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Mechanical Analysis and Design of Vibratory Micro machined Gyroscopes

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Abstract – Various Micro machined Vibratory Gyroscopes employ a wide range of the mechanical structures as well as actuation and sensing mechanisms. It is followed by a methodical design implementation of vibratory micro gyroscope. This completion includes both mechanical and electrical components of the micro gyroscopes.

Keywords: Gyroscopes, Mechanical, Analysis, Actuation Mechanisms

INTRODUCTION

During the development of micro machined gyroscopes, a variety of actuation mechanisms have been explored to oscillate the vibrating structure in the primary drive-mode. The most common ones comprise electrostatic, piezoelectric and electromagnetic means [6-9]. Electrostatic actuation using a comb drive design is the currently prevailing advance [6, 7] as they can stimulate high frequency resonant modes. The background theory including the operating Vibratory micro machined gyroscopes typically exhibit certain undesirable behaviors that impede the angular rate measurement, such as nonlinearity, cross-axis sensitivity, scale factor offset, and quadrature error. These errors have sources in both the mechanical and electrical components of a gyroscope.

Linear, lumped-parameter models are derived for two classes of vibratory rate gyroscopes, one based on translations of a proof mass and one based on rotations. The models include terms that are often omitted in the published literature. These terms are shown to produce cross-axis sensitivity. Scaling laws for evaluating the implication of the terms producing these errors are discussed. Contributions of the suspension becomes to spurious mechanical behavior is examined widely. A nonlinear rod theory, which models flexure (including shearing deformations), torsion, and axial extension/compression, is applied to the suspension of a micro machined gyroscope based on proof mass rotations. A linearized version of the speculation is used to derive a continuum model of the suspension beams. Approximations to the nonlinear theory provide formulas for the coefficients of cubic stiffening, which enable forecasts of spring-hardening behavior, as demonstrated by a comparison with experimental data. Suspension designs which minimize nonlinearity and design rules for the

maximum achievable linear displacement for common micro system suspension designs are discussed. A model for nonlinear elastic coupling between the drive and sense modes of a gyroscope is derived, and is used to show how the suspension can generate scale factor offset and quadrature error even in the absence of manufacturing defects. However, such defects also contribute to spurious dynamics, and so a linear model for a gyroscope with non-identical suspension beams is obtainable.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

A. Sharma, etc al [2] This paper presents the design and implementation of an in-plane solid-mass single-crystal silicon tuning fork gyro that has the potential of attaining sub-deg/hr rate resolutions. A design is devised to achieve high Q in the drive and sense resonant modes ($Q_{\text{drive}}=81,000$ and $Q_{\text{sense}}=64,000$) with effective mode decoupling. The gyroscope was fabricated on 40 μm thick Silicon-on-Insulator (SOI) using a simple two-mask process. The drive and sense resonant modes were balanced electrostatically to within 0.07% of each other and the measured rate results show a sensitivity of 1.25mV/°/s in a bandwidth of 12Hz. X. Xiong, etc al [1] In this paper, a novel DRIE (Deep Reactive Ion Etching) bulk micro machined single-crystal silicon comb vibratory micro gyroscope is introduced. The device uses glasses substrate so that parasitic capacitance can be alleviated. Due to DRIE technique the device thickness can be increased to be more than 100 μm . The working principle of the micro gyroscope is introduced. The dynamics analysis of the gyroscope is also performed. Based upon the analysis, an optimized micro gyroscope design is proposed. The designed gyroscope is expected to have a sensitivity of $\sqrt{V}/(^{\circ}/\text{sec}).\mu\text{m}^4$ Xuesong Jiang, etc al [3] A monolithic surface micro

machined Z-axis vibratory rate gyroscope with an on-chip A/D m-thick mechanical μ CMOS and $2.25\mu\text{m}$ converter is fabricated in a monolithic MEMS/circuits technology with 2 polysilicon. The on-chip position sense circuit uses correlated double sampling to reject $1/f$ and kT/C noise and resolves $V^\circ/\text{sec}/\text{Hz}$ at atmospheric pressure and 0.02Angstrom displacements. The gyroscope achieves a sensitivity of 3 operates from a single 5V supply. Z.Y. Guo, Z, etc al [4] A decoupled lateral-axis TFG (tuning fork gyroscope) with novel driving and sensing combs is presented. The EFBD (electrostatic force balanced comb driver) adopted in the TFG can efficiently suppress the mechanical coupling in a simple manner. The structure of the gyroscope is also optimized to suppress the coupling further. Moreover, torsional sensing combs are adopted to detect the out-of-plane movement, so it can work at atmospheric pressure. The TFG was fabricated and tested at atmosphere. The measured CFDTs (coupling from driving mode to sensing mode) and CFSTD (coupling from sensing mode to driving mode) are -45dB and -51dB respectively. The sensitivity is $2.9\text{mV}^\circ/\text{s}$ while the nonlinearity is 0.9% with the full scale of $800^\circ/\text{s}$. The noise floor is $0.035^\circ/\text{s}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$.

Actuation Mechanisms: Actuation Mechanisms
Mainly six actuation mechanisms are available for the design and development of MEMS based devices and sensors. Depending upon the applications, these distinct actuation mechanisms are widely used in the development of various RF and Optical MEMS, best suited for commercial, industrial, military and space sensors applications [10-16].

1. Electrostatic actuation
2. Piezoelectric actuation
3. Electromagnetic actuation
4. Electro thermal actuation
5. Electrodynamics actuation

CONCLUSION:

A comprehensive description of vibratory micro machined gyroscopes is a part of this paper. We further discussed different actuation mechanism used to drive micro gyroscopes with a special emphasis on electrostatic and electro thermal actuations.

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