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ABSTRACT

In this paper, a novel microwave sensor with high Q-factor for oil sensing is analyzed and investigated. The new design is based on a gap waveguide cavity resonator (GWCR). To characterize and evaluate the sample, the oil und 21 sted (OUT) is injected into a Teflon tube, which is passing through the microfluidic channel that is located in the 29 dle of the cavity where the electric field concentrates. The results show that the proposed sensor has a high Q-factor of 4832. Moreover, the proposed design has the ability to sense and detec 5 ifferent types of oils with a small variation of permittivities such as Fish oil, Coconut oil, Olive oil, Linseed oil and Castor oil. The permittivity equation is extracted using the polynomial fitting method to define unknown dielectric p 8 erties of the OUT. The results show that the evaluated permittivity 4 ing the proposed sensor has a good agreement with the ideal permittivity. Therefore, the proposed sensor is a good candidate for oil processing in food industries.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Material sensing is very important for industries to control the quality and safety of the products. In food products, the concentration of some ingredients may influence the consumers and cause some diseases such as allergic, poison and sometimes it may cause cancer. Therefore, it is important to characterize the materials and identify the ingredients before selling the product to the consumers. Each material properties measurement plays an important role in increasing the demand number of industrial applications such as quality control in food industries and bio-sensing [1-2].

In the recent years, many methods of microwave sensor have been used for material properties measurement [3-4]. Different microwave sensors have been used in different applications such as planar split ring resonator for liquid [5] and solid [6–8] detection. Vertically staked ring resonator has been used for Petroleum Oils sensing [9-10]. Another method by using a subset integrated waveguide for liquid [11] and humidity [12] detection. These sensors attract research interest due to their advantages such as simplicity and low cost. However, these techniques showed low Q-factors, which may increase the error percentages and leads to inaccurate characterization of the material.

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Microwave sensors depend on the frequency and quality factor of the resonator. Therefore, in this work the gap waveguide is chosen due to its high concentration of the electric field, which provides high Q-factor. Gap waveguide (GW) technique has gained research interest where it has been used for antenna design [13] and filter death [14]. However, for the first time, GW is used for material sensing in this article.

In this paper, a novel microwave sensor with high Q-factor for oil sensing is presented. The proposed sensor is designed based on gap waveguide cavity resonator (GWCR). The new geometry provides a high elegonary field in the cavity region, which leads to providing high Q-factor and high sensitivity. This technique is based on perturbation theory, where the oil under test (OUT) is placed in the maximum electric field region using a Teflon tube. The OUT complex permittivity is identiful using the polynomial fitting method. Results from this study show that the evaluated permittivity using the proposed sensor has a good agreement with the ideal permittivity.

2. SENSOR DESIGN

The Q-factor is significant for microwave sensors. It shows how much the sensor is sensitive and accurate. It quantifies the amount of electric field concentration and the dissipated energy in the sensor. The loaded Q-factor (QL) can be calculated by using [15]:

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_U} + \frac{1}{Q_E} \tag{1}$$

Where QU and QE are the unloaded and external quality factors respectively. Qu is related to the loss of the sensor itself, and QE is related to the loss caused by the OUT which is calculated by using [16]:

$$Q_E = 10^{-[S21(dB)/20]} Q_L \tag{2}$$

Therefore, the unloaded Q-factor can be calculated using [17]:

$$Q_U = \frac{Q_L}{1 - S21} \tag{3}$$

Thus, to measure the Q-factor with the OUT, the following equation is used [18]:

$$Q_L = \frac{f_o}{BW} \tag{4}$$

Where f_o the resonant frequency and BW is the 3dB bandwidth. To calculated the Q-factor without the OUT, the following equation is used [19]:

$$Q_L = \frac{2f_o}{BW} \tag{5}$$

The optimum values of the proposed designed are obtained at 6.1 GHz as illustrated in Table 1. The 23 posed GWCR is constructed of upper and lower aluminium plates fed by two SMA connectors as shown in Figure 1. The lower plate consists of cavity, microfluidic channel and square array pins with size of 1 mm2 and height less than $\lambda/4$. The upper metal plate consists of cavity and microfluidic channel, the 3 MA connectors are connected to the upper 3 late as well as shown in Figure 1. The upper plate is placed at 1 mm from the top of the pins surface. The two rows of array pins on each side of the ground plate provide a h 20 electric field and increase the interaction with the OUT as shown in Figure 2. The interaction between the electric field and the OUT is linear, thus the change in relative permittivity of the OUT leads to change in the resonant frequency.

	Table 1	. The optimum v	alues of the desig	gn parameters
	Parameter	Value (mm)	Parameter	Value (mm)
_	W	38.20	d_2	18.00
	L	35.40	x	5.10
	d	1.00	S	1.60
	d_I	1.50	p	1.80
	y	6.35	t	5.00
	h	15.75	h.	21.70

The operation princip 14 of the GWCR is based on the gap waveguide technology proposed in [20], where the upper plate acts as a perfect electric conductor, while the lower plate acts as a perfect magnetic conductor. Moreover, the square array pins in the lower plate restrict the propagation of the waves from all directions and this leads to increase the electric field in the pins area as shown in Figure 2. A Teflon tube with permittivity of 2.1 is inserted through the microfluidic channel to evaluate the OUT as shown in Figure 2.

