

# Properties of Materials

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### CHAPTER 2: THE ORIGIN OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS

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# Introduction

- **Aims**
  - To introduce the origin of engineering materials, their method of formation and distinguish between different materials ....
- **Expected Outcomes**
  - Know the origin of engineering material.....
  - Summarize the methods of formation of engineering materials from elements
  - Distinguish the nature of metals, ceramics, polymers and composites
- **Other related Information**
- **References**
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# Organic versus Inorganic

**ORGANIC** materials derived from living things usually contain carbon and hydrogen

Eg : Petroleum, Foods, Polymer

**INORGANIC** materials those substances not derived from living things

Eg : sand, rock, water, metals,

The composition or component of materials is *element*



# Elements

- ❖ Defined as pure substance that cannot be broken down by chemical means to a simpler substance.
- ❖ An element consists of atom
- ❖ Atom composed of proton, neutron and electrons
- ❖ Example of element : Aluminum, Carbon, Iron





# Importance of Atom

- Periodic table, electron configuration, atomic number is not so important for technologist in manufacturing
- Sufficient to be aware that
  - atoms play an important role in forming usable compound
  - atoms determine the properties of materials



# Forming Engineering Materials from the Elements

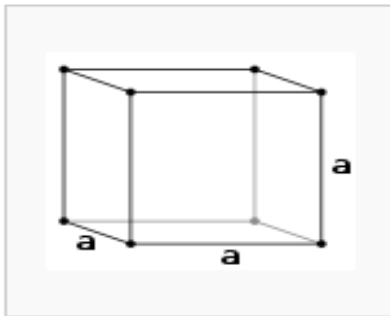
Materials form from

- pure elemental state. eg: gold, silver, mercury are metallic forms, Carbon nonmetal, Inert gases such as He, Ar
- *Alloy* – a metal combined with one or more other elements e g brass, bronze, stainless steel
- Compound – chemically combined elements
- Mixture – physically blend of two or more elements

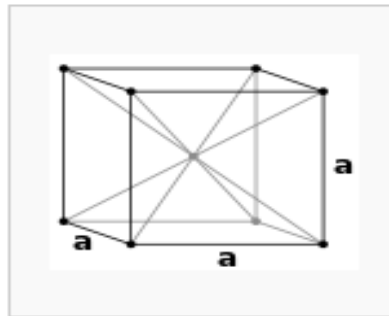


# The solid state crystalline and amorphous

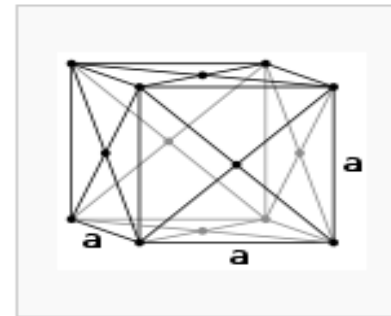
- Solids that do not have a repetitive three D pattern of atoms are amorphous
- Solid have crystalline structure – repetitive 3D pattern of atom
- most metal and inorganics have crystalline structure
- Figures above show crystal structure called *unit cell* or *crystal cell*



Simple cubic (P)



Body-centered cubic (I)



Face-centered cubic (F)





# The solid state

- cells form a crystal
- If many crystals are growing, the crystals will meet and form grains
- Interface between two grains called *grain boundary*.

