

***Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMs)
Physical Fundamentals -
Part 1 - Mechanical Fundamentals***

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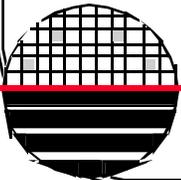
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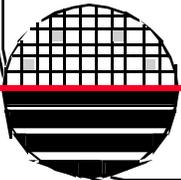
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OUTLINE

Force
Pressure
Stress, Strain and Hooke's Law
Poisson's Ratio
Simple Cantilever
Springs
Thermal Strain
Bi-metallic Actuator
Diaphragm



FORCE

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{ma} \quad (\text{newton})$$

where **m** is mass in Kg

a is acceleration in m/sec²

gravitational acceleration is 9.8 m/sec²

$$\begin{aligned} \text{newton (N)} &= 1 \text{ Kg } 1 \text{ meter/s}^2 \\ \text{dyne} &= 1 \text{ gm } 1 \text{ cm/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

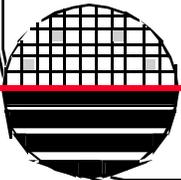
How do you convert dynes to newtons?

$$\text{N} \quad 1000\text{gm } 100\text{cm} / \text{s}^2$$

$$\text{---} = \text{-----}$$

$$\text{dyne} \quad 1\text{gm } 1 \text{ cm} / \text{s}^2$$

$$\text{so } 1 \text{ newton} = 10^5 \text{ dynes}$$



PRESSURE

Pressure is used to describe force per unit area.

$$P = F/A$$

Pressure due to the weight of liquid

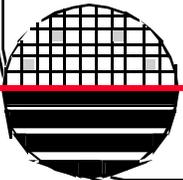
$$P = h d g$$

where h is the height

d is the density of the liquid

g is acceleration due to gravity

980 cm/sec²



PRESSURE UNITS

Table of Pressure Conversions

$$1 \text{ atm} = 14.696 \text{ lbs/in}^2 = 760.00 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 101.32 \text{ kPa} = 1.013 \times 10^6 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$$

$$1 \text{ Pascal} = 1.4504 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbs/in}^2 = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$1 \text{ mmHg} = 1 \text{ Torr (at } 0^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$1 \text{ SPL (Sound Pressure Levels)} = 0.0002 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$$

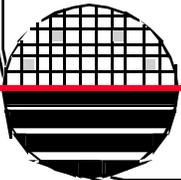
$$\text{Average speech} = 70 \text{ dB}_{\text{SPL}} = 0.645 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$$

$$\text{Pain} = 130 \text{ dB}_{\text{SPL}} = 645 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$$

$$\text{Whisper} = 18 \text{ dB}_{\text{SPL}} = 1.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ dyne/cm}^2$$

Example:

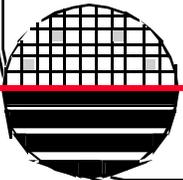
$$5 \text{ mmHg} \times \frac{14.696 \text{ lbs/in}^2}{760.00 \text{ mmHg}} = 0.0967 \text{ lbs/in}^2 = 0.00658 \text{ atm} \\ = 666.60 \text{ Pascals} = 5 \text{ Torr}$$



GAUGE PRESSURE – ABSOLUTE PRESSURE

Gauge pressure is a differential pressure measured relative to an ambient pressure. The output of a gauge pressure sensor is not sensitive to a changing barometric pressure

Absolute pressure is differential pressure measured relative to an absolute zero pressure (perfect vacuum). The output of the absolute sensor will change as a result of barometric pressure change and thus can be used as a barometer.



HOOKE'S LAW

Stress is the applied force per crosssectional area, $\sigma = F/A$

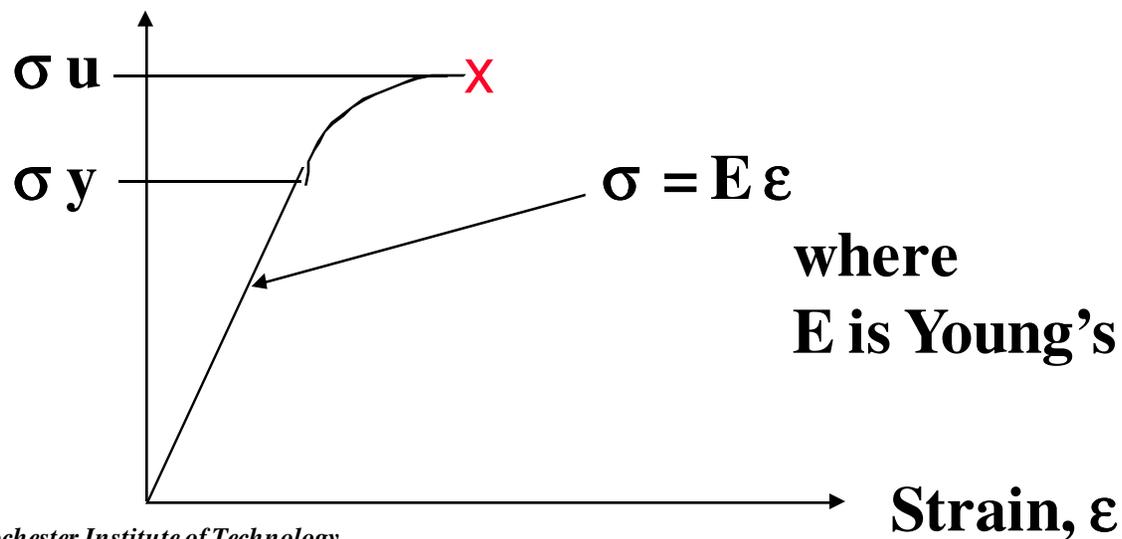
Strain is the elongation per unit length, $\epsilon = \delta L/L$

σ_y = yield strength

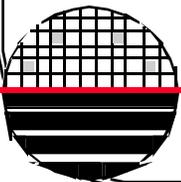
σ_u = ultimate or maximum strength

σ_b = rupture strength (for brittle material $\sigma_u = \sigma_b$)

Stress, σ



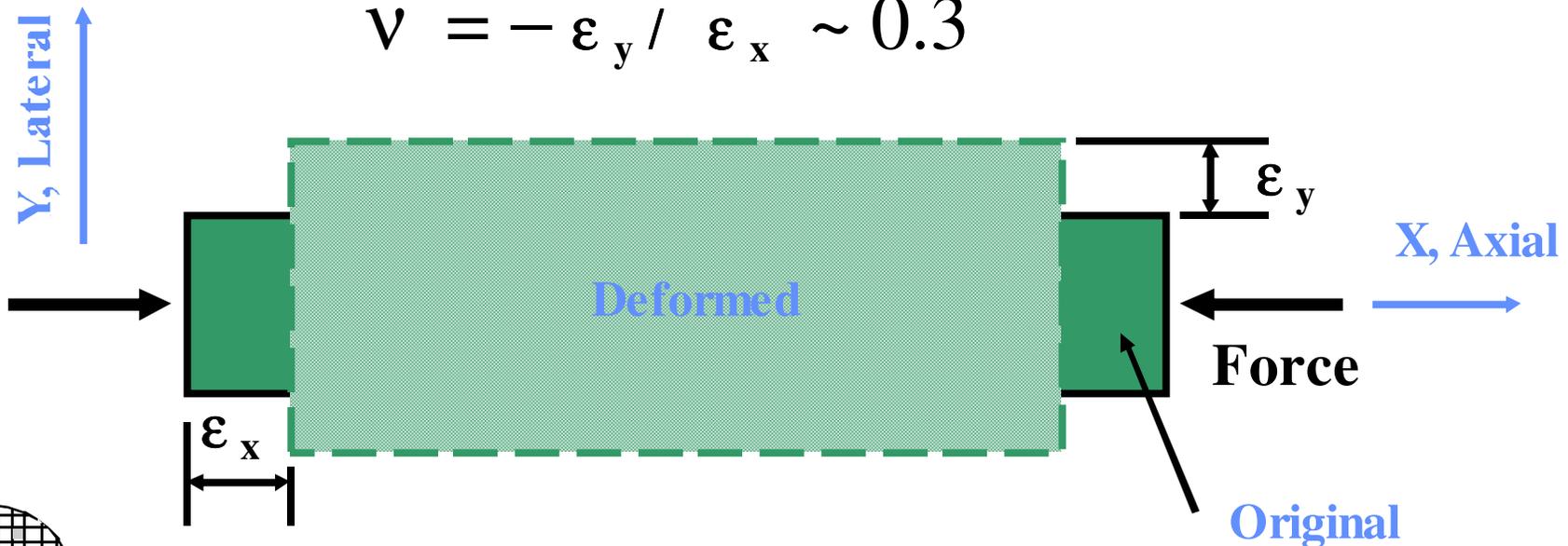
where
E is Young's modulus



POISSON'S RATIO

Poisson's ratio (ν) gives the relationship between lateral strain and axial strain. In all engineering materials the elongation produced by an axial tensile force in the direction of the force is accompanied by a contraction in any transverse direction.

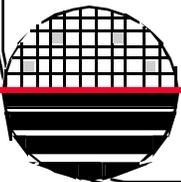
$$\nu = -\epsilon_y / \epsilon_x \sim 0.3$$



PROPERTIES OF SOME MATERIALS

	σ_y	σ_u		E	d			v
	Yield Strength	Ultimate Strength	Knoop Hardness	Youngs Modulus	Density (gr/cm ³)	Thermal Conductivity	Thermal Expansion	Poisso's Ratio
	(10 ¹⁰ dyne/cm ²)	(Kg/mm ²)	(Kg/mm ²)	(10 ¹² dyne/cm ²)		(w/cm°C)	(10 ⁻⁶ /°C)	
Si ₃ N ₄	14	28	3486	3.85	3.1	0.19	0.8	0.3
SiO ₂	8.4	16	820	0.73	2.5	0.014	0.55	0.3
Si	12	14	850	1.9	2.3	1.57	2.33	0.32
Al	0.17		130	0.68	2.7	2.36	25	0.334

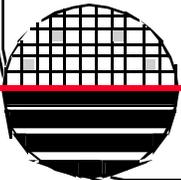
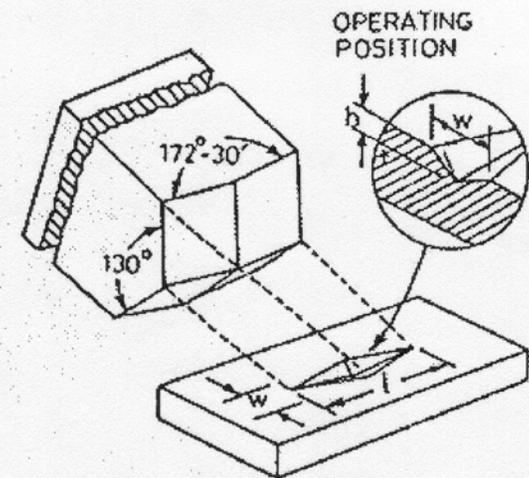
$$10 \text{ dyne/cm}^2 = 1 \text{ newton/m}^2$$



HARDNESS

Hardness is a well known physical parameter, but many different methods have been derived for the measurement and classification of materials on a hardness scale. The Knoop scale is the most commonly used, others being: Moh, Vickers, Rockwell and Brinell.

The experimental procedure for the derivation of a value on the Knoop scale is to use a pyramidal diamond point which is pressed into the material in question with a known force. The indentation made by the point is then measured and the Knoop number calculated from this measurement. A soft material would have a Knoop number of 4, whereas a hard material like sapphire has a Knoop number of 2000 and the Knoop number for diamond is 7000.

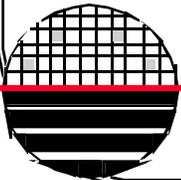


STRESS - COMPRESSIVE, TENSILE

Stress is the force per unit area applied to a mechanical member
(Pressure)

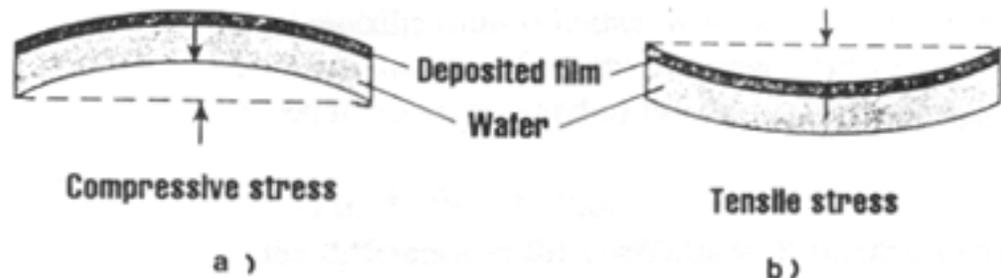
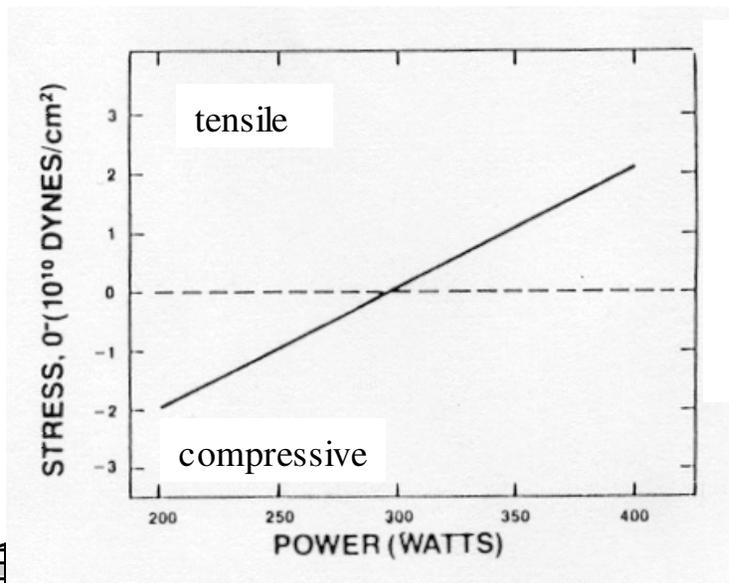
A positive sign will be used to indicate a tensile stress (member in tension) and a negative sign to indicate a compressive stress (member in compression)

These forces can be axial, transverse, oblique, shearing, torsional, thermal, etc



STRESS IN SPUTTERED FILMS

Compressively stressed films would like to expand parallel to the substrate surface, and in the extreme, films in compressive stress will buckle up on the substrate. Films in tensile stress, on the other hand, would like to contract parallel to the substrate, and may crack if their elastic limits are exceeded. In general stresses in films range from $1E8$ to $5E10$ dynes/cm².



For AVT sputtered oxide films
Dr. Grande found Compressive
18MPa stress, 1-29-2000

MEASUREMENT OF STRESS IN Si₃N₄

Kenneth L. Way, Jr. did his senior project on stress in silicon nitride films as a function of the ratio of ammonia to dichlorosilane. Samples were coated with various flows and stress was measured at ADE corporation. The silicon nitride was etched off of the backside of the wafer so that the stress curvature was due to the layer on the front side only. Dr. Lane said the nitride runs at 1:10 (ammonia:dichlorosilane) ratios are rough on the pumping system.

