

Fiber Optic Sensing Temperature Measurement Experiment



Overview

The paper deals with the overview of fiber optic methods suitable for temperature measurement and monitoring.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic sensors, particularly Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBGs), enable precise and distributed temperature measurement with high sensitivity and spatial resolution.

Principles of Fiber Optic Temperature Sensing

Fiber optic temperature sensing relies on the interaction of light with the optical fiber. Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBGs) are commonly used for spot measurements; they reflect specific wavelengths of light that shift in response to temperature changes due to thermal expansion and refractive index variation in the fiber core. For distributed sensing along the fiber, techniques such as Rayleigh, Brillouin, and Raman scattering are employed, allowing continuous temperature profiling over long distances.

Experimental Setup

A typical temperature sensing experiment involves: Optical Fiber Sensor: Single-mode fibers with FBGs or distributed sensing capability. Interrogation System: Devices that detect wavelength shifts or backscatter signals, such as USB, RJ45, or RS485 interfaces for FBGs. Calibration: The sensor is calibrated against known temperature references to correlate wavelength shifts with temperature.

Data Acquisition: Software records the reflected or scattered light signals, converting them into temperature readings. For a simple lab experiment, students can use a short fiber with multiple FBGs, immerse it in different temperature environments, and observe the wavelength shifts using an optical spectrum analyzer or a dedicated FBG interrogator.

Procedure

Prepare the Fiber: Attach FBGs at desired points or use a pre-fabricated distributed sensing fiber. **Connect to Interrogator:** Ensure proper fiber alignment and secure connectors. **Apply Temperature Changes:** Use water baths, heating plates, or environmental chambers to vary temperature.

Record Data: Monitor wavelength shifts or backscatter signals in real time. **Analyze Results:** Convert wavelength shifts to temperature using calibration curves. Plot temperature versus time or position along the fiber for distributed measurements.

Advantages

High Sensitivity and Accuracy: FBGs can detect temperature changes with picometer-level wavelength resolution. **Multiplexing Capability:** Multiple FBGs can be written on a single fiber, allowing simultaneous measurements at different points.

Environmental Immunity: Fiber sensors are immune to electromagnetic interference and can operate in harsh environments.

Distributed Measurement: Rayleigh or Brillouin-based systems provide continuous temperature profiles over kilometers of fiber.

Applications

This experiment demonstrates principles applicable to structural health monitoring, industrial process control, battery temperature monitoring, and environmental sensing. It also helps students understand the practical aspects of fiber optic sensing, including calibration, signal interpretation, and the advantages over conventional electronic sensors. By following this approach, a fiber optic temperature experiment can provide both educational insight and practical experience in high-resolution, distributed temperature measurement.

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