

Materials 2

Thursday week 2

‘Bringing material properties to life’

Clarifying the course activities
and how they link

Slides from Intro session Tuesday Week 1

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- Slide 10:** Materials 2 Guide to activities for the week. It contains a bulleted list:
 - The aim of these lists is so you know what is expected of you each week, and the approximate size of each activity. This is to help you pace your studies, keep on track, and make adjustments as necessary.
 - Issued at the start of each week
- Slide 11:** Your Feedback to us. It contains:

Please give us feedback whenever appropriate, it help us develop the course and for you and for future students

Change this year: new whole class 'lecture' sessions on many Thursdays.

The current third year Chem Eng students, in retrospect, wished they had engaged more consistently during the course – at the outset it seemed easy. When they came to revise for the exams they discovered it wasn't.
- Slide 12:** Seminars. It contains:

Tuesday morning each week (will appear in your timetables)

The purpose of the seminars is to create in-person connection to allow us all to engage with the course.

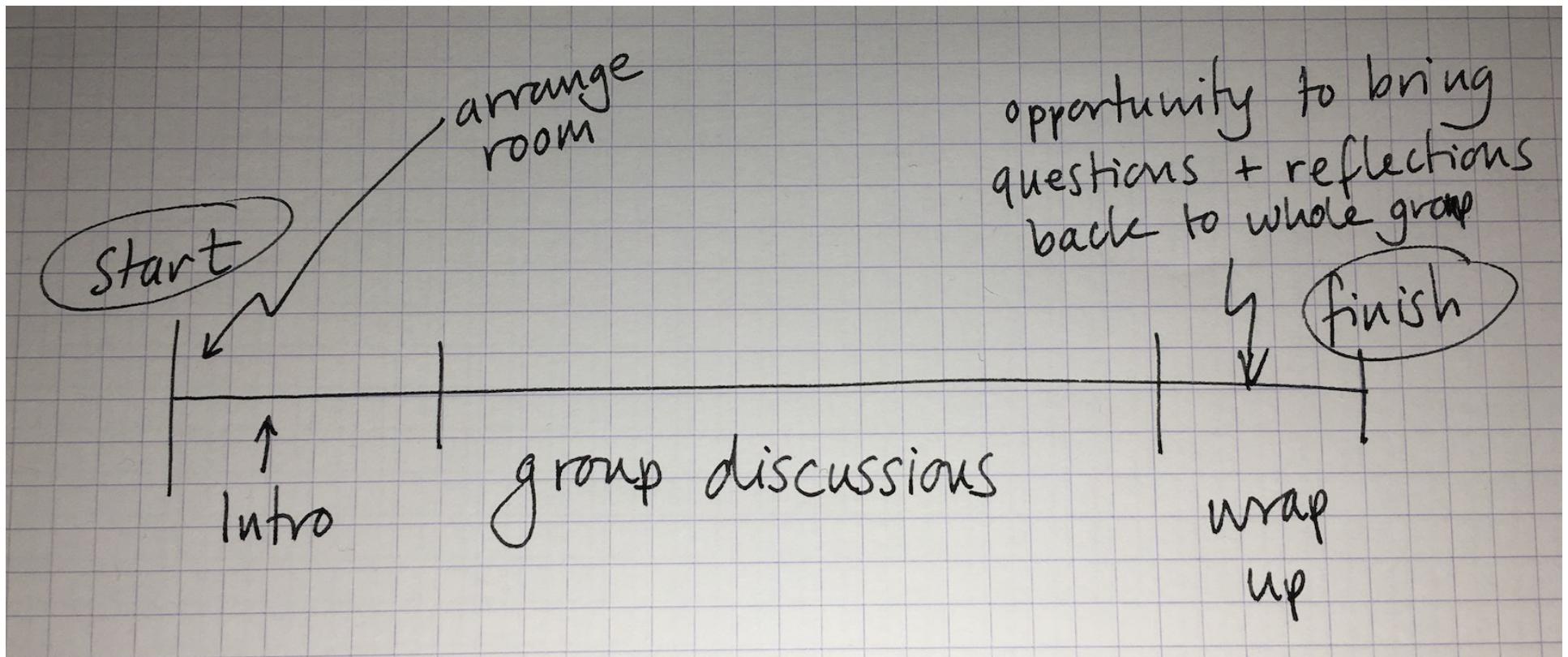
The key thing with seminars is that you **show up**, and **to get the most from them** you need to engage with the course materials and questions **before** the seminar, and review the comments and answers **afterwards**.

