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Wave-based resonant MICROSENSORS for environmental applications

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Towards Multi-disciplinary Multi-technology Smart and Sustainable systems Yves Ousten, Professor (C.Dejous, 2011-2017)

MIM : Materials, Interactions, Micro-waves (F.Demontoux, Prof.) MDA : Acoustic wave-based Detection Microsystems (D.Rebière, Prof.) EDMiNA : Evaluation of Micro- Nano- Assembled Devices (L.Bechou, Prof.)

A2M, Spin-off on Non-Destructive Material Micro-wave Characterization (G.Ruffié) OpERaS, Technological platform for Electro-Optical Characterizations (L.Bechou)

Strategic topics

- Microdevices for Optics / Photonics
- Connected Multi-technology Microsensors
- Wireless solutions for micro-energy



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Towards Multi-disciplinary Multi-technology Smart and Sustainable systems

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From Materials to Devices

MIM, Materials, Interactions, Micro-waves

- Interactions electromagnetic waves (CW to mm-wave) / materials
- Natural materials : wireless active / passive detection
- Structured materials with specific properties: photonic crystal, metamaterials, radar stealth (furtivity) ...



- MDA, Acoustic wave-based Detection Microsystems
 - Resonant devices microsensors, prototypes
 - Using of innovative sensitive materials

Wave propagation in devices, dynamical interaction phenomena with solid, liquid, gaseous medium

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Matériaux Interactions Micro-Ondes





- **EDMiNA**, Evaluation of Micro- Nano- Assembled Devices
 - Influence on microelectronic / photonic devices :
 - Integration of newmaterials
 - Assembly, interconnection
 - Influence of environmental conditions Reliability

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Towards Multi-disciplinary Multi-technology Smart and Sustainable systems

From Materials to Devices... Pluri- Inter-Disciplinarity

Multiphysic Modeling Integration Characterisation Sustainability Application Microwaves-Materials (A2M Spin-Off)

 Innovative transduction (acoustical, optical, high frequency)
 Interface Characterisation
 High resolution Electrical / Optical Characterisation

 Reliability

Micro- Nano-Assembled Sensors and Devices

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Heterogeous Integration

 Prototyping
 Evaluation of performances,

 Tests in controlled environment

 Data treatment / inversion

Multi-technology Smart and Sustainable Systems

Materials for High Frequencies and Photonics

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https://www.ims-bordeaux.fr - Research – Research groups - WAVES

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Philosophy in agreement with IMS scientific strategy

Four Major Research Projects since 2015

- Two combined paradigms: Interdiscipinarity & Partnership
- The Group is involved into the 4 Major Research Projects at IMS



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Chemical sensor market

2014-2021 gas sensors forecast - In US\$ million value

(Source: Gas Sensor Technology and Market Report, February 2016, Yole Développement)



Yole Développement, February 2016, http://www.yole.fr/iso_album/illus_gassensors_forecast_yole_feb2016.jpg





Sensors for healthcare

MIMICKING THE 5 SENSES AND MORE

(Source: Sensors for Wearable Electronics & Mobile Healthcare, Yole Développement, June 2015)



Medical microsystems roadmap

Global miniaturization roadmap



Yole Développement, 2013, www.i-micronews.com/images/Reports/MedTech/Images_reports/Global_miniaturation_roadmap.jpg







Chemical sensor and Energy

New MEMS challenges! Power consumption is becoming a major trend

(Source: Status of the MEMS Industry report, Yole Développement, to be released Q2, 2016)



Yole Développement, March 2016, http://www.yole.fr/iso_album/illus_memsvirtuouscycle_yole_march2016_2.jpg





Issues of chemical detection

System dedicated to an application or a specific compound?

Test cost?

Measuring time?

Duration of phase calibration?

Frequency of maintenance periods?

Sensitive elements form disposable? (typical case for a biomedical application)

Major, minor or trace compound?

Staff qualification (to perform the measurement)?





Trend: a wide variety



Smart (bio)chemical Sensor







Chemical and biological fields





Ultrasensitive Acoustic & Electromagnetic & Optical transducers : Application for gas and bio sensing



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Acoustic wave transducers

Acoustic or elastic wave: mechanical displacement Generation by piezoelectric effect

Bulk wave transducer (QCM : quartz microbalance)

Surface wave transducer

Motion

Motion

Planar device: collective fabrication

Energy near the surface: sensitivity





SAW Delay Line

Piezoelectric effect

- Acoustic wave propagation using IDTs (Inter Digital Transducers)
- Wave perturbation induces
 - Phase velocity variation
 - Attenuation (Insertion Loss)
- Design Modeling
 - Wave propagation
 - Interaction mechanisms







Love waves delay lines



- Oriented substrate + IDT electrodes: TH waves iquid
- Guiding layer: energy confinement
- sensitivity
- Sensitive layer: amplification, specificity





