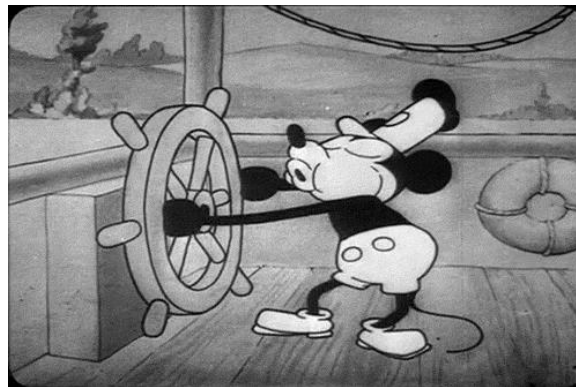


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Lecture 13:
Unit 6: tension/compression of slender
longitudinal bars:
statically indeterminate & thermal stresses

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Thermal stresses: example

Components are design to account for thermal expansions

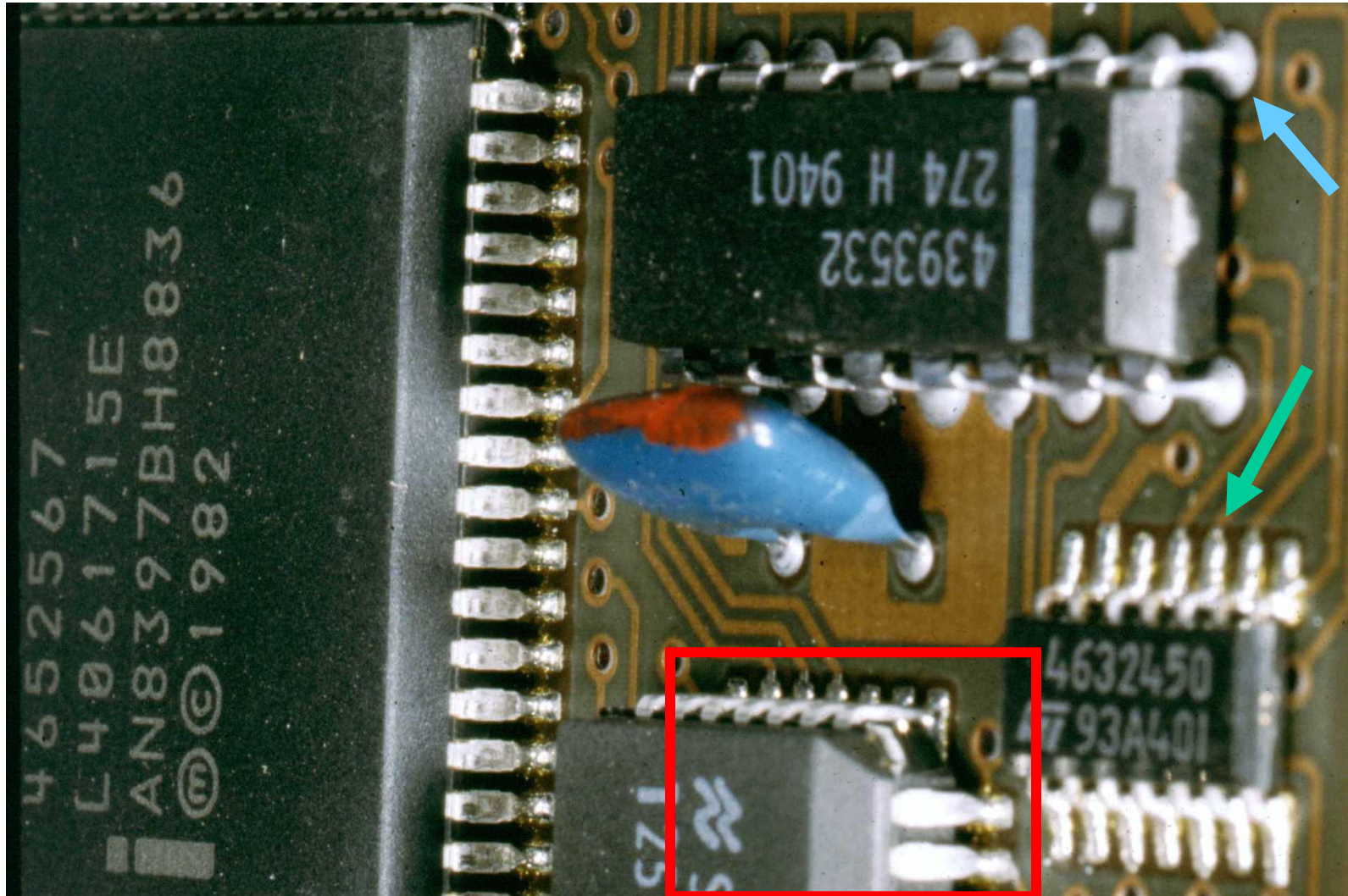


Expansion joints



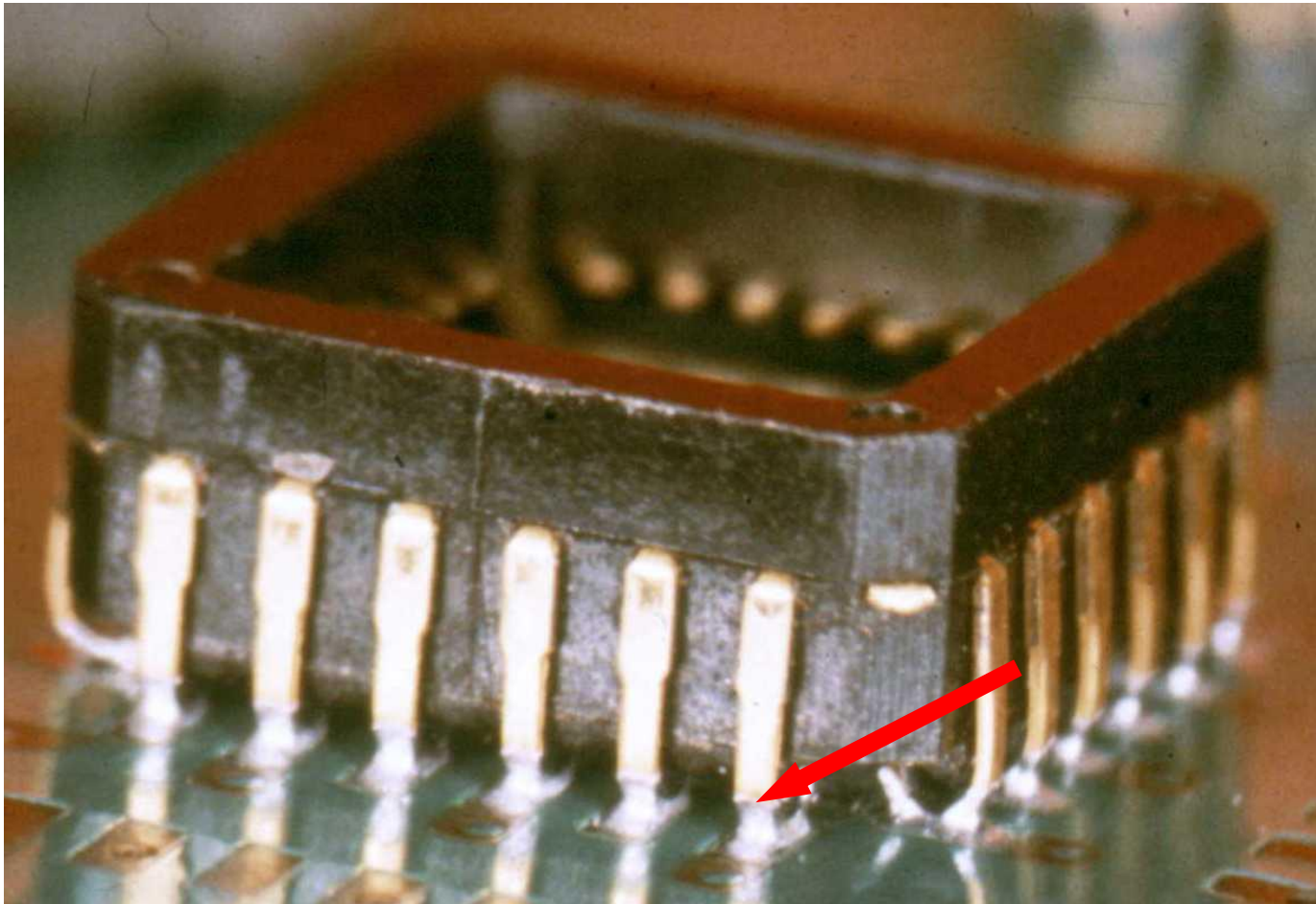
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In electronic components



