

# Chapter 6: Mechanical Properties

## Why mechanical properties?

Need to design materials that can withstand applied load...

e.g. materials used in building bridges that can hold up automobiles, pedestrians...

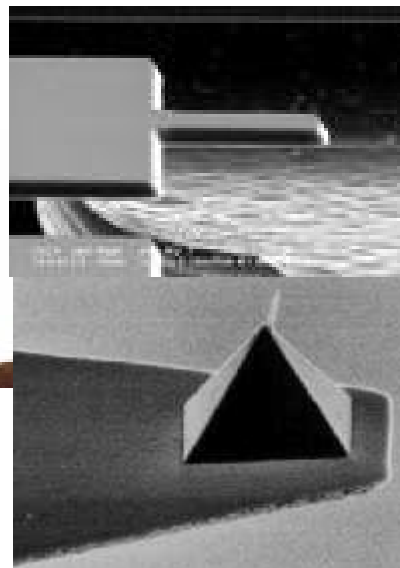


materials for skyscrapers in the Windy City...



materials for space exploration...

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materials for and designing MEMs and NEMs...



Space elevators?



# 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?



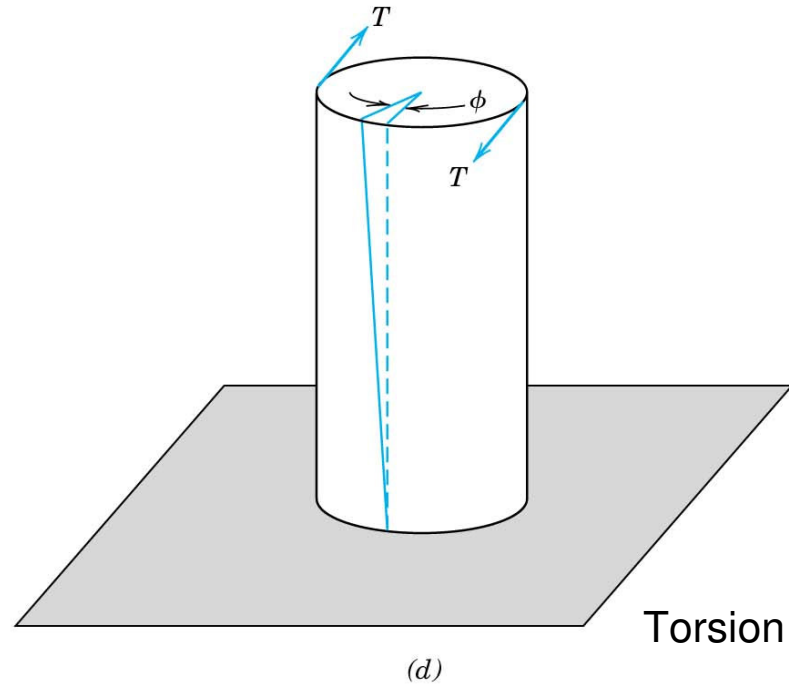
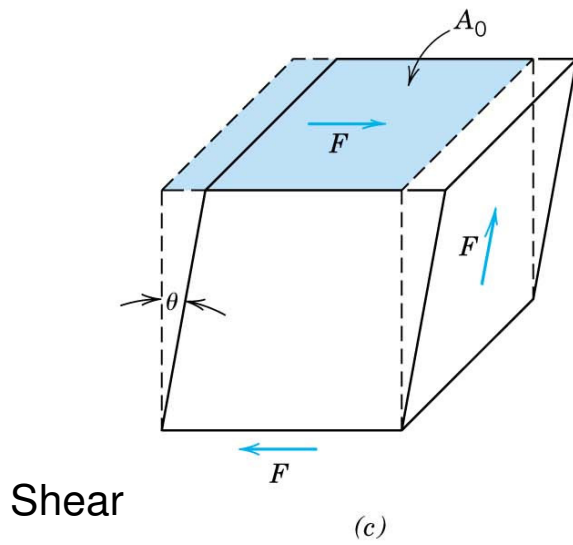
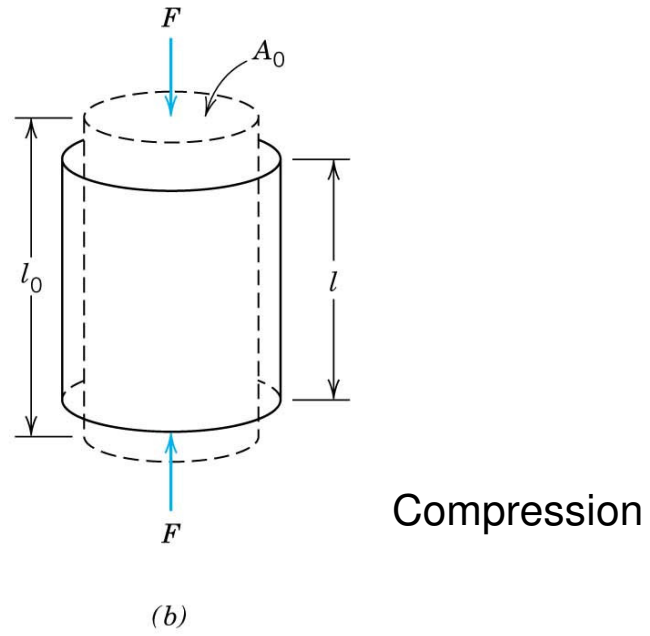
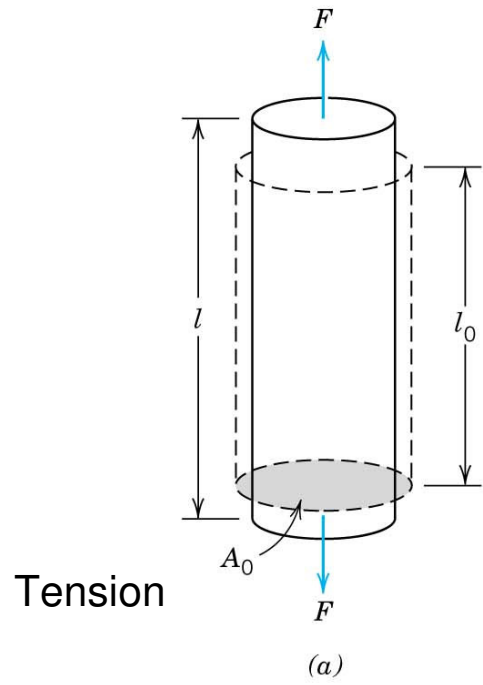
# Stress and Strain

**Stress:** Pressure due to applied load.

tension, compression, shear, torsion, and their combination.

$$\textit{stress} = \sigma = \frac{\textit{force}}{\textit{area}}$$

**Strain:** response of the material to stress (i.e. physical deformation such as elongation due to tension).



# COMMON STATES OF STRESS

- **Simple tension: cable**



$A_0$  = cross sectional  
Area (when unloaded)

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$$
A diagram of a rectangular element under stress. Two red arrows labeled 'σ' point outwards from the left and right sides of the rectangle, representing the normal stress.



**Ski lift** (photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)

From Callister 6e resource CD.





# COMMON STATES OF STRESS

- **Simple** compression:



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



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

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



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



# COMMON STATES OF STRESS

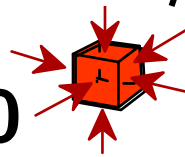
- **Hydrostatic** compression:



Fish under water

(photo courtesy  
P.M. Anderson)

$$\sigma_h < 0$$

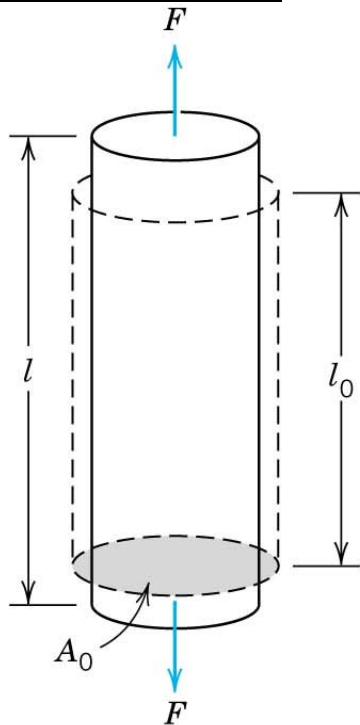


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# Tension and Compression

## Tension



$$\text{Engineering stress} = \sigma = \frac{F}{A_o}$$

$$\text{Engineering strain} = \varepsilon = \frac{l_i - l_o}{l_o} = \frac{\Delta l}{l_o}$$

$A_o$  = original cross sectional area

$l_i$  = instantaneous length

$l_o$  = original length

Note: strain is unitless.

## Compression

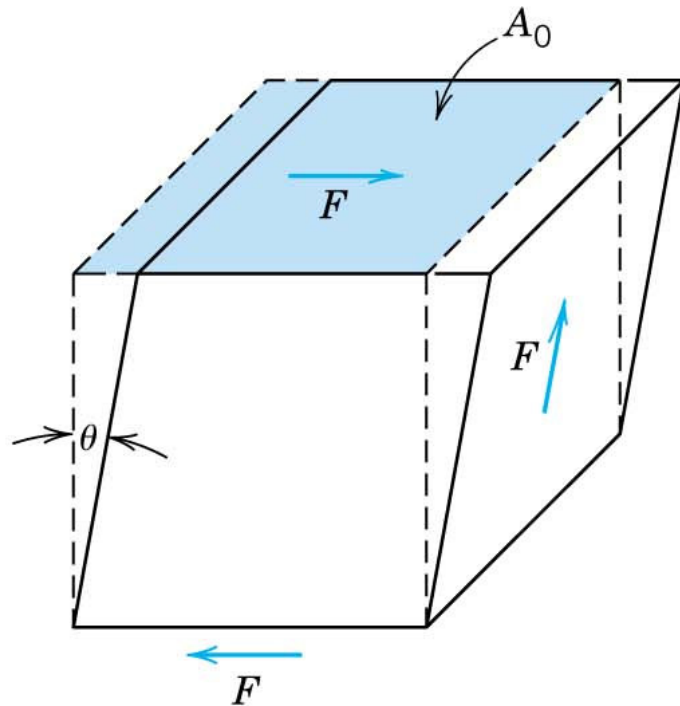
Same as tension but in the opposite direction (stress and strain defined in the same manner).

By convention, stress and strain are negative for compression.





# Shear



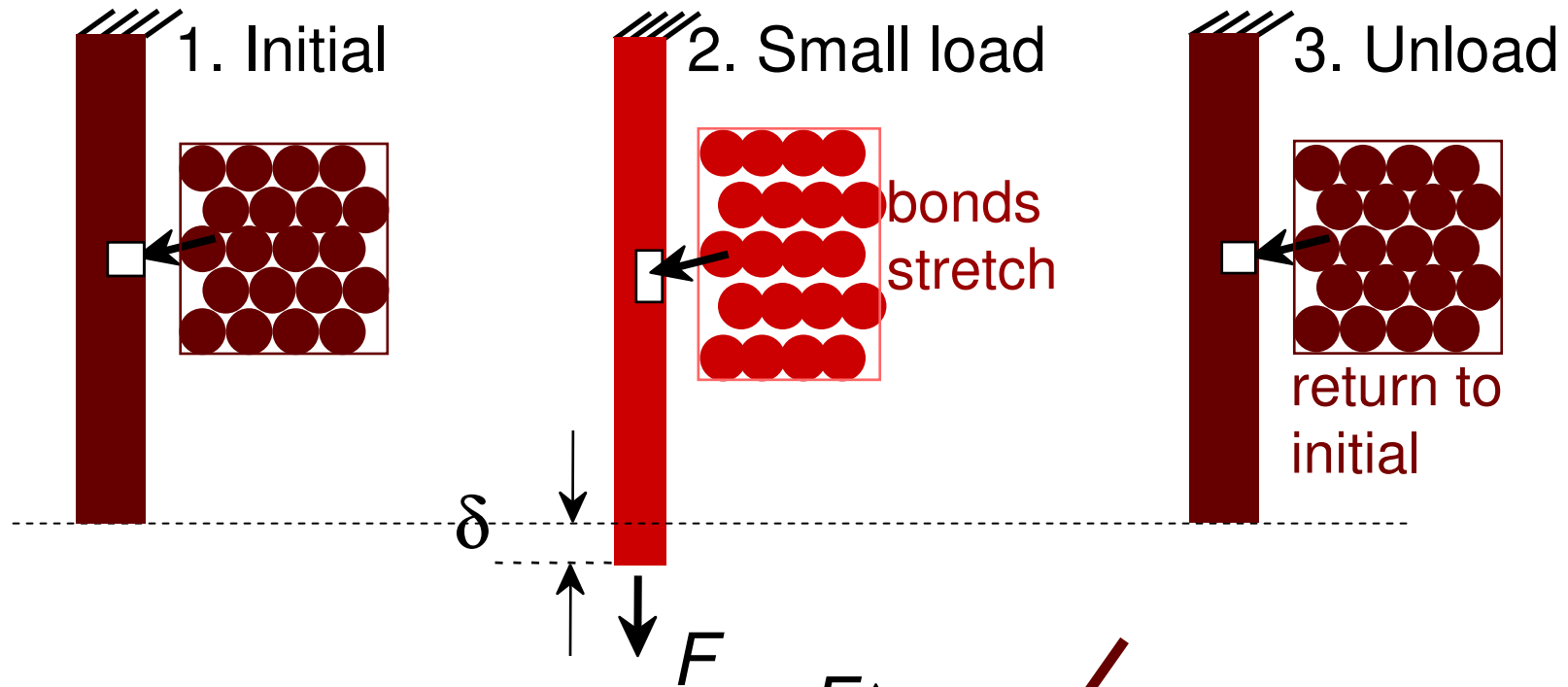
$$\text{Pure shear stress} = \tau = \frac{F}{A_0}$$

