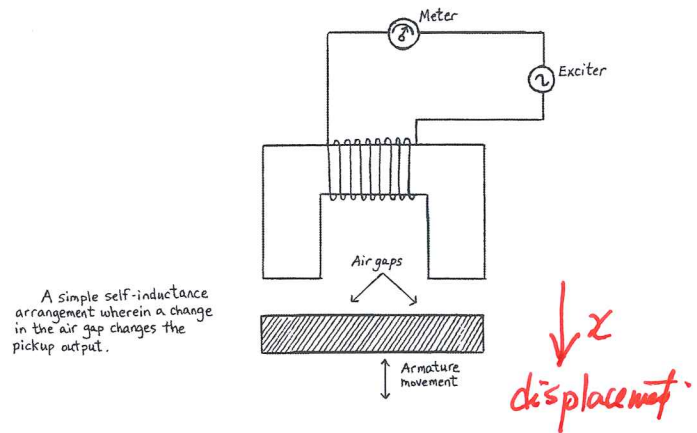


## Self-Induction Transducers:

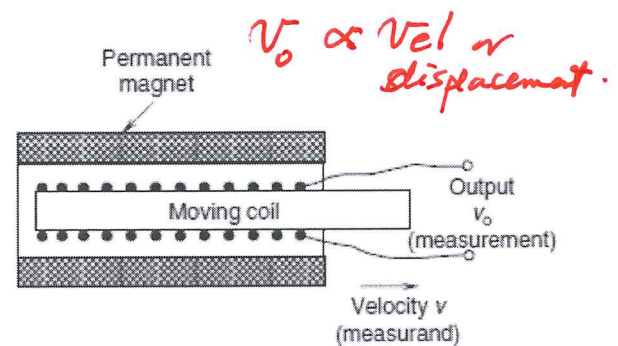
- Unlike mutual-induction transducers, only a single coil is employed.
- This coil is activated by an ac supply voltage  $V_{ref}$  of sufficiently high frequency.
- The current produces a magnetic flux, which is linked back with the coil.
- The level of flux linkage (or self-inductance) can be varied by moving a ferromagnetic object within the magnetic field.
- This movement changes the reluctance of the flux linkage path and also the inductance in the coil.
- The change in self-inductance, which can be measured using an inductance-measuring circuit represents the measurand (displacement of the object).
- Note that self-induction transducers are usually variable-reluctance devices as well.



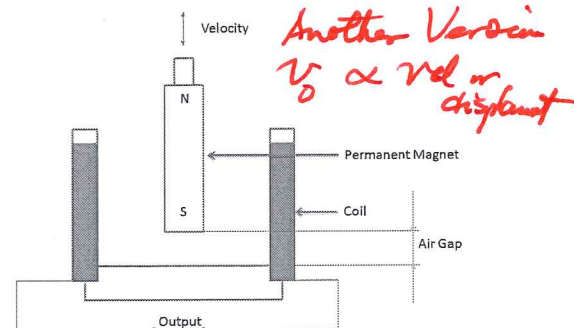
## Permanent-Magnet Transducers:

A distinctive feature of permanent magnet transducers is that they have a permanent magnet to generate a uniform and steady magnetic field.

- A relative motion between the magnetic field and an electrical conductor induces a voltage, which is proportional to the speed at which the conductor crosses the magnetic field (i.e., the rate of change of flux linkage).
- In some designs, a unidirectional magnetic field generated by a dc supply (i.e., an electromagnet) is used in place of a permanent magnet.
- Permanent-magnet transducers are not variable-reluctance devices in general.

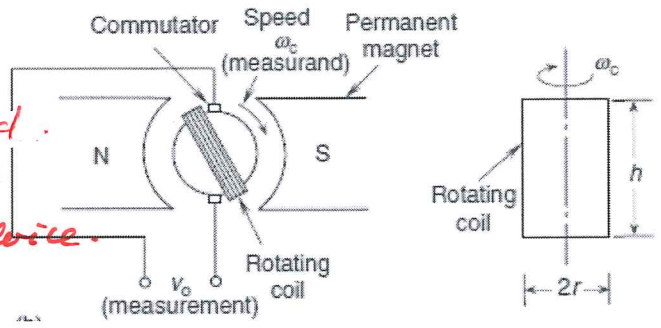


Moving Magnet Type velocity Transducer



# DC Tachometer

- Measures Angular Velocities
- output signal that is induced in rotating coil is picked up as DC voltage  $V_o$  using a commutator device.

