

# MEMS double-folded

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## Experiment characterization of the improvement of the rotational stiffness of the double-folded springs for MEMS structures

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### ABSTRACT

Compared to the simple-beam springs, double-folded springs have advantages of the linearity even at the long stroke, so that they have been widely used for optical components such as optical switches and optical attenuators. Until now only the stiffness of the double-folded springs in the perpendicular direction of the shuttle movement has been considered for the stable operation, however, the rotational stiffness of the springs has not been researched as much. Therefore, this paper suggests the double-folded springs of the maximum rotational stiffness with the constant stiffness in the stroke direction using the reliability based topology optimization (RBTO), whose operation properties were experimentally characterized.

**Key Words** : Double-folded springs ( ), Rotational stiffness ( ), MEMS ( ), RBTO ( )

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double-folded

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double - folded

$X_1$   $X_2$  double - folded

[1, 2].

$X_3$   $X_4$

double-folded (RBTO)

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[3, 4].

2(a) double - folded

800 $\mu$ m 2  $\mu$ m 가 80  $\mu$ m

double-  
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0.4 N/m . (b)

deterministic

uncertainty

, RBTO (c) uncertainty

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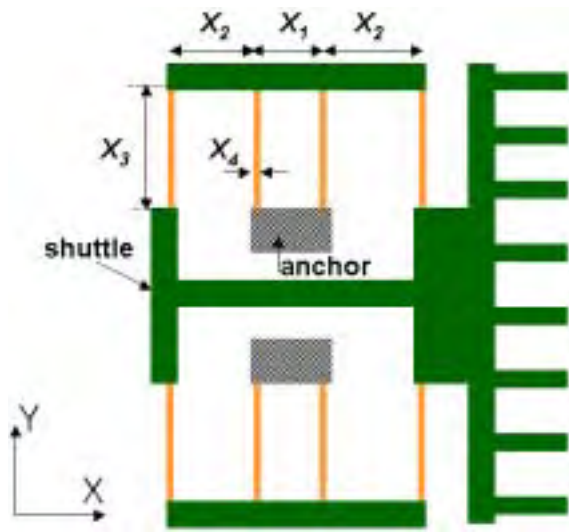


Fig. 1 Schematic of the double-folded springs with the design parameters of optimization.

가 , (c)  
 가  
 (d) 2(b)~(d)  
 (e) (d) 가  
 , 가 double-  
 folded . ANSYS  
 $1.16e^{-4}$ ,  $1.303e^{-2}$ ,  $1.266e^{-2}$ ,  
 $4.878e^{-3}$ ,  $5.87e^{-3}$  Nm 가  
 (d) (e) (b) (c)  
 가  
 , (e) 가  
 가

### 3. 가

가  
 $3\mu\text{m}$   $\text{SiO}_2$   $80\mu\text{m}$  가  
 가 silicon-on-insulator (SOI) DRIE  
 . 3  
 double-folded SEM 가 Double-  
 folded 가  
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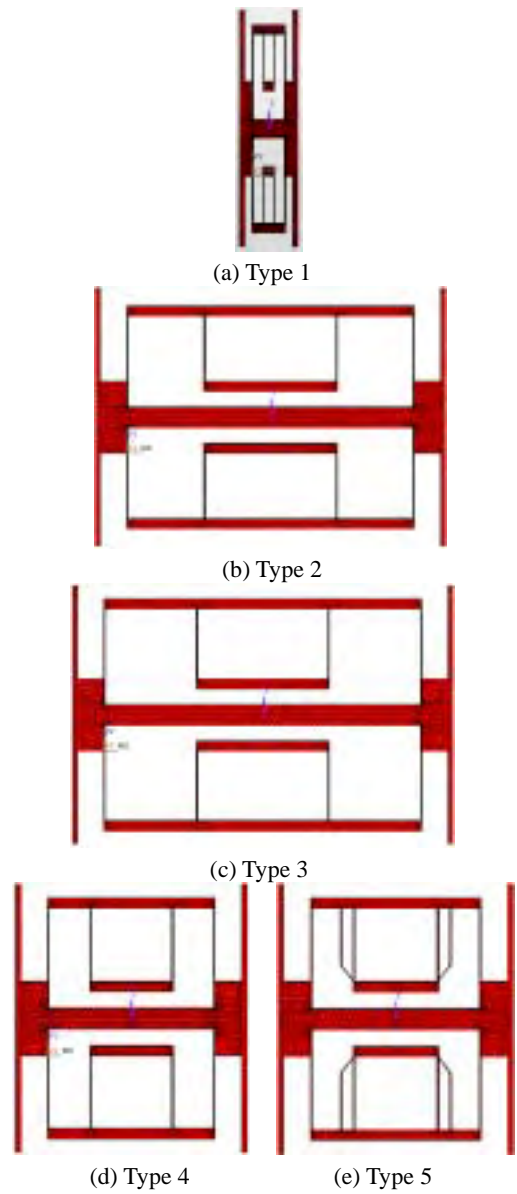


