

Lecture 20: Comb Drive

- **Announcements:**
- Project Slide Set #1 due Friday, April 10
- HW#5 online and due Tuesday, 4/14, at 8 a.m.
- Module 13 on "Equivalent Circuits II" online

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• Reading: Senturia, Chpt. 5, Chpt. 6

• Lecture Topics:

- ↳ Parallel-Plate Capacitive Transducers
  - Linearizing Capacitive Actuators
  - Electrical Stiffness

↳ Electrostatic Comb-Drive

- 1<sup>st</sup> Order Analysis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Analysis

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• Lecture Topics:

↳ Input Modeling

- Force-to-Velocity Equiv. Ckt.
- Input Equivalent Ckt.

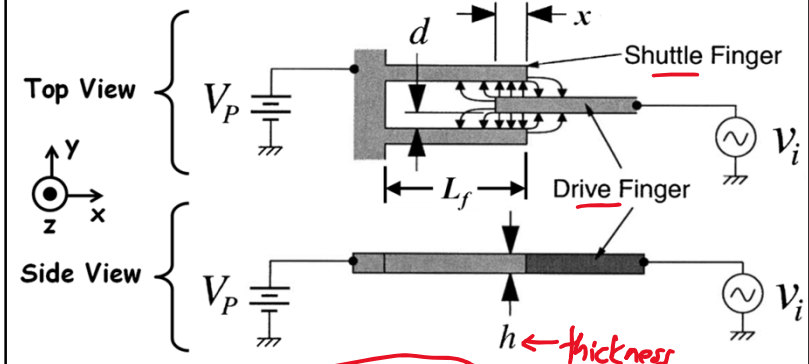
↳ Current Modeling

- Output Current Into Ground
- Input Current
- Complete Electrical-Port Equiv. Ckt.

↳ Impedance & Transfer Functions

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- **Last Time:** Electrical stiffness
  - Now, electrostatic comb-drive

Electrostatic Comb Drive



$$F_d = \frac{\partial W'}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} (V_p - N_i)^2 \quad \text{Need } C(x).$$

$$C(x) = \frac{2\epsilon_0 x h}{d} \rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = \frac{2\epsilon_0 h}{d} \rightarrow \text{not a fun of } x! \text{ (ideally)}$$

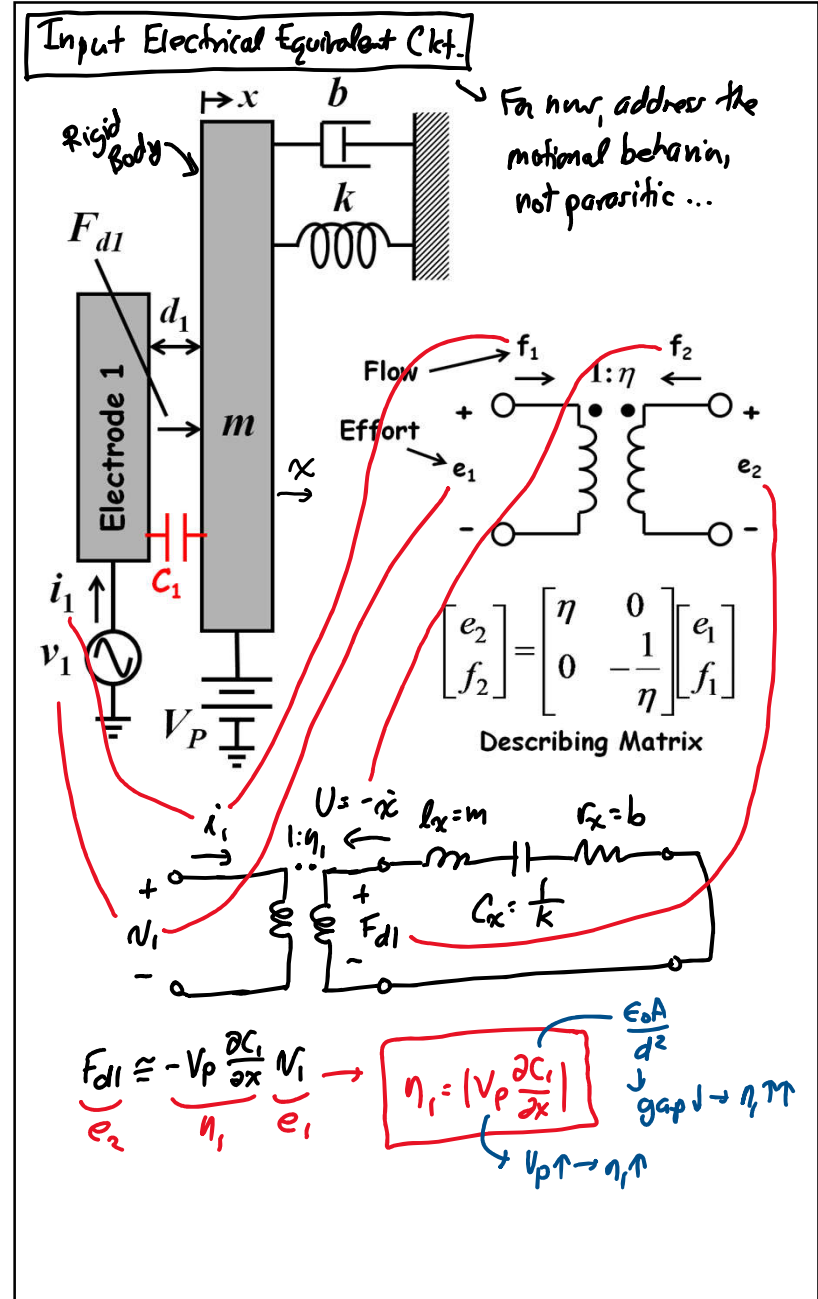
$$F_d = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\epsilon_0 h}{d} (V_p - 2V_p N_i + N_i^2)$$

can balance out via symmetrically placed electrodes

$$F_d = -2V_p \frac{\epsilon_0 h}{d} N_i$$

∴ no electrical stiffness! (no  $k_e$ !)

- Go through remaining comb-drive slides in Module 12
- Start Module 13: go thru first few slides up to transformer definition
- Then ...



**Output Current Into Ground**

Want this dt. model.

$[q = CV]$   
 $i = \frac{dq}{dt} = C \frac{dV}{dt} + V \frac{dC}{dt}$   
 ↑ electronics    ↑ MEMS

$C_2 = f(t)$   
 ↑ time

$i_2 = C_2 \frac{dV_2(t)}{dt} + V_2(t) \frac{dC_2(x,t)}{dt}$

$[V_2(t) = -V_p] \Rightarrow i_2 = -V_p \frac{dC_2}{dt} = -V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$

In phasor form:  $I_2(j\omega) = -V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} (j\omega X)$

$I_2(j\omega) = -j\omega V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} X$   
 ↑ motional current

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$I_2(j\omega) = -j\omega V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} X = -V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x} \dot{x}$   
 ↑  $90^\circ$  phase lag    ↑ (+) (+) →  $I_2 = (-)$  when  $x = (+)$  ✓  
 ↑ velocity

velocity  $\dot{x}$     same as  $f_2$

$f_2 = -\frac{1}{\eta_2} f_1 \rightarrow f_1 = -\eta_2 f_2$

$[f_1 = I_2, f_2 = \dot{x}] \Rightarrow I_2 = -\eta_2 \dot{x}$   
 $\therefore \eta_2 = |V_p \frac{\partial C_2}{\partial x}|$

Flow  $f_1$      $1:\eta$      $f_2$

Effort  $e_1$      $e_2$

Describing Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_2 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\eta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ f_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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