$$\text{Pure shear strain} = \gamma = \tan \theta$$

**Strain is always dimensionless.**

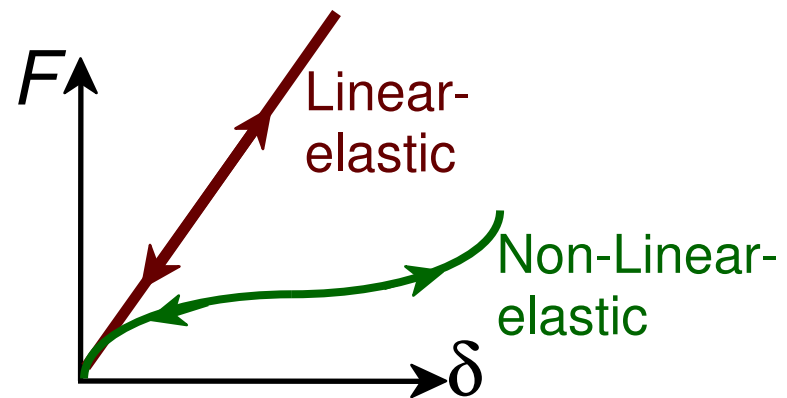


# Elastic Deformation

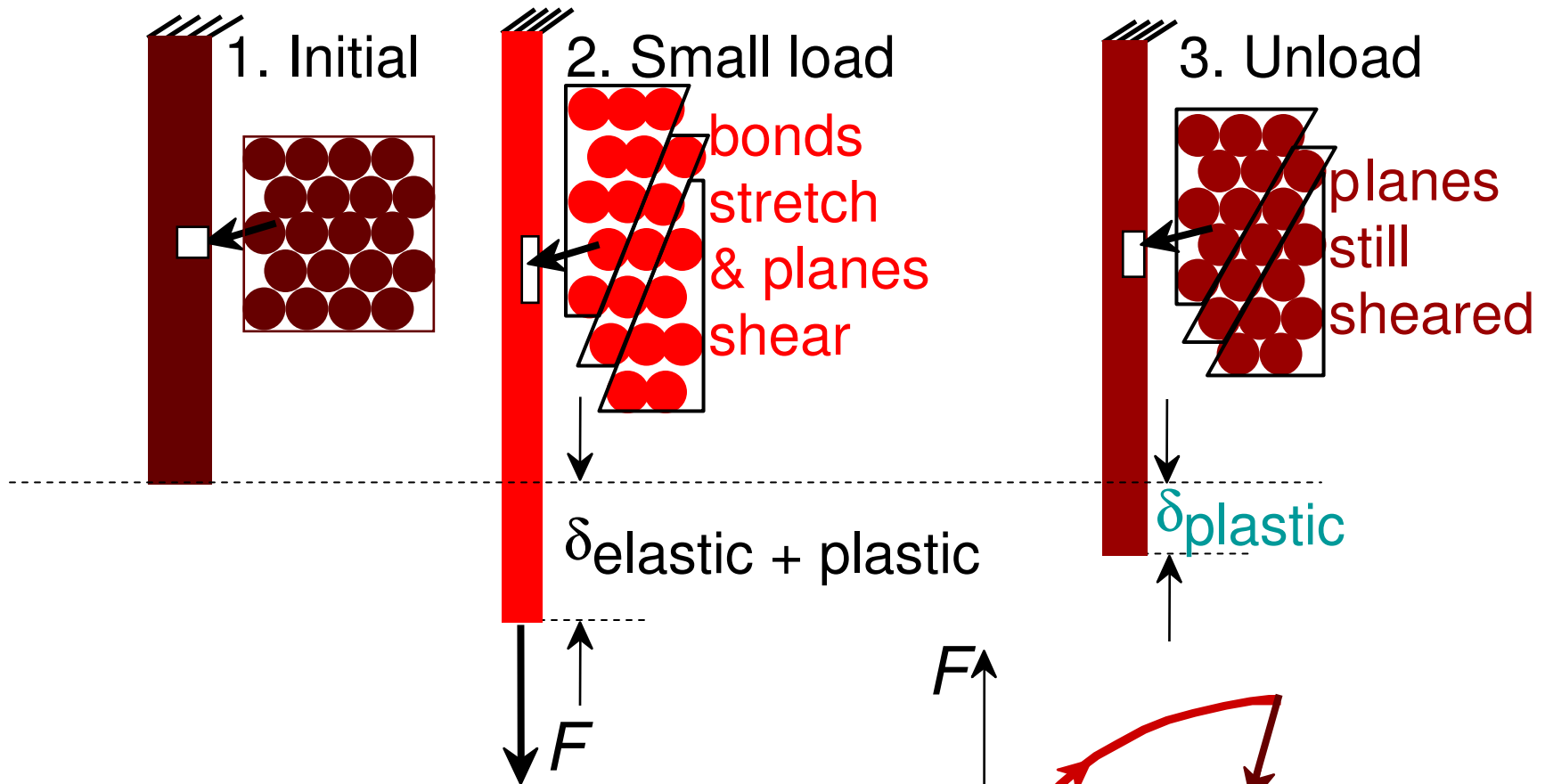


Elastic means **reversible!**

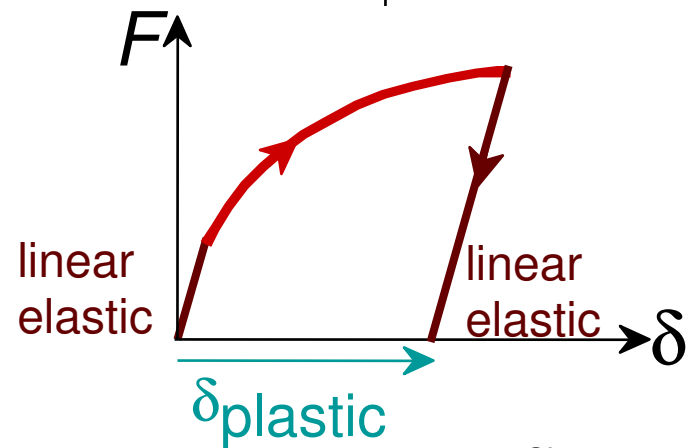
-a non-permanent deformation where the material completely recovers to its original state upon release of the applied stress.



# Plastic Deformation (Metals)

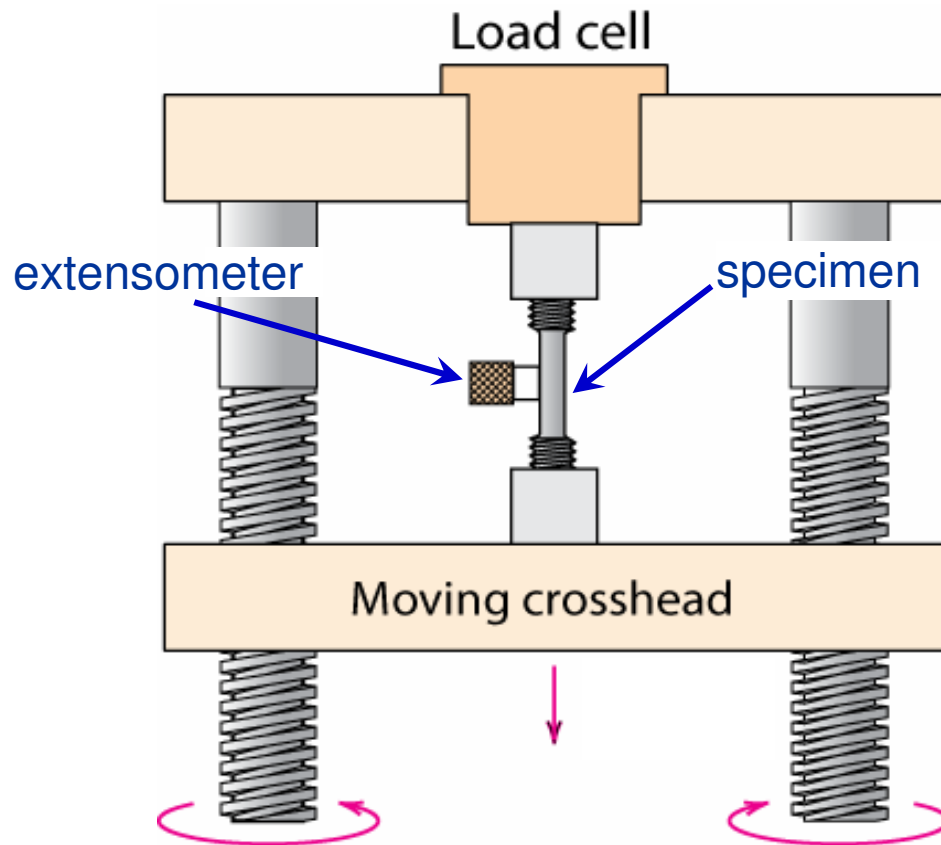


Plastic means permanent!



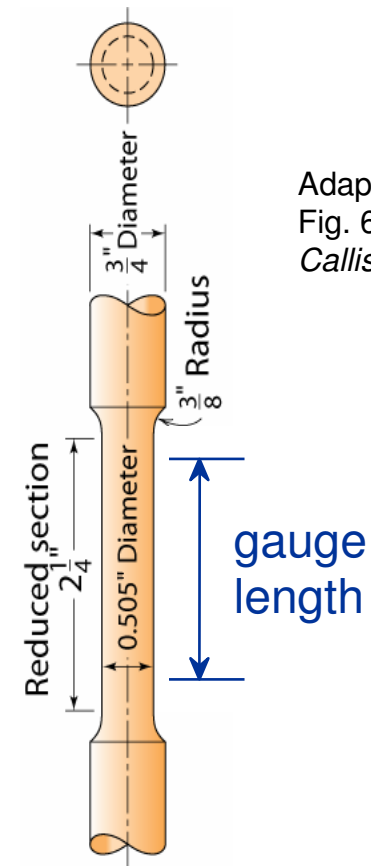
# Stress-Strain Testing

- Typical tensile test machine



Adapted from Fig. 6.3, *Callister 7e*. (Fig. 6.3 is taken from H.W. Hayden, W.G. Moffatt, and J. Wulff, *The Structure and Properties of Materials*, Vol. III, *Mechanical Behavior*, p. 2, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1965.)

- Typical tensile specimen



Adapted from Fig. 6.2, *Callister 7e*.



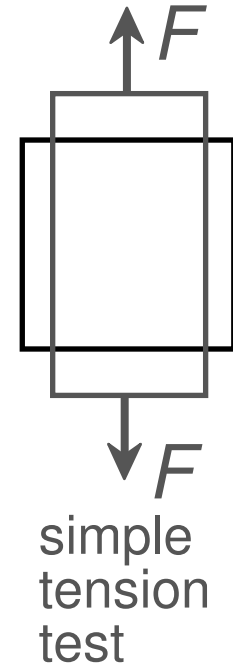
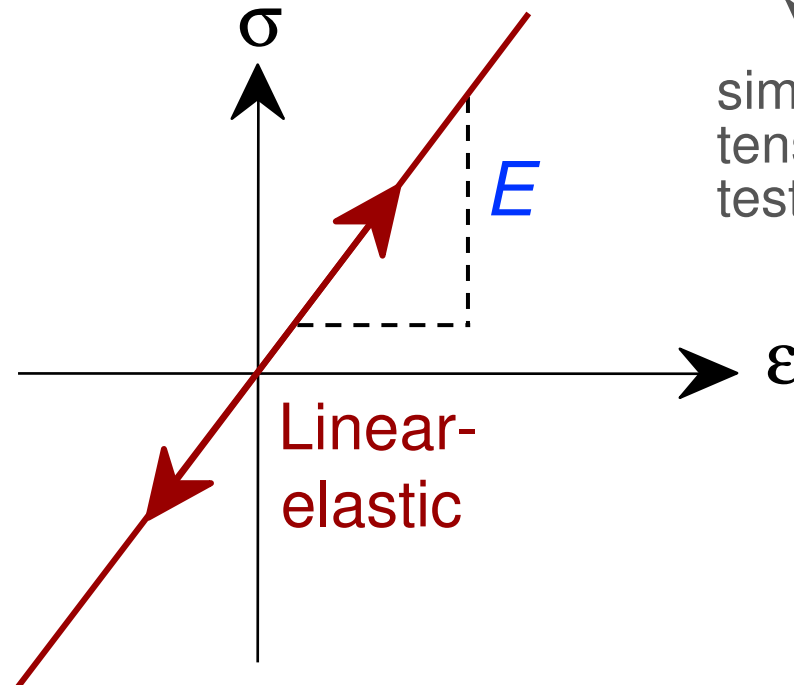
# Linear Elastic Properties

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

$$\sigma = E \epsilon$$

stress  $\sigma$       Modulus of elasticity (Young's modulus)  $E$       strain  $\epsilon$

Measure of material's resistance to elastic deformation (stiffness).



