



Theoretical study of the feasibility for discriminating axial and transverse stress/strain components with Bragg sensors.

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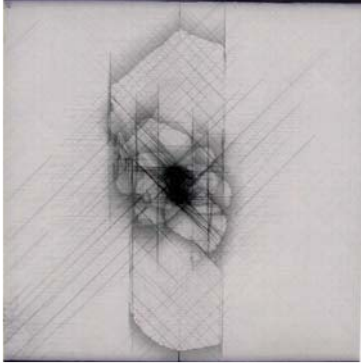
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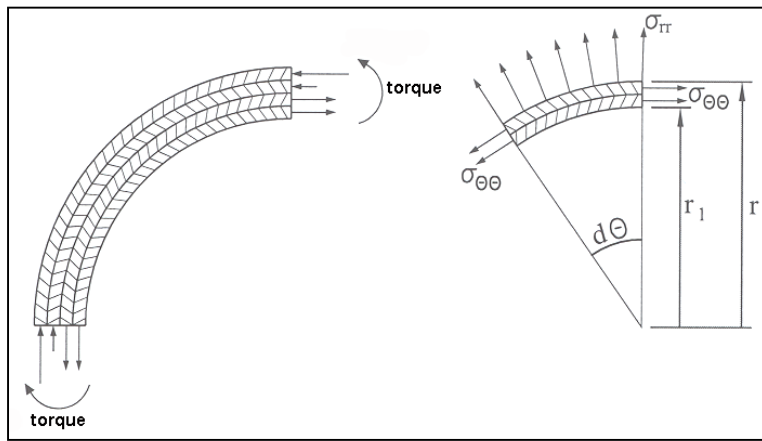
Introduction

Health monitoring of composites:



- Damage
 - Intralayer damage (matrix cracks, ...)
 - Interlayer damage (delamination)

→ Local damage leads to stress redistribution
→ Only detectable when the entire *three-dimensional stress (or strain) state* is known.



- Through thickness stresses and strains not measurable with classical strain gauges and uni-axial FBG`s

