

Comparison Test of Fiber Optic Sensors



Article Overview

Fiber optic sensors (FOS) can be compared based on type, sensing principle, accuracy, and application, with Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG) and Fabry-Perot Interferometers (FPI) being the most widely used.

Types of Fiber Optic Sensors

Intrinsic Sensors: The fiber itself acts as the sensing element, detecting changes in light properties such as intensity, phase, wavelength, or refractive index. Common intrinsic architectures include Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG), Raman and Brillouin scattering sensors, and interferometers like Mach-Zehnder, Sagnac, and Michelson. These sensors are highly sensitive, immune to electromagnetic interference (EMI), and suitable for harsh environments, including structural health monitoring and vibration detection .

Extrinsic Sensors: The fiber serves only as a light guide, with the sensing occurring outside the fiber. Typical examples include Fabry-Perot interferometers (FPI). These sensors offer flexibility in measurement point design and are often used in industrial process monitoring .

Hybrid Sensors: Combine intrinsic and extrinsic elements, allowing light to interact both inside and outside the fiber for specialized applications .

Comparative Features

Feature	Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG)	Fabry-Perot Interferometer (FPI)
Sensing Principle	Wavelength shift due to strain or temperature	Interference pattern changes due to cavity length variations
Sensitivity	High for strain and temperature, especially for small displacements or pressure	High, especially for small displacements or pressure
EMI Immunity	Excellent	Excellent
Temperature Range	Up to ~450°C	Typically lower than F...

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