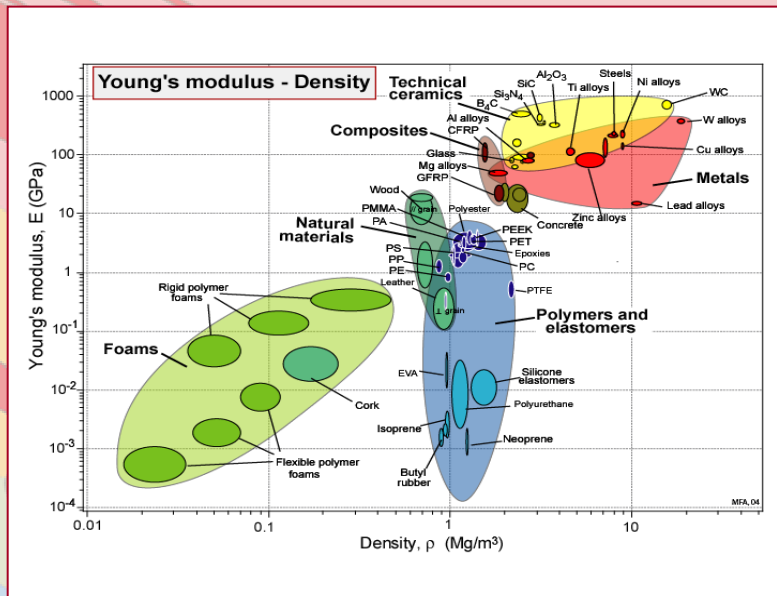


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Unit 2. Materials charts : mapping the materials universe

*New approaches to Materials Education - a course authored by
Mike Ashby and David Cebon, Cambridge, UK, 2008*



- Exploring relationships: bar charts and bubble charts
- Elementary selection
- Making charts
- Report writing
- *Hands-on session 2, with exercises*

Resources:

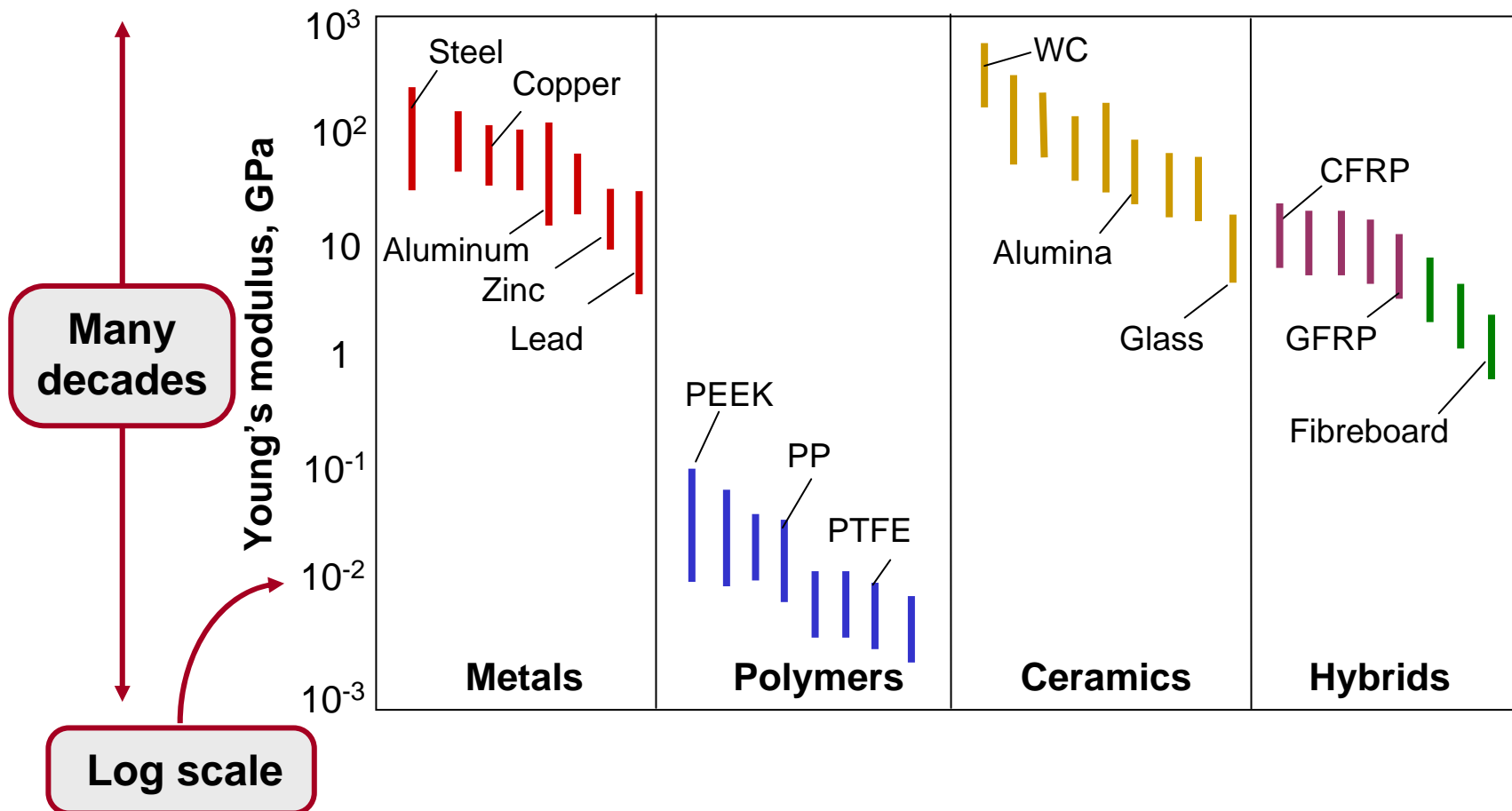
- “Materials: engineering, science, processing and design” by M.F. Ashby, H.R. Shercliff and D. Cebon, Butterworth Heinemann, Oxford 2007, **Chapters 2.**
- “Materials Selection in Mechanical Design”, 3rd edition by M.F. Ashby, Butterworth Heinemann, Oxford, 2006, **Chapter 3.**
- **CES EduPack 2007** software (grantadesign.com)