→ Need for the development of a 3D-sensor

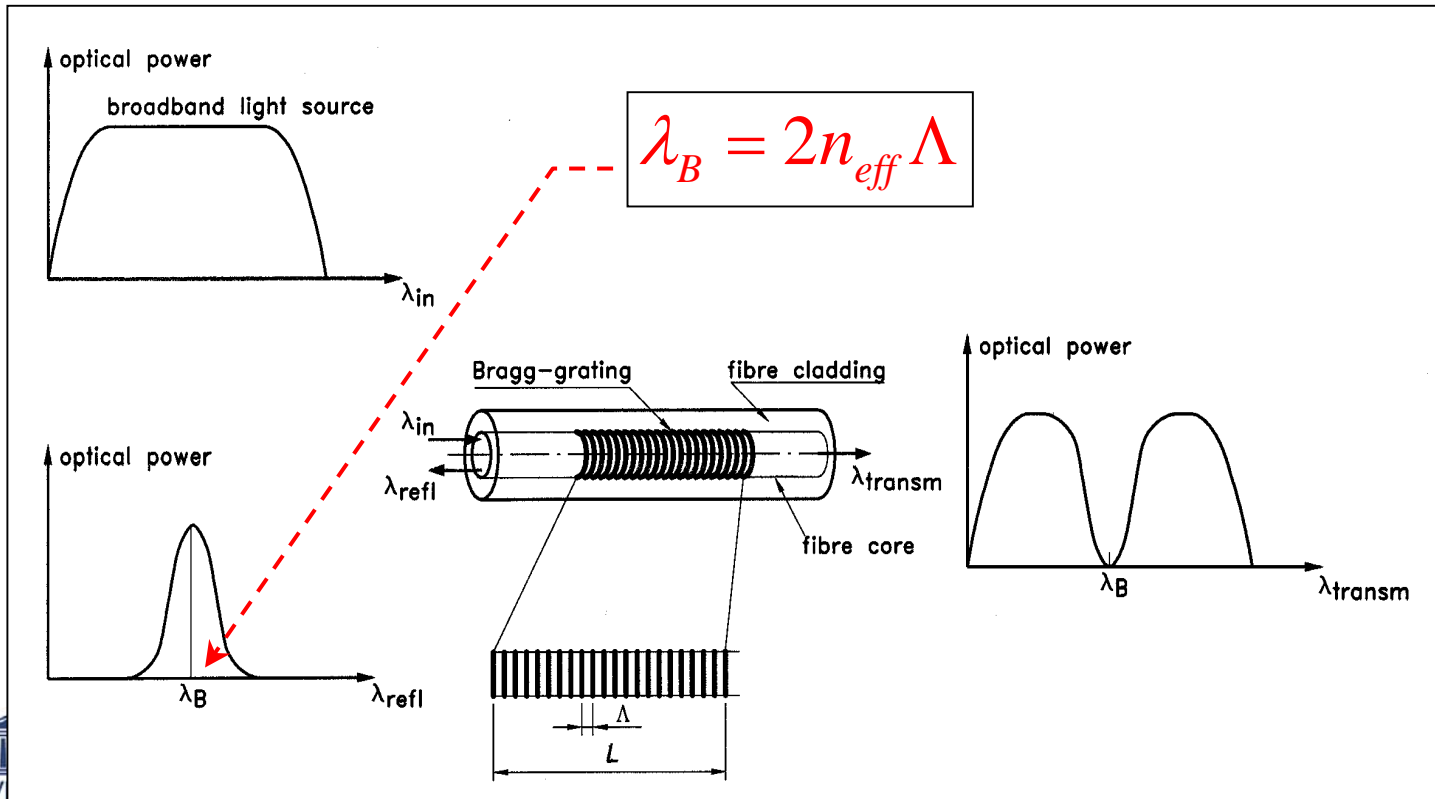
Optical fibre sensing(2/4)

Bragg-sensors

→ Optical counterpart of classical electrical **strain gauges**

→ Important **advantages** over classical sensors:

- small size (125 μm)
- immune against Electro Magnetic-radiation,
- multiplexing capabilities
- temperature and fatigue resistant.

