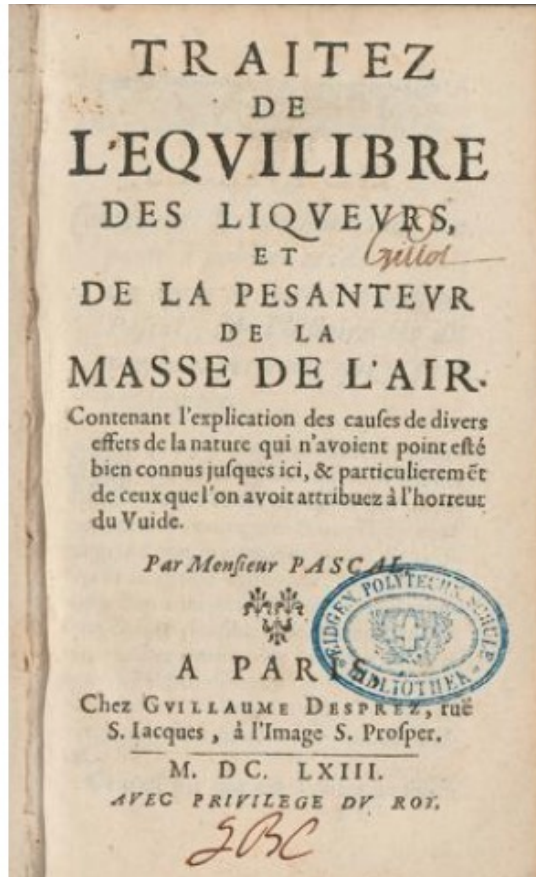


Pascal's law and the Pascal unit in material science and engineering

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*Published first in 1663,
1 year after his dead, by his nephew Etienne Pérrier*



Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662)

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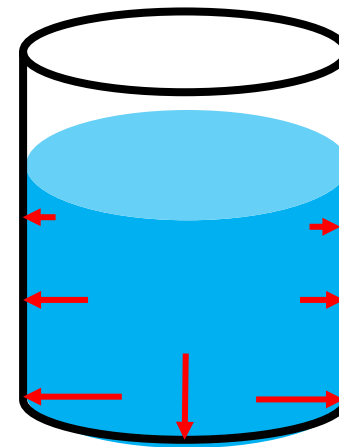
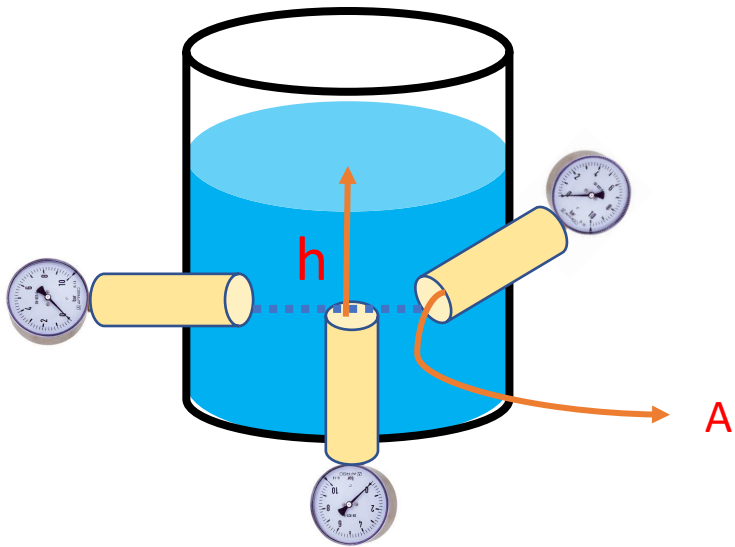
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Basics of hydrostatics: the pressure

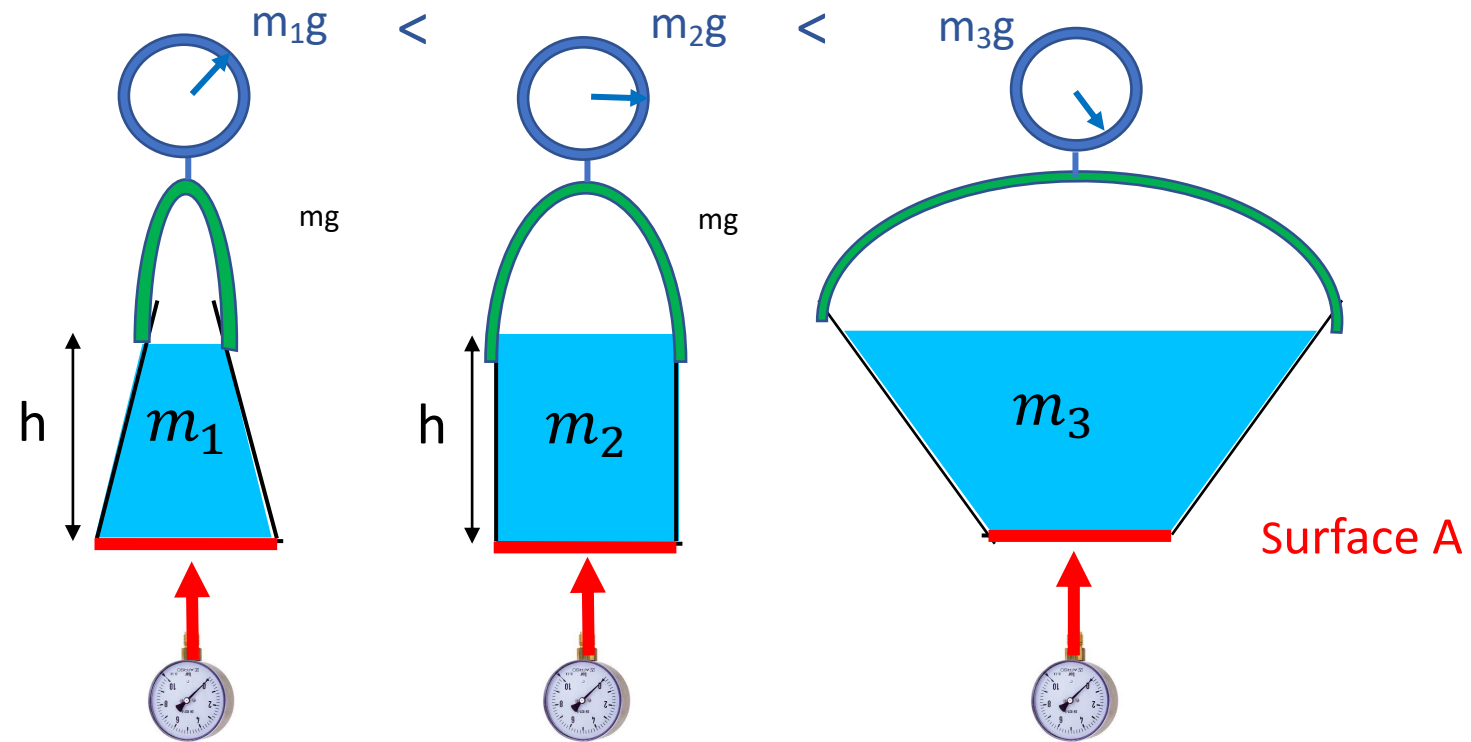
In a fluid at rest, the *pressure* $P = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{F}{A}$

