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## Introduction

Over the past half century, the field of fiber optics has undergone a quantum leap. We have seen tremendous technological progress in photonics for the aviation, aerospace and transportation industries in harsh environments. Information, intelligence, and data are transferred from one point to another more quickly and precisely than ever thought possible due to these recent advancements. It is envisioned that fiber optics shall become as ubiquitous as copper wire with superior reliability and robustness properties.

Optics and photonics greatly benefitted from the synergy with the telecommunications industry resulting in a number of new technologies including micro-packaging of optics components, aircraft photonics networks, micro and nano-sensors, see-through wearables, head-mounted displays, and phase-shifted fiber Bragg gratings for materials health monitoring.

We are fortunate to be among the pioneers of this exciting and rapidly changing field. The technological achievements are the result of solid engineering, dedication, and innovation. This book contains a series of papers which discuss leading edge technologies and state-of-the-art optics and fiber optic sensor technologies for photonics in aerospace and transportation industries including: advanced technologies for cryogenic liquid level detection of hydrogen for space applications to a new generation of smart fiber optic sensors, a novel implementation of wearable glass, micro satellite systems, micro and nano in optoelectronics and wireless sensor monitoring systems.

Today a significant proportion of the world's communications are carried by fiber optic cables. Fiber optic technology has revolutionized the telecommunication market and is rapidly becoming a major player in information technology and aviation industries.

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