

A study of the Effects of Mounting Supports, and Dissipation on a Piezoelectric Quartz Double –Ended Tuning Fork

Gobong Choi, Yook-Kong Yong

Rutgers University, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering,
Piscataway, New Jersey, USA

Excerpt from the Proceedings of the 2012 COMSOL Conference in Boston

COMSOL CONFERENCE BOSTON 2012, Newton, MA, USA. OCT 3-5, 2012

COMSOL
CONFERENCE
BOSTON
2012

Gyroscope

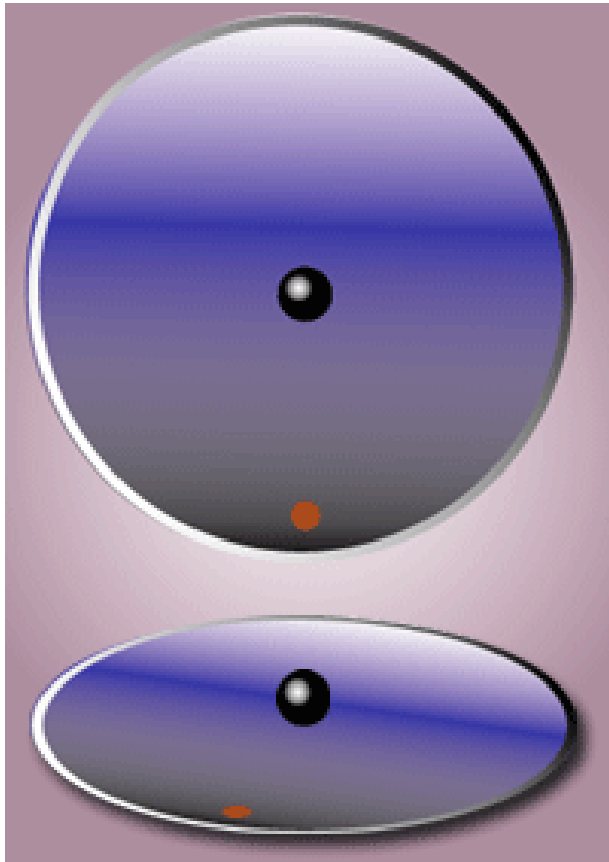
The gyroscope is a device for measuring the changes in angular momentum, and it can detect angular velocity from the Coriolis force applied to the sensor.



- *Mechanical Gyroscope*
- *MEMS Gyroscope*
- *Optical Gyroscope*



Coriolis force



The Coriolis force F_c is a fictitious force that only appears in a rotating non-inertial reference frame.

$$F_c = m * a_c = 2 * m * \Omega \times v$$

m : Proof mass

a_c : Coriolis acceleration

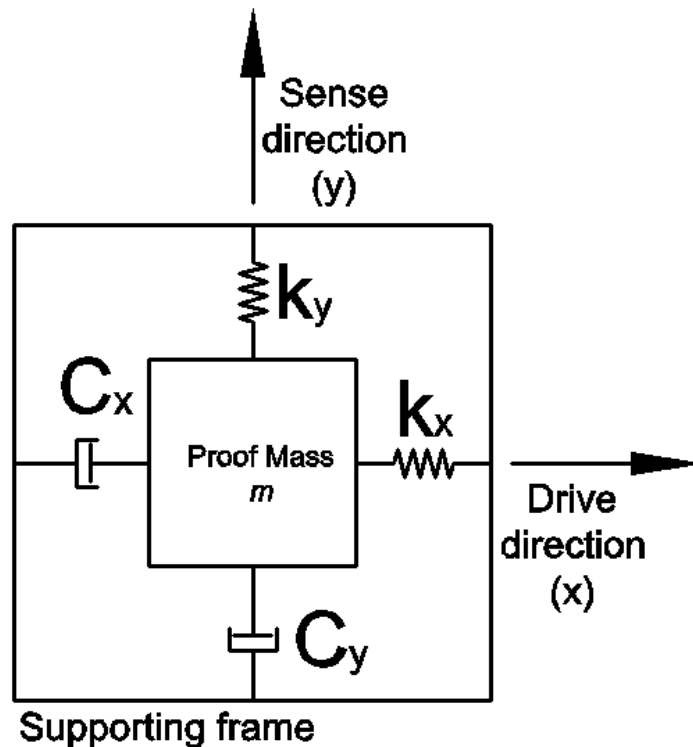
Ω : Angular velocity vector of the rotating frame

v : Velocity vector of the mass in the reference frame.

Due to the cross product of v and Ω , $F_c = 0$ when the velocity vector v is parallel to the angular velocity vector Ω .

Ref. [1]:<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b6/Corioliskraftanimation.gif>

Equation of the motion of simple z-axis vibratory gyroscope



Simplified two-degree of freedom (2-d.o.f) equations of motion for z-axis gyroscope.

