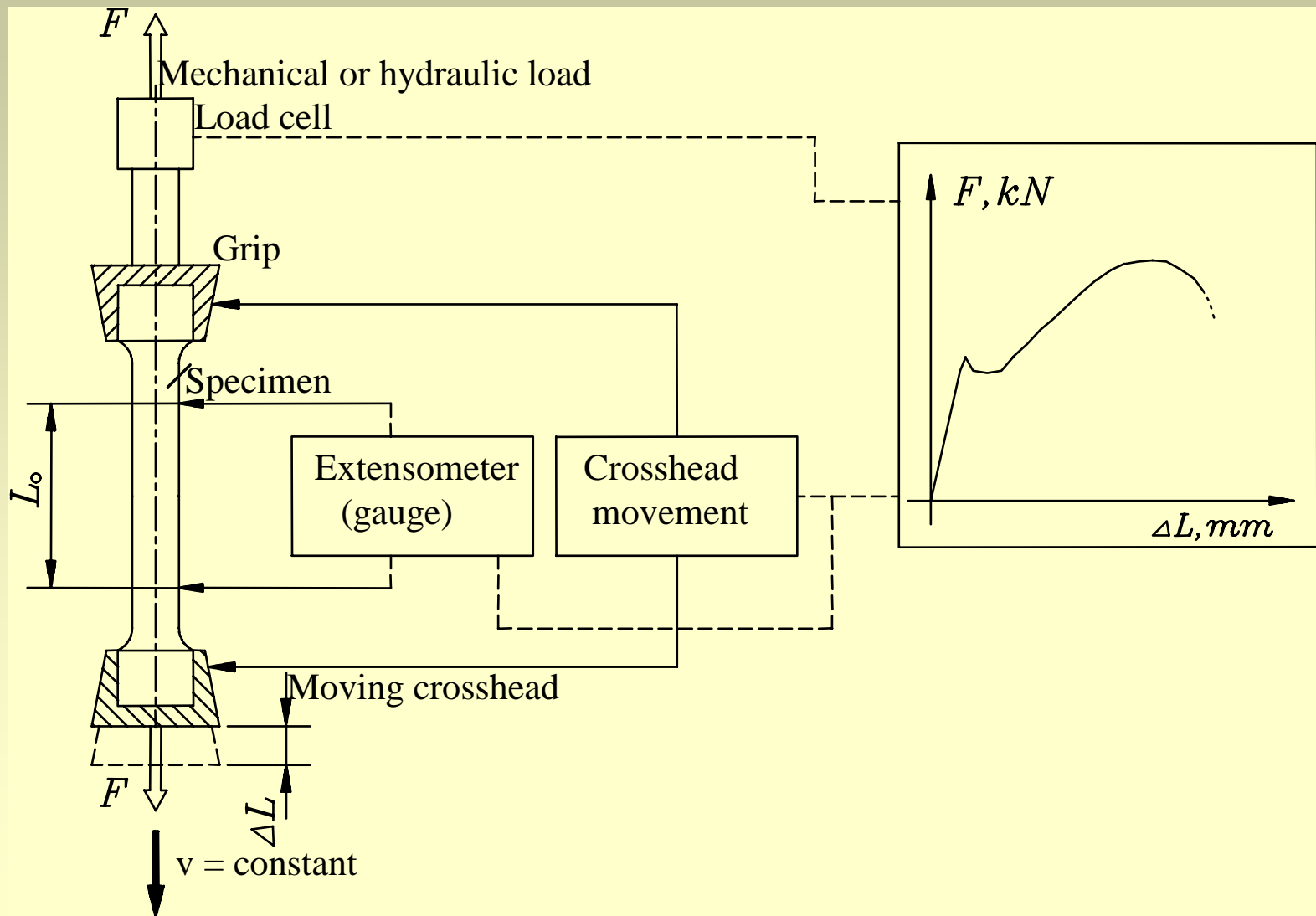


# *Mechanical Testing 1*

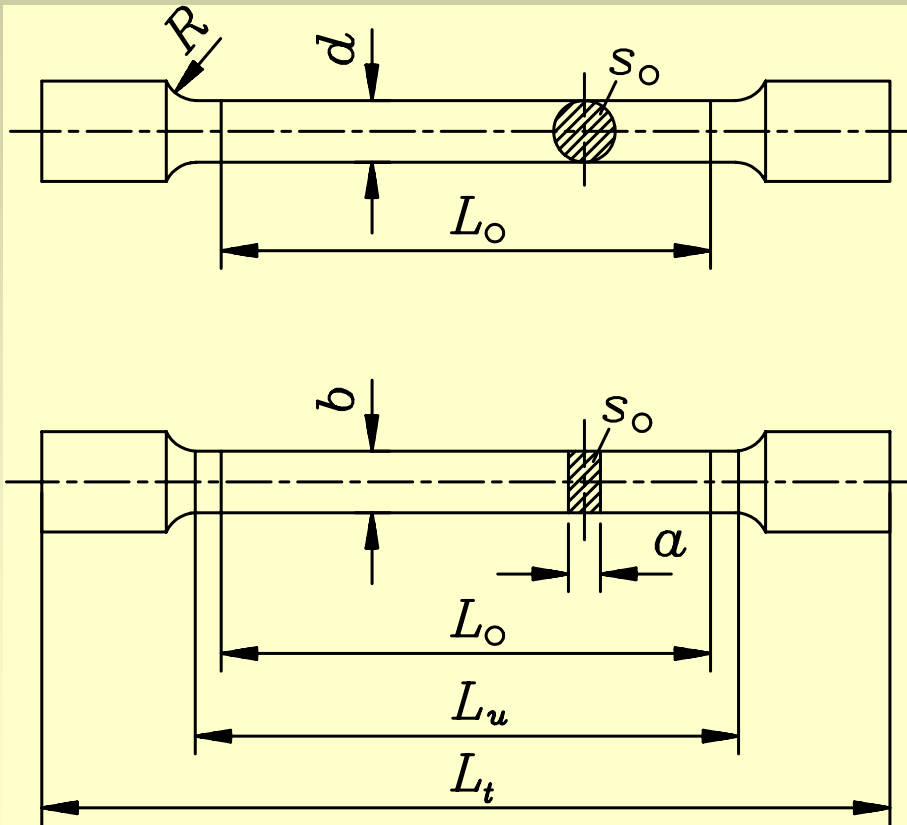
- *to determine if the material meets specification*
  - *to establish design parameters*
- *to evaluate the effects of processing variables*

# Tensile (tension) test



# Tensile specimen

General geometry



$$L_o = 5 \cdot d_o$$

$$L_o = 10 \cdot d_o$$

# Tensile specimens





# Tensile diagram (1)

I. stage

## Elastic deformation

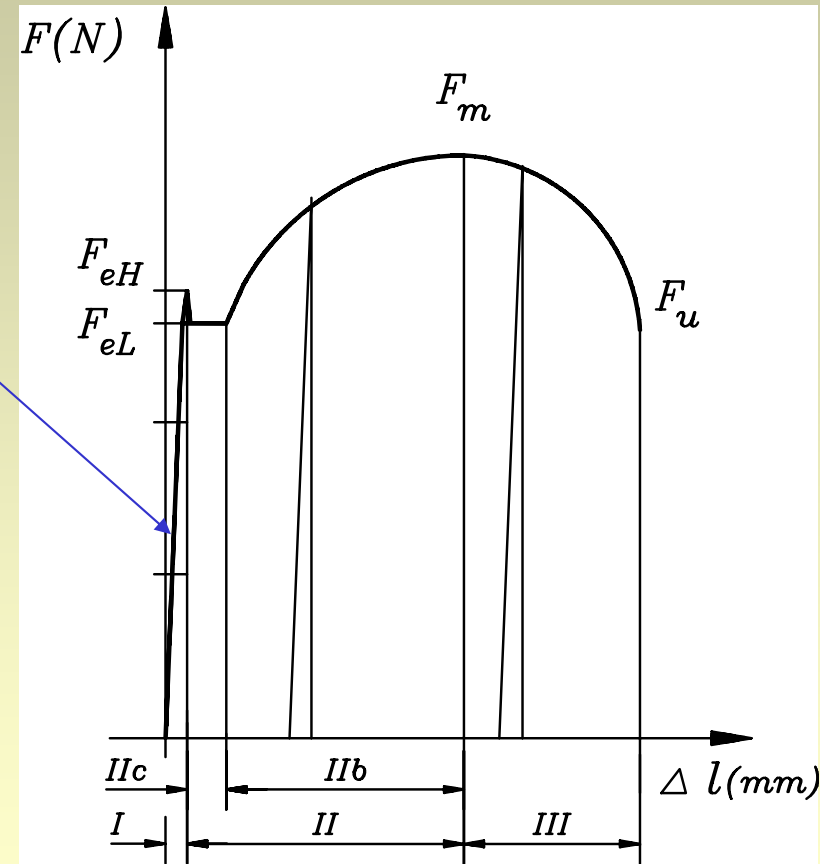
$\sigma = E * \varepsilon$  (Hook's law),

where

$\sigma$  - stress,

$E$  - elastic (Young's) modulus

$\varepsilon$  - strain.



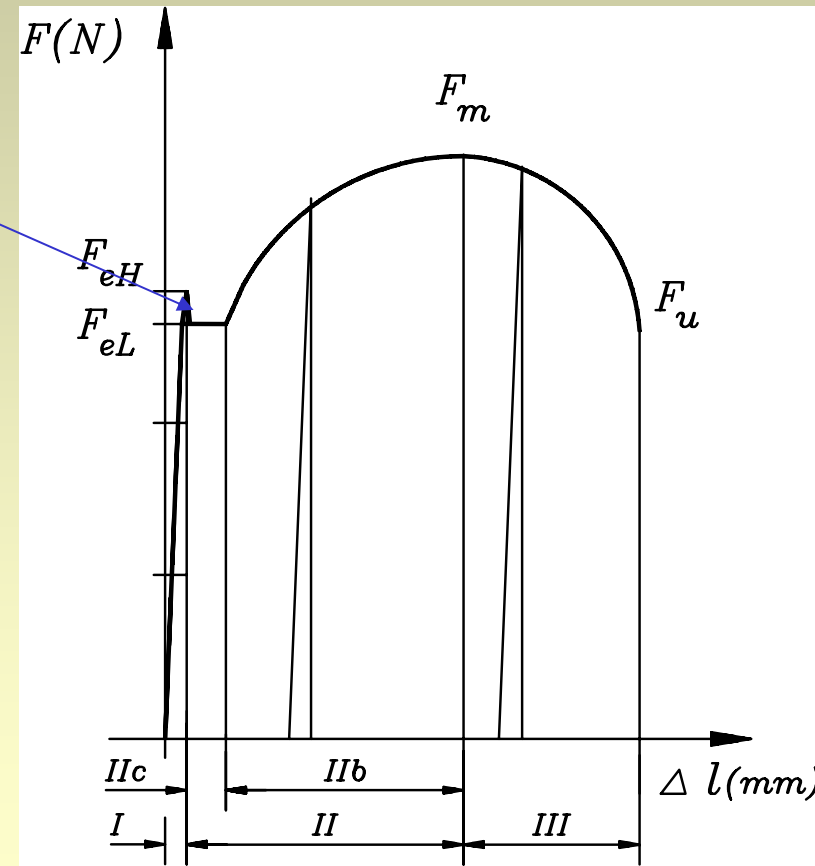
# Tensile diagram (2)

II.a. stage

yielding

starts at  $F_{eH}$  force

start of plastic  
deformation

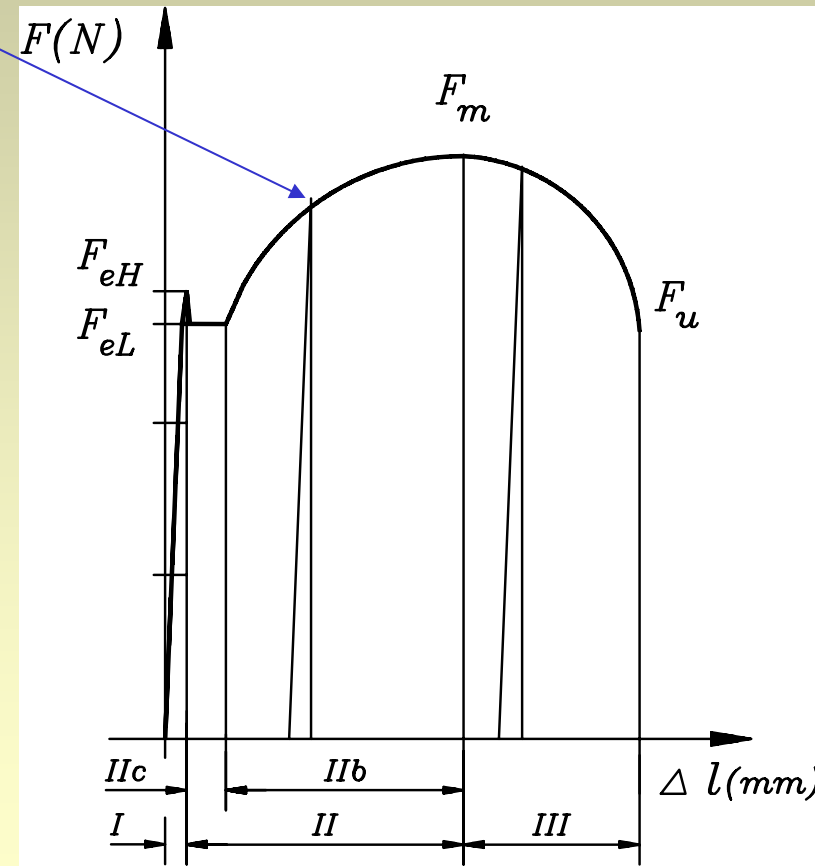
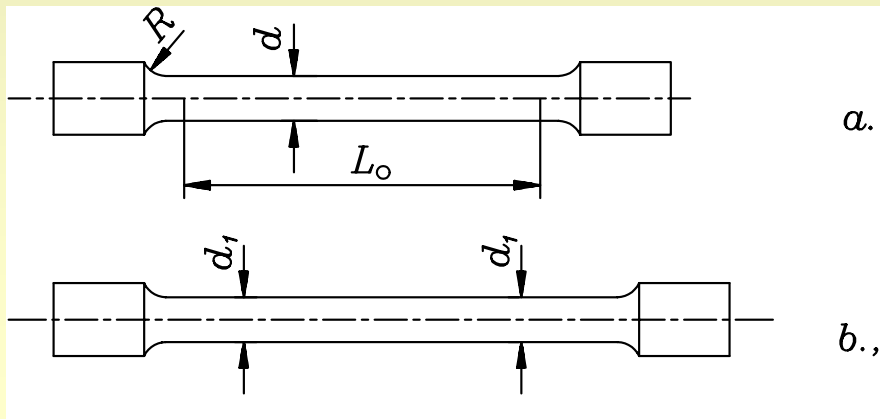


# Tensile diagram (3)

II.b. stage

**uniform plastic  
deformation**

strain hardening(!)



