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**Material Selection - Introduction**

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Learning Outcomes: At the end of this week's presentation, you will have covered or understand:

- material cost drivers and availability
- appreciate the link between, design, process and material selection
- understand basic mechanical and physical properties of materials
- Understand the importance of materials and their properties
- learn the primary engineering materials

# Externalities - Economics

*“Externalities are the cost or benefits that affect a party who did not choose to accept or incur that cost or benefit.”*



# Externalities Political– Rare earth materials (Neodinium,Iron/Boron)

China have large reserves of rare earths, but not all of them.

Rare earths go into almost every electrical device (cars, walkman)

What happened to rare earth materials around ~2006?



# Externalities - Social

Social & Political & Environmental



# Externalities – Social - Steel

1920's Mesabi range, high quality. USA super strong in steel.

What made the USA super strong in steel in 1945?



## Abundance/availability (Ashby, 2010)

Crust		Oceans		Atmosphere	
Element	Weight %	Element	Weight %	Element	Weight %
Oxygen	47	Oxygen	85	Nitrogen	79
Silicon	27	Hydrogen	10	Oxygen	19
Aluminum	8	Chlorine	2	Argon	2
Iron	5	Sodium	1	Carbon dioxide	0.04
Calcium	4	Magnesium	0.1		
Sodium	3	Sulfur	0.1		
Potassium	3	Calcium	0.04		
Magnesium	2	Potassium	0.04		
Titanium	0.4	Bromine	0.007		
Hydrogen	0.1	Carbon	0.002		
Phosphorus	0.1				
Manganese	0.1				
Fluorine	0.06				
Barium	0.04				
Strontium	0.04				
Sulfur	0.03				
Carbon	0.02				

# Energy content

**Table 2.4 Approximate Energy Content of Materials (GJ ton<sup>-1</sup>)**

Material	Energy
Aluminum	280
Plastics	85–180
Copper	140, rising to 300
Zinc	68
Steel	55
Glass	20
Cement	7
Brick	4
Timber	2.5–7
Gravel	0.2
Oil	44
Coal	29

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# Selection of structural materials

- Cost
- Strength/fracture resistance
- Availability
- Fabricability
- Recyclability
- Repairability.

# Relative costs of materials

**Table 2.1** Approximate Relative Price per Ton (mild steel = 100)

Material	Relative price
Platinum	12 m
Diamonds, industrial	10 m
Gold	9.6 m
Silver	290,000
CFRP (materials 70% of cost; fabrication 30% of cost)	20,000
Cobalt/tungsten carbide cermets	15,000
Tungsten	5000
Cobalt alloys	7000
Titanium alloys	2000
Nickel alloys	6000
Polyimides	8000
Silicon carbide (fine ceramic)	7000
Magnesium alloys	1000
Nylon 66	1500
Polycarbonate	1000
PMMA	700
Magnesia, MgO (fine ceramic)	3000
Alumina, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (fine ceramic)	3000
Tool steel	500
GFRP (materials 60% of cost; fabrication 40% of cost)	1000
Stainless steels	600
Copper, worked (sheets, tubes, bars)	2000
Copper, ingots	2000
Aluminum alloys, worked (sheet, bars)	650
Aluminum ingots	550
Brass, worked (sheet, tubes, bars)	2000
Brass, ingots	2000
Epoxy	1000
Polyester	500
Glass	400
Foamed polymers	1000
Zinc, worked (sheet, tubes, bars)	550
Zinc, ingots	450
Lead, worked (bars, sheet, tube)	650
Lead, ingots	550
Natural rubber	300
Polypropylene	200
Polyethylene, high density	200
Polystyrene	250
Hard woods	250
Polyethylene, low density	200

**Table 2.1** Cont'd

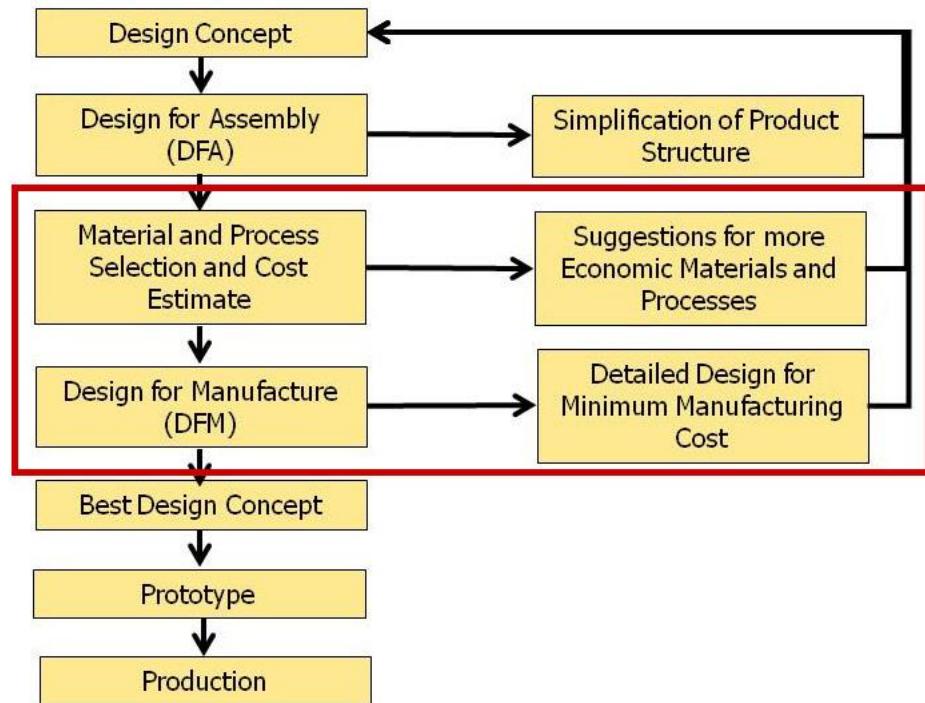
Material	Relative price
Polyvinyl chloride	300
Plywood	150
Low-alloy steels	200
Mild steel, worked (angles, sheet, bars)	100
Cast iron	90
Soft woods	50
Concrete, reinforced (beams, columns, slabs)	50
Fuel oil	190
Cement	20
Coal	20

Note: At April 2011 mild steel was \$500/ton

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# Product, Process Design and Materials Selection

