

Physical basis of dental material science

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Other properties. Summary

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Electric properties

Electric charges in materials: electrons, ions.
Q – charge, unit: C (coulomb)

Electric field

Coulomb-force: may be attractive or repulsive one.
E: strength of the electric field = F/Q

Work: $W_{AB} = \sum \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\Delta s} = Q \cdot \sum \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\Delta s}$

Voltage (V):
unit: volt (V) $V_{AB} = \frac{W_{AB}}{Q}$

current (I): flow of charges.
(due to the electric field)
unit: amper (A) $I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$

Ohm's law: $R = \frac{U}{I}$

R: resistance, unit: ohm (Ω)

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Mobility of charges

Resistance depends on the mobility of charges and the charge densities.

Mobility: $\mu = v / E$ unit: cm^2/Vs

v: velocity of charges

electrons (in metals)

Metal	$\mu (\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs})$
Gold	6120
Aluminum	2600
Copper	5770

ions (in solutions)

Ion	$\mu (\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs})$
H^+	0.0036
OH^-	0.00206
Na^+	0.000519
Cl^-	0.000791

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What influences the mobility?

in metals

Temperature

Main effect: Lattice scattering

Vibrating atoms and higher temperature
higher amplitude of oscillation.

in solutions

Temperature

Viscosity

Mass

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Type of materials

Insulators
There are no mobile charges.
example: many plastics

Conductors
There are mobile charges.
Metals
Charges are electrons.
Electrolytes
Charges are ions.

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Electric properties: resistivity

Resistivity (ρ): -
(specific resistance)

$$\rho = \frac{R \cdot A}{l}$$

unit: Ωm

R : resistance
 A : cross-section
 l : length

Conductivity (σ):

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} \quad \text{unit: } (\Omega\text{m})^{-1} = \text{S/m}$$

S: siemens, unit of conductance
conductance = $1/R$

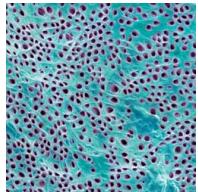
material	σ (S/m)
silver	$6.8 \cdot 10^7$
gold	$4.3 \cdot 10^7$
platinum	$0.94 \cdot 10^7$
germanium	2.2
silicon	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
hyacinth	$\approx 10^{-10}$
porcelain	$\approx 10^{-11}$
glass	$\approx 10^{-13}$
PMMA	$\approx 10^{-12}$
PE	$\approx 10^{-16}$

conductors
semi-conductors
insulators

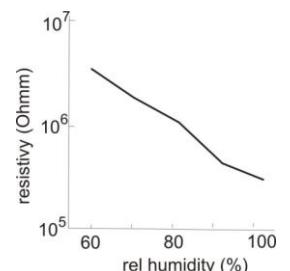
material	σ (S/m)
Enamel	$1 \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-7}$
Dentin	$2 \cdot 10 \cdot 10^{-5}$

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Role of channels in tooth



diameters. a few μm .



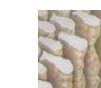
Enamel. Dependency on humidity

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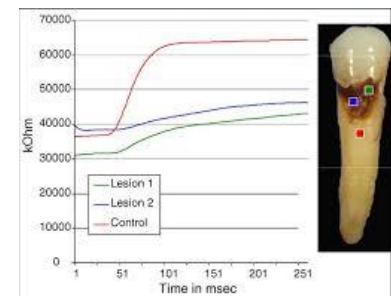
Resistivity of the enamel



intact enamel



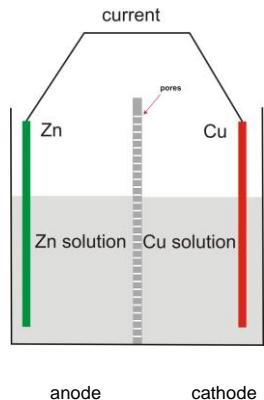
degraded enamel



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Galvanic cell



Zn oxidation and Cu reduction.
(energetically more favourable!)

Result: electric current, potential difference (voltage).

half cell half cell potentials (V)

element	E_0
Cu	+0.337
Zn	-0.7618
Hg	+0.8

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In the mouth

Saliva

electrolyte
(ions)

pH: 6.2-.74

Galvanic pain:

2 different metals and saliva form galvanic cell.
Voltage -> current to the pulp.