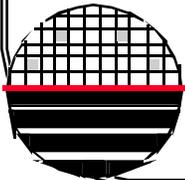
Compressive Stress



Tensile Stress



Dr. Grande sent samples to Kodak for stress measurement. He found stress of 900 MPa Tensile for the standard Nitride recipe for 1500 A thickness, 1-29-2000



LOW STRESS SILICON RICH Si₃N₄

ADE Measured stress for various Ammonia:Dichlorosilane Flow Ratios

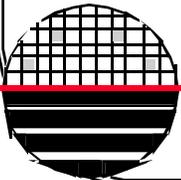
Flow	Stress x E 9 dynes/cm ²
10:1	+ 14.63
5:1	+ 14.81
2.5:1	+ 12.47
1:1	+ 10.13
1:2.5	+ 7.79*
1:5	+ 3
1:10	0

*standard recipe

Stress; $\sigma = (E/(6(1-\nu))) * (D^2/(rt))$
 where E is Youngs modulus,
 ν is Poissons ratio,
 D and t are substrate and film thickness
 r is radius of curvature (+ for tensile)

T.H Wu, “Stress in PSG and Nitride Films as Related to Film Properties and Annealing”, Solid State Technology, p 65-71, May ‘92

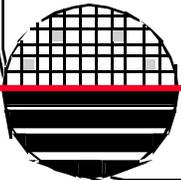
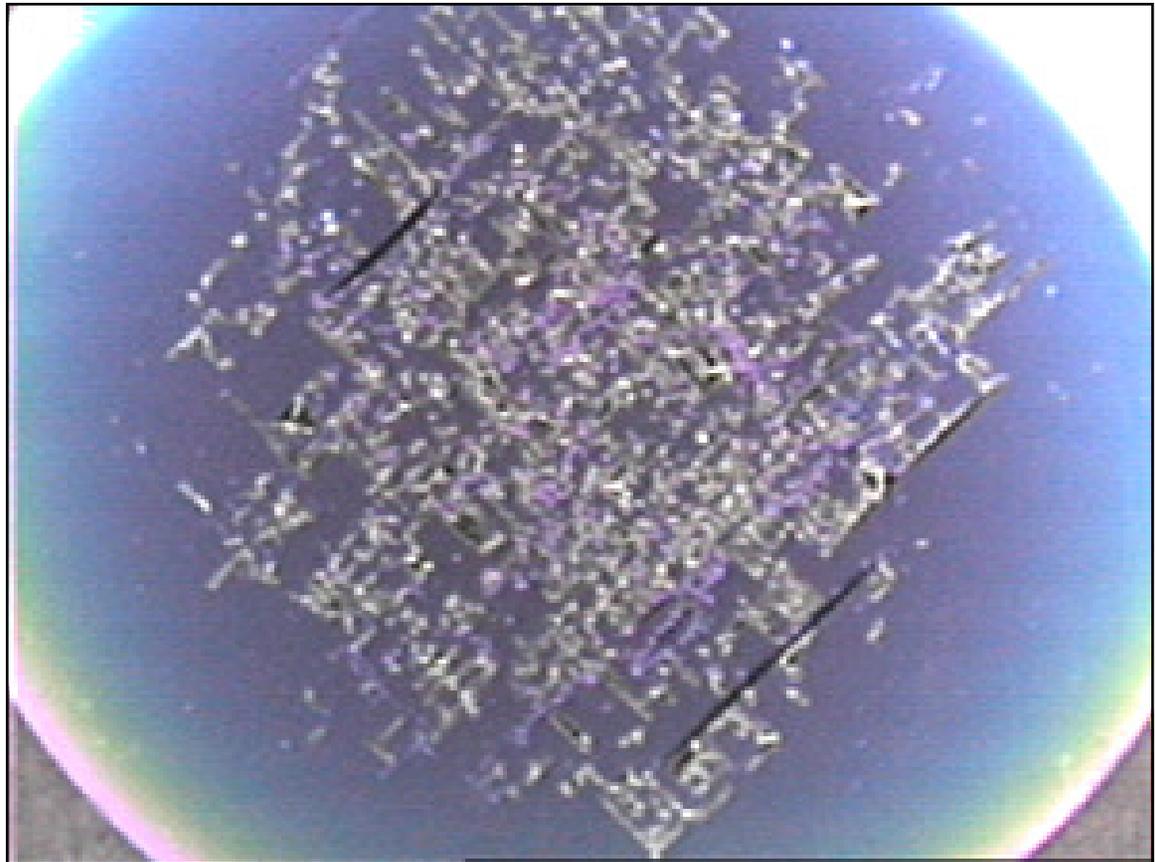
$$10 \text{ dyne/cm}^2 = 1 \text{ newton/m}^2 = 1 \text{ Pascal}$$



STRESS IN SILICON NITRIDE FILMS

Stress in an 8000 Å
Nitride Film

Tensile Stress



STRESS IN SPUTTERED TUNGSTEN FILMS

Tungsten

CVC 601

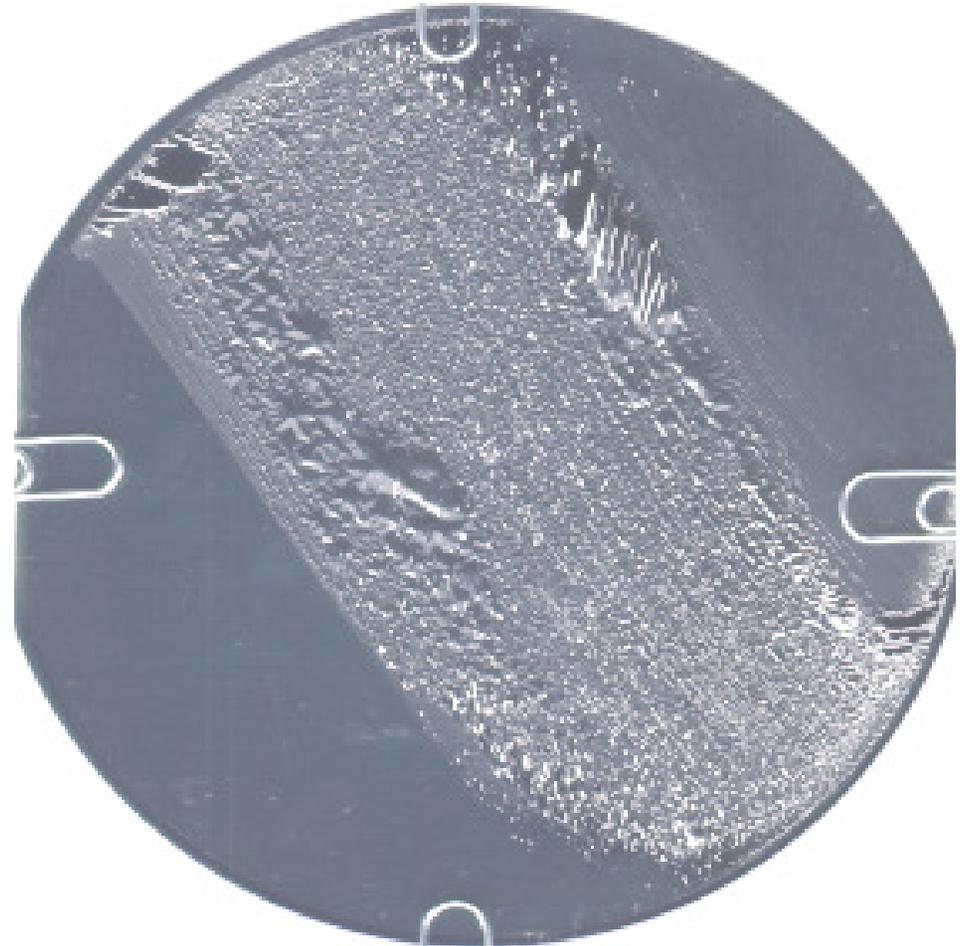
4" Target

500 Watts

50 minutes

5 mTorr Argon

Thickness ~ 0.8 μm



Compressive Stress

Picture from scanner in gowning

EXAMPLE CALCULATION

1. Compare the ADE measured stress for standard nitride to the Dr. Grande measured value.

7.79E9 dynes/cm² to 900 Mpa

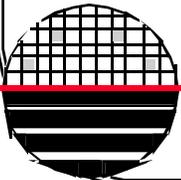
7790 E6 dynes/cm²

But 10 dynes/cm² = 1 Pascal

So 779 Mpa = ~ 900 Mpa

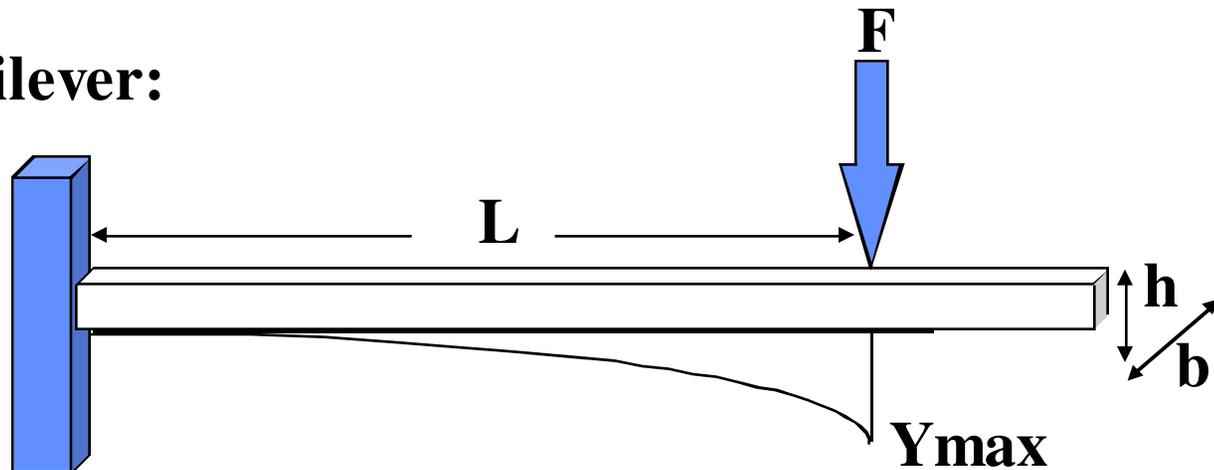
2. Estimate the height difference for a 1mm length near the center of a wafer caused by the resulting curvature from stress for the standard 1500 Å nitride deposition after removing nitride from one side of the wafer.

Answer ~ 10 μm



SIMPLE CANTILEVER

Cantilever:



$$Y_{max} = F L^3 / 3EI$$

where E = Youngs Modulus
and $I = bh^3/12$, moment of inertia

Mechanics of Materials, by Ferdinand P. Beer,
E. Russell Johnston, Jr., McGraw-Hill Book Co.1981

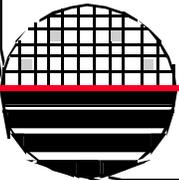
FORCE TO BEND CANTILEVER EXAMPLE

Example: Find the force needed to bend a simple polysilicon cantilever 1 μm , with the following parameters: $b=4 \mu\text{m}$, $h=2\mu\text{m}$, $L=100 \mu\text{m}$

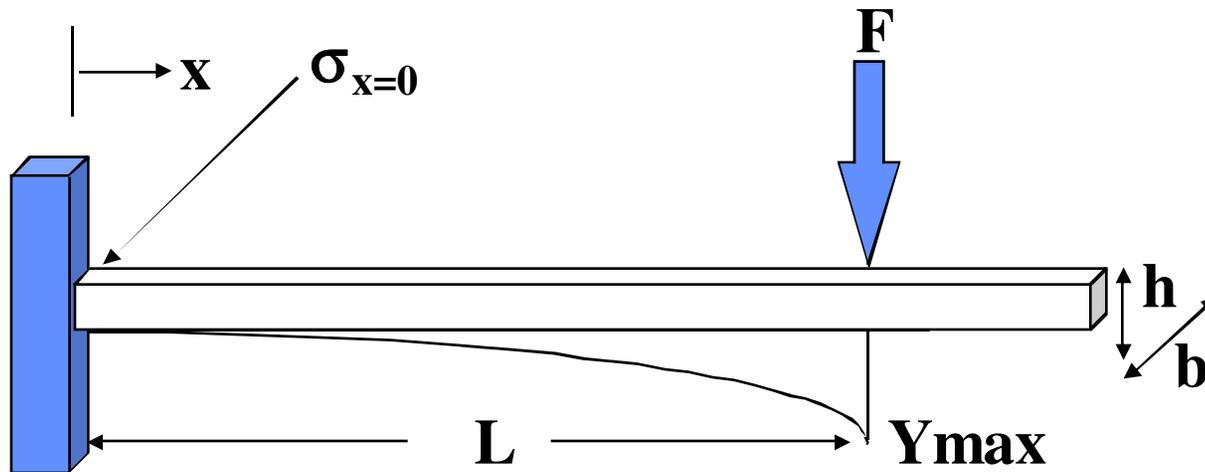
$$F = \frac{Y_{\max} 3 E b h^3}{12L^3}$$

$$F = \frac{(1\text{e-}6) 3 (1.9\text{e}11)(4\text{e-}6)(2\text{e-}6)^3}{12 (100\text{e-}6)^3}$$

$$F = 1.5\text{e-}6 \text{ newtons}$$



STRESS IN A CANTILEVER BEAM



The maximum stress is at the top surface of the cantilever beam at the anchor where $x=0$

$$\sigma_{x=0} = F L h / 2I \quad \text{where } I = b h^3 / 12, \text{ moment of inertia}$$

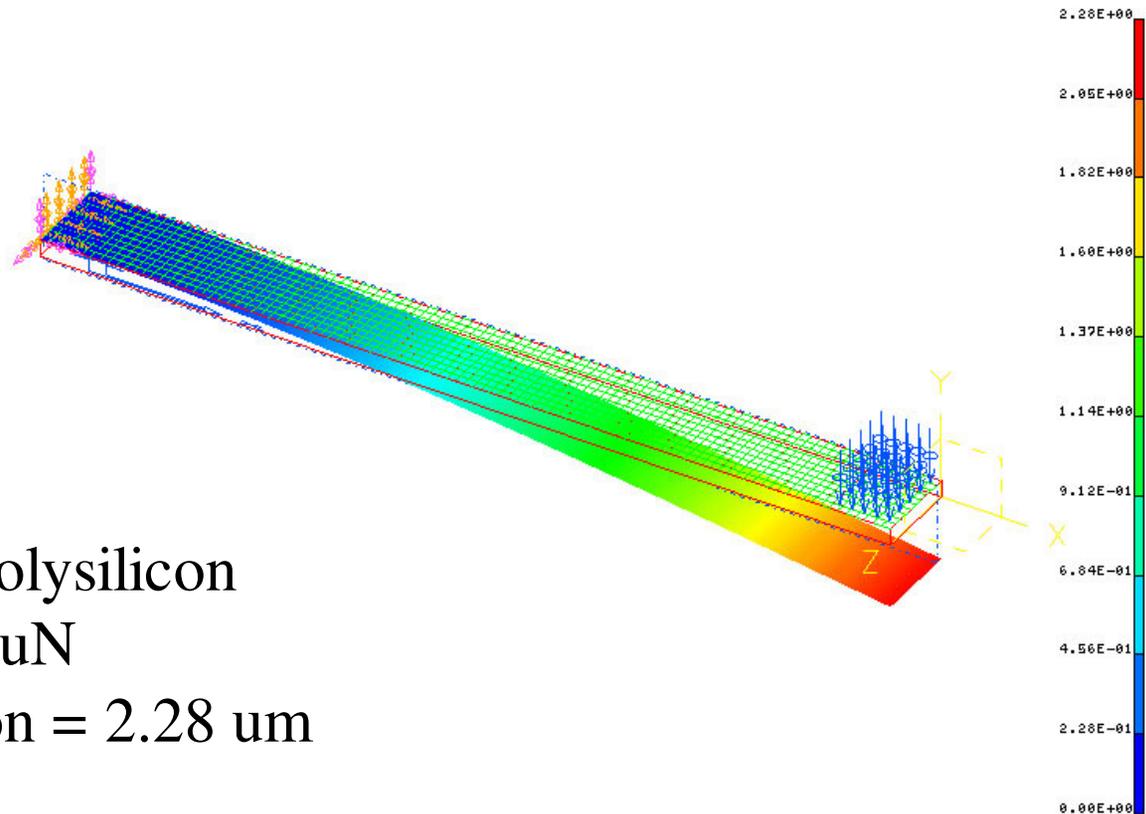
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FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

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RESULTS: 1- B.C. 1,DISPLACEMENT_1,LOAD SET 1  
DISPLACEMENT - MAG MIN: 0.00E+00 MAX: 2.28E+00  
DEFORMATION: 1- B.C. 1,DISPLACEMENT_1,LOAD SET 1  
DISPLACEMENT - MAG MIN: 0.00E+00 MAX: 2.28E+00  
FRAME OF REF: PART
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VALUE OPTION:ACTUAL



IDEAS

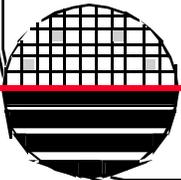
Length = 100 μm

Width = 10 μm

Thickness = 2 μm Polysilicon

Force applied = 7.2 μN

Maximum Deflection = 2.28 μm



STRESS IN CANTILEVER BEAM EXAMPLE

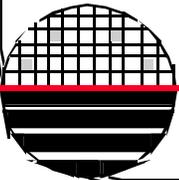
**Example: Find the maximum stress in a simple polysilicon cantilever with the following parameters.
 $Y_{max} = 1 \mu\text{m}$, $b=4 \mu\text{m}$, $h=2\mu\text{m}$, $L=100 \mu\text{m}$**

$$\sigma_{x=0} = \frac{12 F L}{2b h^2}$$

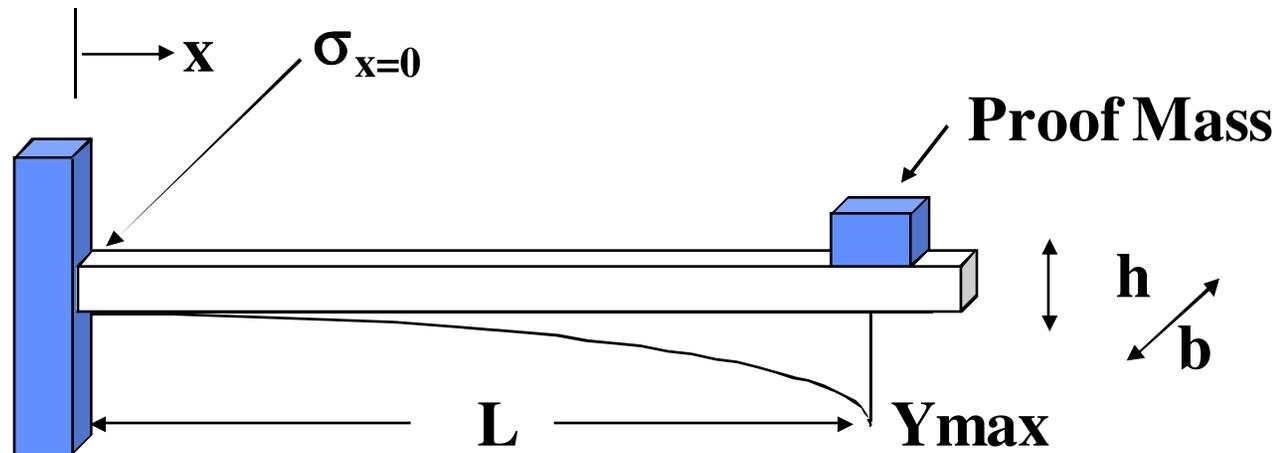
$$\sigma_{x=0} = \frac{12 (1.4e-6) (100e-6)}{2 (4e-6) (2e-6)^2}$$

$$\sigma_{x=0} = 5.6e7 \text{ newton/m}^2 = 5.6e8 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$$

