

Technology Overview of Distributed Pressure and Temperature Sensing with Fiber Bragg Grating Technology



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1 Introduction

Smart Fibres Ltd, established in 1998, is a United Kingdom developer and manufacture of monitoring systems based on fiber Bragg grating (FBG) sensors. Since 2003, the Company has been focussing its efforts on developing low-cost, high-performance FBG systems for temporary or permanent distributed pressure and temperature sensing (DPTS) in hydrocarbon wells.

Such permanent DPTS measurements are becoming key to the upstream E&P sector for enabling improved reservoir management, production optimisation and increased total recovery of hydrocarbon reserves.

This document provides an overview of the DPTS market needs, the FBG sensing technology, current and future DPTS products, and other E&P related product developments.

2 The Need for DPTS Measurements

Smart Fibres first developed a capability for making optical pressure measurements in 2000 and released our first pressure transducer which measured the deformation of a pressure sensitive diaphragm using FBGs. The pressure transducer found application in various industries including aerospace, nuclear and marine. In 2003, the Company was approached by Shell International Exploration and Production who identified that there was a growing requirement for DPTS measurements in hydrocarbon wells, that existing electrical sensor technologies were not fit for purpose, and that emerging optical sensor technologies were prohibitively expensive.

In the five years that followed, Smart Fibres, with the steer and support of Shell, concentrated on developing the pressure transducer technology to suit the demanding environmental requirements of upstream E&P applications. Keys to success were maintaining a design that was suited to multi-drop deployment from a single cable, and that was sufficiently low in cost to make it affordable in relatively low value wells.

In 2007, Smart Fibres commissioned a market assessment to identify key challenges and unmet needs for downhole pressure and temperature measurements in the upstream oil & gas industry. This assessment reported the following findings:

- That key drivers for improved downhole pressure measurements included:
 - Production optimisation and reservoir management. Monitoring pressure facilitates for improved recovery, optimized well performance and enhanced control of different zones of the well. Knowing the level of oil in a zone through pressure monitoring can prevent pump failure. Large, deep, very hot reservoirs (including subsea) require precision measurement.
 - Move toward intelligent well and reservoir optimization; and interest in continuous, permanent monitoring. Petroleum engineers are able to identify, diagnose and act in order to mitigate any production failures and reach total production and reservoir management.
 - Optimized system operation & health/efficiency of pump equipment. Downhole pressure information, along with reservoir and production data, can enable production engineers to optimize system operation (e.g. design of the pumping unit), and the health and efficiency of pump equipment and operations.
- That key challenges and unmet needs for downhole pressure measurements included:
 - Difficulty in measuring pressure in multi zone wells
 - Difficulties in achieving an effective distributed pressure sensing system
 - Need for real-time pressure information
 - Sensing in deep, high pressure/temperature wells
 - Multi point measurements in multilateral wells
 - Long term performance with proven record of success
- That the total available market for low-cost DPTS systems would grow at a rate approaching 20 % per annum, to become multi-billion dollar in value.

Encouraged by these findings, Smart Fibres sharpened its focus and continues to invest the majority of its product development resources in the upstream oil & gas market, culminating in the development of SmartPort. SmartPort is a low profile $\frac{3}{4}$ " fibre optic P/T gauge. Pressure is communicated via a small pressure port on the gauge body to

SmartPort's novel internal optical sensing mechanism where pressure and temperature measurements are made using two fibre Bragg grating sensors. SmartPort can be deployed to measure pressure and temperature of both the downhole annulus and the tubing when combined with a gauge mandrel. The technology today is able to measure in downhole environments up to 200 °C and 15,000 psi.

Under a collaborative project between Smart Fibres, Shell and Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), a DPTS system was developed, trialled and commercialised in PDO to track changes in the oil rim level and thickness. More information is provided at <u>Annex 1</u>.

3 Technology Overview

3.1 The Fibre Bragg Grating Sensor

A fiber Bragg grating is a sensor written into a standard single-mode optical fiber by irradiating the core with UV light. The UV radiation slightly raises the core refractive index and, by using two interfering coherent UV beams, the core refractive index can be made to vary periodically along the length of the FBG region.



Figure I - Recording of a Fiber Bragg Grating

The result is a wavelength selective mirror, from which maximum reflectivity occurs at the so-called Bragg wavelength λ_{B} , given by:

 $\lambda_B = 2n_{eff} \Lambda$

where n_{eff} is the effective refractive index of the mode propagating in the fiber and Λ is the FBG period.