$$m \ddot{u} + C_x \dot{u} + k_x u = T_x$$

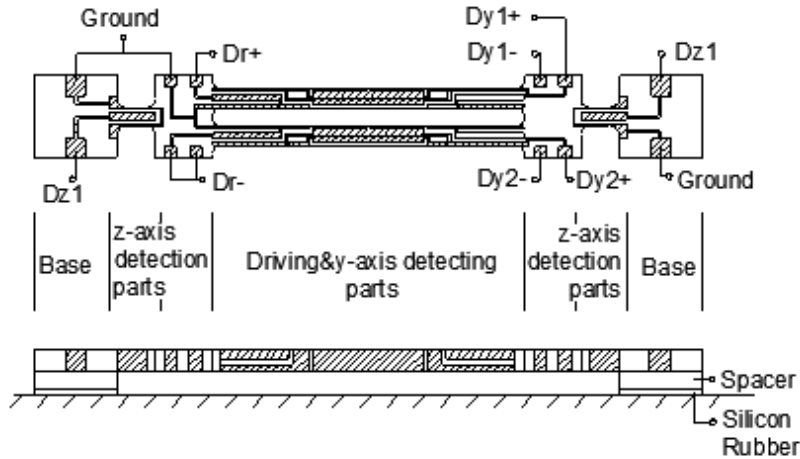
$$m \ddot{v} + C_y \dot{v} + k_y v = T_y - 2m\Omega_z \dot{u}$$

T_x : External harmonic excitation force in the driving direction

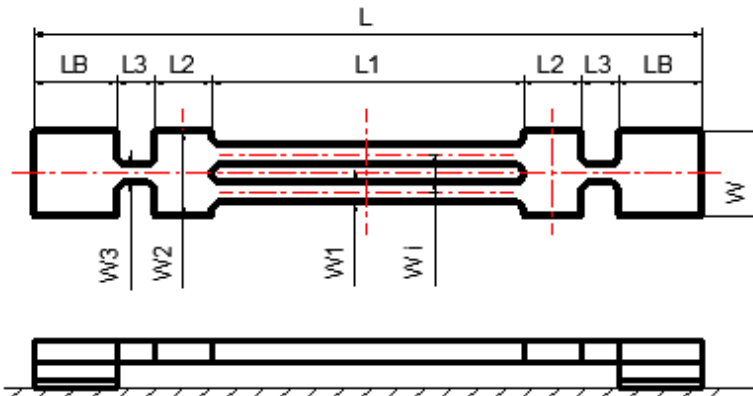
T_y : External harmonic excitation force in the detecting direction

$2m\Omega_z \dot{u}$: Coriolis force induced by the cross product of the angular velocity Ω_z rotation about the z-axis and momentum $m\dot{u}$ in the x-direction

Structure of the Piezoelectric Double-Ended gyroscope



a) Electrode arrangements of gyroscope



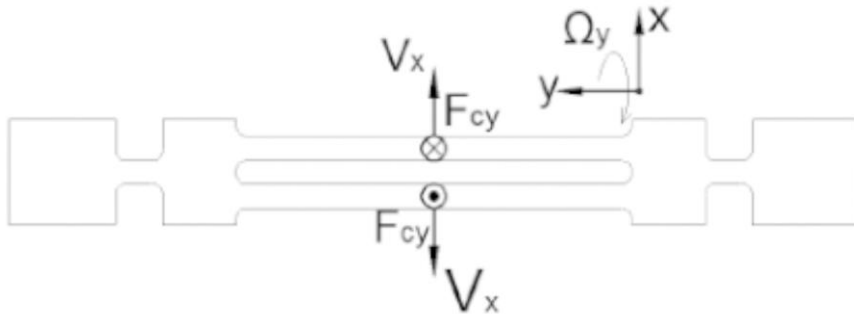
b) Dimension of the gyroscope

Items	Dimension (mm)
L	16.0
L_1	7.46
L_2	1.38
L_3	0.89
L_B	2.00
t	0.30
W	2.00
W_1	0.31
W_2	1.60
W_3	0.43
W_i	0.75
Spacer, H_1	0.28
S. Rubber, H_2	0.03

Operation principle of the gyroscope 1



(a) Driving Mode



(b) y-axis detection mode

The driving arms are vibrating in the horizontal x-y plane.

When the angular velocity Ω_y of the y-axis rotation is applied to the resonator, the Coriolis forces F_y are generated in the direction of the z-axis.

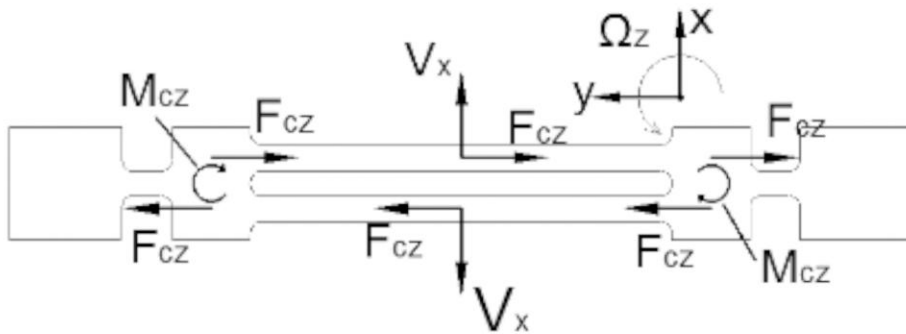
Therefore, the each arm of the resonator is displaced in opposite direction.

The Coriolis force $F_{cy}(y)$ is detected by the electrodes at the driving-detecting part

Operation principle of the gyroscope 2



(a) Driving Mode



(c) z-axis detection mode

The driving arms are vibrating in the horizontal x-y plane.