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Purpose of these sessions

- is to bring the course content to life, and to pick up on interesting and important matters that arise in Tuesday's seminars
- Most of the course is delivered with online videos, reading, question sets, seminars and answers & comments to question sets
- In weeks 7 & 9 we deliver course content as lectures

Tuesday's seminar 'choreography' timeline and activities for seminar



Monday Week 1

Materials 2 Questions set 1

Materials foundation, and the WHAT framework

- What are the important and interesting materials in your engineering discipline, and why?
- Consider the objects in the photograph below, from left to right they are: a spoon, a teacup and a water bottle for outdoor sport use.

Briefly answer the following (either based on what you know already, or you can find out easily. We will discuss the material properties and structure of materials in the course):

- a) identify the materials in the objects
- b) What are the objects used for (i.e. what are their applications)?
- c) What properties of materials are needed in these applications? How can they, say, speculate, about how the materials and objects have been processed / manufactured?

This question links to the [WHAT framework](#), and learning the foundations of engineering materials.



- Imagine if glass suddenly didn't exist. What wouldn't you be able to do anymore?

4. Questions about the interactive activity: [Learning the WHAT framework](#)
"Learning by awareness" Part 1 – making observations and linking them to what you already know, and fitting them into the [WHAT framework](#).

In the video
Can you see examples of materials which are linked to chemical, civil, and mechanical engineering in practice?
b) What would happen if the following materials were used?
concrete • saddle • rubber • frame • aluminium alloy • tyres • polymer foam • block
c) What material properties are needed for: bike frame, saddle, tyres, and structural block?

Monday Week 2

Materials 2 Questions set 2

Materials 2 Q&A is available for each week.

The aim of these is to let you know what is expected of you each week, and the appropriate use of each activity. This is to help to pace your studies, keep to track, and make adjustments as necessary.

Week 2: Properties of Materials

This week is the second week of the central section of the course. This is at the heart of your learning and development as an engineer.

Attended Seminar session to discuss Question set 1 week 1

• Tuesday 50 minutes between 10am (am week 2) (see your personal timetable).

• The seminar will be recorded and made available online afterwards but the discussions will not be.

Attended Lecture sessions: Bringing material properties in life!

The slides and recordings will be available on Learn as a pdf.

• Tuesday 50 minutes between 10am (am week 2) (2x 25 mins)

These will be available on Learn after the seminars. Take time, give yourself 20 minutes, to review these and compare them with your answers. You have further information that is in the seminar notes.

Videos to watch

Week 1: We have a series of videos about Material Properties, covering: introduction, density, mechanical, thermal, chemical properties, and interactions between properties.

Note: the slides from the videos are also available on Learn as a pdf.

Properties-Materials 2 – Fundamentals, Ashby maps and Resources (12 minutes)

This is the first video (of 4) about properties. It describes mechanical properties, and stress-strain behaviour, including yield stress, ductility, toughness, and fatigue. It also starts thinking about "what happens in a material when it is deformed?". There is a discussion about the effect of temperature on properties, and how this can influence fracture. Finally, there is some consideration of Ashby maps.

Properties-Materials 2 – Thermal properties (20 minutes)

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Properties-Materials 2 – Chemical properties and combinations of properties in engineering (12 minutes)

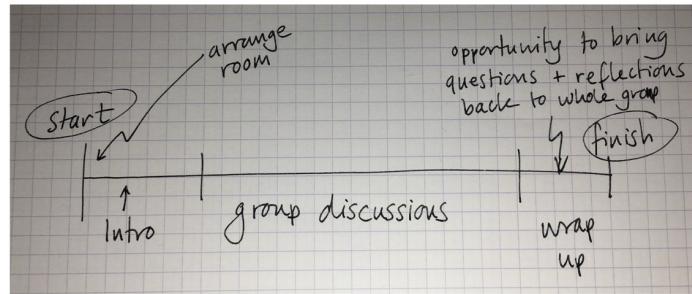
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Tuesday Week 2

Tuesday's seminar 'choreography' timeline and activities for seminar



Tuesday Week 2, 1pm

Materials 2 Questions set 1, Comments and answers

Materials foundation, and the WHAT framework

All the questions in this set are **open questions** – that means they can have a range of answers. In consideration and discussions different opinions can be shared and shaped. Some answers will be wrong, but there is not a single correct answer.

