



Dynamics of Gyroscopes

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Gyroscopes

- **Basic Definition:** A gyroscope measures angular orientation either directly, or through integrating a measured rotational rate or acceleration.
- **Uses:**
 - Navigation
 - Control Systems (i.e. anti-skid in cars)
 - Combine with accelerometer to form IMU
- **Desirable Qualities:**
 - High Sensitivity-Minimum detectable rate.
 - Stability-Over time, or environmental change.
 - Broad Range-Accuracy at both low and high rates.





Types of Gyroscopes

- Classic Spinning Disk

- Based on gyroscopic effect of a rotating object with angular momentum.

$$\tau = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

- Vibratory

- Based on Coriolis force on an object in a rotating reference frame.

$$F_{\text{coriolis}} = 2m(\vec{v} \times \vec{U})$$

- Laser (Ring, IFOG)

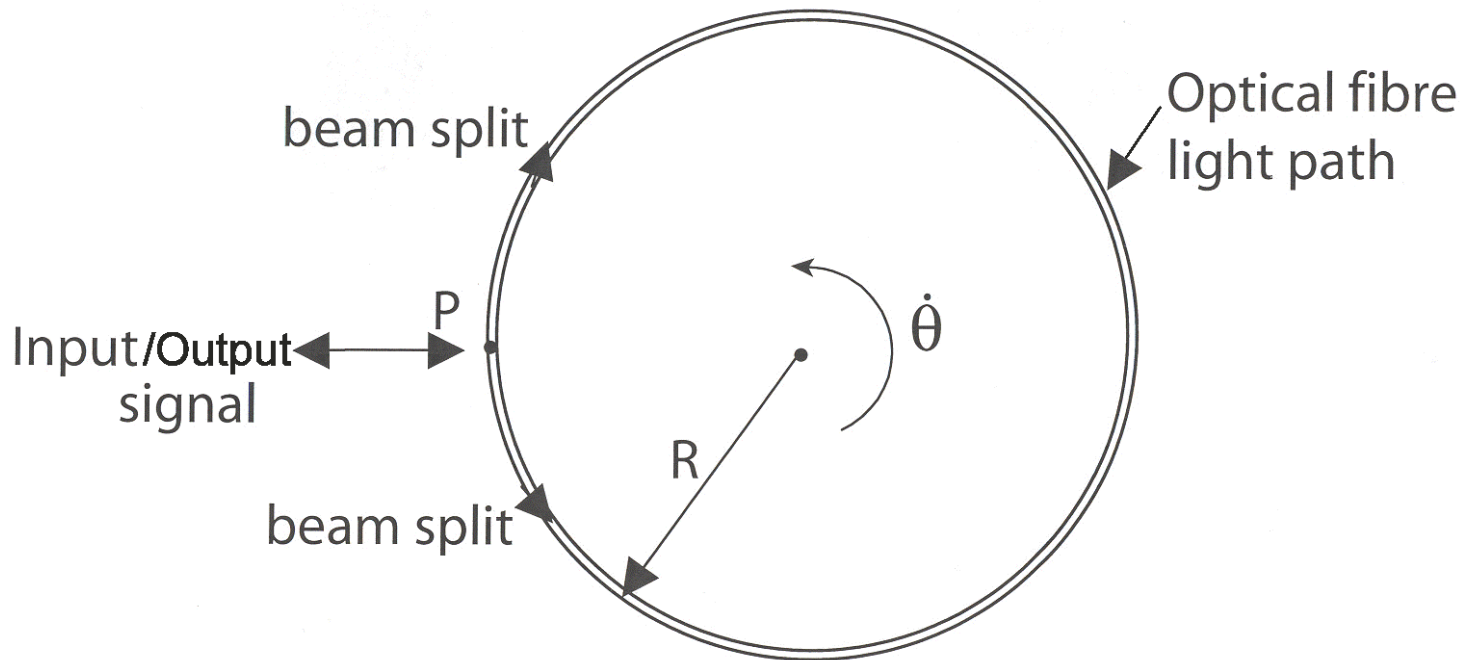
- Based on “timing” the travel of light through a course whose length varies with the rotation of the course.

$$\textit{Speed of Light} = c = \text{Constant}$$



Interferometric Fiber Optic Gyroscope (IFOG)

- Coherent (laser) light travels in opposite directions around a fiber optic coil.
- Rotation of the coil creates a path difference between the signals.
- Measuring the phase shift between the signals provides a rotation rate measurement.





Path Difference

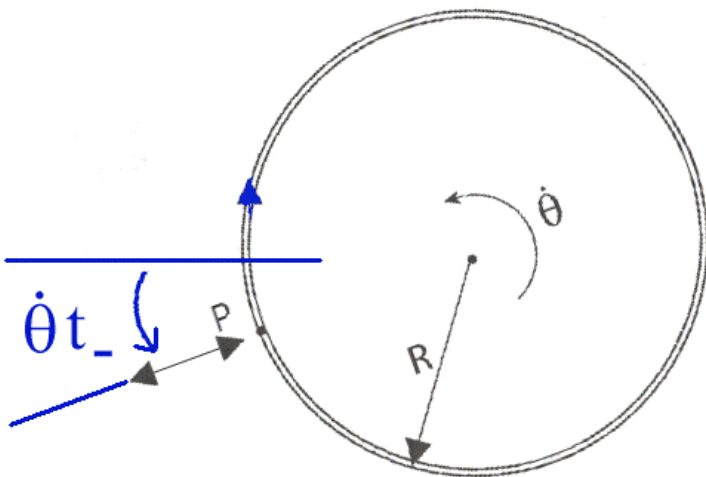
- Distance Traveled by Clockwise Signal:

$$ct_- = 2\pi R - R\dot{\theta} t_- \Rightarrow ct_- = \frac{2\pi cR}{c + R\dot{\theta}}$$

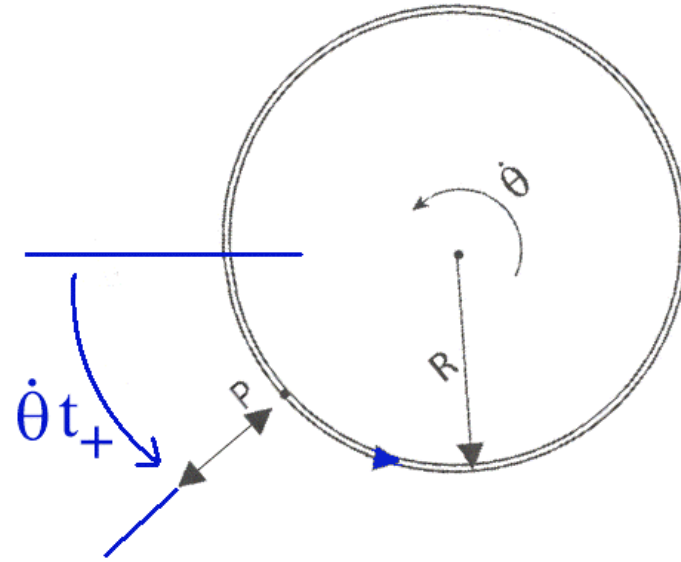
- Distance Traveled by Counterclockwise Signal:

$$ct_+ = 2\pi R + R\dot{\theta} t_+ \Rightarrow ct_+ = \frac{2\pi cR}{c - R\dot{\theta}}$$

Clockwise
Signal



Counterclockwise
Signal





Path Difference

- Take difference of distance traveled by each signal.

