

# PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

USED TO CHARACTERIZE DENTAL  
MATERIALS

# Selection of dental materials

Analysis of the problem.

Consideration of requirements.

Consideration of available materials and their **properties** leading to choice of material.

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**Mechanical  
Properties**

**Thermal  
Properties**

**Optical  
Properties**

# Mechanical properties of dental materials

## Comparison of the performance of materials in different mechanical conditions and applications

1. Is the material strong enough to withstand loads it needs to transmit without fracture?
2. Does the stress in dental restorations as bridges produce permanent deformation?
3. Does the material keep its mechanical properties for time long enough?

# Stress and resulting strain

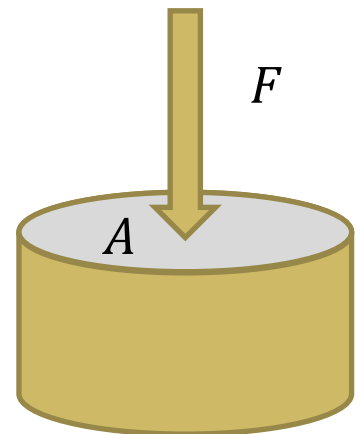
Are materials *strong* and *tough* enough to withstand biting forces without fracture?

## Concepts and definitions

**Stress ( $\sigma$ )** – is a measure of the average amount of force ( $F$ ) exerted per unit area ( $A$ ) of the surface on which external forces act within a deformable body:

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

**unit: Pascal = Newton/meter<sup>2</sup>**



# STRAIN - the measure of a material response

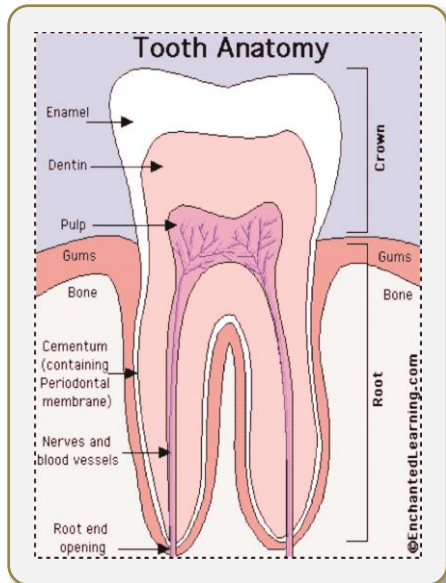
$$\text{strain} = \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{original length}}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$$

## HOOKE'S LAW

$$\sigma = E\epsilon$$

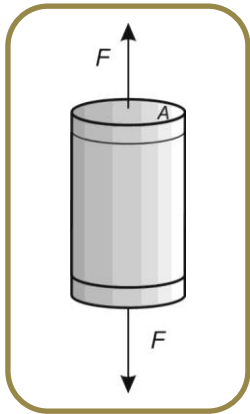
$E$  – modulus of elasticity  
(Young's modulus)



Material	Young's Modulus $\times 10^9$ Pa (Elastic Modulus)
Enamel	84
Dentine	17-18
Acrylic denture resin	2.65
Composite resin	16.6
Amalgam	28-59
Feldspathic porcelain	69-70
Gold (type-4) alloy	99.3
Solid bone	11
steel	200

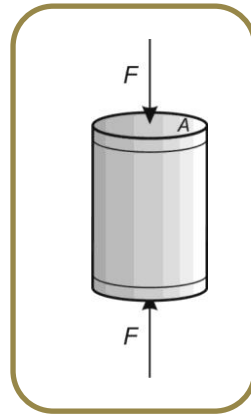
# Principal types of stress and their description:

