

## FP腔与MZI级联的三参量同时测量的光纤传感器

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**摘要** 制作了敏感材料修饰的拉锥光纤与微腔级联的多参量光纤传感器,并用实验研究了其应变、温度和湿度特性。所提微腔由飞秒激光划线放电形成,并对其进行拉锥。传感器的反射光谱干涉峰对应变的变化敏感,实验结果表明应变灵敏度为  $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 。然而,该结构对温度与湿度均不敏感,在该结构的锥部涂覆了掺入石墨烯量子点的聚乙烯醇之后,温度和湿度的灵敏度明显提升,此时最大温度灵敏度为  $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ,最大相对湿度灵敏度最大为  $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ 。对 Dip1、Dip2、Dip3 进行分析,再利用三阶矩阵消除交叉敏感,能够同时测量应变、温度和湿度。

**关键词** 光纤光学; 光纤传感器; 应变; 温度; 相对湿度; 石墨烯量子点; 聚乙烯醇

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## 1 引言

光纤传感器不仅具有重量轻、尺寸小和抗电磁干扰等优点,而且使用的光缆也比电子传感器的电缆有更低的热损耗或更高的数据带宽<sup>[1-2]</sup>。根据原理分类,光纤传感器有许多不同种类:光纤布拉格光栅(FBG)应用广泛但光栅刻写较为复杂;基于特种光纤的传感器价格较为昂贵,熔接程序复杂;干涉仪型光纤传感器,包括法布里-珀罗干涉仪(FPI)、马赫-曾德尔干涉仪(MZI)和迈克耳孙干涉仪(MI)等,其中 MZI 和 FPI 应用较为广泛<sup>[3-4]</sup>。MZI 有着耦合效率高、易于对准和成本低的优点<sup>[5-6]</sup>,其中基于锥形结构的 MZI 传感器具有高灵敏度、低损耗、大倏逝场和快速响应等优点。光纤应变传感器在航空航天、纳米技术等领域中有广泛的应用<sup>[7]</sup>,如: Dong 等<sup>[8]</sup>提出了基于锥形空芯的高灵敏度应变光纤传感器,其应变灵敏度为  $2.7 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ ; Dong 等<sup>[9]</sup>提出了基于全光纤 MZI 的应变传感器,其灵敏度为  $-2.21 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 。湿度与温度是环境测量的两个重要参数,而石英光纤对于温度与湿度通常是传而不感,对于敏感材料是感而不传。为了提高传感器的灵敏度,通常会在传感头上涂覆敏感材料,最终达到既能感又能传的效果。湿敏材料如聚乙烯醇(PVA)是高度亲水性材料,其厚度和折射率可通过水蒸气改变,并且易涂覆在光纤上<sup>[10-12]</sup>。另外,石墨烯以其优异的性能吸引了大量研究人员的关注,在光纤传感器中的应用变得

异常丰富<sup>[13-20]</sup>。石墨烯量子点(GQDs)是一种由单层或多层石墨烯组成的新型碳纳米材料,同时具有石墨烯和量子点的特性,其优异的热光性能使其在传感器、生物医学领域的研究中受到了越来越多的关注<sup>[21]</sup>,如: Zhao 等<sup>[22-23]</sup>利用 GQDs 的光致发光特性制作了基于空芯光纤封装 GQDs 溶液的荧光温度传感器和基于空芯光纤填充的 GQDs-PVA 的相对湿度(RH)传感器; Wang 等<sup>[24]</sup>制作了 GQDs 填充 FPI 的光纤湿度传感器。在许多复杂的环境中,仅测量一个参数已经不能满足人们的需求,温度与折射率、温度与压力等双参量的测量越来越多<sup>[25-29]</sup>。本文主要利用飞秒激光划线和光纤熔接机放电的方法制作出了 MZI 与 FPI 级联构成的光纤传感器。传统的级联需要通过两段干涉仪或者光纤光栅进行拼接<sup>[30-32]</sup>,而本文中的传感器不需要额外的拼接过程,只需在光纤上利用飞秒激光划线进行放电产生气泡,再拉锥形成器件,结构更加紧凑,整个传感区域长度不到  $400 \mu\text{m}$ 。另外,利用飞秒激光在任意位置划线均可精准地产生气泡,不需要额外加上液体进行熔接再产生 FP 腔。所设计的传感器的应变灵敏度最高可达  $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ ,对温度、湿度均不敏感,在涂覆 GQDs-PVA 之后,温度灵敏度最高可达  $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ,相对湿度灵敏度最高为  $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ ,选取三个波谷 Dip1、Dip2、Dip3 进行分析,利用三阶矩阵消除交叉敏感后能够实现三参量同时测量。

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## 2 光纤传感器结构制作与原理分析

### 2.1 传感器结构的制作

本实验所用的光纤熔接机 (FSM-100P+) 由日本 Fujikura 公司生产, 单模光纤 (SMF) 由长飞光纤光缆股份有限公司生产, 其芯径和包层直径分别为  $9\ \mu\text{m}$  和  $125\ \mu\text{m}$ 。如图 1(a) 所示, 飞秒激光器由相干公司生产, 重复频率为  $1\ \text{kHz}$ , 脉冲宽度为  $35\ \text{fs}$ , 实验

所使用的激光能量为  $1.2\ \mu\text{J}$ , 用放大倍数为 50、数值孔径为 0.7 的 OLYMPUS 物镜聚焦飞秒激光到 SMF 纤芯上, 运行程序在轴向方向刻线, 控制刻线长度为  $45\ \mu\text{m}$ , 如图 1(b) 所示。然后, 用光纤熔接机对准刻线的中心位置进行放电, 熔接机的放电电流和放电时间分别设置为  $20\ \text{mA}$  和  $1500\ \text{ms}$ , 瞬间放电使光纤内产生气泡, 如图 1(c) 所示, 其宽度为  $82\ \mu\text{m}$ 、长度为  $129\ \mu\text{m}$ 。