The reflected wavelength λ_B is affected by two principal mechanisms:

- Changes in strain on the fiber which alters the period, Λ
- Changes in temperature which alter the refractive index, n_{eff}

Importantly, these two mechanisms are independent, meaning that the FBG can be used to make temperature measurements by isolating the fiber from strain, and temperature compensated strain measurements can be made with knowledge of the temperature, often conveniently derived from a second, strain-isolated FBG.

3.2 The SmartPort downhole FBG Pressure Transducer

SmartPort is a sensor containing two FBGs. Referring to Figure II, the first (P_{FBG}) is attached to the underside of a diaphragm which is exposed to hydrostatic pressure, and the second (T_{FBG}) is attached to an internal element which is free to expand, isolated from the effects of pressure.

The Bragg wavelength of P_{FBG} is affected by changes in pressure and temperature, whilst the Bragg wavelength of T_{FBG} is affected by changes in temperature alone. In this way, the sensor is able to measure both pressure and temperature independently.



Figure II - SmartPort Diagram

3.3 A Multiplexed FBG Sensing System

To use an FBG as a sensor, it must be illuminated by a light source and the Bragg wavelength reflected from the FBG must be measured. As shown in Figure III, multiple sensors can be incorporated on the same fiber (1) by using a different λ_B for each. The instrument (2) which illuminates the fiber and measured the Bragg wavelengths is often called an FBG interrogator. Typically, the FBG interrogator uses a narrowband laser source which is tuned across a broad waveband in which the FBGs reside. Then, by recording the intensity of the reflected light across this broad waveband, a spectrum of the FBGs can be built up and the Bragg wavelength of each sensor on the fiber can be determined. Once the FBG interrogator has determined the Bragg wavelengths, they are passed to a computer where they are converted into the measurands of interest, and then further processed or reduced according to the requirements of the application.



Figure III - Diagram showing an FBG measurement system comprising: 1) optical fibers, each containing multiple FBGs, 2) a FBG interrogator for illuminating the fibers and measuring the reflected Bragg wavelengths and 3) a computer for processing the measured wavelength into measurands of interest

3.4 A typical DPTS system

Figure IV depicts a typical DPTS monitoring system. Numerous P/T gauges (1) are connected together to form a multi-point measurement string across the reservoir section of interest.



Figure IV - A typical DPTS system comprising: 1) numerous P/T gauges, 2) fiberoptic downhole cable, 3) Topside instrumentation

This string could be, for instance

- Vertical through the oil rim so as to detect fluid interface levels as per the <u>Annex 1</u> reference
- Horizontal across a multi-zone producing section, with a P/T gauge in each zone separated by zonal isolation
- Either side of a pump or other flow control device so as to monitor the efficacy of the device

The string is connected to the topside via a downhole fiberoptic cable (2). Such cable is standard oilfield equipment, having been developed and widely deployed for communication to downhole equipment and for distributed temperature sensing.

Surface instrumentation (3) is located on the topside, and comprises an FBG interrogator, surface computer and means of remote data communication. In the case of a low-value land well, the surface instrumentation could be pole mounted. In the case of a subsea well, the surface instrumentation would be located on the platform or FPSO.

3.5 Technology Benefits

The key technology benefits that the optical DPTS system provides over conventional, electronic gauges are as follows:

- No Downhole Electronics
 - Conventional electronic permanent downhole gauges have extremely limited operating lifetimes at the elevated temperatures seen in wells. Optical sensors, by contrast, have no significant ageing characteristics that are accelerated by temperature, such that mean times before failure of many years can be expected.
 - For deep wells, and heavy oil wells where thermal recovery techniques are employed, temperatures can far exceed the operational limits of electronic sensors. Optical sensors have a much higher maximum operating temperature. Smart Fibres' current SmartPort PT gauge is currently qualified for use at 392 °F / 200 °C. A UHT SmartPort variant scheduled for release in 2017 will be qualified for use at 600 °F / 316 °C.
- Zero Electrical Power in Fiber
 - The absence of electrical power in the fiber, and the limited optical power used for measurement means that a FBG measurement system can be classified as inherently safe for use in Zone 0 applications.
 - Also, the measurement system is completely immune to the electromagnetic interference caused by electrical submersible pumps and other equipment.
- Long Reach
 - The high dynamic range of Smart Fibres instrumentation and the very small signal attenuation of light in a fiber mean that very long reach measurements can be made without the need for signal amplification. Therefore, the sensors can be located in the harsh environment to be measured, whilst the interrogator is conveniently located many tens of kilometres away. This facilitates the instrumentation of ultra-deep wells and subsea production equipment.
- Multiplexing Capability
 - Typically 15 or more sensors can be multiplexed on just 2 fibers, and numerous fibers can be accommodated within a single ¼" diameter downhole cable. In this way, many tens of sensors can be run in hole with a single cable, significantly reducing the cost and complexity of running in hole.
- Real Time Data
 - Measurands are measured and displayed in real time. No or minimal post processing is required to present the data as meaningful information. This information presented by our systems enables the end user to immediately make informed decisions.
- Pressure Range Flexibility
 - Pressure measurement can be provided at a variety of different ranges, from 1 bar to 1,034 bar / 15 psi to 15,000 psi.
- Compatibility with DTS and DAS
 - Often applications for DPTS also benefit from the addition of fully distributed temperature sensing (DTS) or acoustic sensing (DAS) systems. A combined DTS or DAS and optical DPTS system allows for the sharing of topside services, downhole cable and downhole connection means.
- Easy Information Integration
 - One of the key advantages of our fiber optic systems is the ease with which the generated data can be integrated into the end users Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. Our instrumentation can offer Ethernet, CANopen, Modbus/TCP, Modbus/RTU or Profibus DP communication protocols to facilitate data integration with minimal effort and customization.
- Low Cost
 - The key technical advantages above all contribute to a significantly lower cost of making DPTS measurements in hydrocarbon wells. Further cost benefits can be derived when DPTS is combined with other optical technologies such as DTS or DAS.

4 Product Overview

Below are the current products available from Smart Fibres for permanent downhole DPTS measurements.

4.1 SmartPort

SmartPort is a newest design of FBG pressure and temperature sensor that offers higher operating pressures and smaller dimensions compared to previous designs. Pressure is communicated via a small pressure port on the $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter gauge body. Annulus well hole pressure and temperature are simply measured by attaching SmartPort to the tubing string and leaving the pressure port open. For formation pressure and temperature measurements, the low profile gauge can be deployed behind the casing. Tubing pressure and temperature measurements can be made by attaching SmartPort to a gauge mandrel. A datasheet for SmartPort is given at <u>Annex 2</u>.



Figure V - SmartPort FBG P/T Gauge

4.2 SmartSplit

SmartSplit is a field proven connection system designed to join fiber optic downhole cables. With its multi-entry port configuration, it offers a perfect solution for splitting a cable into multiple cables or combining the fibers from numerous cables into a single cable. SmartSplit also has a high capacity for fusion spliced optical fibers connections or miniature connectors and has the feature to stores multi meters of excess lengths of fibre in a large racetrack. All connections to the splitter housing and lid seals are pressure testable metal to metal seals, suitable for both factory or on-site field assembly and test. SmartSplit is suitable for downhole component connection such as SmartPort P/T gauges. A datasheet for SmartLink is given at <u>Annex 3</u>.



Figure VI - SmartSplit Downhole Fiber Cable Connection System

4.3 SmartLink

SmartLink is a connection system for optical fibers that is suited to the downhole environment. It provides a high pressure vessel around the spliced or connectorised fiber joints, which is maintained with all-metal seals that are testable at the time of deployment. A datasheet for SmartLink is given at <u>Annex 4</u>.



4.4 Gauge Clamps

Various designs of clamps are available to attach SmartPort products to tubing strings or tailpipes of different diameters. For simple installations, low cost steel bands or a pressed steel clamp assembly can be used. For more challenging installations in, for example, horizontal or deviated wells, then a more robust cast clamp is available. For applications where tubing pressure measurements are required, various forms of single or dual SmartPort gauge mandrels are available.