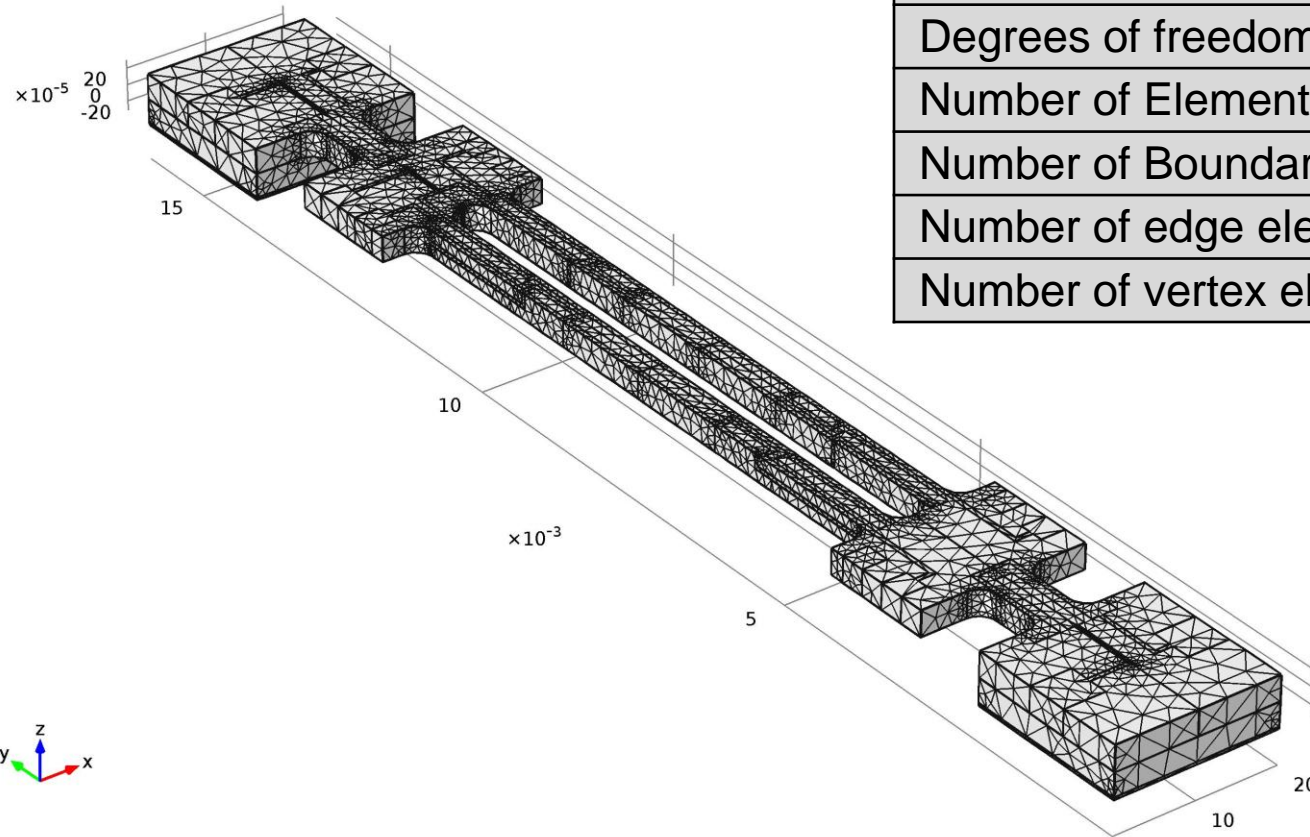
When the z-axis angular velocity Ω_z is applied to the gyroscope, a pair of Coriolis forces F_{cz} is produced.

The pair of Coriolis forces F_{cz} act on the center arms in the opposite direction and generate a moment M_{cz} at the base of the gyroscope.

The moment M_{cz} generates the asymmetric mode in the horizontal x-y plane.

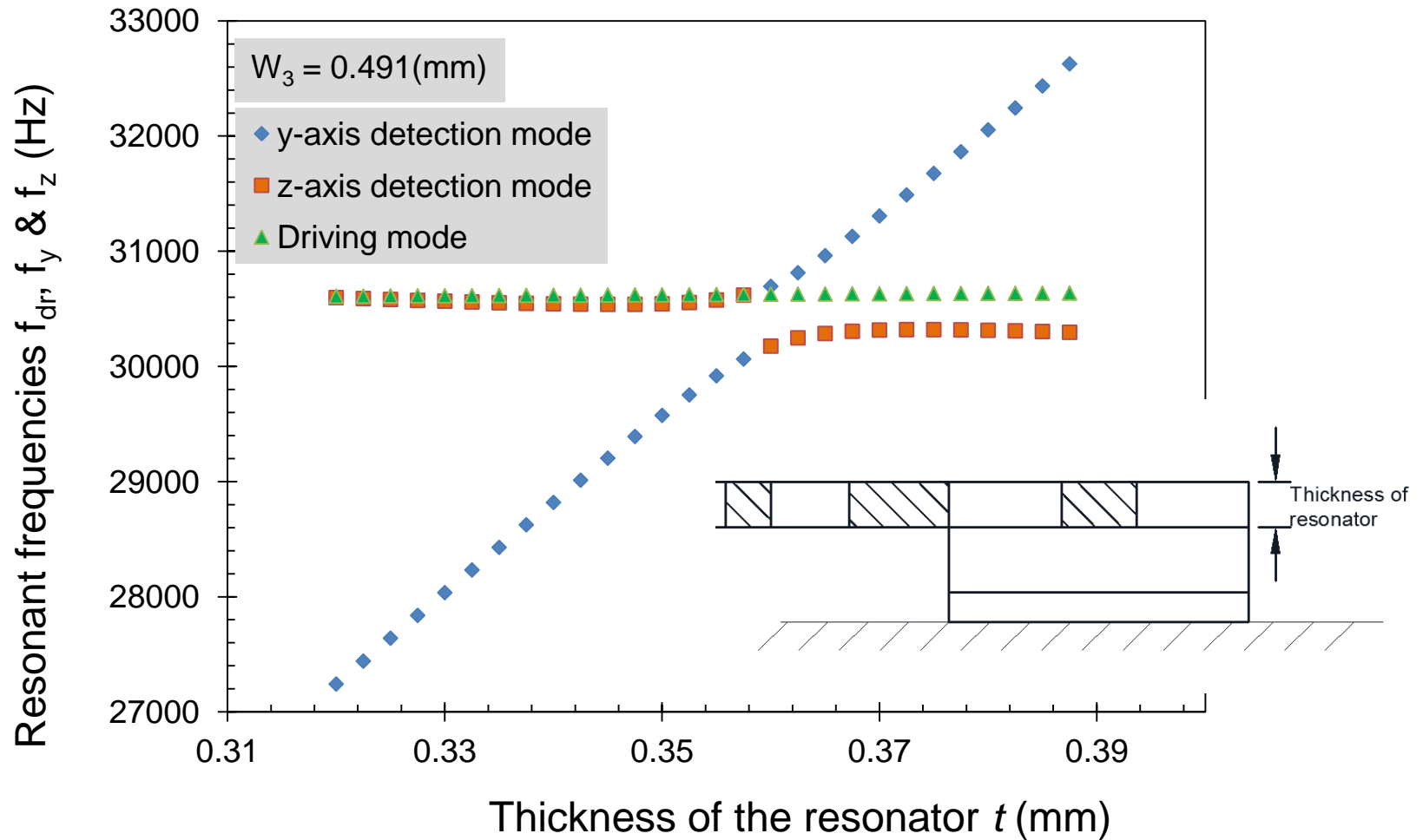
The z-axis detecting electrodes on the arm L3 detect the Coriolis force F_{cz} .