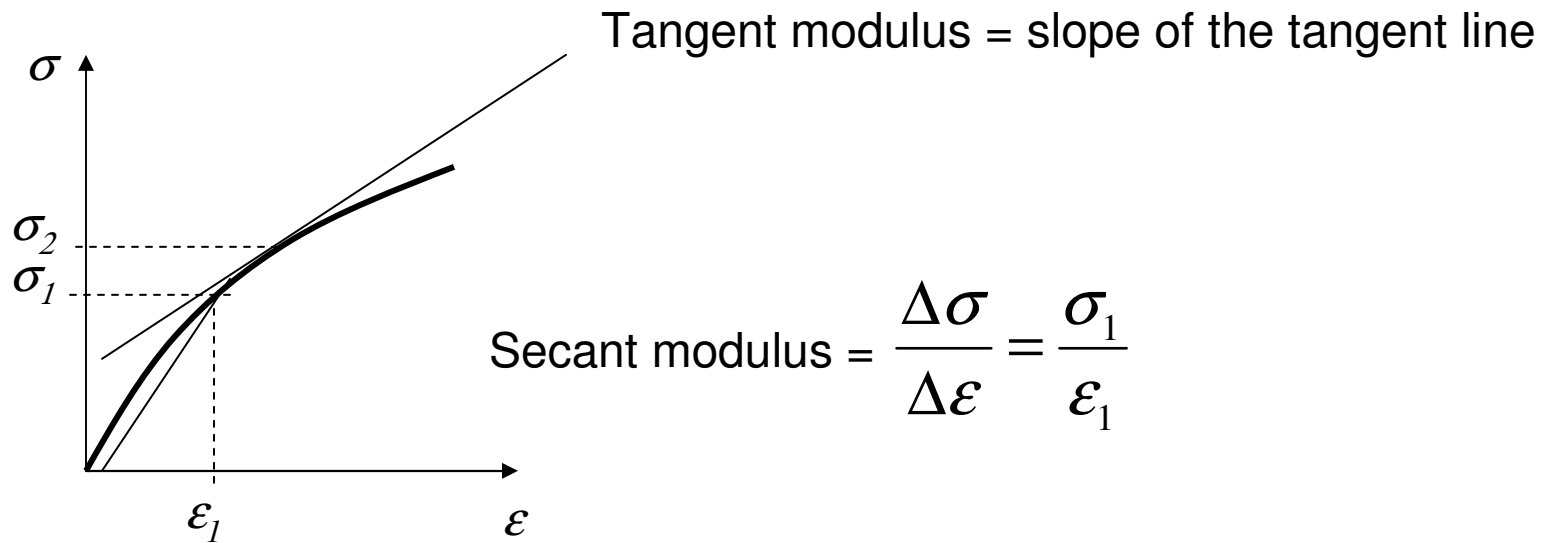
For metals, typically  $E \sim 45 - 400$  GPa





Note: some materials do not have linear elastic region (e.g. cast iron, concrete, many polymers...)

Define **secant modulus** and **tangent modulus**.



**Table 6.1 Room-Temperature Elastic and Shear Moduli, and Poisson's Ratio for Various Metal Alloys**

<i>Metal Alloy</i>	<i>Modulus of Elasticity</i>		<i>Shear Modulus</i>		<i>Poisson's Ratio</i>
	<i>GPa</i>	<i>10<sup>6</sup> psi</i>	<i>GPa</i>	<i>10<sup>6</sup> psi</i>	
Aluminum	69	10	25	3.6	0.33
Brass	97	14	37	5.4	0.34
Copper	110	16	46	6.7	0.34
Magnesium	45	6.5	17	2.5	0.29
Nickel	207	30	76	11.0	0.31
Steel	207	30	83	12.0	0.30
Titanium	107	15.5	45	6.5	0.34
Tungsten	407	59	160	23.2	0.28

Silicon (single crystal) 120 - 190 (depends on crystallographic direction)  
 Glass (pyrex) 70  
 SiC (fused or sintered) 207 - 483  
 Graphite (molded) ~12  
 High modulus C-fiber 400  
**Carbon Nanotubes ~1000**

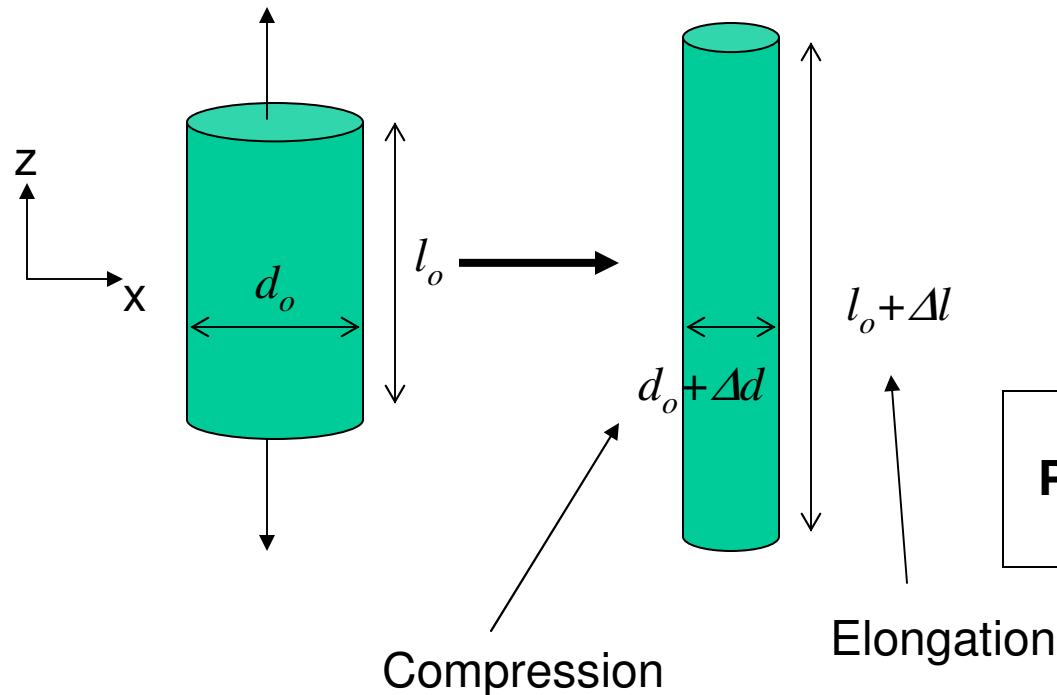


If we normalize to density: ~20 times that of steel wire  
 Density normalized strength is ~56X that of steel wire



# Poisson Ratio

So far, we've considered stress only along one dimension...



Along z: tension  $\epsilon_z = \frac{\Delta l}{l_o}$

Along x: compression  $\epsilon_x = \frac{\Delta d}{d_o}$

Isotropic x and y:  $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_x$

$$\text{Poisson ratio} = \nu = -\frac{\epsilon_x}{\epsilon_z} = -\frac{\epsilon_y}{\epsilon_z}$$

Relation between elastic and shear moduli:  $E = 2G(1 + \nu)$



# Poisson Ratio

- *Poisson Ratio* has a range  $-1 \leq \nu \leq 1/2$

Look at extremes

- No change in aspect ratio:  $\Delta w / w = \Delta l / l$

$$\nu = -\frac{\Delta w / w}{\Delta l / l} = -1$$

- Volume ( $V = AL$ ) remains constant:  $\Delta V = 0$  or  $l\Delta A = -A \Delta l$

$$\text{Hence, } \Delta V = (l \Delta A + A \Delta l) = 0.$$

In terms of width,  $A = w^2$ ,

$$\text{and } \Delta A = w^2 - (w + \Delta w)^2 = 2w \Delta w + \Delta w^2$$

$$\text{then } \Delta A / A = 2 \Delta w / w + \Delta w^2 / w^2$$

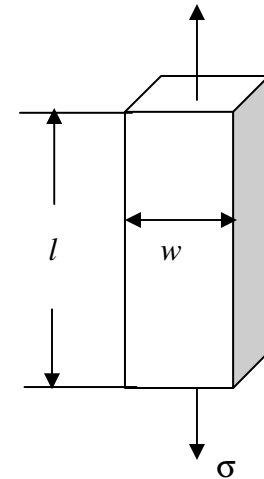
in the limit of small changes

$$\Delta A / A = 2 \Delta w / w$$

then

$$2 \Delta w / w = -\Delta l / l$$

$$\nu = -\frac{\Delta w / w}{\Delta l / l} = -\frac{(-\frac{1}{2} \Delta l / l)}{\Delta l / l} = 1/2$$



# Poisson's ratio, $\nu$

- **Poisson's ratio,  $\nu$ :**

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

metals:  $\nu \sim 0.33$

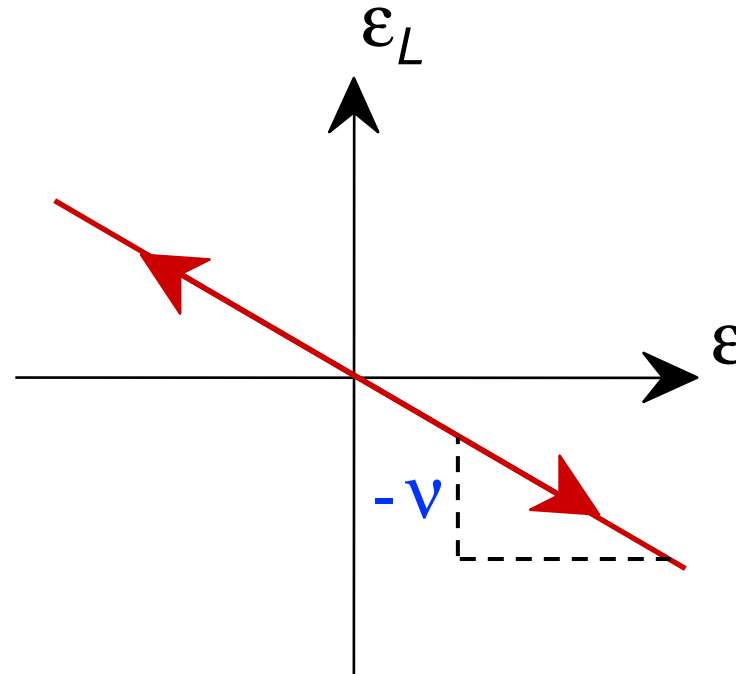
ceramics:  $\nu \sim 0.25$

polymers:  $\nu \sim 0.40$

Units:

$E$ : [GPa] or [psi]

$\nu$ : dimensionless



$-\nu > 0.50$  density increases

$-\nu < 0.50$  density decreases  
(voids form)





