

# Elasticity

Rod clamped at one end is pulled at the other by a force  $\vec{F}$

acts like a spring with huge constant  $k$  ?

Hooke:  $|\vec{F}| = k\Delta L$  really ?

yes, for small  $\Delta L$  ;

then less force required to stretch

within elastic limit (EL):

rod restored to length  $L$  when  $F \rightarrow 0$

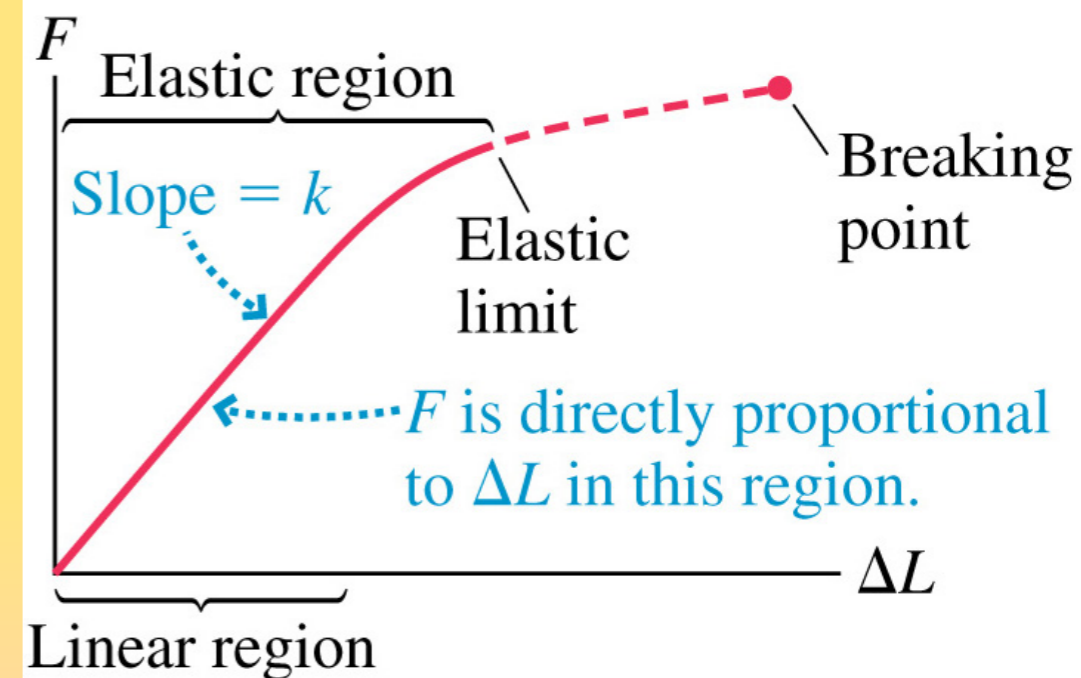
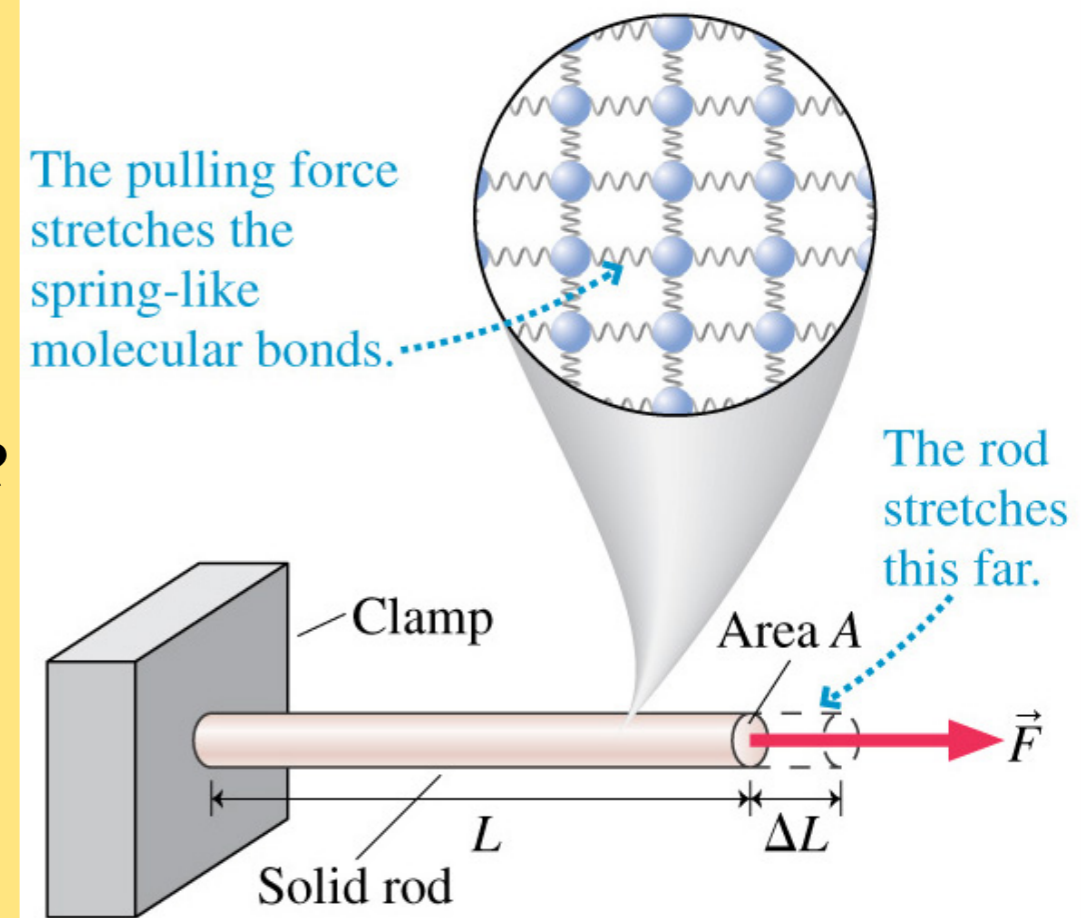
beyond EL: returns to larger length  $L'$   
material property ? (take out  $L, A$ )