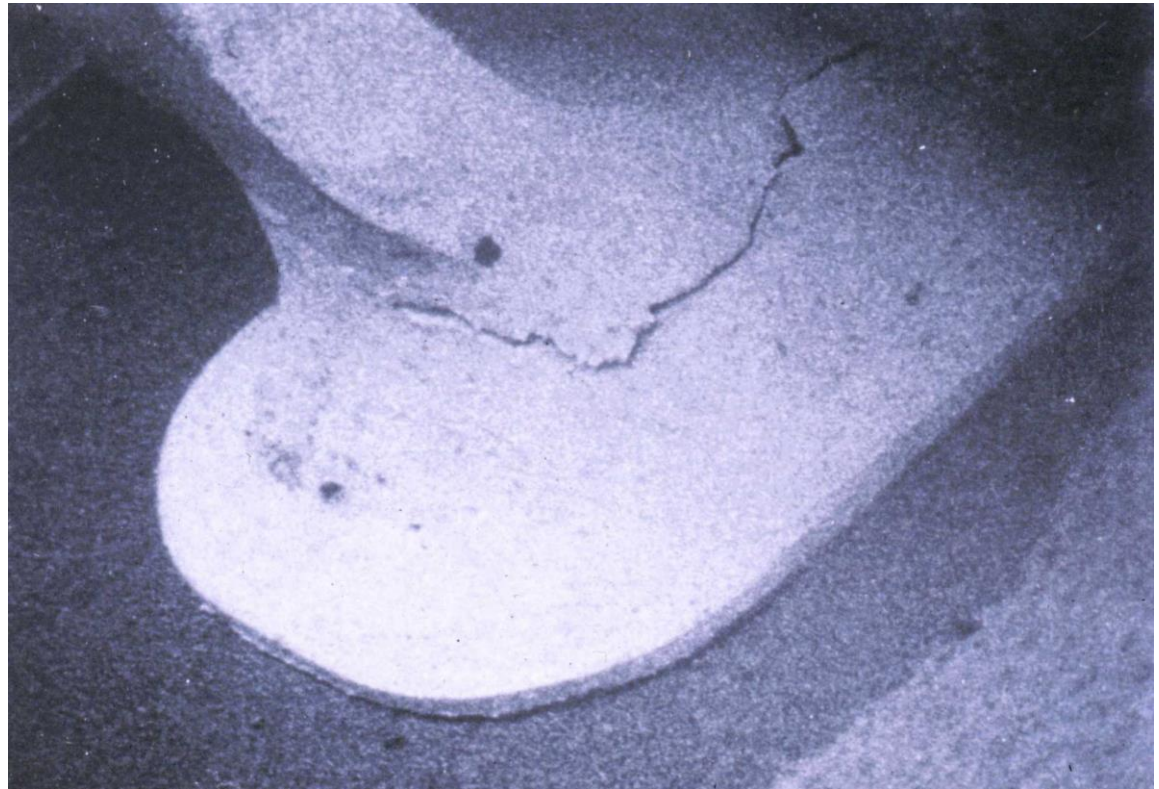
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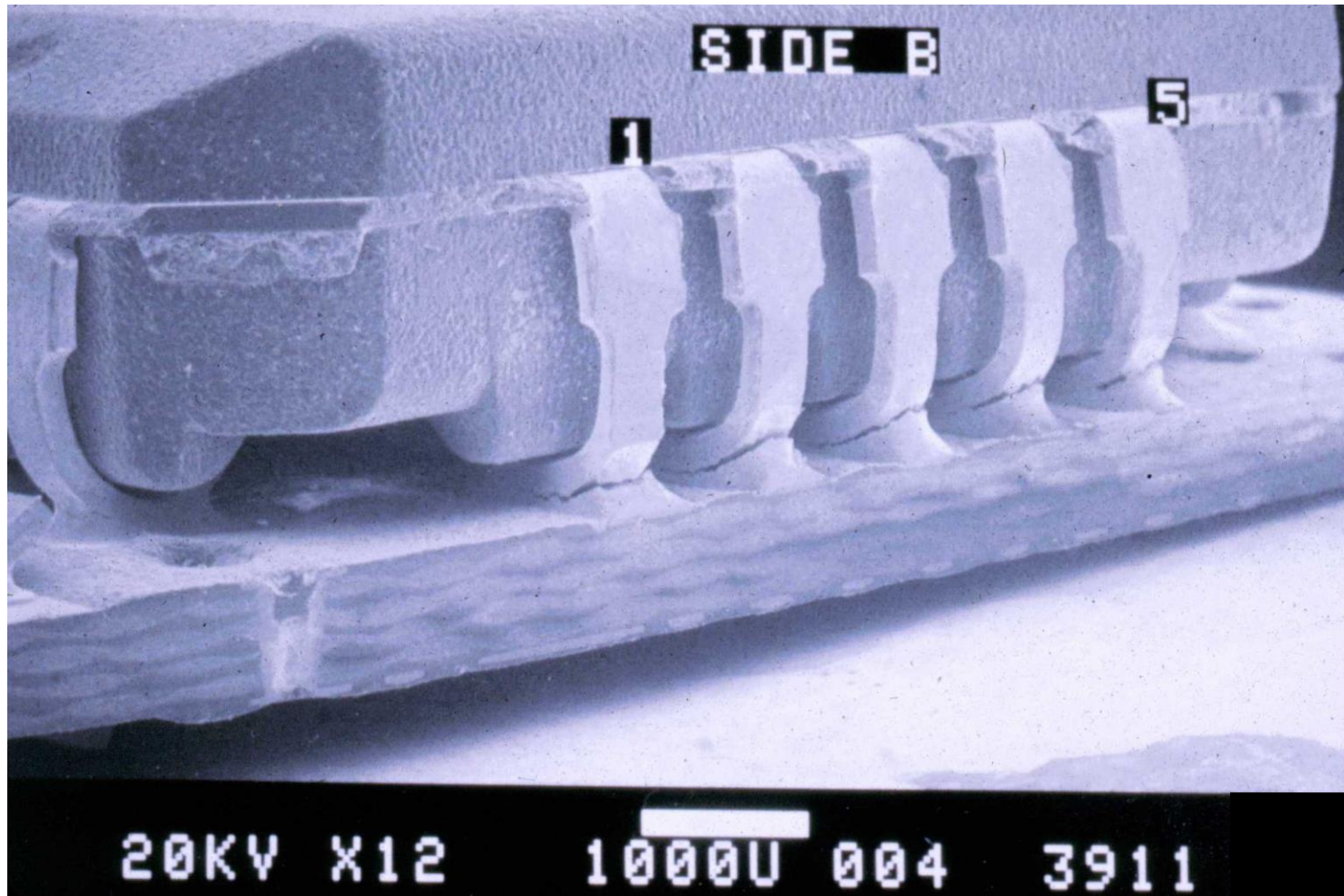
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Thermal stresses: uniaxial effects shown here (3D case later)