- Material selection in design is a multi-criteria decision making

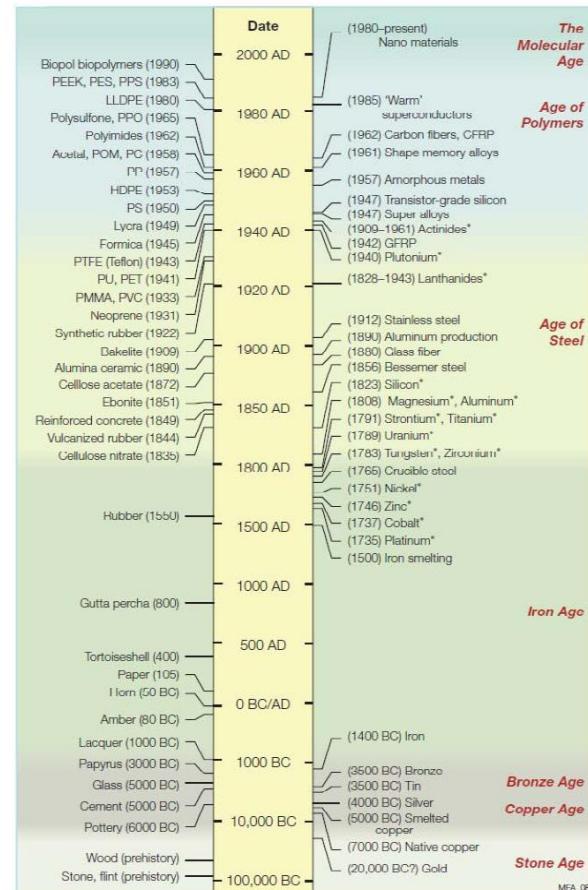


# Materials in Design

- Design is the process of translating a new idea or a market need into the detailed information from which a product can be manufactured
- Each of its stages requires decisions about the **materials** of which the product is to be made and the **process** for making it

# Materials in Design

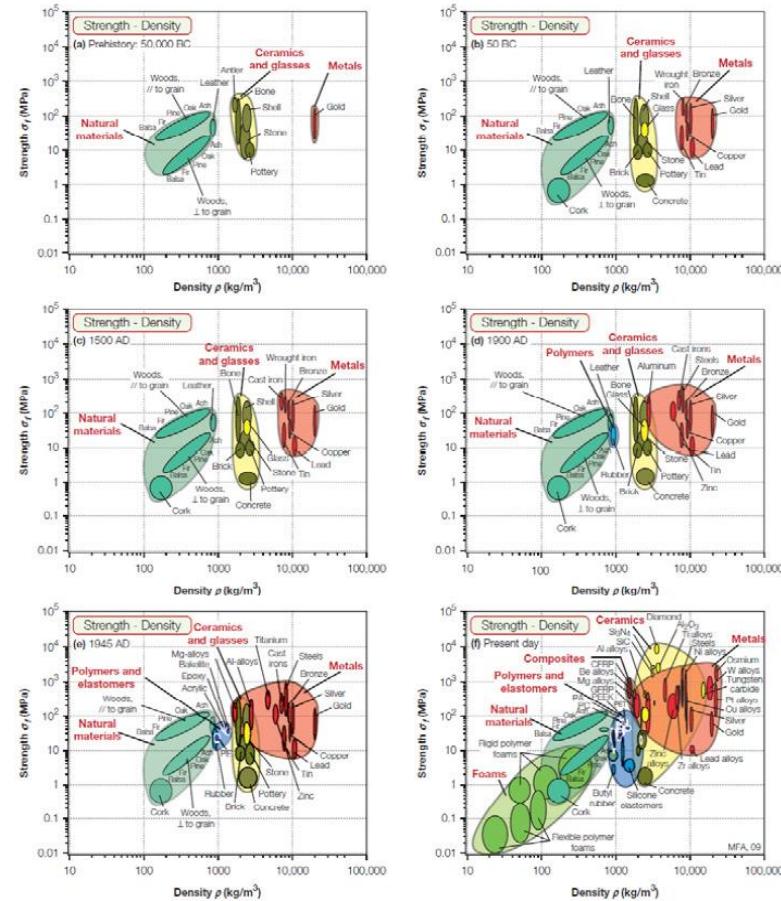
- Material development is driven by the desire for ever greater performance
- Today, over 160,000 materials are available to engineers



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# Materials in Design

- The development of materials to meet demands on strength and density is illustrated by these material property charts
  - Similar time plots show this progressive filling for all materials properties



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# Evolution of Materials in Products



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- Early kettles, heated directly over a fire, were made of materials that could conduct heat well and withstand exposure to an open flame
- Today almost all kettles are made of plastic, allowing economic manufacture with great freedom of form and color

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# Evolution of Materials in Products

- The development of vacuum cleaners has been rapid and driven by the use of new materials
- Hand-powered cleaners made mostly of natural materials have been replaced with high powered motors and centrifugal filtration



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# Evolution of Materials in Products

- Early cameras were made of wood and constructed with the care and finish of a cabinetmaker; they had well-ground glass lenses manufactured by techniques developed for watch and clock making
- High end cameras now manufactured with the scientific instrument precision; lower end models are made with molded polypropylene or ABS bodies



# Evolution of Materials in Products

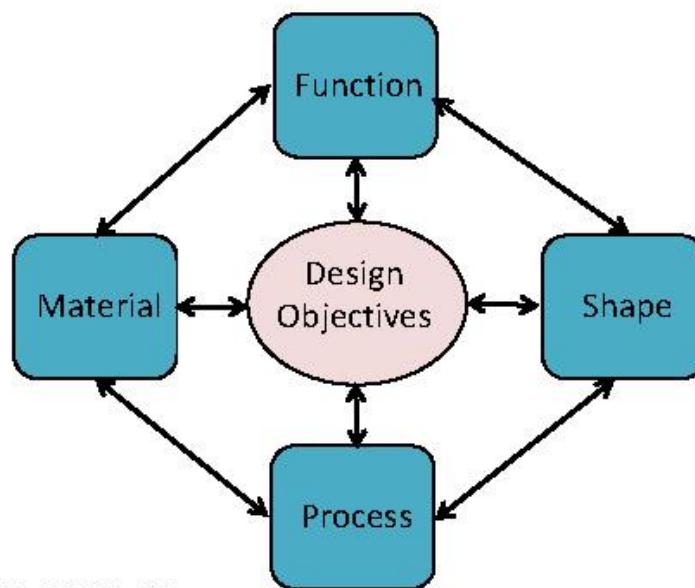
- Early planes were made of low-density woods, steel wire, and silk
- The aluminum airframe provided high stiffness and strength to allow planes to be bigger and fly further
- The future of airframes is exemplified by Boeing's 787 Dreamliner (80% carbon-fiber reinforced plastic, claims to be 30% lighter per seat than competing aircraft)



