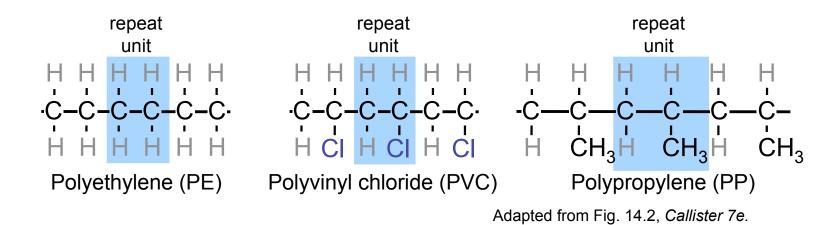
Polymers

Poly mer many repeat unit



Bulk or commodity polymers

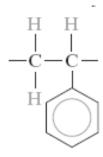
Table 14.3 A Listing of Repeat Units for 10 of the More Common Polymeric Materials

Polymer		Repeat Unit
	Polyethylene (PE)	H H -C-C- - H H H H
	Poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC)	H H
	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)	$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{F} & \mathbf{F} \\ & \\ -\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{C} - \\ & \\ \mathbf{F} & \mathbf{F} \end{array}$
	Polypropylene (PP)	$\begin{array}{c c} H & H \\ \mid & \mid \\ -C - C - \\ \mid & \mid \\ H & CH_3 \end{array}$

Bulk or commodity polymers



Polystyrene (PS)





Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA)



Phenol-formaldehyde (Bakelite)

$$CH_2$$
 CH_2
 CH_2

Bulk or commodity polymers

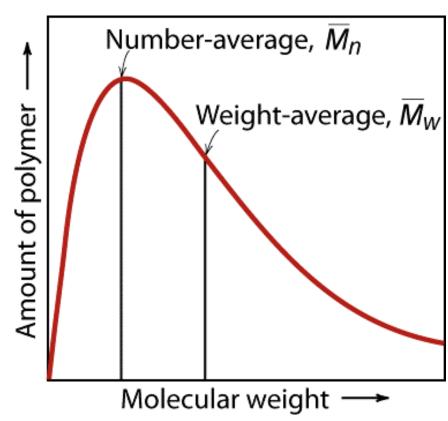
Table 14.3 A Listing of Repeat Units for 10 of the More Common Polymeric Materials

Polymer		Repeat Unit
	Poly(hexamethylene adipamide) (nylon 6,6)	$-N - \begin{bmatrix} H \\ \\ -C - \\ \\ H \end{bmatrix}_{6}^{O} \begin{bmatrix} H \\ \\ -C - \\ -C - \\ \\ H \end{bmatrix}_{4}^{O}$
	Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET, a polyester)	$-\overset{O}{\overset{b}{}}\overset{b}{}\overset{O}{}\overset{H}{\overset{H}}\overset{H}{\overset{H}}$
	Polycarbonate (PC)	$-\mathrm{O} \hspace{-0.1cm} \stackrel{b}{\longleftarrow} \hspace{-0.1cm} \stackrel{\mathrm{CH_3}}{\longleftarrow} \hspace{-0.1cm} \stackrel{\mathrm{O}}{\longleftarrow} \hspace$

Molecular weight

• Molecular weight, M_i : Mass of a mole of chains.

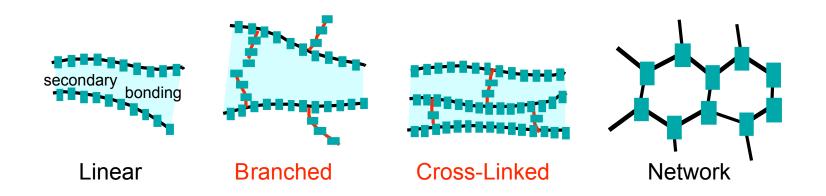




 $\overline{M_w}$ is more sensitive to higher molecular weights

Molecular structures

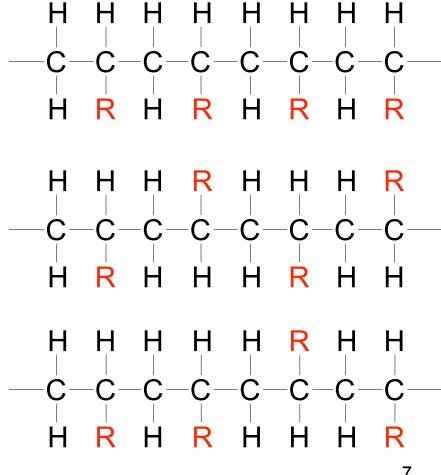
• Covalent chain configurations and strength:



Adapted from Fig. 14.7, Callister 7e.