## TENSILE STRESS



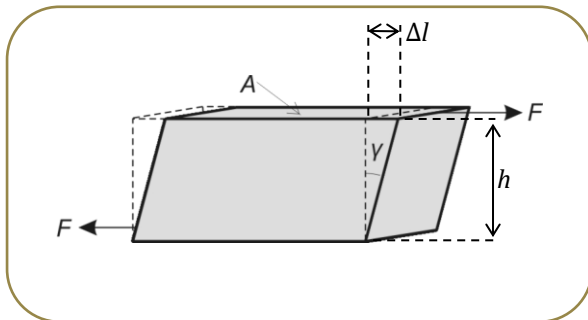
$$\sigma_T = E_T \varepsilon$$

## COMPRESSIVE STRESS



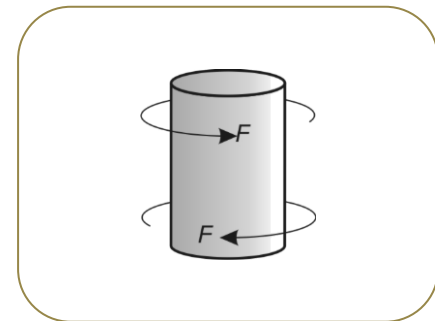
$$\sigma_C = E_C \varepsilon$$

## SHEAR STRESS



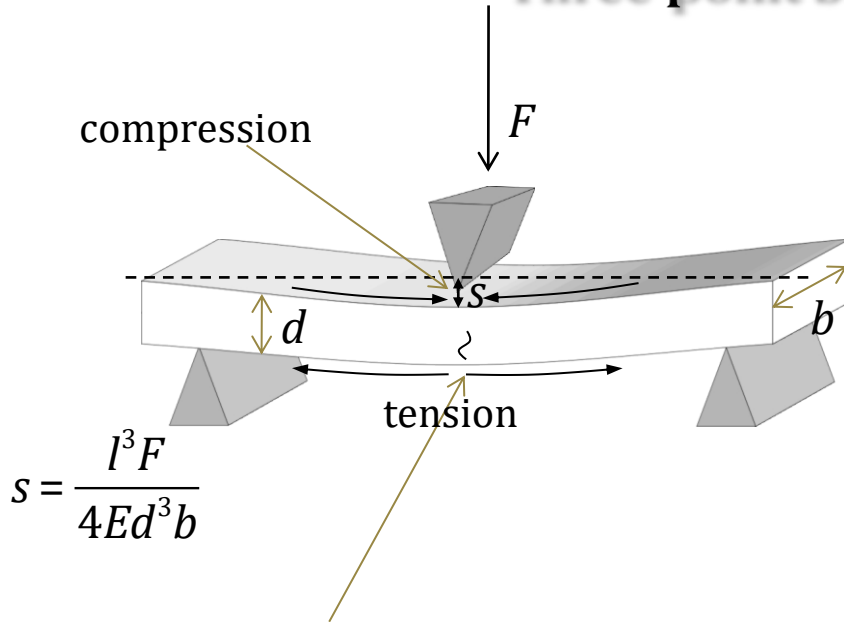
$$\sigma = E_S \frac{\Delta l}{h}$$

$$\sigma_S = E_S \cdot \tan \alpha$$



# FLEXURAL BENDING STRESS

## Three-point bending (flexural) test



$$d_2 = 3d_1$$

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{3}b_1$$

$$l_2 = l_1$$

$$E_2 = E_1$$

$$F_2 = F_1$$

$$s_2 = \frac{l^3 F}{4E(3d_1)^3 \frac{1}{3}b_1} = \frac{s_1}{9}$$

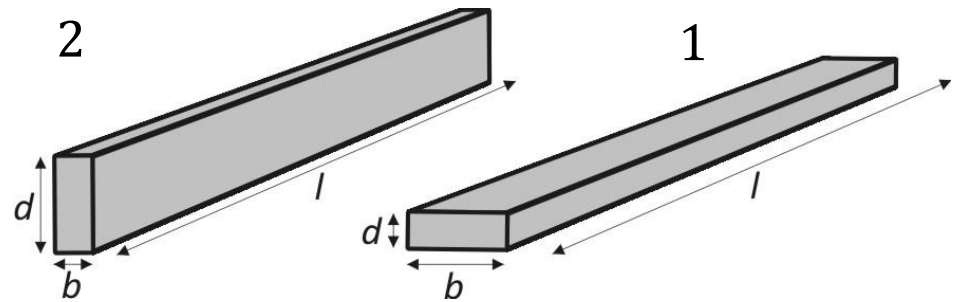
usual initiation of fracture

$s$  - deflection

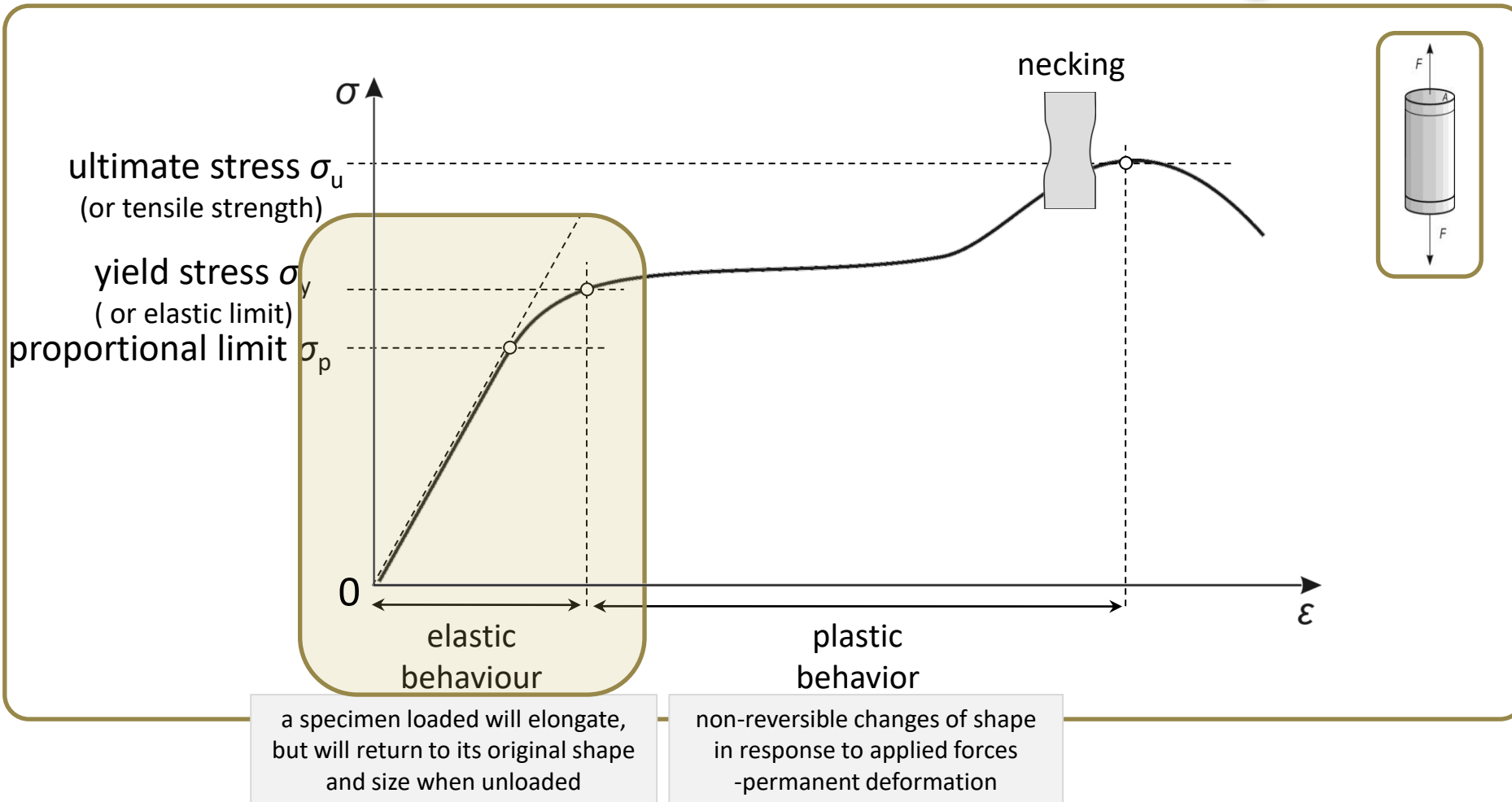
$d$  - thickness

$l$  - distance between supports

$b$  - width



# Tensile stress: the stress-strain diagram



## CLINICAL IMPORTANCE:

If at any point of a material restoration the tensile stress exceeds the yield stress, the restoration will deform permanently!



# Compressive strength

The **compressive strength** of a material is that value of uniaxial *compressive stress* reached when the material fails completely - fractures.

	AMALGAM (High Cu/cut) COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)
30 min	59
1 hour	97
1 day	470

## Compressive strength (MPa)

Amalgam 470

Enamel: 100 – 380 (Young's modulus  
84 GPa)

Dentin: 250 – 350

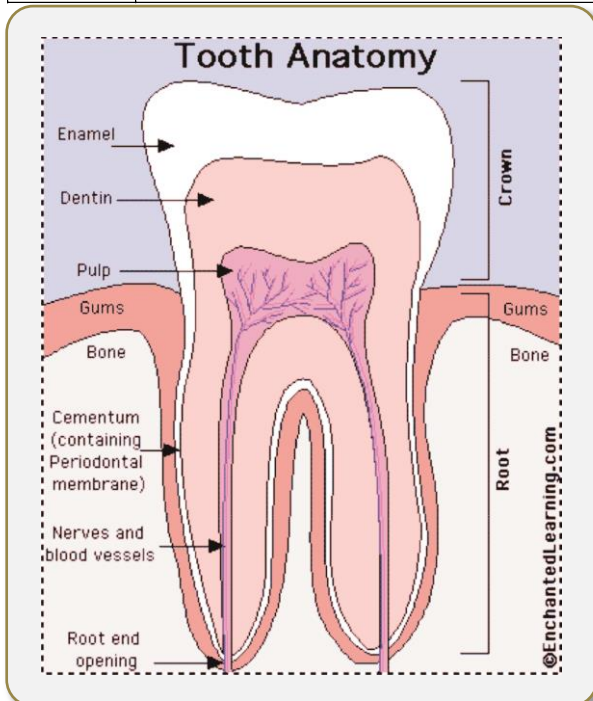
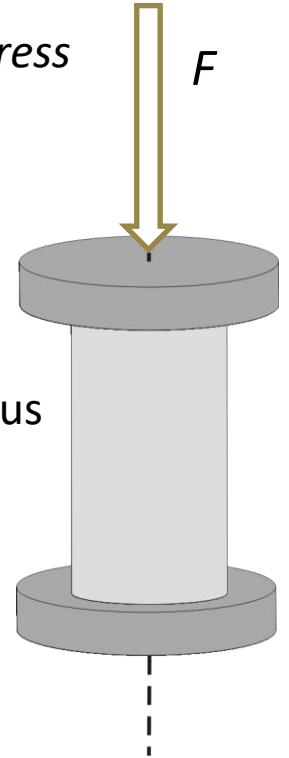
Porcelain 150

