

Design IV

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Class 19

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Confidence Interval and Confidence Level

- For a population having a mean μ , the observed mean of n samples measured in one experiment is \bar{x} . The confidence interval, i.e., the region within δ of μ is:

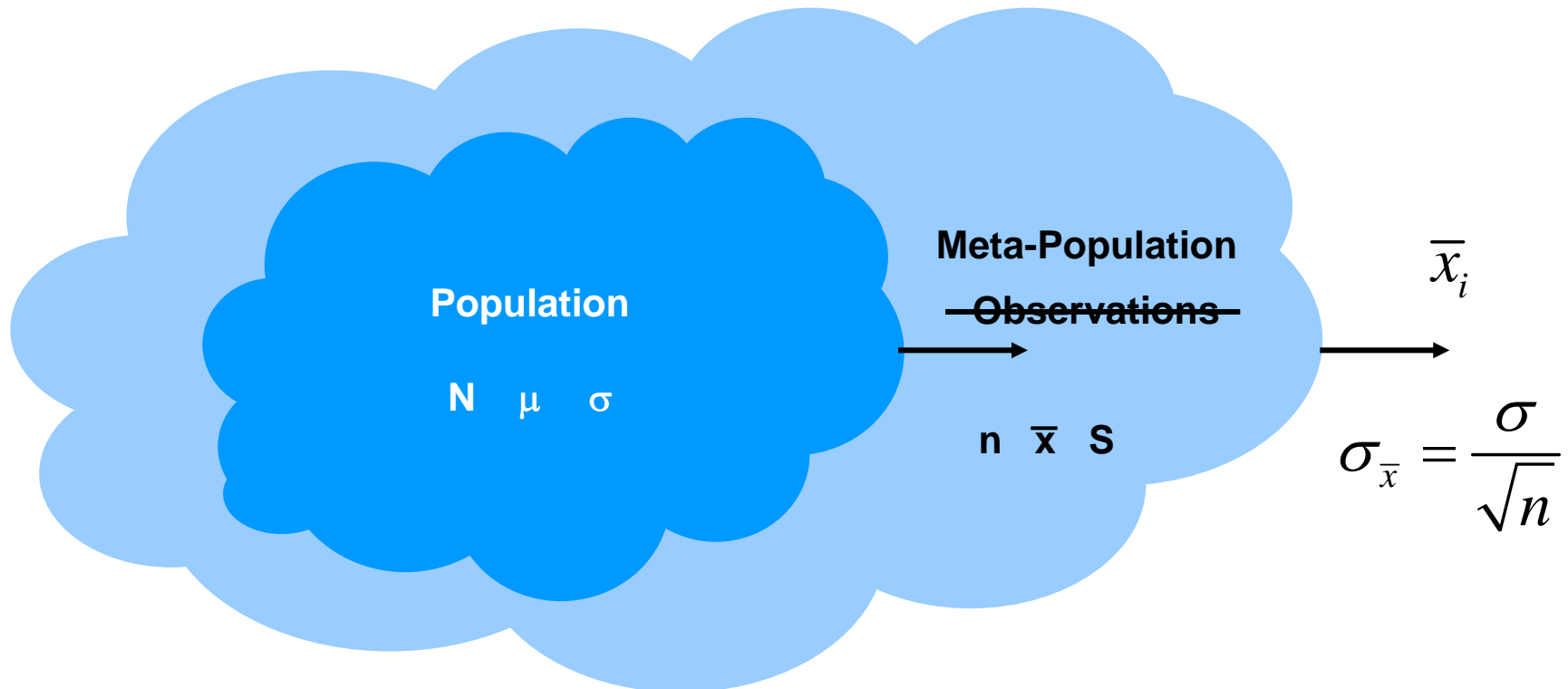
$$\bar{x} - \delta \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + \delta$$

- If α is the probability that the observed mean will not be within δ of μ , the confidence level is:

$$1 - \alpha = P(\bar{x} - \delta \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + \delta)$$

Estimating Confidence Interval

- Assume a large enough sample size, use Central Limit Theorem



**What can be said, statistically,
about confidence interval?**

Computing Confidence Interval

- Define statistic z :

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}}$$

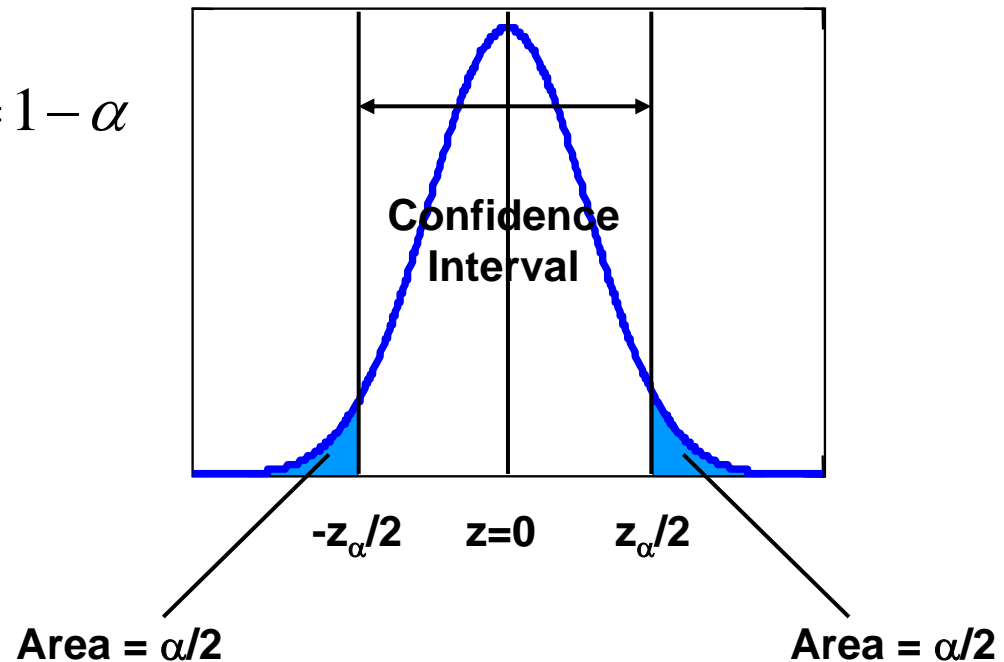
z is normally distributed with zero mean

$$P(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \leq z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

Or,

$$\mu = \bar{x} \pm \left(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

with confidence $1-\alpha$



Confidence Interval Example

- We need to know the melting point of an organic compound being manufactured by a chemical process, but the results depend on the specific composition, which varies randomly. 50 samples are tested, and the average melting point is found to be 80 °C with a standard deviation of 3 °C. What is the 98% confidence interval for the average melting temperature?
 - 50 samples are enough to assume a Gaussian distribution of results.
 - 98% confidence implies $\alpha = .02$
 - We need to find $z_{\alpha/2}$ such that

$$\int_0^{z_{\alpha/2}} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} = .5 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = .49$$

