



**17.02.2019 – Week 2**

# Materials Characterization

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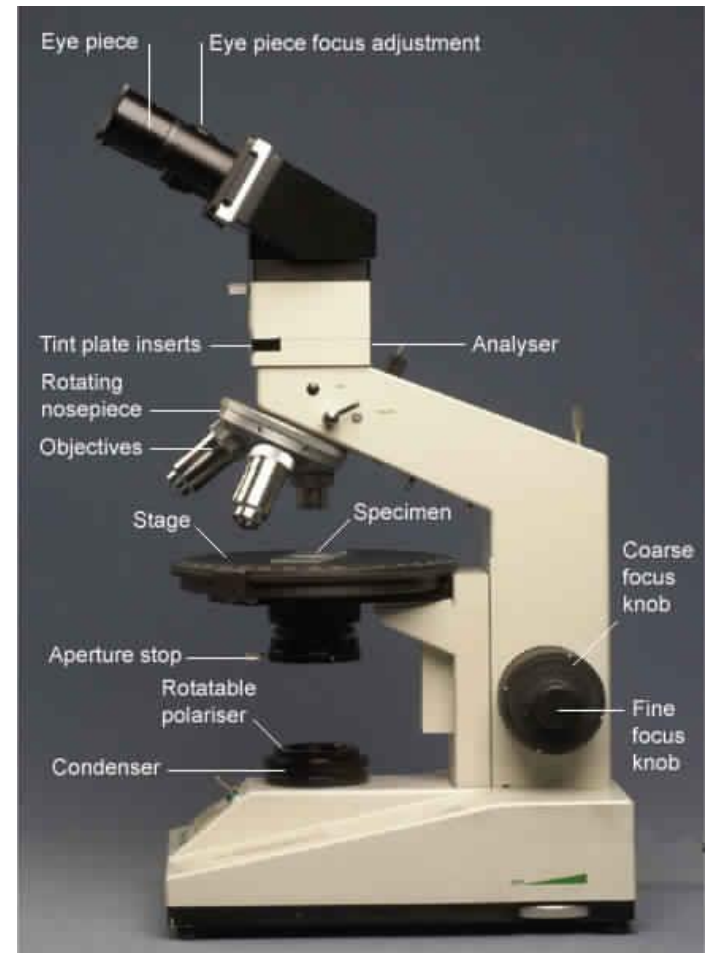
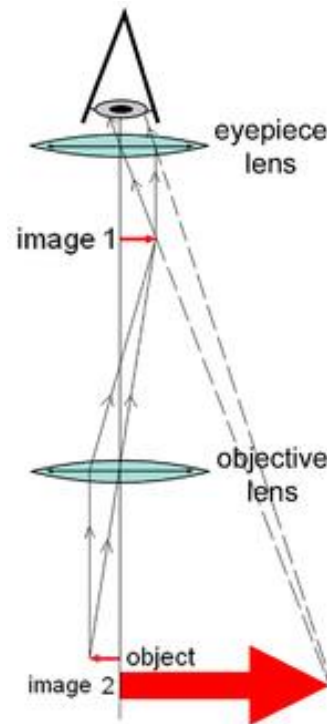


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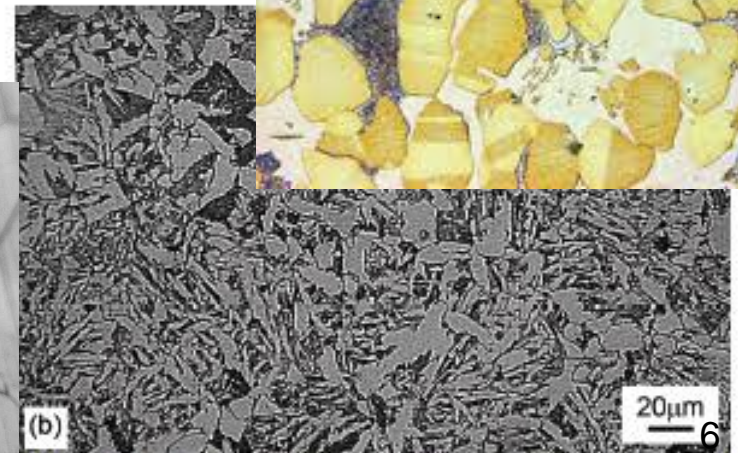
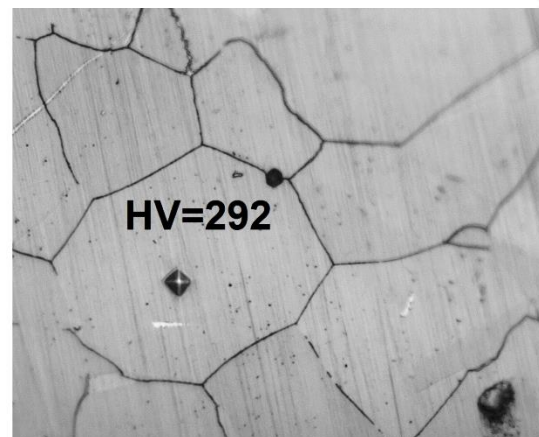
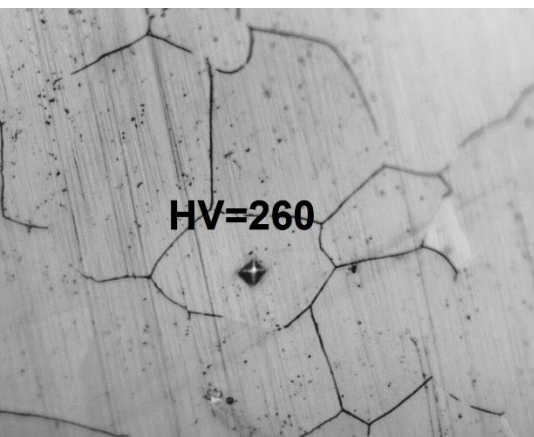
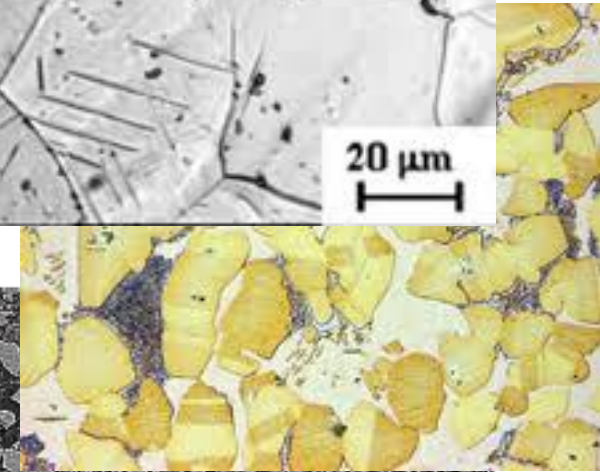
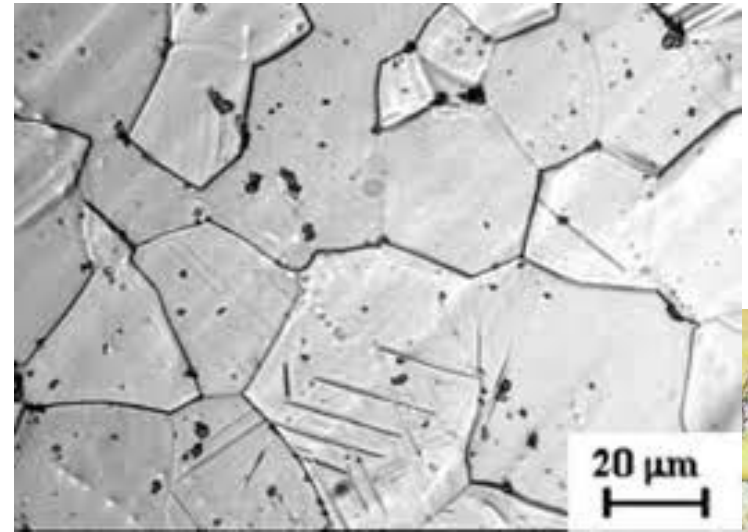
- Materials Characterization via microscopes
- Strain gauges
- Ductile & Brittle Failure
- Temperature effects on the mechanical properties

# Optical microscopy (OM)

- Logical Max. zoom is 1000x.
- Characterizes the optical microstructure
- Sample dimensions!



# Optical microscopy (OM)



Microstructure of samples (a) normalized and (b) air cooled (Nital 2% etching).

