

The Lab

- Learning outcomes:
 - Conduct mechanical tests to inform your understanding of bending theory
 - Understand experimental design to select the most appropriate solution
 - >Analyse data and compare it to theoretical models



Context

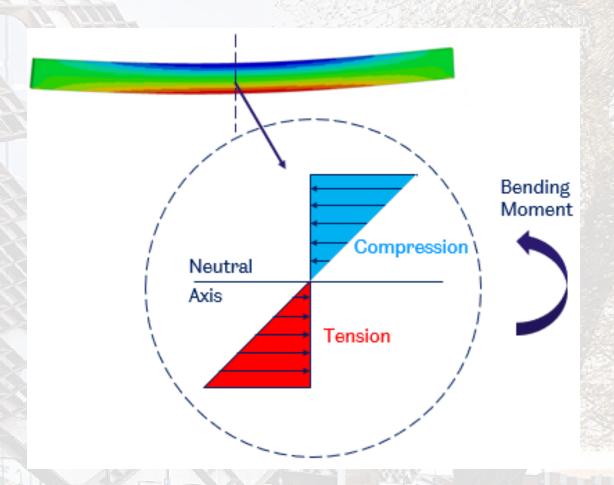
- Beam bending theory is fundamental in Civil Eng.
- A solid understanding will serve you well in future!







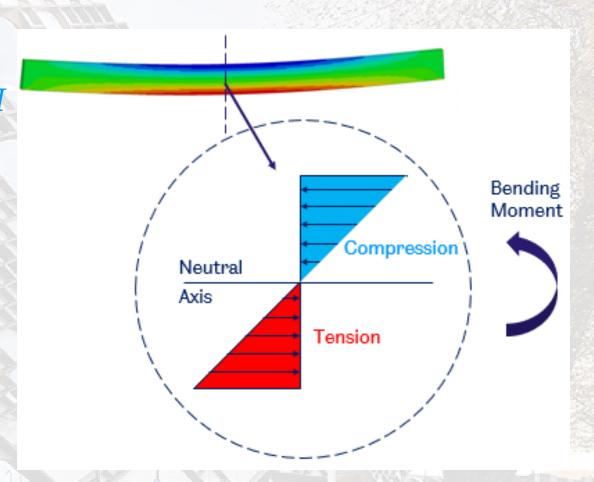
 Elastic bending stresses form when a moment is applied





 Bending stress reduces for larger Second Moment of Area, I

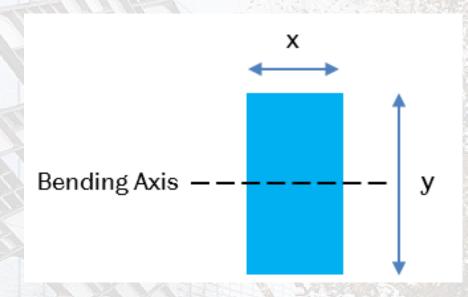
$$\sigma_{bend} = \frac{My}{I}$$





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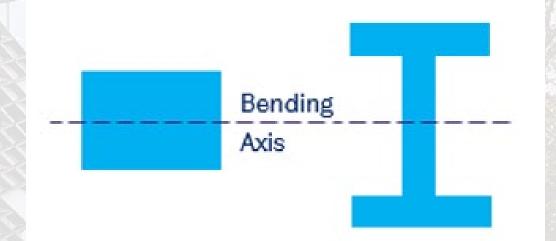




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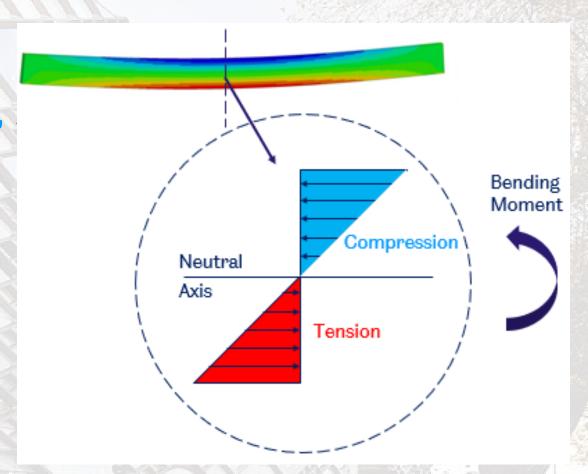
$$I_{Rectangle} = \frac{x.y^3}{12}$$





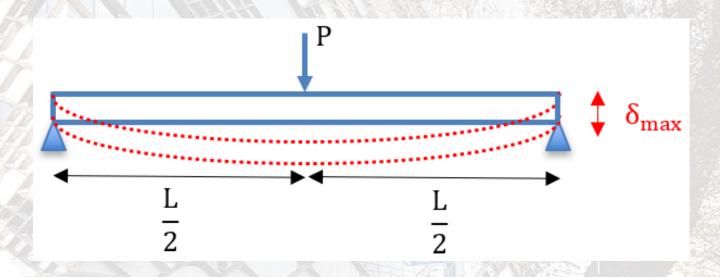
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$$\sigma_{bend} = \frac{My}{I}$$



• Bending deflections also reduce for larger Second Moment of Area,

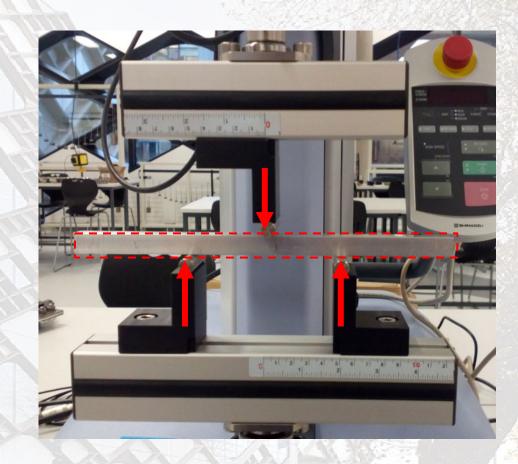
$$\delta = \frac{P.L^3}{48.E.I}$$





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Keep it safe! > Goggles