$$\varepsilon_T = \alpha \Delta T$$

(Thermal strains)



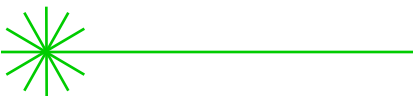
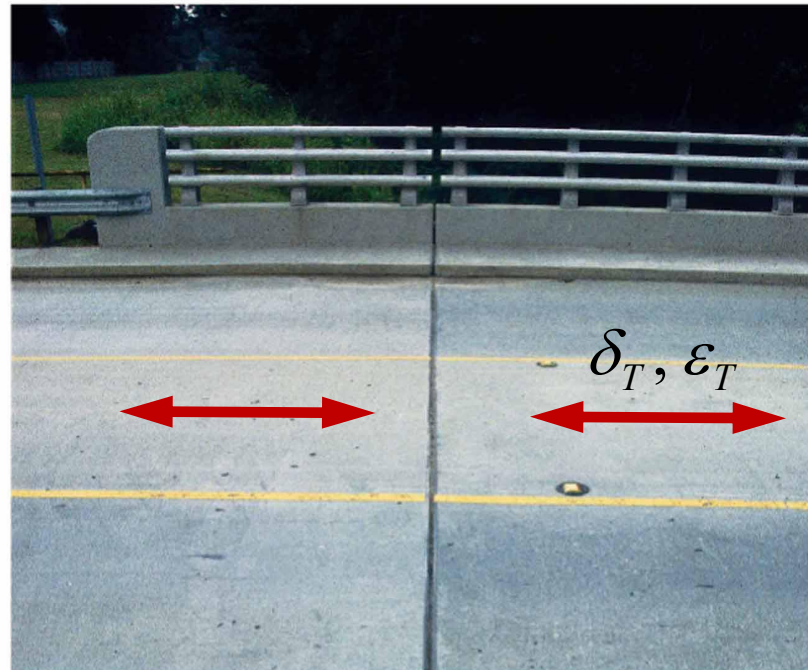
$$\delta_T = \varepsilon_T L = \alpha \Delta T \cdot L$$

(Thermal deformations)

α = linear coefficient of thermal expansion, 1/°C, 1/°F

ΔT = temperature differential

L = original length of component

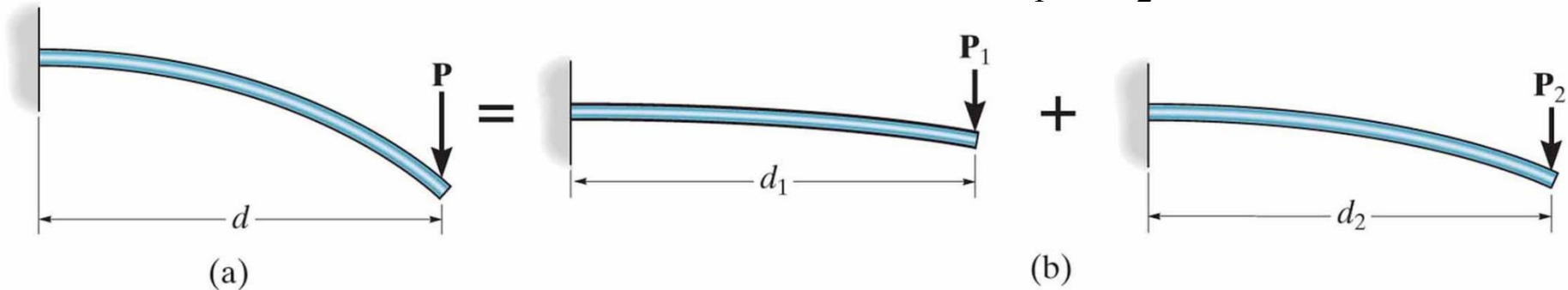


Principle of superposition

Applied when a component is subjected to complicated loading conditions → **break a complex problem into series of simple problems**

Can include mechanical + thermal + other loads

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_2$$



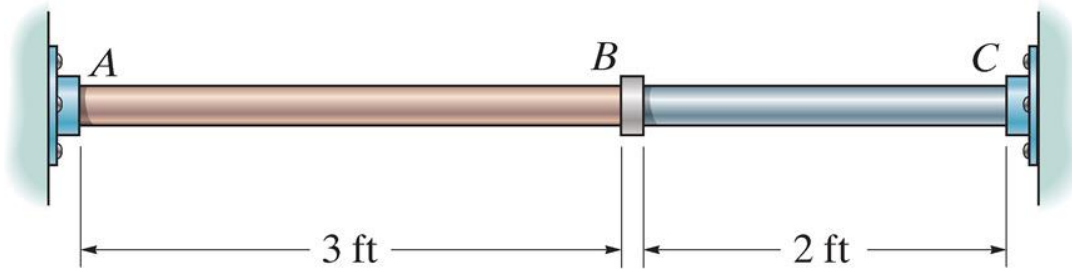
Can only be applied for:

- (a) small deformations;
- (b) deformations in the elastic (linear) range of the σ – ϵ diagram



Axial load: example A

The C83400-red-brass rod AB and 2014-T6-aluminum rod BC are joined at the collar B and fixed connected at their ends. If there is no load in the members when $T_1 = 50^\circ\text{F}$, determine the average normal stress in each member when $T_2 = 120^\circ\text{F}$. Also, how far will the collar be displaced? The cross-sectional area of each member is 1.75 in^2 .



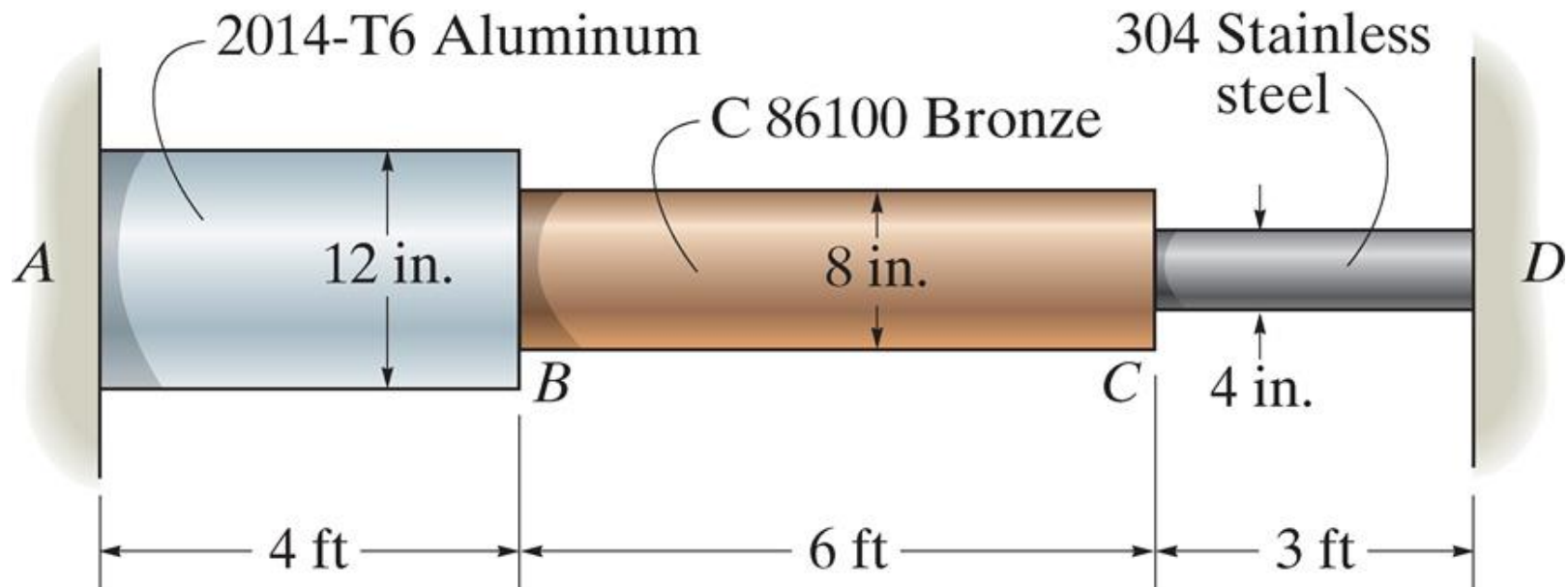
Approach:

- 1) Compute thermal deformations
- 2) Apply compatibility equations & superposition
- 3) Compute forces/stresses/displacement