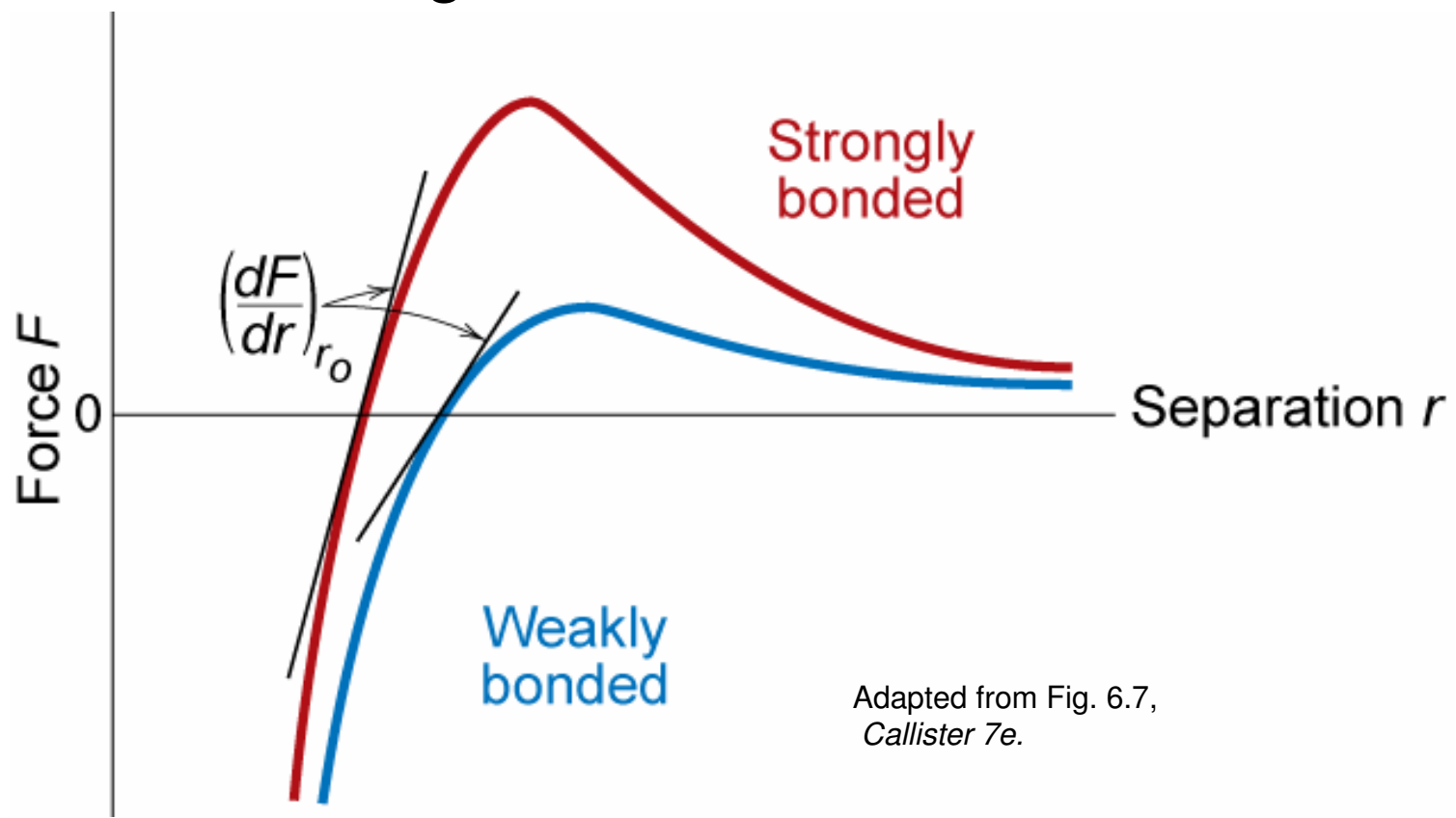
# Poisson Ratio: materials specific

<b>Metals:</b>	Ir	W	Ni	Cu	Al	Ag	Au	
	0.26	0.29	0.31	0.34	0.34	0.38	0.42	
								<b>generic value ~ 1/3</b>
<b>Solid Argon:</b>	0.25							
<b>Covalent Solids:</b>		Si	Ge	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiC			
		0.27	0.28	0.23	0.19			<b>generic value ~ 1/4</b>
<b>Ionic Solids:</b>	MgO	0.19						
<b>Silica Glass:</b>	0.20							
<b>Polymers:</b>	Network (Bakelite)	0.49		Chain (PE)	0.40			
<b>Elastomer:</b>	Hard Rubber (Ebonite)	0.39		(Natural)	0.49			



# Mechanical Properties

- Slope of stress strain plot (which is proportional to the elastic modulus) depends on bond strength of metal



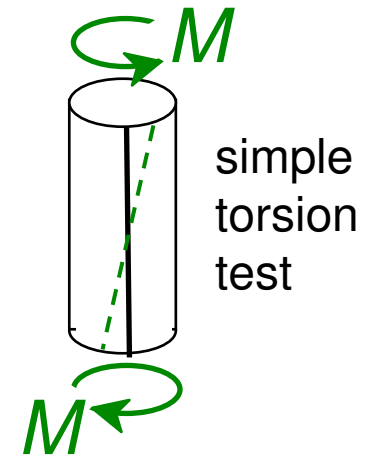
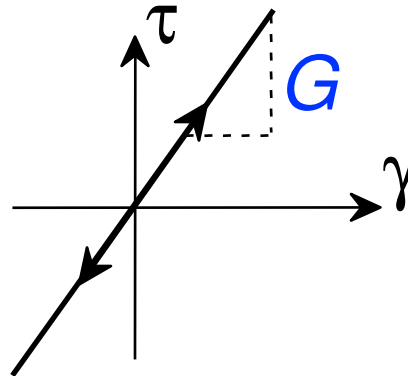
Adapted from Fig. 6.7,  
*Callister 7e.*



# Other Elastic Properties

- **Elastic Shear modulus,  $G$ :**

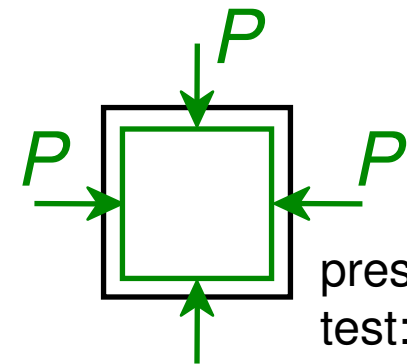
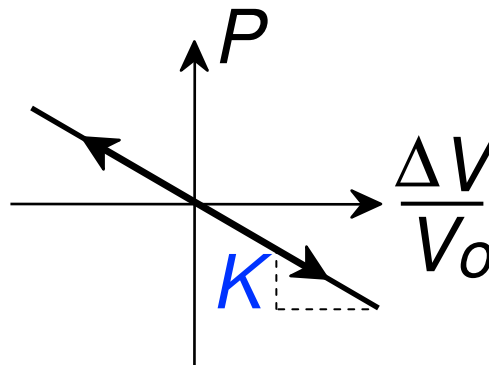
$$\tau = G \gamma$$



simple  
torsion  
test

- **Elastic Bulk modulus,  $K$ :**

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



pressure  
test: Init.  
vol =  $V_0$ .  
Vol chg.  
=  $\Delta V$

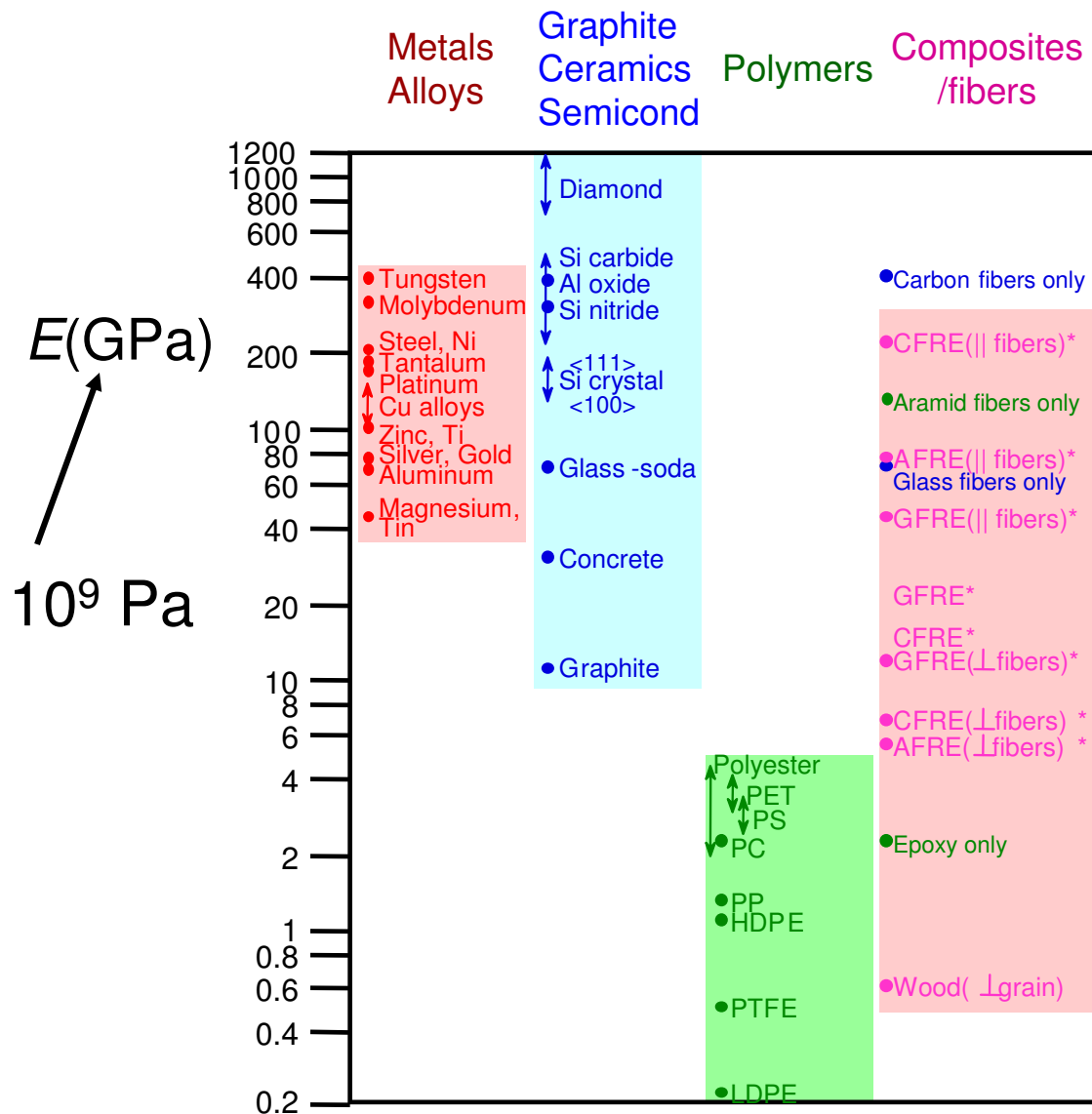
- **Special relations for isotropic materials:**

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

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



# Young's Moduli: Comparison



Based on data in Table B2, *Callister 7e*.

Composite data based on reinforced epoxy with 60 vol% of aligned carbon (CFRE), aramid (AFRE), or glass (GFRE) fibers.

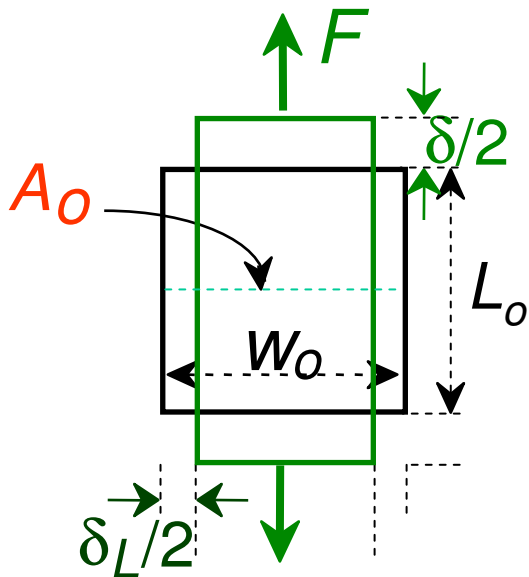


# Useful Linear Elastic Relationships

- Simple tension:

$$\delta = \frac{FL_o}{EA_o}$$

$$\delta_L = -\nu \frac{FW_o}{EA_o}$$

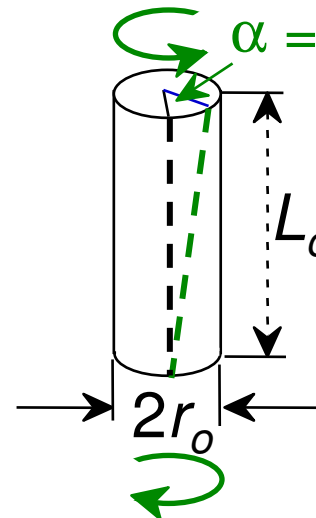


- Simple torsion:

$$\alpha = \frac{2ML_o}{\pi r_o^4 G}$$

$M$  = moment

$\alpha$  = angle of twist



- Material, geometric, and loading parameters all contribute to deflection.
- Larger elastic moduli minimize elastic deflection.

