

Introduction to Materials Science & Engineering

Course Objective...

Introduce fundamental concepts in Materials Science

You will learn about:

- material structure
- how structure dictates properties
- how processing can change structure

This course will help you to:

- use materials properly
- realize new design opportunities
with materials



Chapter 1 - Introduction

- **What is materials science?**

The discipline of *materials science* involves investigating the relationships that exist between the structures and properties of materials

- **What is materials engineering ?**

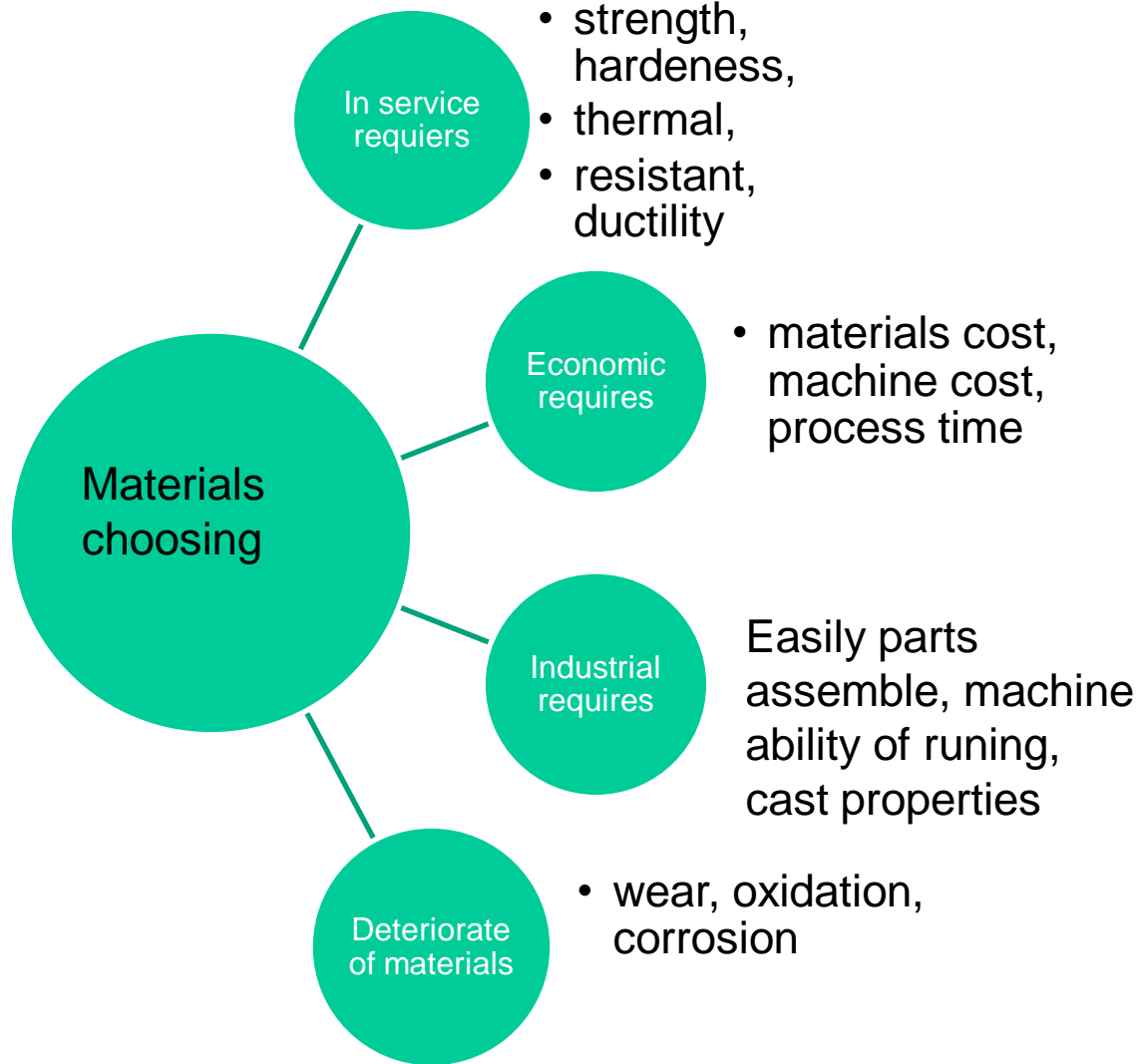
Designing or engineering the structure of a material to produce a predetermined set of properties

- **Microscopic:** a larger structural realm, which contains large groups of atoms, that are normally agglomerated together

- **Macroscopic:** structural elements that may be viewed with the naked eye.

