

# Introduction to Aerospace Engineering

Lecture slides



# Material physics and properties

## Stress-strain, stiffness, strength, toughness

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# Introduction

## Outline of lectures/lecturer

- 15/11 Material physics & properties / environment
- 22/11 Structures
- 29/11 Loads
- 6/12 Materials & manufacturing
- 13/12 Selection of materials & structures / space
- 20/12 Design & certification / fatigue & durability
  
- 6/1 Manufacturing & joining
  
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# Learning objectives

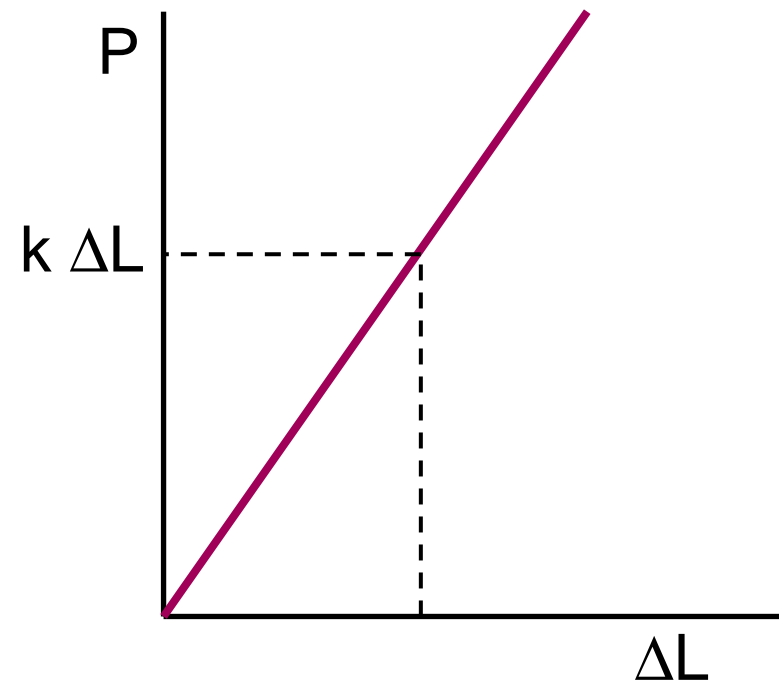
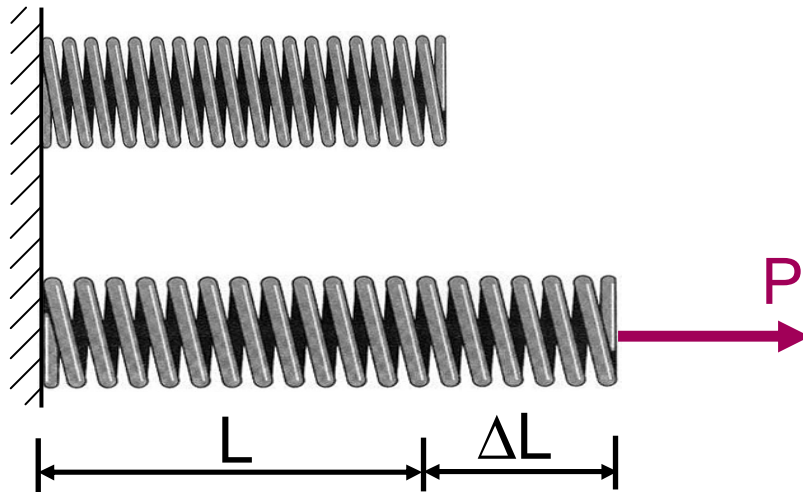
Student should be able to...

- Describe the concept of stress and strain
- Describe the definitions of
  - Strength
  - Stiffness
  - Toughness
  - Uni-axial & bi-axial loading
  - Isotropy and anisotropy

# Stress and strain

## Definitions

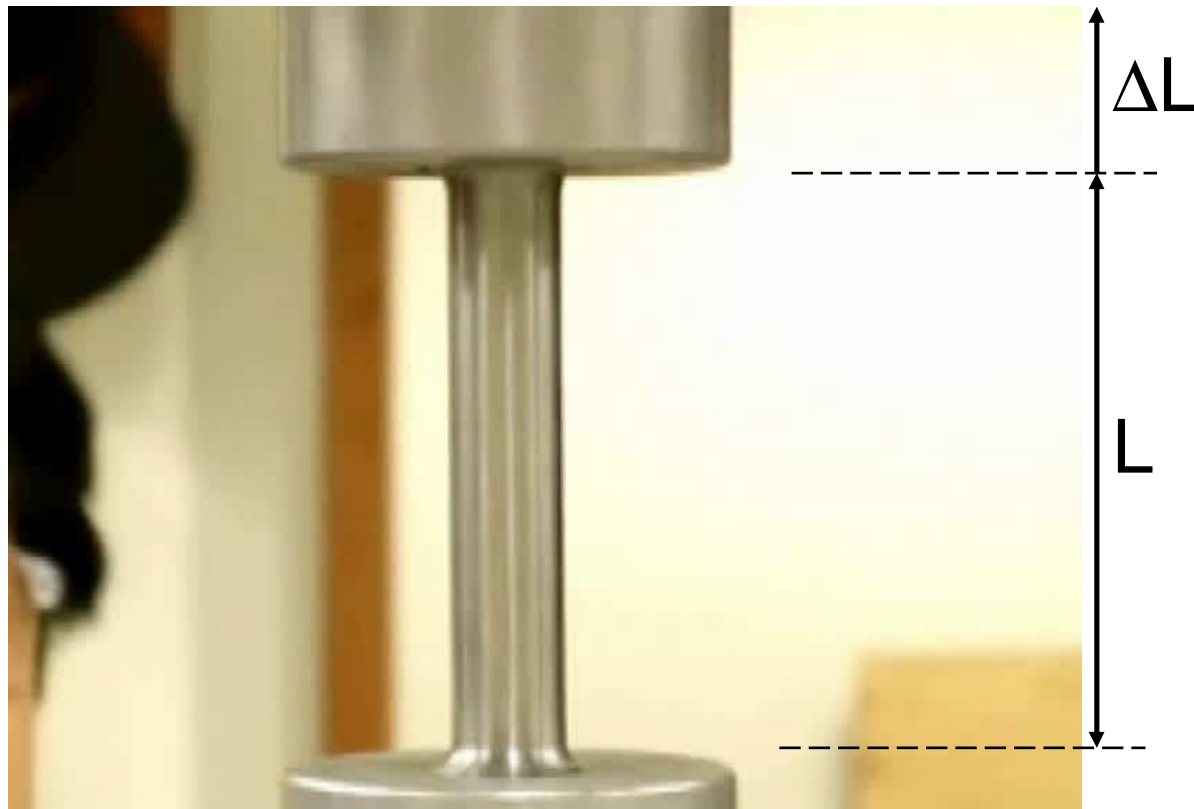
- Consider a spring
  - The resistance against loading is given by the spring constant  $k$