Figure VIII - Various gauge clamps; Left – pressed steel protector on 3.5" production tubing; Middle – dual SmartPort on gauge mandrel; Right – cast machined protector

4.5 Downhole Cable

The downhole cable comprises a fiber in metal tube (FIMT) construction and connects each deployed sensor to the topside instrumentation. With the use of multiplexing, the number of fibers required is significantly lower than the number of connected sensors. Typically, the fibers are deployed in ¼" outer diameter metal tube with gel filling and polymer encapsulation suited to the well conditions. Example datasheets of standard and high temperature downhole cable from a typical cable vendor can be downloaded from *https://www.aflglobal.com/Products/Fiber-Optic-Cable/Downhole.aspx*

4.6 Surface Pressure Barrier

Operators running DPTS and other fiber sensing techniques sometimes have concern as to whether well fluids may have opportunity to escape to surface through the inside of the FIMT in the case of a compromise of the tube integrity downhole.

Whilst the FIMT offers a gel filling around the fibres which significantly reduces the likelihood of such a leak to surface, a surface pressure barrier SmartPB is offered to provide absolute certainty of well integrity.

A datasheet for SmartPB is given at <u>Annex 5</u>.



Figure IX – Example downhole cable



Figure X – SmartPB surface pressure barrier

4.7 Wellhead SmartScope Topside Instrumentation

Topside instrumentation comprises a FBG interrogator and, as required, equipment for environmental protection, remote power supply and onward communications.

The principal requirement of the FBG interrogator is to make precise wavelength measurements that maintain their stability over the long term, regardless of excursions in ambient temperature, and to offer sufficient dynamic range that this precision is maintained for relatively low signals returned from remote sensors.



Figure XI – Wellhead SmartScope FBG interrogator

The Wellhead SmartScope interrogator is the preferred instrument for this application. A datasheet for Wellhead SmartScope is given at <u>Annex 6</u>. Wellhead SmartScope can perform processing and data conversion using customisable firmware. In some cases, a further processing module is required for more advanced data conversion, processing and analysis. This processing module can be a PC platform or similar, rated to the requirements of the topside environment.

5 Example DPTS Applications

There are countless different ways in which a DPTS measurement system might be deployed. Four examples of permanent DPTS installation architectures are presented by way of illustration. Variations are available which, for instance, allow numerous wells to be monitored with a single, multi-channel topside interrogator, or allow a string of downhole sensors to be interrogated from both ends to provide an additional level of redundancy. Additional architectures are available whereby a DPTS string can be temporarily deployed via the production tubing.

5.1 12-point DPTS

5.2 2-point DPTS

5.3 Bottom hole P/T combined with DTS

A string of 12 P/T gauges in relatively close spacing, as might be used to measure GOW interface levels when deployed vertically across the reservoir (per <u>Annex 1</u> for example) Two P/T gauges are deployed in an artificial lift well so as to indicate the efficacy of the lifting mechanism

A single SmartPort P/T gauges is deployed at the end of a DTS measurement system to provide bottom hole pressure and temperature measurement



5.4 4-point DPTS combined with DTS

4 P/T gauges are located in each of four zones of a horizontal producer. Together with a DTS system, the flow allocation and zonal isolation performance is monitored.



Figure XV - Example application of 4-point DPTS combined with DTS



Annex 1 – Project Reference. DPTS development and trial deployment,

PDO, Oman

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SPE-188868-MS Development and Field Application of a Permanent Fiberoptic Wellbore Fluid Level Monitoring System

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PRESENTATION AGENDA

The Challenge:

Current Methodology:

New Methodology:

- Production Optimization of Fractured Carbonate Reservoirs
- Periodic Wireline Gradio Surveys
- Drawbacks with Current Methodology
- Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBGs)
- Distributed Pressure and Temperature Sensing (DPTS) with FBGs
- Production Optimization using DPTS

Results:

- Field Data
- Derived Value from Field Data

Current Status and Future Developments



THE CHALLENGE: FRACTURED CARBONATE RESERVOIRS

Typical Situation Faced by Petroleum Development Oman

- Very large reservoirs, multiple wells
- Thin oil rim with gas cap above and aquifer below
- Oil rim must align with the perforations in producing wells

But

- Oil is very mobile in carbonates fractured / high permeability
- · Leads to a dynamic oil rim

The Solution: **Production Optimization**

- Track the oil rim position across the reservoir
- Select which wells to produce and when
- Inject water or gas to control the oil rim position

So how to track the oil rim position?



PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION: CURRENT METHODOLOGY

Measure fluid levels in well bores

 Indicative of levels in the reservoir if perforated well casing and fractured, permeable formation

Use a Wireline Gradio Survey

Multiple measurand (P, T,
 C, ρ) tool lowered into well

Sounds good – is it Effective ?

