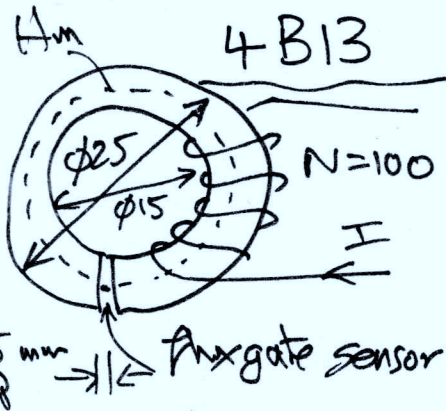


(a)



$$NI = \int H \cdot dl$$

$$NI = 20 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \pi \cdot H_m + 0.5 \times 10^{-3} H_a$$

$$B_m = B_a \therefore \mu_0 \mu_r H_m = \mu_0 H_a$$

flux conservation

Avg. magnetic diameter = 20 mm,  $\mu_r = 5000$

$$\therefore NI = \frac{\pi \cdot 20 \times 10^{-3}}{\mu_r} H_a + 0.5 \times 10^{-3} H_a = H_a \cdot 5.13 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$B_a = \mu_0 H_a = \frac{NI \cdot 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{5.13 \times 10^{-4}} = 2.45 \times 10^{-3} NI$$

for  $N=1$ ,  $I=5A$   $B = 12.2 \text{ mT}$   $\therefore I_{\text{sat}} = \frac{500 \cdot 5}{11.8} = 205A$

$$L = \frac{N\phi}{I} = \frac{NBA}{I} = 100^2 \cdot 2.45 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 40 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$L = 0.98 \text{ mH}$$

(b)  $V_{\text{ind}} = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = NA \frac{dB}{dt} = NA 2\pi f B$  for 5A, 1kHz:

$$V_i = 100 \cdot 40 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 2\pi \cdot 10^3 \cdot 12.2 \times 10^{-3} = 0.307 \text{ V}$$

(c) with 1Ω connected across coil,  $V_i$  induces nulling current in coil as current transformer  $\therefore V = \frac{5A \cdot 1\Omega}{N \rightarrow 100} = 0.05 \text{ V}$

Min. frequency is determined by  $L/R$  time constant:

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi L/R} = 162 \text{ Hz}$$

(below this freq., the

induced voltage is too low to produce a flux cancelling current large enough to null the flux produced from the central conductor  $I$ )

(d) Twin fluxgate cores give full  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sine-wave, where  $V_{2f} = n d\phi/dt \therefore \int V_{2f} dt = nBA$

1 (d) control.  $D_{\text{cores}} = (d/l)^2 [\ln(2l/d) - 1] = 7.97 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$

