COE–3001: Mechanics of deformable bodies

Chapter 3: shear

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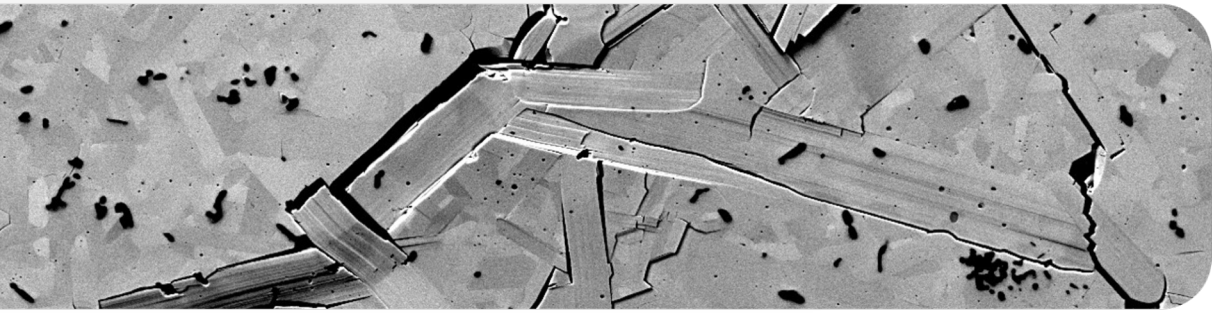

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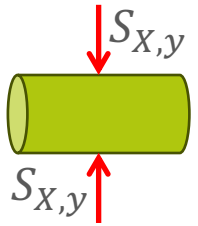

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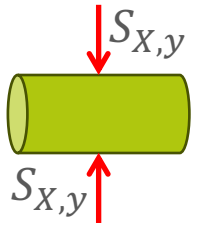

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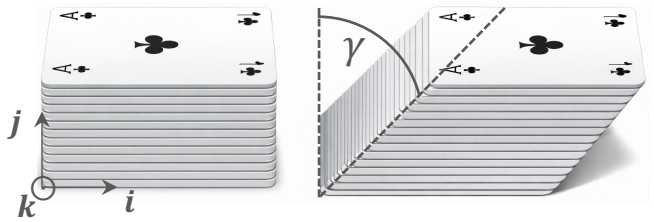

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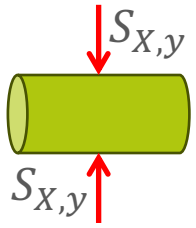

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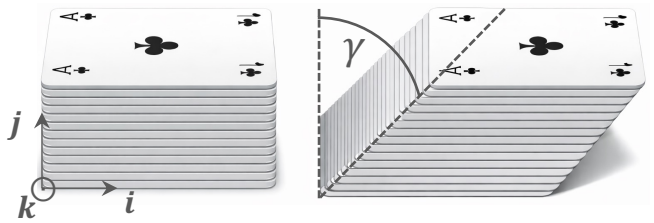

❖ **Shear strain:**

$$\tan\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \rightarrow \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$$

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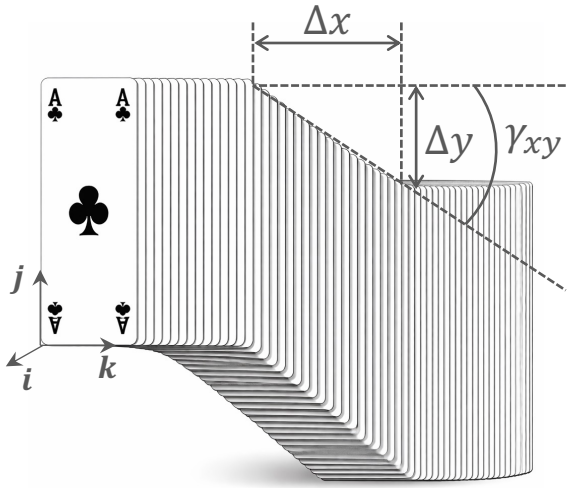
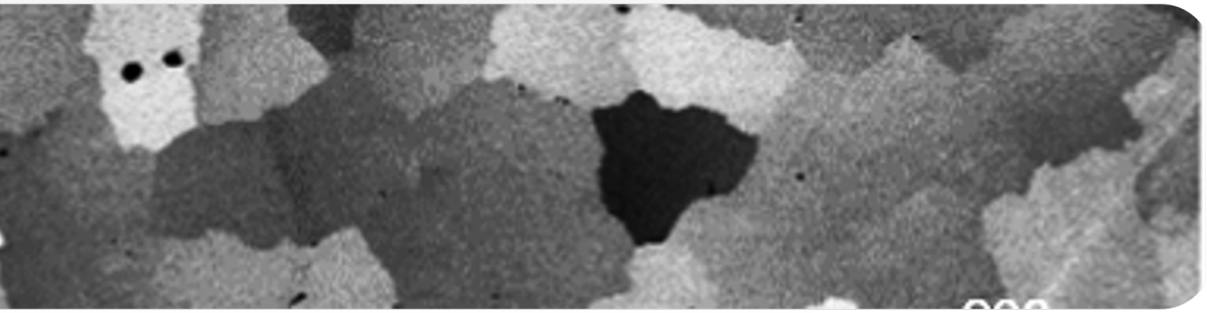