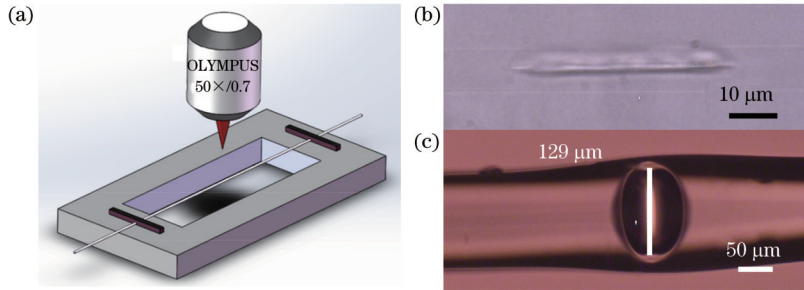


图 1 FP 微腔的制作。(a) 飞秒激光加工示意图; (b) 飞秒激光刻线的显微镜图; (c) FP 微气泡

Fig. 1 Fabrication of FP micro-cavity. (a) Schematic diagram of femtosecond laser processing; (b) microscope diagram of femtosecond laser inscribed line; (c) FP microbubble

如图 2(a) 所示, 将 SMF 拉锥得到 MZI, 锥区直径越小, 传感器倏逝场越强, 此时传感器对周围环境越敏感, 但锥部直径过小容易导致测量范围变小, 锥部直径太大又会导致灵敏度不够, 拉锥到  $40\ \mu\text{m}$  左右是一个相对合理的直径, 既能保持器件对环境敏感, 又能保证较大的测量范围, 此时 MZI 的锥部区域被拉伸至  $277\ \mu\text{m}$ , MZI 与微气泡 FP 腔级联可构成所需的传感器器件。

如图 2(b) 所示, 镀膜之后锥部的束腰直径为  $48\ \mu\text{m}$ , 可知镀膜厚度为  $4\ \mu\text{m}$ 。实验所使用的 GQDs 为苏州碳丰石墨烯科技有限公司生产, PVA 的生产厂

家是国药集团化学试剂有限公司。取 GQDs 约  $5\ \text{mg}$ , PVA 约  $100\ \text{mg}$ , 混合均匀后加入  $100\ \text{mL}$  纯净水, 再加热到  $95\ ^\circ\text{C}$ , 用磁力搅拌机作用  $1\ \text{h}$ , 使之搅拌均匀, 从而得到 GQDs-PVA 溶液。用注射器取  $1.5\ \text{mL}$  溶液均匀涂覆在光纤锥部, 将传感器放入真空干燥箱内, 设置干燥箱参数为  $80\ ^\circ\text{C}$ 、 $30\ \text{min}$ , GQDs-PVA 溶液中的溶剂蒸发后可以发现有一层薄膜附着在传感器锥部, 其主要成分是 PVA 和 GQDs。将薄膜放在扫描电子显微镜 (SEM) 下观察, 可知 PVA 膜中 GQDs 的尺寸与分布情况, 如图 2(c) 所示。

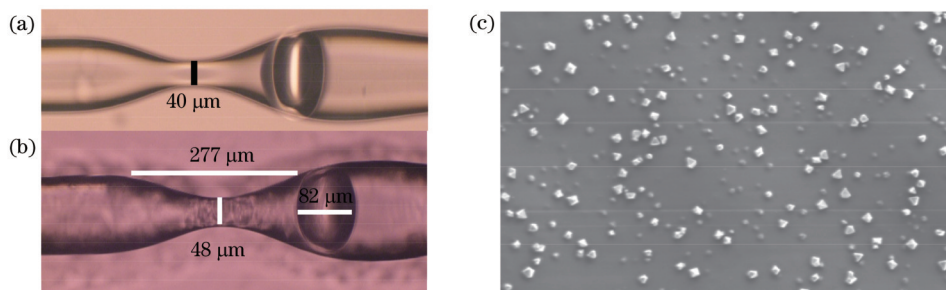


图 2 传感器实物图。(a) 镀膜前的传感器; (b) 镀膜后的传感器; (c) SEM 测得的 GQDs-PVA

Fig. 2 Physical diagram of sensor. (a) Sensor before coating; (b) sensor after coating; (c) GQDs-PVA measured by SEM

图 3(a) 为涂覆 GQDs-PVA 后传感器的初始光谱, 后续实验将对波谷 Dip1、Dip2、Dip3 进行观察与分析。对初始光谱进行快速傅里叶变换后得到传感器的空间频谱, 如图 3(b) 所示, 对干涉起主要作用的两个频率分别为  $0.03418\ \text{nm}^{-1}$  和  $0.06836\ \text{nm}^{-1}$ , 它们是由 FPI 与 MZI 分别起作用而形成的不同频率。

### 2.2 传感原理简单分析

图 4 为传感器光路的示意图, 传感器由 MZI 和

FPI 级联而成。MZI 是一段锥形光纤, 光从锥形光纤一端输入, 由于纤芯的直径在变小, 故部分高阶模会在包层中传输, 部分纤芯模会沿着纤芯传输。FPI 是一个气泡, 经过 MZI 后的输入光先后从气泡的两个反射面反射回来, 再返回到 MZI 中, 最终形成干涉的输出光。

相位差是由不同模式之间的光程差形成的, MZI 形成的相位差  $\varphi_1$  和 FPI 形成的相位差  $\varphi_2$  的计算公式为

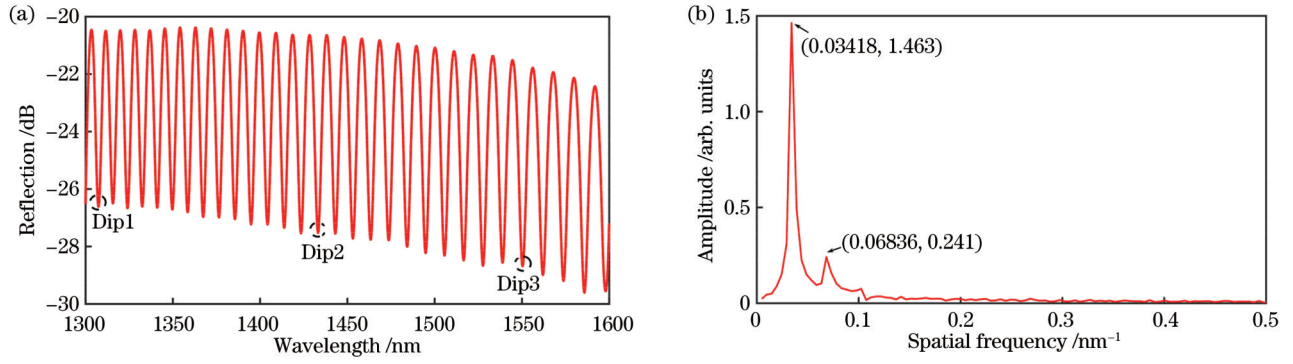


图 3 传感器初始反射光谱图与空间频谱图。(a)初始反射光谱图；(b)空间频谱图

Fig. 3 Initial reflectance spectrum and spatial spectrum of sensor. (a) Initial reflectance spectrogram; (b) spatial spectrum