Elements of the gyroscope for COMSOL simulation

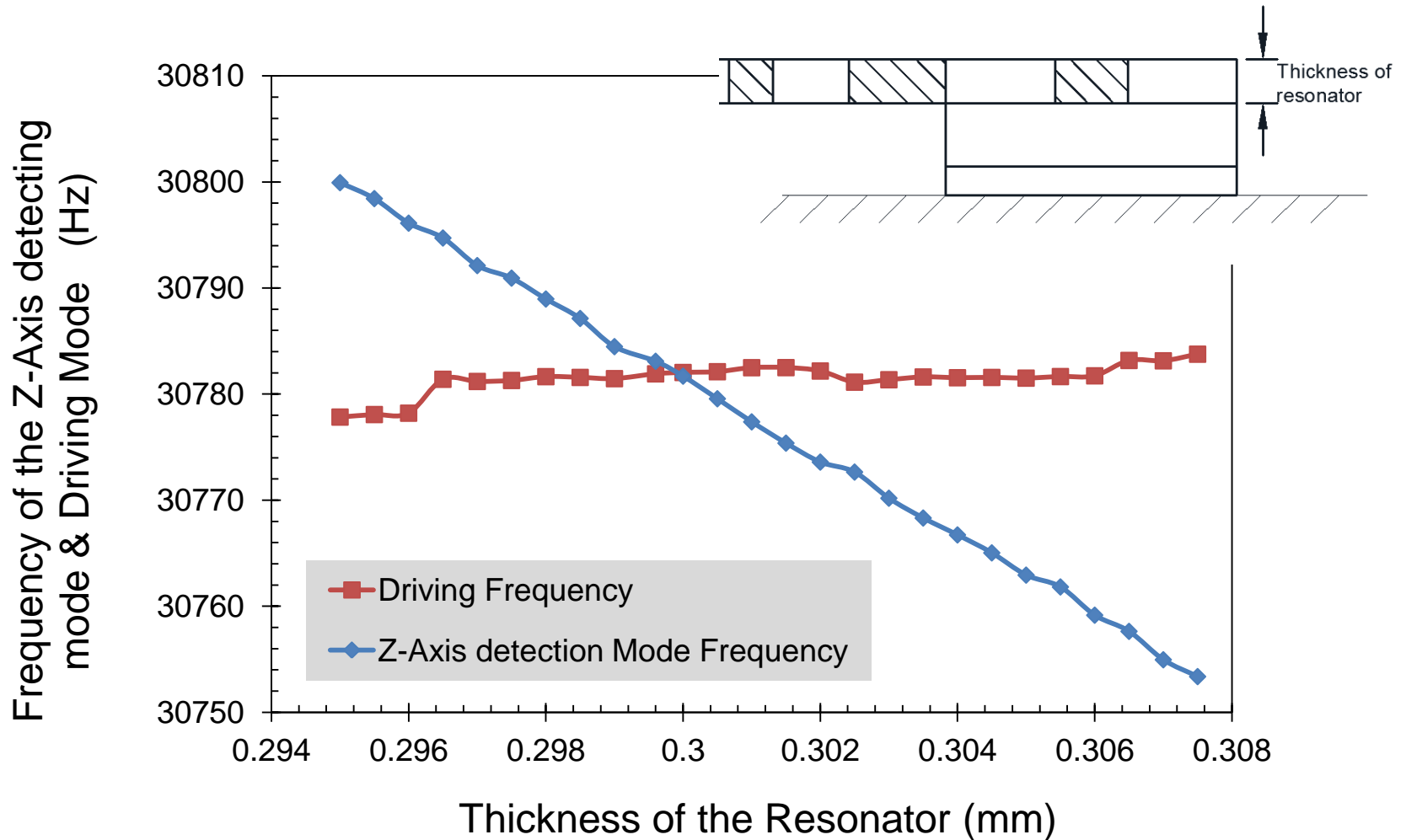


	Value
Degrees of freedom	321757
Number of Element	50594
Number of Boundary element	15149
Number of edge element	4158
Number of vertex elements	656