In future Questions sets there will be questions that have a single "correct" answer (these may feel more familiar and comfortable for many of you, as many engineering courses use these types of questions).

However, engaging with open questions, and getting somewhat comfortable with them, is valuable for your learning:

"Developing a broad knowledge of the underpinning science of materials, and how this links with properties, enables you to apply these concepts in engineering. This involves **thinking carefully, discerning key concepts** in a particular situation, and beginning to appreciate the complexities, subtleties and ambiguities that arise when dealing with materials. This skillset is part of your development as a problem-solving engineer." Course Guide, p1.

Thursday Week 2

Whole class sessions
now

PRINCIPLE: Being clear on terminology

core

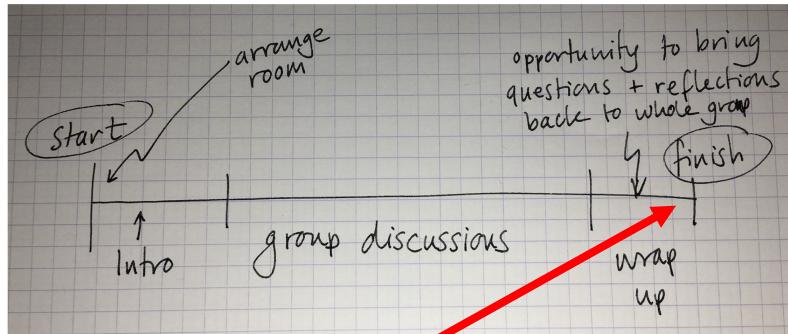
When we deal with and communicate about materials & engineering **being clear** on what we mean is important.

In terms of learning and using specific **terminology**, and more generally ensuring we have a shared understanding of what we mean when we use particular words in particular situations.

This is important when learning a new subject e.g. materials science and engineering in Materials 2, and when collaborating across disciplines where the same **terminology can mean different things** – in engineering and research. And in collaboration when the other person does not understand the specific words because they have limited knowledge of the subject.

extra Examples I have come across in my research, where one word is used in two ways: the term '**avalanche**' is used for (a) snow avalanches and (b) for the collective movement of dislocations in metals, and '**basal sliding**' is used for (a) the motion of a glacier down a mountain – the bulk glacial ice sliding over the earth surface that is under the ice, and (b) to describe deformation phenomena at the level of atoms in a crystal structure, (plastic deformation of ice in a glacier). *I recall feeling confused about this when I first got into the topic, but now I generally understand what's meant, and if I'm not clear I ask.*

Tuesday's seminar 'choreography'
timeline and activities for seminar



Great question ...

mug
breaks
glue it together

is it now a composite?

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this slide set:
from Properties
W2 slide set

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Thur 10:00, Larch Lecture Theatre, Nucleus, King's Buildings.
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Properties-Materials 2 – Mechanical Properties (30 minutes)
This is the second video (of 4) about properties it describes mechanical properties, and stress-strain curves. In addition, it gives some insights into doing experimental work, and really thinking about "what happens in a material when it is deformed?". There is a discussion about importance of cracks in materials and how they can influence fracture. Finally, there is some consideration of Ashby maps.

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Materials 2 Laboratory

Read the **Materials 2 Laboratory Handout** in preparation for the upcoming laboratory. You should read the document carefully so that you are familiar with the content of the lab. Make a note of any questions that you have.

- You must bring safety glasses with you to the lab.

The labs will run in weeks 2 to 5. See your personal timetable for your lab time.

If you cannot make your lab timeslot, for good reason, please email Maryna Vlasova (ETO Administrator, and Materials 2 course secretary). Email: mvlasova@ed.ac.uk

Please bear in mind that although you have two weeks between lab and submission, **this piece of work is intended to require up about four or five hours focussed work after the lab**. The two weeks is to allow you to schedule time for this amongst your other work.

Your lab submission is due two weeks after lab attendance at 14:00 UK time. FLW inclusive.

Questions

Question set 2: Material Properties (c. 1 to 2 hours)

Answer these questions before the seminar in week 3. We will discuss these in the seminar, and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions about aspects you have found challenging.