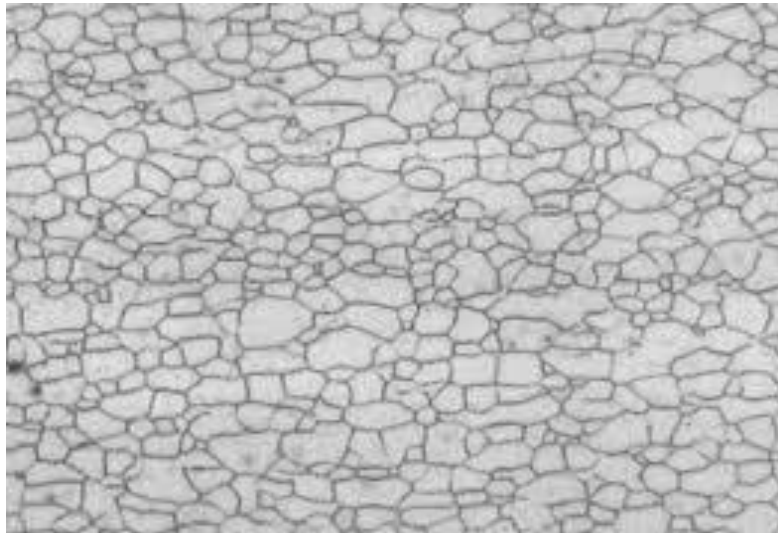
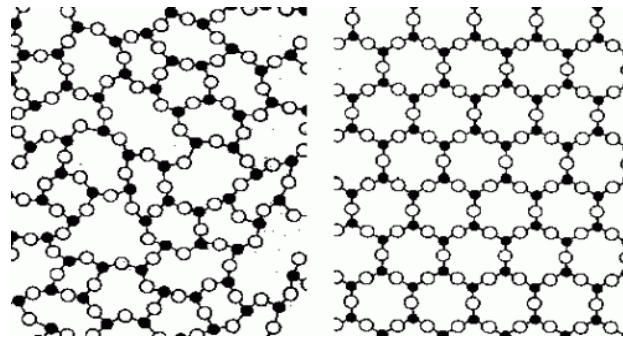


Figure : grain structure of metal



# The solid state

- The properties of crystalline materials are affected by
  - i) type of crystal structure (BCC, FCC, HCP)
  - ii) grain size
  - iii) strength of the bond between atoms
- Solid that has not crystalline structure is called *amorphous*
- *Non crystalline* solid lack a systematic and a regular arrangement of atoms
- Glasses and plastic are amorphous
- Figure shows atomic structure of silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )



# The solid state

## Crystalline vs amorphous

- Crystalline solids are the most stable solid
- Strength of all the bond of crystalline atom are same, whereas strength of different bond is different for amorphous
- Crystalline solids have sharp melting point whereas amorphous solid don't have sharp melting point



# The nature of Metals

- Metals are elements with valence of 1, 2 or 3
- Solid composed atoms held together by matrix of electron.
- The electrons associated are free to move throughout the volume of crystal; that makes metals a good conductor heat and electricity
- Other properties that distinguish metals are malleability, opacity and ability to be strengthened