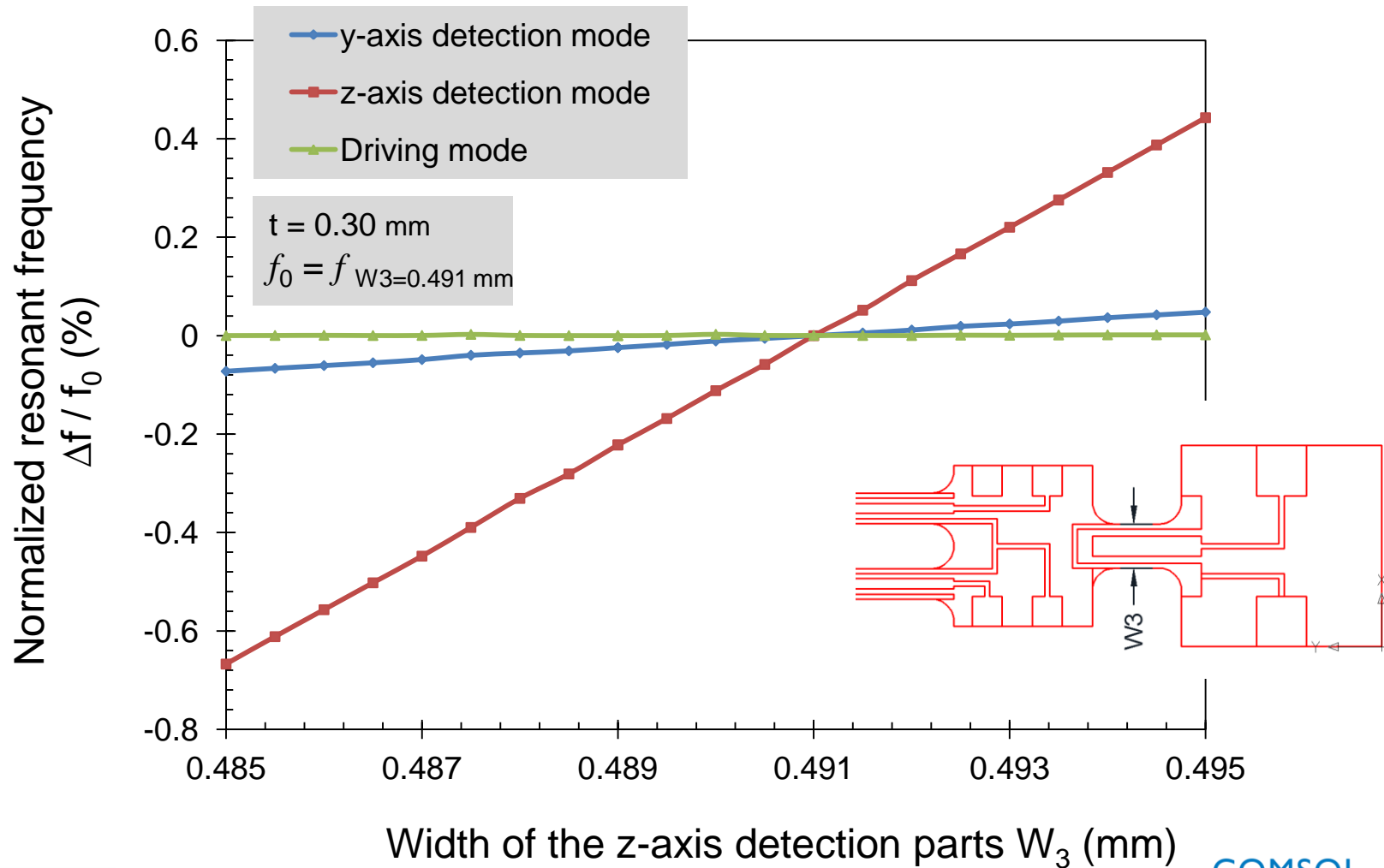
Change in resonant frequencies for thickness t of the resonator