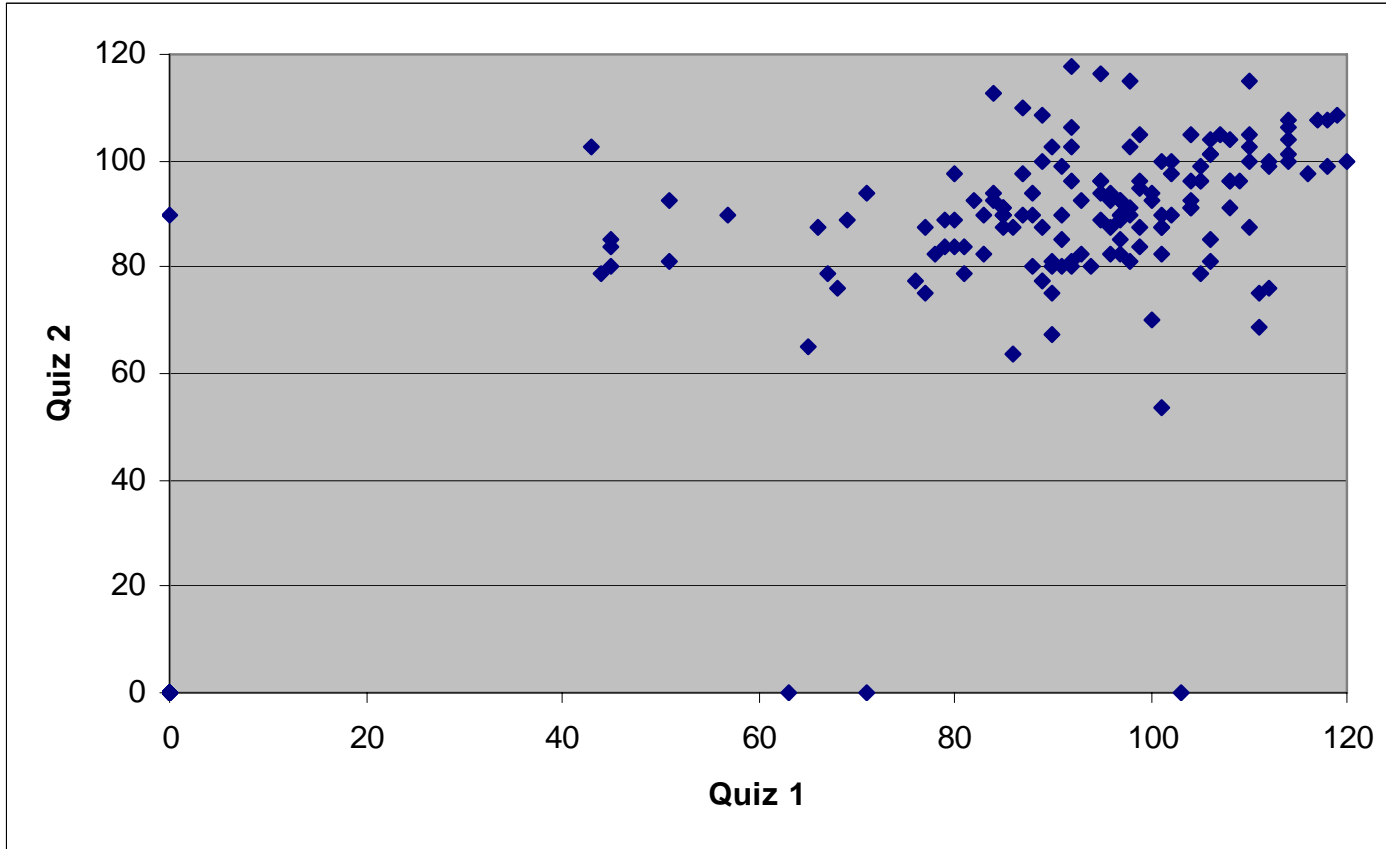
- Use Table 6.3 with a value .49

$$z_{\alpha/2} = 2.326$$

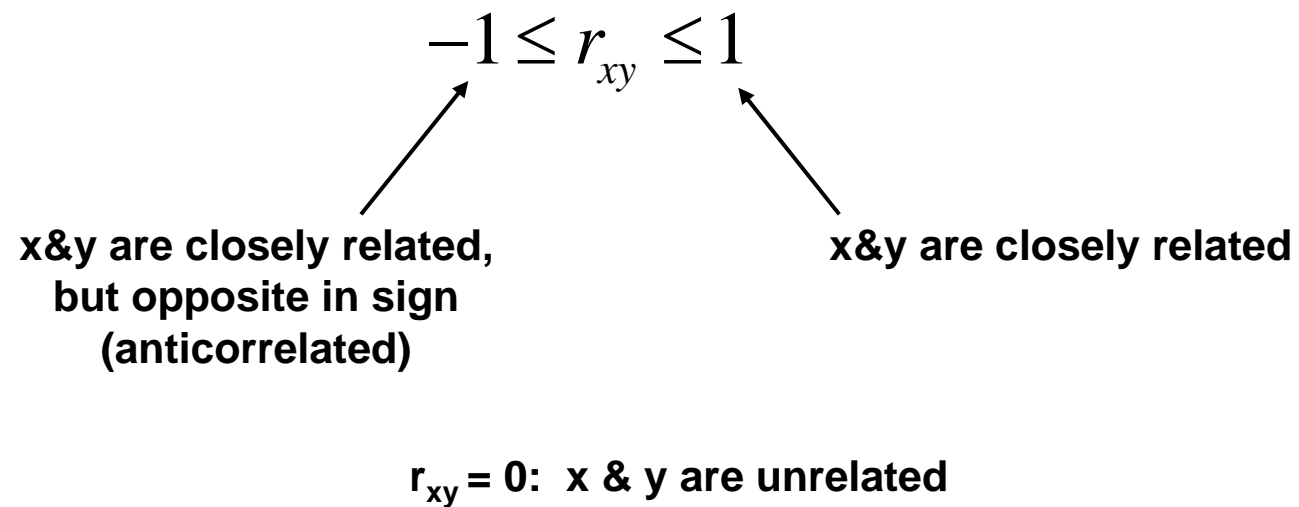
- Find confidence interval:

$$\bar{x} - \frac{z_{\alpha/2}S}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}S}{\sqrt{n}} = 80 - \frac{2.326 \cdot 3}{\sqrt{50}} \leq \mu \leq 80 + \frac{2.326 \cdot 3}{\sqrt{50}}$$
$$79.013 \leq \mu \leq 80.987$$

X-Y Scatter Plot



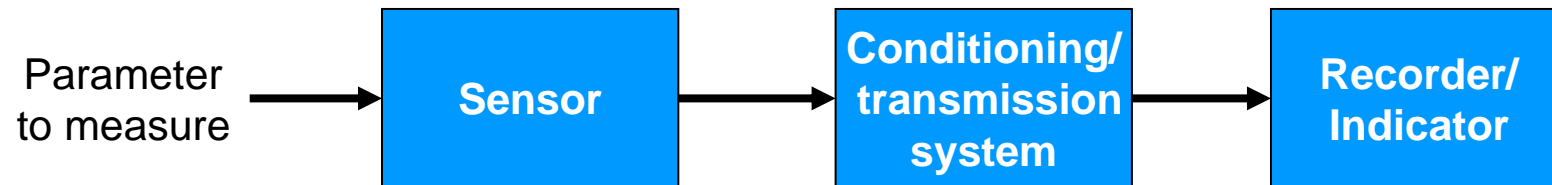
Characteristics of Correlation Coefficient



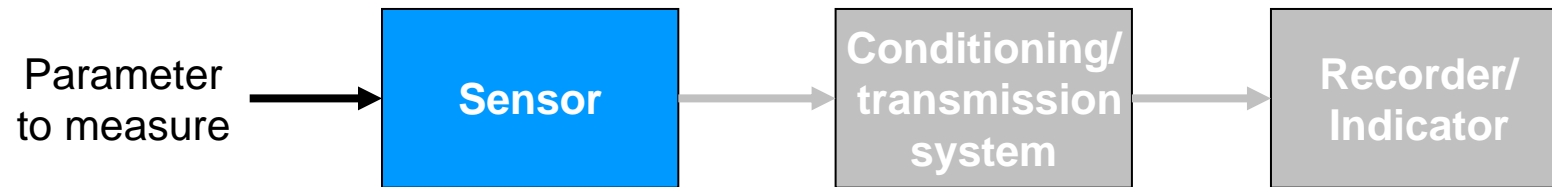
Today's topics

- Measurement sensors (Ch. 8)

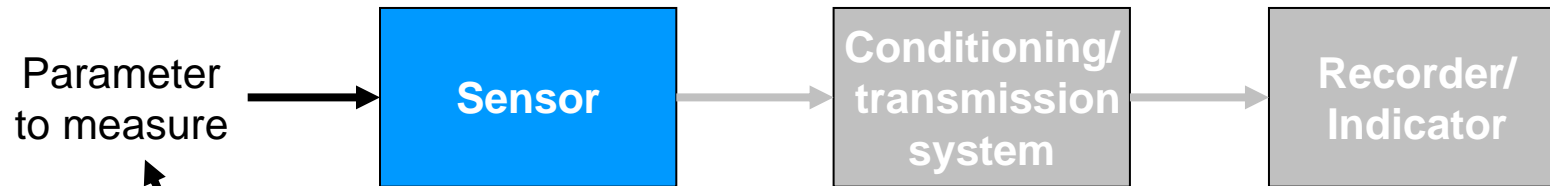
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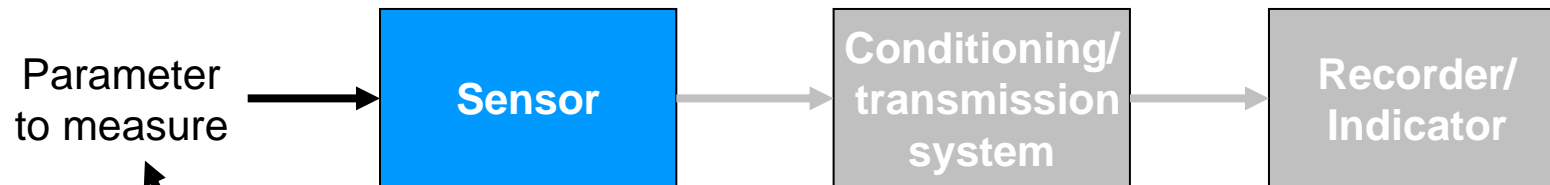