Relationships, perspective and comparisons

Data sheets do not allow comparison, perspective. For these we need

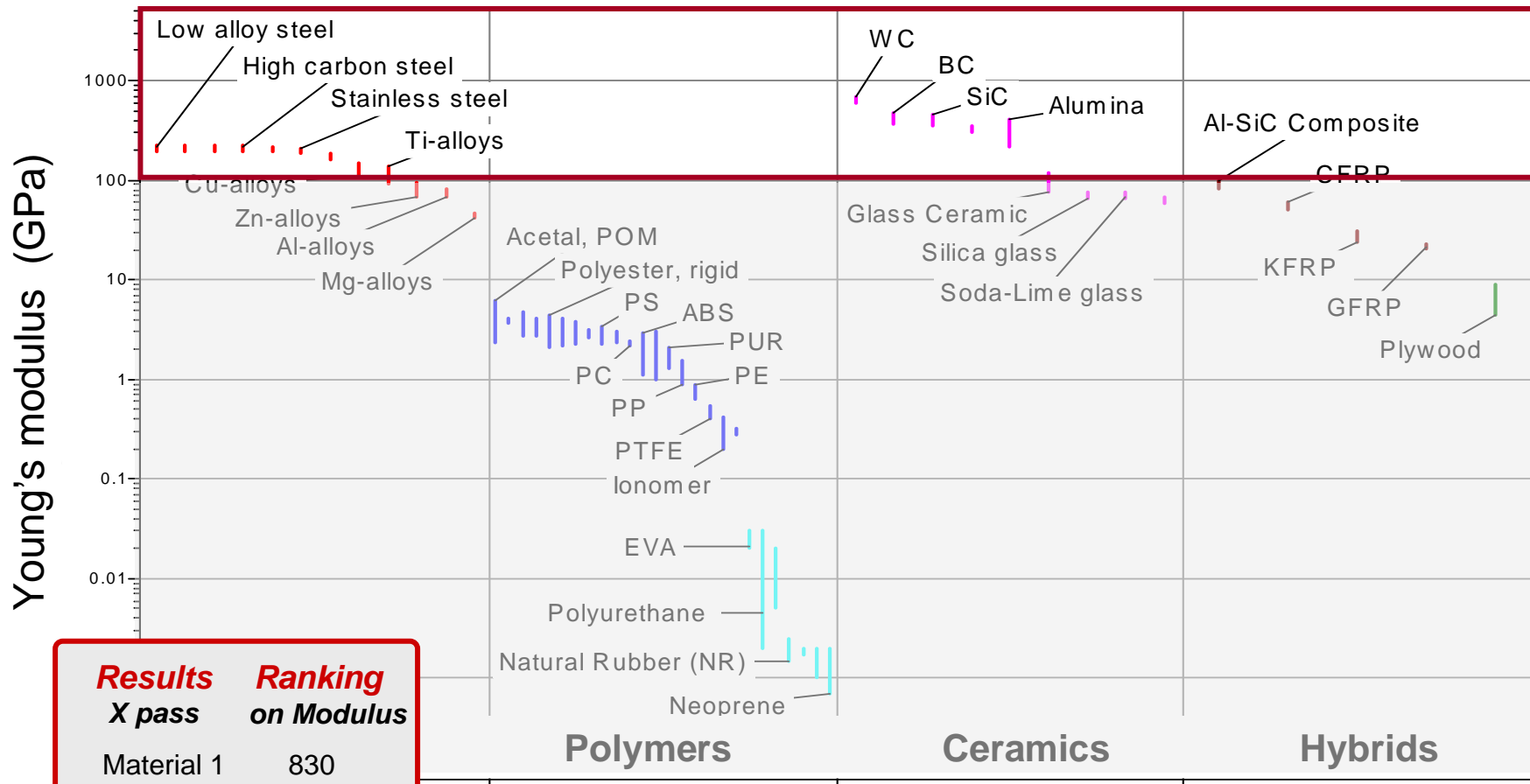
- **Material bar-charts**
- **Material property charts**





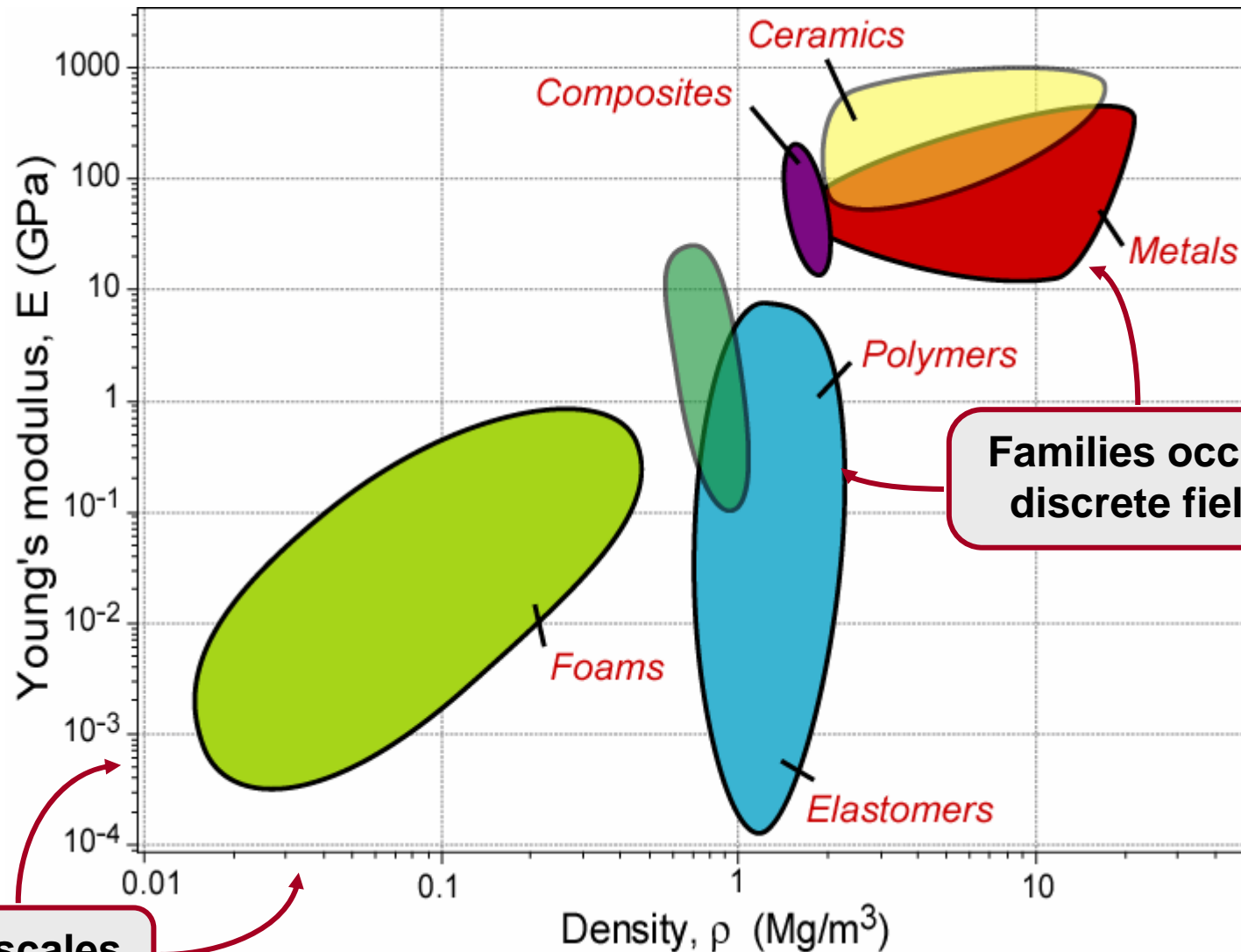
Bar- chart created with CES (Level1)