Sensitivity to mass effect





Theoretical results

Choice and characterization of the guiding material







FEM* Simulation

* Finite Element Method COMSOL Multiphysics

- Collaboration IRD Guyane France (O. Tamarin)
- Toolbox 'Piezoelectric devices'

Inhomogeneous materials such as nanostructured thin films



Couche sensible Guidante Substrat Meshing 'Free tetrahedral', Size 'Normal'

R. Djoumer – Master Thesis - 2012



Meshing 'Free triangular', Size 'Extrafine'



FEM Simulation

- Parametric study, effect of SiO₂ thickness (h) of a structure without any sensitive film
- Gain max: h = 4μm
- Phase velocity decreases from 4900m/s downto 4450m/s with h in the range [2.5µm – 7 µm]





Towards Love-waves devices



- 1. Piezoelectric substrate: AT cut (0°,121.5°,90°)
 - Shear Horizontal polarization
 - > Working in liquid medium
- 2. Interdigital transducers (IDTs) (λ =40 μ m, Lcc=8.4 mm, e=200nm)
- 3. SiO_2 guiding layer (4µm, PECVD)
 - > Trapping Energy \rightarrow near free surface:
 - attractive way for sensing applications





Technology achievements



Delay lines : • Rayleigh waves (SAW)

- SH-APM
- Love waves

Love wave devices : Quartz cut AT, λ =40µm, Électrodes : Al, Ti/Au Guiding layer SiO₂, 4,6 µm









SAW delay-line devices



Quartz substrate: AT-cut Wavelength λ = 40 µm Synchronous frequency f ≈ 117 MHz





From the delay line to the oscillator

Transmission response characterization of a delay line using a network analyzer







Test cell designed and realized according to the one proposed by F.Josse et R.Cernosek, Sandia Labs

Electrical characterizations

using Network Analyser



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S₂₁ (magnitude & phase) LOVE Wave delay line

- f₀ = 117 MHz
- Insertion Loss: 25 dB
- Delay: 1.542µs

 $V_{\text{phase velocity}} \approx 4300 \text{m.s}^{-1}$





Read-out electronics









Direct Digital Synthesizer (DDS)



✓ Arduino-based read-out
 ✓ Communicating object (Ethernet)
 ✓ Sensor network ability





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Acoustic sensors:

various applications

Gas sensors

- **CO**, CO₂, NO, NO₂, ...
- Volatile organic compounds, organophosphorus & organosulfur, ...
- Electronic noses
 - **Gas mixture, odors, ...**
- Liquid sensors
 - Viscosity meter, conductivity meter, organic compounds, ...
- Biosensors

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- Bacteria, viruses, toxins, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ...
- Thin film & complex fluid characterization

Sensitive coating

- Material
- Deposition method
- **Structuration**
- Result
 - Sensitivity
 - Selectivity
 - **C** Reversibility
 - Response time
 - **C** Recovery time
 - Reproducibility, Reliability





Technological facilities (TAMIS)



- Clean room class 10 000 (hood 100)
- Thin films microprocessing: spin-coater, spray-coater, Graphtec, mask aligner, hotplates, wet etching of photoresist
- Thick films processing
 screen printers, ovens, inks formulation
- Wire-bonding assembly ball-bonder, wedge-bonder, flip-chip
- AQUITAINE
- **Films and devices characterization:** profilers, AFM, SEM, vibrometer, gain/phase analyzer, network analyzer...
- Soft lithography
- Mechanical micro-fabrication
- Partnerships



➔ Device customization




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Sensitive materials : polymers

Molecular interactions

van der Waals' s forces - Non specifics
 Low energy

• Hydrogen bondings - *specifics*



Intermediate energy level (40 kJ) A preference for good reversibility & selectivity

Low glass transition temperature (T_G)

For a fast diffusion of species in the polymer

Selection tool : solubility energy linear relation Determination of partition coefficients polymer/gas (K) Abraham' s method - LSER





Interaction sensitive layer /gas



Thermodynamic equilibrium partition coefficient

$$K = C_s / C_v$$

Molecules sorbed in the polymer mass effect, rigidity, viscosity, ...