define: **strain** =  $\frac{\Delta L}{L}$     **tensile stress** =  $\frac{F}{A}$

strain=dimensionless,  $[F/A] = \text{N/m}^2$

How can we generalize Hooke's law ?

$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$  ?     $Y = \text{Young's modulus; } [Y] = \text{N/m}^2$



# Tensile Stress

$$F = k\Delta L \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{F}{A} = Y \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

apply Hooke to bond layer  
in longitudinal direction:

# of parallel springs  $\sim A$

force per bond  $\sim F/A$

Now the RHS:

# of springs in series  $\sim L$

stretch per bond  $\sim \Delta L/L$

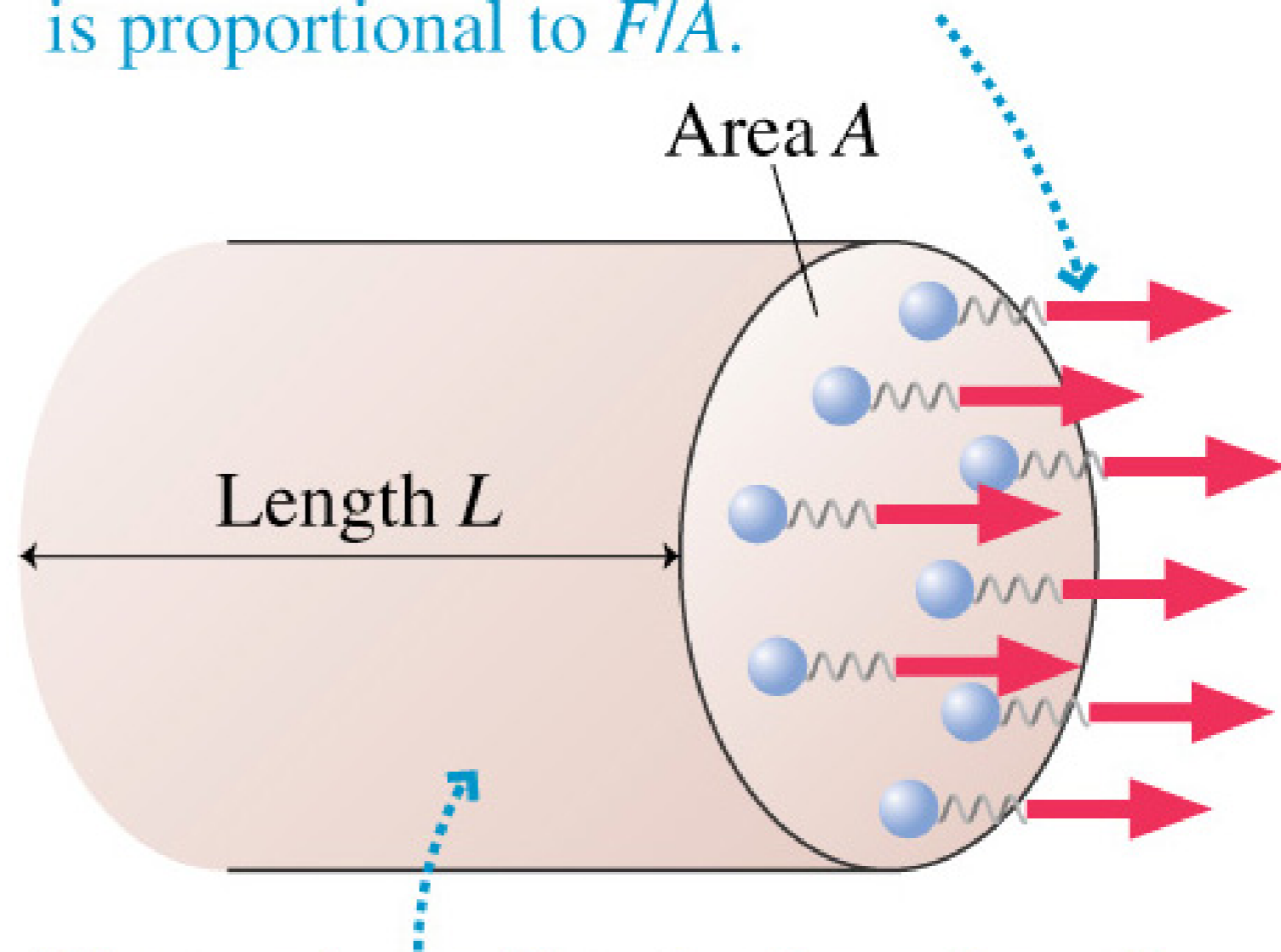
'bond spring constant'  $k$ :

$$Y = k \frac{L}{A}$$

Metals:

$Y$  is multiple of  $10^{10} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$

The number of bonds is proportional to area  $A$ . If the rod is pulled with force  $F$ , the force pulling on each bond is proportional to  $F/A$ .



The number of bonds along the rod is proportional to length  $L$ . If the rod stretches by  $\Delta L$ , the stretch of each bond is proportional to  $\Delta L/L$ .



# Shear Stress

cross section: rectangle  $\rightarrow$   
 parallelogram (sliding atom layers)  
 force is tangential, applies to top  
 area (hand covering entire book)

$$\frac{F}{A} = S \frac{\Delta x}{h}$$

why is the shear strain  $\Delta x/h$ ?

longer  $h$ : same  $\Delta x$  requires less displacement of atomic layers (bonds)