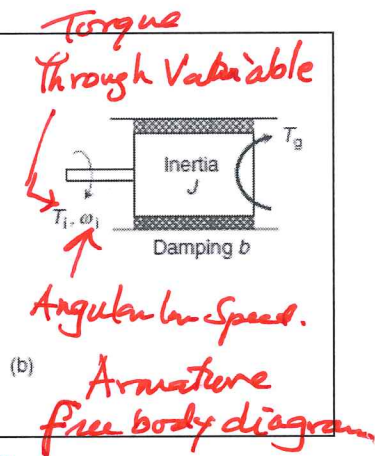
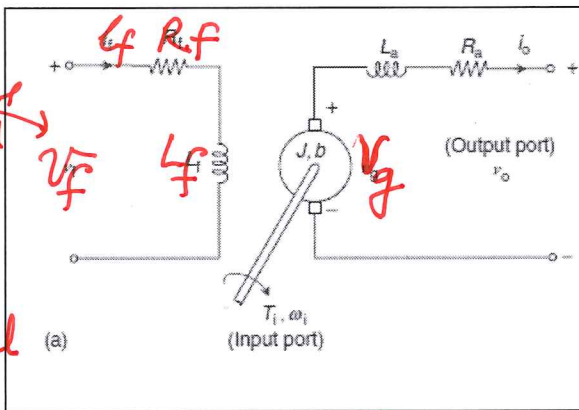


$$V_o = (2nhr\beta) \omega_c = k\omega_c$$

Coil turns  $\rightarrow$   $2n$   
 Coil height  $\rightarrow$   $h$   
 Coil width  $\rightarrow$   $2r$   
 $\beta$  flux density  
 $k$  Back emf constant  
 $\omega_c$  Angular Speed

## Modeling and Design Example:

- Find Transfer function by.
- Assumptions required to decouple this result into practical input/output model for a tachometer.
- Significance of Mechanical and Electrical Time Constant.



Gen. voltage  $\rightarrow$   $V_g = k\omega_i$  (1)  
 constant field current  $\rightarrow$   $V_g = k\omega_i$  (1)  
 $T_g = k i_f i_o = k i_o$  (2)  
 using Newton's Second Law:  $F=ma$

Armature Resistance  $\rightarrow$   $V_o = V_g - R_a i_o - L_a \frac{di_o}{dt}$  (3)  
 Leakage Inductance  $\rightarrow$   $V_o = V_g - R_a i_o - L_a \frac{di_o}{dt}$  (3)  
 Armature Inertia  $\rightarrow$   $J \frac{d\omega_i}{dt} = T_i - T_g - b\omega_i$  (4)  
 damping Constant  $\rightarrow$   $J \frac{d\omega_i}{dt} = T_i - T_g - b\omega_i$  (4)

Equation (1) substituted into (3) to eliminate  $V_g$ , (2) into (4) to eliminate  $T_g$

Result  $V_o = k\omega_i - (R_a + sL_a) i_o$  (5)  
 $(b + sJ) \omega_i = T_i - k i_o$  (6)  
 $i_o$  in (5) can be eliminated using equation (6)  
 Note: Laplace Transforms.

Finally,  $i_0$  in Equation (5) is eliminated using Equation (6). This gives the matrix transfer function relation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_o \\ i_o \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K + (R_a + sL_a)(b + sJ)/K & -(R_a + sL_a)/K \\ -(b + sJ)/K & 1/K \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_i \\ T_i \end{pmatrix}$$

decoupling

$$v_o = \underbrace{K + \frac{(R_a + sL_a)(b + sJ)}{K}}_{\text{to minimize this}} \omega_i - \frac{(R_a + sL_a)}{K} T_i$$