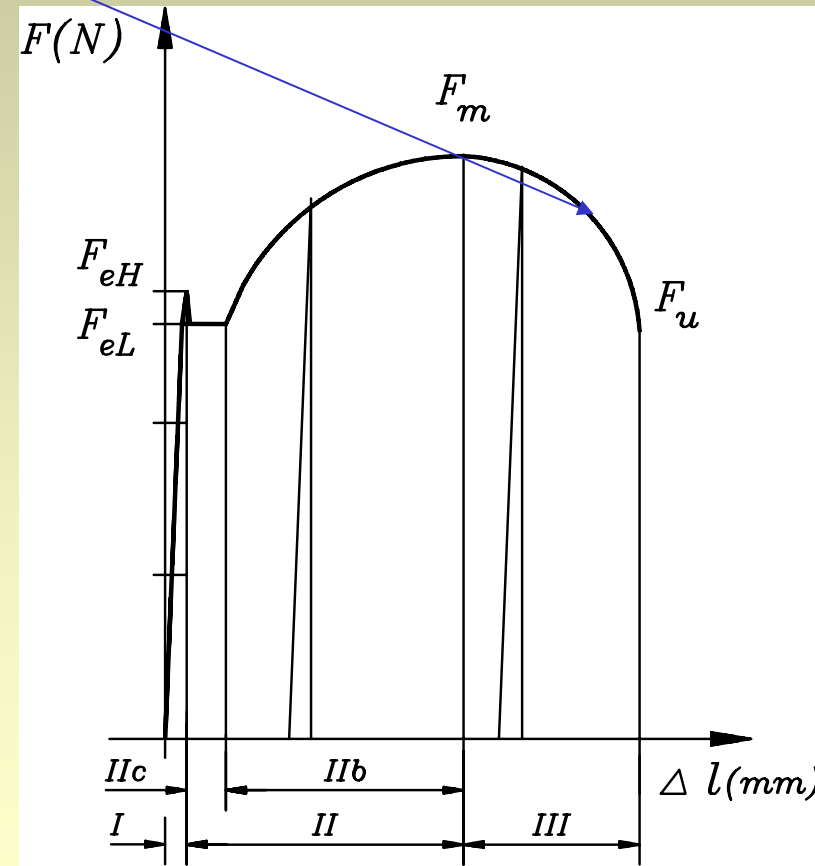
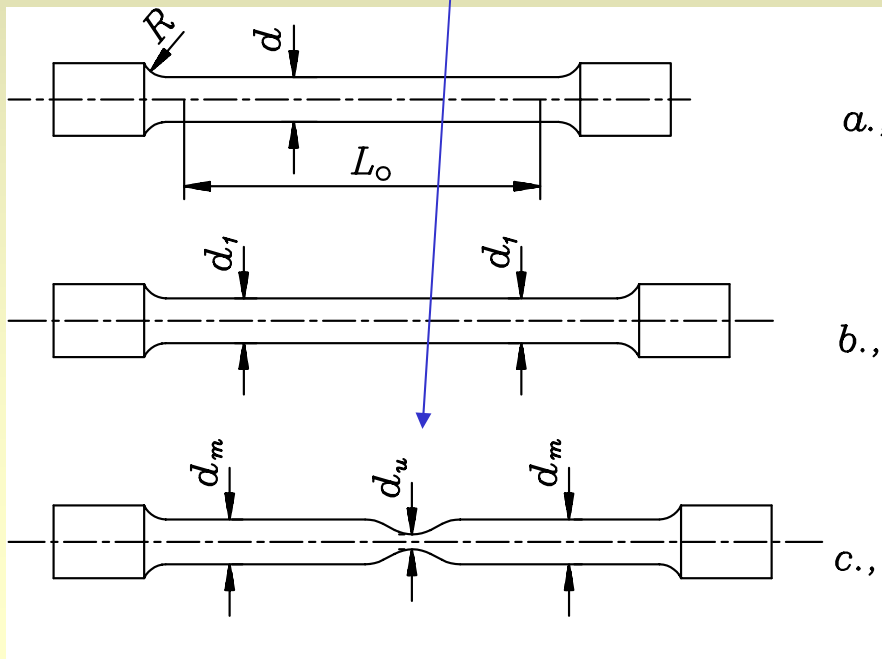


# Tensile diagram (4)

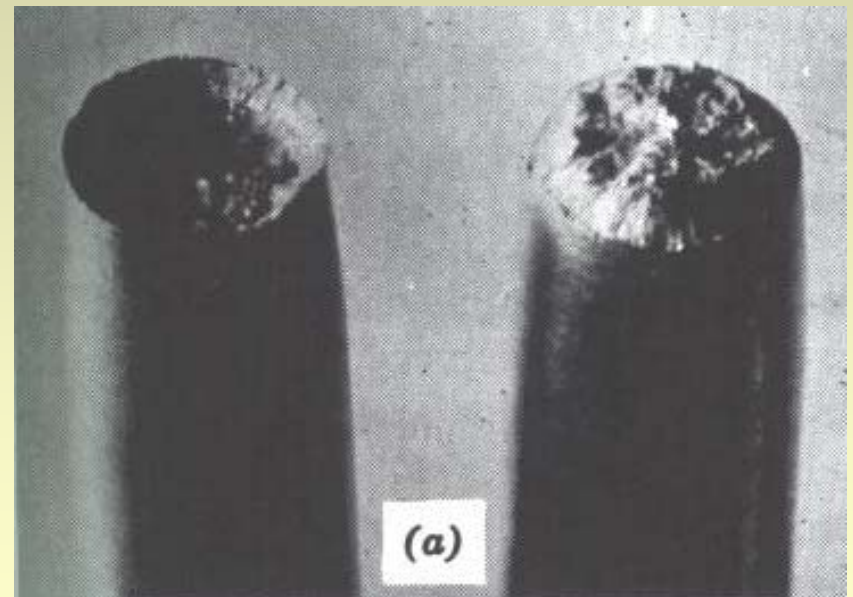
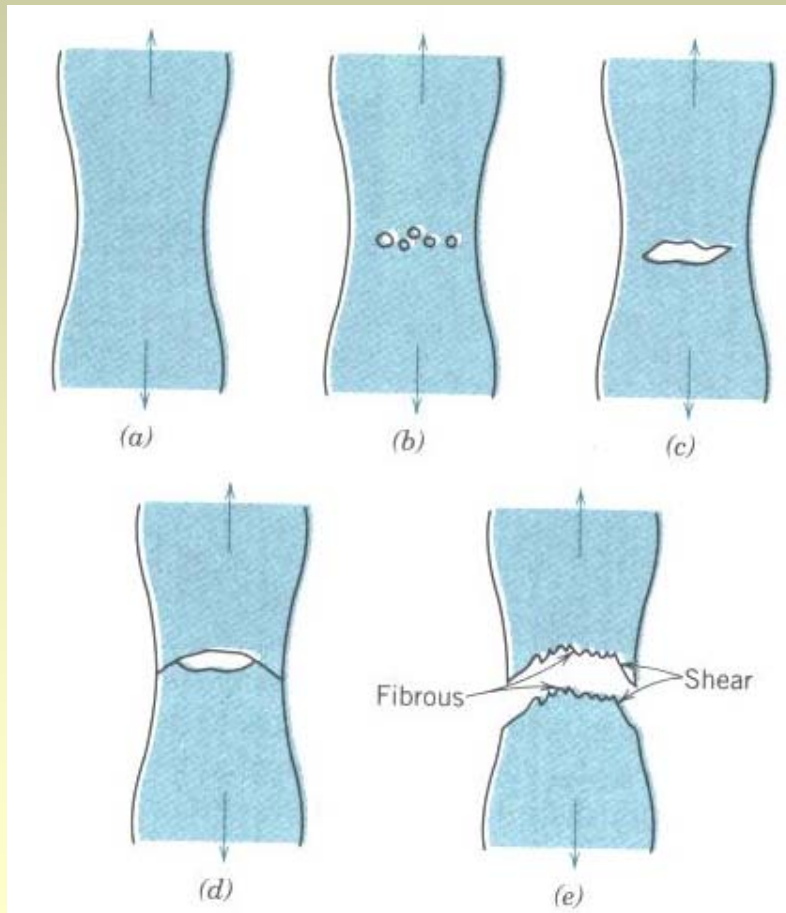
III. stage

## Necking

the strain becomes localised to a small volume only



# The process of rupture



## Calculation of material properties:

### Engineering system

Force and elongation is divided with the **original** cross section and gauge length

stress :  $\sigma = F / S_o$

strain, specific elongation :  $\varepsilon = \Delta L / L_o$

where

$F$  - force

$S_o$  – **original** cross section

$L_o$  – **original** gauge length

$\Delta L$  – length difference

# Calculation of material properties:

## Real system

Force and elongation is divided with the **actual** cross section and gauge length

stress:

$$\sigma' = \frac{F}{S}$$

strain:

$$d\varphi = \frac{dL}{L}$$

integrating the equation:

$$\varphi = 2 \ln \frac{L_0}{L}$$

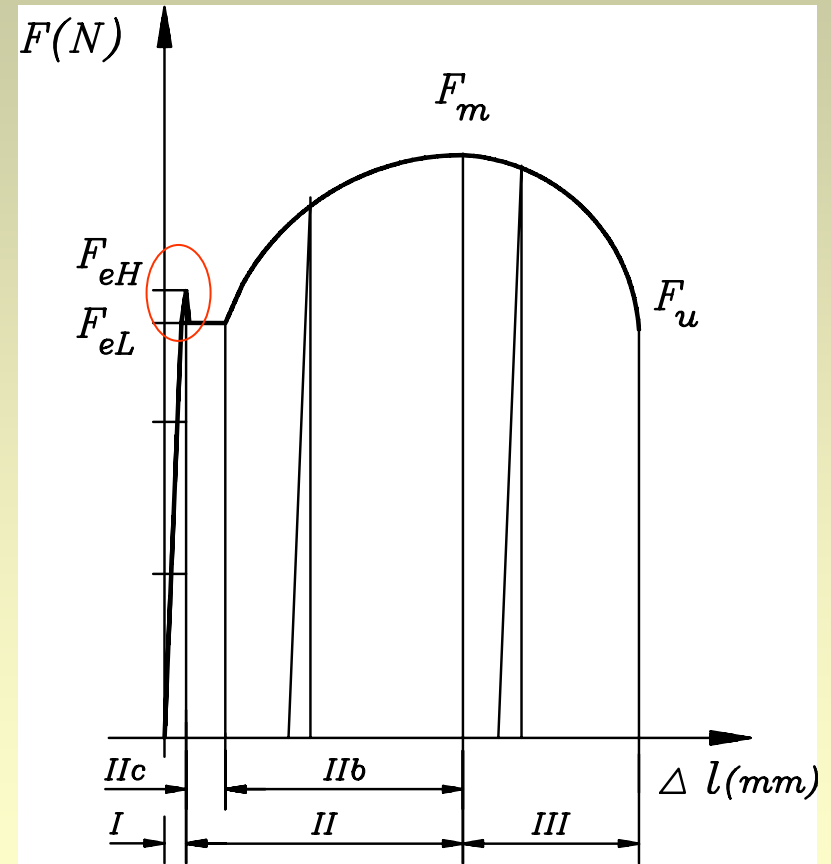
$F$ –	force
$S$ –	actual cross section
$dL$ –	actual length difference
$d_o$ –	original diameter
$d$ –	actual diameter
$\varphi$ –	logarithmic strain