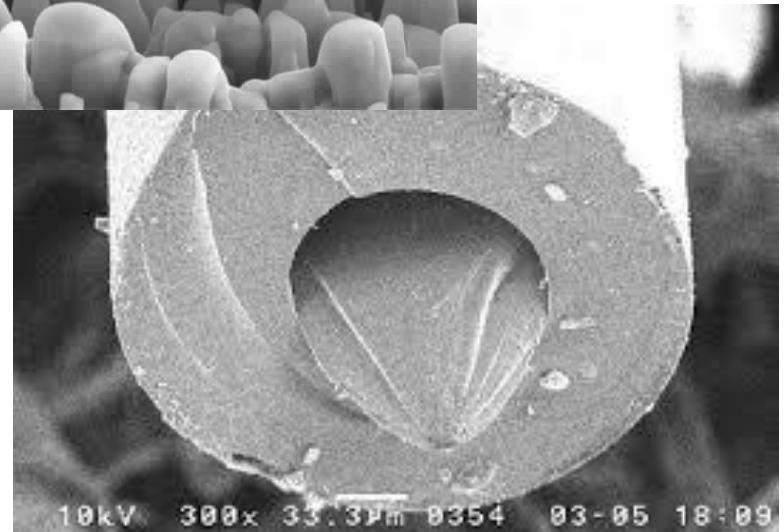
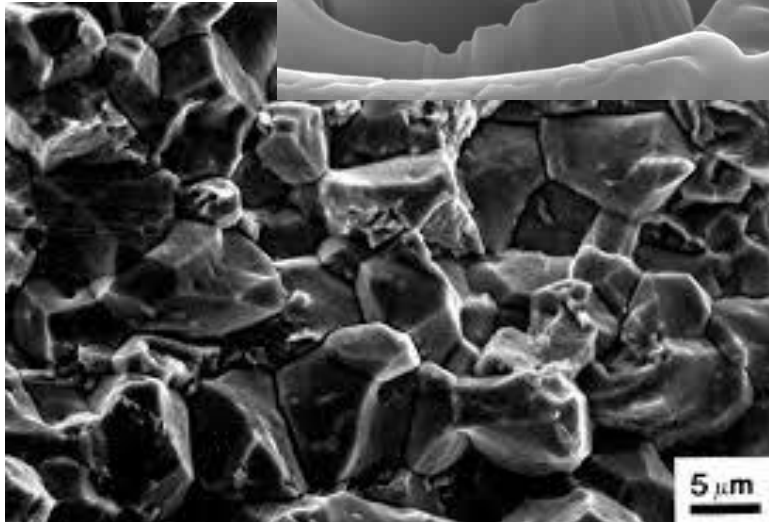
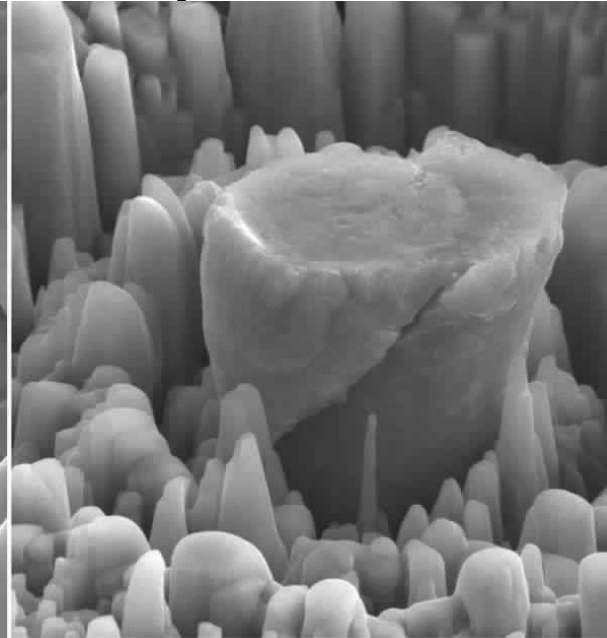
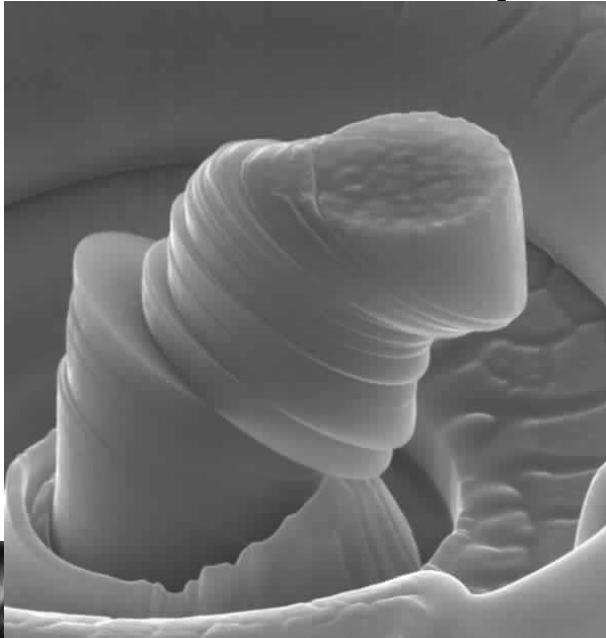
# Scanning Electron microscopy (SEM)

Logical  
max. zoom  
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Sample  
dimensions  
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# Scanning Electron microscopy (SEM)





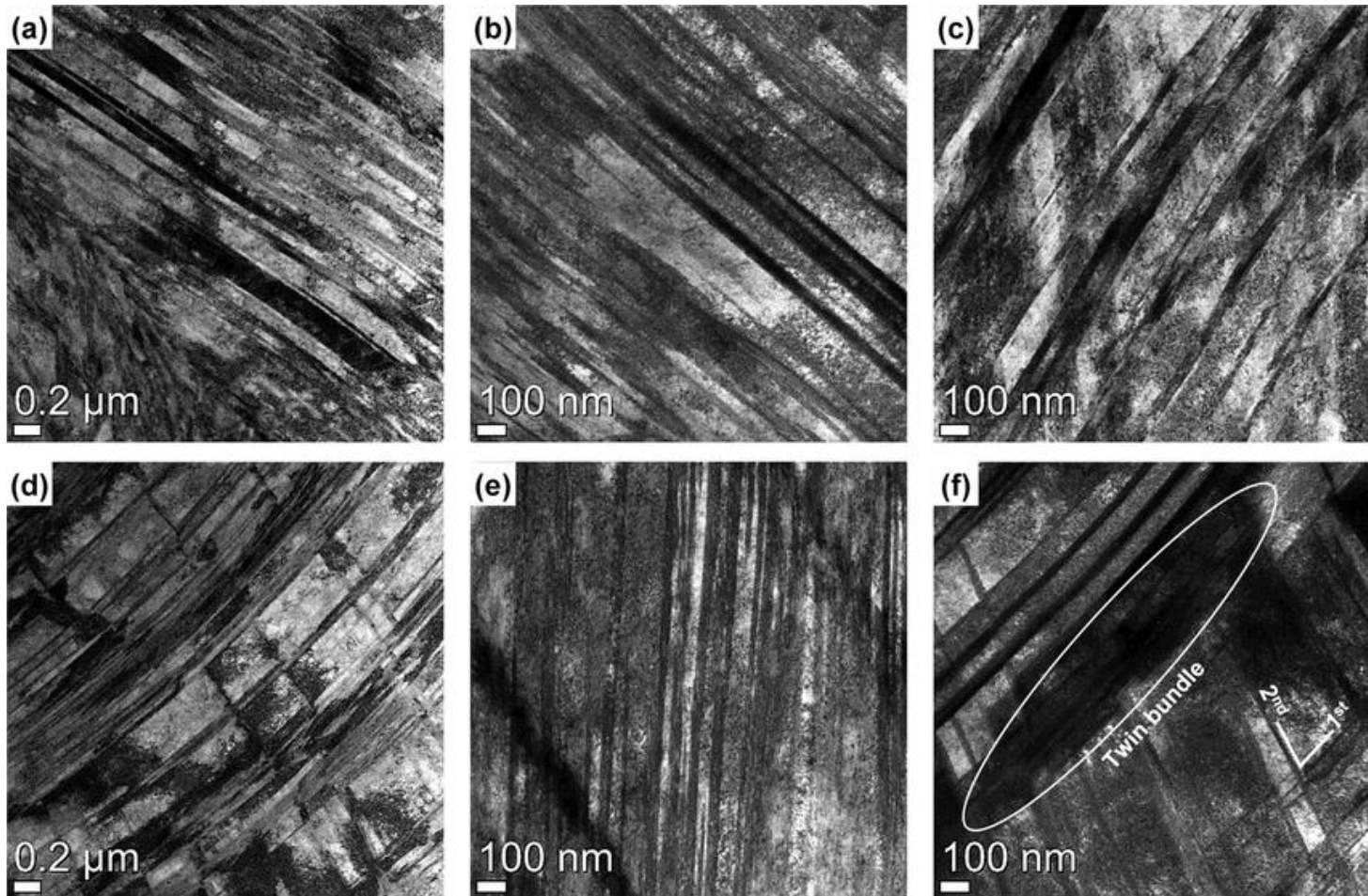
# Transmission Electron microscopy (TEM)

Logical max. zoom !

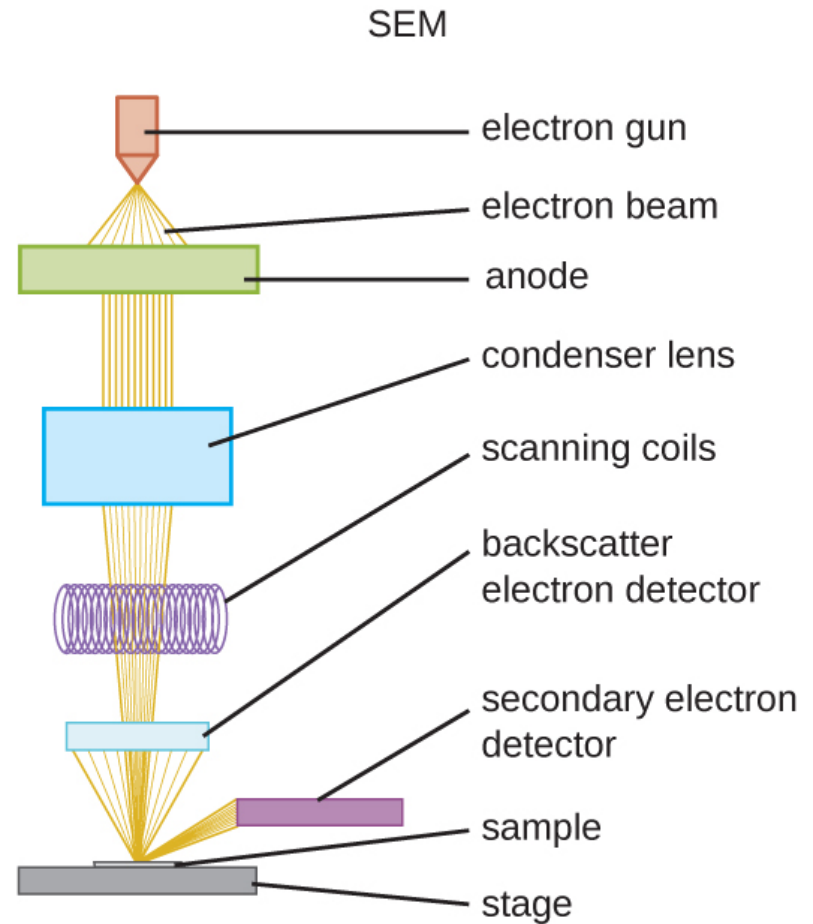
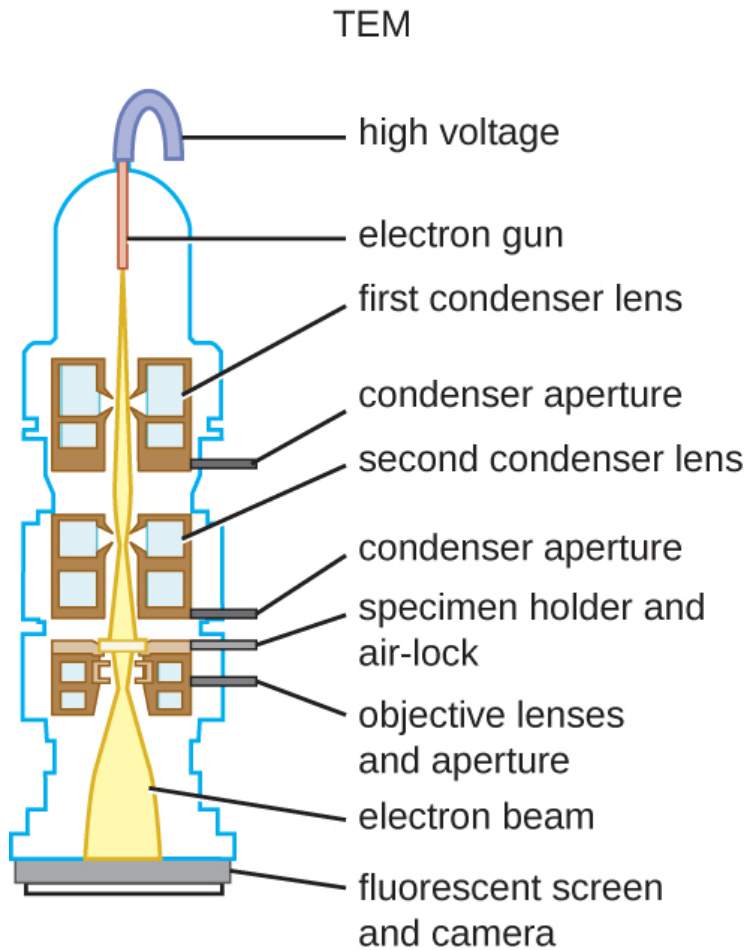
Sample dimensions !