K function of:

- polymer
- nature of gaseous compound
- temperature

Sensitivity to the vapor A : high value of K_A Selectivity with respect to the compound B : $K_A > K_B$







Interest of Polysiloxanes



Ability to interact with compounds acceptors of hydrogen bonds (bases)

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		polarisability	polarity	basicity	acidity	dispersion
	C	r	S	۵	b	l
PHG	-0,331	-0,979	0,774	1,324	4,269	0,810
PMHS	-0,077	0,139	0,203	1,025	-0,469	0,846
PLG	-0,296	-1,161	1,325	0,971	4,785	0,674
MTFPS	-0,328	-0,757	1,443	0,112	1,221	0,721
PCPMS	-0,258	0,167	1,480	1,997	0,694	0,674

PLG: Polymethylhydrosiloxane grafting of hexafluorodimethylcarbinol (C(CF3)2OH) : fluorinated linear polymer

A good candidate for the detection of organophosphates

Log K	PMHS	PLG	PHG	PMTFPS	PCPMS
Toluène	2,882	2,659	2,813	2,592	3,675
H ₂ O	0,910	2,650	2,808	1,0280	2,631
DMMP	3,107	7,105	6,775	4,559	4,600

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Works achieved by Thales TRT (formerly Thomson, LCR)

Sensitive layer-gas interaction



Polymer deposition by spray







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Vapor Detection (GB)



f₀ = 109 MHz, SAW Rayleigh wave, Sensitive coating:

- Grafted Polysiloxane PLG, $\Delta f_0 = 138 \text{ kHz}$
 - → emphasize hydrogen interactions (sensitivity / reversibility)
 - → low glass-transition temperature (diffusion @ ambient T°C)













- Initial solution : Surfactant (CTBA) + soluble silica + H₂O + EtOH
- Mesostructure: depends on the sol-gel chemistry (nature of the compound, experimental conditions: Humidity, Temperature)





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Mesoporous sensitive layer

- CTAB/silica = 0.14
- 2 nm mesopores periodic organization
- Thickness : 50 500 nm





TEM pictures

- High apparent surface (>700 m²/cm³)
- High volume porosity (0.5 cm³/cm³)







High temperature SAW Platform using LGS Harsh environmental applications



SAW delay-line on LGS

- Mesoporous sensitive film
 - ✓ Mesoporous : 2 50 nm
 - ✓ Sol-gel technique, spin or dip-coating
 - ✓ Stability: thermal, mechanical, chemical ...
 - ✓ High specific surface : 10 1000 m²/g





PhD G. Tortissier 2009



- Stainless steel shell
- Inlet/Outlet integrated cover for safe gas detection
 - PCB-SMA RF connector







Mesoporous sensitive layer







Sensitivity to humidity



Solvant and monomers discrimination







Solvant and monomers discrimination Û -20 **Nonpolar molecules** -40 -60 -80 -101 -101 -120 Polar molecules -140 ♦ toluene styrene -160 🛦 butyl acetate -180 🖕 butyl acrylate -200 200 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 D 400 600 800 1000 gas concentration (ppb)

Polar & Non polar molecules separation in real time

Future : specificity by functionalization of the pores







SAW transducers: Gas sensing with carbon-based materials

Evaluation of the Love wave sensor: Humidity detection

Comparison of Graphene Oxide based-devices (Lamb sensor in Xuan W. *et al* study) with similar conditions under Relative





•	Sensitivity

++ Low RH% !



SAW transducers: Gas sensing with carbon-based materials Evaluation of the GO-LW: Ethanol as OCV

Comparison of Graphene Oxide with alternative functional materials under C₂H₆O vapors



Mesoporous thin film characterization





Kinetics – Monitoring of menthol evaporation



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Acoustic Waves & Microfluidic Interest of both...



Weibel, D. B. et al. - Anal. Chem. 77, 4726–4733 (2005).

- Microfluidic
 - **C** Small volumes
 - Parallelization

- Acoustic platform
 - High sensitivity
 - Microelectronic fabrication process





PDMS Microfluidic chip



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- Isolates transducers
- Decreases liquid volume (< µL)</p>
- Limits acoustic losses
- Minimizes acoustic reflections
- □ Low cost and green technology





Hydrostatic configuration



Hydrodynamic configuration

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Biological Micro organisms detection



Biological Micro organisms detection

- Toxins (shellfish Quality)
 Image: Second Secon
- Bacteria Escherichia Coli



Heavy metals







Cancer biomarkers : nucleosides







Target species

Bacteria

Unicellular micro-organismes, 1 à 5 mm Simple structure with no nucleus Self-reproduction by cell division ex. : coliforms, streptococci, bacilli

Virus

Intracellular parasitic micro-organisms, 20 to 300 nm Bacteriophage : virus infecting bacteria

Virus

Small molecules

Hormones, toxins, proteins, ... Mass 1/1000 à 1 that of an antibody

10 nm 17

<u>Antibody</u>

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Bacteriophage

μm







Current methods of biosensing

Physico-chemical : extraction, separation, detection
 long, expensive, low sampling

- Immunological : antigen antibody reaction
 - Antigen
 - immunogenic
 - antigenic
 - Antibody (Immunoglobulin, IgG)
 - synthesized by the immune system
 - specific antibody-antigen binding, neutralization
 - Generic shape: fixed part, variable ends