is independent of the orientation of the surface used to measure

The *force* is always perpendicular to the surface A



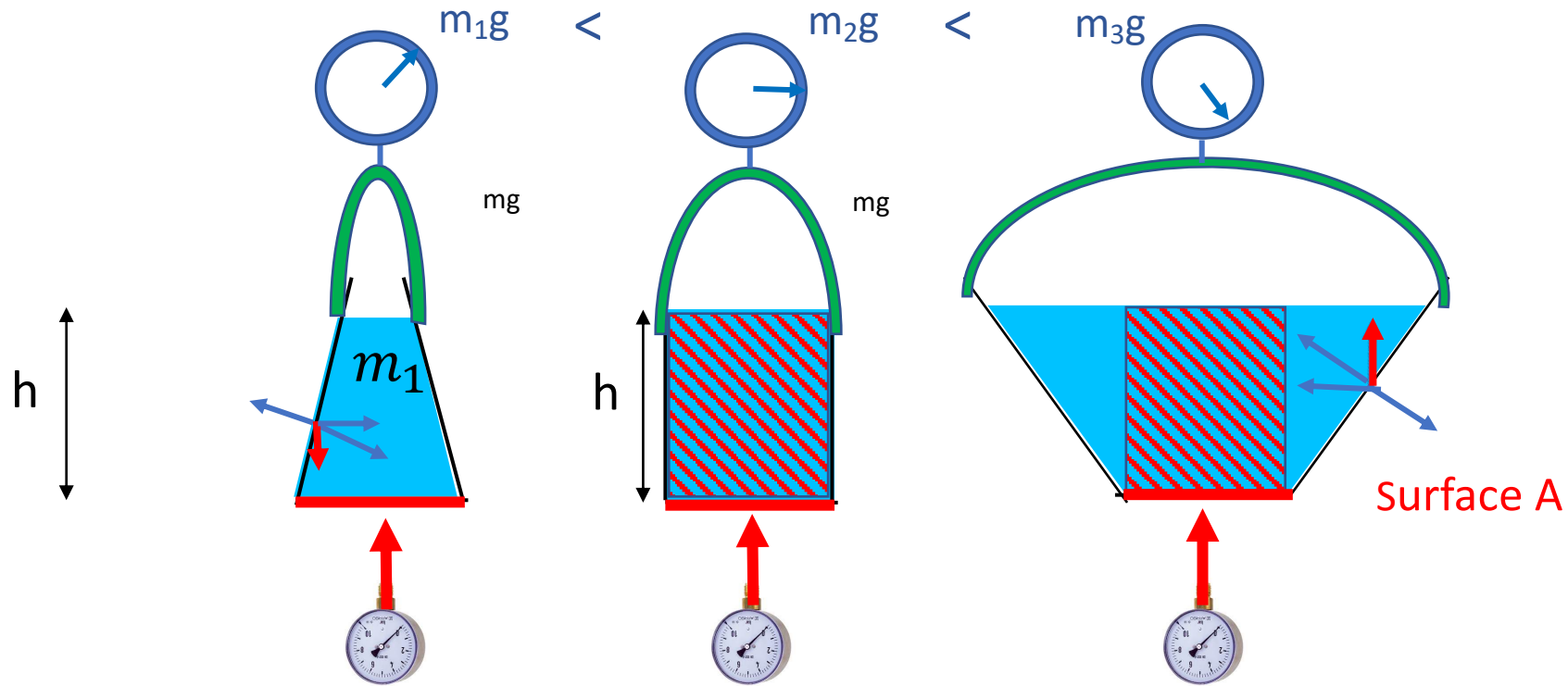
Basics of hydrostatics: Pascal's paradox



$$F_1 = F_2 = F_3$$

$$P_1 = P_2 = P_3$$

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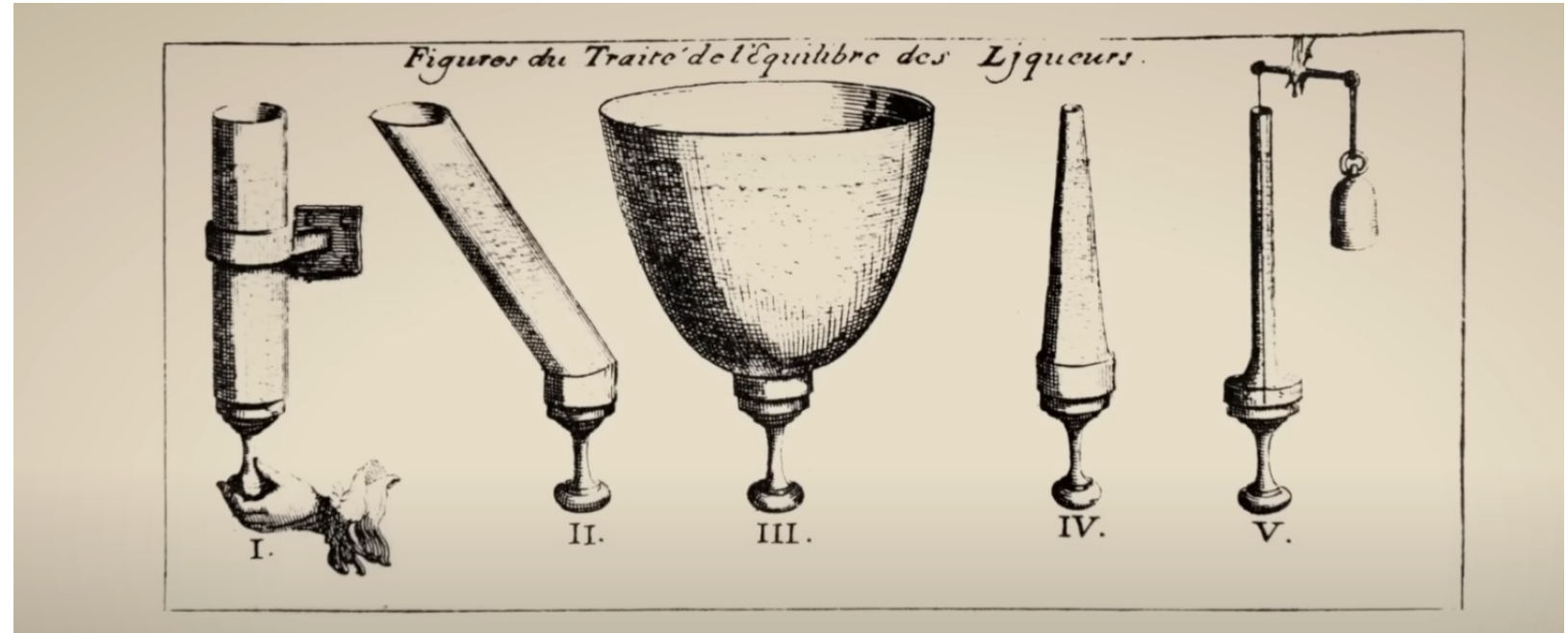
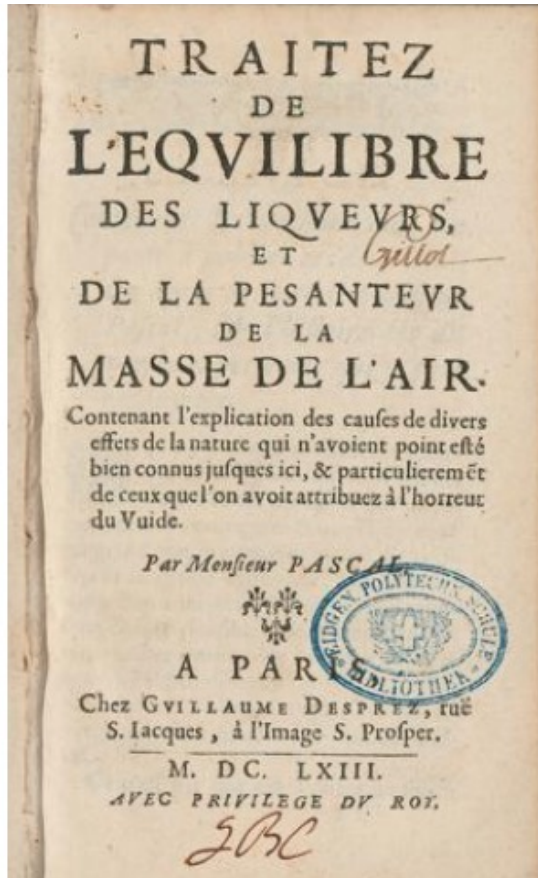