$$dL = c(t_+ - t_-) = 2\pi cR \left[\frac{1}{(c - R\dot{\theta})} - \frac{1}{(c + R\dot{\theta})} \right]$$

$$dL = 2\pi cR \left[\frac{(c + R\dot{\theta})}{(c^2 - R^2\dot{\theta}^2)} - \frac{(c - R\dot{\theta})}{(c^2 - R^2\dot{\theta}^2)} \right] = 2\pi cR \left[\frac{2R\dot{\theta}}{(c^2 - R^2\dot{\theta}^2)} \right]$$

$$dL = \frac{4\pi cR^2\dot{\theta}}{(c^2 - R^2\dot{\theta}^2)}$$

$$c \gg R^2\dot{\theta}^2$$

- Path Difference:

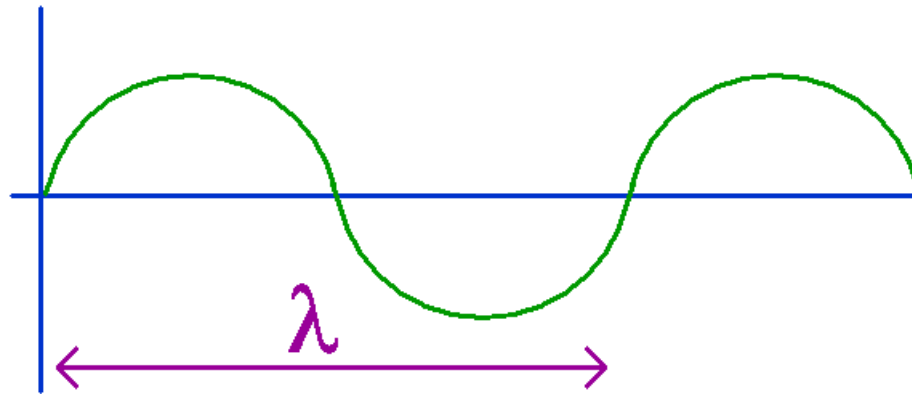
$$dL = \frac{4\pi R^2\dot{\theta}}{c}$$



Light Interference

- The coherent light exiting after traveling different distances have a phase difference proportional to rotation rate.

$$dL = \frac{4\pi R^2 \dot{\theta}}{c}$$



$$dL = \lambda \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{\lambda c}{8\pi^2 R^2} d\phi$$



IFOG Summary

- Advantages

- No mechanical parts
- Resistant to shock and vibration
- Long-lived
- Accurate
- **Commercially Available:** First Used in Boeing 777

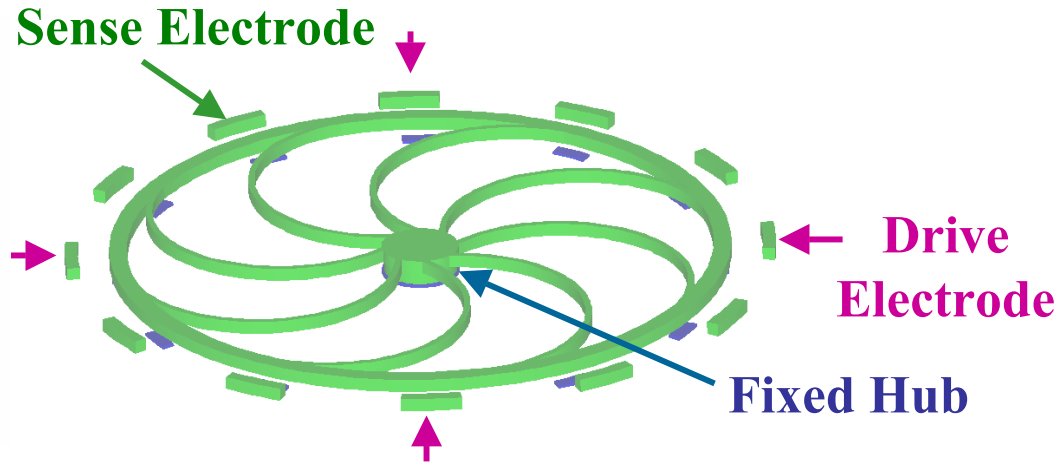
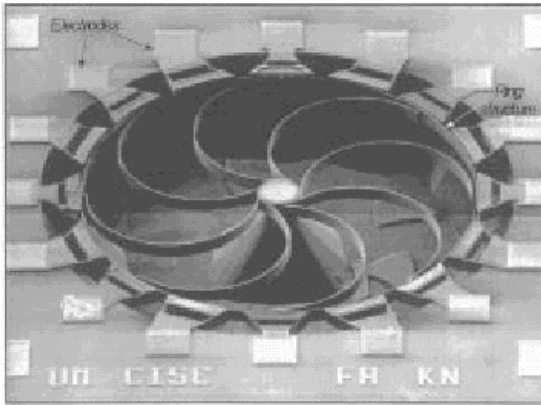


- Disadvantages

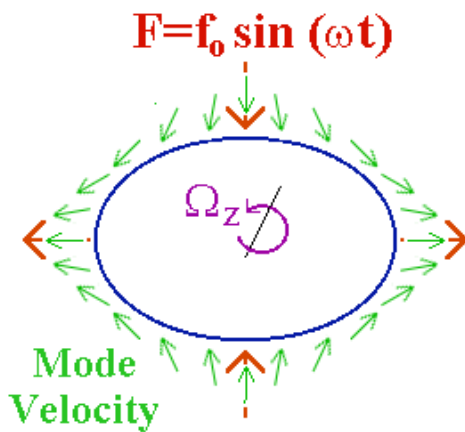
- Speed of light is “fast” and thus requires many loops of fiber optic fiber to create a detectable phase angle.



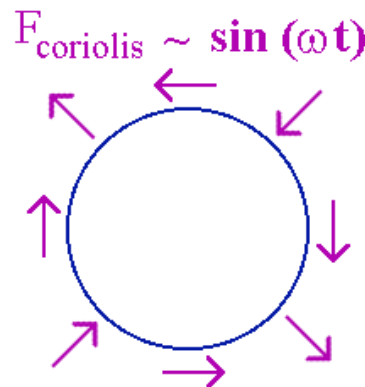
Coriolis Force Gyroscope



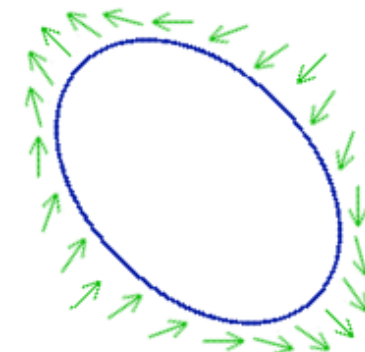
$$F_{coriolis} = 2m(\vec{v} \times \vec{\Omega})$$



a.) Excite Primary Mode



b.) Coriolis Force Develops



c.) Excites Secondary Mode



Coriolis Force Gyroscope



- To characterize the dynamics of a vibratory gyroscope we need to:
 - Create a simple model to account for the principle features.
 - Find generalized coordinates.
 - Calculate system energy as a function of the generalized coordinates.
 - Develop the equations of motion by the Lagrangian method.
 - Evaluate the E.O.M. to determine the system response to an input rotation rate.
- Simple Model: One Axis Gyroscope
 - Vibrating mass with two orthogonal vibration modes (one for forcing and the other for sensing).
 - Rotation axis perpendicular to vibration plane.