Acoustic wave device





Surface Functionalization











Biofunctionalization Bioreceptive antibodies Saturating agent





Application to detection of bacteria Evaluation of characteristics

• Specificity



- Repeatability
- Duration of detection
 - Total duration: 3h
 - Significant duration : 1h
- Detection threshold



Estimated at 10⁶ bactéries/mL

Controls :

- 1 : Without bacteria
- 2 : Nonspecific antibody
- 3 : Nonspecific bacteria



Application : Heavy metals

Whole cell-based biosensor

I.Gammoudi, L.Blanc - Collaboration 2011

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((PAH-PSS)3-PAH) + E.Coli

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ΔF(Hz) PAH, Ecoli Figure 3-A ∆F(Hz) PAH Cadmium detection PSS, Cd2+(>10-3 M) PAH Cd2+(10-3 M) Cd2+(10-6M) -2000 PSS. -20000-PAH Cd2+(10-9M 6.0 um 45 3.0 Cd2+(10-12 M E.coli -4000 -40000--6000 9000 3000 6000 0 2000 3000 t(seconds) t(seconds) 1000 Cd²⁺ detection Trapping of *E. coli* bacteria 4.8 jam

10/mx

LMTA

- Perturbation of viscoelastic properties due to modifications of bacterial metabolism
 - Detection threshold lower than 10⁻¹² M (Cd, Hg)

Cancer Biomarkers detection (nucleosides)

- Molecularly Imprinted Polymer (MIP)
 - Thin film, Spin-coated
 - Compatible with acoustic propagation
- Thin film characterization
 - Profilometry, SEM
 - Sensor response to vapor sorption (toluene, ethanol)
- Target species detection
 - Static tests
 - Dynamic with microfluidic handling
- Adaptation to various target biomarkers











SEM pictures : MIP layer morphology Thickness layer : 500 nm to 1µm


Now and then...

- Detection applications
- Mechanical characterization of the medium at the near interface
- A new issue... as a realistic way for *in vitro* assays



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Ultrasensitive Resonant Transducers : Application for gas and bio sensing



CArbon and Microwave-based Ultrasensitive gas Sensors (CAMUS)

Electromagnetic Sensing Principle



Advantages

Carbon materials

- High sensitivity
- Totally integrated
- Room temperature

Inkjet Printing Technologies

- Low cost
- Planar circuits

Microwave Resonator device •Differential detection •Wireless Communication •Autonomy (Passive) •Network of sensors & Easy integration for IoT applications



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Realization & Electrical characterization





-REF S21 D2 (dB)

•••• SENS S21 D2 (dB)



Experimental setup for detection of Ethanol & toluene vapors



✓ Dedicated low cost characterization cell (FR4-based) concentration range : 100-2000 ppm ethanol, 100-1200 ppm toluene

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ms

Real-time characterization with ethanol



Frequency range 2 to 4 GHz: shift of the operating frequence (S21)





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Sensitivity to with ethanol



Polymer optical microring resonator (OMR) Application for environmental detection

Metal ions sensor integrating polymeric optical microresonator (OMR) and digital microfluidics (EWOD*) for environmental applications



Polymer optical microring resonator (OMR) Application for environmental detection

ElectroWetting On Dielectric (EWOD)

ITO Glass

Drop

Top Plate

Bottom plate

Optical Microring Resonator (OMR)

✓ On glass ✓ Visible domain

PhD F.Meziane, 2016 PhD M.Diez Garcia, on-going



Input port SU-8 ring resonator Drop port 0009 10KU X2,200 10Pm WD16 Coll. LAAS-CNRS, Tecnalia Research & Innovation, Spain Bordeaux IN ENSEIRB



Driving Electrodes

Insulator

Glass

Laver





Prospects – a "Graal" ?

Integration of wireless sensor network in communicating systems and Internet of Things (IoT) applications



Conclusion, perspectives

RF Interrogation

Resonant Wave-based Microsensors

- Acoustic, Electromagnetic, Photonic
- ...Sustainable Devices and Systems
- Solution for Micro-energy
 - Wireless implant communication
 - Energy harvesting
- Environment and Health-related Applications



Sensor, Drug Delivery Device, ... Transponder

DC output Energy storage

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Work leaded by S.Hemour, LabEx AMADEus Bordeaux



Self-powered implantable chip

Conclusion



- An interdisciplinary approach, A versatile platform
- Trends: "green" materials and technologies, for sustainable environment and environmental health







IMS Bordeaux and Sensors

Sensors... circuits and instrumentation, Students welcome !

Sensor-related scientific communities





Bordeaux Electrical Engineering IEEE Student Branch





environment advanced network healthwave iot gas healthwave iot gas fem acoustic material love sensor surface by the sensor surface sow electromagnetic interaction photonic simulation inter

nanomaterial

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