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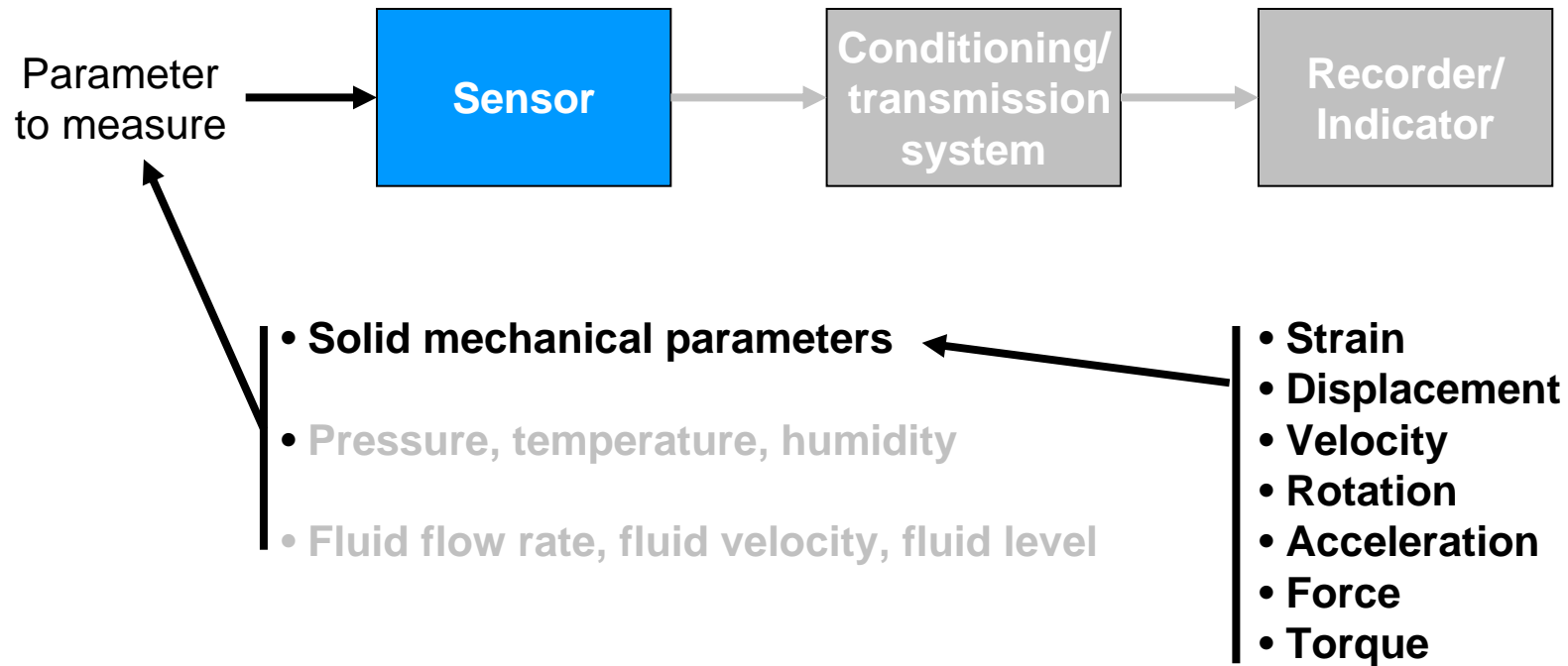
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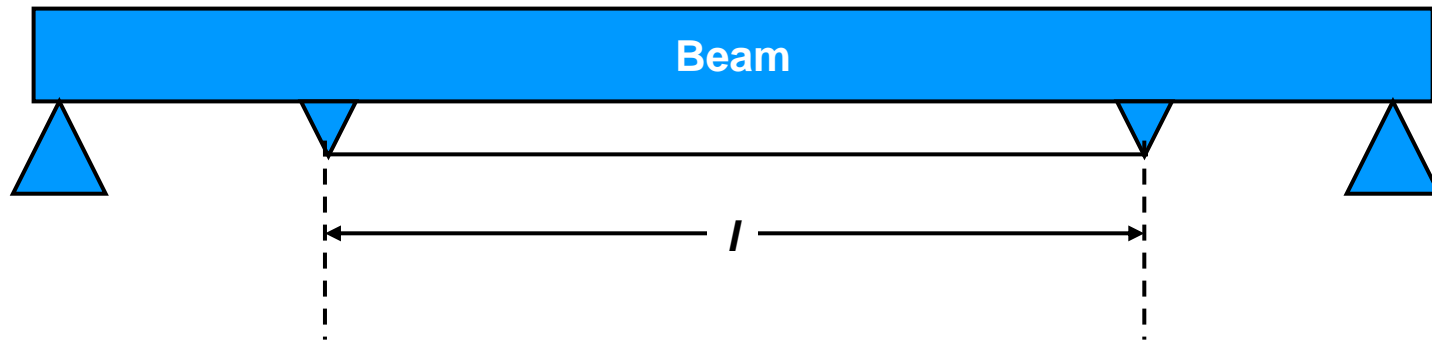
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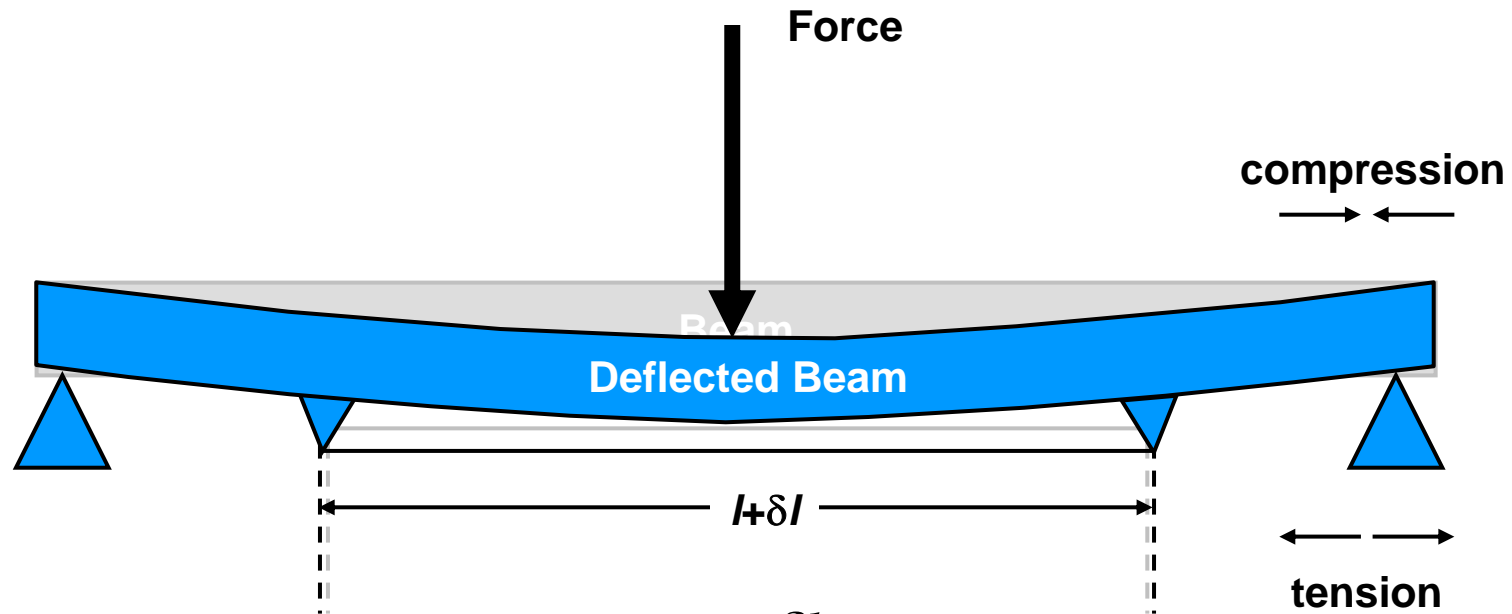
Strain Measurement

