CRM Group

From years, the CRM Group is involved in improving the process and products in the metal industry. The industrial systems developed inside the Sensors And Measurements department are particularly devoted to help controlling the process and ensuring the quality of the products.

The industrial conditions in which these sensors have to operate, allow to cope with most production environments. Therefore, these developments could find **applications in other sectors** such as glass, paper, ...



Competencies

The CRM Group staff has developed advanced skills in: spectroscopy, continuous and pulsed lasers, online microscopy, optical design, visible and infrared cameras, specific lighting, home-made electronic hardware and software, data analysis and signal processing, image processing algorithms, real-time and multi-threading software, adapted mechanics, housing and cooling for harsh and hot environment, closed-loop control, ...





"To develop environment friendly processes & products for a sustainable future is our priority"

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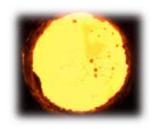


"Turning on-line measurements into optimum quality"

An Outline of sensors ...

Liquid level measurement

- o Measurement of liquid level in harsh conditions: high temperature, dust, ...
- → Focus laser beam onto a molten metal surface



Dynamic positioning

- o Continuous follow-up of the position of mechanical parts to allow closed loop control during production
- → Adjust the distance between the wipers to optimise the galvanising process



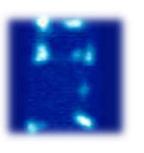
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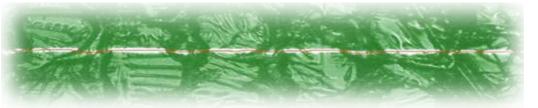
- o Continuous shape measurement of highly reflective product
- → Shape measurement of galvanised strip to continuously control the position of the guiding rolls and to improve the homogeneity of the coating thickness



Infrared vision

- o Characterisation of products using temperature and emissivity
- → On-line monitoring of steel pickling





RollScope

- o On-line visualisation and analysis of moving surface in very harsh environment
- → Continuous control of roll degradation in steel rolling



OLM - On-Line Microscopy

On-line characterisation of moving surface (up to 30m/s) at microscopic scale



- o On-line characterisation of microstructures and surface textures
- → Real-time quality assessment of galvannealed coating



- o On-line quality control of roughness
- \rightarrow Timely detection of wear of rolls and improper roll forces

WaviSurf

- Waviness and roughness measurement for quality assessment
- → Better control of process conditions and product quality











- → Control of the blast furnace by continuously monitoring the composition and temperature of the molten hot metal
- → Analysis of the silicon concentration in the runner



Serafin

- → Control of preheating and oxygen lancing in Electric Arc Furnaces
- → Optimisation of the operating pattern and blowback prevention



- **OTTM** Oxide thickness and temperature measurement
- → On-line thin coating quality control
- → On-line FeO thickness measurement at nanometer scale



Blade wear monitoring

- → Shape control of moving profiles
- → Monitoring of side-trimmer degradation in strip production



Paralign

→ Guiding rolls alignment in all kind of continuous lines by use of optical gyroscopes