# Transmission Electron microscopy (TEM)



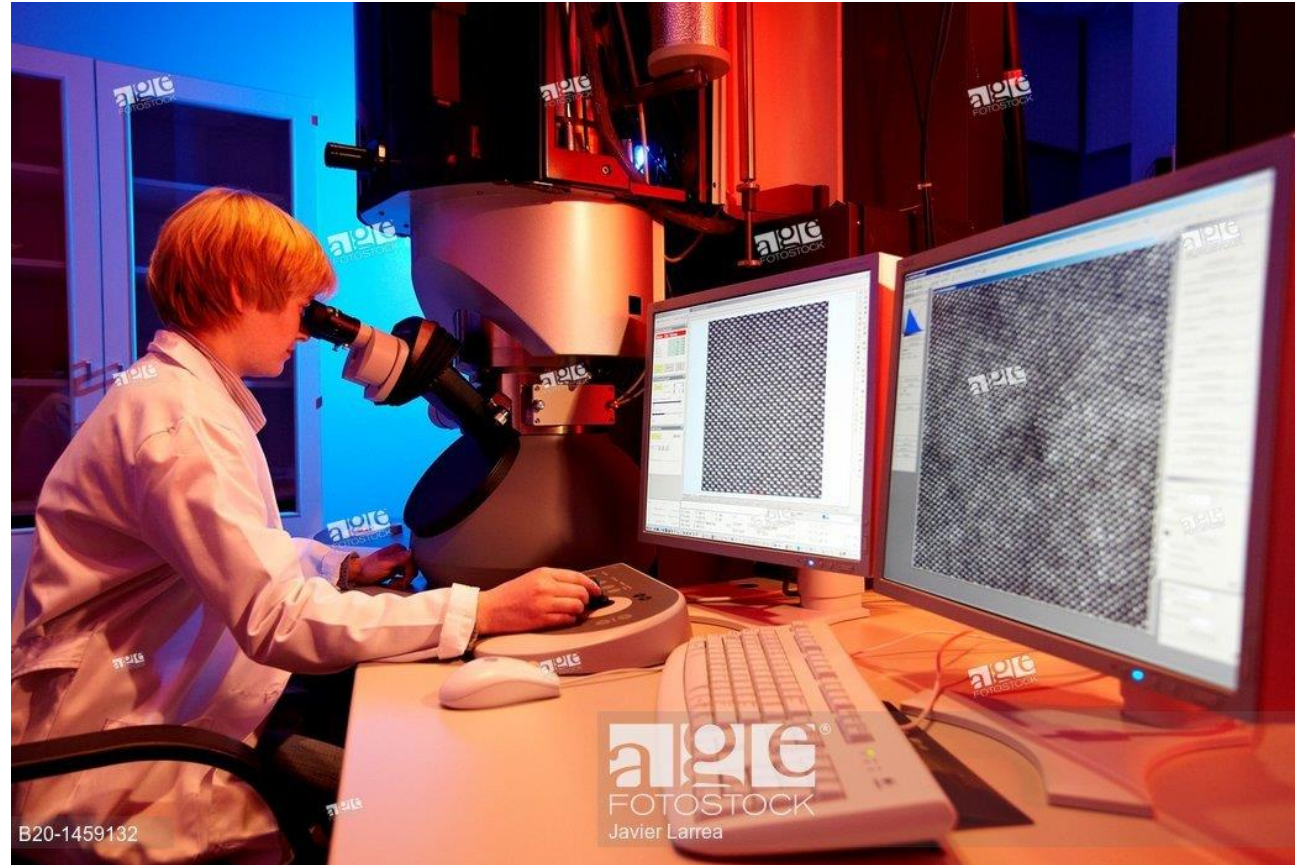
# TEM vs. SEM



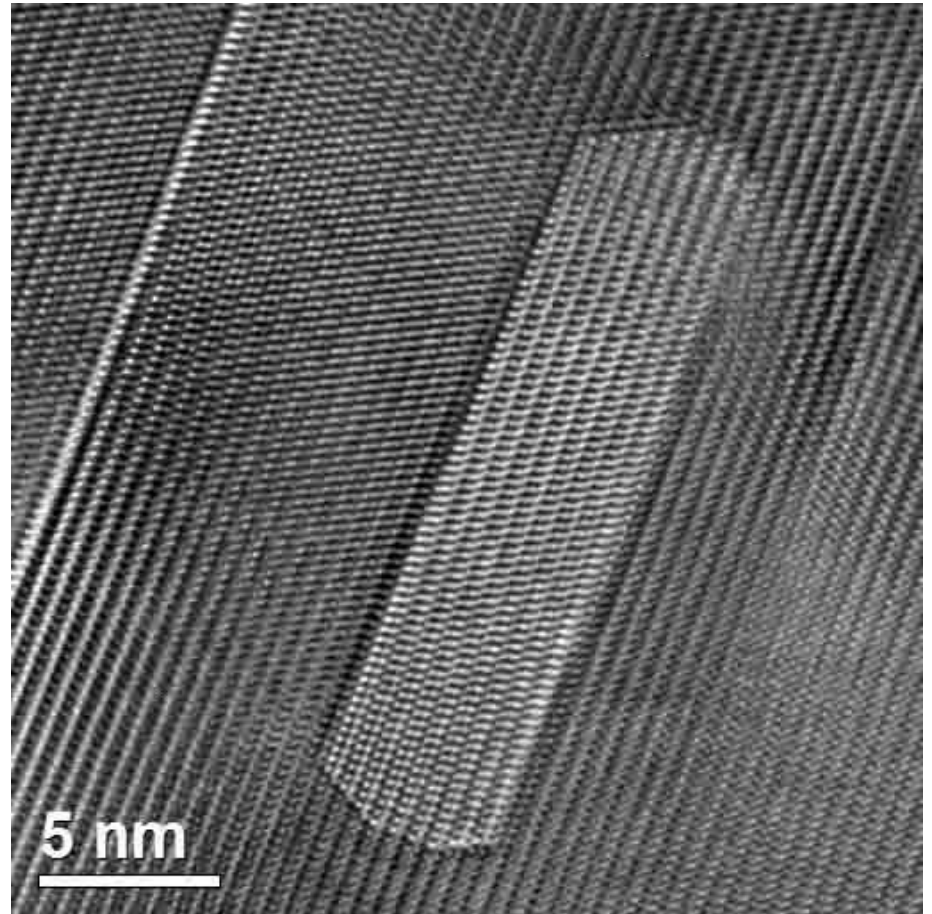
# High Resolution Transmission Electron microscopy (HRTEM)

Max. zoom  
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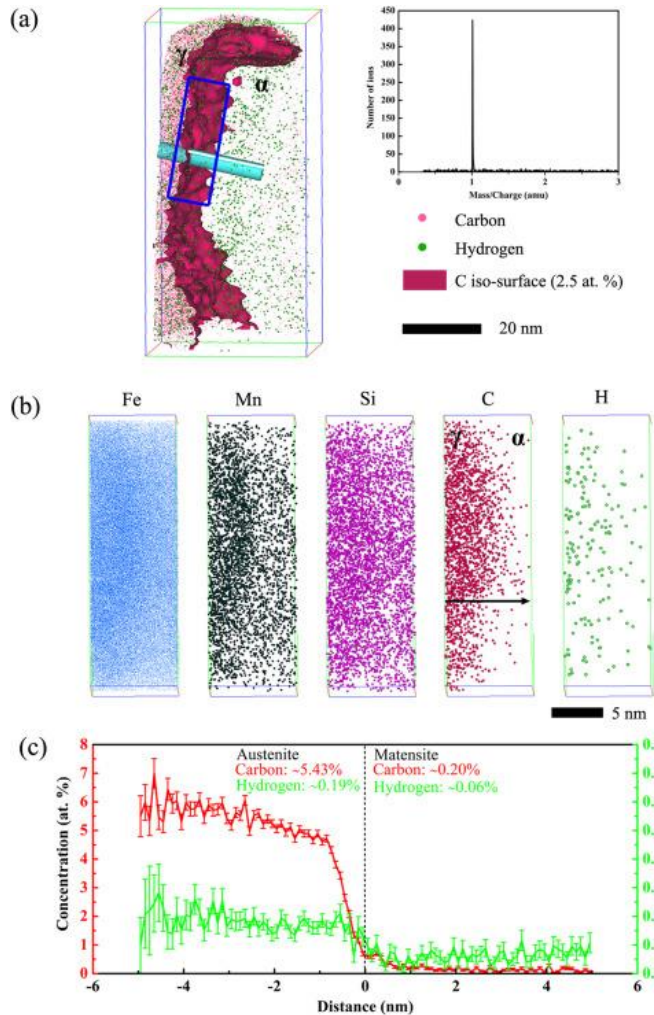
Sample  
dimensions  
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# High Resolution Transmission Electron microscopy (HRTEM)



# 3D atomic probe tomography (3DAPT)



# Comparison between OM, SEM & TEM

Source: Metals Handbook, vol.10, ASM

	<b>Optical microscope</b>	<b>Scanning electron microscope</b>	<b>Transmission electron microscope</b>
<b>Emission</b>	<b>Light</b>	<b>Electron beam</b>	<b>Electron beam</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>Atmosphere</b>	<b>Vacuum <math>&lt;10^{-4}</math> Pa</b>	<b>Vacuum <math>&lt;10^{-5}</math> Pa</b>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>~ 200 nm</b>	<b>Approx. 5 nm</b>	<b>Approx. 0.14 nm</b>
<b>Contrast</b>	<b>Absorption reflection</b>	<b>Secondary electron effect</b>	<b>Scattering / diffraction</b>
<b>Lens</b>	<b>Optical glass lens</b>	<b>Electromagnetic lens</b>	<b>Electromagnetic lens</b>
<b>Depth of focus</b>	<b>Shallow</b>	<b>Very deep</b>	<b>Deep</b>
<b>Magnification change method</b>	<b>Lens replacement</b>	<b>Scanning width</b>	<b>Excitation of magnifying lenses</b>
<b>Specimen thickness</b>	<b>Usually 0.5 <math>\mu</math>m min.</b>	<b>Usually 10 mm max.</b>	<b>Usually 1 <math>\mu</math>m max.</b>
<b>Specimen preparation</b>	<b>Easy</b>	<b>Relatively easy</b>	<b>No easy</b>