Galvanic corrosion:

Oxidation of the anode material.
Reduction of the cathode material.



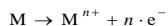
Bone destruction?
see later.

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Chemical properties

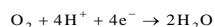
Corrosion is the disintegration of a material into its constituent atoms due to chemical reactions.

- Oxidation and corrosion of metals (see: galvanic cell)



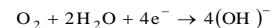
e^-

in acidic medium



e^-

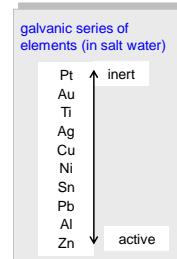
neutral or alkaline medium



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Galvanic series

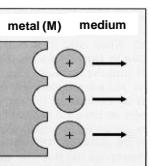
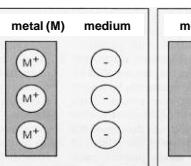
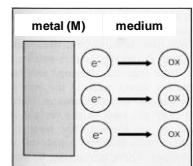
Determines the nobility of metals
(ability to take part in chemical reactions)



Corrosion rate (speed)

Determined by the electrolyte and the difference in voltage potential of elements.
(see galvanic cell)

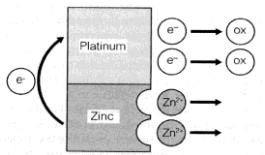
corrosion of the amalgam (steps)



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Galvanic corrosion



One metal corrodes to another when both metals are in electrical contact and immersed in an electrolyte.

Many factors influence the rate e.g.:

- potentials
 - electrode areas
 - galvanic current (resistance)
 - components of saliva (pH., oxygen etc.)
 - diffusion rate

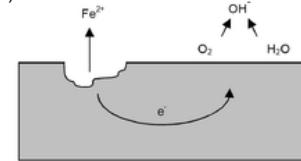
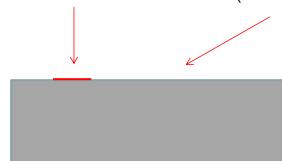


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Pitting corrosion

Extremely localized, initiated by a surface defect.
(e.g. scratching, other damage.)

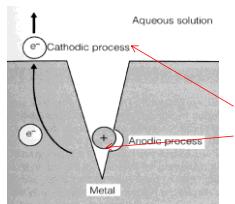
Smooth, polished surface
has high resistance!



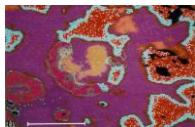
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Crevice corrosion

Corrosion occurring in spaces to which the access of the working fluid from the environment is limited.



- concentration difference,
- potential drop



Small gap (a few micrometers) and there is no fluid circulation.

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Typical amalgam

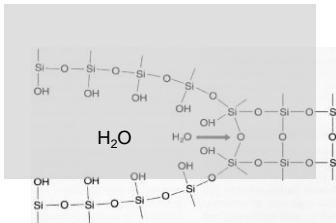
typical constitution	
metal	weight%
Ag	67-74
Sn	25-28
Cu	0-6
Zn	0-2
Hg	0-3

+ Hg

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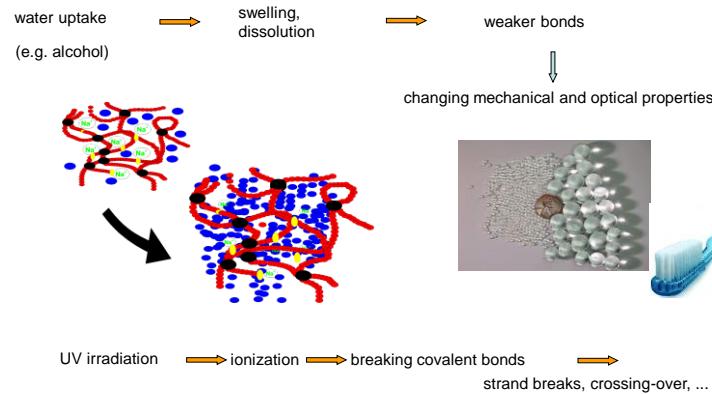
Corrosion of ceramics

dissolution



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Degradation of the polymers

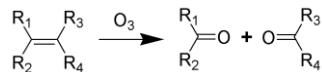


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Ozone cracking (in elastomers)

A small tension is required.
Not too high is enough.

Chemical background:
Attack on double bonds.



