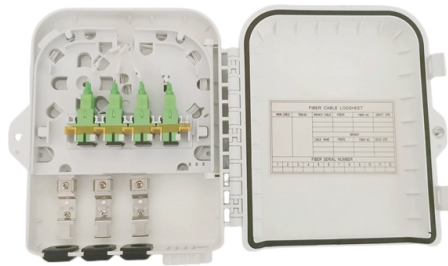


Origin of Fiber Optic Sensing Technology



Article Overview

Fiber optic sensing technology originated in the 1960s, evolving from early free-space optical sensors to intrinsic fiber-based sensors that enabled practical applications across multiple industries.

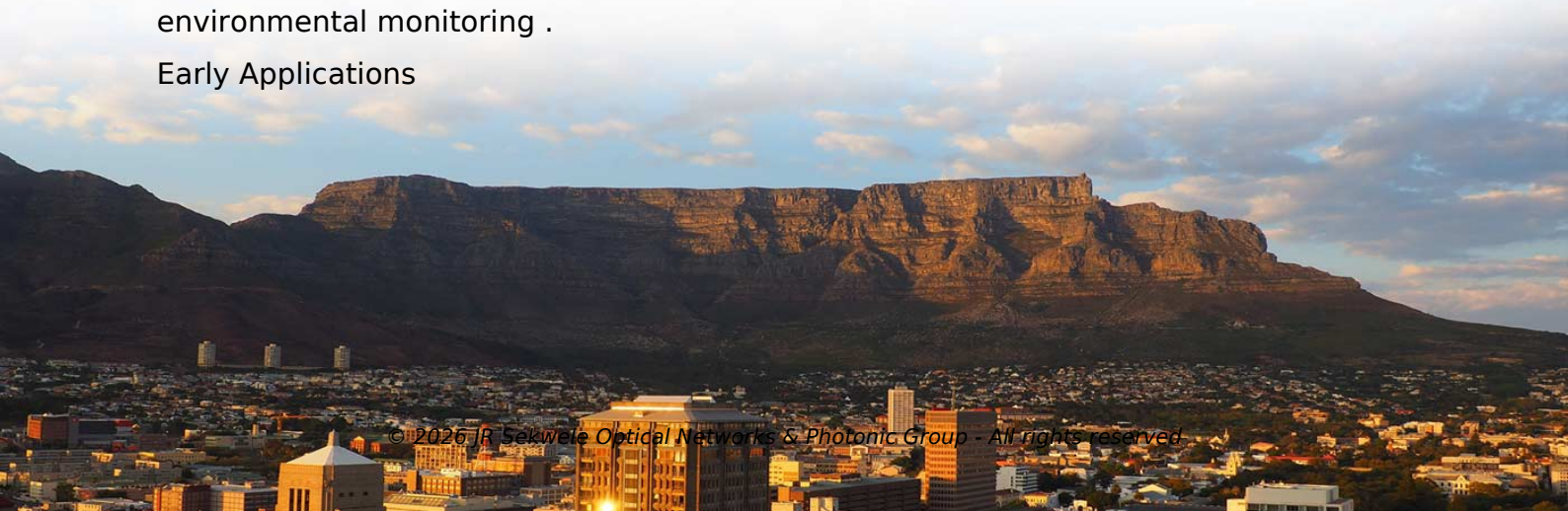
Early Development

The first fiber optic sensor was patented in the 1960s, initially relying on free-space optics, which required a direct line of sight and could not be easily deployed in operating structures or vehicles. Around a decade later, researchers developed the first intrinsic fiber optic sensors, which integrated the sensing function directly into the optical fiber itself. This innovation allowed signals to be transmitted within a deployable medium, providing reliable mechanical measurements and overcoming the limitations of free-space systems.

Influence of Telecommunications

Optical fibers were initially conceived for medical endoscopic applications in the mid-1960s and soon considered for telecommunications, where they became the standard for transmitting large amounts of data over long distances. The widespread adoption of optical fibers in communications reduced costs and improved quality, which in turn facilitated the development of fiber optic sensors for structural and environmental monitoring.

Early Applications



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