$V = V_{2f} \sin 4\pi f t$

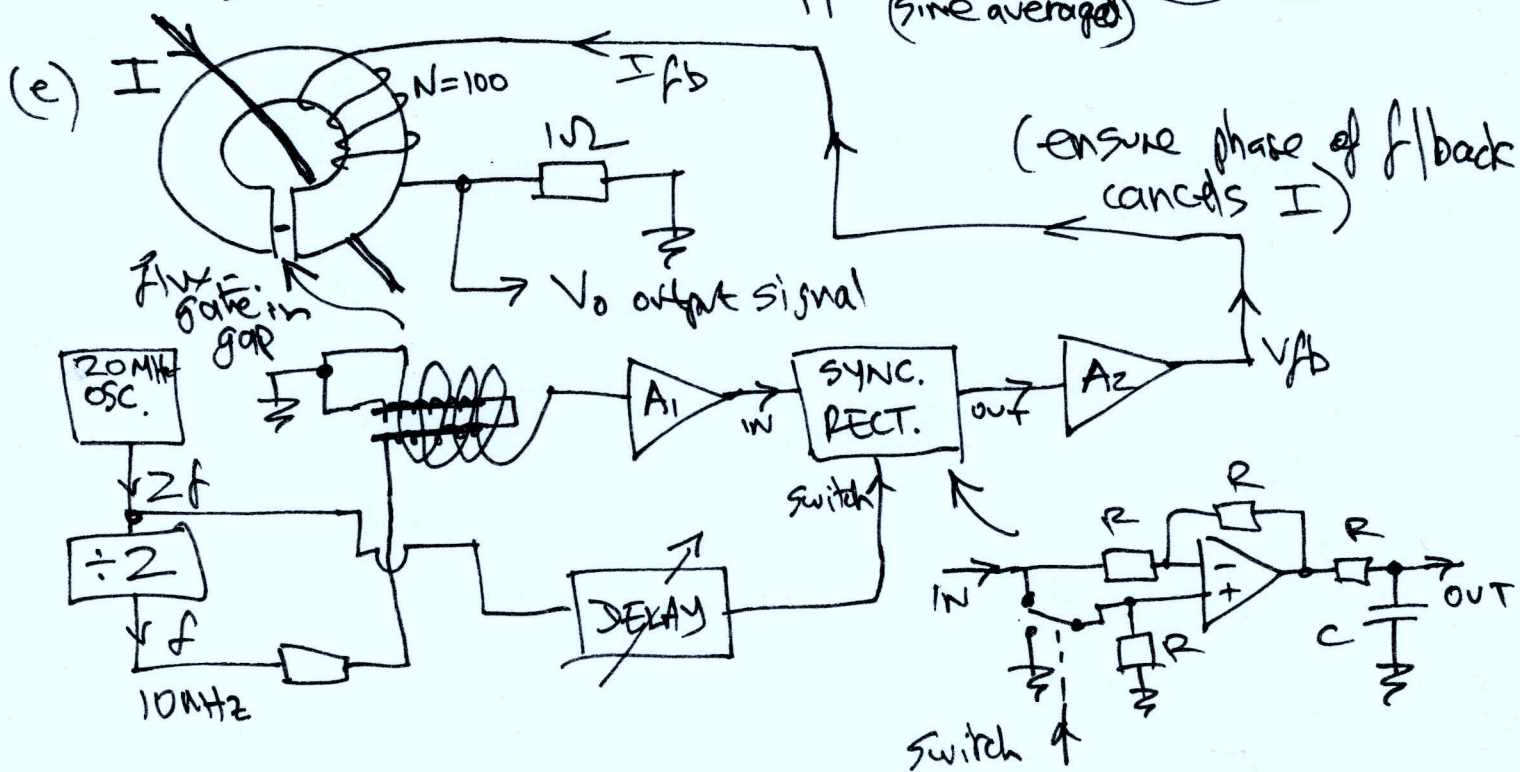
$\therefore nBA = \left[ \frac{-V_{2f} \cos 4\pi f t}{4\pi f} \right]_0^{1/4f} = \frac{V_{2f}}{2\pi f}$

$\therefore V_{2f} = 2\pi n f AB$

Here  $n=200$ ,  $f=10 \times 10^6$ ,  $A = \frac{\pi (25 \times 10^{-6})^2}{4}$ ,  $B = 12.2 \times 10^{-3} \times 125$

Responsivity =  $2\pi n f A = 6.17 \text{ V/T}_{(\text{in core})} \Rightarrow \frac{771 \text{ V/T ext.}}{\text{for } 5A \text{ current}}$

$V_{2f} = 9.41 \text{ V @ sensor} \rightarrow \frac{\times 2}{\pi} \text{ demodulated} = 5.99 \text{ V}$   
(Sine averaged)



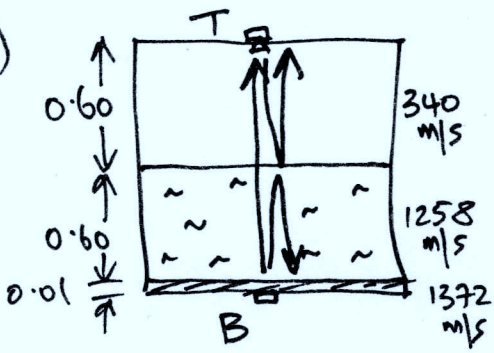
(f) With  $I = 5A$  and  $N=100$  feedback turns with  $1\Omega$  resistance  
 $V_{fb} = 0.05V$  from flux density  $\times 0.1\%$  =  $12.2 \times 10^{-6} \times 125T$   
 @  $5A$