Sometimes not…



Example Gas - Oil - Water Interface



WIRELINE GRADIO SURVEY: DRAWBACKS

Data not real time

• True dynamic information missed...

Data accuracy questionable

 Differences between repeated gradio runs "orders of magnitude greater than the interpretation required" ^[1]

HSE Risks Involved

 Each survey requires a manned well intervention

[1] Shanks, David. April 2016. Digital Oilfield Monitoring Artificial Lift. SPE Webinar.

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NEW METHODOLOGY: DISTRIBUTED PRESSURE SENSING WITH FIBER BRAGG GRATINGS

- A collaborative development project:
 - Shell Global Solutions Project Initiators and Sponsor
 - Smart Fibres Solution Developers
 - Petroleum Development Oman Field trial hosts and first end user
- Project Timeline:



FIBER BRAGG GRATINGS

- A Fiberoptic Sensor
- Recorded with UV laser light changes core refractive index
- Unique Bragg wavelength λ_B reflected according to the equation





FIBER BRAGG GRATING SENSING SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



PRESSURE / TEMPERATURE SENSING WITH FBGS



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DPTS SPOOLED DEPLOYMENT METHOD

- 1. Tested DPTS gauge array delivered to well site
- 2. Gauge array run over large diameter sheave
- 3. Gauges fixed to tubing string with steel clamps
- 4. Solar Powered Surface instrumentation radios P/T data to PDO server
- 5. Software on PDO server calculates fluid interfaces



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DPTS PRESSURE FIELD DATA



- Showing pressure reported from 14 deployed gauges over 5 months
- Very stable data (dP in gas phase ~1kPa = 0.15psi)

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• Relative gauge movement correlates with reported change of phase

DPTS FLUID CONTACTS FIELD DATA

Field Data from PDO Carbonate Reservoir, 2014/15

- Result from well with 15 Gauges deployed
- 6 months of data shown
- Oil rim disappears twice
- Gradio method would give 1 datapoint in this time window - i.e. it completely misses this behaviour





PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION USING DPTS: DERIVED VALUE

Improved Reservoir Understanding

• Gradio survey policy inconclusive. Real-time monitoring required

Production Improvement

• More than 100 m³/d production increase estimated

Avoid Production Deferment

• *e.g.* prior loss of oil rim led to production loss of \sim 500 m³/d for 6 months

OpEx Reduction

One time cost of permanent DPTS system vs. repeated gradio survey costs

HSE Risk Reduction

• 1 well intervention for DPTS vs. repeated gradio survey interventions

System Expansion Capability

• DPTS fibre could also be used for DAS, VSP or DTS



CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Current Status

- Numerous DPTS deployments with PDO for fluid contact monitoring in sweet and sour service fields
- Further DPTS deployments with other operators for other applications, both annular and tubing pressure measurements

Future Developments

- Increased gauge operating temperature from 400°F / 204°C to 600°F / 316°C service (for thermal recovery wells)
- Reduced gauge diameter from ³/₄" to ~¹/₄" (for space critical applications)
- Integration of Quasi-Distributed Acoustic sensing (QDAS) between gauges







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Annex 2 – SmartPort datasheet

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Key Features

- HPHT Fibre Optic Gauge
- No Downhole Electronics
- All Metal Sealing
- Long Life at Extreme Temperature
- High Multi-Drop Capability
- Annulus, Tubing or Ported Pressure
 Configurations
- Low Profile ³/₄" Design
- Low Cost

About SmartPort

SmartPort is a low profile ³/₄" fibre optic P/T gauge. Pressure is communicated via a small pressure port on the gauge body to SmartPort's novel internal optical sensing mechanism where pressure and temperature measurements are made using two fibre Bragg grating sensors. Annulus pressure and temperature are simply measured by leaving the pressure port open to the wellbore. For formation pressure and temperature measurements, the low profile gauge can be deployed open hole behind the casing. For tubing pressure and temperature measurements, SmartPort can be attached to a gauge mandrel with the use of dual metal o-ring or c-ring seals. Pressure from alternative locations can be communicated to SmartPort via a tube which seals to the gauge at the mandrel interface.

