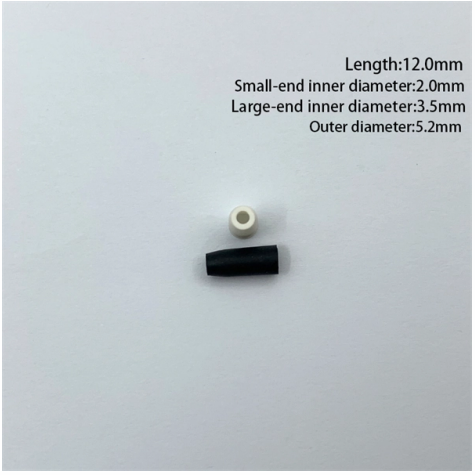
Fiber Optic Sensor Design Experiment



Overview

Help students deeply understand the principle of optical fiber sensing and practical application, grasp basic skills.

Key Takeaways

A fiber optic sensor experiment involves using optical fibers to detect changes in environmental parameters like strain, temperature, or pressure, often employing fiber Bragg gratings or interferometric techniques.Overview of Fiber Optic Sensors

Fiber optic sensors convert physical changes into measurable optical signals. Common types include:

• Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensors: Use periodic modulation of the fiber's refractive index to reflect specific wavelengths. Changes in strain or temperature shift the reflected wavelength, allowing precise measurement .

• Distributed Fiber Optic Sensors: Exploit light scattering (Rayleigh, Brillouin, or Raman) along the fiber to measure parameters continuously over long distances .

• Fiber Interferometer Sensors: Detect phase changes in light caused by external perturbations, suitable for high-sensitivity applications . These sensors are valued for lightweight design, compactness, immunity to electromagnetic interference, and high sensitivity, making them suitable for structural monitoring, medical textiles, and industrial applications .
Experimental Design Steps
• Objective Definition: Determine the parameter to measure (e.g., strain, temperature, vibration).

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• Sensor Selection: Choose the appropriate fiber sensor type (FBG, distributed, or interferometric) based on sensitivity, range, and application .

• Fiber Preparation: For FBGs, inscribe gratings using a laser and phase mask technique. For distributed sensors, ensure proper fiber length and connectivity .

• Setup Configuration: Connect the fiber to a light source (laser or LED) and an interrogation system (spectrometer or photodetector) to monitor transmitted or reflected signals .

• Calibration: Apply known stimuli to the fiber and record optical responses to establish a baseline for measurement.

• Data Acquisition: Conduct the experiment by applying varying external conditions and capturing the corresponding optical signal changes.

• Analysis: Plot wavelength shifts, intensity changes, or phase variations against applied stimuli to evaluate sensor performance and sensitivity .

Educational Implementation

In a laboratory setting, students can:

• Observe direct transmission and reflection changes in optical fibers under mechanical or thermal stress .

• Integrate knowledge from physics, electrical engineering, and materials science to understand real-world applications .

• Use the experiment as a thematic or comprehensive exercise to reinforce concepts of optoelectronics and sensor technology .

Applications

Fiber optic sensor experiments can simulate or demonstrate real-world applications such as:

• Structural health monitoring in bridges or aircraft

• Medical monitoring via smart textiles

• Industrial process control and safety systems

• Automotive and avionics sensors By following these steps, a fiber optic sensor experiment provides both hands-on experience and a deep understanding of optical sensing principles, bridging theoretical knowledge with practical applications.

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Optical fibre sensors are an essential subset of optical fibre technology, designed specifically for sensing and

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