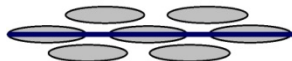


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High Temperature Sensors

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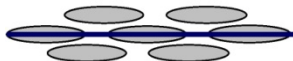
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Agenda

- **Oxsenis company background**
- **The Sensor and how it functions**
- **Pressure Sensing Applications**
- **Temperature Sensing Applications**

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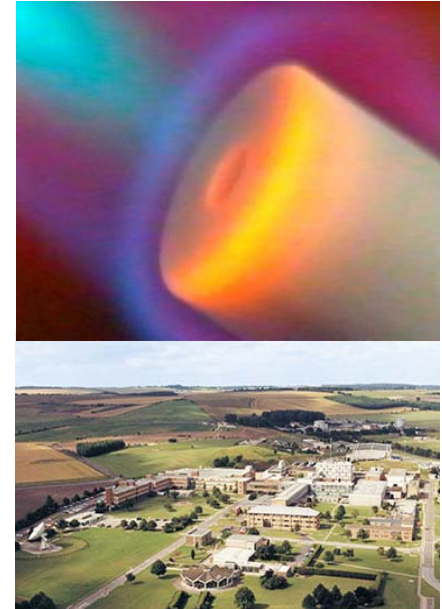


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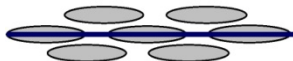
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Oxsensis Background

- UK national laboratory heritage - 2003 spin-in / spin-out of STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
- Second generation start-up with fibre optics background, telecoms & aerospace experience
- Based on Harwell Science and Innovation campus
- £4.3m funding round July 2007
- Establishing production in 2008
- Total Staff 26
- US presence, Raleigh NC



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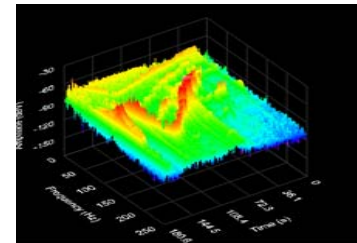
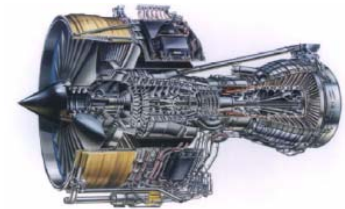


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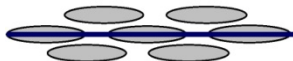
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Active in 4 Market Sectors

- Power generation:
 - * Emissions reduction via optimisation of combustion / NOx avoidance
 - * Health monitoring for improved lifetime
 - * Nuclear
- Aero Engines:
 - * Towards major efficiency improvement in aero-engines
- Aerospace:
 - * Braking and hydraulic systems
 - * Optical sub-systems for avionics
- Automotive:
 - * Combustion cycle improvement



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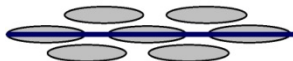
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1000C+ Sensors offer future Combustion Management platform

- New Platform with >300C headroom over conventional sensors:
 - * Conventional limited to ~700C
 - * “Future Platform” for many needs
- Greatly simplified measurements:
 - * No water cooling, EMI, vibration effects
 - * Develop capability for **3** sensors in **1**
 - * Static and Dynamic Pressure, and single point Pressure / Temperature
- Under development with major OEM's
- Potential disruptive technology for automotive



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Sapphire Fibre Optic Sensors

- Maximum operating temperatures >1000°C
- Frequency response from DC to >50kHz
- Dynamic range of 100,000
- Full scale static pressure to >50 bar
- Resolution set by dynamic range and full scale static pressure
- Low vibration sensitivity
- EMI immune

