

SINGLE SH-SAW SENSOR AS A DISTRIBUTED SENSOR ARRAY FOR LIQUIDS RECOGNITION

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Abstract- Basic possibility to use single-channel shear-horizontal surface acoustic waves sensor constructed as a delay line on multilayered structure with 36° YX LiTaO₃ substrate for liquids recognition has been proposed. The changes under analytes influence of the sensor pulse responses obtained by transformation to time domain of one of the S-parameters measured in frequency domain have been used as sensor responses. Examples of responses to some liquid analytes have been demonstrated for a sensor based on LiTaO₃ – SiO₂ – molecularly imprinted polymer layered structure. Qualitative explanation of the result is given by treating such a sensor as a distributed sensor array.

Index terms: Liquid analyte, SH-SAW delay line, 36° YX LiTaO₃ substrate, wave reflections, sensor array, S-parameter, fast Fourier transform, molecularly imprinted polymer.