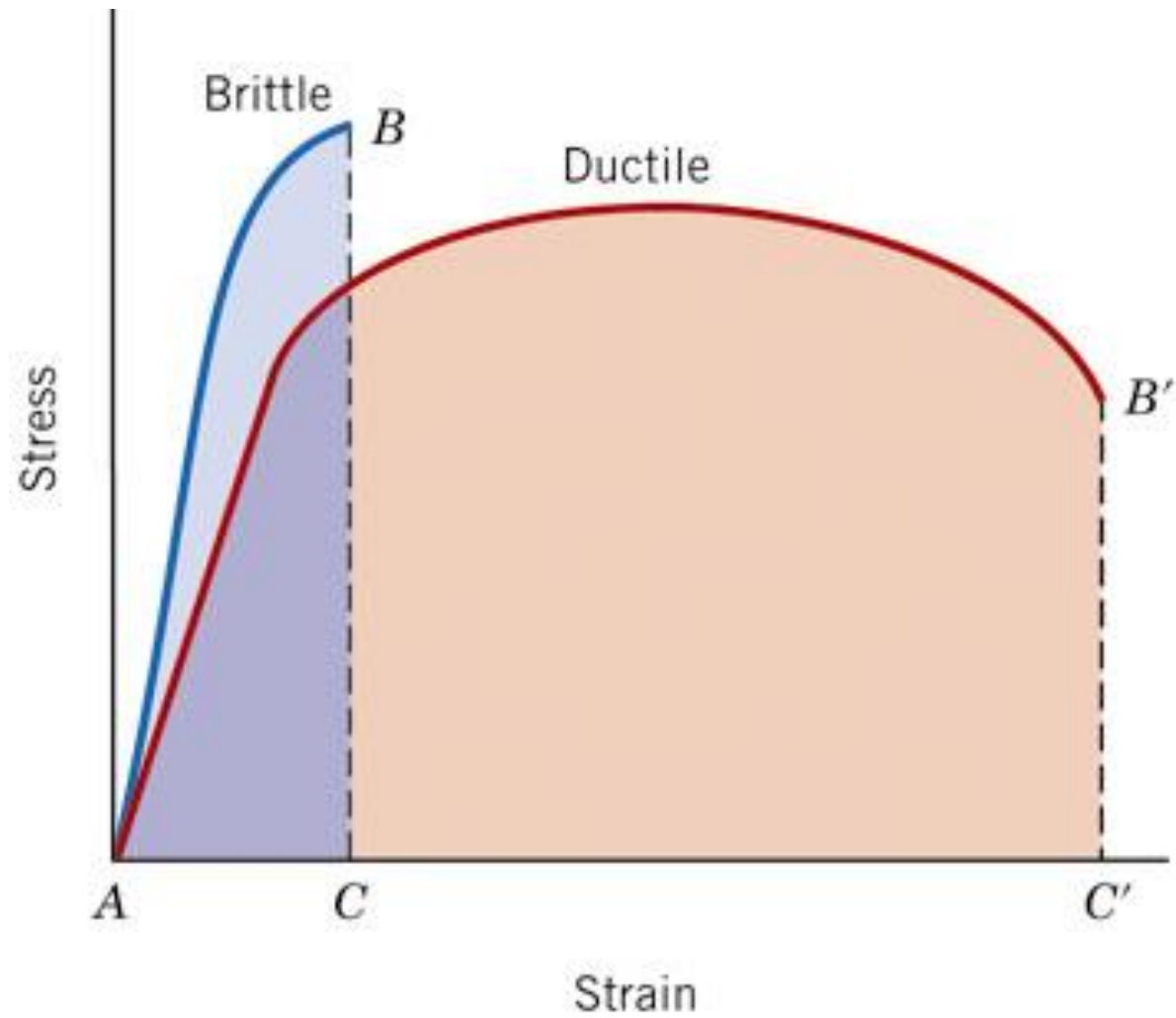
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# Ductile & Brittle Failure

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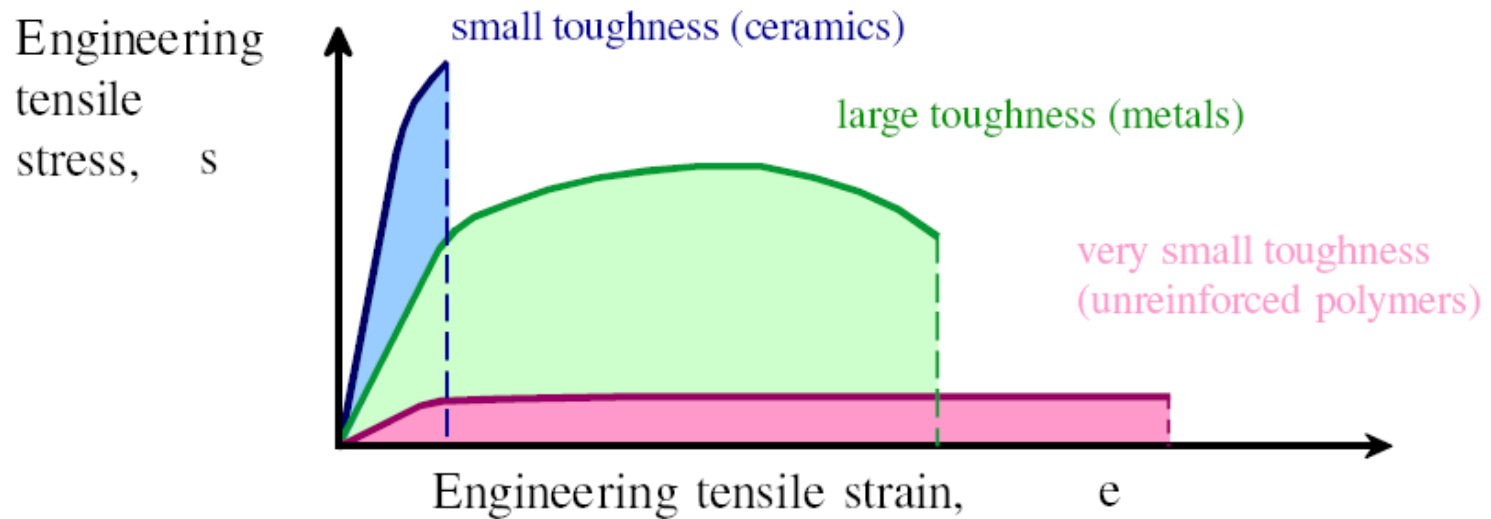


# Brittle 'vs' Ductile



# Toughness

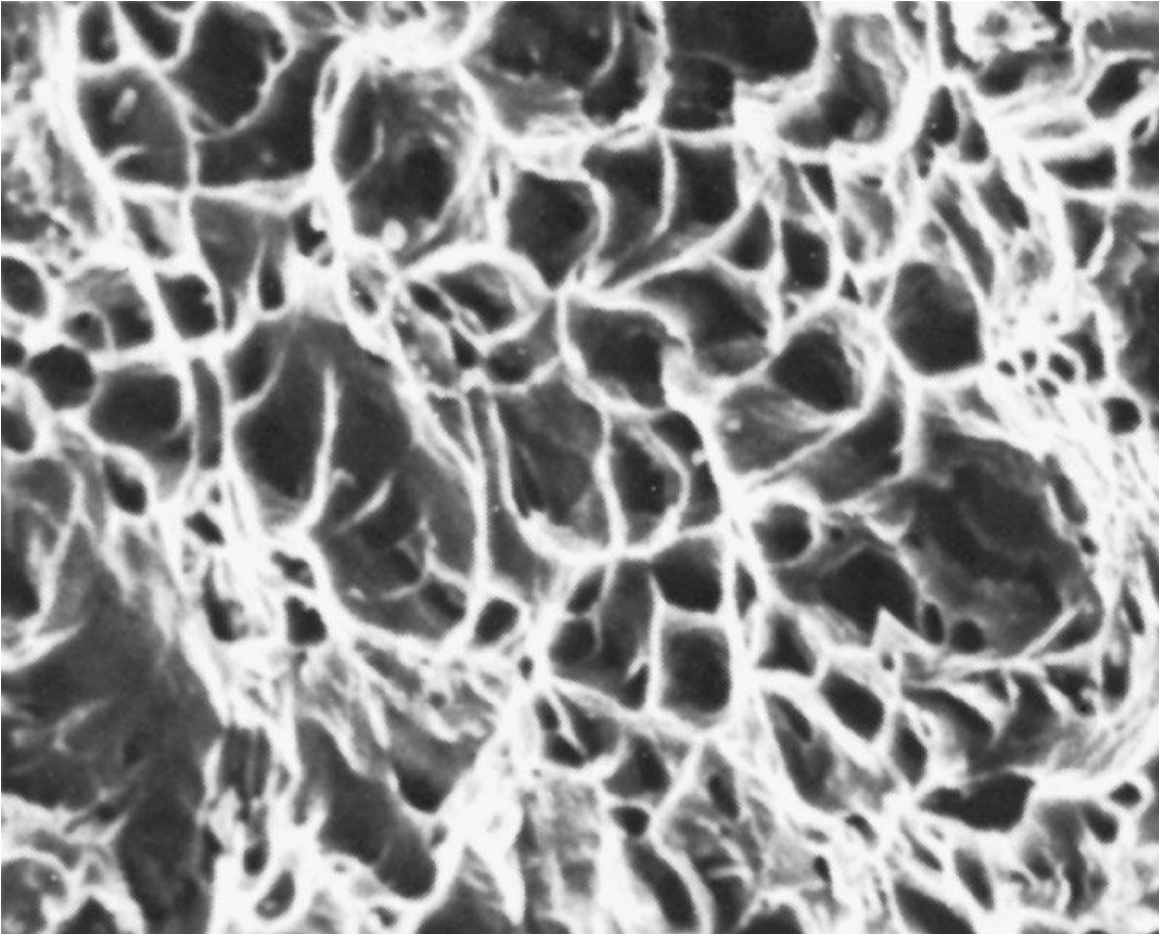
- Energy to break a unit volume of material
- Approximate by the area under the stress-strain curve.



