensor coating causes  $RI_{(coating)} > RI_{(fiber)}$ , inducing optical power changes.

CH<sub>4</sub> Detection Limit: < 5% in N<sub>2</sub>



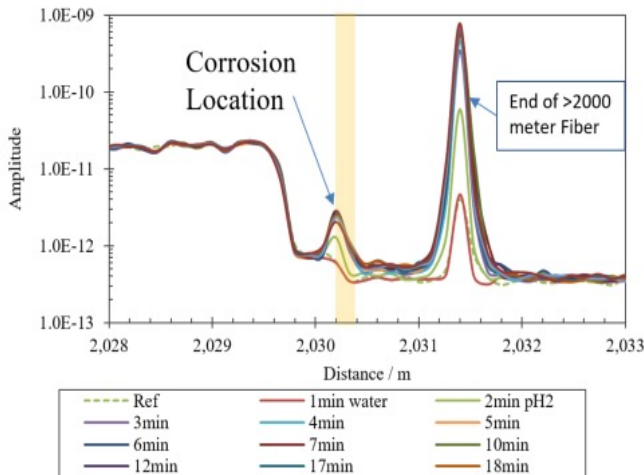
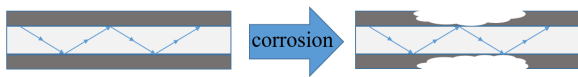
NETL Functional Materials Team with established expertise in materials development by design to functionalize different sensor platforms and enable gas sensing such as CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>.



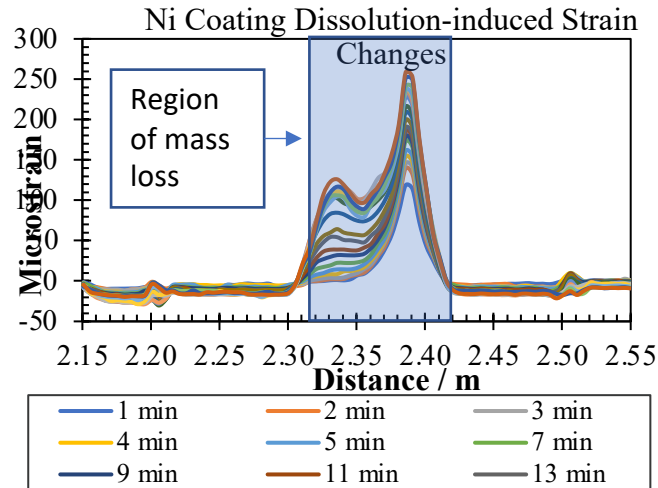
# Early-stage Corrosion Detection

Metallic film coated optical fibers

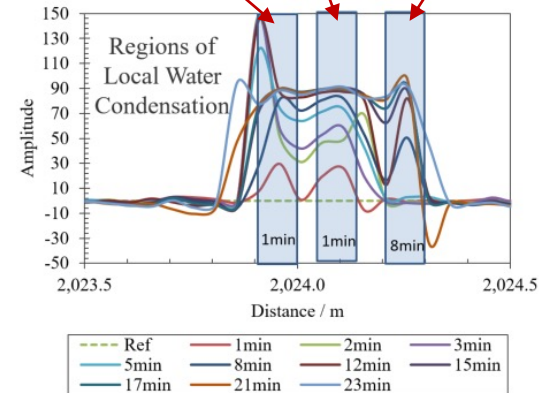
Optical Power Based



Strain Based



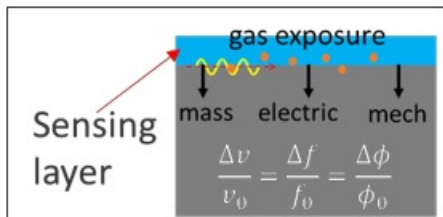
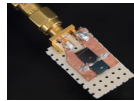
Water provides electrolytes for corrosion onset and is an indicator of potential corrosion.



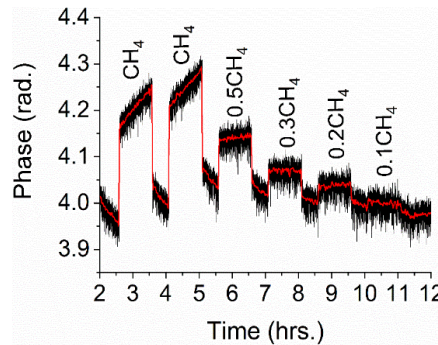
Corrosion can be detected and located along the optical fiber, which enables distributive corrosion monitoring for long-distance infrastructure.