# Material properties: Yield strength

$$R_{eH} = \frac{F_{eH}}{S_o}$$

Stress at yielding

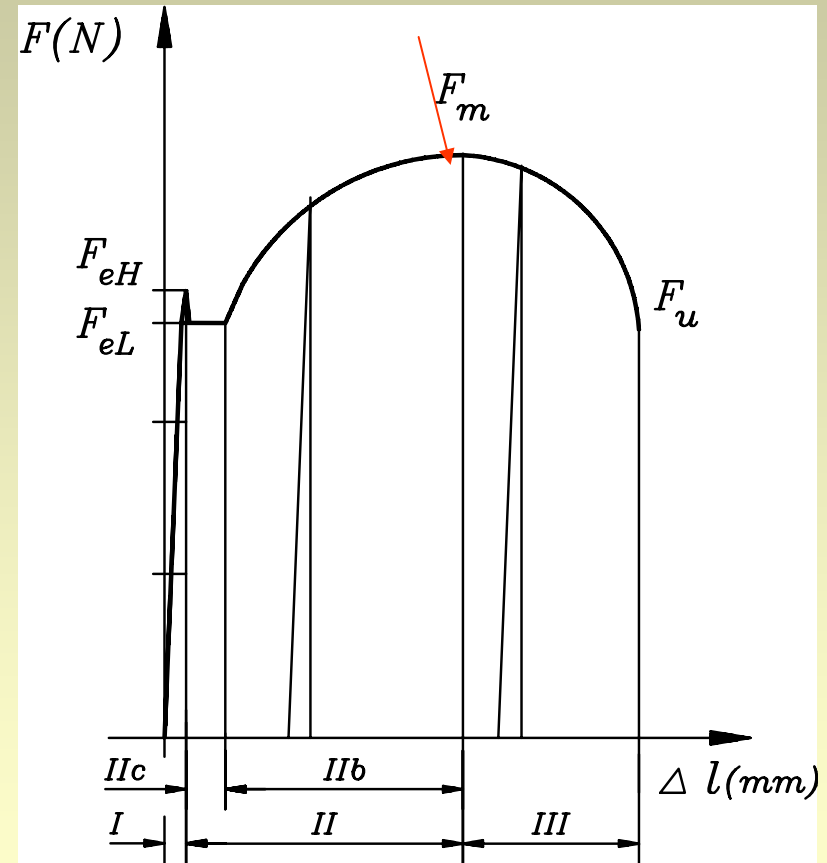
N/mm<sup>2</sup>



# Material properties: Tensile strength

$$R_m = \frac{F_m}{S_o}$$

Ultimate tensile strength (UTS or TS) is a measure of the maximum load that a material can withstand.

$$\text{N/mm}^2$$


# Material properties: Measure of ductility

- Elongation,  $A$

%

change in length/initial length

$$A = \frac{L_u - L_o}{L_o} 100 \%$$



# Material properties: Measure of ductility

- Reduction in area, Z

%

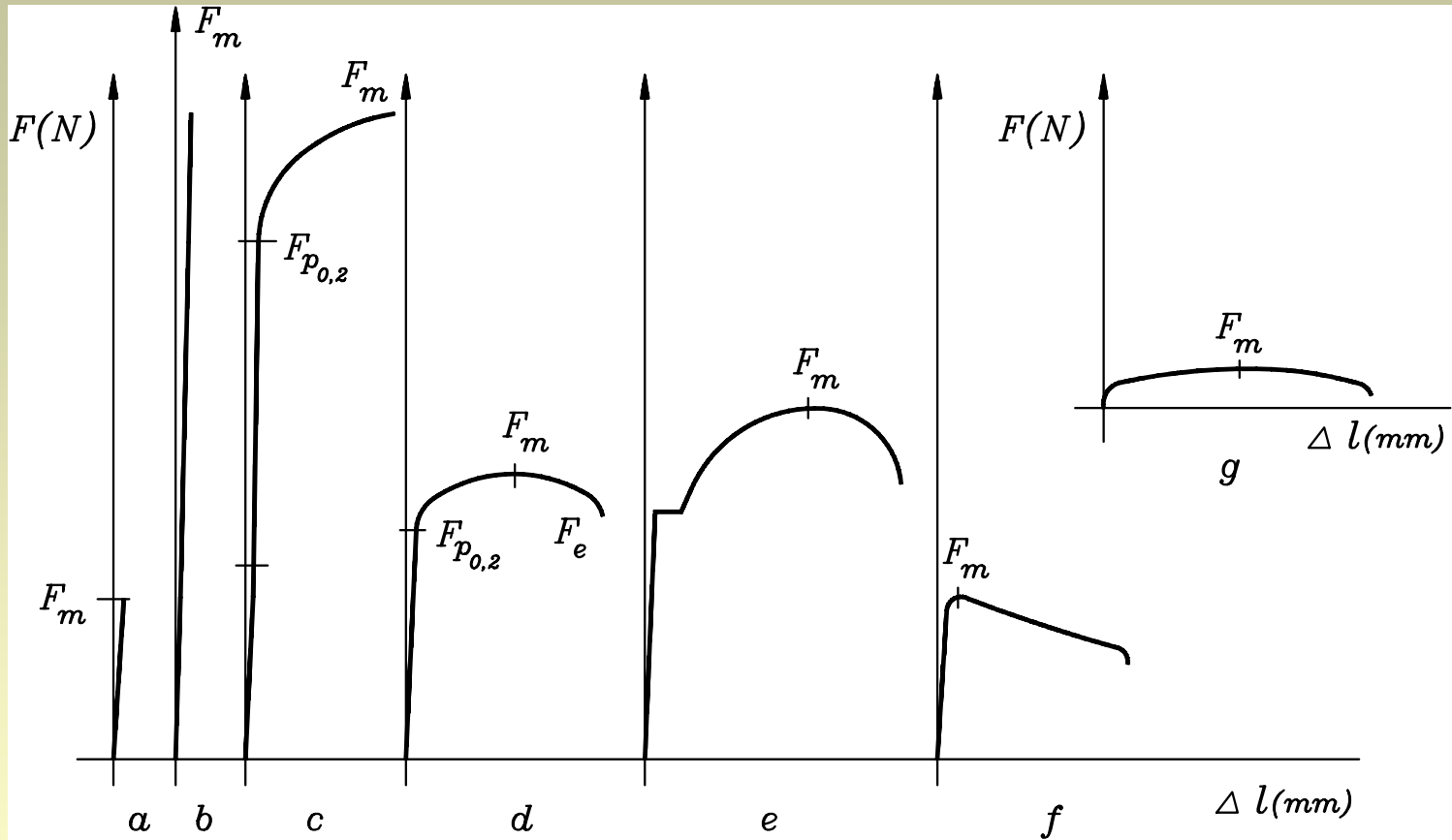
change in cross  
section/initial cross  
section

$$Z = \frac{S_o - S_u}{S_o} 100 \%$$





# Yield strength – Proof strength



If characteristic yielding can not be observed, we calculate proof stress as: **stress at a given elongation** (e.g. 0,2%)

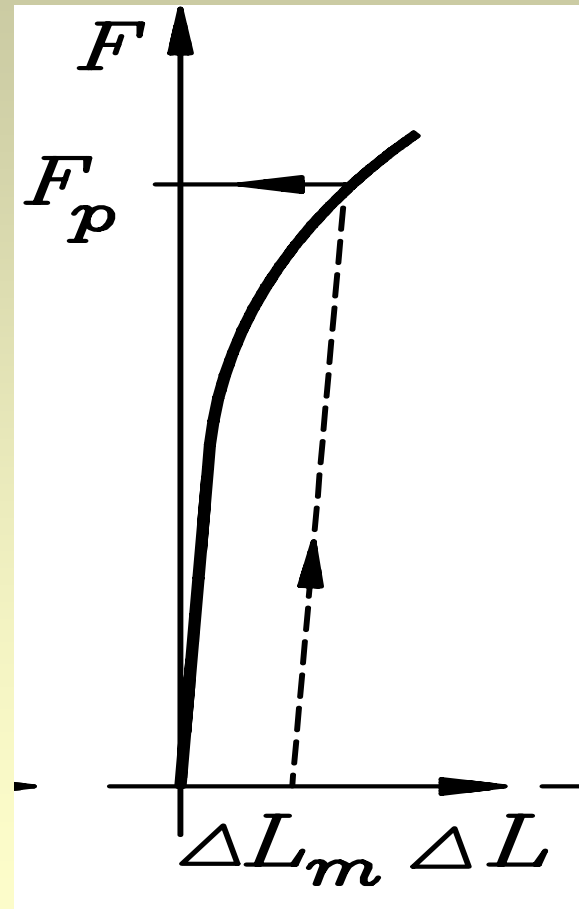
# Proof strength

Stress required to produce a small amount of plastic deformation :

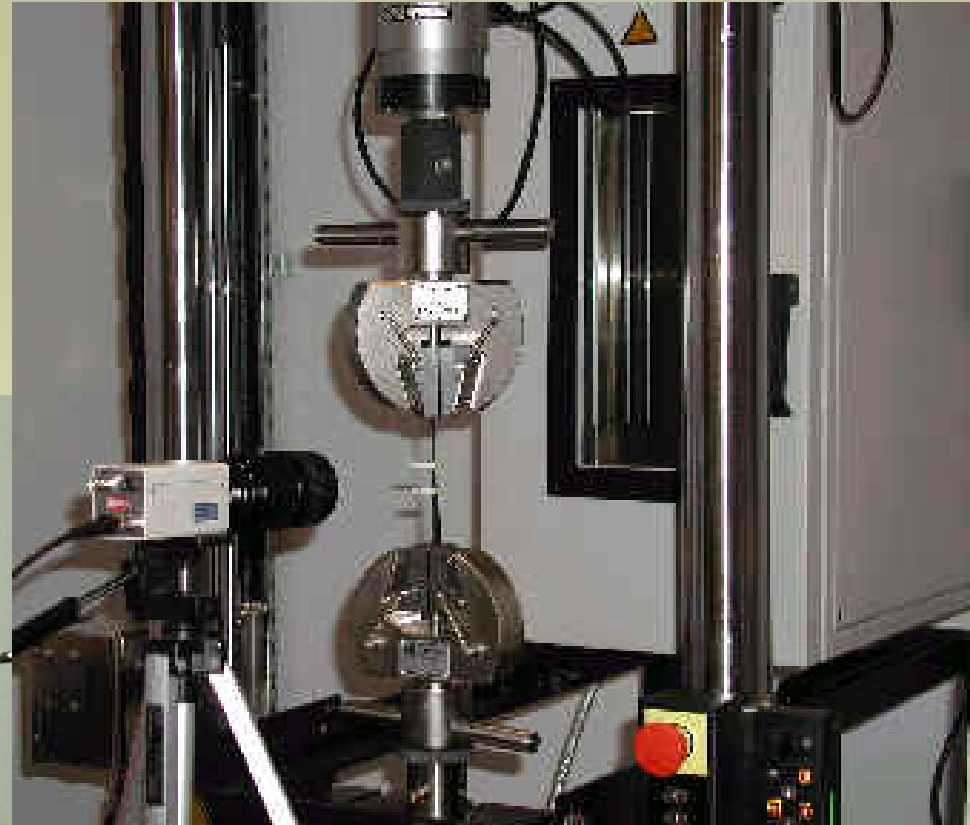
$$R_{p0,2} = \frac{F_{p0,2}}{S_o} \quad [\text{N/mm}^2]$$

specified value of strain offset:

usually 0,2 % of gauge length



# Extensometer for proof strength determination



# Tensile test machine

Load capacity: 100 kN

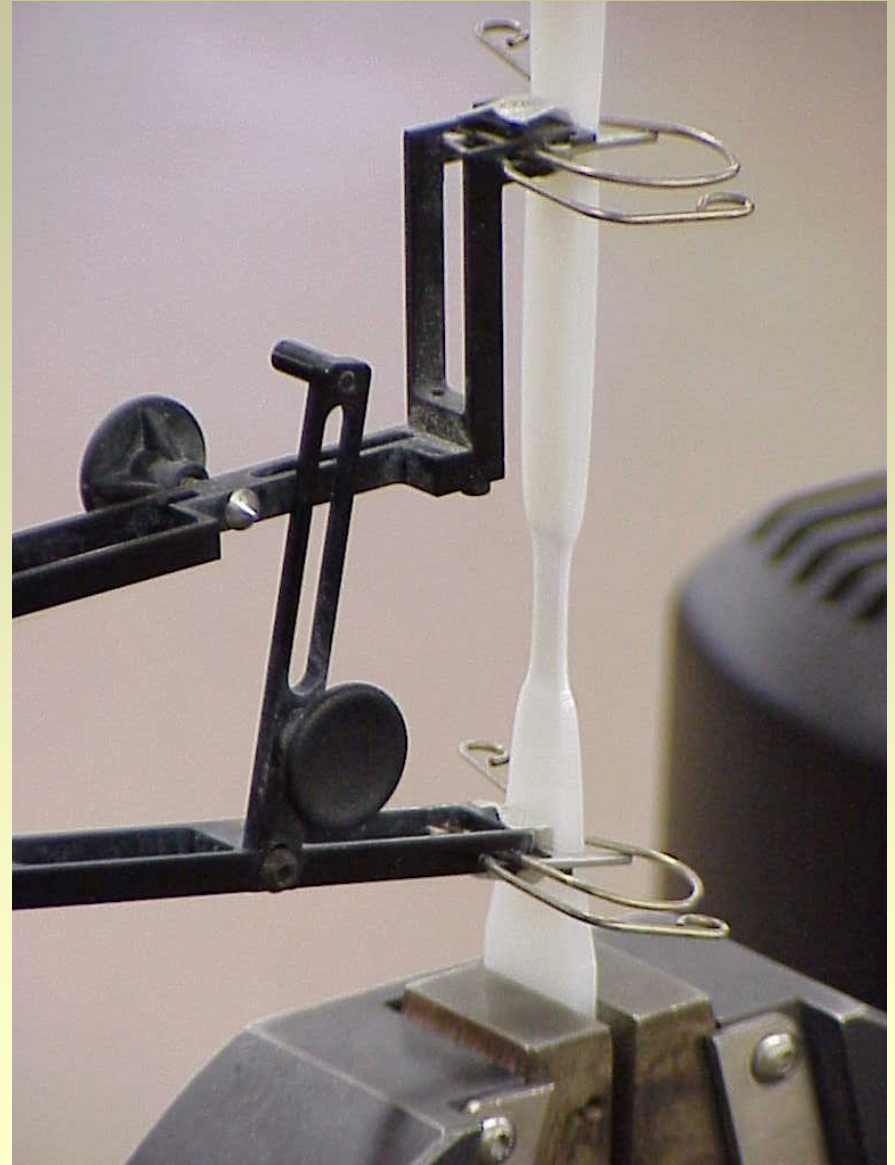
Elongation measurement with optical extensometer

Automated evaluation of stress, strain, anisotropy, etc.

