

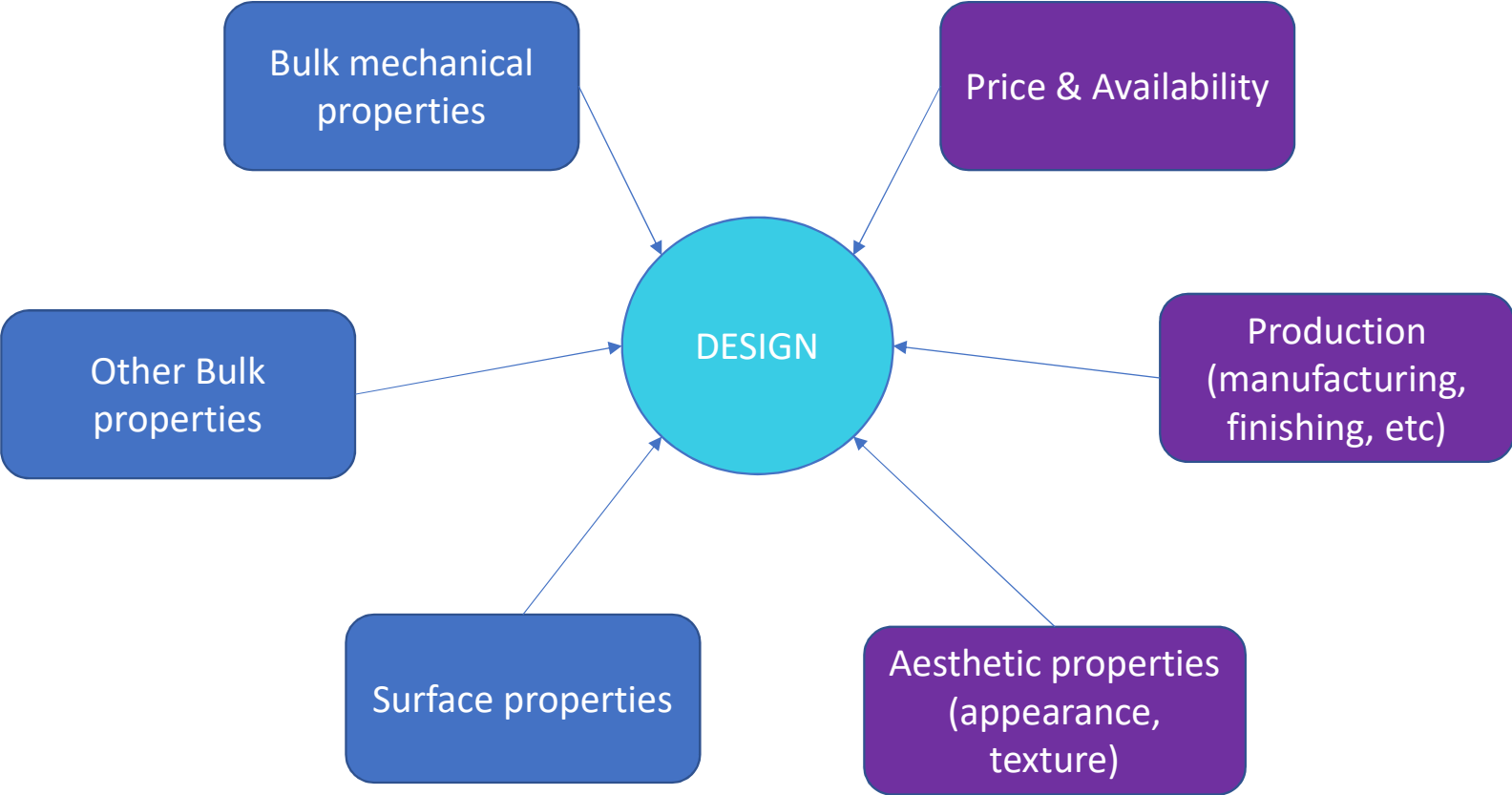
# Material Properties

Corso Materiali intelligenti e Biomimetici  
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*Intrinsic properties*

*Attributive properties*




# Bulk vs. Surface Properties

- Mechanical
  - *elastic modulus & viscoelastic properties*
- Thermal
  - *Thermal expansion coefficient*  
 $\epsilon_{\text{thermal}} = \alpha (T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}})$
- Optical
  - *refractive index*  
 $n = c_{\text{vacuum}} / c_{\text{material}}$
  - *transparency*  
 $I = I_0 \exp(-\mu\rho x)$
- Roughness
- Chemistry
- Wettability
- Surface energy
- Mechanical

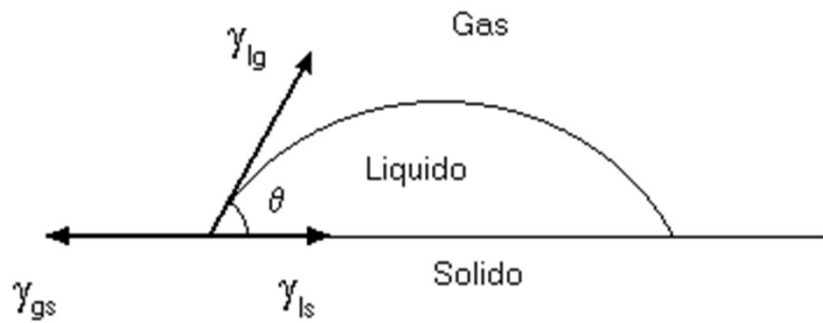
# How to measure surface properties

- Contact angles -> wettability (directly), surface energy (indirectly)
- Electron spectroscopy for chemical analysis (ESCA) -> chemical properties
- Atomic force microscopy -> topography, mechanics (up to 0.1 nm)
- Nanoindentation -> mechanics (um)