# Stress and strain

## Definitions

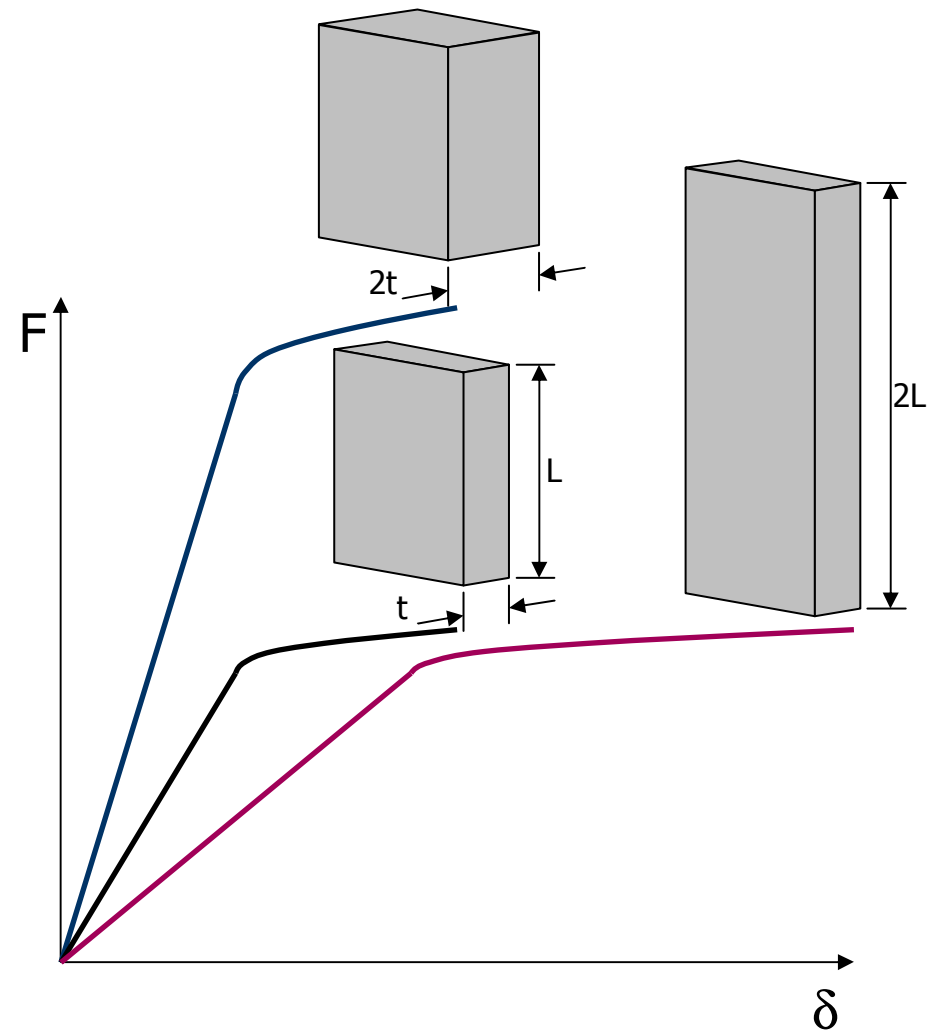
- Loading a material...



# Stress and strain

## Definitions

- Loading a material...

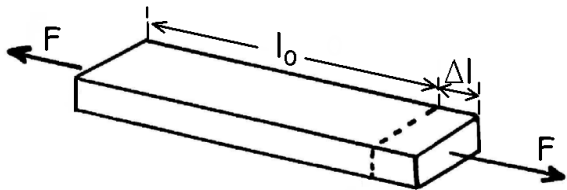


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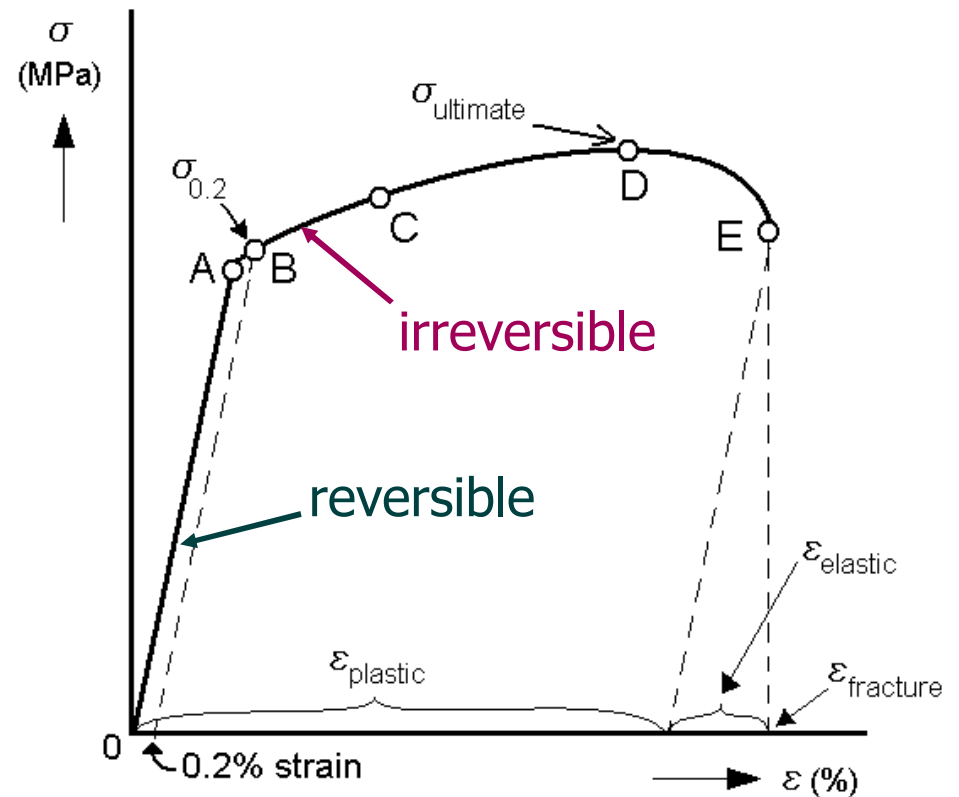
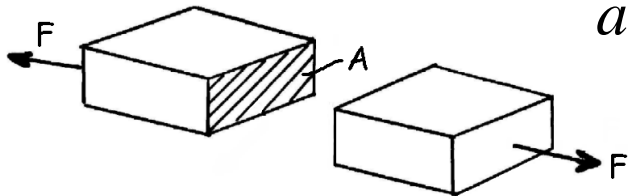
## Definitions

- Material acts as spring

$$\text{strain } \varepsilon \equiv \frac{\text{elongation } \Delta l}{\text{initial length } l_0}$$



