

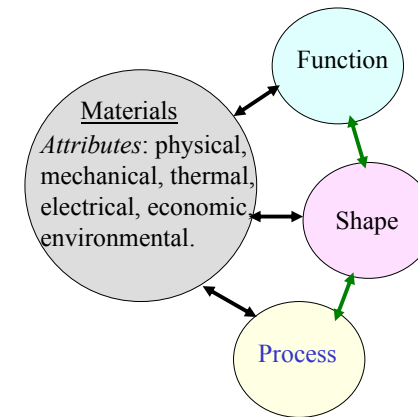


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Materials Selection and Design: Introduction



For selection, one must establish a link between materials and function, with shape and process playing also an important role (*We will focus on the function part*)



Design Requirements

Function: support a load, withstand temperature, transmit heat, etc.

What does the component do ?

Objective: make thing cheaply, light weight, increase safety, etc., or combinations of these.

What is to be maximized or minimized ?

Constraints: make thing cheaply, light weight, increase safety, etc., or combinations of these.

What essential conditions to be met ?

Free variables:

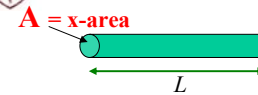
Which design variables are free ?

From which we obtain:

- **Screening Criteria:** go / no-go criteria
- **Ranking Criteria:** an ordering of the materials that “go”



Example 1: Strong and light Tie-Rod



- Tie-rod is common mechanical component.
- Tie-rod must carry tensile force, F , w/o failure.
- L is usually fixed by design.
- While strong, need lightweight, or low mass.

Function: Tie-rod

Objective: Minimize mass:

$$M = A L \rho \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Constraints:

- L = fixed length
- must not fail under load F (A can carry the load)

$$F/A \leq \sigma_f \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Free variables:

- Material choice
- Section area A

Performance index:

Eliminate A in (1) and (2): $m = \overset{\text{fixed}}{FL} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma_f} \right)$

Chose materials with smallest ρ/σ_f

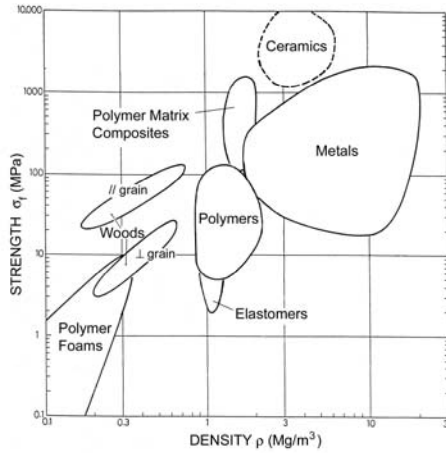


Example 1: Strong and light Tie-Rod

Maximize $P = \sigma_f / \rho$ *P is performance index*

Performance Index where a higher number gives better performance

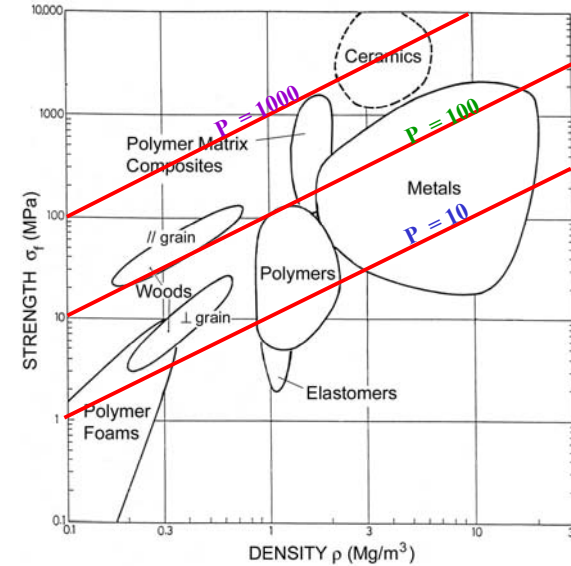
Consider $\log \sigma_f$ vs $\log \rho$



For fixed P: $\log P = \log \sigma_f - \log \rho = \text{constant} = C$



Example 1: Strong and light Tie-Rod



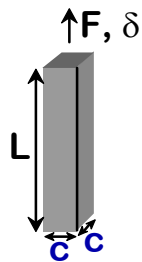
• For fixed P, look at $\log \sigma_f = \log \rho + C$

• For fixed P, you look for Lines of Slope = 1.

• Each Line of Slope = 1 have the same P values!
• But NOT the same materials properties (σ_f or ρ) e.g. some less dense (lighter).



Example 2: Stiff & Light Tension Members



• Bar **must not** lengthen by more than δ under force F; must have initial length L.