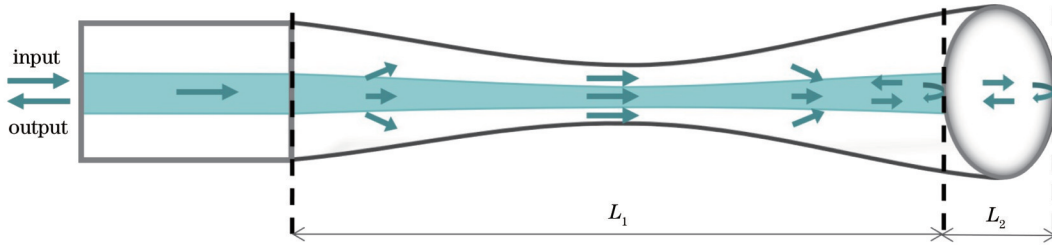


图 4 传感器光路示意图

Fig. 4 Schematic diagram of sensor optical path

$$\varphi_1 = \frac{2\pi(n_{co}^{eff} - n_{cl}^{eff})}{\lambda} L_1 = \frac{2\pi\Delta n_{eff}}{\lambda} L_1, \quad (1)$$

$$\varphi_2 = \frac{4\pi L_2 n_{air}}{\lambda}, \quad (2)$$

式中： $n_{cl}^{eff}$ 为包层模的有效折射率； $n_{co}^{eff}$ 为纤芯的有效折射率； $\Delta n_{eff}$ 为纤芯模与包层模的有效折射率之差； $n_{air}$ 为FPI的腔内折射率； $L_1$ 为MZI的锥部长度； $L_2$ 为FPI的腔长； $\lambda$ 为波长。当 $m, n$ 取整数时，干涉仪的谐振峰波长分别为

$$\lambda_m = \frac{2L_1 \Delta n_{eff}}{2m + 1}, \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{4L_2 n_{air}}{2n + 1}. \quad (4)$$

当应力 $\xi = \Delta L/L$  ( $\Delta L$ 为应变平台的移动距离， $L$ 为应变平台初始距离)作用于器件时，FPI的腔长 $L_2$ 和MZI的锥部长度 $L_1$ 均会发生变化，并且折射率也会产生变化，最终会导致谱线发生偏移，其中FPI腔内空气折射率的变化可以忽略不计。当应力作用时，干涉光谱中谐振峰的波长灵敏度可以表示为

$$S_F = \frac{\Delta\lambda_m}{\Delta\xi} + \frac{\Delta\lambda_n}{\Delta\xi} = \frac{2}{2m + 1} \left[ \Delta n_{eff} \frac{dL_1}{d\xi} + L_1 \left( \frac{dn_{co}^{eff}}{d\xi} - \frac{dn_{cl}^{eff}}{d\xi} \right) \right] + \frac{4}{2n + 1} n_{air} \frac{dL_2}{d\xi}, \quad (5)$$

式中： $\Delta\lambda_m$ 为MZI的干涉谱波长的变化量； $\Delta\lambda_n$ 为FPI的干涉谱波长的变化量； $\Delta\xi$ 为应变的变化量； $\Delta n_{eff}$ 为有效折射率差。

$p_{co}^{eff}$ 和 $p_{cl}^{eff}$ 分别为纤芯和包层的有效弹光系数，且满足

$$p_{co}^{eff} = -\frac{1}{n_{co}^{eff}} \frac{dn_{co}^{eff}}{d\xi}, \quad p_{cl}^{eff} = -\frac{1}{n_{cl}^{eff}} \frac{dn_{cl}^{eff}}{d\xi}. \quad (6)$$

当应力发生变化时，灵敏度可以简化为

$$S_F = \frac{2L_1}{2m + 1} (\Delta n_{eff} + p_{cl}^{eff} n_{cl}^{eff} - p_{co}^{eff} n_{co}^{eff}) + \frac{4L_2}{2n + 1} n_{air}. \quad (7)$$

在温度实验中，由于石墨烯的热效应较强，故GQDs会导致光谱产生漂移。当传感器的温度发生变化时，MZI的折射率和腔长均会产生变化，而FPI腔里面是空气，故对于FPI腔只需要考虑热膨胀而引起的腔长变化。通过观察不同温度的漂移规律，可以测得对应的温度灵敏度，其公式可表示为

$$S = S_{T-MZI} + S_{T-FPI} = \frac{\Delta\lambda_m}{\Delta T} + \frac{\Delta\lambda_n}{\Delta T} = \lambda_m \left[ \frac{dL_1}{L_1 dT} + \frac{1}{\Delta n_{eff}} \left( \frac{d\Delta n_{co}^{eff}}{dT} - \frac{d\Delta n_{cl}^{eff}}{dT} \right) \right] + \lambda_n \frac{dL_2}{L_2 dT}, \quad (8)$$

式中： $S_{T-MZI}$ 为MZI的温度灵敏度； $S_{T-FPI}$ 为FPI的温度灵敏度； $\Delta T$ 为温度变化量； $\Delta n_{co}^{eff}$ 为纤芯的有效折射率变化量； $\Delta n_{cl}^{eff}$ 为包层的有效折射率变化量； $\frac{dL_1}{L_1 dT}$ 和 $\frac{dL_2}{L_2 dT}$ 为热膨胀系数， $\frac{d\Delta n_{co}^{eff}}{dT}$ 和 $\frac{d\Delta n_{cl}^{eff}}{dT}$ 为热光系数。热膨胀系数和热光系数分别为 $5.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}/(\text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ 和 $1.28 \times 10^{-5} \text{ RIU}/^\circ\text{C}$  (RIU为折射率单位)<sup>[33]</sup>。