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Material property- charts: modulus - density

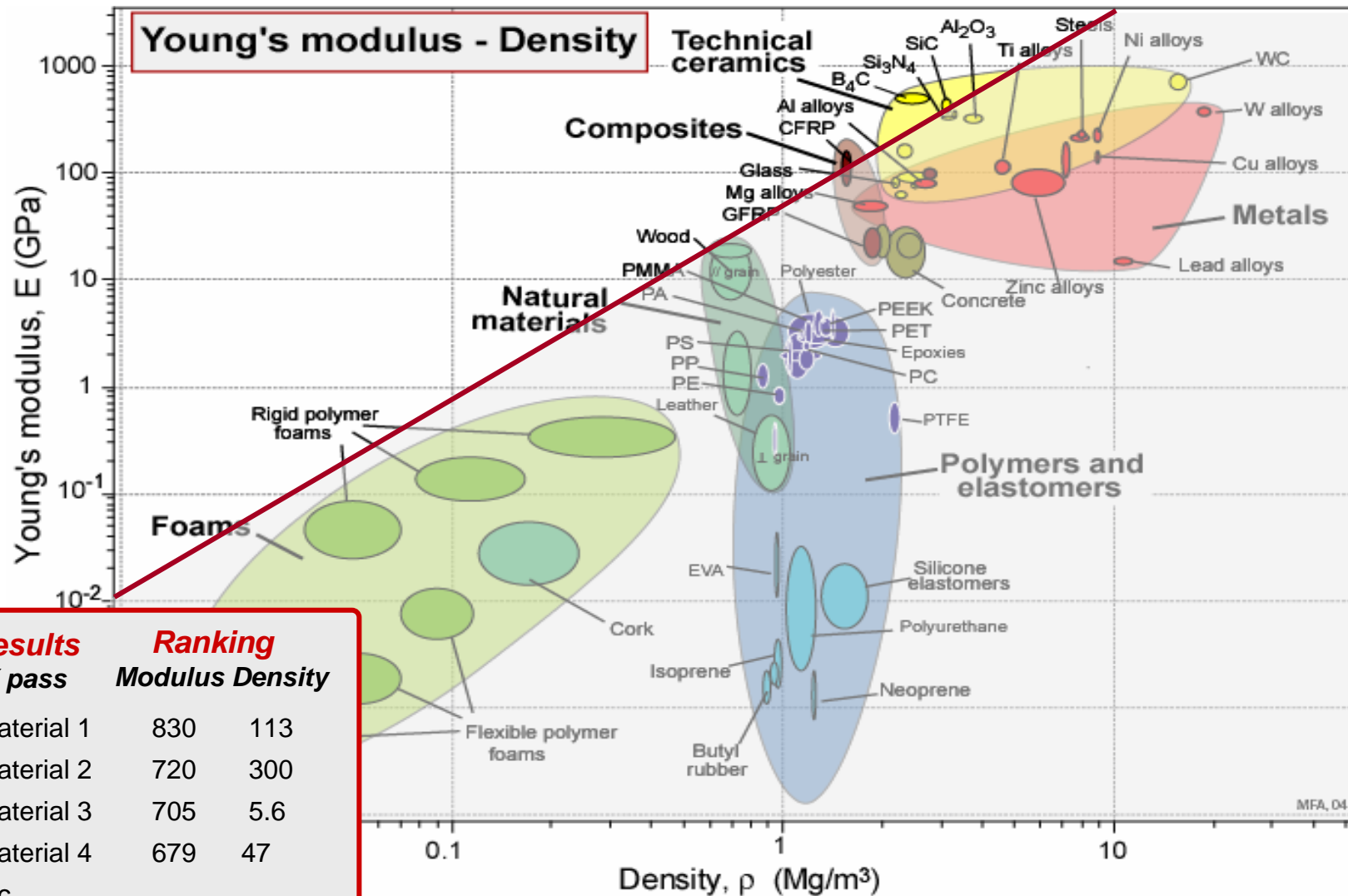


Families occupy discrete fields

Log scales



Bubble chart created with CES





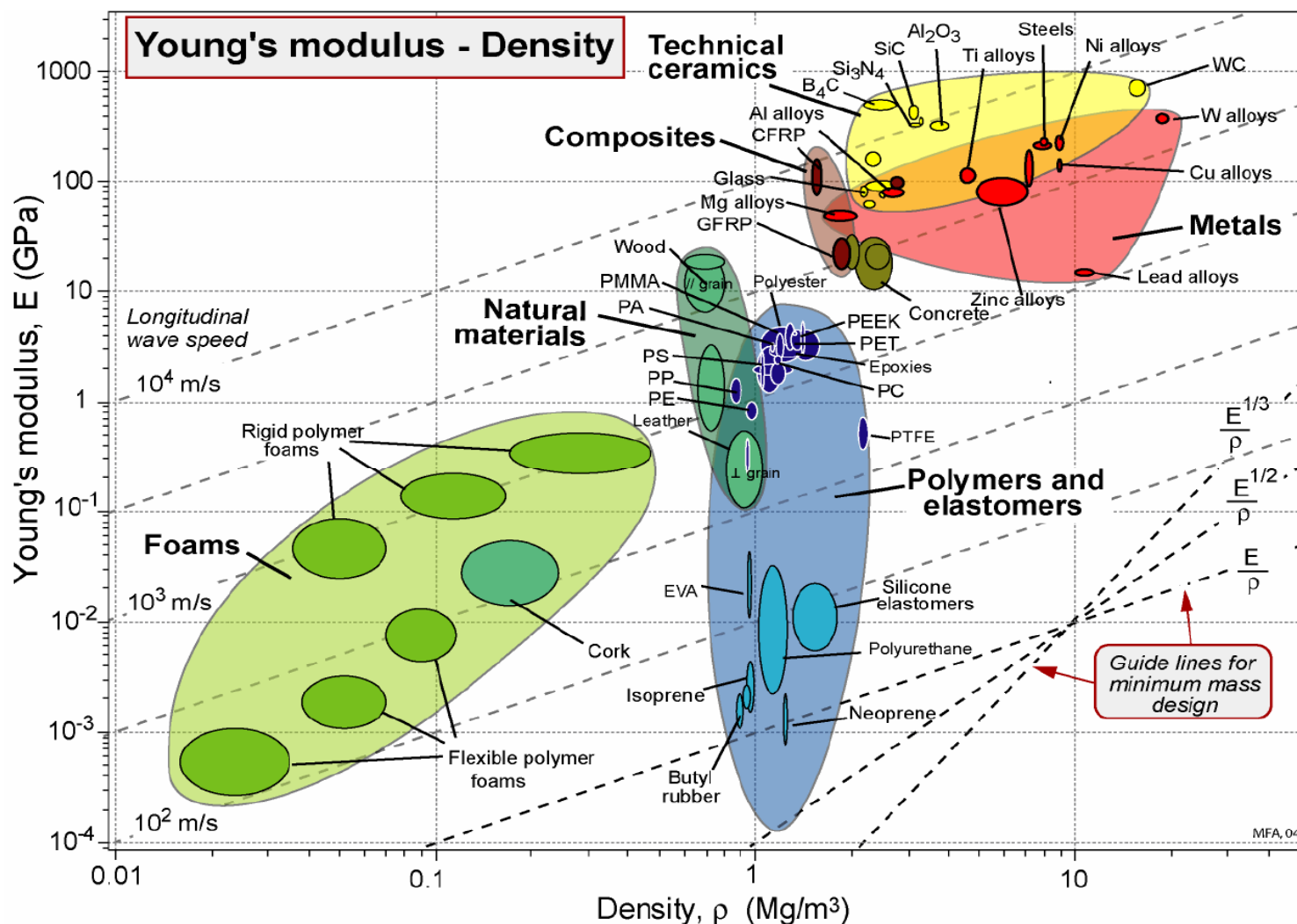
