

Principle of Interference Fiber Optic Sensors

Article Overview

Fiber optic sensors commonly use optical interference, including phase and polarization interference, to detect physical changes such as strain, temperature, and current.

Principles of Interference-Based Sensing

Fiber optic sensors detect changes in environmental or physical parameters by modulating the light traveling through the fiber. Interference occurs when two or more light waves combine, producing variations in intensity, phase, or polarization that can be measured. This principle is exploited in several types of fiber optic sensors:

- **Phase Interference:** Changes in the optical path length due to strain, pressure, or temperature cause a phase shift in the light. Devices like Mach-Zehnder and Michelson interferometers use this phase difference to measure small physical changes with high sensitivity .
- **Polarization Interference:** Variations in the polarization state of light can be induced by external factors such as magnetic fields or stress. Sagnac interferometers and Faraday effect-based sensors detect these polarization changes to measure rotation or current .
- **Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBGs):** These sensors create interference by reflecting specific wavelengths of light. Changes in strain or temperature shift the reflected wavelength, which can be precisely measured

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The usage of fiber-optic sensors has flourished in many fields over the past 30 years due to the fiber-optic's inherent advantages:

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In principal, different modulation/demodulation principles can be used for sensing multiple external physical

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Optical Fiber (Transmission Medium, Sensing Element) Light modulated due to interaction with parameter of interest (Measurand)

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