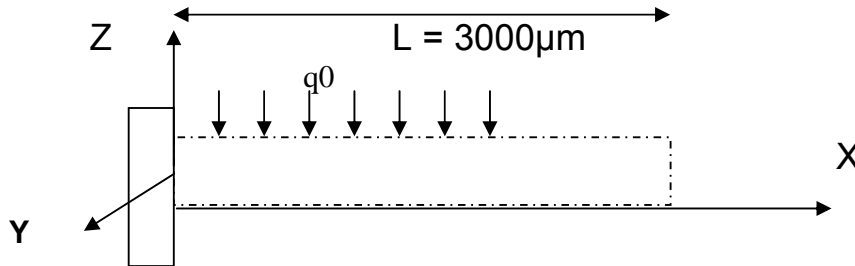


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Report – oblig II  
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## Exercise: Silicon Beam Accelerometer



For a clamped cantilever silicon beam the deflection function can be calculated by integrating the general differential equation for a beam and applying appropriate boundary conditions:

$$\omega(x) = \frac{q_0 \cdot x^2}{24EI} (.x^2 + 6L^2 - 4LX)$$

Here,  $q_0$  is a uniformly distributed load (per unit length along the beam),  $E$  is Young's modulus,  $I$  is the moment of inertia, and  $L$  is the length of the beam. Note that the beam is clamped at  $x = 0$ , with a free end at  $x = L$ . The cross section of the beam has rectangular shape:

$$-b/2 \leq y \leq b/2, \quad -h/2 \leq z \leq h/2$$

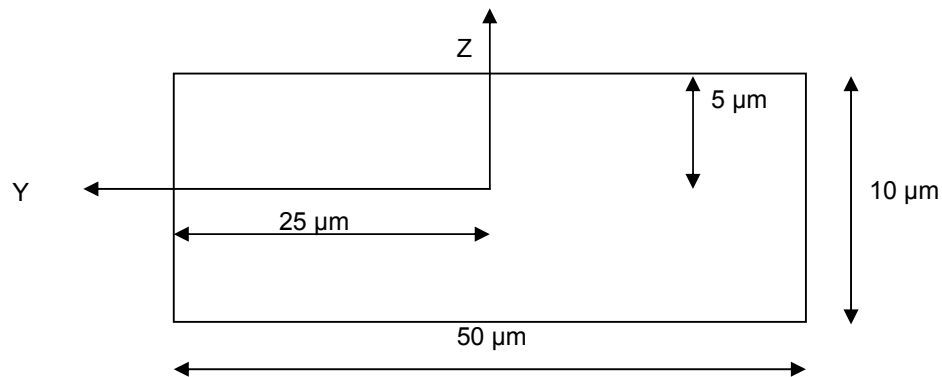
where the  $z$  axis points in the opposite direction of the force  $q_0$ .  $I$  is then  $bh^3/12$ . An important stress measure is the normal stress on a surface perpendicular to the axis of the beam:

$$\sigma_{xx} = zE\omega''(x)$$

The beam is a part of a system that is subjected to an acceleration  $a$ .

Suitable data for the problem are  $a = 50g$ ,  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $L = 3 \text{ mm}$ ,  $b = 50 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ ,  $E = 168 \text{ GPa}$ . The density can be taken as  $\rho = 2300 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

(a) Draw the cross section in the  $y; z$  plane.



(b) What is the force  $q_0$  acting on the beam per unit length when the external acceleration is  $a$ ? (Hint: The acceleration can be treated as a fictitious force in an accelerated coordinate system in which the deflected beam is at rest.)

$$V = (b) * (L) * (h) = 1.5 \text{ pm}^3 \text{ (volume)}$$

$$M = D * V = 2.3 * 10^6 \text{ g/m}^3 * 1.5 * 10^{-12} = 3.45 \mu\text{g}_r \text{ (weight)}$$

