

FIBER OPTICAL SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

AT A GLANCE

- Fiber optical 3D shape sensors
- Fiber optical evaluation units
- Customized fiber Bragg gratings applying femtosecond laser technology



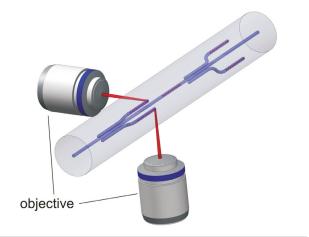
Features

- Small and light sensor system
- Immune against magnetic fields
- Integrable in existing systems
- Sensor constructed as disposal
- Applying new femtosecond laser production technique

Applications

- Medical Sector
 - heart catheters
 - medical endoscopes
 - colonoscopes
- Oil&Gas Industry
 - downhole monitoring
 - deepwater offshore field monitoring
- Maritime Sector
 - flexible cable monitoring
 - hydrophones
- Geological Sector
 - optical geophones
 - monitoring of landslides





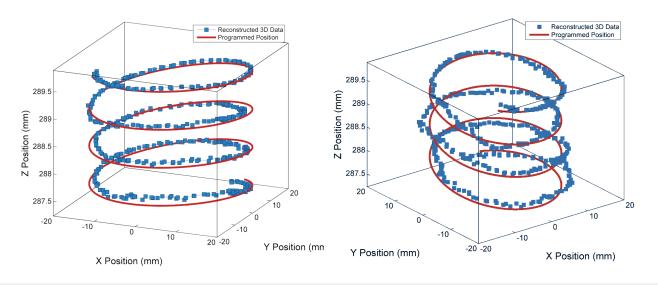
Concept of the 3D sensor fiber with femtosecond laser processed microwaveguide and fiber Bragg gratings within the fiber cladding

Demonstration: Precision Measurement

3D Shape Sensing Approach

Direct femtosecond laser based processing of Bragg gratings into the core and the cladding of an optical fiber makes it possible using just a single standard one core optical fiber for 3D shape monitoring with the advantage of no need for additional optics, the high mechanical flexibility of a single 125 or 80 μ m fiber and the use of commercially available standard connectors and components that are well known from telecommunications.

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Reconstruction of the localization of a catheter tip – The mean absolute error is <1 mm.

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