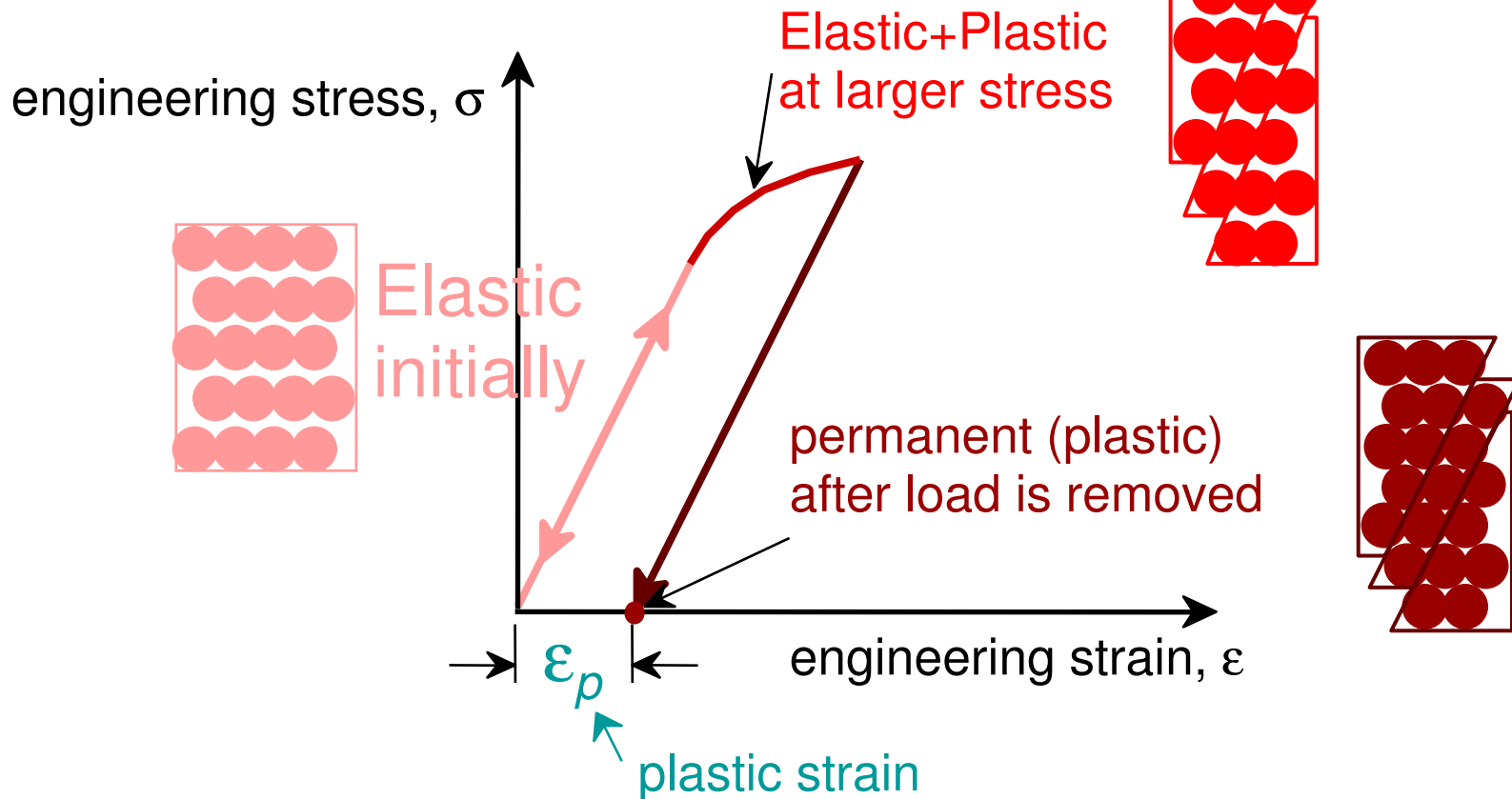




# Plastic (Permanent) Deformation

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

- Simple tension test:



- A permanent deformation (usually considered for  $T < T_m/3$ ).
- Atoms break bonds and form new ones.
- In metals, plastic deformation occurs typically at strain  $\geq 0.005$ .



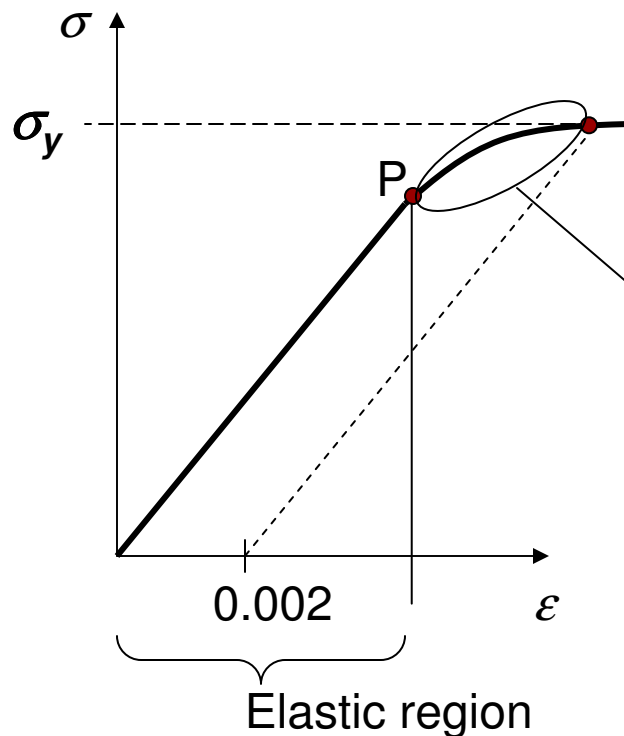
# Tensile properties

**A. Yield strength ( $\sigma_y$ ):** the strength required to produce a very slight yet specified amount of plastic deformation.

What is the specified amount of strain?

## Strain offset method

1. Start at 0.002 strain (for most metals).
2. Draw a line parallel to the linear region.
3.  $\sigma_y$  = where the dotted line crosses the stress-strain curve.



P = proportional limit (beginning of deviation from linear behavior).

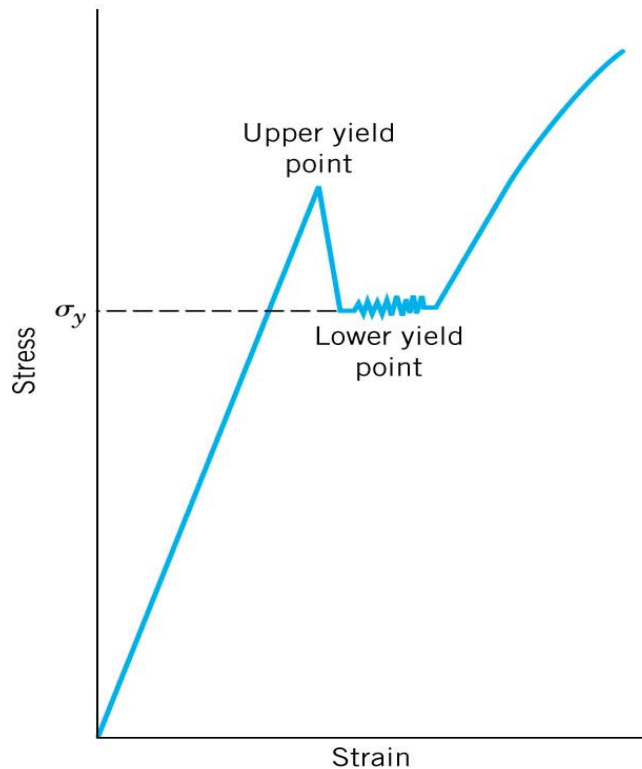
Mixed elastic-plastic behavior

For materials with nonlinear elastic region:  $\sigma_y$  is defined as stress required to produce specific amount of strain (e.g.  $\sim 0.005$  for most metals)



# Tensile properties

Yield point phenomenon occurs when elastic-plastic transition is well-defined and abrupt.

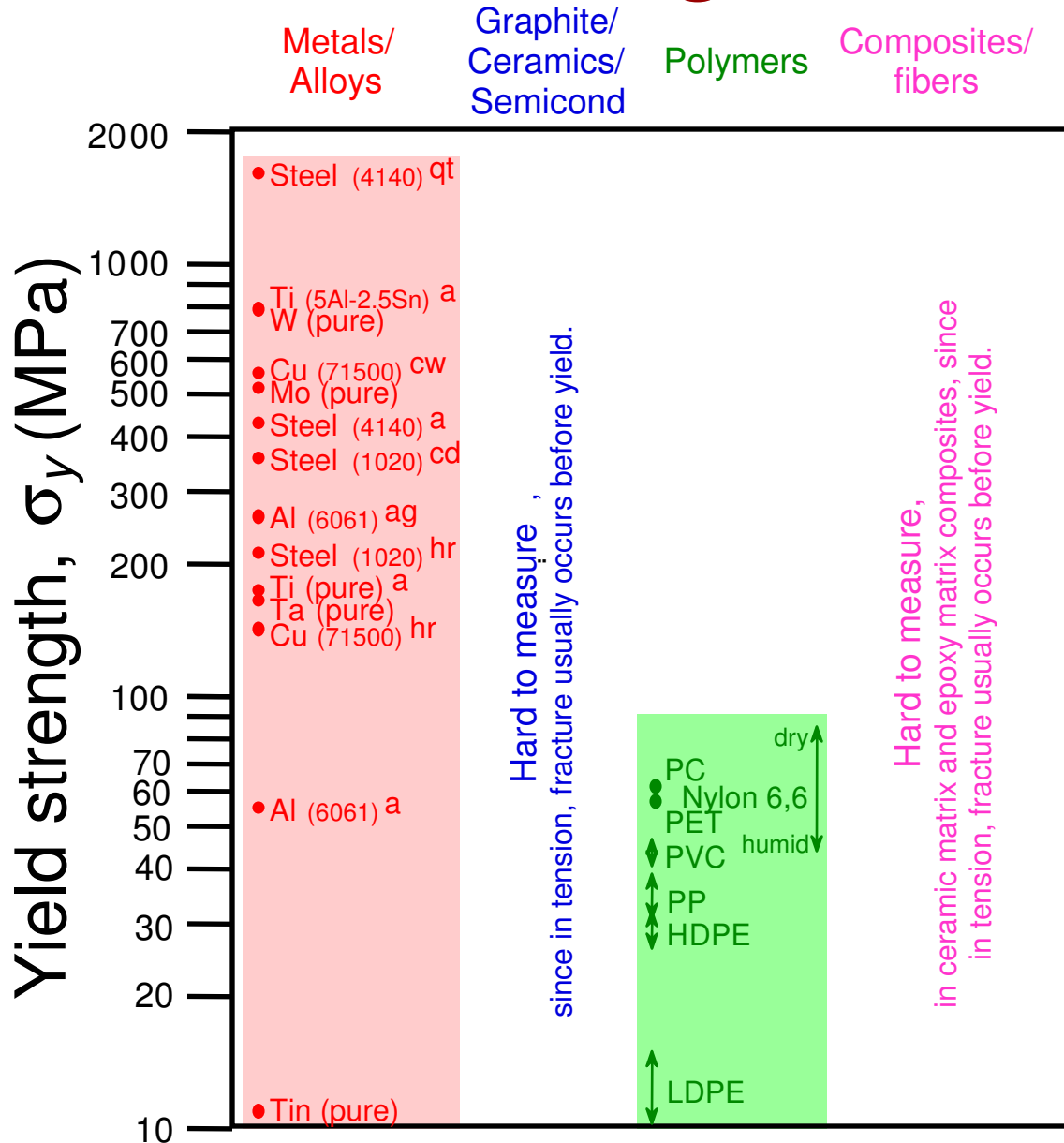


No offset methods required here.

Fig. 6.10 Callister (b)



# Yield Strength : Comparison



$\sigma_y(\text{ceramics})$

$\gg \sigma_y(\text{metals})$

$\gg \sigma_y(\text{polymers})$

Room  $T$  values

Based on data in Table B4, *Callister 7e*.