$$\text{stress } \sigma \equiv \frac{\text{force } F}{\text{area } A}$$

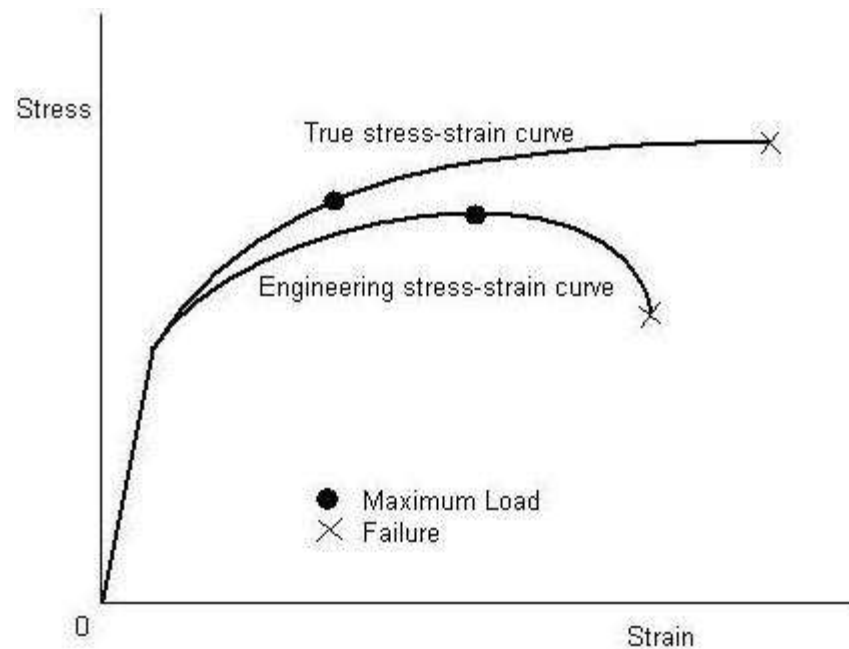




# Stress and strain

## Definitions

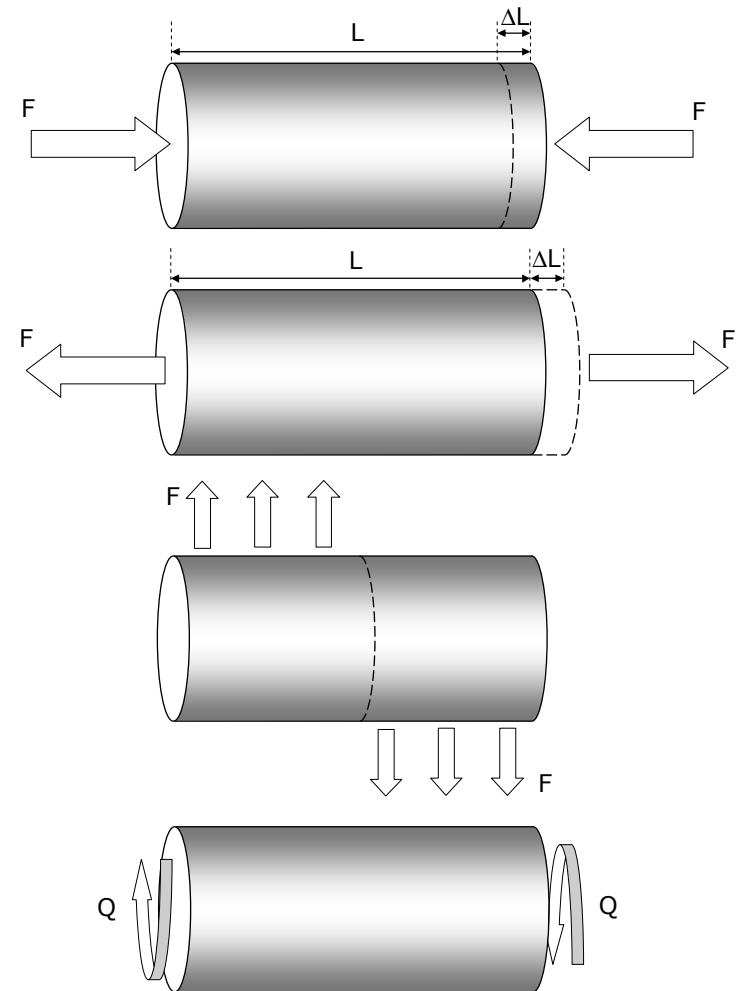
- Engineering stress and true stress
  - Engineering stress = load/nominal cross section
  - Necking: reduction in cross-section -> increase of true stress