Stress

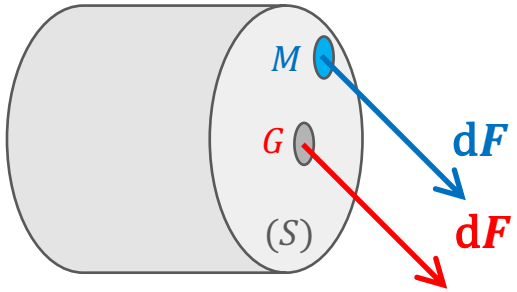
Relationship between ϕ and the internal forces

❖ **Cohesion torsor in M:**

$$\{\mathcal{T}_M^{coh}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R_M} = \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} \\ \boldsymbol{M_M} = \boldsymbol{0} \end{Bmatrix}$$

❖ **Let's transport this torsor into G near M:**

$$\{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{T}_G^{coh}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{R_G} = \boldsymbol{R_M} = \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} \\ \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{M_G} = \boldsymbol{0} + \boldsymbol{GM}\times\boldsymbol{R_M} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{R_G} = \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} \\ \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{M_G} = \boldsymbol{GM}\times\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$\text{BUT } \boldsymbol{\phi}(M,\boldsymbol{n}) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F}}{\mathrm{d}S} \Rightarrow \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} = \boldsymbol{\phi}(M,\boldsymbol{n})\mathrm{d}S$$

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$$\text{BUT } \boldsymbol{\phi}(M,\boldsymbol{n}=\boldsymbol{i}) = \sigma_{xx}\boldsymbol{i} + \sigma_{xy}\boldsymbol{j} + \sigma_{xz}\boldsymbol{k} \text{ AND } \boldsymbol{GM} = x\boldsymbol{i} + y\boldsymbol{j} + z\boldsymbol{k}$$

❖ **After integration over (S):**

$$\{\mathcal{T}_G^{coh}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R_G} = \iint (\sigma_{xx}\boldsymbol{i} + \sigma_{xy}\boldsymbol{j} + \sigma_{xz}\boldsymbol{k})\mathrm{d}S \\ \boldsymbol{M_G} = \iint \boldsymbol{GM}\times(\sigma_{xx}\boldsymbol{i} + \sigma_{xy}\boldsymbol{j} + \sigma_{xz}\boldsymbol{k})\mathrm{d}S \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} N_G = \iint \sigma_{xx}\mathrm{d}S & T_G = \iint (y\sigma_{xz} - z\sigma_{xy})\mathrm{d}S \\ S_{G,y} = \iint \sigma_{xy}\mathrm{d}S & B_{G,y} = \iint (z\sigma_{xx} - x\sigma_{xz})\mathrm{d}S \\ S_{G,z} = \iint \sigma_{xz}\mathrm{d}S & B_{G,z} = \iint (x\sigma_{xy} - y\sigma_{xx})\mathrm{d}S \end{Bmatrix}$$

↳ Very complex. Additional assumptions are needed about how stresses are distributed over (S).