in analogy to pressure of air
 Evangelista Torricelli(1608-1647)

$$P = \frac{mg}{A} = \frac{\rho Ahg}{A} = \rho gh$$

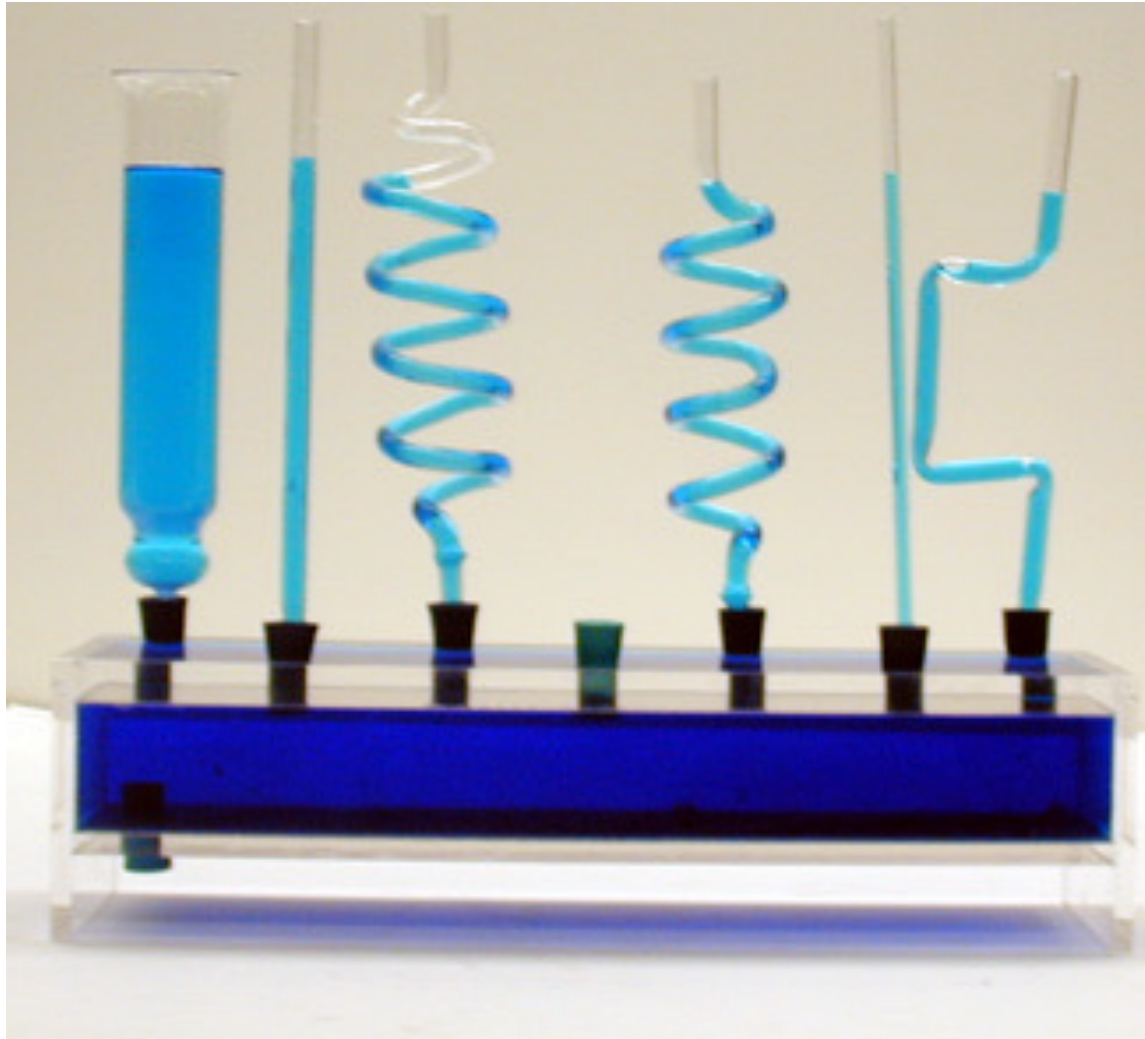
The only important parameter is the height h!

Basics of hydrostatics: Pascal's paradox



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Basics of hydrostatics: Pascal's vases

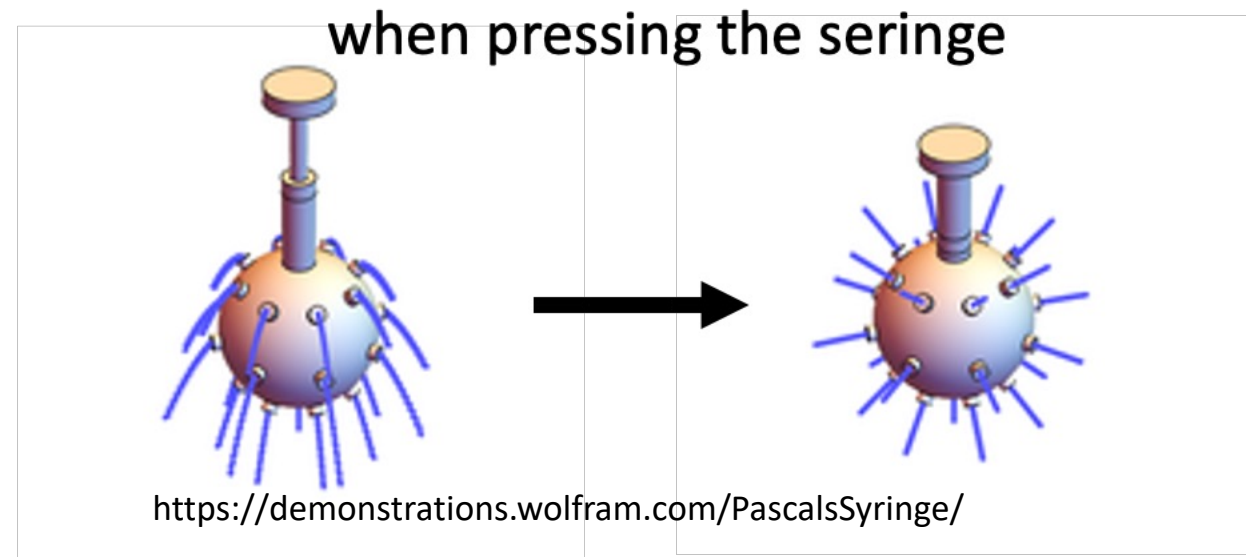
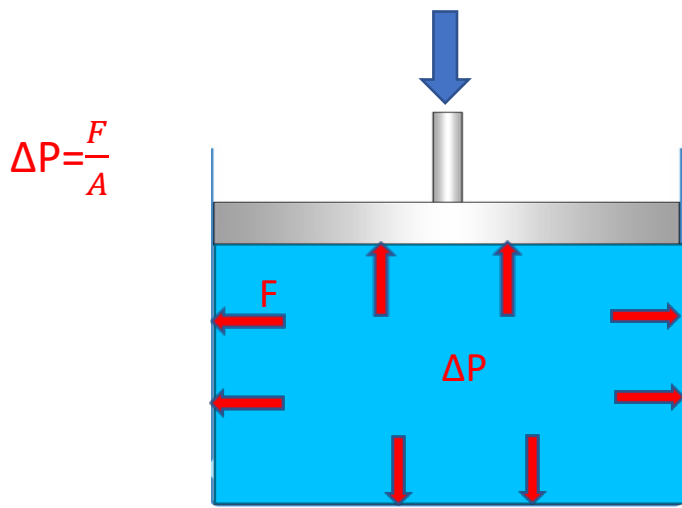


