

Electromagnetic gate connected to fiber optic sensor



Overview

Fiber Optic Sensors: Principles, Types, and Uses This article will explore the principles behind fiber optic current sensors, examine the different types.

Key Takeaways

A fiber optic sensor can be integrated with an electromagnetic gate, such as an EG-FET, to provide simultaneous optical and electrical sensing with high sensitivity and EMI immunity.

Principles of Operation

A fiber optic sensor detects changes in light properties—such as intensity, polarization, phase, or wavelength—as it interacts with a physical or electromagnetic field. When connected to an electromagnetic gate, such as a field-effect transistor (FET) with a fiber optic gate electrode, the system can transduce both electrical and optical signals. The gate electrode modulates the transistor's source-drain current while simultaneously acting as a fiber optic sensing surface, often using surface plasmon resonance (SPR) to detect local refractive index changes caused by electromagnetic interactions.

Fiber Optic Current and Field Sensing



Fiber optic sensors are particularly effective in electromagnetically noisy environments because they transmit data via light rather than electricity, providing EMI resistance and non-contact operation. For electromagnetic field detection, designs often include: Differential electric field (D-dot) antennas to sense high-frequency E-fields. Optical transmitters that convert voltage signals induced by the electromagnetic field into optical signals.

Fiber optic links that transmit the optical signal over long distances without interference. Receivers that convert the optical signal back into an electrical signal for analysis. This approach allows high-voltage isolation, fast response times (nanoseconds), and wide bandwidth detection, making it suitable for applications like EMP monitoring, high-voltage equipment diagnostics, and industrial sensing.

Dual-

Mode EG-FET Fiber Optic Sensors In advanced configurations, a gold-coated optical fiber can serve as both the gate electrode and the optical sensing surface. Binding events or electromagnetic interactions at the fiber gate/electrolyte interface produce:

Electrical response: Changes in the FET source-drain current. Optical response: Shifts in plasmon resonance wavelength due to local refractive index changes.

This dual-mode sensing enables simultaneous measurement of mass, charge, or electromagnetic field effects on the same sensor surface, enhancing sensitivity and providing multivariable readouts without additional reference electrodes.

Applications

Industrial and power systems: Monitoring high-voltage currents and electromagnetic pulses. Biomedical sensing: Detecting biomolecular interactions with high precision using EG-FET fiber optic gates. Structural health monitoring: Measuring electromagnetic interference or field variations in sensitive environments.

Portable and point-of-care devices: Miniaturized dual-mode sensors for real-time diagnostics.

Summary

Integrating an electromagnetic gate with a fiber optic sensor combines the advantages of optical immunity to EMI with electrical gating control, enabling precise, non-contact, and multivariable sensing. Such systems are highly versatile, suitable for industrial, biomedical, and high-voltage applications, and can provide simultaneous optical and electrical readouts for enhanced measurement fidelity.

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(PDF) Fiber Optic Sensors and Their Applications

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Fiber-optic sensor

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