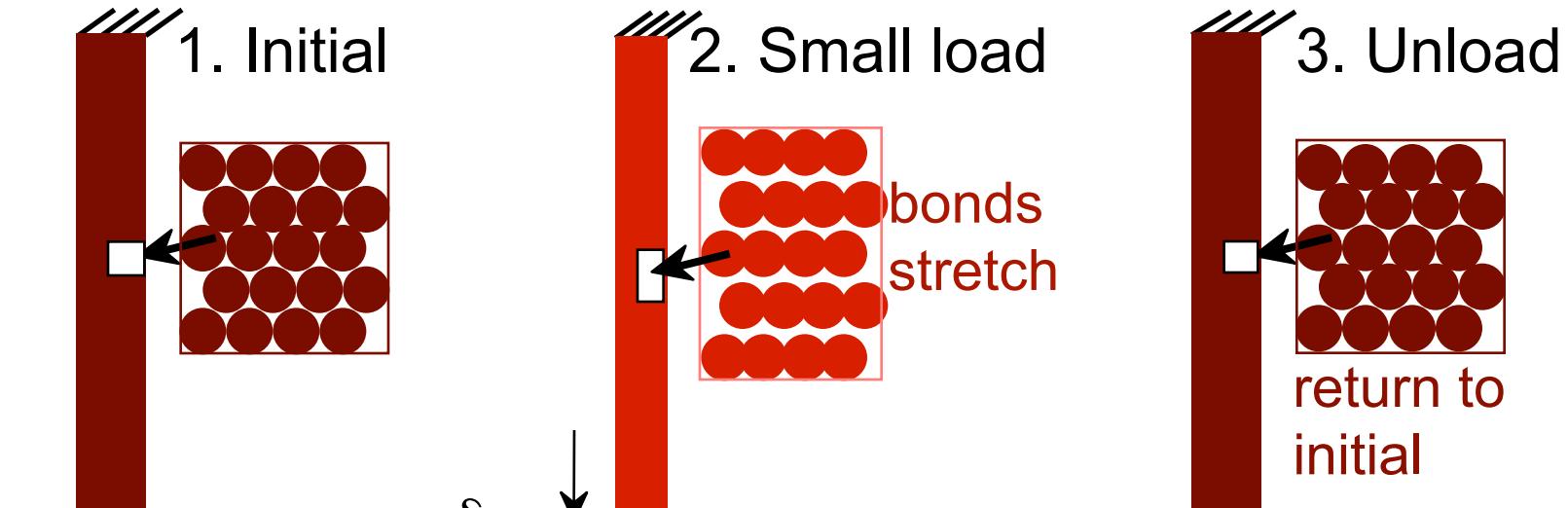


# Chapter 6: Mechanical Properties

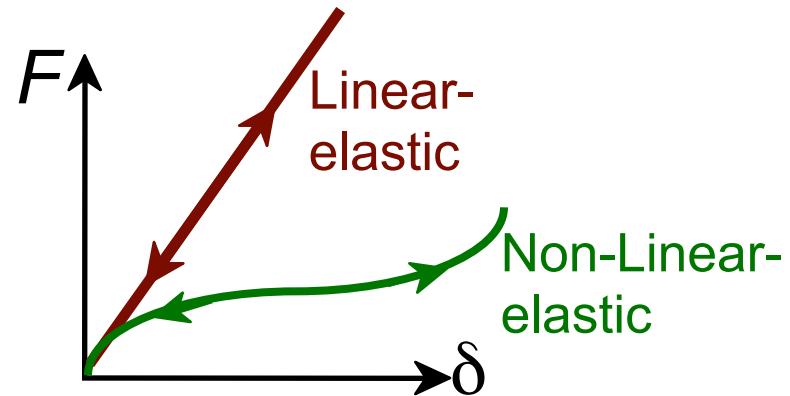
- **Elastic** behavior: When loads are small, how much deformation occurs? What materials deform least?
- **Stress** and **strain**: What are they and why are they used instead of load and deformation?
- **Plastic** behavior: At what point does permanent deformation occur? What materials are most resistant to permanent deformation?
- **Toughness** and **ductility**: What are they and how do we measure them?



# Elastic Deformation



Elastic means reversible!



# Concepts of stress and strain

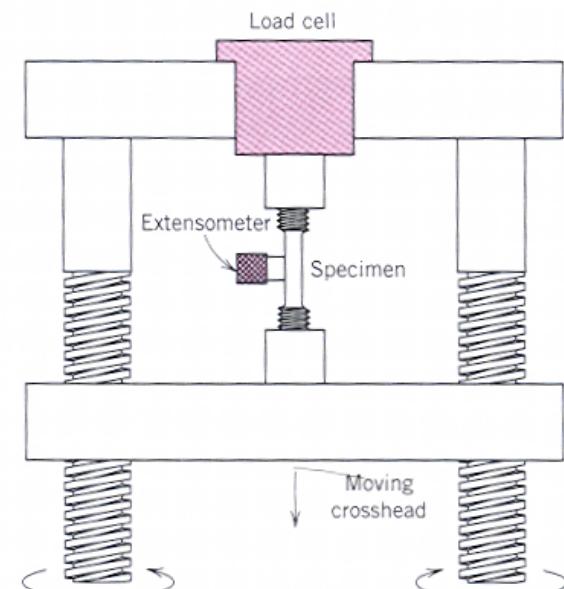
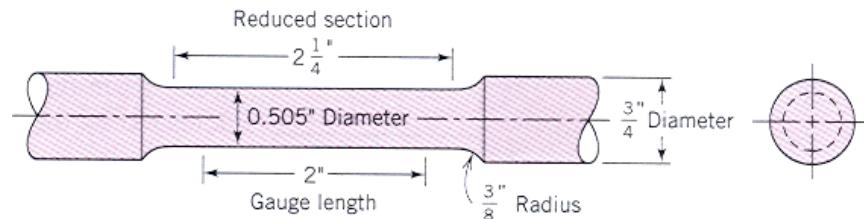
- **Tension tests**

- engineering stress

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$$

- engineering strain

$$\varepsilon = \frac{l_i - l_0}{l_0} = \frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$$