## Passive Wireless Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW) Sensors

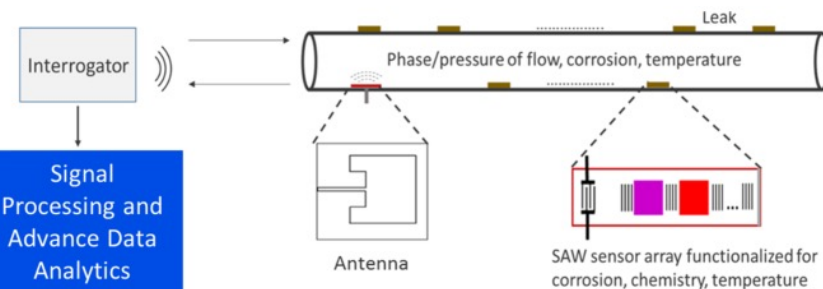
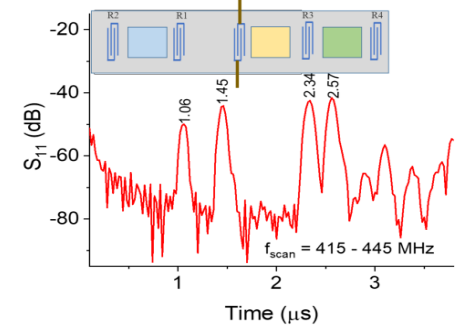
- Passive, Wireless, Matured Devices
- Sensitive, Cheap Point Sensors
- Possible for Multi-Parameter Operation (Temperature, Pressure, Strain, Chemical Species, Corrosion etc.)



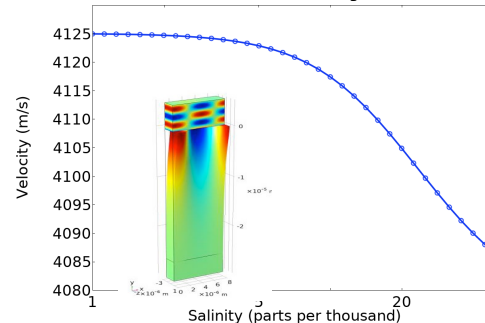
### Wireless CH<sub>4</sub> Sensing



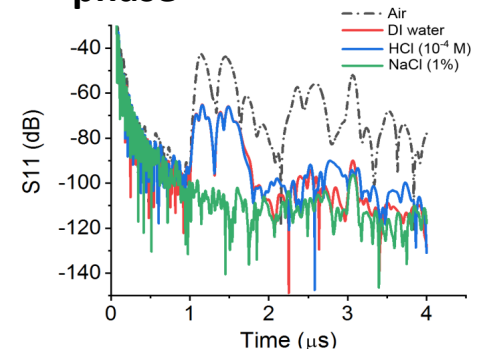
### SAW Sensor Array for Multiple Gases



### Simulation of Salinity Sensing



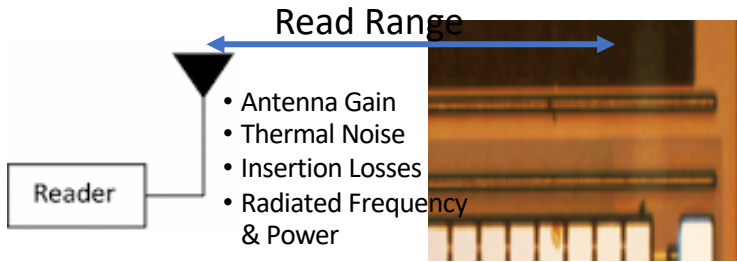
### Experiment in Aqueous phase



- Ubiquitous Passive Wireless Sensors for Energy Infrastructure Monitoring
- Successful Demonstration of Wireless SAW Gas Sensor
- SAW sensor Array Devices were functionalized for simultaneous monitoring of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>

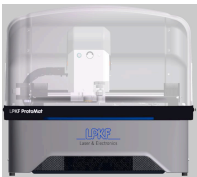


# Wireless Telemetry for SAW Devices and Pipelines

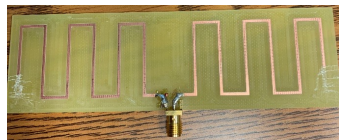


- Telemetry of wireless and passive SAW sensors is similar to radar operation.
- Low loss SAW devices and higher the radiated power to improve the range.