Pascal's vases

Pascal's law (the principle of fluid-pressure transmission)

In a fluid at rest in a closed container, a pressure change in one part is transmitted without loss to every portion of the fluid and to the walls of the container.

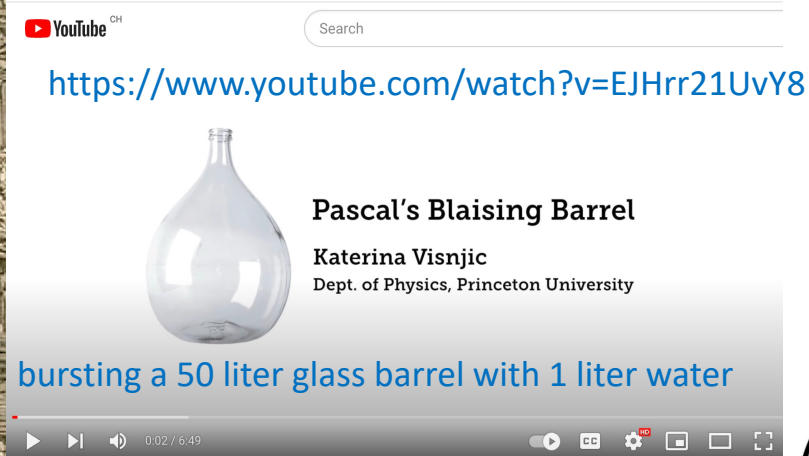
Pascal demonstrated this with a syringe in 1653. It consisted of a piston plunger connected to a sphere with holes, filled with water. When the plunger is depressed, the water squirts out with equal force in all directions.



Pascal's barrel


With the same amount of water one can break the barrel !!

$$\Delta P = \rho g \Delta h$$



YouTube

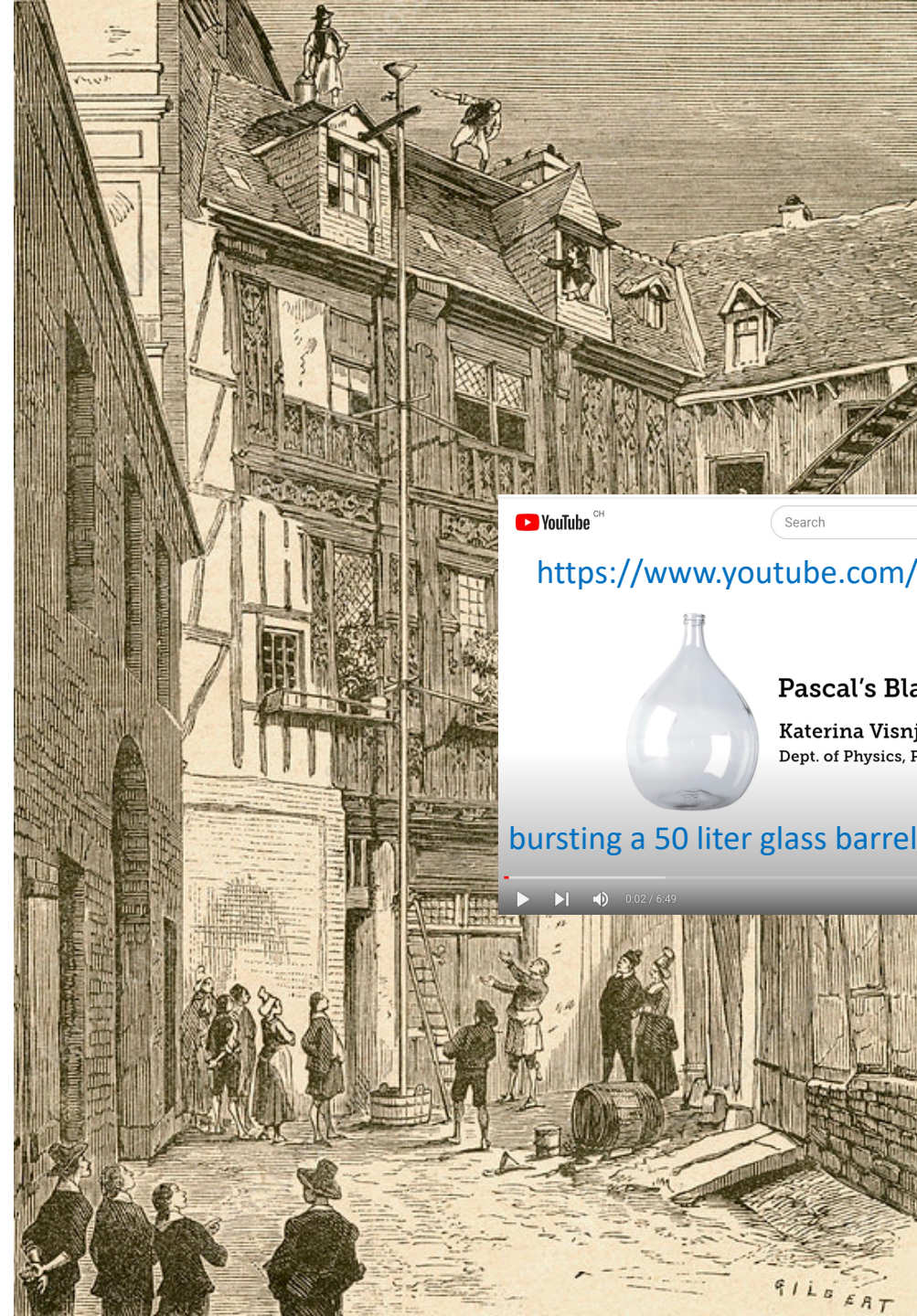
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJHrr21UvY8>

 Pascal's Blaising Barrel

Katerina Visnjic
Dept. of Physics, Princeton University

bursting a 50 liter glass barrel with 1 liter water

0:02 / 6:49



International System of Units (SI) accepted the unit Pascal in 1971

$$\frac{\text{Force (F)}}{\text{Area (A)}} = \text{Pressure (P)} \quad \frac{\text{Newton}}{\text{m}^2} = 1 \text{ Pascal (Pa)}$$

1 Pa is a small amount of pressure!

Blood pressure \approx 120/80 mmHg = 16.0 / 10.6 kPa

Freeze drying coffee \approx 1-50 Pa

MBE systems \approx 10^{-8} Pa

Air pressure at sea level \approx 100 kPa

Matterhorn \approx 84 kPa

Mount Everest \approx 34 kPa

Pressure in bike tires \approx 550 kPa

The unit Pascal and other units

1 bar = 100 000 Pa

1 atm = 101 325 Pa. (average air pressure at sea level at 15°C)

1 Psi = 6 895 Pa (pound-force applied to an area of one square inch)

1 mmHg = 133.322387415 Pa (pressure exerted by a column of mercury 1 millimeter high at 0°C at standard gravity) .