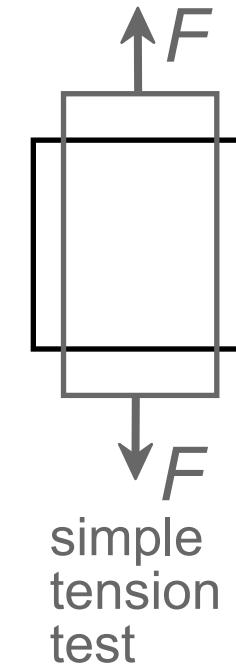
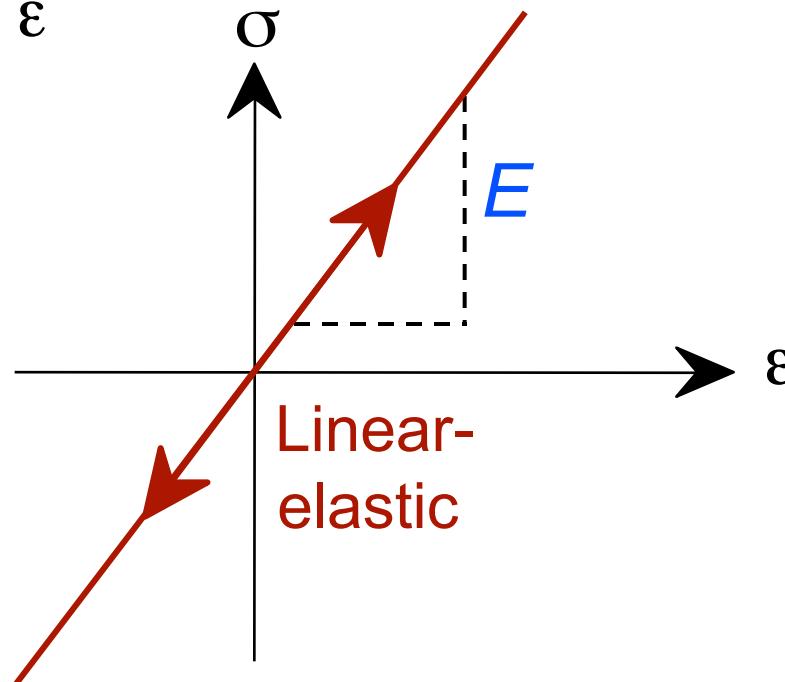