## In-house Antenna Design and Fabrication:



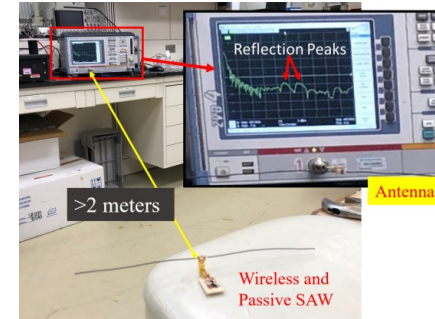
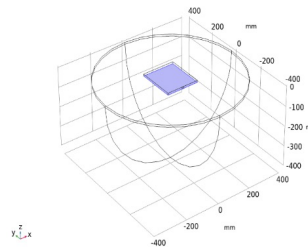
Circuit Board Plotter



Compact Meander Dipole

## Wireless Coupling:

SAW Device + EM Radiator/Receiver



## Long Range Telemetry and Interrogation

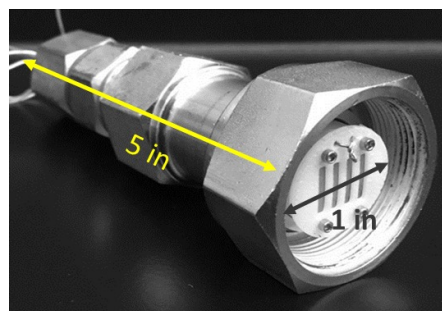
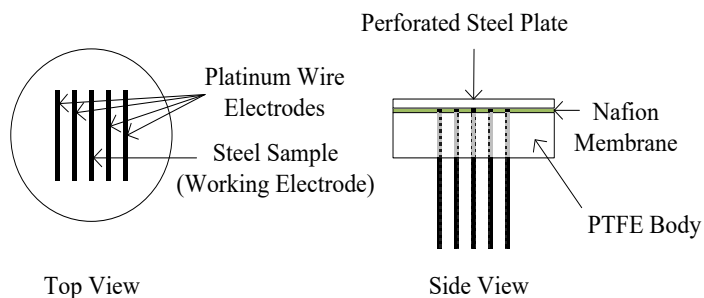
Demonstrated in the pilot-scale test Inside a metal pipe for 70 meters (230 ft).



Various Approaches have been Designed and Field-Demonstrated to Achieve Wireless Interrogation of SAW Sensors in Pipelines.

# Multifunctional Advanced Electrochemical Sensors

## Conductivity & Corrosion Monitoring



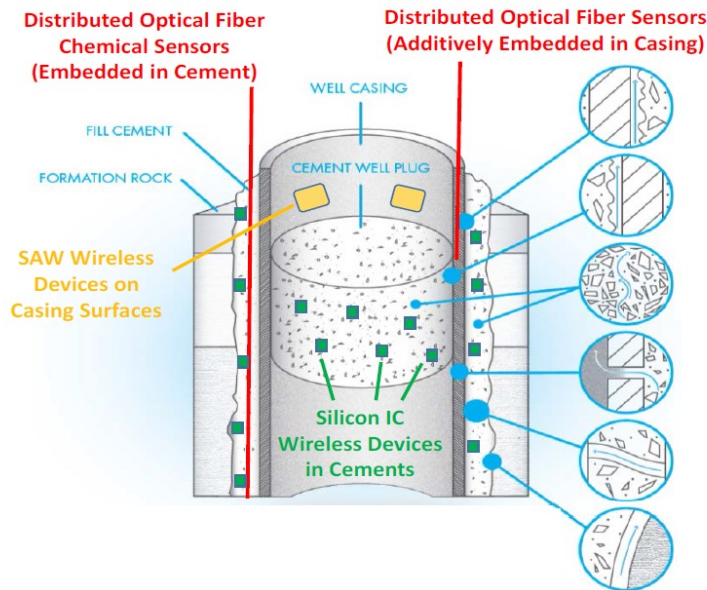
- Capable of remote in-situ monitoring
- Capable of measurements in non-aqueous phases
- Easy to install
- Successful Field Test