Tacticity

Tacticity – stereoregularity of chain



Cis and trans isomerism

$$CH_3$$
 $C=C$ CH_2 CH_2

cis

cis-isoprene (natural rubber)

bulky groups on same side of chain

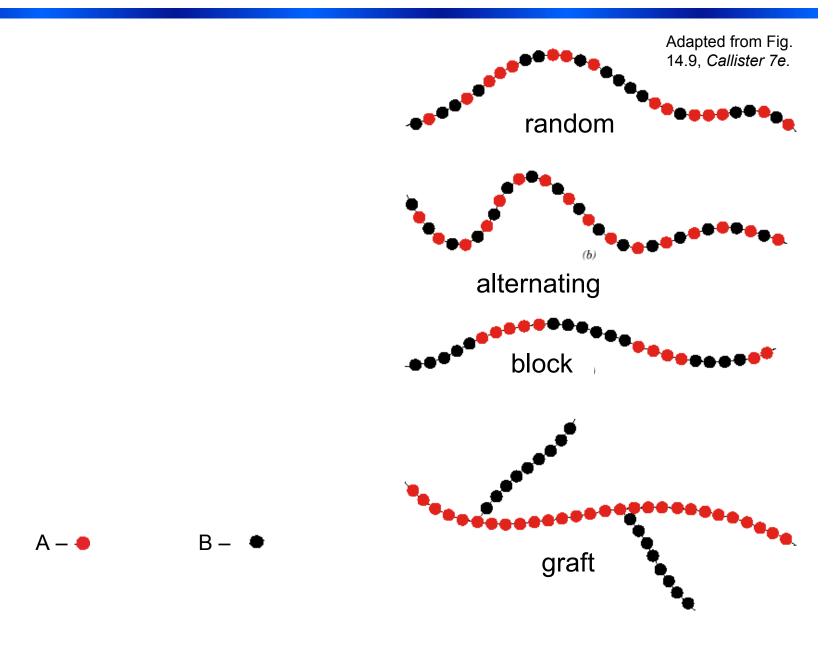
$$CH_3$$
 $C=C$ CH_2 $C=C$ CH_2

trans

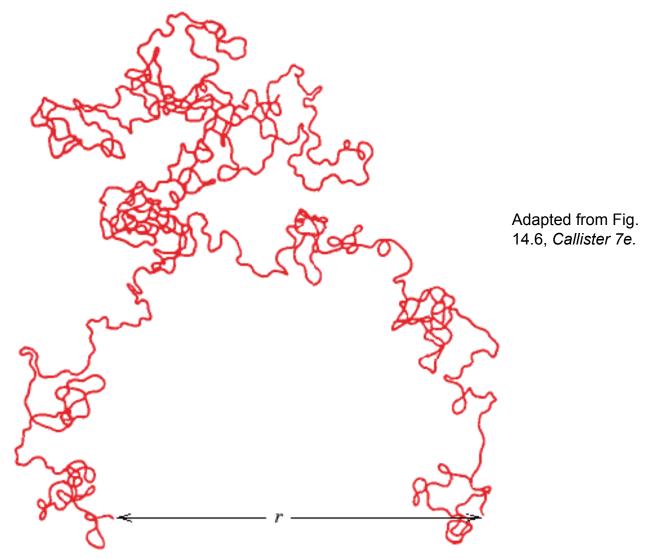
trans-isoprene (gutta percha)