- **Compression tests**

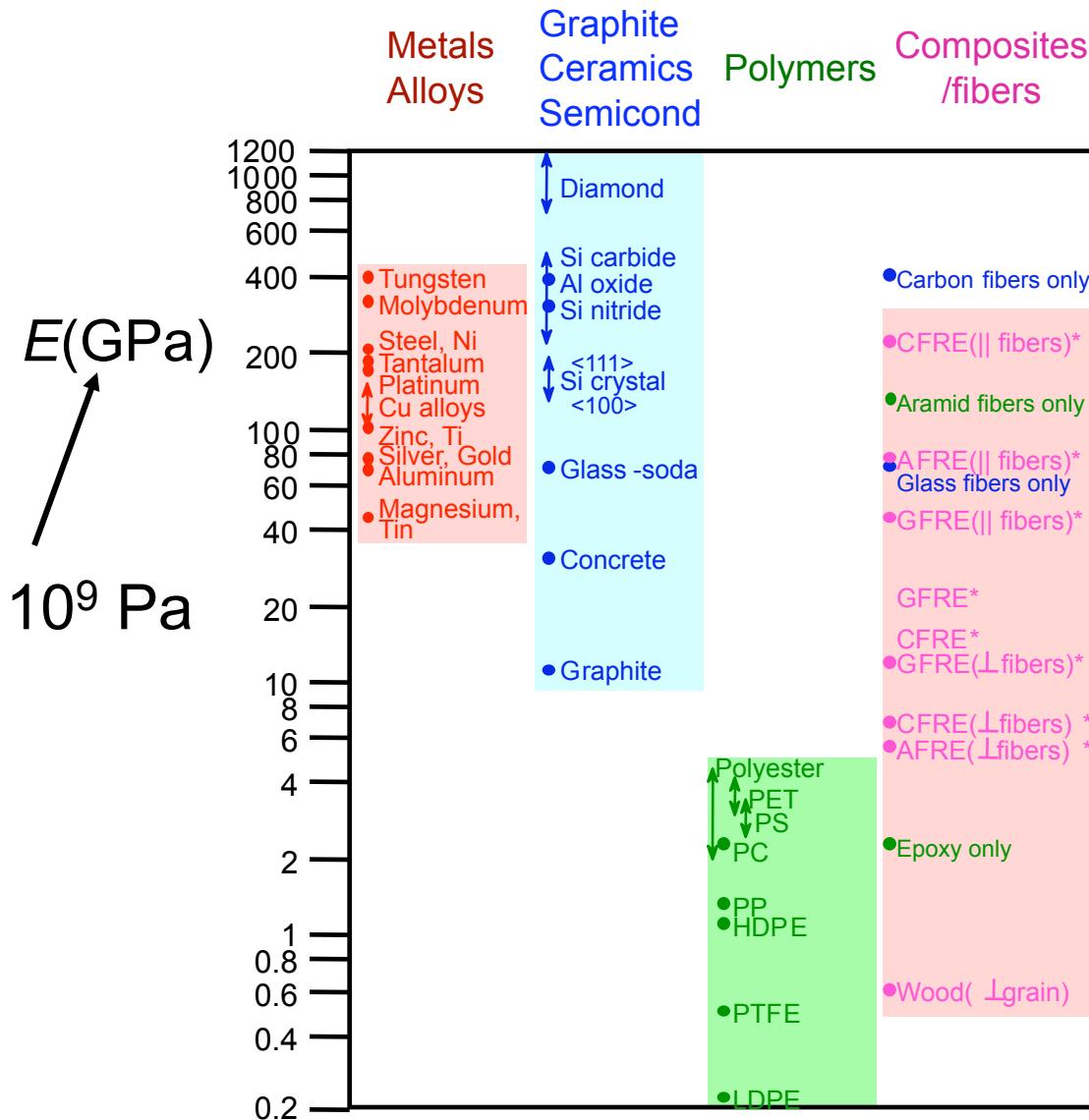
# Linear Elastic Properties

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

$$\sigma = E \varepsilon$$



# Young's Moduli: Comparison



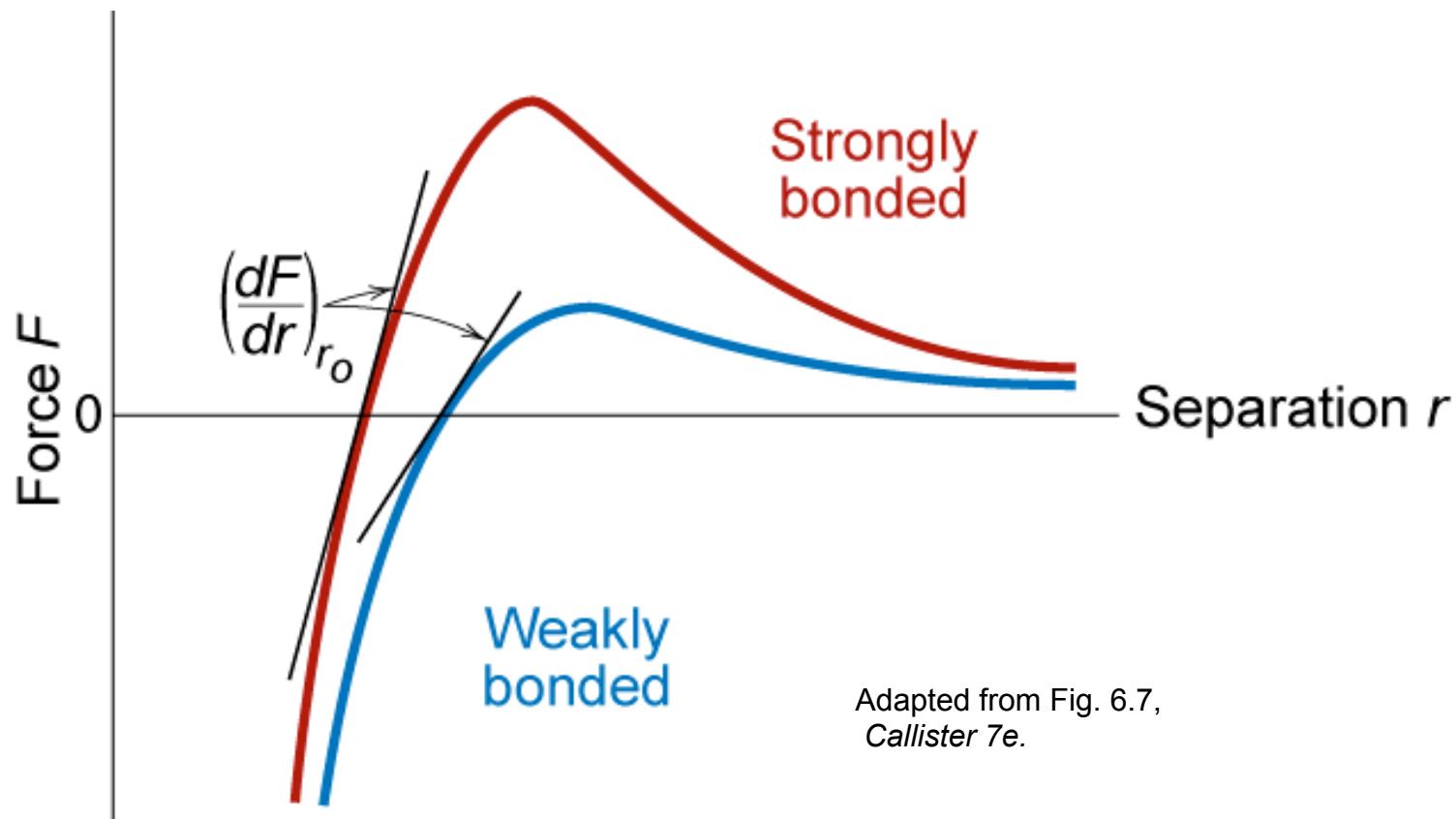
Based on data in Table B2,  
*Callister 7e*.

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



# Mechanical Properties

- Slope of stress strain plot (which is proportional to the elastic modulus) depends on  $dF/dr$



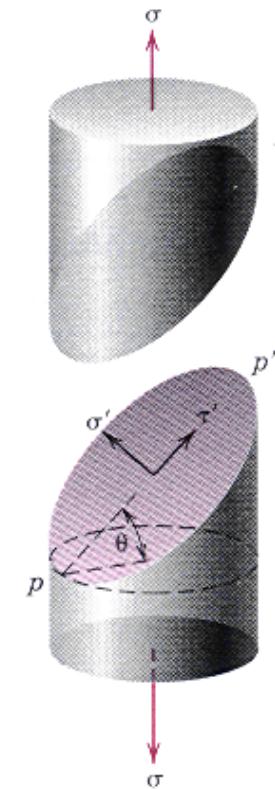
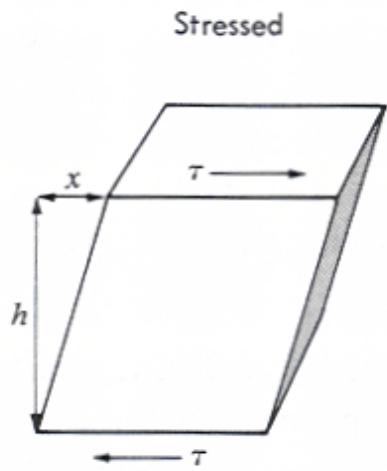
## Concepts of stress and strain (*continued*)

- **Shear and torsional tests**

- Shear stress  $\tau = \frac{F}{A_0} = G\gamma$

- Shear strain  $\gamma = \frac{x}{h}$

- **Geometric considerations of the stress state**



# Common States of Stress

- **Simple tension:** cable



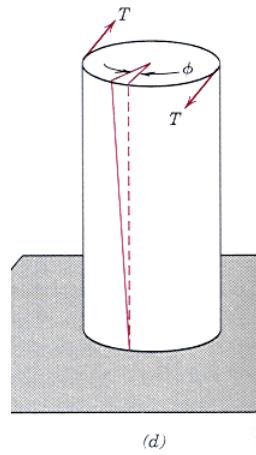
$A_O$  = cross sectional area (when unloaded)

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_O}$$
A schematic diagram showing a rectangular bar under tension. Two horizontal arrows, one pointing left and one pointing right, are applied to the top and bottom edges of the rectangle. The rectangle is shaded gray.



- **Torsion (a form of shear):** drive shaft

Ski lift (photo courtesy P.M. Anderson)



# OTHER COMMON STRESS STATES (1)

- 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).

# Poisson's ratio, $\nu$

- Poisson's ratio,  $\nu$ :