**Electrochemical sensors for quantification of corrosion rates and environmental monitoring (humidity, water content, etc.).**



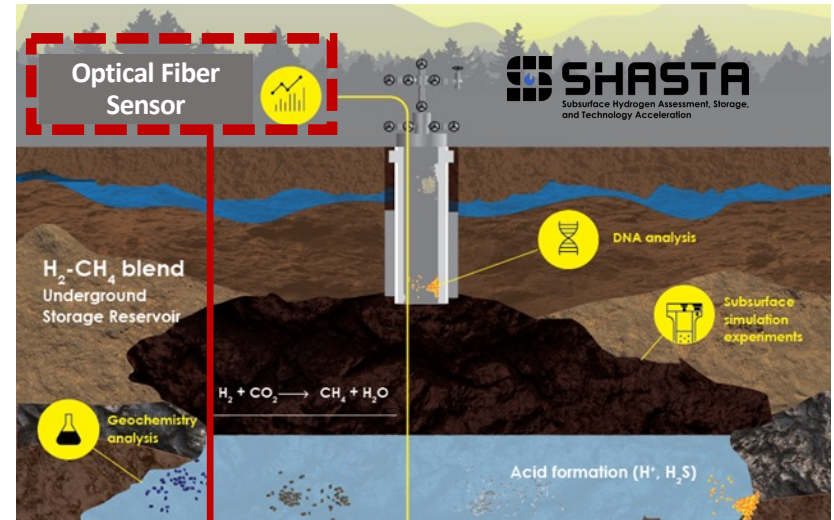
# Sensor Technologies for Subsurface CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>-NG Storage

## Wellbore Integrity Monitoring (SubTER)



A suite of technologies functionalized for chemical sensing of high priority parameters (**pH**, **corrosion** onset, etc.).

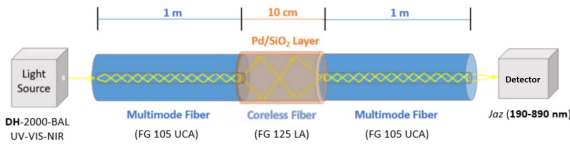
## H<sub>2</sub>-NG Subsurface Storage Wells (SHASTA)



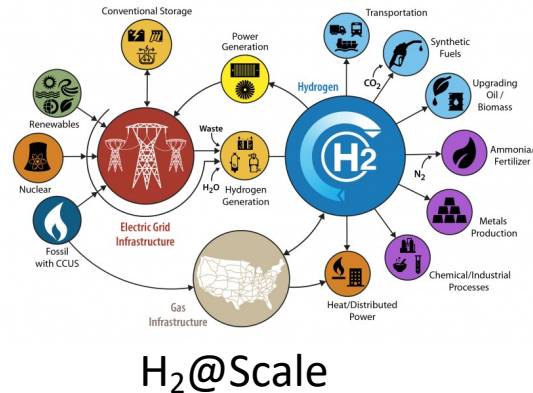
- Subsurface **H<sub>2</sub>**, **CH<sub>4</sub>**, and **pH** monitoring
- Gas Leak and Wellbore Integrity Monitoring

- Challenging harsh conditions in subsurface require reliable and durable sensor technologies.
- Applicable to abandoned wells, geothermal wells, and aquifer.

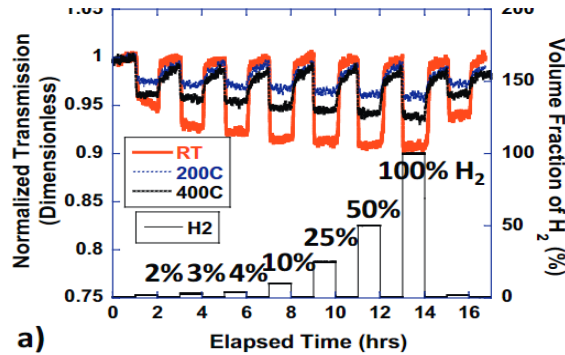
### H<sub>2</sub> Sensors for Hydrogen Infrastructure to Support Decarbonization