*Mechanical  
Surface  
Properties*

# Contact angle

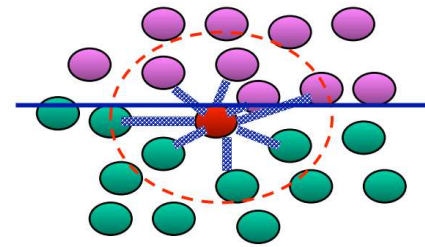


$$\gamma_{gs} = \gamma_{ls} + \gamma_{lg} \cos\theta$$

Superficial  
tension of a solid  
in a specific  
environment

Superficial  
tension between  
solid-liquid

Superficial  
tension of liquid  
in a specific  
environment

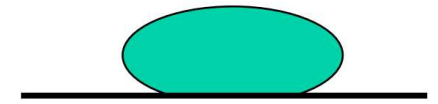


Adesione > Coesione  
Liquido bagna

$$0 < \theta < 90^\circ$$

Solido. Adesione

Liquido. Coesione



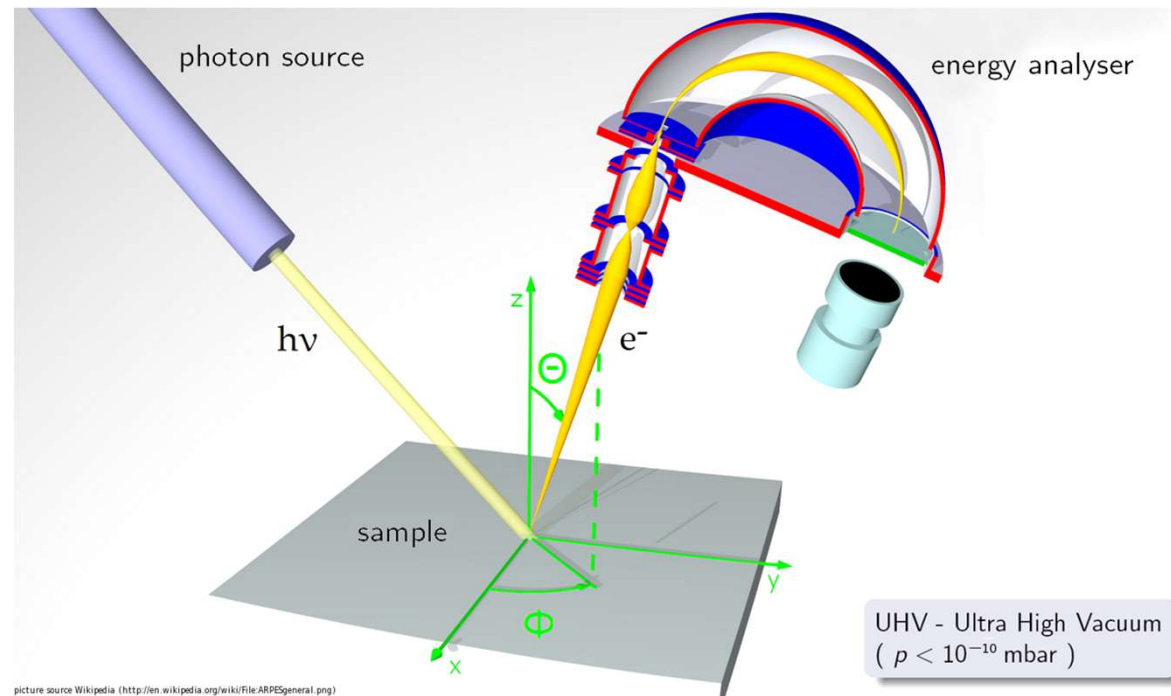
Adesione < Coesione  
Liquido non bagna

$$90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$$

# ESCA

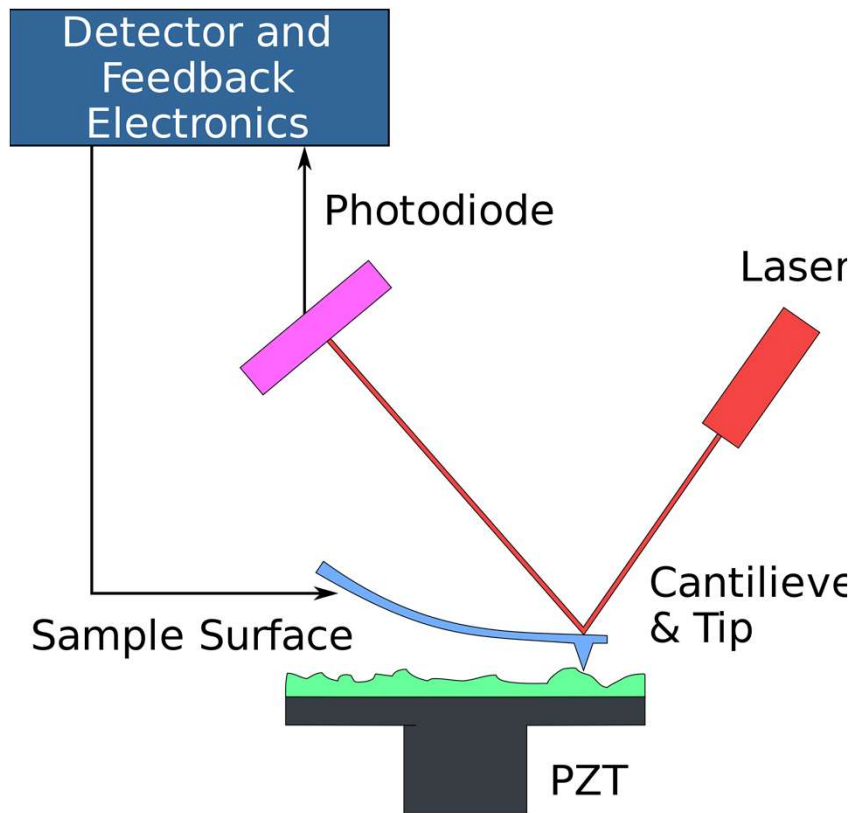
This technique is based on the **Photoelectric Effect**: when a material is irradiated with x-rays, photoelectrons are subsequently ejected from atoms in the near surface (*1-10 nm*).

