

71. (a) The electric field amplitude is $E_m = \sqrt{2} E_{\text{rms}} = 70.7 \text{ V/m}$, so that the magnetic field amplitude is $B_m = 2.36 \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}$ by Eq. 34-5. Since the direction of propagation, \vec{E} , and \vec{B} are mutually perpendicular, we infer that the only non-zero component of \vec{B} is B_x , and note that the direction of propagation being along the $-z$ axis means the spatial and temporal parts of the wave function argument are of like sign (see §17-5). Also, from $\lambda = 250 \text{ nm}$, we find that $f = c/\lambda = 1.20 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$, which leads to $\omega = 2\pi f = 7.53 \times 10^{15} \text{ rad/s}$. Also, we note that $k = 2\pi/\lambda = 2.51 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$. Thus, assuming some “initial condition” (that, say the field is zero, with its derivative positive, at $z = 0$ when $t = 0$), we have

$$B_x = 2.36 \times 10^{-7} \sin((2.51 \times 10^7) z + (7.53 \times 10^{15}) t)$$

in SI units.

- (b) The exposed area of the triangular chip is $A = \sqrt{3}\ell^2/8$, where $\ell = 2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$. The intensity of the wave is

$$I = \frac{1}{c\mu_0} E_{\text{rms}}^2 = 6.64 \text{ W/m}^2 .$$

Thus, Eq. 34-33 leads to

$$F = \frac{2IA}{c} = 3.83 \times 10^{-20} \text{ N} .$$