\* to minimize this  
K should be large

⇒ increase # of turns

\* Also system will become stable

Electrical terms:  $\frac{L_a}{R_a}$

Mechanical terms:  $\frac{J}{b}$

In practical sense  $\frac{L_a}{R_a} \ll \frac{J_a}{b}$

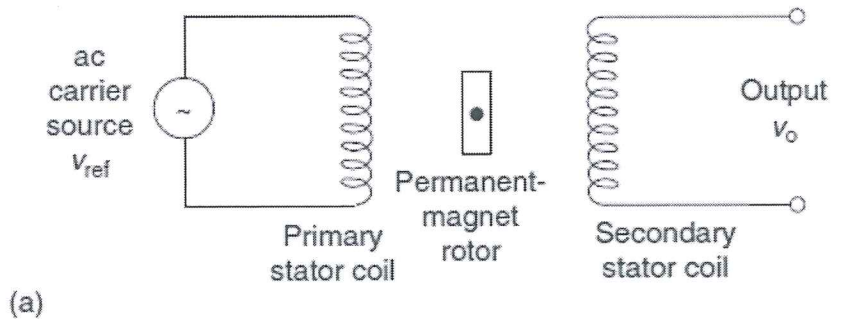
Electrical Time constant:  $\frac{L_a}{R_a} = \tau_e$

Mechanical Time constant:  $\frac{J}{b} = \tau_m$

- + \* To Reduce  $\tau_m$ : Decrease Inertia, increase Rotor damping
- \* Rotor Inertia  $\propto$  dimensions which determine <sup>gain</sup> K - Face  $\downarrow$  K
- \* Increase  $b$  ⇒ large  $T_i$  for Tachometer, could create loading.
- + \* Low K: Reduction of coupling & Reduction of freq. dep. on system.

## Permanent-Magnet AC Tachometer:

- When the rotor is stationary or moving in a quasi-static manner, the output voltage is a constant amplitude signal much like the reference voltage, as in an electrical transformer.



- As the rotor moves at a finite speed, an additional induced voltage, which is proportional to the rotor speed, is generated in the secondary coil.
- This is due to the rate of change of flux linkage into the secondary coil as a result of the rotating magnet. The overall output from the secondary coil is an amplitude-modulated signal whose amplitude is proportional to the rotor speed.
- For transient velocities, it becomes necessary to demodulate this signal in order to extract the transient velocity signal (i.e., the modulating signal) from the overall (modulated) output.
- The direction of velocity is determined from the phase angle of the modulated signal with respect to the carrier signal.

## AC Induction Tachometer:

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- Primary stator coil induces a voltage in Rotor coil. Modulated Signal
  - Rotor spin provides modulating signal
  - which is  $\propto$  spin (speed of rotation)
  - Non-Energized stator: secondary coil provides o/p of tachometer.  
 $V_o \propto$  stator field  $\frac{1}{2}$  speed of Rotor coil
  - Demodulation required to extract component  $\propto$  angular speed of Rotor.
  - No slip rings, no brushes, (No voltage ripples as in DC + Brush Noise)

**Variable-Capacitance Transducers:**

Variable-inductance  $j\omega L$  devices and variable-capacitance  $1/j\omega C$  devices are variable-reactance devices.

$L \frac{di}{dt} = v$  and  $C \frac{dv}{dt} = i$

Capacitance =  $K \frac{A}{x}$ ;  $x$ : gap between plates  
 $K$ : dielectric constant =  $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \cdot \epsilon_0$  in Vacuum  
 $A$ : overlapping Area of Two plates (Fixed & Rotating)  
 Results in varying  $\epsilon$ ?

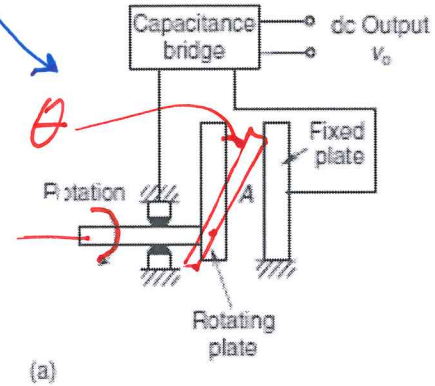
**Capacitive Rotation Sensor: (fig a)**

1-stationary plate + 1-Rotating plate  
 $A \propto \theta$ ;  $K$ : sensor-constant

$C = K \theta$

Sensitivity of this angular displacement sensor is:

$S = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta} = K$



**Capacitive Displacement Sensor: (fig b)**

- Sensor for measuring transverse displacements and proximities
- Cap. plate attached to moving plate

Sensor Relation is  $C = \frac{K}{x}$

Comparing Sensor Sensitivity is given by:

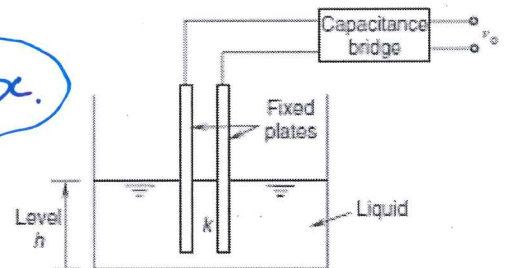
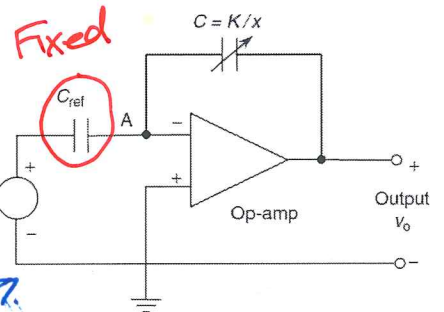
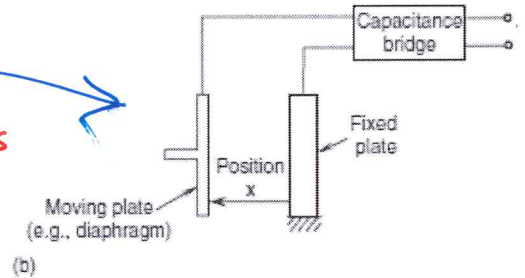
$S = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = -\frac{K}{x^2}$  ← NON LINEAR

To Linearize, use inverting Amp.

Node-A:  $V_{ref} C_{ref} + V_o C = 0$

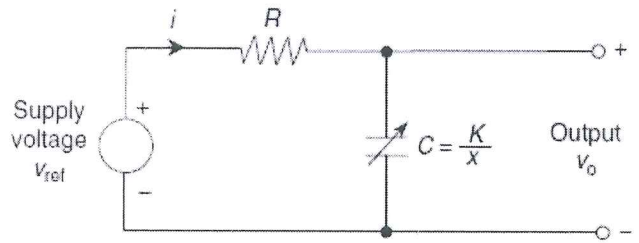
$\therefore C = K/x \therefore V_o = -\frac{V_{ref} \cdot C_{ref}}{K} x$

- Solid Di-Electric element, free to move in longitudinal direction of capacitor plates
- Di-Electric Const. changes due to Motion  $\therefore$  Level detection.



### Example:

Consider the circuit shown, examine how this arrangement could be used to measure displacements.



### Solution:

- Assuming high  $Z$  used to measure  $V_o$
- $i$  in  $C$  is same as in  $R$

$$i = C \frac{dV_o}{dt} = \frac{V_{ref} - V_o}{R}$$

$$\text{Sensor Relationship is } C = \frac{K}{x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{K}{x} \frac{d}{dt} V_o = \frac{V_{ref} - V_o}{R}$$

$$\frac{RK V_o}{x} = \int_{t=0}^t (V_{ref} - V_o) dt$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{RK V_o}{\int_{t=0}^t (V_{ref} - V_o) dt}$$

Integration  $\Rightarrow$  Accumulation  $\rightarrow$  delay  $\rightarrow$  <sup>operating</sup> Speed limit  $\rightarrow$  Frequency Range.

Frequency Domain transfer function:  $V_o/V_{ref}$  ?

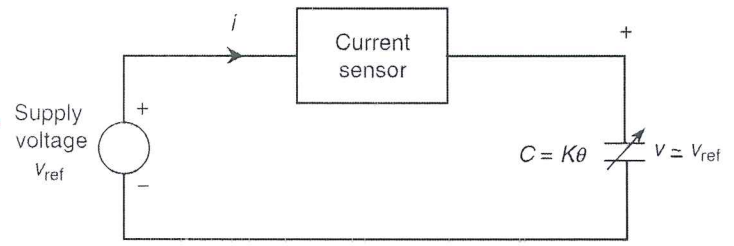
$$\frac{V_o}{V_{ref}} = \frac{1}{[1 + RKj\omega/x]}$$

$$\text{Measuring Magnitude for } x = \frac{RK\omega}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 - 1}}$$

$$\text{phase lag } \phi = \frac{RK\omega}{\tan \phi}$$

### Capacitive Angular Velocity Sensor:

- uses Rotating-plate Capacitor
- Current sensor has negl. Res.
- $V_{\text{capacitor}} = V = V_{\text{ref}}$



$$i = \frac{d}{dt}(C V_{\text{ref}}) = V_{\text{ref}} \frac{dC}{dt} ; \text{ For Rotating Plate: } C = K\theta$$