$$E_b = h\nu - E_k$$



information about: elemental composition, concentrations and chemical environments (i.e. oxidation states) of surface and near surface atoms.

# AFM



The tip is scanned laterally across the surface, and the vertical movements of the tip are recorded and used to construct a quantitative **3 dimensional topographic map**.

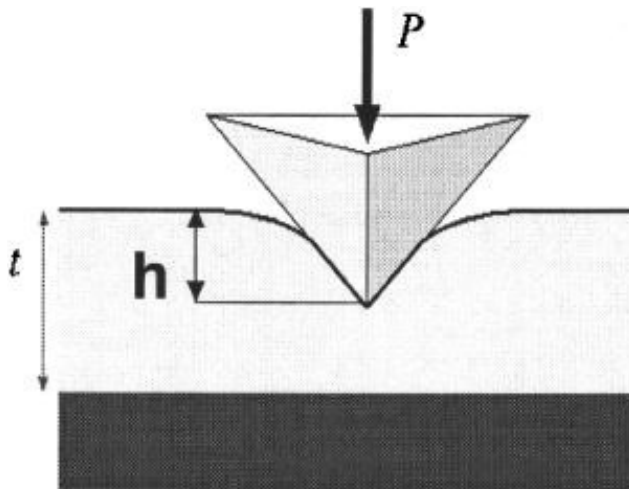
- lateral resolution: typically 5-15 nm
- vertical resolution: 0.1nm

Other information:

- Surface roughness measurements
- Investigation of local mechanical properties

(i.e. stiffness, adhesion, friction)

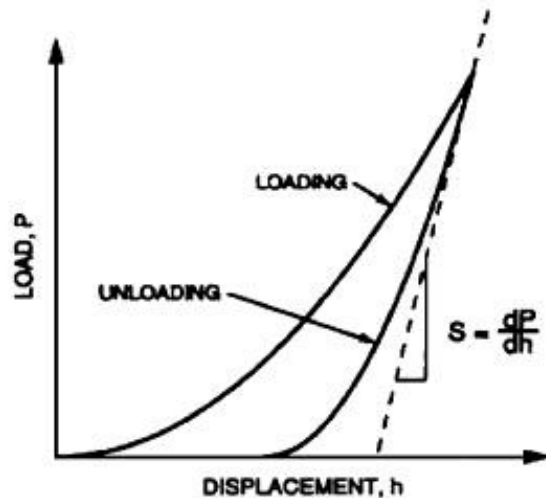
# Nanoindentation



The slope of the curve ( $dP/dh$ ) upon unloading is indicative of the **stiffness S** of the contact. This value generally includes a *contribution from both the material being tested and the response of the tip itself*.

Reduced elastic modulus

$$E_r = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{A_p(h_c)}}$$

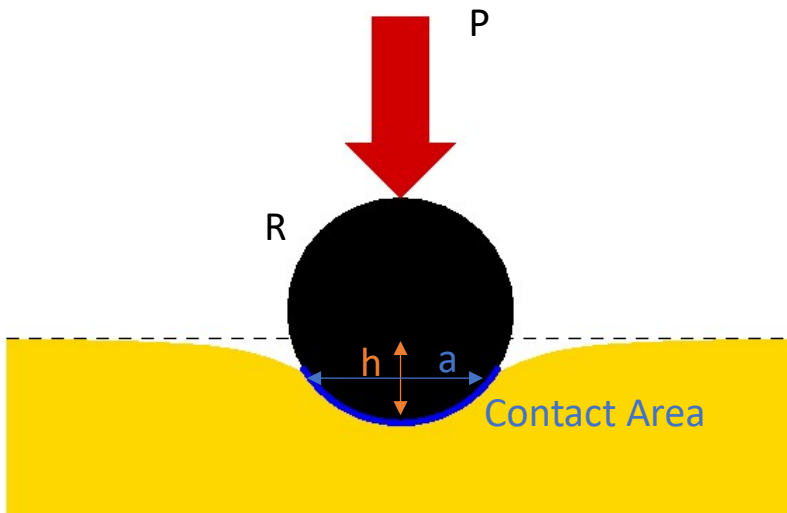


$$1/E_r = (1 - \nu_i^2)/E_i + (1 - \nu_s^2)/E_s.$$

*Tip: known mechanical properties, typically very hard material ( $E_i \gg E_s$ )*