Exploring the science: mechanical properties

Why the differences?

- Atom size and weight
- Bonds as (linear) springs
- Spring constant for various bond types.

Manipulating properties

- Making composites
- Making foams





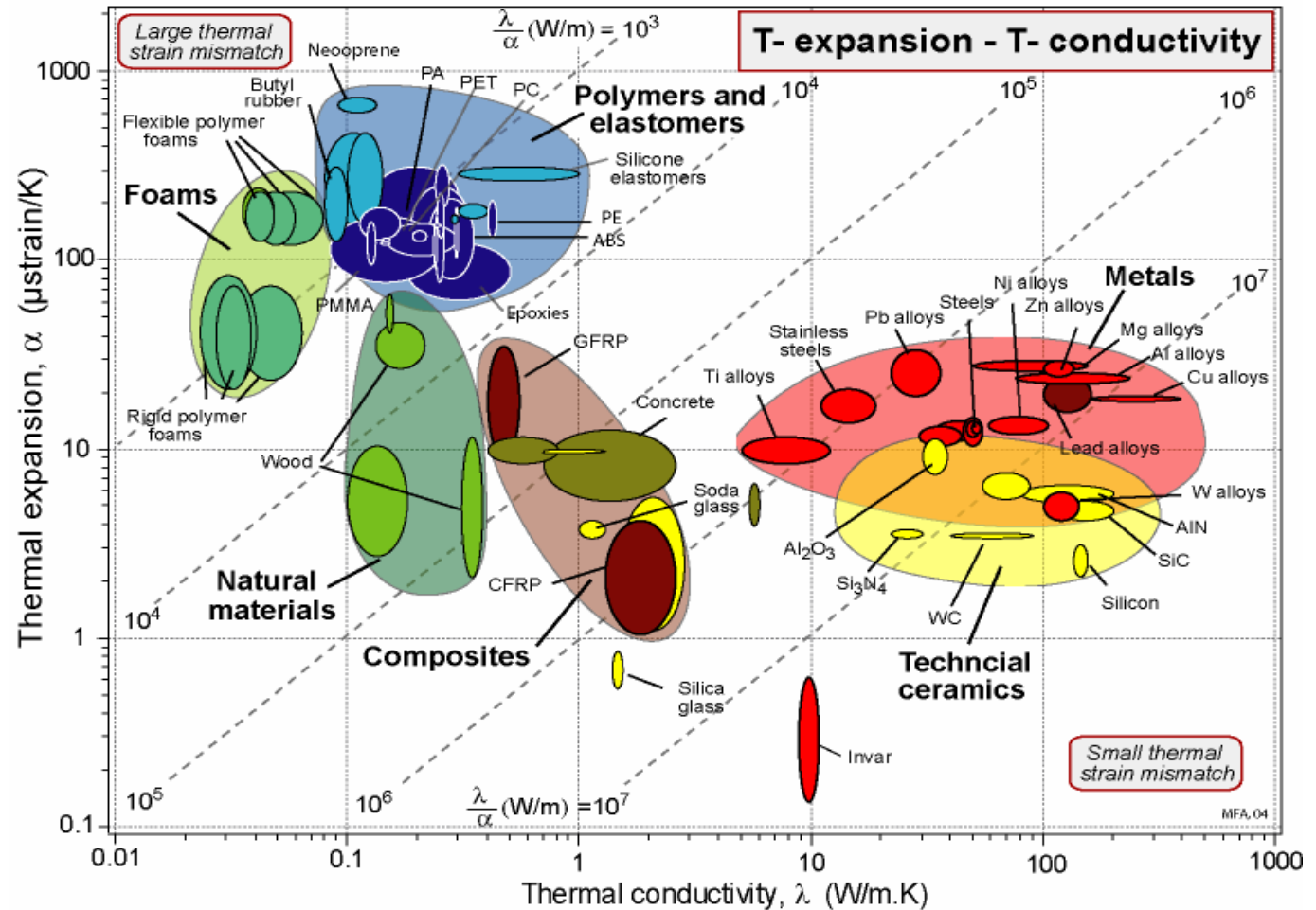
Exploring the science: thermal properties

