

Experimental Methods for Fiber Optic Sensing Measurement



Overview

A Review of Multiparameter Fiber-Optic Distributed Sensing This review summarizes recent progress and emerging trends in multiparameter optical fiber sensing.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic sensors, including FBG and OFDR, enable high-precision, distributed measurements of strain, temperature, and other physical parameters with excellent stability and minimal interference.

Overview of Fiber Optic Sensors

Fiber optic sensors use light transmitted through optical fibers to measure physical quantities. Two widely used technologies are Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG) and Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry (OFDR).

FB

FBG sensors reflect specific wavelengths of light that shift in response to strain or temperature changes, allowing precise point-to-point or quasi-distributed measurements.

OFD

OFDR, on the other hand, analyzes backscattered Rayleigh signals along the fiber to provide high-resolution, distributed sensing over long distances.



Experimental Measurement and Calibration

Experiments on fiber optic sensors typically involve strain and temperature calibration using standard beams or reference devices like resistive strain gauges (ESG). In such experiments, FBG and OFDR sensors demonstrate good linearity, cyclic stability, and repeatability, with strain measurement errors often below 2% and correlation coefficients (R^2) exceeding 0.998.

The small diameter of optical fibers allows them to be embedded in or mounted on components with minimal influence on structural behavior, making them suitable for composite materials like CFRP laminates.

Applications

Fiber optic sensors are applied in a wide range of fields: Structural Health Monitoring: Continuous monitoring of bridges, aircraft, and wind turbine blades for strain, stress, and temperature changes. Industrial Measurement: Measuring micro bores, micro gears, and other components where conventional sensors cannot fit. Biomedical Diagnostics: Endoscopic and minimally invasive measurements of tissue morphology and temperature.

Battery and Material Testing: High-resolution distributed sensing for temperature and strain in batteries or composite materials.

Advantages

Electromagnetic immunity and resistance to corrosion and harsh environments. High spatial resolution and the ability to perform distributed measurements along a single fiber. Miniaturization potential, allowing measurements in confined spaces or delicate structures.

Compatibility with finite element analysis, enabling validation and calibration of simulation models.

Practical Considerations

When designing experiments, it is important to consider: Sensor placement to ensure accurate strain or temperature capture. Calibration against reference devices to quantify measurement errors. Environmental factors, such as temperature fluctuations, which may require compensation.

Integration with data acquisition systems for real-time monitoring and analysis. Fiber optic sensor measurement technology continues to evolve, offering high-precision, reliable, and versatile solutions for both research and industrial applications.

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