Gold: 450

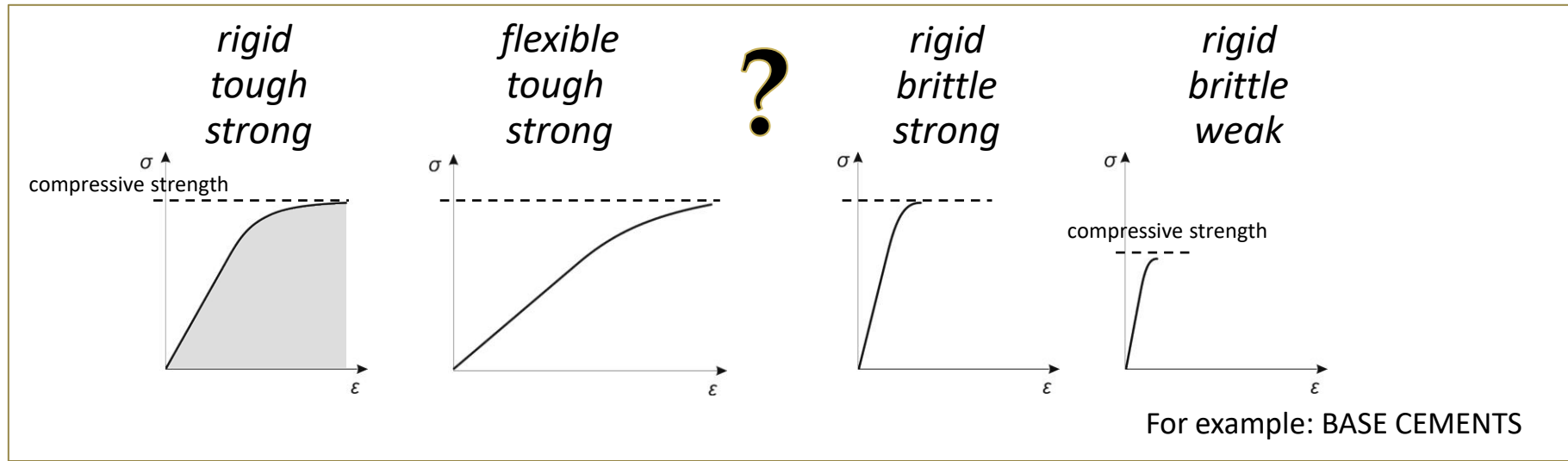
Concrete 50

Policarboxylate cements 80-90

Resin composite 225



# Different types of stress-strain diagrams



- rigid material - a steep slope – high Young's modulus – *advantageous for restorative material*
- tough material – materials capable of absorbing large amount of elastic potential energy before fracture
- brittle material - the fracture of a brittle material is sudden, with little or no plastic deformation
- strong material – is characterized by high value of the compressive or tensile strength.
- flexible material - a shallow slope - low Young's modulus – *advantageous for impression materials*

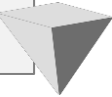
# HARDNESS

## Hardness is used as:

- a measure of ability to resist scratching
- indication of the abrasion resistance of a material (wearing, grinding, or rubbing away by friction)

Hardness of a material is calculated from the size of an impression produced under load by an indenter.

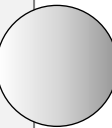
➤ The Vicker hardness test method consists of indenting the test material with a pyramid-shaped diamond indenter.



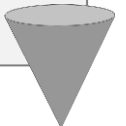
➤ The Knoop hardness test method  
(applies to very brittle materials - microindentation)



➤ The Brinell hardness test method consists of indenting the test material with a 10 mm diameter hardened steel or carbide ball  
(used in engineering and metallurgy)

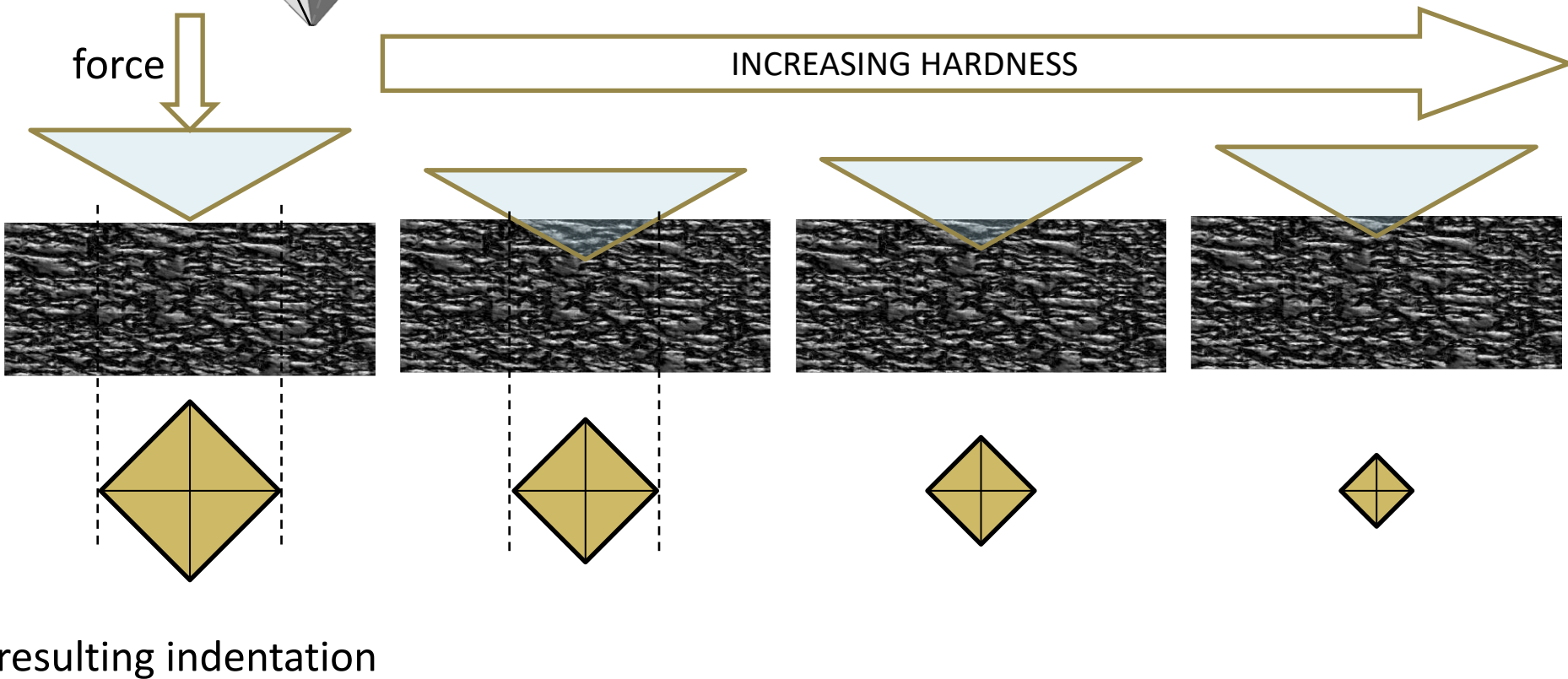
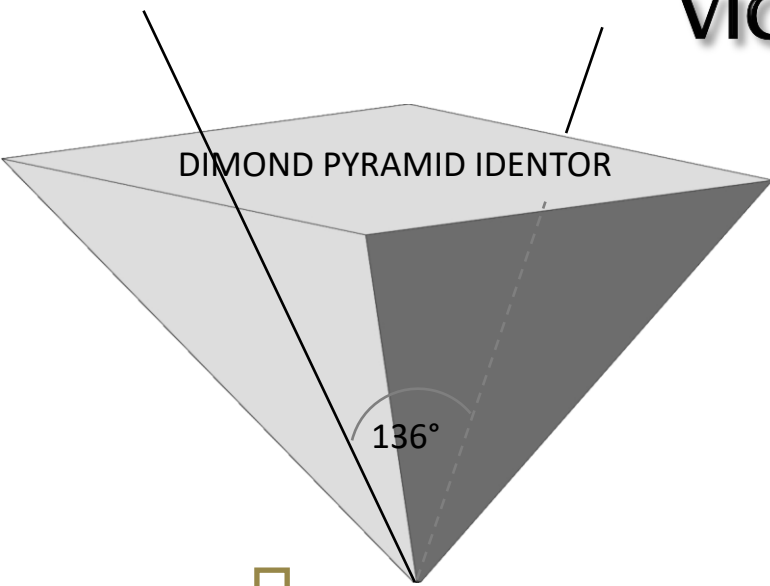


➤ The Rockwell hardness test method consists of indenting the test material with a diamond cone

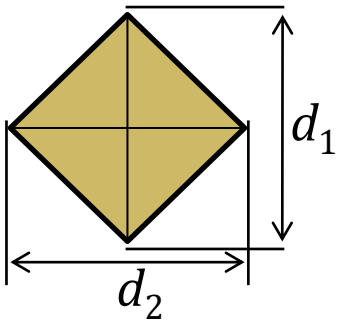


# VICKERS METHOD

Vickers hardness is a measure of the hardness of a material, calculated from the size of an impression produced under load by a pyramid-shaped diamond indenter.