Why the differences?

- Bonds as non-linear springs
- 10% expansion at melting point, so expansion goes inversely as T_m
- Thermal energy as atom vibration, propagates as waves, scattered by obstacles

Manipulating properties

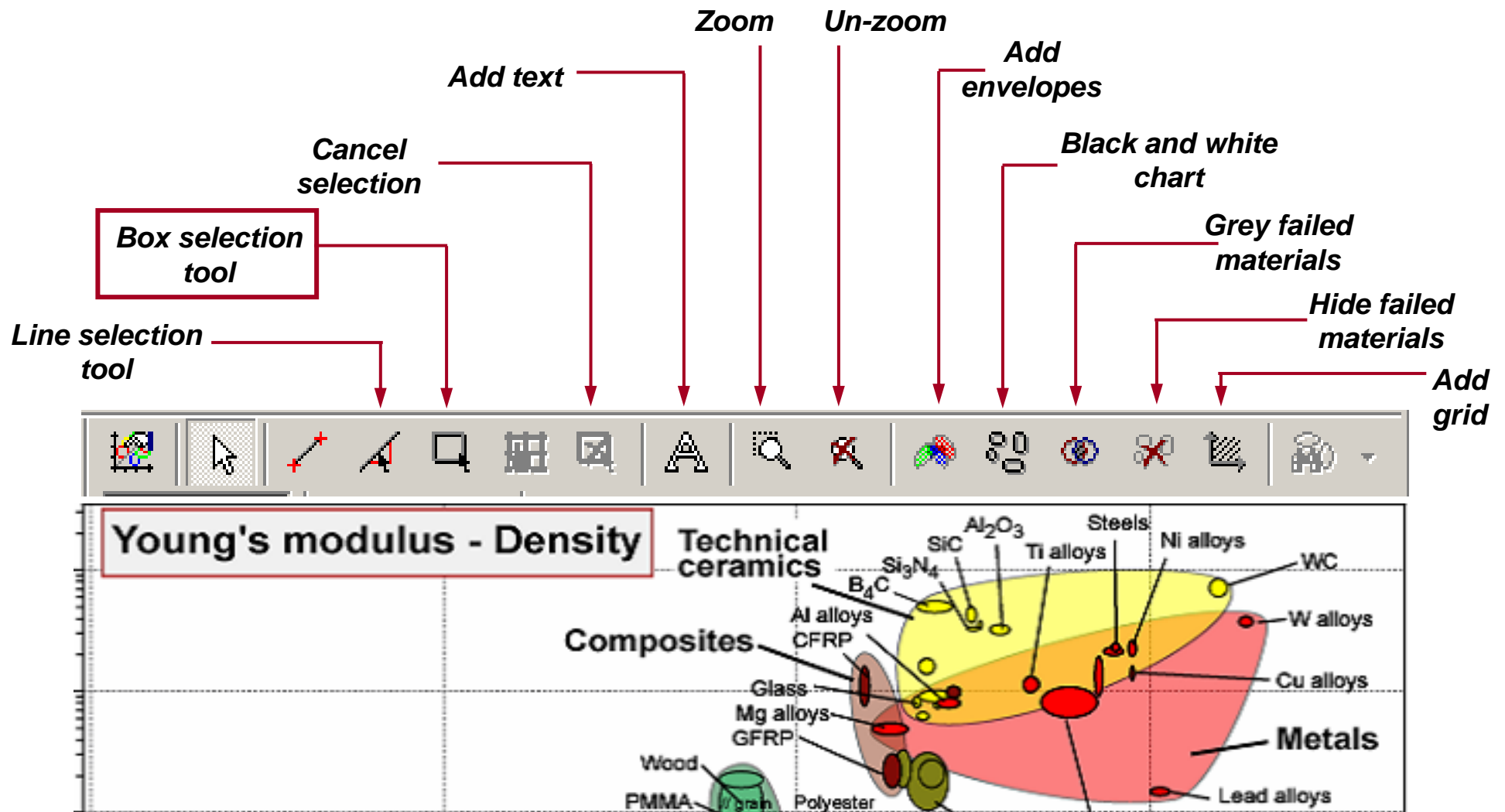
- High conductivity: purity
- Low conductivity, obstacles and foams





The chart-management tool bar

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Creating charts

File Edit View Select Tools

Browse

Select

Search

Print

Search web

1. Selection data

Pick a selection template ▼

2. Selection Stages



Graph



Limit



Tree

Results

X pass

Ranking

Prop 1 Prop 2

Material 1	830	113
Material 2	720	300
Material 3	705	5.6
Material 4	679	47
etc...		