bulky groups on opposite sides of chain

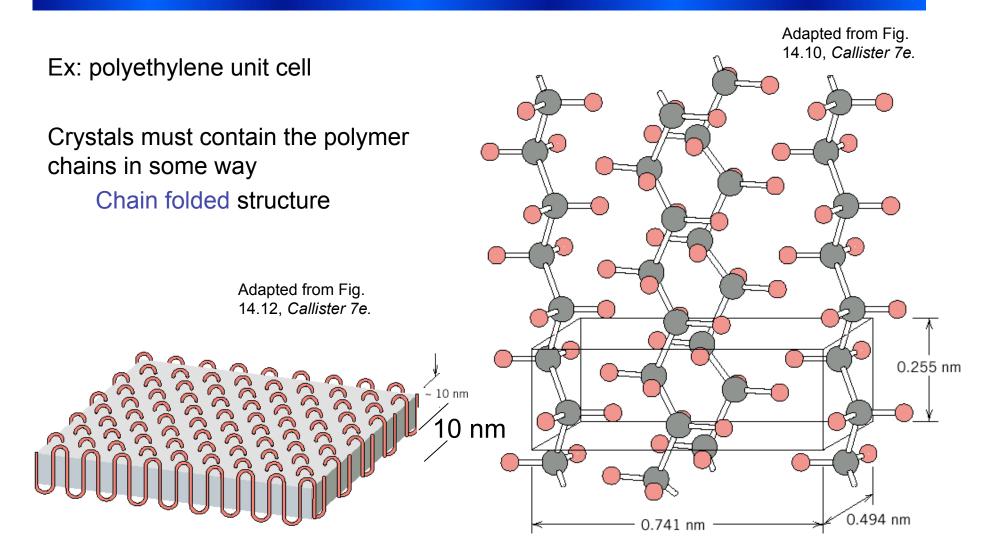
Copolymers



End to end distance



Polymer crystalline structure



Polymer crystalline structure

Polymers rarely 100% crystalline Too difficult to get all those chains aligned

crystalline region

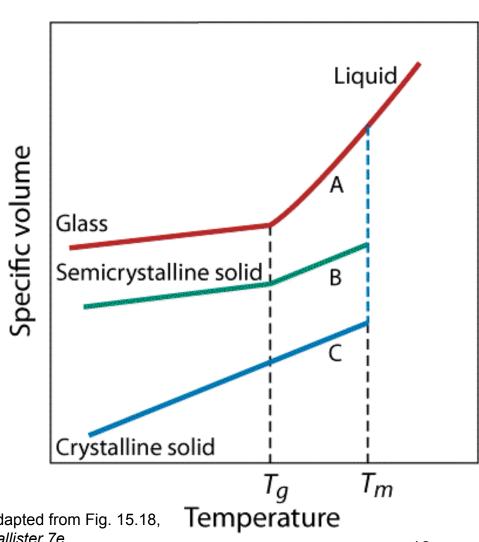
- % Crystallinity: % of material that is crystalline.
 - -- *TS* and *E* often increase with % crystallinity.
 - Annealing causes
 crystalline regions
 to grow. % crystallinity
 increases.

amorphous region

Adapted from Fig. 14.11, *Callister 6e.* (Fig. 14.11 is from H.W. Hayden, W.G. Moffatt, and J. Wulff, *The Structure and Properties of Materials*, Vol. III, *Mechanical Behavior*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1965.)

T_m and T_g

What factors affect T_m and T_g ?

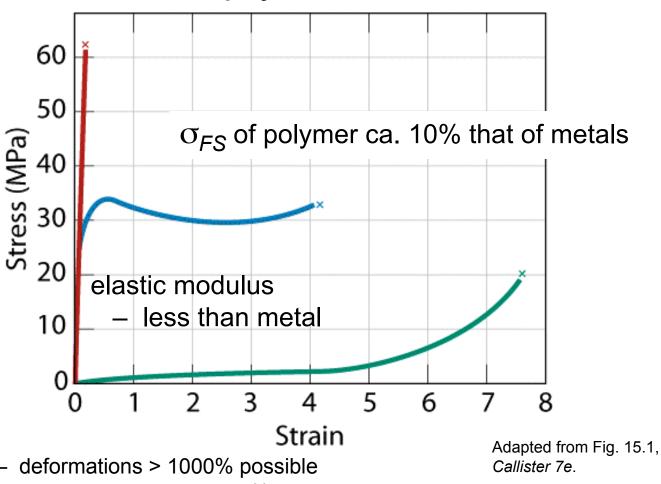


Adapted from Fig. 15.18, Callister 7e.