$\times$  fluxgate responsivity =  $6.17 \text{ V/T} \times \frac{2}{\pi}$  demod. factor =  $5.99 \text{ mV}$

$\therefore$  total gain reqd. =  $\frac{0.05}{5.99 \times 10^{-3}} = \times 8.35$   
 [eg:  $A_1 = A_2 = 2.9$  in pt.(e)]



2 (a)



Transit times:

$$\begin{aligned} T \rightarrow B & \left. \begin{aligned} & 0.01 + \frac{0.60}{1372} + \frac{0.60}{340} = 2.25 \text{ ms} \end{aligned} \right\} \\ B \rightarrow T & \\ B \rightarrow B & : \frac{0.01}{1372} + \frac{1.2}{1258} = 0.95 \text{ ms} \\ T \rightarrow T & : \frac{1.2}{340} = 3.53 \text{ ms} \end{aligned}$$

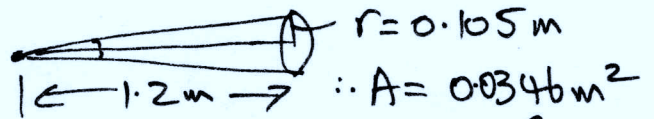
(b)  $P_R = \frac{(z_1 - z_2)^2}{(z_1 + z_2)^2}$ ,  $P_T = \frac{4z_1 z_2}{(z_1 + z_2)^2}$ ,  $z = \rho v$

$Z_{air} = 415$ ,  $Z_{PET} = 30M$ ,  $Z_{PTFE} = 3.02M$ ,  $Z_{acid} = 2.31M$ ,  $Z_{foam} = 24k$

∴ interfaces:  $P_{PET \rightarrow PTFE}$      $P_{PTFE \rightarrow ACID}$      $P_{ACID \rightarrow FOAM}$      $P_{ACID \rightarrow AIR}$      $P_{PET \rightarrow AIR}$

$P_T \Rightarrow$	0.332	0.98	0.041	$7.18 \times 10^{-4}$	$\frac{750}{750} \cdot 0.041$
also $P_R \Rightarrow$	---	---	---	0.959	~1

Area of beam spread with  $\pm 5^\circ$



Area of transducer =  $\frac{\pi d^2}{4} = 7.854 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2$

Attenuations:  $0.6 \text{ m acid} = 10^{\frac{-0.6 \cdot 0.01}{10}} = \times 0.9986$ ,  $0.6 \text{ m air} = 10^{\frac{-0.6 \cdot 1.2}{10}} = \times 0.847$ , ratio = 1/441

$B \rightarrow T$

$P_r = \frac{V^2}{200} = \frac{25^2}{200} \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.332 \cdot 0.98 \cdot 0.9986 \cdot 0.847 \cdot 7.18 \times 10^{-4} \cdot 0.041 \cdot \frac{1}{441}$

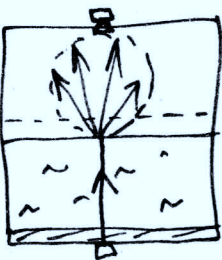
∴  $V/200 = 1.29 \times 10^{-9}$  ∴  $V = 508 \text{ } \mu\text{V}$  loaded  $\rightarrow \times 2$  o/cct.  $\Rightarrow V_r = 1.02 \text{ mV}$

$B \rightarrow B$

$P_r = \frac{V^2}{200} = \frac{25^2}{200} \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.332^2 \cdot 0.98^2 \cdot 0.9986^2 \cdot \frac{1}{441} = 1.68 \times 10^{-5}$

∴  $V = 58 \text{ mV}$  loaded or  $V_r = 1.16 \text{ mV}$  open ckt.

(c)  $P_T$  foam  $\rightarrow$  air = 0.0668



Scatter area ratio =  $\times \frac{7.854 \times 10^{-5}}{\pi \cdot 0.6^2} = 6.94 \times 10^{-5}$

(Lambertian intensity = 2x isotropic hemisphere)

Foam attenuation =  $10^{\frac{-0.05 \cdot 85}{10}} = \times 0.376$

Air attenuation =  $10^{\frac{-0.55 \cdot 1.2}{10}} = \times 0.859$

2(c) contd.