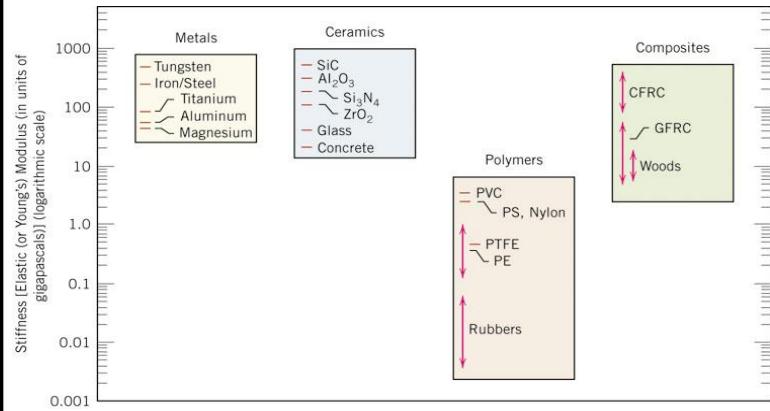
Ozone crack in rubber.



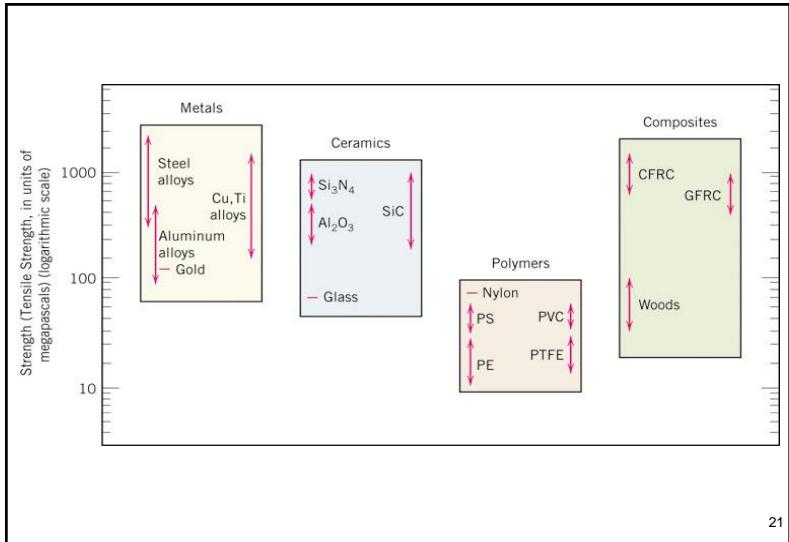
(microscopic size)

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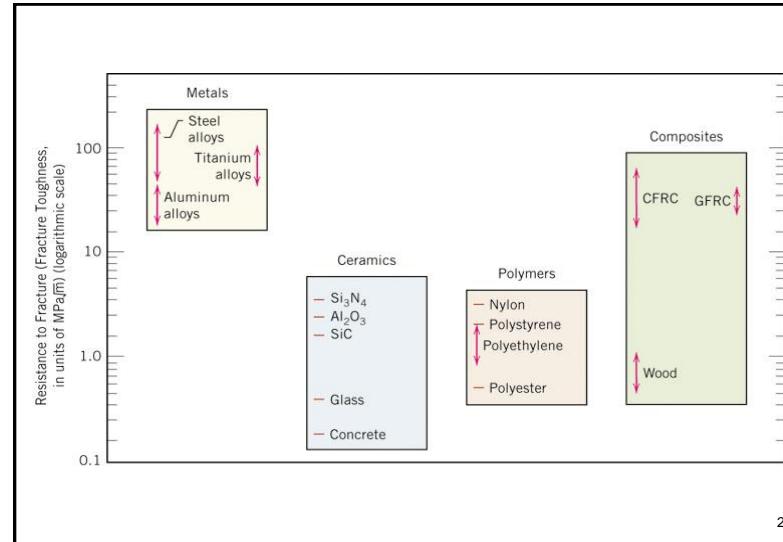
Comparison of the properties of the materials