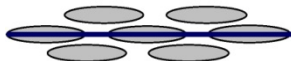


Wave-Phire™ DPT1270 dynamic pressure sensor



Wave-Phire™ DPT950 dynamic pressure sensor

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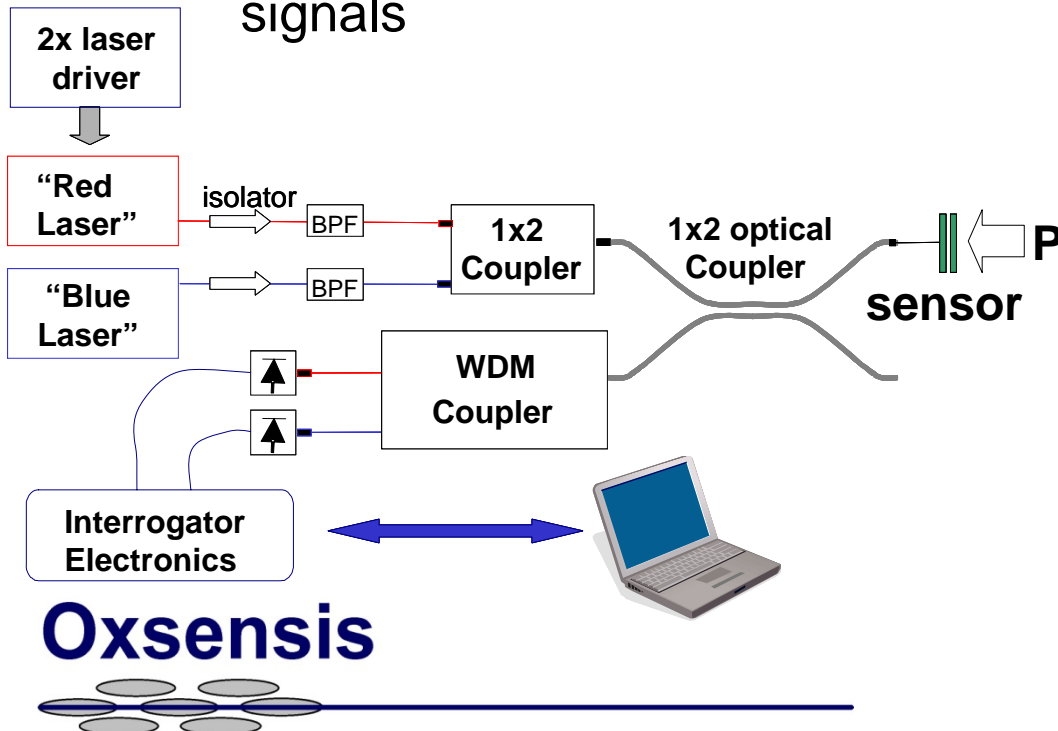


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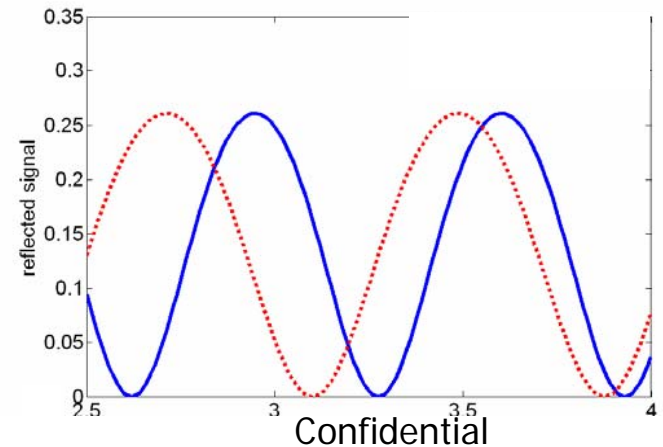
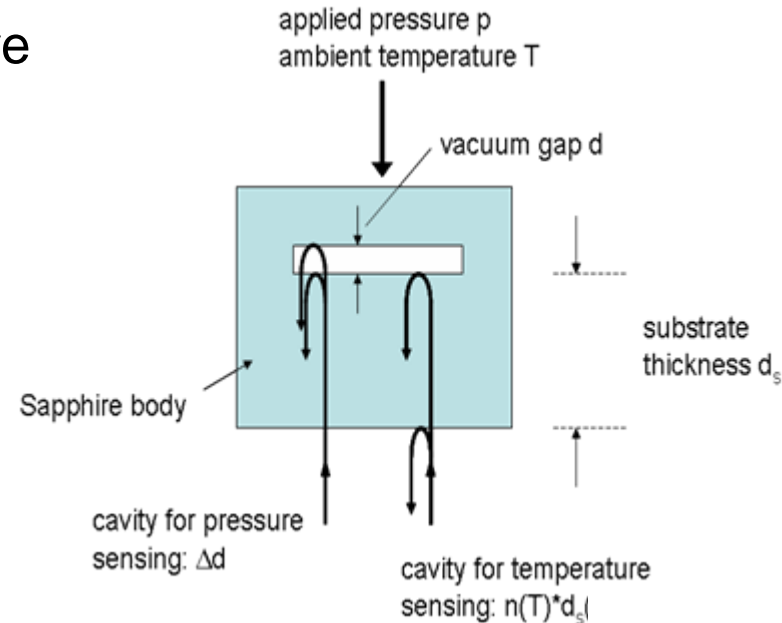
Operation of Optical Pressure Sensors