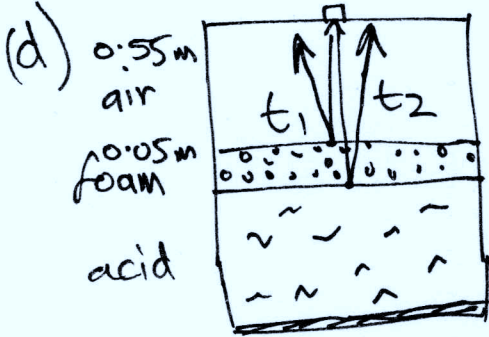
air att. foam att. areas foam → air acid → foam 2

$$P_r = \frac{25^2}{200} \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.332 \cdot 0.98 \cdot 0.9986 \cdot 0.859 \cdot 0.376 \cdot 6.94 \times 10^{-5} \cdot 0.0668 \cdot 0.041$$

$$P_r = 5.75 \times 10^{-11} = V^2/200 \quad \therefore V = 0.107 \text{ mV}$$

or 0.214 mV of act.

(drop in signals x factor of ~5)



Measure reflected pulse-echo times from foam top surface and foam/acid interface

$$t_1 = \frac{0.55}{340} \times 2 = 3.24 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_2 = \left( \frac{0.55}{340} + \frac{0.05}{200} \right) \times 2 = 3.74 \text{ ms} \quad \left. \vphantom{t_2} \right\} \Delta t = 0.5 \text{ ms}$$

$$P_r \text{ foam/air} = 0.933$$

$$P_r \text{ foam/acid} = 0.959$$

with Lambertian scatter from foam, ignore  $\pm 5^\circ$  beam spread:

for  $t_1$  pulse

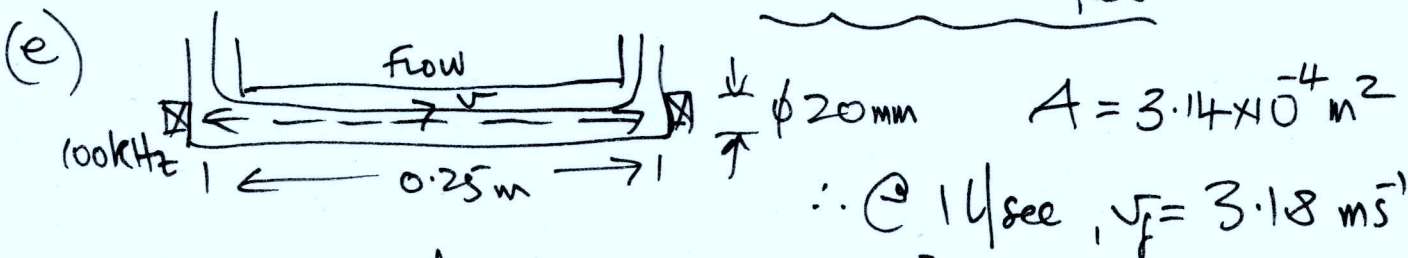
$$P_{r1} = \frac{25^2}{200} \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.041^2 \cdot 10 \cdot \frac{0.55 \times 1.2 \times 2}{10} \cdot 0.933 \cdot \frac{7.854 \times 10^{-5}}{\pi \cdot 0.55^2} = V_1^2/200$$

$$V_1 = 1.16 \text{ mV} \quad \text{or} \quad 2.32 \text{ mV of act}$$

for  $t_2$  pulse

$$P_{r2} = \frac{25^2}{200} \cdot 0.15^2 \cdot 0.041^2 \cdot 0.738 \cdot 10 \cdot \frac{0.05 \times 85 \times 2}{10} \cdot \frac{7.854 \times 10^{-5}}{\pi \cdot 0.60^2} = V_2^2/200$$

$$V_2 = 0.413 \text{ mV} \quad \text{or} \quad 0.826 \text{ mV of act}$$



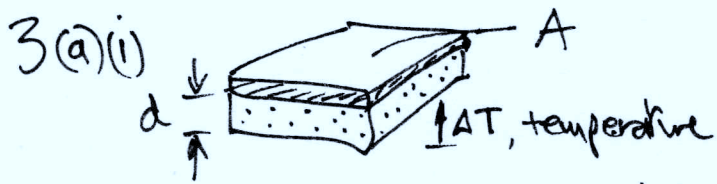
for  $v_{\text{sound}}$ :  $v = f \lambda$      $1258 = 100 \times 10^3 \lambda \quad \therefore \lambda = 12.58 \text{ mm}$