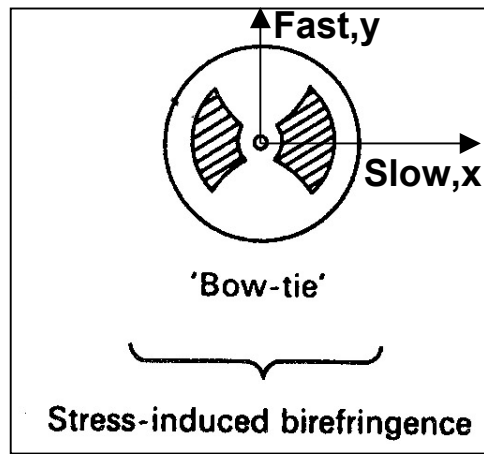


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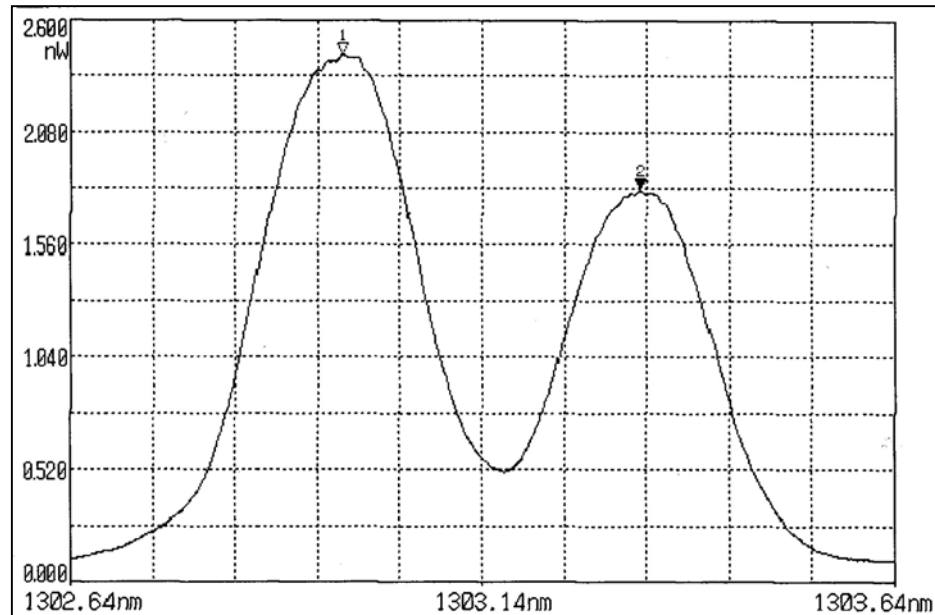
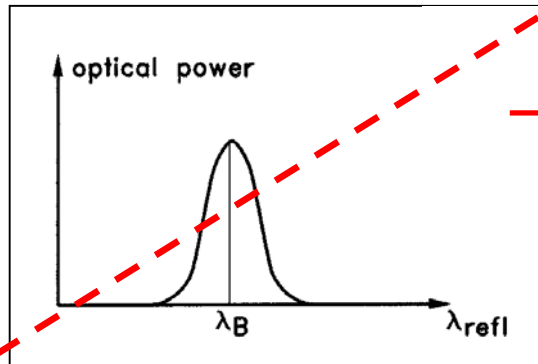
Polarization Maintaining fibres

A special type of single mode optical fibre: Birefringent!

Has the ability to maintain a linear polarization state of the light.



$$\lambda_{B,slow} = 2n_{slow,eff} \Lambda$$
$$\lambda_{B,fast} = 2n_{fast,eff} \Lambda$$



Bragg-reflected spectrum for a PM-fibre

Optical fibre sensing(4/4)

Bragg peak shift

Bragg peak shift → **Pure axial loading** condition ($\Delta T = 0$)

$$\lambda_B = 2n_{eff} \Lambda \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta \lambda_B}{\lambda_B} = (1 - P) \frac{\Delta \sigma_3}{E}$$

$$P = - \frac{1}{n_{eff}} \frac{\partial n_{eff}}{\partial \epsilon_3}$$

Bragg peak shift → **Random loading** condition ($\Delta T = 0$)

$$\lambda_B([\sigma]) = 2n_{eff}([\sigma]) * \Lambda([\sigma])$$

$$[\sigma] = [\sigma_1 \ \sigma_2 \ \sigma_3]^T$$

$$[\sigma] = [\sigma_0] + [\Delta \sigma]$$

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda_B([\Delta \sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} = \left(\frac{\partial \Lambda([\Delta \sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial \Delta \sigma_i} \Delta \sigma_i \right) + \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta \sigma])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial \Delta \sigma_i} \Delta \sigma_i \right)$$

→ **Axial strain**

→ **Change of the n_{eff} due to The photo-elastic effect**

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Sensitivity to a more-dimensional stress-field(1/3)

Photo elastic effect

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda_B([\Delta \sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} = \left(\frac{\partial \Lambda([\Delta \sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial \Delta \sigma_i} \Delta \sigma_i \right) + \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta \sigma])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial \Delta \sigma_i} \Delta \sigma_i \right)$$

Refractive index of glass (n) **coupled** with the mechanical load (strain/stress) [1]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_1 \\ \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_2 \\ \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_3 \\ \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_4 \\ \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_5 \\ \Delta \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right)_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ p_{12} & p_{11} & p_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ p_{12} & p_{12} & p_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(p_{11} - p_{12}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(p_{11} - p_{12}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(p_{11} - p_{12}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \\ \varepsilon_5 \\ \varepsilon_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$p_{11} = 0.113$
 $p_{12} = 0.252$
strain-optic coefficients

(Eq 1.)