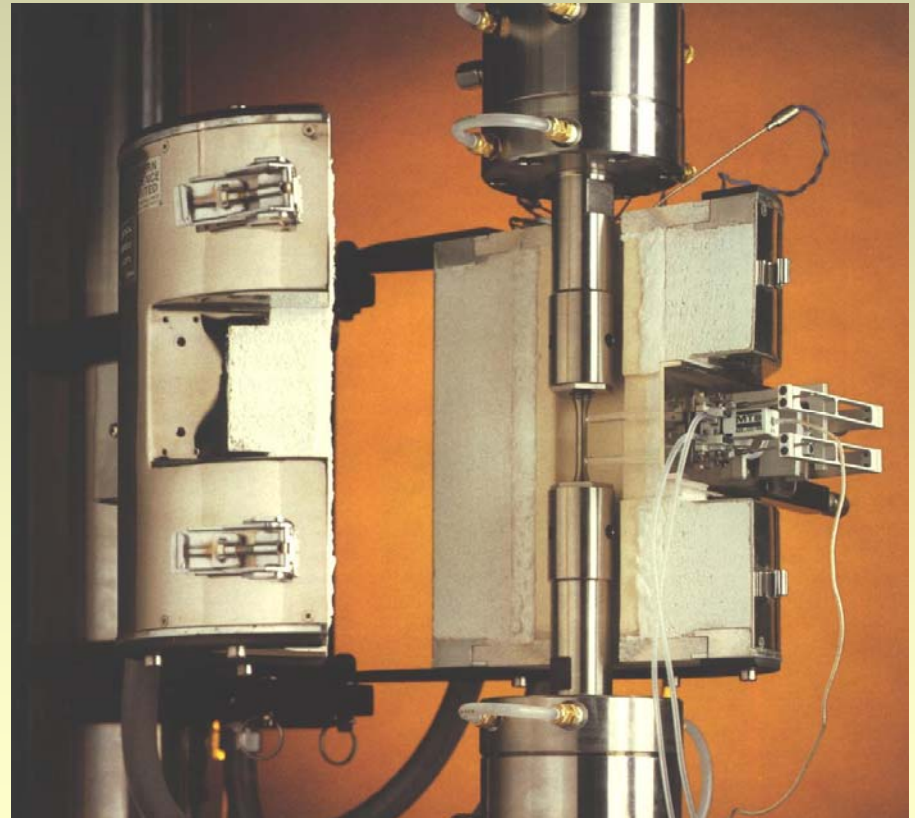
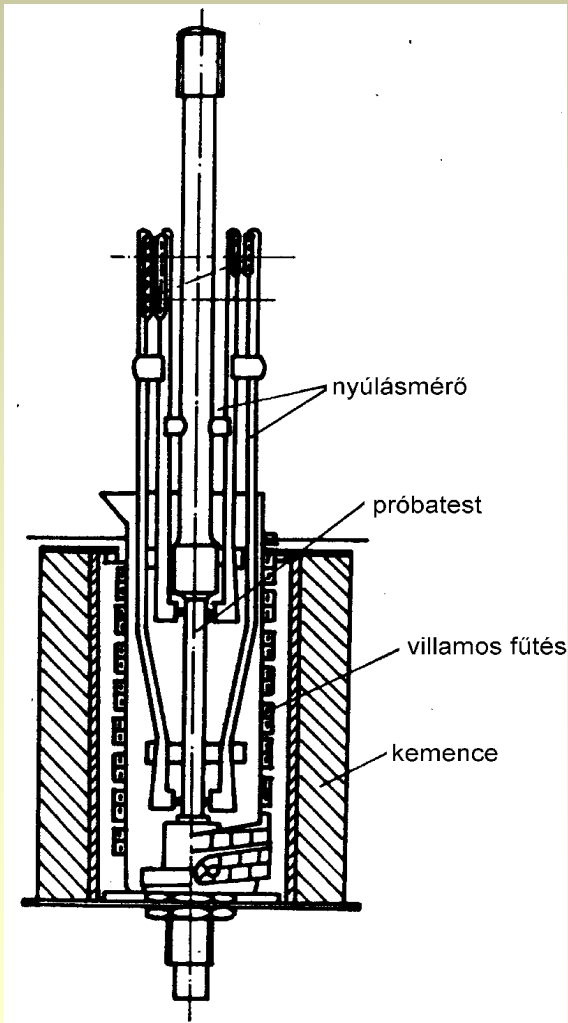




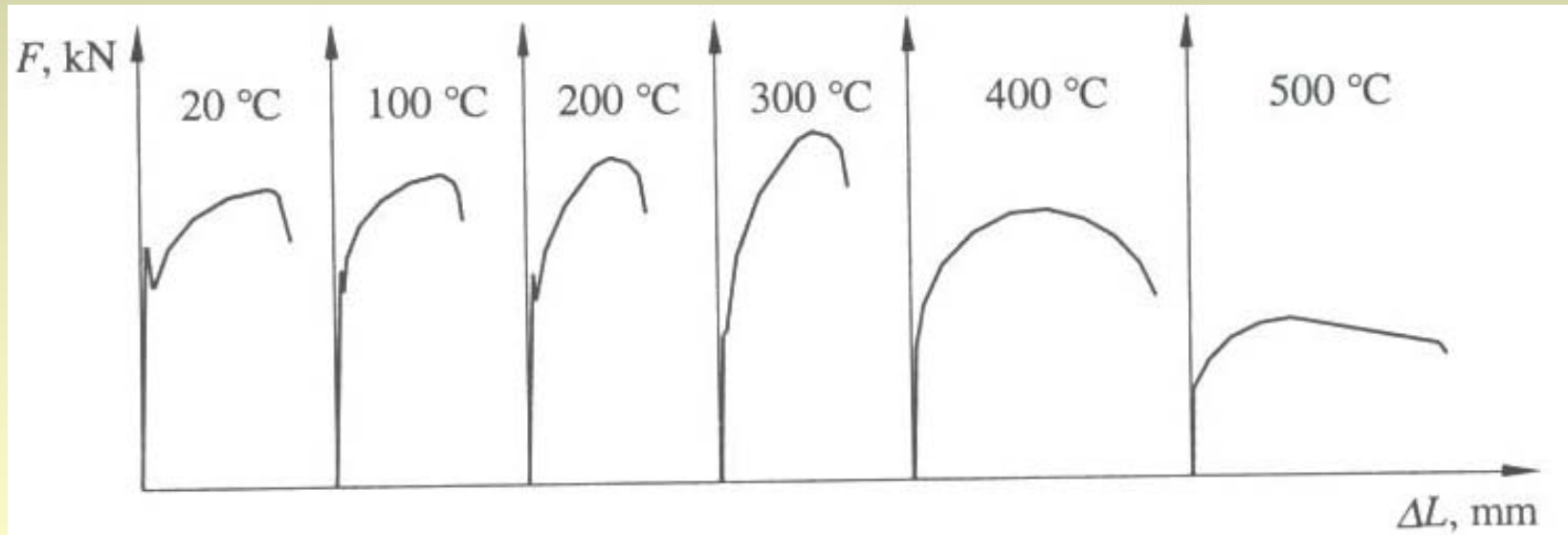
# Tensile test machine: testing of polymers



# Tensile test at elevated temperature



# Tensile diagrams of steel at elevated temperatures



# Factors affecting the results of tensile test

specimen geometry, surface roughness

the rate of increase of load

testing conditions, ie. temperature



# Hardness test

simple, short time

„non-destructive”

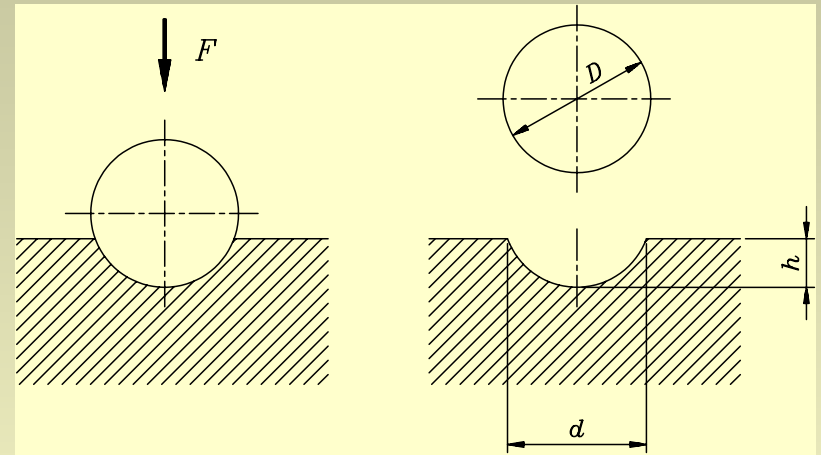
characterises the mechanical parameters

fits to the technological line

- Indentation hardness tests (Brinell, Vickers, Rockwell)
- Rebound or dynamic tests

# Brinell hardness test

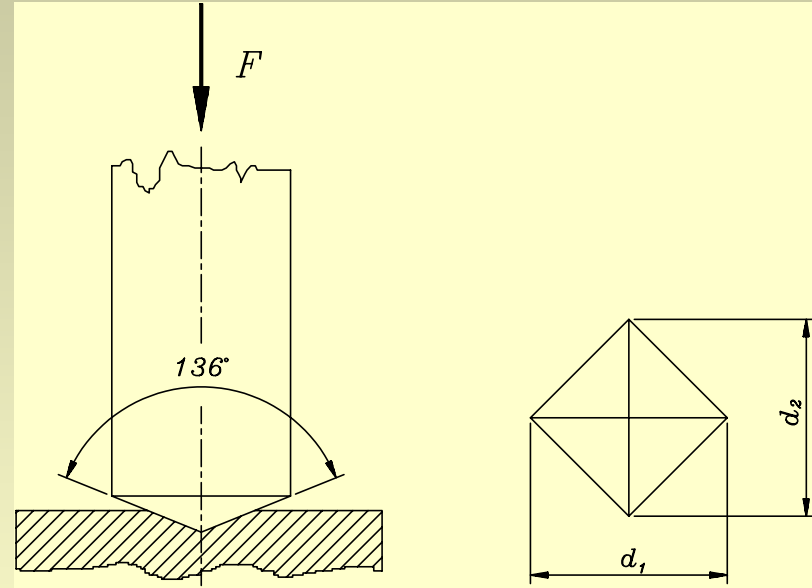
- Ratio of force (F) and the surface of indentation (A)
- Indentor: steel or tungsten carbide ball
- HB, depends on the force and on the ball diameter!
- No unit of measure!
- Standardized, table
- Used for castings, forgings, heavy sections



$$HB = \frac{0,102 \cdot F}{A} = \frac{0,102 \cdot 2F}{D\pi\left(D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2}\right)}$$

# Vickers hardness test

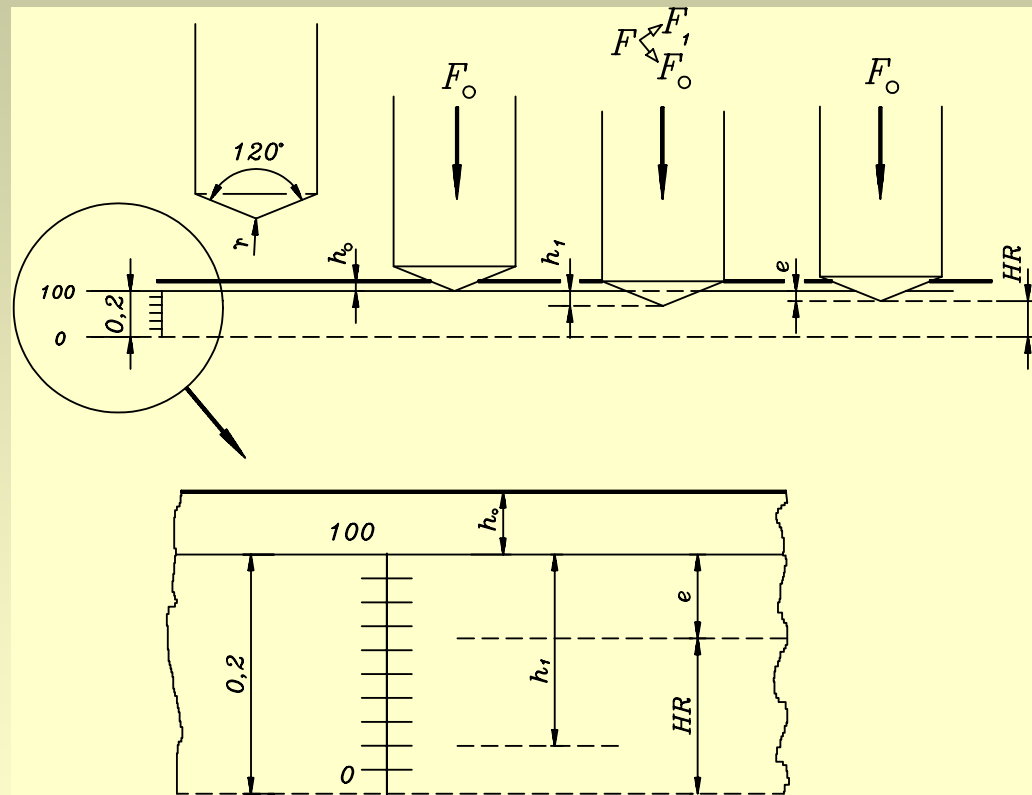
- Ratio of force and the surface of indentation
- Indentor: diamond pyramid
- HV, more or less independent on the force, No unit of measure!
- Standardized, table evaluation
- Used for accurate measuring, hardness distribution, microhardness!



