

Helium sensitivity in STIM products 04.11.2020 – Hans Erik Mathisen



Introduction



- The gyros in Sensonor's STIM-products are sensitive to Helium
- In certain applications, exposure to Helium is unavoidable or may incidentally occur
- This report summarizes a characterization performed to study the gyros' response to exposure of 40ppm Helium over a 7 days period
- The elevated Helium concentration was achieved by applying normal air at 800kPa (absolute). Measurement sequence:
 - 2 hours at 100kPa (atmospheric pressure)
 - 7 days at 800kPa
 - 16 hours at 100kPa (atmospheric pressure)
- Pre and post characterization of bias (rate) and scale factor have been performed and drift analysis performed

Summary



- Gyro Bias:
 - Median shift of bias was +157°/h over the 7 days of exposure
 - Worst case shift was 1 277°/h
- Gyro Scale factor:
 - A negative shift was seen on all gyros, which is expected
 - Average shift was -6 919ppm, 1 sigma = 1 712ppm
 - Worst case scale-factor was 0.988542 (-11 458ppm error)