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# Material Selection Problem

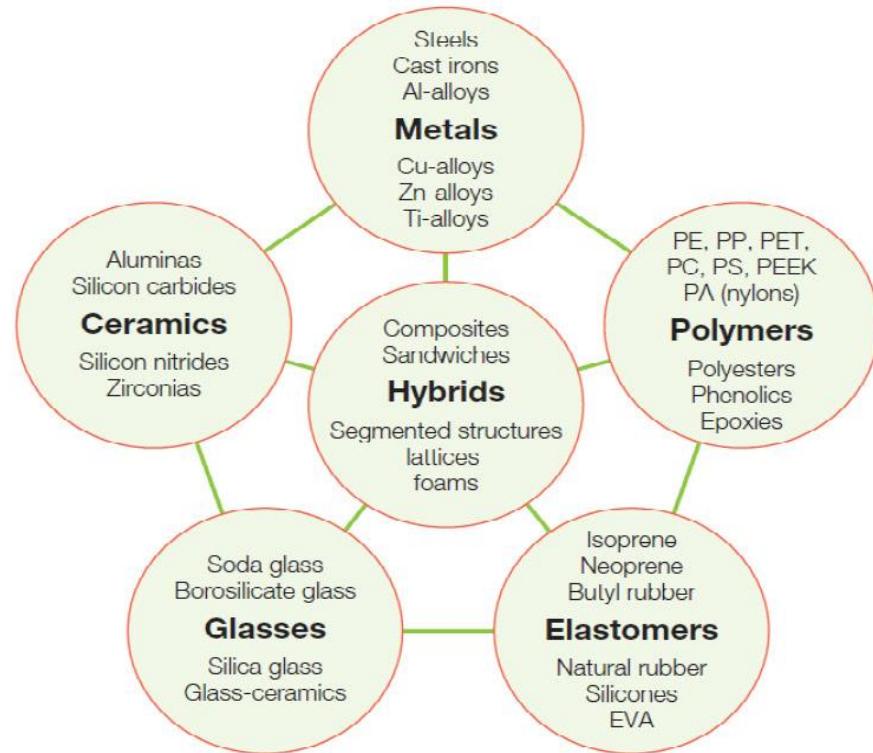
- Interaction between function, material, process, and shape
- It is not necessarily a material, but a certain profile of properties – the one that best meets the needs of the design



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# Menu of Engineering Materials

- The members of a material family have certain features in common: similar properties, similar processing routes, and, often, similar applications



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# Menu of Engineering Materials

## Ceramics

- Stiff – high E
- Hard
- Abrasion resistant
- Good high temperature strength
- Good corrosion resistance
- Brittle



## Glasses

- Hard
- Corrosion resistant
- Electrically insulating
- Transparent
- Brittle

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# Menu of Engineering Materials

## Polymers

- Light – low  $\rho$
- Easily shaped
- High strength/unit weight ( $\sigma/\rho$ )
- Lack stiffness – low  $E$  (50X less than metals)
- Properties highly sensitive to temperature



## Elastomers

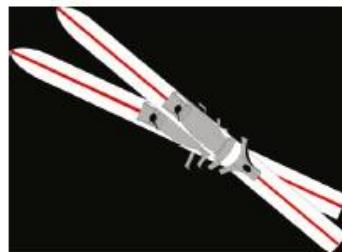
- Lack stiffness – low  $E$  (500 – 5000X less than metals)
- Able to retain initial shape after being stretched
- Relatively strong and tough

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# Menu of Engineering Materials

## Metals

- Tough – high  $K_{IC}$
- Stiff – high E
- Ductile
- Wide range of strengths depending on composition and processing
- Thermally and electrically conductive
- Reactive – low corrosion resistance



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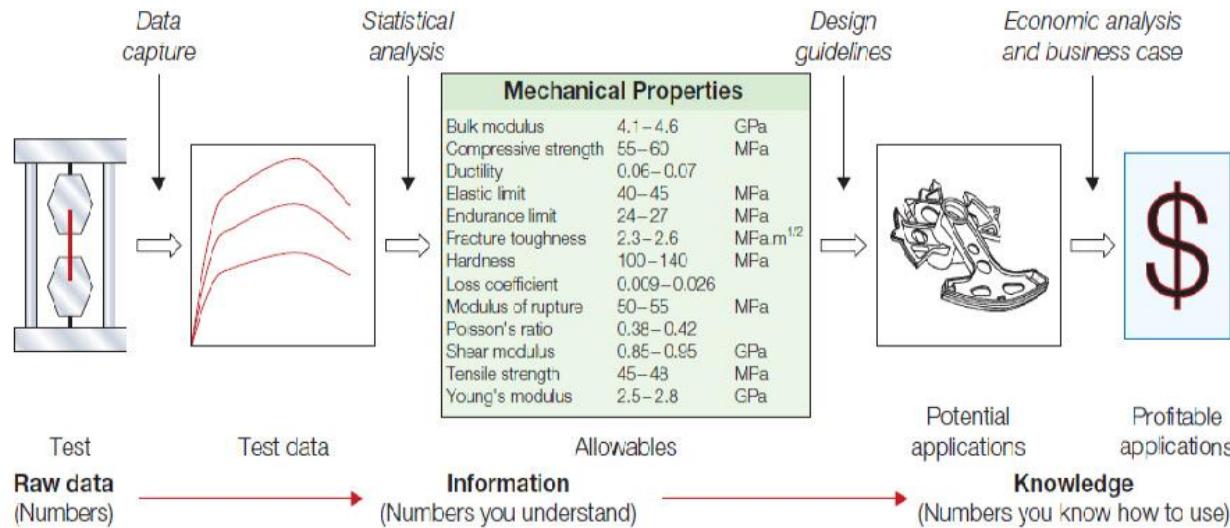
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## Hybrids