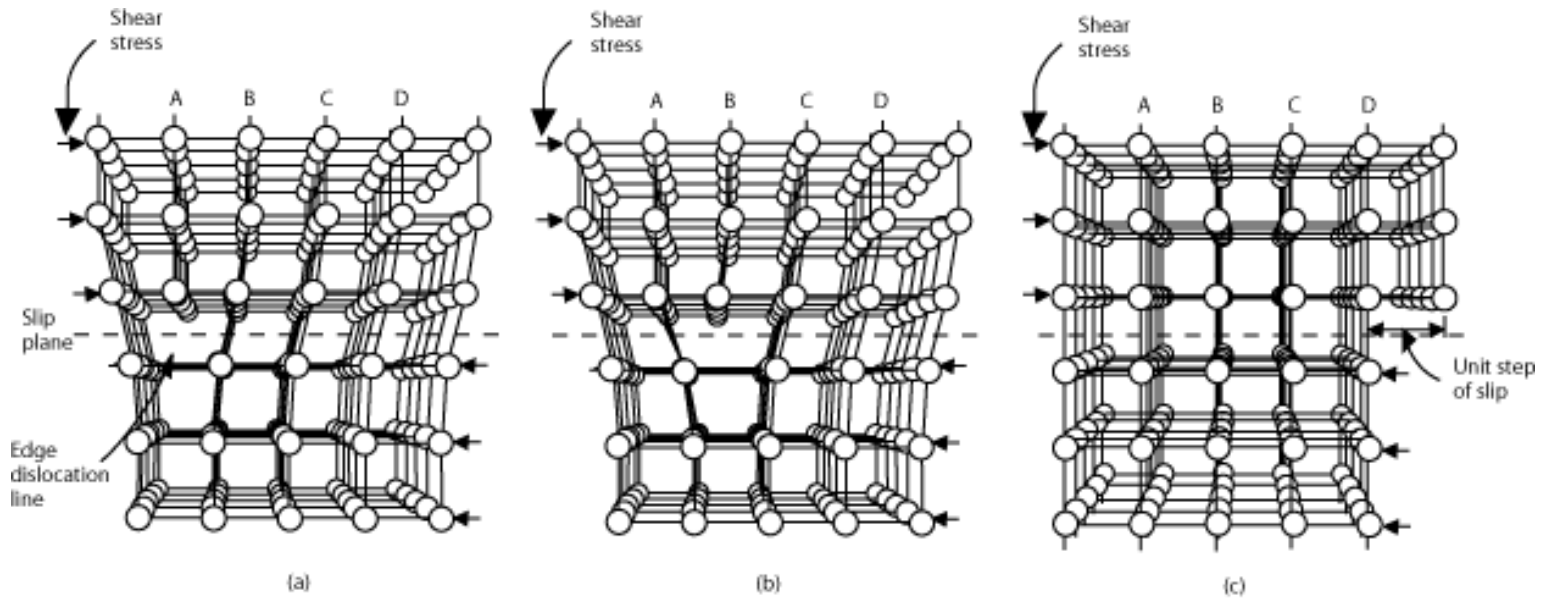


# Dislocations in Crystals

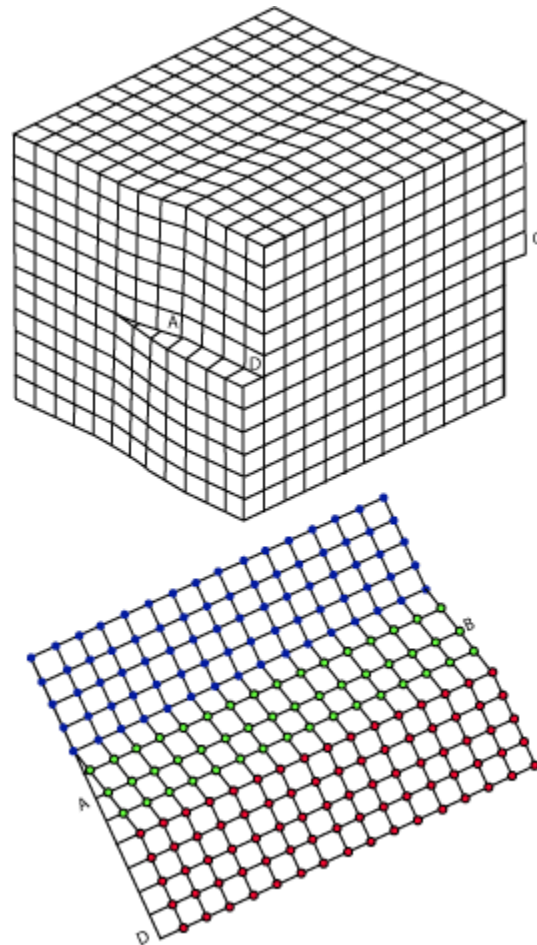
- Dislocations are areas where the atoms are out of position in the crystal structure. Dislocations are generated and move when a stress is applied. The motion of dislocations allows slip – plastic deformation to occur.
- Deformation by dislocation is one of the characteristics of metals that makes them most useful engineering material