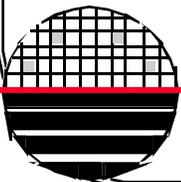
**Compare to the given table value for yield strength of
 $7e10 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$**



ACCELEROMETER - EXAMPLE



The proof mass will create a force in the presence of an acceleration, the strain can be measured with a piezoresistive device or the position can be measured with a capacitive measurement device

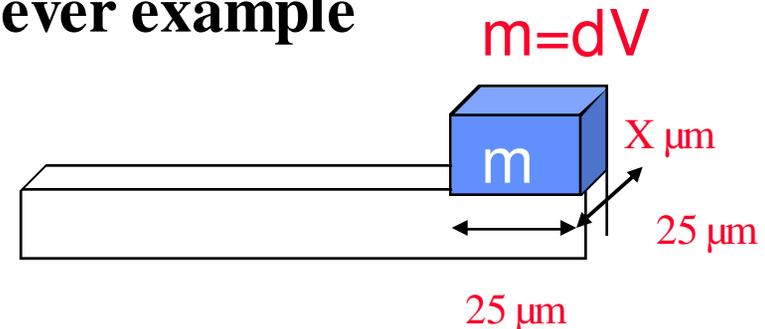


ACCELEROMETER-EXAMPLE

Example: from previous cantilever example

$$F = \frac{Y_{\max} 3 E b h^3}{12L^3}$$

$$F = 1.5e-6 \text{ newtons}$$



Find height X for a proof mass of volume (V) of nickel (density (d)=8.91 gm/cm³) and maximum acceleration of 50G's

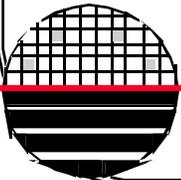
$$F = mA = m 50 (9.8\text{m/s}^2) = 1.5e-6 \text{ newtons}$$

$$\text{and find } m = 3.1e-9 \text{ Kgm} = 3.1e-6 \text{ gm}$$

$$m = d V = 3.1e-6 = (8.91)(25e-4)(25e-4)(X) \text{ cm}$$

$$X = 0.055\text{cm} = 550\mu\text{m}$$

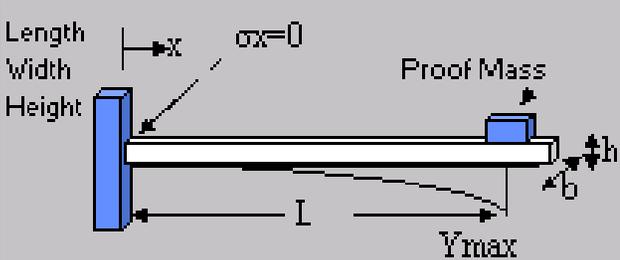
Approximately the thickness of a 4" wafer



CANTILEVER.XLS

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Length	L =	100	um
Width	b =	4	um
Height	h =	2	um

Force needed to cause given displacement

Force	F =	1.52E-06	N
Desired Displacement	Y _{max} =	1	um

Mass needed to give same Force at desired acceleration

Mass	m =	3.10E-09	Kg
Acceleration in G's		50	G's
Acceleration due to gravity		9.8	m/s ²

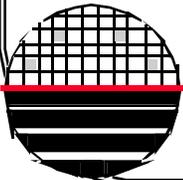
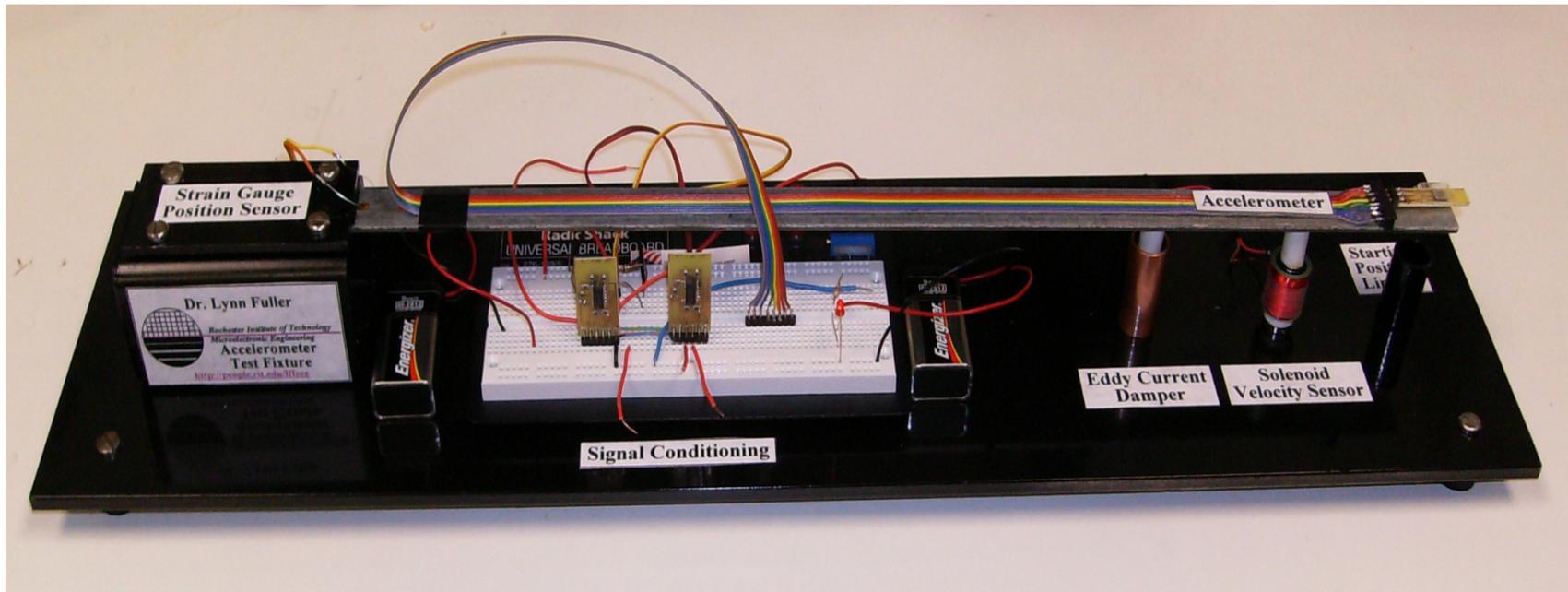
Proof Mass

Volume needed to give that mass, $m = \rho V$	V =	3.48E-13	m ³
Proof mass base, b_m	b_m =	25.00	um
Proof mass width, w_m	w_m =	25.00	um
Height of proof mass at end of beam, h_m	h_m =	557.04	um

Material Properties

	Silicon	Oxide	Nitride	Aluminum	
Youngs Modulus	1.90E+11				N/m ²
Density			8.91E+03		Kg/m ³
Ultimate Strength					

ACCELEROMETER TEST SET UP



SPREAD SHEET FOR ACCELEROMETER CALCULATIONS

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accelerometer.xls

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To use this spreadsheet change the values in the white boxes. The rest of the sheet is protected and should not be changed unless you are sure of the consequences. The calculated results are shown in the purple boxes.

Calculations for Cantilever Beam (Test Fixture)

Frequency of Oscillation:

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{L^3(m+0.236mB)}}$$

$$I = b h^3$$

The resonant frequency f_0 of the cantilever beam	13.48	Hz
Beam Length, L	0.4	m
Beam Width, b	0.025	m
Beam thickness, h	0.003	m
End Mass, mB	0	Kg
Density for Material Selected Below	2.33	gm/cm ³
Beam Mass = density x volume, m	69.9	gm
Young's Modulus for Material Selected Below	1.90E+11	N/m ²

Acceleration versus time:

$$a = \frac{d^2X(t)}{dt^2} = A_0 (2\pi f_0)^2 \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

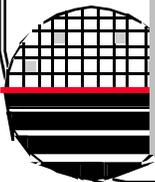
Initial Deflection	2	cm
Maximum Acceleration	143.34	m/s ²
Maximum Acceleration, in g's	14.63	g's

Calculations for RIT Accelerometer

Force:

$$F = F_{max} \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

Maximum force due to proof mass, $F_{max} = ma$	8.35E-05	N
end mass on RIT accelerometer, $m = d V$	5.82E-04	gm
volume, $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$	6.54E-05	cm ³
radius, r =	250	μm



MEMs Physical Fundamentals

SPREAD SHEET FOR ACCELEROMETER CALCULATIONS

Accelerometer, cantilever beam bending

$$Y_{max} = F L^3 / 3EI$$

$$I = b h^3$$

$$\sigma_{max} = F L h / 2I$$

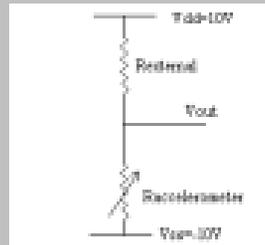
Y _{max} =	7.03E-01	μm
L =	2000	μm
b =	200	μm
h =	10	μm
Young's Modulus, E =	1.90E+11	N/m ²
Max Stress, σ _{max} =	5.01E+03	N/m ²
Strain, s = σ/E =	2.64E-08	μm/μm

Resistor Calculations

$$R = R_{hos} L / W$$

$$R' = R + R_{hos} (L + L's) / W$$

Nominal Resistance, R =	5400	ohms
Measured Sheet Resistance, R _{hos} =	60	ohms
Resistor Length, L =	900	μm
Resistor Width, W =	10	μm
Resistance under Max Stress, R' =	5400.0001	ohms
Delta R = R' - R =	0.000142375	ohms
V _{dd} = V _{ss} =	10	volts
R _{external} =	5400	ohms
Nominal V _{out} =	0	volts
V _{out} Max =	1.31829E-07	volts

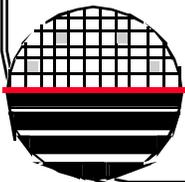


Constants:

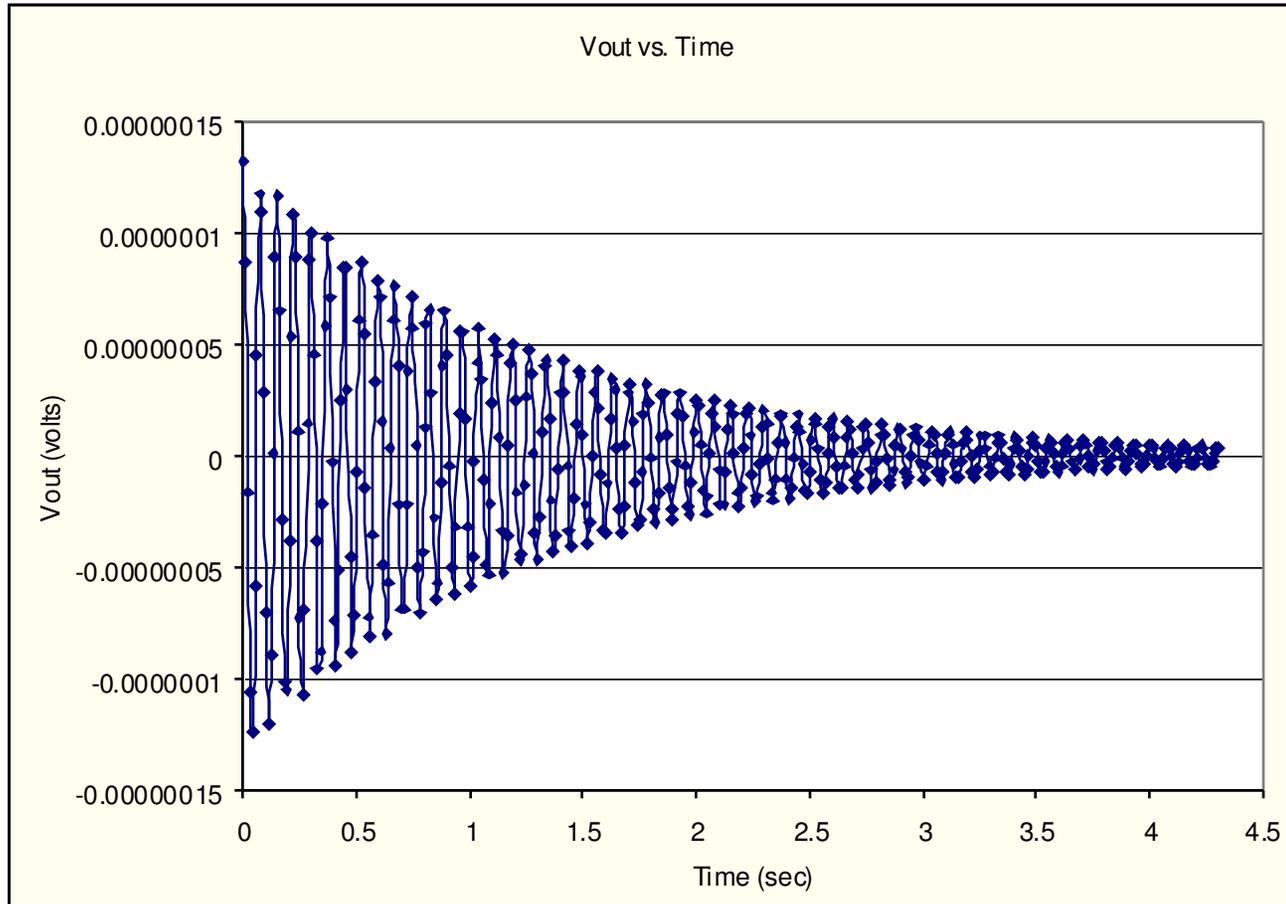
	Youngs Modulus(N/m ²)	Density (gm/cm ³)
Silicon	1.9E+11	2.33
Silicondioxide	7.30E+10	2.19
Silicon Nitride	3.85E+11	3.44
Aluminum	6.80E+10	3.9
Steel	2.00E+11	7.8
Brass	1.10E+11	8.55
Lead		11.34

Select Material Using 1 or 0

Fixture	RIT Accerometer
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CALCULATED PLOT OF VOUT VS. TIME



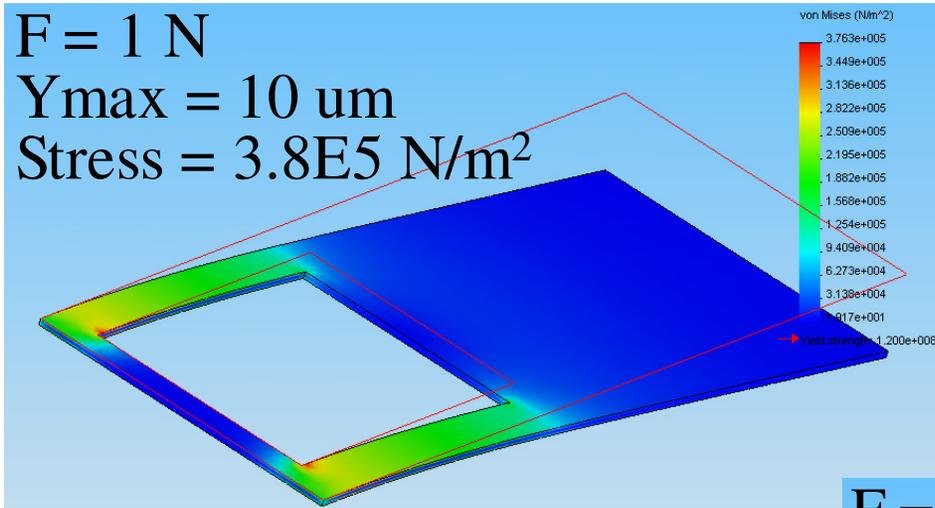
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FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS (FEA) OF CANTILEVER

$F = 1 \text{ N}$

$Y_{\max} = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Stress = $3.8\text{E}5 \text{ N/m}^2$



SolidWorks

Length = $1500 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Width = $600 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

