

Mechanical Properties

ISSUES TO ADDRESS...

- **Stress** and **strain**: What are they and why are they used instead of load and deformation?
- **Elastic** behavior: When loads are small, how much deformation occurs? What materials deform least?
- **Plastic** behavior: At what point does permanent deformation occur? What materials are most resistant to permanent deformation?
- **Toughness** and **ductility**: What are they and how do we measure them?

Elastic Deformation

1. Initial 2. Small load 3. Unload

bonds stretch

return to initial

δ

F

Elastic means reversible!

Linear-elastic

Non-Linear-elastic

Plastic Deformation (Metals)

1. Initial 2. Small load 3. Unload

bonds stretch & planes shear

planes still sheared

$\delta_{\text{elastic}} + \text{plastic}$

δ_{plastic}

F

Plastic means permanent!

linear elastic

linear elastic

δ_{plastic}

Engineering Stress

- **Tensile stress, σ :**

Area, A

F_t

F_t

F_t

$$\sigma = \frac{F_t}{A_0} = \frac{lb_f}{in^2} \text{ or } \frac{N}{m^2}$$

original area before loading

- **Shear stress, τ :**

Area, A

F_s

F_s

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$$\tau = \frac{F_s}{A_0}$$

∴ Stress has units: N/m²
i.e., same as Pressure: Pascals (Pa)
1 atm = 101,325 Pa = 14.7 psi

Common States of Stress

- **Simple tension: cable**

F

F

A_0 = cross sectional area (when unloaded)

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$$

σ

σ

Ski lift

- **Torsion (a form of shear): drive shaft**

M

M

$2R$

F_s

A_0

$$\tau = \frac{F_s}{A_0}$$

τ

τ

Note: $\tau = M/A_c R$ here.

OTHER COMMON STRESS STATES

- **Simple compression:**

A_0

F

F


$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$$

Note: compressive structure member ($\sigma < 0$ here).

Canyon Bridge, Los Alamos, NM
(photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)


Balanced Rock, Arches National Park
(photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)

OTHER COMMON STRESS STATES

- Bi-axial tension:**


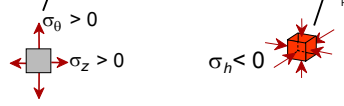
Pressurized tank (photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)

$$\sigma_0 > 0$$

$$\sigma_z > 0$$
- Hydrostatic compression:**


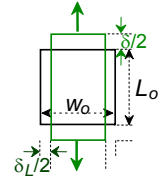
Fish under water (photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)

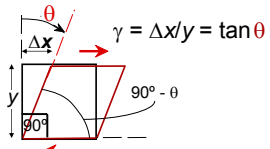
$$\sigma_h < 0$$



Strain

- Tensile strain:**

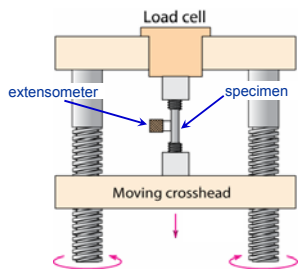
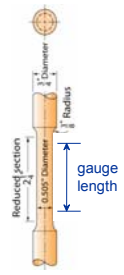
$$\epsilon = \frac{\delta}{L_0}$$

- Lateral strain:**

$$\epsilon_L = \frac{-\delta L}{W_0}$$
- Shear strain:**


$$\gamma = \Delta x / y = \tan \theta$$

Strain is always dimensionless.

Stress-Strain Testing

- Typical tensile test machine:**

- Typical tensile specimen:**


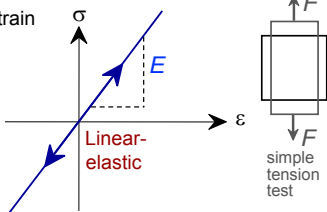
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Linear Elastic Properties

- Modulus of Elasticity: E** (also known as Young's modulus)
- Hooke's Law:**

$$\sigma = E \epsilon$$

$$\text{stress} = E * \text{strain}$$



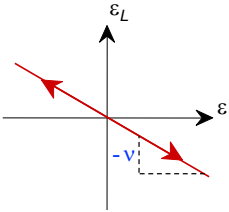
Poisson's ratio, v

- Poisson's ratio, v:**

$$v = -\frac{\epsilon_L}{\epsilon}$$

metals: $v \sim 0.33$
 ceramics: $v \sim 0.25$
 polymers: $v \sim 0.40$

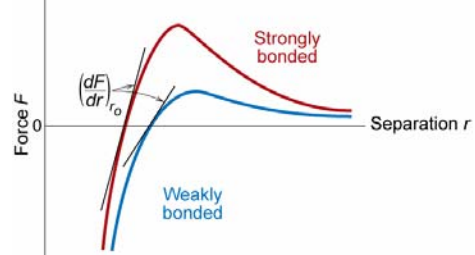
Units:
 E: [GPa] $\sim 10^9$ atm
 v: dimensionless