# THE HARDNESS SCALE



$$d = (d_1 + d_2) / 2$$

$$HV = 18.2 \frac{F}{d^2}$$

$d$  in millimeters

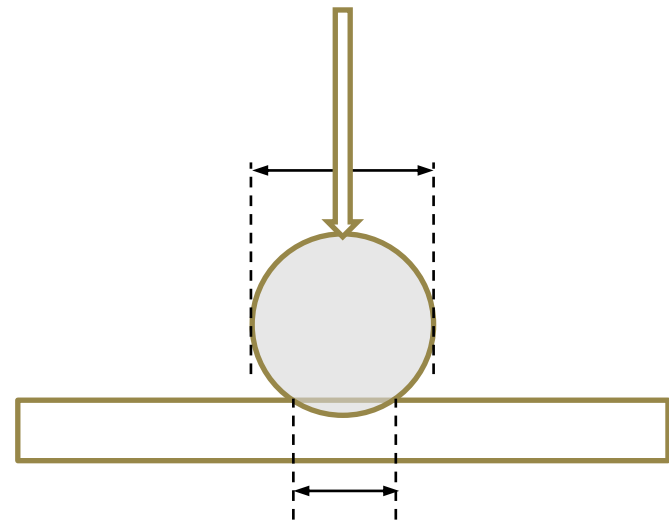
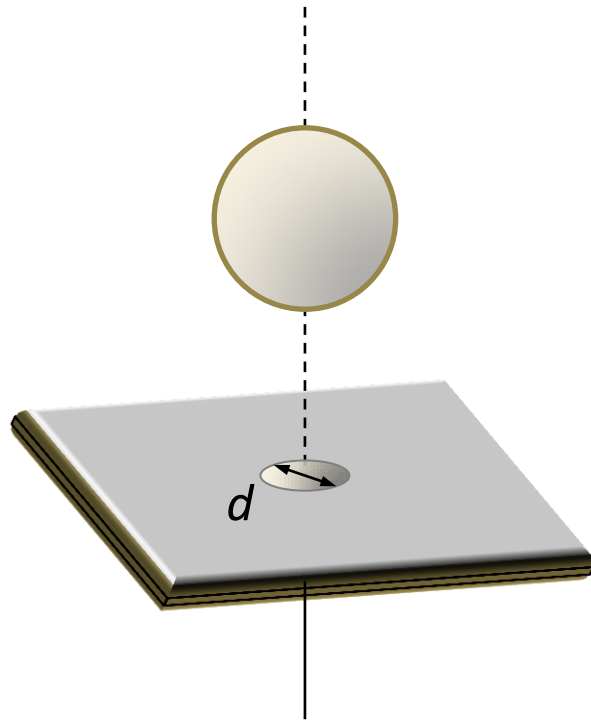
$F$  in newtons

unit HV = N/mm<sup>2</sup> = 1MPa

Material	Vickers hardness number $HV$ (or $VHN$ ) <b>GPa</b>
Porcelain	450
Enamel	350
Dental amalgam	110
Dentine	60
Tooth cement	45
Acrylic resin	20

after: John F. McCabe and Angus W.G. Walls

# THE BRINELL HARDNESS TEST METHOD

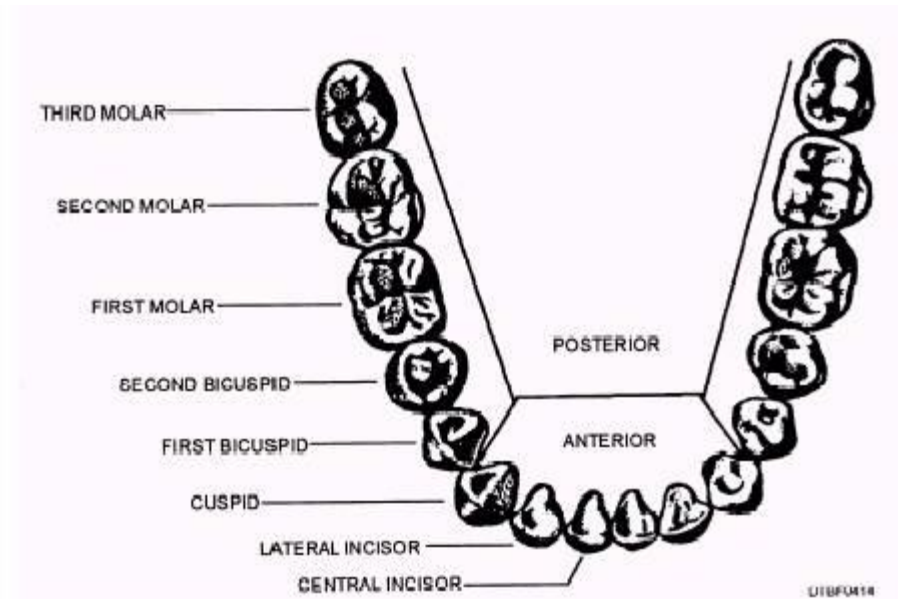


$$BHN = \frac{2F}{\pi D(D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2})}$$



# Some remarks

- ❖ For the restoration of large cavities involving two or more surfaces of a posterior tooth, a strong material with adequate abrasion resistance is required to withstand the large stresses developed in that region of the mouth.



- ❖ For a small interproximal cavity in the anterior region the major factor for consideration may be the abrasion resistance (measured by hardness)
- ❖ When materials are subjected to **direct** masticatory loading they should also be able to resist plastic deformation or creep.

# **CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS ACCORDING THEIR RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

**VISCOELASTICITY**



# RHEOLOGY

RHEOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THE FLOW OF MATERIAL IN RESPONSE TO APPLIED FORCES.

The flow is measured:

- for liquids by the *viscosity*  $\eta$
- for solids by *creep* and the *viscoelastic* properties



## VISCOELASTICITY

IS THE PROPERTY OF MATERIALS THAT EXHIBIT BOTH ELASTIC AND VISCOUS CHARACTERISTICS WHEN UNDERGOING ACTION OF FORCES.

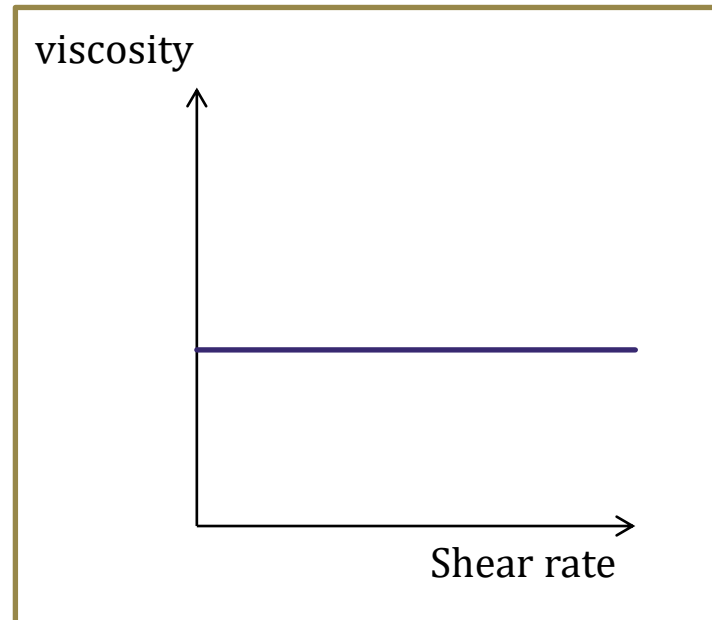
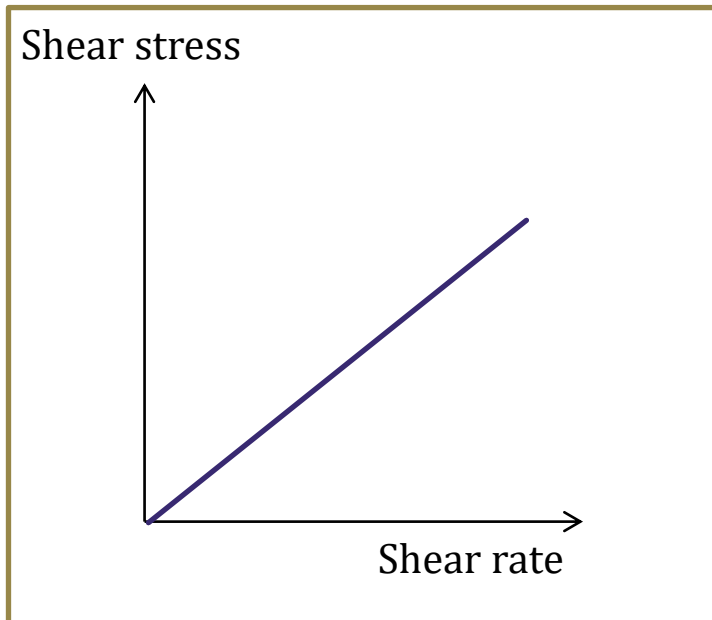
- ❖ The rheological properties of materials are important as they have great influence on the handling characteristics of materials!