1 torr = $\frac{1}{760}$ of an atmosphere (101 325/760 Pa) (after Evangelista Torricelli, an Italian physicist and mathematician who discovered the principle of the barometer in 1644)

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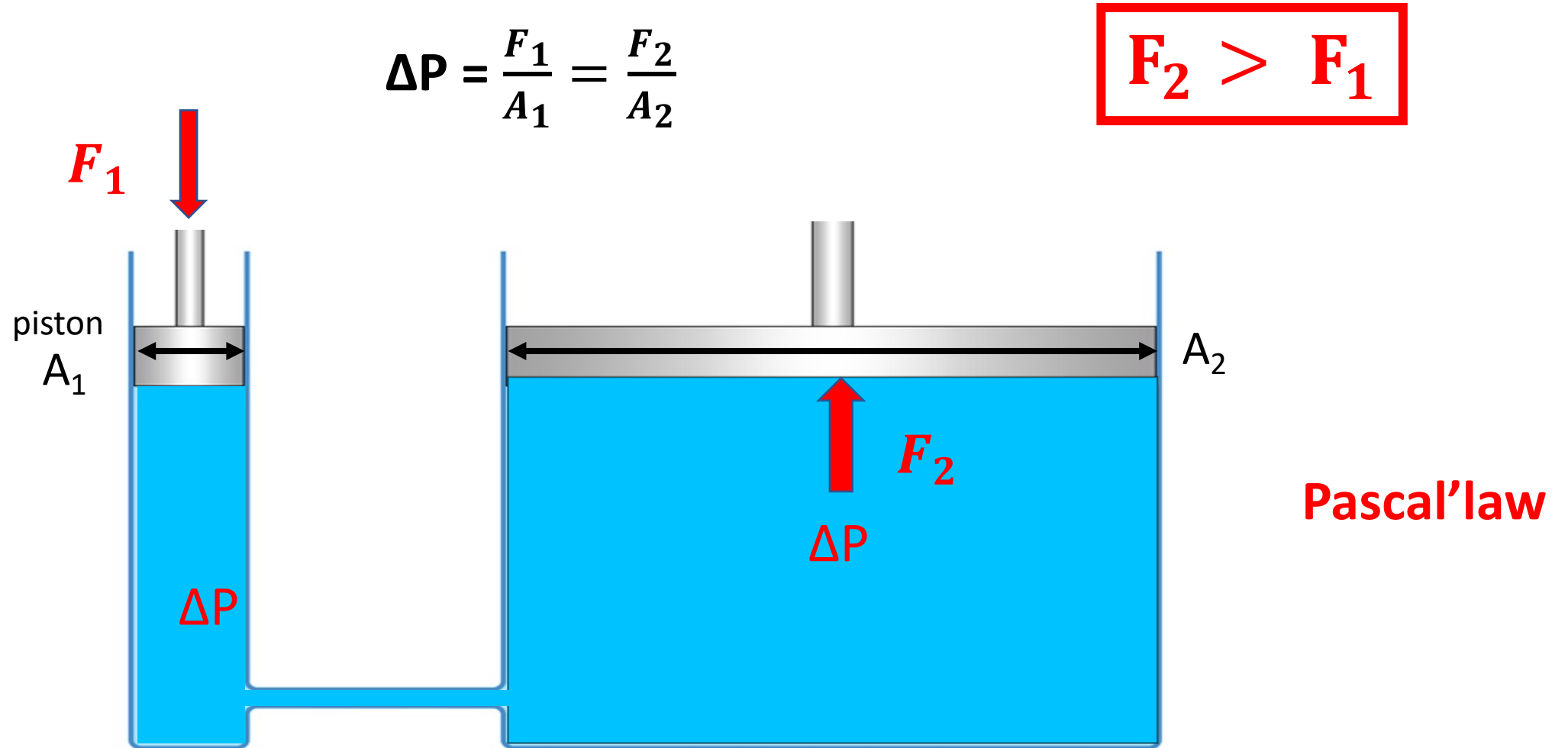
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Applications of Pascal's law in engineering: principle of force multiplication



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1738. Daniel Bernoulli, a Swiss mathematician, who in 1738 has put theory into practice by using pressurised water in mills and pumps



1795. Joseph Bramah, an English inventor, patented the first hydraulic press, forming the foundations of an industrial revolution.



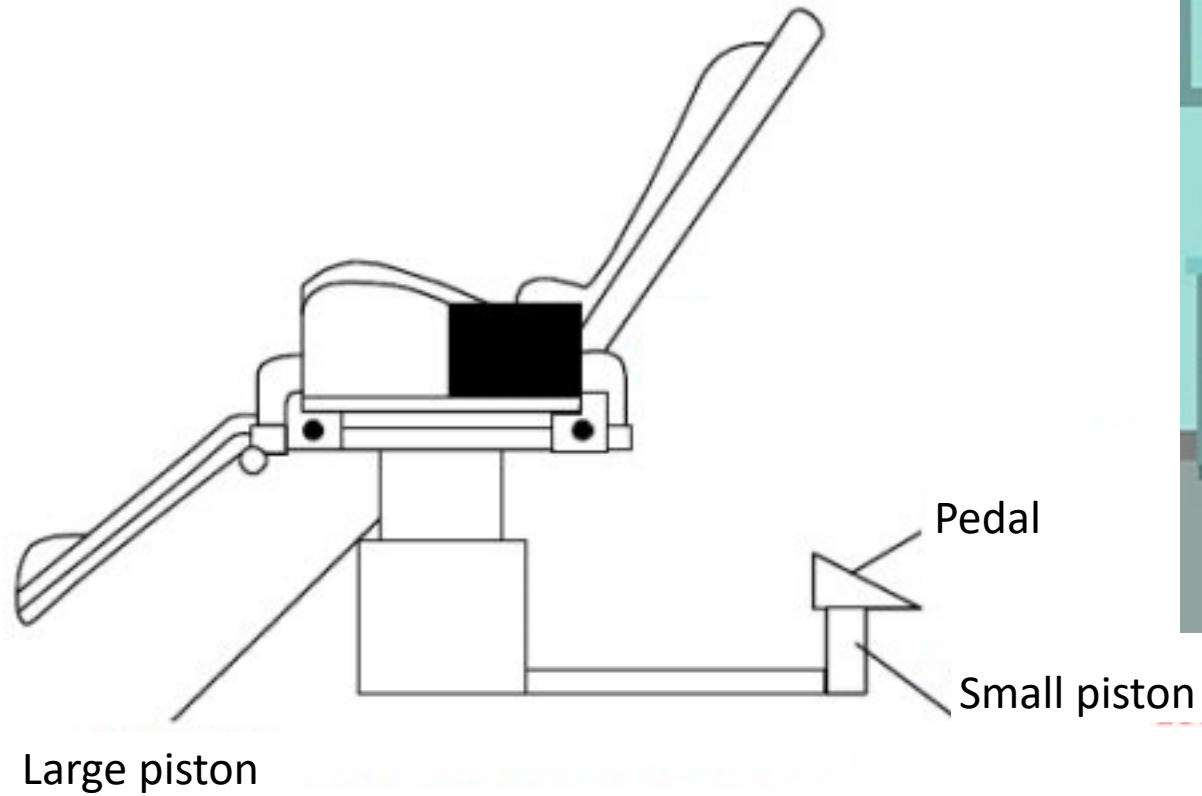
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Hydraulic lift

