

Lecture 3: Benefits of Scaling II

- Announcements:
- As announced last time, I am on travel right now
- This is a pre-recorded video
- The notes from last time are online, as well as the video - both in the Lecture link table
- Modules 1 & 2 are online (also, in the Lecture link table)
- HW#1A (due Wednesday, Feb. 3) online at the Homework link
- HW#1B (due Wednesday, Feb. 10) also online
- Get your computer accounts by following the instructions at the end of the Course Info Sheet (the new one recently uploaded)

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Today:

- Reading: Senturia, Chapter 1
- Lecture Topics:

↳ Benefits of Miniaturization

↳ Examples

- GHz micromechanical resonators
- Chip-scale atomic clock
- Micro gas chromatograph

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Last Time:

- Going through Module 2, looking at a clamped-clamped beam resonator example

= Eq. for Resonance Freq:

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 1.03 \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}} \frac{h}{L^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $E \hat{=}$  Young's modulus of elasticity [GPa]

$\rho \hat{=}$  density [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]

$h \hat{=}$  thickness [m]

$L \hat{=}$  length [m]

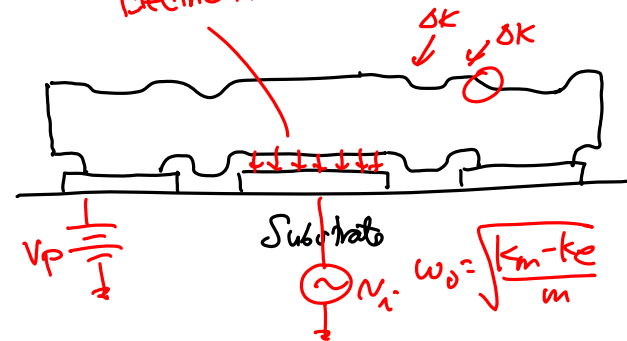
Example -  $L = 40 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 2 \mu\text{m}$

poly Si  $\rightarrow E = 150 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho = 2300 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$\therefore f_0 = (1.03) \sqrt{\frac{150 \text{ G}}{2300}} \frac{2 \mu}{(40 \mu)^2} \Rightarrow f_0 = 10.4 \text{ MHz}$$

generator electrical stiffness  
Electric Field

Why isn't this 0.5 MHz?  
(as measured)



Scaling: 2x, 1/2x

① Scale all dimensions equally by a factor  $S$

$$f_0 \sim \frac{S}{S^2} = \frac{1}{S}$$

② If scale  $L$  only:  $f_0 = \frac{1}{S^2}$  → even faster rise in freq!  
 (...but problem...)

Example:

$L = 4 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow f_0 = (1.03)(8076) \frac{24}{(4\mu)^2} = 1.04 \text{ GHz}$

ignore width effects → really need  $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$   
 questionable thing to do

Remarks:

① Eq.(1) not accurate when  $L \approx W \approx h$

② When  $L \approx h$  (or when it isn't more than  $10 \times h$ )  
 → get anchor loss problems

$Q = \frac{\text{energy per cycle}}{\text{energy lost per cycle}}$

Soln:

③ Solution: use nonuniformities! ✓

↳ ex.  $h = 300 \text{ nm}, L \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$

$k = \text{small}$   
 ↳ very little anchor loss →  $Q \sim 1,000$

↳ Problem: power handling ↓ when rise ↓

↳ Soln: use massive numbers in arrays!

