**MSE 280: Introduction to Engineering Materials**

**Because without materials, there is no engineering.**

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**Scope:** Provide an introduction to the science and engineering of materials (e.g., metals, ceramics, polymers, and semiconductors).

**Objective:** Develop an awareness of materials and their properties that, as an engineer, you must rely on in the future.

- To introduce basic concepts, nomenclature, and testing of materials.
- To reveal the relationships between Processing - Structure - Properties - Performance
- To develop ideas behind materials selection and design.

**Units of Length**

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*Nota bene: cm are not typically used.*

**Staying Current:** see [http://web.mse.uiuc.edu/courses/mse280](http://web.mse.uiuc.edu/courses/mse280)

On the website students will find:

- Announcements: topics, assignments (reading, HW, exams), etc.
- Grading Policy and Scheme (HW 10% and 4 Exams each 22.5%).
- Instructor and TA locations, phone numbers, email, office hours.
- Honor Code is expected (see website).
- HW and Exam grades are planned for COMPASS.
- HW: include names, answers must include units or it is wrong.

**Text:** Fundamentals of Materials Science & Engineering: an integrated approach, Callister (Special 2nd edition for MSE280)

**Metrics Made Easy: UNITS are Important!**

Recall the 1999 Mars’ lander?

**Some Rough Equivalents**

- 1 packet of sugar substitute: 1 g (gram)
- 1 small apple: 1 N (Newton)
- 1 football running back: 1 kN (kilo-Newton)
- 1 card table: 1 m² (meter squared)
- 1 square toothpick end: 1 mm² (millimeter squared)

**Visualizing Pressure**

1 Pascal (1 Pa, or 1 N/m²): Imagine applesauce made from an apple and spread thinly enough to cover the card table. (too small)

**Experiencing Pressure**

1 Mega-Pascal (1 MPa, or 1 MN/m²): Stick one end of the toothpick into apple and balance the end on your finger.
Introduction to Engineering Materials

Six Major Classes of Materials

- Some of these have descriptive subclasses.
- Classes have overlap, so some materials fit into more than one class.

- Metals
  - Iron and Steel
  - Alloys and Superalloys (e.g. aerospace applications)
  - Intermetallic Compounds (high-T structural materials)

- Ceramics
  - Structural Ceramics (high-temperature load bearing)
  - Refractories (corrosion-resistant, insulating)
  - Whitewares (e.g. porcelains)
  - Glass
  - Electrical Ceramics (capacitors, insulators, transducers, etc.)
  - Chemically Bonded Ceramics (e.g. cement and concrete)

- Polymers
  - Plastics
  - Liquid crystals
  - Adhesives

- Electronic Materials
  - Silicon and Germanium
  - III-V Compounds (e.g. GaAs)
  - Photonic materials (solid-state lasers, LEDs)

- Composites
  - Particulate composites (small particles embedded in a different material)
  - Laminate composites (golf club shafts, tennis rackets, Damaskus swords)
  - Fiber reinforced composites (e.g. fiberglass)

- Biomaterials (really using previous 5, but bio-mimetic)
  - Man-made proteins (cytoskeletal protein rods or “artificial bacterium”)
  - Biosensors (Au-nanoparticles stabilized by encoded DNA for anthrax detection)
  - Drug-delivery colloids (polymer based)

Periodic Table of Elements

From http://64.224.111.143/handbook/periodic/

Properties of Materials

- An alternative to major classes, you may divide materials into classification according to properties.
- One goal of materials engineering is to select materials with suitable properties for a given application, so it’s a sensible approach.
- Just as for classes of materials, there is some overlap among the properties, so the divisions are not always clearly defined

Mechanical properties
- Elasticity and stiffness (recoverable stress vs. strain)
- Plasticity (non-recoverable stress vs. strain)
- Strength
- Britteness or Toughness
- Fatigue
Properties of Materials

Electrical properties
A. Electrical conductivity and resistivity

Dielectric properties
A. Polarizability
B. Capacitance
C. Ferroelectric properties
D. Piezoelectric properties
E. Pyroelectric properties

Magnetic properties
A. Paramagnetic properties
B. Diamagnetic properties
C. Ferromagnetic properties

Optical properties
A. Refractive Index
B. Absorption, reflection, and transmission
C. Birefringence (double refraction)

Corrosion properties

Deteriorative properties

Biological properties
A. Toxicity
B. Bio-compatibility

Guided by Properties: Ashby Plots

Why Log(P) vs Log(P)?
What materials are toughest against fracture?
Does density of materials play a role?
Does this conform to your experience?
.