$S$  = shear modulus

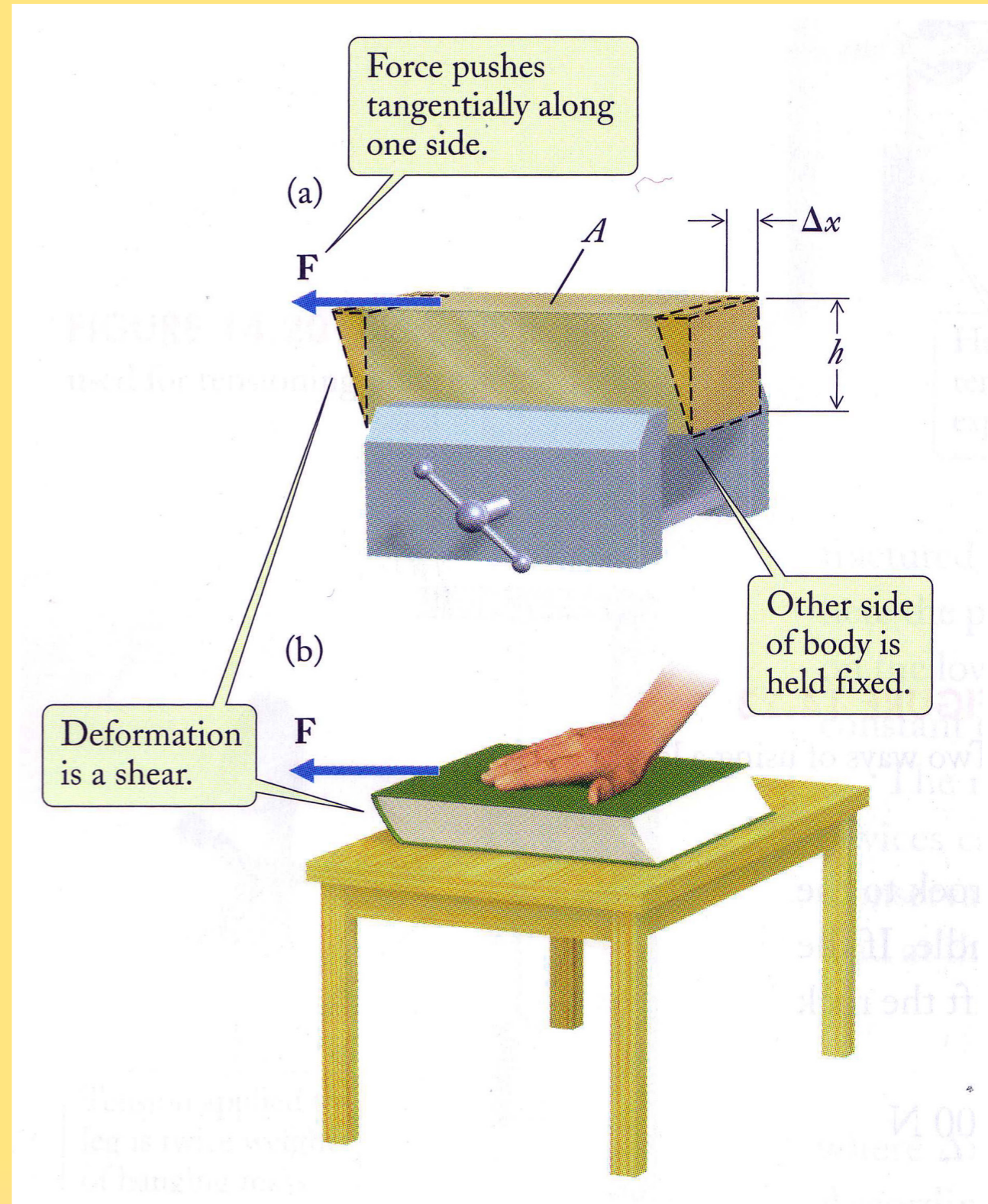
Measurements:

$S < Y$  (same units!) by typically a factor of 3

Lead (Pb) has  $S, Y$  a factor of 14 less than steel

Concrete can be pulled ( $Y$  comparable to lead), but does not shear

Civil engineering applications!