- Sensor head – single crystal sapphire
- Two wavelengths used to enable robust measurement
- Independent of intensity fluctuations
- Measurement of static and dynamic signals



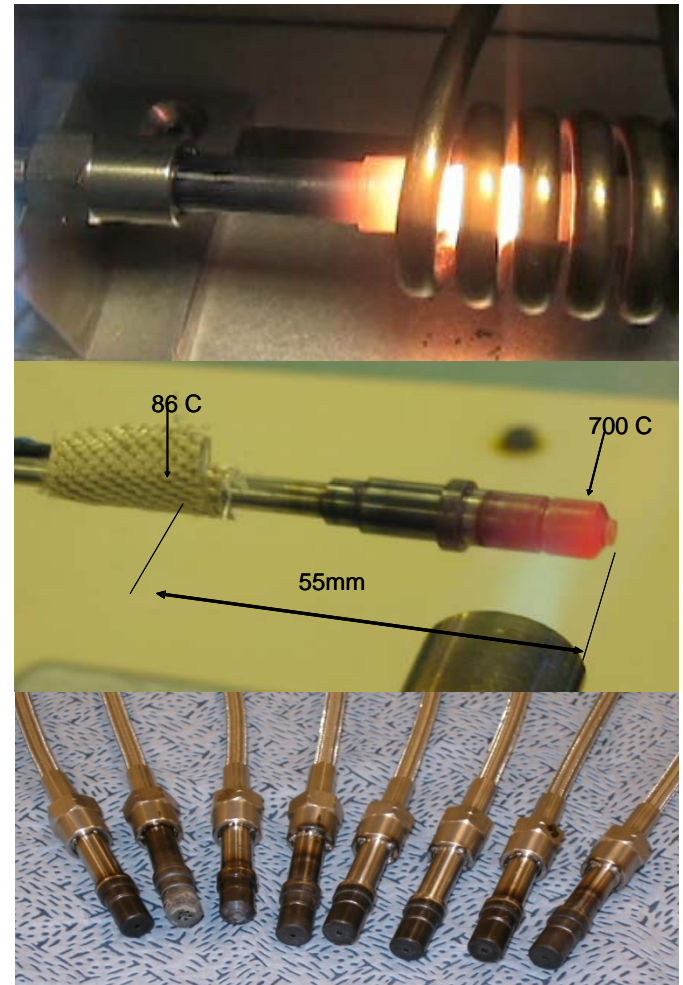
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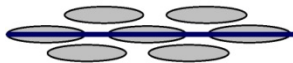


Extreme temperature endurance

- Expansion matched, high temperature packaging
- High temperature steels / welding
- Multiple trials at customer sites
- Direct propane torch to heating to 1000°C
- RF (500 Watt) heating of sensor body to >1200°C while operating as functioning pressure sensor