$$\nu = -\frac{\varepsilon_L}{\varepsilon}$$

metals:  $\nu \sim 0.33$

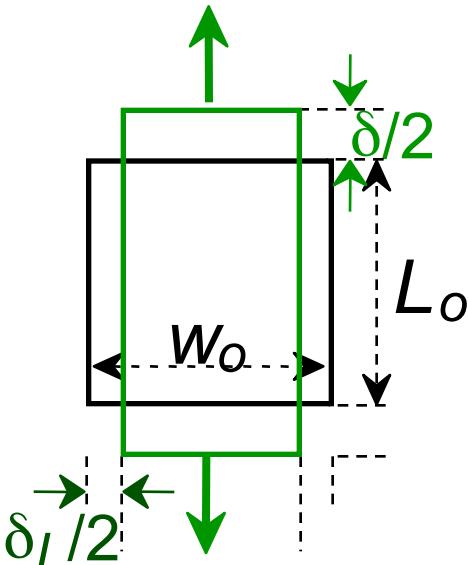
ceramics:  $\nu \sim 0.25$

polymers:  $\nu \sim 0.40$

Relation of elastic properties  
for isotropic materials

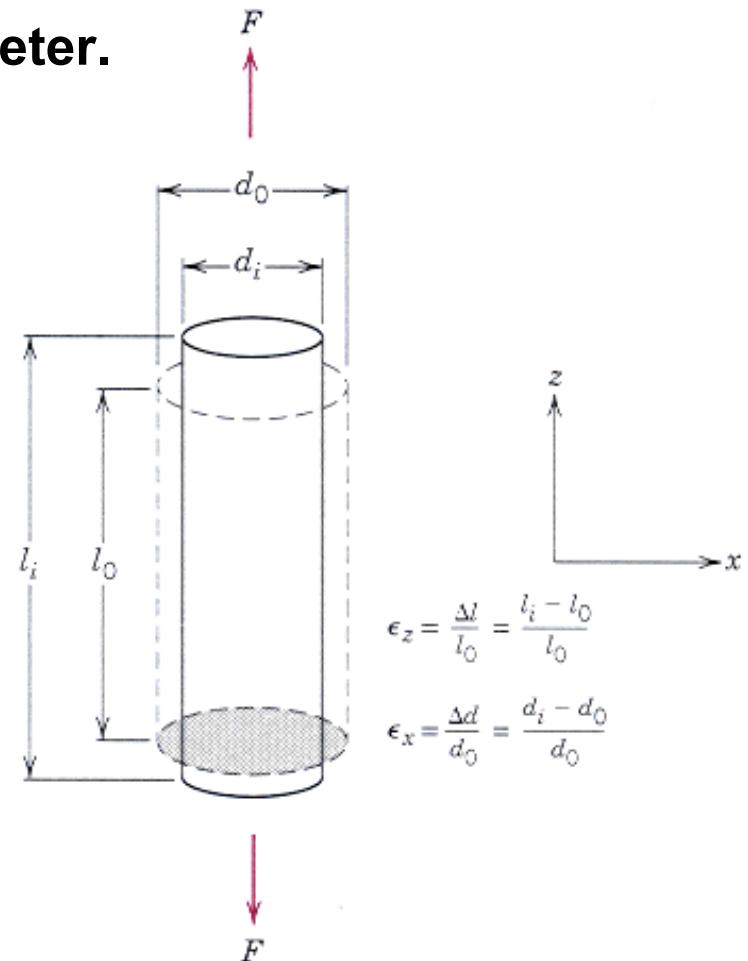
$$E = 2G(1 + \nu)$$

- Tensile strain:  $\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{L_o}$
- Lateral strain:  $\varepsilon_L = \frac{-\delta_L}{W_o}$

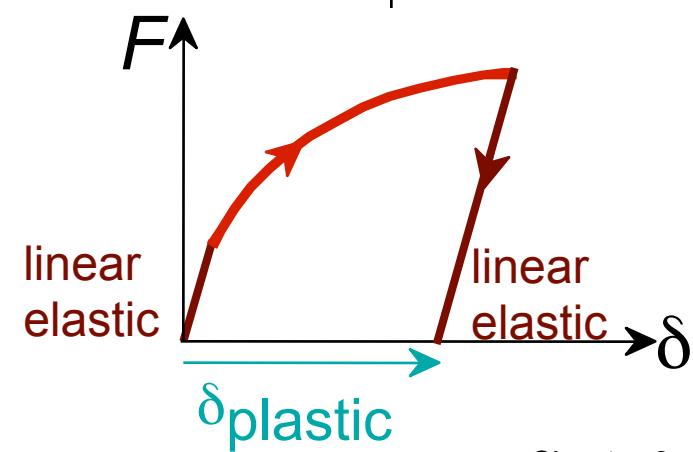
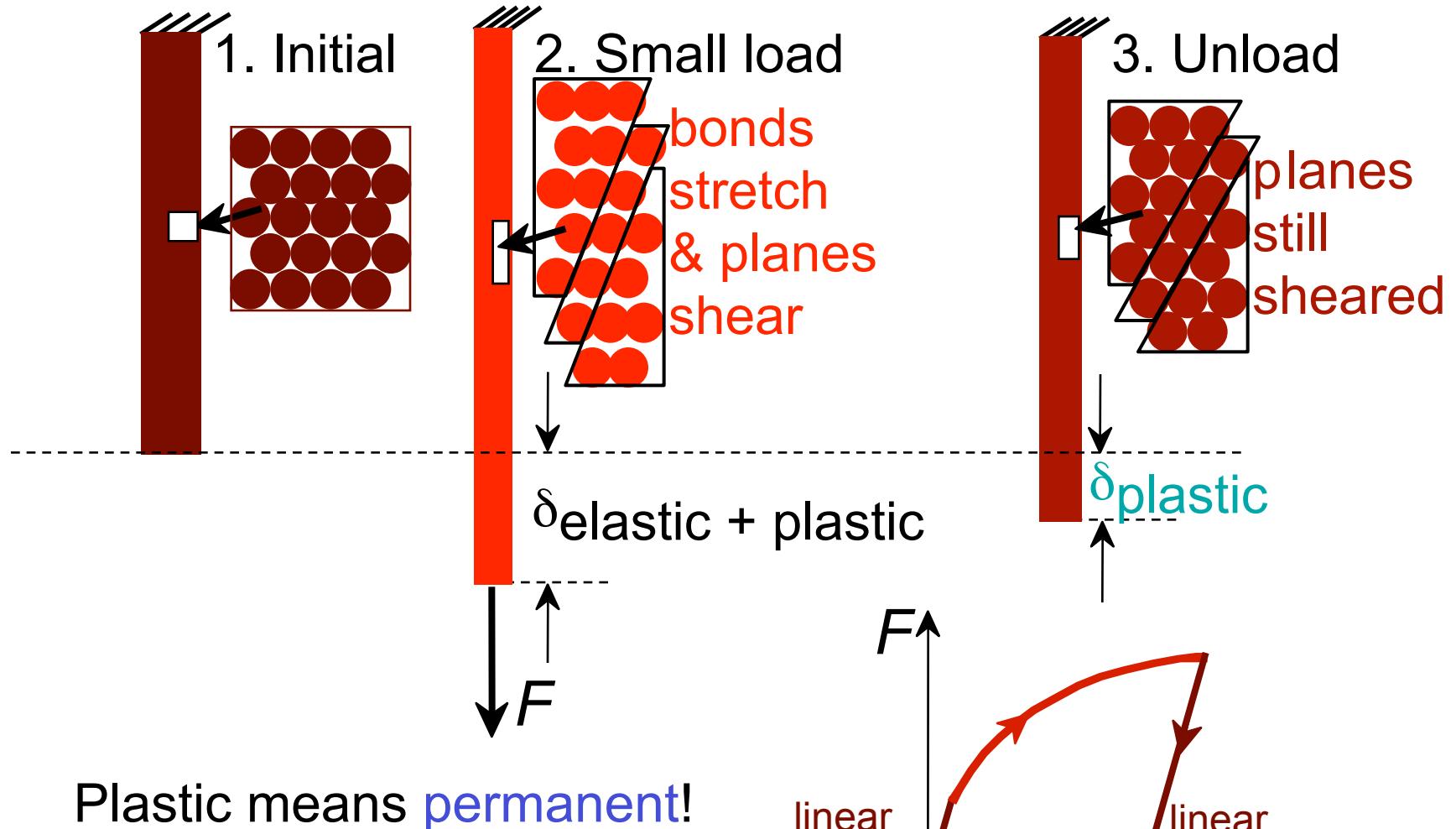