PVA的折射率约为1.52，纯净水的折射率约为



1.33, 在 MZI 的锥部涂覆 GQDs-PVA 之后, 相对湿度 ( $V_{RH}$ ) 发生变化, GQDs-PVA 的折射率也会发生变化, 这会导致两束干涉光的有效折射率之差发生变化。FPI 是一个封闭的结构, 湿度的变化并不会改变腔内折射率, 腔长也不会改变。FPI 的灵敏度可表示为

$$S_{RH} = \frac{\Delta\lambda_m}{\Delta V_{RH}} = \frac{\lambda_m}{L_1 \Delta_{eff}} \left[ \Delta_{eff} dL_1 + \frac{L_1}{dV_{RH}} (d\Delta_{co}^{eff} - d\Delta_{cl}^{eff}) \right], \quad (9)$$

式中:  $\Delta V_{RH}$  为相对湿度的变化量。湿度的变化也不会引起 MZI 的腔长变化, 芯层的折射率也不会改变, 式 (9) 可以简化为

$$S_{RH} = \frac{2L_1}{2m + 1} \frac{d\Delta_{cl}^{eff}}{dV_{RH}}. \quad (10)$$

从式 (7)、式 (8) 和式 (10) 可知, 反射光谱中的干涉峰波长对应力、温度、湿度的响应度不同。因此, 可以

通过灵敏度系数构建三阶矩阵, 实现三参量的同时测量。

### 3 实验结果与分析

图 5 展示了应变、温度、湿度的实验装置图, 以及可编程的温度湿度试验箱。试验箱温度测量范围为 20~100 °C, 测量的精度为  $\pm 0.1$  °C, 相对湿度测量范围为 10%~95%, 测量的精度为  $\pm 0.1\%$ 。所采用的宽带光源 (BBS) 是型号为 FL-ASE-EB-D-2-2-FC/APC 的自发辐射光源, 光谱的范围为 1250~1650 nm。所采用的光谱分析仪 (OSA) 由 YOKOGAWA 生产, 型号为 AQ6370D, 其测量范围为 600~1700 nm, 精度为  $\pm 0.1$  nm。光从 BBS 输出, 经耦合器传输至传感器之后, 反射光再由耦合器传输到 OSA 中, 然后进行实验并提取数据进行分析。

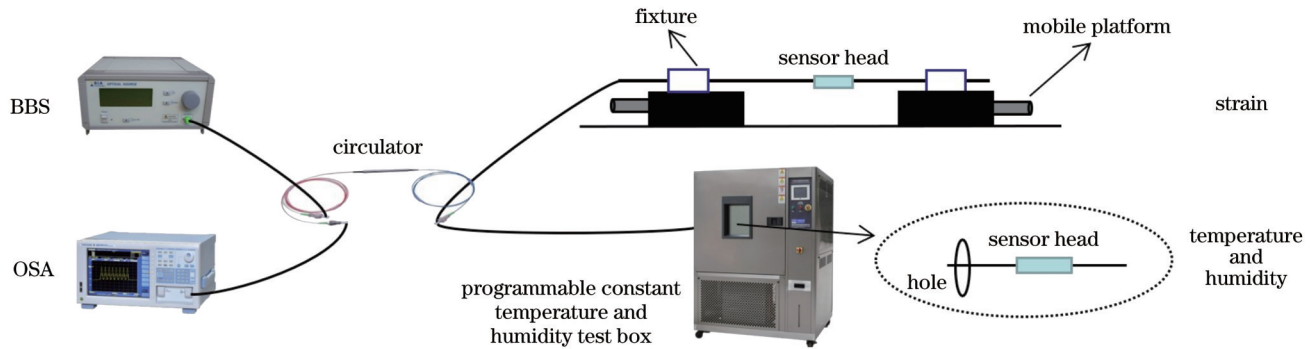


图 5 实验装置图

Fig. 5 Diagram of experimental setup

#### 3.1 应变传感实验

在进行应变实验时, 将传感器两端拉直固定在应变平台上, 设置应变平台初始距离  $L$  为 25 cm, 旋转右端应变平台上的千分尺, 每转动一格右移 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 设为  $\Delta L$ 。利用轴向应变变化公式  $\epsilon = \Delta L / L$  可得轴向应变间隔为 40  $\mu\epsilon$ , 即每隔 40  $\mu\epsilon$  记录一次反射光谱, 旋转 15 次, 轴向应变变化范围为 0~600  $\mu\epsilon$ 。实验结果表明, 随着轴向应变的增大, 反射光谱的谐振峰整体向右漂移。波谷 Dip1 (1307 nm) 的反射光谱变化图和线性拟合图如图 6(a)、(d) 所示, 波谷 Dip2 (1432 nm) 的反射光谱变化图和线性拟合图如图 6(b)、(e) 所示, 波谷 Dip3 (1550 nm) 的反射光谱变化图和线性拟合图如图 6(c)、(f) 所示, 分别分析其漂移规律, 可得轴向应变灵敏度分别为 4.0  $\text{pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 、4.3  $\text{pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 、4.8  $\text{pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , 线性拟合度分别为 0.9993、0.9995、0.9996, 三者线性度均较高。

#### 3.2 温度传感实验

在进行温度实验时, 设定相对湿度 40% 不变, 温度从 24~80 °C 逐步上升, 间隔 4 °C 为一组, 并且稳定 15 min 左右再记录反射谱, 总共记录了 15 组数据。如

图 7 所示, 镀 GQDs-PVA 薄膜之前, 随着温度的上升, 波长漂移几乎为零。然而, 镀 GQDs-PVA 之后: 选 Dip1 观察其光谱变化, 分析得到此时温度灵敏度为 16.6  $\text{pm}/\text{C}$ , 线性拟合度为 0.9857, 如图 8(a)、(d) 所示; Dip2 的温度灵敏度为 18.5  $\text{pm}/\text{C}$ , 线性拟合度为 0.9859, 如图 8(b)、(e) 所示; Dip3 的温度灵敏度为 20.4  $\text{pm}/\text{C}$ , 线性拟合度为 0.9867, 如图 8(c)、(f) 所示。