# Stress and strain

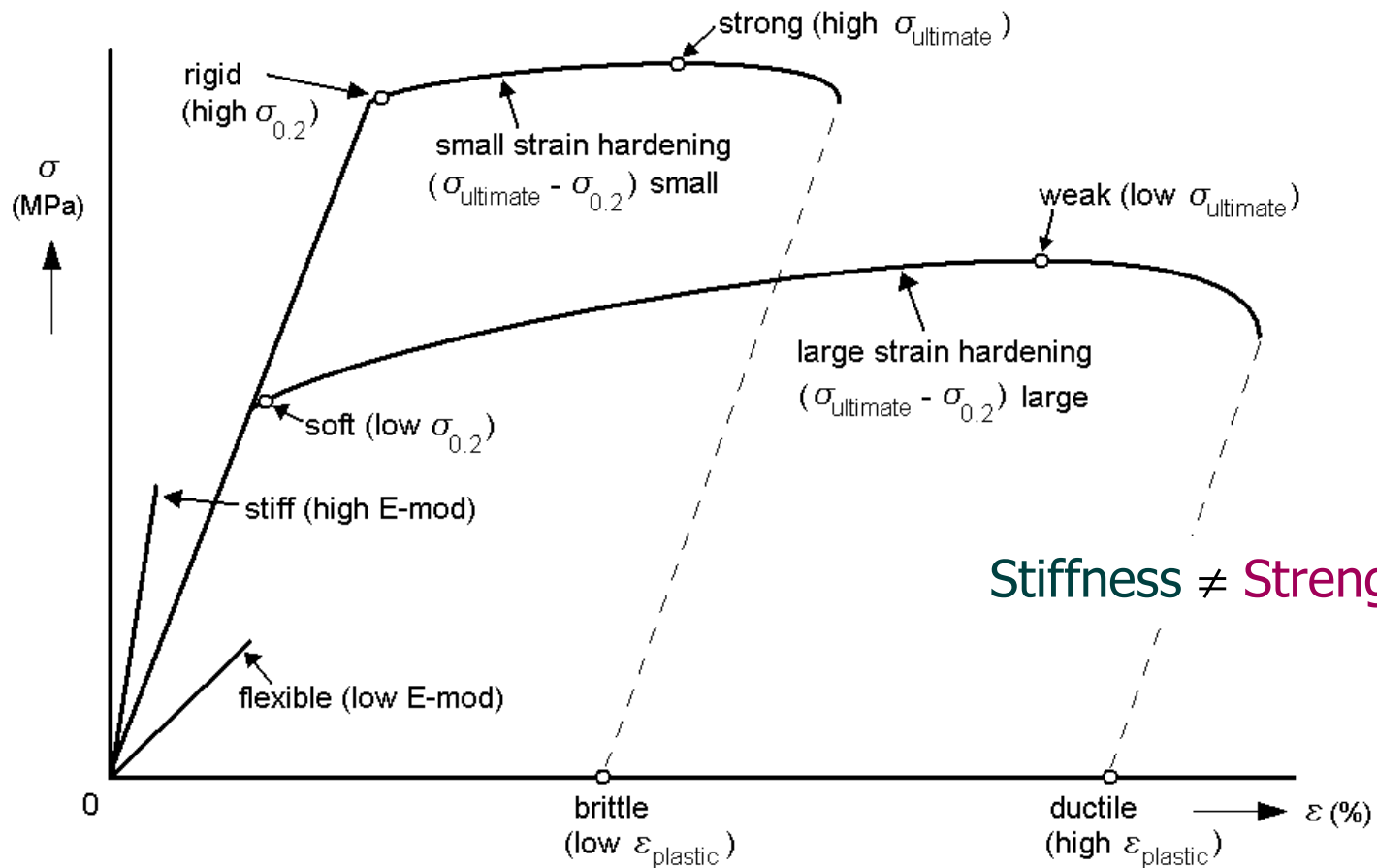
## Categories

- Compression
- Tension
- Shear
- Torsion



# Stress – strain diagram

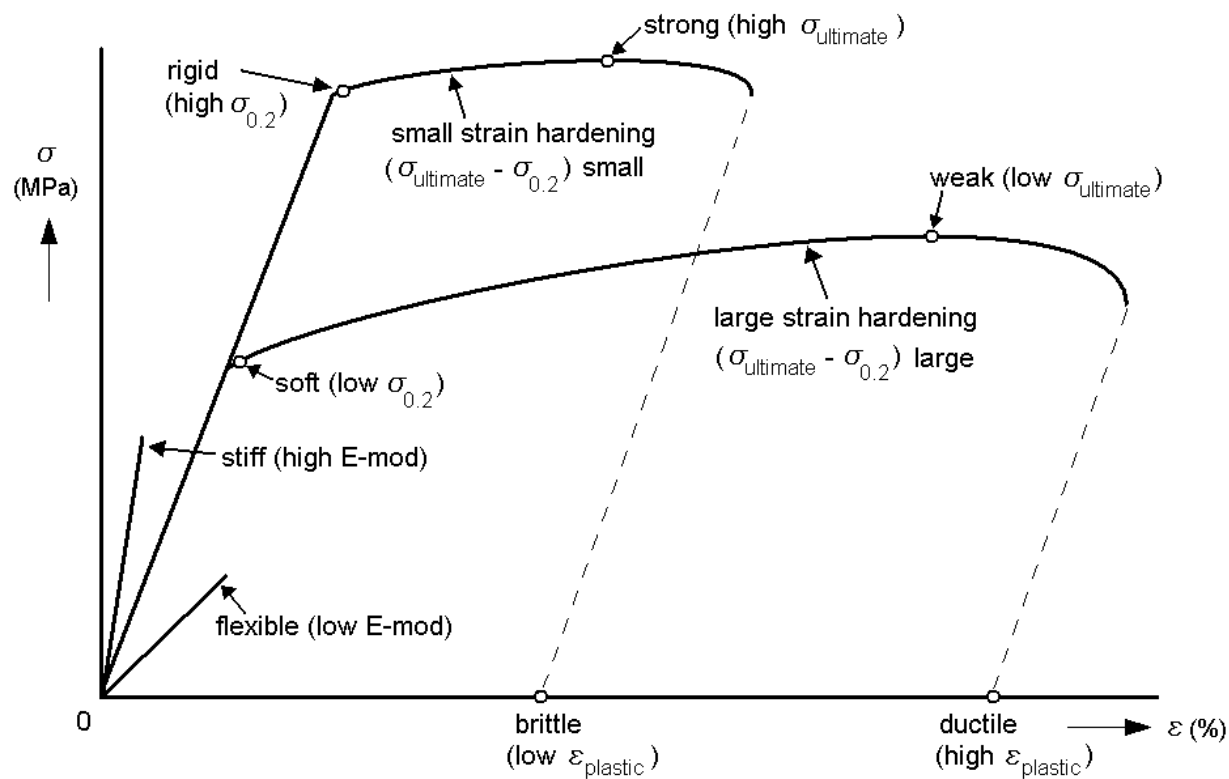
## Engineering terminology



# Stiffness & Strength

## Example: Helios

Stiffness  $\neq$  Strength !!



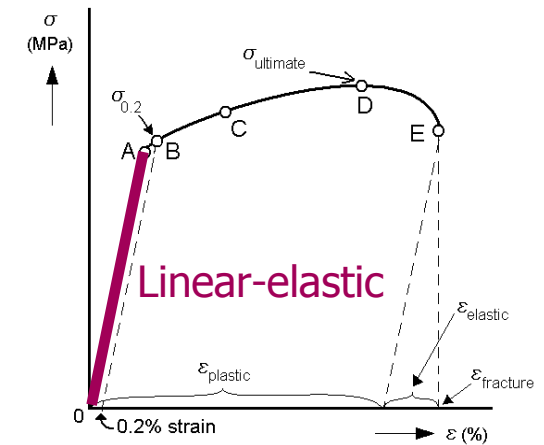
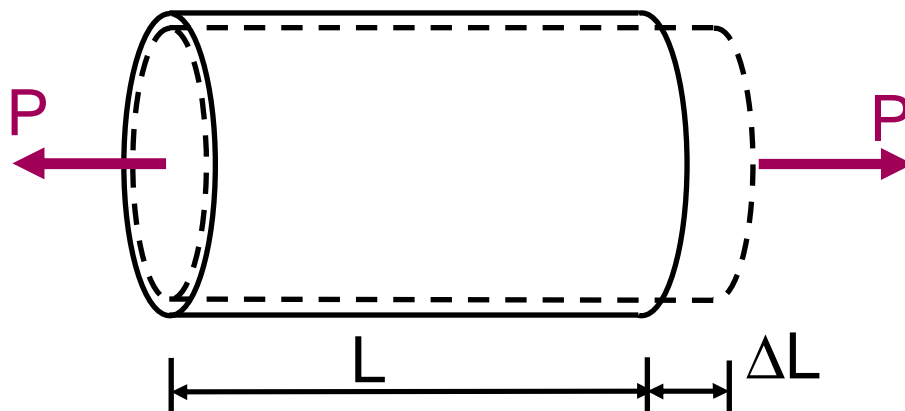
# Normal stresses

## Tension & compression

- **Linear-elastic** uni-axial stress-strain condition in structure

$$\sigma_l = \frac{F}{A} \quad \varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

- Consider elongating rubber



# Normal stresses

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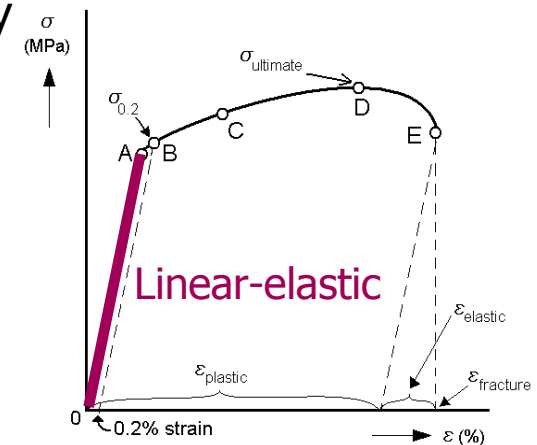
$$\sigma_l = \frac{F}{A} \quad \epsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

- E is Young's modulus, is a measure for material resistance against imposed **elastic** deformation, modulus of elasticity

- In transverse direction

$$\epsilon_t = -\nu \epsilon_l = -\nu \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

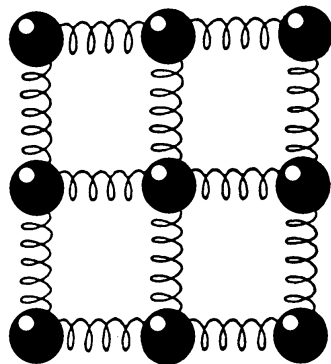
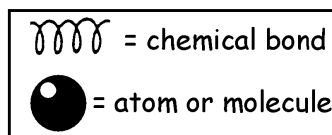
- $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio (transverse contraction)
- $\nu$  and E characterize the linear elastic behavior of a material



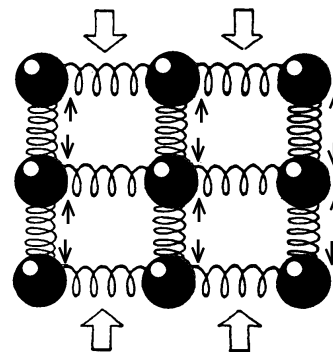
# Normal stresses

## Chemical bonds

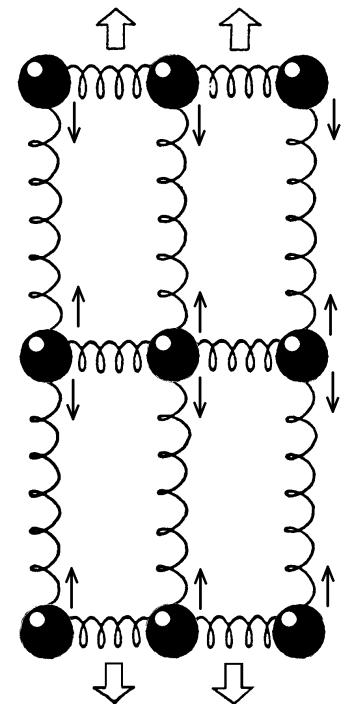
- All materials deform under a load, although deformations can be very small