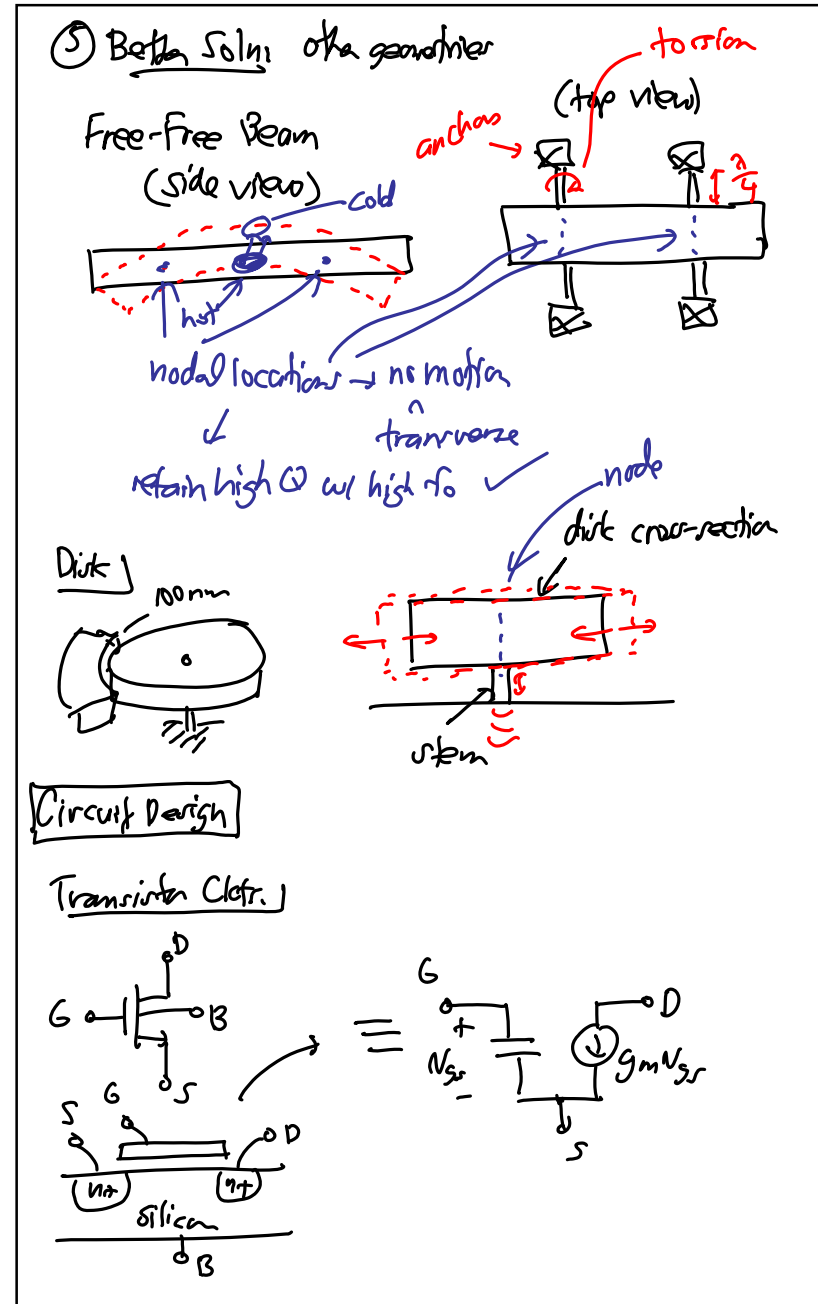
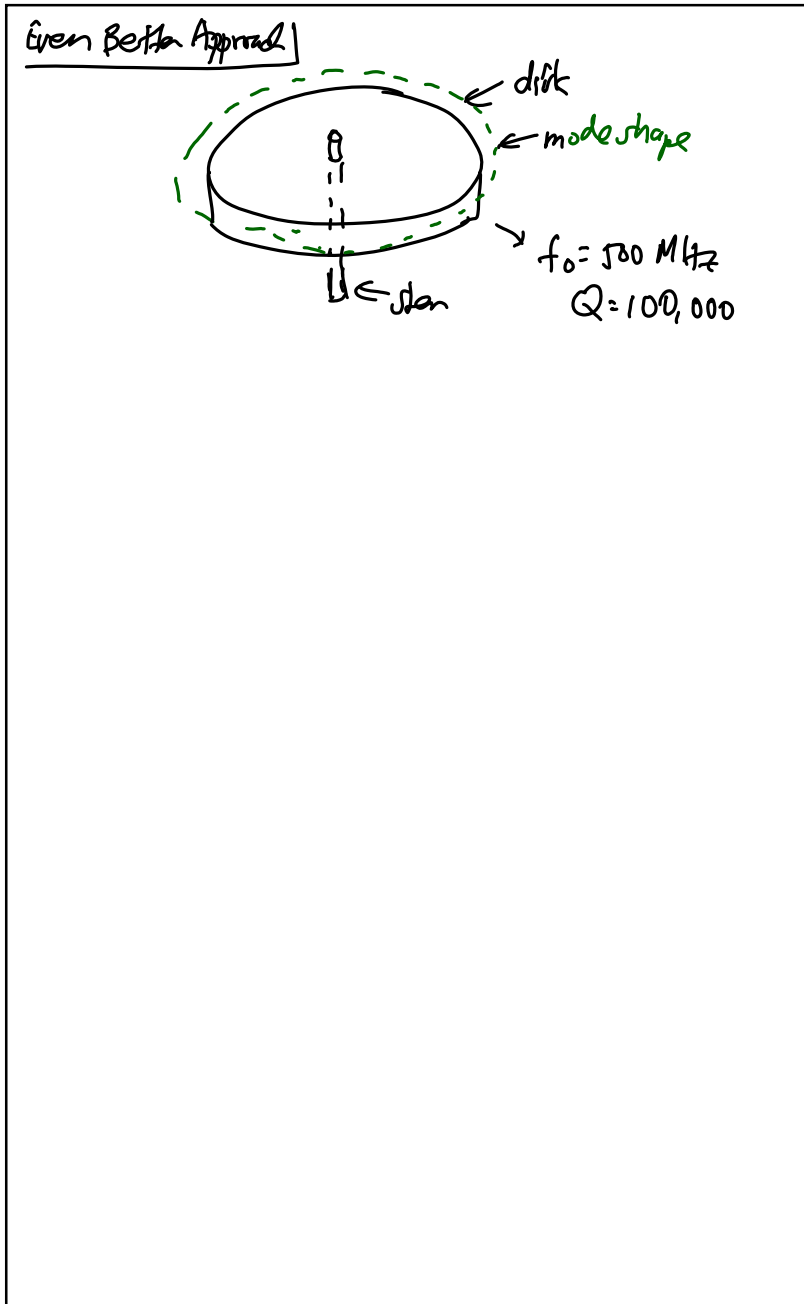
④ Better Soln: use other geometries

