OPTIMAE OPTICAL ACOUSTIC EMISSION SENSING SYSTEM

CONDITION MONITORING





THE SOLUTION: MANY SENSORS IN AN OPTICAL FIBER NETWORK LINKED TO A SINGLE READOUT

MINIMIZE COSTS BY SWITCHING FROM PREVENTIVE TO PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE

MAXIMISE UPTIME AND LIMIT MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

Do you have high value equipment that plays a crucial role in your activities? Did you consider monitoring your equipment and however encountered challenges with existing solutions? Chances are you had to deal with harsh conditions such as high temperature, radioactivity or strong EMI, remote location of your equipment and limited installation space.

OptimAE is the acoustic emission sensing system that deals with these and many other challenging conditions. It consists of a network of miniaturized optical acoustic sensors which can be separated kilometres apart, is extremely sensitive and allows for overall costs reduction (cost per sensing point).

Optical sensors allow for better SNR, reliability and better modelling of systems (digital twin).





APPLICATIONS

There are many applications that benefit from our solution:

- Bearings and rotating equipment (gearboxes, turbines, compressors)
- Partial Discharge detection (high voltage equipment, cable joints)
- Process monitoring (flow rate/ flow regime/ fluid phases, leaks, intrusion)
- Remote placed equipment (installed on the seabed, offshore)



MEASURE RIGHT AT THE LOCATION OF THE ACOUSTIC SOURCE





OPTIMAE TECHNOLOGY

Acoustic emission measurements are best performed with optical fiber technology, since it is highly sensitive and can measure with extremely low noise in exceptionally harsh environments. The underlying technology of our sensors is the ZonaSens technology.

This patented interferometric principle measures between two reflective parts in a fiber (FBGs), therefore makes that part of the fiber extremely sensitive to strain. Minute changes to the fiber caused by acoustic waves will be detected.

Besides the optical advantages – such as the possibility to have kilometers of fiber between the readout and sensors, adding sensors without compromising measuring speed and the resistance to EMI – our sensors are fully passive. Just a small mandrel wrapped with optical fiber, with no electric signals involved. Simple and elegant.



unique patented technology

HARDWARE & SOFTWARE

All acoustic emission sensors exclusively work with the OptimAE readout and software. This interrogator can measure multiple miniaturized sensors simultaneously in a standard telecom optical fiber network.

The digital output allows easy integration with your existing control and acquisition system (SCADA).





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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Sensors performance¹

Dynamic range at 300 kHz Sensitivity Equivalent sensitivity Frequency range Spectral noise density Broadband noise floor

Sensors physical

IP rating Dimensions Material Mounting Method Weight Cable bend radius

Operating temperature

Acoustic Emission sensor 80 dB -20 dB re nm/µbar -45 dB re V/µbar 1 kHz to 500 kHz 150 fε/√Hz 105 pε

IP68 17.5 x 22 x 22 mm Aluminium anodized Clamp / Adhesive 16 gr ≥5 mm Embedded AE sensor 80 dB -- ² -- ² 1 kHz to 500 kHz down to 50 fɛ/√Hz² down to 35 pɛ²

--∞ 250 µm (fiber) Polyethylene (fiber) Embedded

≥5 mm

-40 to 80 °C (ST version) -40 to 200 °C (HT version)

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OptimAE interrogator Sampling rate Signal resolution Data output Multiplexing capability Signal acquisition Distance sensors to readout

1 MHz 32 bit Digital (TDMS file) Up to 16 sensors True simultaneous 10s of km



¹ Different sensor configurations are possible, please contact us for full options. ² Value might vary depending on embedded sensor design and application.

ALL SENSORS ARE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED IN PERFORMANCE, ASSEMBLY AND OVERALL QUALITY



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ABOUT OPTICS11

Optics11 is a fast-growing high-tech company that offers revolutionary optical fiber measurement systems for applications in acoustic monitoring, acceleration, strain sensing and more.

The combination of unique interferometry concepts and advanced mechanical transducers (MEMS) provides exceptional characteristics to our systems. The underlying shared technology enables our systems to be more sensitive, affordable and have a higher bandwidth compared to existing industry standards.

We love making cutting-edge technology fit for use!

Please contact us at info@optics11.com for more information, technical data sheets, or to speak with a representative.

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