Electrostatic/magnetostatic forces

- simplest approach: energy method
 - recall that energy = force (vector) "travel" (vector)
 - then

$$F = \frac{\partial(\text{energy})}{\partial(\text{distance})}$$

- note that this can give the TOTAL force (not pressure) if you can identify a single spatial coordinate that is parallel to the force
- simple example: parallel plates
 - electrostatic: applied voltage V
 - magnetostatic: current l

Parallel plate capacitors

- here the fields are uniform, fringe fields are "small"
 - force equation is found using

$$U_{cap} = \frac{1}{2}C \cdot V^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot A}{h} \right) \cdot V^{2} \qquad |F_{x}| = \frac{\partial U_{cap}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot A}{h^{2}} \right) \cdot V$$

or more simply

$$\left| \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}} \right| = \mathbf{Q}_{\text{plate}} \cdot \left| \mathbf{E} \right| = \left(\frac{\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{V}}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{h}} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{o}} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{V} \right) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{h}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{o}} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{h}^{2}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{V}^{2}$$

- force is attractive between plates



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Lateral displacement

 consider case where one plate is displaced a distance y wrt other plate

- ignoring fringe fields $C(y) = \frac{x}{2}$

$$C(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{o}} \cdot (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}) \cdot l}{h}$$

$$U_{cap} = \frac{1}{2}C \cdot V^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot (w - y) \cdot l}{h} \right) \cdot V^{2} \qquad F_{y} = \frac{\partial U_{cap}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot l}{h} \right) \cdot V^{2} \cdot \begin{cases} -1 & y > 0 \\ +1 & y < 0 \end{cases}$$



Lateral displacement of dielectric slab

 consider case where dielectric slab (of thickness h) is displaced a distance y wrt the plates

- ignoring fringe fields $C(y) = \frac{\varepsilon_r \cdot \varepsilon_o \cdot (w_d - y) \cdot l}{h} + \frac{\varepsilon_o \cdot [w - (w_d - y)] \cdot l}{h}$

$$F_{y} = \frac{\partial U_{cap}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot l}{h}\right) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{o} \cdot l}{h}\right) \right] \cdot V^{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon_{o} \cdot l}{h} [\varepsilon_{r} - 1] \cdot V^{2} \quad (y > 0)$$



- force is indep of displacement
- is zero at y = 0
 - force pulls slab into region between the plates

Lateral displacement of metallic slab

- consider case where BIASED metallic slab is displaced a distance y wrt the plates
 - ignoring fringe fields



note there is NO net force in the x direction!

Lateral displacement of metallic slab

- consider case where floating metallic slab is displaced a distance y wrt the plates
 - ignoring fringe fields



Lateral displacement of metallic slab

- consider case where metallic slab is displaced a distance y wrt the plates
 - ignoring fringe fields $C_{total} = \varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot l \cdot \left(\frac{(w_{m} y)}{h h_{m}} + \frac{[w (w_{m} y)]}{h}\right)$ region A region **B** F_v h Wm W X $\frac{\partial C_{\text{total}}}{\partial y} = \varepsilon_{\text{r}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{o}} \cdot l \cdot \left| \frac{-1}{h - h_{\text{m}}} + \frac{1}{h} \right| = \varepsilon_{\text{r}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{o}} \cdot l \cdot \left| \frac{-h_{\text{m}}}{h \cdot (h - h_{\text{m}})} \right|$ $F_{y} = \frac{\partial U_{cap}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \cdot V^{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot l \cdot \left| \frac{h_{m}}{h \cdot (h - h_{m})} \right| \cdot V^{2} \quad (y > 0)$

Comparison of two bias schemes



- "unbiased" metal slab force < "biased" metal slab
- no force in x direction (in absence of fringe fields)
- force is zero once slab is fully "between" the plates

assume one plate fixed, other connected to a spring



- obvious problem
 - max force from spring is k•d, but $F_{electro} \Rightarrow \infty$ as $y \Rightarrow d$
 - estimate bound on y:





 if applied voltage exceeds some maximum, the attractive force exceeds the restoring force from the spring

max at

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Delta} \Delta \cdot (1 - \Delta)^2 = 0 \implies (1 - \Delta)^2 - 2 \cdot \Delta \cdot (1 - \Delta) = 0 \implies (1 - \Delta) \cdot (1 - 3\Delta) = 0$$



