Optical Fiber Sensors for Biomedical Applications

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Introduction

- People



Dr. Xingwei Wang: Optical bio/medical sensors; optical fiber sensors; MEMS

NSF CAREER Award; MLSC Young Investigator Award

1 Postdoc: Dr. Hongtao Zhang Optical fiber sensing technology; quantum physics

7 PhD students with various background; 1 Master student and 2 REU students

9 journal publications in 1.5 years

- Equipment & Facilities



Optical sensing analyzer Micron Optics Si720



Optical fiber splicer Furukawa S177A



Tunable laser NewFocus TLB-6600-H-CL



Access to Focus ion beam (FIB) in UML Zeiss AURIGA (\$ 1.15M)



Access to the Cleanroom in Harvard Center for Nanoscale Systems (CNS)



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Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)

- 14 million patients
- \$100 Billion annually

- Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)
 - Angioplasty with or without stent (90%)
 - Over 1 million/year
 - \$8 billion/year





CAD: PCI vs Medical Therapy

- PCI Limitations
 - Not helpful if stenosis is <40%
 - Expense
 - Renarrowing or occlusion
- Medicines often effective
 - Many PCIs may not be needed
 - Medical savings: \$2.1 Billion
- Intermediate Lesions may not be responsible for symptoms
 - Proceed with PCI vs
 - Determine coronary blood flow (FFR)





Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR)

- Means of determining coronary blood flow
- Defined as the pressure before a stenosis divided by the pressure beyond a stenosis during maximal dilation of the artery
- Current Market: \$600 million/year
 St. Jude; Volcano
 - Clinical adoption ~10%
 - Wire expense
 - Device delivery



- Fractional flow reserve (FFR) = P_d/P_a
 - P_d = blood pressure beyond stenosis
 - P_a = blood pressure before stenosis

Abnormal FFR



Fractional Flow Reserve versus Angiography for Guiding Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

- FFR-guided approach reduces
 - Number of stents deployed
 - Procedural expense
 - Death/myocardial infarction (MI)

- Optical sensor guidewire
 - Decreased expense
 - Improved steerability



UML Optical Pressure Sensor



Cross-Campus Development and Commercialization Team:

Xingwei Wang, PhD	UML	Principal Investigator	Sensor Fabrication
Kurt Barringhaus, MD	UMMS	Principal Investigator	Animal/Human Testing
Jill Murthi, et al	UML	CVIP Office	Tech Transfer, IP
Effraim Herskovic	UMass	President's Office	Commercialization

Principle & Structure



- Bare fiber optic sensor





The thickness of the diaphragm is 1.5 μm

Packaged sensor



Sensor characterization



Optical Fiber: Proof of Concept





Coronary angiography following introduction of the UML fiber pressure sensor into the LAD. (left anterior descending coronary artery)

UML Optical Sensor Identifies Coronary Stenosis-Induced Arterial Pressure Gradient



Pressure measured by UML pressure sensor decreased from 50 mmHg to 45 mmHg, caused by complete occlusion of coronary vessel. Blood pressure measured by UML sensor increased gradually following partial deflation with resolution of the occlusion.

UML Optical Sensor Accurately Reflects Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressure



Catheter transducer: 67/39





SCIIB system schematic

Summary

Parameters	Value		
Sensitivity (fringe shift)	0.033 nm/mmHg – 0.039 nm/mmHg		
Sensitivity (diaphragm deformation)	0.82 nm/mmHg – 0.99 nm/mmHg		
Resolution (under 30 pm tunable laser accuracy)	0.776 mmHg – 0.879 mmHg		
Dynamic range	0– 1550 mmHg		
Temperature cross-sensitivity	1.034 mmHg/°C		
Rise time	0.4 μs		
Comparison with current pressure sensor			

UML Sensor	PressureWire® (St. Jude Medical)**	
Optical	Electrical	
Immune to EMI	Susceptible to EMI	
Biocompatible material	Electrical wires inside the patient body	
~ a few dollars (material	~ \$600	



Summary

- UML optical sensor will advance care of patients with coronary artery disease in a cost-conscious manner
- Wire and system refinements are planned but preclinical studies require additional support
- Results from preclinical studies will set the stage for clinical studies and FDA approval
- Expansion into other clinical environments and take advantage of the optical sensor's superior accuracy and resistance to electromagnetic interference





Background

Motivation:

Traditional methods:

- Rely on labels such as dyes
- Require well-trained personnel
- Time-consuming pretreatment
- High operation cost

Potential:

- Broad applications in detection of antigen-antibody reactions, proteins, oligonucleotides, and cells
- Extensive field in clinical, pharmaceutical, food safety, routine tests, patient home care, surgery and intensive care
- Embedded into toothbrush or kitchen utensils with intensity demodulation



Easy-to-use miniature biosensing probe embedded in a toothbrush for home care.



Principle & Structure



Air

$$V = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} r_{core} \sqrt{n_{core}^2 - n_{cladding}^2}$$

 λ : wavelength; r_{core} : core radius; $n_{core} = 1.4682$; $n_{cladding} = 1.4629$

Fundamental mode: HE₁₁

$$V = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} r_{cladding} \sqrt{n_{cladding}^2 - n_{air}^2}$$

 r_{cladding} : cladding radius; $n_{\text{air}} = 1$



Fabrication



Simulation



Fringe shift under binded bio-layer. (The black curve is transmission spectrum of tapered fiber under a preparation layer with refractive index 1.33 and thickness 100 nm. bio-layer with After target a refractive index 1.33 and thickness 100 nm is binded above the preparation layer, the fringe shifts to the red curve.)

- Capability of detecting kinds of biomolecules in nanometer level
- Capability of detecting bio-layers with different refractive index
- Potential of detecting lowconcentration bio-solution



Biotest



(a) The comparison between the initial transmission spectrum (black) and IgG antibody-antigen pair layer (red). An obvious redshift of 1.50 nm after the capture of the IgG antigen was monitored. (b) The captures of IgG antigen were successfully detected by demodulating the peak wavelength redshift of 1.50 nm and 1.47 nm.

Summary

Completion

- Theoretical model establishment
- Numerical simulation
- Fabrication methods try-out
- Experimental validation

Further improvements

- More accurate and repeatable fabrication
- Protective Microchannel for precise bio-testing
- Elimination of cross-sensitivity
- Combination with other structures
- Intensity interrogation system