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‘Bringing material properties to life’

Property classes

Table 3.1 Basic Design-Limiting Material Properties and Their Usual SI Units*

Class	Property	Symbol and Units
General	Density	ρ (kg/m ³ or Mg/m ³)
	Price	C_m (\$/kg)
Mechanical	Elastic moduli (Young's, shear, bulk)	E, G, K (GPa)
	Yield strength	σ_y (MPa)
	Tensile (ultimate) strength	σ_{ts} (MPa)
	Compressive strength	σ_c (MPa)
	Failure strength	σ_f (MPa)
	Hardness	H (Vickers)
	Elongation	ϵ (-)
	Fatigue endurance limit	σ_a (MPa)
	Fracture toughness	K_{1c} (MPa.m ^{1/2})
	Toughness	G_{1c} (kJ/m ²)
	Loss coefficient (damping capacity)	η (-)
	Wear rate (Archard) constant	K_A MPa ⁻¹
Thermal	Melting point	T_m (°C or K)
	Glass temperature	T_g (°C or K)
	Maximum service temperature	T_{max} (°C or K)
	Minimum service temperature	T_{min} (°C or K)
	Thermal conductivity	λ (W/m.K)
	Specific heat	C_p (J/kg.K)
	Thermal expansion coefficient	α (K ⁻¹)
	Thermal shock resistance	ΔT_s (°C or K)
Electrical	Electrical resistivity	ρ_e (Ω.m or $\mu\Omega.cm$)
	Dielectric constant	ϵ_r (-)
	Breakdown potential	V_b (10^6 V/m)
	Power factor	P (-)
Optical	Refractive index	n (-)
Eco-properties	Embodied energy	H_m (MJ/kg)
	Carbon footprint	CO_2 (kg/kg)

from Properties W2 slide set

[Ref: Materials selection in mechanical design (textbook), Ashby]

Density

quantitative behaviour

qualitative understanding – what you already know and can discover by observing
materials selection charts

from Properties W2 slide set

experiment

‘Everyday’ understanding

you already know much about **materials** and **properties**

- *your challenge: to think about and link this ‘everyday’ understanding to the science, to enable you to apply it – qualitatively and quantitatively – in engineering*

Qualitative understanding

- Begin to develop a sense for the density of materials by handling them (kinaesthetic learning and #real-stuff)
- You can tell what a material is, *to some extent*, by picking it up and feeling how heavy it is; while seeing its shape (which gives you an idea of its volume)
 - *e.g. aluminium cf. steel*
- *THOUGHT EXPERIMENT: imagine picking up an apple if it was made of lead*

Quantitative understanding

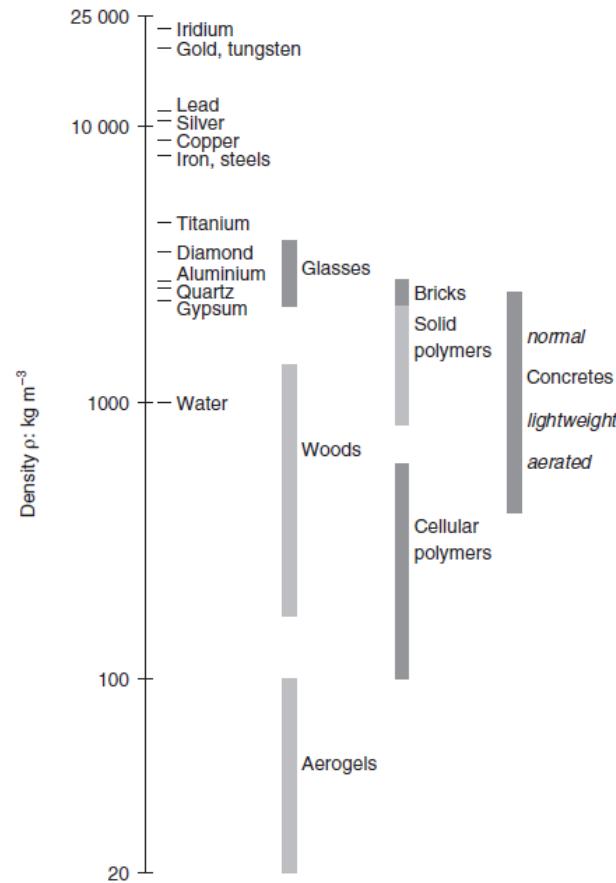
- Density is a fundamental property of all engineering materials
 - used in: many engineering formulae & materials selection for minimum weight design
- **Definition of density:** ratio of mass/volume (*usually denoted by the symbol ρ*)

$$\rho = m/v$$

- In solids it is determined mainly by the masses of the constituent atoms
 - see *Periodic Table of elements (e.g. in microstructure section of course)*
 - the effective atomic density rises rapidly as we move across and down the periodic table