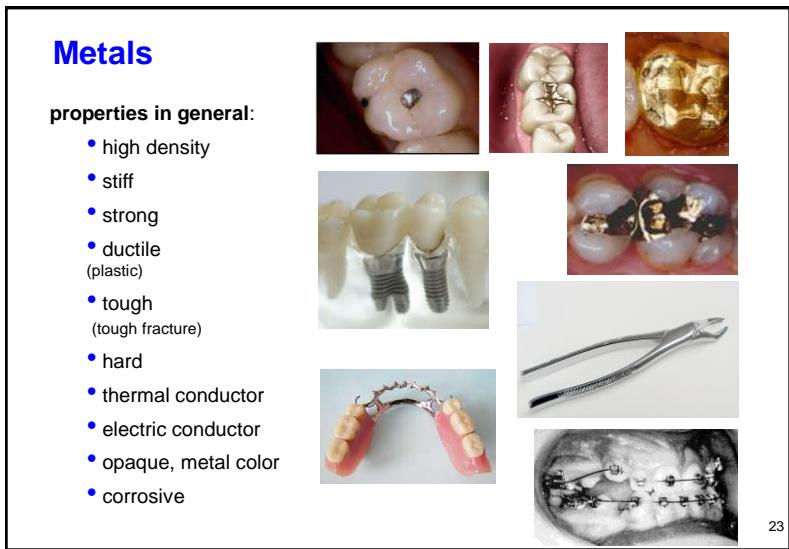
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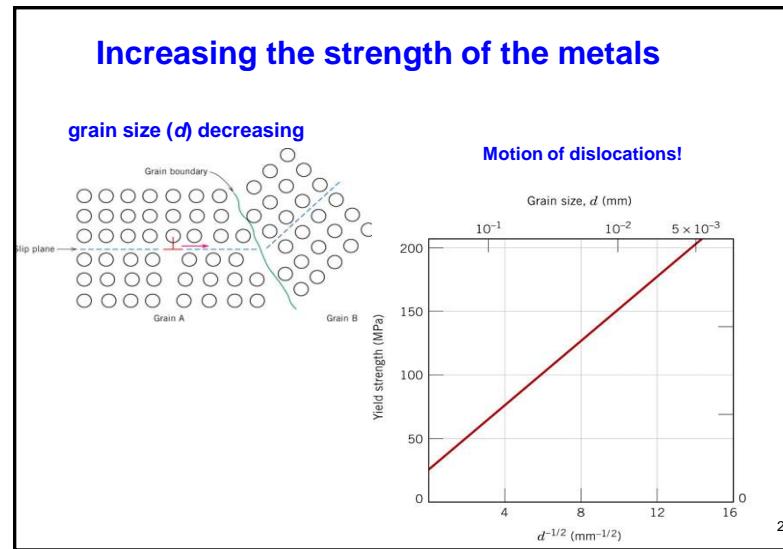
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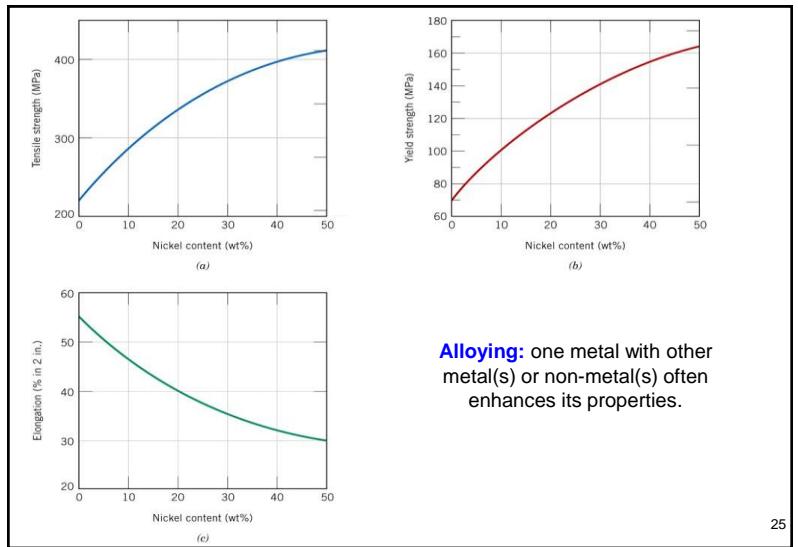
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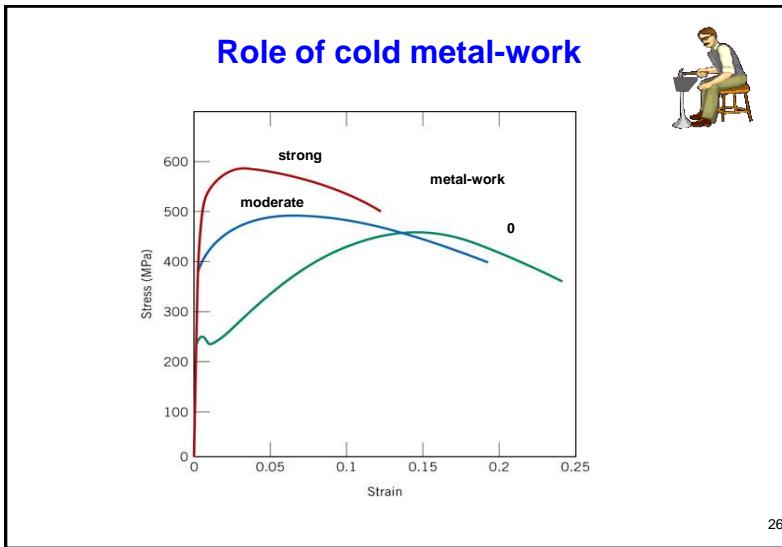