a = annealed

hr = hot rolled

ag = aged

cd = cold drawn

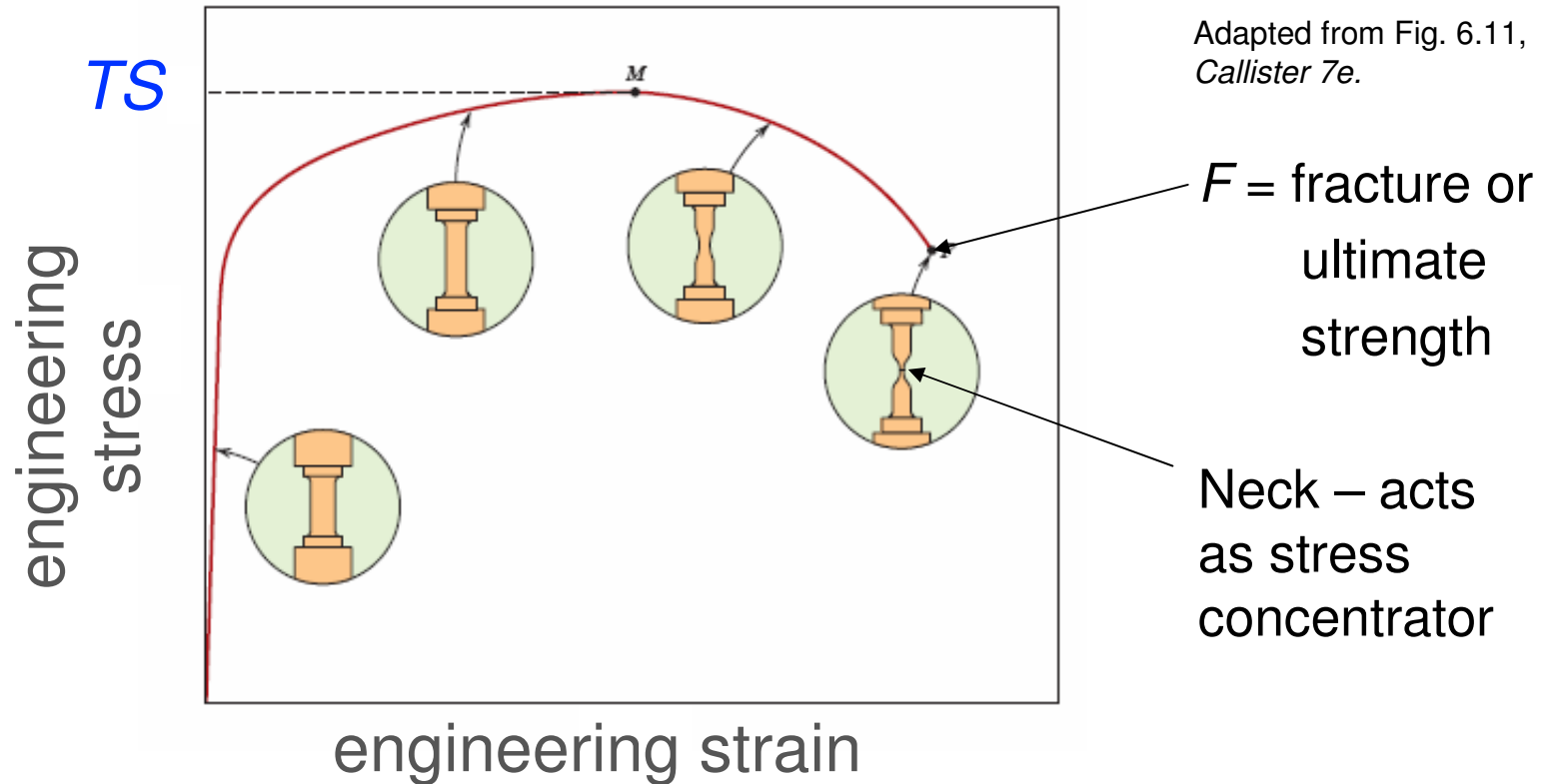
cw = cold worked

qt = quenched & tempered



# Tensile Strength, TS

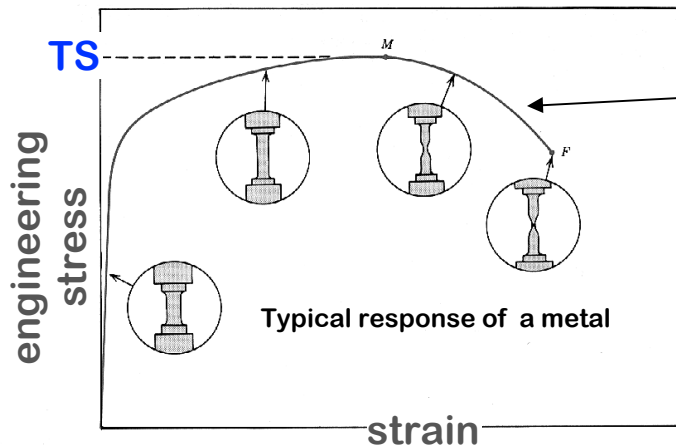
- Maximum stress on engineering stress-strain curve.



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



# True stress and strain



Notice that past maximum stress point,  $\sigma$  decreases.

→ Does this mean that the material is becoming weaker?

Necking leads to smaller cross sectional area!

Recall: Engineering Stress =  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A_o}$  ← Original cross sectional area!

$$\text{True Stress} = \sigma_T = \frac{F}{A_i}$$

$A_i$  = instantaneous area  
 $l_i$  = instantaneous length

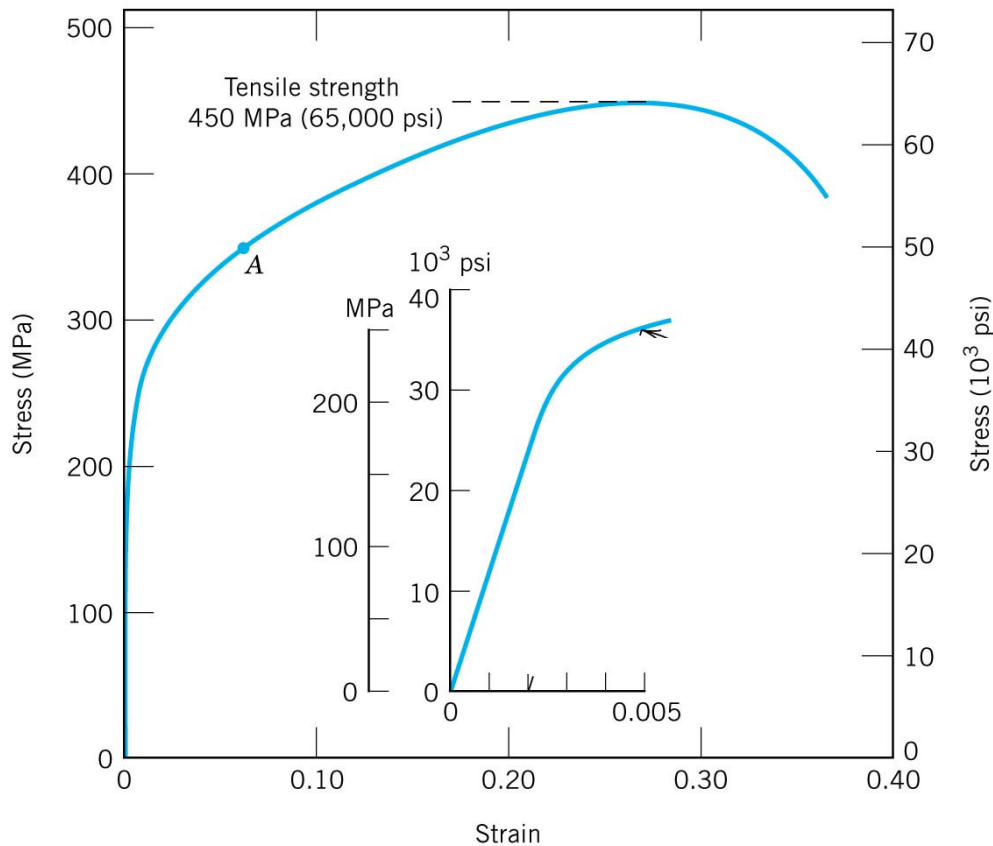
$$\text{True Strain} = \epsilon_T = \ln \frac{l_i}{l_o}$$

If no net volume change (i.e.  $A_i l_i = A_o l_o$ )

$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_T &= \sigma(1 + \epsilon) \\ \epsilon_T &= \ln(1 + \epsilon) \end{aligned} \right\}$  Only true at the onset of necking



# Example problem



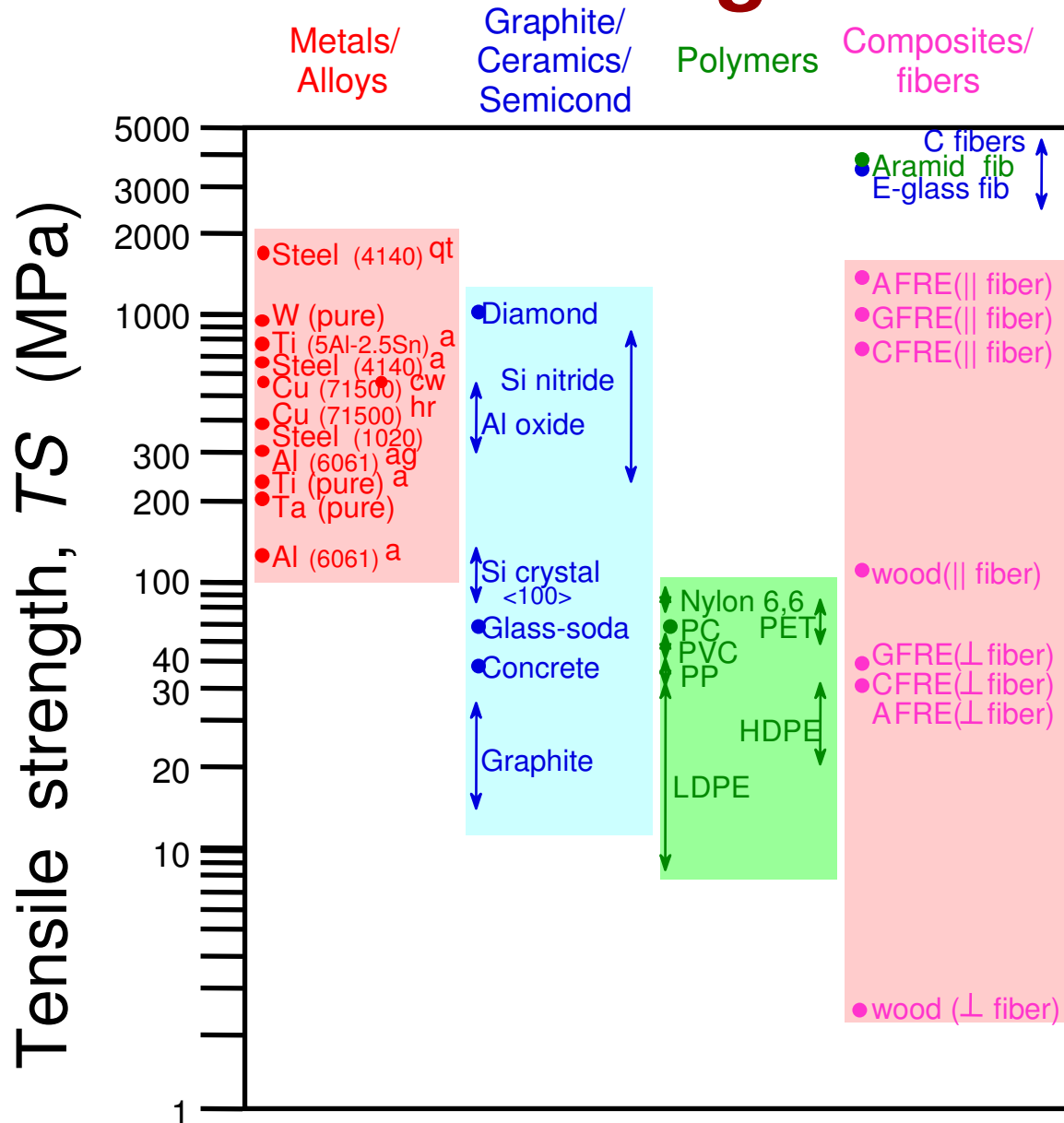
**FIGURE 6.12** The stress-strain behavior for the brass specimen discussed in Example Problem 6.3.

Calculate/determine the following for a brass specimen that exhibits stress-strain behavior shown on the left.

- 1) Modulus of elasticity.
- 2) Yield strength.
- 3) Maximum load for a cylindrical specimen with  $d = 12.8\text{mm}$ .
- 4) Change in length at 345MPa if the initial length is 250mm.



# Tensile Strength : Comparison



## Room Temp. values

Based on data in Table B4, *Callister 7e*.

a = annealed  
 hr = hot rolled  
 ag = aged  
 cd = cold drawn  
 cw = cold worked  
 qt = quenched & tempered  
 AFRE, GFRE, & CFRE = aramid, glass, & carbon fiber-reinforced epoxy composites, with 60 vol% fibers.

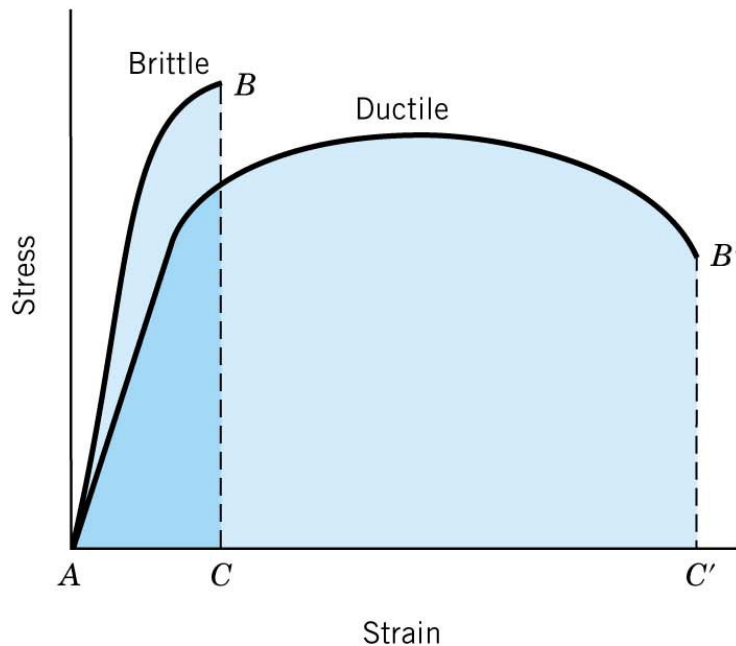




# Tensile properties

**C. Ductility:** measure of degree of plastic deformation that has been sustained at fracture.

- **Ductile materials** can undergo significant plastic deformation before fracture.
- **Brittle materials** can tolerate only very small plastic deformation.