# Examples

- Determine the load required to produce a  $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mm change in diameter.  
 $D_0=10\text{mm}$ , Poisson's ratio for brass is 0.34



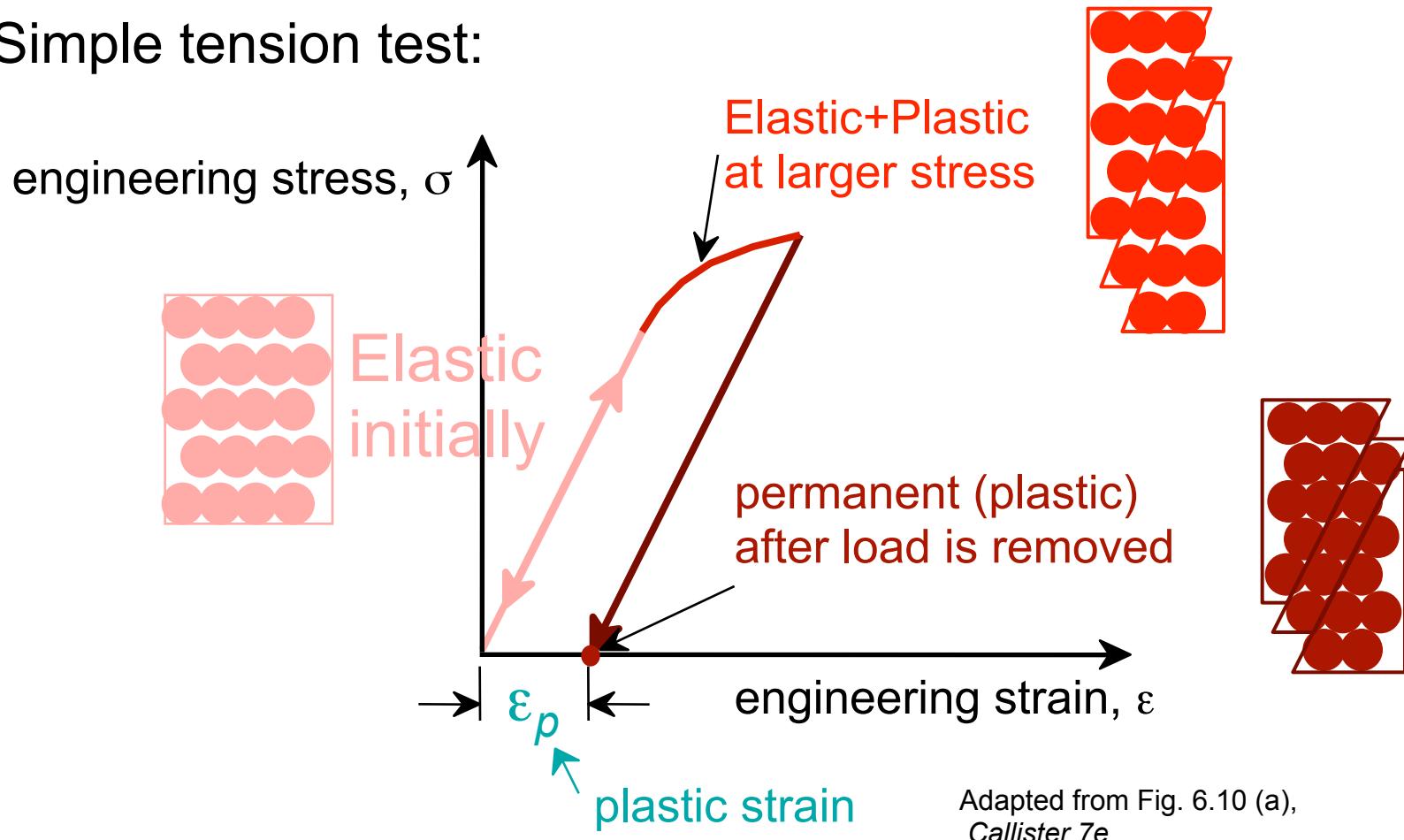
# Plastic Deformation (Metals)



# Plastic (Permanent) Deformation

(at lower temperatures, i.e.  $T < T_{melt}/3$ )

- Simple tension test:

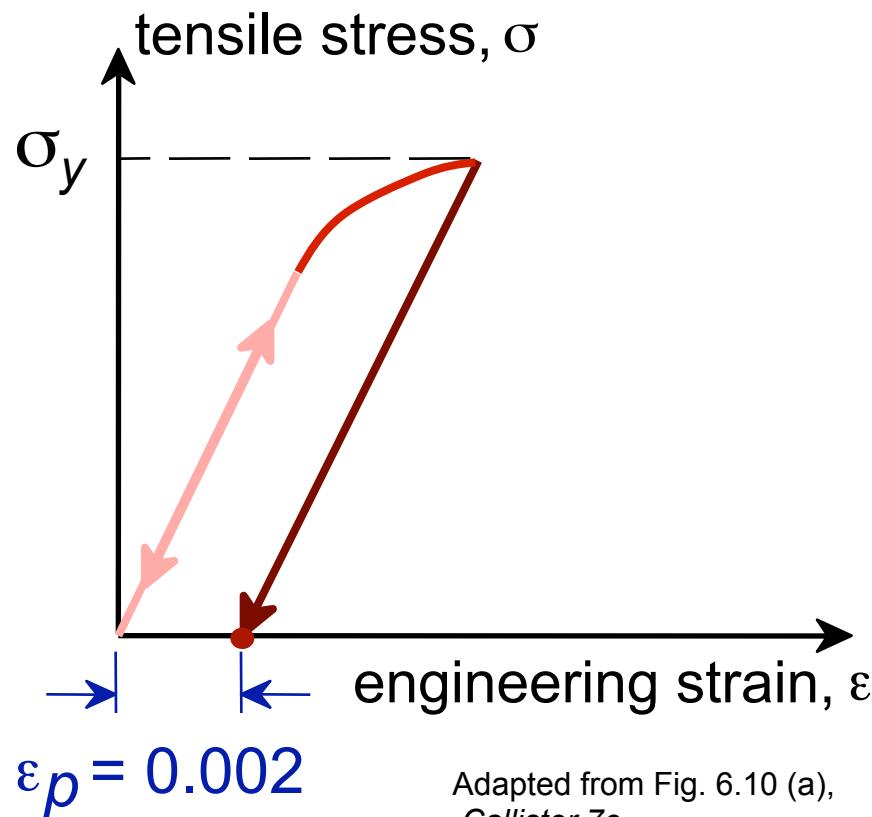


Adapted from Fig. 6.10 (a),  
Callister 7e.

