

Equivalent Network Representation for a Backward-Wave-Type Trapped-Energy Resonator with Circular Electrodes

円形電極を持つ周波数上昇型エネルギー閉じ込め共振子の分布定数等価回路表示について

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1. Introduction

One of the authors presented a novel technique of energy trapping which was applied for thickness vibrations of backward-wave modes^{1,2)}. In this technique, special arrangement of the electrodes and the introduction of a capacitance connected in series with the excitation electrodes enabled us to create trapped-energy vibrations. Special features of this energy trapping were clarified by the equivalent-network analysis²⁾. However, the equivalent-network model employed at that time was for a two-dimensional analysis and not for resonators having circular electrodes. In this paper, an equivalent network representation is presented for a backward-wave-type trapped-energy resonator having circular electrodes, basing on the network representation presented by Nakamura *et al.*³⁾ Distinguishing features of the trapped-energy modes of backward-wave type are reconfirmed.

2. Equivalent network in cylindrical coordinates

In some thickness vibration modes, the dispersion relation between the angular frequency ω and the wavenumber γ along the plate around the cut-off frequency has a form as shown in Fig. 1(a). In this case, the corresponding vibration becomes a backward-wave mode. To realize energy trapping, the surrounding region should be electroded and short-circuited such as shown in Fig. 1(b)^{1,2)}.

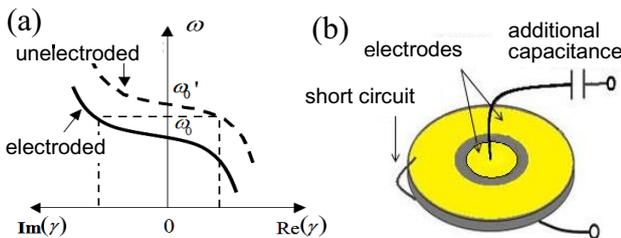


Fig.1 (a) Dispersion curve for a backward-wave-mode thickness vibration and (b) electrode configuration for energy trapping.

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Nakamura *et al.*³⁾ presented an equivalent network representation for a conventional trapped-energy resonator with circular electrodes. The basic component of the network represents the radial propagation of an axisymmetric thickness-vibration mode in a ring-shaped electroded section having mechanical ports defined at its inner and outer cross sections.

A backward-wave-type trapped-energy resonator with circular electrodes and its equivalent network representation are shown in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. The thickness of the piezoelectric ceramic plate is $2H$, the diameter of the central electrodes is $2a$, and the inner diameter of the outer electrodes is $2b$. The network consists of three parts each representing the central electroded part, the un-electroded gap, and the surrounding electroded part. Addition of a series capacitance C_A is also taken into consideration.

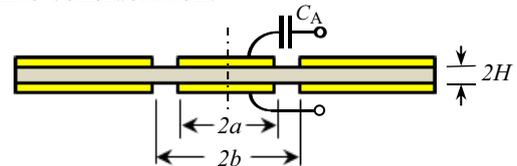


Fig. 2 Trapped-energy resonator with circular electrodes.

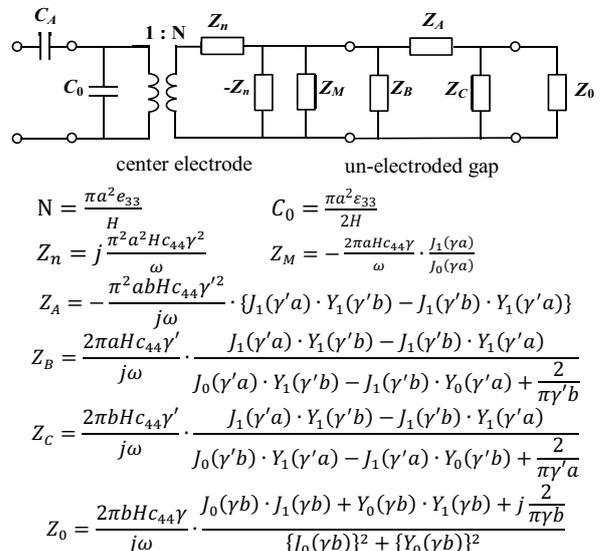


Fig.3 Equivalent network and constants of the elements.

The constants of the network elements are given by combinations of Bessel and/or Hankel functions. The wavenumbers γ and γ' in the arguments are determined for a given ω from the dispersion relations.

