

Single-Chip Ckt/MEMS Integration

- Completely monolithic, low phase noise, high-Q oscillator (effectively, an integrated crystal oscillator)

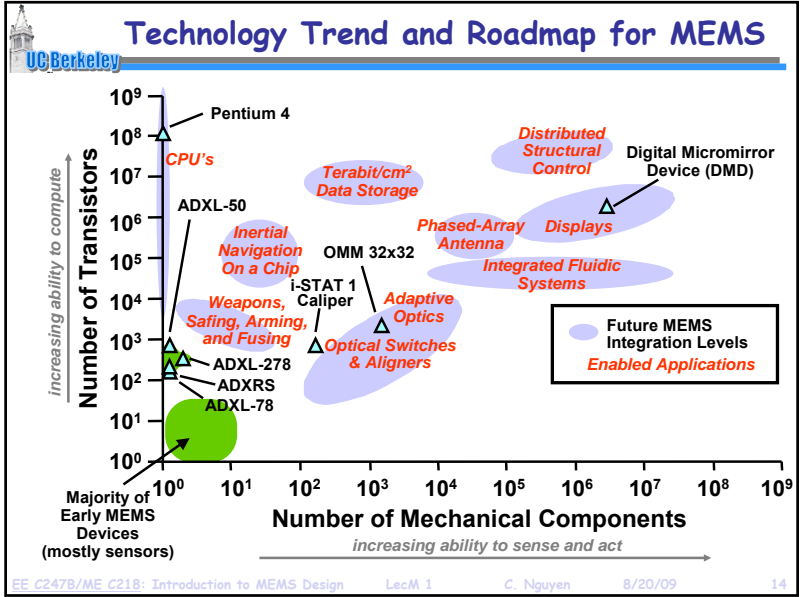
Oscilloscope Output Waveform

[Nguyen, Howe 1993]

- To allow the use of >600°C processing temperatures, tungsten (instead of aluminum) is used for metallization

3D Direct-Assembled Tunable L

[Ming Wu, UCLA]



Example: Micromechanical Accelerometer

- The MEMS Advantage:
 - >30X size reduction
 - allows integration

Tiny mass means small output ⇒ need integrated transistor circuits to compensate

400 μm

Basic Operation Principle

$x \propto F_i = ma$

Displacement

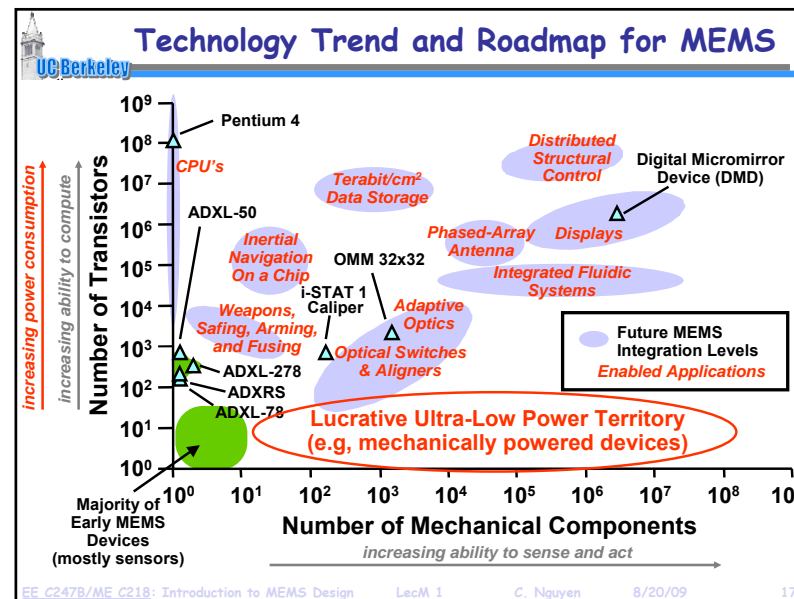
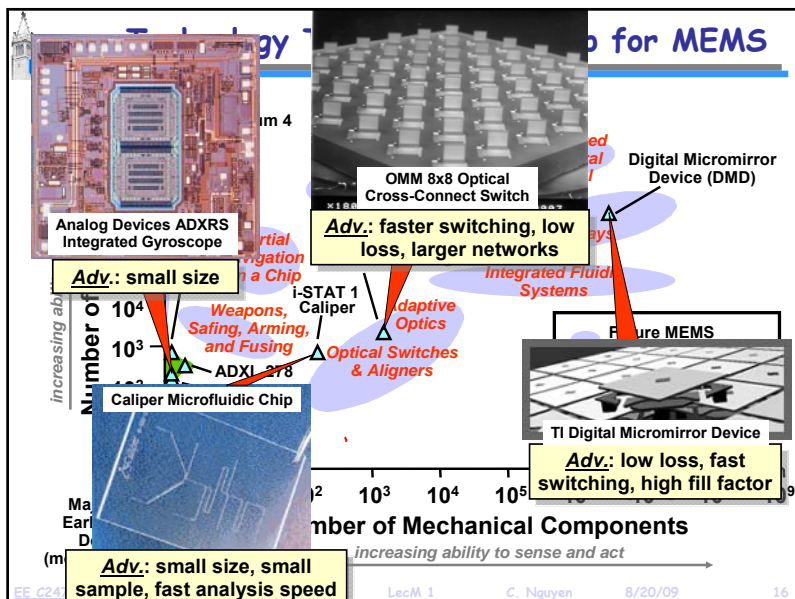
Spring

Inertial Force

Proof Mass

Acceleration

Analog Devices ADXL 78



Benefits of Size Reduction: MEMS

- Benefits of size reduction clear for IC's in elect. domain
size reduction \Rightarrow speed, low power, complexity, economy
- MEMS: enables a similar concept, but ...
MEMS extends the benefits of size reduction beyond the electrical domain

Performance enhancements for application domains beyond those satisfied by electronics in the same general categories

- Speed \Rightarrow Frequency \uparrow , Thermal Time Const. \downarrow
- Power Consumption \Rightarrow Actuation Energy \downarrow , Heating Power \downarrow
- Complexity \Rightarrow Integration Density \uparrow , Functionality \uparrow
- Economy \Rightarrow Batch Fab. Pot. \uparrow (esp. for packaging)
- Robustness \Rightarrow g-Force Resilience \uparrow

Vibrating RF MEMS

Basic Concept: Scaling Guitar Strings

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Guitar String

Vib. Amplitude vs Freq. (110 Hz)

Low Q
High Q

Vibrating "A" String (110 Hz)

Stiffness

Freq. Equation:

$$f_o = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_r}{m_r}}$$

Freq. Mass

μ Mechanical Resonator

Metallized Electrode
Anchor
Polysilicon Clamped-Clamped Beam
 h_r
 W_r
 L_r

[Bannon 1996]

Performance:

- $L_r = 40.8 \mu\text{m}$
- $m_r \sim 10^{-13} \text{ kg}$
- $W_r = 8 \mu\text{m}, h_r = 2 \mu\text{m}$
- $d = 1000 \text{ \AA}, V_P = 5 \text{ V}$
- Press. = 70 mTorr

$f_o = 8.5 \text{ MHz}$
 $Q_{vac} = 8,000$
 $Q_{air} \sim 50$

Transmission (dB) vs Frequency (MHz)

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