Light source of interferometric fiber optic sensor



Overview

This paper aims to review and categorize fiber optic interferometric sensors according to their operating principles, fabrication methods, and application fields.

Key Takeaways

Interferometric fiber optic sensors typically use single-mode, coherent light sources such as semiconductor lasers or erbium-doped fiber lasers to achieve high sensitivity and stable interference patterns.

Overview of Light Sources

Interferometric fiber optic sensors rely on the interference of light traveling along different optical paths. To generate clear and stable interference fringes, the light source must have high coherence, narrow linewidth, and stable output. Commonly used light sources include: Single-mode semiconductor lasers: Provide coherent light with narrow spectral width, suitable for Mach-Zehnder, Michelson, and Fabry-Perot interferometers.

Erbium-doped fiber lasers (EDFLs): Offer highly stable, single-mode output in the near-infrared region, often used in fiber-based interferometers for sensing applications. Superluminescent diodes (SLDs): Used when low coherence is desired to reduce speckle noise, particularly in low-coherence interferometry setups.

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Importance of Light Source Characteristics

Coherence Length: Determines the maximum path difference over which interference can occur. Long coherence length is essential for high-resolution interferometers. Wavelength Stability: Fluctuations in wavelength can introduce phase noise, reducing measurement accuracy.

Power and Coupling Efficiency: Sufficient optical power ensures detectable interference signals, and efficient coupling into single-mode fibers improves sensor performance. Spectral Width: Narrow linewidth sources produce sharp interference fringes, while broader sources can be used in low-coherence interferometry to minimize unwanted reflections.

Applications and Considerations

The choice of light source affects the sensitivity, dynamic range, and environmental robustness of the sensor. For example, in high-precision strain or pressure measurements, a stabilized single-mode laser is preferred to maintain phase stability. In contrast, biomedical or distributed sensing applications may use broadband sources to reduce coherence-related artifacts.

In summary, the light source is a critical component of interferometric fiber optic sensors, with single-mode coherent lasers being the most widely used due to their ability to produce stable, high-contrast interference patterns necessary for precise sensing.

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