 $\Delta_{\max} = \frac{1}{3}$

max displacement is 1/3 of initial separation

$$\mathbf{V}_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \mathbf{k}}{\varepsilon_{\mathrm{r}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\mathrm{o}} \cdot \mathbf{w}}} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}}{\mathrm{L}} \cdot \Delta_{\max} \cdot (1 - \Delta_{\max})^{2}$$
$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\max} = \frac{2}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}}{\mathrm{d}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{d}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{d}^{2}}$$

 $3 \sqrt{3} \sqrt{\varepsilon_r \cdot \varepsilon_o \cdot w \cdot L}$

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Electrostatic displacement of cantilever

- capacitor formed by cantilever beam and fixed plate
- cantilever beam: supported at one end only
 - point force F at position a, displacement y at position x

$$y(x) = \frac{F}{6 \cdot E \cdot I} \cdot \begin{cases} x^2 \cdot (3 \cdot a - x) & x < a \\ a^2 \cdot (3 \cdot x - a) & x > a \end{cases} \qquad I = \frac{1}{12} \cdot w \cdot t^3$$

- tip deflection (x = L) due to δF at position x = a

$$\delta y_{tip} = \frac{\delta F}{6 \cdot E \cdot I} \cdot a^2 \cdot (3 \cdot L - a)$$



 want to integrate to get total tip deflection

$$y_{tip} = \int_{0}^{L} \left\{ \frac{dF}{6 \cdot E \cdot I} \cdot x^{2} \cdot (3 \cdot L - x) \right\}$$

- recall force per area for separation h is $P = \frac{\varepsilon_r \cdot \varepsilon_o}{2} \left(\frac{V}{h}\right)^2$
- force δF due to electrostatic attraction at x

$$dF = \frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o}}{2} \left(\frac{V}{d - y(x)} \right)^{2} \cdot \underbrace{w \cdot dx}_{area}$$

 but from beam equation the displacement y at the point of force application x

$$y(x) = \frac{dF}{3 \cdot E \cdot I} \cdot x^3$$

so solve for dF as function of x
 requires solution of a cubic!

$$dF = \frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o}}{2} \left(\frac{V}{d - \frac{dF}{3 \cdot E \cdot I} \cdot x^{3}} \right)^{2} \cdot w \cdot dx$$

 want to integrate to get total tip deflection

$$\mathbf{y}_{tip} = \int_{0}^{L} \left\{ \frac{\mathrm{dF}}{\mathbf{6} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{I}} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{2} \cdot \left(\mathbf{3} \cdot \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{x} \right) \right\}$$

- try something simpler
 - assume "parabolic" bending of beam

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{L}}\right)^2 \cdot \mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{tip}}$$

• then force δF due to electrostatic attraction at x

$$dF = \frac{\varepsilon_{\rm r} \cdot \varepsilon_{\rm o}}{2} \left(\frac{V}{d - (x/L)^2 \cdot y_{\rm tip}} \right)^2 \cdot w \cdot dx$$

so the total deflection of the tip is

$$y_{tip} = \frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot w \cdot V^{2}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot E \cdot I} \int_{0}^{L} \left\{ \frac{3 \cdot L \cdot x^{2} - x^{3}}{\left[d - \left(y_{tip} / L^{2} \right) \cdot x^{2} \right]^{2}} \right\} dx$$

 solve "implicitly" by assume a value for y_{tip} inside the integral, then integrate, compare integral to assumed value

- "parameterize" problem using y_{tip} = Y inside integral
- using parabolic approx:

$$\mathbf{y}_{tip} = \frac{\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{r} \cdot \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{o} \cdot \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{V}^{2}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{I}} \int_{0}^{L} \left\{ \frac{3 \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{2} - \mathbf{x}^{3}}{\left[\mathbf{d} - \left(\mathbf{Y}/\mathbf{L}^{2} \right) \cdot \mathbf{x}^{2} \right]^{2}} \right\} d\mathbf{x}$$

integrals: $- \int \left\{ \frac{x^2}{\left[a^2 - x^2\right]^2} \right\} dx = \frac{x}{2(a^2 - x^2)} - \frac{1}{4a} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{a + x}{a - x} \right|$ $- \int \left\{ \frac{x^3}{\left[a^2 - x^2\right]^2} \right\} dx = \frac{a^2}{2(a^2 - x^2)} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left|a^2 - x^2\right|$