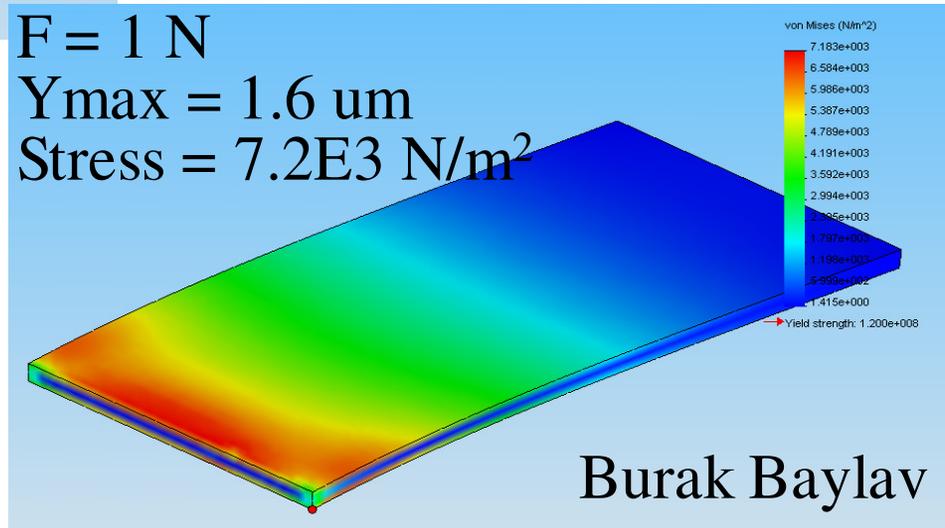
Thickness = $20 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Window $\sim 300 \times 300 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

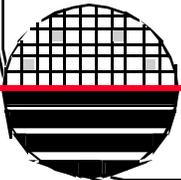
$F = 1 \text{ N}$

$Y_{\max} = 1.6 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Stress = $7.2\text{E}3 \text{ N/m}^2$



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SPRINGS

$$\mathbf{F = k y}$$

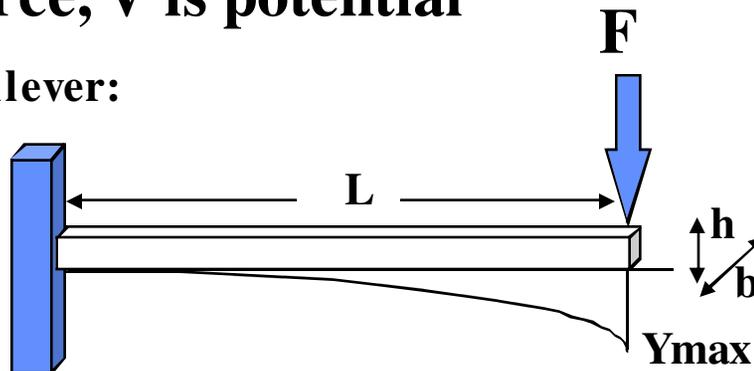
where k is the spring constant
and y is the displacement

Analogy: $I = G V$

k is like conductance (G)

I is Force, V is potential

Cantilever:

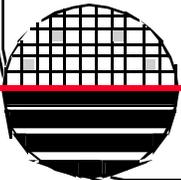


$$Y_{\max} = F L^3 / 3EI$$

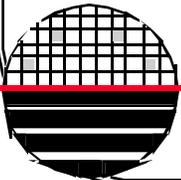
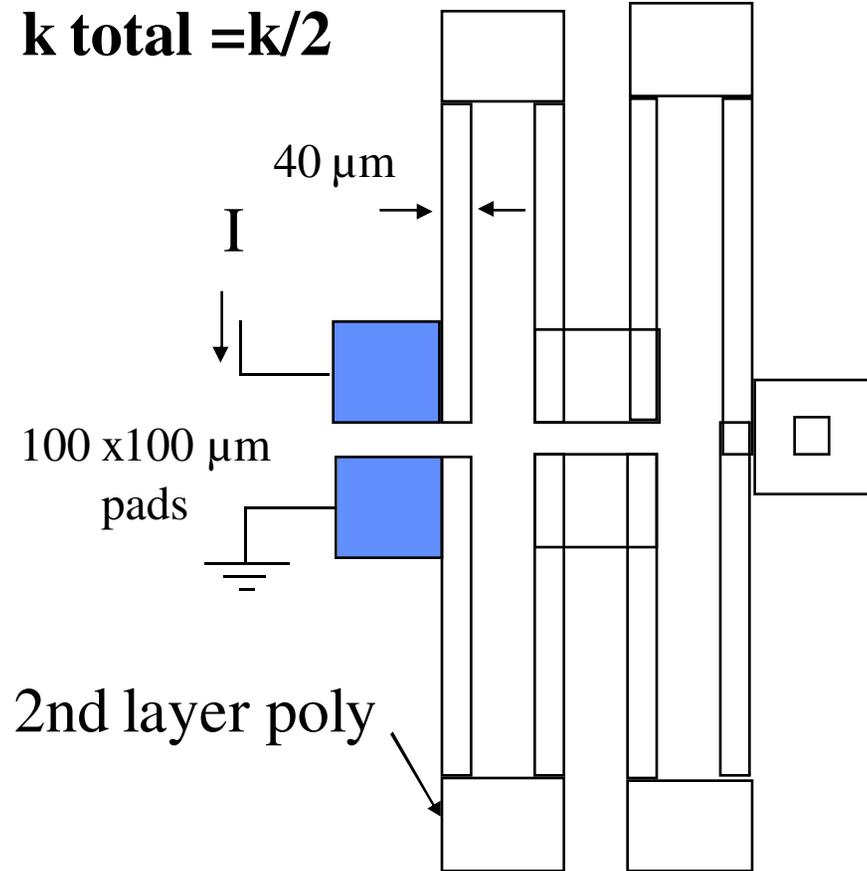
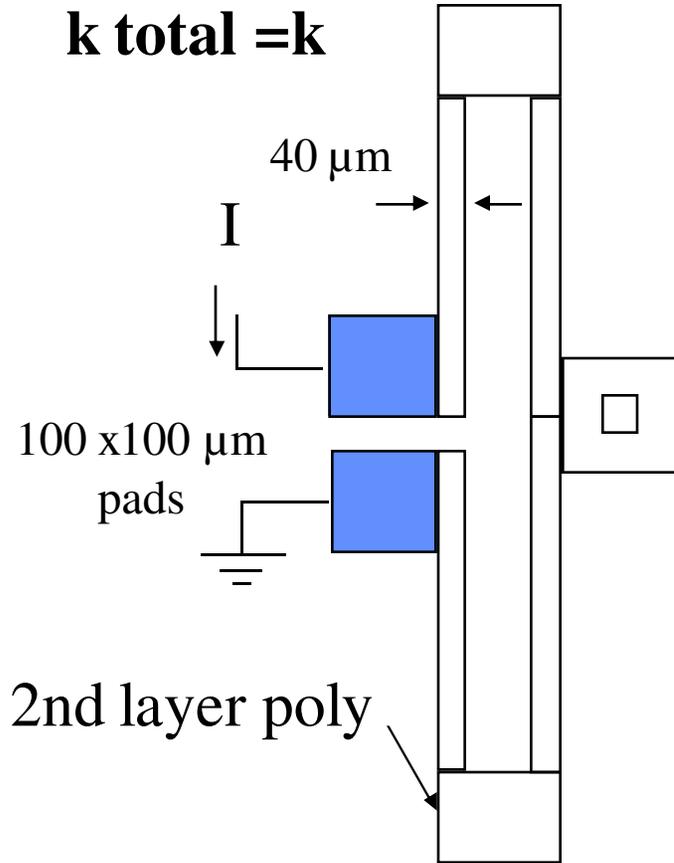
$$\mathbf{F = k y}$$

$$\mathbf{F = (3E(bh^3/12) / L^3) y}$$

where E = Youngs Modulus
and $I = bh^3/12$, moment of inertia

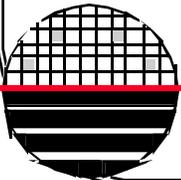
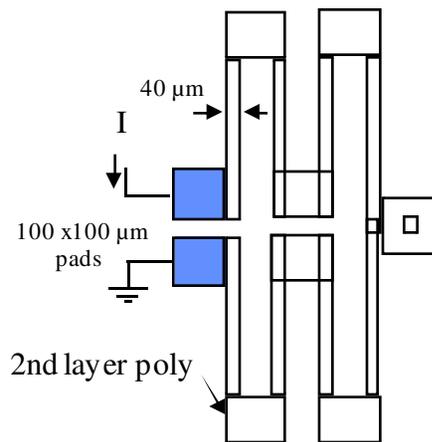


FOLDED SPRING

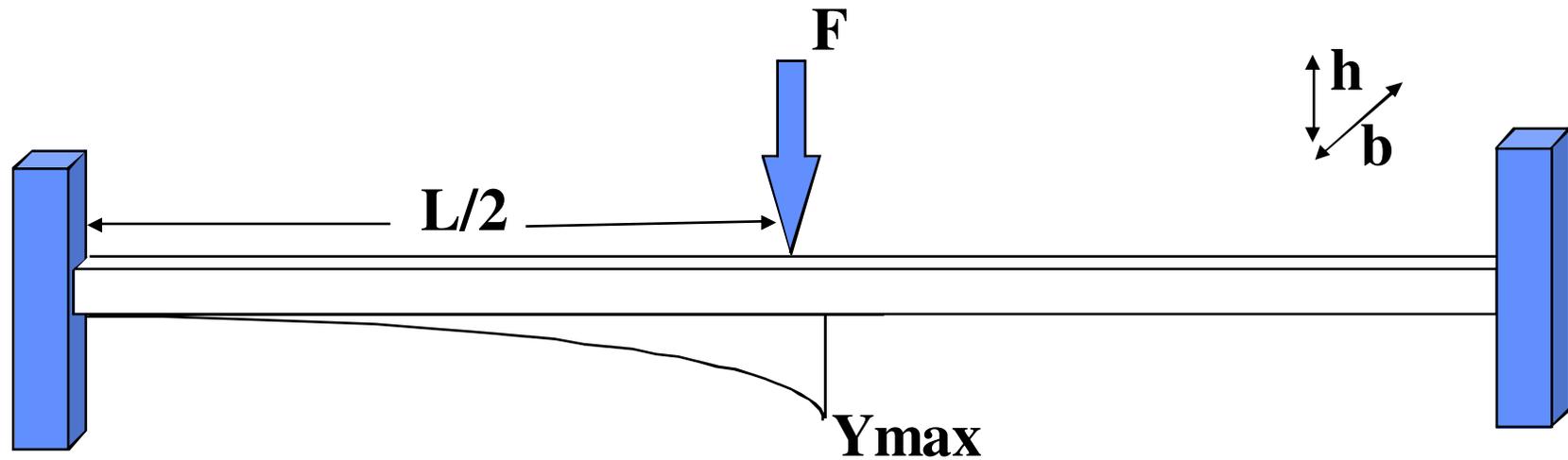


FOLDED SPRING EXAMPLE

Example: Calculate the force needed to elongate the spring shown by $50\ \mu\text{m}$. Assume each arm of the spring is $400\ \mu\text{m}$ in length and the polysilicon thickness is $2\ \mu\text{m}$.



BEAM ANCHORED AT BOTH ENDS

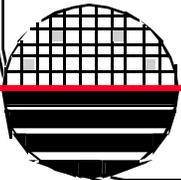
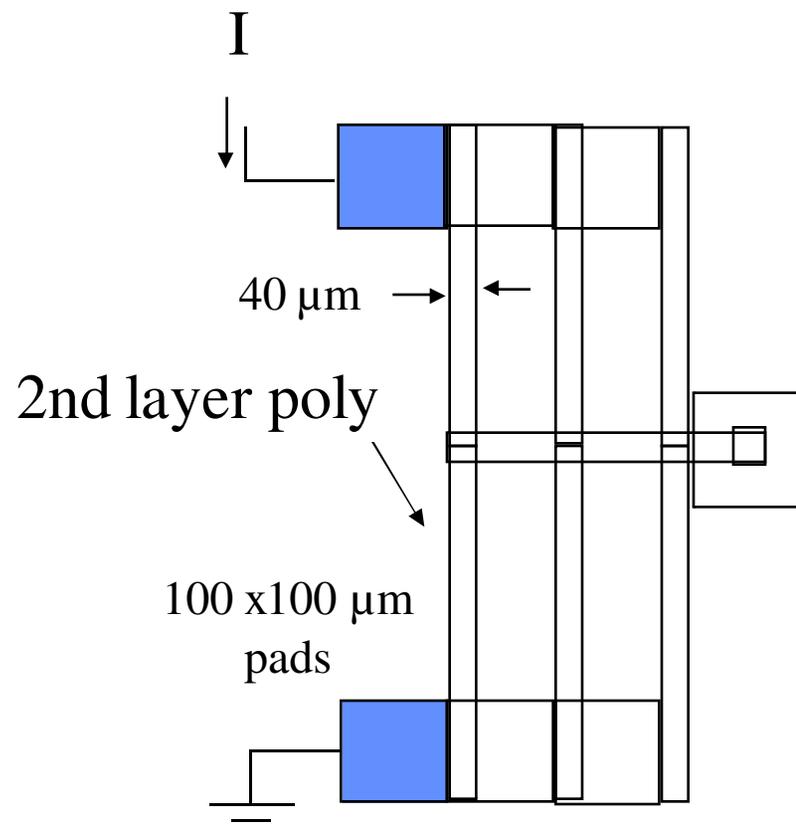
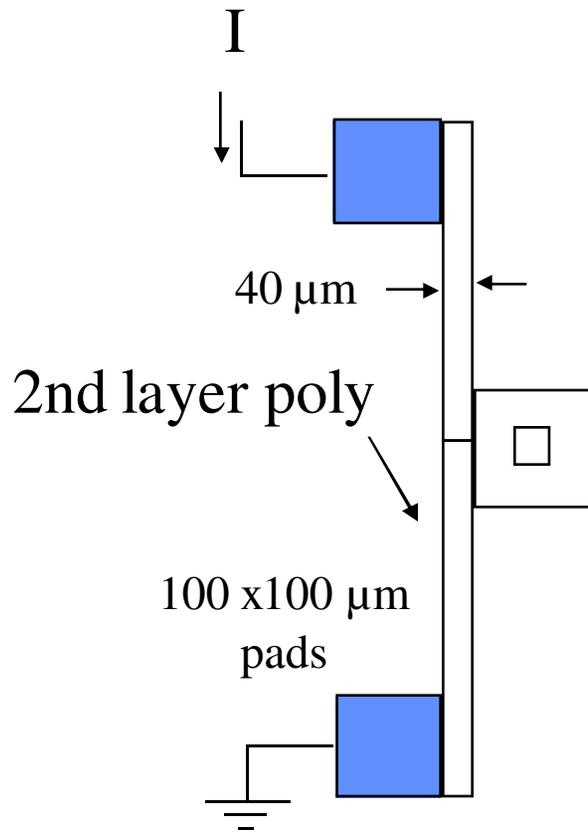


$$Y_{max} = F L^3 / 48EI$$

where E = Youngs Modulus
and $I = bh^3/12$, moment of inertia

Mechanics of Materials, by Ferdinand P. Beer,
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SPRING ANCHORED AT BOTH ENDS



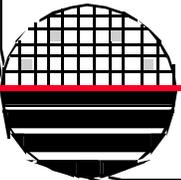
THERMAL STRAIN

The fractional change in length due to a change in temperature is given by:

$$\Delta L/L = \alpha (\Delta T)$$

where α is the coefficient of thermal expansion

This is also the thermal strain ϵ_T . In this case the strain does not cause a stress unless the material is confined in some way



BI METALIC ACTUATORS

Consider two materials bonded together forming a composite beam. Since the materials are bonded together the change in length for both materials is equal (at boundary)

$$\bullet \Delta L_1 = \Delta L_2$$

each material experiences a thermal strain plus a strain due to the stress caused by the different thermal coefficients,

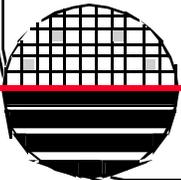
$$\Delta L/L = \alpha T + \sigma/E$$

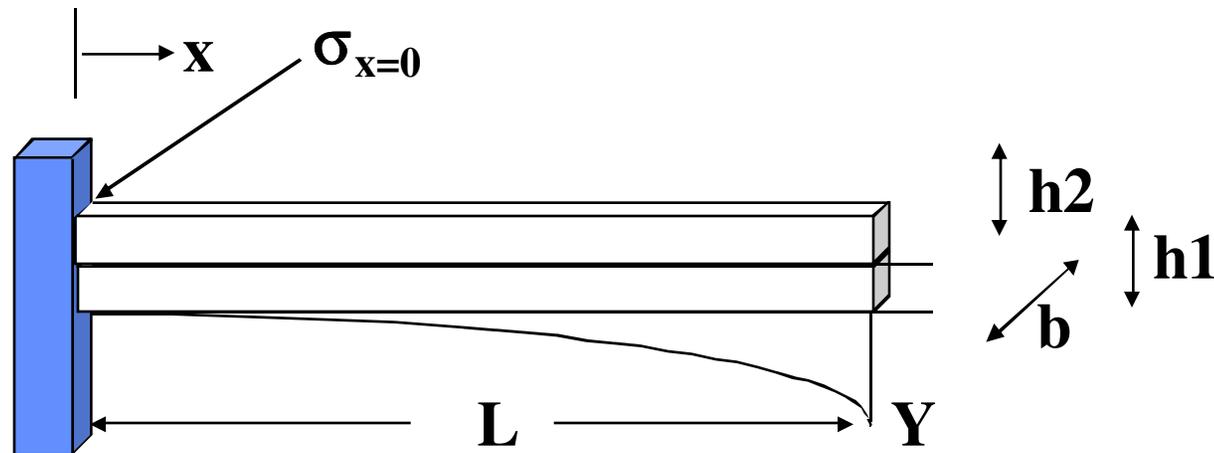
The material with the larger thermal coefficient will experience a compressive stress (-) while the other material will experience a tensile (+) stress.

