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## Letter of Research Collaboration

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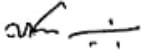
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Our Physics department is recognized as Research Centre by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi in 2014-15 for perusing Ph.D. in Physics and to carryout research work. Four research students have enrolled for Ph.D. under my supervision with this research centre. I am keen to have research collaboration with Dr Mangesh S. Jadhav on Fiber optics and material science.

It would be great advantage for both the colleges to have research activity in the field of Fiber optics and material science for the beneficiary of research students, research proposal submission and exchange of research concepts.

I look forward to working with you in future.

Sincerely,

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# HIGHLY SENSITIVE DETECTION OF LEAD IONS IN WATER USING ETCHED FBG

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**Abstract** - Lead is a soft, ductile, malleable and naturally present in earth's crust. Lead is highly toxic element affects living organism even at lower concentration. Lead is used in many industries and its disposal is very difficult. Therefore, it may lead to various environmental hazardous problems. World Health Organization (WHO) and other organisations specify the presence of lead in drinking water not greater than 20 ppb. In the present work, a simple, affordable and precise way to detect the concentration of lead in water using Fibre Bragg gratings (FBG) is presented. FBG are formed using Phase mask technique and the cladding part over the grating region is etched with 40% Hydrofluoric acid (HF) solution. The sensor so developed is sensitive enough to find the presence of lead in water in the range 5-25 ppb.

**Keywords:** Fibre Bragg grating, Etching, Lead, sensor, ppb.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Lead poisoning seems to be one of the major causes for critical health concern across world. It has been treated as one of the most harmful metal concern with public health environment[1,2]. Pollution caused due to heavy metals like mercury, arsenic, lead, copper, fluoride, zinc, chromium and many more which leads to major health issues in humans and animals[3,4]. It enters in the living system through ingestion of contamination in water and food materials[5-9]. As lead is not present in drinking water unless it is being contaminated during the transportation through metal pipes, PVC pipes and even through corrosion of plumbing material and solder, which may contain lead. The quantity of lead in water may even depends on the ages of pipes, duration of

water present in such pipes, minerals present in water, temperature and pH level of water[10,11].

Techniques reported various measurements in connection with identifying the presence of lead in water. The most common method is utilising the atomic absorption spectrometry technique and with this method most accurate measurement can be recorded[12,13]. The other methods reported are through Fluorescent technique and using optical fibres [5,14,15].

## II. THEORY AND WORKING PRINCIPLE OF FBG SENSOR

Bragg gratings have great potential to operate in wavelength of 1350/1550 nm in optical communication system and such gratings are fabricated by exposing them to UV source. FBG are a sort of periodic variation in refractive index of core in a single mode photosensitive optical fibre [16].

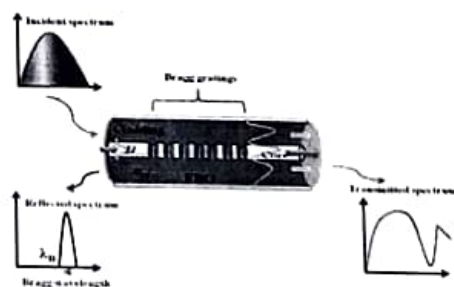


Fig.1. The transmitted / reflected spectra of fiber grating.

The grating fabrication is carried out by the phase mask technique[7]. When a broad band source is connected to the one end of the FBG, we observe a narrow band of spectrum is reflected



## HYDROGEN PEROXIDE CONCENTRATION SENSOR USING FIBER BRAGG GRATING

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**Abstract:** The concentration measurements of various solutions are of great interest in many of industrial processes as a mean of quality production control. In this paper the Fiber Bragg Grating is fabricated by phase mask technique on single mode Ge-B co-doped photosensitive fiber with KrF (248 nm) source. The grating region etched with HF (40%) to act as a concentration sensor, which affects the resonance wavelength with change in surrounding media (hydrogen peroxide) concentration. We have analyzed hydrogen peroxide for various low level concentrations in the range of 1-12 ppm level. The sensor acts effectively sensitive to small changes in hydrogen peroxide concentration.

**Index Terms:** Fiber Bragg Grating, hydrogen peroxide, Sensor, optical spectrum analyzer

### I. INTRODUCTION

The research field in optical fiber grating technology has opened a new platform in both communication and sensor field. These fiber optics have originally developed to multiple signals in optical networks and are now being widely used in the field of sensors, such as to measure strain, temperature, pressure and as a chemical sensor [1-3].

The fiber gratings are classified as Long period grating (LPG) and Fiber Bragg gratings (FBG) depending on their grating period. The grating period in LPG is of the order of more than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , where as in FBG it is of the order of less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  [4]. The FBG is a periodic modulation in refractive indices of the core of the fiber. When a broadband light is connected to FBG a narrow band of wavelength centered at one certain particular wavelength known as Bragg wavelength  $\lambda_B$  is reflected. The FBG works on the principle of reflected wavelength  $\lambda_B$  and is given by

$$\lambda_B = 2n_{eff}\Lambda$$

Where  $n_{eff}$  is the effective refractive index of the core and  $\Lambda$  is grating period.

The reflected wavelength mainly depends on parameters like grating length, grating pitch and effective refractive index. When cladding region is reduced along the length of grating region, the  $n_{eff}$  is significantly affected by surrounding refractive index (SRI) [5]. By reducing the cladding part of fiber gratings can be made to act as chemical sensor [6,7].