- Relatively strong and tough
- Expensive
- Difficult to shape and join
- Properties dependent on combination of materials

# Type of Material Information needed in Design

- Interested in the data in the center of the schematic; structured data for design allowables and information concerning the materials ability to be formed, joined, and finished



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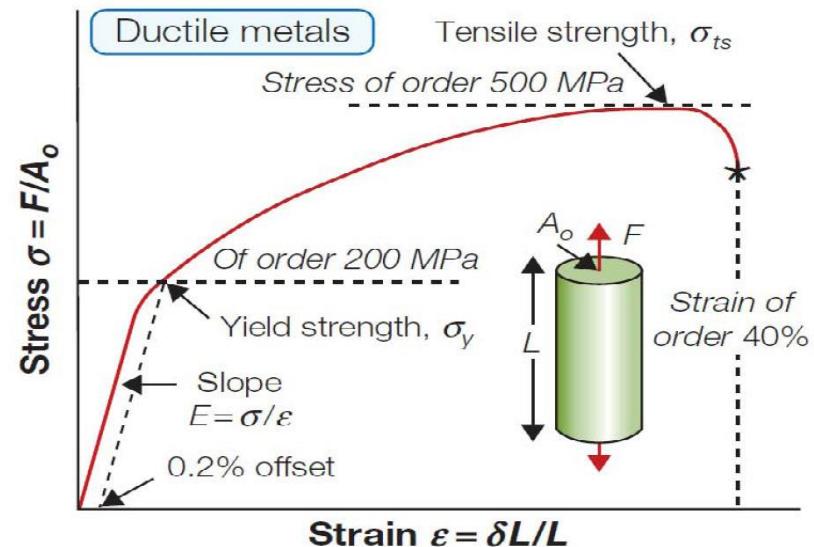
- Each material can be thought of as having a set of attributes or properties
- The combination that characterizes a given material is its property profile

Class	Property	Symbol and Units
General	Density	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> or Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Mechanical	Price	$C_m$ (\$/kg)
	Elastic moduli (Young's, shear, bulk)	$E, G, K$ (GPa)
	Yield strength	$\sigma_y$ (MPa)
	Tensile (ultimate) strength	$\sigma_{tu}$ (MPa)
	Compressive strength	$\sigma_c$ (MPa)
	Failure strength	$\sigma_f$ (MPa)
	Hardness	$H$ (Vickers)
	Elongation	$\varepsilon$ (-)
	Fatigue endurance limit	$\sigma_e$ (MPa)
	Fracture toughness	$K_{1c}$ (MPa.m <sup>1/2</sup> )
	Toughness	$G_{ic}$ (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
	Loss coefficient (damping capacity)	$\eta$ (-)
	Wear rate (Archard) constant	$K_A$ MPa <sup>-1</sup>
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	$\lambda$ (W/m.K)
	Specific heat	$C_p$ (J/kg.K)
	Thermal expansion coefficient	$\alpha$ (K <sup>-1</sup> )
	Thermal shock resistance	$\Delta T_s$ (°C or K)
Electrical	Electrical resistivity	$\rho_e$ (Ω.m or $\mu\Omega.cm$ )
	Dielectric constant	$\epsilon_r$ (-)
	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)

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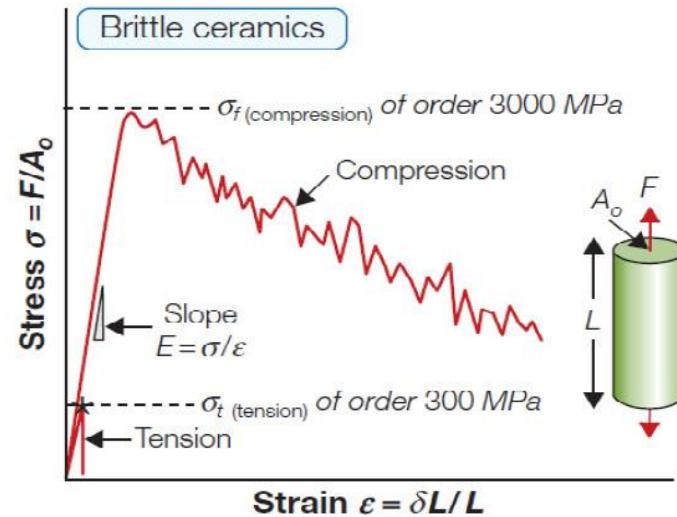
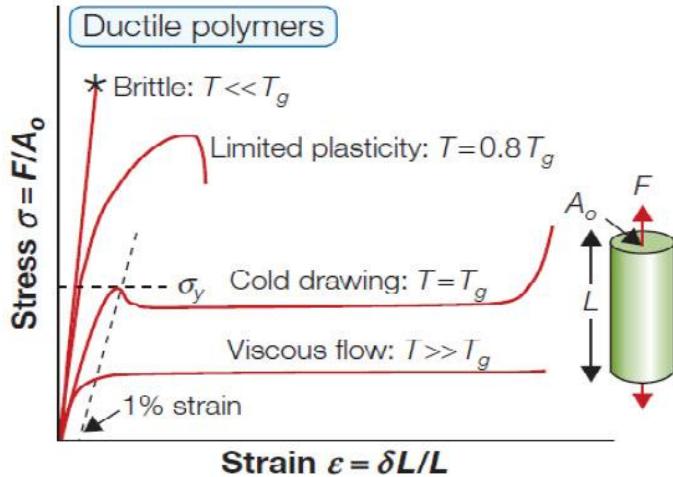
# Mechanical Properties

- The stress-strain curve for a metal, showing the modulus,  $E$ , the 0.2% yield strength,  $\sigma_y$ , and the ultimate strength,  $\sigma_{ts}$
- The strain at the point of failure indicates the ductility of a material