Stiffness relation:

$$(\sigma = E\varepsilon) \quad \frac{F}{c^2} = E \frac{\delta}{L}$$

Mass of bar:

$$M = \rho L c^2$$

• Eliminate the "free" design parameter, c:

$$M = \frac{FL^2}{\delta} \frac{\rho}{E}$$

specified by application

minimize for small M

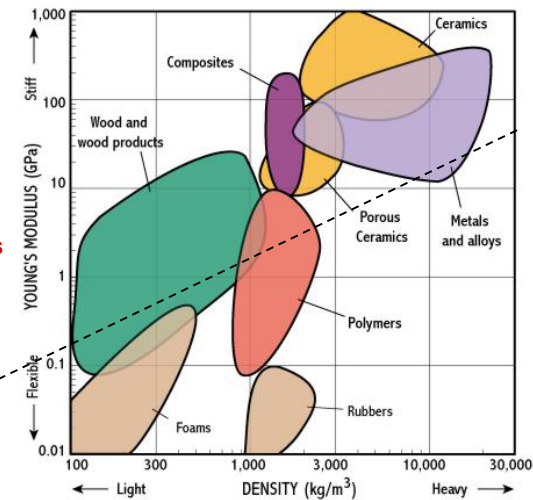
• Maximize the Performance Index: $P = \frac{E}{\rho}$ (stiff, light tension members)



Example 2: Stiff & Light Tension Members

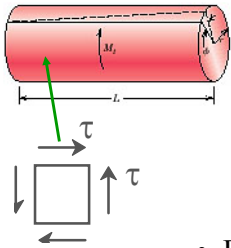
$$P = \frac{E}{\rho} \quad \log P = \log E - \log \rho = C$$

Increasing P for stiff tension members





Example 3: Strong & Light Torsion Members



- Bar must carry a moment, M_t
- must have a length L .

Strength relation:

$$\frac{\tau_f}{N} = \frac{2M_t}{\pi R^3}$$

N is a safety factor

Mass of bar:

$$M = \rho \pi R^2 L$$

- Eliminate the "free" design parameter, R :

$$M = (2\sqrt{\pi} N M_t)^{2/3} L \frac{\rho}{\tau_f^{2/3}}$$

specified by application

minimize for small M

- Maximize the Performance Index: $P = \frac{\tau_f^{2/3}}{\rho}$
(strong, light torsion members)



Example 3: Torsionally stressed shaft

Maximize Performance Material Index

$$P = \frac{\tau_{ys}^{2/3}}{\rho}$$

$$\log \tau = 3/2 [\log \rho + \log P]$$

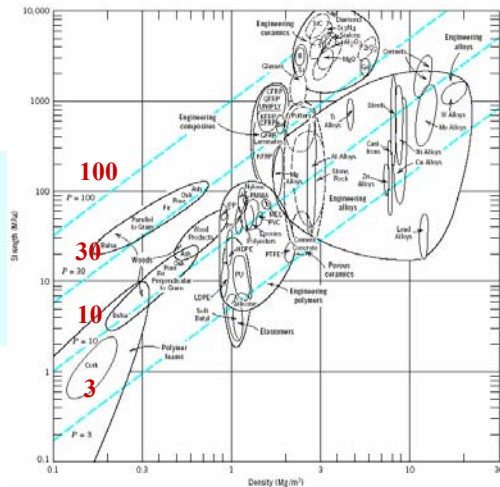
Need to consider lines of constant P with slope of 3/2 on log-scale



Example 3: Torsionally stressed shaft

All parallel lines have same performance index.

However, $P=30$ has 1/3 the mass of $P=10$ (mass $\propto 1/P \propto \rho$).



All materials that lie on these lines will perform equally for strength-per-mass basis. However, each line has a different Materials M index, or overall Performance P index.

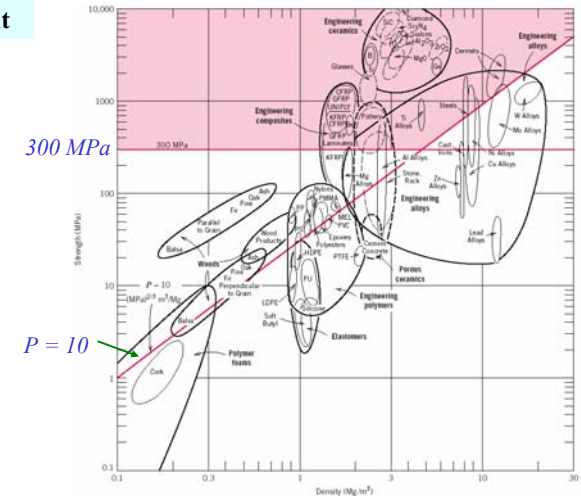


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Additional constraint

E.g. require $P \geq 10$ and $\tau_f \geq 300$ MPa.