We will use these for design!

Materials Science & Engineering in a Nutshell

Performance

Structure

Processing

Materials Engineering
Designing the structure to achieve specific properties of materials.

Materials Science
Investigating the relationship between structure and properties of materials.

- Processing
- Structure
- Properties
- Performance
Multiple Length Scales Critical in Engineering

What is Materials Science & Engineering?

- Casting
- Forging
- Stamping
- Layer-by-layer growth (nanotechnology)
- Extrusion
- Calcinating
- Sintering

What are the processing methods?
- Texturing, Temperature, Time, Transformations

What are the characterization techniques?
- Crystal structure
- Defects
- Microstructure
- Physical behavior
- Response to environment

Classes and Properties: Metals

Distinguishing features
- Atoms arranged in a regular repeating structure (crystalline - Chpt. 3)
- Relatively good strength (defined later)
- Dense
- Malleable or ductile: high plasticity (defined later)
- Resistant to fracture: tough
- Excellent conductors of electricity and heat
- Opaque to visible light
- Shiny appearance

Thus, metals can be formed and machined easily, and are usually long-lasting materials.

They do not react easily with other elements, however, metals such as Fe and Al do form compounds readily (such as ores) so they must be processed to extract base metals.

One of the main drawbacks is that metals do react with chemicals in the environment, such as iron-oxide (rust).

Many metals do not have high melting points, making them useless for many applications.

Elemental metals are in yellow

we need to recall and use knowledge from the periodic table

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In Askeland and Phule's book, from J. Allison and W. Donlon (Ford Motor Company)
Applications

- Electrical wiring
- Structures: buildings, bridges, etc.
- Automobiles: body, chassis, springs, engine block, etc.
- Airplanes: engine components, fuselage, landing gear assembly, etc.
- Trains: rails, engine components, body, wheels
- Machine tools: drill bits, hammers, screwdrivers, saw blades, etc.
- Shape memory materials: eye glasses
- Magnets
- Catalysis

Examples

- Pure metal elements (Cu, Fe, Zn, Ag, etc.)
- Alloys (Cu-Sn, Cu-Zn, Fe-Cr, steel, Pb-Sn, solder, NiTi)
- Intermetallic compounds (e.g., NiAl)

Classes and Properties: Metals

Classes and Properties: Ceramics

Applications

- Electrical insulators
- Abrasives
- Thermal insulation and coatings
- Windows, television screens, optical fibers (glass)
- Corrosion resistant applications
- Electrical devices: capacitors, varistors, transducers, etc.
- Highways and roads (concrete)
- Biocompatible coatings (fusion to bone)
- Self-lubricating bearings
- Magnetic materials (audio/video tapes, hard disks, etc.)
- Optical wave guides
- Night-vision

Examples

- Simple oxides (SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, MgO)
- Mixed-metal oxides (Si₁₋ₓTiₓO₂, Mg₃Al₂O₆, YBa₂Cu₃Oₓ₊₄, having vacancy defects)
- Nitrides (Si₃N₄, AlN, GaN, BN, and TiN, which are used for hard coatings)

Distinguishing features

- Except for glasses, atoms are regularly arranged (crystalline - Chpt. 12)
- Composed of a mixture of metal and nonmetal atoms
- Lower density than most metals
- Stronger than metals
- Low resistance to fracture: low toughness or brittle
- Low ductility or malleability: low plasticity
- High melting point
- Poor conductors of electricity and heat
- Single crystals are transparent

