

1. b is the thickness of the poly1 layer,  $2\mu\text{m}$ . a is the width of the beams,  $2\mu\text{m}$ . L is the length of the beams,  $300\mu\text{m}$ .

a. **1 pt. for effort**

**1 pt. for an approximately right answer**

$$k = \frac{Eba^3}{4L_c^3} = \frac{2Eba^3}{L^3}$$

$$k = \frac{2 \left( 150 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \right) (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{m})^4}{(300 \times 10^{-6} \text{m})^3}$$

$$k = 0.2 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

b. **1 pt. for effort**

**1 pt. for an approximately right answer**

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\omega_n = 60000 \text{s}^{-1} \cong 10 \text{kHz}$$

- c. **1 pt. for effort**  
**1 pt. for an approximately right answer for damping**  
**1 pt. for an approximately right answer for Q**

$$b = \frac{\mu A}{d}$$

$$= \frac{\left(2 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}^2}\right) (100 \times 10^{-6} \text{m})^2}{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}}$$

$$b = 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$$

$$Q = \frac{k}{b \omega_n}$$

$$Q = \frac{0.2 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}}{\left(10^{-7} \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}\right) (60000 \text{s}^{-1})}$$

$$Q = 30$$

- d. **1 pt. for effort**  
**1 pt. for an approximately right answer**  
For a constant voltage

$$i = \frac{d(CV)}{dt} = V_{DC} \frac{dC}{dt} = V_{DC} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$$

$$i = V_{DC} \left( N_{gaps} \frac{\epsilon_0 h}{g} \right) \dot{x}$$

$$i = V_{DC} \left( N_{gaps} \frac{\epsilon_0 h}{g} \right) \omega x_o \sin(\omega t)$$

$$i = \frac{(10\text{V})(100) \left( 10^{-11} \frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}} \right) (2\mu\text{m})}{2\mu\text{m}} (2\pi(1\text{kHz}))(1\mu\text{m}) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$i(t) = 2\pi \times 10^{-11} \text{A} \sin(2\pi(1\text{kHz})t)$$

**2. 1 pt. for each scaling relation (2 pts. total)**

a. We know  $\omega_n \propto \sqrt{k}$ .  $k$  is proportional to the cube of the beam width, so

$$\omega_n \propto a^{3/2}. \text{ If } a \text{ is scaled by } (1+x), \text{ then } \omega_n \text{ is scaled by } (1+x)^{3/2}.$$

Doing a Taylor expansion for small  $x$ , we get that  $\omega_n$  scales by  $1 + \frac{3}{2}x$ .

This comes out to a 15% increase if  $x=0.1$

b.  $k$  is proportional to  $E$ , so  $\omega_n \propto \sqrt{E}$ . Doing the same analysis,

$$(1+x)^{1/2} \rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2}x. \text{ This is a 5\% increase for } x=0.1.$$

3. **1 pt. for stating the linear relationship between  $a_{drawn}$  and  $\omega_n^{2/3}$**   
**1 pt. for your explanation using the plot of  $a_{drawn}$  vs.  $\omega_n^{2/3}$  (You don't need to plot anything. Just state that you are going to use it)**  
**1 pt. for relating Young's Modulus to the slope**  
**1 pt. for relating  $a_{offset}$  to the x-intercept**