# Yield Strength, $\sigma_y$

- Stress at which *noticeable* plastic deformation has occurred.

when  $\varepsilon_p = 0.002$



$\sigma_y$  = yield strength

Note: for 2 inch sample

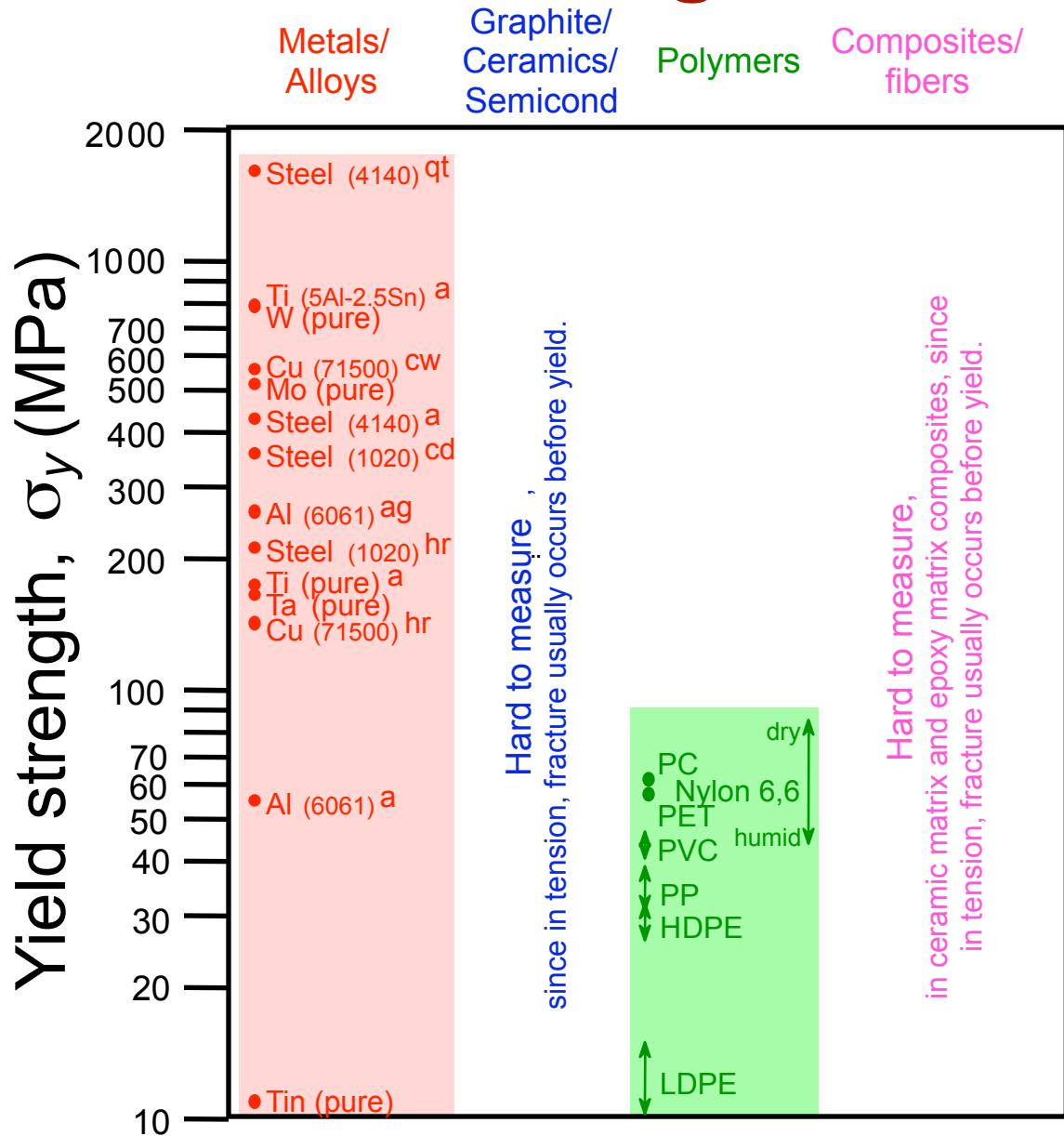
$$\varepsilon = 0.002 = \Delta z/z$$

$$\therefore \Delta z = 0.004 \text{ in}$$

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