- Where metals react readily with chemicals in the environment and have low application temperatures in many cases, ceramics do not suffer from these drawbacks.
- Ceramics have high-resistance to environment as they are essentially metals that have already reacted with the environment, e.g., Alumina (Al₂O₃) and Silica (SiO₂, Quartz).
- Ceramics are heat resistant. Ceramics form both in crystalline and non-crystalline phases because they can be cooled rapidly from the molten state to form glassy materials.
Classes and Properties: Polymers

Distinguishing features

• Composed primarily of C and H (hydrocarbons)
• Low melting temperature.
• Some are crystals, many are not.
• Most are poor conductors of electricity and heat.
• Many have high plasticity.
• A few have good elasticity.
• Some are transparent, some are opaque

• Polymers are attractive because they are usually lightweight and inexpensive to make, and usually very easy to process, either in molds, as sheets, or as coatings.
• Most are very resistant to the environment.
• They are poor conductors of heat and electricity, and tend to be easy to bend, which makes them very useful as insulation for electrical wires. They are also

Two main types of polymers are thermosets and thermoplastics.

• Thermosets are cross-linked polymers that form 3-D networks, hence are strong and rigid.
• Thermoplastics are long-chain polymers that slide easily past one another when heated, hence, they tend to be easy to form, bend, and break.

Elements that compose polymers: limited

Applications and Examples

• Adhesives and glues
• Containers
• Moldable products (computer casings, telephone handsets, disposable razors)
• Clothing and upholstery material (vinyls, polyesters, nylon)
• Water-resistant coatings (latex)
• Biodegradable products (corn-starch packing "peanuts")
• Biomaterials (organic/inorganic interfaces)
• Liquid crystals
• Low-friction materials (teflon)
• Synthetic oils and greases
• Gaskets and O-rings (rubber)
• Soaps and surfactants
Classes and Properties: Semiconductors

**Distinguishing features**
- Made primarily from metalloids
- Regular arrangement of atoms (crystals, but not, e.g., solar cell amorphous Si)
- Extremely controlled chemical purity
- Adjustable conductivity of electricity
- Opaque to visible light
- Shiny appearance
- Some have good plasticity, but others are fairly brittle
- Some have an electrical response to light

- Semiconductors define the Digital Revolution and Information Age.

- Starting with extremely pure crystalline form, their electrical conductions can be controlled by impurity doping (and defect).
- The result is a tiny electrical switching called a "transistor". Transistors (at present) can be packed to about 1 billion in the size of a Lincoln Penny.

Classes and Properties: Composites

**Distinguishing features**
- Composed of two or more different materials (e.g., metal/ceramic, polymer/polymer, etc.)
- Properties depend on amount and distribution of each type of material.
  - Collective properties more desirable than possible with any individual material.

**Applications and Examples**
- Sports equipment (golf club shafts, tennis rackets, bicycle frames)
- Aerospace materials
- Thermal insulation
- Concrete
- "Smart" materials (sensing and responding)
- Brake materials

**Examples**
- Fiberglass (glass fibers in a polymer)
- Space shuttle heat shields (interwoven ceramic fibers)
- Paints (ceramic particles in latex)
- Tank armor (ceramic particles in metal)
Engineering Materials: controlling Processing - Structure - Properties - Performance

Realistically engineering materials: Trade-off
- Properties (What do we need or want?)
- Deterioration (How long will it last?) Men’s gym shoes last longer! Why?
- Cost (What’s the biggest bang for the buck?)
- Resource depletion (How to find new reserves, develop new environmentally-friendly materials, and increase recycling?)

How to decide what materials to use?
- Pick Application ⇒ Required Properties (mech., electrical, thermal, …)
- Properties ⇒ Required Materials (type, structure, composition)
- Material ⇒ Required Processing (changes to structure and desired shape, via casting, annealing, joining, sintering, mechanical, …)

Electrical: Resistivity of Copper
Increase resistivity of Cu
- by adding impurities
- by mechanical deformation

Resistivity
10^-8 Ohms-m

Fig. 19.8 Callister
scattering of e⁻ by microstructure
scattering of e⁻ by impurities
scattering of e⁻ by phonons

Structure, Properties & Processing
- Properties depend on structure
- Processing for structural changes

Can you correlate structure and strength and ductility?