$\therefore$  over 0.25m  $\Rightarrow 19.87 \lambda \equiv 7154^\circ$  of delay with no flow

with  $\pm 3.18 \text{ m/s}$ :  $\Delta \theta = \pm \frac{3.18}{1258} \cdot 7154 = \pm 18^\circ$  phase shift

XOR gives  $5V/180^\circ \quad \therefore \Delta V$  with  $\pm$  flow =  $\pm \frac{18}{180} \times 5 = \pm 0.50 \text{ V output}$





$$W = \frac{kA \Delta T}{d} = \frac{0.02 (5 \times 10^{-3})^2 \Delta T}{150 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Thermal rating} = \frac{\Delta T}{W} = \frac{d}{kA} = \left[ \frac{0.02 (5 \times 10^{-3})^2}{150 \times 10^{-6}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= 300 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/W}$$

(a)(ii) Heat flux,  $F = \frac{kA \Delta T}{d} = mc_p \dot{T}$  with  $\Delta T = T_\infty - T$   
(or)  $\dot{T} = \frac{kA \Delta T}{mc_p d}$  with  $\gamma = \frac{mc_p d}{kA}$  and  $T' = \frac{T - T_\infty}{\gamma}$

$$\therefore -T' = \gamma \frac{dT'}{dt} \Rightarrow \text{soln. } \ln T' = \frac{-t}{\gamma} + C \text{ with:}$$

$$\therefore T = (T_0 - T_\infty) e^{-t/\gamma} + T_\infty$$

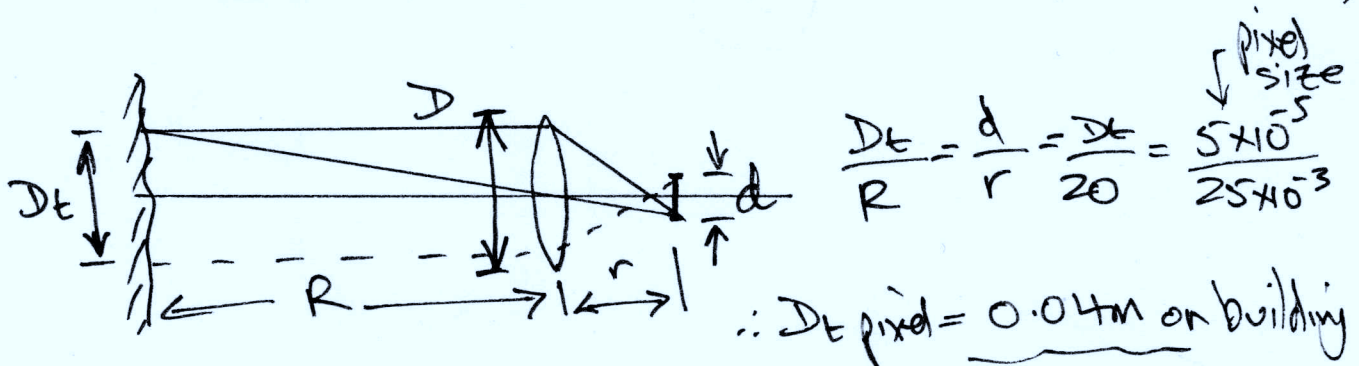
$$T = T_0 \text{ @ } t = 0$$

$$T = T_\infty \text{ @ } t = \infty$$

$$t_{10-90\%} = 2.2 \gamma = \frac{2.2 \cdot (5 \times 10^{-3})^2 \cdot (3450 \times 10^{-6} + 2330 \times 40 \times 10^{-6}) \cdot 150 \times 10^{-6}}{0.02 \cdot (5 \times 10^{-3})^2}$$

$$\therefore t_{10-90\%} = 1.08 \text{ s} \quad (\gamma = 0.49 \text{ s, } f_{3dB} = 0.32 \text{ kHz})$$

(a)(iii)