- A sensor wire, firmly attached to a beam in its resting state



Strain Measurement

- Under load, the beam deforms and places the bottom edge of the beam in tension

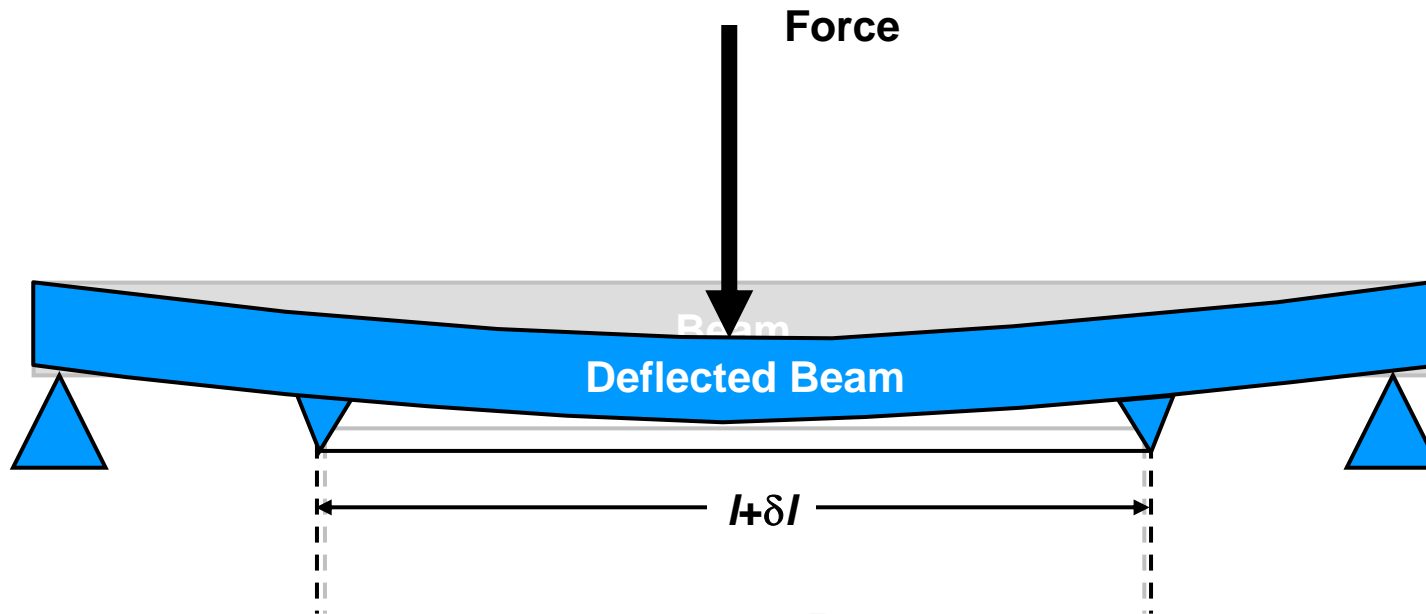


Strain: $\epsilon = \frac{\delta l}{l}$

Stress: $\sigma = E \epsilon$

Strain Measurement

- The sensor wire stretches, changing its resistance

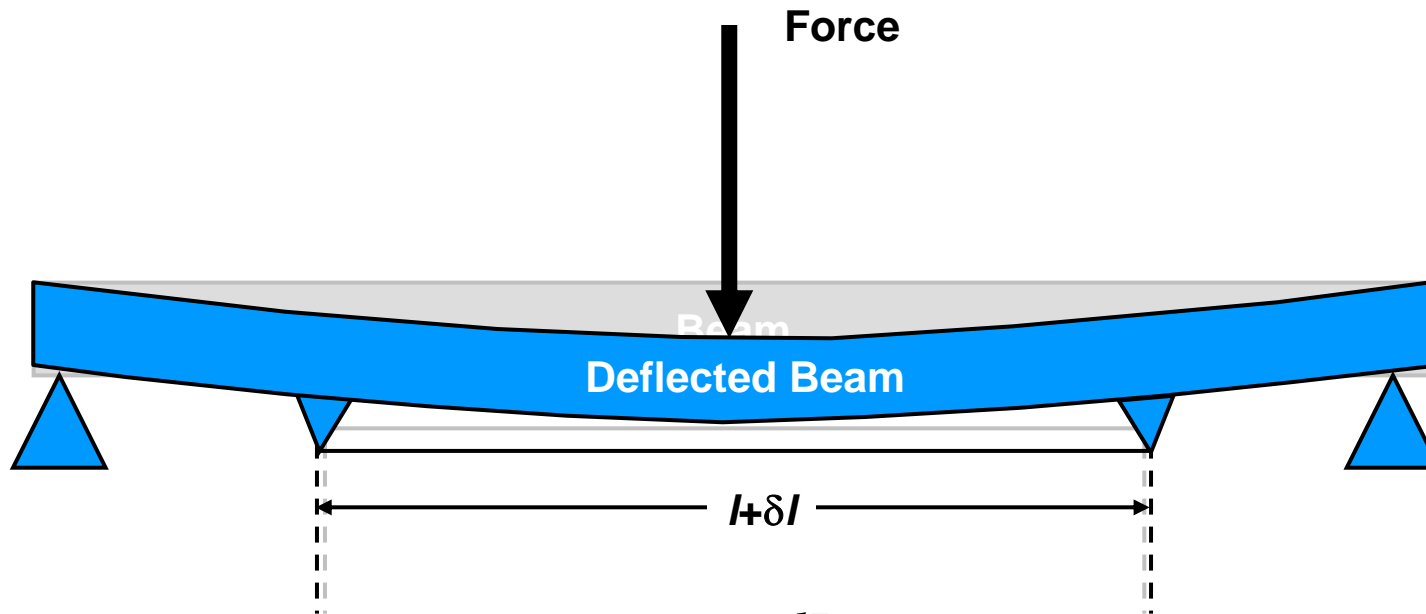


Resistance: $R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$

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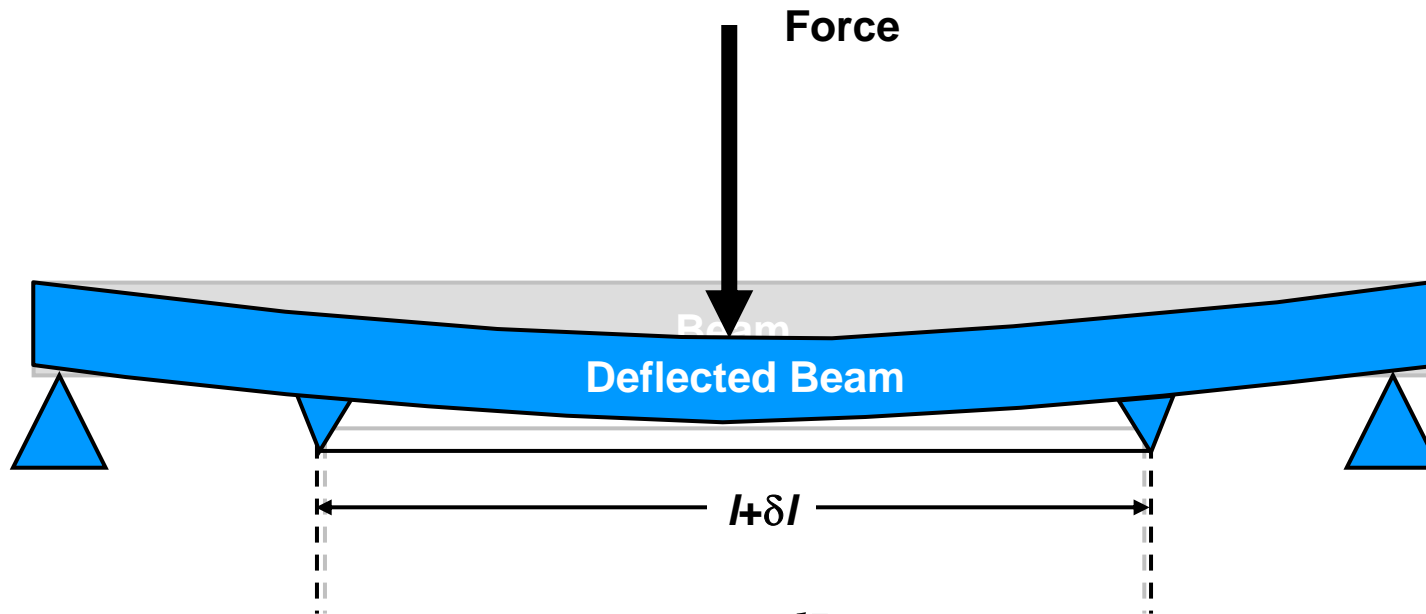
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- But we have to look at how area changes as well



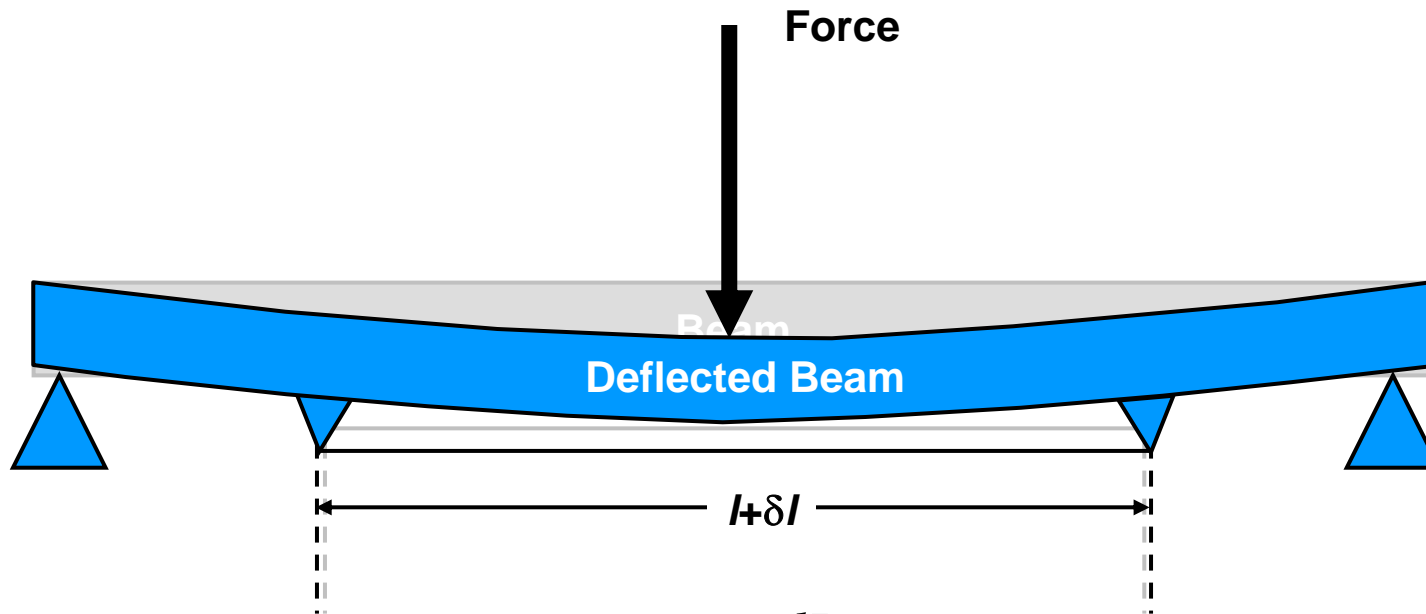
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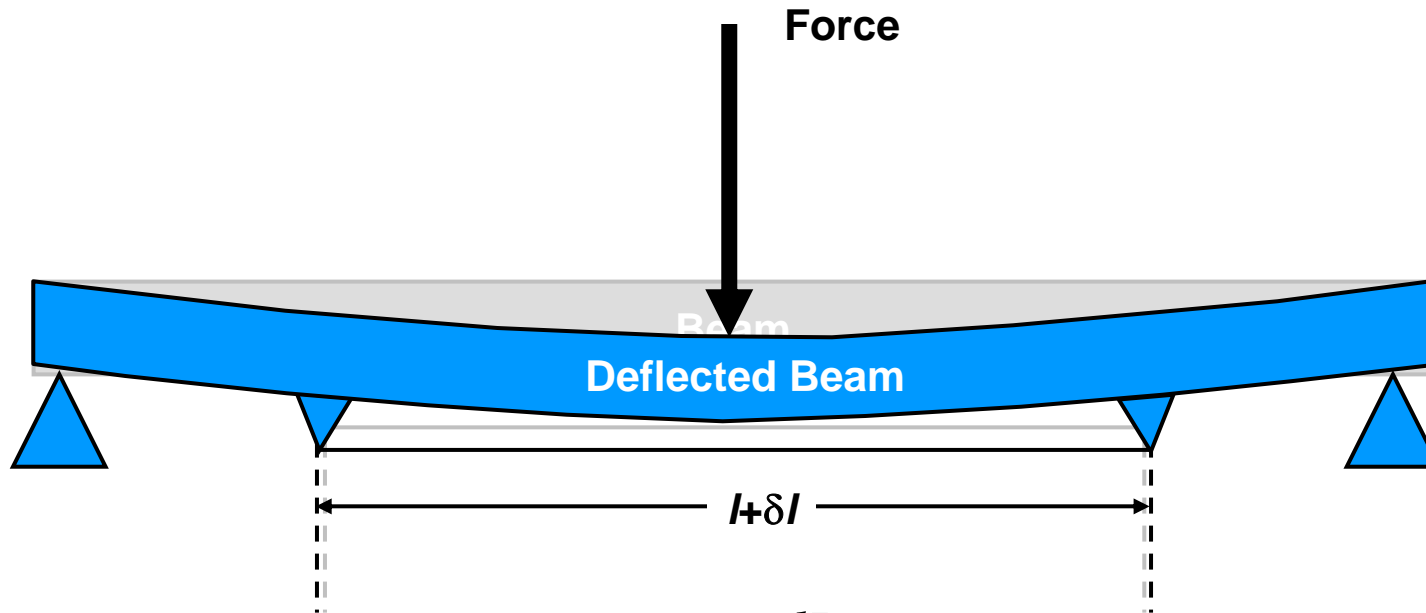
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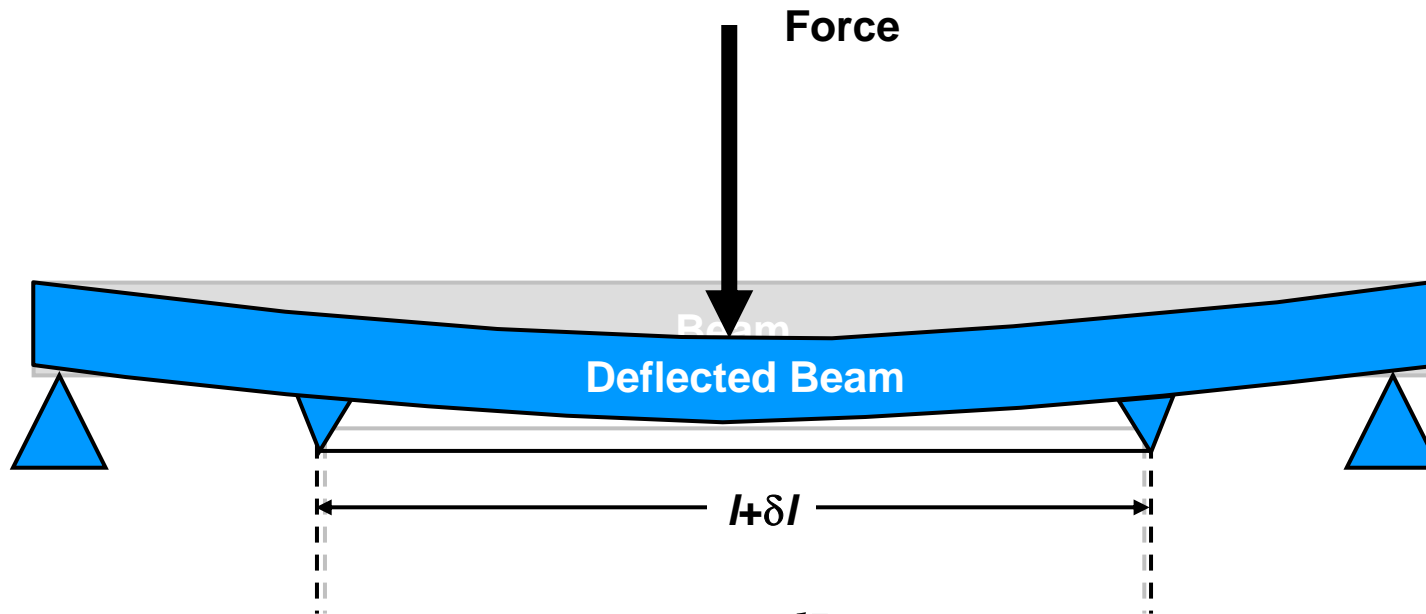