#### 3.3 湿度传感实验

在进行湿度实验时, 将传感器放至恒温恒湿试验箱中, 该传感器的一端通过试验箱的小孔连接到环形器, 环形器的另外两端分别连接至 BBS 与 OSA。设定温度为 40 °C 并保持不变, 相对湿度从 40% 逐步变化至 70%, 间隔为 5%, 每次稳定 15 min 左右后记录一次数据, 共得到 7 组数据。石英玻璃对湿度并不敏感, 镀膜之前反射光谱的波长不产生漂移, 涂覆 GQDs-PVA 之后, 反射谱光谱的波长随着湿度的上升整体红移: 波谷 Dip1 的中心波长与湿度有很好的线性关系, 线性拟合度为 0.9889, 相对湿度灵敏度为 12.6  $\text{pm}/\%$ , 如图 9(a)、(d) 所示; 波谷 Dip2 的相对湿度灵敏度为

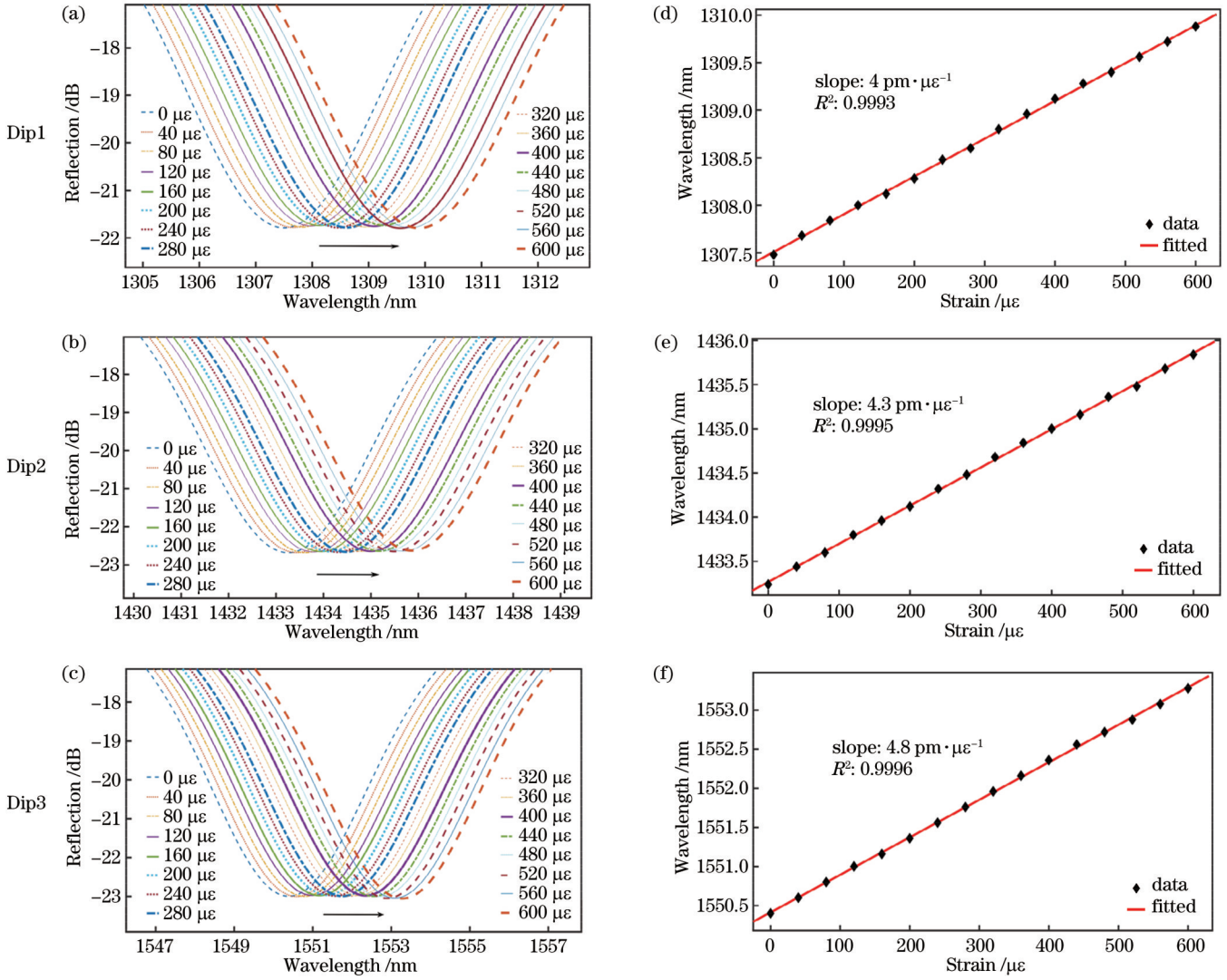


图 6 应变实验的反射光谱变化图与线性拟合图。(a)~(c)反射光谱变化图;(d)~(f)线性拟合图

Fig. 6 Reflection spectrum variation diagram and linear fitting diagram of strain experiment. (a)~(c) Reflection spectrum variation diagram; (d)~(f) linear fitting diagram

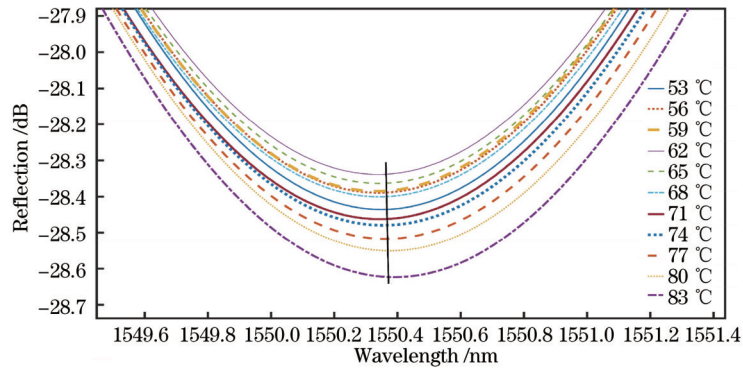


图 7 镀膜前温度实验的反射光谱

Fig. 7 Reflection spectra of temperature test before coating

13.5 pm/%, 线性拟合度为 0.9652, 如图 9(b)、(e) 所示; 波谷 Dip3 的相对湿度灵敏度为 14.6 pm/%, 线性拟合度为 0.9863, 如图 9(c)、(f) 所示。

