

**Sustainable Water Management
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Title of the PhD Project	Smart fiber optic surveillance system for water quality monitoring using innovative sensors and proactive data analysis tools
Acronym	ELE-5
Research Fields of the Project	Fiber optical sensor systems for sustainable water management
Keywords	Fiber optics, sensors, water quality, data analysis
Host Institution, Department and Campus Location	İzmir Institute of Technology, Electrical-Electronics Engineering Department, Urla, İzmir
PhD Awarding Institution and Graduate Programme	İzmir Institute of Technology, Graduate School, PhD in Electronics Engineering
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Research Environment and Infrastructure	<p>The Izmir Institute of Technology (İZTECH) has been distinguished as “one of the Top 5 Research Universities” out of 200+ higher education institutions in Türkiye, ranking first in terms of the number of peer-reviewed articles per faculty member.</p> <p>One of the strategic goals of İZTECH is to advance its position to a leading academic institution in water research in European Research Area. İZTECH Campus is in Urla, İzmir and has an area of 232.30 hectares of land (the third largest campus area in Türkiye).</p>



	<p>Being an English medium university, IZTECH currently has Engineering, Science, and Architecture faculties with 19 departments (engineering 10, science 5 and architecture 5), with 18 undergraduate, 29 master's (9 interdisciplinary) and 15 doctorate (4 interdisciplinary) programs in 19 majors. IZTECH has 354 laboratories, 80% of which are for R&D purposes and 20% of which are for educational purposes. All laboratories contain the appropriate technology for education, teaching and research in various fields. Importantly, the Integrated Research Center (IRC) of IZTECH is one of the most-equipped and competent research centers in Türkiye, located on 6,250 m² area. IRC incorporates eight different Application and Research Centers (ARCs) including Environmental Development ARC, Geothermal Energy ARC, Biotechnology and Bioengineering ARC, National Mass Spectrometry ARC, Wind Energy Meteorology ARC and Continuing Education Center. The equipment and analysis portfolio are accessible through a website that was designed considering online-shopping perspective.</p> <p>Furthermore, the academic supervisors of ELE-2 have their own laboratories, namely FiSENSLAB, MIRALAB and CVRG that will be involved in the project.</p> <p>The Fiber Optic Metrology and Sensor Applications Laboratory (FiSENSLAB, https://eee.iyte.edu.tr/en/fiber-optic-sensors-lab/) was established in 2012 as a complementary part of the ongoing research at the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department of IZTECH on the photonics domain. Specific research areas focused on at FiSENS-LAB include design and implementation of optical fiber reflectometry techniques, Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors (DOFS), Fiber Bragg Grating sensors (FBG), Passive Optical Networks (PON), and sensor data analysis using machine learning algorithms.</p> <p>The Machine Intelligence Research and Applications Laboratory (MIRALAB) at Izmir Institute of Technology, Türkiye, is dedicated to exploring the frontiers of artificial intelligence, with a particular focus on sequential data analysis and computer vision. MIRALAB is engaged in developing advanced AI methodologies, including transformers, diffusion-based models, and multimodal systems, by focusing on the application areas of optical sensors, biosensors, medical image understanding, facial expression analysis, wearable devices and digital health.</p> <p>The Computer Vision Research Group (CVRG, cvg.iyte.edu.tr) at Izmir Institute of Technology targets to conduct research on the cutting-edge topics of applying AI and machine learning techniques for visual data such as: Visual object detection/classification, visual localization, vision for autonomous driving and ADAS, 3D reconstruction from images, object tracking, vision for robotics.</p>
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<p>Scientific Context of the Project</p>	<p>The development of sustainable water management platforms is inconceivable without the constant improvement and implementation of novel tools of optical fiber-based sensors to gather all the water-related data from the field and artificial intelligence algorithms for data interpretation and creative problem solving.</p> <p>In this project, water quality measurement platforms will be designed required to achieve the goal of sustainable water management. These platforms will include a lab-based testing system (e.g., monitoring of potable water, chemical leakage). Signal processing and data analysis tools together with machine learning algorithms will be incorporated into the measurement prototypes to interpret data collected.</p> <p>The activities of the project will be designed in a layered approach, in which various sensing systems will be implemented in the physical layer (special emphasize will be given to innovative optical fiber sensors). The upper layers of the project will provide real time data acquisition and proactive data analysis functionalities combined with machine learning and IoT technologies. The outputs of the project will serve to develop new management practices combining technological, managerial and governance innovation.</p>
<p>Brief Workplan</p>	<p>0 – 2 years: PhD candidate will take classes from partner universities</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Analysis of the state of the art</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Requirement analysis</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Simulation of the sensor interrogation system</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fiber optic lab trainings</p> <p>0.5 – 2.5 years: Data collection capability improvement with fiber optic sensors. Noise modelling and analysis.</p> <p>1.0 – 4 years: Implementing the fiber optic sensors and tools specific for the corresponding Ph.D. project.</p>

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	<p>Comparison between simulated and experimental data.</p> <p>Secondments visits.</p> <p>Intersectoral mobility (outside plant trials).</p> <p>Congress and article publishing.</p> <p>1.0 – 4 years: Developing and implementing artificial intelligence algorithms for the analysis of fiber optic sensors specific for the corresponding Ph.D. project</p> <p>3.0 – 4 years: Thesis report, dissemination activities.</p>
Innovative Aspects of the Project	Innovative sensor-based monitoring system will facilitate permanent supervision (replacing inspection-based supervision) help protecting the environment.
Training Opportunities of the Project	<p>Doctoral schools and courses from the leading academic institutions in Türkiye, namely, Izmir Institute of Technology (IZTECH-beneficiary) in İzmir, İstanbul Technical University (ITU) in İstanbul, Gebze Technical University (GTU) in Kocaeli, and Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara.</p> <p>Research Laboratories of the co-advisors (FiSENS, MIRALAB, CVRG)</p>
Interdisciplinary Aspects	This project brings together complementary expertise of a diverse group of researchers from 5 leading universities working towards Sustainable Water Management (SWM) in Türkiye to offer unique inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral research and training opportunities for Doctoral Candidates.
<p>Intersectoral Mobility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Short Visit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secondment</p>	NA



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