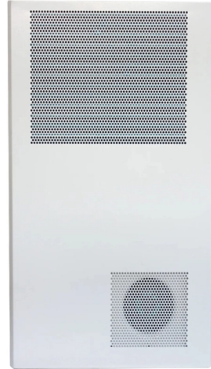


Fiber Optic Sensor Strain Principle



Overview

Fiber Optic Strain and Temperature Sensing: Overview of Principles
Abstract: Fiber-optic sensing of temperature and strain over many advantages over electro.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic strain sensors measure strain by detecting changes in light properties caused by deformation of the optical fiber, primarily using the strain-optic effect.
Basic Principle: The Strain-Optic Effect
Fiber optic strain sensors operate on the strain-optic effect, where mechanical deformation of an optical fiber alters its physical dimensions and refractive index. When the fiber is stretched or compressed, the spacing and refractive index of the fiber core change, which affects the light traveling through it.

These changes can manifest as shifts in wavelength, phase, intensity, or polarization of the light, which are then measured to quantify the applied strain.

Types of Fiber Optic Strain Sensors

Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensors
FBGs are created by inscribing a periodic variation of the refractive index along the fiber core. Light of a specific Bragg wavelength is reflected, while other wavelengths pass through. When strain is applied, the grating period and effective refractive index change, causing a shift in the reflected wavelength.

The strain is calculated from this wavelength shift using the FBG strain sensitivity coefficient, which depends on the fiber's optical and mechanical properties.

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Gs allow multiplexing, enabling multiple sensors along a single fiber for quasi-distributed measurements.

Interferometric Sensors

These sensors measure phase changes in light caused by fiber deformation. Interference patterns of light waves are analyzed to detect minute strain variations. They offer high sensitivity and accuracy but require precise alignment and are more complex than intensity-based sensors.

Intensity-

Based Sensors

Detect changes in light intensity due to variations in optical path length or coupling efficiency. Simpler and cost-effective but more susceptible to temperature fluctuations and light source instability. Distributed Sensing (Rayleigh, Brillouin, OFDR) Uses the backscattered light along the fiber to measure strain continuously over long distances.

Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry (OFDR) retrieves the Rayleigh backscatter signal with high spatial resolution, enabling point-to-point distributed strain measurement. Suitable for structural health monitoring, composite material testing, and large-scale civil engineering applications.

Advantages Over Traditional Strain Gauges

Electromagnetic immunity: Fiber optics are unaffected by EMI. Durability and corrosion resistance: Suitable for harsh environments. High spatial resolution: Especially in distributed sensing.

Non-intrusive and embeddable: Can be embedded in composites or attached to surfaces for real-time monitoring. Multiplexing capability: Multiple sensors on a single fiber reduce wiring complexity.

Summary

Fiber optic strain sensors detect mechanical deformation by monitoring light property changes in optical fibers.

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Gs measure wavelength shifts, interferometric sensors measure phase changes, and distributed sensing techniques like OFDR provide continuous strain profiles along the fiber. These sensors offer high sensitivity, environmental robustness, and flexibility for both localized and large-scale structural monitoring applications.

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