

$Q$  = ratio of energy stored in the system to energy lost in the system

For MEMS,  $Q$  is usually large

→ "big devices in air" →  $Q \approx 20$

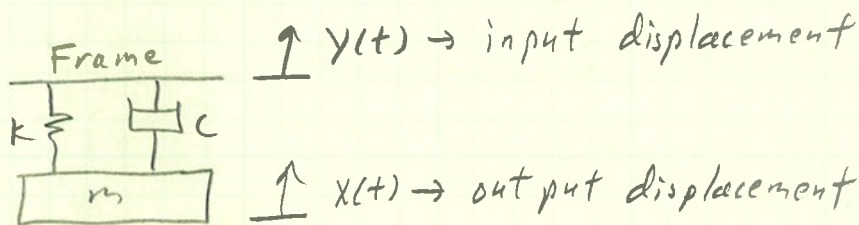
→ "small devices in air" →  $Q \approx 100s$

→ "typical devices in vacuum" →  $Q \approx 1000s +$

→ "specially designed MEMS in vacuum" →  $Q \rightarrow 250,000 +$

### a. Transmissibility

Apply a displacement to the frame and measure the displacement of the proof mass as a function of frequency



System Diff EQ:  $m\ddot{x} + c(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) + k(x - y) = 0$

$$T(s) = \frac{X(s)}{Y(s)} = \frac{2\beta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\beta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} = \frac{\frac{\omega_n}{Q} s + \omega_n^2}{s^2 + \frac{\omega_n}{Q} s + \omega_n^2} \leftarrow \text{real zero in numerator}$$

$|T(j\omega)| \equiv$  Transmissibility

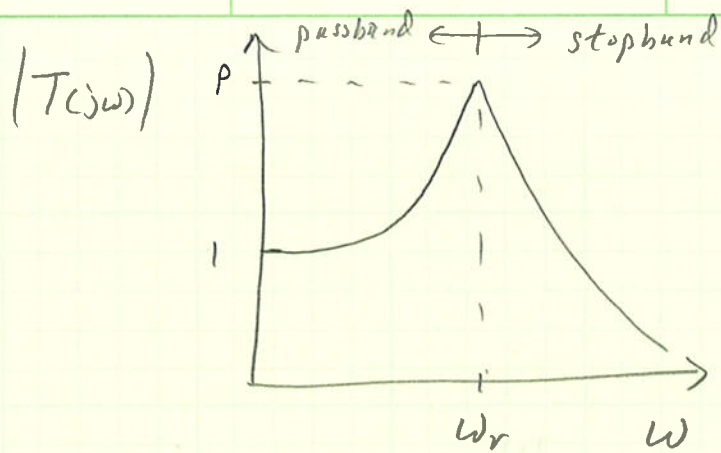
$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{Q\omega_n}\right)^2}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{Q\omega_n}\right)^2}}$$

$$\left|T(j\omega)\right| = \sqrt{Q^2 + 1} \approx Q \text{ for } Q \gg 1$$

$\omega = \omega_n$

$$\theta_{T(j\omega)} = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{\omega}{Q\omega_n}}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{Q\omega_n}\right)^2} \right] \rightarrow \theta|_{\omega=\omega_n} = \tan^{-1}[Q]$$

$$\text{if } Q=1 \rightarrow \theta|_{\omega=\omega_n} = 45^\circ, \quad \theta|_{\omega=0} = 0^\circ, \quad \theta|_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} = 90^\circ$$



$$\frac{c}{m} = \frac{\omega_n}{Q}$$

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

For MEMS,  $Q \geq 5$  :

$$\omega_r \approx \omega_n$$

$$P \approx Q$$

$\therefore$  read  $\omega_n + Q$  at plot of  $|T(j\omega)|$

$\rightarrow$  a highly underdamped lowpass response

stopband attenuation  $\uparrow$  when  $Q \uparrow$

but resonant peak  $\uparrow$  when  $Q \uparrow$

measure motion with  
laser interferometers  
 $\uparrow$

$\rightarrow$  easy to measure  $|T(j\omega)|$  by shaking the MEMS device

For high  $Q$  system: similar to a 2<sup>nd</sup> order LPF:  $\sim -40$  dB/Decade

For low  $Q$  system: similar to a 1<sup>st</sup> order LPF:  $\sim -20$  dB/Decade

ex:  $Q=1 \rightarrow$  atten. from  $2\omega_n$  to  $20\omega_n \rightarrow 21.85$  dB  $\approx$  1<sup>st</sup> order LPF

$Q=10 \rightarrow$  atten from  $2\omega_n$  to  $20\omega_n \rightarrow 35.64$  dB

$Q=1000 \rightarrow$  atten from  $2\omega_n$  to  $20\omega_n \rightarrow 42.48$  dB  $\approx$  2<sup>nd</sup> order LPF

# Handout 4