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Hydraulic actuator

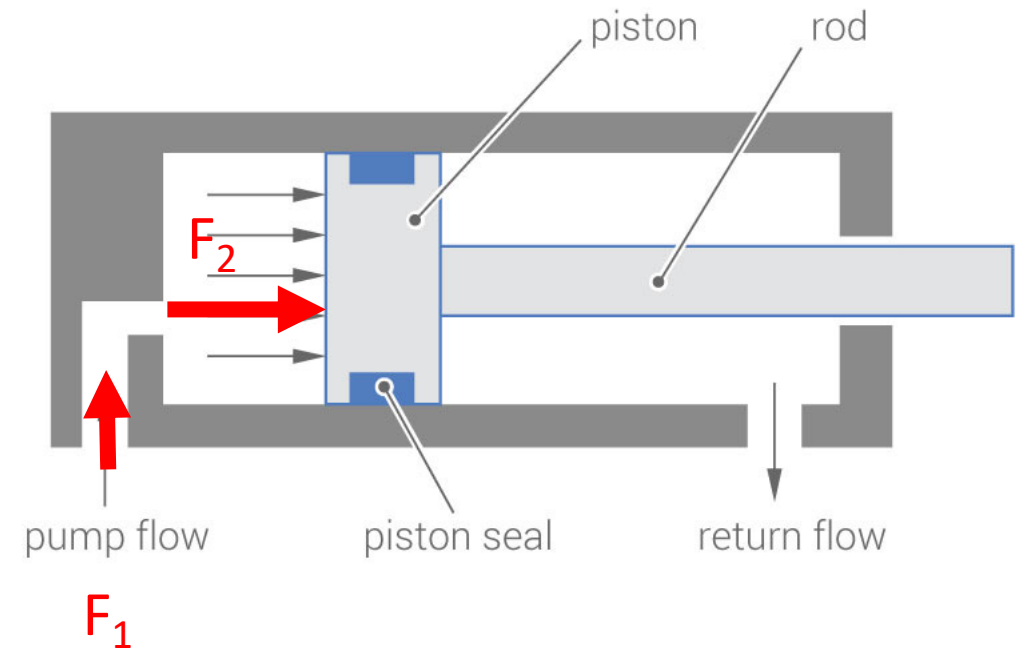
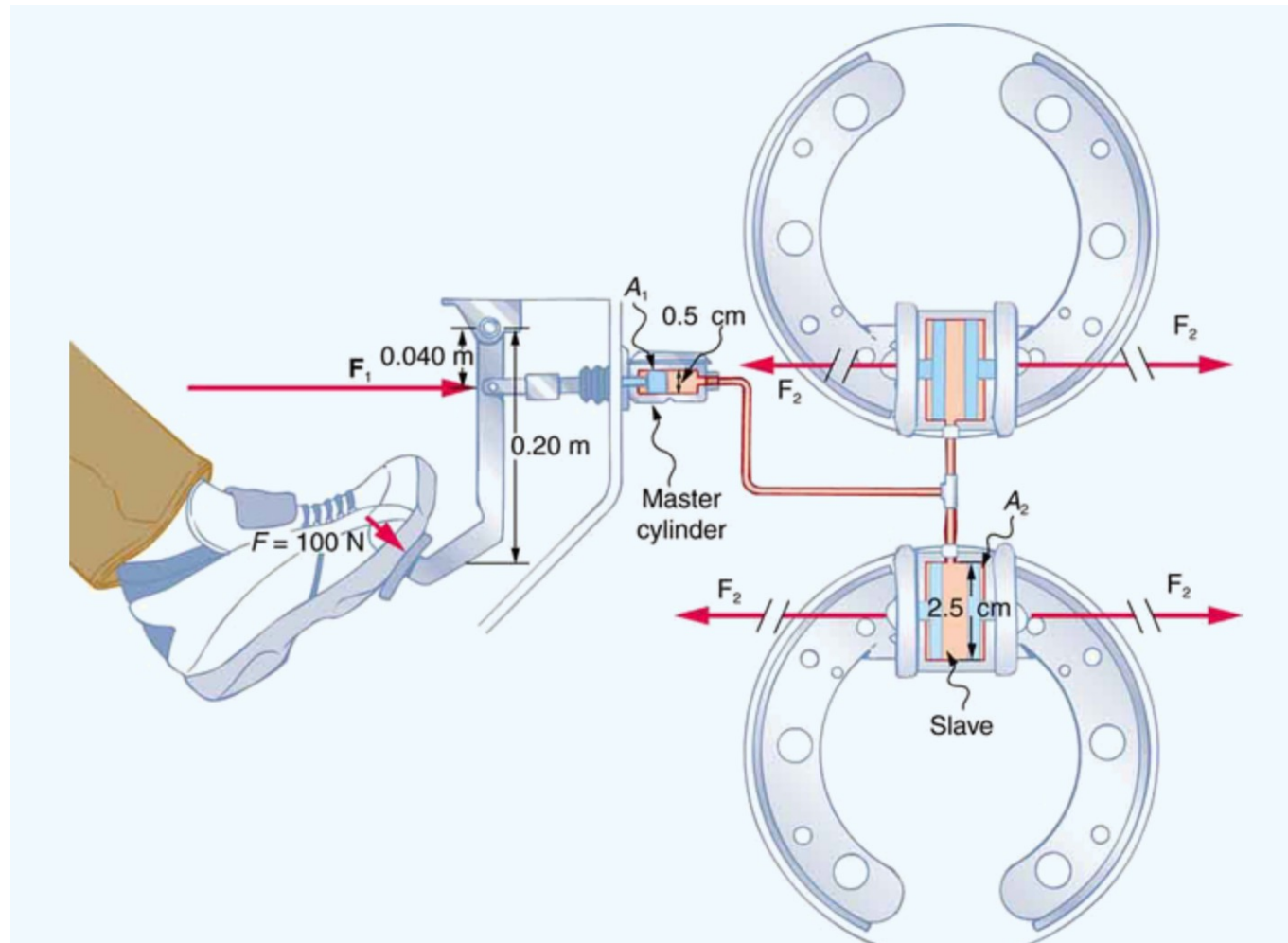


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Applications of Pascal's law in engineering



Hydraulic breaks

<https://phys.libretexts.org/>

Applications of Pascal's law in engineering

GREAT!!! But there is one technical problem!