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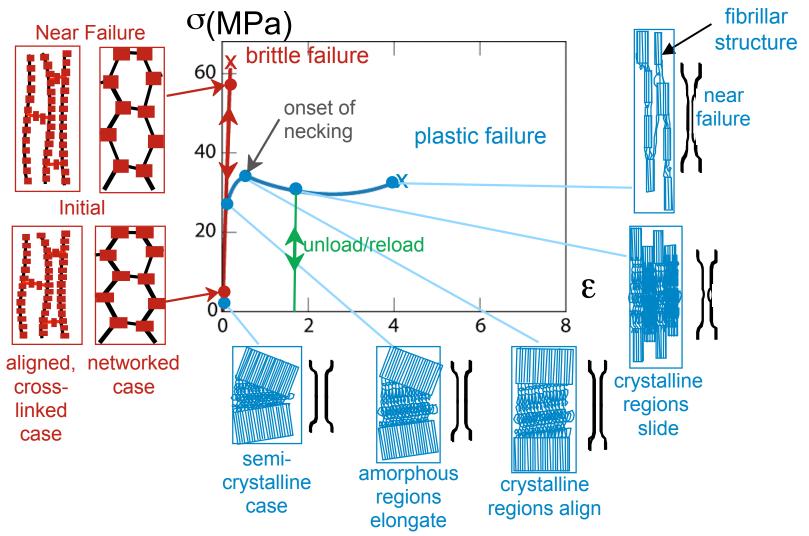
Mechanical properties

i.e. stress-strain behavior of polymers



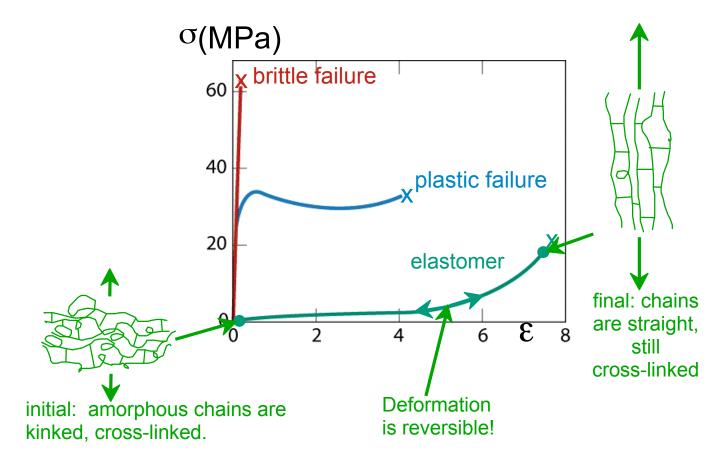
Strains – deformations > 1000% possible (for metals, maximum strain ca. 10% or less)

Brittle and plastic behavior



Stress-strain curves adapted from Fig. 15.1, *Callister 7e.* Inset figures along plastic response curve adapted from Figs. 15.12 & 15.13, *Callister 7e.* (Figs. 15.12 & 15.13 are from J.M. Schultz, *Polymer Materials Science*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1974, pp. 500-501.)

Tensile response: elastomers



Stress-strain curves adapted from Fig. 15.1, *Callister 7e.* Inset figures along elastomer curve (green) adapted from Fig. 15.15, *Callister 7e.* (Fig. 15.15 is from Z.D. Jastrzebski, *The Nature and Properties of Engineering Materials*, 3rd ed., John Wiley and Sons, 1987.)