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# Mechanical Properties

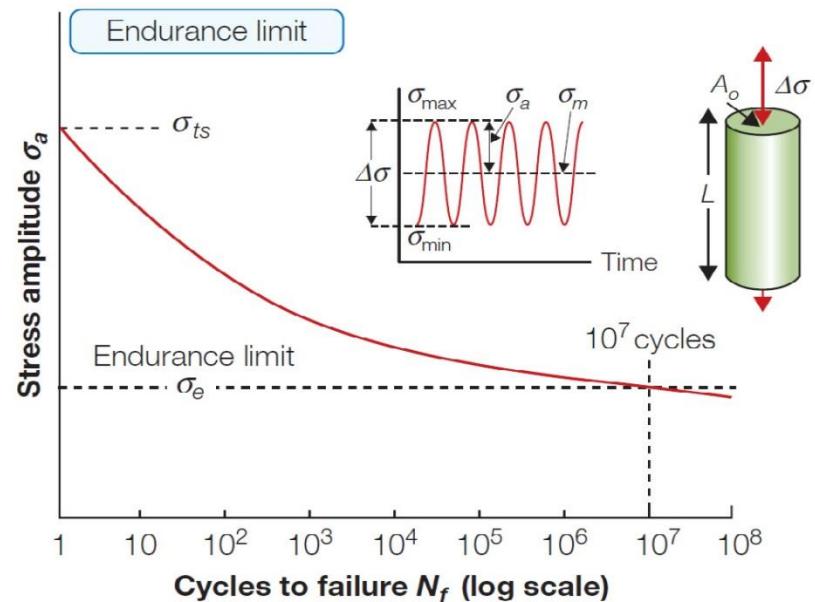


- The tensile response of a polymer varies with temperature – here the response is shown with respect to the glass transition temperature,  $T_g$

- The compressive strength of a ceramic is 10-15 times greater than the tensile strength

# Mechanical Properties

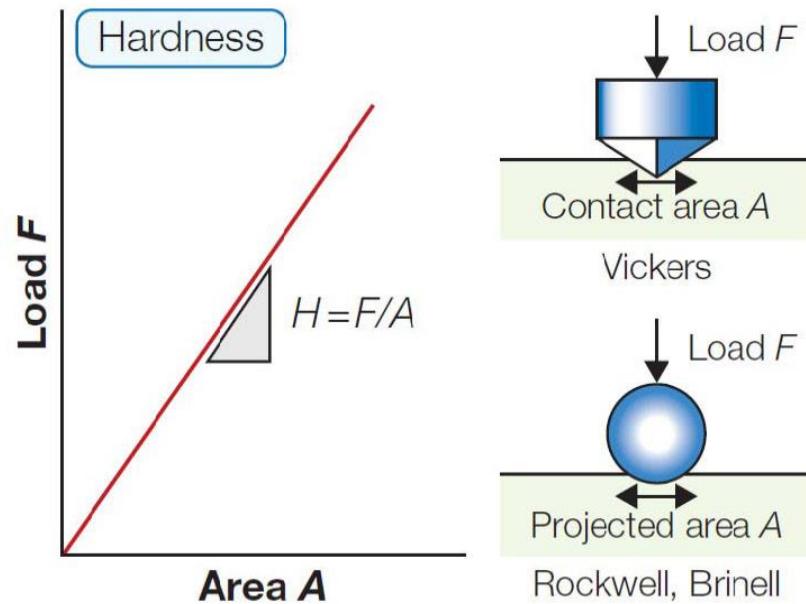
- For many materials there exists a fatigue or *endurance limit*,  $\sigma_e$ , illustrated by the  $\Delta\sigma - N_f$  curve.
- It is the stress amplitude below which fracture does not occur, or only occurs after a very large number ( $N_f > 10^7$ ) cycles



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# Mechanical Properties

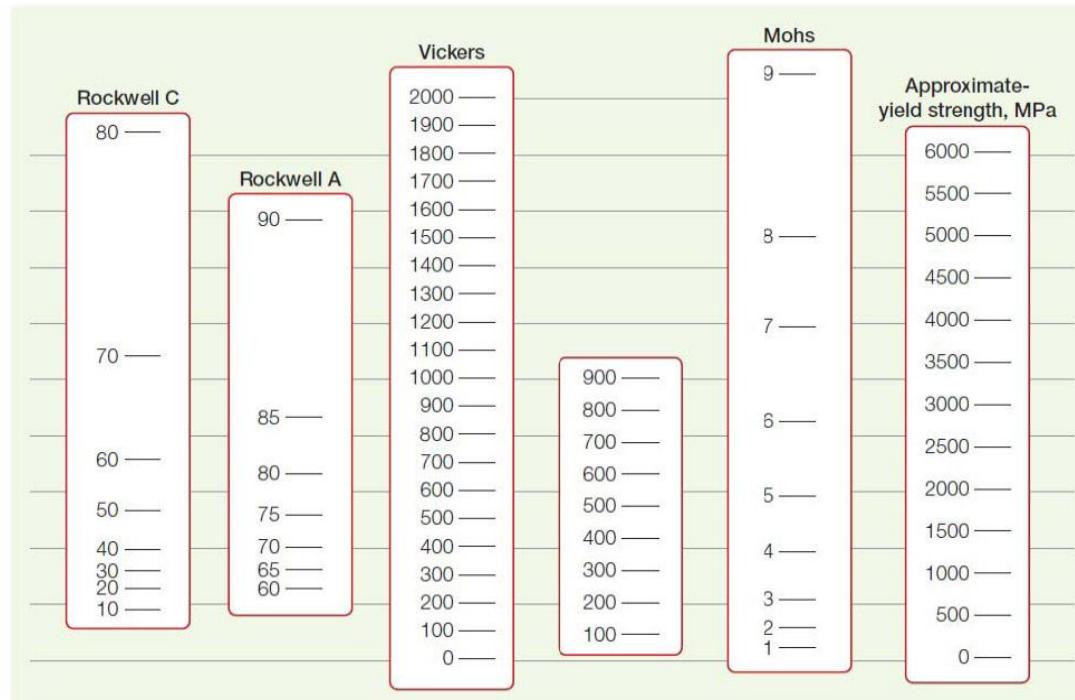
- Hardness is measured as the load,  $F$ , divided by the projected area of contact,  $A$ , when a diamond-shaped indenter is forced into the surface