# Nanoidentation (1)

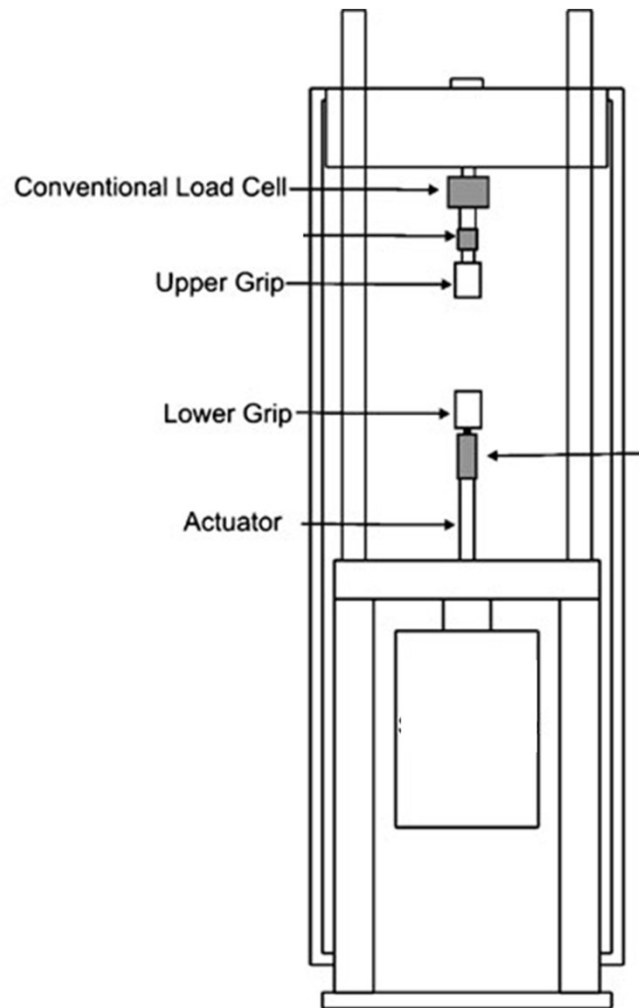


Hertzian Contact (sphere – half plane):

$$a = \sqrt{Rd}$$

$$P = \frac{4}{3} E_r R^{1/2} d^{3/2}$$

# Mechanical Bulk properties

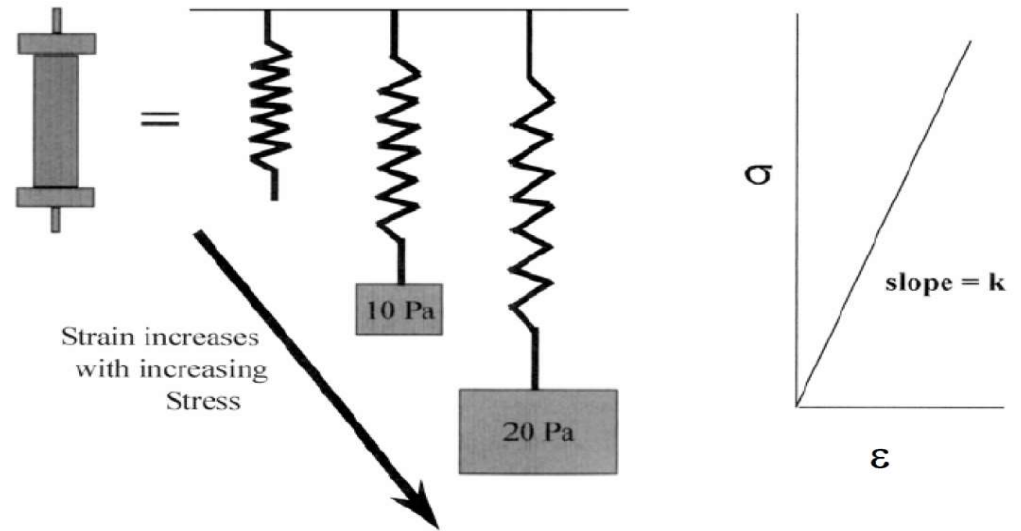


**Standard testing machines:**  
*Compression and tensile tests*

Main components:

- Load cell (different maximum loads)
- Actuator
- Sample holding system

# Elastic Solids



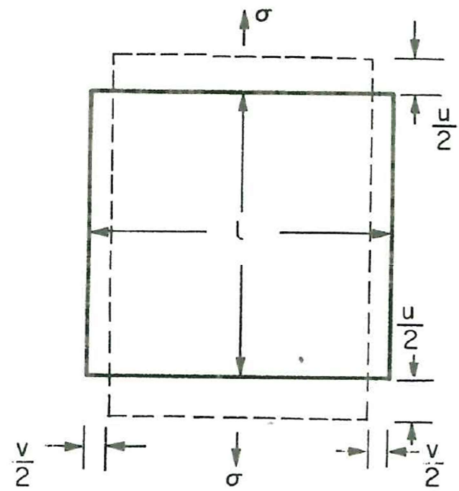
Stress is directly proportional to deformation:

$$\sigma = E \cdot \varepsilon$$

The **elastic modulus** ( $E$ ) represents the resistance of a material to deformation (**stiffness**).  
The reciprocal of  $E$  ( $J$ ) is known as **compliance**.

