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Tunnel Fiber Optic Grating Temperature Measurement System



Overview

Today, modern monitoring systems allow reliable condition monitoring of tunnels using fiber Bragg technology.

Key Takeaways

A Fiber Optic Grating Tunnel Temperature Measurement System uses Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors or Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) to monitor temperature along tunnels in real-time, providing high accuracy, long-distance coverage, and resistance to harsh environments.Working Principle

Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors consist of a periodic variation of the refractive index along the fiber core, which reflects a specific wavelength of light known as the Bragg wavelength. When the temperature changes, the refractive index and grating period shift, causing a measurable change in the reflected wavelength. This shift is directly proportional to the temperature at the grating location, allowing precise point or multi-point temperature measurements along the tunnel lining . Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS), on the other hand, uses the entire optical fiber as a continuous sensing element. Laser pulses are sent through the fiber, and the backscattered light is analyzed to determine temperature along the fiber length. DTS provides a continuous temperature profile over long distances, making it ideal for monitoring the full length of tunnels or pipelines .

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Applications in Tunnels
• Structural Safety Monitoring: FBG sensors can measure thermal strain and applied stress–strain on tunnel linings, helping detect deformation or potential structural instability during excavation or operation .

• Real-Time Temperature Monitoring: DTS systems can detect hot spots or abnormal temperature variations along the tunnel, which is critical for fire detection and operational safety .

• Long-Term Monitoring: Both FBG and DTS systems are suitable for continuous monitoring without interfering with tunnel operations, even in harsh environments with electromagnetic interference or chemical exposure .
Advantages
• High Accuracy and Sensitivity: FBG sensors provide precise point measurements, while DTS offers distributed monitoring over kilometers .

• Durability: Fiber optic sensors are resistant to corrosion, electromagnetic interference, and chemical effects, making them suitable for tunnels with challenging conditions .

• Flexible Deployment: FBG sensors can be embedded, glued, or welded to tunnel linings, and multiple sensors can be connected in series for multipoint measurements .

• Real-Time Data and Alerts: Systems can provide continuous monitoring and trigger alarms for significant temperature changes or structural strain, enhancing safety management .
Implementation Considerations
• Sensor Placement: FBG sensors should be strategically placed on tunnel linings or structural elements to capture critical thermal and mechanical data .

• Fiber Routing: DTS fibers can be laid along the tunnel length, often above, below, or around the tunnel shield, to provide comprehensive coverage .

• Integration with Monitoring Systems: Data from FBG or DTS sensors can be integrated into tunnel management systems for visualization, analysis, and automated alerts . In summary, a Fiber Optic Grating Tunnel Temperature Measurement System combines the precision of FBG sensors with the long-distance monitoring capability of DTS systems to provide reliable, real-time temperature and structural monitoring in tunnels, enhancing safety, operational efficiency, and long-term structural assessment.

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