For good imaging, the drone should fly  $< 0.04 \text{ m}$  in  $1.08 \text{ s}$

$$\therefore v < 37 \text{ mm/s}$$

(a)(iv) Lambert's Law

$$\delta W = \frac{W \cos \theta}{\pi} A \delta \omega = \frac{W}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi D_t^2}{4} \cdot \frac{\pi D^2}{4 R^2}, \quad \delta \omega = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \cdot \frac{4 \pi}{4 \pi R^2}$$

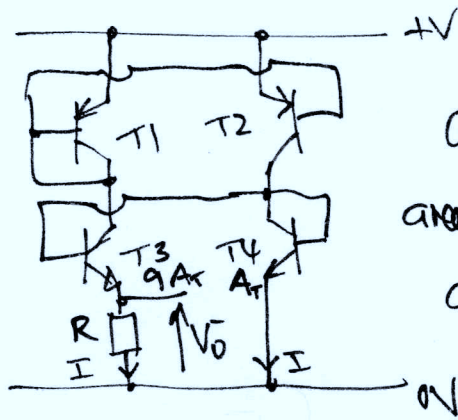
$$\therefore \delta W = \frac{W}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{16} \cdot \frac{d^2}{r^2} \cdot D^2 = \epsilon \sigma_B T^4 \frac{\pi}{16} \frac{d^2 D^2}{r^2} \text{ with } T = 278 \text{ or } 288 \text{ K}$$

$$P_S = 2.6 \frac{\text{K}}{\text{q}} \ln(2 \times 10^5 \cdot 3 \times 10^{-2}) = 1.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V/K}$$

$$\therefore \Delta V = 1.95 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 300 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 5.67 \times 10^{-8} (288^4 - 278^4) \frac{\pi}{16} \frac{(5 \times 10^{-3})^2 (10 \times 10^{-3})^2}{(25 \times 10^{-3})^2}$$

$$\rightarrow 288 \quad = 2.34 \times 10^{-4} \Delta T^4 = 21.2 \text{ } \mu\text{V}$$

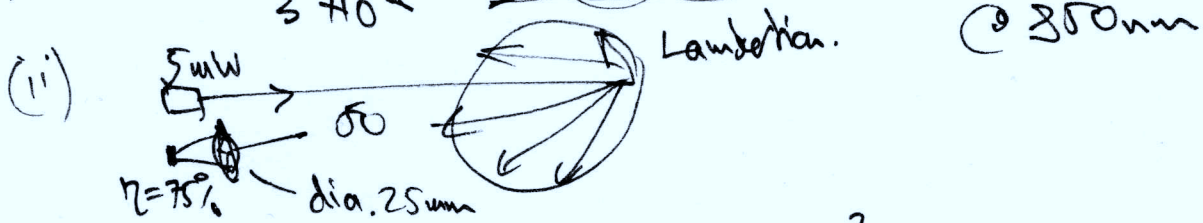
3(b)  
 $T_1, T_2$   
 same const. current  
 feed to  
 transistors  
 $T_3, T_4$



$$I_c = I_s e^{V_{BE}/kT/q}$$

$q I_{c3} = I_{c4}$  with  
 $area T_3 = 9 \times area T_4$   
 $q e^{V_{BE3}/kT/q} = e^{V_{BE4}/kT/q}$   
 $\frac{kT}{q} \ln 9 = \Delta V_{BE} = V_0 = T \cdot 1.895 \times 10^{-4}$   
 $\therefore @ T = 300K, V_0 = 0.0569V$

(c) (i)  $\epsilon = \frac{2 \times 50}{3 \times 10^8} = 0.333 \mu s$



$$P_{rec.} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 0.4}{2 \pi \cdot 50^2} \cdot \frac{\pi (25 \times 10^{-3})^2}{4} = 1.25 \times 10^{-10} W$$

$$photon\ energy = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = 2.339 \times 10^{-19} J$$

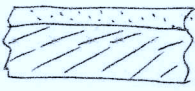
$$\therefore photocurrent = I_p = \frac{1.25 \times 10^{-10}}{2.339 \times 10^{-19}} \cdot 0.75 \cdot 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = \underline{64.3\ pA}$$