# FLUIDS AND VISCOSITY

## ❖ NEWTONIAN FLUIDS

$$F = \eta A \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} \quad \frac{F}{A} = \eta \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x}$$

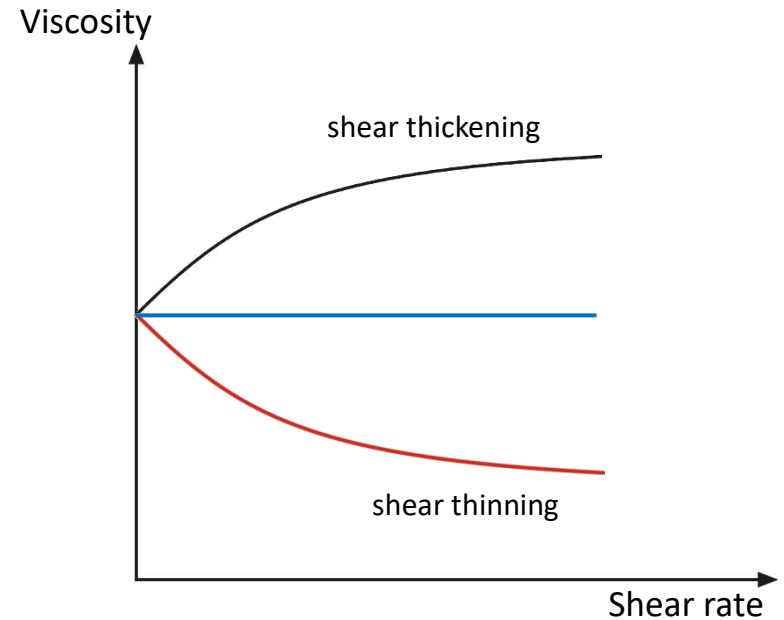
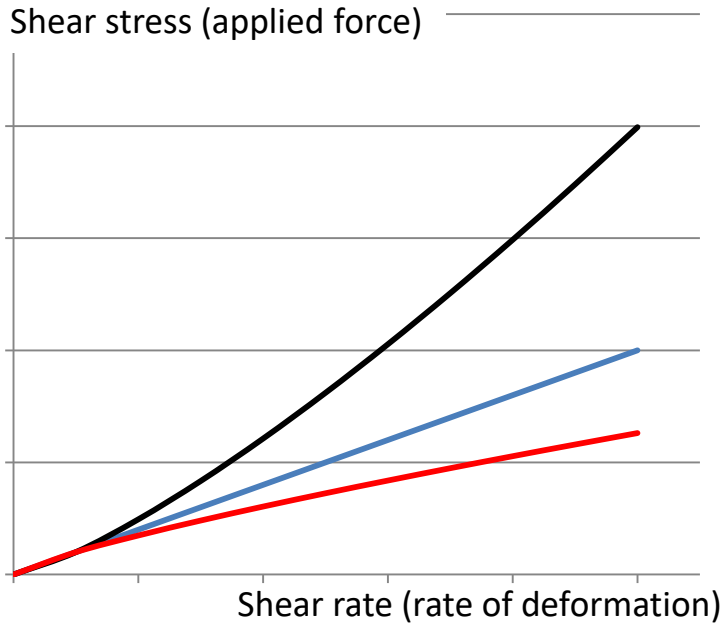
SHEAR STRESS = VISCOSITY × SHEAR RATE



# NON-NEWTONIAN FLUIDS

$$\text{SHEAR STRESS} = \text{VISCOSITY} \times (\text{SHEAR RATE})^n$$

$n$  – flow index



## **Dilatant ( $n > 1$ ) – shear thickening**

- the more effort you put into stirring a dilatant material, the more resistant it becomes to stirring; typically the dilatant materials are pastes made up of a high concentration of solids (polymers, metal or oxides) dispersed in liquid

## **Pseudoplastic ( $n < 1$ ) – shear thinning**

the more effort you put into stirring a pseudo-plastic material becomes easier to mix (silicone impression materials)

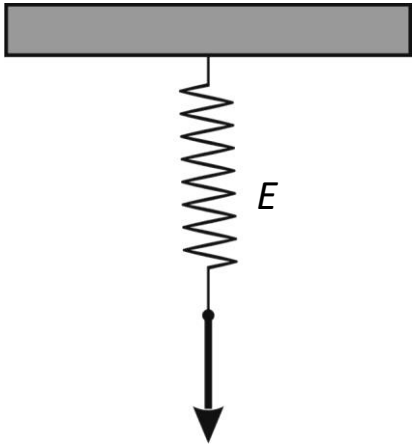
## **Newtonian fluids $n = 1$**



# VISCOELASTICITY

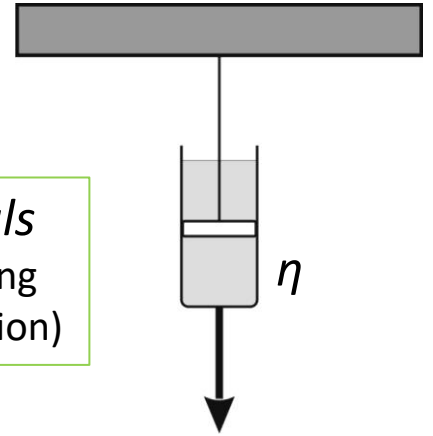
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$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$



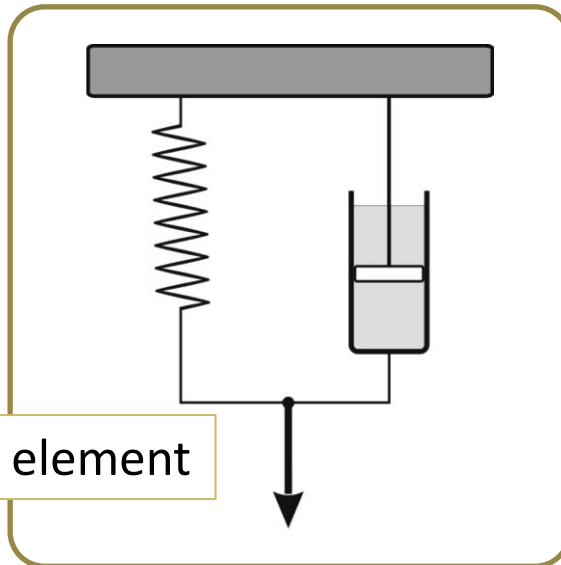
*Elastic materials*  
(i.e. materials undergoing full elastic recovery)

*Viscous materials*  
(materials undergoing permanent deformation)