Brittle fracture: elastic energy

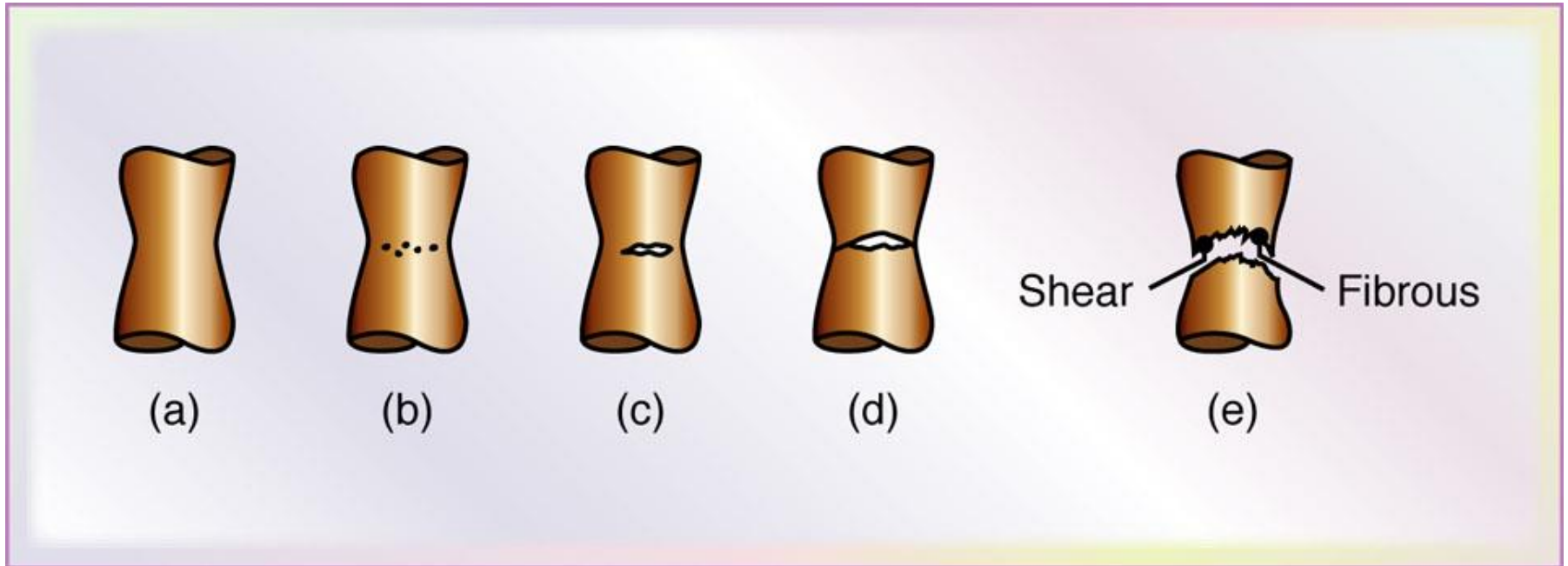
Ductile fracture: elastic + plastic energy

# Ductile Fracture in Low-carbon Steel



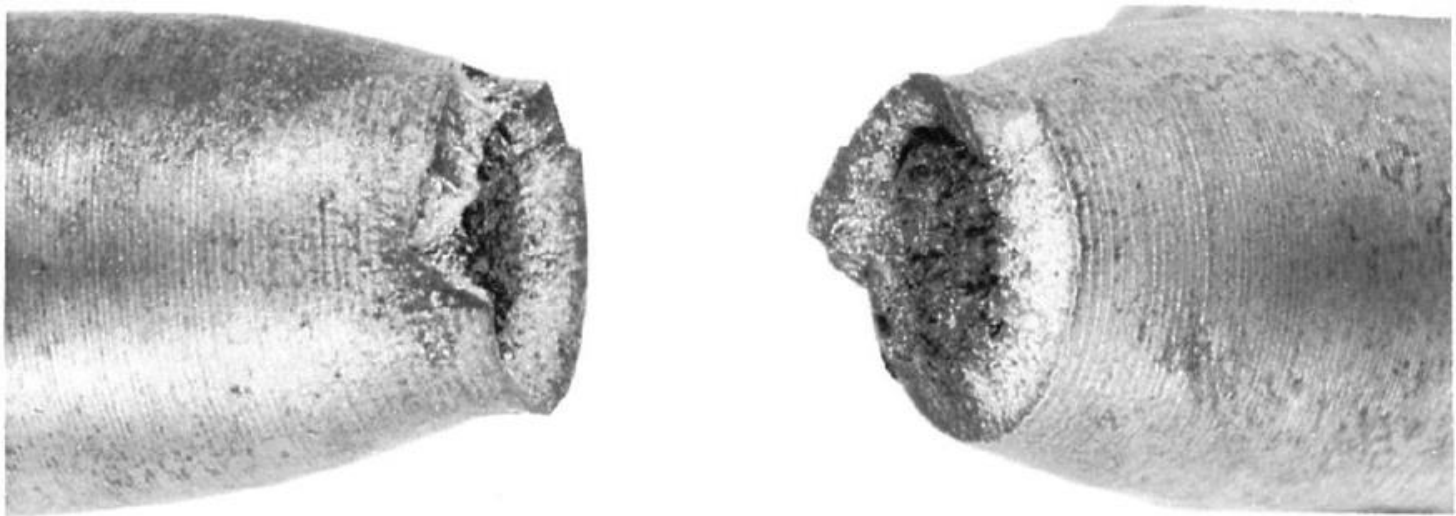
Surface of ductile fracture in low carbon steel, showing dimples. Fracture usually is initiated at impurities, inclusions, or preexisting voids (microporosity) in the metal. *Source:* Courtesy of K. H. Habig and D. Klaffke

# Progression of a ductile Fracture



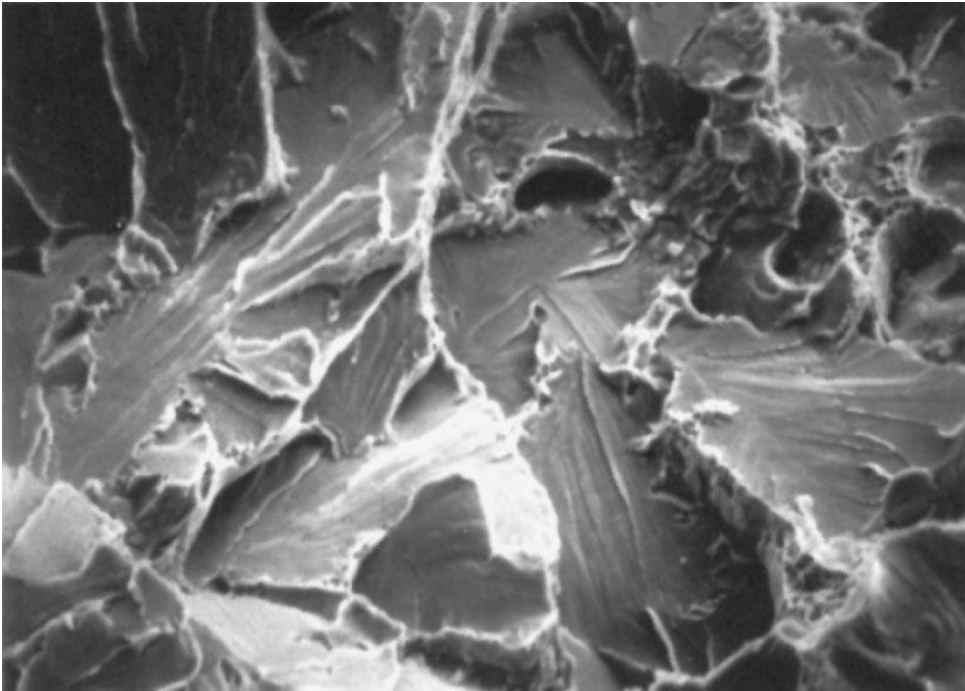
- (a) early stage of necking
- (b) small voids begin to form within the necked region
- (c) voids coalesce, producing an internal crack
- (d) the rest of the cross-section begins to fail at the periphery, by shearing
- (e) the final fracture surfaces, known as cup- (top fracture surface) and cone- (bottom surface) fracture.

# Tension test sample after fracture

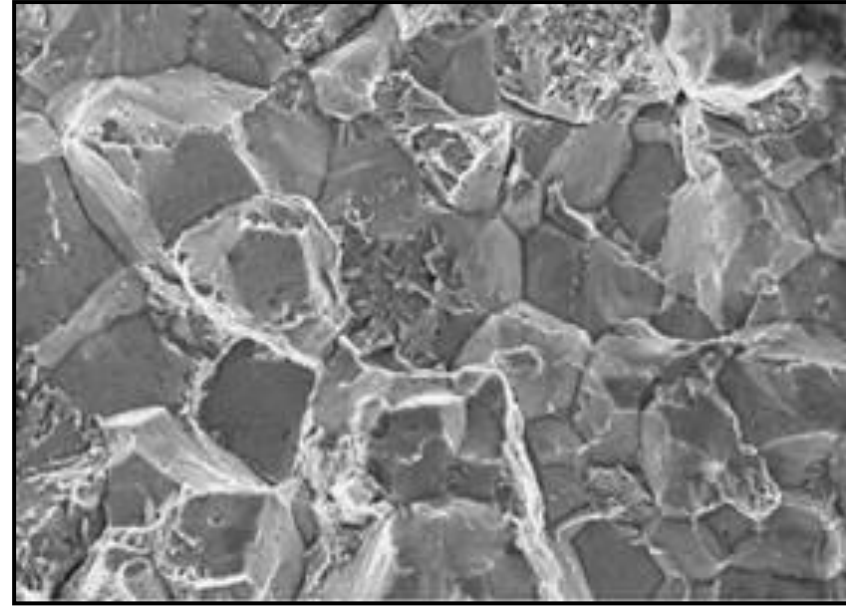


Localized deformation of a ductile material during a tensile test produces a necked region. The micrograph shows necked region in a fractured sample

