

High-density fiber optic sensing technology



Overview

Our soft bioelectronic fibres offer a powerful platform for minimally invasive implantable electronics, where diverse sensing and stimulation functionalities can be effectively integrated.

Key Takeaways

High-density fiber optic sensors include distributed optical fiber sensors, multiplexed intrinsic sensors, and Faraday Effect-based current sensors, offering dense spatial measurements and high-resolution monitoring.

Distributed Optical Fiber Sensors

Distributed optical fiber sensors (DOFS) provide continuous spatial measurements along the entire length of an optical fiber, effectively creating a high-density sensing network. They leverage scattering phenomena in silica fibers, such as Rayleigh, Brillouin, or Raman scattering, to measure strain, temperature, or vibration at multiple points simultaneously. Techniques like Optical Time-Domain Reflectometry (OTDR) and Optical Frequency Domain Reflectometry (OFDR) allow precise position-resolved data collection over tens of kilometers, with spatial resolution adjustable by pulse length or signal processing methods.

These sensors are widely used in structural health monitoring, pipeline surveillance, and large-scale infrastructure monitoring.

Multiplexed Intrinsic Fiber Sensors

Intrinsic fiber optic sensors can be multiplexed along a single fiber using wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) or time-domain techniques. Each sensor modulates light differently, allowing multiple sensing points to coexist on the same fiber. This approach enables high-density measurement arrays without requiring separate fibers for each sensor, making it ideal for applications in aerospace, industrial automation, and robotics.

Faraday Effect-

Based Fiber Optic Current Sensors

For electrical systems, Faraday Effect-based fiber optic current sensors provide high-density monitoring of current along conductors. These sensors detect polarization rotation of light caused by magnetic fields around electrical currents, offering non-contact, EMI-resistant, and precise measurements. They are particularly useful in high-voltage environments, power grids, and industrial systems where dense, reliable current monitoring is required.

Other High-

Density Sensor Types Magneto-optic sensors: Operate in extreme environments, such as high radiation or temperature, and can be deployed in dense arrays for aerospace or satellite systems. Industrial fiber optic sensor heads: Thrubeam, reflective, and retro-reflective heads can be densely installed in factory automation setups, providing high-resolution detection of small targets or precise positioning.

Advantages of High-

Density Fiber Optic Sensors

Continuous or multiplexed measurement along a single fiber reduces wiring complexity. Immunity to electromagnetic interference allows deployment in harsh or high-voltage environments. High spatial resolution enables detailed mapping of physical parameters like strain, temperature, or current.

Flexibility in installation across long distances or confined spaces. High-density fiber optic sensors are therefore essential for applications requiring large-scale, precise, and reliable monitoring, from civil infrastructure to industrial automation and electrical power systems.

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