This results in:

$$\alpha_1 T + \sigma_1/E_1 = \alpha_2 T + \sigma_2/E_2$$

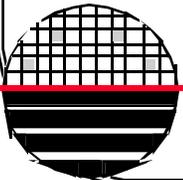
and $\sigma_1 = -\sigma_2$



BI METALIC ACTUATORS

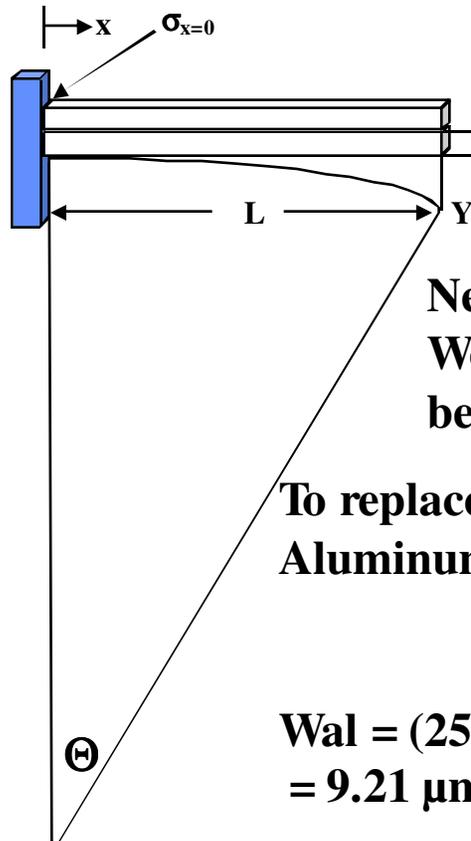
$$\sigma_1 T - Y (3/2) (E_1^2 h_1) / (2L^2) = \sigma_2 T + Y (3/2) (E_2^2 h_2) / (2L^2)$$

we know all quantities and can solve for Y

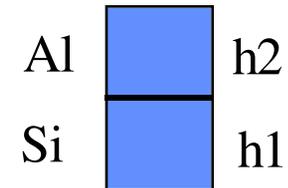


EXAMPLE - BI METALIC ACTUATORS

First find the radius of curvature to achieve a displacement of 1 μm



Tan $\Theta = Y/L$ and
 the circumference $C = 2\pi r$
 and the ratio of: $L/C = \Theta/360^\circ$
 gives $r = 6.258 \text{ cm}$

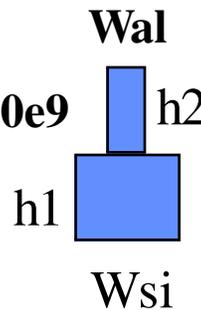


$W_{\text{Si}} = 25 \mu\text{m}$

Next we look at the composite structure
 We need to find the centroid of an equivalent
 beam composed of only one of the two materials

To replace the Aluminum with silicon we multiply the width of the
 Aluminum by the ratio of the modulus of Al to the modulus of Si

$$W_{\text{Al}} = (25 \mu\text{m}) 70\text{e}9 / 190\text{e}9 = 9.21 \mu\text{m}$$



the centroid of this structure
 (with respect to the junction) is

$$\Psi = \frac{(W_{\text{Si}}/2)h1^2 - (W_{\text{Al}}/2)h2^2}{(W_{\text{Si}}/2)h1 + (W_{\text{Al}}/2)h2}$$

EXAMPLE - BI METALIC ACTUATORS

The centroid is the neutral axis of the composite beam. The length of the neutral axis never changes, $\sigma_{NA} = 0$, Y is the distance from the neutral axis to the junction thus Y and Ψ are equivalent.

Total Stress = Thermal Stress + Mechanical Stress

Thermal Stress = $\alpha\Delta T E$

Mechanical Stress = ϵE and $\epsilon = Y/r$

Stress in Si must equal the Stress in Al

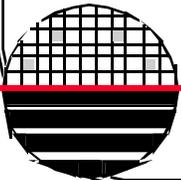
$$\alpha_1 \Delta T E_1 + \epsilon E_1 = \alpha_2 \Delta T E_2 + \epsilon E_2$$

$$\alpha_1 \Delta T E_1 + (Y/r) E_1 = \alpha_2 \Delta T E_2 + (Y/r) E_2$$

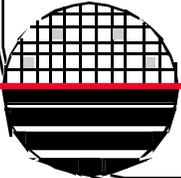
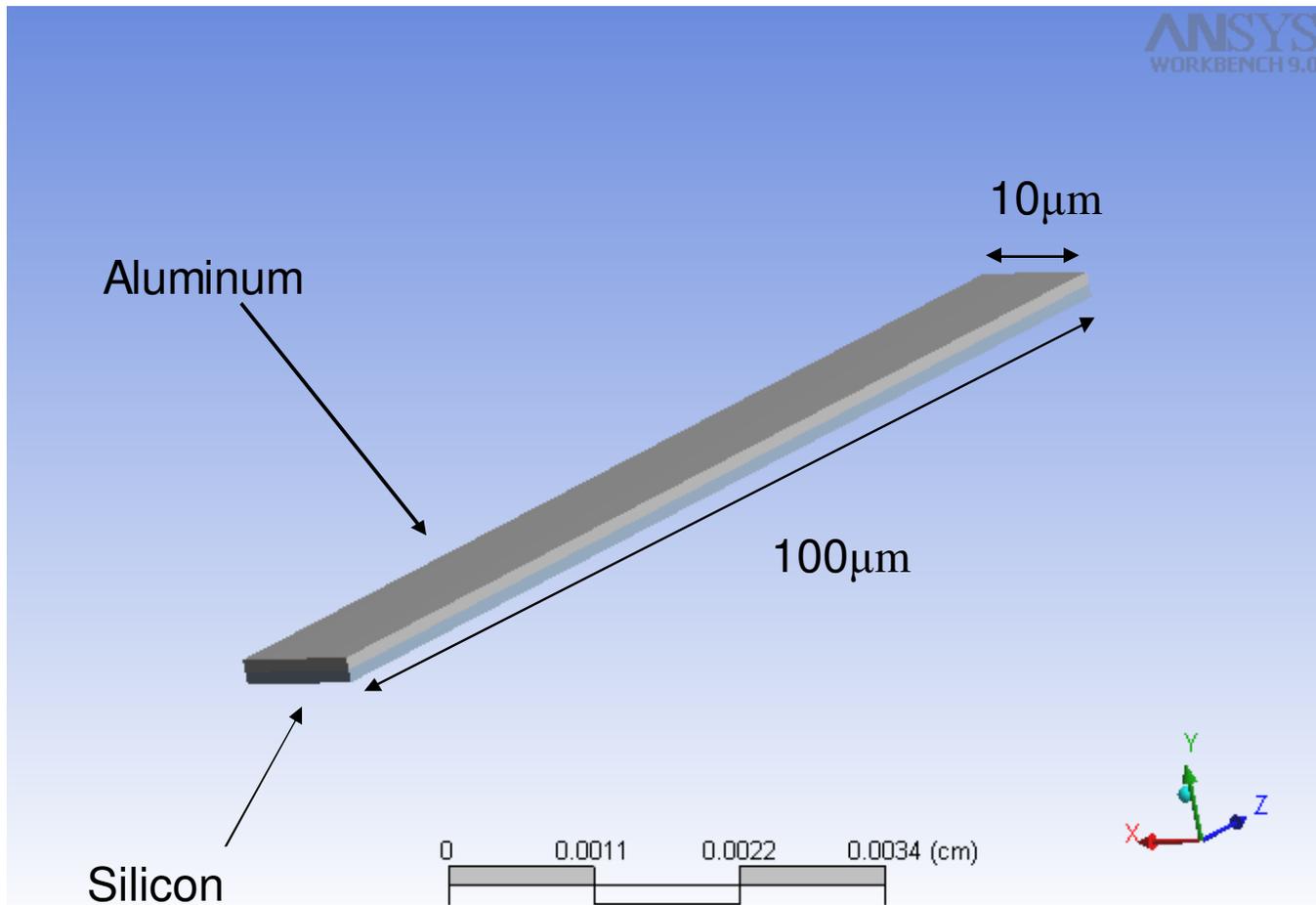
we can find Y

$$Y = \Psi = \frac{(W_{Si}/2)h_1^2 - (W_{Al}/2)h_2^2}{(W_{Si}/2)h_1 + (W_{Al}/2)h_2}$$

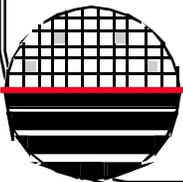
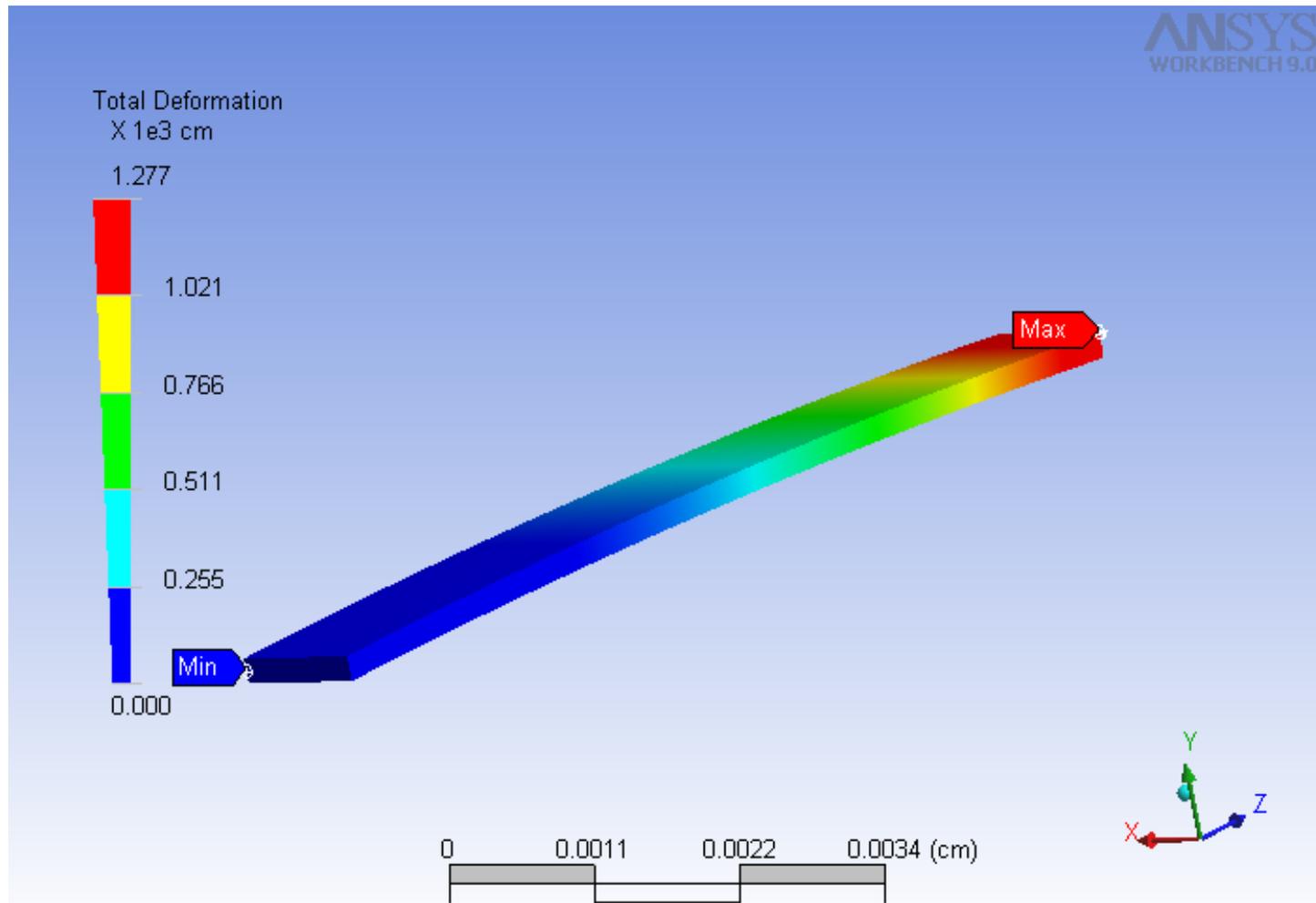
for a given h_1 we can find h_2 , let $h_1 = 2\mu\text{m}$ we find $h_2 = 8\mu\text{m}$



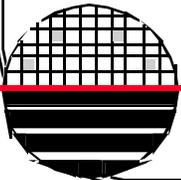
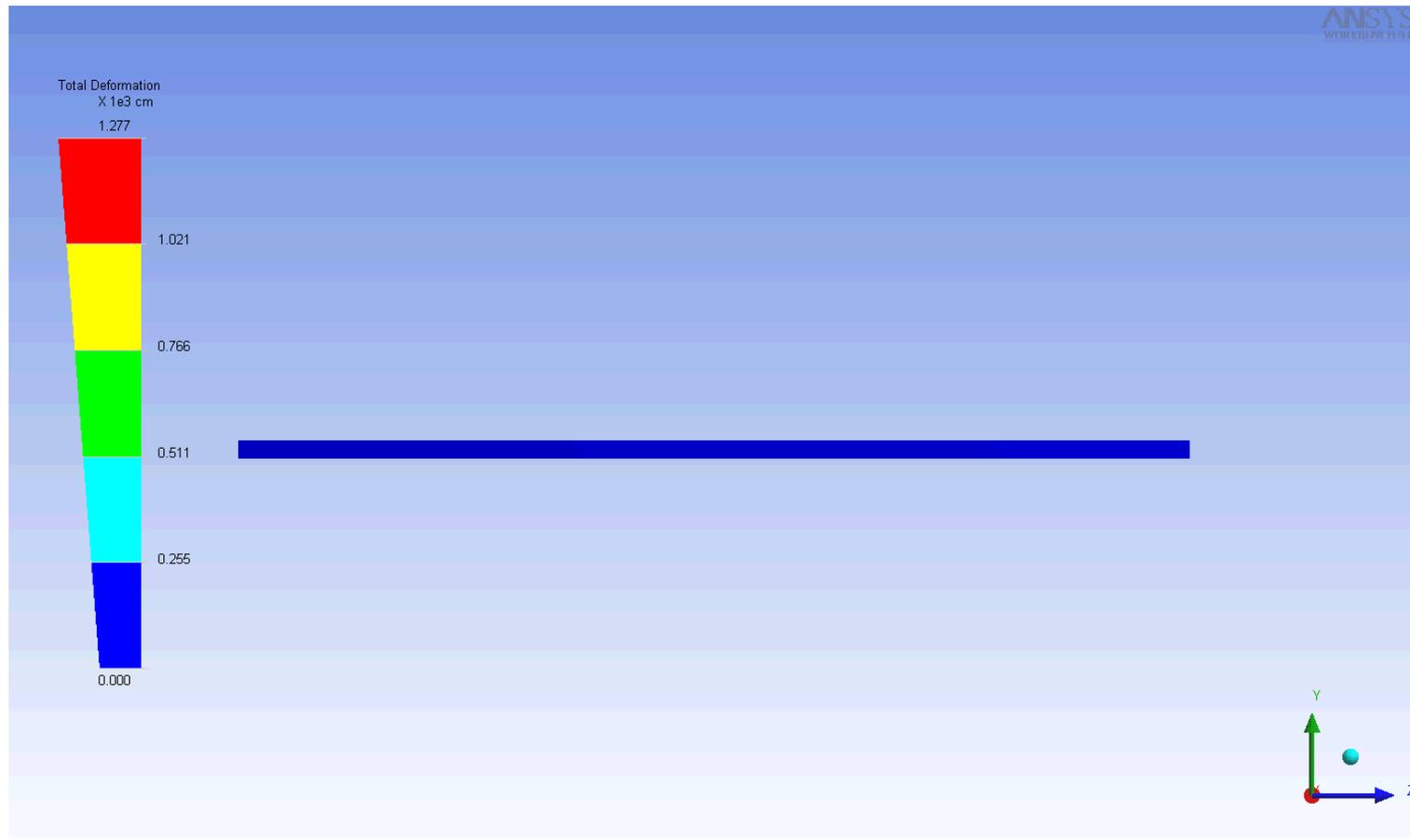
BIMETALIC CANTILEVER BEAM