$$HV = 0,102 \cdot 1,854 \cdot \frac{F}{d^2}$$

# Rockwell hardness test

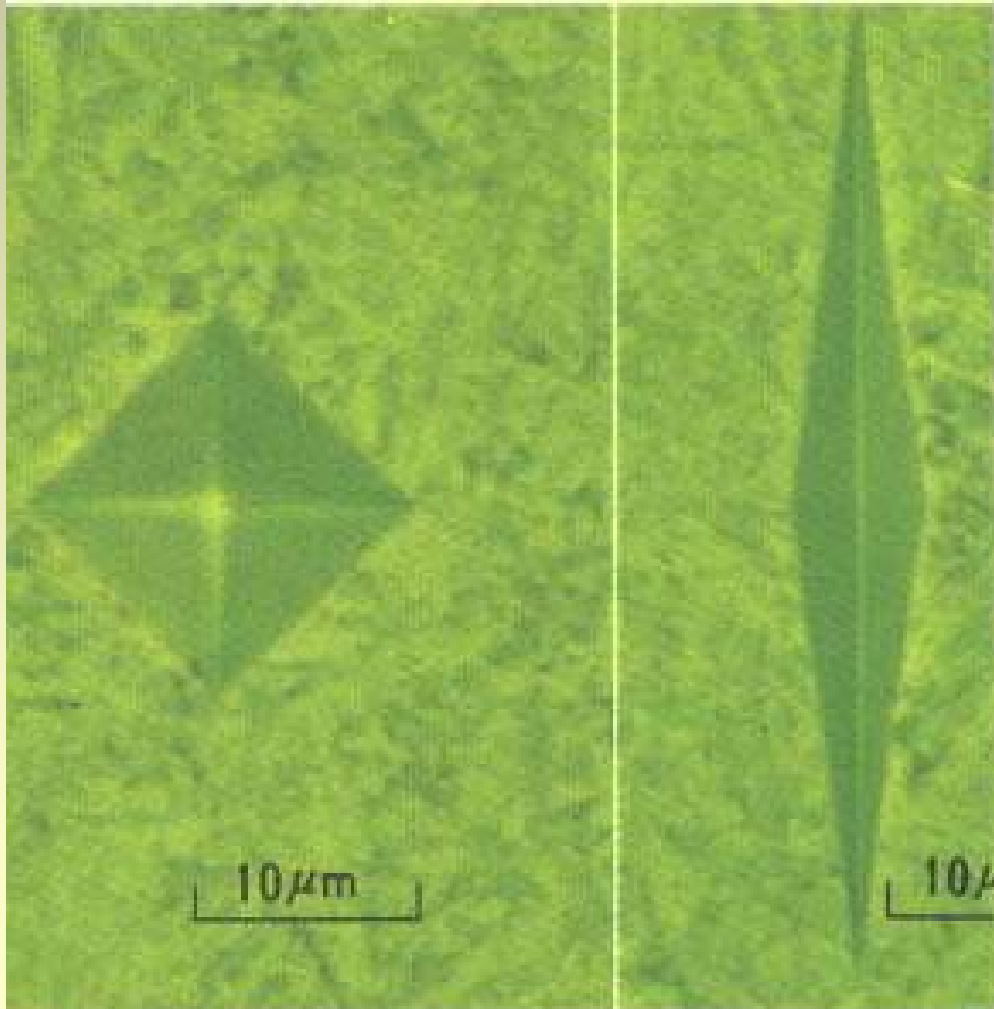
- diamond cone
- pre-load
- main-load
- pre-load
- HRC –  
depth of  
indentation



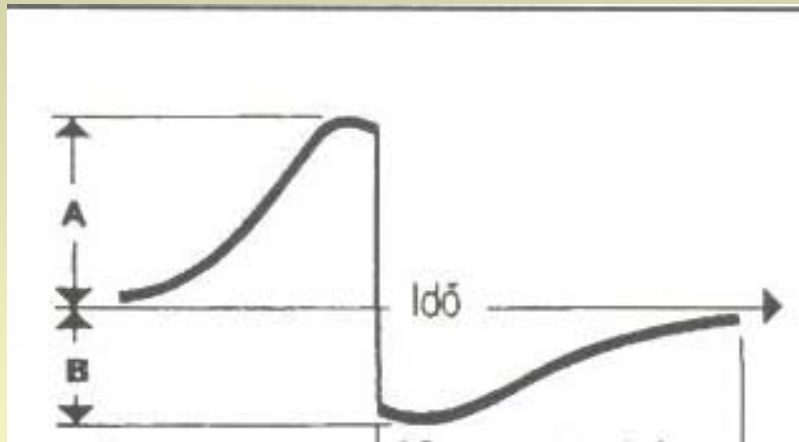
$$HRC = 100 - (h_1 - h_0) / 0,002$$

Példa:  $h_1 - h_0 = 0,08 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow HRC = 100 - 0,08 / 0,002 = 60$



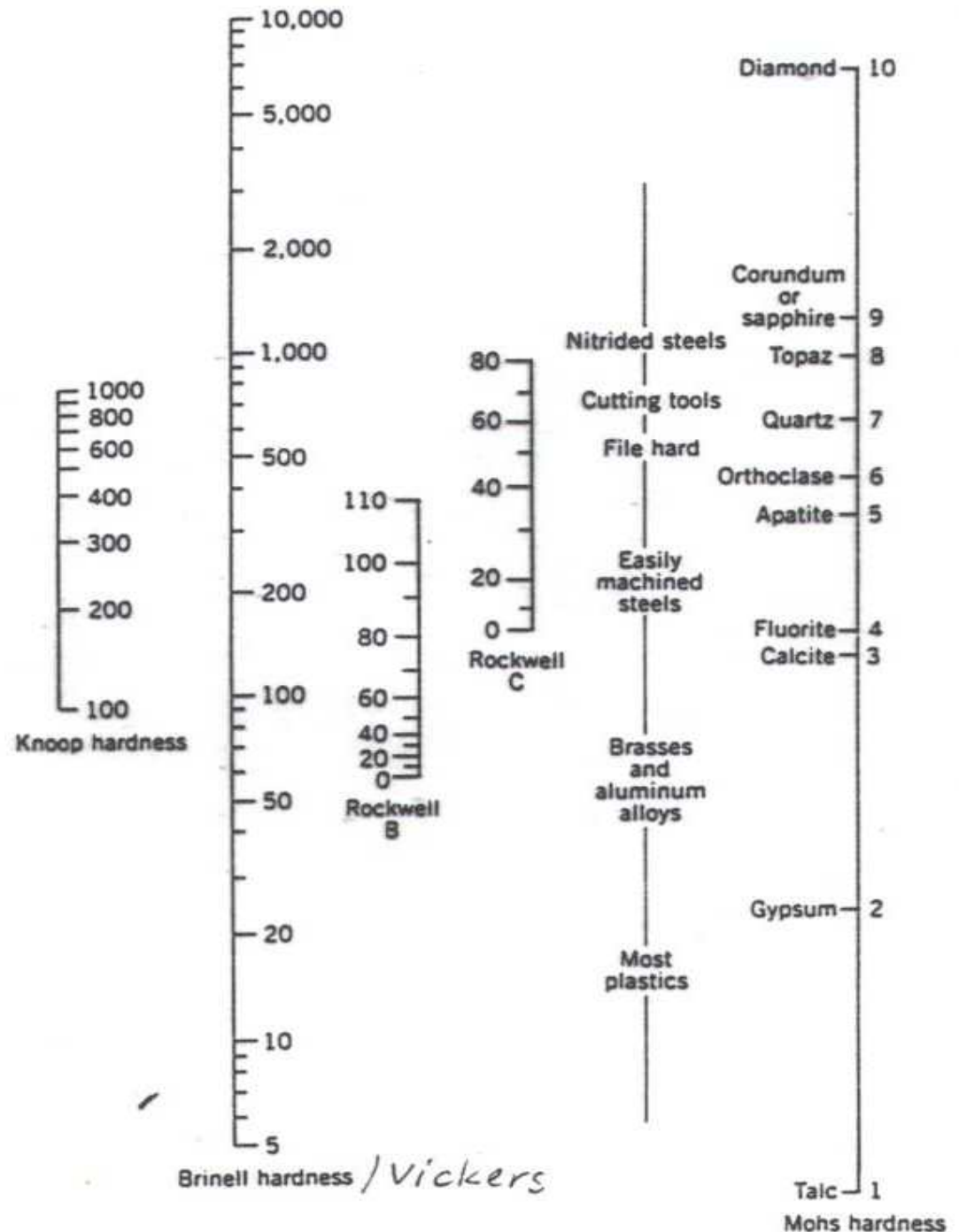


# Rebound hardness test





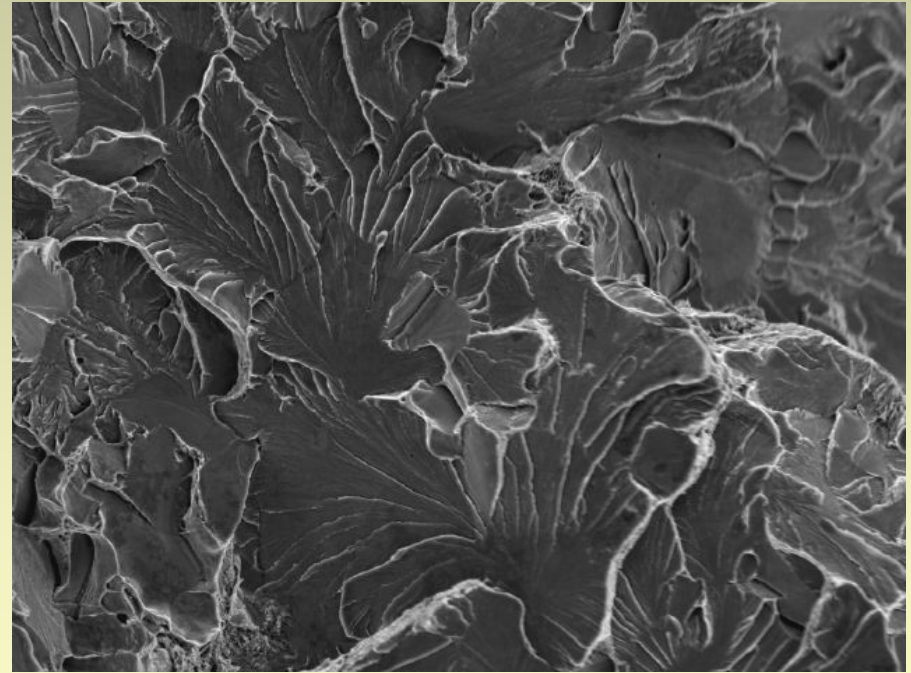
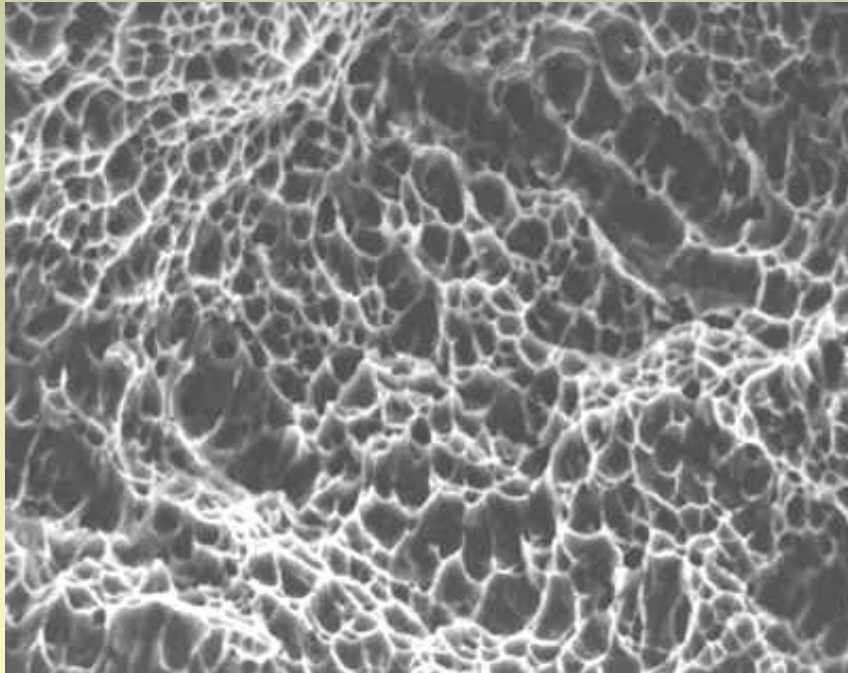
# Comparison of hardness scales





