MEMS Resonators: Fundamentals and Applications

Overview

MEMS resonators and oscillators are being increasingly employed in applications related to timing and frequency control, and as building blocks in micro/nano-fabricated sensors and sensor systems. This course will review the theory, design and applications underlying this emerging field.

The course will begin with an overview of the field and will provide a review of the background in mechanical modelling and fabrication processes including approaches towards wafer-level vacuum packaging. The course will outline the physical mechanisms underlying damping in these systems and discuss analytical and numerical models for damping in resonators. Physical mechanisms underlying non-linear behavior will be discussed and approaches towards constructing discrete resonator and oscillator models incorporating non-linearity reviewed. A review of transduction schemes will be covered including a comprehensive discussion of electrostatic and piezoelectric transduction. Equivalent electrical models, characterization schemes and approaches towards parameter extraction from open-loop measurements will be described. Circuit models for oscillators embedding MEMS resonators will be discussed in depth including a review of oscillator topologies, noise models and approaches to passive and active temperature compensation. Coupled dynamics including aspects related to vibration mode localization and synchronization in coupled non-linear oscillators will be reviewed.

Finally, the course will examine specific applications to timing references, frequency synthesizers, band-pass filters, mixer-filters and sensors. Specific sensor case studies will examine the design of resonant accelerometers, vibratory rate gyroscopes, resonant strain gauges, pressure sensors, IR sensors and gravimetric sensors. The course will also examine aspects related to the design of the front-end and back-end electronics for resonant sensors. Emerging applications in sensing and signal processing will be outlined.

Course participants will learn these topics through lectures and hands-on experiments. Also case studies and assignments will be shared to stimulate research motivation of participants.

| Modules | Course dates June 27, 2016 to July 3, 2016  
A: MEMS fabrication, B: Resonators, Oscillators, resonant sensors  
C: Energy harvester, Ultrasound transducer, Exam on July 3, 2016 (for students earning credit). |
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| You Should Attend If... | • You are an electronics/ mechanical / MEMS engineer interested in development and novel application of MEMS resonator sensors.  
• You are industrial professional looking for in-depth knowledge of MEMS resonators  
• You are a student or faculty from academic institution interested in learning how to research, design, and develop MEMS resonators |
| Fees | **Industry:** Rs 20000 per participant, **Govt. Research Organizations:** Rs 15000 per participant  
**Selected faculty from academic institutions:** Rs 10000 per participant  
**Selected students (UG from IIT and PG) from Academic Institutions:** Rs 1000 per participant  
The above fee includes all instructional materials (in CD), laboratory equipment usage charges. The academia participants (students and faculty) will be provided hostel accommodation at extra cost. For other participants limited accommodation in guest house would be provided in payment basis. |
| How to apply | Step 1: visit [http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index](http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index) and get GIAN registration number  
Step 2: For participants from Industry and Govt Research organization, cut and paste the following link in your web browser to access payment information and fill the form online:  
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yRjXPAil6dZQdliUzNe8PNSab-t Ug6vRS4NuKtyx_UFB/viewform  
For students and faculty from academia cut and paste the following link in your web browser to fill the application form and after approval email pay registration fees:  
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QG1vZR6xHb1rY-7HzeBE4ove5qOSc5l8XvpXo2plWHU/viewform |
The Faculty

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Dr Rudra Pratap is a Professor and the Chairperson of the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), and an associate faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Dr Rudra Pratap specializes in MEMS and NEMS design. He is currently involved in several MEMS device developments that include MEMS microphones, ultrasound transducers and inertial systems. His research group has carried out extensive studies of energy dissipation in dynamic MEMS devices and developed comprehensive models of damping in such devices. He is keenly interested in MEMS based energy harvesting technologies. Apart from MEMS and NEMS, his research interests include nonlinear dynamics, mechanobiology, and computational mechanics. Dr. Rudra Pratap holds a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University, USA, a Masters degree from the University of Arizona, USA, and a B. Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India. Prior to joining IISc in 1996, he taught at the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University, for two and a half years. He was also an 'Invited Professor' at EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland during 2004-2005. He has been at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, since 1996. He is a member of the Vision Group on Nanotechnology of Karnataka State. He has served on the editorial board of various journals. Dr. Pratap has published over 100 papers in journals and conference proceedings and has three books to his credit. He is also the Chairman of i2n Technologies Pvt Ltd, a company that he co-founded in 2010 for making nanotech hardware products. Dr. Pratap is a Fellow of the National Academy of Engineering.

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