Fig. 2 Optimization model; (a) initial model, (b) deterministic model, (c) RBTO, (d) RBTO with half device size, and (e) RBTO with shape change.

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 4(a) 가

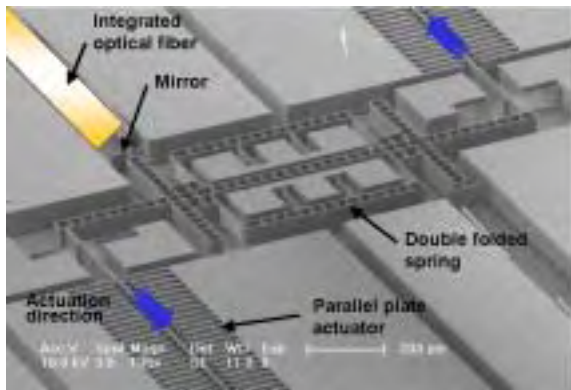
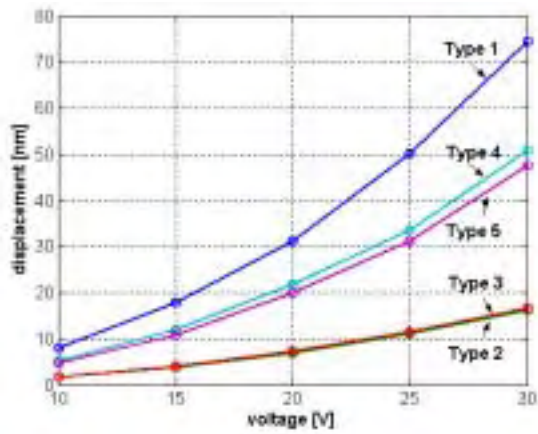
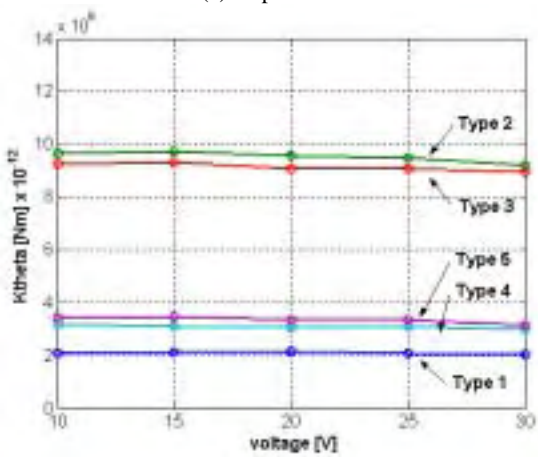


Fig. 3 SEM image of the fabricated double-folded springs with the aligned optical fiber for displacement measurement.



(a) displacement



(b)  $K_{\theta}$

Fig. 4 Experiment results of the double-folded springs with respect to the driving voltage; (a) displacement and (b)  $K_{\theta}$ .

가 , 4(b) (a) 가 . 가 70 nm . ANSYS Type 1 가 3 2 가 , Type 4 5 Type 4(b) ANSYS ANSYS 가 anchor Type 3 Type 2 uncertainty Type 5 4 4. double-folded double-folded 가 SOI 가 parametric study double-folded 가 1. J. -H. Lee, M. -L. Lee, W. -I. Jang, C. -A. Choi, and J.

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