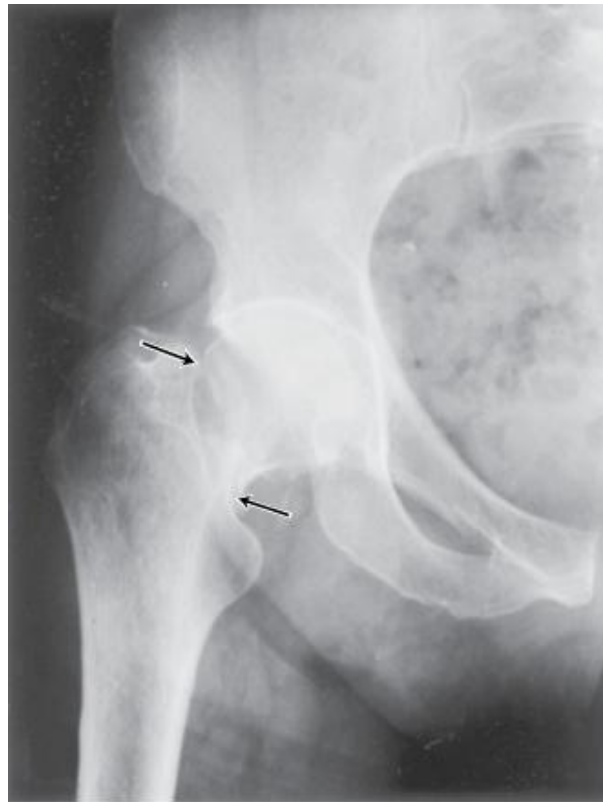


Materials choosing



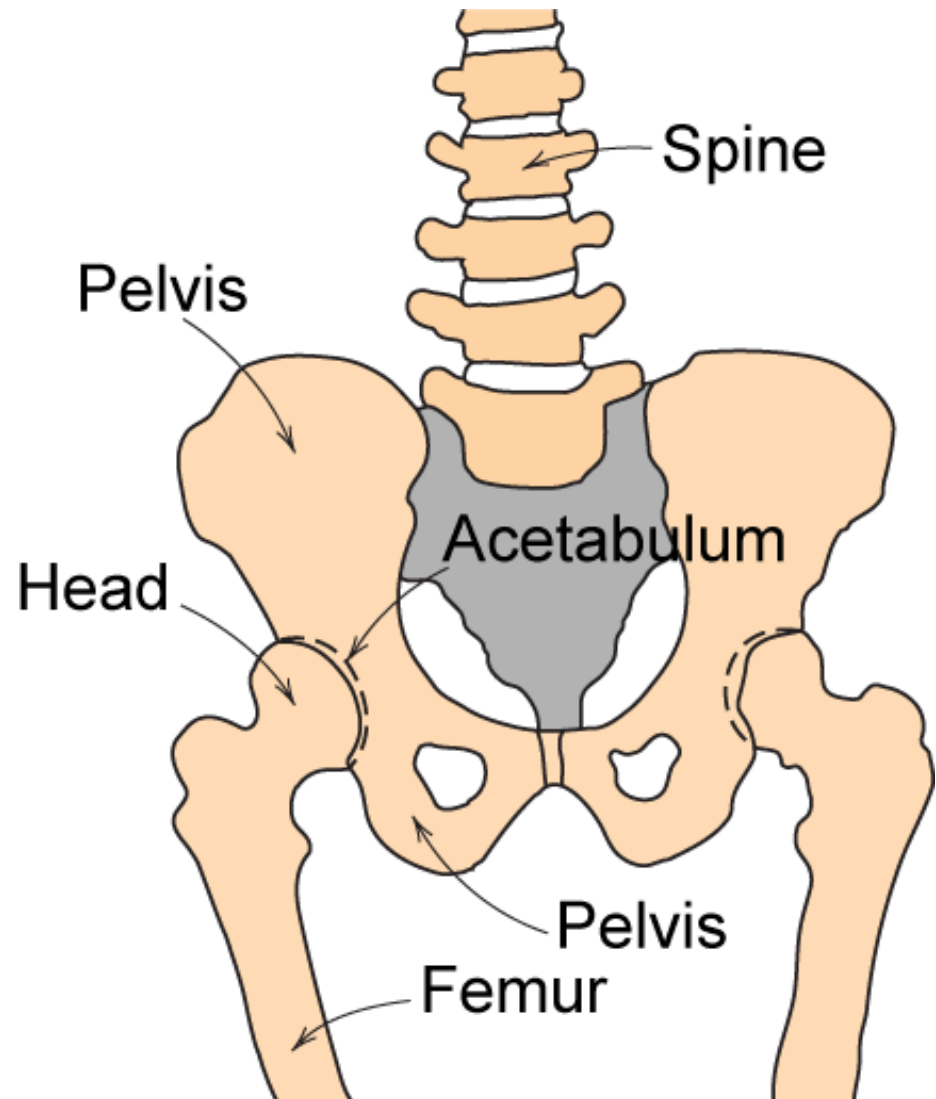
Example – Hip Implant

- With age or certain illnesses joints deteriorate. Particularly