Structure and Characteristics of Fiber Optic Sensors

Article Overview

Fiber optic sensors consist of an optical fiber connected to a light source and a detector, with the fiber acting either as the sensing element or as a medium to transmit signals from an external sensor.

Core Components
• Optical Fiber: The fiber is the central element, typically consisting of a core and cladding with different refractive indices. Light travels through the core by total internal reflection, allowing it to propagate with minimal loss. Fibers can be made of plastic (lightweight, flexible, cost-effective) or glass (high-temperature tolerance, precise measurements) depending on the application .
• Light Source: A dedicated light source, such as a laser or LED, injects light into the fiber. The light interacts with the fiber or external transducer, depending on the sensor type .
• Detector/Receiver: The detector captures the modulated light after it has interacted with the measurand. Changes in light intensity, phase, polarization, wavelength, or transit time are analyzed to determine the measured quantity .

Sensor Types Based on Structure

• Intrinsic Sensors: The fiber itself acts as the sensing element. External physical changes, such as strain, temperature, or pressure, directly modulate the light traveling through the fiber . These sensors can provide distributed sensing over long distances....

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

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