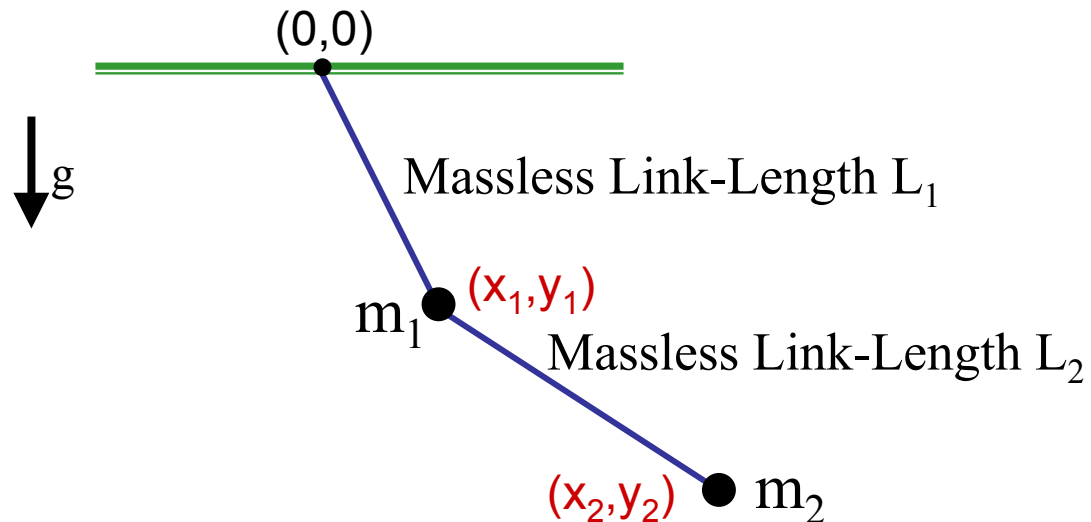


Generalized Coordinates Review

- A set of coordinates (q_1, q_2, \dots) which:
 - Fully describes the position and orientation of the system at any time.
 - Each coordinate is independent from every other coordinate. In other words each coordinate can be set independently without violating the physical system.

$$q_1 \neq f(q_2, q_3, \dots)$$

- Example: Find Coordinates for a Compound Pendulum (2 D.O.F.)

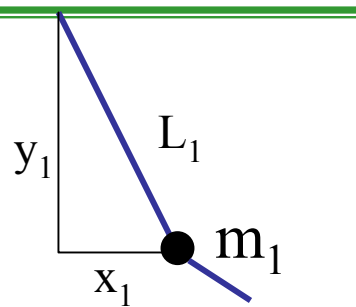


- Correct?



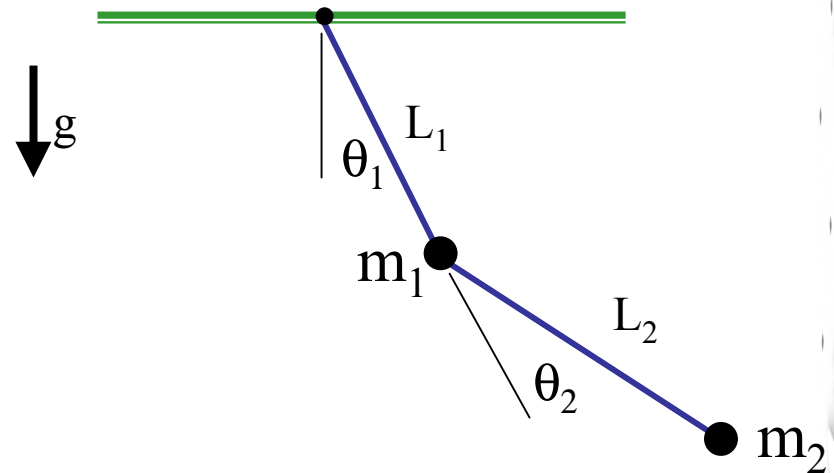
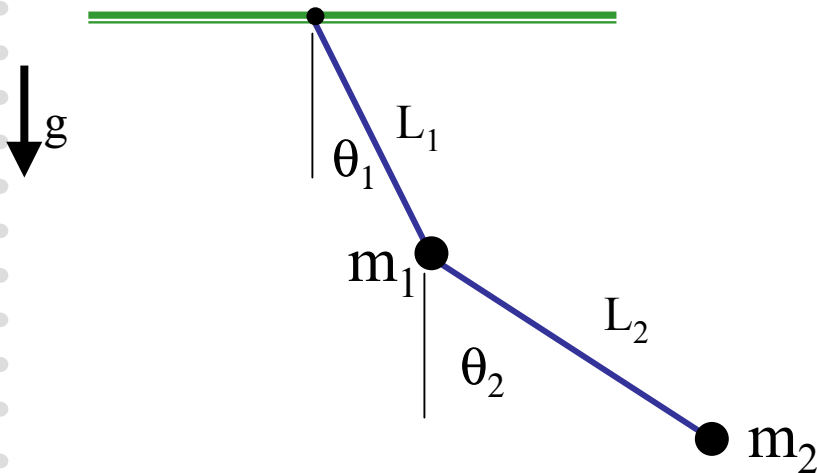
Generalized Coordinates Review

- Fulfills condition 1. but not 2. (Note dependence of coordinates):



$$y_1 = \sqrt{L_1^2 - x_1^2}$$

- Instead Consider Angles (generalized coordinates are often non-unique)