those with large loads (such as hip).

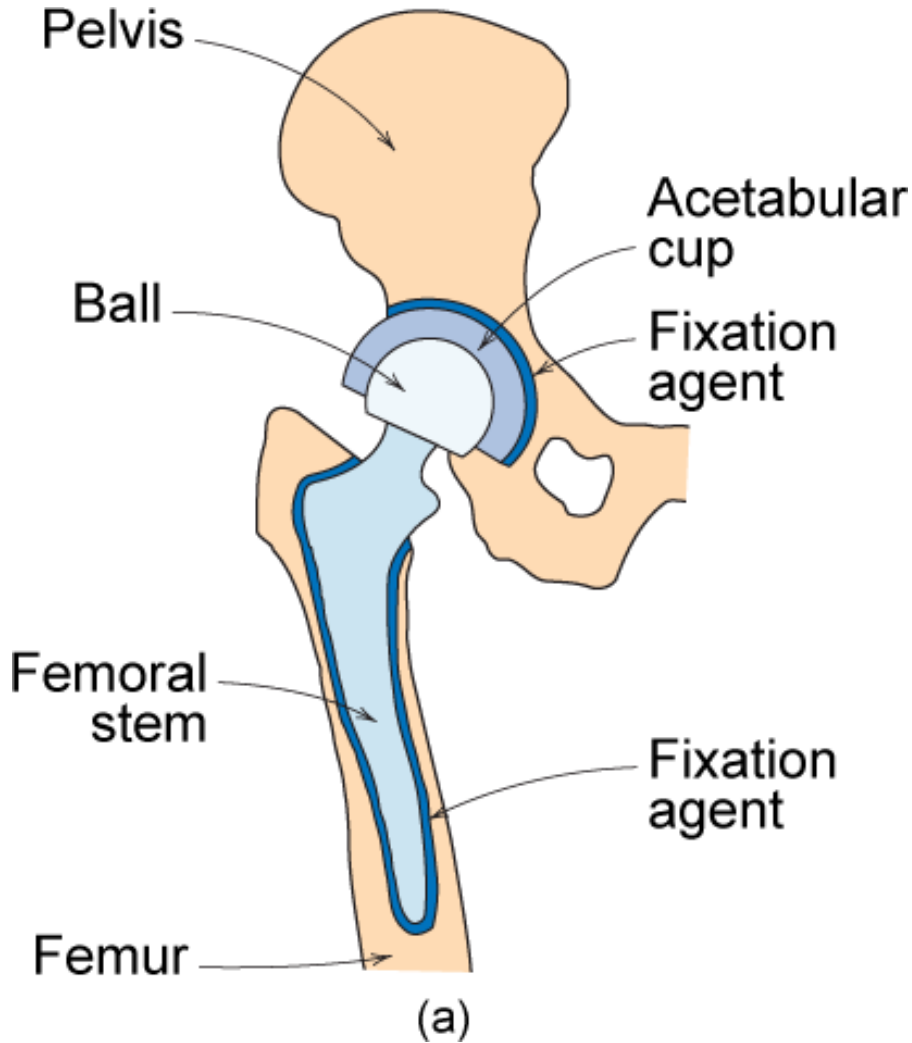


Example – Hip Implant

- Requirements
 - mechanical strength (many cycles)
 - good lubricity
 - biocompatibility