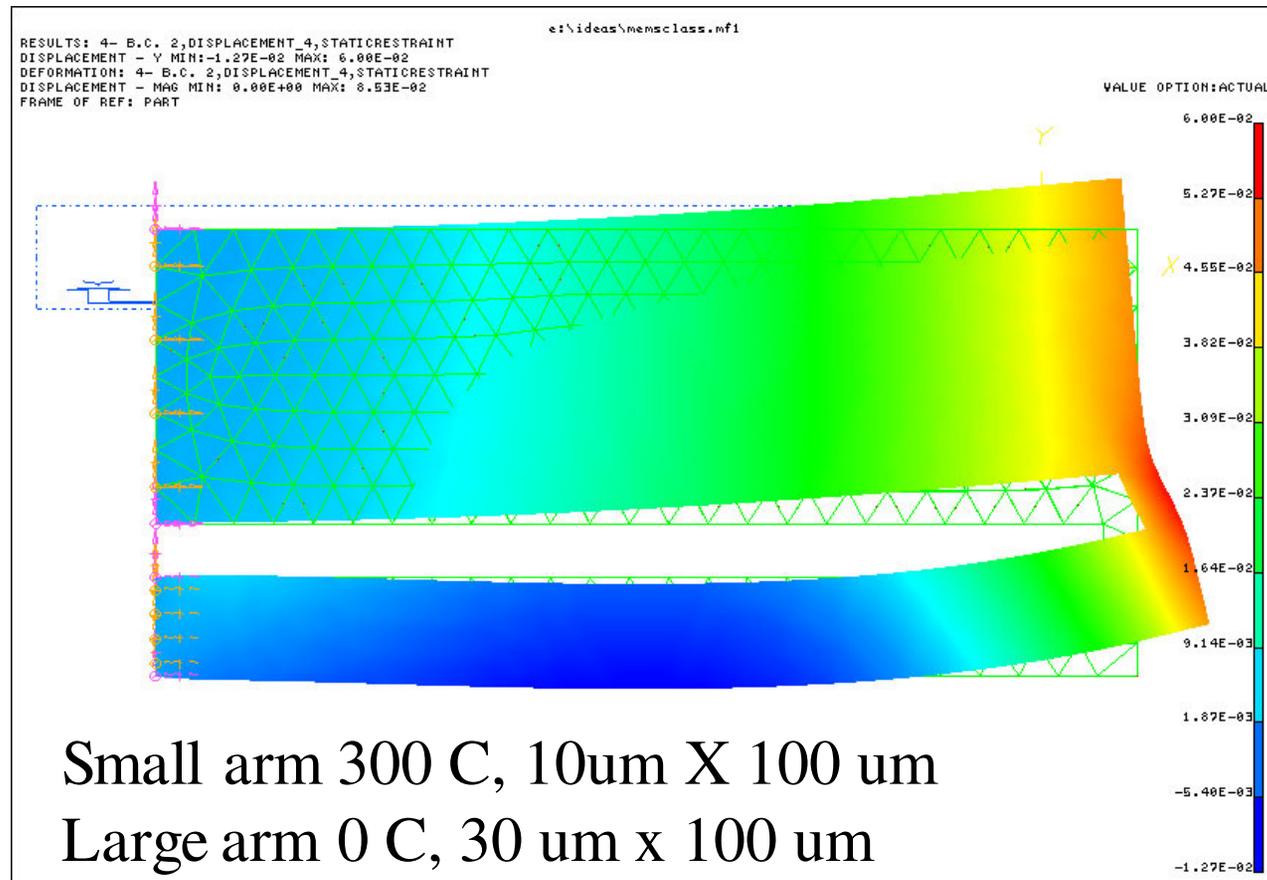
RAISE TEMPERATURE FROM 20 TO 200 C



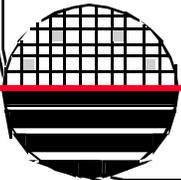
MOVIE OF TOTAL DEFORMATION



FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF THERMAL BENDING



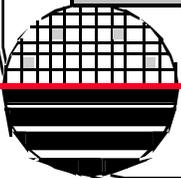
Small arm 300 C, 10um X 100 um
Large arm 0 C, 30 um x 100 um
Maximum Displacement = 6 um



MEMs Physical Fundamentals

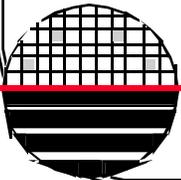
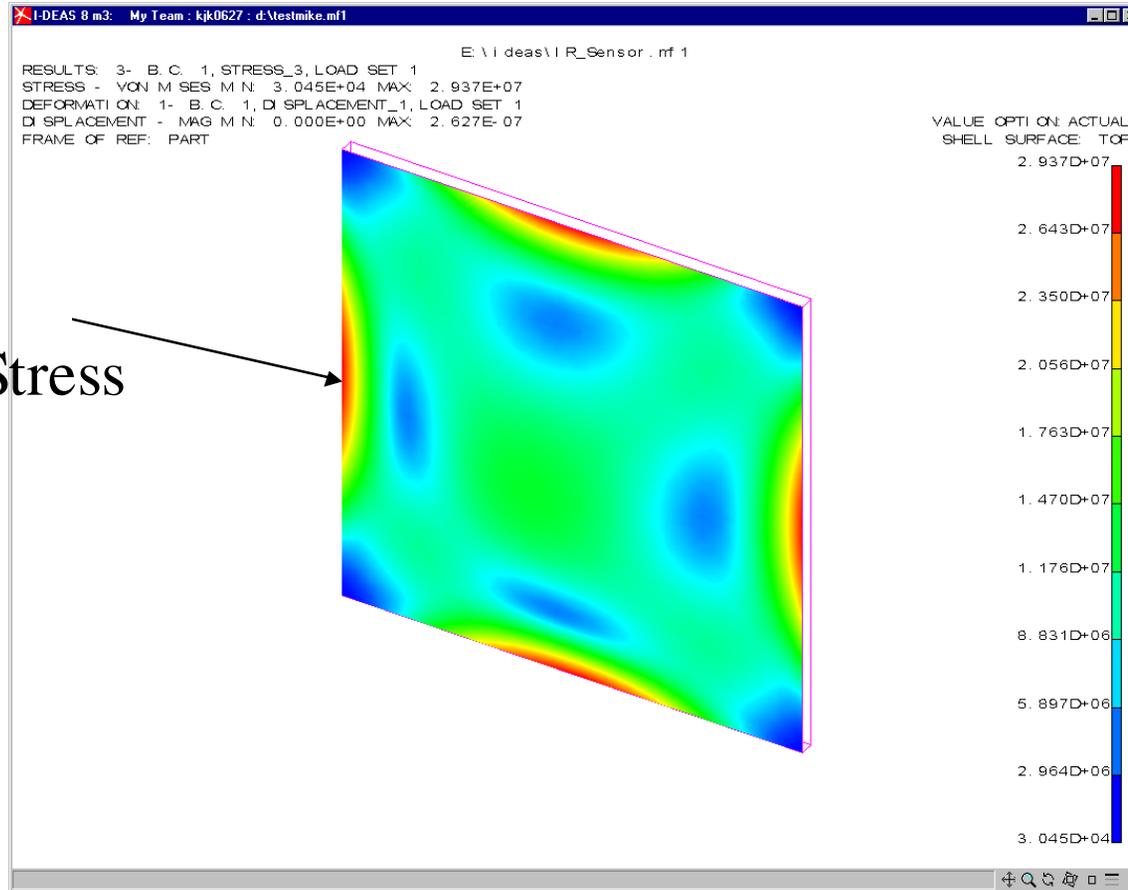
EXCELL SPREADSHEET FOR DIAPHRAGM CALCULATIONS

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To use this spread sheet enter values in the white boxes. The rest of the sheet is protected and should not be changed unless you are sure of the consequences. The results are displayed in the purple boxes.							
Diaphragm							
Deflection $Y_{max} = 0.0151 P L^4(1-Nu^2)/EH^3$				Ymax =		12.45 μ m	
P = Pressure				P =		5000 lbs/in2	
L = Length of side of square diaphragm				L =		1500 μ m	
E = Youngs Modulus				E =		1.90E+11 N/m2	
Nu = Poissons Ratio				Nu =		0.32	
H = Diaphragm Thickness				H =		100 μ m	
				P =		3.45E+07 Pascal	
Diaphragm							
Stress = $0.3 P (L/H)^2$ (at center of each edge)				Stress =		2.33E+09 Pascal	
P = Pressure				Yield Strength =		1.20E+10 Pascal	
L = Square Diaphragm Side Length							
H = Diaphragm Thickness							
Two Parallel Plates							
Capacitance = $eoer Area/d$				C =		7.97E-11 F	
eo = Permittivity of free space = 8.85E-14 F/cm							



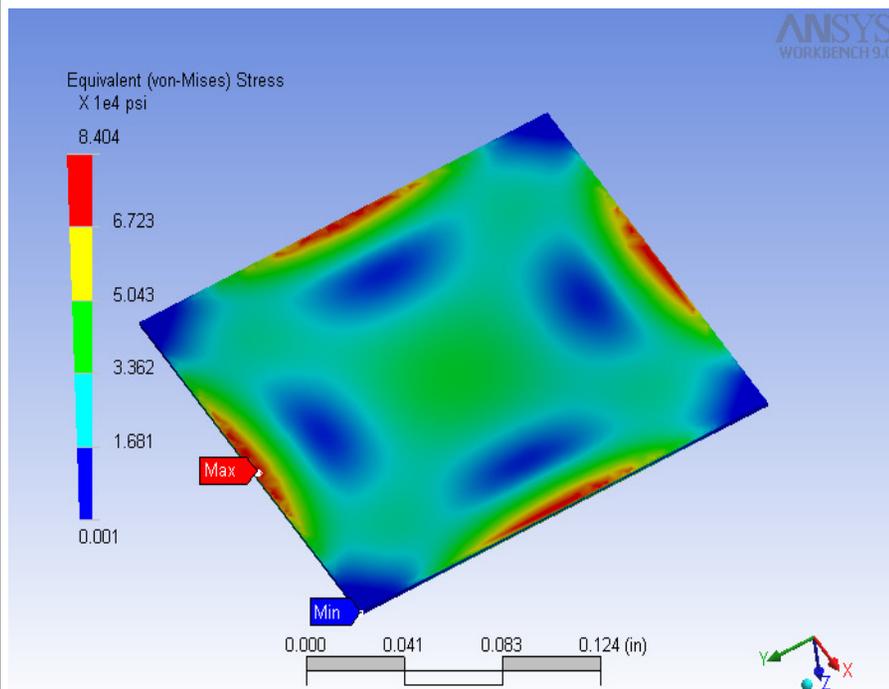
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FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS



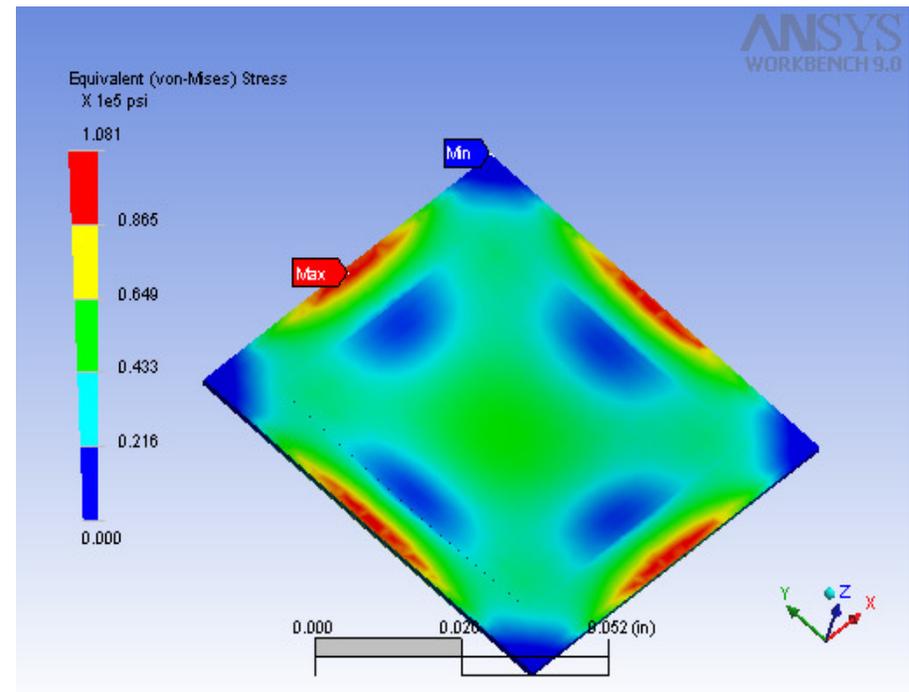
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Regular Si Diaphragm

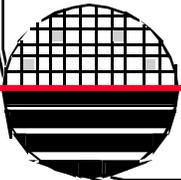


Corrugated Diaphragm

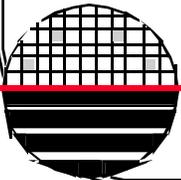
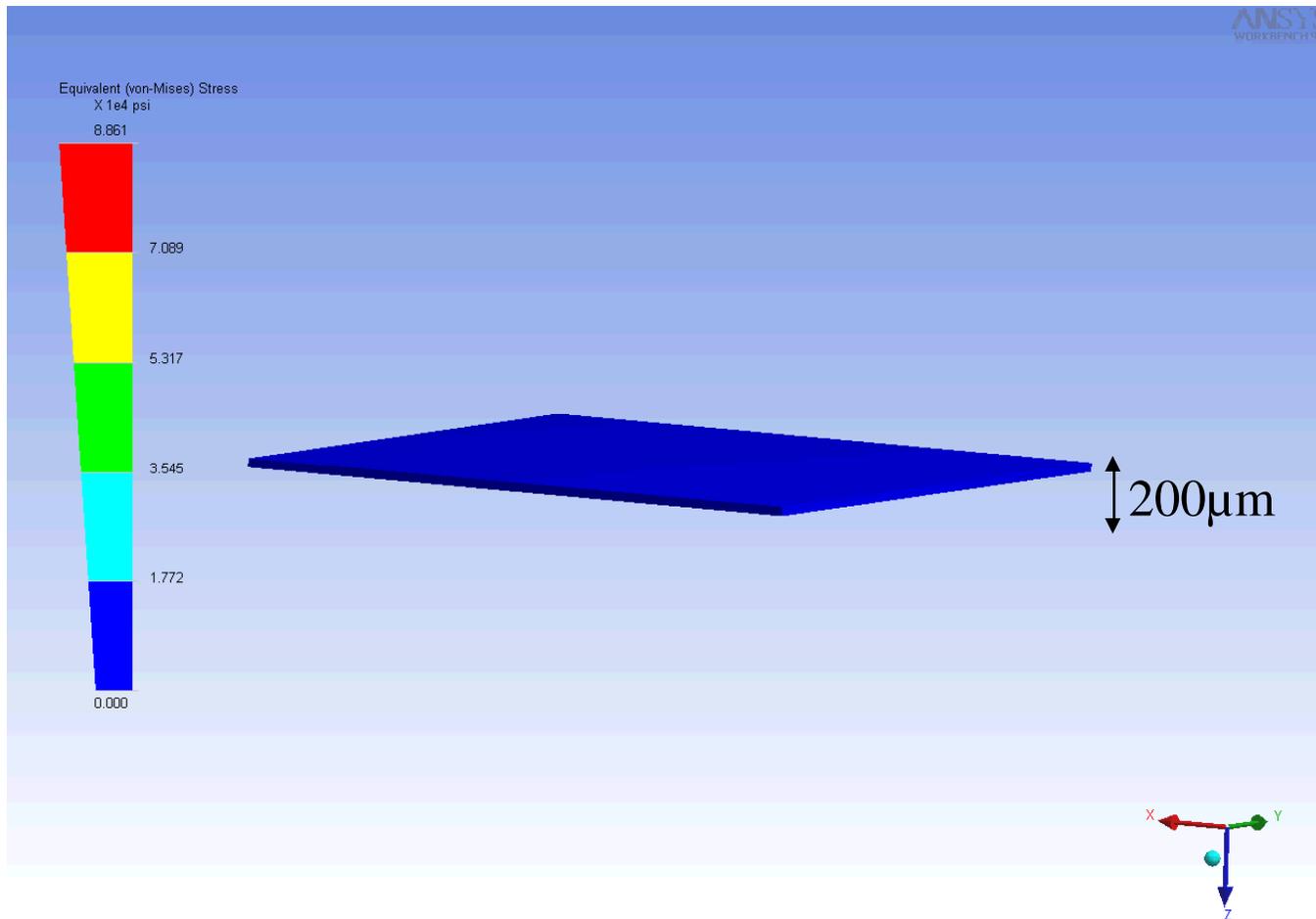
Layer 2: 1.5mm x 1.5mm Polysilicon 1 μ m thick