$$J = \frac{1}{E}$$

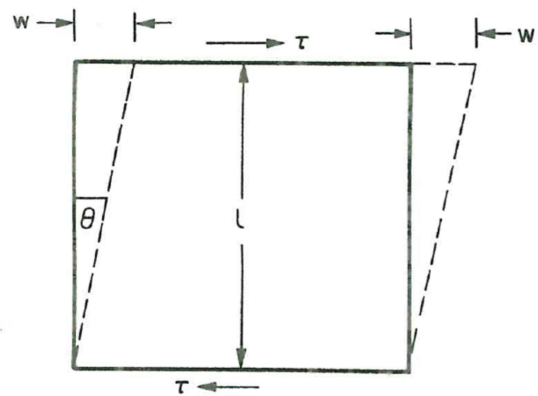
# Elastic modulus vs. Shear modulus



Nominal tensile strain,  
 $\epsilon_n = \frac{u}{l}$

Nominal lateral strain,  
 $\epsilon_n = -\frac{v}{l}$

Poisson's ratio,  
 $\nu = -\frac{\text{lateral strain}}{\text{tensile strain}}$



Engineering shear strain,  
 $\gamma = \frac{w}{l} = \tan \theta$

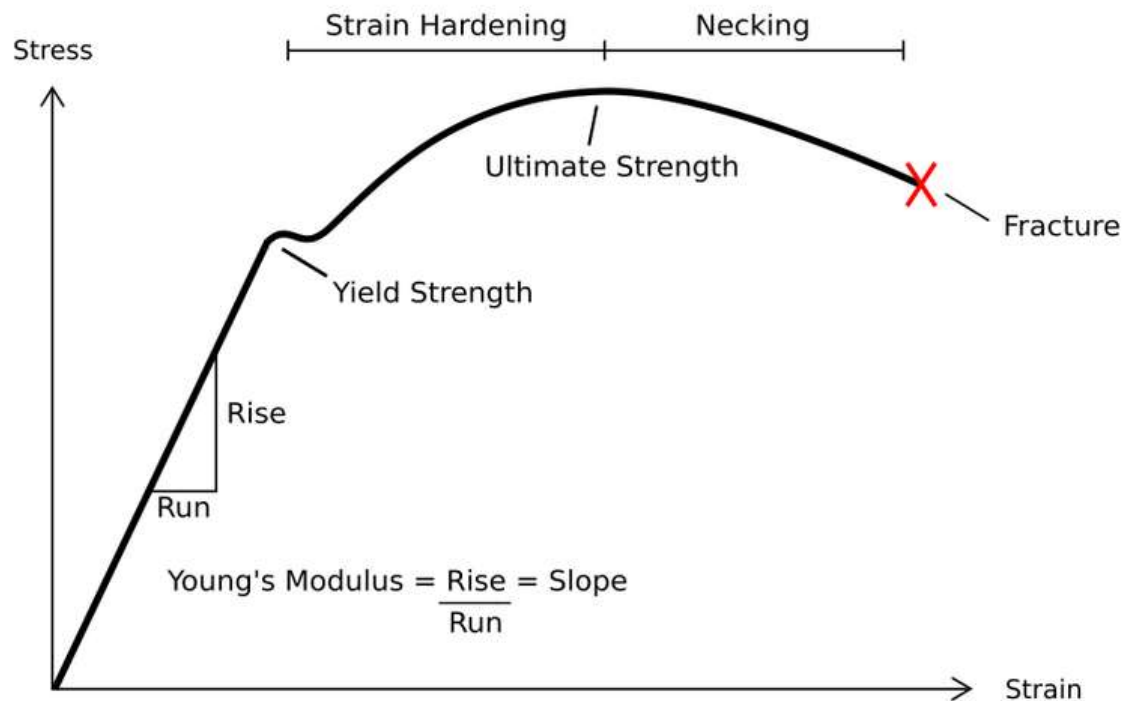
$$E = 2G(1 - \nu)$$

*Elastic modulus*

*Shear modulus*

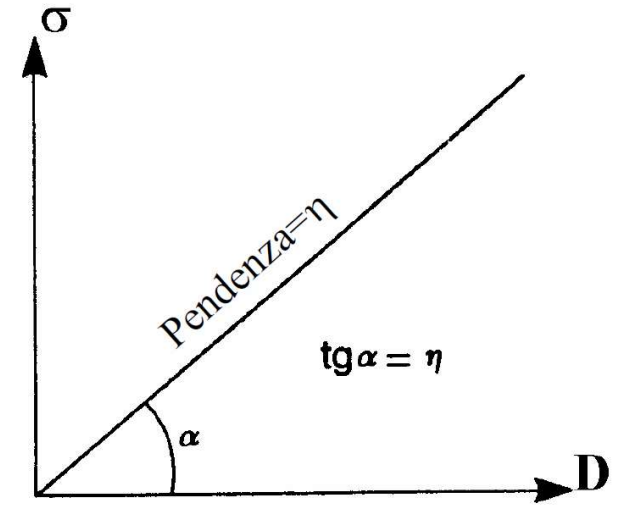
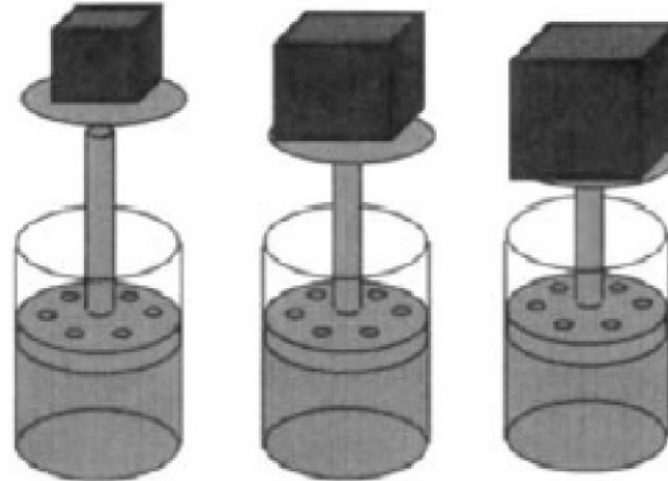
$$G = \tau / \gamma$$