Elastic  
compression



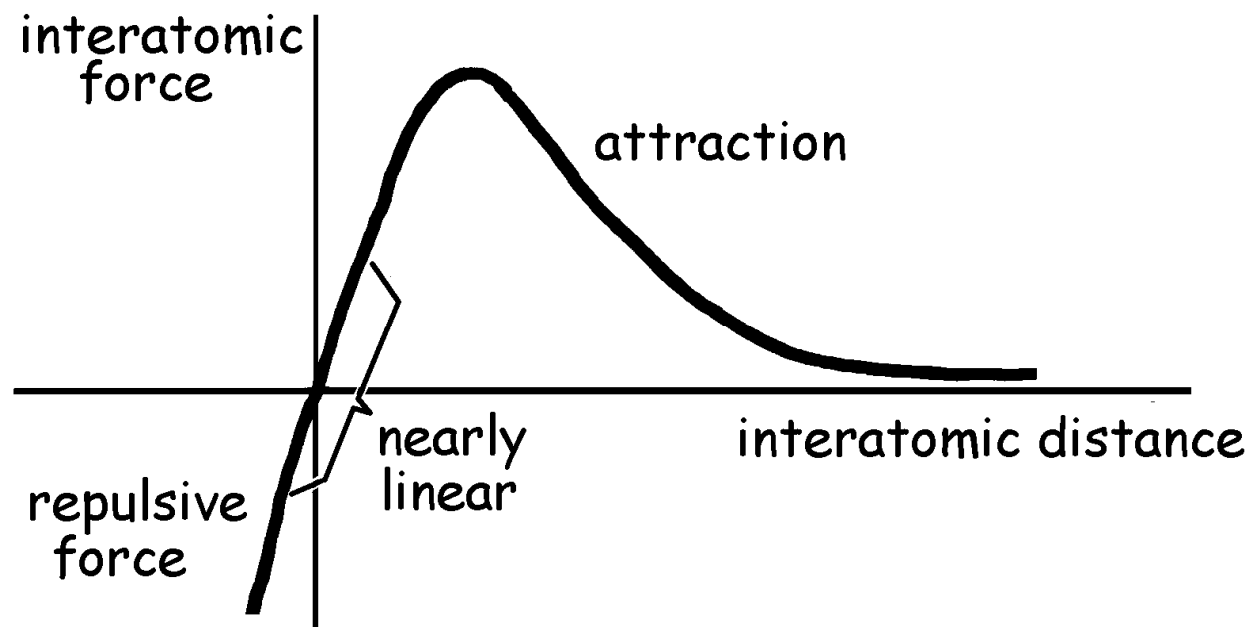
Elastic  
tension



# Normal stresses

## Chemical bonds

- Elastic  $\Rightarrow$  stretching of chemical bond (reversible)
- Plastic  $\Rightarrow$  breaking the chemical bond (irreversible)





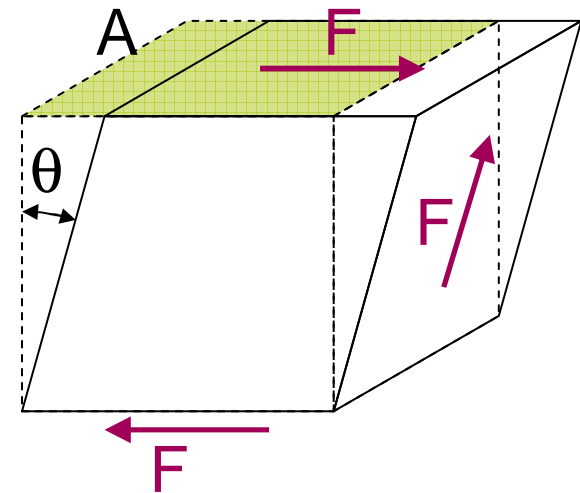
# Shear stresses

## Element deformation

- **Elastic** uni-axial stress-strain condition in structure

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A} \quad \gamma = \frac{\tau}{G}$$

- F is force to upper and lower area A
- $\gamma$  is engineering (total) shear strain (equal to  $\tan\theta$ )



# Normal stresses

## Sheet material

- Longitudinal loading

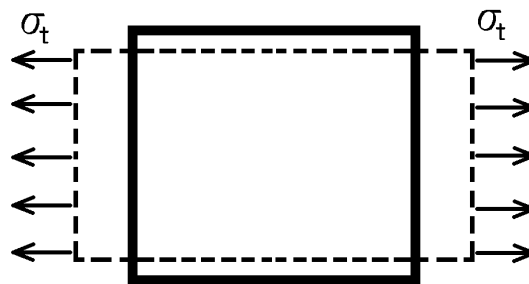
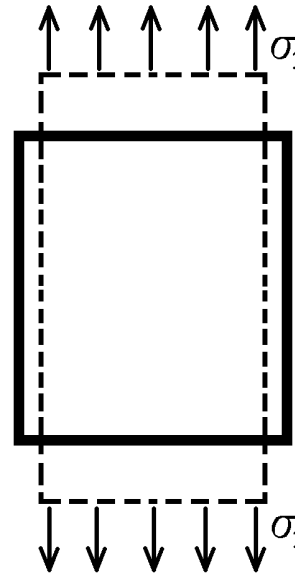
$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = -\nu \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

- Transverse loading

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{E}$$

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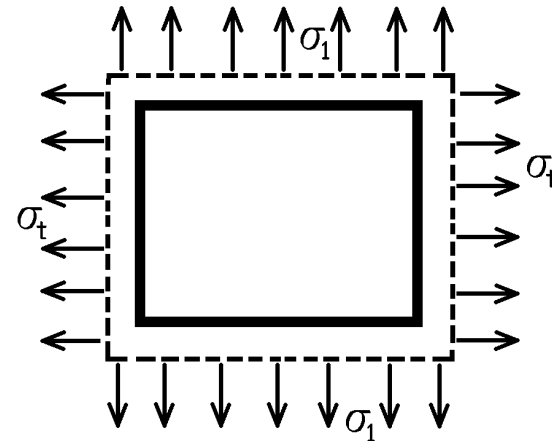
# Normal stresses

## Sheet material

- Biaxial loading
  - Superposition of stress or strain

$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_t}{E}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$



⇒ Hooke's law for biaxial stress condition

# Normal stresses

## Sheet material

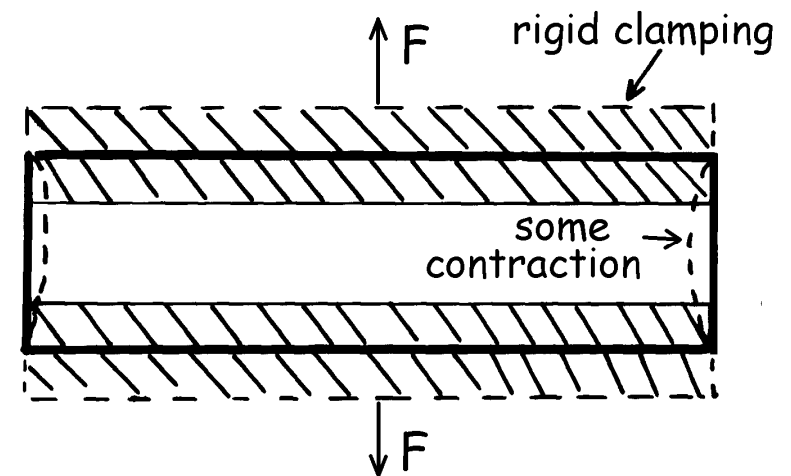
- Stiffness and apparent stiffness
  - Tension on a sheet with large width: rigid clamping hinders the transverse contraction:  $\varepsilon_t = 0$

