

# State-of-the-art MEMS Gyroscopes for Autonomous Cars

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#### Automobile Museum at Division of Mech. Eng.



Automobile Museum 自動車の過去未来館 at Division of Mechanical Engineering, Aobayama Campus Ford Model T and A, and Toyota Motor's F1 engine

#### Ford Model A and T

#### 世界の自動車44 フォード1,二玄社



#### Model T Touring (1925)

#### Model A Deluxe 2-door Sedan (1931)



#### **Classic Automobile Engines**



Daimler's engine (1883)

富塚清,内燃機関の歴史,三栄書房(1969)

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Engine for Ford Model A (1927) 3285.5 cc, 4 cylinders, 40 ps/2200 rpm

### **Sensors in Automobiles**

野々村(豊田中央研究所),自動車用センサとその小型化,センサ・シンポジウム2010



### Vehicle Stability Control (Toyota Motor)

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#### **MEMS Vibratory Gyroscope**





Gyroscope for vehicle stability control (Toyota Motor, Tohoku Univ.)

#### **MEMS Vibratory Gyroscope (Toyota Motor)**



#### **Future Applications of MEMS Gyroscopes**



#### **Performance of Gyroscopes**



DTG, FOG, RLGの図:多摩川精機 HRGの図:Northrop Grumman

### **Bias Stability of Gyroscope**



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### **Difficulties of MEMS Gyroscope**

Any small imperfections result in error.

- Imperfect orthogonality of drive and sense axes
- Mechanical and electrical coupling between drive and sense axes
- Unideal amplifier etc.

"Compromises" are made to avoid difficulties.

- Intentional mismatch in resonance frequency between drive and sense axes (Mode mismatch)
- Low quality factor
- $\rightarrow$  Limit in performance
- $\rightarrow$  Mode matching and high quality factor
- $\rightarrow$  Much better structure and advanced control



### **High-Performance MEMS Gyroscope (SSS)**



#### **Foucault Pendulum**





In 1851, French physicist Jean Bernard Léon Foucault (1819-1868) demonstrated the revolution of the earth using a pendulum of 67 m and 27 kg suspended in Panthéon de Paris.

Wikipedia

The vibration plane rotates, although only gravity works on the mass.

Foucault pendulum is a rateintegrated gyroscope (whole angle mode gyroscope).

### Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope (UC Irvine)

#### I.P. Prikhodko et al., Sensors and Actuators A, 177 (2012) pp. 67–78





Symmetric structure Mode matching High Q factor



### **High-Performance MEMS Gyroscope**

#### Northrop Grumman, UC Irvine (Prof. Shkel), Hilton Head Island Workshop 2014



Allan variance for force rebalance mode

- Force rebalance mode and whole angle mode <sub>17</sub>can be switched.
  - Scale factor stability is 3 ppm in whole angel mode.
  - FR-mode is less affected by frequency mismatch.

### Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope

D. Senkal1, ... T.W. Kenny2, A.M. Shkel1, 1UC Irvine, 2Stanford Univ., IEEE MEMS 2015



#### **Hemispherical Resonator Gyroscope**

#### High-end gyroscope for aerospace applications (Northrop Grumman)



Hemispherical resonator made of fused silica  $(Q = 25 \times 10^6)$  Bias stability 0.005 %

Bias stability 0.0005 % Price ~1M US\$?



#### **Summary**

- A high-performance gyroscope of affordable price is a key component for autonomous cars.
- A bias stability of 0.1 % or better is required.
- This level of bias stability is realized by fiber optic gyroscopes, but the price is two or three orders of magnitude higher than expected.
- The required bias stability is two orders of better than that of the present MEMS gyroscopes for consumer applications.
- Drastic improvement in the performance of MEMS gyroscopes is theoretically possible but practically challenging.

### [Requirements]

- Perfectly-symmetric two-axis orthogonal resonators with ultrahigh quality factor
- Advanced control system to compensate any imperfection
  and low-noise analog frontend

#### **MEMS Facilities in Aobayama Campus**



S. Tanaka Laboratory Cleanroom

**Microsystem Integration Center** 

### **MEMS R&D Centers**

- From proof-of-concept on small pieces to prototype development on 4 or 6 inch wafers
- Prototyped devices in Microsystem Integration Center can be basically utilized for business, i.e. as commercial samples and provisional products.
- For mass-production in small-to-medium volume, developed technology can be smoothly transferred to our partner foundry, MEMS Core in Sendai, Japan.





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