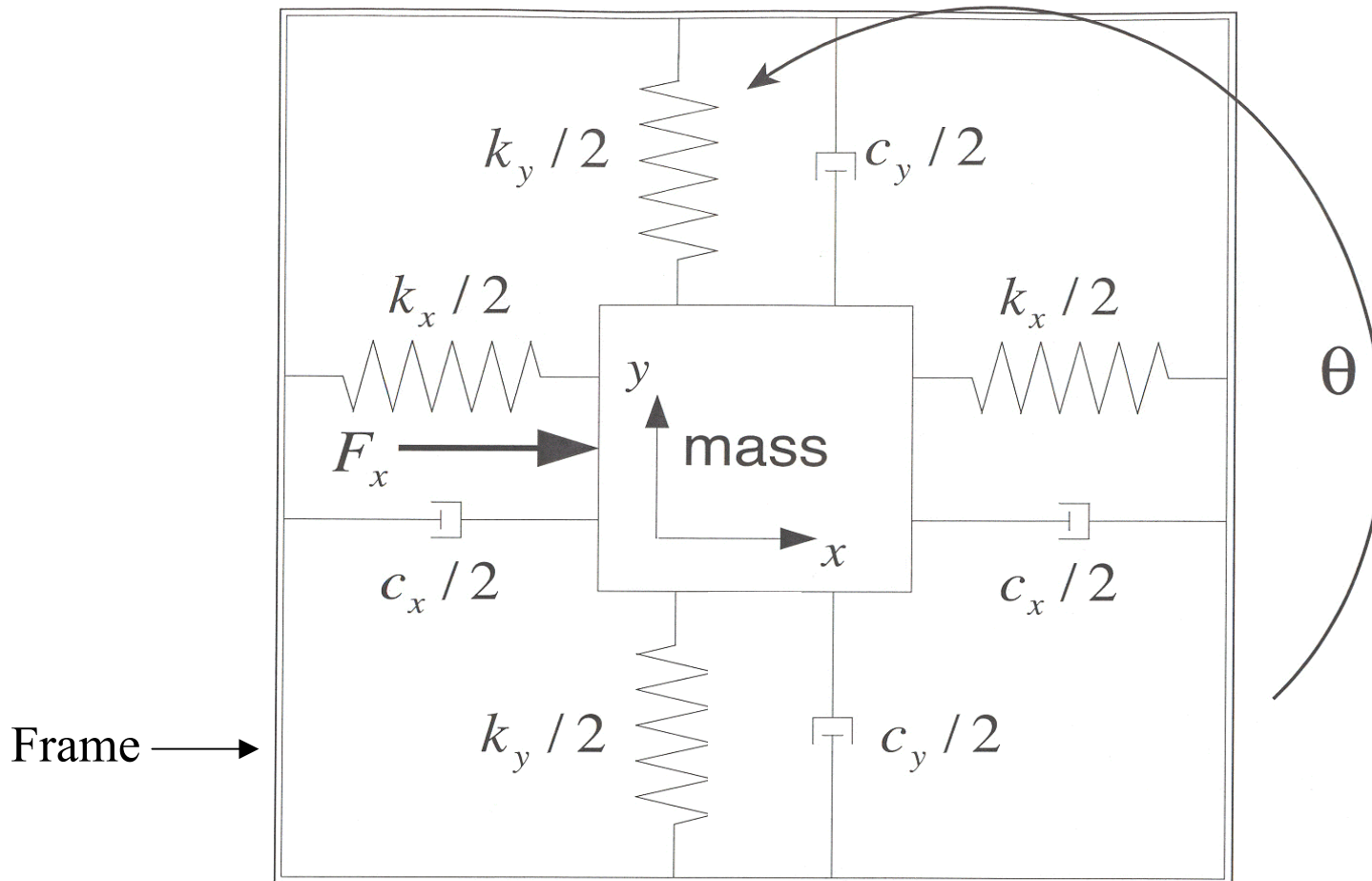


Generalized Coordinates For One Axis

Coriolis Gyroscope



- Generalized coordinates θ , x , y with x, y **relative** to frame.
- Rotation about z -axis, with steady oscillation along x -axis.
- Response develops along y -axis.





Rotating Reference Frame

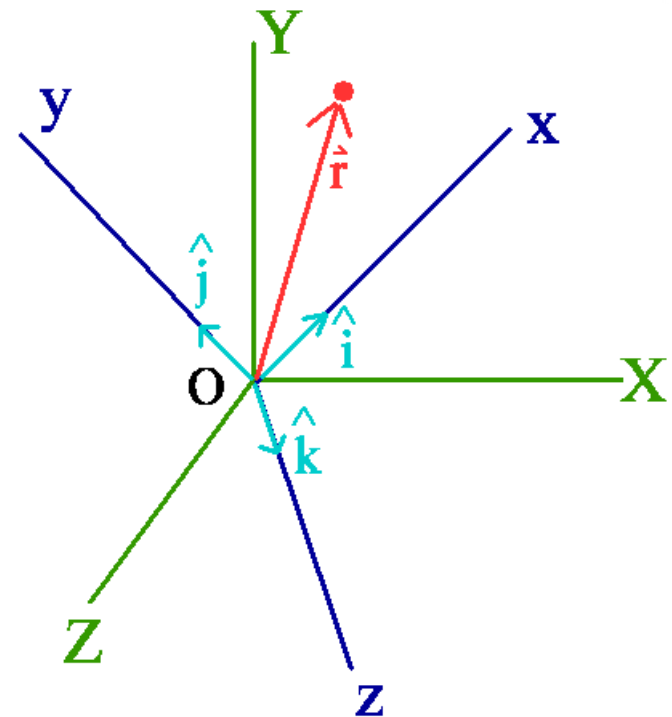
- Inertial frame XYZ and rotating frame xyz.
- Position/velocity in rotating reference frame:

$$\vec{r}_{xyz} = r_x \hat{i} + r_y \hat{j} + r_z \hat{k}$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_{xyz} = \dot{r}_x \hat{i} + \dot{r}_y \hat{j} + \dot{r}_z \hat{k}$$

- The velocity in the fixed frame can be found by treating the unit vectors as variable:

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_{XYZ} = \dot{r}_x \hat{i} + \dot{r}_y \hat{j} + \dot{r}_z \hat{k} + r_x \dot{\hat{i}} + r_y \dot{\hat{j}} + r_z \dot{\hat{k}}$$





Rotating Reference Frame

$$\dot{\hat{r}}_{XYZ} = \dot{\hat{r}}_{xyz} + r_x \dot{\hat{i}} + r_y \dot{\hat{j}} + r_z \dot{\hat{k}}$$

- Consider $r = \text{constant}$

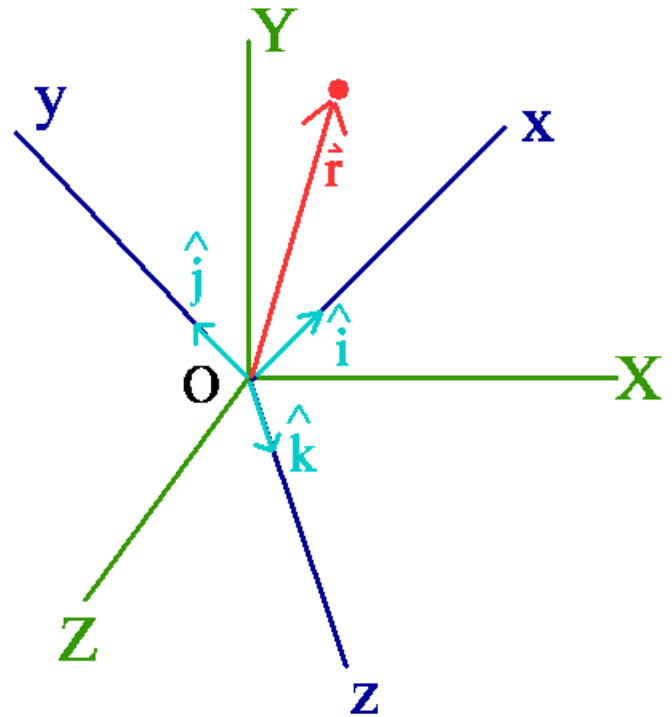
$$\dot{\hat{r}}_{XYZ} = r_x \dot{\hat{i}} + r_y \dot{\hat{j}} + r_z \dot{\hat{k}}$$

- Velocity of Pure Angular Motion:

$$\dot{\hat{r}}_{XYZ} = \Omega \times r_{xyz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\hat{r}}_{XYZ} = \dot{\hat{r}}_{xyz} + \Omega \times r_{xyz}$$

$$v = v_{rotating} + \Omega \times r_{rotating}$$





System Energy

K.E. and P.E. as a Function of Generalized Coordinates:

$$r_{rotating} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} \quad v_{rotating} = \dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j}$$

$$v = v_{rotating} + \Omega \times r_{rotating}$$

$$v = (\dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j}) + \dot{\theta} \hat{k} \times (x \hat{i} + y \hat{j})$$

$$v = (\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y) \hat{i} + (\dot{y} + \dot{\theta} x) \hat{j}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y)^2 + (\dot{y} + \dot{\theta} x)^2]$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k_x x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y y^2$$