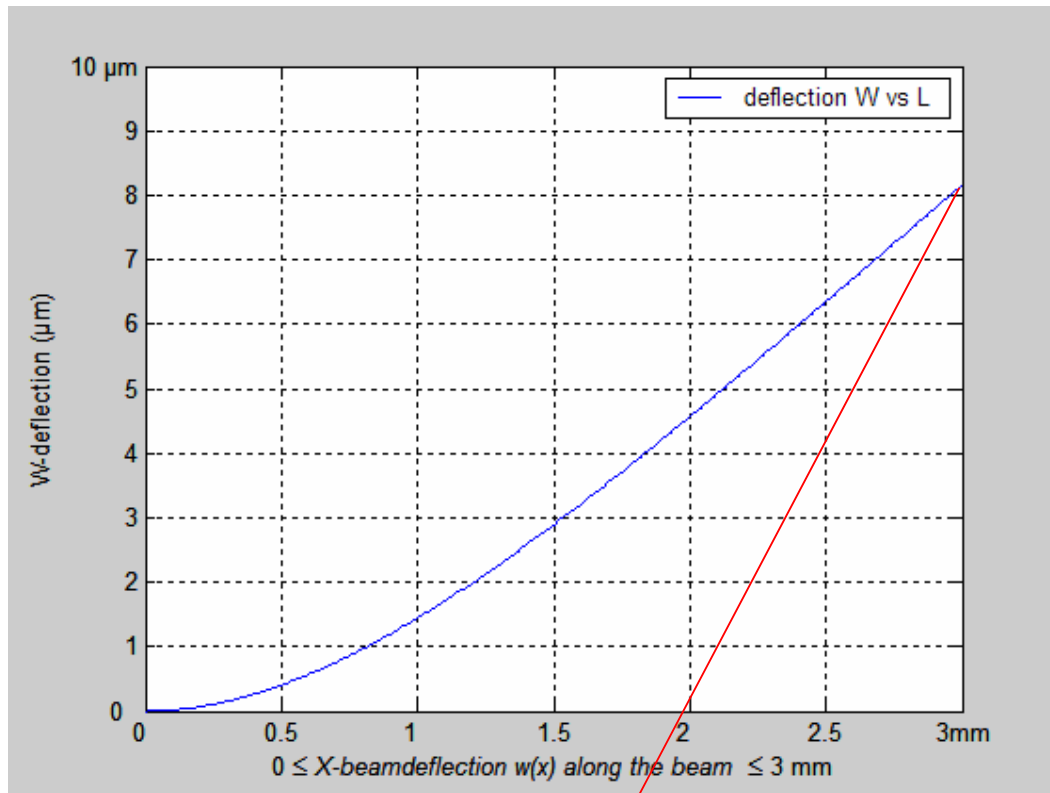
$$a = 50 * g = 50 * 9.81 = 490.5 \text{ m/S}^2 \text{ (acceleration)}$$

$$F = M * a = 3.45 * 10^{-6} * 490.5 = 1.6922 \text{ m.g}_r/\text{S}^2 \text{ (force)}$$

$$F = 1.6922 \mu\text{N}$$

$$q_0 = F/L = 1.6922 \text{ (}\mu\text{N)} / 3 * 10^{-3} = 564 \mu\text{N/m (force per unit length)}$$

(c) Plot the deflection  $w(x)$  along the beam ( $0 \leq x \leq L$ ).



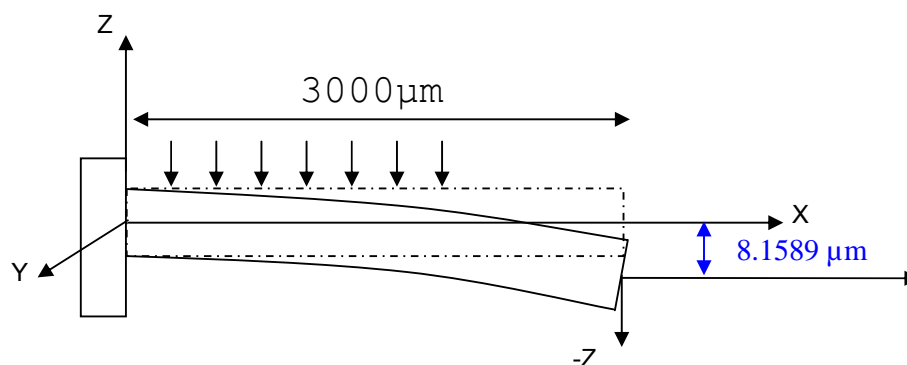
(d) Where is the maximum deflection, and how large is this deflection?