Property

Bar chart

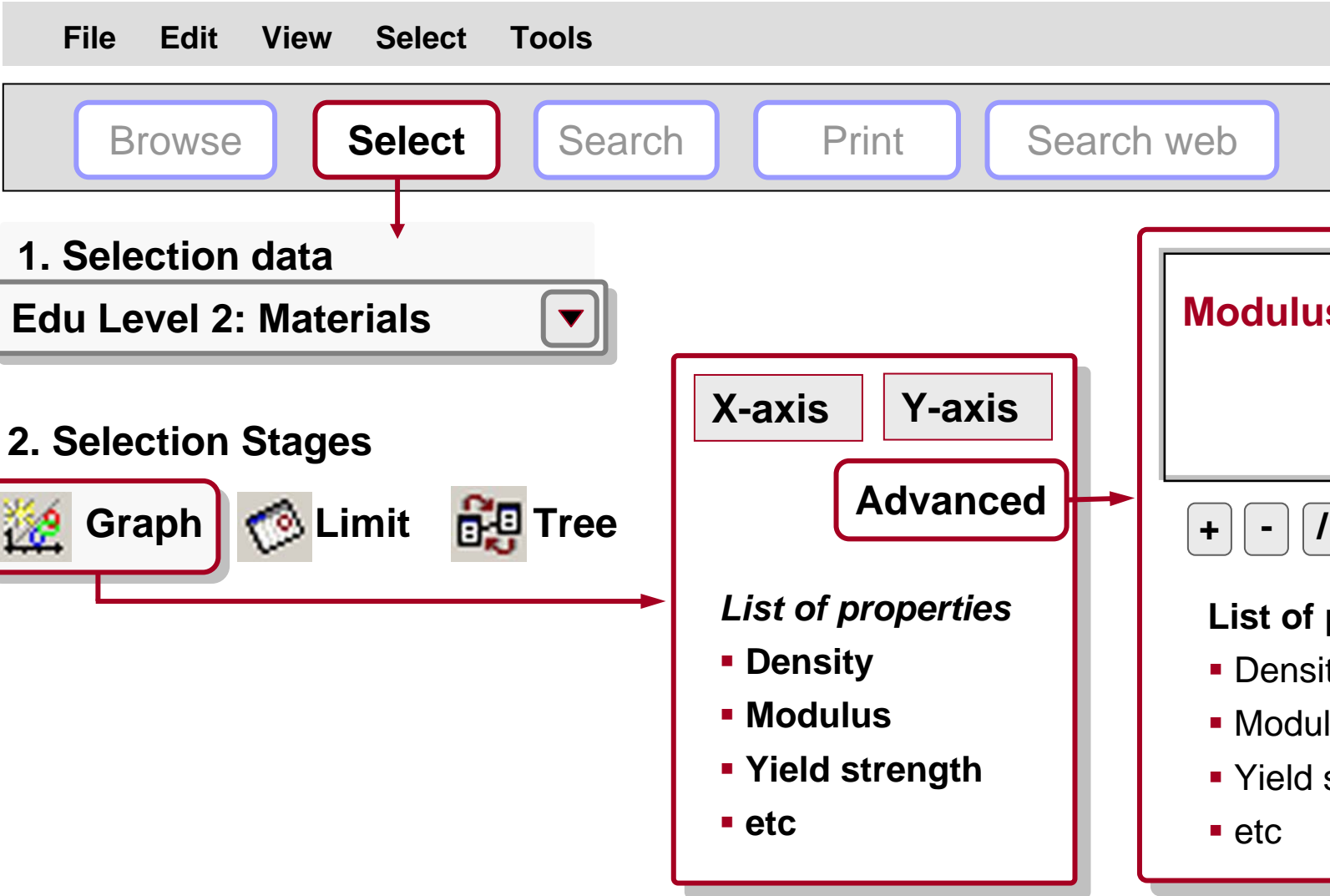
Property 2

Bubble chart

Property 1

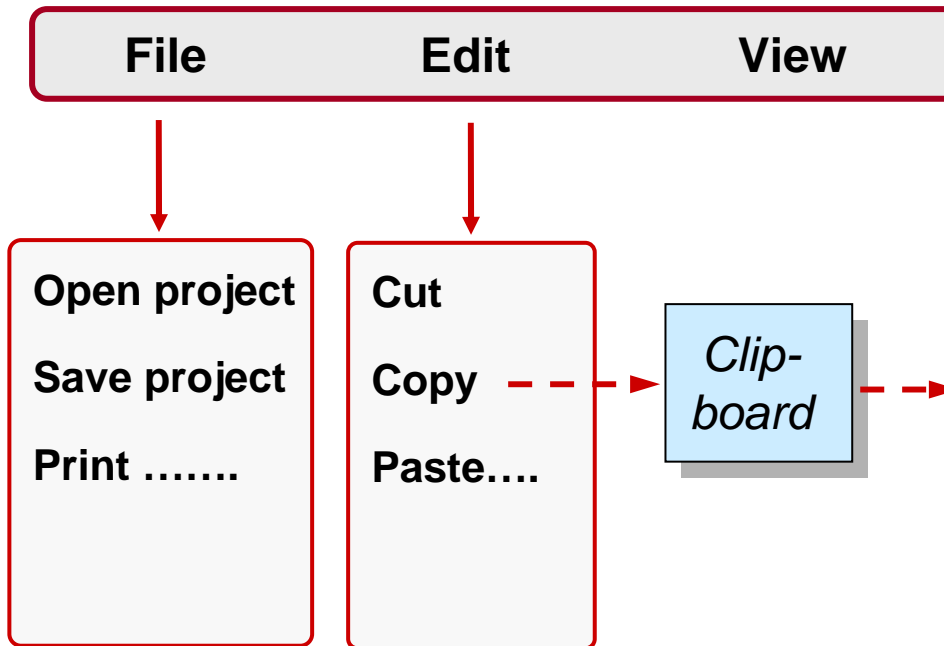


Charts with functions of properties





Report writing



Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) - $(\text{CH}_2\text{-CH-C}_6\text{H}_4)_n$

General Properties

Density	1.05	-	1.07	Mg/m ³
Price	2.1	-	2.3	US \$/kg

Mechanical Properties

Young's Modulus	1.1	-	2.9	GPa
Elastic Limit	18	-	50	MPa
Tensile Strength	27	-	55	MPa
Elongation	6	-	8	%
Hardness - Vickers	6	-	15	HV
Endurance Limit	11	-	22	MPa
Fracture Toughness	1.2	-	4.2	MPa.m ^{1/2}

Thermal Properties

Max Service Temp	350	-	370	K
Thermal Expansion	70	-	75	10 ⁻⁶ /K
Specific Heat	1500	-	1510	J/kg.K
Thermal Conductivity	0.17	-	0.24	W/m.K

Electrical Properties

Conductor or insulator?	Good insulator
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Optical Properties

Transparent or opaque?	Opaque
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Eco Properties

Energy content	91 - 110	MJ/kg
CO ₂ per kg	3.2 - 3.6	kg/kg

Corrosion and Wear Resistance

Flammability	Average
Fresh Water	Good
Organic Solvents	Average
Sea Water	Good
UV	Good
Wear	Poor
etc	

What is it? ABS (Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) is tough, resilient, and easily molded. It is usually opaque, although some grades can now be transparent, and it can be given vivid colors. ABS-PVC alloys are tougher than standard ABS and, in self-extinguishing grades, are used for the casings of power tools.