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after integration replace Y with y_{tip}

$$y_{tip} = \frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot w \cdot V^{2} \cdot L^{4}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot E \cdot I \cdot (y_{tip})^{2}} \left[\frac{3L^{2} - (d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip})}{2\{(d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}) - L^{2}\}} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3L}{4\sqrt{d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}}} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}} + L}{\sqrt{d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}} - L} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}}{d \cdot L^{2}/y_{tip}} - L \right| \right]$$

using normalized displacement

$$\Delta = \frac{y_{tip}}{d}$$

• integral becomes

$$\Delta^{3} = \frac{\varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o} \cdot w \cdot V^{2} \cdot L^{4}}{12 \cdot E \cdot I \cdot d^{3}} \left[\frac{\Delta}{1 - \Delta} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1}{1 - \Delta} \right| - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\Delta} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{1 - \sqrt{\Delta}} \right| \right]$$

• or finally
$$\Delta^3 \cdot \left[\frac{\Delta}{1-\Delta} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1}{1-\Delta} \right| - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\Delta} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1+\sqrt{\Delta}}{1-\sqrt{\Delta}} \right| \right]^{-1} = \frac{\varepsilon_r \cdot \varepsilon_o \cdot w \cdot V^2}{12 \cdot E \cdot I \cdot d}$$

 $\cdot \mathbf{L}^4$

 solve implicitly by plotting vs delta

$$\Delta^{3} \cdot \left| \frac{\Delta}{1 - \Delta} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1}{1 - \Delta} \right| - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\Delta} \cdot \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{1 - \sqrt{\Delta}} \right| \right|$$

• solution is obtained by plotting "normalized force"

- then find value of delta at intersection



Thermopneumatic actuation

- use sealed volume
 - temperature change accompanied by pressure and volume changes

$$P_{i} \cdot V_{i} = N \cdot R \cdot T_{i}$$

$$V_{i} = A \cdot h_{i}$$

$$P_{f} \cdot V_{f} = N \cdot R \cdot T_{f}$$

$$V_{f} = A \cdot (h_{i} + x)$$

$$\frac{P_{i} \cdot V_{i}}{T_{i}} = \frac{P_{f} \cdot V_{f}}{T_{f}} \longrightarrow \frac{P_{i} \cdot A \cdot h_{i}}{T_{i}} = \frac{P_{f} \cdot A \cdot (h_{i} + x)}{T_{f}} \longrightarrow \frac{h_{i} + x}{h_{i}} = \frac{P_{i}}{P_{f}} \cdot \frac{T_{f}}{T_{i}}$$
but
$$P_{f} = P_{i} + \frac{k \cdot x}{A} \longrightarrow \frac{h_{i} + x}{h_{i}} = \frac{P_{i}}{P_{i} + \frac{k}{A} \cdot x} \cdot \frac{T_{f}}{T_{i}}$$

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Thermopneumatic actuation

- h_i
- resulting equation for displacement is quadratic

$$\frac{\mathbf{h}_{i} + \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{h}_{i}} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_{i}}{\mathbf{P}_{i} + \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{T}_{f}}{\mathbf{T}_{i}} \quad \blacksquare \quad \mathbf{x}^{2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{A}} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{h}_{i}}{\mathbf{A}} + \mathbf{P}_{i}\right) + \mathbf{h}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{i} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{T}_{f}}{\mathbf{T}_{i}}\right) = 0$$

– solve for x, using the normalized "force" $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{i}}}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{h}_{i} \cdot (1 + \alpha) \cdot \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \cdot \frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{T}_{f}}{\mathbf{T}_{i}} - 1\right)} \right]$$

- to maximize displacement sensitivity to temperature make α big
 - (cross sectional area / h_i) big
 - k small
- leading term

$$\mathbf{h}_{i} \cdot (1 + \alpha) = \mathbf{h}_{i} + \frac{\mathbf{P}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{k}$$

Thermal deflection of bimorph beam

- consider a cantilever beam made of two materials with unequal TCE's
 - assume no built-in stress, one end pinned cantilever