为了消除三参量之间的交叉敏感, 当外界的应变、

温度和湿度变化时, 三者之间的关系可描述为

$$\begin{cases} \Delta\lambda_1 = K_{S_1}\Delta\varepsilon + K_{T_1}\Delta T + K_{H_1}\Delta H \\ \Delta\lambda_2 = K_{S_2}\Delta\varepsilon + K_{T_2}\Delta T + K_{H_2}\Delta H \\ \Delta\lambda_3 = K_{S_3}\Delta\varepsilon + K_{T_3}\Delta T + K_{H_3}\Delta H \end{cases}, \quad (11)$$

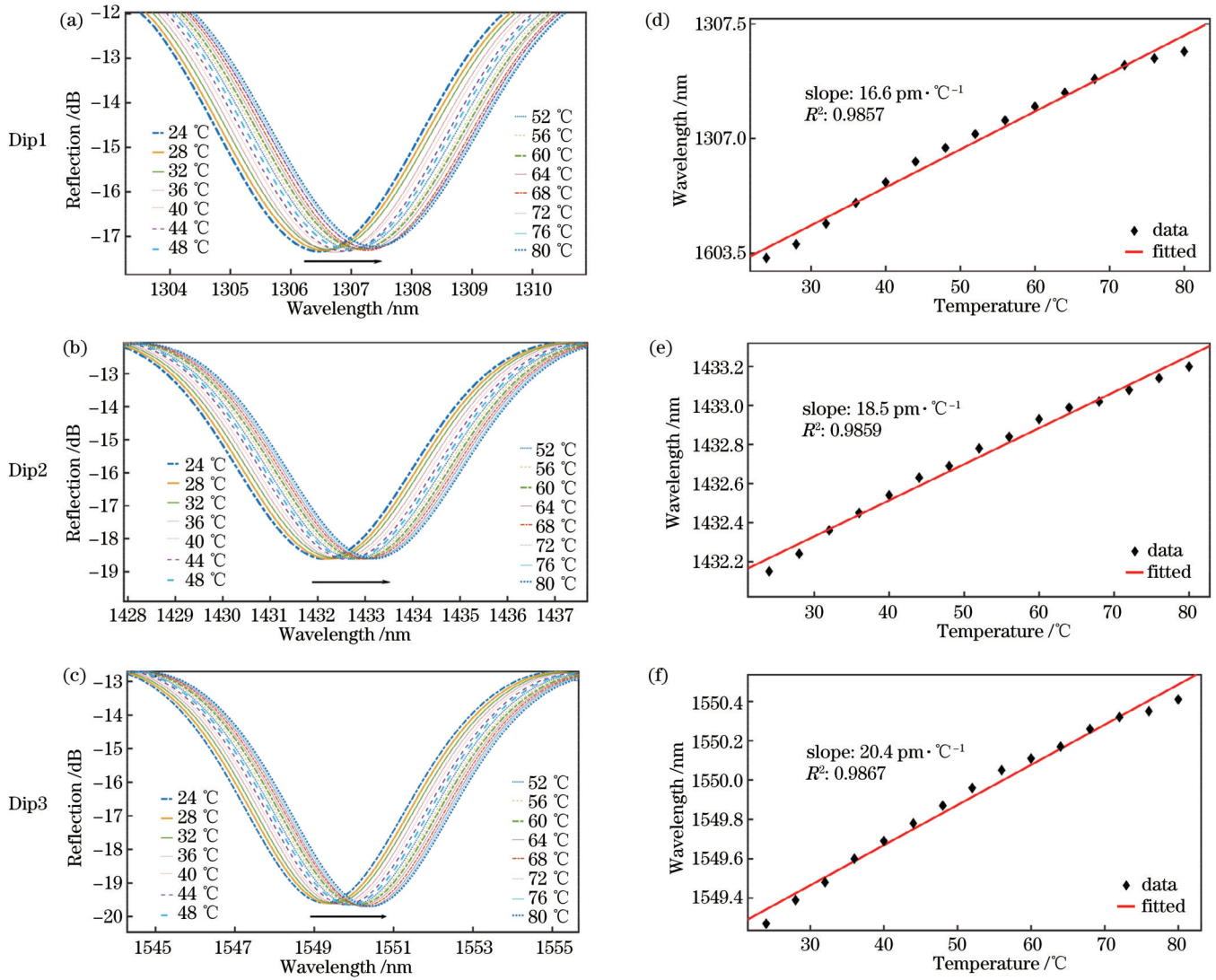


图 8 温度实验的反射光谱变化图与线性拟合图。(a)~(c)反射光谱变化图;(d)~(f)线性拟合图

Fig. 8 Reflectance spectrum variation diagram and linear fitting diagram of temperature experiment. (a)~(c) Reflection spectrum variation diagram; (d)~(f) linear fitting diagram

式中:  $\Delta\epsilon$  为应变变化量;  $\Delta H$  为湿度变化量;  $\Delta\lambda_1$ 、 $\Delta\lambda_2$  和  $\Delta\lambda_3$  为谐振波谷 Dip1、Dip2 和 Dip3 的中心波长偏移量;  $K_{S_1}$ 、 $K_{T_1}$  和  $K_{H_1}$  分别为波谷 Dip1 的应变灵敏系数、温度灵敏系数和湿度灵敏系数;  $K_{S_2}$ 、 $K_{T_2}$  和  $K_{H_2}$  分别为波谷 Dip2 的应变灵敏系数、温度灵敏系数和湿度灵敏系数;  $K_{S_3}$ 、 $K_{T_3}$  和  $K_{H_3}$  分别为波谷 Dip3 的应变灵敏系数、温度灵敏系数和湿度灵敏系数。由式(11)可得, 波谷 Dip1、Dip2 和 Dip3 的应变、温度和湿度与中心波长漂移量的关系为