- Compare to responses of other polymers:
 - -- brittle response (aligned, crosslinked & networked polymer)
 - -- plastic response (semi-crystalline polymers)

Thermoplastic vs. thermosets

Thermoplastics:

- -- little crosslinking
- -- ductile
- -- soften w/heating
- polyethylene polypropylene polycarbonate polystyrene

Thermosets:

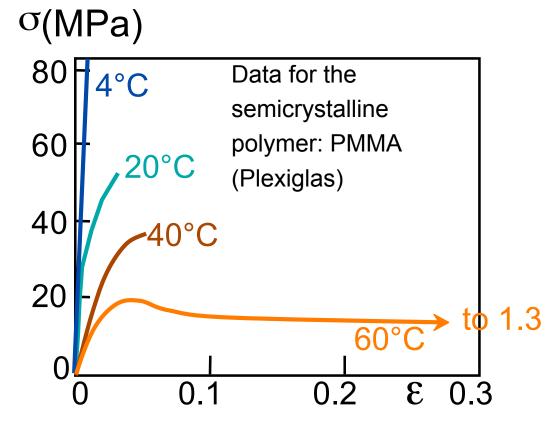
- -- large crosslinking (10 to 50% of mers)
- -- hard and brittle
- -- do NOT soften w/heating
- -- vulcanized rubber, epoxies, polyester resin, phenolic resin

Molecular weight

Adapted from Fig. 15.19, *Callister 7e.* (Fig. 15.19 is from F.W. Billmeyer, Jr., *Textbook of Polymer Science*, 3rd ed., John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1984.)

Strain rates and T

- Decreasing *T*...
 - -- increases E
 - -- increases TS
 - -- decreases %EL
- Increasing strain rate...
 - -- same effects as decreasing *T*.



Adapted from Fig. 15.3, *Callister 7e*. (Fig. 15.3 is from T.S. Carswell and J.K. Nason, 'Effect of Environmental Conditions on the Mechanical Properties of Organic Plastics", *Symposium on Plastics*, American Society for Testing and Materials, Philadelphia, PA, 1944.)

Composites

Composites:

-- Multiphase material w/significant proportions of each phase.

Matrix:

- -- The continuous phase
- -- Purpose is to:
 - transfer stress to other phases
 - protect phases from environment
- -- Classification: MMC, CMC, PMC metal ceramic polymer

Dispersed phase:

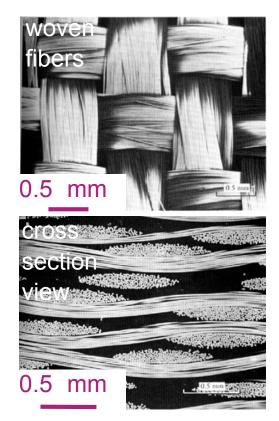
-- Purpose: enhance matrix properties.

MMC: increase σ_y , TS, creep resist.

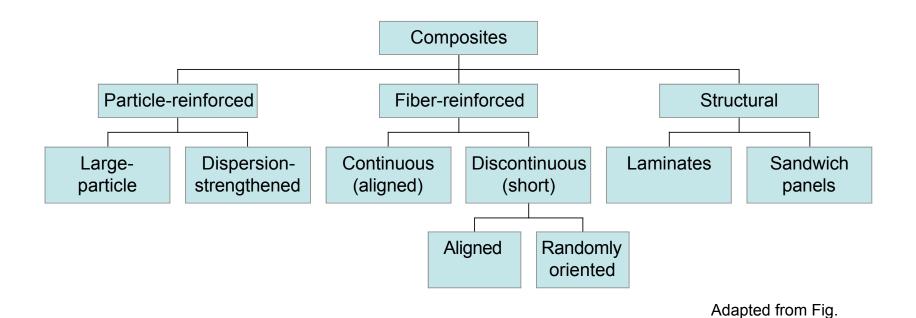
CMC: increase Kc

PMC: increase E, σ_y , TS, creep resist.