# Elastic response



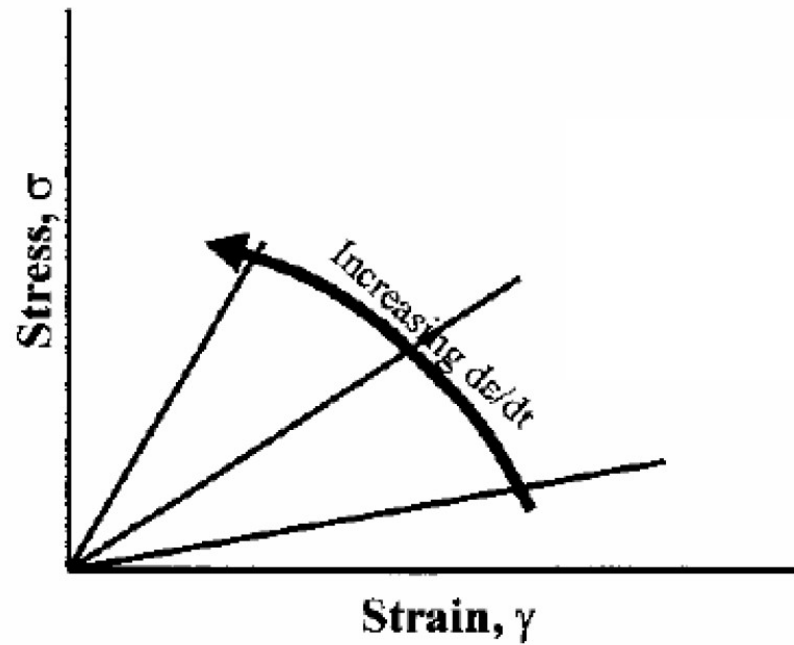
An elastic material has a linear response until a critical stress value (yield stress), then it becomes not linear until the failure of the sample.

# Viscous liquids



$$\sigma = \eta \cdot \frac{dV}{dy}$$

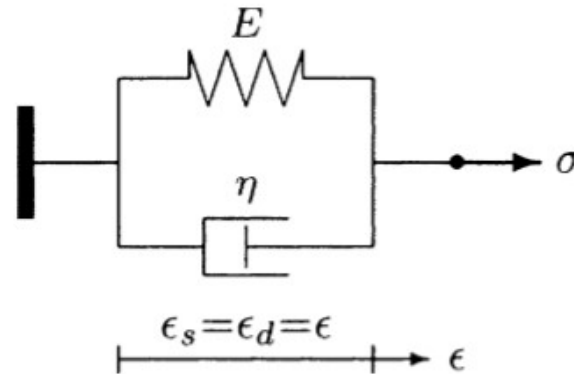
# Viscoelastic materials



**Time dependency:**  
The **apparent stiffness** of the material increases with increasing testing velocity

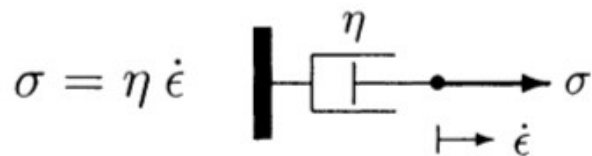
# Lumped parameter models

SPRING: ELASTIC SOLID

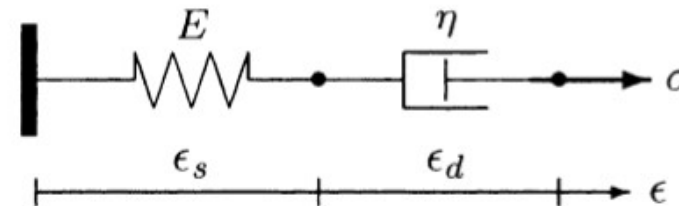


$$\sigma = E\epsilon + \eta \frac{d\epsilon}{dt}$$

DASHPOT: VISCOUS FLUID



Kelvin-Voigt model

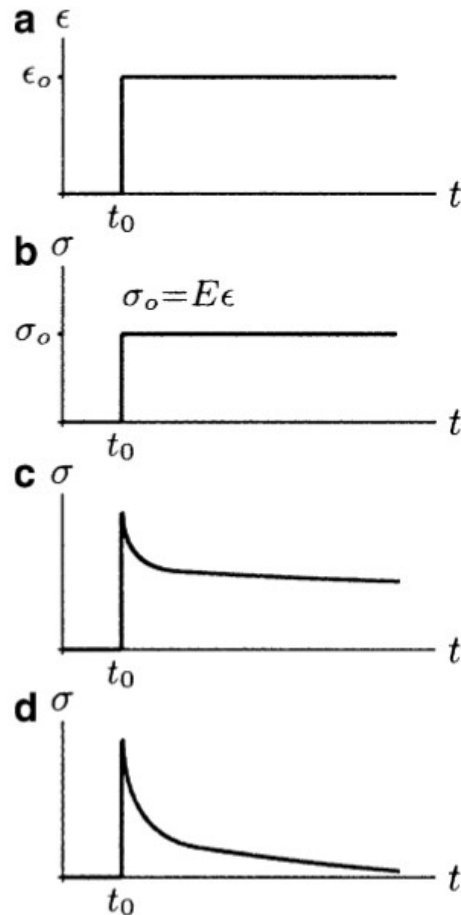
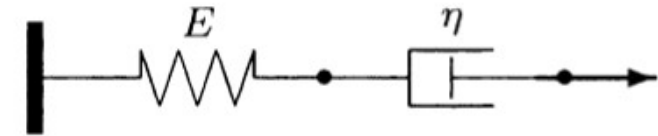


$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = \frac{1}{E} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} + \frac{\sigma}{\eta}$$