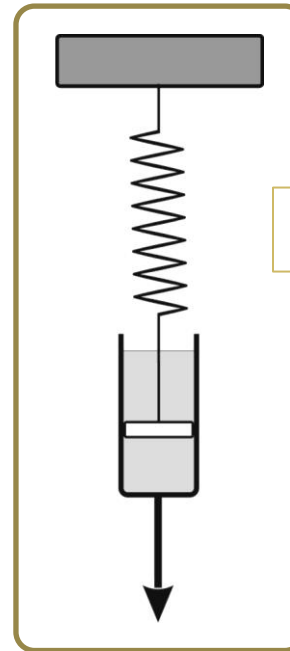


## VISCO-ELASTIC MATERIALS

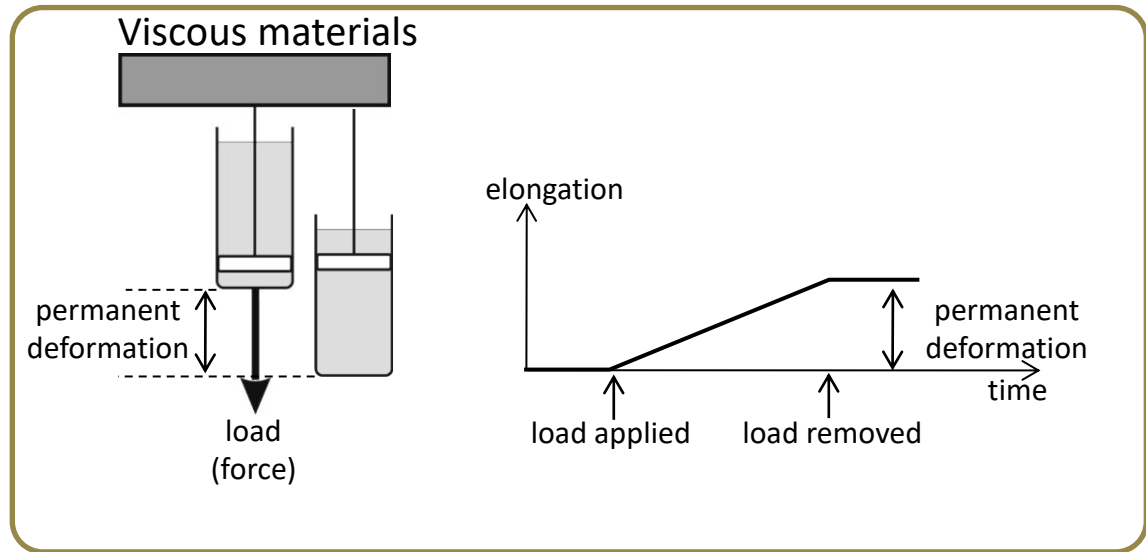
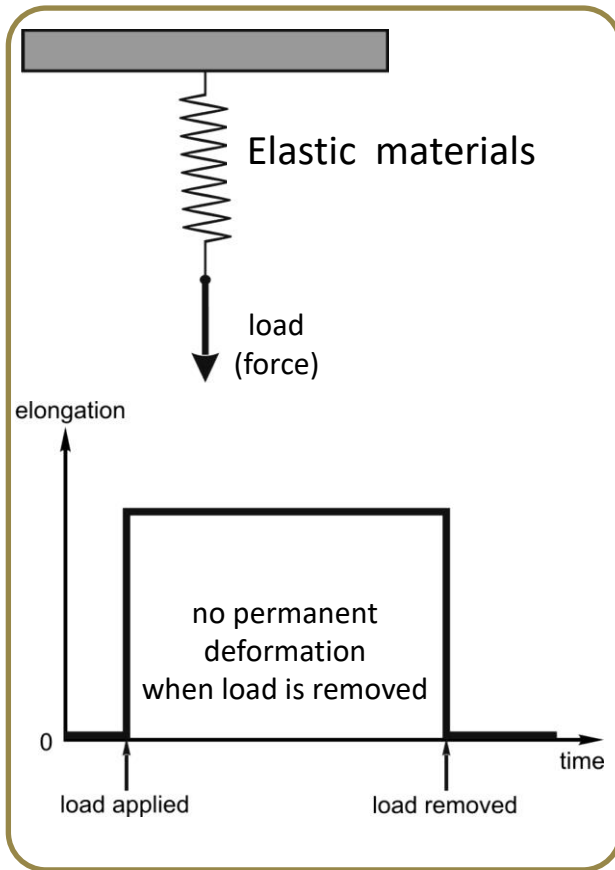
Kelvin-Voigt element



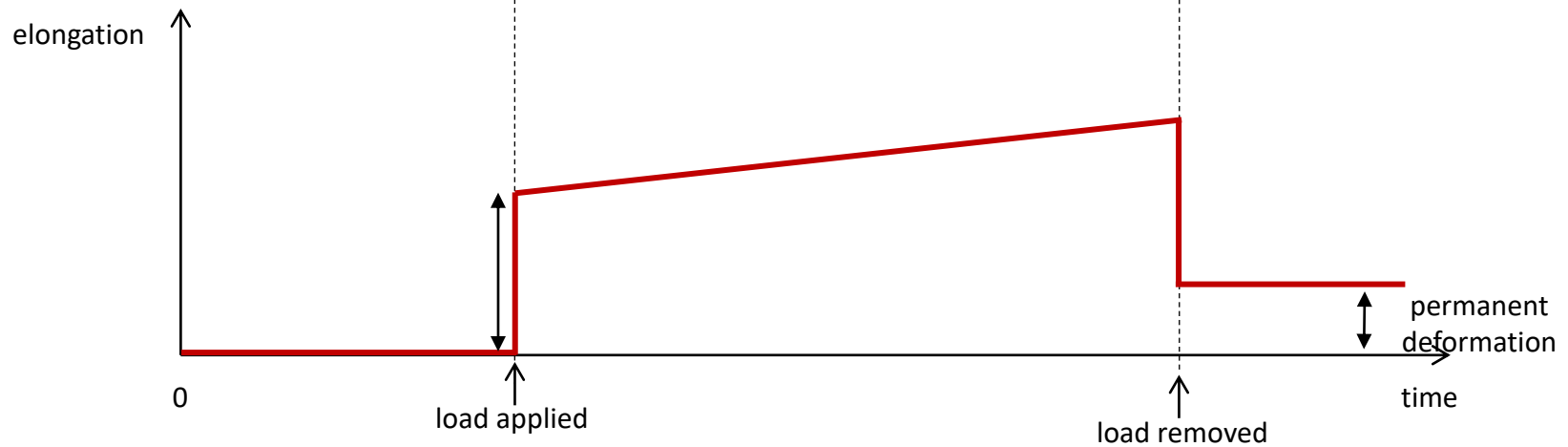
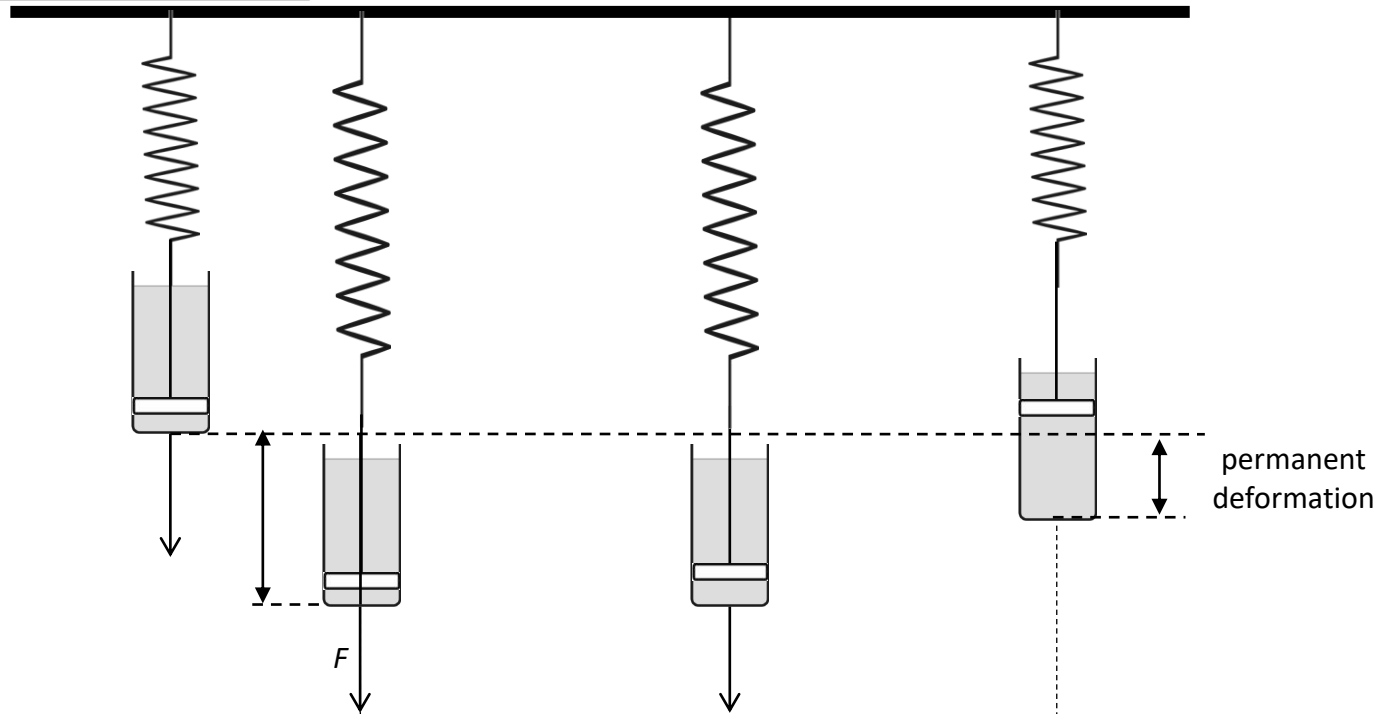
Maxwell element