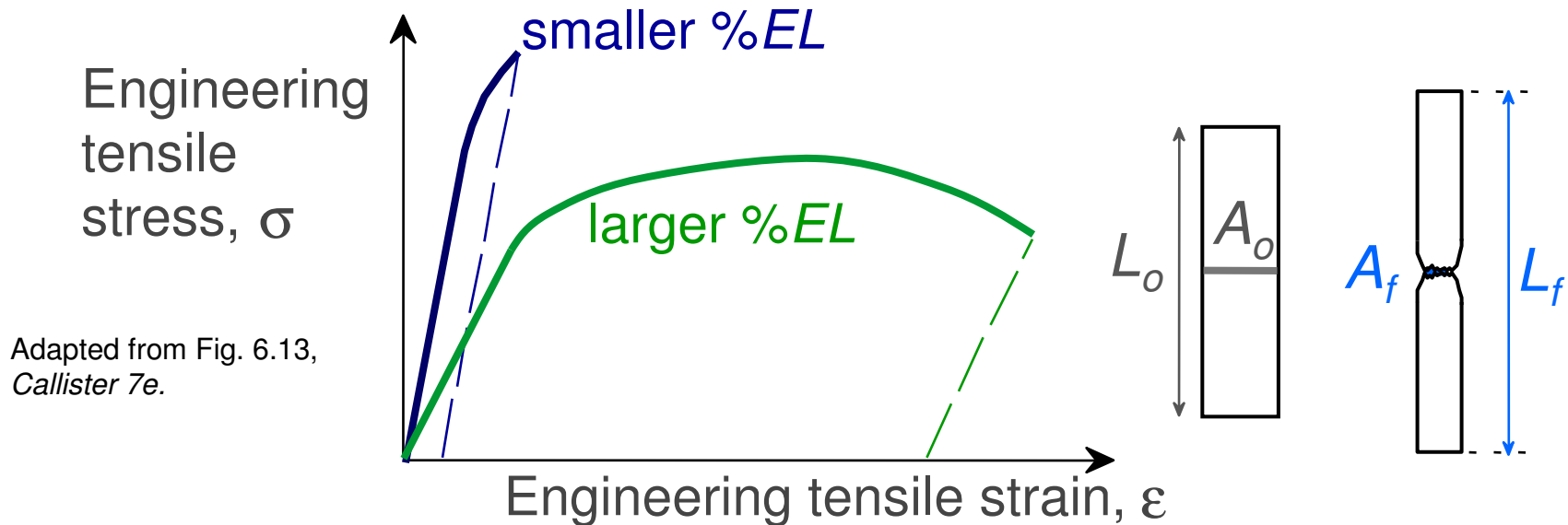
**FIGURE 6.13** Schematic representations of tensile stress–strain behavior for brittle and ductile materials loaded to fracture.



# Ductility

- Plastic tensile strain at failure:

$$\%EL = \frac{L_f - L_o}{L_o} \times 100$$



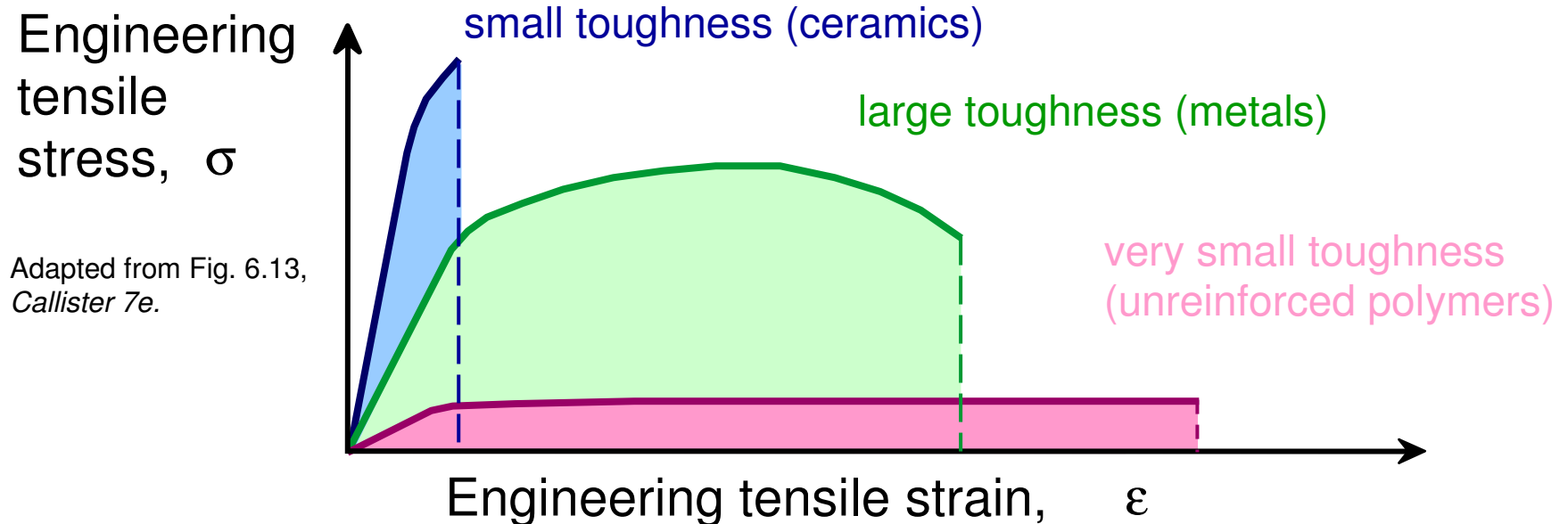
- Another ductility measure:

$$\%RA = \frac{A_o - A_f}{A_o} \times 100$$



# Toughness

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



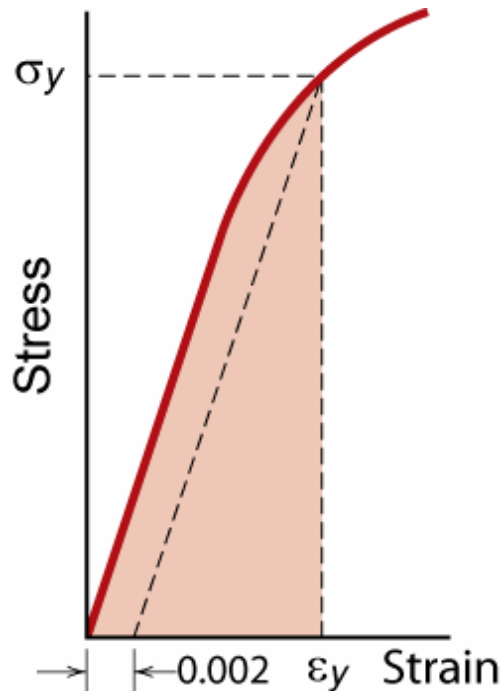
Brittle fracture: elastic energy

Ductile fracture: elastic + plastic energy



# Resilience, $U_r$

- Ability of a material to store energy
  - Energy stored best in elastic region



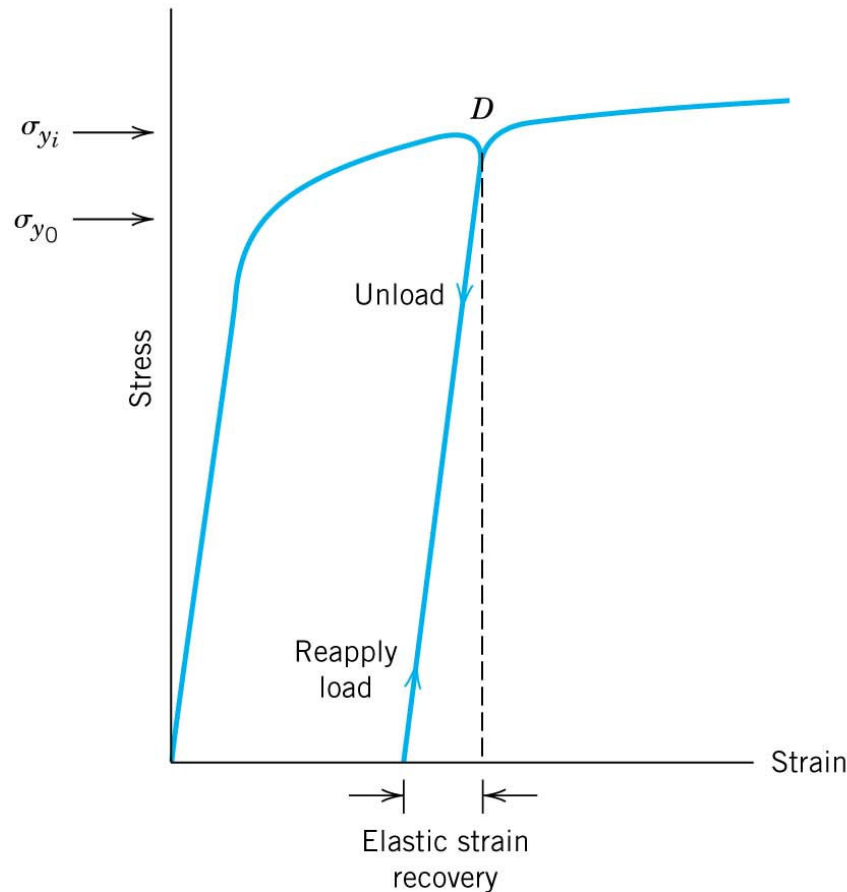
$$U_r = \int_0^{\epsilon_y} \sigma d\epsilon$$

If we assume a linear stress-strain curve this simplifies to

$$U_r \cong \frac{1}{2} \sigma_y \epsilon_y$$

Adapted from Fig. 6.15,  
Callister 7e.

# Elastic recovery after plastic deformation



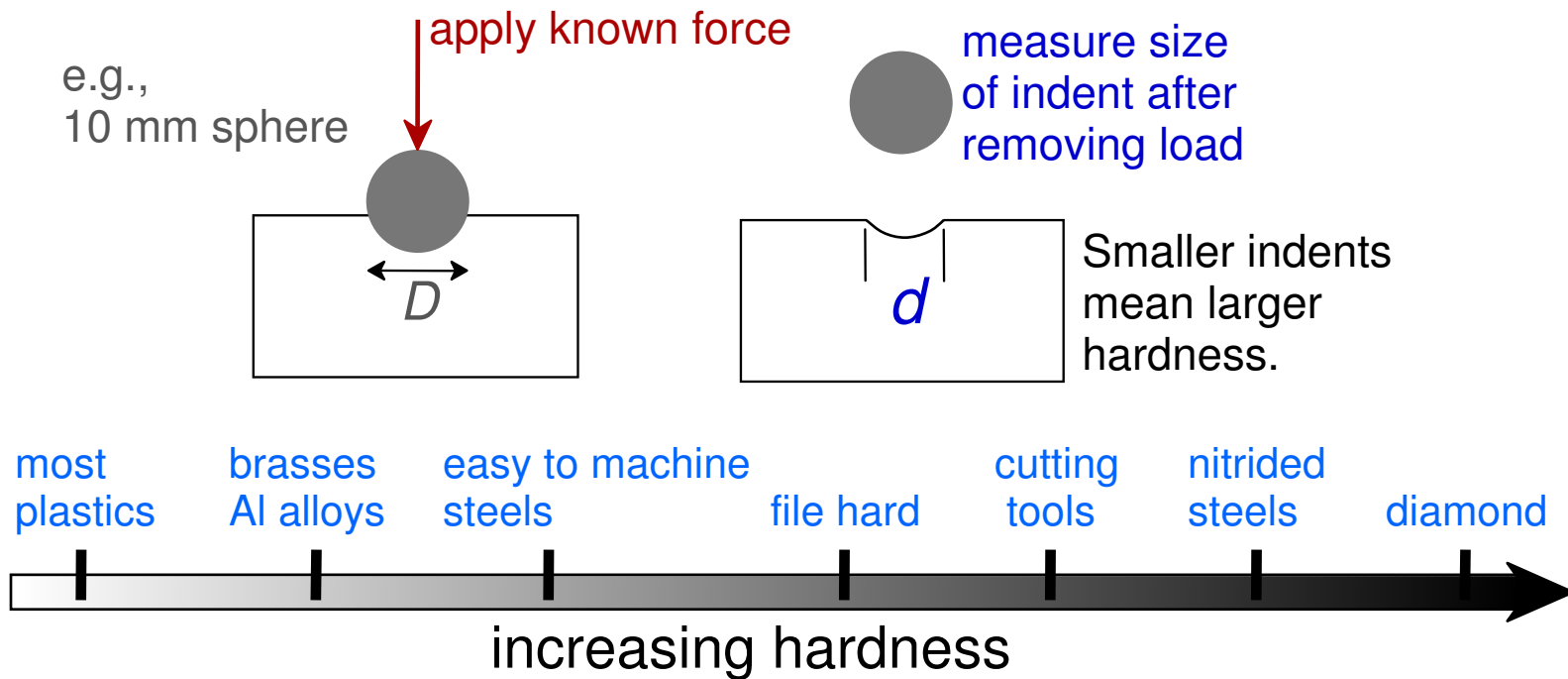
**FIGURE 6.17** Schematic tensile stress–strain diagram showing the phenomena of elastic strain recovery and strain hardening. The initial yield strength is designated as  $\sigma_{y_0}$ ;  $\sigma_{y_i}$  is the yield strength after releasing the load at point  $D$ , and then upon reloading.

This behavior is exploited to increase yield strengths of metals: **strain hardening** (also called **cold working**).



# Hardness

- Resistance to permanently indenting the surface.
- Large hardness means:
  - resistance to plastic deformation or cracking in compression.
  - better wear properties.



