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High resolution Hall effect encoders provide high accuracy signals in harsh environments including the presence of high external magnetic fields .



PRESENTATION OUTLINE



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15 years in sensor business



SUPPLIER OF INTEGRATED HALL ENCODER PRODUCTS SERVING INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS & CRITICAL VEHICLE SYSTEMS

SENSOR PRODUCTS & APPLICATIONS











OFF AXIS HIGH RESOLUTION MAGNETIC SENSORS ARE USED ON LARGE & SMALL MOTORS





MAGNETIC ENCODER MARKET

- The Magnetic Encoder Market is Growing
 - Reliability of magnetic technology
 - Environmental capabilities
 - Accurate feedback from system-on-a-chip designs
 - Excellent value



Off Axis Magnetic Sensor Configuration



OFF AXIS SENSORS

- Sensor is offset from the center of the rotating shaft
- Direct replacement for optical encoders.
- Can be used inside packaged encoders or integrated into AC or permanent magnet DC motor







OFF AXIS SENSORS

- Multi-pole magnet: Typically 17 to 300 mm diameter axial or radial
- Sensor IC typically has a 8 to 16 Hall element array
- Produces a Sine & Cosine signal for each pole pair and signal is converted into a quadrature or serial position signal







THEORY OF OPERATION FOR OFF AXIS SENSORS



Objective: Produce an optical quality high resolution signal from a low resolution magnetic target.

- ✓ Immune to external fields
- ✓ Immune to changes in field strength



THEORY OF OPERATION HALL ARRAYS



16 Hall Elements Measure Field Strength

Summing 16 Hall outputs together to produce a robust signal



THEORY OF OPERATION: COSINE SIGNAL



H1 +H2 +H3 +H4 +H5 +H6 +H7 +H8 -H9-H10-H11-H12-H13-H14-H15-H16 = Cosine

- We add the signal from 8 green Halls and subtract the signal from red 8 Halls
- Combined signal is 16X stronger & sampled 16 time across a N-S pole pair





THEORY OF OPERATION: SINE SIGNAL



-H1 -H2 -H3 -H4 +H5 +H6 +H7 +H8 +H9+H10+H11+H12-H13-H14-H15-H16 = Sine

- We add the signal from 8 green Halls and subtract the signal from red 8 Halls
- Combined signal is 16X stronger & sampled 16 time across a N-S pole pair





THEORY OF OPERATION: BIAS FIELD REJECTION



-H1 -H2 -H3 -H4 +H5 +H6 +H7 +H8 +H9+H10+H11+H12-H13-H14-H15-H16 = Sine

- We add the signal from 8 Halls and subtract the signal from 8 Halls
- Produces a <u>Sine wave that is not affected by common mode fields</u> on the array





THEORY OF OPERATION: BIAS FIELD REJECTION



- Earths field is +/- 0.43 Gauss ~1% of a +/- 50 G working field. This alone would cause a 3 count error with fixed magnetic thresholds.
- New sensors can reject over 98% of external fields even when external field is stronger than the magnetic field from the target magnet



MAGNETIC AMPLITUDE AND AIR GAP



Sine & Cosine amplitudes track each other since both are derived from the same 16 Hall signals

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ARCTANGENT WEIGHTED CONVERTER



Sensor chips typically use an ARCTAN weighted converter that detects the RATIO of the SIN & COS signals which makes the circuit independent of Sin & COS amplitude.



RESULTS OF TESTING AND MODELING



MAGNETIC TARGETS:





Models of multi pole target magnets





Sample target and image of actual magnetic fields



AFFECT OF A MAGNETIC BIAS FIELD ON ACCURACY



Accuracy is +/- .17° over a full turn with a 0 G bias field

Accuracy is +/- .21° over a full turn with a 500 G bias field

Sensor: Timken MPS512. Target: 21 mm Dia. 25 Pole pair polymer bonded ferrite Plot shows accumulated accuracy at 10,000 edges per revolution



ERROR: EXTERNAL COMMON-MODE FIELDS

From magnetized shafts, motor windings and motor magnets



TOLERANCE TO AIR GAP VARIATION:



Accuracy is better then 1/10° over a full turn with a 40% variation in field strength



Sensor: Timken MPS512. Target: 36 mm Dia. 25 Pole pair polymer bonded ferrite TIMKEI

CONCLUSIONS

- It is possible to use modern magnetic sensors in applications where traditional magnetic sensors could not be used
- Modern off axis magnetic sensors incorporate innovative circuitry to reject external magnetic fields
- Modern off axis magnetic sensors incorporate innovative circuitry that permit accurate high resolution sensing with changing air gaps
- Off axis high resolution magnetic sensors offer advantages in applications that exceed the environmental capabilities of optical encoders