Quantitative understanding

- Definition
- Units kg/m^3
- Values (range)
 - *cultivate a semi-quantitative idea of these for different material classes*
 - *How can you find a way to know them approximately without memorising them all?*

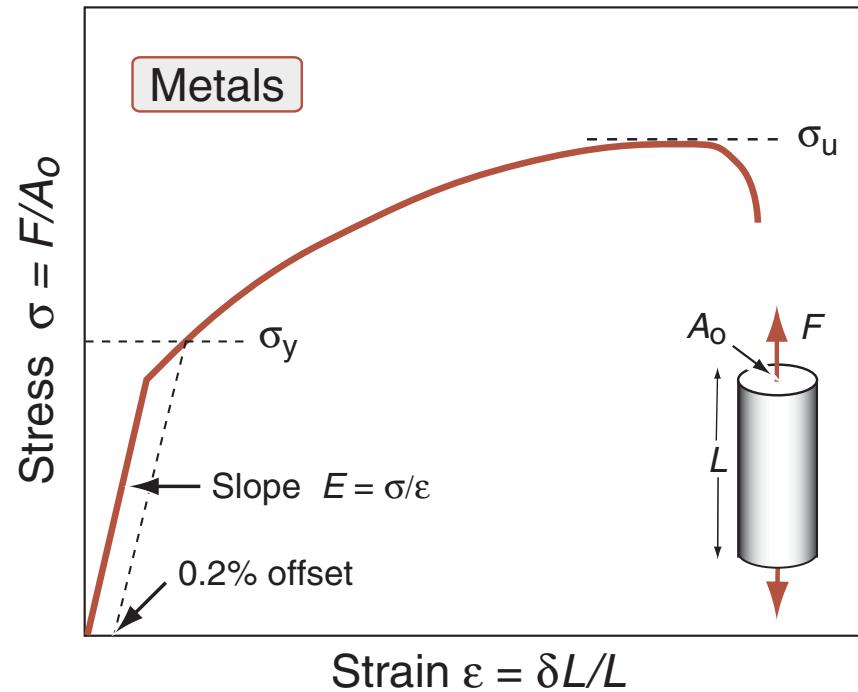


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Mechanical properties, symbol & units

- Elastic modulii (Young's, shear, bulk) E, G, K [GPa]
- Poisson's ratio [no units]
- Yield stress σ_y [MPa]
- Ultimate stress σ_{uts} [MPa] (state whether in tension, compression or shear)
- Strain ϵ [no units]
- Fracture toughness K_{ic} [MPa m $^{1/2}$]
 - You should know the definitions for these properties, and be able to find them in Resources
- *Ductility* (which gives a measure of toughness) is proportional to the area of irreversible deformation under the stress-strain curve*
- *Hardness* (units vary)*
 - * not fundamental material properties; useful in engineering
- To note: Mechanical props vary with time and temperature