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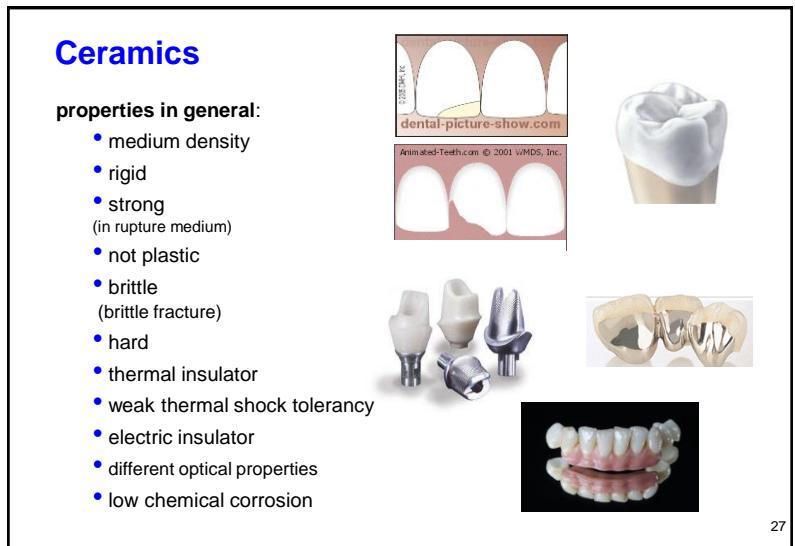
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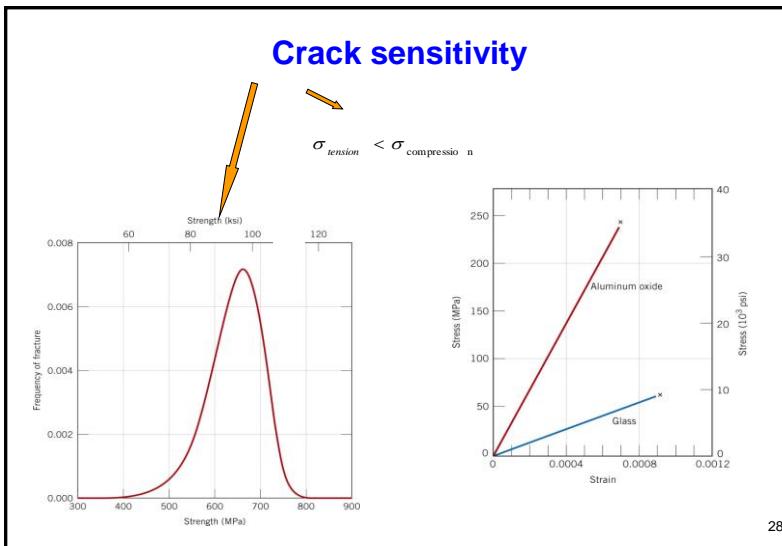
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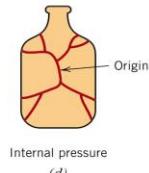
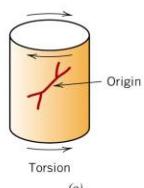
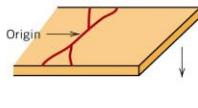