Multiple SmartPorts can be multiplexed on a ¹/₄" downhole cable to which the gauges are sealed using pressure testable swaged connections. Optical connection between SmartPort gauges is made using our ³/₄" <u>SmartLink</u> product. Up to 15 SmartPort gauges can be multiplexed on every 2 fibres. So, for instance, 30 gauges can be deployed using a 4 fibre main cable and one downhole 'Y' splitter.

For HT and/or HP application with increased stability, an HPHT SmartPort is under development. Contact us for further details.

Specifications

Measurement	Pressure and Temperature of Annulus, Tubing or Ported Fluid					
Working Pressure Range (psi / bar)	1,000/69	1,450/100	5,075/350	10,150/700	15,000/1,034	20,000/1,379*
Overload Pressure	150 %FS					
Working Temperature Range	0 to 400 °F / -20 to 200 °C (>400 °F / 200 °C to follow)					
Pressure Accuracy			< 0.1	%FS		
(psi / mbar)	1/69	1.5/100	5/350	10/700	15/1,034	20/1,379

SmartPort Low Profile Fiber Optic P/T Gauge

Pressure Resolution at 0.1 Hz	< 0.005 %FS					
(psi / mbar)	0.05/3.4	0.07/5	0.25/17.5	0.5/35	0.75/52	1/69
Temperature Accuracy	0.2 °F / 0.1 °C					
	at 140 °F / 60 °C			Immeasurable		
Pressure Measurement Drift	at 260 °F / 125 °C			0.1 %FS/yr*		
	at 400 °F / 200 °C			0.5 %FS/yr*		
Multi-Drop Capability	Up to 24 gauges per 2 fibres					
Wetted Parts	Inconel					

SmartPort Variant	Sensor Type	Upper Connection	Lower Connection	Diameter in (mm)	Length in (mm)	Weight lb (kg)
SPPT	In-line	2 fibre pigtails	2 fibre pigtails	0.75 (19)	15.7 (400)	1.48 (0.67)
SPPT1	In-line	2 fibre pigtails	Splicing chamber	0.75 (19)	30.6 (778)	2.78 (1.26)
SPPT2	In-line	Splicing chamber	Splicing chamber	0.75 (19)	45.5 (1,156)	4.09 (1.86)
TSPPT	Terminal	2 fibre pigtails	None	0.75 (19)	10.8 (275)	0.98 (0.45)
TSPPT1	Terminal	Splicing chamber	None	0.75 (19)	25.7 (653)	2.29 (1.04)



*Expected performance, not yet verified

Specifications may change without notice

Annex 3 – SmartSplit datasheet

(latest update available at https://www.smartfibres.com/files/pdf/SmartSplit.pdf)



SmartSplit Splitter Housing

Key Features

- HPHT Capability
- All Metal Seals
- Fully Testable Seals
- Low Profile Design
- Supports Multiple Fibre Counts and Fibre Types
- Excess Fibre Storage

About SmartSplit

SmartSplit is a field proven connection system designed to join fiber optic downhole cables. With its multi-entry port configuration, it offers a perfect solution for splitting a cable into multiple cables or combining the fibers from numerous cables into a single cable. SmartSplit is suitable for downhole component connection such as Smart Fibres' multi-drop SmartPort P/T gauges used for permanent reservoir monitoring.

The SmartSplit has been designed and developed to require minimal assembly time during deployment and to provide a long term reliable protection of the optical connections from the extreme HPHT environment that can be experienced in oil wells and subsea conditions.

SmartSplit also has a high capacity for fusion spliced optical fibers connections or miniature connectors and has the feature to stores multi meters of excess lengths of fibre in a large racetrack.

The SmartSplit offers flexibility to accommodate changes in deployment configurations and is ideal for rapid installation methods like spooler deployments over a cable sheave, so reducing deployment time and cost. All connections to the splitter housing and lid seals are pressure testable metal to metal seals, suitable for both factory or on-site field assembly and test.