$v > 0.50$ density increases
 $v < 0.50$ density decreases (voids form)

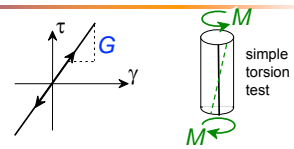
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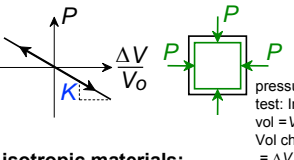
- Slope of stress-strain plot proportional to the elastic modulus.
- depends on strength of material



Other Elastic Properties

- Elastic Shear modulus, G:**

$$\tau = G \gamma$$

- Elastic Bulk modulus, K:**

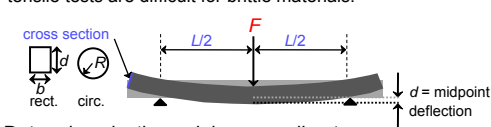
$$P = -K \frac{\Delta V}{V_0}$$


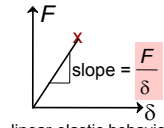
pressure test: Init. vol = V_0 . Vol chg. = ΔV
- Special relations for isotropic materials:**

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \quad K = \frac{E}{3(1-2\nu)}$$

Measuring Elastic Modulus

- Room T behavior is usually elastic, with brittle failure.
- 3-Point Bend Testing** often used. tensile tests are difficult for brittle materials.



- Determine elastic modulus according to:


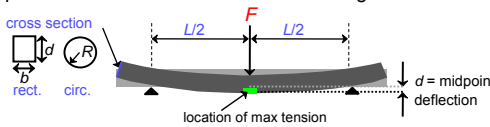
$$E = \frac{F}{\delta} \frac{L^3}{4bd^3} = \frac{F}{\delta} \frac{L^3}{12\pi R^4}$$

rect. cross section

circ. cross section

Measuring Strength

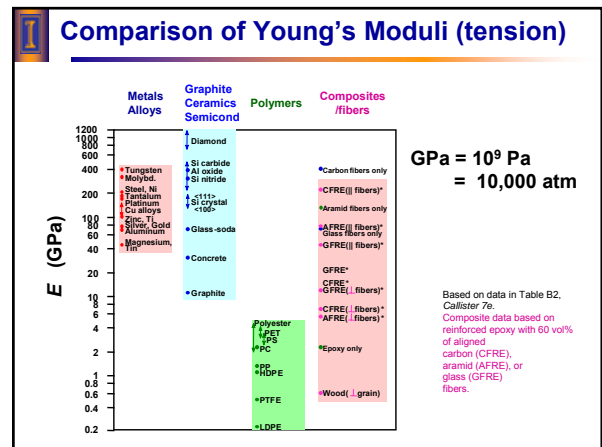
- 3-point bend test to measure room T strength.



- Flexural strength:

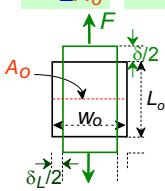
$$\sigma_{fs} = \frac{1.5F_i L}{bd^2} = \frac{F_i L}{\pi R^3}$$
- Typical values:

Material	σ_{fs} (MPa)	E (GPa)
Si nitride	250-1000	304
Si carbide	100-820	345
Al oxide	275-700	393
glass (soda)	69	69



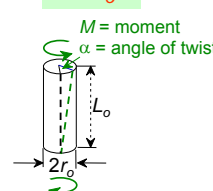
Useful Linear Elastic Relationships

- Simple tension:**

$$\delta = \frac{FL_0}{EA_0} \quad \delta_L = -\nu \frac{FW_0}{EA_0}$$

- Simple torsion:**

$$\alpha = \frac{2ML_0}{\pi r_0^4 G}$$

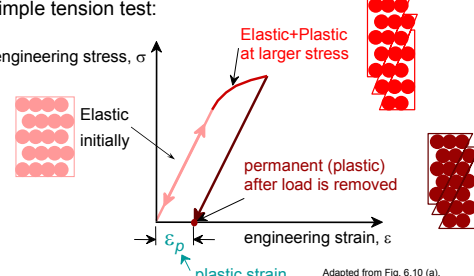
$M = \text{moment}$
 $\alpha = \text{angle of twist}$



• Material, geometric, and loading parameters all important.