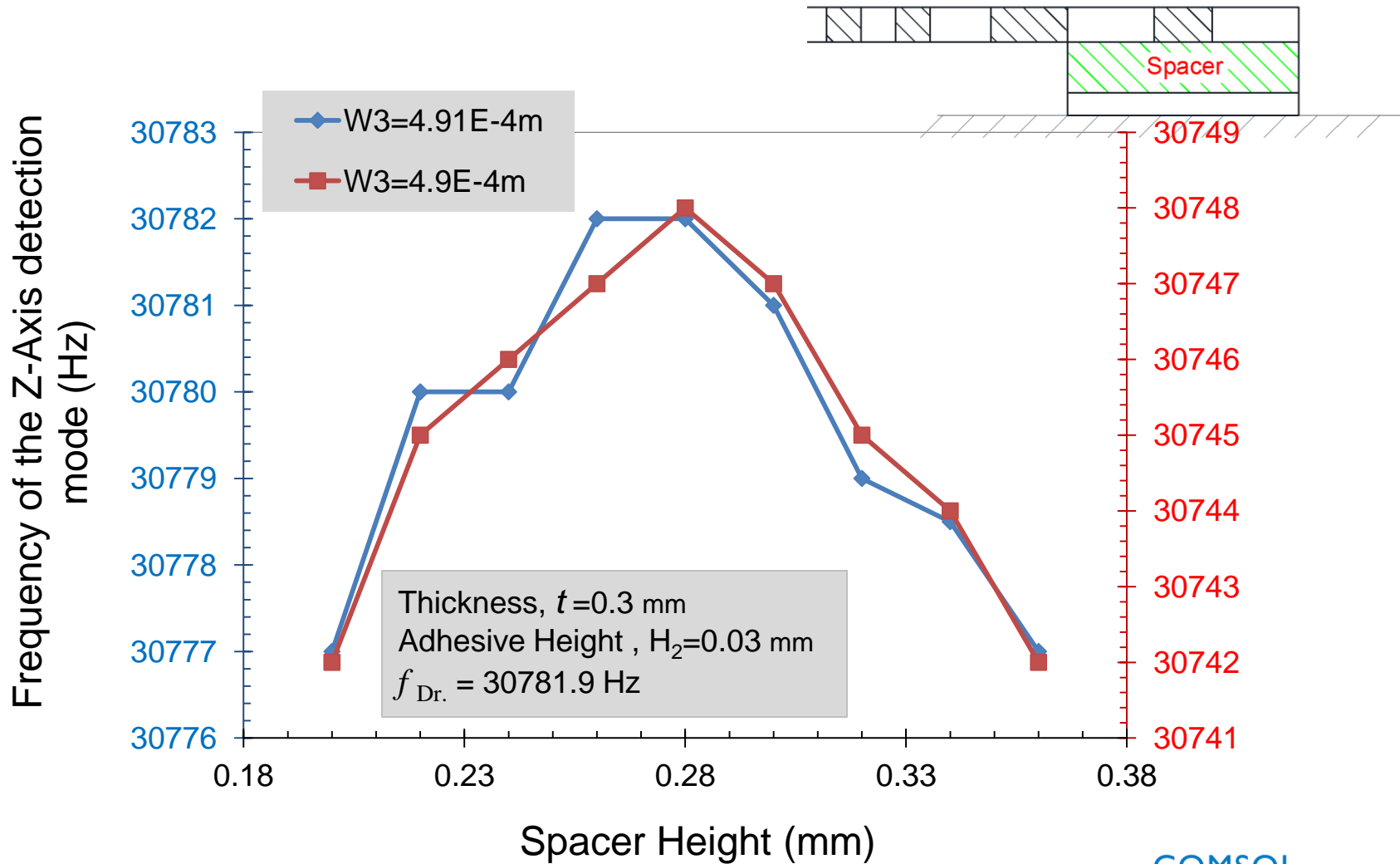
Change in resonant frequencies of the z-axis detection mode for thickness of the gyroscope



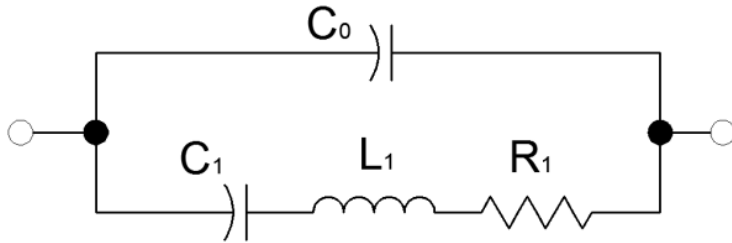
Change in resonant frequencies for width W_3 of the resonator



Change in resonant frequency of the z-axis detection mode as function of height of spacer



Equivalent circuit parameter of the Butterworth van Dyke Electrical resonator



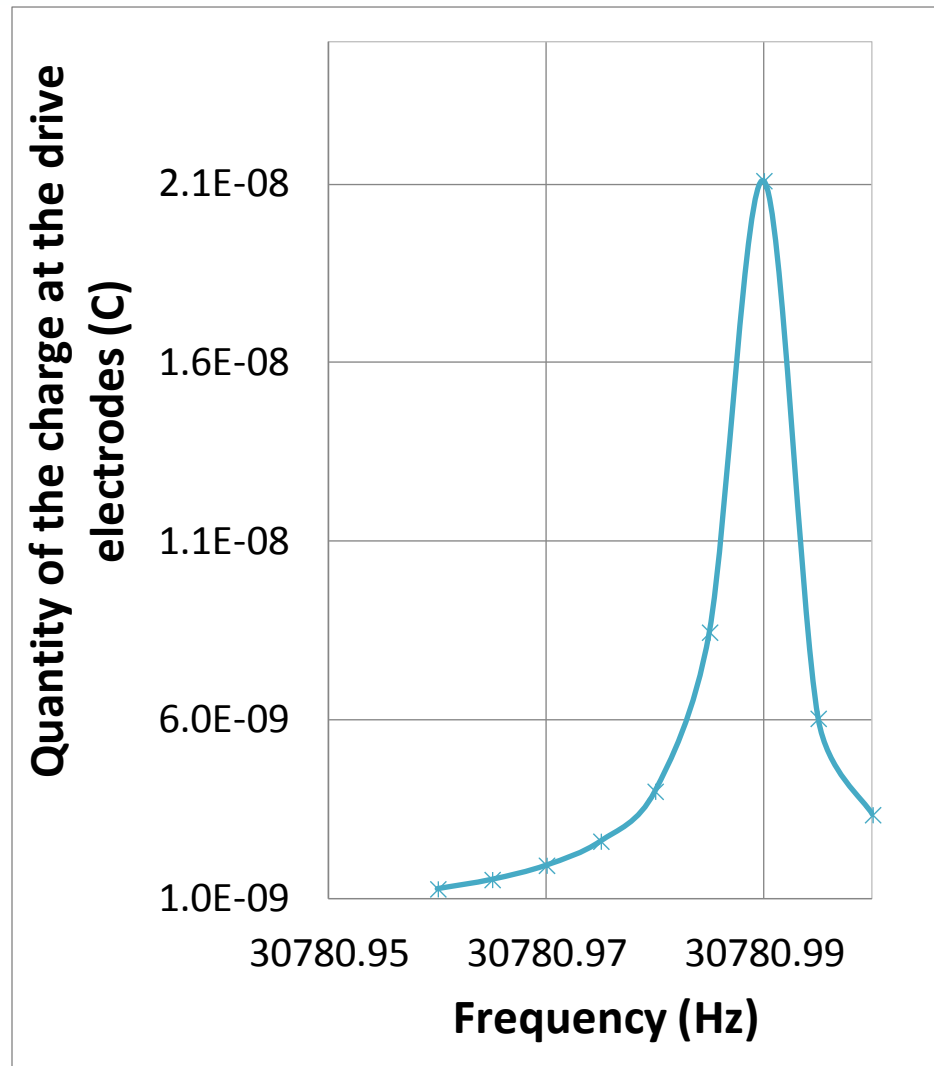
Equivalent parameters C_1, L_1 , and R_1 by Eigenvalue analysis [2]