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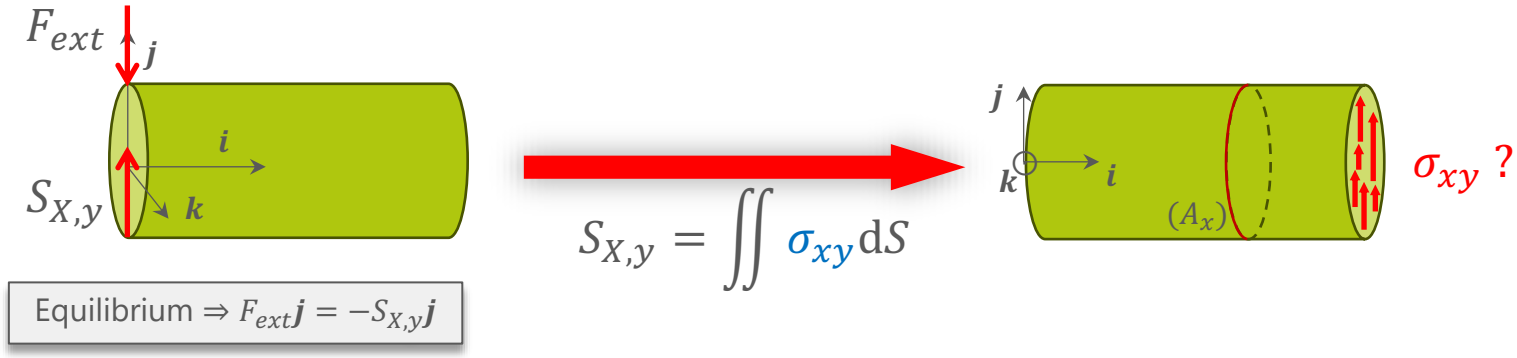

Equilibrium $\Rightarrow F_{ext}\boldsymbol{j} = -S_{X,y}\boldsymbol{j}$

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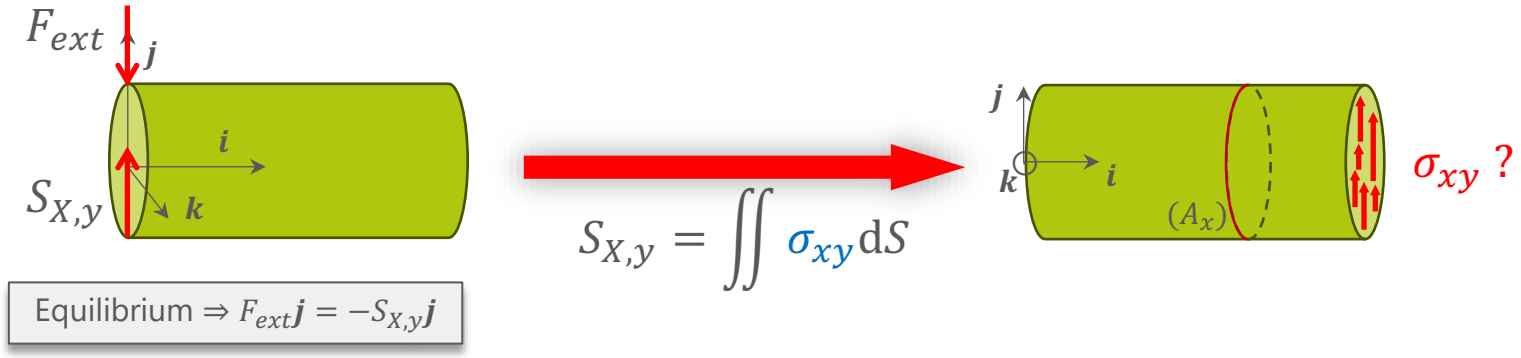

❖ **We assume that σ_{xy} is constant.**

- Uniform cross-section: the area (A) does not vary along x.
- Constant axial force: the shear force F_{ext} is the same at every cross-section (no distributed axial loads).
- Pure shearing (no bending, no torsion).
- Homogeneous material: material properties are identical everywhere.
- Small deformations: geometry changes are negligible.

$$S_{X,y} = \iint \sigma_{xy}\mathrm{d}S \Leftrightarrow F_{ext} = \iint \sigma_{xy}\mathrm{d}S = \sigma_{xy}\iint \mathrm{d}S = \sigma_{xy}A_x$$

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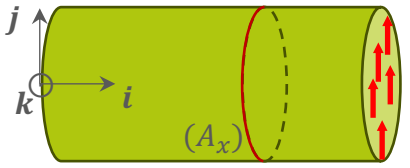

