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Landscape of Emerging Technologies in Thermometry

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#### (Temperature )Sensing is Pervasive



Manufacturing



**Energy Production** 





#### Petro-chemicals and pharmaceuticals

http://www.nbkls.com/the-emergence-of-injection-molding-in-plastic-industry.html http://www.global-greenhouse-warming.com/biodiesel-from-algae.html

#### **Armed Services**

http://www.recallwarning.com/actos-warning.html http://someinterestingfacts.net/how-big-is-an-aircraft-carrier/ From a metrology perspective there are three key technologies that presents challenges and opportunities in the coming years:

- (nano)photonics and Quantum Technologies
- Additive Manufacturing
- AI or deep machine learning





## All Roads Lead to Disruption



We see three pressure points in the metrology ecosystem that one could use to bring disruptive change:

Photonics/Quantum – Transitioning from electrons to photons
(Deep) Machine Learning – Eliminate the "Phd-in-the-loop"
Additive manufacturing – shortening the innovation to consumption gap

(nano)Photonics

# How would you build a photonic thermometer

- Gas phase refractivity-based measurements
- Doppler Broadening measurements
- Light scattering-based measurements
- Solid-phase refractivity-based measurements
- Optomechanics-based measurements







## Optical thermometer based on gas refractive index





- Cavity enhanced refractometer
- Developed for Pressure metrology
  - Nearing commercialization
  - Relies on telecom COTS techonology
- Expected Uncertainty: 1-10 mK
- Advantages:
  - Thermodynamic Temperature
    - Traceable to frequency and pressure
  - Cross-platform utility
    - Pressure and dimensional metrology
- Disadvantages:
  - Centimeter scale footprint
  - Temperature < 150 °C (mirror coatings)</li>
  - Working gas is susceptible to chemical contamination
- ETA: 3-5 years

## **On-Chip Doppler Broadening Thermometer**





- Molecular spectroscopy-based Quantum SI realization
- Builds on history of free space DBT work
- Expected Uncertainty: 0.1 mK 100 mK
- Advantages:
  - Thermodynamic Temperature
  - Small chip scale footprint
- Disadvantages:
  - Uncertainties likely to be in the 100 ppm
  - Susceptible to magnetic fields
- ETA: 5 years

# Light Scattering Based Thermometry



- Spectroscopic measurement
- Developed for Pressure metrology
  - Nearing commercialization
  - Relies on telecom COTS techonology
- Expected Uncertainty: 0.01 K 10 K
- Advantages:
  - Spatial range covers several orders of magnitude (cm to km)
  - Suitable for static and dynamic measurements
  - Resistant to ionizing radiation and chemical corrosion
  - Thermodynamic Temperature
- Disadvantages:
  - Lower accuracy compared to most common temperature sensors
  - Susceptible to strain
  - Expensive and complex detection system
- ETA: available in some form

# Fiber Optic based Thermometry



- Refractive index-based temperature transduction to frequency
- Expected Uncertainty: 100 mK 500 mK
- Advantages:
  - Packaging can be made compatible with existing infrastructure
  - Point source-like temperature sensor
  - Multipoint sensing capability
  - Widely in use in telecom and sensor community
  - Large temperature range (100 K -1500 K)
  - ITS-90 Temperature
- Disadvantages:
  - Thermal hysteresis, long-term drift not well understood
  - Susceptible to ionizing radiation
  - Cross-sensitivity to stress and moisture
  - Large footprint (millimeter scale)
- ETA: on-market

## What's holding back fiber thermometry?

Metrology specific understanding of device performance is *lacking* 

- What's the uncertainty budget?
  - Over what temperature range?
- What is the <u>source</u> of uncertainty?
- Are these devices interchangeable?
- How stable are they?
- What's the measurement repeatability?





Silicon Bragg thermometer, compared to FBG sensor:

- ≈8x greater temperature sensitivity
- 50X smaller footprint
- impervious to moisture

Uncertainty =  $1.25 \degree C (k = 2)$ 

• driven by uncertainty in peak center measurement.



Optical ring resonators exhibit a periodic notch-filter like response where the resonant wavelength shows a temperature-dependent shift in frequency

$$\lambda = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial n}{\partial T} \right) + n \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{ng} \right) \right\} * (\Delta T * \lambda_{m})$$





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#### Si Photonic Thermometry Continues to Improve



Continuous measurement over extended temperature range from room up to indium melting point temperature have been achieved

Long-term stability measured in WTP is less than 0.5 mK



#### Devil's in the details



Packaging of the device and materials used in it, matter!



Mode interchangeability



Device interchangeability

#### We Shall Overcome These Problems:

#### Because very smart people are taking a hard look at these problems



# Quantum and Quantum-inspired Technologies

#### **Opto-mechanical Thermometry**



- Quantum realization of temperature
- Expected Uncertainty: 1 K
- Advantages:
  - On-Chip Thermodynamic temperature
  - Integrate-able with on-chip photonic thermometer
  - Easy integration into QIS
  - Unknown, unknowns
- Disadvantages:
  - Early stage of research
  - Current uncertainties on the order of few percent
  - Long-term device performance unknown
  - Unknown unknowns
- Bath engineering, new materials,
   longer wavelengths could be key to
   new breakthroughs
- ETA: 5+ years

# **Tunnel Junction shot noise thermometer**

- Primary Thermometer
  - 0.1% accuracy at 1 K
  - Relies on electron charge, Boltzmann's constant, and assumption that electrons in a metal obey Fermi-Dirac statistics
  - Demonstrated range: 10 mK to 300 K



# NV Diamond Thermometry





Scientific Reports ,10, Article # 2483 (2020) Nature Communications, 10, Article # 1344 (2019)

- Spectroscopy based
- Expected Uncertainty: 10 mK 100 mK
- Advantages:
  - Nanometer spatial resolution
  - Wide temperature range 100 K-973 K
  - COTS components
  - QIS technology
  - Fiber-coupled devices have been demonstrated
- Disadvantages:
  - Relatively high uncertainties
  - Susceptible to environmental variables e.g:
    - Electric and Magnetic fields
    - Humidity
    - Local strain
    - Spin-spin interaction

Machine Learning (the completely speculative part of the talk)

## Machine Learning and thermometry



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Potential areas of impact:

- Discovery of new materials
- Calibration-by-crowd sourcing
- Calibration over network of sensor
- Developing complex, physics-based models for novel sensors



How do we bring the rigor of metrology to emerging technologies? How good are these devices? What are they good for? What would an interpolation model look like? Is interchangeability possible with these devices? What does temperature mean at the nanoscale?

*How do we communicate in a cross disciplinary field?* Temperature, frequency, photonics, communication, ML

How do we train the metrology workforce?

The next generation of temperature metrology experts will need to freely move amongst all these different technologies