# ***TOUGH - BRITTLE***

## ***behaviour***

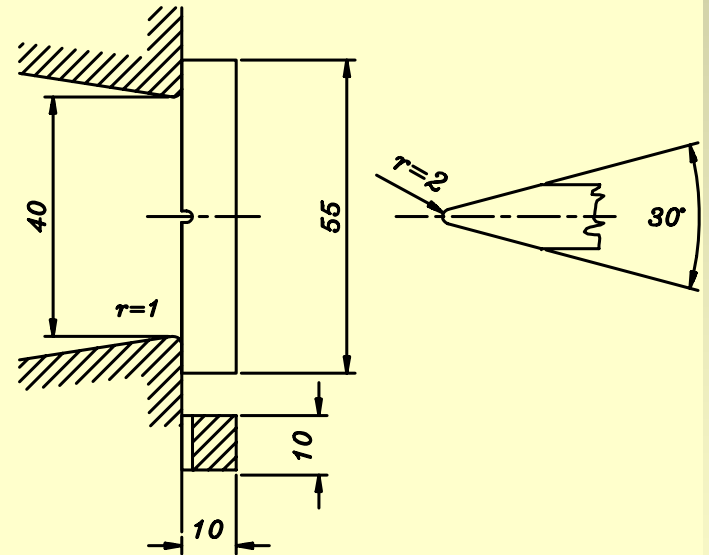
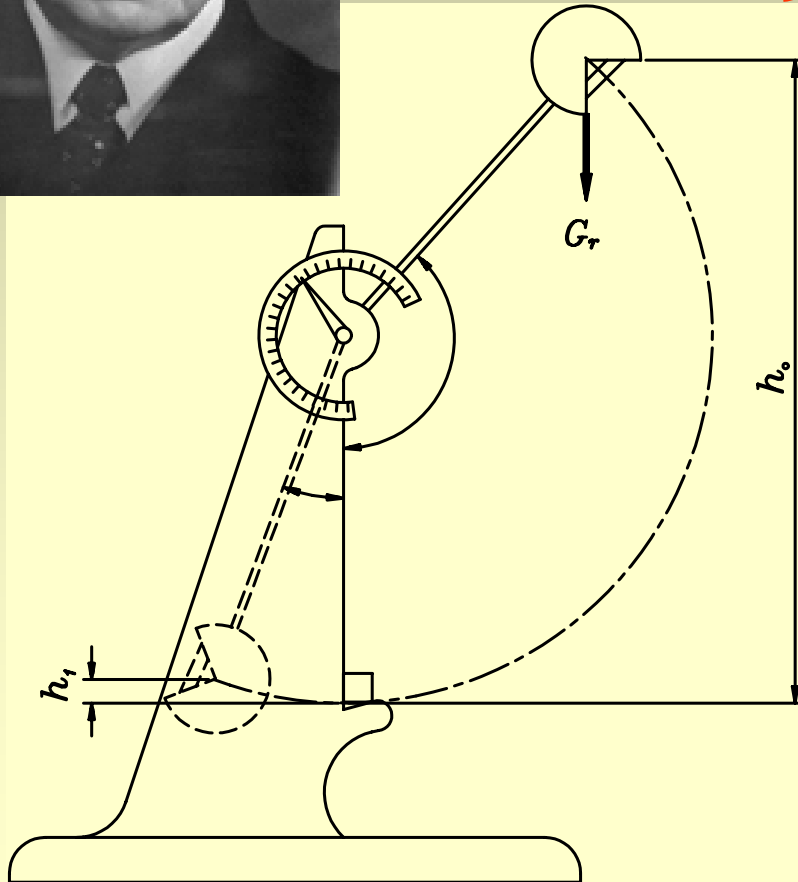


***Difference: - plastic deformation -  
-absorbed energy***



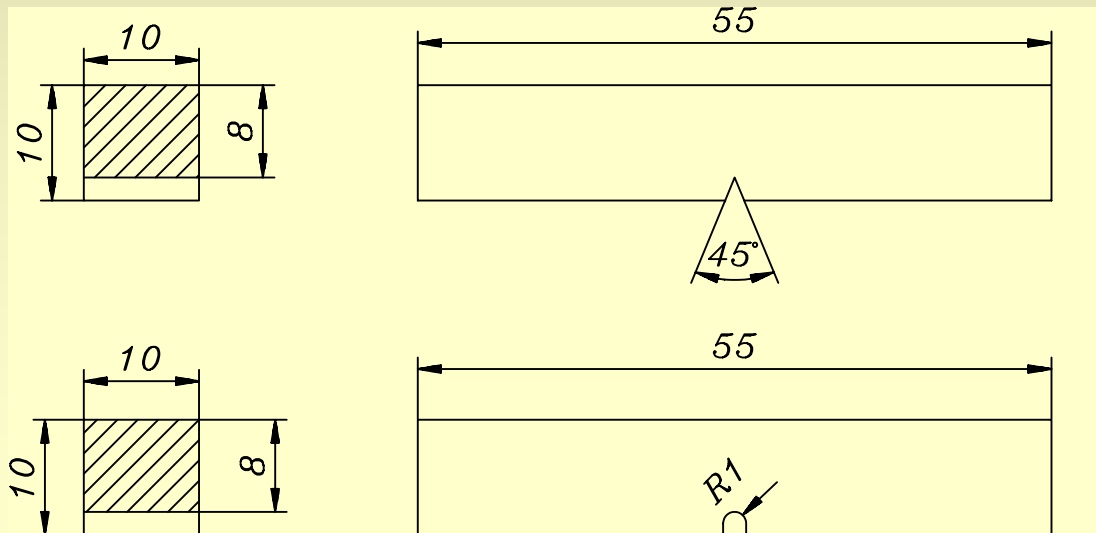
# Charpy test

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# Charpy specimen

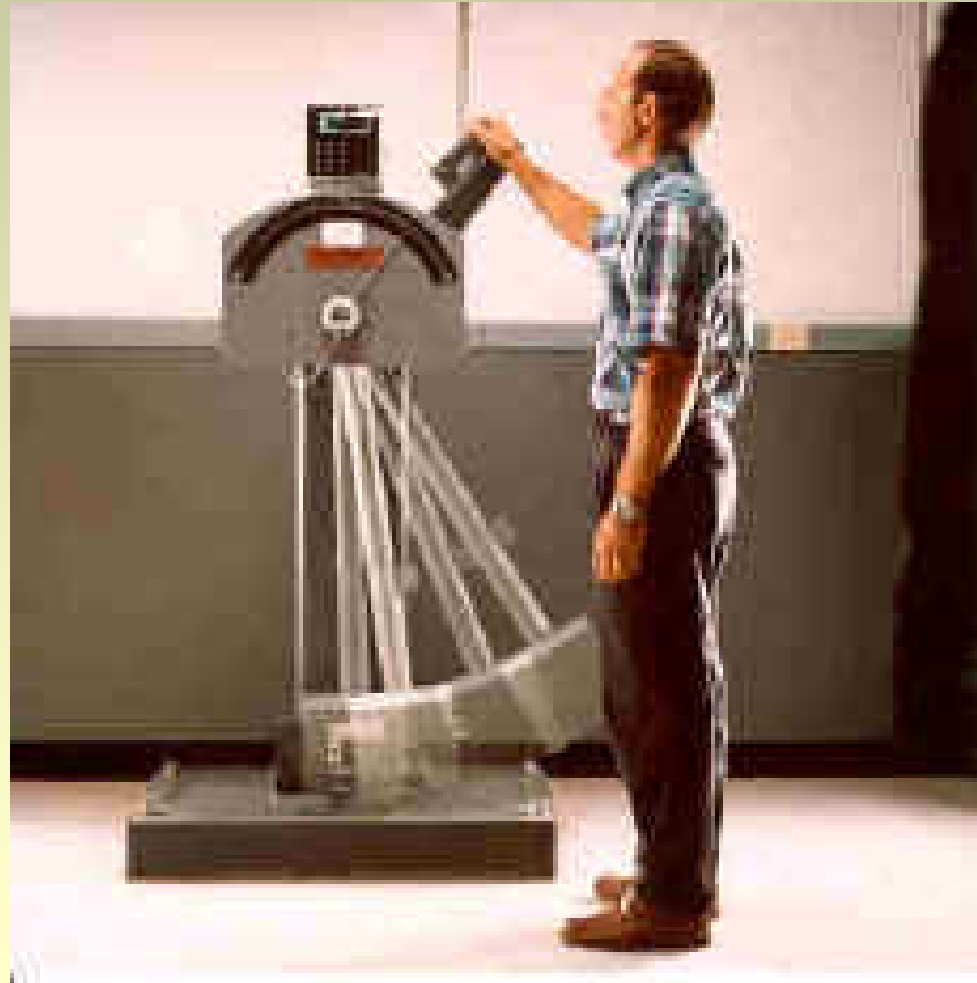
**The sizes of the specimen are: 10x10x55 mm with a 2 mm deep V or U shaped notch**



# Charpy test

The energy absorbed by the fracture can be calculated as follows:

$$K = G_r(h_0 - h_1) \text{ [J]}$$



# *Factors influencing ductile/brittle behaviour*

- *Temperature*
- *The speed of deformation*
- *The stress state*

# ***CREEP***



# The phenomenon of creep

Creep is a slow, continuous deformation with time under constant load: the strain instead of depending only on stress, now depends also on time and temperature. At elevated temperatures the creep can accelerate, ending in fracture.

$T > (0,3 \dots 0,4) T_m \text{ (K)}, \text{ for metals}$

$T > (0,4 \dots 0,5) T_{me} \text{ (K)}, \text{ for ceramics}$

# Stress , temperature and time

The creep behaviour is well understood in general, that is the higher is the temperature and the higher is the stress, the greater is the creep rate and the shorter is the time to fracture. The complete quantitative description of the creep process is lengthy and complex..

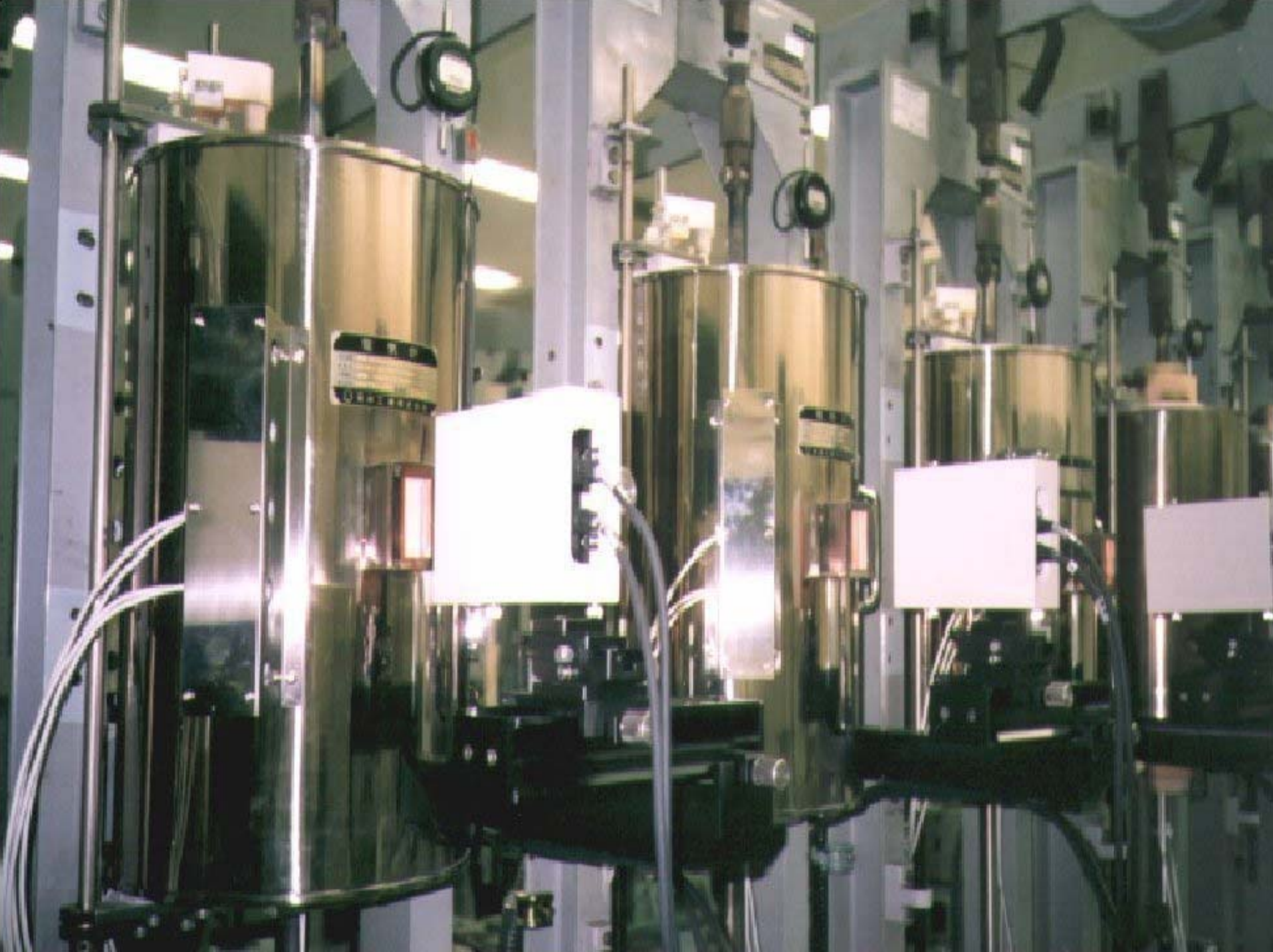


# Stress, temperature and time

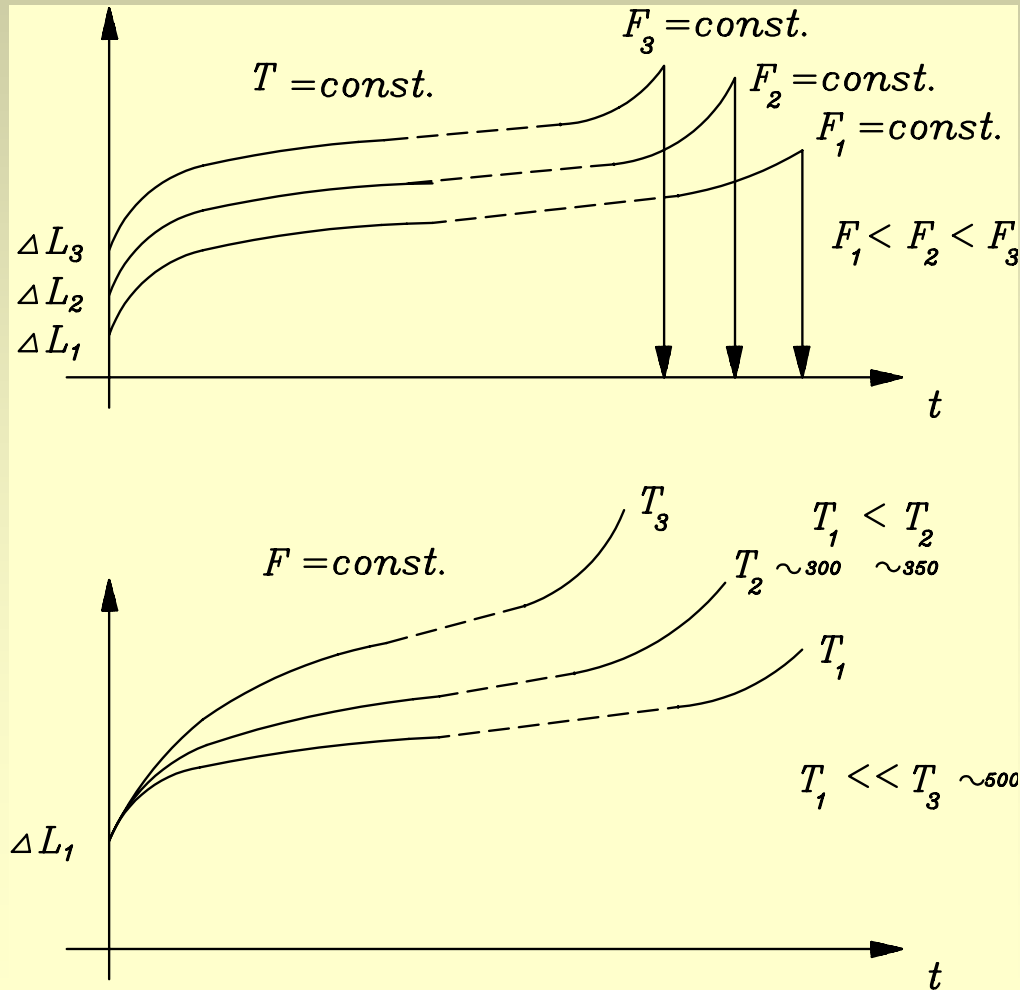
Creep behaviour is best characterised by creep curves.