Sensitivity to a more-dimensional stress-field(2/3)

Random stress field

Hooke's Law:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \\ \varepsilon_5 \\ \varepsilon_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\nu & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & -\nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \\ \sigma_5 \\ \sigma_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_1 \\ \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_2 \\ \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_3 \\ \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_4 \\ \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_5 \\ \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 & P_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P_2 & P_1 & P_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P_2 & P_2 & P_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{P_1 - P_2}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{P_1 - P_2}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{P_1 - P_2}{2} \end{bmatrix} [\sigma]$$

in (Eq 1.)

stress-optic coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= p_{11} - 2\nu p_{12} \\ P_2 &= -\nu p_{11} + (1 - \nu) p_{12} \end{aligned}$$

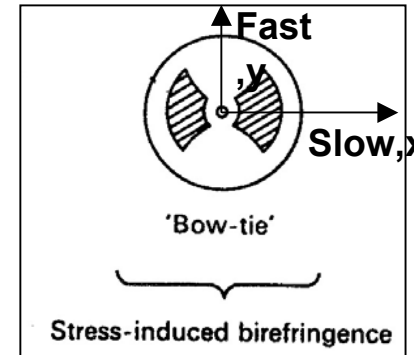
(Eq 2.)

Sensitivity to a more-dimensional stress-field(3/3)

stress field dependency of the refractive index

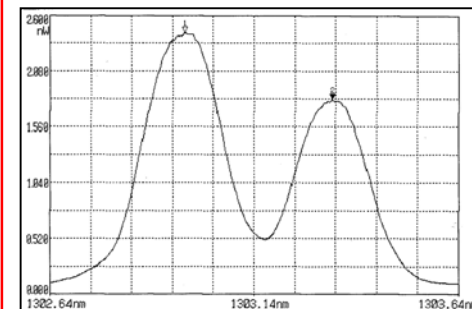
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$$\begin{cases} \Delta n_{x,slow} = -\frac{n_{x,slow}^3}{2E} [P_1\sigma_1 + P_2(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)] \\ \Delta n_{y,fast} = -\frac{n_{y,fast}^3}{2E} [P_1\sigma_2 + P_2(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)] \end{cases}$$



$$\frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} = \left(\frac{\partial\Lambda([\Delta\sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right) + \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \left. \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \right|_{x,slow} = GF1_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_3 \\ \left. \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \right|_{y,fast} = GF1_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_3 \end{cases}$$