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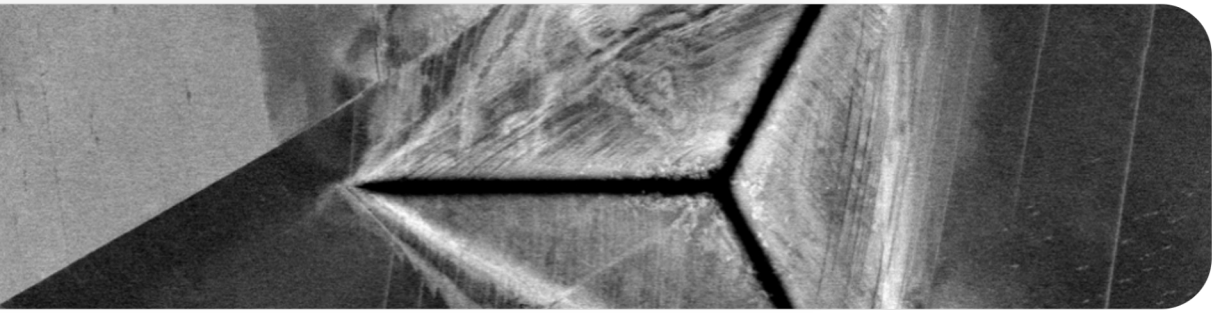
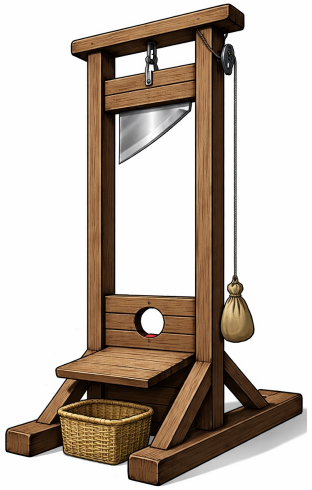


Shear testing



(the French shear test)

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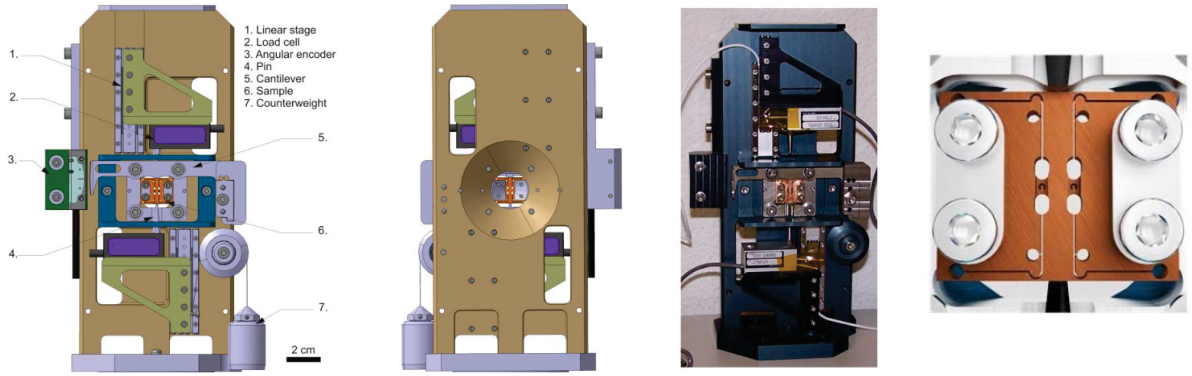

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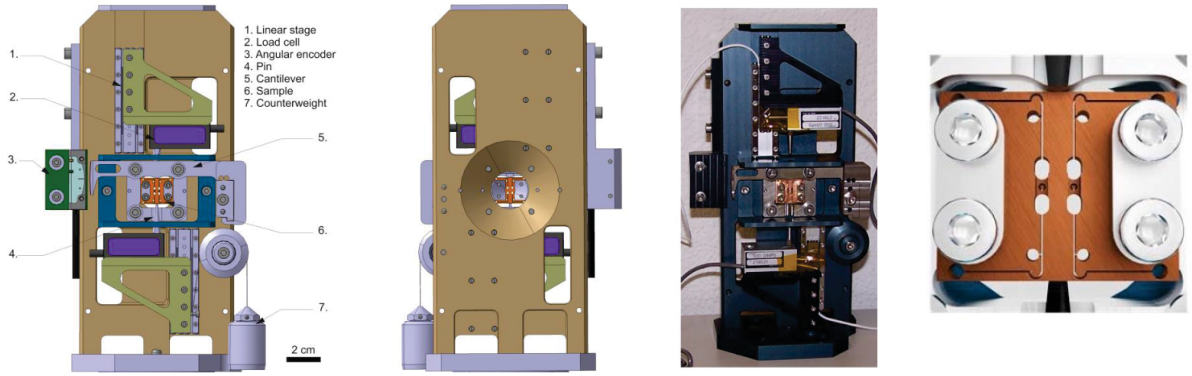

