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Problem Set #4
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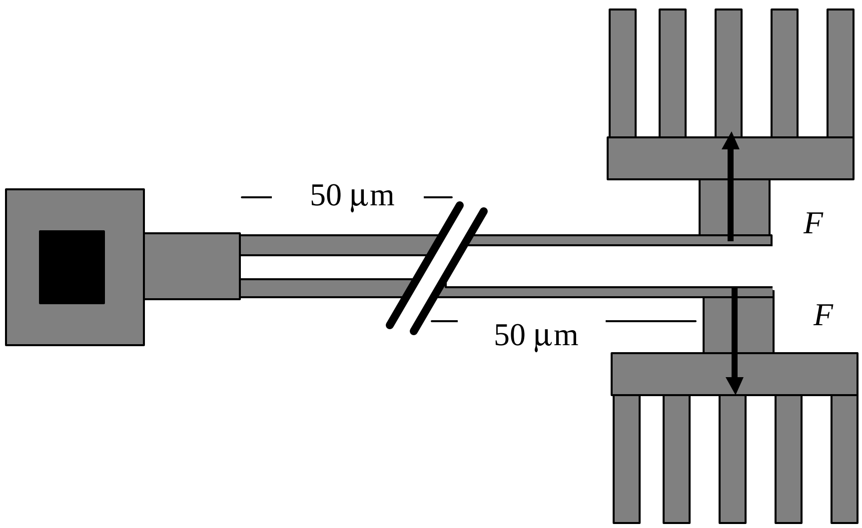
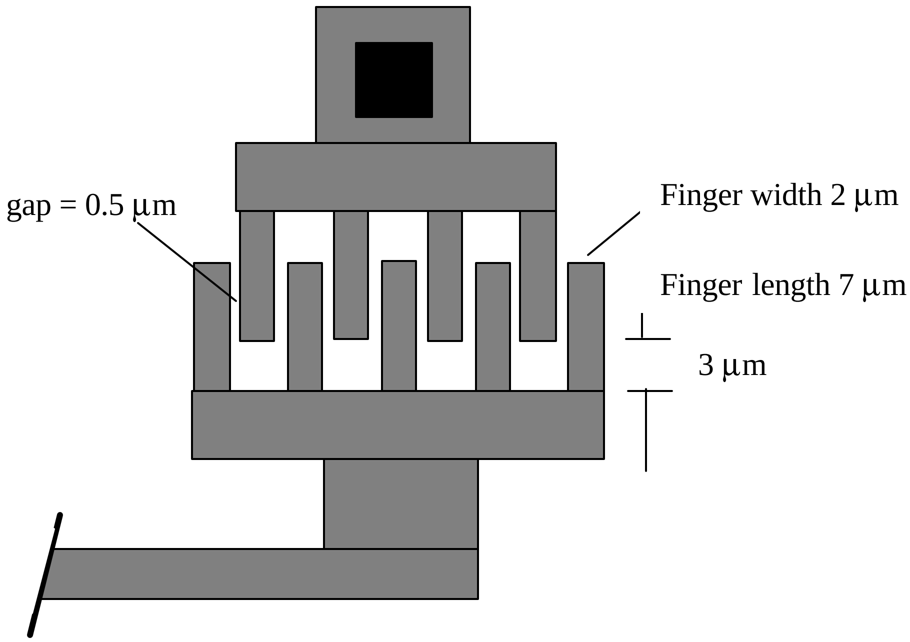
1. The layout below shows a single-ended, comb-drive tuning fork resonator made from a 2 μm-thick polysilicon film. The length of the tines is 100 μm and their thickness is $h = 2$ μm in the bending direction for the first 50 μm from the shoulder of the tuning fork, after which the thickness is 1 μm. The area of the interdigitated comb fingers and their attachment structures at the end of each tine is 168 μm^2.



   a) Use the Principle of Virtual Work to estimate the linear spring constant for one of the tines, when deflected by the force *F*.
   b) Estimate a tine's effective mass, for a fundamental mode. You can use your deflection function from part (a) as the mode shape.
   c) Estimate the fundamental resonant frequency f_1 of the tuning fork using the Rayleigh-Ritz method.

2. Double-ended tuning forks (DETF) are potentially useful as frequency references for communication circuits. As the amplitude of vibration increases, the tuning fork's deflection is no longer proportional to the applied load. In this problem, use the mode shapes provided in Lecture 9 as trial functions. You can neglect the residual stress in the tines.
   a) Given that the DETF is driven in the fundamental anti-symmetric mode and that the displacement at the center of the beam is *y*, use the principle of virtual work to estimate the dependence of the applied force *F* (concentrated in the beam's center) on *y* for large displacements. Your answer should include a term proportional to y^3.
   b) Now consider that the DETF is driven in its *second mode* by concentrated forces (each called *F*) applied at the locations of the peak displacement *y*. What is the functional relationship between *F* and *y*?

3. The layout below shows a detailed view of the complete comb-drive from Prob. 1. The tuning fork is suspended 2 μm above the substrate.



a) The tuning fork voltage is V_P = 5 V and a drive voltage $v_d(t)$ = 5 mV $\cos(2\pi f_1 t)$ is applied to the upper tine's comb drive. Find the drive force $f_d(t)$ at the frequency f_1.
b) Using the Couette and squeeze-film models from Lecture 9, estimate the quality factor of this resonator at a pressure of 100 mTorr.
c) Find the DC displace of the tine and the amplitude of its resonance from your answers in (a) and (b).
d) Assuming that the lower tine has the same amplitude as the upper tine (but opposite phase), find the current through the comb electrode at resonance.

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