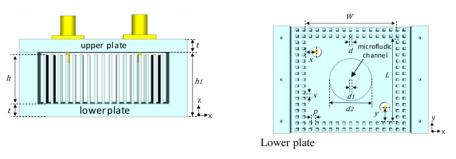


Figure 1. Simulated structure of the proposed sensor using GWCR

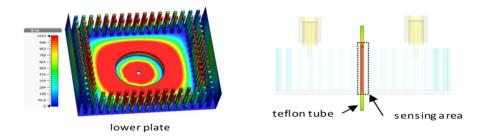


Figure 2. Simulated electric field (v/m) of the proposed sensor at 6.1 GHz

3. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

A parametric study is carried out for varied egths of the of pins as shown in Figure 3. It can be seen that the change in the length of the pins leads to change in the resonant frequency where the length of the pins increases, the resonant frequency decreases.

The proposed sensor shows its ability to sense and detect different types of oils such as Fish oil, Coconut oil, Olive oil, Linseed oil and 15 stor oil, with relative permittivity of 2.6, 2.9, 3.1, 3.5, 4.7 respectively as shown in Figure 4. It can be observed that the relationship between the resonant frequency and the permittivity is inversely proportional to each other, where the resonant frequency is decreasing by increasing the permittivity, thus when the permittivity is 2.6 the resonant frequency appears at 6.0876 GHz, while when the permittivity is 4.7 the resonant appears at 6.0814 GHz.

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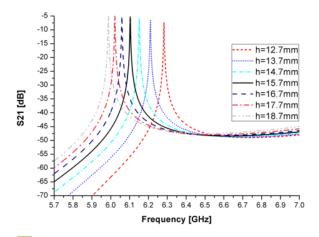


Figure 3. Transmission coefficient of the proposed sensor for varied lengths of the pins

The polynomial graph of the proposed sensor is plotted according to the resonant frequency shifting and permittivity as shown in Figure 5. From the polynomial graph, the permittivity equation is extracted as follow:

$$\varepsilon' = 330.59 f^2 - 4364.7 f + 14322 \tag{6}$$

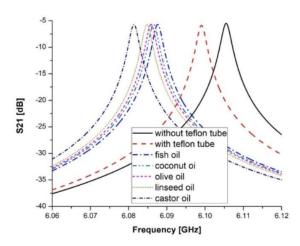


Figure 4. Transmission coefficient of the proposed sensor with and without OUT

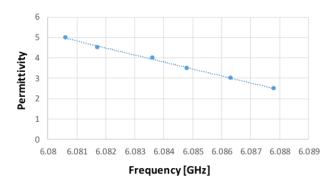


Figure 5. Polynomial graph of the proposed sensor

To validate the accuracy of the proposed sensor, the permittivity of the OUT is evaluated using the proposed sensor and compared with the ideal permittivity, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Comparison between the evaluated permittivity by the proposed sensor and the ideal permittivity

OUT	Frequency (GHz)	Ideal Permittivity (${\cal E}^{!}$)	Proposed sensor ($\mathcal{E}^{!}$)
Fish oil	6.0876	2.6	2.745
Coconut oil	6.0865	2.9	3.11
Olive oil	6.0858	3.1	3.357
Linseed oil	6.0848	3.5	3.699
Castor oil	6.0814	4.7	4.864

From Table 2 it can be said that a good agreement between the proposed sensor and the ideal permittivity, which means that the proposed sensor is accurate and has the ability to detect different types of oils. However, very small change of the permittivity between the proposed sensor and the ideal permittivity mainly d 24 o the difference between the simulation environment and practical environment.

From the previous results, it can be 28 d that the proposed sensor is reliable to be used for oil sensing in food industries. The results show that the proposed sensor has the highest Q-factor compared to the recently proposed sensors as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Comparison between the proposed sensor and recently reported researches

Reference	Technique	Q _u -Factor
[5]	Planar double split ring resonator	525
[6]	Complementary split ring resonator	80
[7]	Planar symmetrical split ring resonator	652
[11]	Substrate Integrated waveguide	334.6
[10]	Vertically staked ring resonator	146.67
[12]	Cavity Substrate Integrated Waveguides	≈300
[21]	Re-Entrant cavity	1190
[22]	Complementary folded arm split ring resonator	506
[23]	Multiple split ring resonator	430
Proposed sensor	Gap waveguide cavity resonator	4832

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a novel microwave sensor with high Q-factor for oil sensing is analyzed and investigated. This technique is based on gap waveguide cavity resonator (GWCR). The results show that 5 e GWCR has the ability to detect different types of oils with a small variation of permittivities such as Fish oil, Coconut oil, Olive oil, Linseed oil and Castor oil. The GWCR is designed and analyzed using Comp 17 Simulation Technology (CST). The electric field of the GWCR is investigated, where the results show that the electric field more concentrates in the cavity, thus the OUT is placed in the cavity using Teflon tube. The results from this study show that the proposed sensor is a good candidate to be used for oil sensing in food industries.

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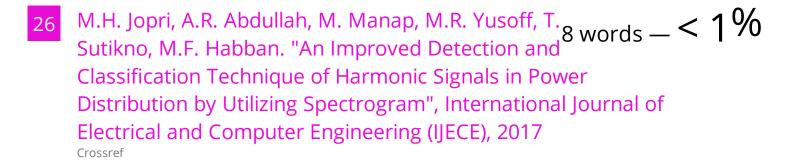
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