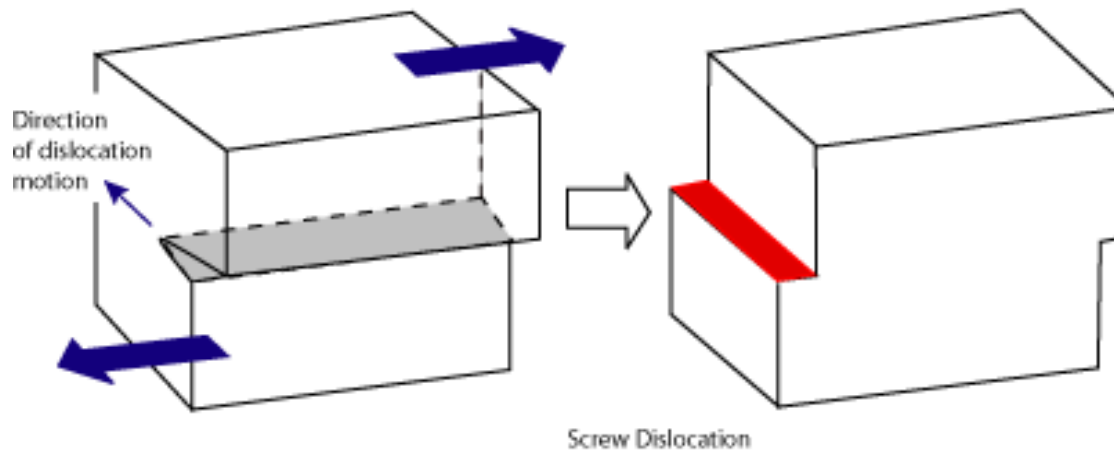
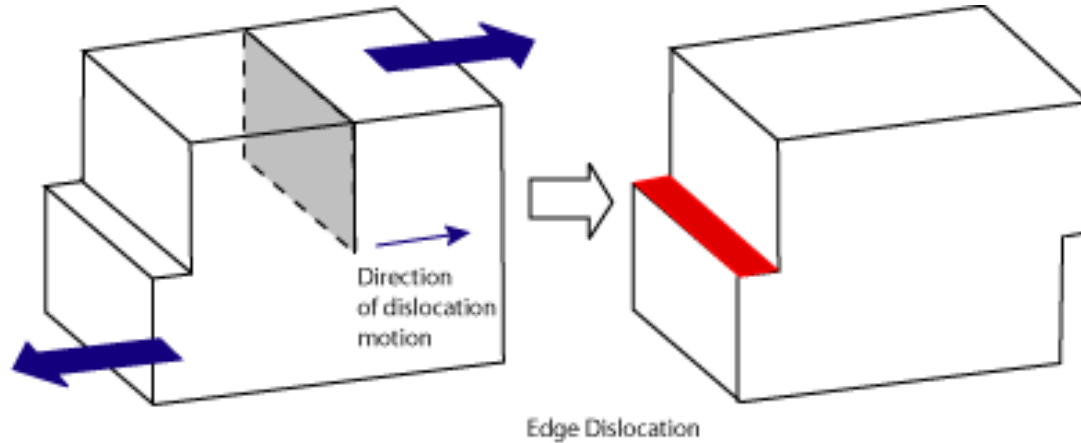
# Edge dislocations



# Screw Dislocations



# Edge and Screw Dislocations





# Nature of Ceramics

- Elements with valence 5,6,7 are nonmetals and with valence 8 are inert
- Elements with valence of 4 are metalloids; sometimes behave as metals, sometimes as nonmetals
- Ceramic can be defined as a combination or compound of one or more metals with nonmetallic elements. They usually have very rigid covalent or ionic bonds between adjacent items



# Ceramics

- In ceramics the bonds are very strong between neighboring atoms making crystalline ceramic very brittle
- Deformation by dislocation motion or atomic slip is very difficult
- Ceramics tend to be electronic insulators because electrons are tied up in bonding and are not free to move throughout the crystal
- Usually can not be strengthened by cold working or precipitation hardening
- Fibers and other materials are added to strengthen the ceramics



# Nature of Polymers

- Engineering materials known as plastics are more correctly called polymers
- Polymers are substances composed of long chain repeating molecules
- Long chain polymers usually are weaker than ceramics and metals because the molecular chains are bounded to each other only with weak electrostatic force called Van der Waals bonds



# Nature of Composites

- A composite is a combination of two or more materials that has properties that the component materials do not have by themselves
- Wood is a composite of cellulose fiber held together with a glue or matrix of soft lignin
- In engineering materials composites are formed by coatings, internal additives and laminating
- Applications are sports equipment, aircraft, chemical process industry etc



# Global Considerations

- Chemists and chemical engineers are in demand to work at finding new feedstock for bio-based fuels
- A great deal of chemistry research and development is aimed at changing processes so as they emit less carbon
- Substantial work being done to find substitutes for engineering materials that are becoming scarce or too costly to use