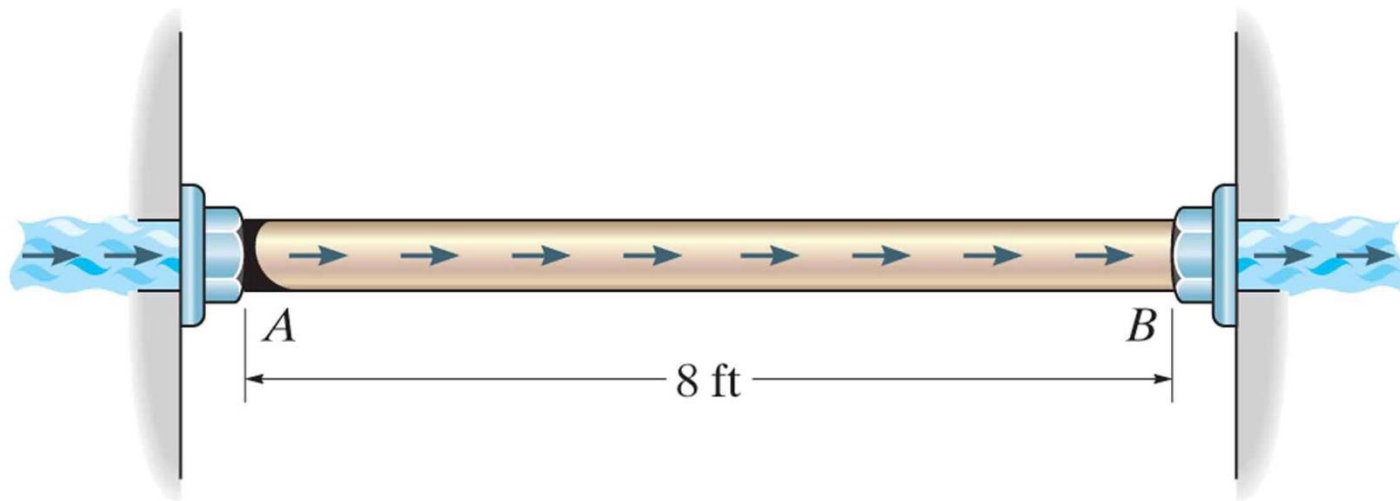
Axial load: example B

The assembly has the diameters and materials indicated. If it fits securely between its fixed supports when the temperature is $T_1 = 70^\circ\text{F}$, determine the average normal stress in each material when the temperature reaches $T_2 = 110^\circ\text{F}$.



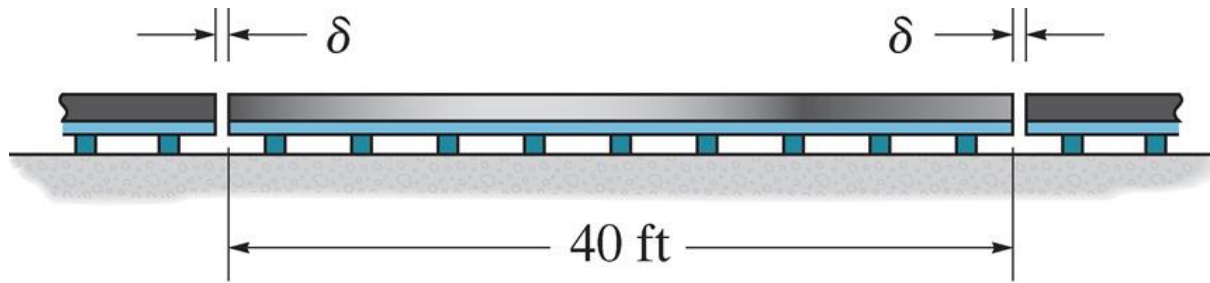
Axial load: example C

The bronze C86100 pipe has an inner radius of 0.5 in. and a wall thickness of 0.2 in. If the gas flowing through it changes the temperature of the pipe uniformly from $T_A = 200^\circ\text{F}$ at A to $T_B = 60^\circ\text{F}$ at B , determine the axial force it exerts on the walls. The pipe was fitted between the walls when $T = 60^\circ\text{F}$.