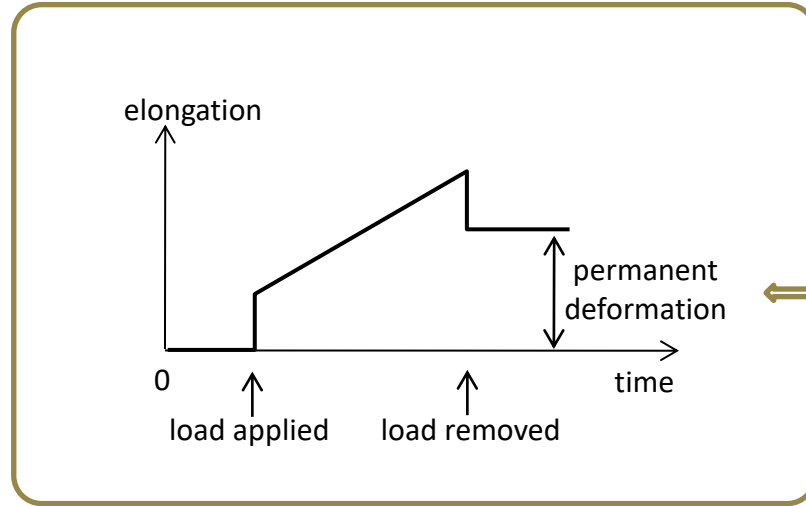
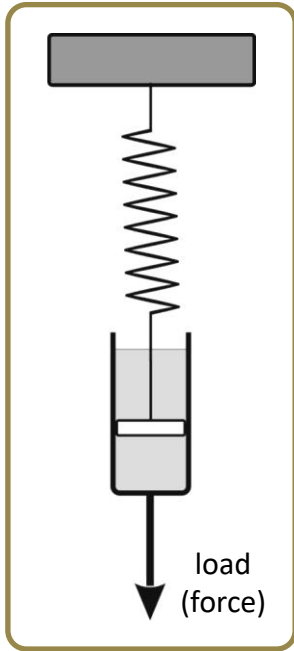
# ISOTONIC CONDITIONS – CONSTANT LOAD



# The Maxwell Element

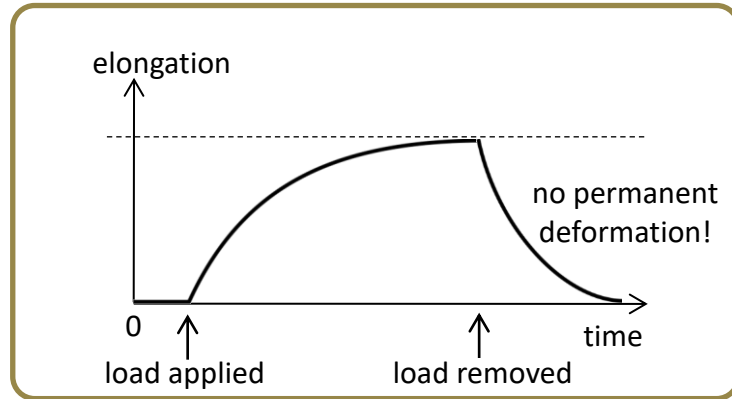
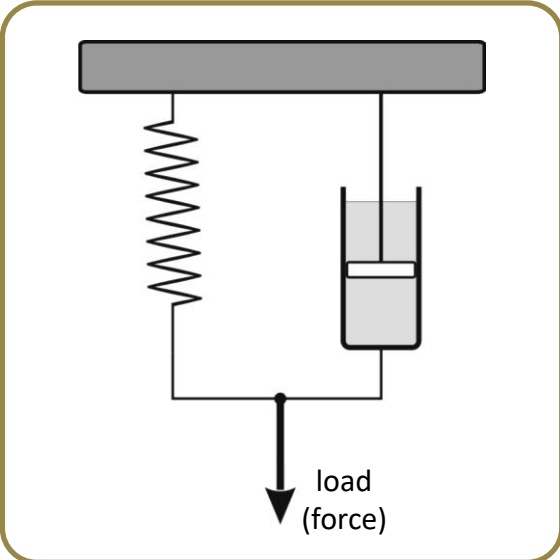


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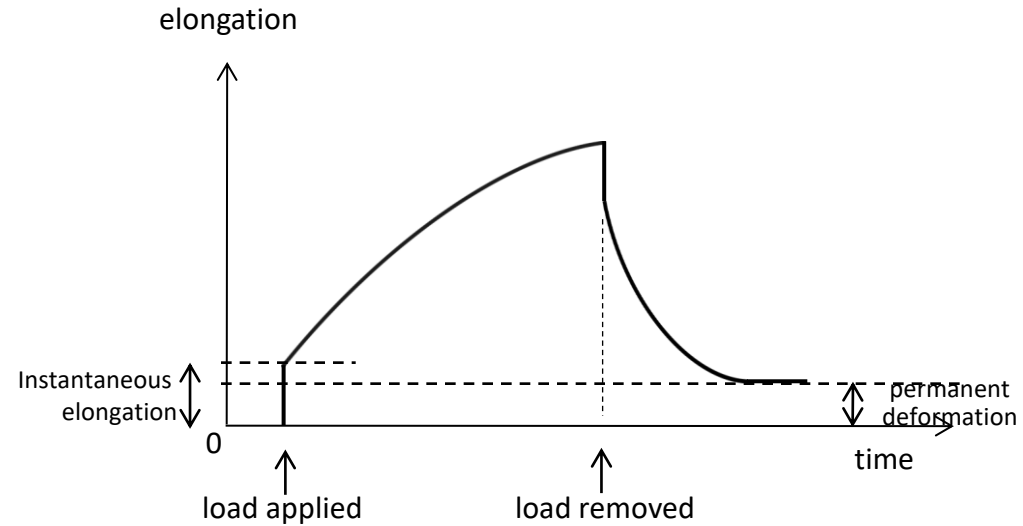
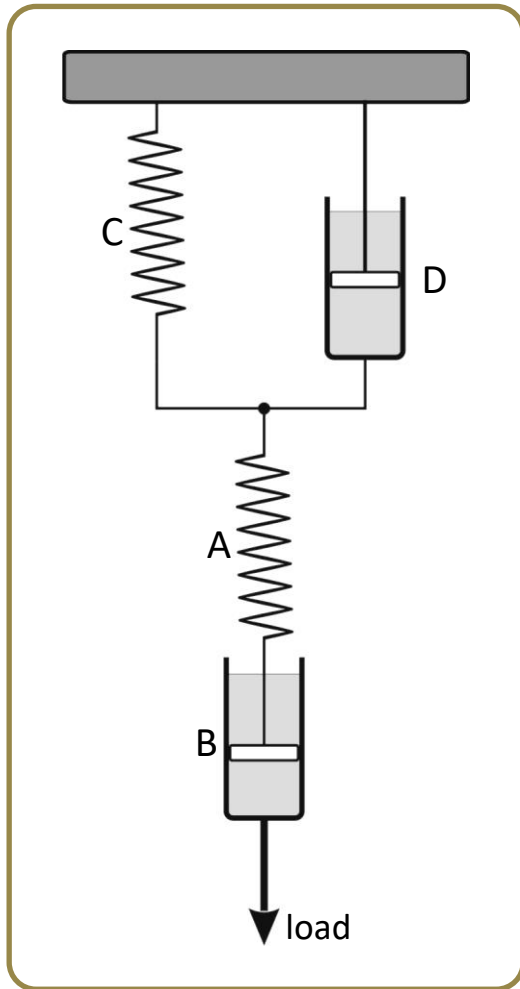


THE MAGNITUDE OF PERMANENT DEFORMATION IS A FUNCTION OF TIME!