# Brittle Fracture Surface of Steel

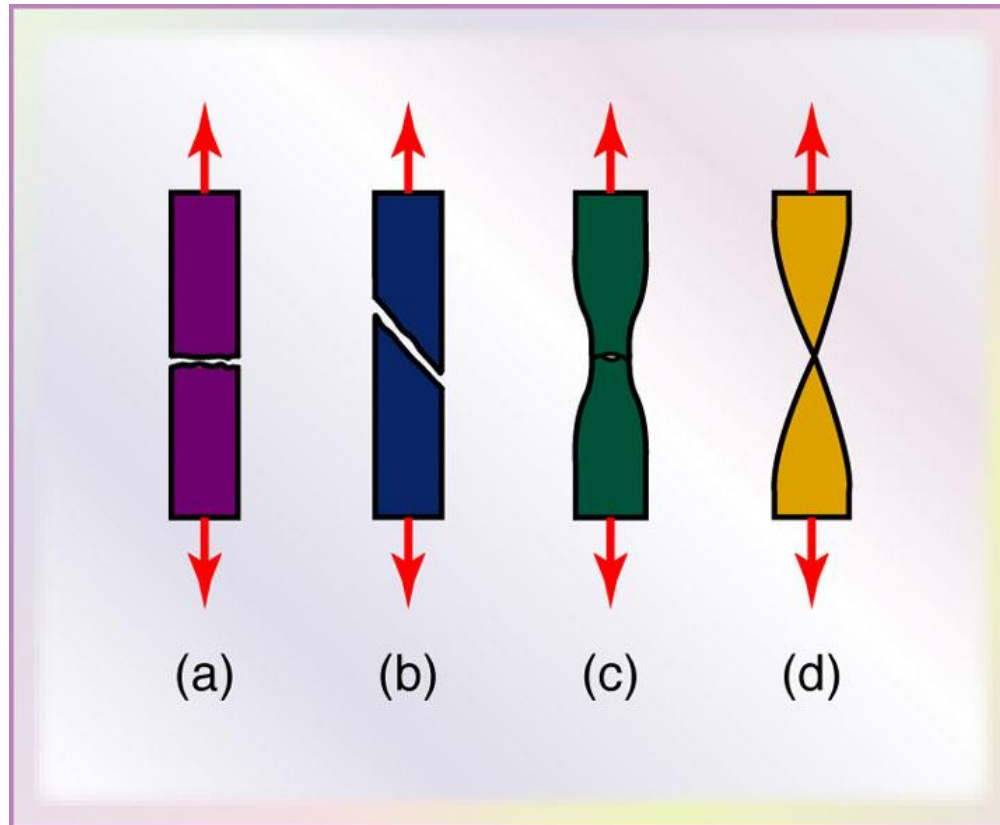


Fracture surface of steel that has failed in a brittle manner. The fracture path is transgranular (through the grains). Magnification: 200x. *Source:* Courtesy of B. J. Schulze and S.L. Meinley and Packer Engineering Associates, Inc.



A brittle fracture surface . The fracture path is intergranular (through the grain boundaries).

# Fracture Types in Tension



(a)

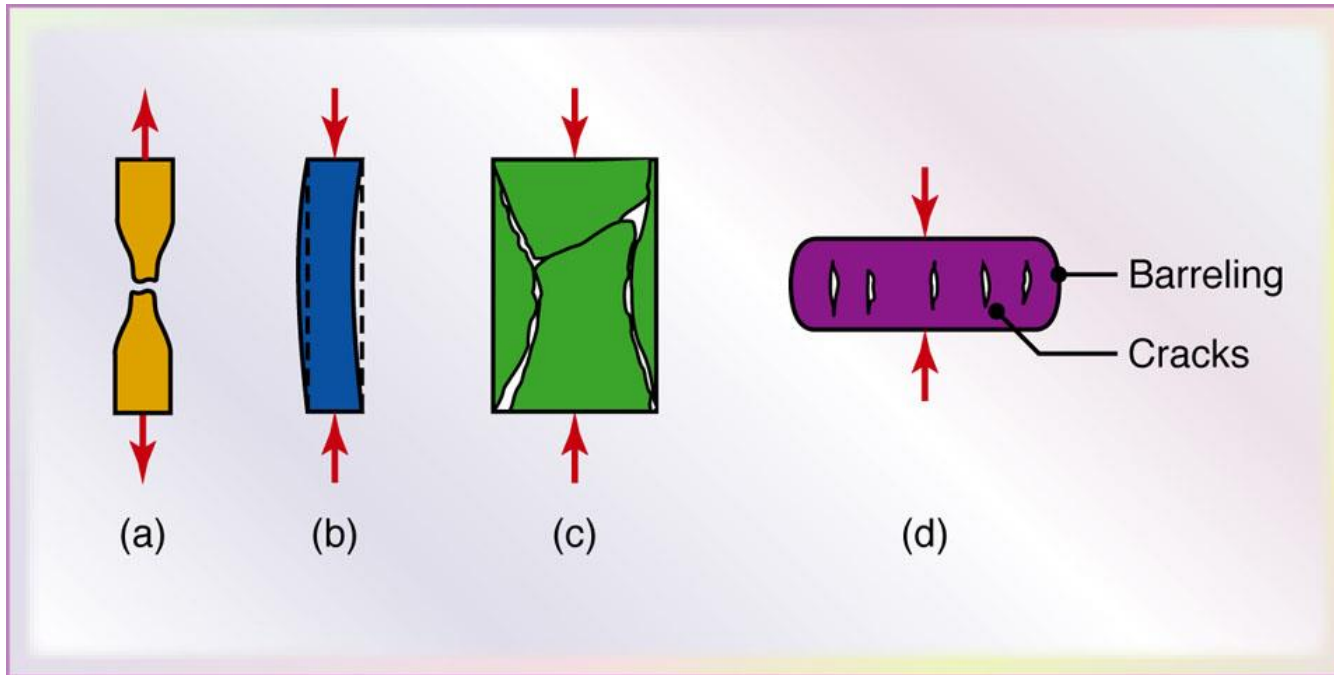
(b)

(c)

(d)

- (a) brittle fracture in polycrystalline metals
- (b) shear fracture in ductile single crystals
- (c) ductile cup-and-cone fracture in polycrystalline metals
- (d) complete ductile fracture in polycrystalline metals, with 100% reduction of area.

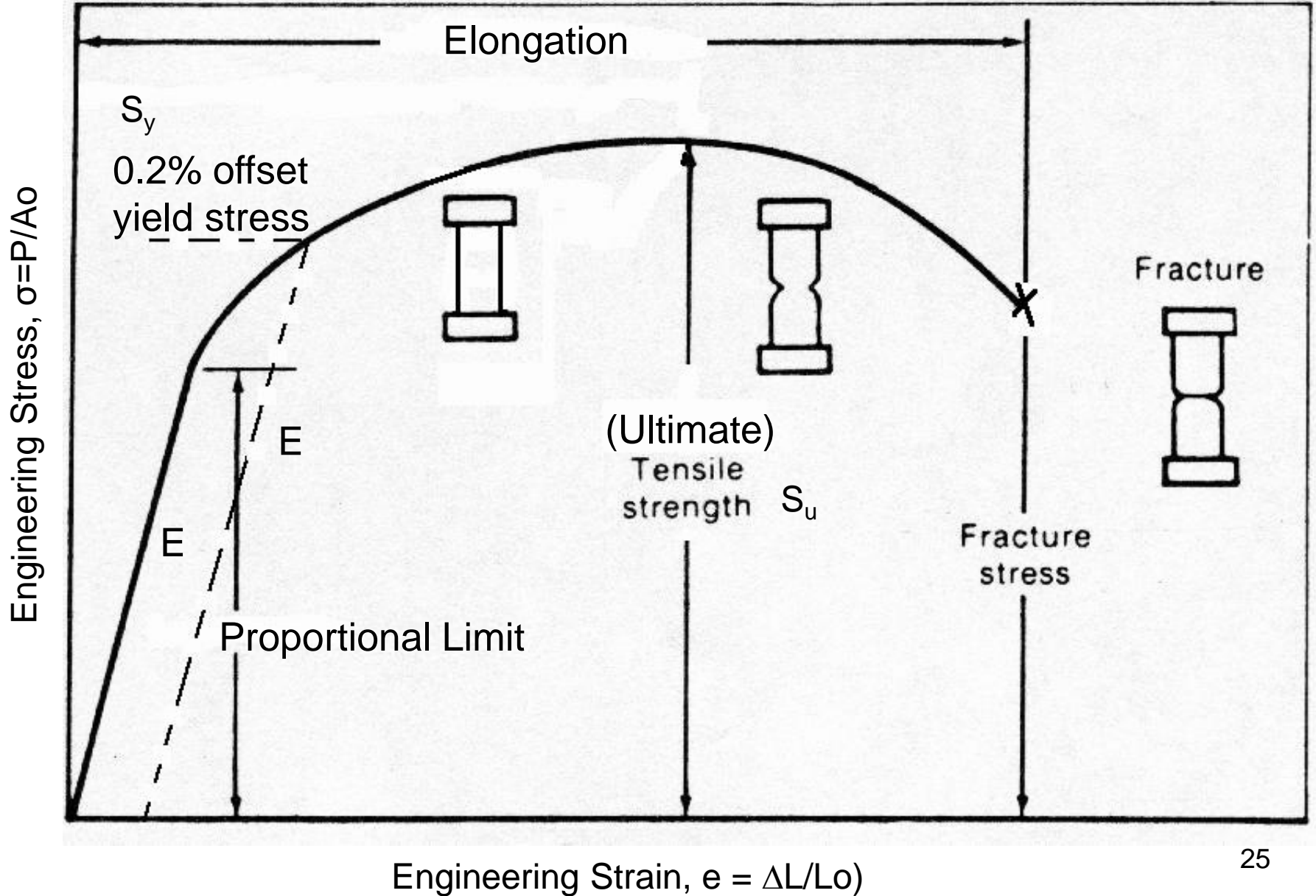
# Material Failures



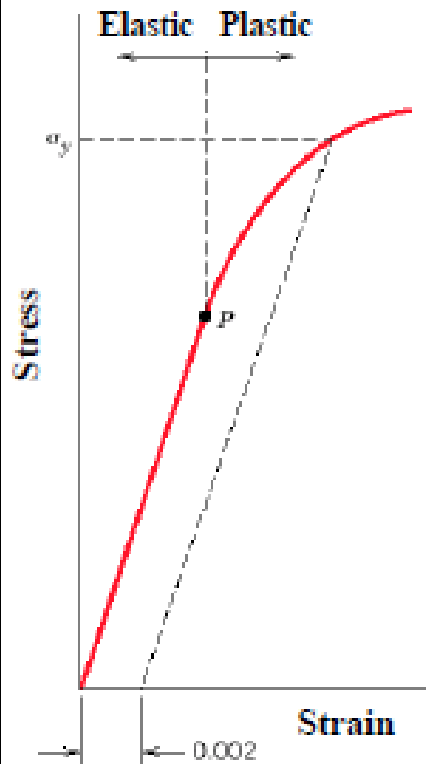
- (a) necking and fracture of ductile materials;
- (b) buckling of ductile materials under a compressive load;
- (c) fracture of brittle materials in compression;
- (d) cracking on the barreled surface of ductile materials in compression



# Engineering Stress-Strain Curve



## Stress-Strain Behavior



### Elastic deformation

**Reversible:** when the stress is removed, the material returns to the dimension it had before the loading.

Usually strains are small (except for the case of plastics).