Example – Hip Implant



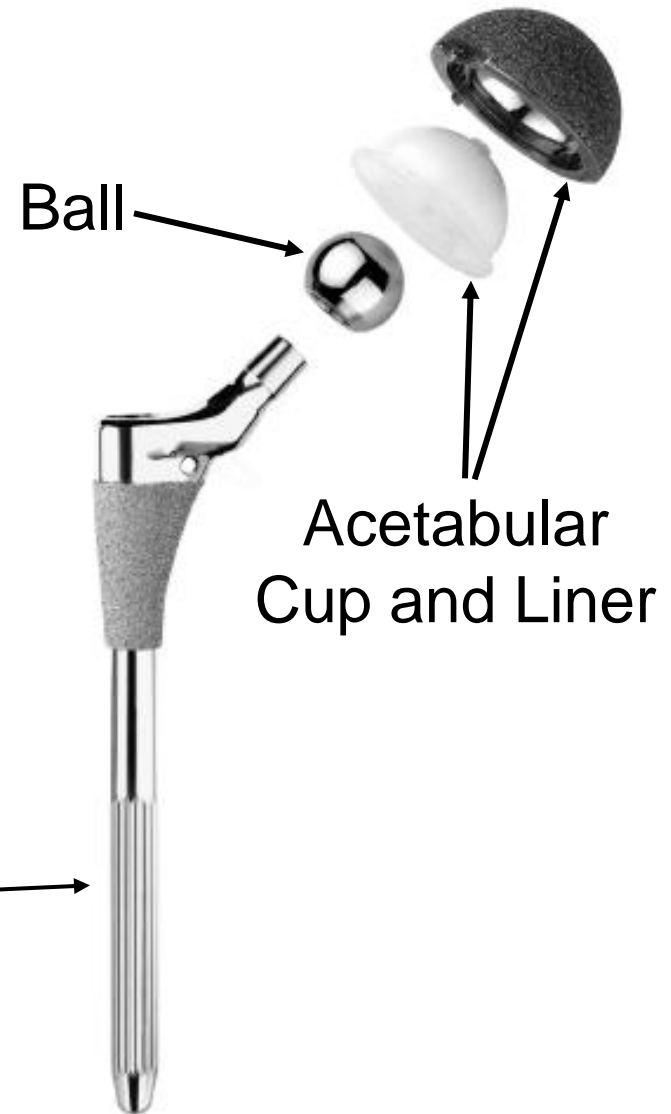
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Hip Implant

- Key problems to overcome
 - fixation agent to hold acetabular cup
 - cup lubrication material
 - femoral stem – fixing agent (“glue”)
 - must avoid any debris in cup

Femoral
Stem



The four components of the discipline of materials science and engineering and their linear interrelationship:

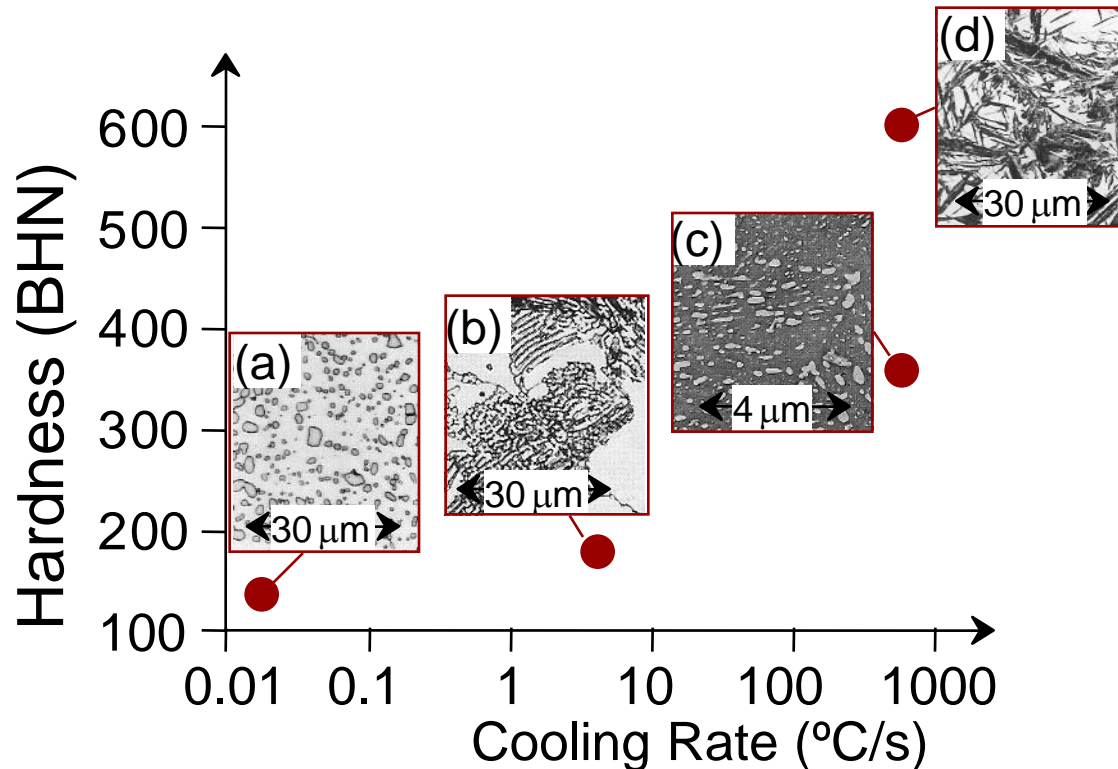
processing → structure --> properties → performance

With regard to the relationships of these four components, the structure of a material will depend on how it is processed. Furthermore, a material's performance will be a function of its properties. Thus, the interrelationship between processing, structure, properties, and performance is linear



Structure, Processing, & Properties

- **Properties** depend on **structure**
ex: hardness vs structure of steel



- **Processing** can change **structure**
ex: structure vs cooling rate of steel



Types of Materials

- **Metals:**
 - Strong, ductile
 - high thermal & electrical conductivity
 - opaque, reflective.
- **Polymers/plastics:**
 - include the familiar plastic and rubber materials
 - covalent bonding → sharing of electrons
 - soft, ductile, low strength, low density
 - thermal & electrical insulators
 - optically translucent or transparent.
 - many of them are organic compounds that are chemically based on carbon, hydrogen, and other nonmetallic elements



Ceramics:

- ionic bonding (refractory)
- compounds of metallic & non-metallic elements (oxides, carbides, nitrides, sulfides)
- Brittle, glassy, elastic
- non-conducting (insulators)
- ex. Aluminium oxide(Al_2O_3), silicon dioxide (SiO_2)

Composites :

- is composed of two (or more) individual materials, which come from the categories discussed above.
- composite is designed to display a combination of the best characteristics of each of the component materials
- ex.Fiberglass is a familiar example, in which glass fibers are embedded within a polymeric material. Fiberglass acquires strength from the glass and flexibility from the polymer



The Materials Selection Process

1. Pick **Application** → Determine required **Properties**
Properties: mechanical, electrical, thermal, magnetic, optical, deteriorative.
2. **Properties** → Identify candidate **Material(s)**
Material: structure, composition.
3. **Material** → Identify required **Processing**
Processing: changes *structure* and overall *shape*
ex: casting, forming, joining, annealing.



important properties of solid materials may be grouped into six categories

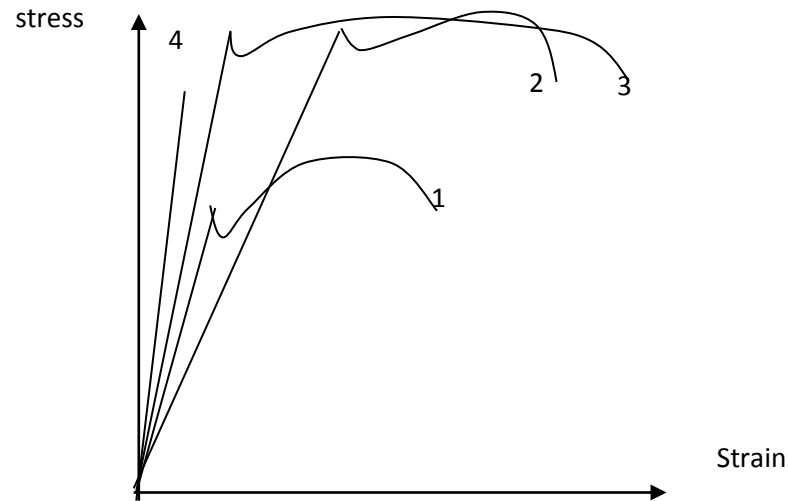
- **Mechanical properties** relate deformation to an applied load or force; examples include elastic modulus and strength
- **Electrical properties**, such as electrical.