# Yield Strength : Comparison



## Room $T$ values

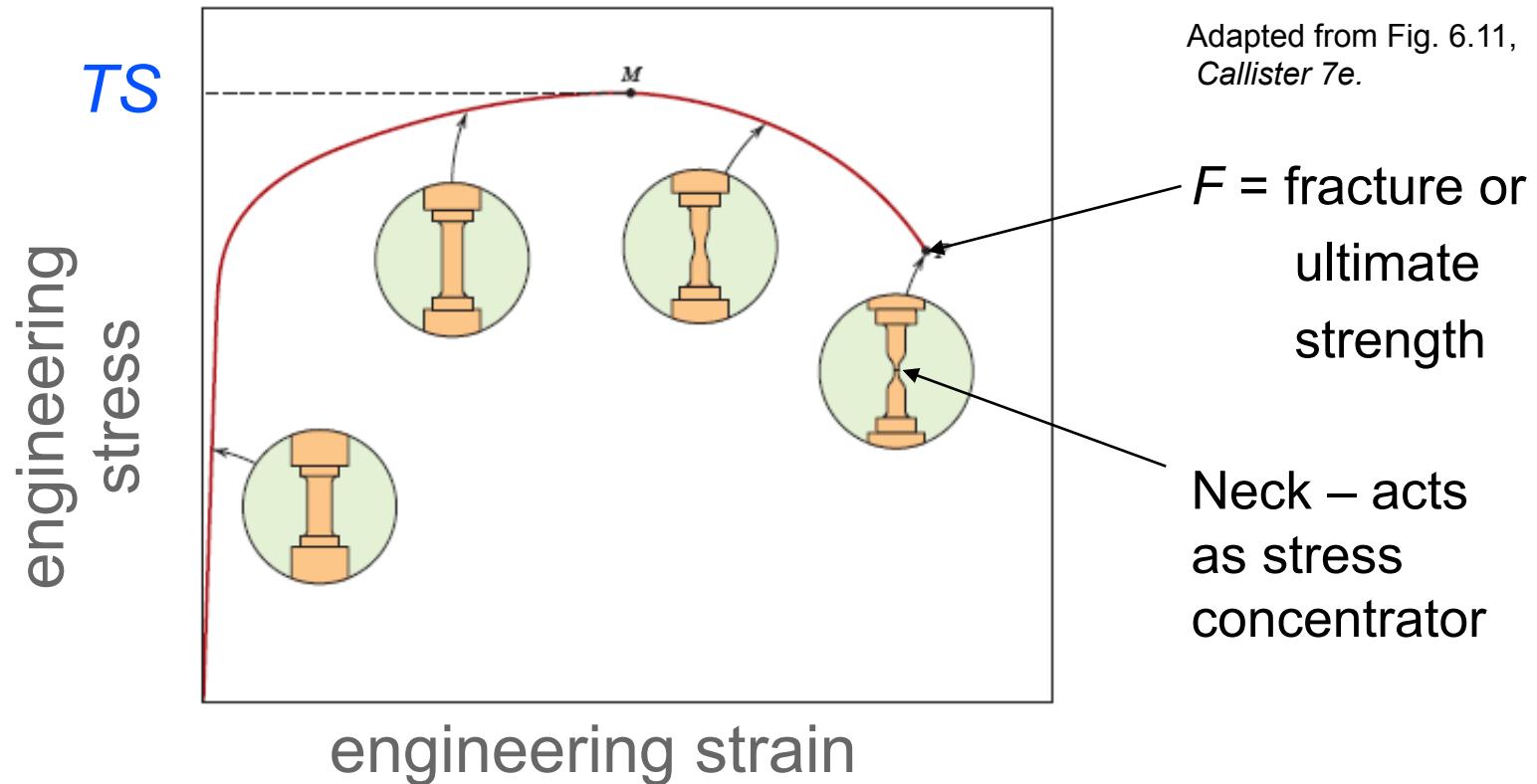
Based on data in Table B4,  
*Callister 7e*.

- a = annealed
- hr = hot rolled
- ag = aged
- cd = cold drawn
- cw = cold worked
- qt = quenched & tempered



# Tensile Strength, TS

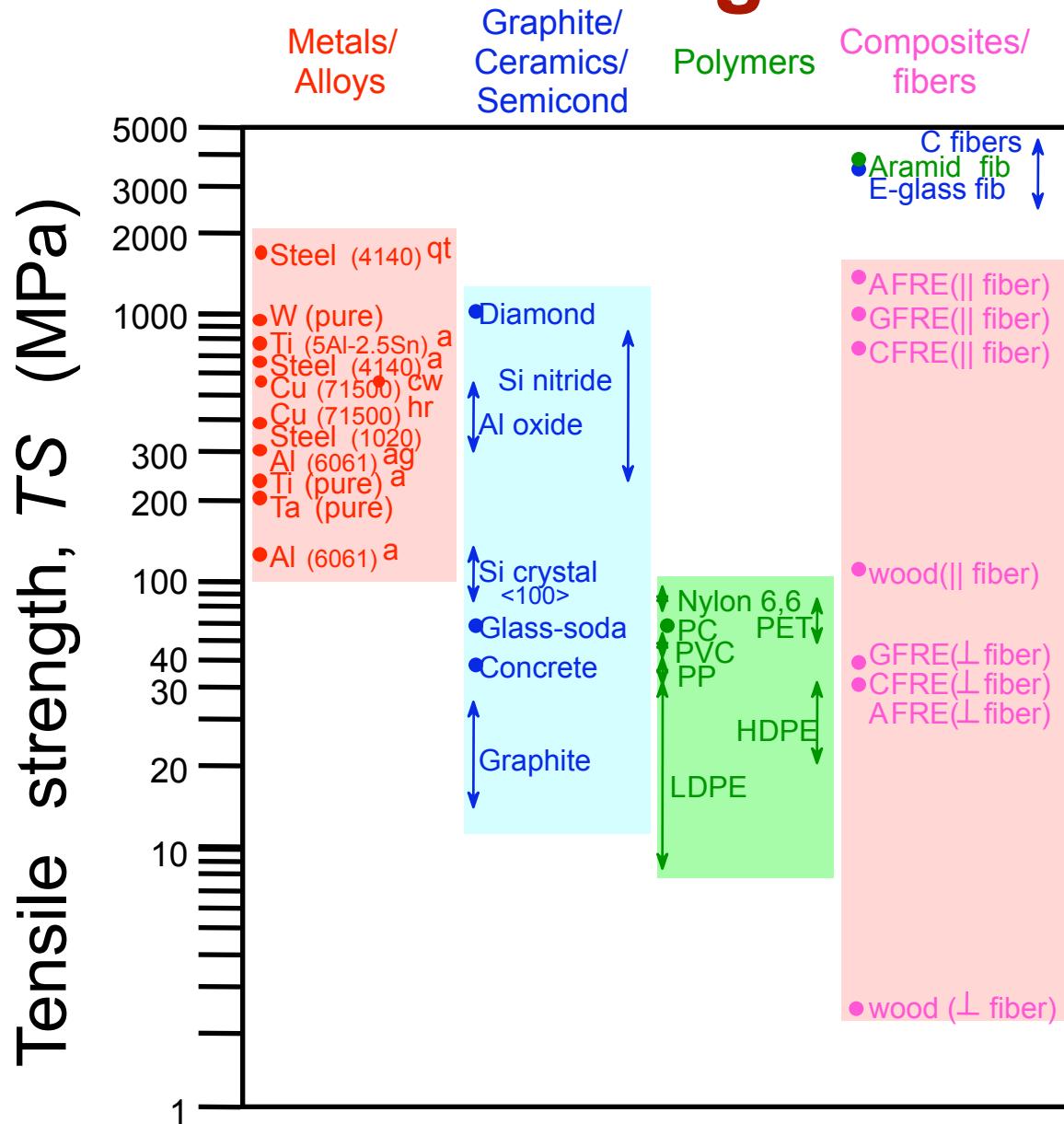
- Maximum stress on engineering stress-strain curve.