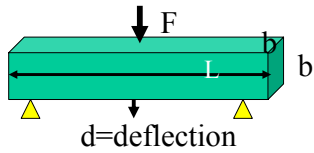
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Strength vs Density



Example 4: Light and Stiff Beam



Bending is common mode of loading in engineering, e.g., golf clubs, wing spars, floor joists.

Light, square beam ($A=b^2$) with length L , loaded in bending must meet a constraint on its stiffness, S , so that it does not deflect more than d with load F .

Stiffness Constraint $S = \frac{F}{d} \geq \frac{C_1 EI}{L^3} = \frac{C_1 E (b^4)}{L^3} = \frac{C_1 E (A^2)}{L^3}$ **Mass Constraint** $m = AL\rho$

Eliminating Area, A: $m \geq \left(\frac{12S}{C_1 L} \right)^{1/2} (L^3) \left(\frac{\rho}{E^{1/2}} \right)$ (note L in first bracket)

If beam remains square, the Light, Stiff Beam is one with largest $P = \left(\frac{E^{1/2}}{\rho} \right)$

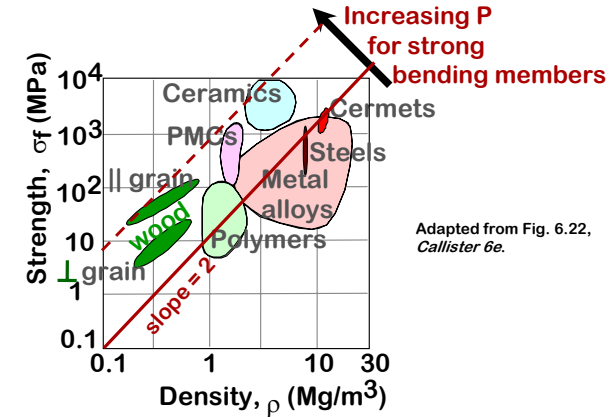
If only beam height can change (not A), then $P = (E^{1/3}/\rho)$ (Car door) $I \propto b^3 w$

If only beam width can change (not A), then $P = (E/\rho)$



Example 5: Strong & Light Bending Members

- Maximize the Performance Index: $P = \frac{\sigma^{1/2}}{\rho}$

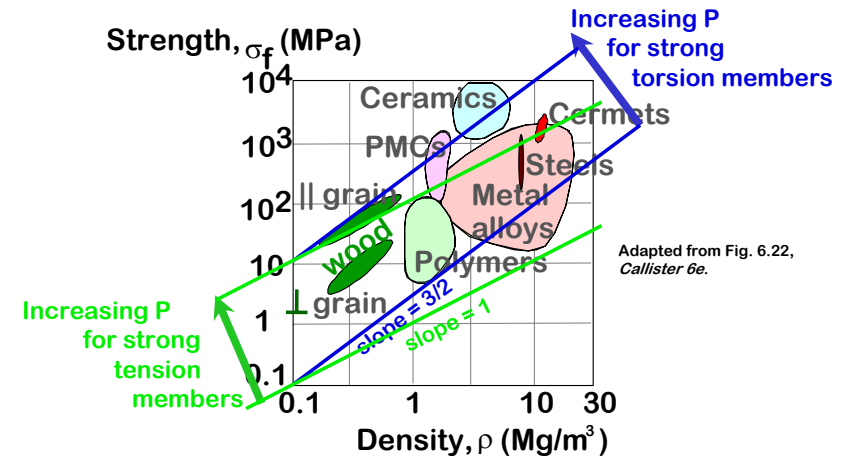


Examples of Materials Indices

Function, Objective, and Constraint	Index
Tie, minimum weight, stiffness	E/ρ
Beam, minimum weight, stiffness	$E^{1/2}/\rho$
Beam, minimum weight, strength	$\sigma^{2/3}/\rho$
Beam, minimum cost, stiffness	$E^{1/2}/C_m\rho$ $C_m = \text{cost/mass}$
Beam, minimum cost, strength	$\sigma^{2/3}/C_m\rho$
Column, minimum cost, buckling load	$E^{1/2}/C_m\rho$
Spring, minimum weight for given energy storage	$\sigma_{YS}^2/E\rho$
Thermal insulation, minimum cost, heat flux	$1/(\alpha C_m\rho)$ $\alpha = \text{thermal cond}$
Electromagnet, maximum field, temperature rise	$\kappa C_p\rho$ $\kappa = \text{elec. cond}$



Strong & Light Tension vs. torsion Members





Next time:
Continue Materials Selection