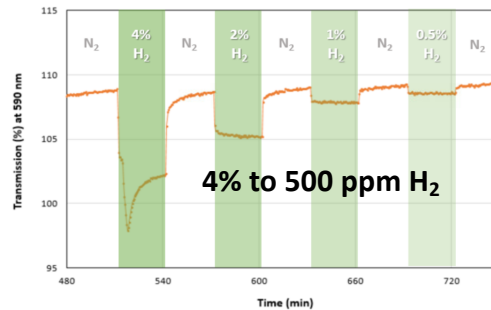
**Pd Nanoparticle-Incorporated SiO<sub>2</sub> Thin Film coated Optical Fiber Sensor**



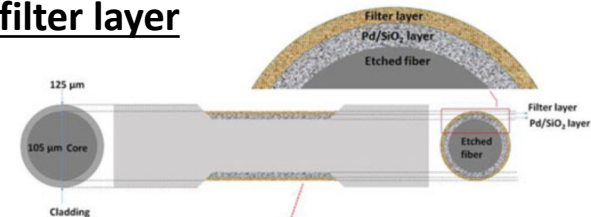
#### H<sub>2</sub> Sensing from RT to 400 °C



Ref: Ohodnicki et al, Sensors and Actuators B 214 (2015)159–168.

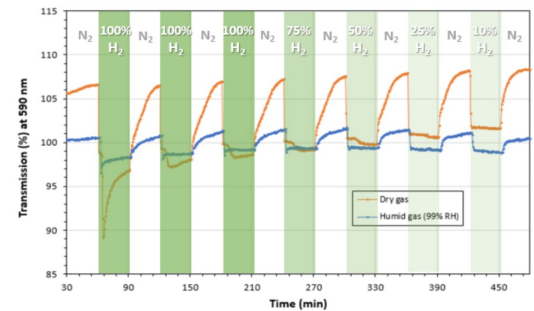


#### Selective H<sub>2</sub> Sensing with nano-filter layer



Ref: Sun et al, IEEE Sensors Letters, Vol. 1, No. 5, October 2017.

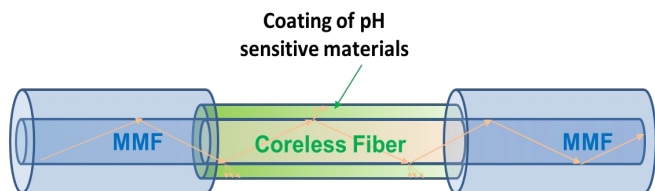
#### H<sub>2</sub> Sensing in 99% Relative Humidity at Room Temperature



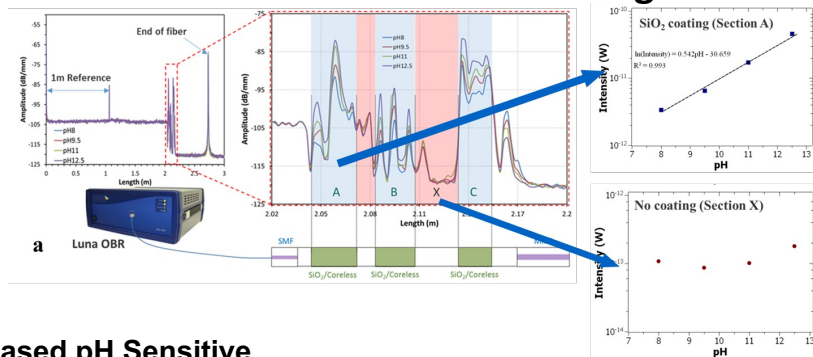
- Pd/SiO<sub>2</sub> coated optical fiber H<sub>2</sub> sensor demonstrated reversible sensitivity for a wide range of H<sub>2</sub> concentrations (100s ppm to 100%).
- H<sub>2</sub> blend composition monitoring for operation and early-stage H<sub>2</sub> leak detection for safety.



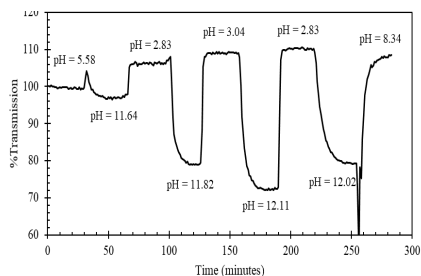
## pH Sensing Layer enabled Optical Fiber pH Sensors