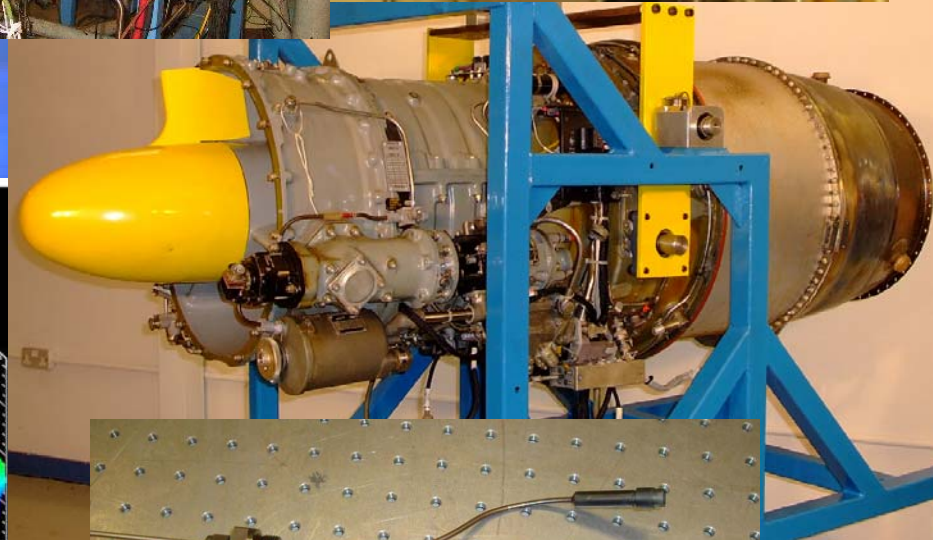
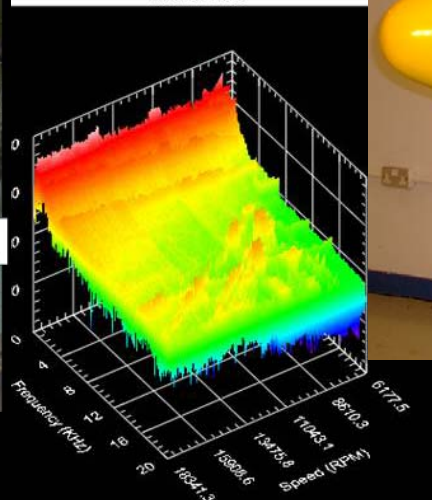
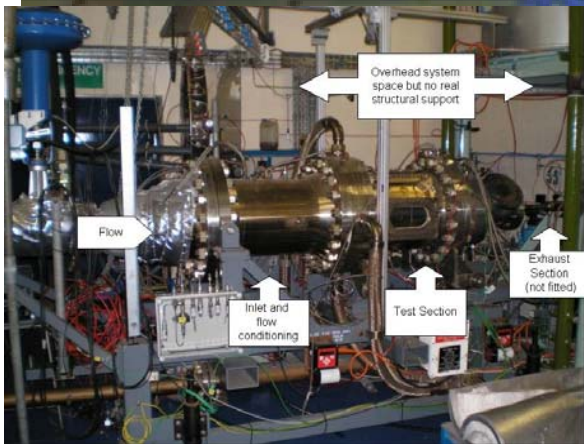
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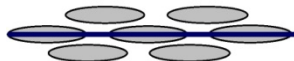
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External Demos and Trials