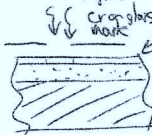
(iii) Reduce ambient light effects with

- $\lambda$  matched, narrow band optical filter on detector
- enclosed optics + shielding
- AR coatings on optics
- bandpass filter on electrical signal unrelated to pulse shape
- repeat pulses + average signals




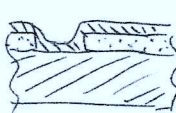
4(a) Surface micro-machining - deposition of Si, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>  
 - photolithography  
 - wet chemical etching

(a)  ← deposit SiO<sub>2</sub> from CVD  
 Si wafer Silane + N<sub>2</sub>O plasma

(b)  UV light  
 spin on photoresist, expose to UV through a mask pattern (Cr or glass)  
 SiO<sub>2</sub> Si

(c) develop photoresist by dissolving exposed areas in caustic solution eg: NaOH

 then etch in HF solution to dissolve SiO<sub>2</sub> or plasma etch in CF<sub>4</sub>

(d)  then deposit poly-Si from SiH<sub>4</sub> CVD heat/plasma deposition

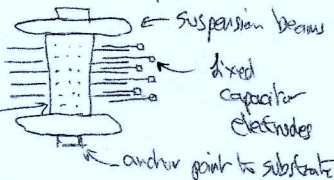
(e) Poly-Si layer can then be patterned by dry plasma etching (leave holes for large area under-etching) of SiO<sub>2</sub> layer next by HF solution

(f) SiO<sub>2</sub> layer is then removed, to leave free standing poly-Si structure

 poly-Si  
 Si

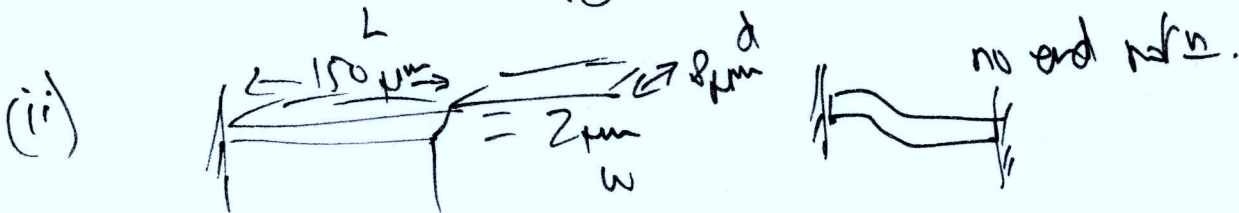
(g) can include Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> insulating layers and metal layers (deposit by sputtering (evaporation)).


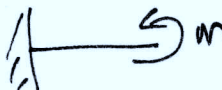

(h) to form accelerometer or gyro structures

(i) use capacitive or strain gauges for spring proof-mass readout.  ← suspension beams  
 ← fixed capacitor electrodes  
 ← anchor point to substrate

Differential capacitance read-out with a.c. bridge - see part 4(b)(v) for analysis of signal levels.

(b) (i)  $C = \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d} = \frac{100 \times 500 \times 10^{-8} \times 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \times 8 \times 10^{-6}}{10^{-6}} = 3.54 \text{ pF}$



 +  =   
 $\delta = \frac{WL^3}{3EI}$   
 $\theta = \frac{WL^2}{2EI}$   
 $\frac{-ML^2}{2EI}$   
 $\frac{-ML}{EI}$   
 $\therefore \delta = \frac{WL^3}{3EI} - \frac{WL^3}{4EI} = \frac{WL^3}{12EI}$

$\therefore \frac{M\delta}{EI} = \frac{WL^2}{2EI}$        $M = \frac{WL}{2}$

with  $I = \frac{wd^3}{12} = 5.33 \times 10^{-24} \text{ m}^4$

$\therefore k = 11.37 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$

with 4 tethers per axis,  
 $k = \frac{48EI}{L^3}$

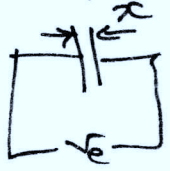
$E_{Si} = 150 \text{ GNm}^{-2}$   
 $\rho_{Si} = 2330 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$

(iii) proof mass,  $m = 300 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 750 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 8 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 2330 = 4.293 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg}$

$\therefore f_{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 7672 \text{ Hz}$

