Future of Chip-Scaled Radiation Dosimetry

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Depth-dose distribution of electrons

Monte Carlo simulations of electron beams on 2 mm graphite wafer Fred Bateman, NIST

Photonic sensors

NIST-on-a-Chip: Collaborative project on photonic dosimetry between **Radiation Physics** and **Sensor Science** Divisions

Telecom revolution made the underlying technology (lasers, detectors and fiber optics) easily available Photonic sensors can be used to measure **strain**, **temperature** and **humidity** changes

in concrete using sensors

• Photonics is concerned with the generation, transmission, modulation and detection of light.

Photonics as radiation sensors

- Vastly extend NIST-traceable radiation dosimetry
 - 1000x improved spatial resolution
 - Ionizing radiation of different energies
 - Highly non-uniform radiation fields
- Developing a high-precision photonic nano-sensor platform
 - Thermal response can be used for calorimetry
 - Accumulated point defects can be used for dosimetry

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Radiation Hardness of Fiber Bragg Gratings

• The impact of the temperature response after γ-ray exposure on FBG:

- Exposures of up to 600 kGy result in complex dose-dependent drift in Bragg wavelength
 - Inflates the uncertainty in temperature measurements

Manuscript submitted to NCSL International

• The impact of the temperature response after γ-ray exposure on FBG:

- The temperature sensitivity is not impacted by the integrated dose
 - Suggests devices could be used to measure relative changes in temperature
- 11 pm/K

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Alanine dosimetry

Dose calibration and lateral profile of a 1.8 MeV electron beam at the measurement location for the photonic sensor

■ 2.5-3.0 ■ 3.0-3.5 ■ 3.5-4.0 ■ 4.0-4.5 ■ 4.5-5.0 kGy

Live calorimetry testing of fiber Bragg grating

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~ 10 pm / °C

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Goal: Micro-Scale Calorimetry

- Photonic thermometer embedded in a radiationresistant substrate
- Calibration in electron beams at all energies used in industry
- Field-deployable chip-scale dosimeters
- microbeam therapy
- microelectronics
- cellular dosimetry

Challenges: micro-scale calorimetry

- Radiation resistance of sensors
 - Nanofab controls material doping
 - All materials are radiation resistant
 - Calorimetry and integrated dose
 - Reproducible damage could act as a dosimeter
 - Temperature to dose
 - Monte Carlo modeling and scaling
 - Multiplexing
 - Independently measure temperature from 1000s of sensors in a large array

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