Axial load: example D

The 40-ft-long A-36 steel rails on a train track are laid with a small gap between them to allow for thermal expansion. Determine the required gap δ so that the rails just touch one another when the temperature is increased from $T_1 = -20^\circ\text{F}$ to $T_2 = 90^\circ\text{F}$. Using this gap, what would be the axial force in the rails if the temperature rises to $T_3 = 110^\circ\text{F}$? The cross-sectional area of each rail is 5.10 in^2 .



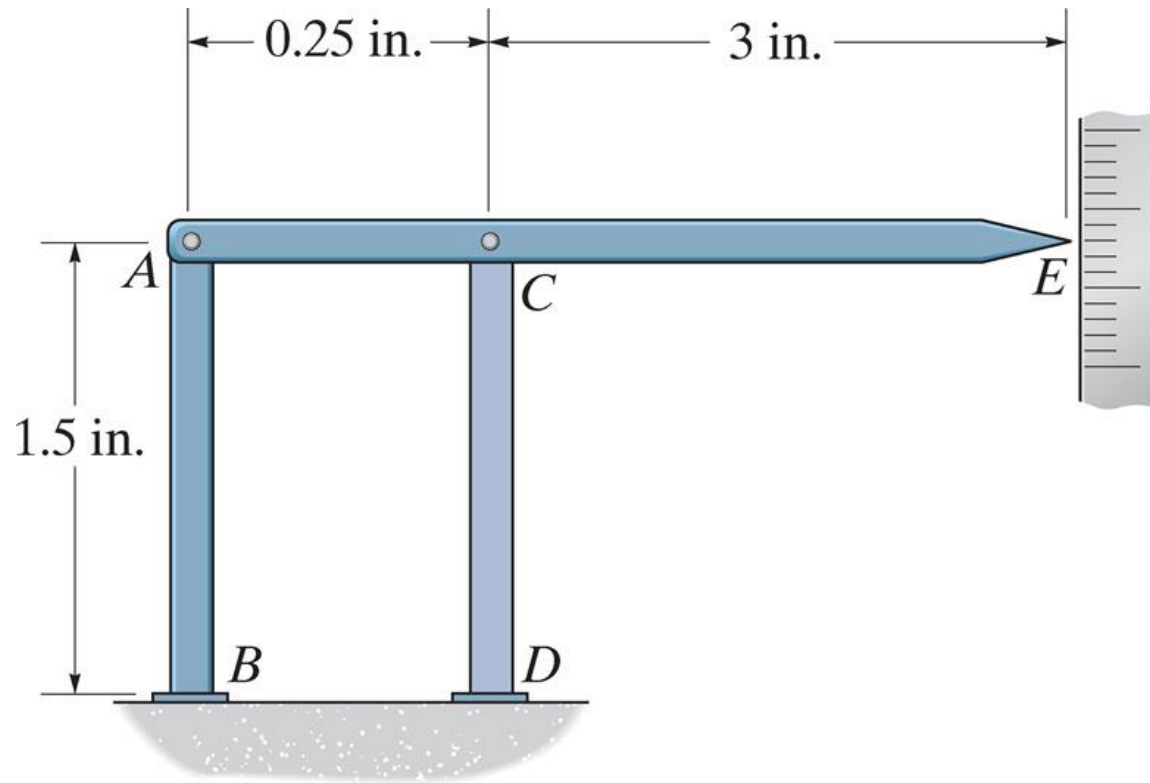
Approach:

- 1) Compute thermal deformations
- 2) Apply compatibility equations & superposition
- 3) Compute gap/forces



Axial load: example E

The device is used to measure a change in temperature. Bars AB and CD are made of A-36 steel and 2014-T6 aluminum alloy, respectively. When the temperature is at 75°F , ACE is in the horizontal position. Determine the vertical displacement of the pointer at E when the temperature rises to 150°F .



Reading assignment

- Chapters 3 and 4 of textbook
- Review notes and text: ES2001, ES2501



Homework assignment

- As indicated on webpage of our course