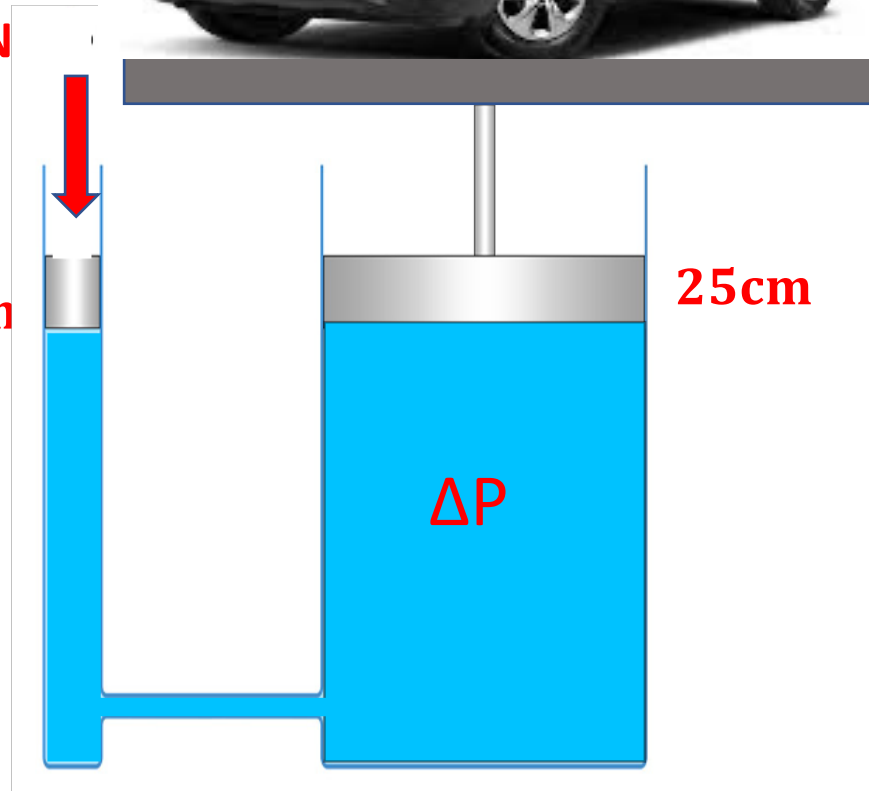
$$1500\text{kg} \rightarrow F_2 \approx 15\,000\text{ N}$$

$$\Delta P = 240\,000\text{ Pa}$$

$$F_1 \approx 38\text{ N}$$

diameter 1.25cm

25cm



Conservation of energy!!

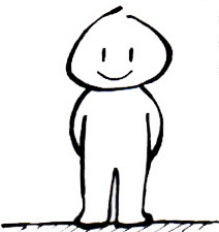
$$F_1 d_1 = F_2 d_2$$

To lift the car 0.5m

→ piston must be moved 200m !!

My weight is 600N and the area of each of my foot is 120 cm².
Right now, I'm standing on both feet.

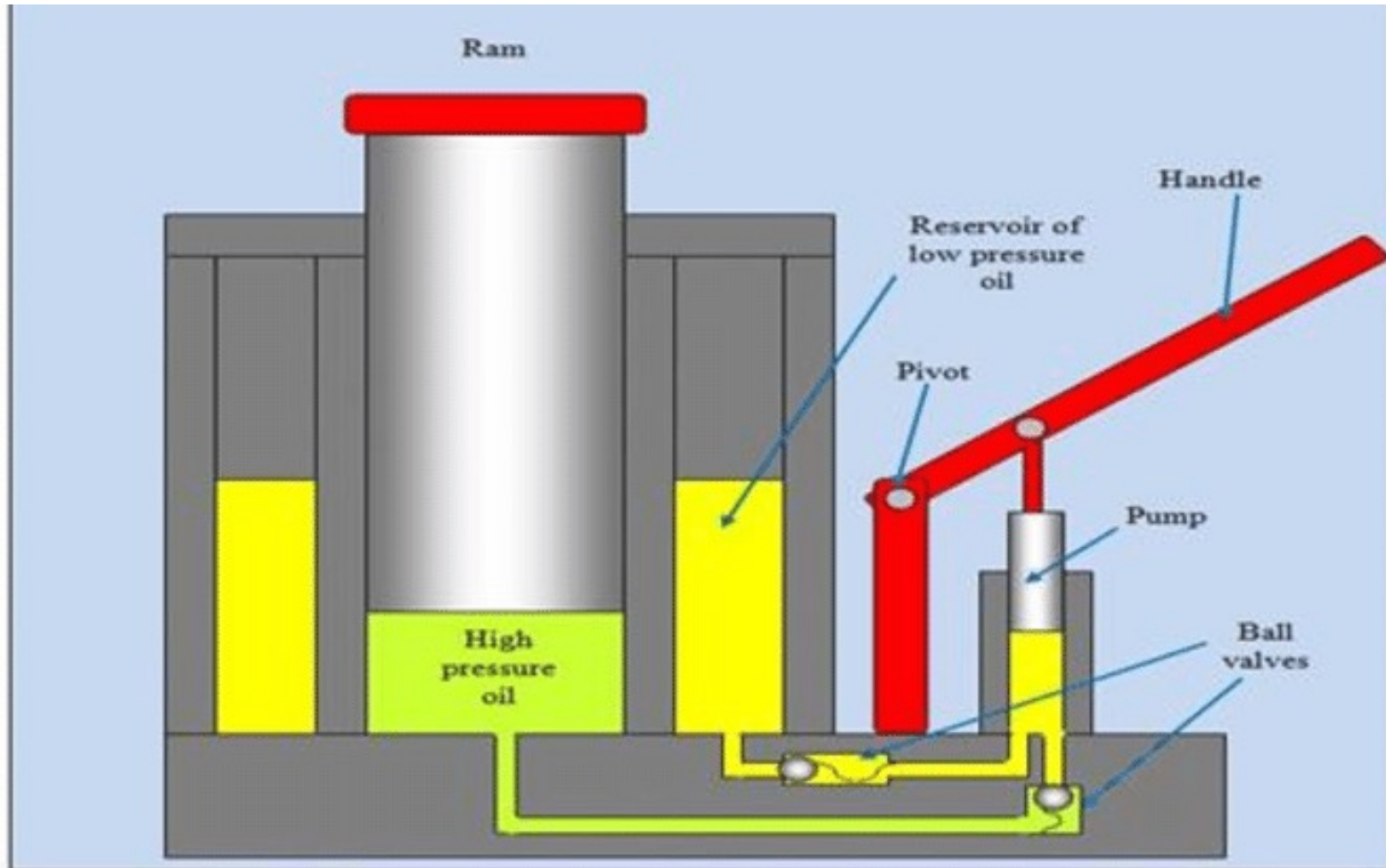
$P = F/A$
= Weight / Area of both feet
= 600 / (2 x 0.012)
= 25 000 Pa