$w_{\max}$  would be at the end of the beam and in the  $-Z$  direction

$$L = 3000 \mu\text{m}$$

$$w_{\max}(L) = \frac{q_0 \cdot L^2}{24EI} (L^2 + 6L^2 - 4L^2) = \frac{q_0 \cdot L^4}{8EI}$$

$$w_{\max}(L) = 8.1589 \mu\text{m}$$



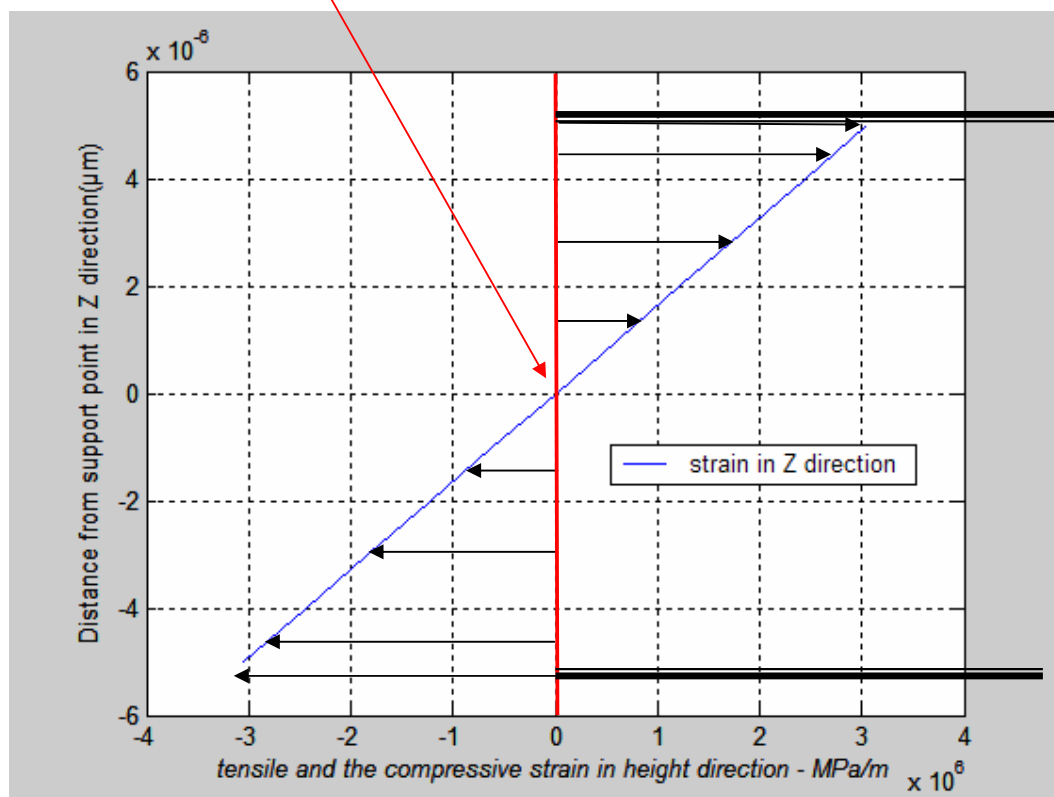
(e) Draw  $\sigma_{xx}$  as function of  $z$  for  $a = 50g$  and  $x = 0$ .

$$\sigma_{xx} = zE\omega''(x)$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{Z \cdot q_0}{2I} (x^2 - 2Lx^2 + L^2)$$

$$x=0 \quad \sigma_{xx-\max} = \frac{Z \cdot q_0}{2I} (L^2) \quad \sigma_{xx-\max} = \pm 3.046 * 10^6 \frac{P_a}{m}$$