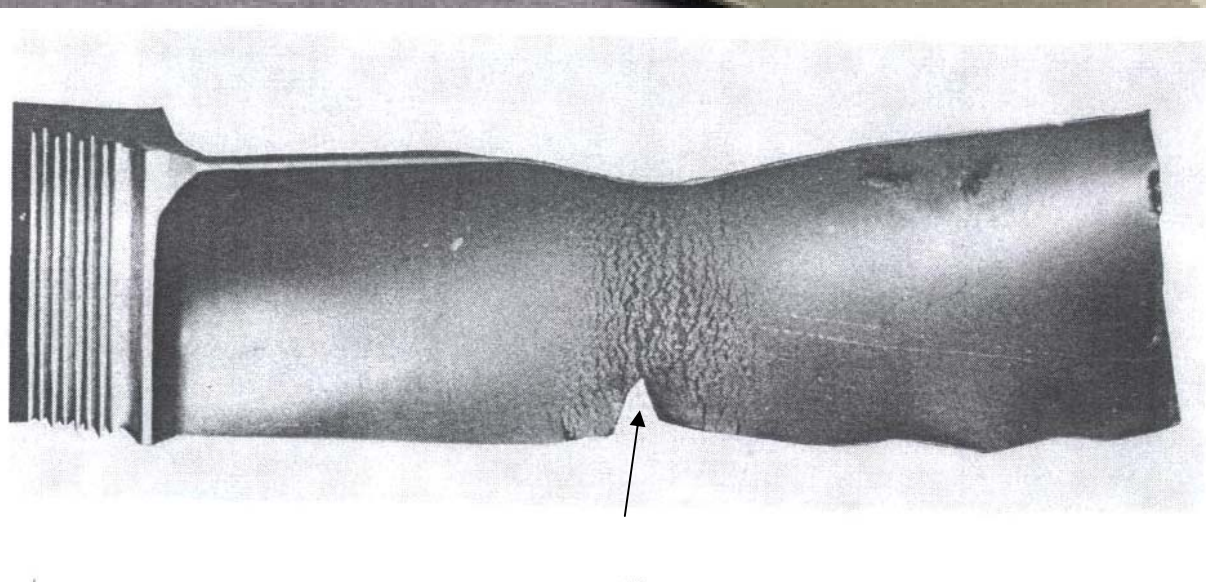
Creep curves can be determined by applying constant load on specimens heated in resistance furnaces. The furnaces are equipped with extensometer so the strain versus time values can be plotted.

Creep curves have three distinctive parts.

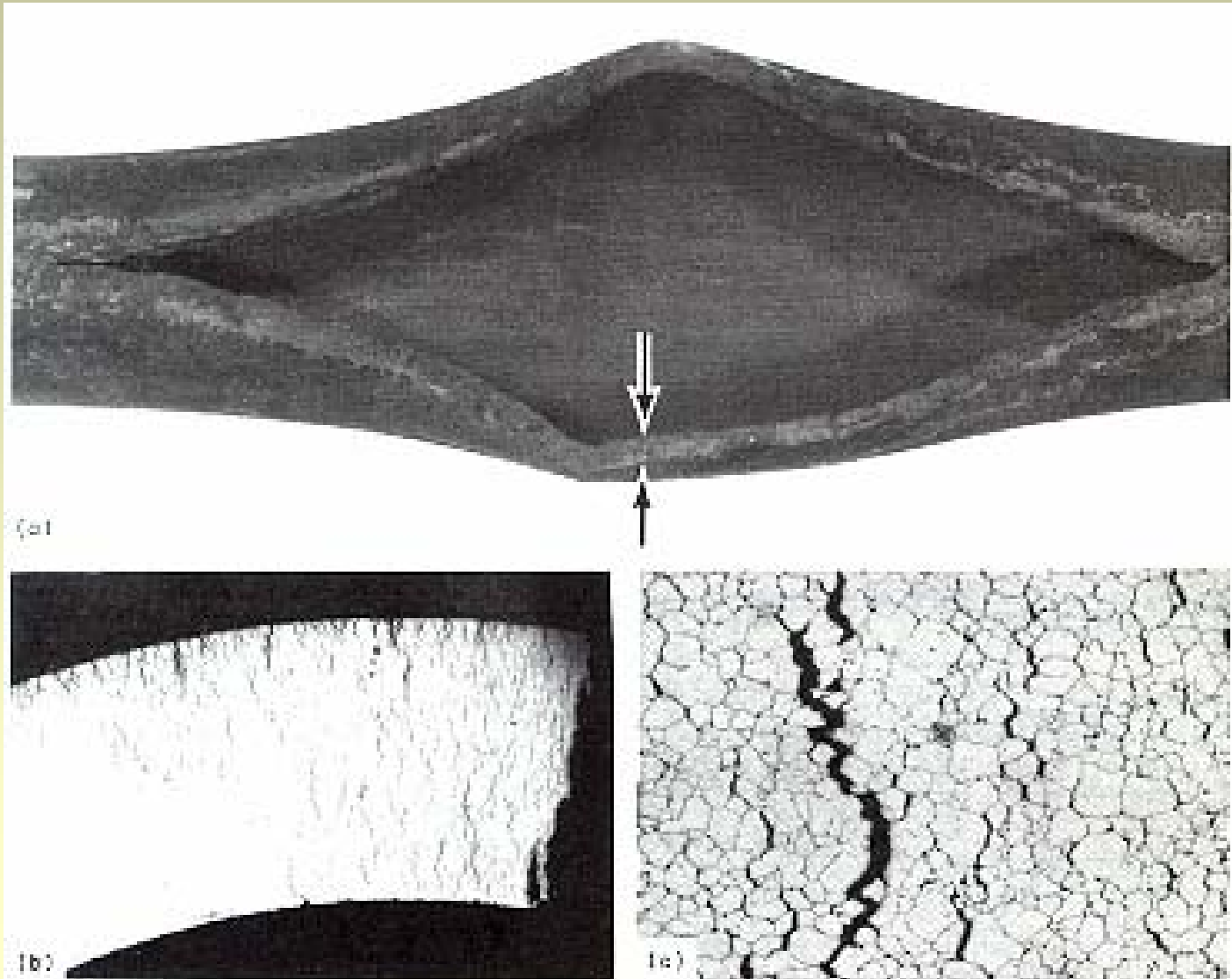


# The effect of stress and temperature on creep





# Fracture of a boiler pipe.





# Fatigue



# The fatigue phenomenon

If a component is subjected to repeated stress cycles, like the loading on a connecting rod of an engine or on the wing of an aircraft, it may fail at stresses far below the yield strength of the material. This phenomenon is called fatigue.

The fatigue fracture surface has a characteristic clamshell pattern.

# Characteristics of the fatigue fracture surface





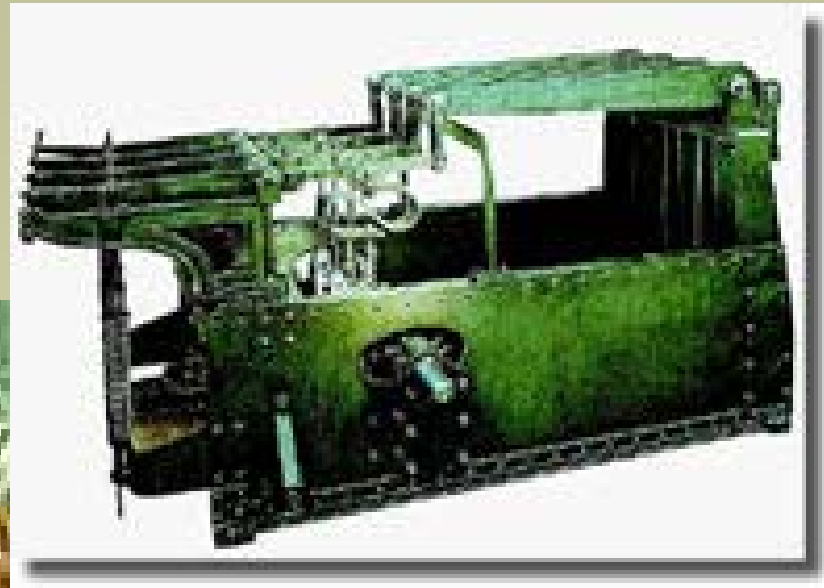
# The process of fatigue

$$\sigma < R_{p0,2}$$

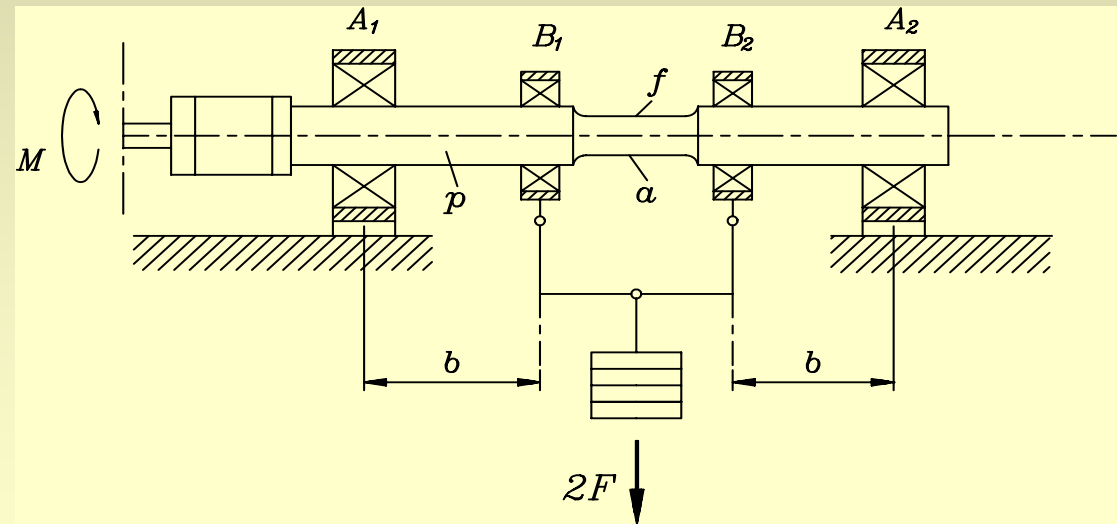
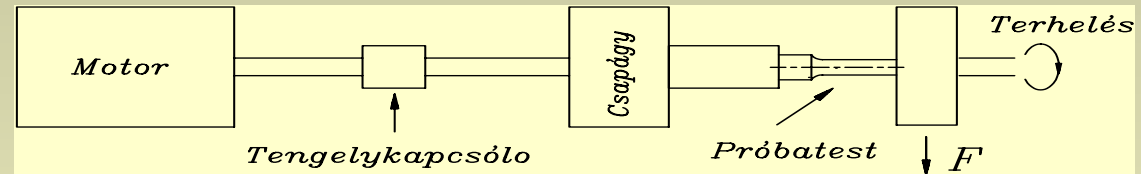
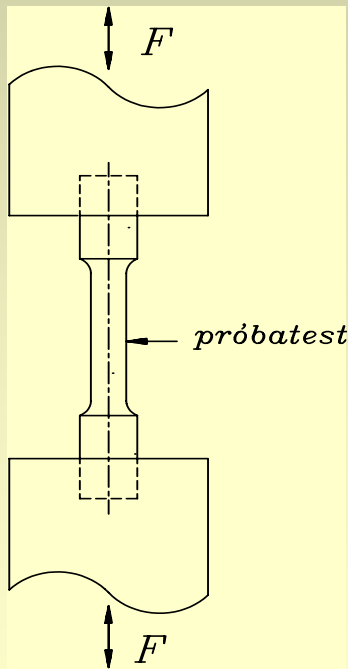
**There is no macroscopic plastic deformation,**  
but on microscopic level plastic deformation may occur, because engineering materials are:

- not homogenous and they are anizotropic
- the orientation of crystallites are different
- there are inclusions and flaws in the material