Frequency (Hz)	30781
C_1 (fF)	1.04
R_1 (Ω)	3332
L_1 (H)	25838
C_0 (pF)	184

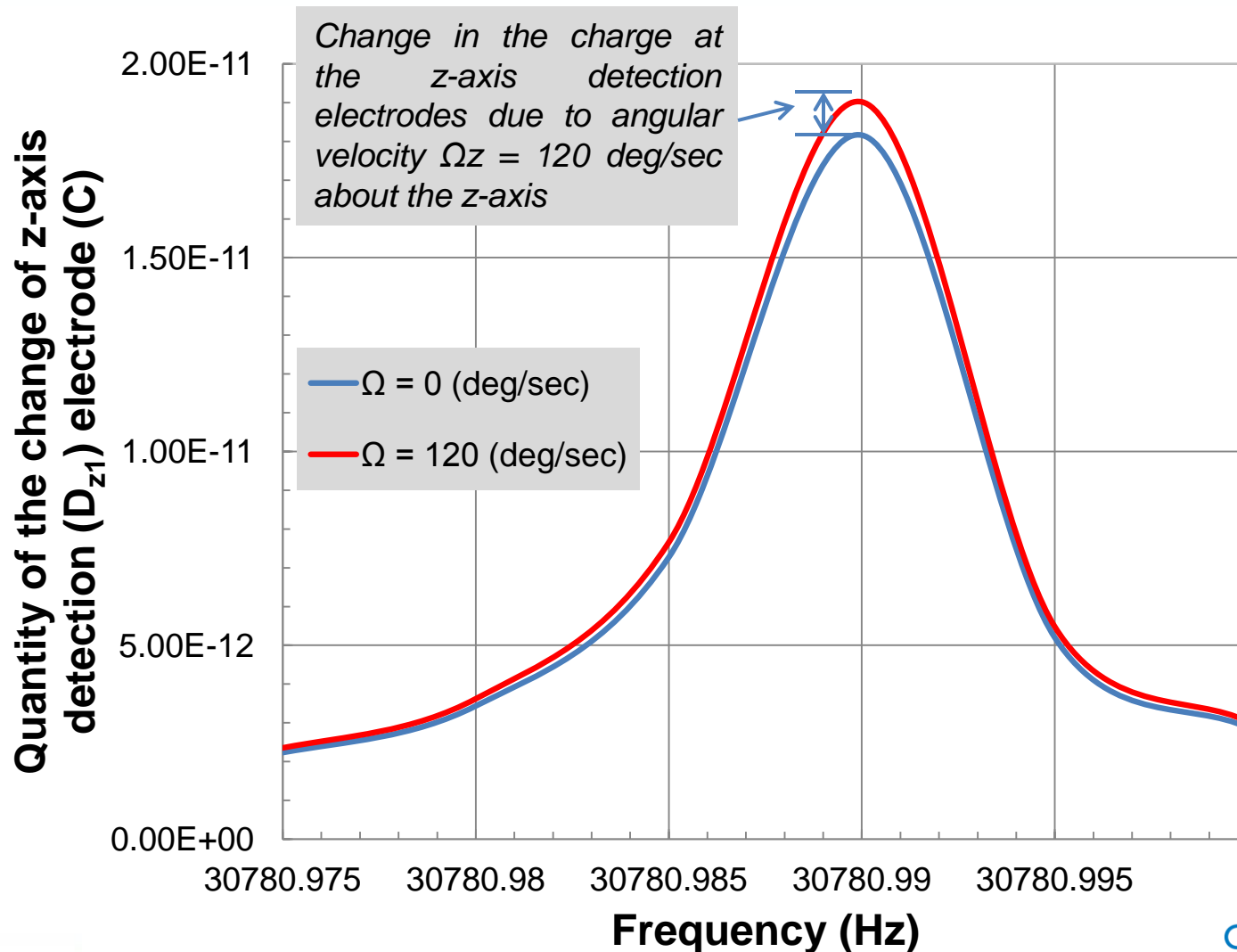
- $C_1 = q^2 / E$
- $L_1 = 1 / [C_1 * f_r^2]$
- $R_1 = 1 / [Q * f_r * C_1]$
- $C_0 = q / V$
- f_r (Eigenfrequency in rad/s), and Q
- $E = f_r^2 \int_V (\rho * |\underline{u}|^2) dV$
- $q = \text{abs} \left(\int_{\text{electrode}} D_2 dA \right)$