- **Thermal properties** of solids can be represented in terms of heat capacity and thermal conductivity
- **Magnetic properties** demonstrate the response of a material to the application of a magnetic field
- **Optical properties**, the stimulus is electromagnetic or light radiation; index of refraction
- **Deteriorative properties** indicate the chemical reactivity of materials



Mechanical

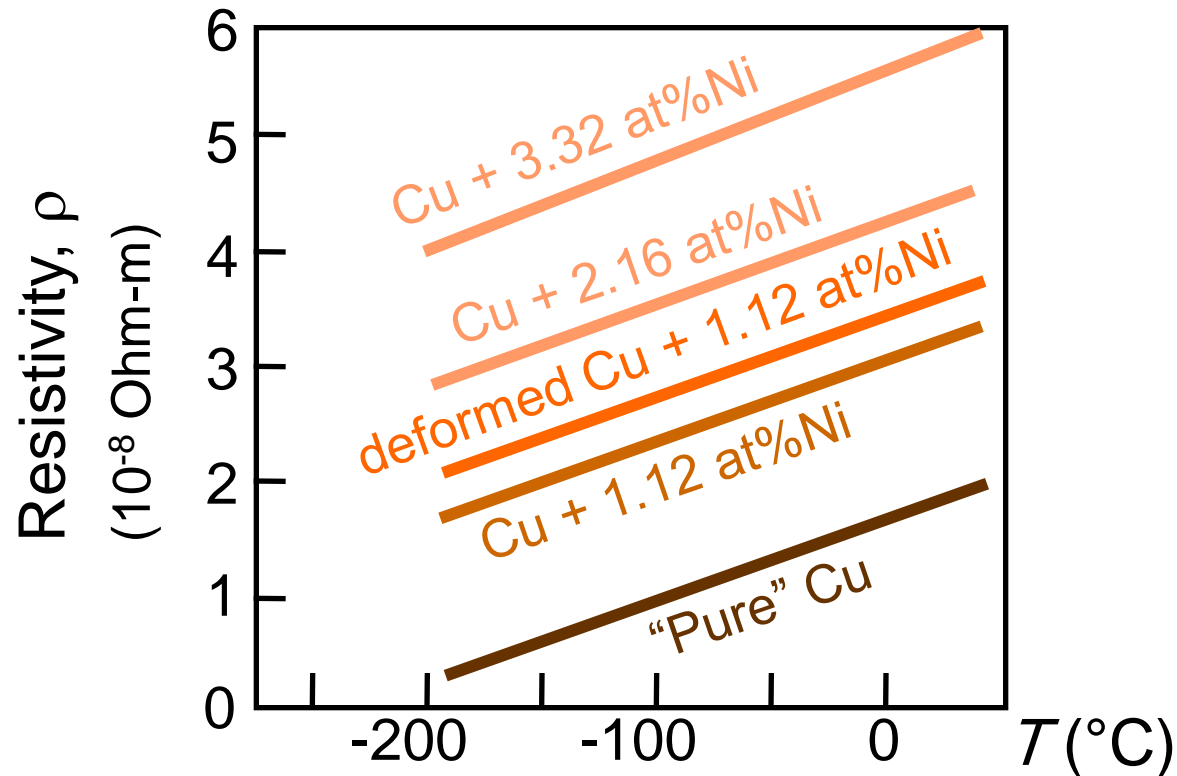


Type of loading
Strength, toughness, ductility



ELECTRICAL

- Electrical Resistivity of Copper:

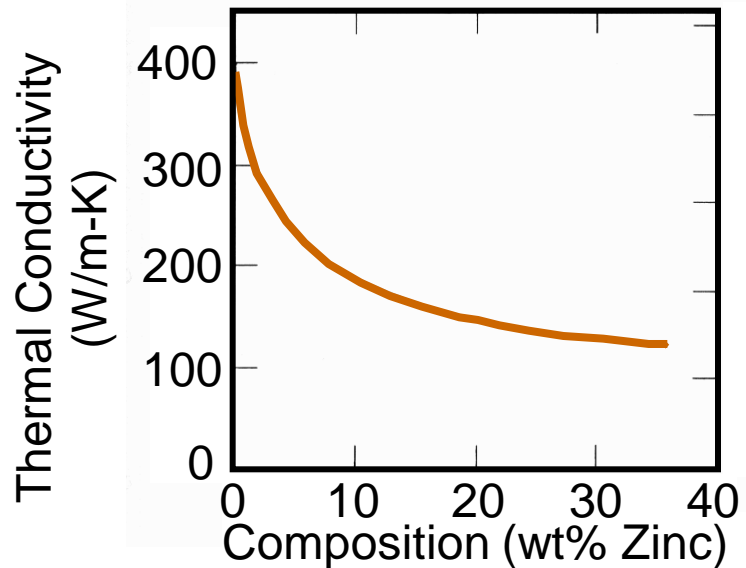


- Adding “impurity” atoms to Cu increases resistivity.
- Deforming Cu increases resistivity.