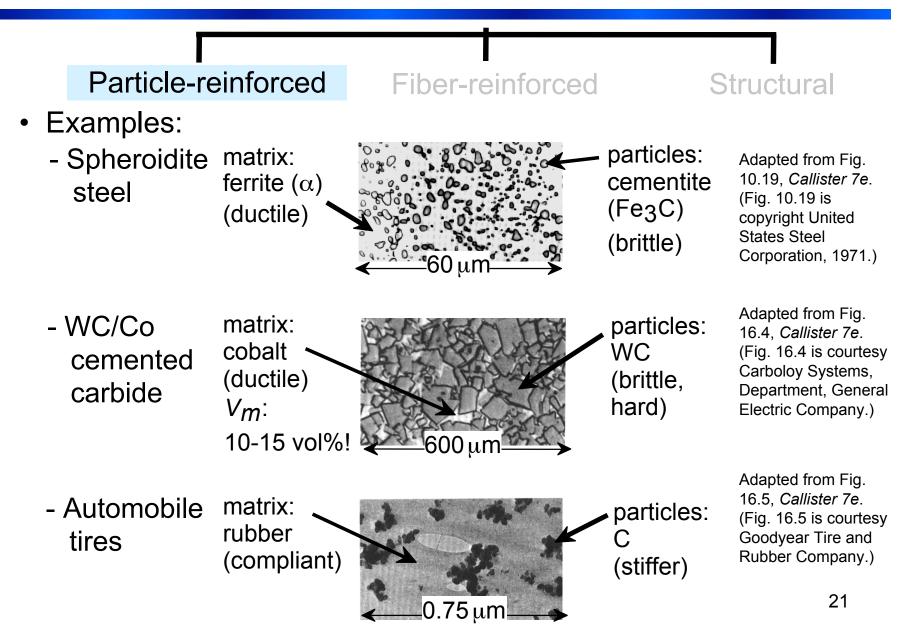
-- Classification: Particle, fiber, structural



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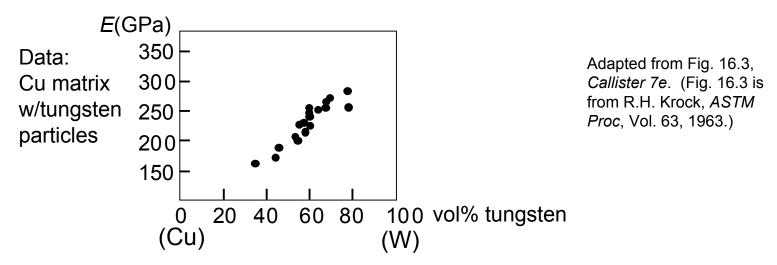


16.2, Callister 7e.



Particle-reinforced Fiber-reinforced Structural

- Elastic modulus, *Ec*, of composites:
 - -- two approaches.



- Application to other properties:
 - -- Electrical conductivity, σ_e : Replace *E* in equations with σ_e .
 - -- Thermal conductivity, k: Replace E in equations with k.



Fiber Materials

 Whiskers - Thin single crystals - large length to diameter ratio graphite, SiN, SiC high crystal perfection – extremely strong, strongest known very expensive

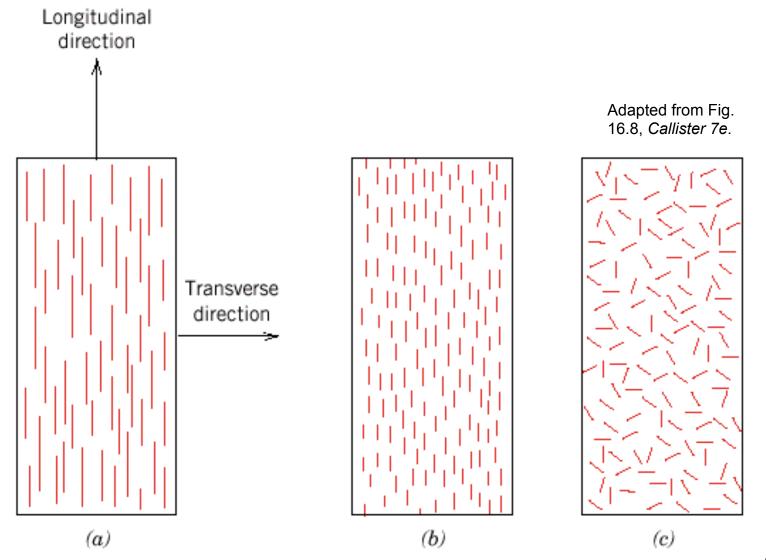
Fibers

- polycrystalline or amorphous
- generally polymers or ceramics
- Ex: Al₂O₃, Aramid, E-glass, Boron, UHMWPE