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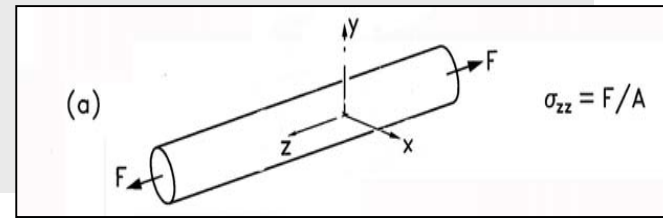
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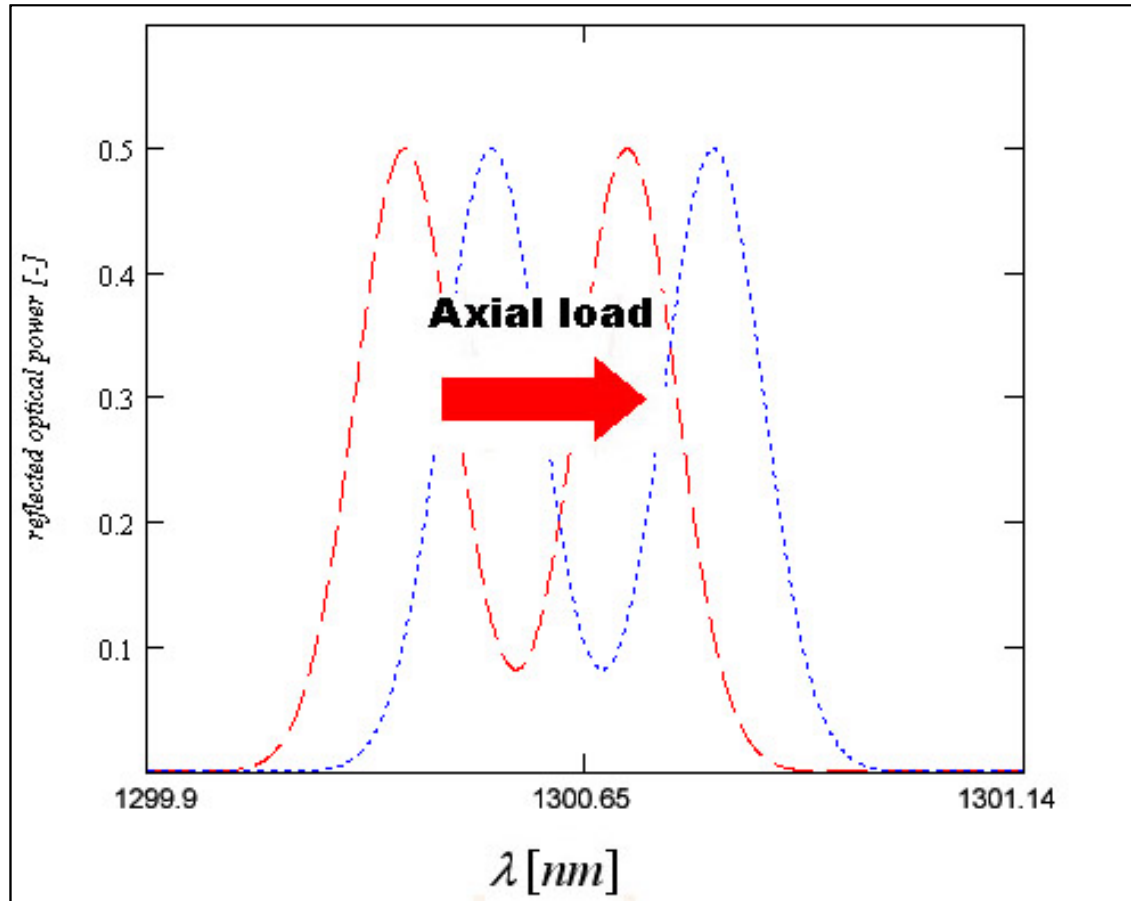
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Axial stress/strain



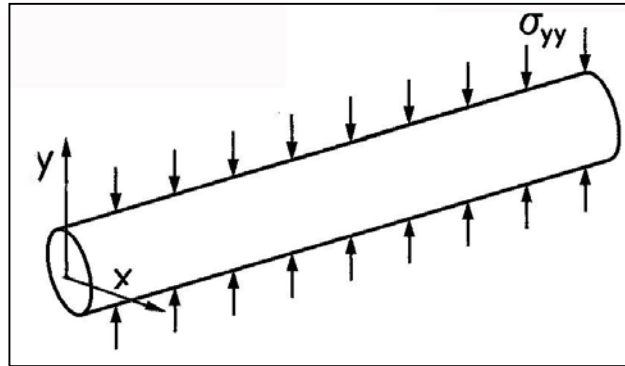
All stress-components are zero except for the stress-component $\sigma_{zz} = 60\text{N/mm}^2$.



$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\Delta \lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \right|_{x,slow} &= \left. \frac{\Delta \lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \right|_{y,fast} \\ &= (1 - P) \varepsilon_{zz} \\ &= 0,799 \varepsilon_{zz} \end{aligned}$$