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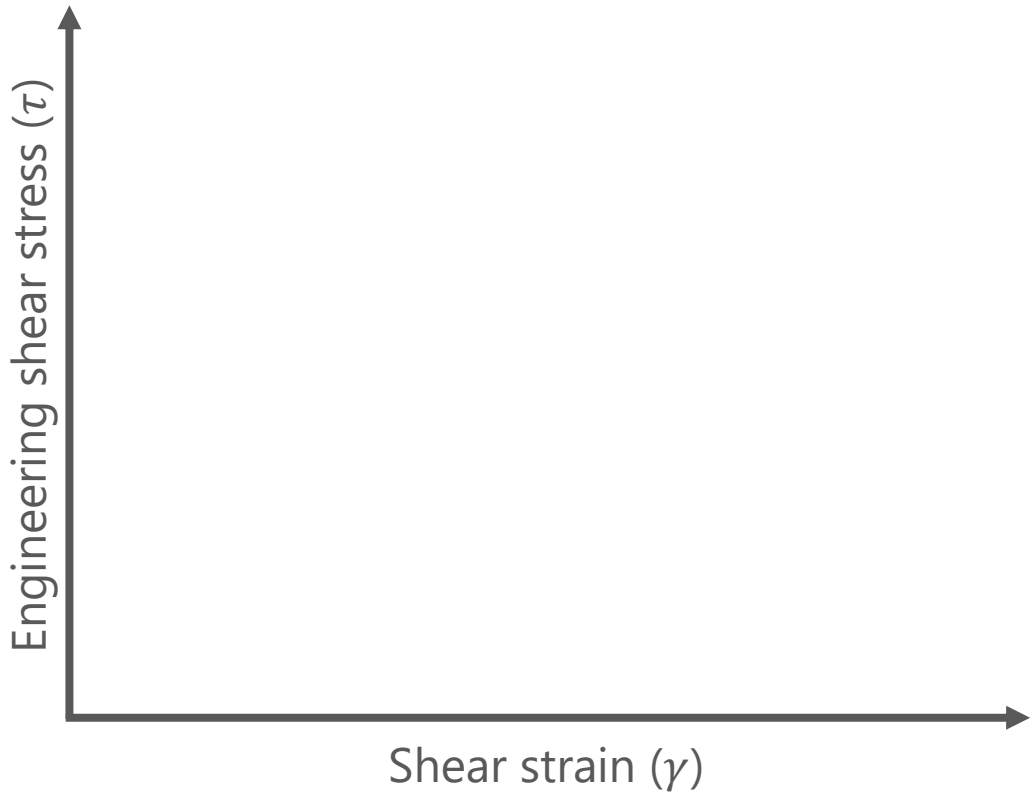

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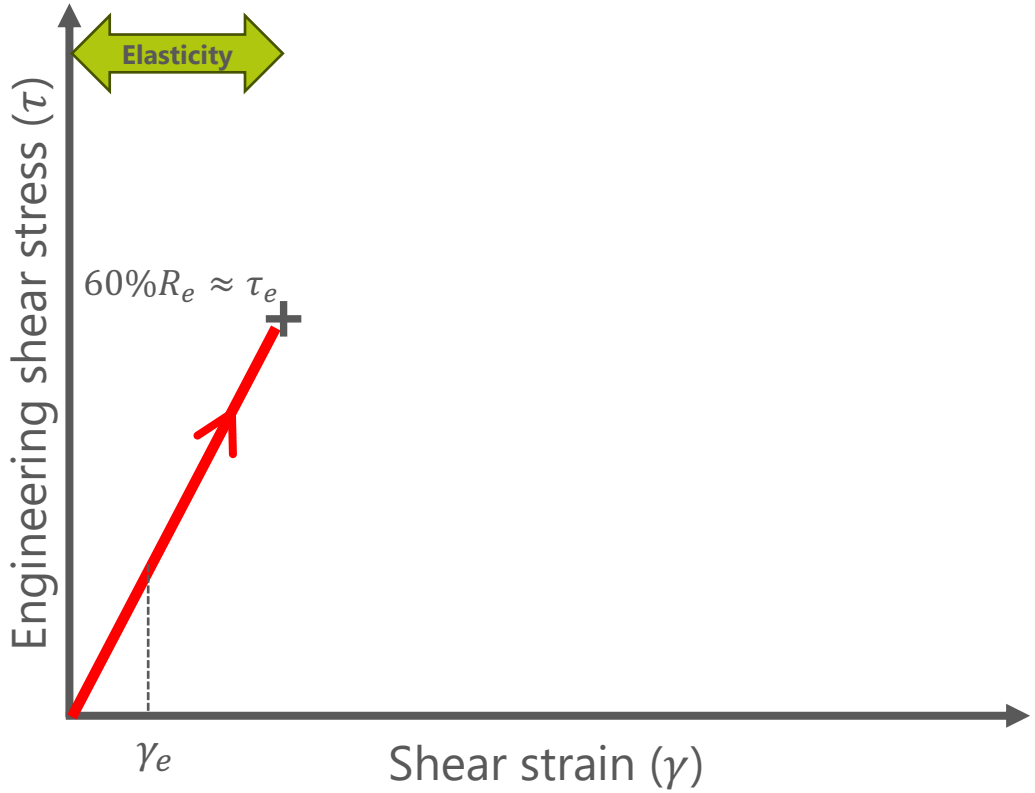