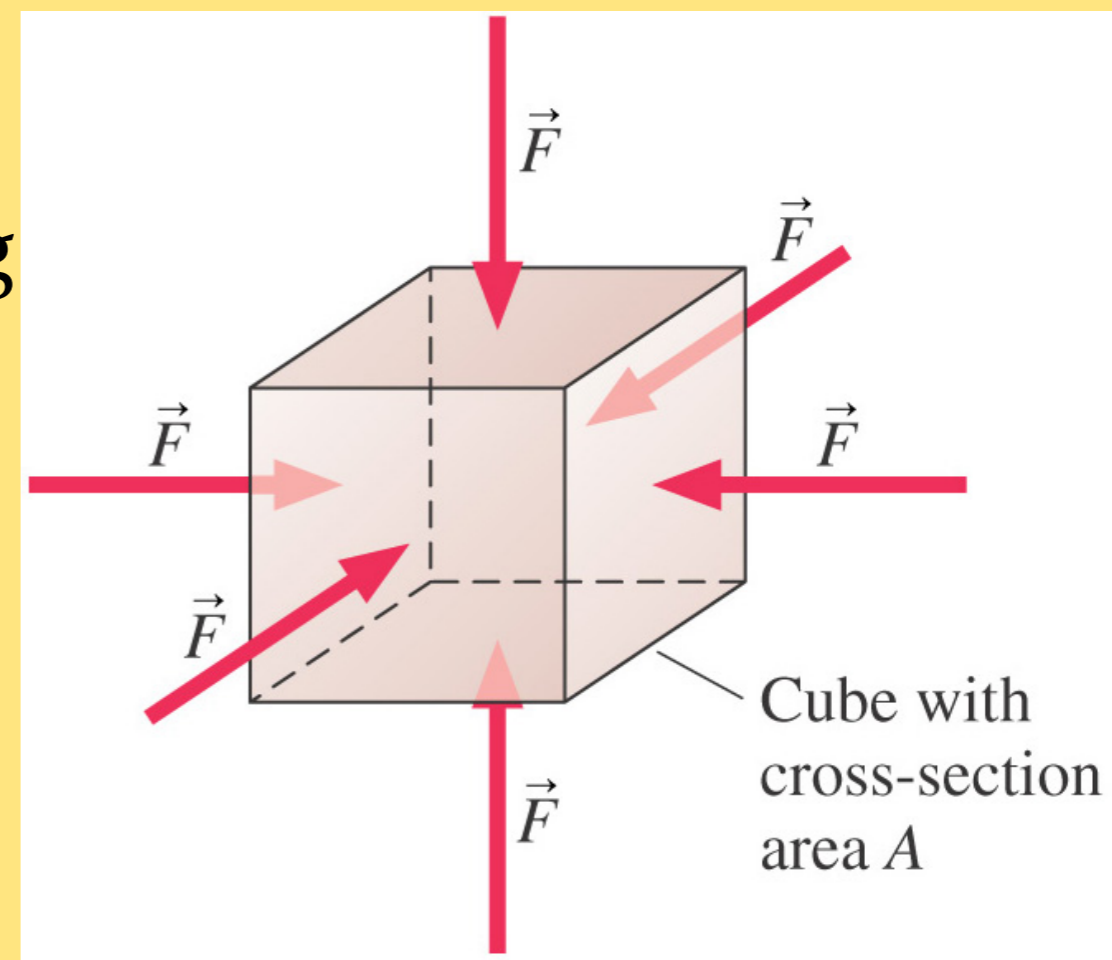
# Bulk Modulus

Compress entire object by applying force to all faces.  $F/A = \text{pressure}$ , now.

How hard is it to reduce the volume?

Immerse object in deep water

$$\frac{F}{A} = -B \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$



$B = \text{bulk modulus}$ ;  $\Delta V/V = \text{volume strain}$ ;  $F/A = \text{volume stress}$ .

A positive stress causes a volume decrease ( $\Delta V < 0$ )  $\Rightarrow -$  sign.

Bulk modulus of liquids is well defined.  $B_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  is about  $0.02 B_{\text{Fe}}$

Steel, brass:  $S < B < Y$ ; softer metals (Pb, Al)  $S < Y < B$

Bigger modulus: less strain from same stress

Elongation or shear of liquids requires very little force

Why do solids and liquids behave this way  $\Rightarrow$

condensed matter physics: microscopic view based on electrostatic forces and many-body quantum mechanics