Strength versus Structure of Brass and changes in microstructure

Biomaterials: Self-Assembled Tubules
Potential Nanotechnology
- Self-assembled ‘artificial bacterium’ comprised of charged membranes and cytoskeletal protein rods.
- These rigid-walled, nano-scale capsules have potential drug delivery applications.

Nanometers: things that span ~10^-9 m
100 nm ~ 500 atom diameters
Thermal: Conduction of Brass

- low from ceramic oxide (structure and conduction properties)
- changes due to alloying in metals (even though same structure)

Optical: transmission of light

e.g., Light transmission of Alumina ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$, a.k.a. sapphire)
  - single crystal, polycrystals (low and high porosity)

Deterioration and Failure

e.g., Stress, corrosive environments, embrittlement, incorrect structures from improper alloying or heat treatments, …

MSE 280 Goals

- Understand the origin and relationship between “processing, structure, properties, and performance.”
- Use “the right material for the right job”.
- Help recognize within your discipline the design opportunities offered by “materials selection.”

While nano-, bio-, smart- materials can make technological revolution, conservation and re-use methods and policies can have tremendous environmental and technological impacts!

Hybrid cars in 2004 are as efficient as fuel-cell cars of tomorrow!
Considering reforming, or energy needed to produce hydrogen, or that gasoline has much more energy density than hydrogen.
Motivation: Materials and Failure

Without the right material, a good engineering design is wasted. Need the right material for the right job!

- Materials properties then are responsible for helping achieve engineering advances.
- Failures advance understanding and material’s design.
- Some examples to introduce topics we will learn.

Concorde Jetliner - August, 2000

- A Concorde aircraft, one of the most reliable aircraft of our time, was taking off from Paris Airport when it burst into flames and crashed killing all on board.
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- Investigations determined that a jet that took-off ahead of Concorde had a fatigue-induced loss of a metallic component of the aircraft, which was left on runway. During take-off, the Concorde struck the component and catapulted it into the wing containing filled fuel tanks. From video, the tragedy was caused from the spewing fuel catching fire from nearby engine exhaust flames and damaging flight control.

The COMET: first jet passenger plane - 1954

- In 1949, the COMET aircraft was a newly designed, modern jet aircraft for passenger travel. It had bright cabins due to large, square windows at most seats. It was composed of light-weight aluminum.
- In early 1950's, the planes began falling out of the sky. These tragedies changed the way aircraft were designed and the materials that were used.
- The square windows were a “stress concentrator” and the aluminum alloys used were not “strong” enough to withstand the stresses.
- Until then, material selection for mechanical design was not really considered in designs.

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World Trade Center Collapse

- Tubular constructed building.
- Well designed and strong.
- Strong but not from buckling.
- Supports lost at crash site, and the floor supported inner and outer tubular structures.
- Heat from burning fuel adds to loss of structural support from softening of steel (strength vs. T, stress-strain behavior).
- Building “pancakes” due to enormous buckling loads.

See estimate by Tom Mackie in MIE
Alloying and Diffusion: Advances and Failures

- Alloying can lead to new or enhanced properties, e.g., Li, Zr added to Al (advanced precipitation hardened 767 aircraft skin).
- It can also be a problem, e.g., Ga is a fast diffuser at Al grain boundaries and make Al catastrophically brittle (no plastic behavior vs. strain).
- Need to know T vs. c phase diagrams for what alloying does.
- Need to know T-T-T (temp - time - transition) diagrams to know treatment.

All these are concepts we will tackle.

Precipitation: The Andromeda Galaxy

Bringing an plane out of the sky!
When Ga (in liquid state) is alloyed to Al it diffuses rapidly along grain boundaries (more volume) making bonds weaker and limiting plastic response.

Because without materials, there is no engineering.

- Engineering Requires Consideration of Materials
  The right materials for the job - sometimes need a new one.

- We will learn about the fundamentals of
  Processing ⇒ Structure ⇒ Properties ⇒ Performance

- We will learn that sometime only simple considerations of property requirements chooses materials.

Consider in your engineering discipline what materials that are used and why. Could they be better?