Multilevel Comb-Drive Actuators



The images above display micrographs of completed kHz-rate analog micromirror devices fabricated in monolithic single-crystal silicon (non-SOI, no buried insulator layer). The fabrication procedure employed a single-mask and was based on a derivative of the SCREAM (single-crystal reactive etch and metallization) bulk micromachining process developed in Noel MacDonald's group at Cornell University. Through careful design and processing, these devices feature non-overlapping vertical comb-drive actuators with minimum linewidths of 0.5 μ m.

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