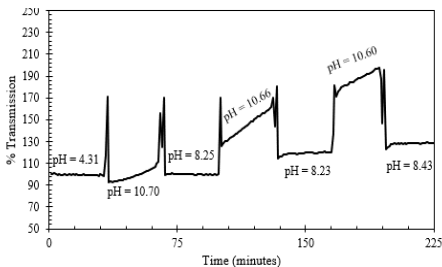
### Distributed Chemical Sensing



SiO<sub>2</sub> coated pH OFS at room temperature



TiO<sub>2</sub> coated pH OFS at 80°C



### Polymer-based pH Sensitive Materials

pH Sensitive Material

Polymer Optical Fiber (PMMA)

Neutral pH

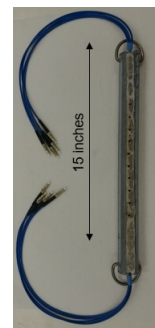
Laser created notch

pH 12

Notch filled with pH indicator gel particles and coated with protective layer

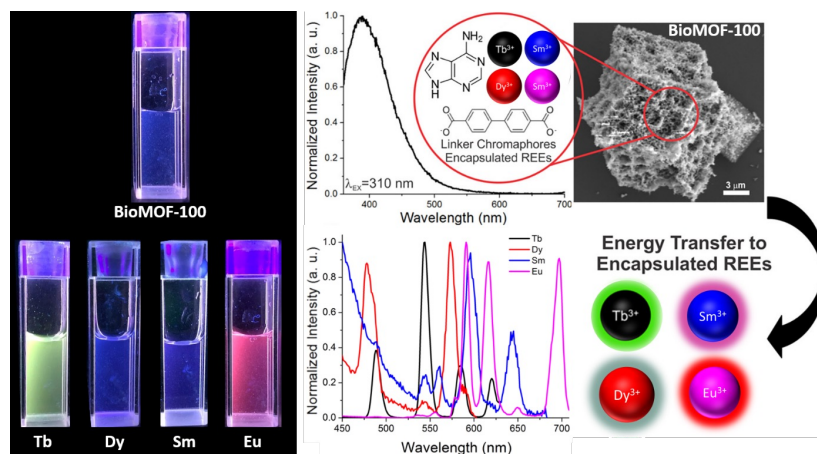
250µm

### Embedded in Cement and Field Test

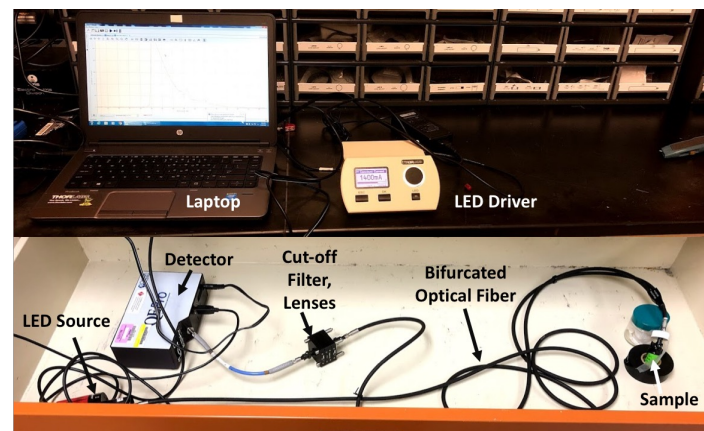


# Portable Low-cost Photoluminescent Fiber Optic Sensors for Rare Earth Element (REE) and Critical Metal Detection

BioMOF-sensitized Fluorescence Emissions from Rare Earth Elements (REE)



Low-cost Portable Sensor in Development



- **Compact and Portable**
- **Low part-per-billion** detection limits for a range of high value elements (rare earths, cobalt, aluminum)
- Quick analysis time **~3 minute**.
- Significant **cost savings** versus current state-of-the-art (\$20,000 vs. \$180,000 for ICP-MS)
- Intended applications include **process stream characterization** for critical metals extraction, field-deployable metals **prospecting**, and **wastewater quality monitoring**.