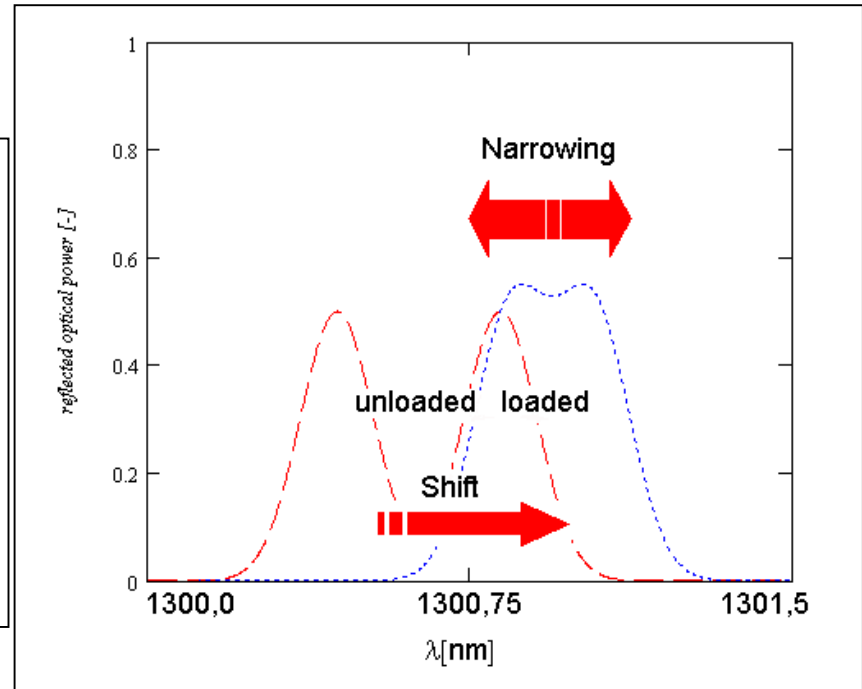
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transversal stress/strain



The strain components: $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_{yy} = \sigma_{yy}/E$

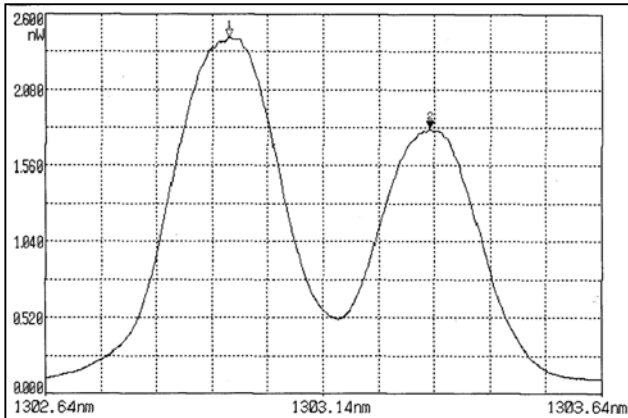
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\Delta\lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \Big|_{x,slow} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{n_{x,slow}^2}{2\nu} \left[-\nu p_{11} + (1-\nu) p_{12} \right] \right\} \epsilon_{zz} \\ \phantom{\frac{\Delta\lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \Big|_{x,slow}} = 2,184 \epsilon_{zz} \\ \frac{\Delta\lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \Big|_{y,fast} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{n_{y,fast}^2}{2\nu} \left[p_{11} - 2\nu p_{12} \right] \right\} \epsilon_{zz} \\ \phantom{\frac{\Delta\lambda_B}{\lambda_B} \Big|_{y,fast}} = 1,170 \epsilon_{zz} \end{array} \right.$$



Examples(3/5)

Stress calculation

$$\left. \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \right|_{x,slow} = GF1_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,slow} \Delta\sigma_3$$
$$\left. \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \right|_{y,fast} = GF1_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,fast} \Delta\sigma_3$$

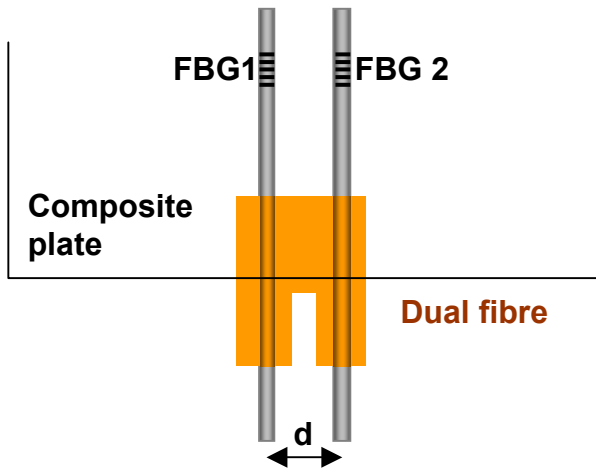


Three unknowns → Two equations !!!