Lagrangian

- Three generalized coordinates x , y , θ .
 - The angular displacement is imposed on the device, while the x direction is forced with sinusoidal oscillation amplitude of x_0 .
 - We are interested in the response occurring in the y coordinate, so let's examine the equation of motion for $q_i=y$.

$$\mathbf{L} = T - V$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y)^2 + (\dot{y} + \dot{\theta} x)^2] - \left[\frac{1}{2} k_x x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y y^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial q_i} = Q_i$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial y} = Q_y$$



Formulate Equation of Motion

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y)^2 + (\dot{y} + \dot{\theta} x)^2] - \left[\frac{1}{2} k_x x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y y^2 \right]$$

- y coordinate:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} = m(\dot{y} + \dot{\theta} x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) = m(\ddot{y} + \ddot{\theta} x + \dot{\theta} \dot{x})$$

$$-\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = -m(\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y)(-\dot{\theta}) + k_y y$$

$$m(\ddot{y} + \ddot{\theta} x + \dot{\theta} \dot{x}) + m\dot{\theta}(\dot{x} - \dot{\theta} y) + k_y y = Q_y$$

$$m\ddot{y} + 2m\dot{\theta} \dot{x} - m\dot{\theta}^2 y + m\ddot{\theta} x + k_y y = Q_y$$



Formulate Equation of Motion

- Add non-conservative damping forces.

$$\delta W_{non-consv.} = F_{damper} \delta y = -c_y \dot{y} \delta y$$

$$Q_y = -c_y \dot{y}$$

$$m\ddot{y} + 2m\dot{\theta} \dot{x} - m\dot{\theta}^2 y + m\ddot{\theta} x + k_y y = -c_y \dot{y}$$

$$m\ddot{y} + c_y \dot{y} + 2m\dot{\theta} \dot{x} - m\dot{\theta}^2 y + m\ddot{\theta} x + k_y y = 0$$

Coriolis Force

Additional Inertial Forces
Due to Rotating Ref. Frame

- Assume for our case the Coriolis force dominates the other introduced inertial forces. (rotation rate small and steady)



Find Response Amplitude

- Generally interested in the response amplitude not the full solution.
- Consider the Coriolis force as an external forcing function:

$$m\ddot{y} + c_y\dot{y} + 2m\dot{\theta}\dot{x} + k_y y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{y} + c_y\dot{y} + k_y y = -2m\dot{\theta}\dot{x}$$

- Invoke complex analysis of forced (particular) response.
- Control scheme provides a sinusoidal oscillation in x with amplitude of x_0 and frequency ω_d (Drive Frequency).

$$x = x_0 \sin(\omega_d t) \Rightarrow \dot{x} = x_0 \omega_d \cos(\omega_d t)$$

$$e^{\pm i\theta} = \cos(\theta) \pm i \sin(\theta)$$

$$\dot{x} = \text{Re}[x_0 \omega_d e^{i\omega_d t}]$$



Find Response Amplitude

- Complex representation of forcing function:

$$F_{\text{coriolis}} = \text{Re}\left[-2m\dot{\theta} x_o \omega_d e^{i\omega_d t}\right]$$

- Particular solution has the form:

$$y_p = \text{Re}\left[Y e^{i\omega_d t}\right]$$

- Insert these equations back into the equation of motion:

$$\dot{y}_p = \text{Re}\left[iY\omega_d e^{i\omega_d t}\right] \quad \ddot{y}_p = \text{Re}\left[-Y\omega_d^2 e^{i\omega_d t}\right]$$

- Leave out Re symbol for now (just remember we want the real part)

$$m\left(-Y\omega_d^2 e^{i\omega_d t}\right) + c_y\left(iY\omega_d e^{i\omega_d t}\right) + k_y\left(Y e^{i\omega_d t}\right) = -2m\dot{\theta} x_o \omega_d e^{i\omega_d t}$$

$$Y\left(-m\omega_d^2 + ic_y\omega_d + k_y\right) = -2m\dot{\theta} x_o \omega_d$$



Find Response Amplitude

- Continued:

$$Y(-m\omega_d^2 + ic_y\omega_d + k_y) = -2m\dot{\theta} x_o\omega_d$$

$$c_y = 2m\xi\omega_{n-y}$$

$$Y(-\omega_d^2 + i2\xi\omega_{n-y}\omega_d + \omega_{n-y}^2) = -2\dot{\theta} x_o\omega_d$$

$$Y = \frac{-2\dot{\theta} x_o\omega_d}{\left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2) + i2\xi\omega_{n-y}\omega_d\right]}$$

- Multiply top and bottom by:

$$\left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2) - i2\xi\omega_{n-y}\omega_d\right]$$

$$Y = \frac{-2\dot{\theta} x_o\omega_d \left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2) - i2\xi\omega_{n-y}\omega_d\right]}{\left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2)^2 + (2\xi\omega_{n-y}\omega_d)^2\right]}$$



Find Response Amplitude

- We now have complex amplitude Y :

$$Y = a + ib$$
$$y_p = \text{Re}\left[Y e^{i\omega_d t} \right]$$

- Complex Identity:

$$a + ib = A e^{i\phi}, \quad A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$y_p = A \text{Re}\left[e^{i\omega_d t + \phi} \right]$$

- Thus, the real response has an amplitude of A .

$$A^2 = (-2\theta \dot{x}_o \omega_d)^2 \left[\frac{(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2)^2}{\left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2)^2 + (2\xi \omega_{n-y} \omega_d)^2\right]^2} + \frac{(2\xi \omega_{n-y} \omega_d)^2}{\left[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2)^2 + (2\xi \omega_{n-y} \omega_d)^2\right]^2} \right]$$

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Gyroscopic Response (Accuracy)

- Simplification yields the response amplitude for small, steady rotation input $\dot{\theta}$.

$$A = \frac{-2\dot{\theta} x_o \omega_d}{\sqrt{(\omega_{n-y}^2 - \omega_d^2)^2 + (2\xi \omega_{n-y} \omega_d)^2}}$$

- Equation extremely useful in designing a gyroscope with maximum response amplitude (increased accuracy).
- Foremost notice the amplitude decreases if the drive frequency differs from the natural frequency in the y-direction.
- Since one would select the drive frequency roughly equal to the natural frequency in the x-direction (maximize x_o), an optimal gyroscope has matched modes.



Gyroscopic Response (Accuracy)