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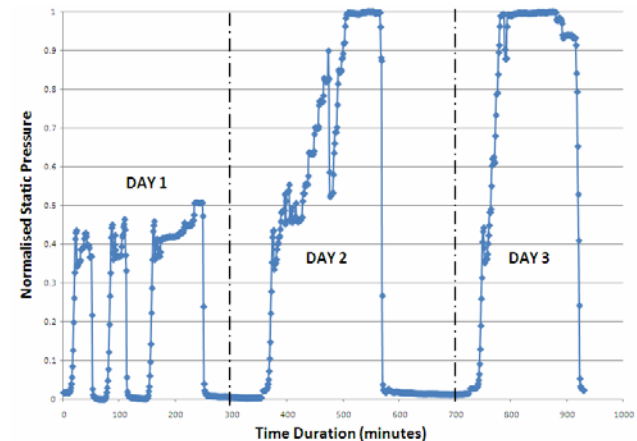
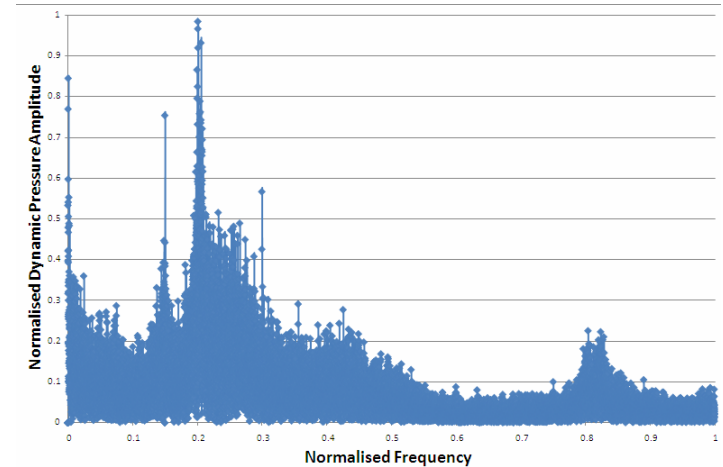


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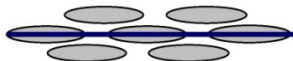
Trial in 200MW Gas Turbine



- Sensor successfully operated for:
 - Multiple engine starts
 - Various running conditions
- Successful acquisition of both static and dynamic pressure data



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Dual Wavelength Interrogator (DWI)

Oxsensis built Prototype 4 channel system

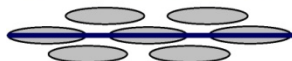


Single channel **CE** marked units now available



- Compact
- Single Electronic pressure output
- Transparent calibration procedure
- Diagnostic LEDs to indicate interrogator, sensor or cable fault
- Variable gain control DIL switch to boost signal levels

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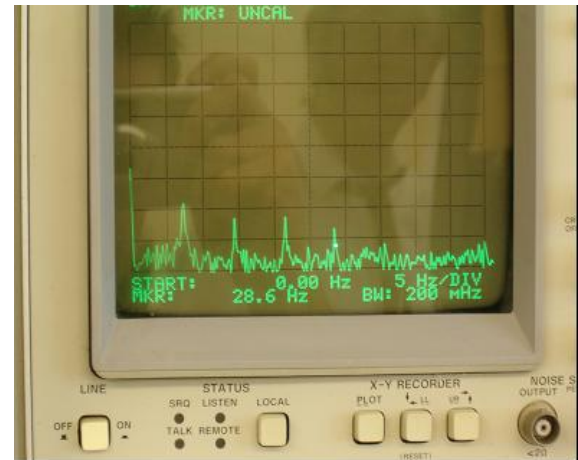
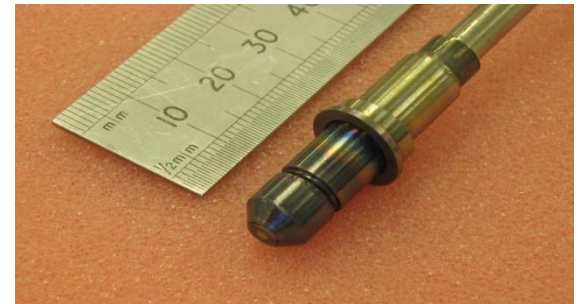


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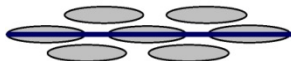
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New Direction -Temperature Sensor

- Membrane version similar to Pressure Sensor
- Packaged to withstand $>1000\text{C}$
 - * Package demonstrated (short term) to $>1200\text{C}$
 - * Materials capability to $>1600\text{C}$
- Speed of measurement demonstrated to $<1\text{sec}$
- Faster version under development for different application
 - * Potential for heat flow measurements
 - * Ultra-high temperature



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