Middle of Support point

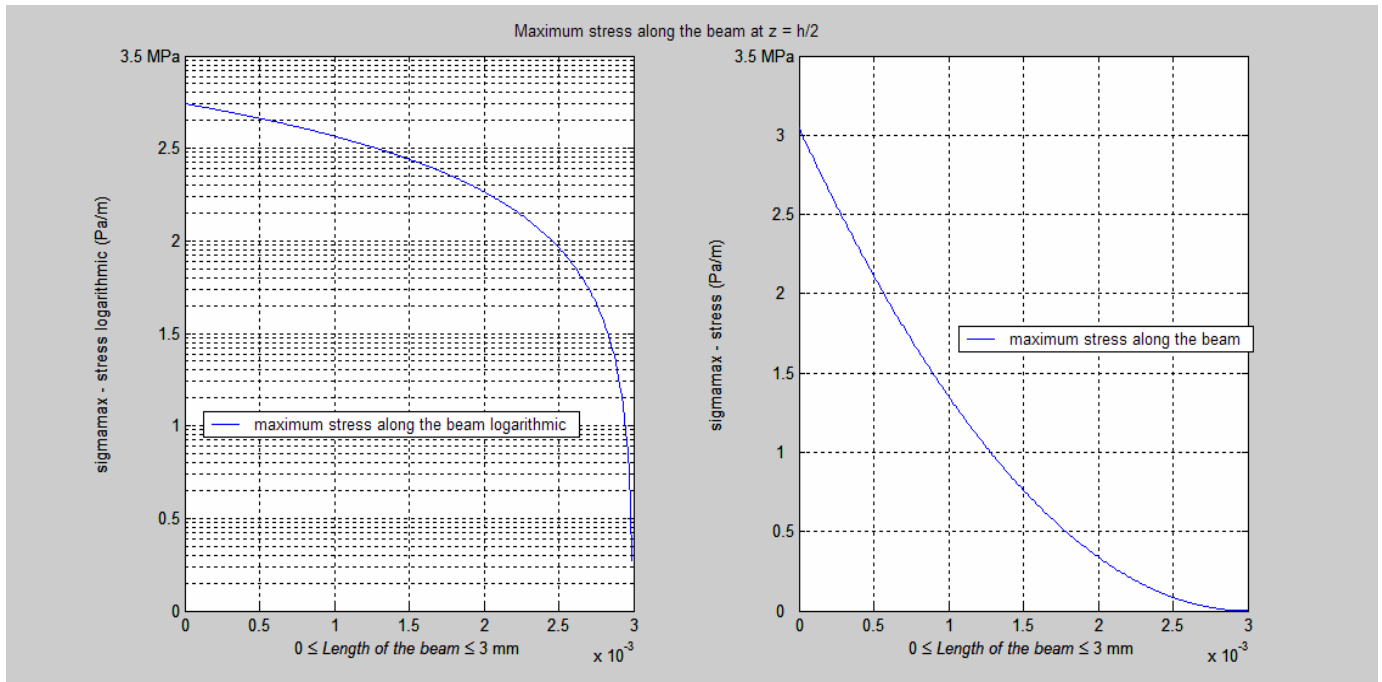


(f) What is the physical interpretation of the quantity  $\sigma_{xx}$  ?

The maximum tensile strain  $\mathcal{E}$  is at top surface and the maximum compressive strain will be at the bottom surface of the X, Y plain (x direction). **The maximum stress on the surface of X, Y is identified  $\sigma_{xx}$  as ( - X, X direction).**

**Plot  $\sigma_{xx}$  as a function of  $x$  for the  $z$  value which gives the largest stress in an arbitrary cross section.**

The graph shows the stress  $\sigma_{xx}$  around top surface at  $h = +z/2$  on the XZ plain (on the surface XY as tensile strain) and along the X direction to maximum X at  $L = 3$  mm. It would be the same as  $h = -z/2$  but as compressive strain.



**Find where  $\sigma_{xx}$  reaches its maximum value.**

$$\sigma_{xx - \max} = \pm 3.046005 \frac{\text{MP}_a}{m}$$

$\sigma_{xx}$  reaches its maximum at 2 points. First at maximum strain ( $\sigma_{xx-\max} = -3.046005 \frac{\text{MP}_a}{m}$ ) at the top surface of  $x, y$  at  $X, Z$  ( $0, h/2 = +5\mu\text{m}$ ). Secondly it reaches its maximum compressive strain ( $\sigma_{xx-\max} = +3.046005 \frac{\text{MP}_a}{m}$ ) at the bottom plain of  $xy$  at  $X, Z$  ( $0, -h/2 = 5\mu\text{m}$ ).

**(g) Plot the max deflection as a function of  $a$  when  $0 \leq a \leq 50g$  and  $x = L$ .**

Deflection  $w(x)$  would be linear at  $L$  proportional to  $a$  in the  $-Z$  direction.