Specifications

Parameter	Val	lue
Max. Pressure Rating	10,000 psi / 700 bar	5,000 psi / 350 bar
Max. Temperature Rating	400 °F /	′ 200 °C
Housing Material	Inconel 718 (NACE MR0175)	Stainless Steel 316
Cable Entry / Exit Ports	2, 3 or 4	
Cable Connection Type	1/4 " Metal Tube	
Sealing	All metal seals, pressure testable	
Dimensions	9.68 x 3.38 x 0.82" / 246 x 85.5 x 21 mm	
Weight	6.2 lb. / 2.8 kg	
Assembly and Seal Testing Time	≤2	hrs

Specifications may change without notice

Ordering Information

Product Type		Housing Configuration		Pressure Rating
S-Split	-	X	-	XX
		I.		5k
		Y		10 k
		н		

Order code example: S-Split-Y-10k

Variant Description	Variant Options	Variant Code
	1 Entry + 1 Exit port	Ι
Housing Configuration	2 Entry + 1 Exit port	Y
0 0	or 1 Entry + 2 Exit ports	
	2 Entry + 2 Exit ports	Н
Pressure Rating	5,000 psi (350 bar)	5k
-	10,000 psi (700 bar)	10k

Annex 4 – SmartLink datasheet

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Rugged Connection System for Permanent Downhole Optical Sensors

Smart



Example SmartLink

Key Features

- HPHT Capability
- All Metal Sealing
- Seals Fully Testable
- Low Profile Design

About SmartLink

Smart Fibres have developed a range of low-cost, downhole optical P/T gauges for permanent reservoir monitoring. Many tens of these gauges can be deployed in a well from a single main cable. In order to make such a multi-drop P/T deployment viable, an inter-sensor connection system is required which itself is low-cost, requires minimal rig time to deploy, and provides a long-term reliable protection of the optical connections from the extreme wellhole environment. The SmartLink system satisfies these requirements.

Two SmartLink systems are available – using fusion splices or (in the case of low temperature applications) miniature connectors. The spliced SmartLink system allows a string of P/T gauges to be pre-assembled either in the factory or in a workshop container at the field. Then this string can be rapidly run in hole over a cable sheave, so minimising rig time.

The connectorised SmartLink system offers increased flexibility to accommodate changes in deployment configurations. It employs miniature optical connectors that can be safely and quickly mated on the rig floor.

HPHT SmartLink Specifications

Specifications

Parameter	Spliced SmartLink		
Max. Pressure Rating	15,000 psi / 1,000 bar		
Max. Temperature Rating	400 °F /	∕ 200 °C	
Materials	Stainless, alloy or superalloy steel to	o suit application and well chemistry	
Sealing	All metal seals,	pressure tested	
Dimensions	34 x :	18.3"	
Assembly and Seal Testing Time	~2 hrs		
	LPLT SmartLink Specifications (Preliminar	у)	
Parameter	Spliced SmartLink	Connectorised SmartLink	
Max. Pressure Rating	5,000 psi / 350 bar		
Max. Temperature Rating	300 °F ∕ 150 °C		
Materials	Stainless, alloy or superalloy steel to suit application and well chemistry		
Sealing	All metal seals, pressure tested		
Dimensions	³ ⁄4 × 18.3″	1 × 19"	
Assembly and Seal Testing Time	~2 hrs	~1 hr	

Specifications may change without notice

Annex 5 – SmartPB Surface Pressure Barrier datasheet

(latest update available at https://www.smartfibres.com/files/pdf/SmartPB.pdf)



Key Features

- Surface Pressure Barrier
- Ensures Well Integrity for Downhole Optical Monitoring Installations
- Supports Multiple Fibre Counts and Fibre Types
- High Pressure Rating
- A: Pressure Housing
- B: Input Cable from Well
- C: Output Fibres to Surface Instrument
- D: Pressure Seal Around Fibres

About SmartPB

A downhole optical sensing installation typically involves a multi-fibre cable which provides communication from the downhole gauges to the surface instrumentation. Such cable is normally of a fibre in metal tube (FIMT) construction, where the outer diameter is a ¹/₄" steel tube. Sealing of this ¹/₄" tube as it passes through downhole packers, tubing hangers and the like can be readily and reliably done using industry standard compression fittings.

However, there sometimes remains a concern as to whether well fluids may have opportunity to escape to surface through the inside of the FIMT in the case of a compromise of the tube integrity downhole. Whilst the FIMT offers a gel filling around the fibres which significantly reduces the likelihood of such a leak to surface, SmartPB is offered as a surface pressure barrier to provide absolute certainty of well integrity.

SmartPB comprises a pressure tight housing (A) within which spliced or connectorised joining of the fibres from the downhole cable (B) to the surface fibres (C) can be made. A pressure barrier (D) is made around the surface fibres so that, in the event that well fluids reach the surface through cable (B), they are contained within housing (A). Optionally, a pressure gauge is provided as a visual indication that the housing has been pressurised.