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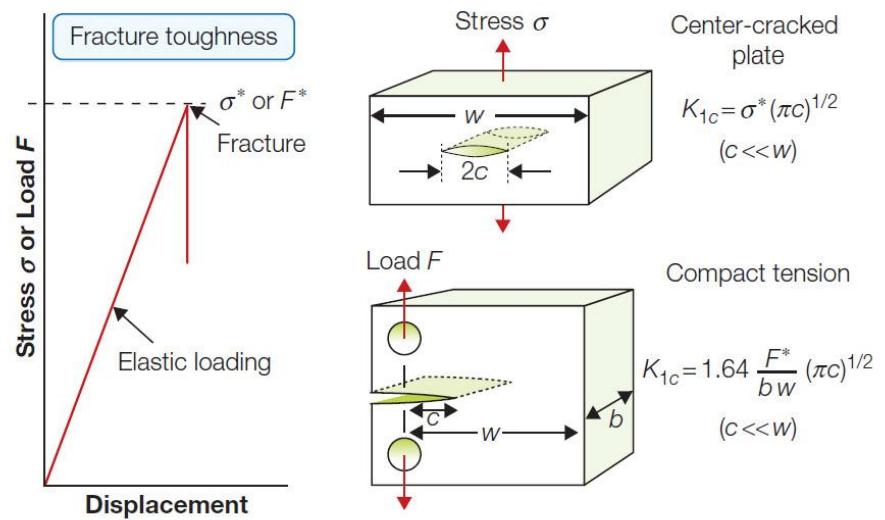
# Mechanical Properties

- Commonly used hardness scales and related to each other



# Mechanical Properties

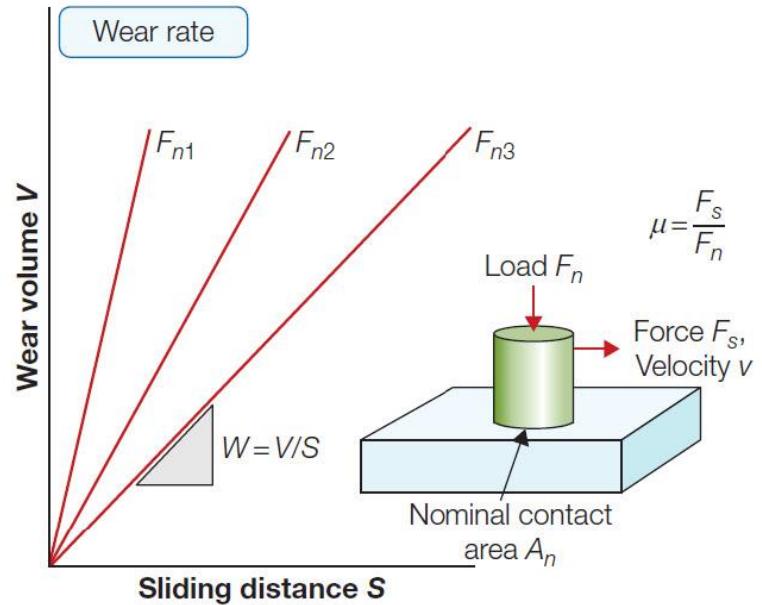
- The fracture toughness,  $K_{IC}$ , measures the resistance to the propagation of a crack;
- The test specimen containing a crack of length  $2c$  fails at stress  $\sigma^*$ ; the fracture toughness is then  $K_{IC} = Y\sigma^*(\pi c)^{1/2}$



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# Mechanical Properties

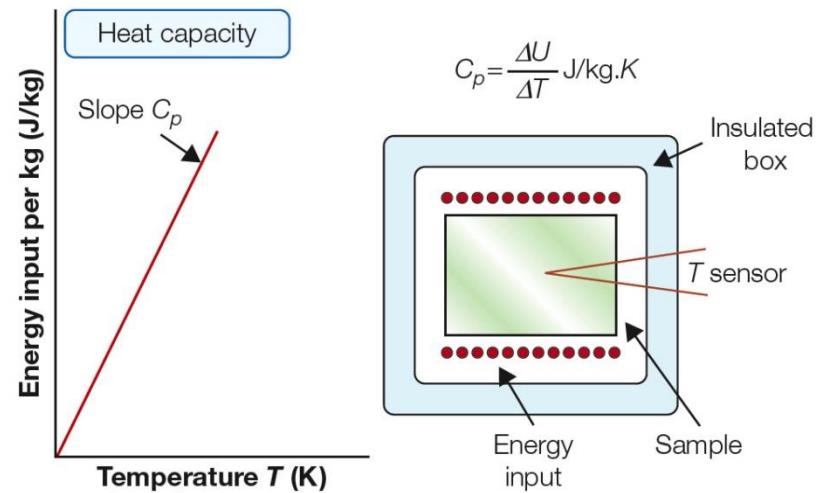
- Wear is the loss of material from surfaces when they slide;
- The wear resistance is measured by the Archard wear constant,  $K_A$



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# Thermal Properties

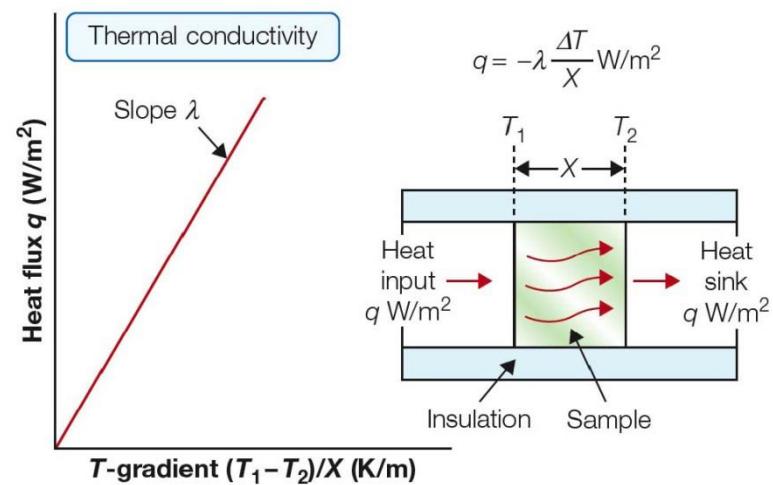
- *The heat capacity* – the energy to raise the temperature of 1 kg of material by 1°C