Maxwell model



# Stress Relaxation



Stimulus = **strain step**  $\epsilon_0$  (a)

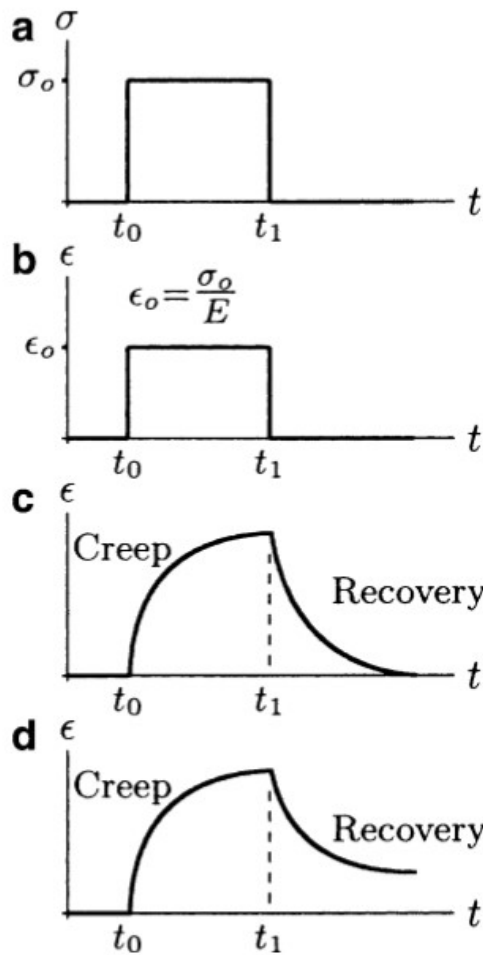
Response:

- (b) elastic material -> constant stress
- (c) viscoelastic solid -> **initial high stress that will decrease over time**, but stress level will **never reduce to zero**
- (d) viscoelastic liquid -> initial high stress that will decrease over time, and the stress will **eventually reduce to zero**

$$\sigma(t) = \epsilon_0 E e^{-tE/\eta}$$

**Relaxation time ( $\tau_{SR}$ ):** The force drops to 1/e of its initial value

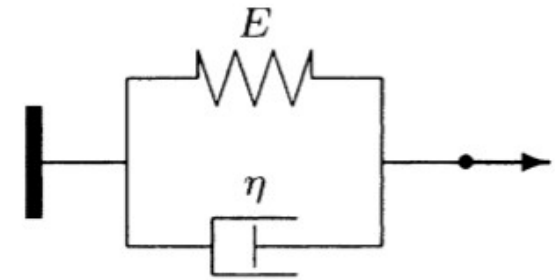
# Creep



Stimulus = **stress step**  $\sigma_0$  (a)

Response:

- (b) elastic material -> **constant strain** at time  $t_0$ . At time  $t_1$ , the material will instantly and **completely recover the deformation**.
- (c) viscoelastic solid -> a **strain gradually increasing** between times  $t_0$  and  $t_1$ . At time  $t_1$ , gradual recovery will start. The *recovery will eventually be complete*.
- (d) viscoelastic liquid -> complete recovery will never be achieved and there will be a **residue of deformation** left in the material



$$\epsilon(t) = \frac{\sigma_0}{E} (1 - e^{-tE/\eta})$$

**Retardation time ( $\tau_c$ ):** The strain achieves to  $1/e$  of its final value

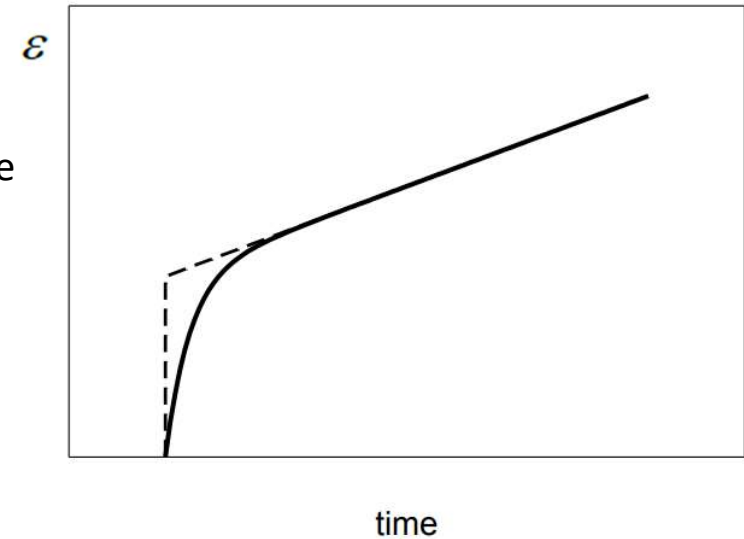
# Creep and SR equations

- Creep -> Voigt

because Maxwell does not describe correctly creep answer: the answer is more edgy and **does not describe the transition between short time (elastic) and long time behavior (viscous)**.