2mm x 2mm diaphragm 30 μ m thick, 50 psi applied



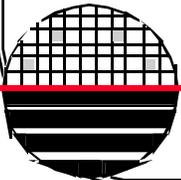
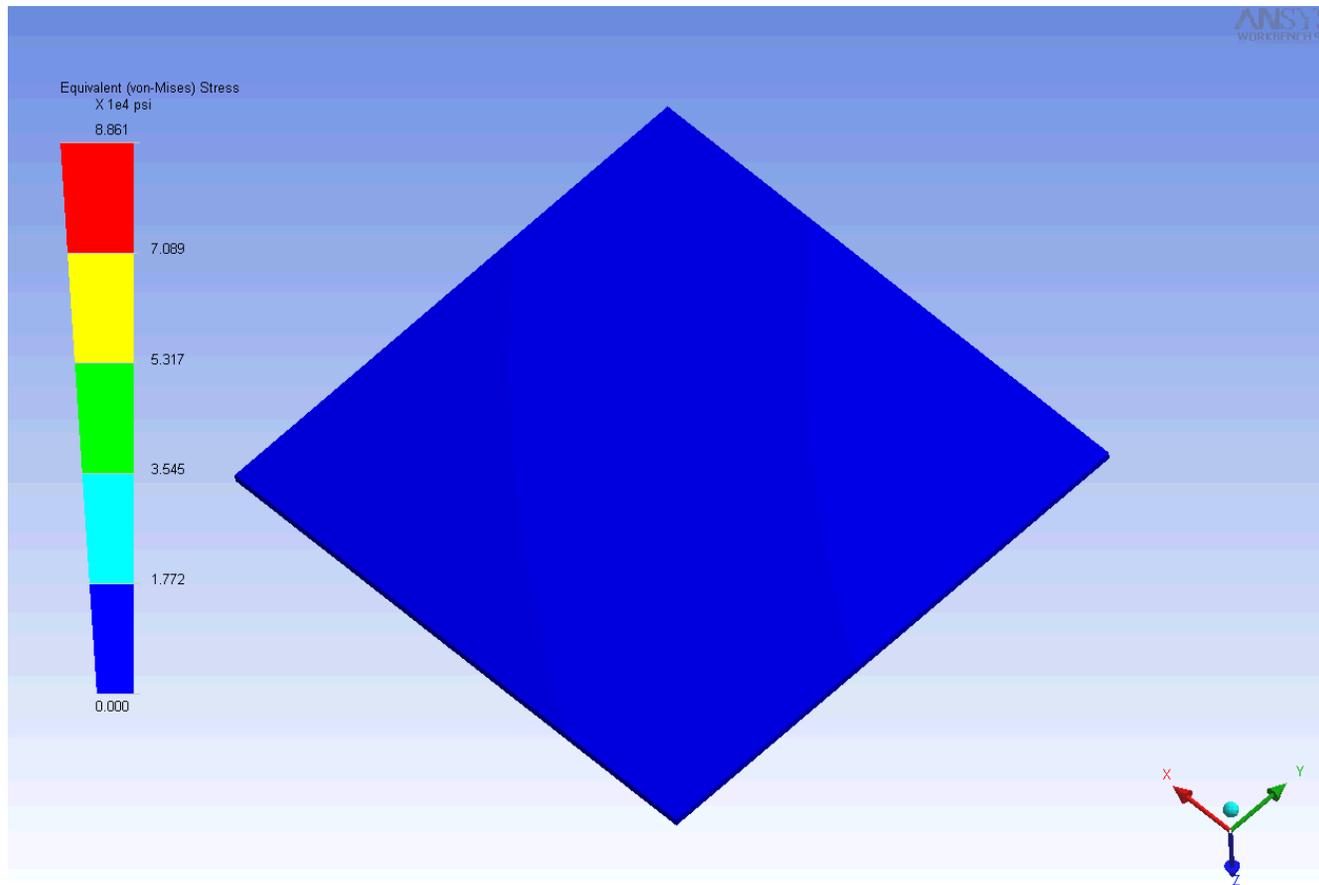
DIAPHRAGM DEFORMATION MOVIE



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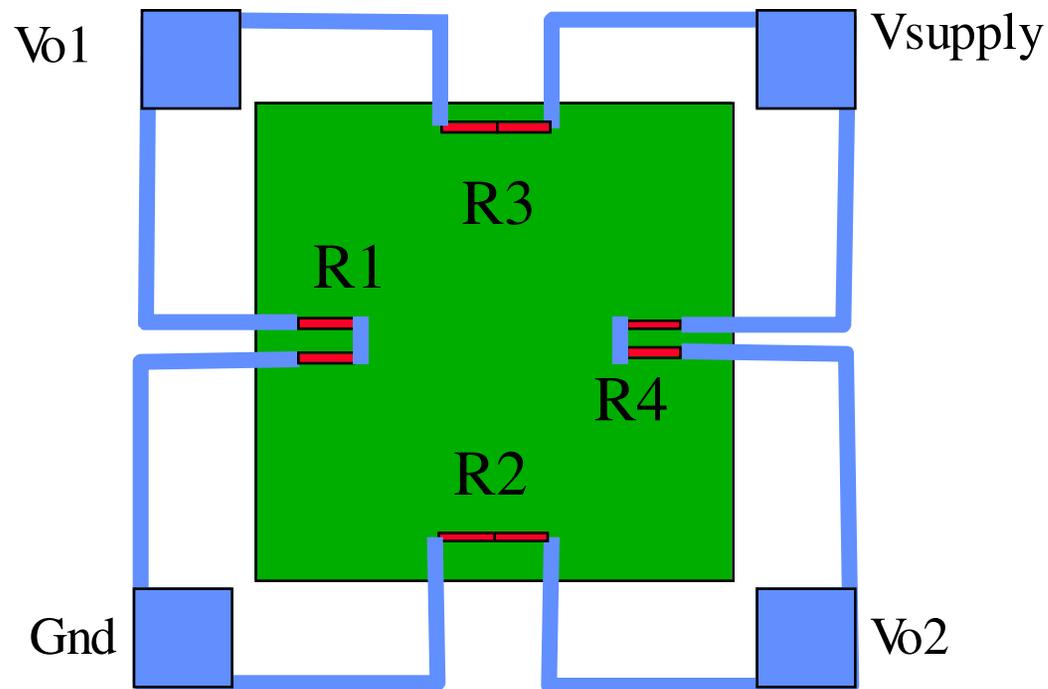
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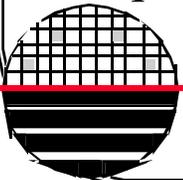
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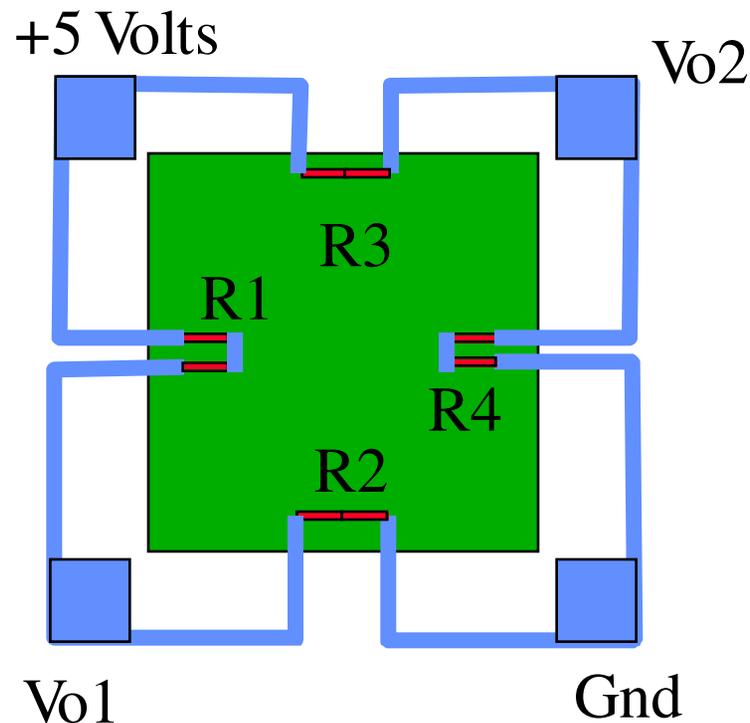
RESISTOR LAYOUT



Two resistors parallel to edge near region of maximum stress and two resistors perpendicular to the edge arranged in a full bridge circuit. If all resistors are of equal value then $V_{out} = V_{o1} - V_{o2} = \text{zero}$ with no pressure applied.



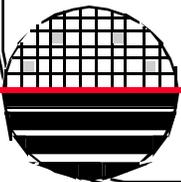
CALCULATION OF EXPECTED OUTPUT VOLTAGE



The equation for stress at the center edge of a square diaphragm (S.K. Clark and K. Wise, 1979)

Stress = $0.3 P(L/H)^2$ where P is pressure, L is length of diaphragm edge, H is diaphragm thickness

For a $3000\mu\text{m}$ opening on the back of the wafer the diaphragm edge length L is $3000 - 2(500/\text{Tan } 54.74^\circ) = 2246 \mu\text{m}$



CALCULATION OF EXPECTED OUTPUT VOLTAGE

$$\text{Stress} = 0.3 P (L/H)^2$$

If we apply vacuum to the back of the wafer that is equivalent to and applied pressure of 14.7 psi or 103 N/m²

$$P = 103 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$L = 2246 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$H = 25 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

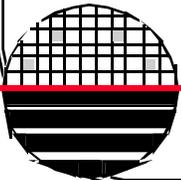
$$\text{Stress} = 2.49\text{E}8 \text{ N/m}^2$$

Hooke's Law: Stress = E Strain where E is Young's Modulus

$$\sigma = E \varepsilon$$

Young's Modulus of silicon is 1.9E11 N/m²

Thus the strain = 1.31E-3 or .131%



CALCULATION OF EXPECTED OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The sheet resistance (R_{hos}) from 4 point probe is 61 ohms/sq

The resistance is $R = R_{hos} L/W$

For a resistor R_3 of $L=350 \mu\text{m}$ and $W=50 \mu\text{m}$ we find:

$$R_3 = 61 (350/50) = 427.0 \text{ ohms}$$

R_3 and R_2 decrease as W increases due to the strain

assume L does not change, W' becomes $50+50 \times 0.131\%$

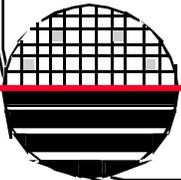
$$W' = 50.0655 \mu\text{m}$$

$$R_3' = R_{hos} L/W' = 61 (350/50.0655) = 426.4 \text{ ohms}$$

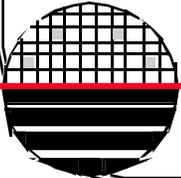
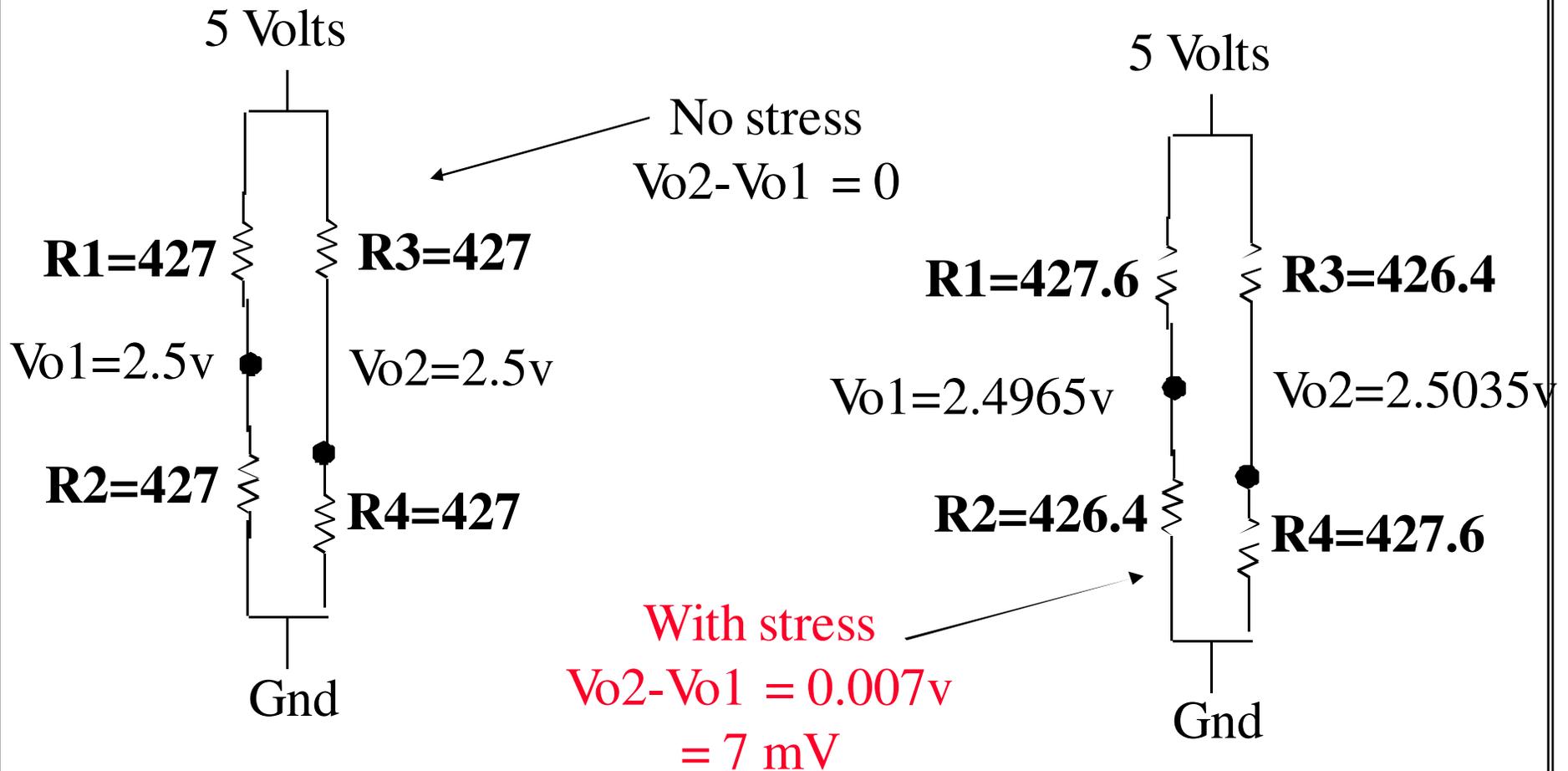
R_1 and R_4 increase as L increases due to the strain

assume W does not change, L' becomes $350 + 350 \times 0.131\%$

$$R_1' = R_{hos} L'/W = 61 (350.459/50) = 427.6 \text{ ohms}$$

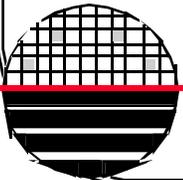


CALCULATION OF EXPECTED OUTPUT VOLTAGE



IF RESISTORS ARE SINGLE CRYSTAL SILICON

In addition to the effects of strain on the resistance if the resistor is made of single crystal silicon there is also a significant piezoresistive effect on the resistor value. Strain affects the mobility of holes and electrons in silicon. The resistors on the diaphragm of the pressure sensor drawn above have current flow longitudinal (R1 and R4) and transverse (R2 and R3) to the strain. The strain is tensile on the top surface of the diaphragm where the resistors are located if positive pressure is applied to the top of the diaphragm. The piezoresistive coefficient for R1 and R4 is 71.8 and for R2 and R3 is -66.3 E-11/Pa . The calculations above give the stress as $2.49\text{E}8 \text{ Pa}$ thus the hole mobility will decrease in R1 and R4 (R increases in value) by $2.49\text{E}8 \times 71.8\text{e-}11 = 17.9\%$ while R2 and R3 (decrease in value) because the mobility increases by $2.49\text{E}8 \times 66.3\text{E-}11 = 16.5\%$, thus the overall effect will be dominated by the piezoresistance rather than the effect of strain on the dimensions.