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# Thermal Properties

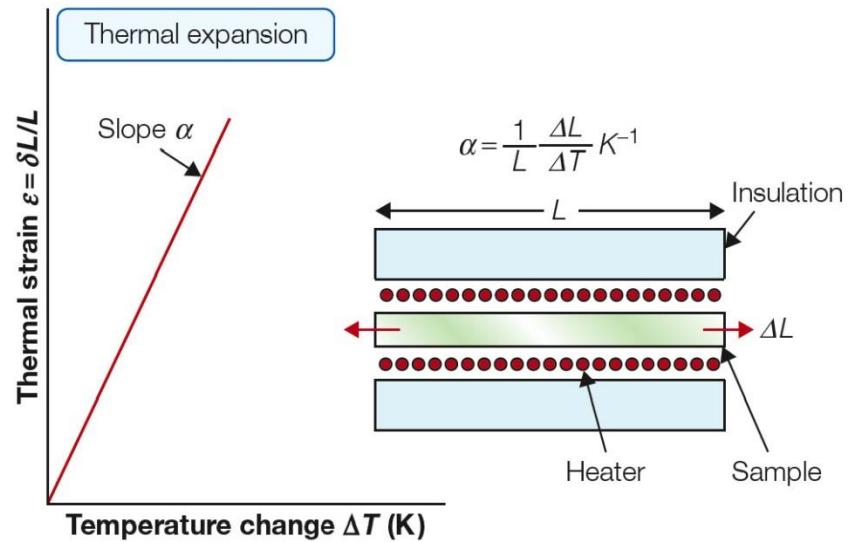
- The thermal conductivity  $\lambda$  measures the flux of heat driven by a temperature gradient



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# Thermal Properties

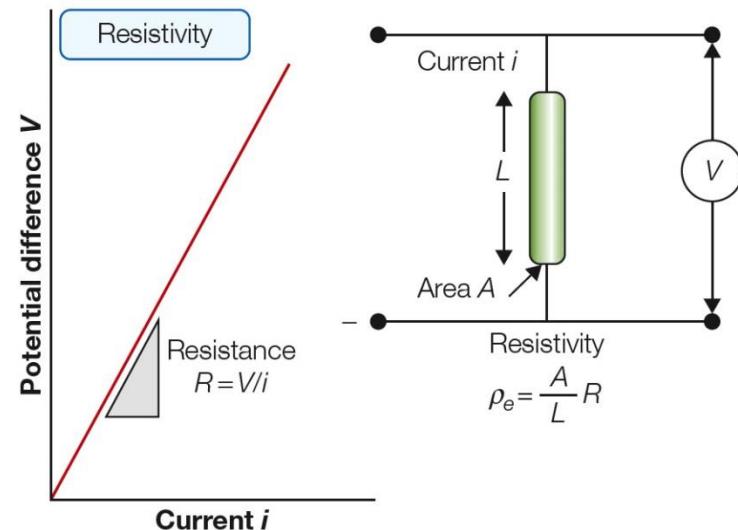
- The linear-thermal expansion coefficient  $\alpha$  measures the change in length, per unit length, when the sample is heated



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# Electrical Properties

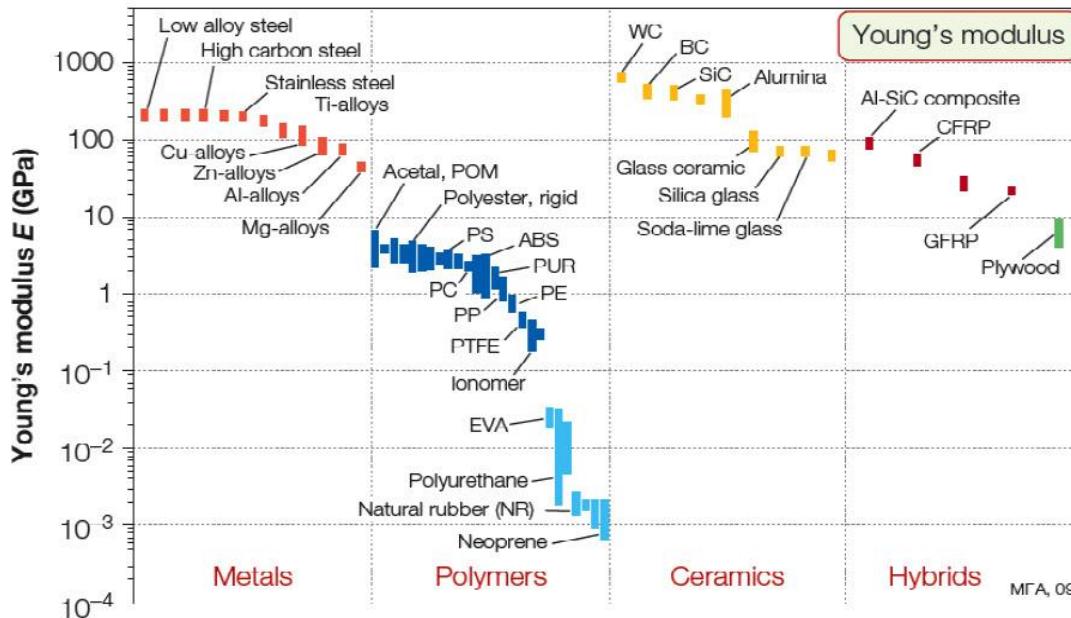
- Electrical resistivity,  $\rho_e$ , is measured as the potential gradient,  $V/L$ , divided by the current density,  $i/A$ ;
- It is related to the resistance,  $R$ , by  $\rho_e = AR/L$