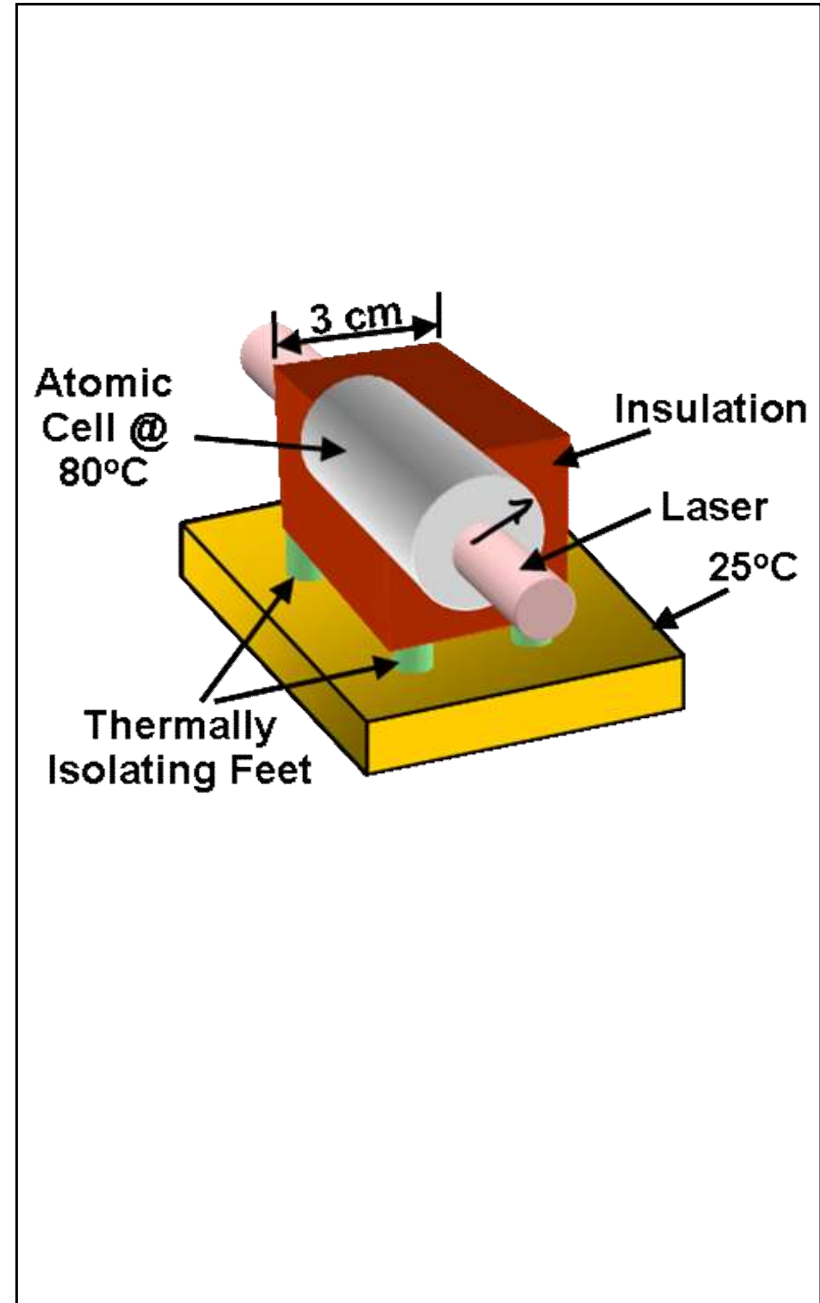
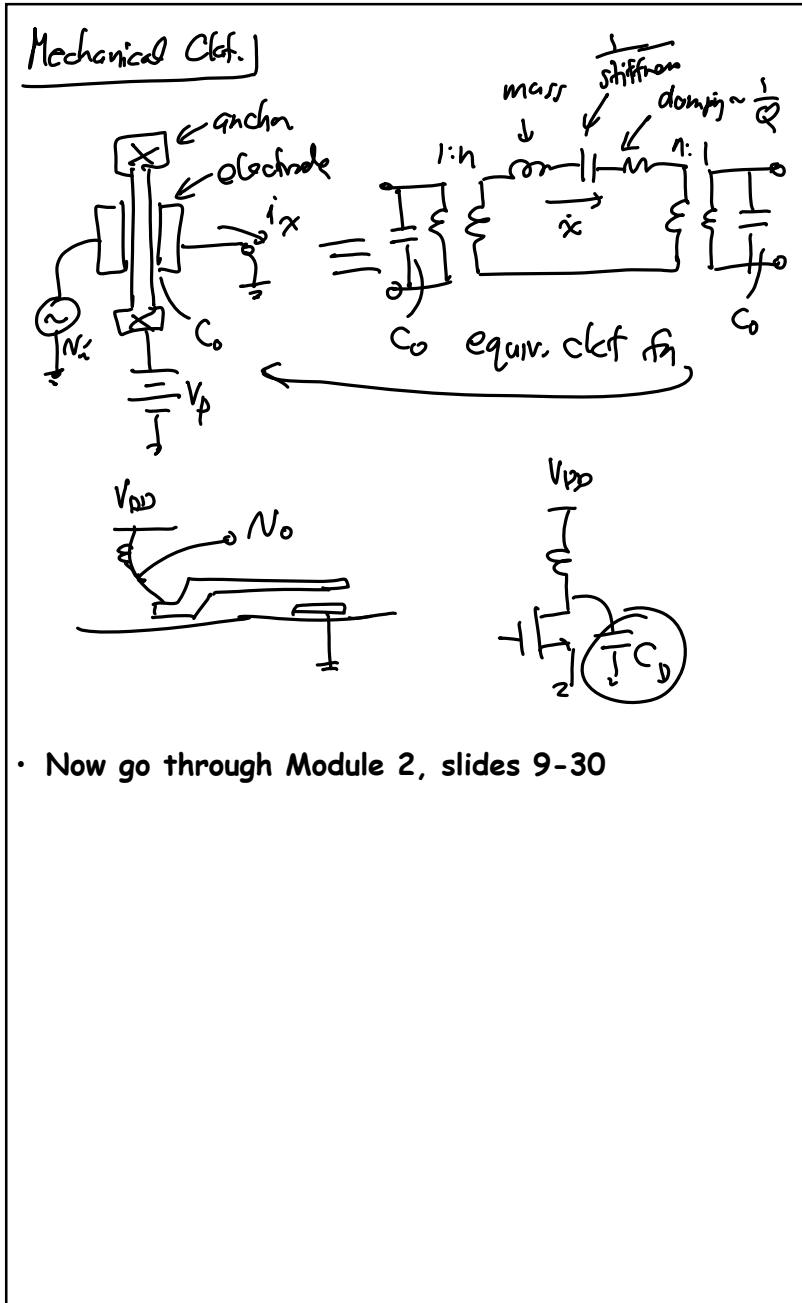
Free-Free Beam: nodal points

(side view)

no vertical motion → less loss from pumping into the substrate

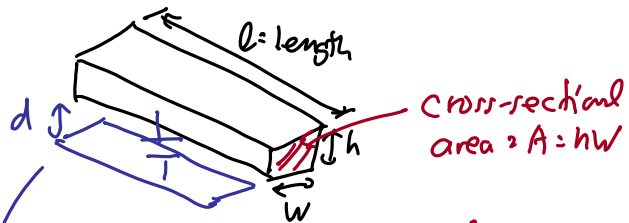
(top view)





Review Electrical Resistance First

(then add the thermal R analogy)



$$R_e \triangleq \text{electrical resistance} = \frac{l}{\sigma A}$$

$$C_e = \text{capacitance} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r l}{d}$$

↑  
electrical conductivity