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_l}{E} = 0$$

- A transverse stress is introduced

$$\sigma_t = \nu \sigma_l$$

with  $\sigma_l$  is applied stress



# Normal stresses

## Sheet material

- Stiffness and apparent stiffness
  - Strain in loading direction

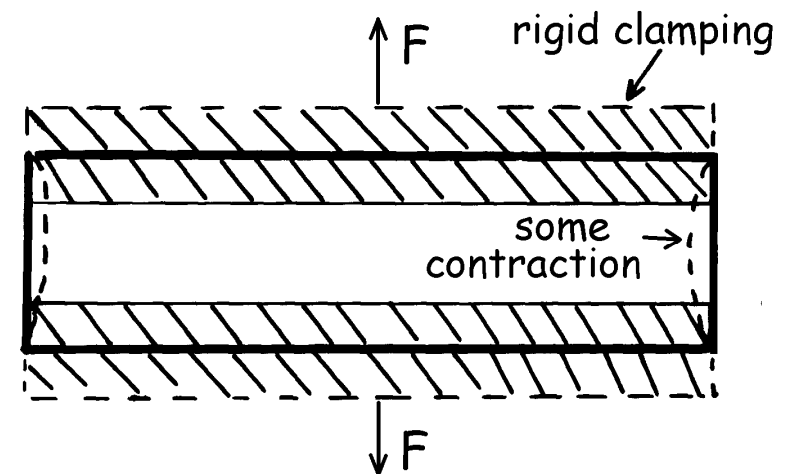
$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_t}{E} = (1 - \nu^2) \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

- Strain in a regular tensile test

$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

- Apparent stiffness is about 10% higher

$$E' = \frac{1}{1 - \nu^2} E$$



# Isotropic sheet material

## Sheet deformation

- Recall

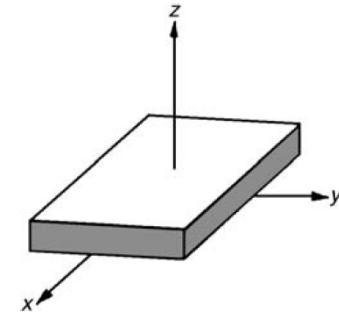
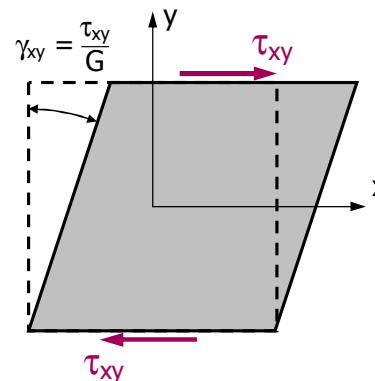
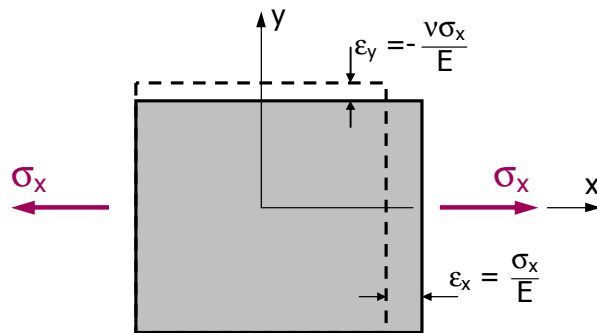
$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\sigma_l}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_t}{E}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\sigma_t}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_l}{E}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G}$$



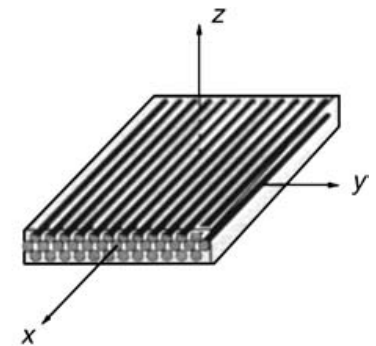
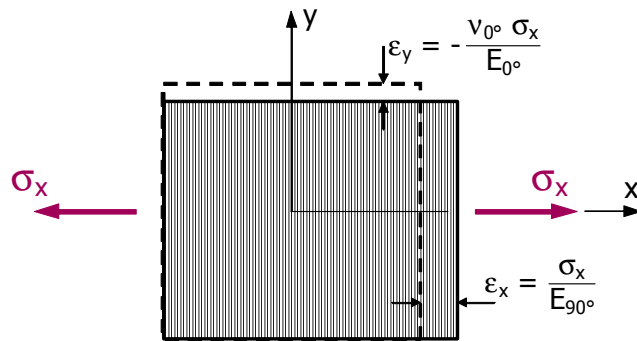
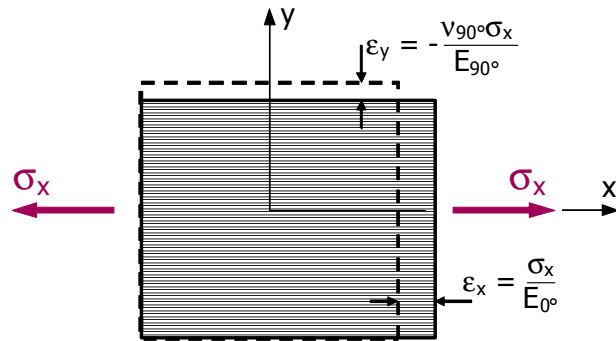
$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E} & -\nu & 0 \\ -\nu & \frac{1}{E} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Anisotropic sheet material

## Sheet deformation

- Recall



# Anisotropic sheet material

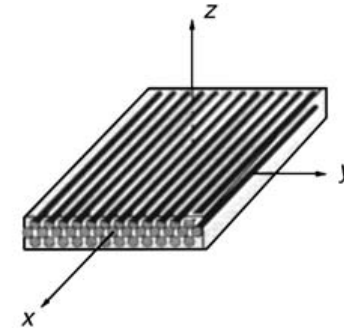
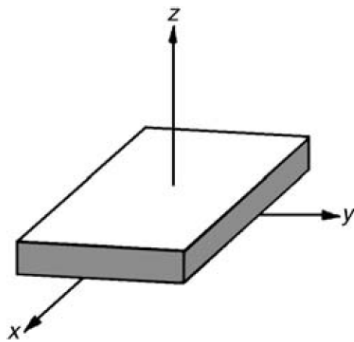
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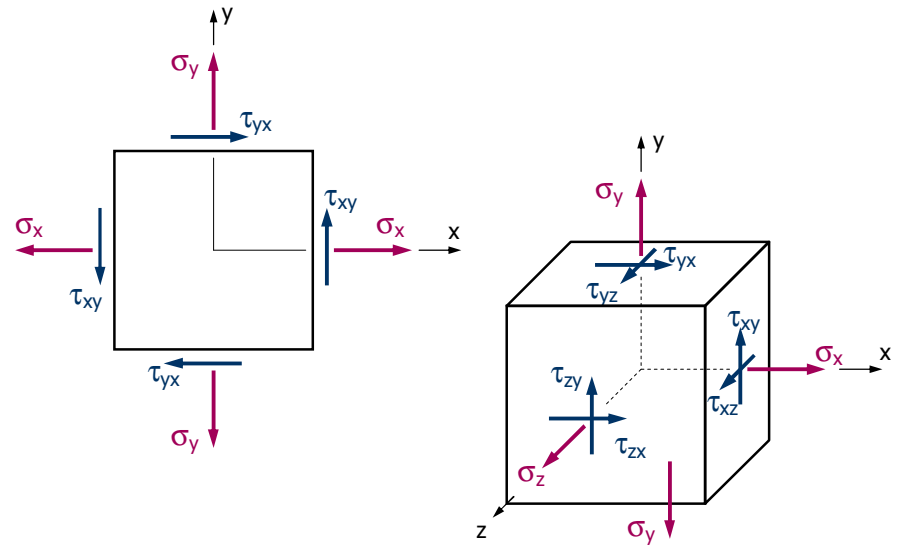