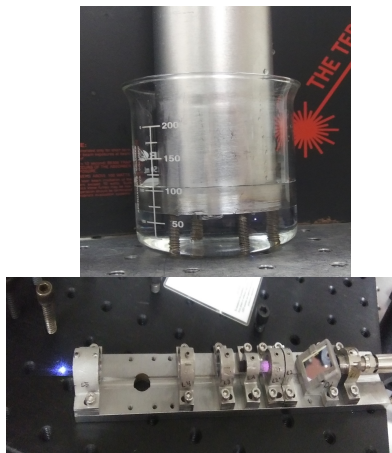


## A Variety of Sensor Technologies and Capabilities at NETL

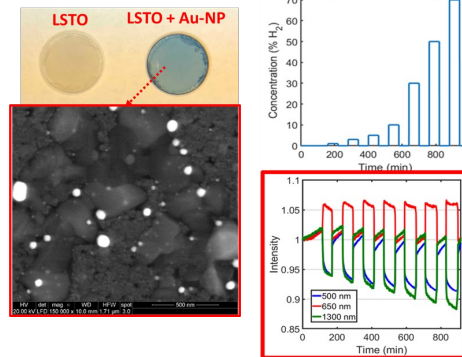
**Fast Raman Gas Analyzer (RGA) for Real-time Gas Analysis**



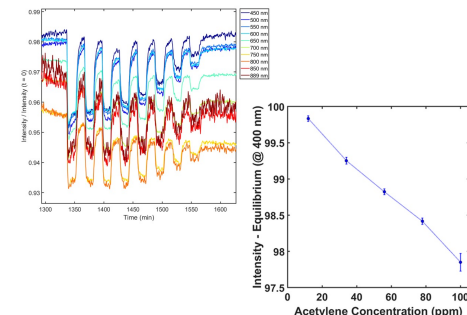
**Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS)**



**High-Temperature Plasmonic Films for Harsh Environment (700-900 °C)**



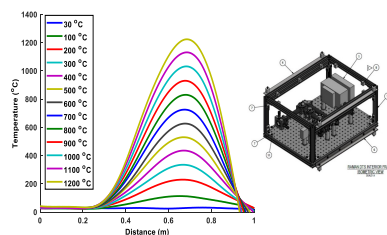
**Nanocomposite thin film for Dissolved Gas Analysis in Transformers**



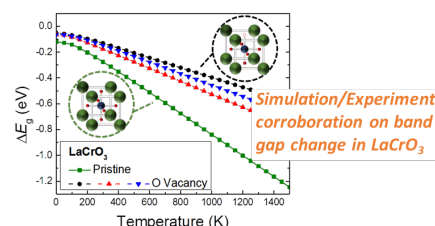
**Novel cladded single-crystal optical fiber for molten salt reactors**



**Raman Distributed Temperature Sensing Interrogator (up to 1200 °C)**



**Computational Modeling of Sensing Materials/Quantum Computation**



**NETL's Science-based AI/ML Institute**



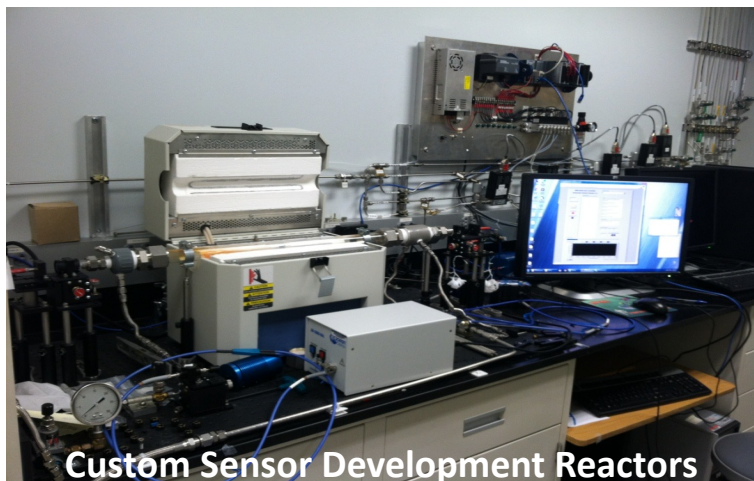
- SAMI** 5 key emphasis areas
- Accelerate AI Innovation
  - Catalyze Partnerships & Collaborations
  - Make Data Accessible
  - Inform Governance & Standards
  - Advance AI Workforce

**Laser-heated pedestal growth**

## NETL R&IC Facility: Sensor Preparation and Test Equipment

Custom Sensor Development Reactors Simulate:

- Power Generation and Combustion Systems
- Subsurface / Geological Environments
- Pressurized Gas and Oil-Based Systems



Automated High Pressure High Temperature (HPHT) Reactors



Reel-to-Reel Coating for Optical Fiber Sensors



NETL has established capabilities and well-equipped laboratories to enable new sensor material and device research & development activities.



## 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.
- 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.