Examples(4/5)

Solution?

Two Bragg sensors **THE solution?**

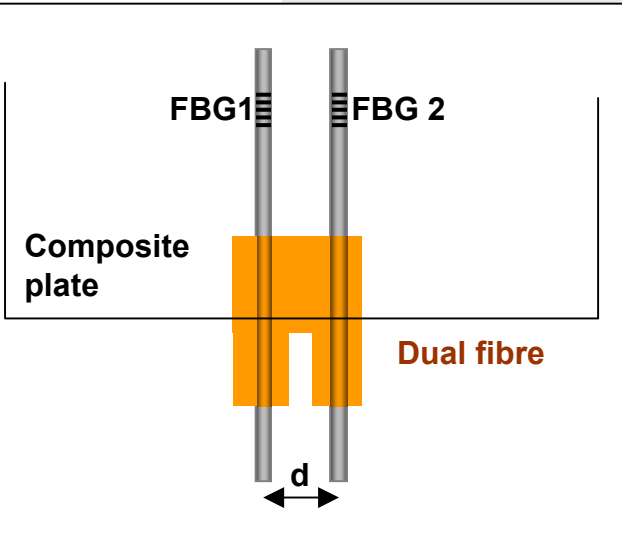


$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \Big|_{x,slow1} &= GF1_{\sigma,slow1}\Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,slow1}\Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,slow1}\Delta\sigma_3 \\
 \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \Big|_{y,fast1} &= GF1_{\sigma,fast1}\Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,fast1}\Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,fast1}\Delta\sigma_3 \\
 \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \Big|_{x,slow2} &= GF1_{\sigma,slow2}\Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,slow2}\Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,slow2}\Delta\sigma_3 \\
 \frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} \Big|_{y,fast2} &= GF1_{\sigma,fast2}\Delta\sigma_1 + GF2_{\sigma,fast2}\Delta\sigma_2 + GF3_{\sigma,fast2}\Delta\sigma_3
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_{B1,1} \\ \Delta\lambda_{B1,2} \\ \Delta\lambda_{B2,1} \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} = ??
 \end{aligned}$$

Examples(5/5)

Resolution of the Solution?



$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_{B1,1} \\ \Delta\lambda_{B1,2} \\ \Delta\lambda_{B2,1} \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

→Condition number of K ?
 →Strain/stress resolution !!!

Inline configuration	Condition number		Error (1pm error)
Stress/Strain (3D) (Temp known)	1,2*10 ⁴	Transversal 1 Strain	3,9*10 ³ [με]
		Transversal 2 Strain	3,9*10 ³ [με]
		Axial Strain	2,0*10 ³ [με]

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Conclusions

The shift in Bragg-wavelength is dependent on

- **The exact load scheme (3D)**

A model was created which couples a random stress field to the Bragg peak shift of an optical fibre.

- **The effect of transverse stress causes the reflected spectrum to broaden(narrowing).**
- **The effect of axial strain is the homogenous shift of the spectrum to a higher wavelength**

Two fibres do not give a good solution for measuring the total stress/strain field(3D)!!

Need for further research!!