# Anisotropic sheet material

## Sheet deformation

- UD-properties

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_x} & \frac{-\nu_{yx}}{E_y} & 0 \\ \frac{-\nu_{xy}}{E_x} & \frac{1}{E_y} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{xy}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

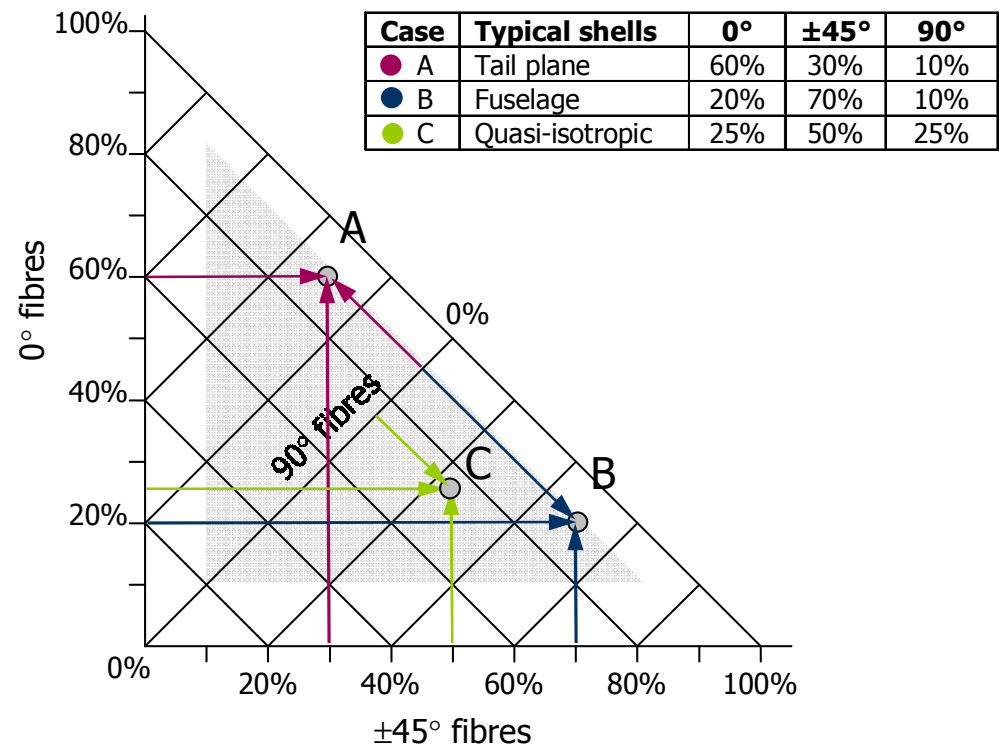


Material	$E_x$	$E_y$	$\sigma_{Ux}$	$\sigma_{Uy}$
	[kN/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[kN/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
E-glass epoxy UD-60%	45	8	1020	40
HM carbon epoxy UD-60%	220	10	760	40

# Anisotropic sheet material

## Sheet deformation

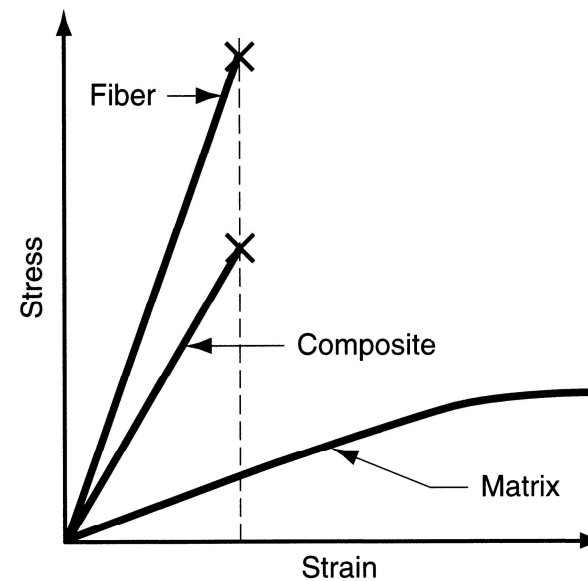
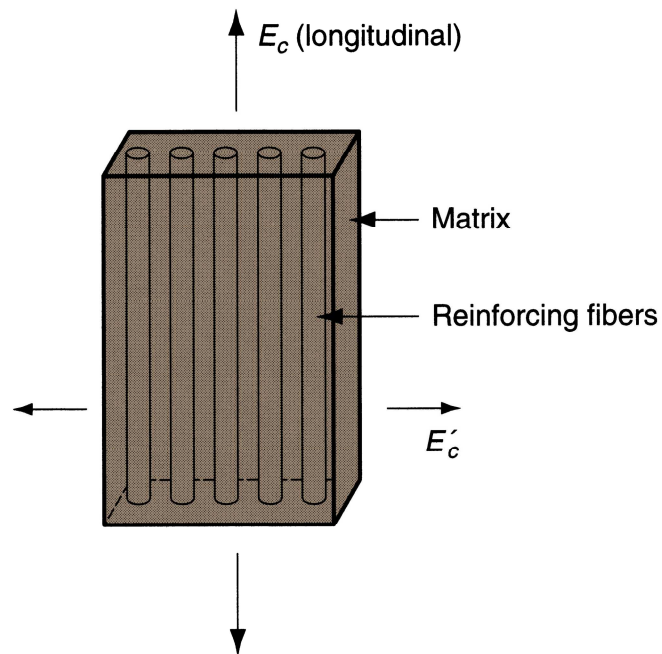
- Aircraft structures are designed with cross-ply composites !
- Example  
 $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $\pm 45^\circ$  only
- Definition of quasi-isotropy
  - Approximation of isotropy by orienting plies in different directions