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- As wire gets longer, it also gets thinner in proportion



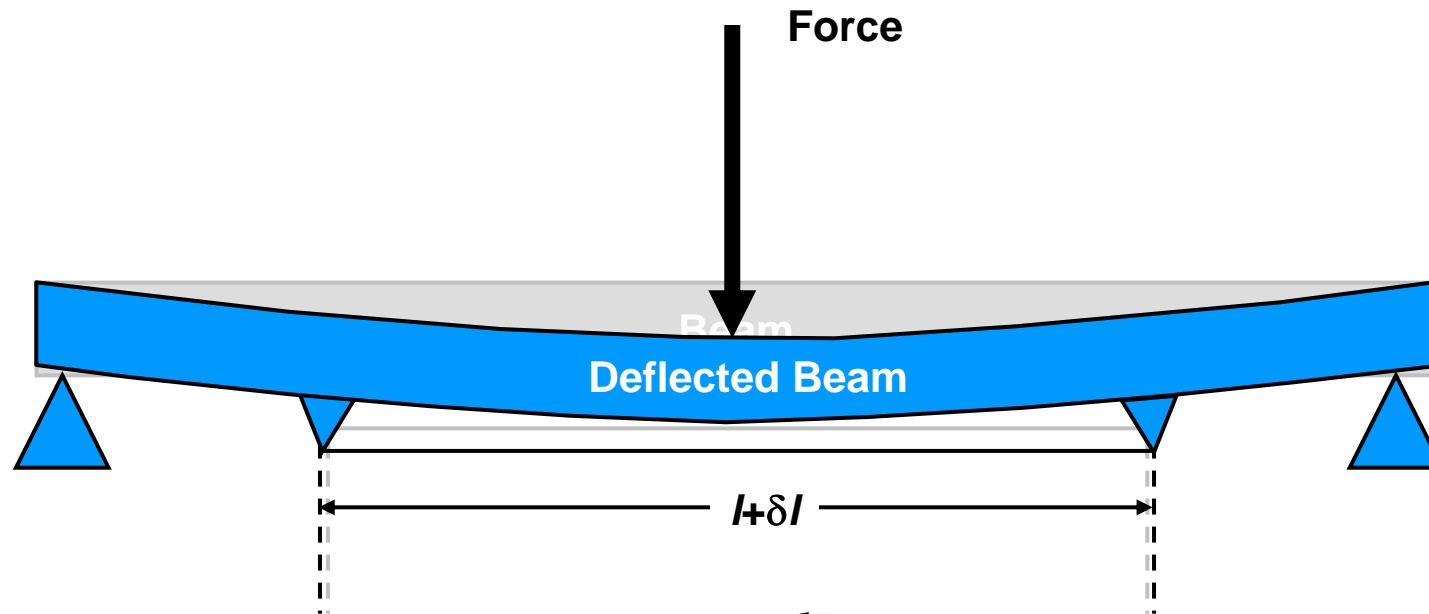
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Strain Measurement