Ref. [2]: Motional Capacitance of Layered Piezoelectric thickness-Mode resonators", M.Schmid, E. Benes, W.Burger and V.Kravchenko, IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control, Vol. 38, No.2, May 1991, pp 199-206

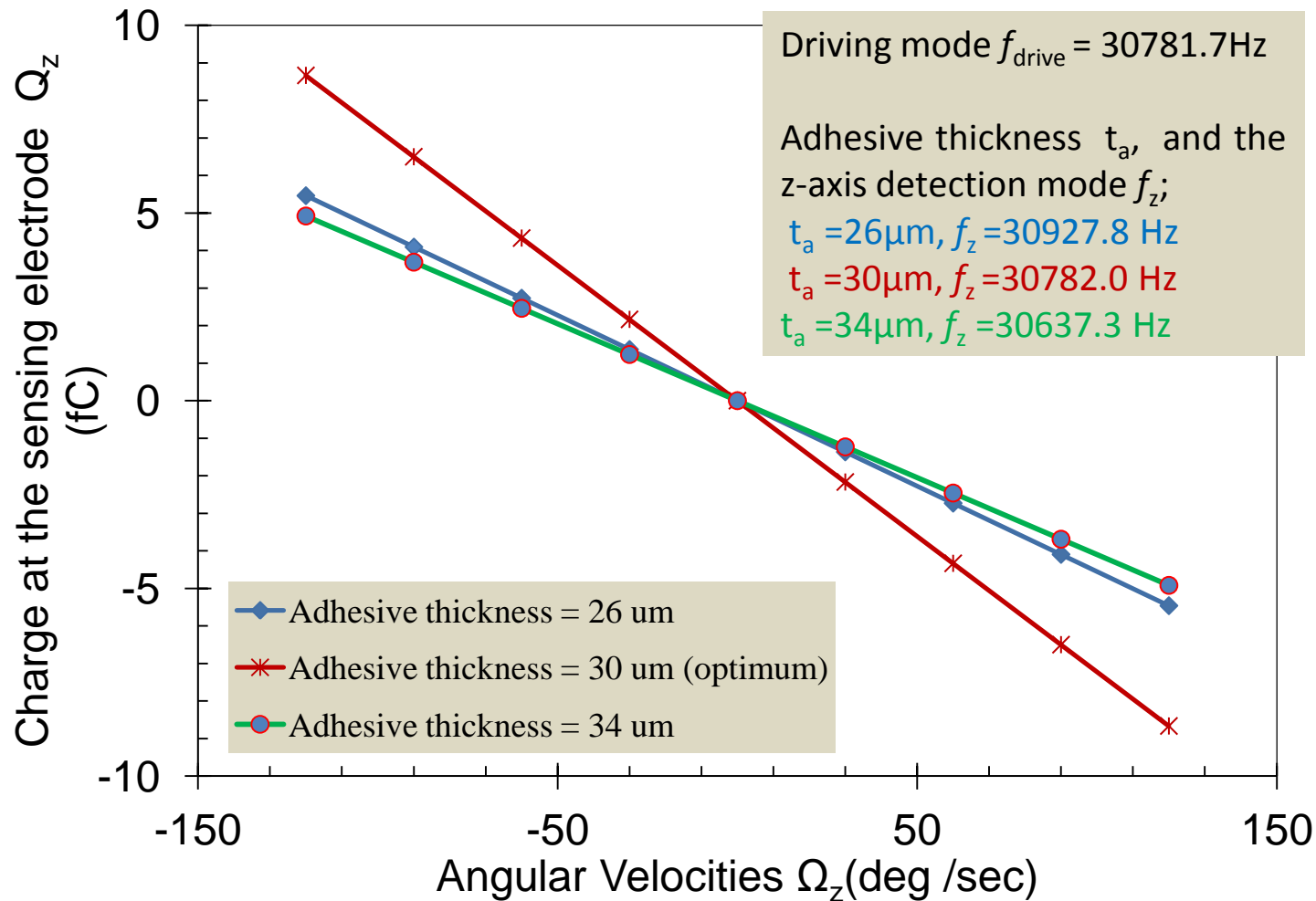
Frequency response of the driving mode with 1 V at the drive electrodes



The z-axis detection sensitivity of the gyroscope as a function adhesive thickness



The z-axis detection sensitivity of the gyroscope as a function of adhesive thickness



Conclusion

- *We can design a piezoelectric quartz double-ended tuning fork gyroscope to detect angular velocity in two axes.*
- *Mechanical dissipation in the model is needed in the COMSOL in order to calculate the electrical parameters.*
- *An optimal geometry of the gyroscope is necessary to match the frequencies for better sensitivity.*
- *Driving mode is not affected by the spacer or adhesive.*
- *Height of the spacer can be used for the fine tuning of detecting mode frequencies to match the driving mode frequency.*
- *Adhesive height (silicon rubber) is a important factor in the matching of the z-axis detection mode to driving mode. It would affect the production yields of the gyroscope.*