We can relate the resonant frequency to beam width,  $a$  by

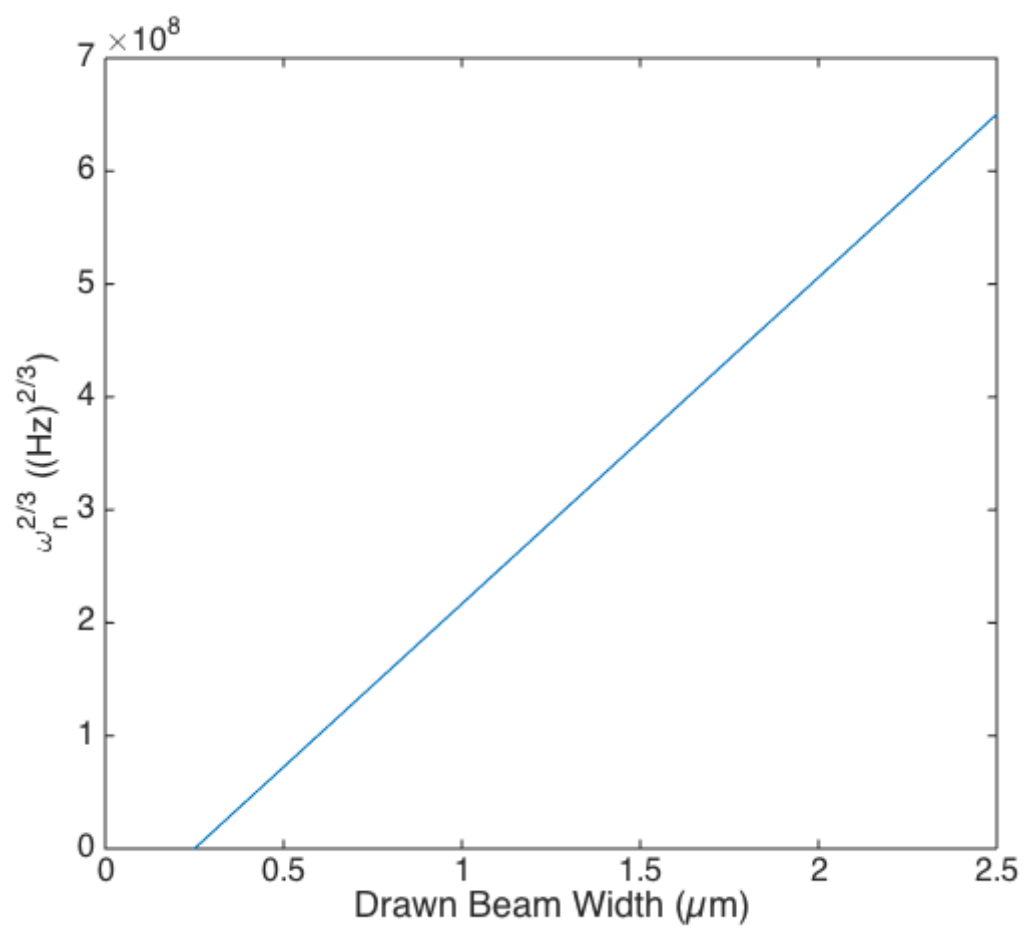
$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2Eba^3}{mL^3}}$$

$$\omega_n = \gamma a^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Where  $\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{2Eb}{mL^3}}$  is a constant. Let us assume that we have measured the resonant frequency of each structure. If we plot the values of  $a$  vs. the measured frequencies  $\omega_{meas}$  we would expect for the resonant frequency to go to zero as  $a$  goes to zero. This is usually not the case, as structures hardly ever come out in fabrication as drawn. There is always some offset between what is drawn on a mask and what your lithography actually does. What we actually get is

$$\omega_{meas} = \gamma(a_{drawn} + a_{offset})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Now if we plot  $a_{drawn}$  vs.  $\omega_{meas}^{\frac{2}{3}}$  we will get a linear plot where the extrapolated x-intercept will be the negative of the beam width offset. The plot below shows a linear extrapolation of what would happen if the beams were  $\sim 0.25\mu\text{m}$  smaller than drawn (The resonant frequency is lower than expected). The Young's modulus can be found from the slope of the line which is  $\gamma^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .



4. **1 pt. for each scaling relation (8 pts. total).**

Assuming we keep the substrate gap at  $2\mu\text{m}$

$$k \propto \frac{hw^3}{L^3} \rightarrow k \propto S$$

$$m \propto V \propto S^3$$

$$b \propto A \propto S^2$$

$$F \propto \frac{h}{g} \rightarrow \text{Does not change}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{S}{S^3}} \rightarrow \omega_o \propto \frac{1}{S}$$

$$Q = \frac{k}{b\omega_o} \propto \frac{S}{S^2 \left(\frac{1}{S}\right)} \rightarrow \text{Does not change}$$

$$x_{DC} = \frac{F}{k} \rightarrow \frac{1}{S}$$

$$x_{resonance} = \frac{F}{b\omega_o} \propto \frac{1}{S^2 \left(\frac{1}{S}\right)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{S}$$

5. **1 pt. for each scaling relation (8 pts. total).** It is fine if you scaled the substrate gap.