- Combining equations

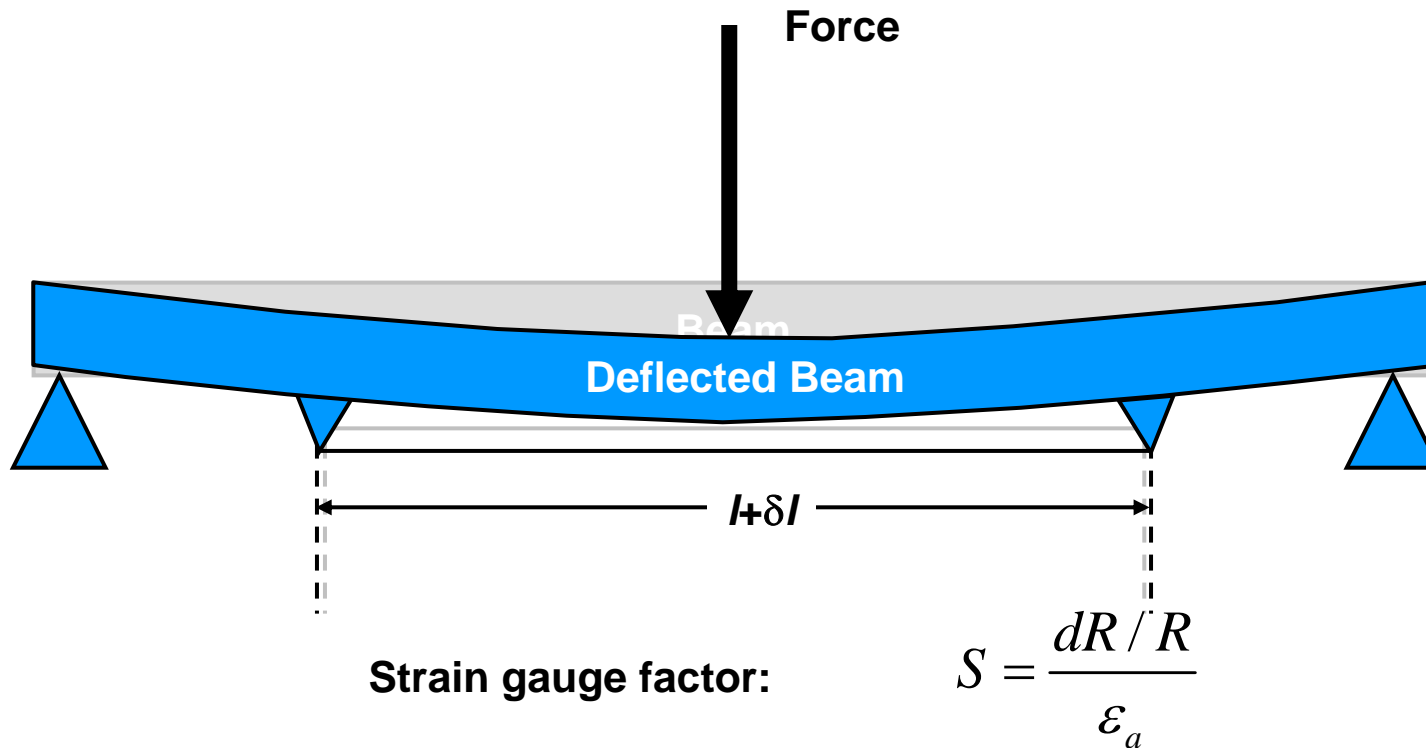


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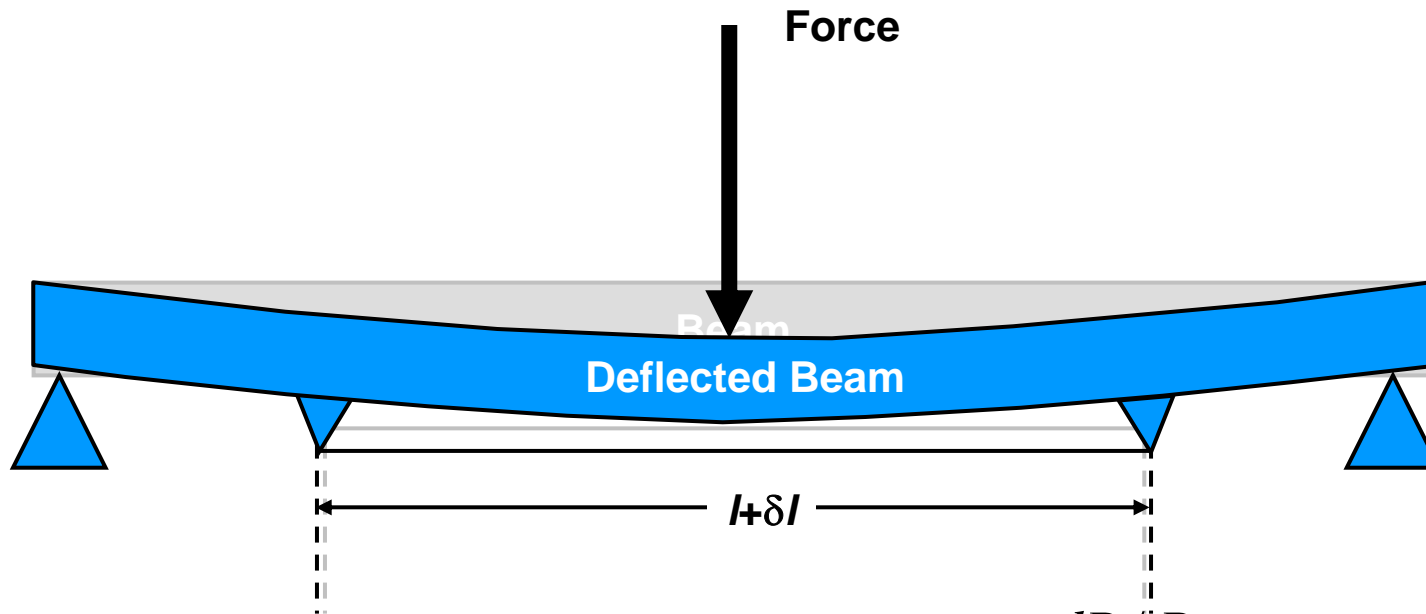
Strain Measurement

- Define the strain gauge factor, the normalized change in resistance per unit strain



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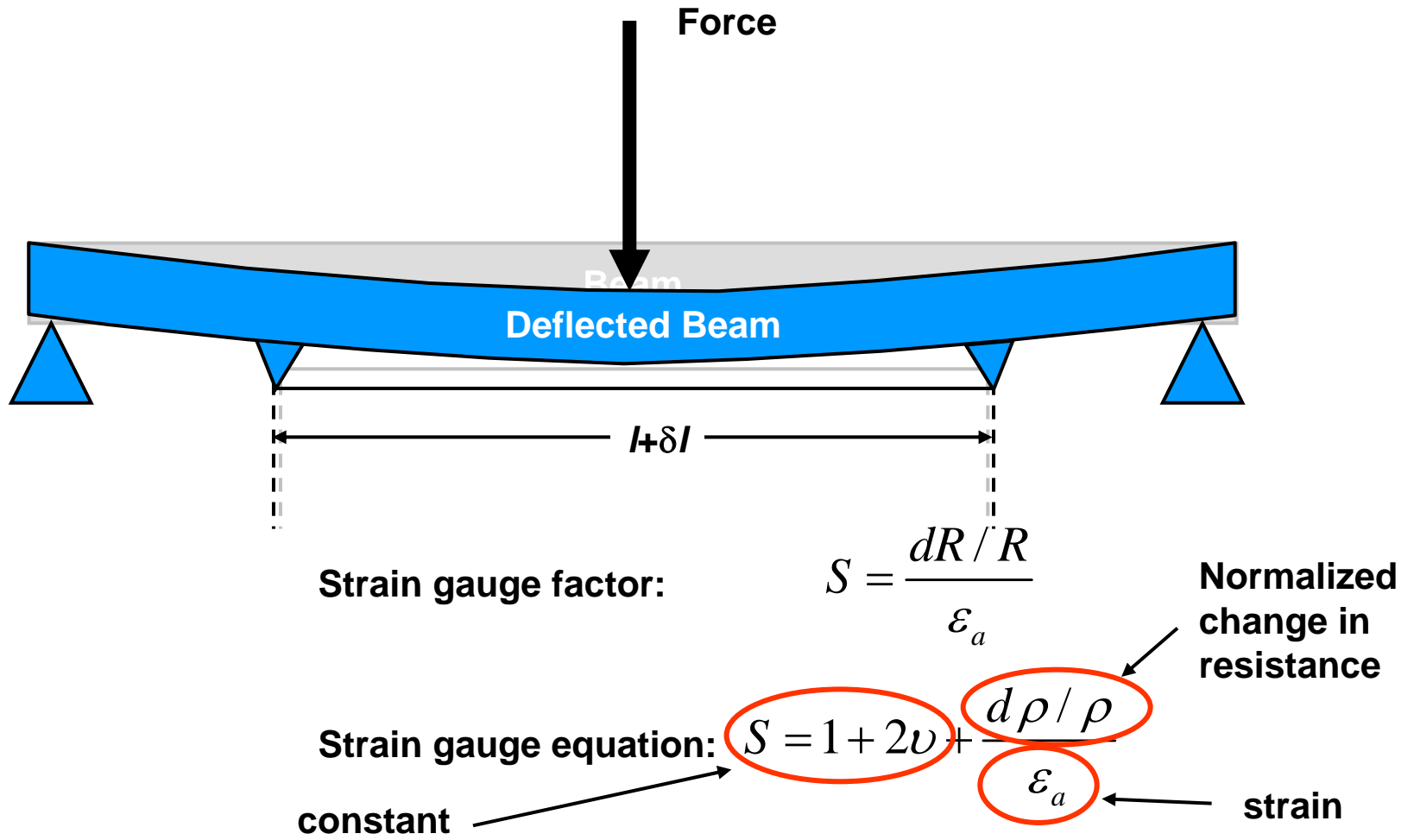
Strain gauge factor:

$$S = \frac{dR/R}{\varepsilon_a}$$

Strain gauge equation:
$$S = 1 + 2\nu + \frac{d\rho/\rho}{\varepsilon_a}$$

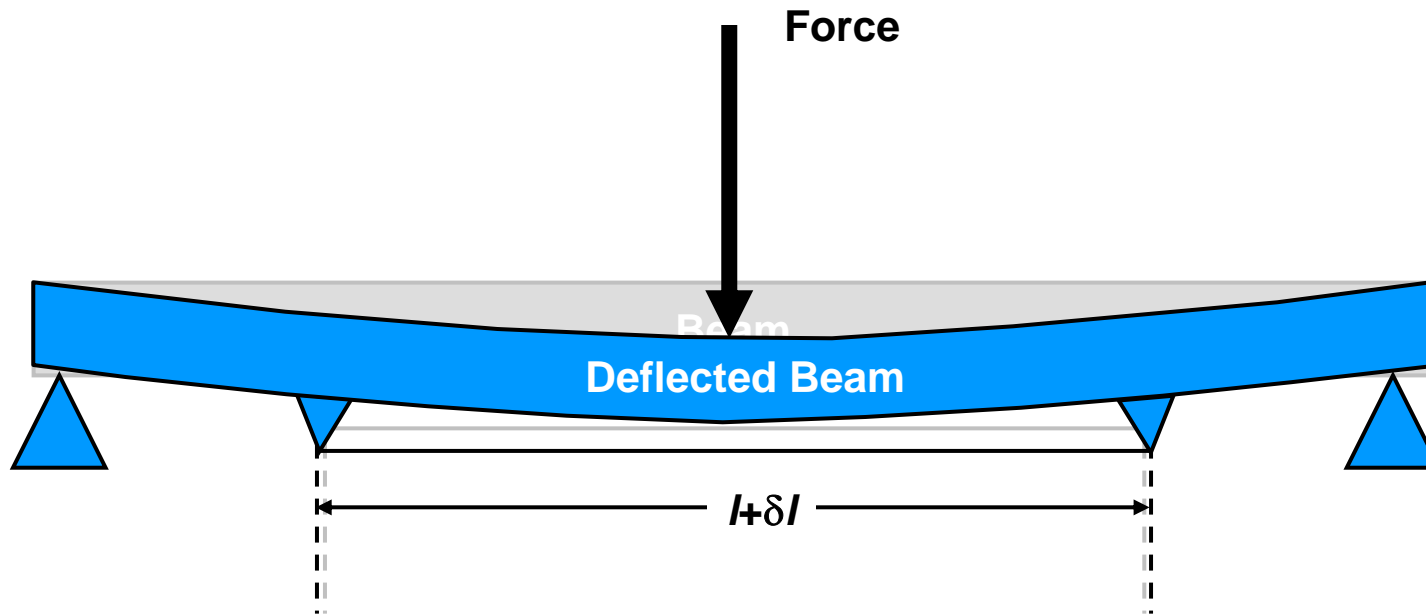
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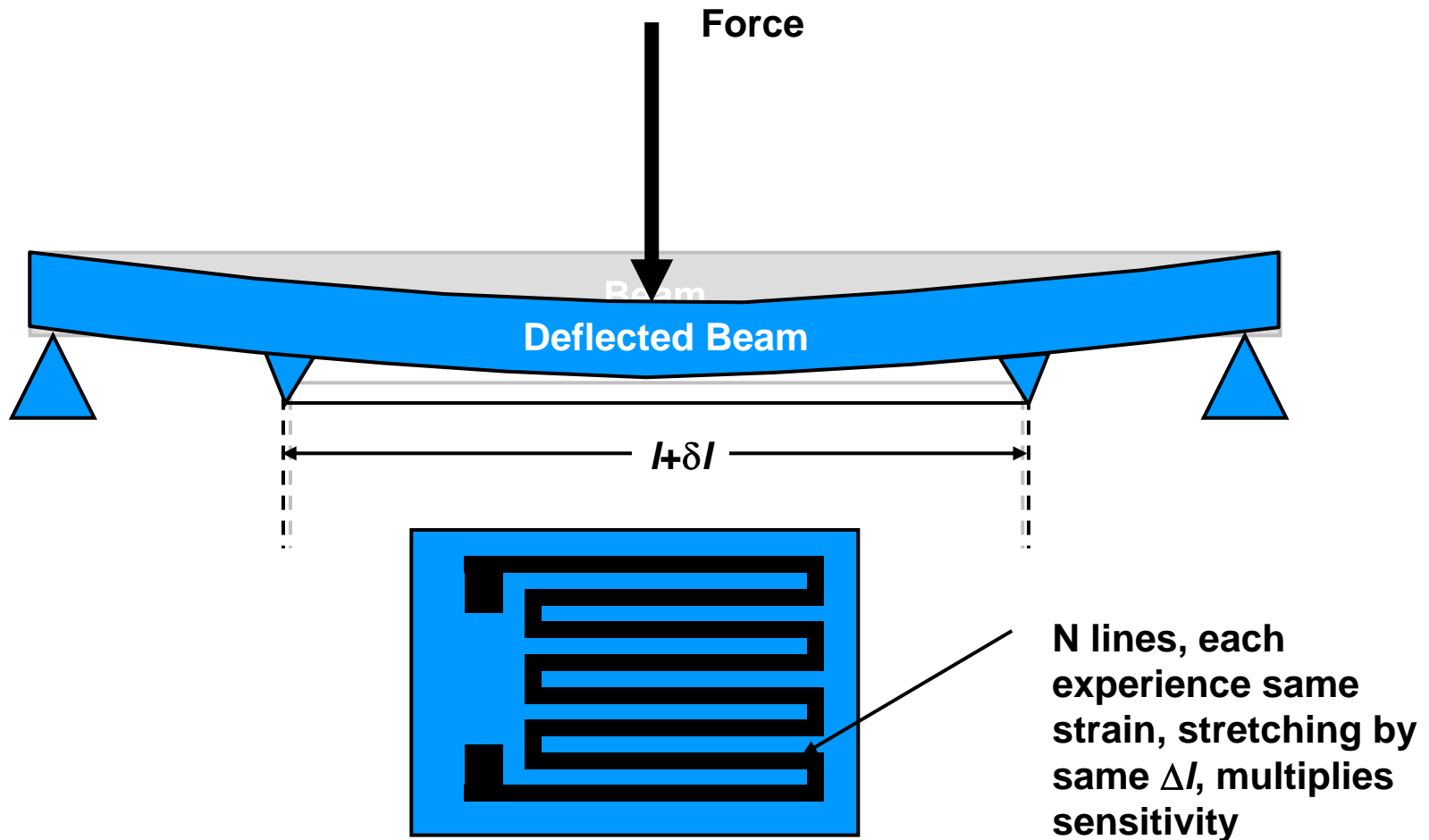
- Limitations of single wire strain measurement



- Beam strain Δl creates a wire length change Δl
- If l is small, ability to measure Δl is limited
- But, if l is long, gauge is subject to damage.

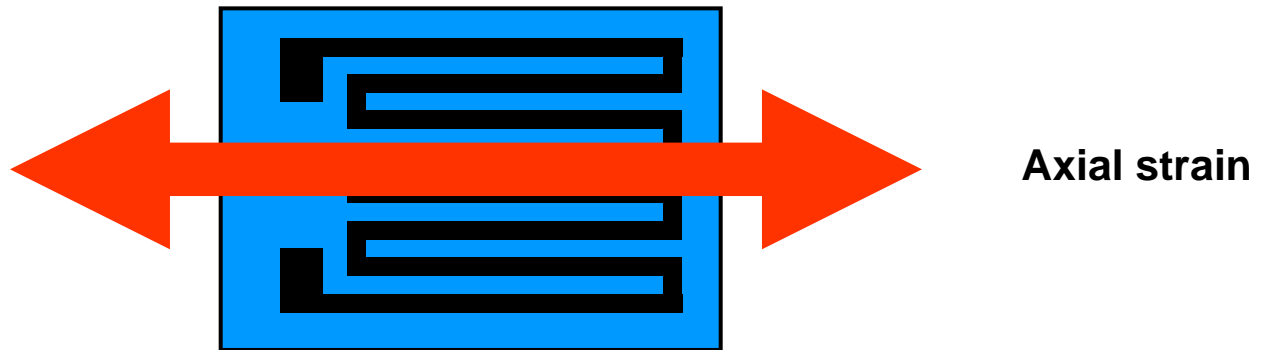
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- Alternative: foil strain gauges



