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Optical Module Pressure Sensitivity



Overview

Fiber-Optic Pressure Sensors: Recent Advances in This paper conducts a systematic analysis of the sensing mechanisms in fiber-optic Sweden's KTH redesigns.

Key Takeaways

Pressure sensitivity optical modules use fiber-optic technologies, such as FBGs and interferometry, to convert mechanical pressure into highly precise optical signals with resolutions down to a few Pascals.Overview

Pressure sensitivity optical modules are designed to measure minute changes in pressure by converting mechanical deformation into optical signal variations. These modules are widely used in industrial, biomedical, aerospace, and energy monitoring applications due to their high sensitivity, immunity to electromagnetic interference, and capability for distributed sensing over long distances .

Key Technologies

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Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensors: FBG-based modules embed gratings within optical fibers that reflect specific wavelengths of light. When pressure is applied, the fiber experiences strain, shifting the reflected wavelength. Sensitivity can be enhanced using diaphragms, levers, or elastic membranes, with reported sensitivities ranging from 43.7 to 175.5 pm/kPa depending on diaphragm thickness and structure . Commercial examples like Luna's os9100 offer pressure ranges from -3,000 to 13,000 Pa with resolutions as low as 2 Pa, and can integrate hundreds of sensors over 10 km . Interferometric Sensors: These sensors measure pressure by detecting changes in the optical path length caused by diaphragm deflection. Techniques like fiber segment interferometry (FSI) provide significantly higher resolution than FBGs, achieving sub-nano-strain detection and pressure resolutions of 21 Pa at bandwidths of 250 Hz . Interferometric modules are particularly useful for high-precision applications requiring discrimination between pressure and temperature effects.

Module Design and Integration

Optical pressure modules typically include:

• Sensor element: Fiber with FBG or interferometric structure.

• Diaphragm or mechanical amplifier: Converts pressure into fiber strain.

• Reading/interrogation unit: Uses lasers and photodiodes to detect wavelength or phase shifts.

• Software interface: Provides data acquisition, analysis, and API support for LabVIEW, Python, Matlab, C++, or C# . Modules can be customized for size, fiber coating, connector type, and protective sheaths, allowing integration into medical devices, industrial systems, or aerospace structures .

Advantages

• High sensitivity and resolution for low-pressure measurements.

• Multiplexing capability allows hundreds of sensors on a single fiber.

• Immunity to electromagnetic interference.

• Lightweight, compact, and suitable for embedding in structures.

• Real-time monitoring with software support for data analysis and visualization .

Applications

• Biomedical monitoring: Intravascular pressure, wearable devices.

• Industrial and energy monitoring: Downhole pressure, process control.

• Aerospace: Aeroengine and airframe pressure mapping.

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• Research and development: High-resolution pressure mapping in fluid dynamics and material testing . In summary, pressure sensitivity optical modules leverage fiber-optic sensing technologies to provide precise, high-resolution pressure measurements with versatile integration options, making them suitable for a wide range of scientific, industrial, and medical applications.

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