4(b)(iv) force reqd. for  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  with  $Q=85$ :

$$F = 11.37 \cdot 0.5 \times 10^{-8} / 85 = 6.69 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$



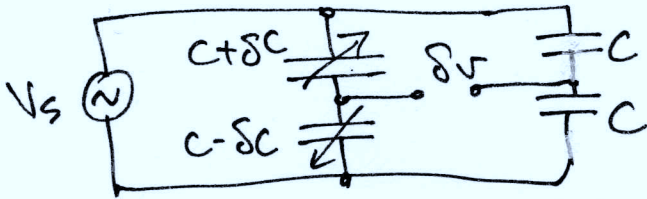
consider 2 capacitor plates:  $E = \frac{1}{2} C V_e^2$ ,  $C = \frac{A \epsilon_0}{x}$

$$E = \frac{A \epsilon_0 V_e^2}{2x} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 A V_e^2 x^{-1}$$

$$\therefore dE = F dx \quad \therefore F = \frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{A \epsilon_0 V_e^2}{2x^2} = -\frac{C V_e^2}{2x}$$

Takey 1/2 plates for excitation:  $F = 6.69 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{3.5 \times 10^{-12} V^2}{4 \cdot 0.5 \times 10^{-6}}$   
 $\Rightarrow V_e = 0.194 \text{ V}$  amplitude @  $7.67 \text{ kHz}$

(v)

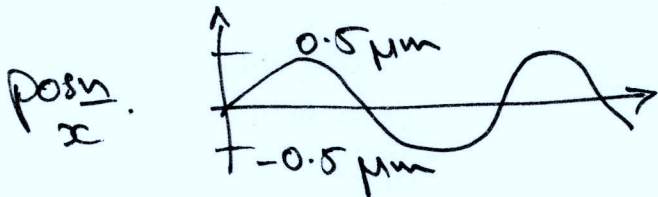


$$\delta V \approx \frac{V_s}{2} \cdot \frac{\delta C}{C} = \frac{V_s}{2} \cdot \frac{\delta x}{x}$$

capacitive 1/2 bridge read-out.

Coriolis force =  $2 \omega v_r$  m

with  $90^\circ \text{ s}^{-1} \equiv \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rads}^{-1}$



@  $7672 \text{ Hz} = a \sin 2\pi f t$

$\therefore \text{velocity} = \frac{dx}{dt} = 2\pi f a \cos 2\pi f t$  where  $a = \delta x$

$\therefore \text{Coriolis deflection} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot m \cdot 2\pi f \delta x = 2\pi^2 \cdot 7672 \cdot 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{m}{\text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}}$   
 and output signal,  $\delta V = \frac{R}{2} \cdot \frac{2\pi^2 \cdot 7672 \cdot 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 4.893 \times 10^{-9}}{1137 \times 10^{-6}}$

$\delta V = 3.26 \times 10^{-5} \text{ V}$  (32.6  $\mu\text{V}$ )



Examiner's comments:

### **Q1 Current transformer and fluxgate sensor**

The fluxgate section was generally quite well answered with candidates recalling the responsivity equation correctly. Flux density was occasionally incorrectly calculated due to assuming the current was flowing through the windings rather than through a conductor in the centre of the toroid. The system block diagram was also reasonably well attempted in most cases.

### **Q2 Ultrasonic level and flow sensor**

A very popular question with generally good attempts. The complexity of the algebra for the foam layer reflections often resulted in arithmetic errors and the Lambertian scattering properties were neglected in a number of attempts. The final section on the flow sensor was fairly straightforward although a number of candidates made errors in deriving the phase shift.

### **Q3 Temperature measurement, LIDAR and pyrometer**

A very popular question which attracted good quality attempts. The thermal time-constant was correctly calculated by many candidates although some incorrectly used the silicon thickness rather than the foam insulation thickness in their calculation. The current mirror section was generally recalled well and the LIDAR signal calculations were well attempted in many cases.

### **Q4 MEMs fabrication and device physics**

A less popular question overall. The fabrication processes were reasonably well described in most cases although process details such as etchants and gases were sometimes omitted. The estimates of resonant frequency and capacitance force were often less well answered, due to confusing the beam dimensions, though there were some good attempts.

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