Plastic (Permanent) Deformation

(at lower temperatures, i.e. $T < T_{melt}/3$)

- Simple tension test:


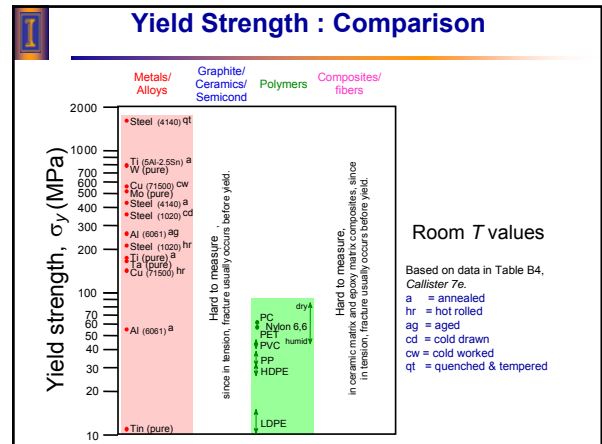
Adapted from Fig. 6.10 (a), Callister 7e.

Yield Strength, σ_y

Yield Strength = $YS = \sigma_y$ = Stress at which *noticeable* plastic deformation occurs (when $\epsilon_p \sim 0.002$).

Note: for 2 inch sample
 $\epsilon = 0.002 = \Delta z/z$
 $\therefore \Delta z = 0.004 \text{ in}$

$\epsilon_p = 0.002$



Tensile Strength, TS

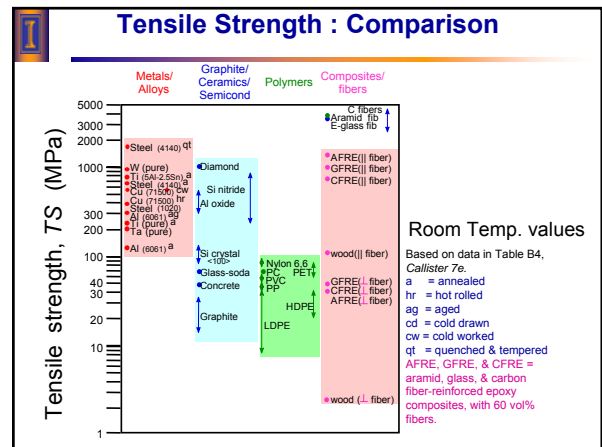
- Maximum stress on engineering stress-strain curve.

Adapted from Fig. 6.11, Callister 7e.

$F =$ fracture or ultimate strength

Neck - acts as stress concentrator

- Metals:** occurs when noticeable necking starts.
- Polymers:** occurs when polymer backbone chains are aligned and about to break.



Ductility

- Plastic tensile strain at failure: $\%EL = \frac{L_f - L_o}{L_o} \times 100$

Adapted from Fig. 6.13, Callister 7e.

- Another ductility measure: $\%RA = \frac{A_o - A_f}{A_o} \times 100$

Toughness

- Energy to break a unit volume of material
- Approximate by the area under the stress-strain curve.

Adapted from Fig. 6.13, Callister 7e.

Brittle fracture: elastic energy
Ductile fracture: elastic + plastic energy

True Stress & Strain

Note: Surf. Area changes when sample stretched

- True stress $\sigma_T = F/A_i$
- True Strain $\epsilon_T = \ln(\ell_i/\ell_o)$

$$\sigma_T = \sigma(1 + \epsilon)$$

$$\epsilon_T = \ln(1 + \epsilon)$$

Adapted from Fig. 6.16, Callister 7e.

Hardening

- An increase in σ_y due to plastic deformation.

- Curve fit to the stress-strain response:

$$\sigma_T = K(\epsilon_T)^n$$

"true" stress (FA) "true" strain: $\ln(L/L_o)$
 hardening exponent:
 $n = 0.15$ (some steels)
 to $n = 0.5$ (some coppers)

Design or Safety Factors

- Design uncertainties mean we do not push the limit.
- Factor of safety, N

Often N is between 1.2 and 4, i.e., "Rule of Pi"

$$\sigma_{working} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$
- Example: Calculate a diameter, d , to ensure that yield does not occur in the 1045 carbon steel rod below. Use a factor of safety of 5.

$$\sigma_{working} = \frac{\sigma_y}{N}$$

$$\frac{220,000 N}{\pi(d^2/4)} = \frac{310 \text{ MPa}}{5}$$

$d = 0.067 \text{ m} = 6.7 \text{ cm}$

1045 plain carbon steel:
 $\sigma_y = 310 \text{ MPa}$
 $TS = 565 \text{ MPa}$

$F = 220,000 \text{ N}$

Summary

- Stress** and **strain**: These are size-independent measures of load and displacement, respectively.
- Elastic** behavior: This reversible behavior often shows a linear relation between stress and strain. To minimize deformation, select a material with a large elastic modulus (E or G).
- Plastic** behavior: This permanent deformation behavior occurs when the tensile (or compressive) uniaxial stress reaches σ_y .
- Toughness**: The energy needed to break a unit volume of material.
- Ductility**: The plastic strain at failure.