## The Kelvin-Voigt Element



## Combination of the Maxwell and Kelvin-Voigt element



### CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A NUMBER OF DENTAL IMPRESSION MATERIALS EXHIBIT VISCOELASTIC PROPERTIES. SUCH MATERIALS MAY BE DISTORTED DURING REMOVAL FROM MOUTH (ELASTOMERIC IMPRESSION MATERIALS)

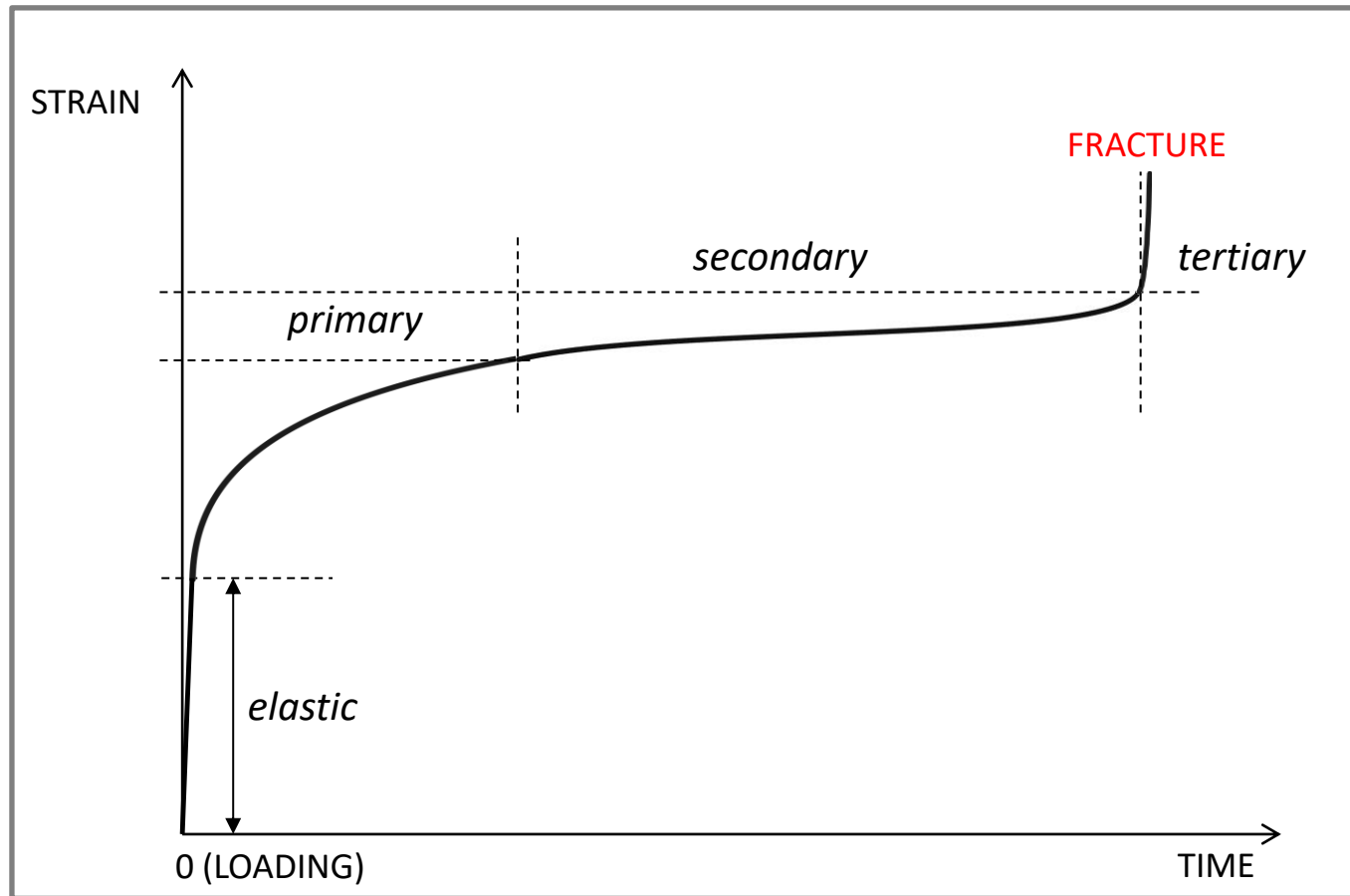
THE DEGREE OF DEFORMATION DEPENDS ON THE:

- FORCE APPLIED,
- TIME (!) FOR WHICH THE FORCE IS APPLIED.



# CREEP

- time dependent deformation under constant stress



If a load on a material being tested is applied for time long enough a permanent deformation may occur even though the stress on the material is below the yield stress (the elastic limit)!

CREEP CAN BE A PRECURSOR TO FRACTURE OF A MATERIAL!

# AS A SAMPLE MATERIAL IS SUBJECTED TO TENSILE STRESS THE REDUCTION IN DIAMETER OCCURS

THICKNESS VS. LENGTH:

## POISSON'S RATIO

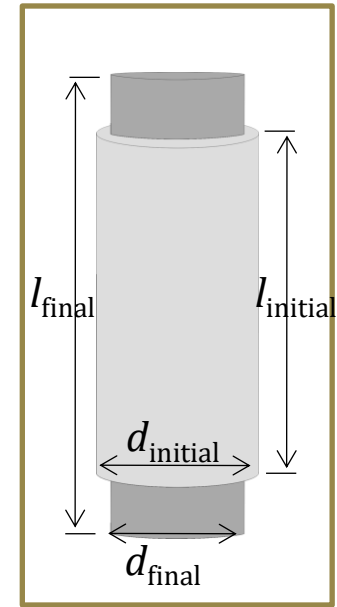
The ratio of *transverse strain*  $\epsilon_{trans.}$  (measure of the decrease in thickness) of a body being pulled (under a tensile force) to its *axial strain* (measure of the increase in length, extension).

$$\epsilon_{trans.} = \frac{d_{initial} - d_{final}}{d_{initial}}$$

$$\epsilon_{axial} = \frac{l_{initial} - l_{final}}{l_{initial}}$$

POISSON'S RATIO:

$$\nu = -\frac{\epsilon_{trans.}}{\epsilon_{axial}}$$



Concrete	0.1 - 0.2
Enamel	0.33
Rubber	~0.5

**NECKING:**

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-reduced cross-section in localised region



local inhomogeneity,  
local variation in  
dimensions

## Example: Poisson ratio for rubber

$$\varepsilon_{trans.} = \frac{d_{initial} - d_{final}}{d_{initial}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{trans.} = \frac{d_{initial} - 0.5 d_{initial}}{d_{initial}} = 0.5$$

$$\varepsilon_{axial} = \frac{l_{initial} - l_{final}}{l_{initial}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{axial} = \frac{l_{initial} - 2l_{initial}}{l_{initial}} = -1$$

$$\nu = -\frac{\varepsilon_{trans.}}{\varepsilon_{axial}} = -\frac{0.5}{-1} = 0.5$$

