

Vibration and Acoustic Transducers (VATrans) Laboratory

Search for Active Applications of Vibration and Acoustic Phenomena

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Many studies have been done on the vibration and acoustic phenomena. The usual purpose of engineers for these studies is to reduce vibration itself and its effects or unwanted sounds (noise). The research works in this laboratory are, however, focused on the applications of vibrations and sounds.

One good example among the applications of vibrations and sounds is the loudspeaker. As can be seen in a loudspeaker, a transducer may be found in such active applications of vibrations and sounds. For this reason, the research area of this laboratory includes modeling of transducers as well as analyses and measurements of vibrations and sounds.

Transducers are defined as devices or machines that convert one form of energy into another form. Hence, in order to analyze and design transducers, the coupling phenomena between various forms of energies should be understood. Electromechanical coupling phenomena such as piezoelectricity and electromagnetic forces are focused to study here in VATrans Lab.

The following show the more-detailed research areas studied in the laboratory:

• Analysis and Modeling of Transducers and Ambient Components

- Modeling of transduction materials and their applications
- Dynamic simulations of systems with transducers

• Nonlinear Acoustics and Ultrasonic Loudspeakers

- Nonlinear acoustic phenomena and their numerical simulations for designing acoustic transducers
- Radiation theory and design of ultrasonic loudspeakers
- Ultrasonic radiation/imaging devices

MUT based Parametric Transmitting Array in Air

Small-sized High Efficient Ultrasonic Radiators for PA

- Difference frequency generation using Parametric Transmitting Array

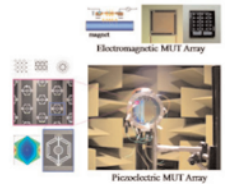
$$\nabla^2 p_1 - \frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 p_1}{\partial t^2} = -\rho_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{p_1}{\rho_0 c_0} \right)$$

Wentzel's equation

- Why Micro-machined Ultrasonic Transducer (MUT)?

- Miniaturization and increasing the ultrasonic radiation efficiency
- Mutual radiation loading concepts are used in the array design

- Applications : High directional ultrasonic loudspeaker/Ranging-sensor



• Sensors for Bio-Objects

- Protein/DNA sensors based on the mass micro-balancing
- Measurement system for bonding forces of adhesive bio-materials
- Sensors and applications of micro/nano scale physics

Self Excited Micro Cantilever Sensor

PZT-Micro Cantilever Sensor with Air-Gap insulator & Ohmic Electrode pattern

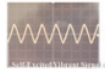
- Actuated by PZT
- Length: 100µm, Width: 30µm, Thickness: 5µm
- First mode: about 1MHz



Fabricated Air-Gap PZT-Micro Cantilever

- Detection procedure of biomaterial
 - Measuring 1st resonance frequency
 - Attaching biomaterial
 - Measuring changed resonance frequency
 - Calculating mass of biomaterial from frequency difference

- Self-Excited by Oscillating circuit
 - Self-oscillating with 1st mode



Self-excited oscillation of micro-cantilever

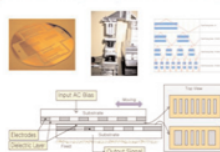


Attaching Biomaterial to Micro-Cantilever



Resonance Frequency Change Due to Attached Biomaterial

Ultra High Dynamic Range Displacement Sensor



Contact-type Linear Encoder Capacitive Displacement Sensor (CLECDIS)

- The sensor has long range (maximum 15mm) and high resolution (about 0.4nm) in distance measurement
- To measure large displacement use encoder, and to measure small displacement use capacitance change
- Make a small gap and maintain the gap is easier, for using contact-type

• Machines/Devices to Manipulate Micro/Nano Objects

- Long-range nano-precision displacement Sensors
- Ultra-precision actuators
- Machines/Equipments with Grippers for manipulating nano-objects

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