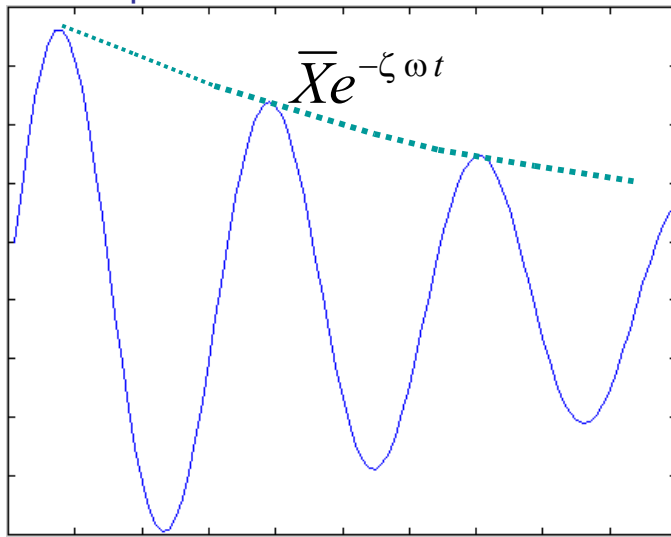
- Now consider a matched mode gyroscope:

$$\omega_d = \omega_{n-x} = \omega_{n-y}$$

$$A = \frac{-\dot{\theta} x_o}{\xi \omega_n}$$

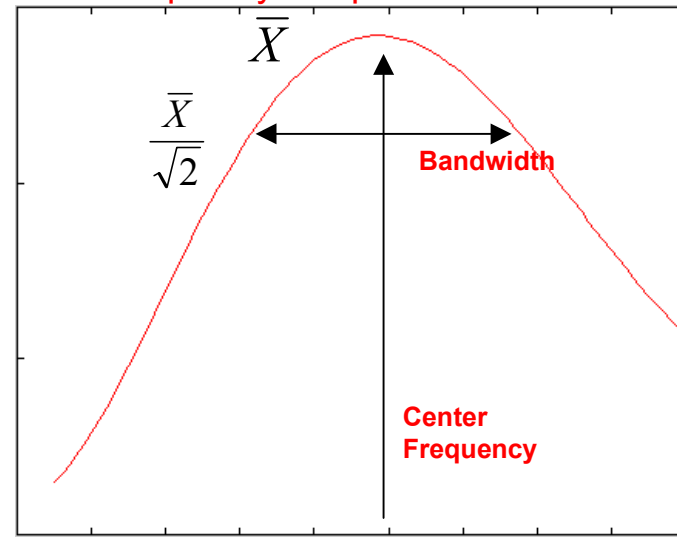
- Introduce the Quality (Q) Factor

Amplitude Decrement Method



$$Q = \frac{1}{2\zeta}$$

Frequency Response Method



$$Q = \frac{\omega_{center}}{bandwidth}$$



Gyroscopic Response (Accuracy)

- Amplitude becomes:

$$A = \frac{-2Qx_o\dot{\theta}}{\omega_n}$$

- Two Key Observations

- Want to maximize the quality factor (MEMS resonators can have Q-factors $> 20,000$, which makes MEMS gyroscopes interesting)
- Want to decrease the fundamental frequency of the device. Usually set at ~ 20 kHz to avoid interaction with low frequency environmental noise.
- This last fact leads to some interesting dimensions for MEMS structures.



Group Work (Two Teams)

- MUMPs Gyroscope
- Find L, w of beams and L_{plate} such that the gyroscope has a fundamental frequency of ~ 20 kHz.

- Useful Facts

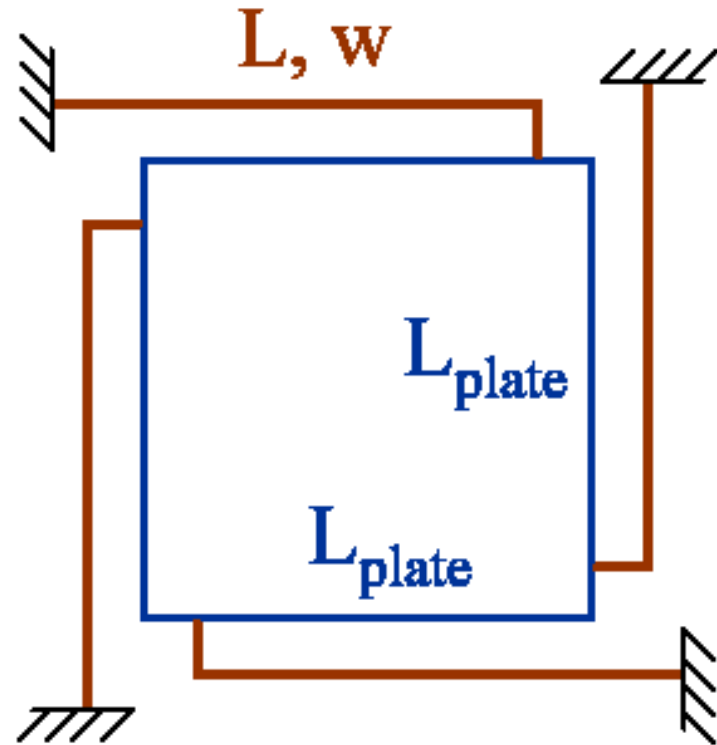
- $E=160$ GPa, $\rho=2330$ kg/m³
- Thickness= $2\mu\text{m}$
- Assume cantilever spring

$$k_{eq} = \frac{3EI}{L^3}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{12} wt^3$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2k_{\text{cantilever}}}{m_{\text{plate}}}}$$

- Neglect spring mass
- Plate to substrate separation is $1.5\mu\text{m}$.
- Minimum feature size also $2\mu\text{m}$.





Rigorous Amplitude Derivation

- Equations of Motion for x, y Coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_x & -2m\dot{\theta} \\ 2m\dot{\theta} & c_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_x & 0 \\ 0 & k_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Complex Representation:

$$x_j = X_j e^{i\omega_d t} \quad f_j = F_j e^{i\omega_d t}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -m\omega_d^2 + ic_x\omega_d + k_x & -2m\dot{\theta}\omega_d \\ 2m\dot{\theta}\omega_d & -m\omega_d^2 + ic_y\omega_d + k_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{10} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} F_{10} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Rigorous Amplitude Derivation

$$Y = \frac{-Z_{12}F_{10}}{Z_{11}Z_{22} - Z_{21}Z_{12}}$$

$$Y = \frac{-2m\dot{\theta} \omega_d F_x}{m^2 [(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-x}^2 + i2\xi_x \omega_{n-x} \omega_d)(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2 + i2\xi_y \omega_{n-y} \omega_d) + (2\dot{\theta} \omega_d)^2]}$$

$$Y = \frac{-2\dot{\theta} \omega_d \omega_{n-x}^2 x_0}{[(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-x}^2 + i2\xi_x \omega_{n-x} \omega_d)(-\omega_d^2 + \omega_{n-y}^2 + i2\xi_y \omega_{n-y} \omega_d) + (2\dot{\theta} \omega_d)^2]}$$

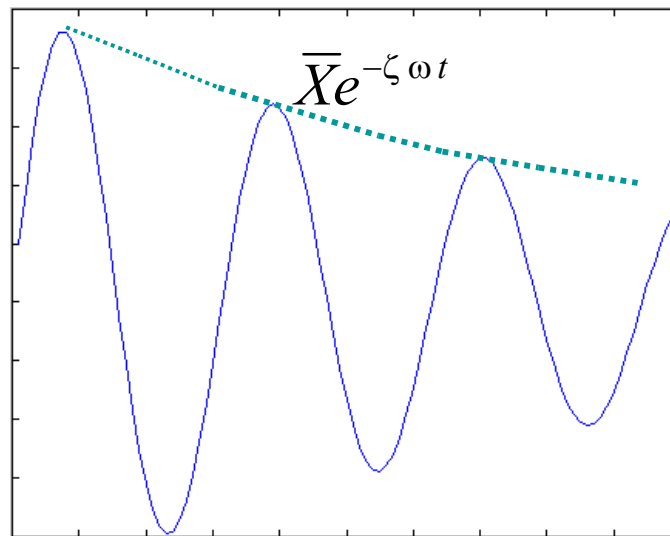
- Matched Modes Case:

$$Y = \frac{-\dot{\theta} x_0}{2\omega [(-\xi_x \xi_y) + \left(\frac{\dot{\theta}}{\omega}\right)^2]}$$



How Steady?