Design guidelines. ABS has the highest impact resistance of all polymers. It takes color well. Integral metallics are possible (as in GE Plastics' Magix.) ABS is UV resistant for outdoor application if stabilizers are added. It is hygroscopic (may need to be oven dried before thermoforming) and can be damaged by petroleum-based machining oils.

ABS can be extruded, compression moulded or formed to sheet that is then vacuum thermo-formed. It can be joined by ultrasonic or hot-plate welding, or bonded with polyester, epoxy, isocyanate or nitrile-phenolic adhesives.

Technical notes. ABS is a terpolymer - one made by copolymerising 3 monomers: acrylonitrile, butadiene and styrene. The acrylonitrile gives thermal and chemical resistance, rubber-like butadiene gives ductility and strength, the styrene gives a glossy surface, ease of machining and a lower cost. In ASA, the butadiene component (which gives poor UV resistance) is replaced by an acrylic ester. Without the addition of butyl, ABS becomes, SAN - a similar material with lower impact resistance or toughness. It is the stiffest of the thermoplastics and has excellent resistance to acids, alkalis, salts and many solvents.

Typical Uses. Safety helmets; camper tops; automotive instrument panels and other interior components; pipe fittings; home-security devices and housings for small appliances; communications equipment; business machines; plumbing hardware; automobile grilles; wheel covers; mirror housings; refrigerator liners; luggage shells; tote trays; mower shrouds; boat hulls; large components for recreational vehicles; weather seals; glass beading; refrigerator breaker strips; conduit; pipe for drain-waste-vent (DWV) systems.

The environment. The acrylonitrile monomer is nasty stuff, almost as poisonous as cyanide. Once polymerized with styrene it becomes harmless. ABS is FDA compliant, can be recycled, and can be incinerated to recover the energy it contains.





The main points

- **Visual presentation** of data as bar-charts and property (bubble) charts reveals relationships and allows comparisons
- **CES** allows a wide range of charts to be constructed
- **Box selection tool** allows elementary selection
- There are comprehensive **report-writing** facilities




Pause for demo

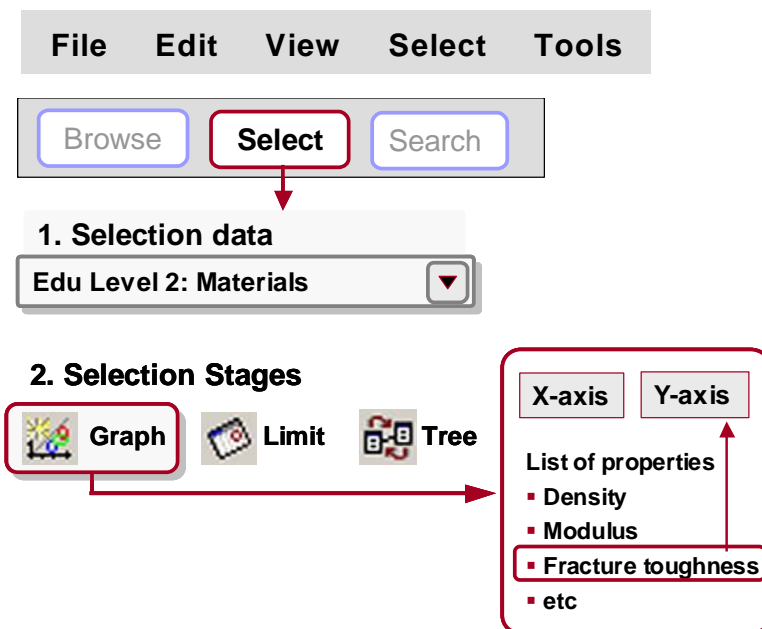
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Exercises: Making bar charts

2.1 Make a bar chart with *Fracture toughness* on the Y-axis using Level 1, Materials



- Click on **Select** and proceed as shown opposite →
- Label two (or more) materials by clicking on the bars.
- Find the bar for **Magnesium alloys** (right click on name in Browse and select “Highlight”).
- Change the name to **Mg-alloys** and make the font larger (right click on name on the bar chart and select “Rename” to change the name and “Format” to change font size, color etc).
- Use the BOX selection tool  to find the four materials with the highest values of fracture toughness. (Answer: Low alloy steels, Nickel alloys, Stainless steels, Titanium alloys).
- Change the UNITS from Metric to Imperial or *vice versa* (Tools – Options – Units – US Imperial / Metric)

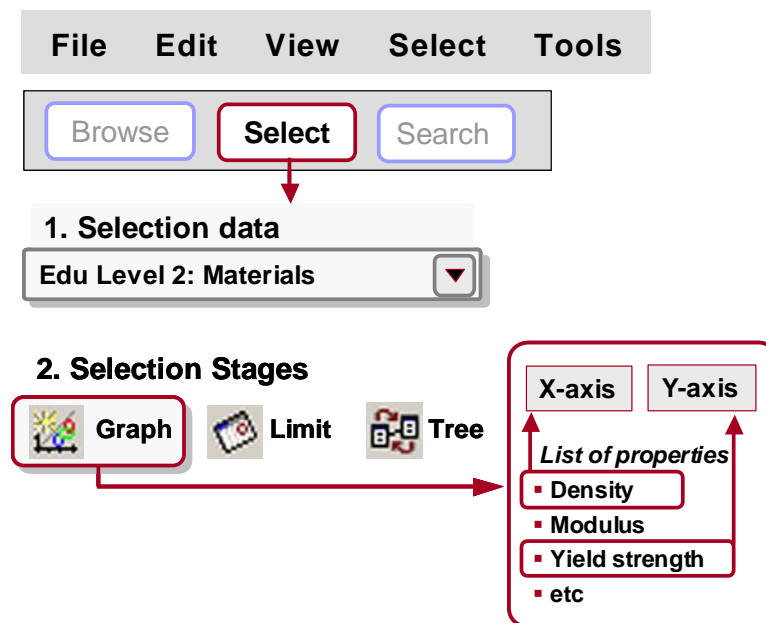




Exercises: Making bubble charts

2.2 Make a bubble chart with **Density** on the X-axis and **Yield strength** on the Y-axis using Level 1, Materials settings

- Click on **Select** and proceed as shown opposite →
- Label two (or more) material by clicking on the bars.
- Switch on the envelopes 
- Do any metals have yield strength less than 10 MPa (2 ksi)? (Answer: yes, Lead alloys)
- Use the BOX selection tool  to find materials with a yield strength greater than 600 MPa (90 ksi) and a density less than 2000 kg/m³ (120 lbs/cubic ft).
(Answer: there is only one: CFRP).