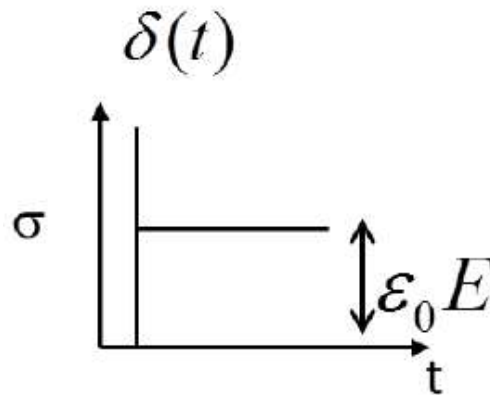
Maxwell does not describe well all the situations in which the applied stimulus is a stress.

$$\varepsilon(t) = \sigma_0 \left( \frac{t}{\eta} + \frac{1}{E} \right)$$



- SR -> Maxwell

$$\sigma(t) = \varepsilon_0 \eta \cdot \delta(t) + \varepsilon_0 E$$



# Deborah number

“Le montagne si scioglieranno davanti al Signore, Dio di Israele ” - Libro dei Giudici (5,-5)

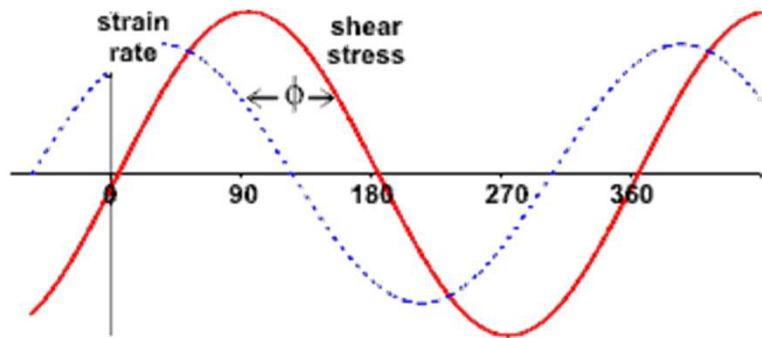
“But Deborah knew two things. First, that the mountains flow, as everything flows. But, secondly, that they flowed before the Lord, and not before man, for the simple reason that man in his short lifetime cannot see them flowing, while the time of observation of God is infinite.”

M.Reiner, The Deborah Number, Physics today, 62 (1964)

The perception of a material is dependent from **observation time**.

$$De = \frac{\tau}{t} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} De \gg 1 (\tau_{SR} \gg t) & \text{Slow response (solid like materials)} \\ De \ll 1 (t \gg \tau_{SR}) & \text{Instantaneous response (liquid like materials)} \\ De \approx 1 (\tau_{SR} \approx t) & \text{Intermediate response (viscoelastic materials)} \end{array} \right.$$

# DMA



Stimulus = **strain sinusoid**

Response = stress sinusoid:

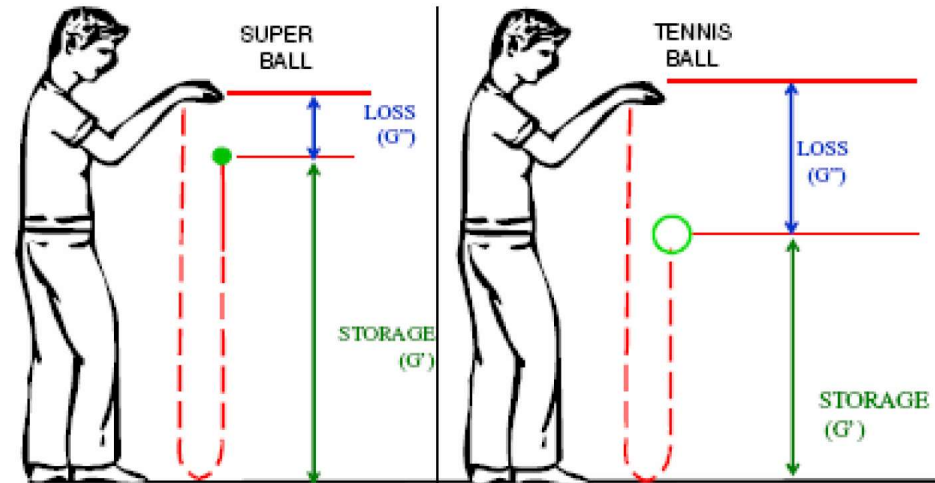
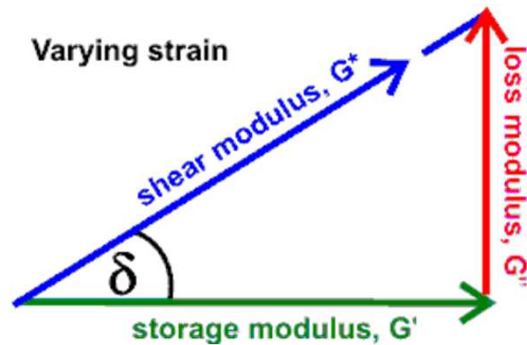
- $\phi = 0$  for ideally elastic material (all energy stored in the material)
- $\phi = 90^\circ$  for an ideally viscous liquid (all energy dissipated)

$$\text{shear stress} = \text{shear strain} \times \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\text{shear stress} = \text{viscous stress} - i \times \text{elastic stress}$$

complex shear modulus

$$G^* = G' + iG''$$



# Esercizi

- 1) Data un barra di acciaio con  $E=200\text{GPa}$ ,  $l=100\text{mm}$ ,  $d=2\text{mm}$  compressa con una  $F=500\text{N}$ ; calcolare: allungamento verticale e laterale ( $\nu=0.5$ )
- 2) Considerare un test di creep con  $s_0=7\text{kPa}$ ,  $d_{\text{eq}}=600\mu\text{m}$ ,  $d_{\text{inst}}=400\mu\text{m}$ ;  $h=8\text{mm}$ ; ricavare i parametri concentrati del modello ( $E$ ,  $\tau$ )

## Articoli (eps-dot, nano-eps dot)

- Qual è la differenza tra eps-dot e nano-eps dot?
- Come si trasformano le curve P-h in stress-strain (nano-eps dot)?
- Quali sono i vantaggi di questi due metodi rispetto metodi standard?