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# Bar Charts: One property

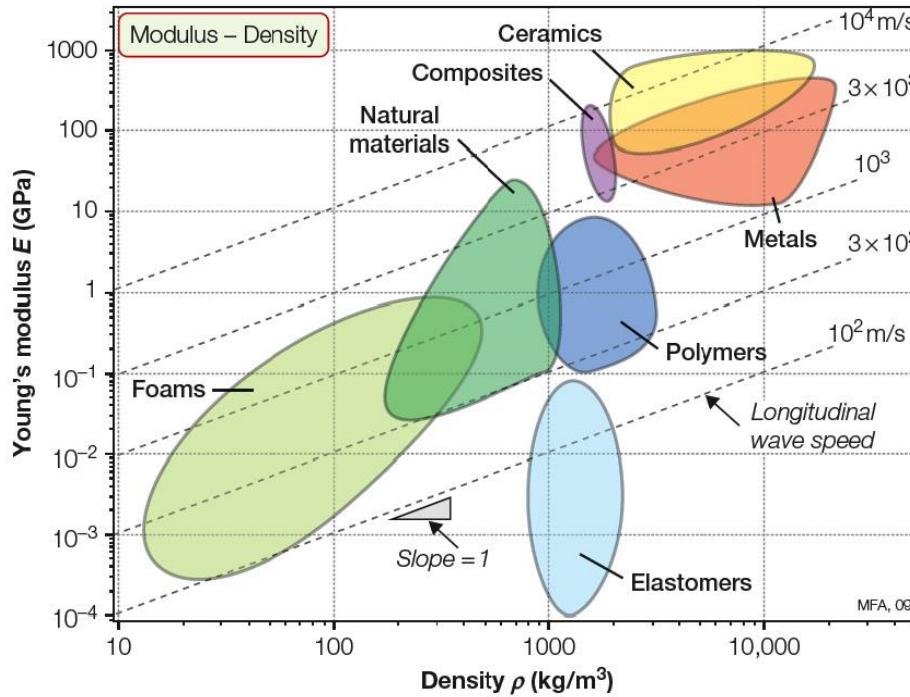
- Each property of an engineering material has a characteristic range of values; the bar chart shows the modulus for a family of solids



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# Comparing Multiple Properties

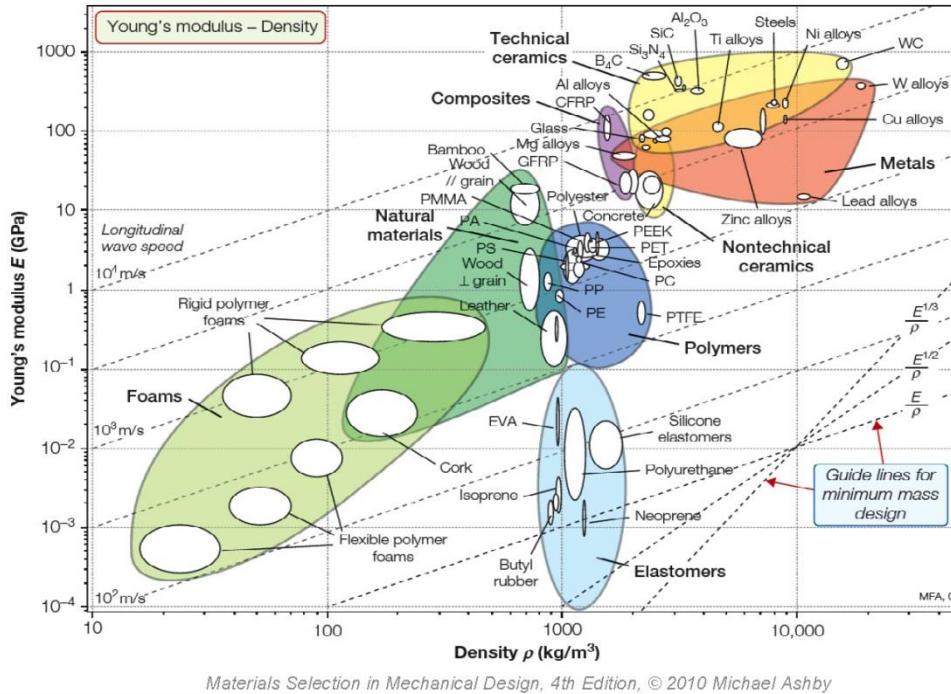
- Young's modulus plotted against density on log scales; each material class occupies a characteristic field



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# Young's Modulus: Density

- The guide lines of constant  $E/\rho$ ,  $E^{1/2}/\rho$ , and  $E^{1/3}/\rho$  allow selection of materials for minimum weight, deflection-limited, design



# Primary Engineering Materials

Family	Classes	Short Name	Family	Classes	Short Name
Metals (the metals and alloys of engineering)	Aluminum alloys Copper alloys Lead alloys Magnesium alloys Nickel alloys Carbon steels Stainless steels Tin alloys Titanium alloys Tungsten alloys Lead alloys Zinc alloys	Al alloys Cu alloys Lead alloys Mg alloys Ni alloys Steels Stainless steels Tin alloys Ti alloys W alloys Pb alloys Zn alloys	Polymers (the thermoplastics and thermosets of engineering)	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene Cellulose polymers Ionomers Epoxy Phenolics Polyamides (nylons) Polycarbonate Polyesters Polyetheretherketone Polyethylene Polyethylene terephthalate Polymethylmethacrylate Polyoxymethylene (Acetal) Polypropylene Polystyrene Polytetrafluoroethylene Polyvinylchloride Butyl rubber EVA Isoprene Natural rubber Polychloroprene (Neoprene) Polyurethane Silicone elastomers Carbon-fiber-reinforced polymers Glass-fiber-reinforced polymers SiC-reinforced aluminum	ABS CA Ionomers Epoxy Phenolics PA PC Polyester PEEK PE PET or PETE PMMA POM PP PS PTFE PVC Butyl rubber EVA Isoprene Natural rubber Neoprene PU Silicones CFRP GFRP Al-SiC
Ceramics, <i>technical ceramics</i> (fine ceramics capable of load-bearing application)	Alumina Aluminum nitride Boron carbide Silicon carbide Silicon nitride Tungsten carbide	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> AIN B <sub>4</sub> C SiC Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> WC	Elastomers (engineering rubbers, natural and synthetic)	Butyl rubber EVA Isoprene Natural rubber Polychloroprene (Neoprene) Polyurethane Silicone elastomers Carbon-fiber-reinforced polymers Glass-fiber-reinforced polymers SiC-reinforced aluminum	Butyl rubber EVA Isoprene Natural rubber Neoprene PU Silicones CFRP GFRP Al-SiC
Ceramics, <i>nontechnical ceramics</i> (porous ceramics of construction)	Brick Concrete	Brick Concrete	Hybrids: composites	Flexible polymer foams Rigid polymer foams	Flexible foams Rigid foams
Glasses	Soda-lime glass Borosilicate glass Silica glass Glass ceramic	Soda-lime glass Borosilicate glass Silica glass Glass ceramic	Hybrids: foams	Cork Bamboo Wood	Cork Bamboo Wood

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# Concluding Remarks

- Discussed the coupling of design, process, material selection
- Looked into evolution of materials in product design
- Briefly discussed the mechanical and physical properties of materials
- Next lecture will look into how to select materials with respect to function and processes