3. Results of the analysis

3.1 Admittance characteristics

Admittance characteristics without and with an additional capacitance C_A computed using the network are shown in **Figs. 4** and **5**, respectively. Here, the vertical axis is the normalized admittance $Y/(v_l C_0/H)$ and the horizontal axis is the normalized frequency $\omega H/v_l$ (v_l : longitudinal wave velocity). A thickness-poled PbTiO_3 plate is assumed as the piezoelectric material, and the geometries of the electrodes are assumed as $a/H=4$, $(b-a)/2H=0.5$. In Fig. 4, trapping of the vibration energy is not sufficient and spurious response due to the energy leakage in the lower frequency region is noted. Relatively clean single-resonance characteristic is realized in Fig. 5 where C_0/C_A is assumed to be 1.

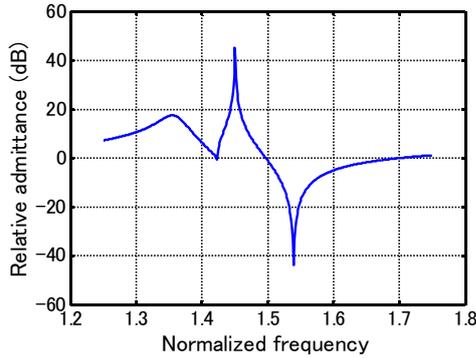


Fig. 4 Admittance characteristic without C_A

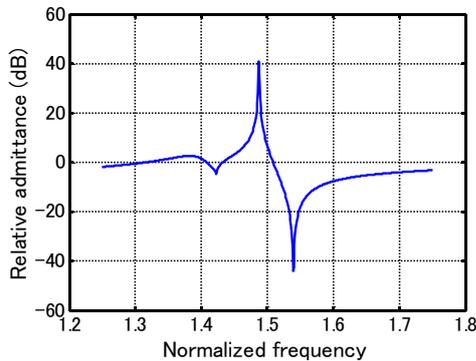


Fig. 5 Admittance characteristic when $C_0/C_A=1$.

3.2 Frequency spectra

It has been shown in the former report²⁾ that resonance and anti-resonance frequency spectra of the backward-wave-type tapped-energy mode vary depending mainly on the size of the un-electroded

gap between the center and the outer electrodes. In order to reconfirm this fact, resonance (f_R) and anti-resonance (f_A) frequency spectra are computed. **Figure 6** shows the variations of f_R and f_A with the normalized gap width $(b-a)/2H$ obtained for $a/H=1$. The vertical axis is the normalized frequency $(\omega-\omega_0)/(\omega_0'-\omega_0)$ ranging in between the upper cutoff frequency ω_0' for the un-electroded plate and the lower cutoff frequency ω_0 for the electrode plate. It is noted that many inharmonic undertone modes appear for the large gap width. **Figure 7** shows the spectra when the ratio $(b-a)/2H$ is fixed to 2 and a/H is varied. The number of trapped-energy modes does not depend on the size of the central electrodes.

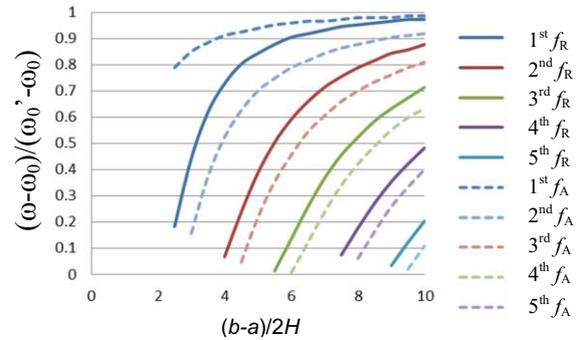


Fig. 6 Frequency spectra for variation in $(b-a)/2H$ ($a/H=1$)

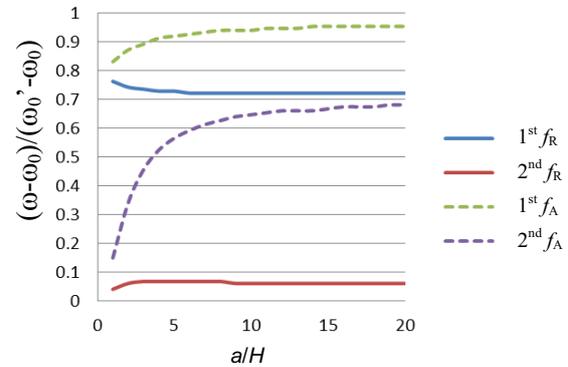


Fig. 7 Frequency spectra for variation in a/H ($(b-a)/2H=2$)

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