EXPRESSION FOR RESISTANCE

$$R = R_0 [1 + \pi_L \sigma_{xx} + \pi_T (\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})]$$

$$\text{where } R_0 = (L/W)(1/(q\mu(N,T) \text{ Dose}))$$

π_L is longitudinal piezoresistive coefficient

π_T is transverse piezoresistive coefficient

σ_{xx} is the x directed stress, same direction as current

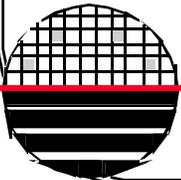
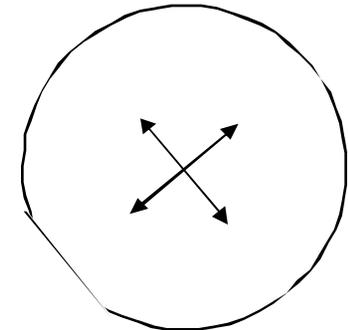
σ_{yy} is the y directed stress, transverse to current flow

σ_{zz} is the z directed stress, transverse to current flow

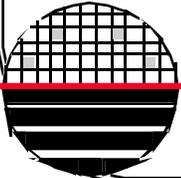
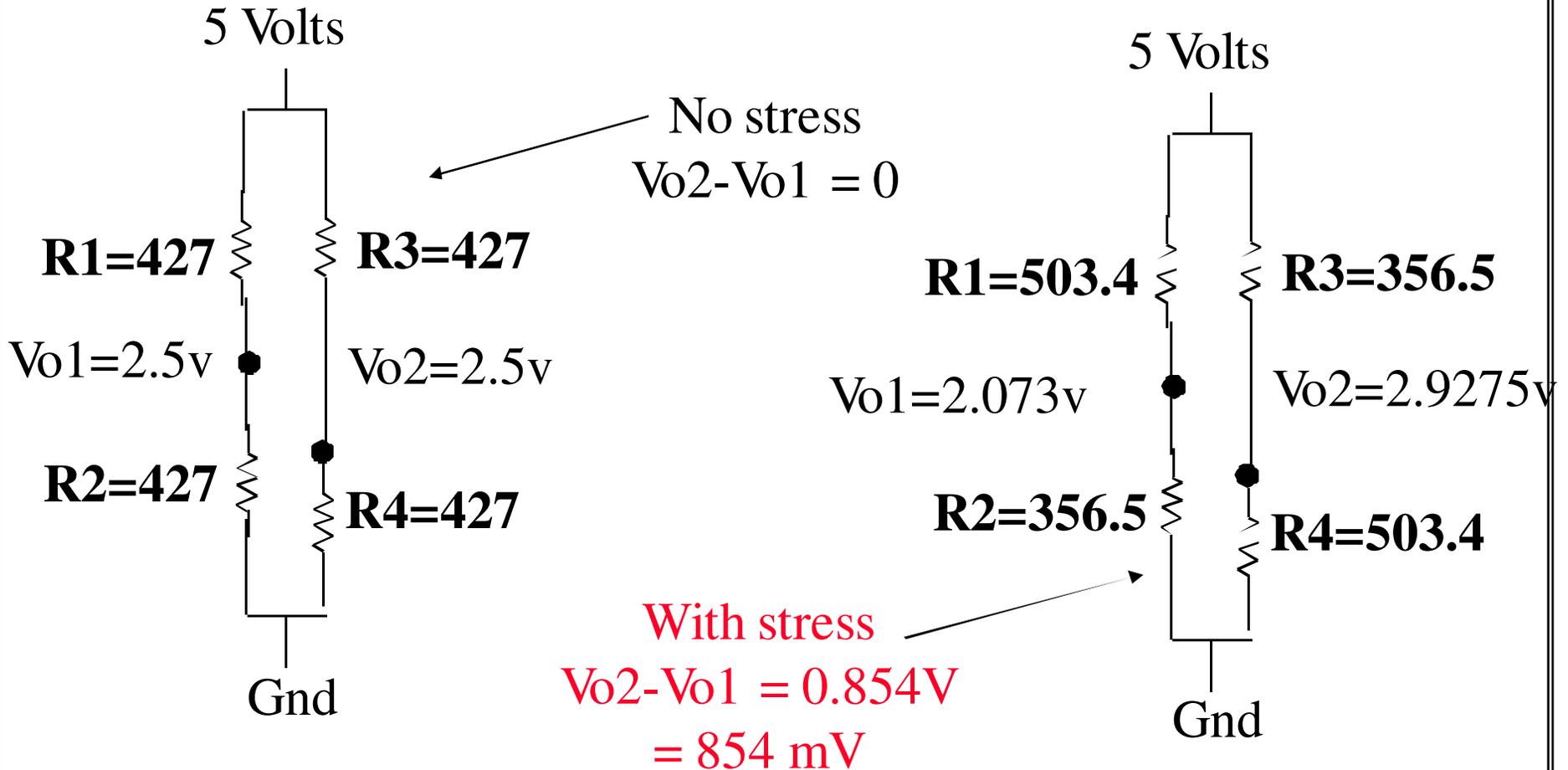
In the $\langle 110 \rangle$ direction

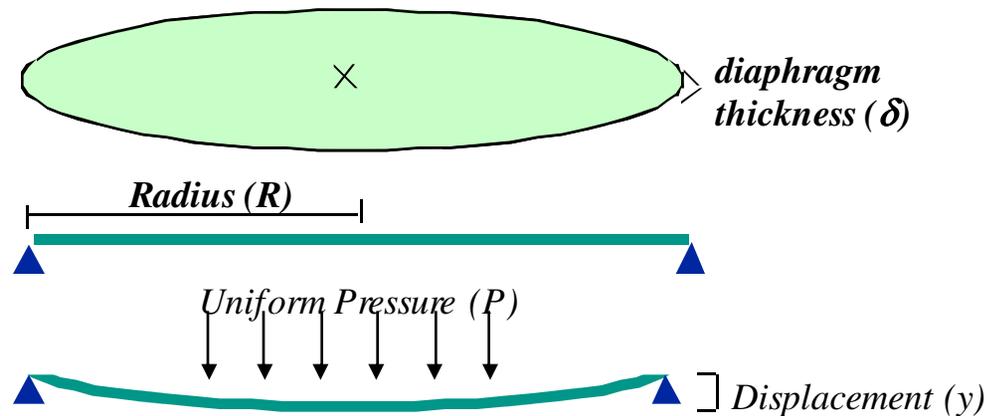
	π_L (E ⁻¹¹ /Pa)	π_T (E ⁻¹¹ /Pa)
Electrons	-31.6	-17.6
holes	71.8	-66.3

(100) wafer
 $\langle 110 \rangle$ directions



CALCULATION OF EXPECTED OUTPUT VOLTAGE FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL RESISTORS



DIAPHRAGM**Diaphragm:
Displacement**

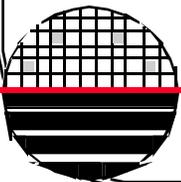
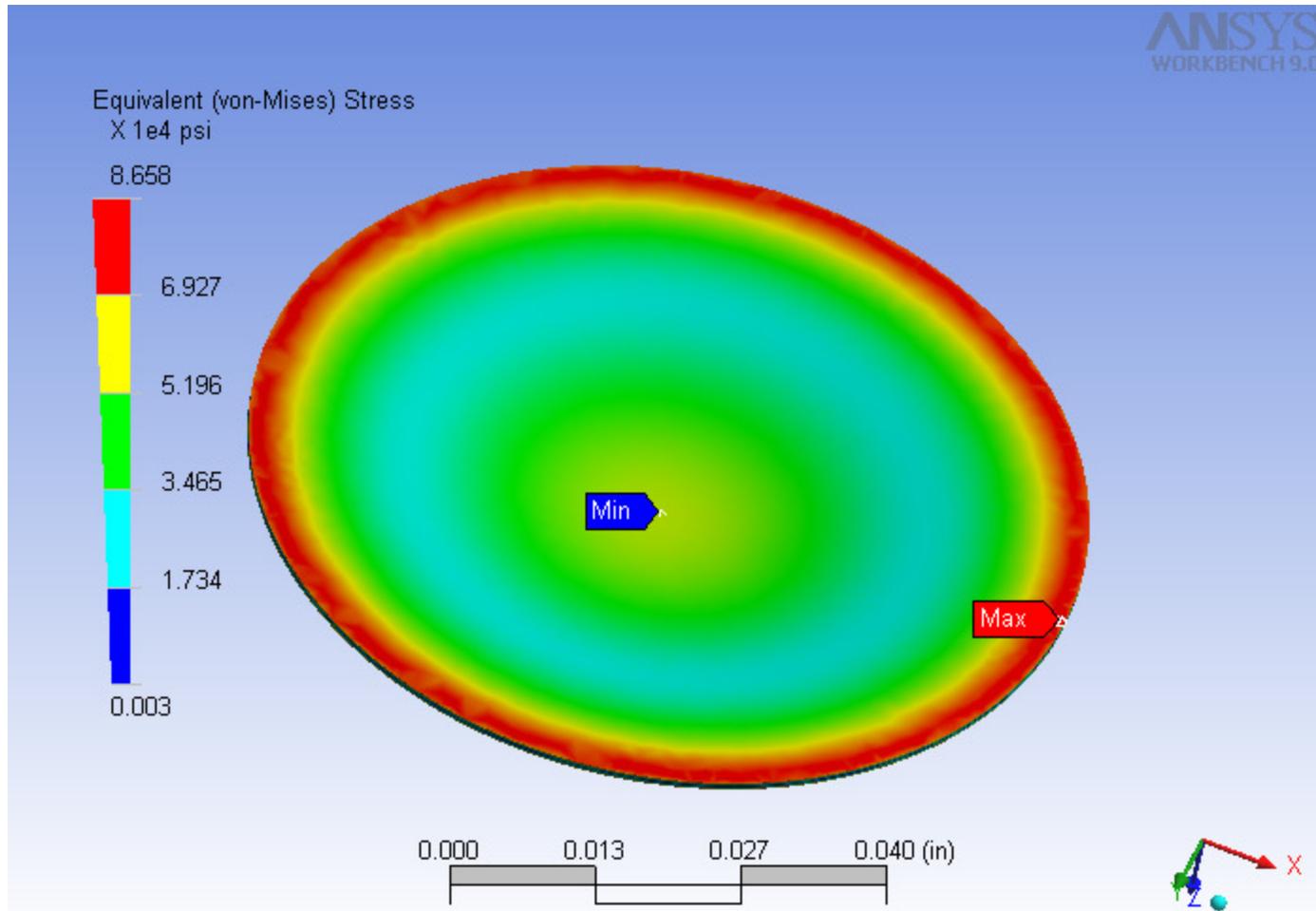
Equation for deflection at center of diaphragm

$$y = \frac{3PR^4[(1/\nu)^2-1]}{16E(1/\nu)^2\delta^3} = \frac{(249.979)PR^4[(1/\nu)^2-1]}{E(1/\nu)^2\delta^3}$$

E = Young's Modulus, ν = Poisson's Ratio
for Aluminum $\nu = 0.35$

*The second equation corrects all units assuming that pressure is mmHg, radius and diaphragm is μm , Young's Modulus is dynes/cm², and the calculated displacement found is μm .

CIRCULAR DIAPHRAGM FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS0



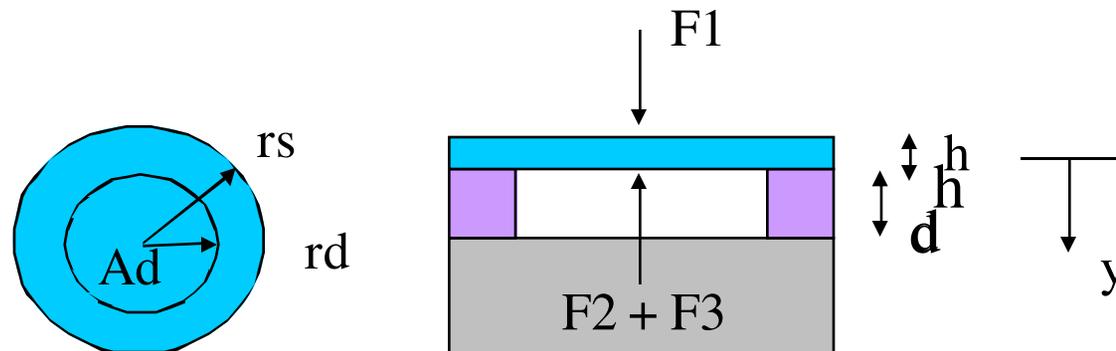
CAPTURED VOLUME

$$PV = nRT$$

F1 = force on diaphragm = external pressure times area of diaphragm

F2 = force due to captured volume of air under the diaphragm

F3 = force to mechanically deform the diaphragm

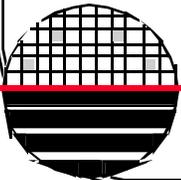


$$F1 = F2 + F3 \quad F1 = P \times Ad \quad F2 = nRT Ad / (Vd + Vs)$$

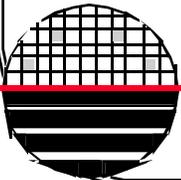
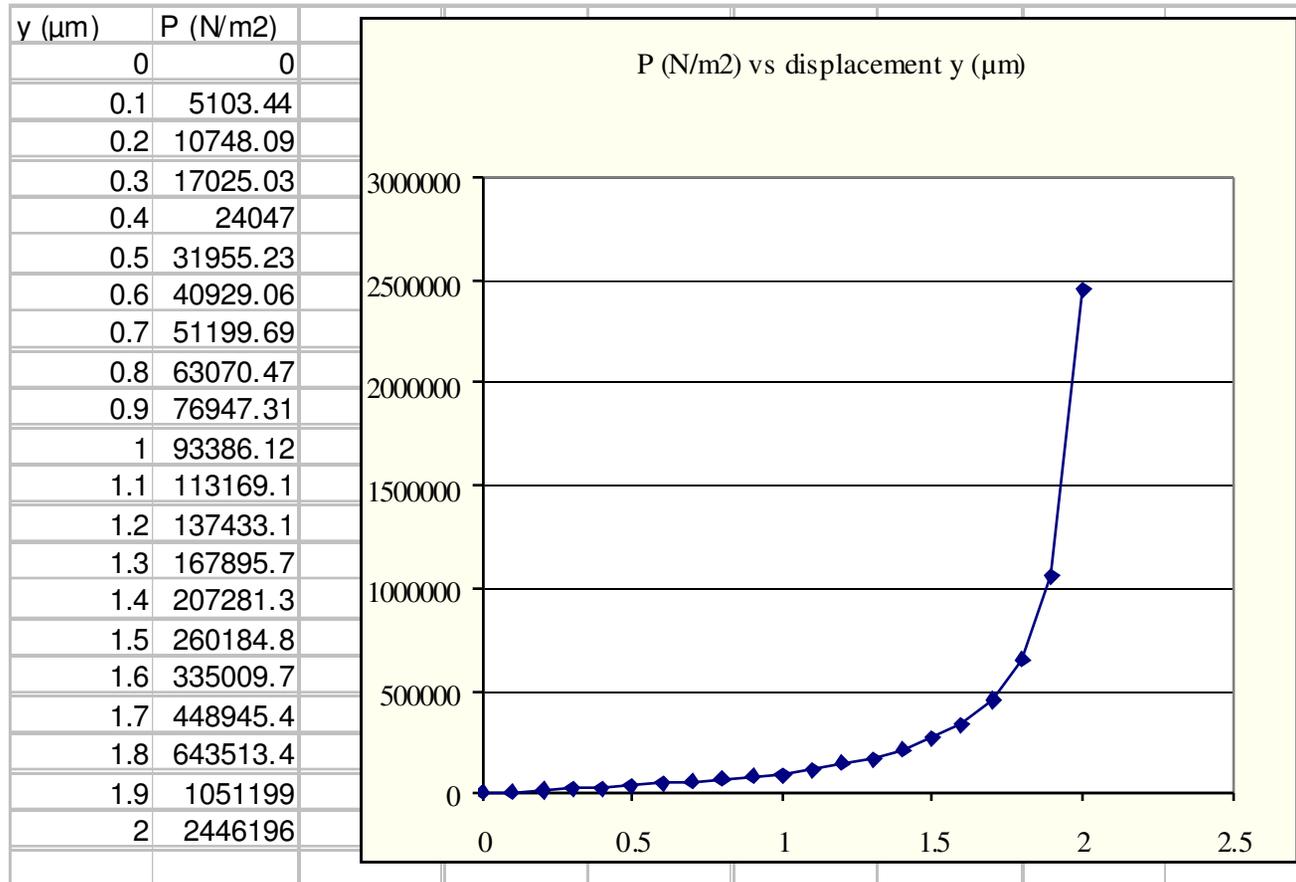
where $Vd = Ad (d-y)$ and $Vs = G1 Pi (rs^2 - rd^2)(d)$ where

$G1$ is the % of spacer that is not oxide

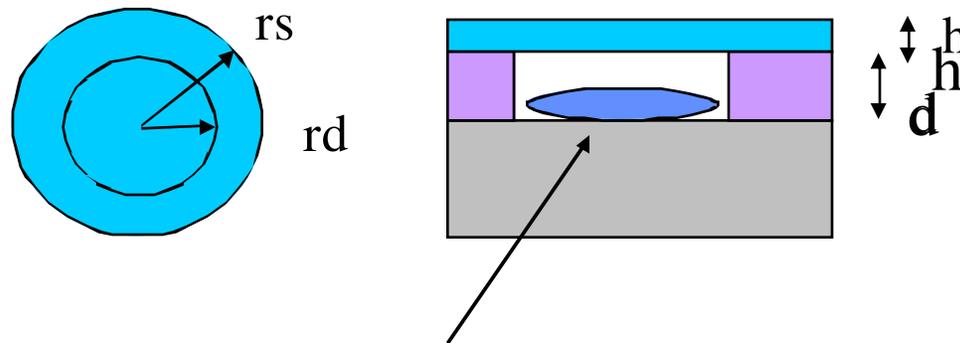
$$F3 = (16 E (1/\nu)^2 h^3 y) / (3 rd^4 [(1/\nu)^2 - 1])$$



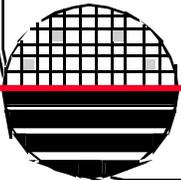
DIAPHRAGM WITH CAPTURED VOLUME



CAPTURED VOLUME & PHASE CHANGE ACTUATORS



Liquid that is heated enough to go to gas state, expands and deflects the diaphragm.



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HOMWORK – MECHANICAL FUNDAMENTALS

1. For a simple cantilever beam of length 1000 μm , width of 100 μm and thickness of 25 μm . Calculate the force needed to cause the end of the beam to move 10 μm . Calculate the stress at the anchor when this force is applied.
2. If a p-type diffused resistor on (100) silicon cantilever is placed on a simple (110) cantilever at the anchor where the stress is maximum and is oriented parallel to cantilever beam what is the expected piezoresistance coefficient. Write an expression for the resistor that includes effects of strain, piezoresistance and force at the free end of the cantilever. Include variables for cantilever L, W, H, etc.
3. Calculate the maximum deflection for a circular polysilicon diaphragm, 500 μm in diameter, 2 μm in thickness, with a uniform pressure of 2 lbs/in^2
4. Make an excel spreadsheet for doing calculations associated with cantilever beam of different materials, sizes, mass and force at end, etc. Show example results. Make practical assumptions.