Mechanical properties: stress-strain curve – for a ductile metal



Ashby 2005, Materials selection... Fig 3.2

experiment

Making links with the Materials 2 Foundation – the **WHAT** framework

Materials classification: metals, polymers & ceramics

Saddle:
polymer
foam

Tyres:
rubber



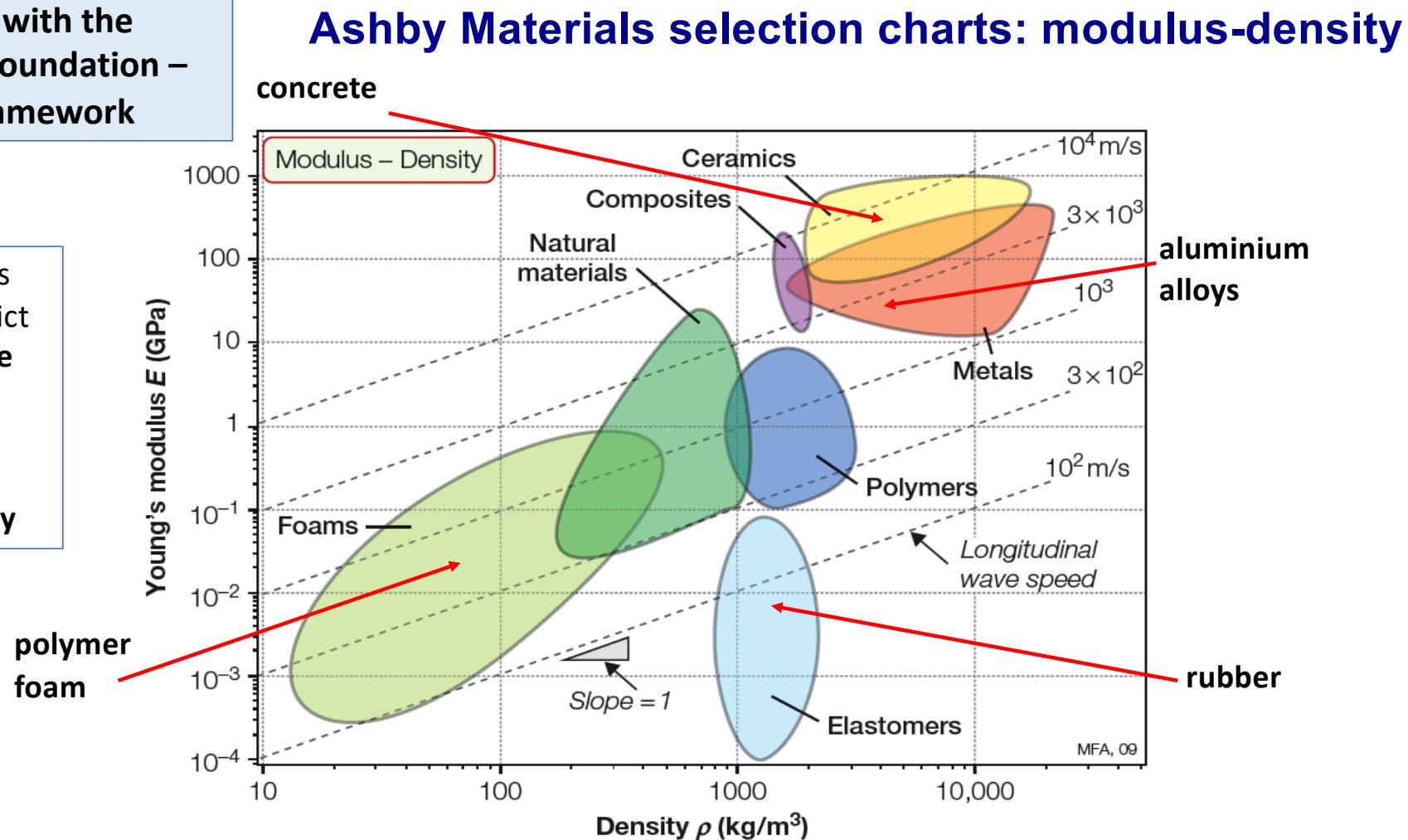
Frame:
aluminium
alloy

Block:
concrete

from Properties W2 slide set

Making links with the Materials 2 Foundation – the **WHAT** framework

these charts enable depict **quantitative** data, which can also be seen **qualitatively**



from Properties W2 slide set

Q. Where does stiffness (E as mat property) matter in real life?
Buckle, rucksack fabrics, boot soles (soft/stiff rock boots...)



Nice

Summing up

Property classes • Density • Young's modulus •
Ashby Materials Selection Maps • Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes: Properties

from Properties W2 slide set

At the end of this section of the course, you should be able to

- Recognise classifications of properties, and have a basic knowledge of them #WHAT
- Recognise your own ‘everyday knowledge’ of properties. And to cultivate a qualitative/semi- quantitative sense for material properties #real-stuff
- Know properties have **precise definitions** and **units**, and be able to state these [**#Resources**](#) #rigour
- To know, and be able to find out, values of properties for engineering materials [**#Resources**](#)
- To begin to learn how to locate **material property data**, and evaluate its quality (what quality do I need it to be? how accurate is it? how reliable is it?) [**#Resources**](#)
- Be familiar with Ashby **material selection charts** and how they can be used [**#Resources**](#)
- Describe how mechanical properties are measured by mechanical testing #rigour #real-stuff
 - *appreciate there are subtleties in measuring material mechanical behaviour*
- Question (and begin to answer) what goes on in a material when it is deformed mechanically? #Qs
- Sketch stress-strain curves for materials
- Begin, and continue to make links between properties, material classes and engineering applications. And to move between ‘**parts**’ and ‘**big-picture**’ #thinking&linking
- Recognise that in engineering we often deal with **combinations of properties, and interactions between materials** #thinking&linking