The chemical formula for hydrogen peroxide is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . The hydrogen peroxide ion consists of a single bond between two oxygen atoms. Hydrogen peroxide solution appears like water and it can be dissolved in water unrestrainedly. When compared with water molecule hydrogen peroxide molecule contains one extra oxygen atom and its structural formula is H-O-O-H. Hydrogen peroxide is a strong oxidizer and acts as bleaching and sterilizing agent and is widely used in paper and textile industry for bleaching purpose. Hydrogen peroxide is used for processing food, minerals and petrochemicals. It is used in municipal water treatment and in cleaning of swimming pools. This is one of the waste products in atomic power station. Many of the methods like chemical, electrochemical and spectroscopy methods are adopted in finding the concentration of hydrogen peroxide in lower concentration [7,8]. We are presenting a FBG based fiber optic sensor to measure the concentration of hydrogen peroxide in lower range at ppm level.



## DETERMINATION OF REFRACTIVE INDEX OF ETHANOL USING ETCHED FIBER BRAGG GRATING

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**Abstract:** In this present work, we have demonstrated the etched Fiber Bragg Grating as refractive index sensor. Using etched fiber, the dependence of the sensor sensitivity on surrounding refractive index in terms of wavelength shift and reflected output power variations are analyzed for ethanol. This type of sensors are applicable to many fields including chemical, biochemical, biomedical and environmental sensing.

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# Etched FBG Refractive Index sensor for Alcohols

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In the present work, the dependence of the sensor sensitivity on the surrounding refractive index (SRI) of alcohols in terms of wavelength shift analyzed. Sensor fabrication has been carried out by using photosensitive optical fiber and chemical etching in a hydrofluoric acid (HF). Finally experimental characterization of the sensor response to external refractive indices for the alcohols has been carried out by using optical spectrum analyzer. The spectral changes in the grating response due to variation of the SRI have been investigated leading to new sensing configurations.

# Refractive Index sensor for Hydrogen Peroxide Using Fiber Bragg Grating

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# Highly sensitive fiber optics evanescent wave sensor for detection of zinc in water

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Optical fiber chemical sensors provide a promising solution for determination of contaminants elements like Zinc, present in drinking water in ppm level & are a big challenge in present scenario. In the present work, designed a multimode evanescent wave fiber optic chemical sensors have been reported for zinc detection. The whole experiment has been performed by fixing the fibers in a horizontal position with the sensor regions at the center of the fiber, making it less prone to disturbance and breaking. This experimental study explores the detection of zinc in water using multimode optical fiber and sensitivity shows that 0.0042 mW change in power per ppm for core mode and 0.228 mW changes in power per ppm for cladding mode. Variation in the refractive index of different concentration of sample (at ppm) leads to change in output power. The highly sensitive fiber optic evanescent wave sensors provide low-cost and most effective device for chemical species detection and widely used in various medical, biological and chemical applications.

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## 1. Introduction

In the recent decades the environment is being polluted by very hazardous materials [1]. It is directly affecting the living organism on earth. Zinc is one of the common elements found in the earth crust and increases acidity in water on addition. Zinc is one among them which naturally occurs in air, water and soil in nature [2]. Due to human activities the level of zinc is rising at alarm rate to disturb the ecological system. Zinc is available in drinking water and is safe, if it is consumed within range of 5 ppm specified by WHO. Consuming too much zinc into the body through food, water or dietary supplements can also affect human health [3–5]. If it is consumed with higher level may suffer with loss in taste, smell, decrease in hunger and also wound healing capacity may decrease. Acute toxicity arises from the ingestion of excessive amounts of zinc salts either accidentally or deliberately. Many chemical and spectroscopic methods are evolved to find the concentration of zinc in water [1-2, 6-7]. Here, we are presenting a simple and effective measurement technique using optical fiber sensor using evanescent wave absorption technique in detection of trace amount of zinc in water. Fiber optic sensor technology has shown an effective sensing mechanism as a various types of sensors; viz. strain, gas, temperature etc., due to its optical properties [7–12]. Optical fiber sensors have shown greater interest in the sensing technology due to its unique

and effective property [13,14]. Fiber optic sensor principle is based on change in refractive index of the medium surrounding its core and the corresponding change can be studied due to the variation in the output power as well as in the wavelength of transmitted light. Surface Plasmon resonance (SPR) is very sensitive refractive index based technique is widely used as detection principle for many sensors that operates at different areas [15]. So far, fiber optic sensors have shown enormous applications in measurement for various parameters [16–18]. Fiber optic sensor principle is based on change in refractive index of the medium surrounding to its core [19]. These sensors are simple and accurate sensing technique over other sensing devices. Optical fibers sensor technology promises us sensing at lower concentration (ppm/ppb) in a real sophisticated manner [20–22]. Thus, it will be having promising future and give an unprecedented insight for low cost fiber optic sensors.

### 1.1. Evanescent Wave Fiber Optic Chemical Sensor (EWFOCS)

Now a day's fiber optic sensors (FOS) are playing a curtail role in sensor field. Various types of FOS are developed for detection of a variety of chemical species in water and different liquids. Among them evanescent wave absorption technique is found to be most useful technique