Wires

Metal – steel, Mo, W

Fiber alignment



Fiber alignment

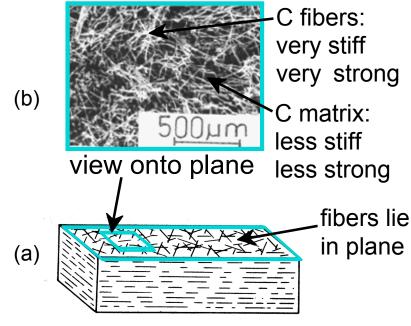
Particle-reinforced

Fiber-reinforced

Structural

- Discontinuous, random 2D fibers
- Example: Carbon-Carbon
 - -- process: fiber/pitch, then burn out at up to 2500°C.
 - uses: disk brakes, gas turbine exhaust flaps, nose cones.

- Other variations:
 - -- Discontinuous, random 3D
 - -- Discontinuous, 1D



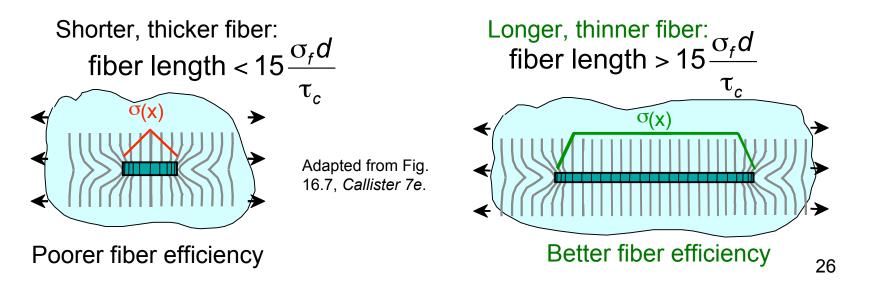
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Fiber alignment

Particle-reinforced Fiber-reinforced Structural

Critical fiber length for effective stiffening & strengthening:

• Ex: For fiberglass, fiber length > 15 mm needed



Fiber reinforcement

Particle-reinforced

Fiber-reinforced

Structural

- Estimate of *Ec* and *TS* for discontinuous fibers:
 - -- valid when fiber length > $15 \frac{\sigma_f d}{\tau_c}$
 - -- Elastic modulus in fiber direction:

Values from Table 16.3, *Callister 7e*. (Source for Table 16.3 is H. Krenchel, *Fibre Reinforcement*, Copenhagen: Akademisk Forlag, 1964.)

-- TS in fiber direction:

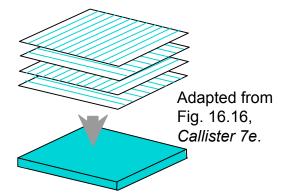
Structural composites

Particle-reinforced

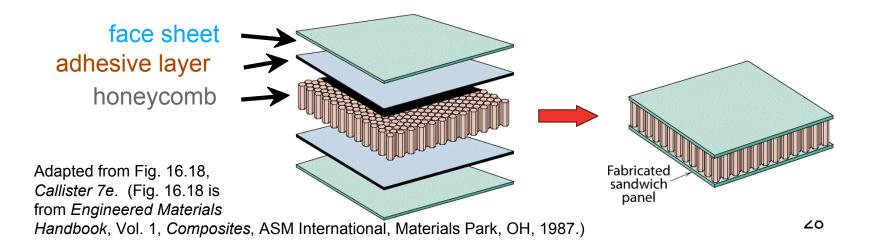
Fiber-reinforced

Structural

- Stacked and bonded fiber-reinforced sheets
 - -- stacking sequence: e.g., 0°/90°
 - -- benefit: balanced, in-plane stiffness



- Sandwich panels
 - -- low density, honeycomb core
 - -- benefit: small weight, large bending stiffness



Composite benefits

