



Integrated Measurement Technique for Curing Process-dependent Mechanical Properties of Polymeric Materials Using Fiber Bragg Grating



Problem Definition

- One of the most critical reasons to make modeling predictions *uncertain* is the non-linear and time-dependent mechanical behavior of the materials used in electronic packaging, especially **polymeric materials** for adhesive and underfill.
- **More and more polymeric materials** are introduced everyday, but **less and less time to evaluate them**; very limited material property data are available for new polymeric materials.

Research and Development Goals

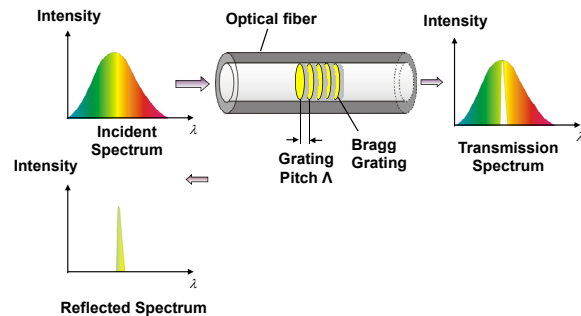
To develop an integrated measurement technique using a Fiber Bragg grating sensor to measure the **processing and curing conditions** dependent polymer properties **rapidly but accurately**.

- **Chemical shrinkage**
- **Glass transition temperature**
- **Temperature-dependent coefficients of thermal expansion**
- **Temperature and time-dependent elastic modulus (visco-elastic constitutive behavior)**



Background: Fiber Bragg Grating

- Fiber Bragg grating (FBG) is a **periodic perturbation of the refractive index along the fiber length**.
- A narrow band of the incident optical field within the fiber is reflected by successive coherent scattering from the index-varying bands.



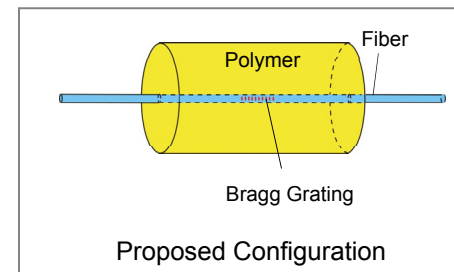
The very narrow reflected spectrum is centered on the wavelength of Bragg resonance called **Bragg wavelength**,

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



Basic Concept of Proposed Method and Experimental Setup

- A polymer of interest is cured around a glass FBG and the **BW** shift will be documented while:
 - (1) Polymerization progresses at the curing temperature,
 - (2) The temperature of the cured polymer changes.



- Bragg wavelength (**BW**) shift

$$\Delta\lambda_B = \Delta\lambda_B^i + \Delta\lambda_B^d$$

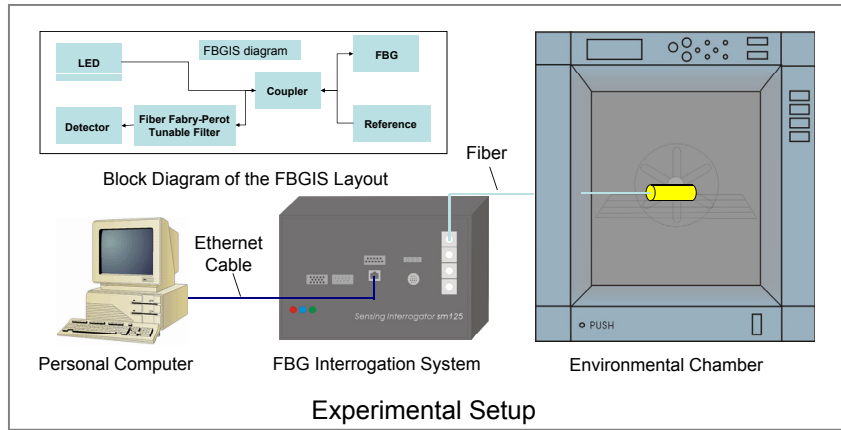
“**Intrinsic**” **BW** shift:

$$\Delta\lambda_B^i = \lambda_B \left(\alpha_f + \frac{1}{n_{eff}} \frac{dn}{dT} \right) \Delta T$$

“**Deformation**” induced **BW** shift:

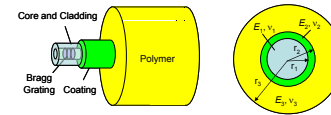
$$\Delta\lambda_B^d = \lambda_B (1 - P_k) \epsilon_f^\sigma$$

Basic Concept of Proposed Method and Experimental Setup



Specimen Configurations

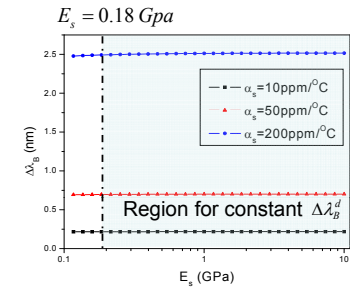
• Configuration I : $r_3 > 200 r_1$



For $r_3 \approx \infty$,

$$\epsilon_z = \epsilon_f^\sigma = \alpha_s T_s - \alpha_f T_f$$

$$\Delta\lambda_B^d = \lambda_B (1 - P_k) \epsilon_f^\sigma$$



For chemical shrinkage,

$$T(r) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq r < r_1 \\ 0, & r_1 \leq r < r_2 \\ T_s, & r_2 < r \leq r_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \epsilon_f^\sigma = \alpha_s T_s$$

$$\epsilon^{ch} = \epsilon_f^\sigma = \frac{\Delta\lambda_B^d}{\lambda_B (1 - P_k)}$$