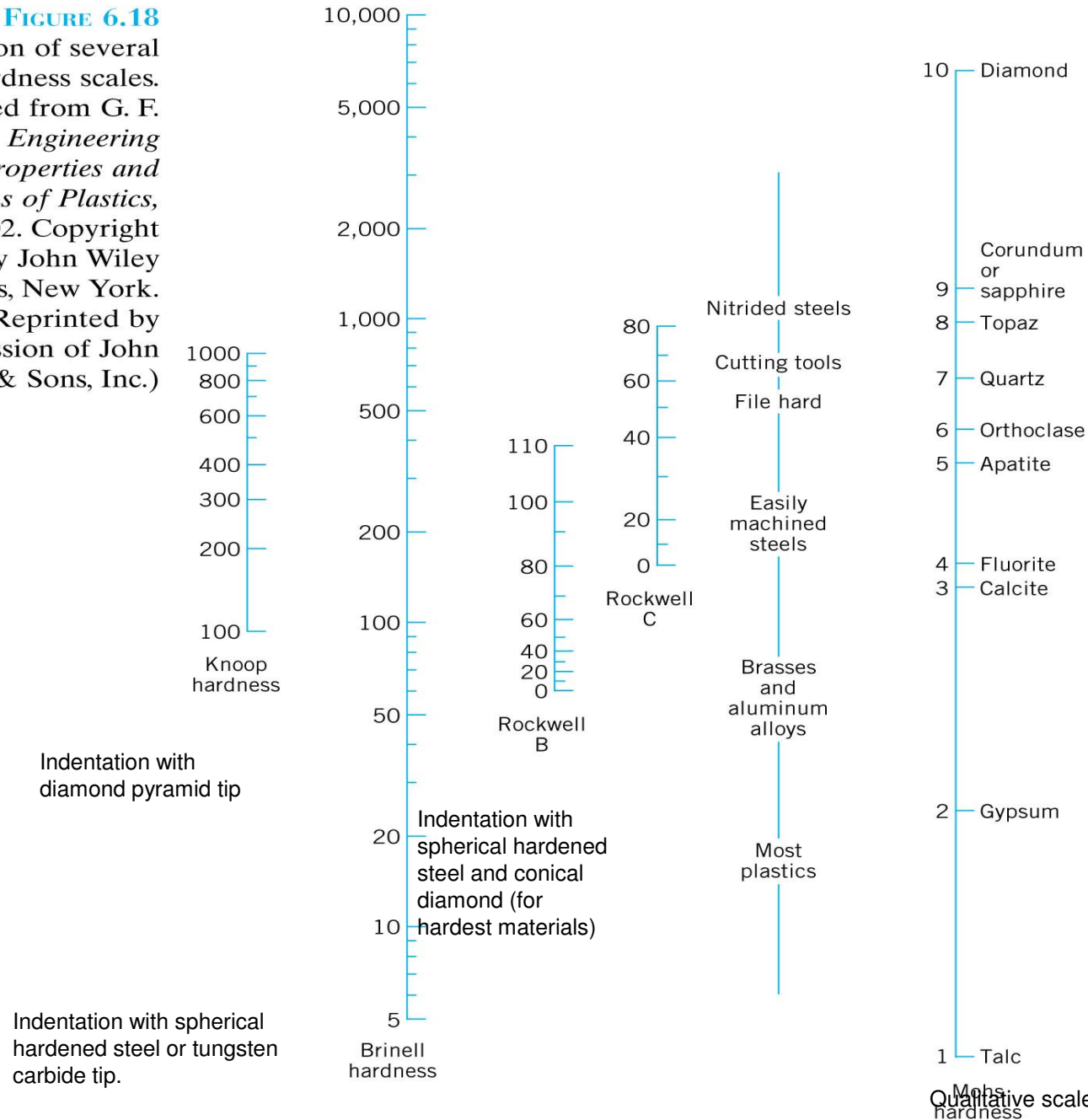
# Hardness: Measurement

- Rockwell
  - No major sample damage
  - Each scale runs to 130 but only useful in range 20-100.
  - Minor load 10 kg
  - Major load 60 (A), 100 (B) & 150 (C) kg
    - A = diamond, B = 1/16 in. ball, C = diamond
- HB = Brinell Hardness
  - $TS$  (psia) = 500 x HB
  - $TS$  (MPa) = 3.45 x HB



# Hardness scales

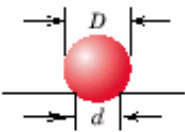
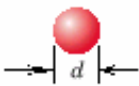
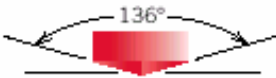

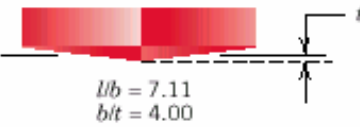
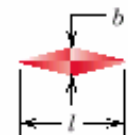
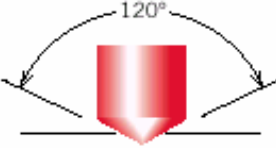



**FIGURE 6.18**  
 Comparison of several  
 hardness scales.  
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# Hardness: Measurement

Table 6.5 Hardness Testing Techniques

Test	Indenter	Shape of Indentation		Load	Formula for Hardness Number <sup>a</sup>
		Side View	Top View		
Brinell	10-mm sphere of steel or tungsten carbide			$P$	$HB = \frac{2P}{\pi D[D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2}]}$
Vickers microhardness	Diamond pyramid			$P$	$HV = 1.854P/d_1^2$
Knoop microhardness	Diamond pyramid			$P$	$HK = 14.2P/l^2$
Rockwell and Superficial Rockwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diamond cone</li> <li><math>\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}</math> in. diameter steel spheres</li> </ul>	  	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 kg</li> <li>100 kg</li> <li>150 kg</li> </ul> } Rockwell  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 kg</li> <li>30 kg</li> <li>45 kg</li> </ul> } Superficial Rockwell	

<sup>a</sup> For the hardness formulas given,  $P$  (the applied load) is in kg, while  $D$ ,  $d$ ,  $d_1$ , and  $l$  are all in mm.

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# True Stress & Strain

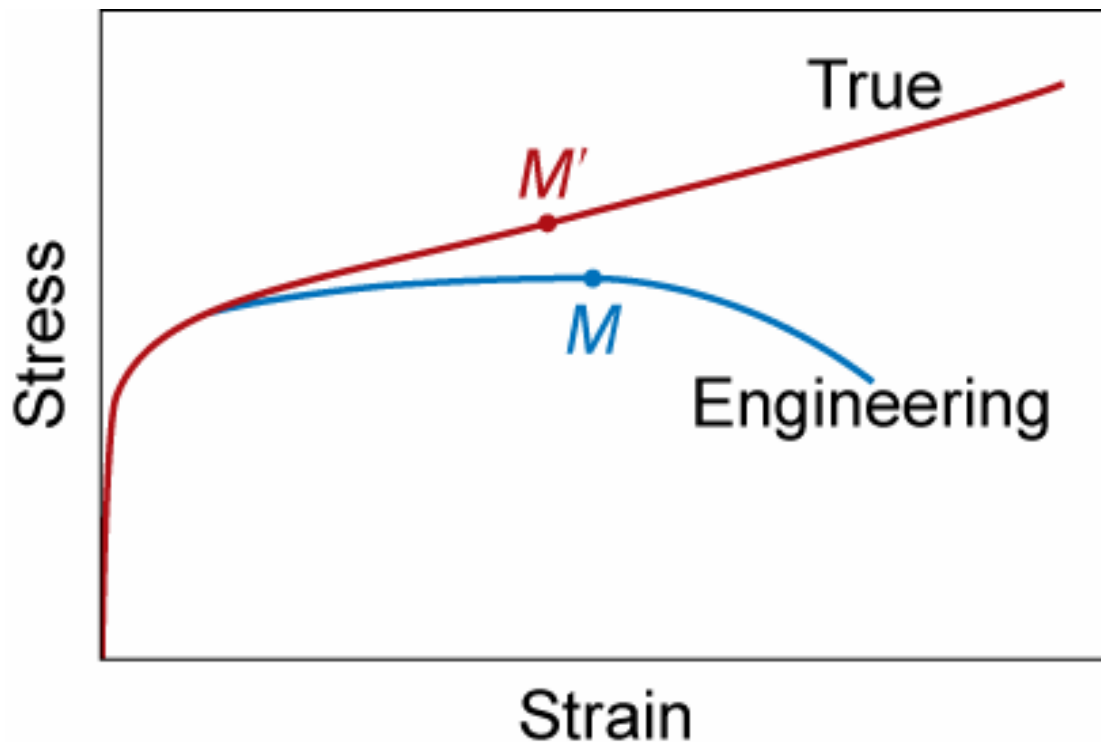
Note: S.A. changes when sample stretched

• True stress  $\sigma_T = F/A_i$

• True Strain  $\epsilon_T = \ln(\ell_i/\ell_o)$

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

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

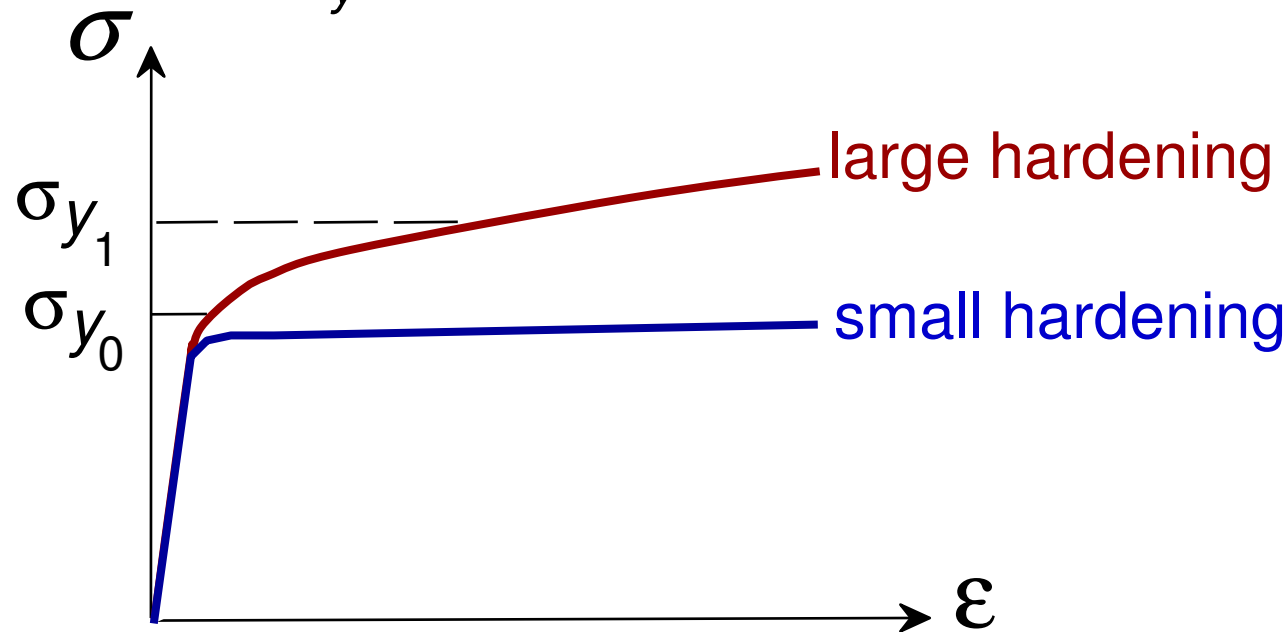


Adapted from Fig. 6.16,  
*Callister 7e.*



# Hardening

- An increase in  $\sigma_y$  due to plastic deformation.



- Curve fit to the stress-strain response:

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

hardening exponent:  
 $n = 0.15$  (some steels)  
to  $n = 0.5$  (some coppers)

“true” stress ( $F/A$ )

“true” strain:  $\ln(L/L_0)$



# Variability in Material Properties

- Elastic modulus is material property
- Critical properties depend largely on sample flaws (defects, etc.). Large sample to sample variability.
- Statistics

– Mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum^n x_n}{n}$$

– Standard Deviation

$$s = \left[ \frac{\sum^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $n$  is the number of data points



# Design or Safety Factors

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

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

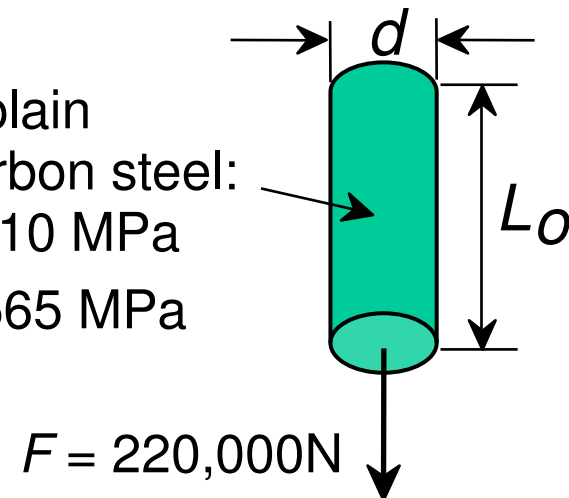
Often  $N$  is between 1.2 and 4

- 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.

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

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

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



# 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  $\sigma_y$ .
- **Toughness**: The energy needed to break a unit volume of material.
- **Ductility**: The plastic strain at failure.