### Plastic deformation

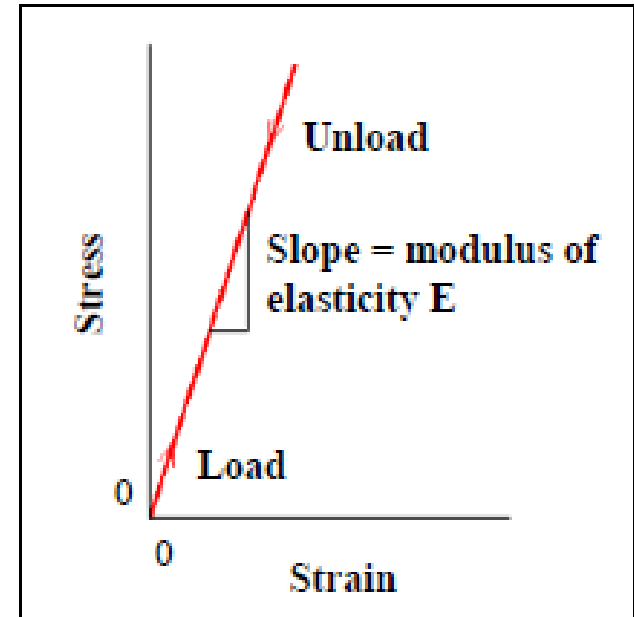
**Irreversible:** when the stress is removed, the material does not return to its previous dimension.

## Stress-Strain Behavior: Elastic deformation

In tensile tests, if the deformation is elastic, the stress-strain relationship is called Hooke's law:

$$\sigma = E \epsilon$$

E is **Young's modulus** or **modulus of elasticity**, has the same units as  $\sigma$ ,  $N/m^2$  or Pa



Higher E  $\rightarrow$  higher "stiffness"

# Engineering Stress-Strain Curve

- Express Load in Newtons (N) and Area in  $\text{mm}^2$  to get Stress in MPa.

$$\frac{N}{\text{mm}^2} \cong \text{MPa}$$

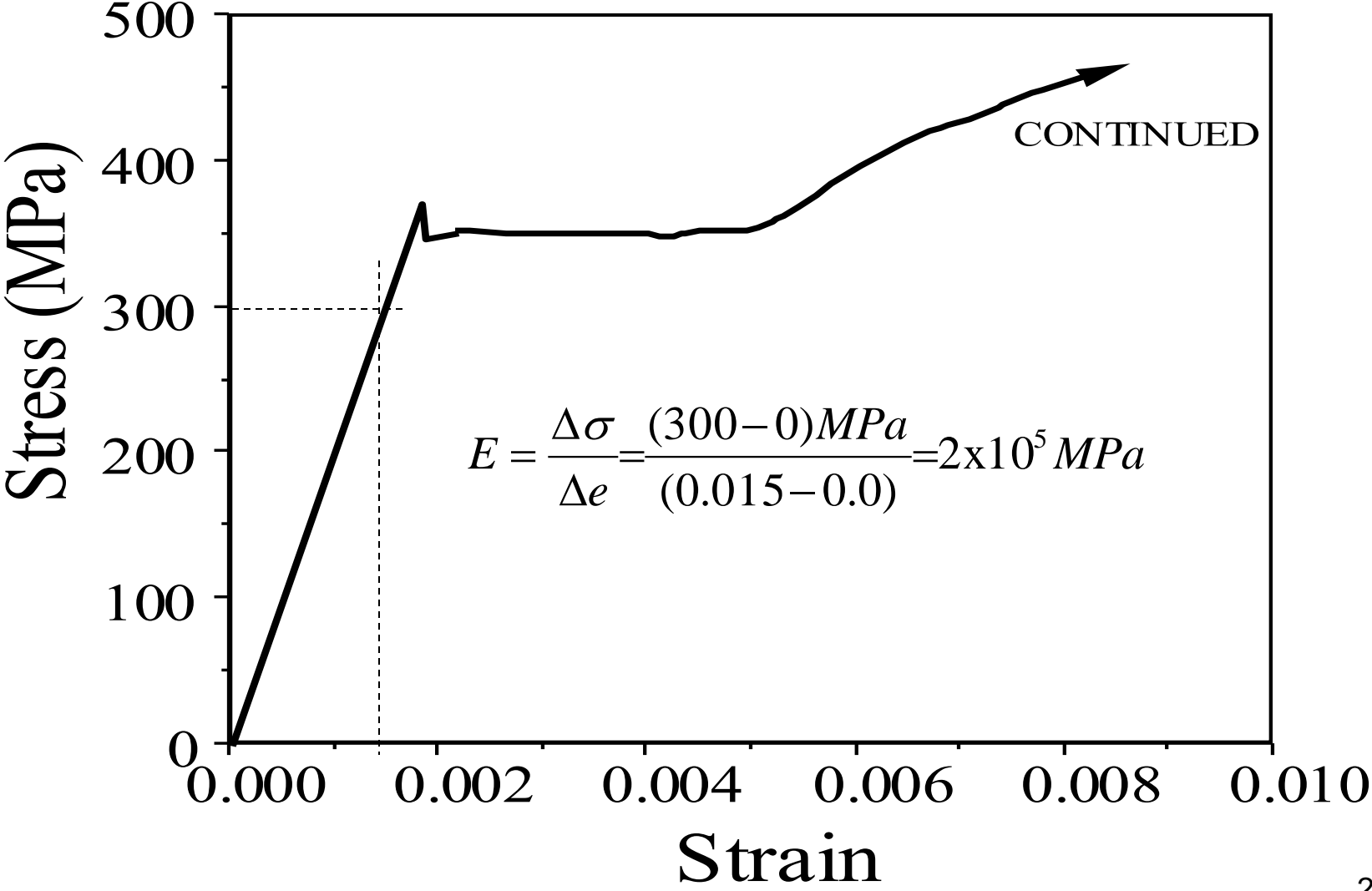
- Mechanical properties of metals are almost always given in MPa or ksi.
- 1000 psi = 1 ksi = 6.89 MPa

# Hooke's law – Elastic deformation

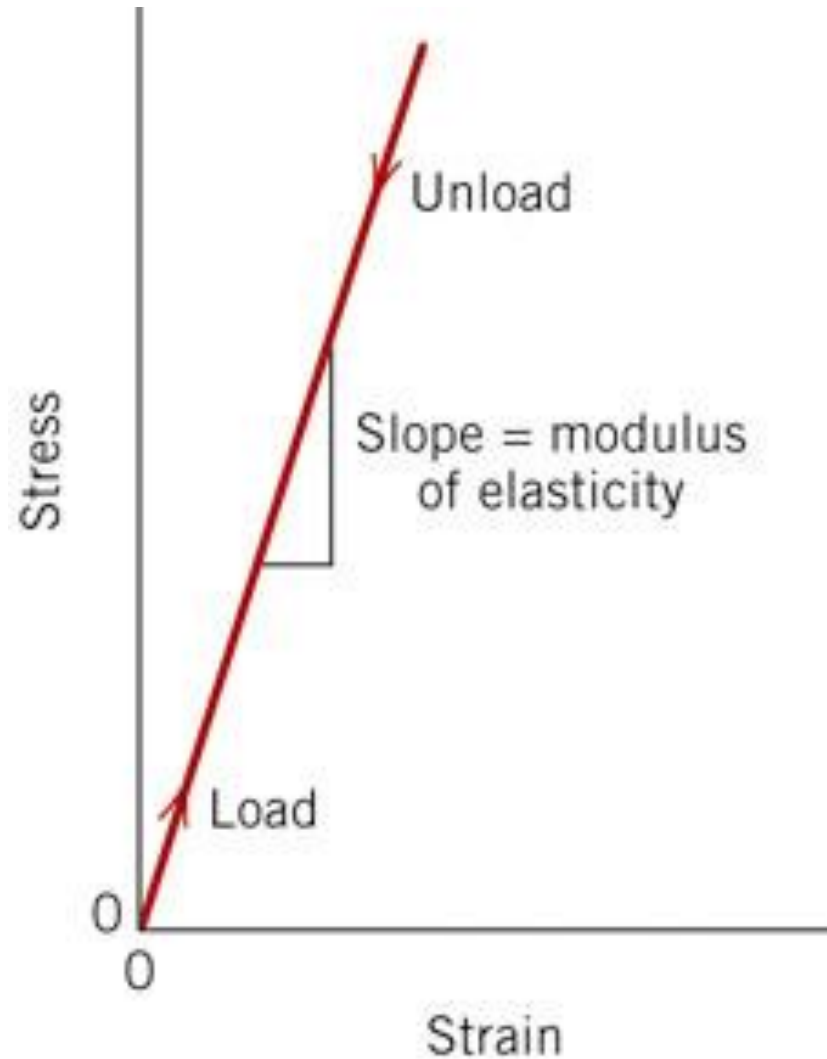
- Elastic deformation is not permanent; it means that when the load is removed, the part returns to its original shape and dimensions.
- For most metals, the elastic region is linear. For some materials, including metals such as cast iron, polymers, and concrete, the elastic region is non-linear.
- If the behavior is linear elastic, or nearly linear-elastic, Hooke's Law may be applied:
- Where  $E$  is the modulus of elasticity (MPa)

$$\sigma = Ee$$

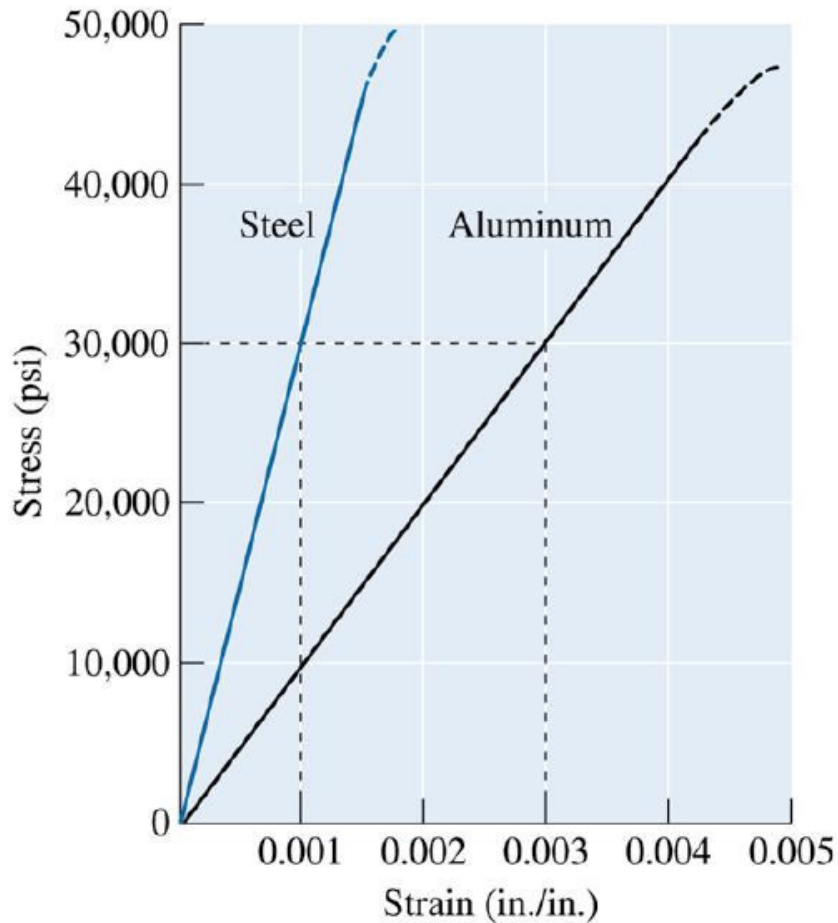
# Modulus of elasticity – Stiffness (E)