# Anisotropic sheet material

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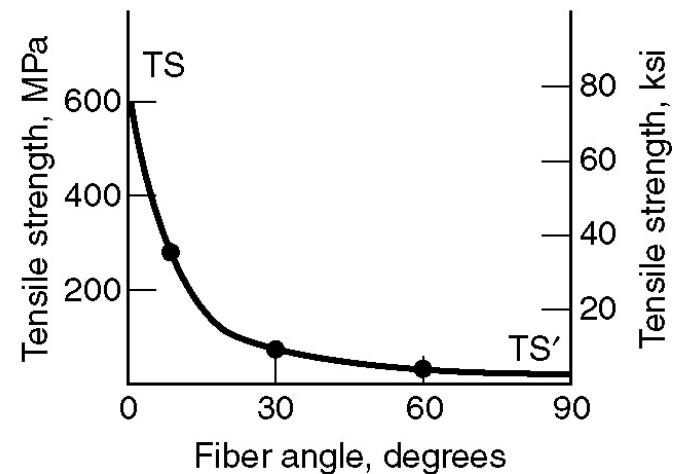
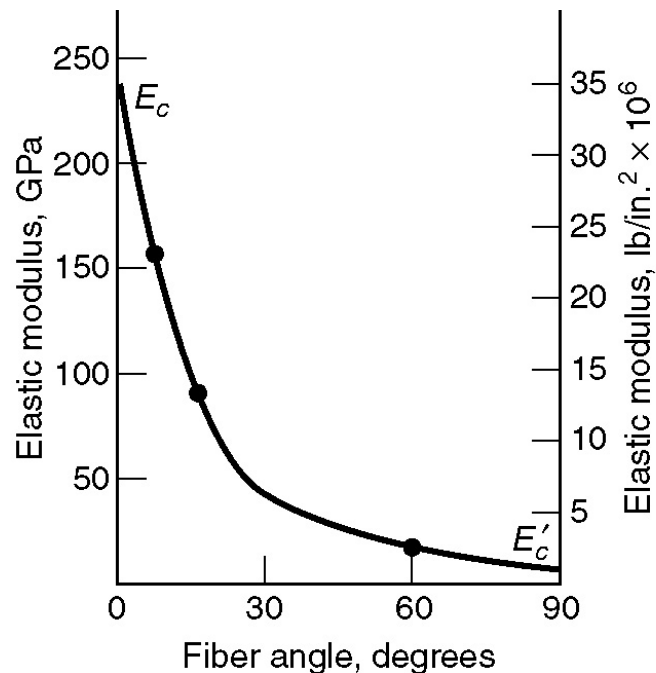
- Stress-strain
  - Young's modulus determined by both fibre & matrix
  - Strain to failure determined by fibre



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## Sheet deformation

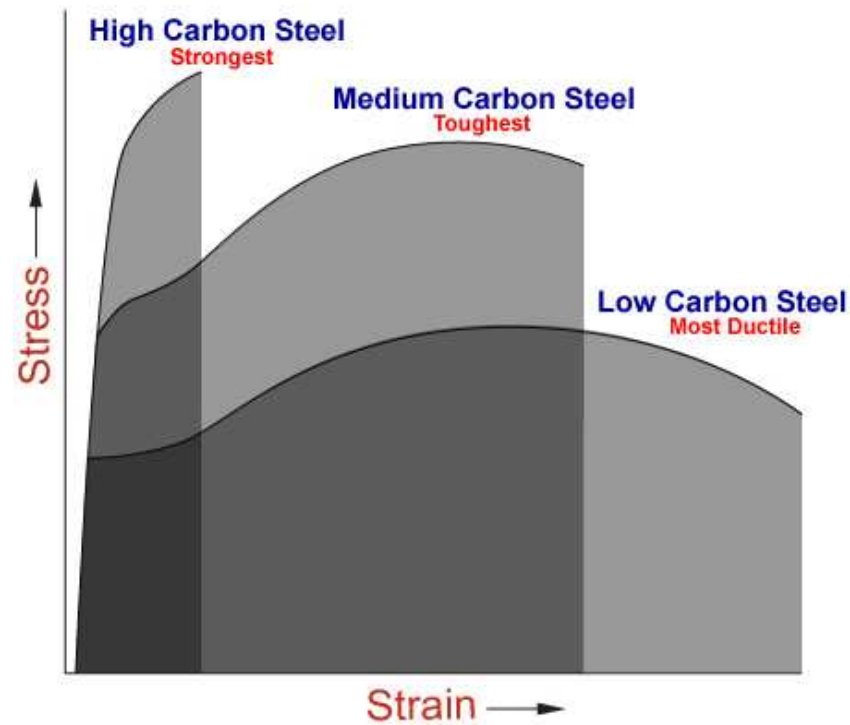
- Stress-strain
  - Young's modulus and strength measured with respect to longitudinal axis of UD carbon-fibre composites



# Toughness

## Definitions

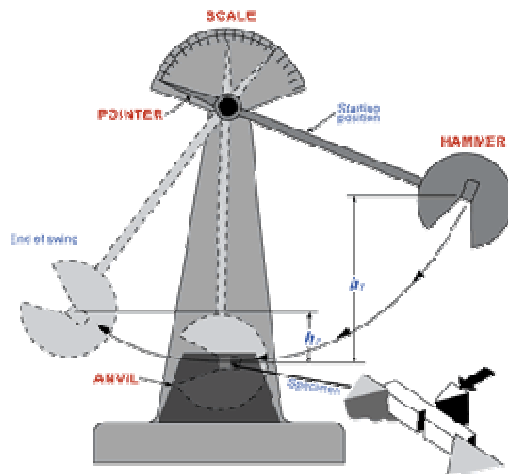
- Toughness
  - Area under stress-strain curve



# Toughness

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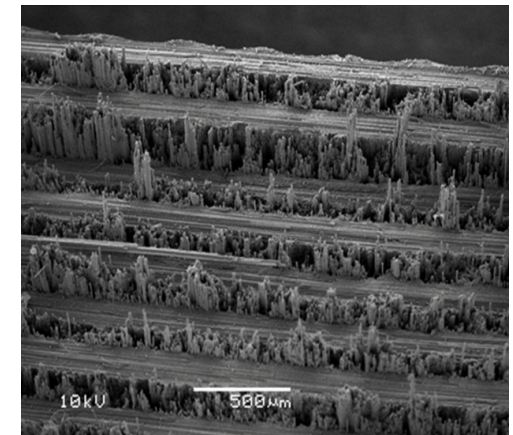
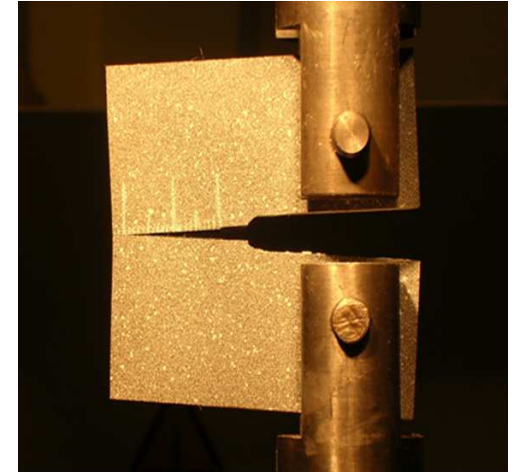
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# Toughness

## Definitions

- Toughness
  - Area under stress-strain curve
- Impact toughness
  - Energy to fracture a notched specimen
- Fracture toughness
  - Measure of energy to fail a specimen containing a crack



# Overview of properties

## Some typical aerospace materials

Material		Density	E-modulus	Yield strength	Ultimate strength	Maximum strain
		[kg/dm <sup>3</sup> ]	[kN/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[%]
Metals	Carbon steel (norm.)	7.8	207	375	590	28
	HS steel (OQ-Temp)	7.8	207	1620	1760	12
	Pure aluminium (O)	2.7	69	34	90	40
	Al2024-T351	2.8	72	325	470	20
	Al7075-T6	2.8	71	505	572	11
	Pure Titanium (An.)	4.5	103	170	240	30
	Ti-6Al-4V (A.)	4.5	114	830	900	14
Composites	Epoxy (TS)	1.25	2.4	--	60	4.5
	Polyetherketone (PEEK) (TP)	1.31	1.1	91	100	75
	E-glass epoxy UD-60%	2.1	45	--	1020	2.3
	HM carbon epoxy UD-60%	1.7	220	--	760	0.3



# Summary

## Mechanical properties of materials

- Stress = load/area
- Tension/Compression/Shear/Torsion
- Lateral contraction (Poisson)
- Isotropic and anisotropic material behaviour
- Toughness