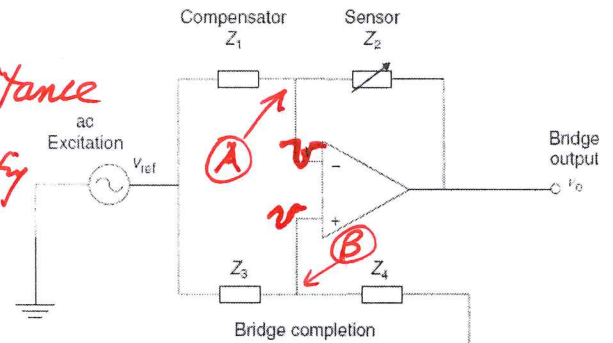
$$\therefore C = V_{\text{ref}} \frac{dK\theta}{dt} = V_{\text{ref}} \cdot K \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} \therefore \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{i}{K V_{\text{ref}}}$$

angular velocity  $\propto i$

- Some loading due to moving plate, frictional
- Temp, Humidity, Pressure can also force?
- introduce errors.
- over come by  $\rightarrow$  **Capacitive-Bridge Circuit:**

1 Pf/1mm

- Sensors depend on change of Capacitance
- Change due to Temp/press/humidity result in capacitance change should be compensated !!



$$Z_2 = \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} ; Z_1 = \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \leftarrow \text{Compensating Cap.} ; Z_3, Z_4 : \text{Imp. to Complete Bridge.}$$

$\leftarrow$  Sensing Cap.

$$V_{\text{ref}} = V_a \sin \omega t \text{ (excitation ac 'v')} ; V_o = V_b \sin(\omega t - \phi) \quad \phi \text{-Lag.}$$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad \frac{V_{\text{ref}} - v}{Z_1} + \frac{v_o - v}{Z_2} = 0 ; \quad \textcircled{B} \quad \frac{V_{\text{ref}} - v}{Z_3} + \frac{0 - v}{Z_4} = 0$$

$$\text{Eliminating } v ; \quad v_o = \left( \frac{\frac{Z_4}{Z_3} - \frac{Z_2}{Z_1}}{1 + \frac{Z_4}{Z_3}} \right) v_{\text{ref}} ; \quad v_o = 0 \text{ if } \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} = \frac{Z_4}{Z_3} \Rightarrow \text{Balanced Bridge.}$$

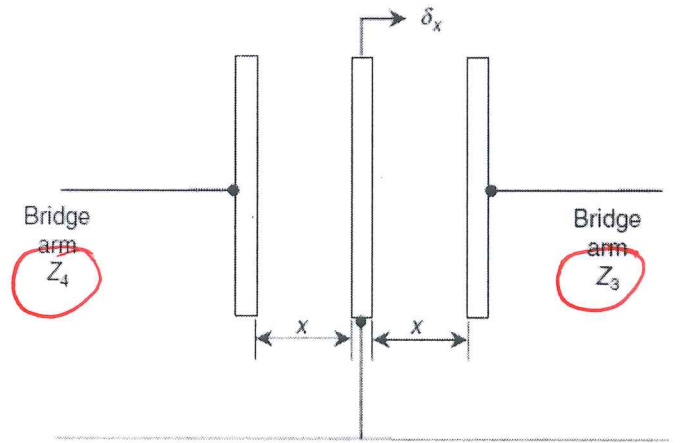
Note: All Caps changed equally so Ambient Effects are taken care of !!

Change in  $Z_2 \rightarrow (Z_2 + \delta Z)$

$$\delta v_o = - \frac{\delta Z}{Z_1 (1 + Z_4/Z_3)} V_{\text{ref}} ; Z_1, Z_4, Z_3 \text{ Known.}$$

## Differential (Push-Pull) Displacement Sensor:

- Two end plates are fixed
- Middle plate attached to a moving object whose displacement (Linear)  $\delta x$  needs to be measured.