- Derivation assumed a small and steady rotation rate.
- To provide a feel for how steady, find the time required to reduce the homogenous solution to 10% its original value.
- Assumptions:
 - $Q = 10,000$
 - $\omega = 20 \text{ kHz} = 125,000 \text{ rad/sec}$



$$Q = \frac{1}{2\zeta}$$



Coriolis Gyroscope Summary

- Advantages

- Scales down with increased accuracy
- MEMS implementation (small and light)
- MEMS devices can be integrated directly with associated electronics
- No relative motion (i.e. no bearings, shafts, gears)
- Low wear

- Disadvantages

- Lower accuracy due to difficulty inherent in measuring motion of MEMS devices.
- Devices often “flimsy” with length to thickness (slenderness) ratios often approaching 1000.
- Susceptible to shock.
- As with most MEMS devices the reliability is low due to stiction.
- Still in research phase



Research Project

- Recall, for a Coriolis gyro., the accuracy is proportional to Q-factor.

$$A = \frac{-2Qx_o\dot{\theta}}{\omega_n}$$

- The total quality factor combines the losses attributed to friction, thermoelastic, air, and anchor dissipation mechanisms.

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \sum \frac{1}{Q_i} = \frac{1}{Q_{TED}} + \frac{1}{Q_{Volumetric}} + \frac{1}{Q_{Surface}} + \frac{1}{Q_{Air}} + \frac{1}{Q_{Anchor}}$$

- Despite the often limiting nature of anchor loss, this source has received insufficient study.



Analytical Anchor Loss Relationship

Analytical model derived by assuming an equivalent single d.o.f. resonator:

$$Q_{anchor} = 2\pi \frac{W_0}{\Delta W}$$

$$W_0 = \frac{1}{2} k_r \bar{x}^2$$

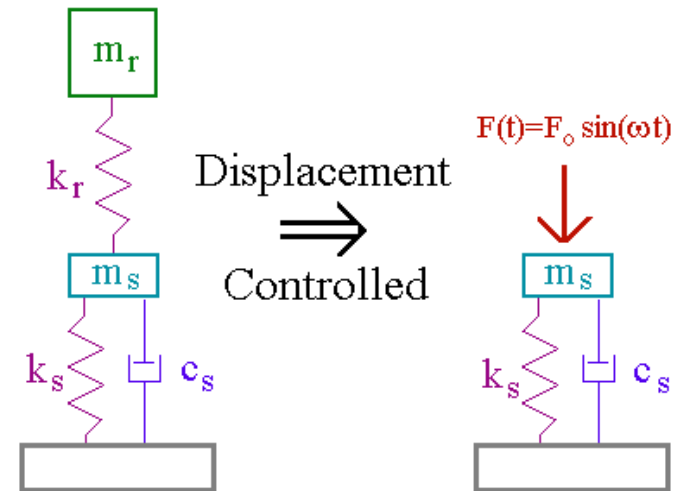
$$P_a(\omega) = \frac{\int_0^T W dt}{T} = \frac{\Delta W}{T} \Rightarrow \Delta W = T P_a(\omega)$$

$$H_s(\omega) = \frac{(k_s - m_s \omega^2) - i c_s \omega}{(k_s - m_s \omega^2)^2 + (c_s \omega)^2}$$

$$P_a(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [i \omega F_0^* H_s(\omega) F_0]$$

$$P_a(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \omega k_r^2 \bar{x}^2 \left(\frac{c_s \omega}{(k_s - m_s \omega^2)^2 + (c_s \omega)^2} \right)$$

$$Q_{anchor} = \frac{1}{\omega k_r \left(\frac{c_s}{(k_s - m_s \omega^2)^2 + (c_s \omega)^2} \right)}$$



$$Q_{anchor} = \frac{1}{k_r \text{Im}[-H_s(\omega)]}$$



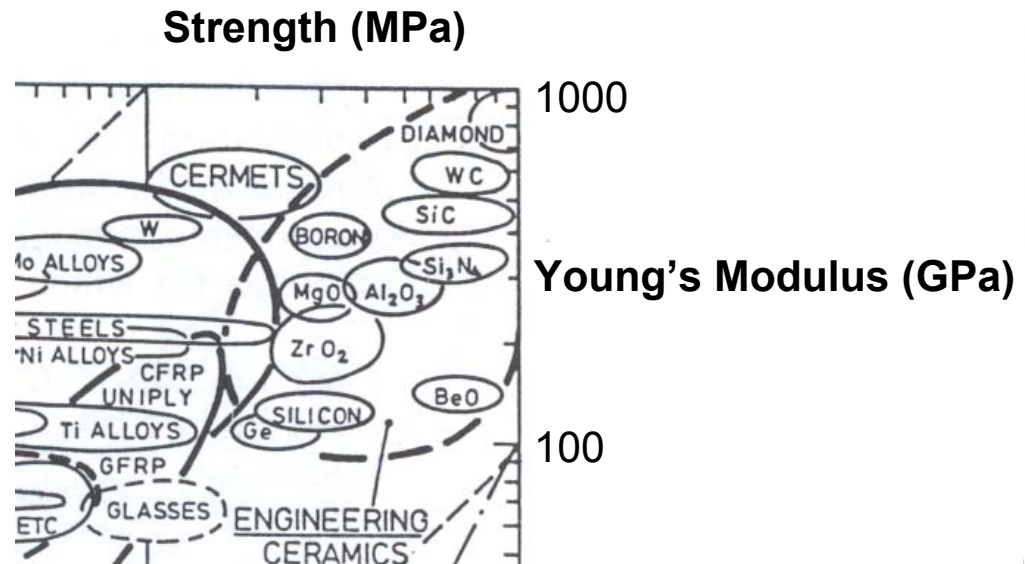
Parametric Examples-Cantilever

- A Cantilever example highlights the general trends apparent in many resonator structures.

$$k_{cantilever} = \frac{E w t h^3}{4L^3}$$

$$Q_{anchor-cantilever} = \frac{1}{\text{Im}[H_s(\omega)]} \frac{4}{E w t h^3} L^3$$

- Relationship reveals an anchor loss dependency upon resonator slenderness, width, Young's modulus, and frequency dependent substrate properties.
- Alternative substrate materials offer significant rigidity improvement.





Parametric Examples-Gyroscope

- Combing anchor loss model with modal amplitude equation yields additional insight unique to gyroscopes.