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Crack types

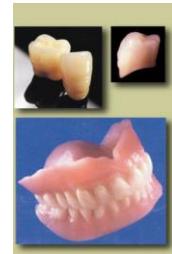


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Polymers

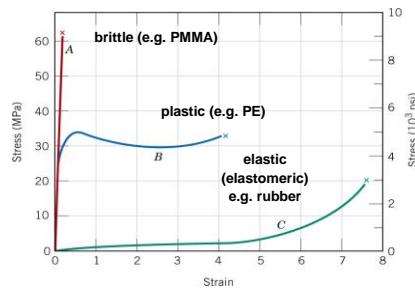
properties in general:

- low density
- elastic
- weak
- ductile
- medium tough - brittle
- soft
- viscoelastic
- thermal insulator
- electric insulator
- different optical properties
- degradation



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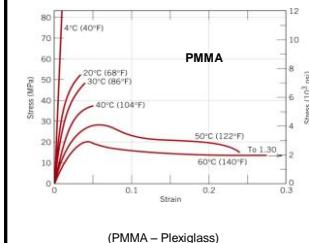
High variety of properties



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Important factors

temperature



(PMMA – Plexiglass)

degree of crystallinity

1 = amorphous polymer
2 = amorphous polymer, high molecular weight
3 = crystalline polymer
4 = crystalline polymer, higher degree of crystallinity



molecular weight

Molecular Weight

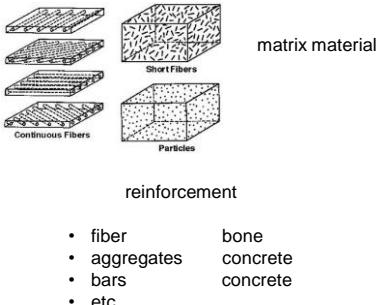
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Composites

materials made from two or more constituent materials with different physical and chemical properties to combine them.

properties in general:

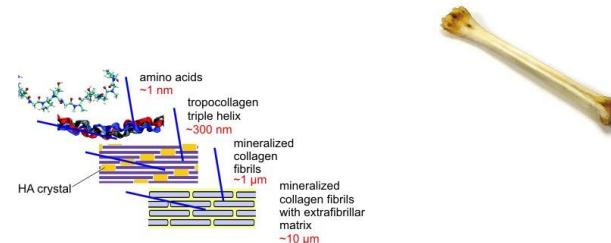
- low and medium density
- medium stiff - elastic
- strong
- ductile
- tough
- hard – medium hard
- thermal insulator
- electric insulator
- different optical properties
- small degradation



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Biological example

Bone: hydroxyapatite reinforced with collagen fibres.



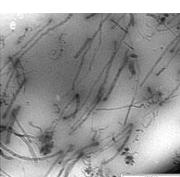
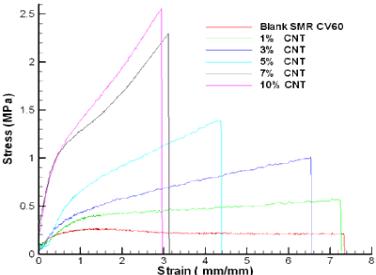
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Combination of advantageous properties

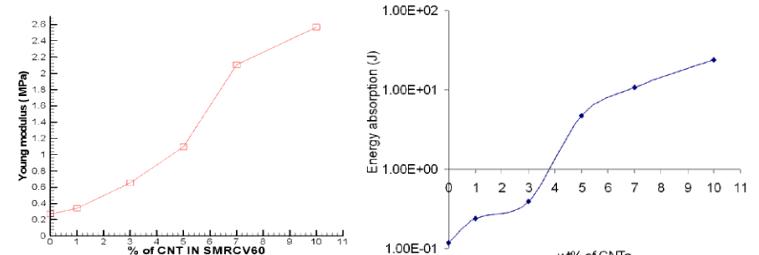
carbon nanotubes (CNT)

Composite:
rubber (SMR)
+
carbon nanotubes (CNT)



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Effect on properties



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In dentistry

Ceramic brace:

made of composite material

Dental composite resin



matrix: GMA, TEGMA etc.
reinforcement: silica



UV polymerization



Fiber reinforced composite
application in bridge

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