- plates connected to bridge circuit (Last Page) forming  $Z_3 + Z_4$ . (displacement  $x$  to be observed)
- Initially Middle plate is placed at an equal separation of  $x$  from either plate.
- Then moved by  $\delta x$

$$Z_3 = \frac{1}{j\omega C_3} = \frac{x - \delta x}{j\omega k}$$

$$Z_4 = \frac{1}{j\omega C_4} = \frac{x + \delta x}{j\omega k}$$

Note that  
 $C = \frac{k}{x}$

$$V_o = \frac{\frac{Z_4 - Z_2}{Z_3} - \frac{Z_2}{Z_1}}{1 + \frac{Z_4}{Z_3}}$$

$Z_1, Z_2$  make the bridge  $\neq$  EQUAL.

$$\therefore V_o = \frac{Z_4 - 1}{Z_3} V_{ref}$$

$$\left( \frac{Z_4 - Z_3}{Z_3 + Z_4} \right) V_{ref}$$

$Z_1 = Z_2$

Then

$$V_o = \frac{\frac{x + \delta x}{j\omega k} - \frac{x - \delta x}{j\omega k}}{\frac{x + \delta x}{j\omega k} + \frac{x - \delta x}{j\omega k}} V_{ref}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x + \delta x} - \cancel{x - \delta x}}{j\omega k}$$

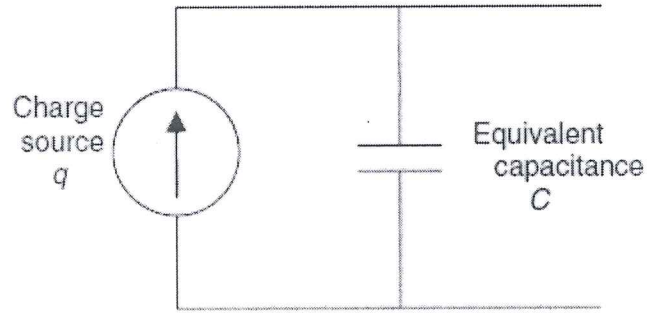
$$V_{ref} = \frac{2\delta x}{2x} = \frac{\delta x}{x} V_{ref}$$

$$\therefore V_o = \frac{\delta x}{x} V_{ref}$$

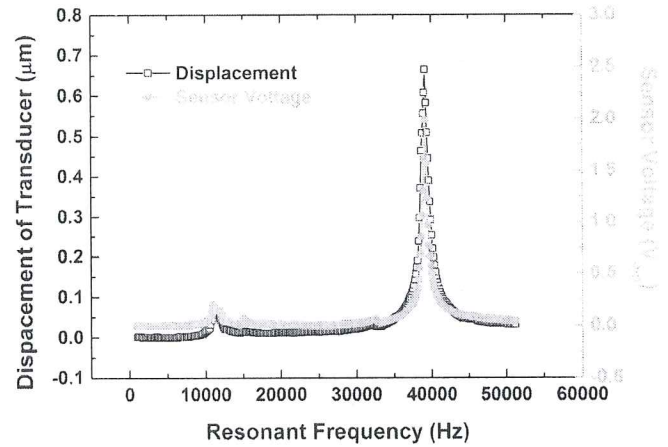
Linear and measures the incremental displacement.

**Piezoelectric Sensors:**

Some substances, such as barium titanate, single-crystal quartz, and lead zirconatetitanate (PZT) *can generate an electrical charge and an associated potential difference when they are subjected to mechanical stress or strain.* This piezoelectric effect is used in piezoelectric transducers.



- $Z = \frac{1}{j\omega C} \Rightarrow Z \uparrow$  especially at low 'f'
- eg. Quartz Signal at 100 Hz  
Z is several Mega ohms
- Limitation on useful low 'f' area
- Charge leakage  $\propto$  Insulation Resistance.



Sensitivity:

- Sensitivity of Piezoelectric xtal may be represented by charge sensitivity OR voltage sensitivity

• Charge Sensitivity:  $S_q = \frac{\partial q}{\partial F}$  — change / Applied force

Given Surface Area 'A'

$S_q = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial q}{\partial P}$  — stress/pressure

• Voltage Sensitivity  $S_v = \frac{1}{d} \frac{\partial v}{\partial P}$  — change in v / unit change in Press. OR STRESS.  
 (change in v due to a unit ↑ in Press. per unit thickness)  
 ↑ xtal thickness

But  $\delta q = C \delta v$

$S_q = k S_v$

Relation between Two Sensitivities