Assuming gap to the substrate stays the same

$$k \propto h \rightarrow k \propto S$$

$$m \propto h \propto S$$

$$b \rightarrow \text{Does not change}$$

$$F \propto h \propto S$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{S}{S}} \rightarrow \omega_n \rightarrow \text{Does not change}$$

$$Q \propto k \propto S$$

$$x_{DC} = \frac{F}{k} \propto \frac{S}{S} \rightarrow \text{Does not change}$$

$$x_{\text{resonance}} \propto F \propto S$$

6. 1 pt. for effort

1 pt. for the approximately right answer

$$F = N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o V_{DC}^2 \frac{h}{g} \right) = k x_{DC}$$

$$x_{DC} = \frac{N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o V_{DC}^2 \frac{h}{g} \right)}{k}$$

$$= \frac{(100)(0.01\text{nN})}{0.2 \text{ N/m}}$$

$$x_{DC} = 5\text{nm}$$



7. **1 pt. for effort**

**1 pt. for getting the approximately right answer**

$$F = N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} \right) \left[ V_{DC}^2 + \frac{1}{2} V_{AC}^2 + 2V_{DC} V_{AC} \sin(\omega t) - \frac{1}{2} V_{AC}^2 \cos(2\omega t) \right]$$

The  $\omega$  component will be

$$F_{\omega} = N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} \right) (2V_{DC} V_{AC})$$

$$= N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o (V_{DC})^2 \frac{h}{g} \right) \frac{2V_{AC}}{V_{DC}}$$

$$= (100)(1\text{nN}) \left( 2 \left( \frac{1}{10} \right) \right)$$

$$F_{\omega} = 20\text{nN}$$

Assuming we are far below resonance, we can use DC deflection

$$x_{1\text{Hz}} = \frac{F_{\omega}}{k} = 100\text{nm}$$

8. **1 pt. for effort**

**1 pt. for the approximately right deflection amplitude in each section (3 pts. total)**

**1 pt. for getting the phase right in each section (3 pts. total)**

@ DC the phase is zero

$$x_{DC} = \frac{F_{DC}}{k} = \frac{N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} \right) \left( V_{DC}^2 + \frac{1}{2} V_{AC}^2 \right)}{k}$$

$$x_{DC} \cong \frac{N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} V_{DC}^2 \right)}{k}$$

$$x_{DC} = \frac{(100)(1\text{nN})}{0.2 \frac{\text{nN}}{\text{nm}}}$$

$$x_{DC} = 500\text{nm}$$

@  $\omega_o$  the phase is  $-90^\circ$

$$x_{\omega_n} = \frac{F_\omega}{b\omega_n} = \frac{N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} \right) 2V_{DC} V_{AC}}{b\omega_n}$$

$$x_{\omega_n} = \frac{20\text{nN}}{\left( 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}} \right) (60 \times 10^3 \text{s}^{-1})}$$

$$x_{\omega_n} = 3\mu\text{m}$$

@  $2\omega_o$  the phase is  $-180^\circ$

$$x_{2\omega_n} = \frac{F_{2\omega}}{m\omega} = \frac{N_{gaps} \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \frac{h}{g} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} V_{AC}^2 \right)}{m(2\omega_n)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} (100) (0.01\text{nN})}{(4.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{kg}) (120 \times 10^3 \text{s}^{-1})^2}$$

$$x_{2\omega_o} = 0.8\text{nm}$$

The full displacement function will be (phases in radians)

$$x(t) = 0.5\mu\text{m} + 3\mu\text{m} \sin \left( \omega_n t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - 0.0008\mu\text{m} \cos(2\omega_n t - \pi)$$