

Copper plating for fiber optic sensors



AI Overview

Copper coatings on fiber optic sensors enhance durability, environmental resistance, and enable multifunctional sensing, with thickness monitored using optical techniques. Purpose of Copper Coating Copper plating on fiber optic sensors, particularly fiber Bragg grating (FBG) sensors, serves multiple purposes. It provides mechanical protection, improves thermal and electrical conductivity, and enhances resistance to harsh environments such as high humidity, corrosive chemicals, and extreme temperatures. Metal coatings like copper also allow sensors to operate in conditions where standard glass-coated fibers may fail, expanding applications in structural health monitoring, aerospace, and industrial environments. Methods of Copper Plating Copper is typically applied to optical fibers using electroplating techniques, where the fiber is coated with a thin conductive layer and immersed in a copper plating solution. The process requires careful control of plating thickness to ensure uniformity and avoid defects that could affect sensor performance. For FBG sensors, the fiber may first be stripped of its polymer coating, plated with copper, and then optionally recoated with protective materials like acrylate or polyimide. Monitoring Copper Thickness Accurate monitoring of copper plating is critical. Optical Fourier-domain reflectometry (OFDR) and optical-path difference (OPD)-regulated sensors can measure copper thickness in situ with nanometer-scale resolution during electroplating. These systems maintain a preset distance from the fiber surface, ensuring high signal-to-noise ratio and protecting the fiber from mechanical damage. Such monitoring allows uniform plating across the fiber and prevents defects that could compromise sensor functionality. Benefits for Fiber Optic Sensing Copper-coated FBG sensors retain the high sensitivity of optical fibers while gaining enhanced environmental robustness. They can measure strain, temperature, displacement, and other physical quantities in harsh conditions, including high temperatures up to 100...

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Four kinds of metal coatings were prepared on the surface of the optical fiber by chemical deposition and electroplating, and the grating was directly written by femtosecond laser. The thermal

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