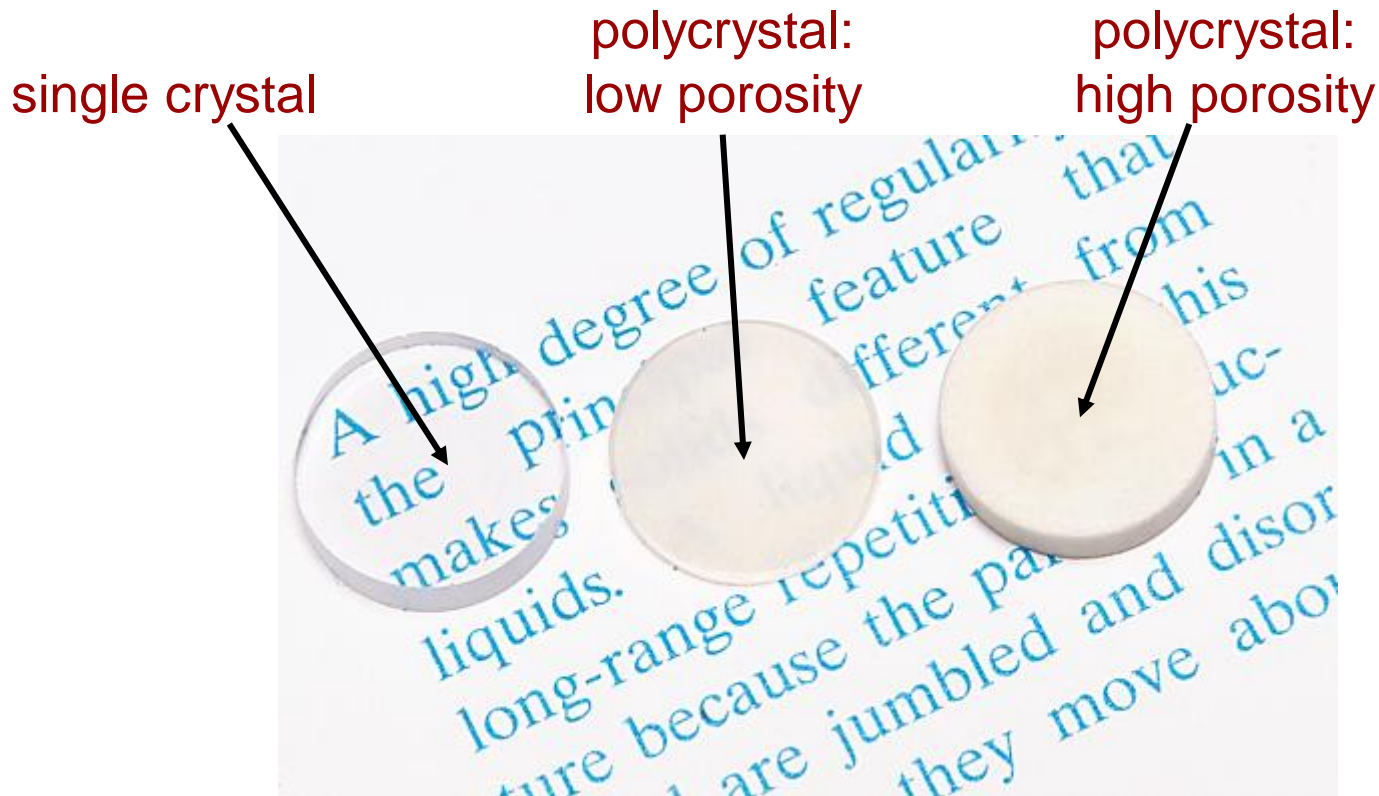
THERMAL

- Thermal Conductivity of Copper:
--It decreases when you add zinc!



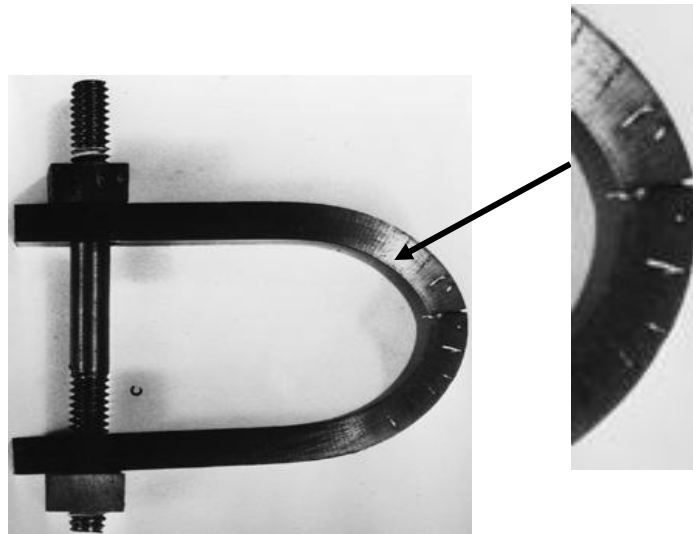
OPTICAL

- **Transmittance:**
 - Aluminum oxide may be transparent, translucent, or opaque depending on the material structure.



DETERIORATIVE

- Stress & Saltwater...
--causes cracks!



Advanced Materials

- Materials that are utilized in high-technology (or high-tech) applications
 - By high technology we mean a device or product that operates or functions using relatively Complicat and sophisticated principles
- Examples include electronic equipment CD players, computers, spacecraft, aircraft, and military rocketry.
- They may be of all material types (e.g., metals, ceramics, polymers), and are normally relatively expensive
- ex. Semiconductors materials, Biomaterials, materials of the future (smart materials, nano-engineered materials)



1. Semiconductors material :

- **Semiconductors have electrical properties that are intermediate between the electrical conductors (metals) and insulators (ceramics and polymers)**
- **The electrical characteristics of these materials are extremely sensitive to the presence of minute concentrations of impurity atom**
- **The semiconductors have made possible the advent of integrated circuitry that has totally revolutionized the electronics and computer industries**

2. Biomaterials :

- **are employed in components implanted into the human body for replacement of diseased or damaged body parts**
- **These materials must not produce toxic substances and must be compatible with body tissues**
- **all of the above materials—metals, ceramics, polymers, composites, and semiconductors—may be used as biomaterials**



Materials of The Future

a) Smart materials:

- a) These materials are able to sense changes in their environment and then respond to these changes in predetermined manner (sensors)
- b) Ex. One type of smart materials is used in helicopter to reduce aerodynamic noise that is created by the rotating rotor blades
- c) Ex. Piezoelectric sensors inserted into blades monitoring blades stresses and deformations

b) Nano engineered materials:

- a) The dimensions of these structures are on the order of a nanometer
- b) They are materials which are built from simple atomic level constituents (i.e., materials by design)
- c) This ability to carefully arrange atoms provide opportunities to develop mechanical, electrical, magnetic, and other properties that are not otherwise possible (ex. Carbon nanotube)



SUMMARY

Course Goals:

- Use the right material for the job.
- Understand the relation between **properties**, **structure**, and **processing**.
- Recognize new design opportunities offered by materials selection.