Specifications

Parameter	Value
Dimensions	7.87 x 5.90 x 1.42" / 200 x 150 x 36 mm
Weight	18.7 lb / 8.5 Kg
Housing Material	SS 316
Sealing Material	Fibre seal – Epoxy Lid seal – Viton Cable seal – Metal to metal compression
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C / -40 to 185 °F
Rated Pressure	3,000 psi at 20 °C / 2,000 psi at 85 °C

Specifications may change without notice

Annex 6 – Wellhead SmartScope FBG interrogator datasheet

(latest update available at https://www.smartfibres.com/files/pdf/Wellhead_SmartScope.pdf)

Wellhead SmartScope FBG Interrogator



Wellhead SmartScope

Key Features

- High Resolution FBG Interrogator
- High Accuracy And Stability
- Insensitive To Polarisation Effects
- Low Power Consumption
- On-board Data Processing
- Solid State Light Source
- Compact and Lightweight
- Broad Operating Temperature

About Wellhead SmartScope

Wellhead SmartScope is a next generation high resolution FBG interrogator, which builds on the success provided by the SmartScope platform. Wellhead SmartScope offers increased wavelength accuracy over a wider temperature range to suit harsh environment applications such as desert oil well monitoring. With its increased processing power the Wellhead SmartScope removes the need for a surface PC by performing real-time data processing onboard to provide the user with immediate useable information.

Wellhead SmartScope has built-in polarisation management to ensure no measurement errors commonly induced by birefringence, as well as an internal optical reference for improved stability and accuracy.

Available with a variety of different communications protocols, Wellhead SmartScope can easily be integrated into SCADA or any other propriety data collection systems. Wellhead SmartScope has the capability to run bespoke application software such as Smart Fibres' Fluid Contact Level measurement algorithm.

Combined with <u>SmartPort</u> P/T gauges, Wellhead SmartScope provides for a truly costeffective downhole distributed pressure sensing system.

Specifications

Measurement and Processing				
Wavelength Range	40 nm (1528 to 1568 nm)			
Number of Optical Channels	2			
Maximum Number of Sensors / Channel	24			
Scan Frequency (all sensors simultaneously)	1 Hz			
Wavelength Resolution ¹	0.05 pm @ 1 Hz			
Wavelength Accuracy ²	1 pm			

Wellhead SmartScope FBG Interrogator

Wavelength Stability over Operating Temperature Range ³	1 pm
Polarisation Extinction Ratio ⁴	< 1dB
Dynamic Range ⁵	38 dB
Gain Control	9 levels, per channel or per sensor, automatic or user controlled
FBG Full Width at Half Maximum (FWHM)	> 0.2 nm, 0.5 nm recommended

Mechanical, Environmental and Electrical	
Dimensions (W x H x D)	45 x 135 x 203 mm / 1.77 x 5.31 x 7.99"
Weight	2 kg / 4.4 lb.
Operating Temperature ⁶	-15 to +60 °C / 5 to 140 °F
Storage Temperature	-40 to +85 °C / -40 to 185 °F
Comms Interface	Ethernet/TCP-IP Modbus/TCP
Data Connector	RJ45
Power Connection	via mains adapter or DC cable supplied
Optical Connector	FC/APC
Input Voltage	+9 to +36 VDC
Power Consumption	typ 8.5 W, max. 10 W
EMC Certification	Per BS EN 61326-1 edition 2006
Hazardous Area Certification (optional)	Per ATEX for hazardous zones 0, 1 or 2 with gas groups IIA, IIB or IIC Link to certification

1 Measurement distributions (10) when measuring a controlled artefact having recommended FWHM, during 16 hours. Maintained for up to 15 dB optical gain. 2 Per NIST Technical note 1297, maximum wavelength difference when compared to NIST SRM 2519. Measurement with instrument at 25 °C. 3 Per NIST Technical note 1297, ed 1924, D113 Maximum wavelength variations over full temperature range. The measurand is NIST SRM 2519.

4 Light is not polarised out of the instrument, therefore polarisation rotation cannot increase the measurement uncertainty. 5 Laser launch power minus detector noise floor. 6 +60 °C as standard, +70 °C in development.

Specifications may change without notice