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



# Tensile Strength : Comparison



Room Temp. values

Based on data in Table B4,  
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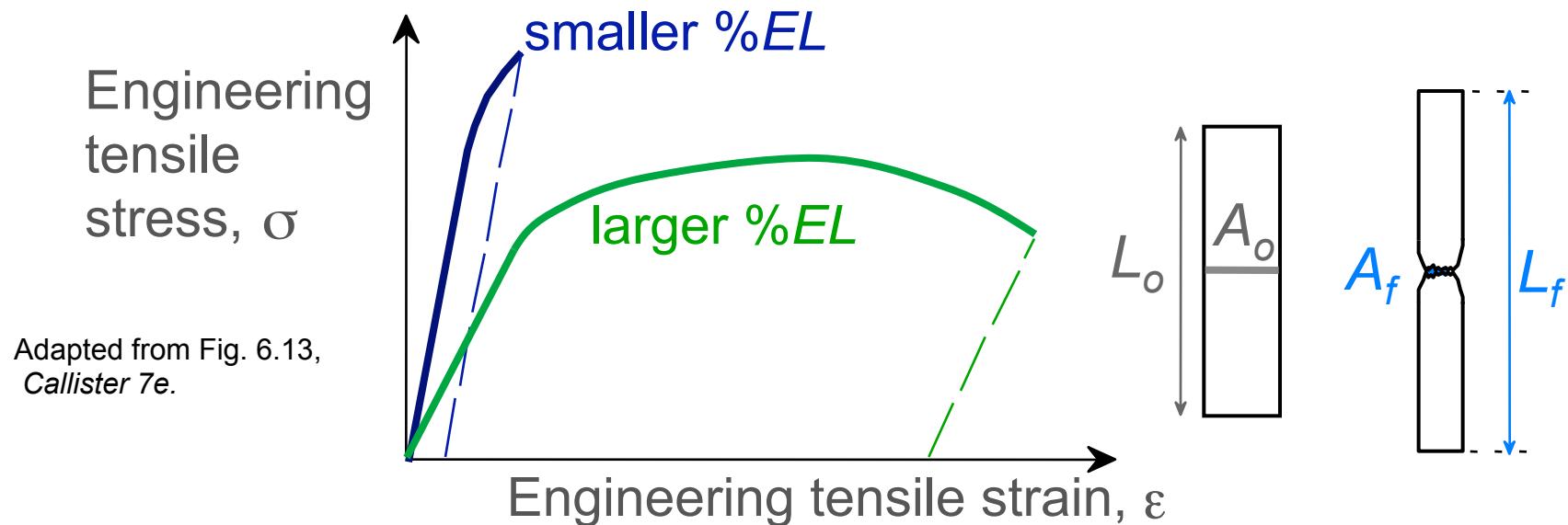
a = annealed  
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 cw = cold worked  
 qt = quenched & tempered  
 AFRE, GFRE, & CFRE = aramid, glass, & carbon fiber-reinforced epoxy composites, with 60 vol% fibers.



# Ductility

- Plastic tensile strain at failure:

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

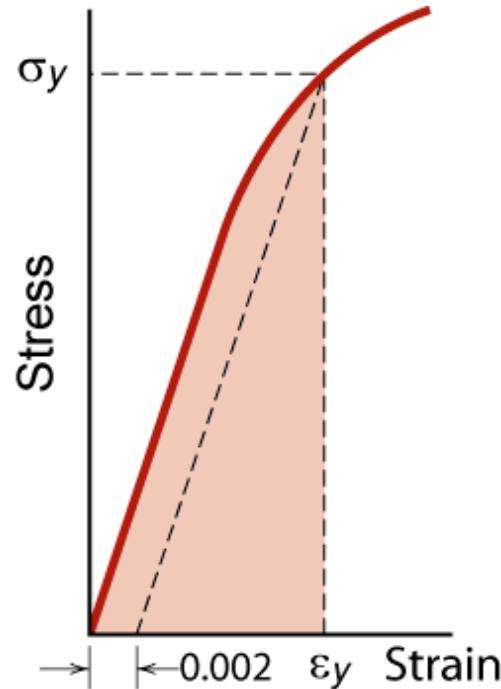


- Another ductility measure:

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

# Resilience, $U_r$

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



$$U_r = \int_0^{\varepsilon_y} \sigma d\varepsilon$$

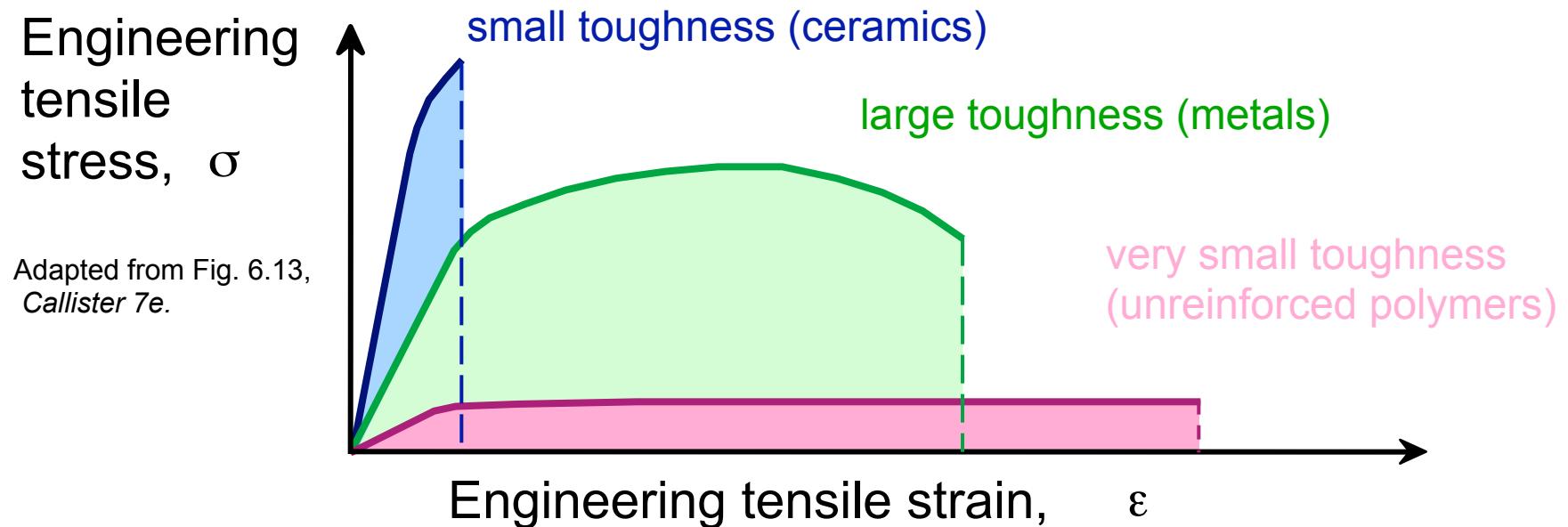
If we assume a linear stress-strain curve this simplifies to

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

Adapted from Fig. 6.15,  
*Callister 7e*.

# 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



# 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.