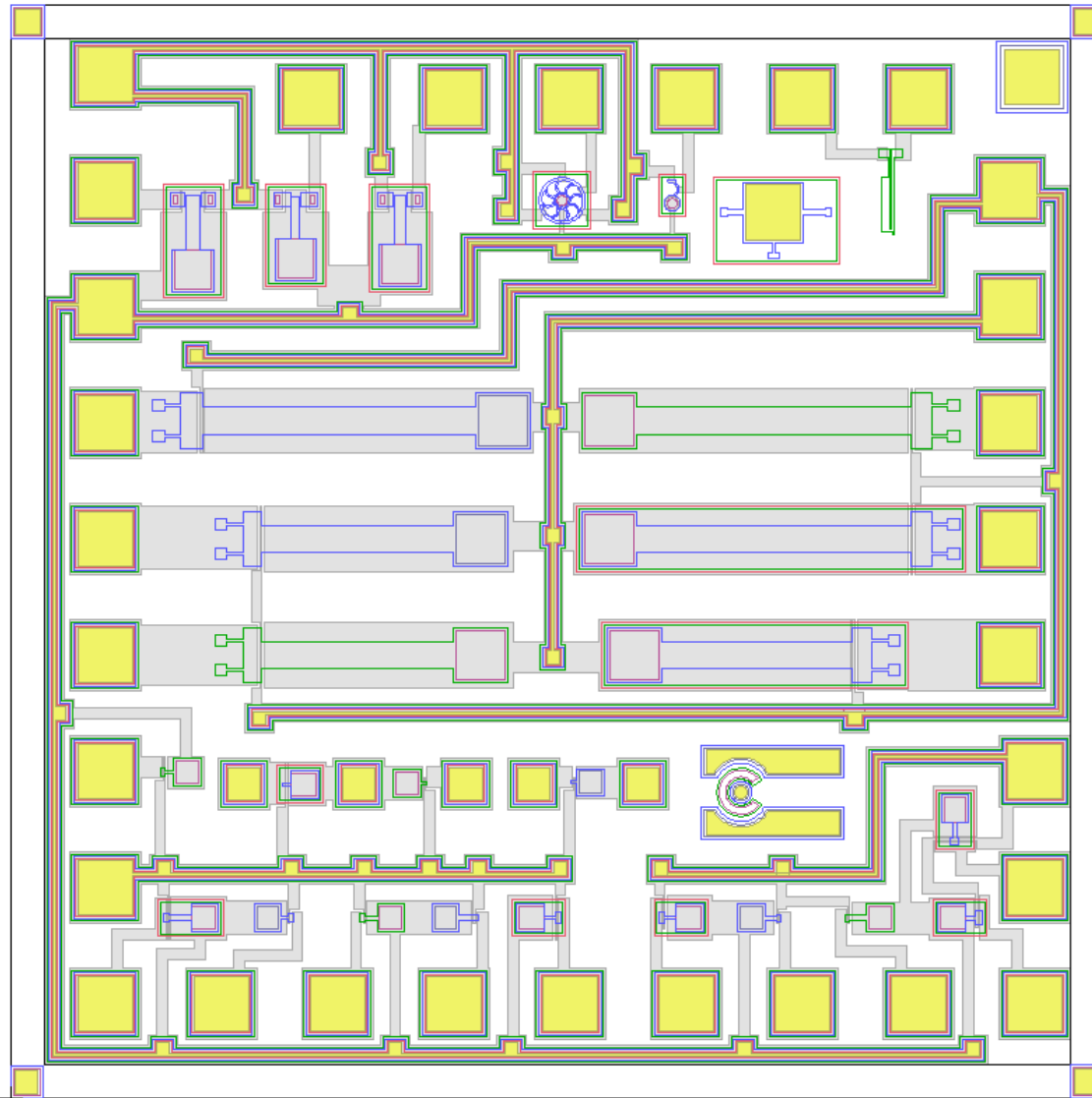
$$A = \frac{-2Qx_o\dot{\theta}}{\omega_n}$$

$$A = \beta (\dot{\theta} x_o) * \left(\frac{1}{E} \right) * \left(\frac{1}{w} \left(\frac{L}{th} \right)^3 \right) * \left(\frac{1}{\omega_n} \right) * \left(\frac{1}{\text{Im}[-H_s(\omega)]} \right)$$

- Five relevant terms to work with in maximizing the sense amplitude; an input term, a ligament material term, a ligament geometry term, a frequency term, and a substrate term.



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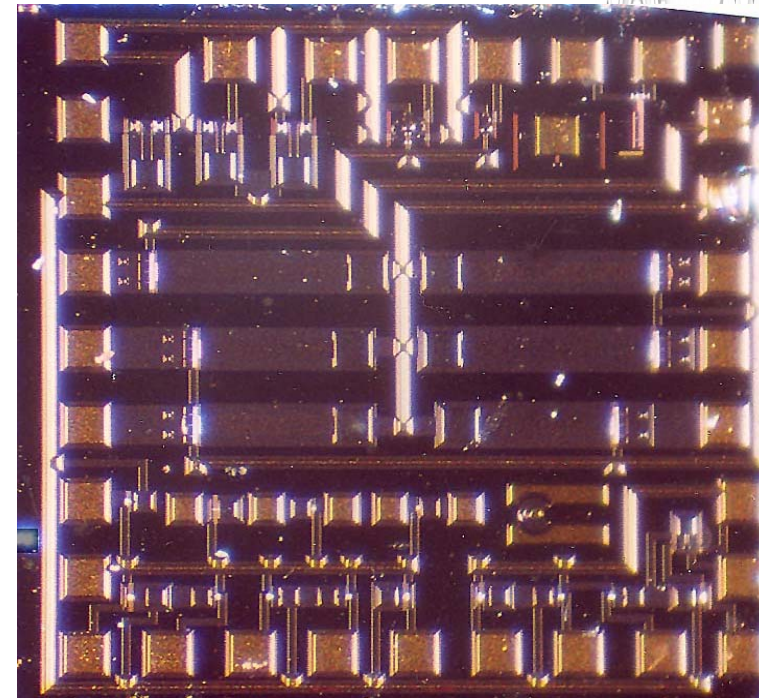
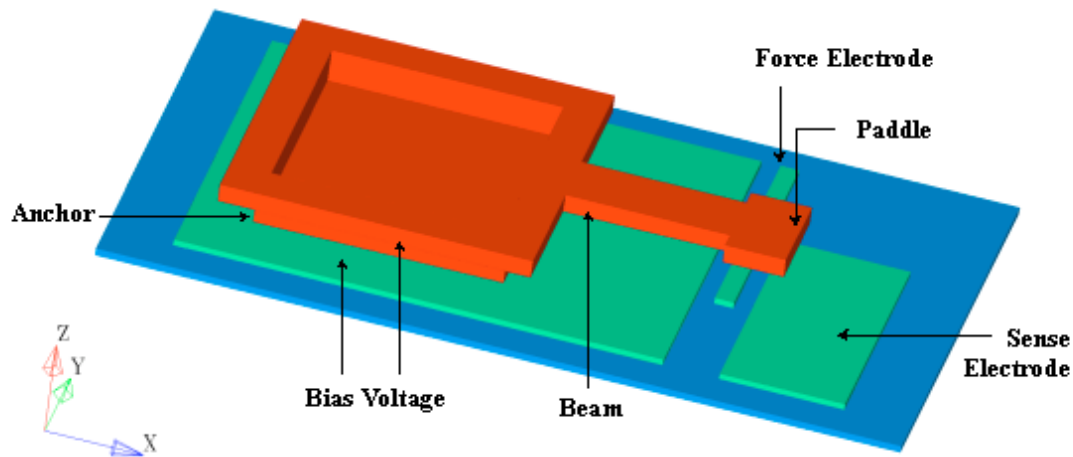
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- ANCHOR1
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- Series of cantilever structures to test width, frequency, and slenderness dependence of anchor loss.
- Results applicable not only to gyroscopes but to other applications involving resonators (filters).





Conclusions

- Examining the dynamics of two new classes of gyroscopes provides the design intuition to:
 - Identify the design parameters which control the sensitivity.
 - Maximize the sensitivity to input rotation through parametric design.
 - Identify deficiencies in current understanding and develop new research projects.
 - Point out the relative strengths and weakness of each, and what applications are best suited for each.

