A novel Lab-on-Fiber Radiation Dosimeter for Ultra-high Dose Monitoring

Supplementary information

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S1. Additional numerical simulations

Similarly to what done for poly(methyl methacrylate) layer (in section: "LOF probe design"), the effects induced on the spectrum of the Lab-On-Fiber (LOF) resonator by the changes of the optical properties of the fiber itself and the gold layer as well as the holes radius have been investigated.

In particular, the effect expected from a perturbation of the real part of the refractive index (RI) of the fiber glass (n_{fiber}) is a linear increase of the resonant wavelength (Figure S1.1a). The baseline, instead, seems to have no dependence on n_{fiber} (Figure S1.1b).

Figure S1.1: (a) Numerical simulations predicting the effects of a perturbation of n_{fiber} on the resonance wavelength. The inset box indicates the equation of the linear fitting. (b) Whole spectrum evolution determined by the variation of n_{fiber} . The black arrow indicates the variation direction of the parameter.

Differently, a perturbation of the imaginary part of the fiber RI (k_{fiber}) does not imply significant effects on the LOF spectrum (Figure S1.2), except for losses higher than 10^{-3} , when the resonance wavelength decreases (Figure S1.2a) and the dip starts to flatten (Figure S1.2b).

Figure S1.2: (a) Numerical simulations predicting the effects of k_{fiber} on the resonance wavelength. The inset box indicates the equation of the quadratic fitting. (b) Whole spectrum evolution determined by the variation of kfiber. The black arrow indicates the variation direction of the parameter.

Concerning the gold layer, a perturbation of the real part of the RI (n_{gold}) is expected to induce a linear decrease of the resonance wavelength (Figure S1.3a). The effect of n_{gold} on the baseline is a slight decrease, as shown in Figure S1.3b.

Figure S1.3: (a) Numerical simulations predicting the effects of a perturbation of n_{gold} on the resonance wavelength. The inset box indicates the equation of the linear fitting. (b) Whole spectrum evolution determined by the variation of n_{gold} . The black arrow indicates the variation direction of the parameter.

A perturbation of the imaginary part of the gold RI (k_{gold}) leads to a quadratic decreasing behavior of the resonance wavelength (Figure S1.4a). In contrast, the baseline increases with k_{gold} (Figure S1.4b).

Figure S1.4: (a) Numerical simulations predicting the effects of k_{gold} on the resonance wavelength. The inset box indicates the equation of the quadratic fitting. (b) Whole spectrum evolution determined by the variation of kgold. The black arrow indicates the variation direction of the parameter.

To conclude, an increase in the holes radius (rholes) leads to a quadratic increase in the resonance wavelength (Figure S1.5a). Furthermore, the evolution of the whole spectrum when rholes increases shows an increase of the baseline (Figure S1.5b).

Figure S1.5: (a) Numerical simulations predicting the effects of a variation of r_{holes} on the resonance wavelength. Black dashed lines refer to nominal value of rholes. The inset box indicates the equation of the quadratic fitting. (b) Whole spectrum evolution determined by the variation of r_{holes} . The black arrow indicates the variation direction of the parameter.

S2. Relative humidity and temperature monitoring during the experiments

During the exposure of LOF prototypes to proton beam, relative humidity and temperature have been monitored by using the instrumentation available at IRRAD facility^{1,2}, with a time interval of 30 minutes. In particular, data have been downloaded from the CERN website³.

Observing Figure S2.1, it can be noted that the temperature remained practically unchanged during the nine days of irradiation, except for small variations contained in the range 20.9–21.5°C. Differently, relative humidity went from values close to 60% down to values of just over 30%. The largest changes occurred in the first two days. As is evident from the comparison between Figures S2.1 and 12, there is no correlation between the environmental parameters and the response of the LOF devices.

Figure S2.1: Relative humidity and temperature recorded with a time interval of 30 minutes at IRRAD during the LOF prototypes irradiation.

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