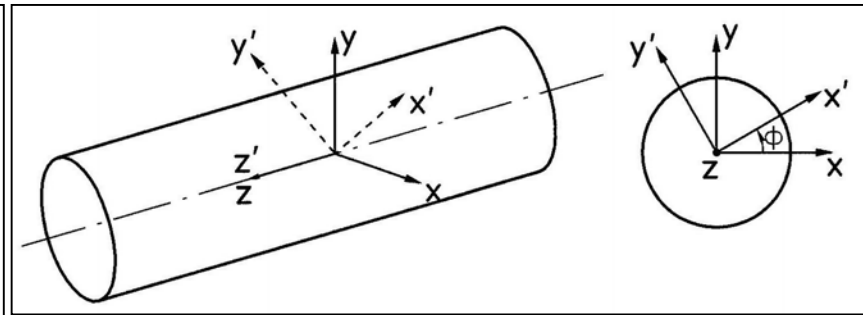
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$$\Delta\lambda_B = 2 \left(n_{eff} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \varepsilon} + \Lambda \frac{\partial n_{eff}}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) \Delta\varepsilon + 2 \left(n_{eff} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial T} + \Lambda \frac{\partial n_{eff}}{\partial T} \right) \Delta T$$

For a random orientation of the polarisation directions:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta n_{x,slow}' = -\frac{n_{x,slow}^2}{2E} (P_1' \sigma_1 + P_2' \sigma_2 + P_2 \sigma_3) \\ \Delta n_{y,fast}' = -\frac{n_{y,fast}^2}{2E} (P_2' \sigma_1 + P_1' \sigma_2 + P_2 \sigma_3) \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} P_1' = P_1 \cos(\phi)^2 + P_2 \sin(\phi)^2 \\ P_2' = P_1 \sin(\phi)^2 + P_2 \cos(\phi)^2 \end{cases}$$

Sensitivity to a more-dimensional stress-field(4/6)

Bragg peak shift due to a random stress field

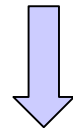
The Bragg-condition for an isothermal condition ($\Delta T = 0$):

$$\lambda_B([\sigma]) = 2n_{eff}([\sigma]) * \Lambda([\sigma])$$

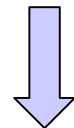
$$\begin{aligned} [\sigma] &= [\sigma_1 \ \sigma_2 \ \sigma_3]^T \\ [\sigma] &= [\sigma_0] + [\Delta\sigma] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma]) = 2n_{eff}([\sigma_0]) * \left(\frac{\partial\Lambda([\Delta\sigma])}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right) + 2\Lambda([\sigma_0]) * \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right)$$

Substitution



$$2n_{eff}([\sigma_0]) = \frac{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])}$$



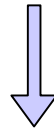
$$2\Lambda([\sigma_0]) = \frac{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} = \left(\frac{\partial\Lambda([\Delta\sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right) + \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right)$$

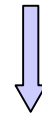
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Bragg peak shift due to a random stress field

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda_B([\Delta\sigma])}{\lambda_B([\sigma_0])} = \left(\frac{\partial\Lambda([\Delta\sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right) + \left(\frac{\partial n_{eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{n_{eff}([\sigma_0])} \frac{1}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i \right)$$



$$\partial\Delta\varepsilon_3 = \frac{\partial\Lambda([\Delta\sigma])}{\Lambda([\sigma_0])}$$



(Eq 3.)

$$\frac{\partial\Delta n_{x,eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{n_{x,eff}([\sigma_0])} = -\frac{n_{x,eff}^2}{2E} \partial(P_1\Delta\sigma_1 + P_2\Delta\sigma_2 + P_2\Delta\sigma_3)$$

$$\frac{\partial\Delta n_{y,eff}([\Delta\sigma])}{n_{y,eff}([\sigma_0])} = -\frac{n_{y,eff}^2}{2E} \partial(P_1\Delta\sigma_1 + P_2\Delta\sigma_2 + P_2\Delta\sigma_3)$$

$$\frac{\partial\Delta\varepsilon_3}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i = \frac{\partial\left(-\frac{\nu}{E}\Delta\sigma_1 - \frac{\nu}{E}\Delta\sigma_2 + \frac{1}{E}\Delta\sigma_3\right)}{\partial\Delta\sigma_i} \Delta\sigma_i$$

$$= -\frac{\nu}{E}\Delta\sigma_1 - \frac{\nu}{E}\Delta\sigma_2 + \frac{1}{E}\Delta\sigma_3$$