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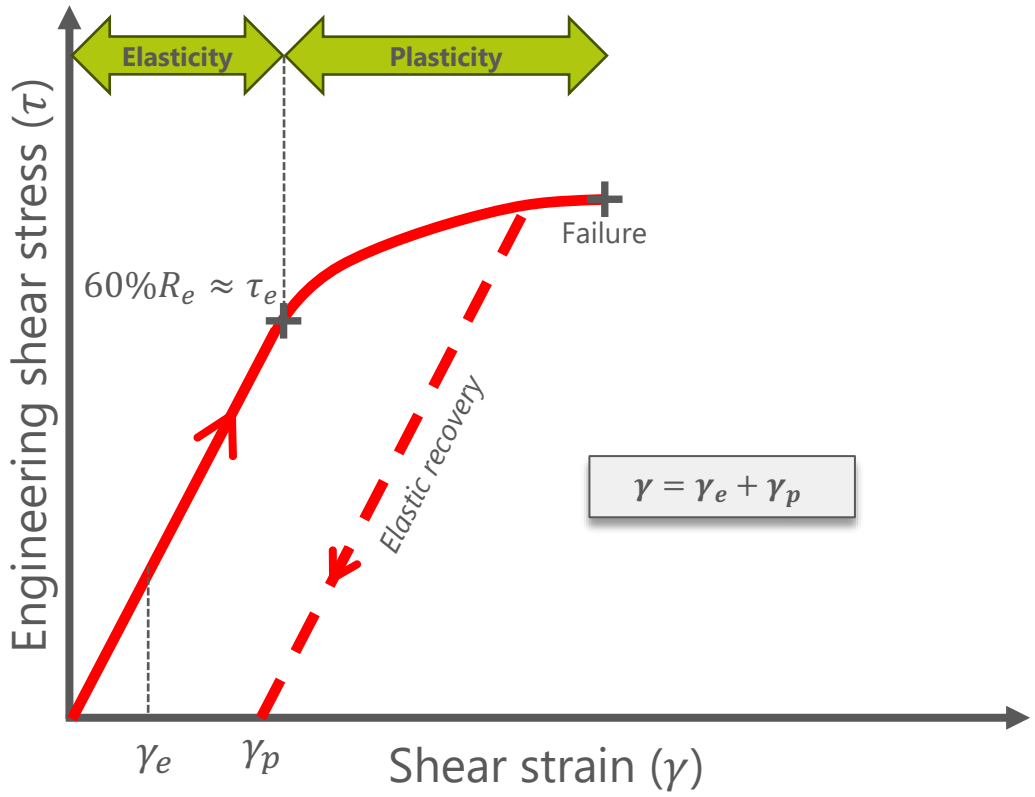

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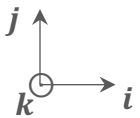
  - After unloading, a permanent plastic strain (γ_p) remains.
  - The recovered part is the elastic shear angle.
  - Plastic deformation in shear tends to localize early into shear bands.

Summary

Loadings	Deformation	Stress	Governing equations	Coefficients	Elasticity limit
Tension	$\varepsilon_{xx} > 0$	$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{N}{A_x} > 0$	$\sigma_{xx} = E\varepsilon_{xx}$ $\varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{yy} = -\nu\varepsilon_{xx}$	E, ν	R_e
Compression	$\varepsilon_{xx} < 0$	$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{N}{A_x} < 0$	$\sigma_{xx} = E\varepsilon_{xx}$ $\varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{yy} = -\nu\varepsilon_{xx}$	E, ν	R_e
Shear	γ_{xy}	$\tau_{xy} = \frac{S_{X,y}}{A_x}$	$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy}$ $G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$	G	τ_e



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