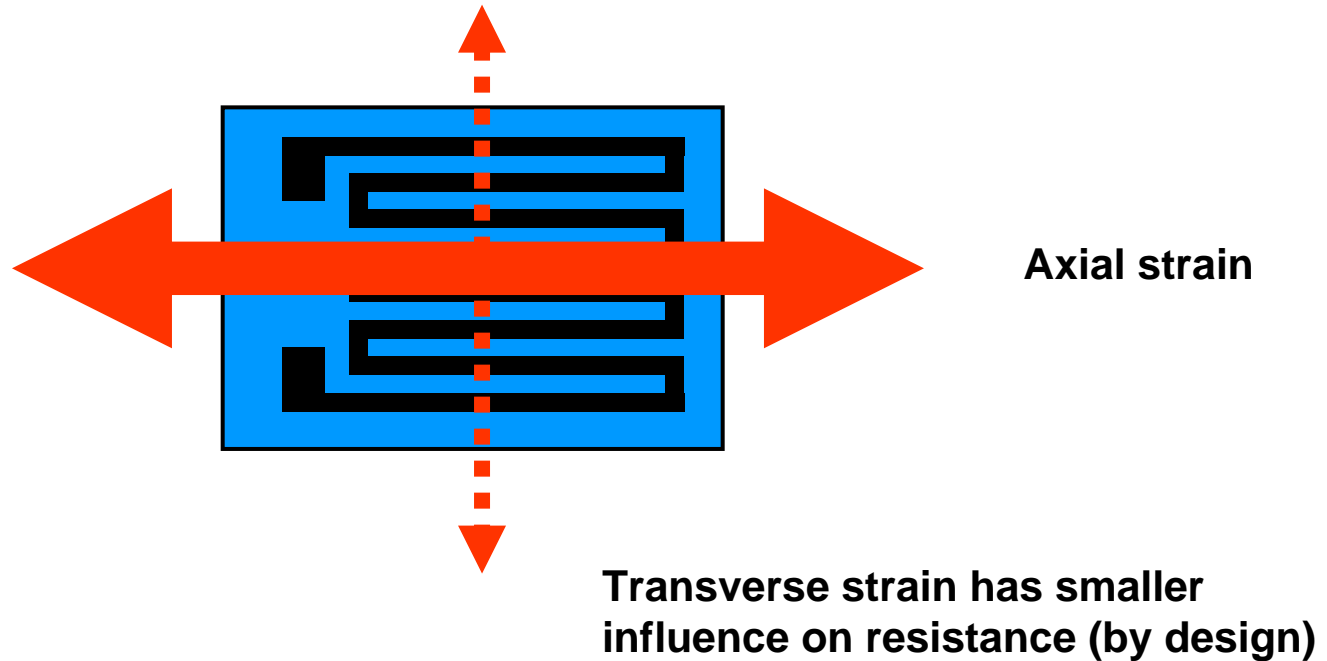
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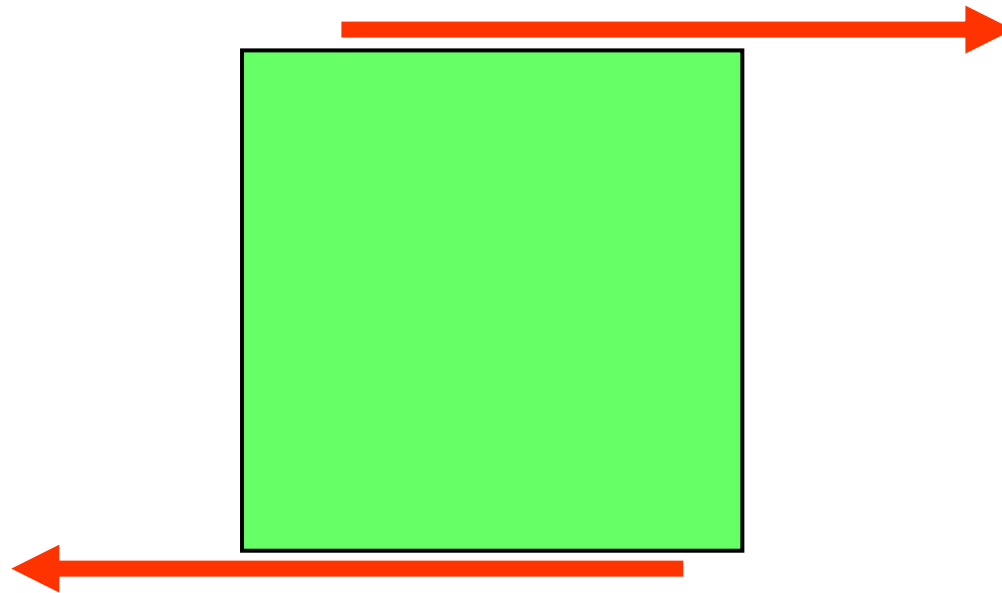
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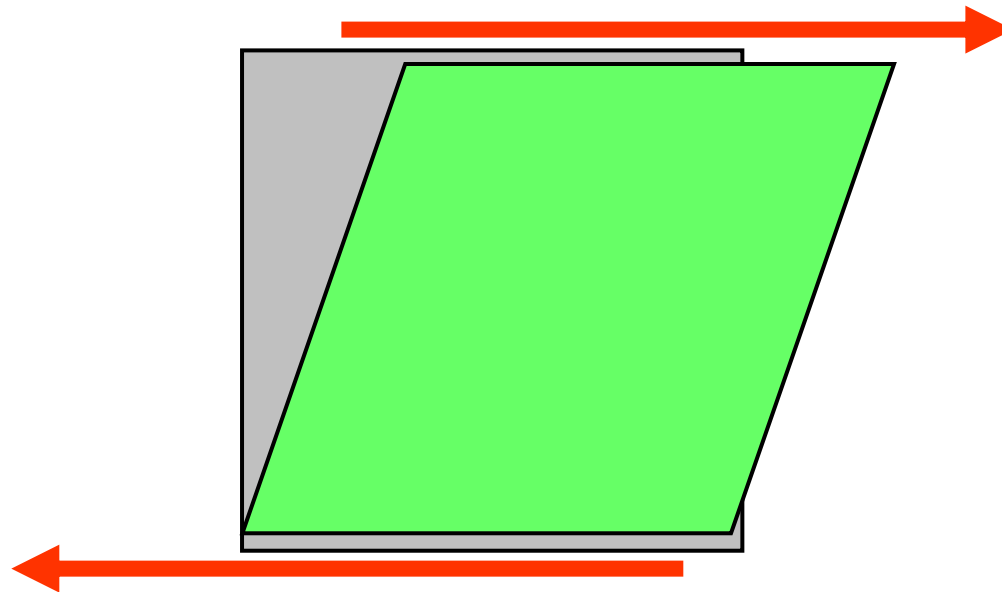
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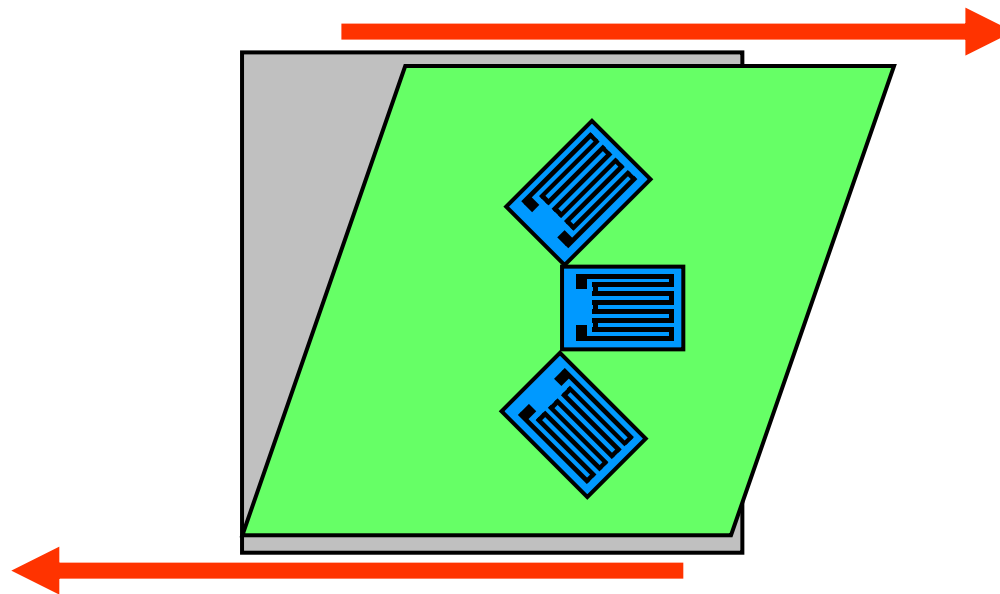
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- What about shear strain? A “strain rosette” senses multidirectional stress and can be used to measure strain in multiple directions simultaneously



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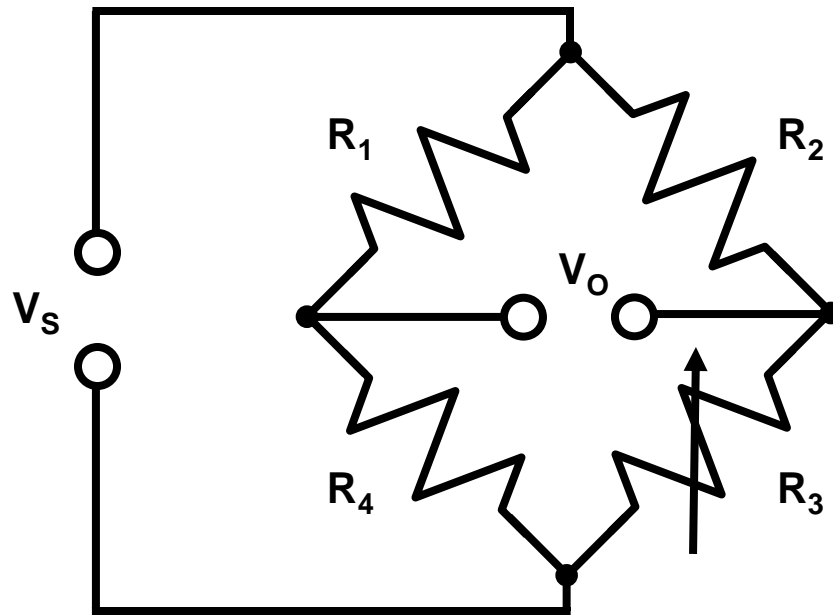
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- How can you expect to measure a change in resistance that is much less than 3 ppm? This is equivalent to measuring the length of a football field to much less than $1/100^{\text{th}}$ of an inch

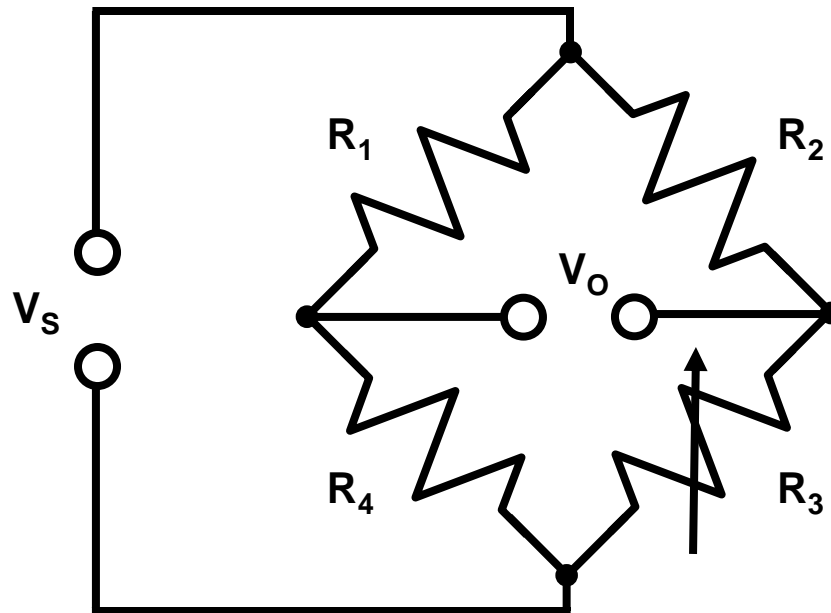
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- R_3 is the strain gauge

- R_1+R_4 as well as R_2+R_3 create voltage dividers. If:

$$\frac{R_1}{R_4} = \frac{R_2}{R_3}$$

- the bridge is balanced and $V_o = 0$

- Any change in R_3 unbalances the bridge, generating a non-zero V_o

Next time

- More measurement sensors

Homework 8

- Problems 6.43, 6.63
- Problems 8.1, 8.3