MEMS Accelerometer with screen printed thick film PZT

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ABSTRACT

A bulk-micromachined piezoelectric MEMS accelerometer with screen printed $Pb(Zr_xTi_{1-x})O_3$ (PZT) thick film (TF) as the sensing material has been fabricated. The accelerometer has a four beam structure with a central seismic mass ($3.6 \times 3.6 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$, ~16 mg) and a total chip size of $10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$. For three different designs the resonant frequencies range from 14.3 - 29.0 kHz depending on the beam thickness. Measured sensitivities range from 0.57 - 1.83 mV/g.