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Microelectromechanical Vibration Energy Harvesters

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Abstract:

This talk presents the principles of vibration energy harvesters and how such devices can be realized using the most common transduction mechanisms. It is an important question how much power can be obtained from a device and there are often challenges in making harvesters that adapt well to different vibration excitations. Without making a detailed design, it is still possible to obtain estimates on what is the most power one can hope for in limiting cases. These fundamental performance bounds are highlighted and used to indicate what are the important factors for performance. A number of electrostatic microelectromechanical vibration energy harvesters are presented and discussed with emphasis on how they are made to perform well with different excitations.

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