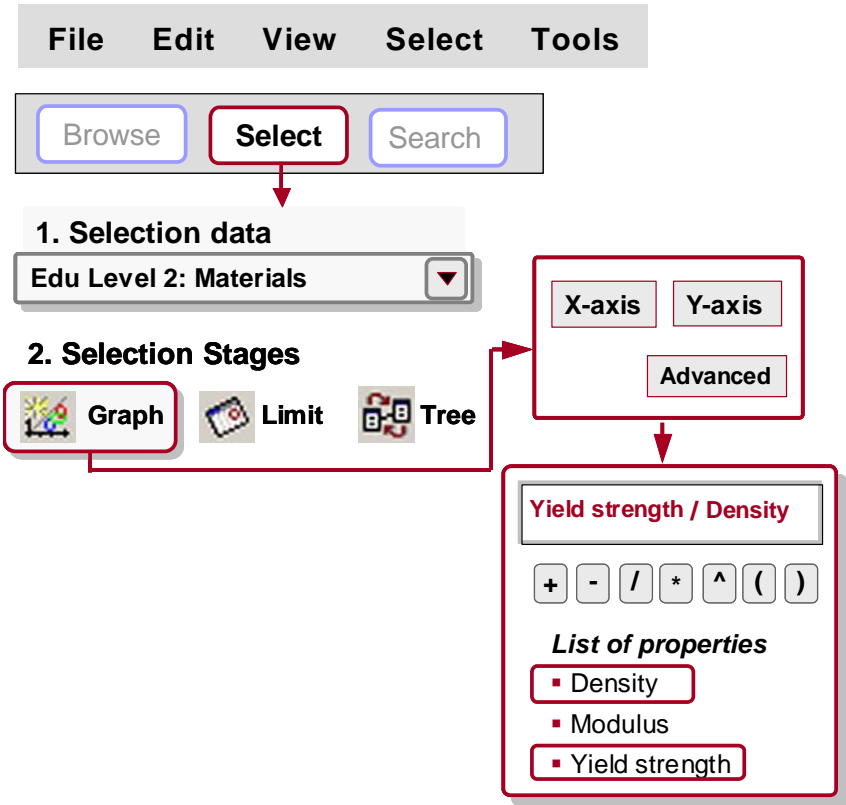
Exercises: Making functions of properties

2.3 Make a bar chart with *Yield strength / Density* on the Y-axis using Level 1, Materials

- Label the axis “Yield strength/Density”
- Which two materials have the highest values? (Answer: CFRP and Titanium alloys).

2.4. Now add *Young’s modulus / Density* to the X-axis to make a bubble chart, using Level 1, Materials

- Click on the stage name “Stage 1: Yield strength / Density” – Edit – X-axis –Advanced, then make the function Young’s modulus / Density.
- Find CFRP and GFRP

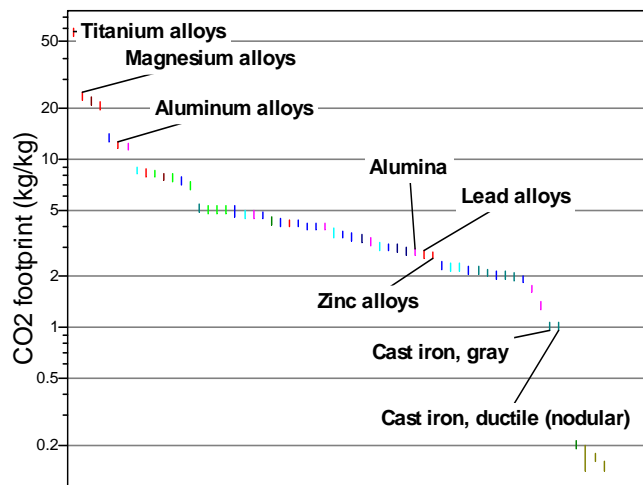




Exercises: Report writing

2.5 A manufacturer is concerned that the materials he uses have a high **CO₂ footprint**. He wishes to know which metals have the lowest footprint, per unit weight and per unit volume. Write a brief report advising him on this, with a record for one metal with a particularly low CO₂ footprint.

- Make a bar-chart of CO₂ footprint per unit weight. Label some of the materials Copy and paste it into WORD (use Edit – Paste special – Device independent bitmap).
- Copy a record for one of the materials with a low value of CO₂/kg and paste that into the same document.
- Reformat the document until it has the form you want.



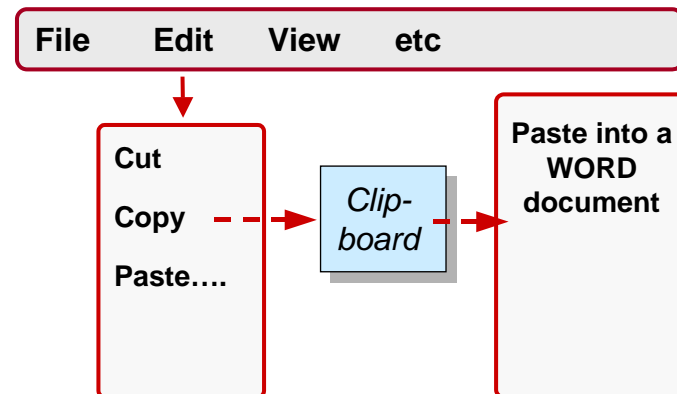
Cast iron, ductile (nodular)

Eco properties

Embodied energy 16.4 -18.2 MJ/kg

CO₂ footprint 0.97-1.07 kg/kg

Recycle True





End of unit 2

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