fiber optic sensor systems

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### **FBG working principal**





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### Somni's core competence



- Converting the measurand to strain in the fiber.
  - With very high precision
  - Without hysteresis
  - Without loss of accuracy over time



### **FBG** sensor network





100-600 sensors per interrogator (depending on the interrogator)

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sensor

### **Overall network system design**





# The unique properties of Fiber Optic Sensing

Long distances

Vacuum compatibility

**Radiation hardness** 

**EMI insensitive** 



## Somni activities



- Sensor sales
  - Focused on:
    - acceleration
    - tilt sensors
- Research:
  - Medical application (0.2mm pressure sensors in catheter)
  - Defense (Sea state zero hydrophones)
  - Aerospace (glass fibers in composite structures)
  - Infrastructure (Tilt sensors for Genova bridge)
  - Big science (Vacuum compatible acceleration and temperature sensors for ITER neutral beam test facility (Istituto gas ionizzati) )
  - Public safety (Low frequency accelerometers for Taipei 101)

# Fiber optic hydrophone



- ✓ Small in size and weight
- ✓ High sensitivity
- ✓ High dynamic range
- ✓ No EM radiation  $\rightarrow$  reduces risk of shark attack
- Cable weight and drag drastically reduced
- ✓ Ruggedized and reliable



## Hydrophone challenges



 Build a fully depth compensated small hydrophone capable of tracking sea state zero.











Assignment is:

- Optical accelerometers (201)
- Optical displacement transducers (121)
- Optical signal conditioners
- Support structures

Challenges:

- High vacuum
- Radiation resistance
- 200°C
- Lots of paperwork



### **Thank you!**

### Hope we can help you in the near future

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