# Stress / Strain Curve

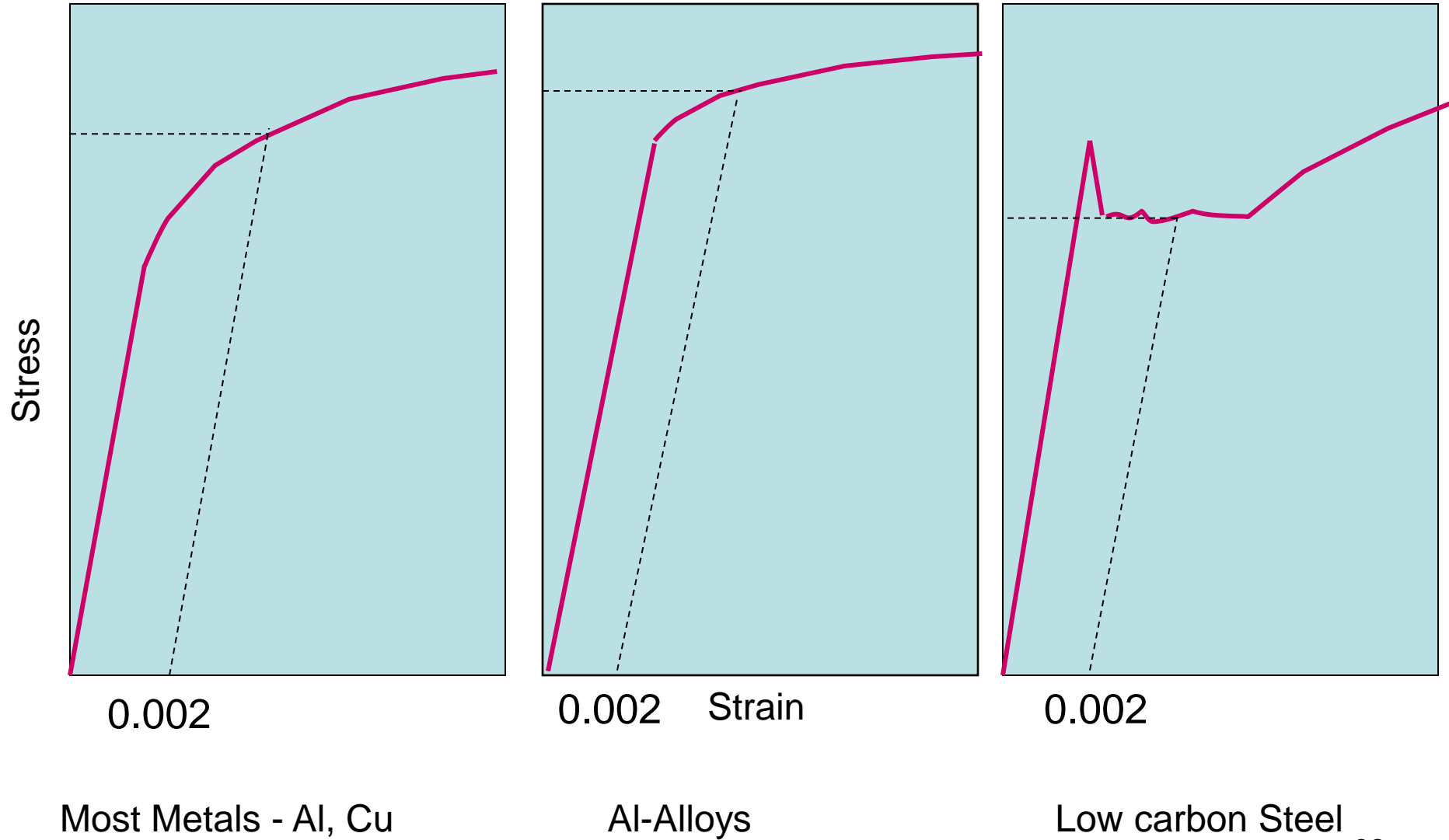


# Stiffness of St vs. Al



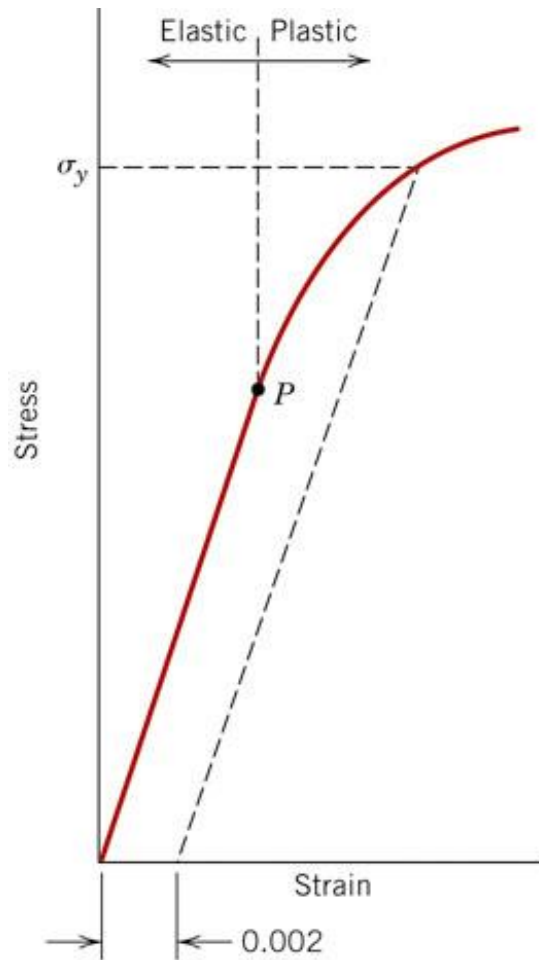
Comparison of the elastic behavior of steel and aluminum. For a given stress, aluminum deforms elastically three times as much as does steel.

# Yield stress - Plastic deformation

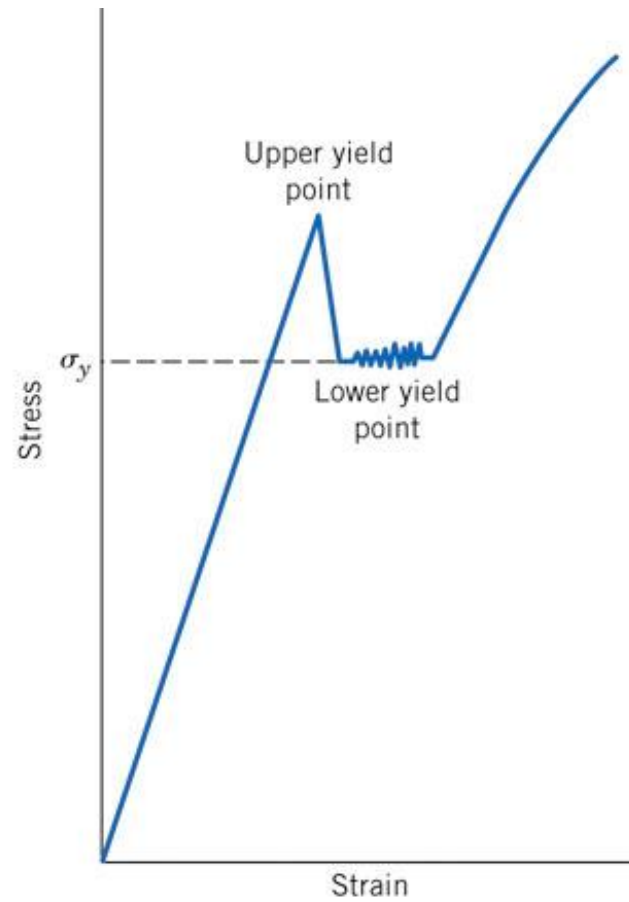




# Comparison



(a)



(b)

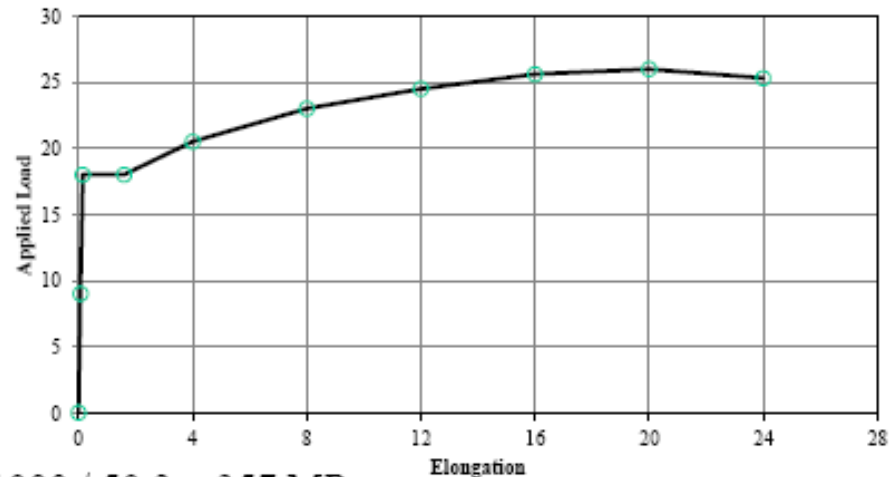
# Solved Example

A static tension test was carried out on a plain steel rebar with circular cross section of diameter 8 mm. If the load-elongation readings were given the following table, then draw the load-deformation relation. Calculate the yield strength, the UTS 'ultimate tensile strength' and the percentage of elongation of the specimen.

<b>Load (kN)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>
<b>Elongation (mm)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.072</b>	<b>0.144</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>

Long Proportional Specimens:  
gauge length =  $L_0 = 10 d_0 = 10 \times 8 = 80 \text{ mm}$

Original Cross Sectional Area =  
 $A_0 = \pi d^2 / 4 = \pi (8)^2 / 4 = 50.30 \text{ mm}^2$



Yield Stress =  $\sigma_y = P_y / A_0 = 18.0 \times 1000 / 50.3 = 357 \text{ MPa}$

Ultimate Tensile Strength = UTS =  $P_{\max} / A_0 = 26.0 \times 1000 / 50.3 = 516 \text{ MPa}$

Percent age of elongation =  $\frac{L_f - L_0}{L_0} \times 100 = \frac{24}{80} \times 100 = 30\%$