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_1 \\ \Delta\lambda_2 \\ \Delta\lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{S_1} & K_{T_1} & K_{H_1} \\ K_{S_2} & K_{T_2} & K_{H_2} \\ K_{S_3} & K_{T_3} & K_{H_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\epsilon \\ \Delta T \\ \Delta H \end{bmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

对式(12)求逆可得应变、温度和湿度的微小变量, 即

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\epsilon \\ \Delta T \\ \Delta H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{S_1} & K_{T_1} & K_{H_1} \\ K_{S_2} & K_{T_2} & K_{H_2} \\ K_{S_3} & K_{T_3} & K_{H_3} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_1 \\ \Delta\lambda_2 \\ \Delta\lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

若已测得该光纤传感器对应变、温度和湿度变化的灵敏度, 即可利用光谱仪监测反射谱三个波谷中心波长的变化。将实验结果代入式(13)中可求得应变、温度和湿度的变化量, 相应的公式为

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\epsilon \\ \Delta T \\ \Delta H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.0 & 16.6 & 12.6 \\ 4.3 & 18.5 & 13.5 \\ 4.8 & 20.4 & 14.6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_1 \\ \Delta\lambda_2 \\ \Delta\lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

对式(14)求解逆矩阵可得

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\epsilon \\ \Delta T \\ \Delta H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.15 & -11.50 & 7.05 \\ -1.58 & 1.63 & -0.14 \\ 0.85 & 1.50 & -2.05 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\lambda_1 \\ \Delta\lambda_2 \\ \Delta\lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

在式(15)中代入波长偏移量可直接求得应变、温度和湿度的变化。



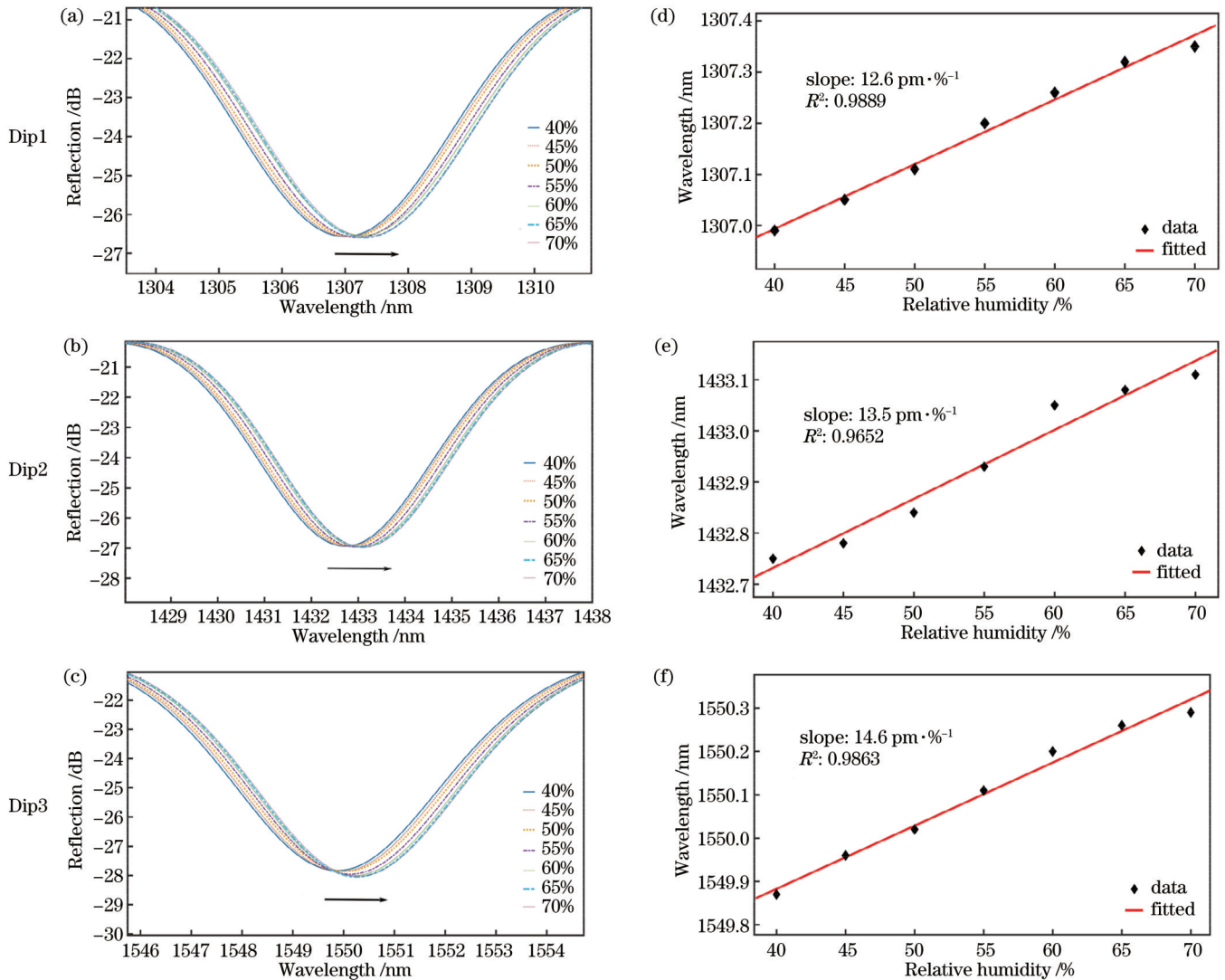


图 9 湿度实验的反射光谱变化图与线性拟合图。(a)~(c)反射光谱变化图;(d)~(f)线性拟合图

Fig. 9 Reflectance spectrum variation diagram and linear fitting diagram of humidity experiment. (a)~(c) Reflection spectrum variation diagram; (d)~(f) linear fitting diagram