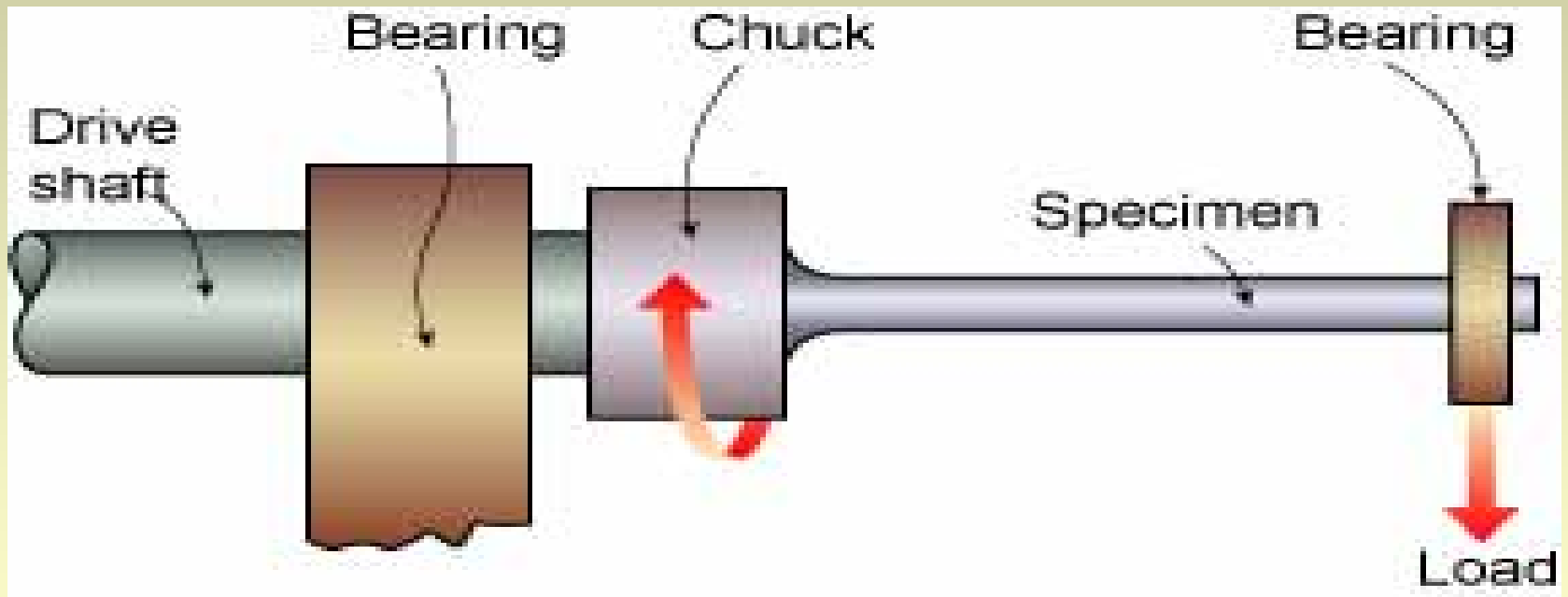
*August Wöhler, 1858*



# Arrangement of fatigue tests



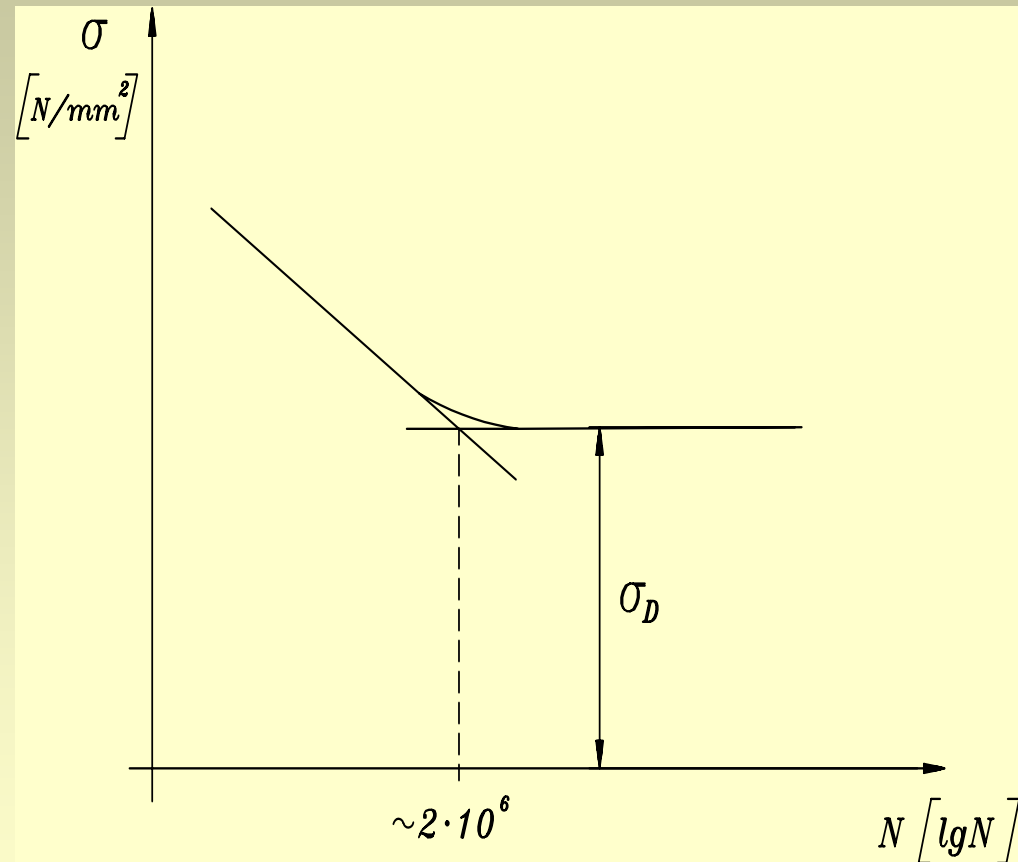
# Arrangement of the rotary-beam fatigue test



In case of steels the curve approaches a stress value in asymptotic way

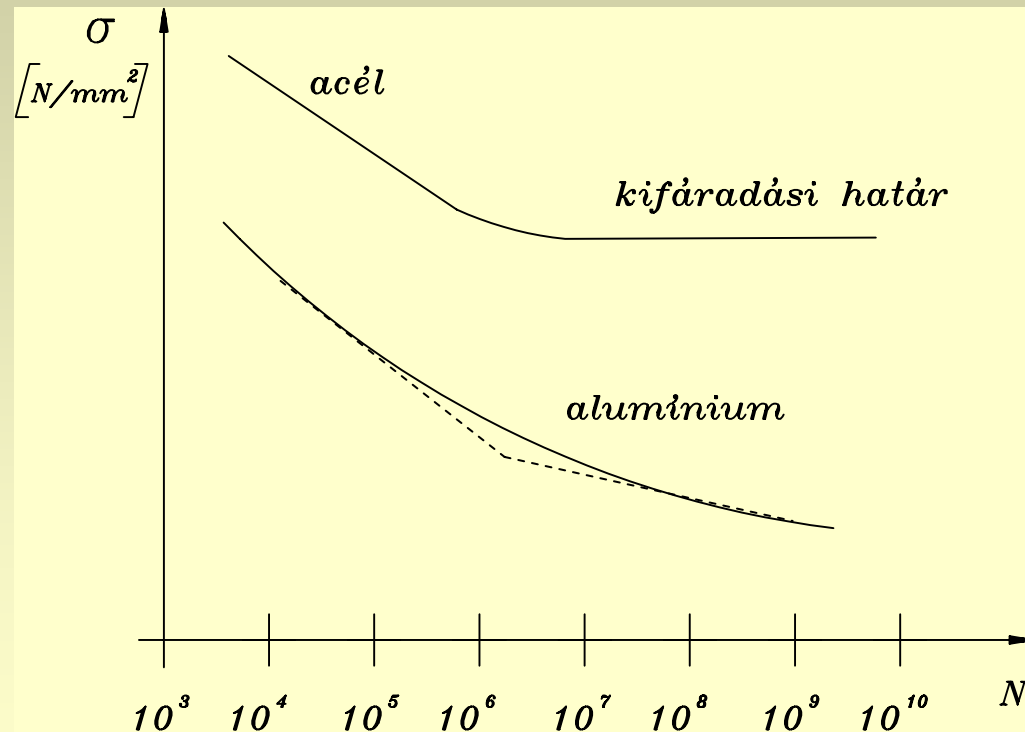
Gradually reducing the load a characteristic stress can be determined that could be applied infinitive times without causing fracture. This value is the **fatigue limit**, also called **endurance limit**.

## Wöhler diagram



# Not every material has fatigue limit

In case of Al-alloys, stainless steels, high strength steels the second part of the Wöhler diagram is not horizontal, these materials do not have fatigue limit.



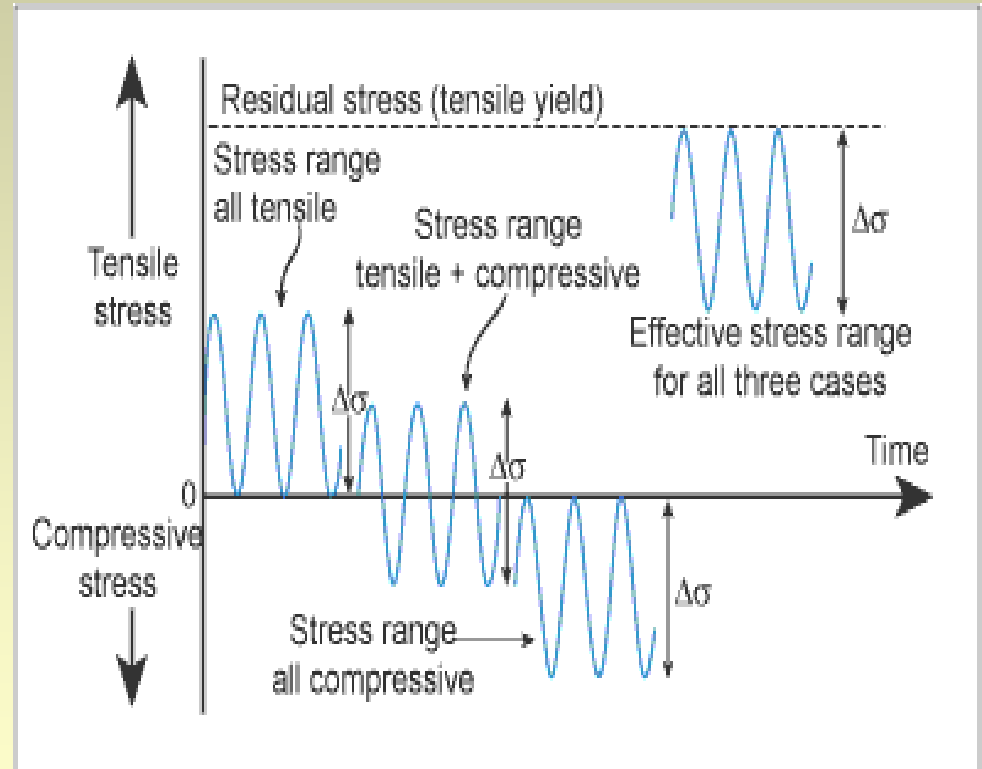
# Fatigue behaviour of nonmetallic materials

- The fatigue behaviour of polymers is similar to that of the metals, although the microscopic process is different in them.
- Ceramics are brittle, they do not exhibit fatigue behaviour

# *The variation of stress with time*

Under cyclic load the stress varies with time sinusoidally either in swinging or pulsating way.

The stress may be characterised its medium, maximum and minimum value.

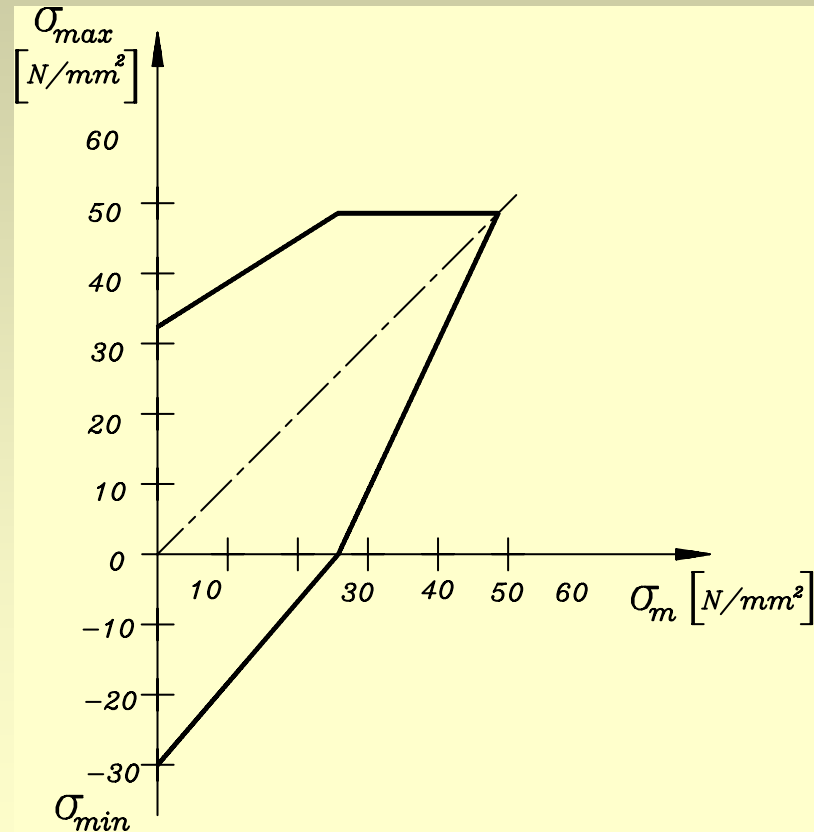




# Safety area

## Smith-diagram

In the Smith diagram the maximum and minimum stresses belonging to a given number of cycles are plotted against the medium stress.



# Factors influencing the fatigue behaviour

Many factors affects the data of the fatigue test, such as:

- the type of load
- design
- microstructure
- environment
- surface finish and treatment



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