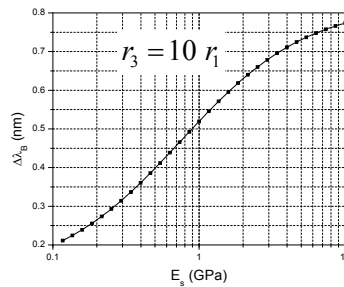
For CTE,

$$T(r) = \Delta T, \quad 0 \leq r < r_3 \Rightarrow \epsilon_f^\sigma = (\alpha_s - \alpha_f) \Delta T$$

$$\alpha_s = \frac{\epsilon_f^\sigma}{\Delta T} + \alpha_f = \frac{\Delta\lambda_B^d}{\lambda_B (1 - P_k) \Delta T} + \alpha_f$$

Specimen Configurations

• Configuration II : $r_3 = 10 \text{ to } 20 r_1$



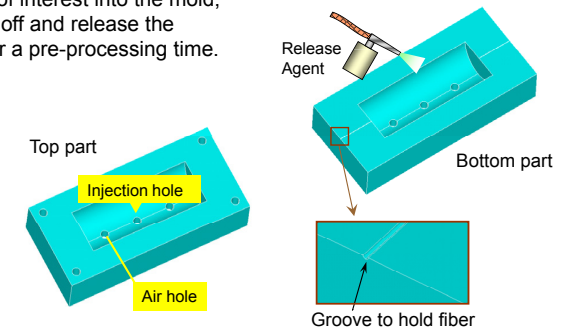
$$\Delta\lambda_B^d = \lambda_B (1 - P_k) \epsilon_f^\sigma \quad \epsilon_f^\sigma = \frac{1}{E_f} (\sigma_z - \nu\sigma_r - \nu\sigma_\theta)$$

$\Delta\lambda_B^d$ is extremely sensitive to E_s . And the unknown E_s can be determined from $\Delta\lambda_B^d$ by solving the analytical solution numerically.

Implementation of the Proposed Method and Experimental Results

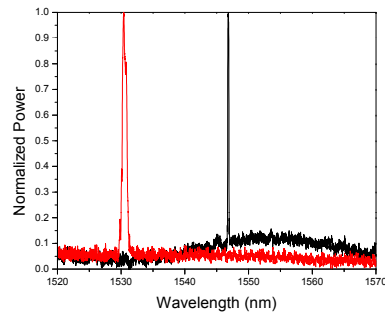
Specimen Preparation Procedure

1. Apply a release agent;
2. Place a FBG along the groove of the bottom part;
3. Assemble the mold;
4. Inject a polymer of interest into the mold;
5. Pry the top mold off and release the bottom mold after a pre-processing time.





Measurement of Chemical Shrinkage



- Configuration I (b = 200a)

$$\epsilon^{ch} = \frac{\Delta\lambda_B}{\lambda_B(1-P_k)} = \frac{1546.829 - 1530.440}{1546.829 \cdot (1-0.1831)} = 1.30\%$$

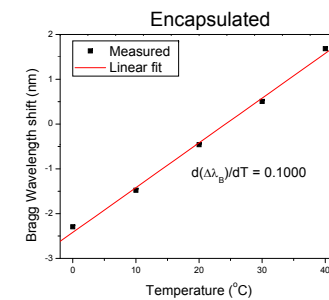
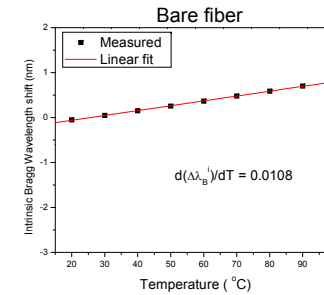
The *effective chemical shrinkage* is smaller than typical total chemical shrinkage values reported in the literature (2% to 10%).



Measurement of CTE

- Configuration I (b = 200a)

Material: West System epoxy resin 105 and hardener 205



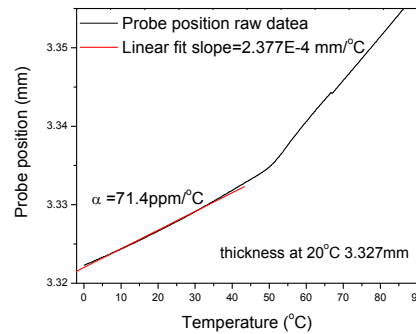
CTE (before T_g) by the proposed method:

$$\alpha_s = \frac{\Delta\lambda_B^d}{\lambda_B(1-P_k)\Delta T} + \alpha_f = \frac{0.1000 - 0.0108}{1546.829 \cdot (1-0.18)} + 0.55 \cdot 10^{-6} = 70.9 \cdot 10^{-6} / ^\circ C$$



Measurement of CTE

- CTE by TMA:

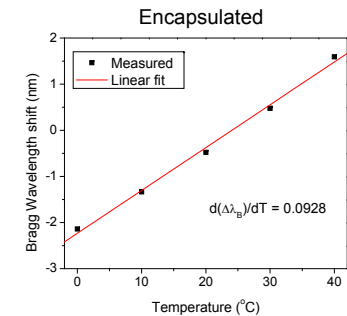
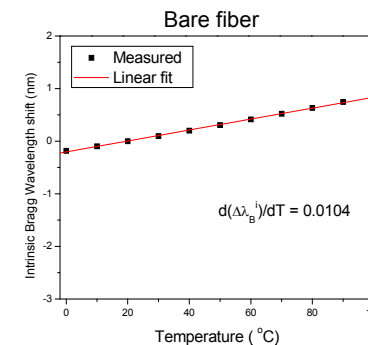


The values are matching very well within the typical measurement uncertainty of TMA.



Measurement of Young's Modulus

- Configuration II (b = 20a)



By solving non-linear equation, the modulus is determined to be:

$$E_s = 2.5GPa$$