## 4 结 论

运用飞秒激光划线和光纤熔接机放电制作了MZI与FPI级联的光纤传感器,并通过实验验证了它的三参量传感特性。传感器在三个波谷处的应变灵敏度分别为 $4.0 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 、 $4.3 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ 、 $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ ,灵敏度相对较高,量程为 $600 \mu\epsilon$ 。在未涂覆GQDs-PVA时,传感器的温度和湿度灵敏度几乎为0。涂覆GQDs-PVA到器件的锥部后进行温度和湿度实验,可以发现:三个波谷处的温度灵敏度分别为 $16.6 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ 、 $18.5 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ 、 $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ,温度的测量范围为 $24\sim 80^\circ\text{C}$ ;三个波谷处的相对湿度灵敏度分别为 $12.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ 、 $13.5 \text{ pm}/\%$ 、 $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ ,可测相对湿度范围为 $40\%\sim 70\%$ ;应力、温度、湿度均与对应的中心波长有良好的线性关系。最后,构建三阶矩阵以消除交叉敏感,实现了应力、温度、湿度的同时测量。所提传感器制作简单、灵敏度

高,在医疗监测、食品安全和环境检测等领域中均具有良好的应用前景。

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# Fiber Optic Sensor for Simultaneous Measurement of Three Parameters in FP Cavity and MZI Cascade

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## Abstract

**Objective** A multiparametric fiber optic sensor with a pull-tapered fiber modified by sensitive materials and a microcavity cascade is fabricated, and its strain, temperature, and humidity characteristics are experimentally demonstrated. The proposed microcavity is formed by a femtosecond laser scribing discharge and tapered. The interference peak of the reflection spectrum of the sensor is sensitive to the change in strain, and the experimental results show that the strain sensitivity is  $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , but the structure is insensitive to both temperature and humidity. After the tapered part of the structure is coated with polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) doped with graphene quantum dots (GQDs), the sensitivity of temperature and humidity is significantly improved, with the maximum temperature sensitivity of  $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$  and the maximum relative humidity sensitivity of  $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ . Dip1, Dip2, and Dip3 are analyzed, and then the cross-sensitivity is eliminated by using a third-order matrix, so as to simultaneously measure strain, temperature, and humidity. The device is easily fabricated, and it has a small size, excellent linearity, and good application prospects.

**Methods** Firstly, the femtosecond laser pulse is focused on the single-mode fiber (SMF) with an OLYMPUS objective lens with a numerical aperture of 0.7, and the program is run to write the optical fiber core axially with a controlled writing length of  $45 \mu\text{m}$ , and a fiber fusion splicer is used to discharge the fiber at the center of the inscription. The discharge current and the discharge time of the fusion splicer are set to 20 mA and 1500 ms, respectively, and the bubble is generated inside the fiber with a width of  $82 \mu\text{m}$  and a length of  $129 \mu\text{m}$ . Secondly, the SMF is tapered to obtain the Mach-Zehnder interferometer (MZI). The tapered area of the MZI is stretched to  $277 \mu\text{m}$ , and the MZI is cascaded with a microbubble Fabry-Perot (FP) cavity to develop the required sensor device. The diameter of the tapered fiber after coating is  $48 \mu\text{m}$ , and the coating thickness is  $4 \mu\text{m}$ . 5 mg of GQDs and 100 mg of PVA are used, and they are mixed well, with 100 mL of pure water added. Then, the mixed solution is heated to  $95^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred well by a magnetic stirrer for 1 h, so as to obtain the GQDs-PVA solution. After the solvent in the GQDs-PVA solution evaporates, a thin film attached to the tapered part of the sensor can be found, and its main components are PVA and GQDs. The film is observed under a scanning electron microscope, and the size and distribution of GQDs in the PVA film can be known. Finally, the initial spectrum of the sensor after coating GQDs-PVA is measured, and three resonance valleys, namely, Dip1, Dip2, and Dip3 are taken for observation and analysis.

**Results and Discussions** The temperature range of the experimental chamber is  $20\text{--}100^\circ\text{C}$ , with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ , and the relative humidity measurement range is  $10\%\text{--}95\%$ , with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1\%$ . The broadband light source is a spontaneous radiation source with a spectral range of  $1250\text{--}1650 \text{ nm}$ . The measurement range of the adopted optical spectrum analyzer is  $600\text{--}1700 \text{ nm}$ , with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.1 \text{ nm}$ . The light is output from the broadband light source and transmitted to the sensor by the coupler. Then, the reflected light is transmitted back to the optical spectrum analyzer by the coupler. Dip1, Dip2, and Dip3 are selected to observe the spectral changes, and the temperature sensitivities are  $16.6 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $18.5 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ , and the linearities are 0.9857, 0.9859, and 0.9867, respectively. The central wavelengths of Dip1, Dip2, and Dip3 have a positive linear relationship with humidity. The linearities are 0.9889, 0.9652, and 0.9863, and the relative humidity sensitivities are  $12.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ ,  $13.5 \text{ pm}/\%$ , and  $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ , respectively. The axial strain sensitivities are  $4.0 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ ,  $4.3 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , and  $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , and the linearities are 0.9993, 0.9995, and 0.9996, respectively. Finally, a third-order matrix is constructed to eliminate the cross-sensitivity between the three parameters.

**Conclusions** Optical fiber sensors cascaded by MZI and FPI are fabricated by femtosecond laser scribing and fiber fusion splicer discharge technology, and their three-parameter sensing characteristics are verified by experiments. The strain sensitivities at the three resonance valleys are  $4.0 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ ,  $4.3 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , and  $4.8 \text{ pm}/\mu\epsilon$ , respectively, which are relatively high, with a range of  $600 \mu\epsilon$ . When GQDs-PVA is uncoated, the sensitivities of temperature and humidity of the sensor are almost zero. The temperature sensitivities at the three resonance valleys are  $16.6 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $18.5 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $20.4 \text{ pm}/^\circ\text{C}$ , and the measurement range of temperature is  $24\text{--}80^\circ\text{C}$ . The relative humidity sensitivities at the three resonance valleys are  $12.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ ,  $13.5 \text{ pm}/\%$ , and  $14.6 \text{ pm}/\%$ , and the measurable relative humidity range is

40%-70%. The strain, temperature, and humidity had a positive linear relationship with the corresponding central wavelength. Finally, the cross-sensitivity is eliminated by constructing a third-order matrix, and the strain, temperature, and humidity can be measured simultaneously. The proposed sensor can be easily fabricated, and it has high sensitivity and good application prospects in fields such as medical monitoring, food safety, and environmental detection.

**Key words** fiber optics; optical fiber sensors; strain; temperature; relative humidity; graphene quantum dots; polyvinyl alcohol