* Note: Weight is spread over the areal

evan.toh

Applications of Pascal's law in engineering



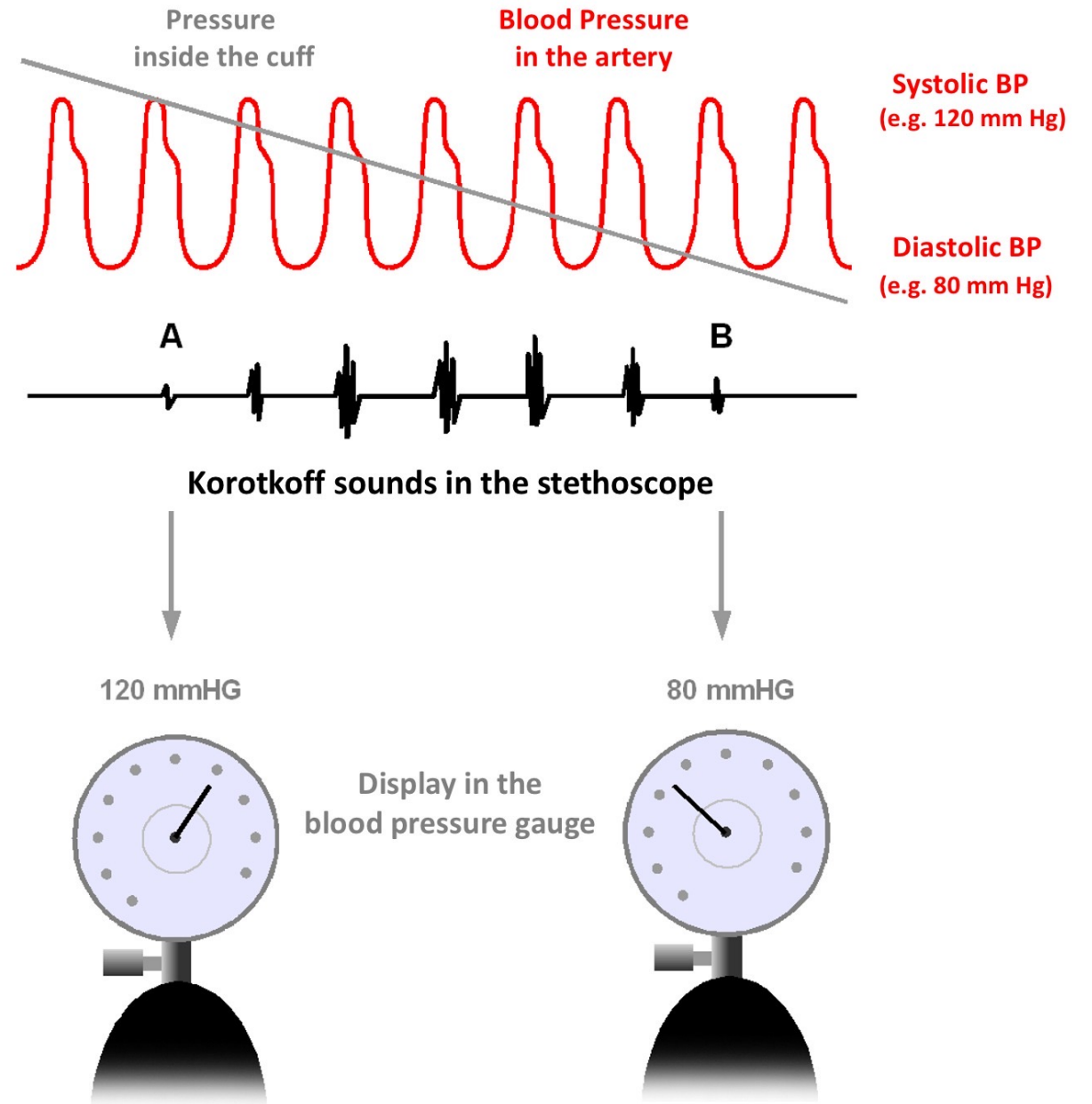
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Applications Pascal's law in medicine

Blood pressure measurement



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sphygmomanometer>



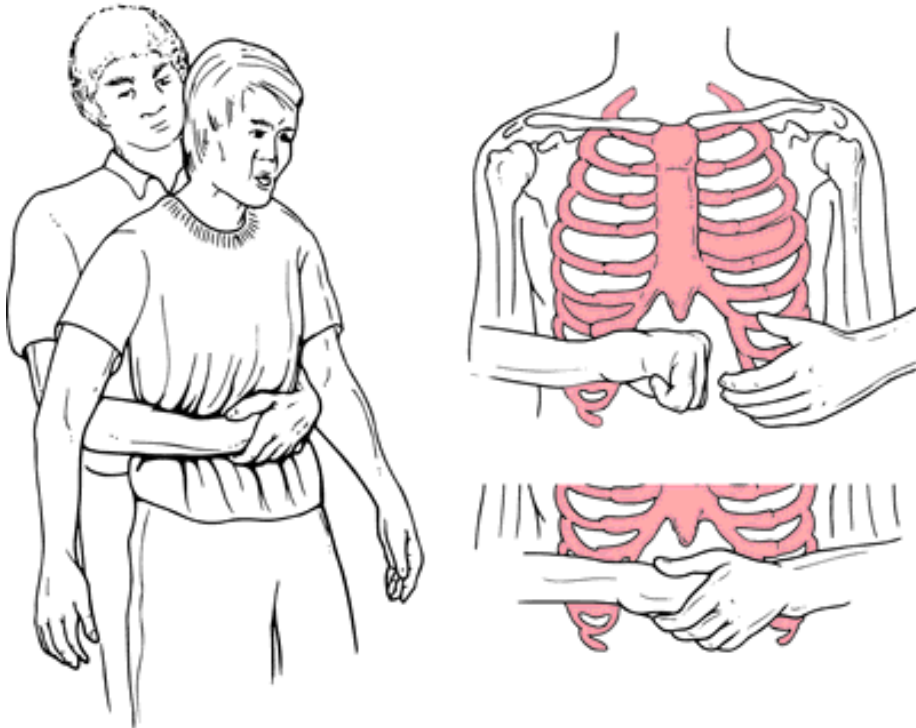
Applications Pascal's law in medicine: The Heimlich maneuver

In 1974 by Dr. Henry Heimlich suggested an emergency procedure for removing a foreign object lodged in the airway that is preventing a person from breathing

by applying a sudden force on the abdomen above the navel,

→ sudden change in pressure in the lung

→ Pascal's law → equal change of pressure in airway that dislodges the object



$\pm 50 \text{ cm H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4900 \text{ Pa}$

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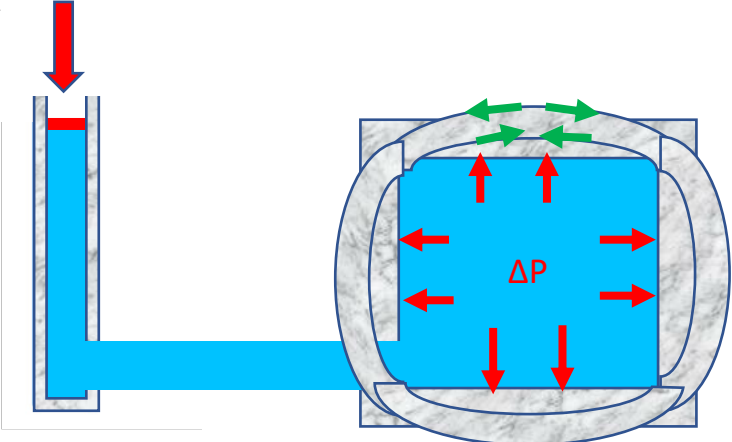
The Pascal (Pa) unit to quantify stress

Pressure
(Pa)

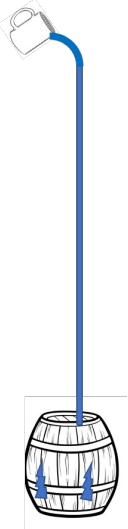
← ? →

Stress
(Pa)

$$\Delta P = \frac{F_1}{A_1}$$



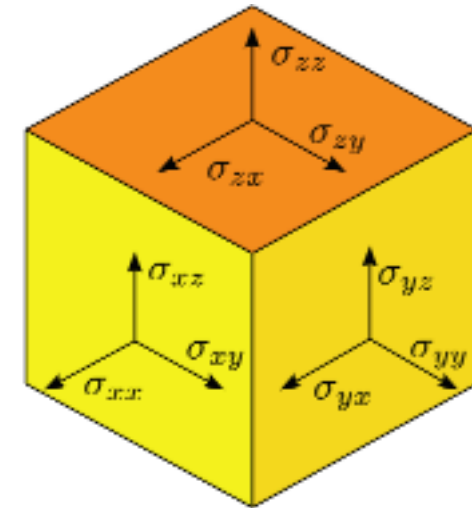
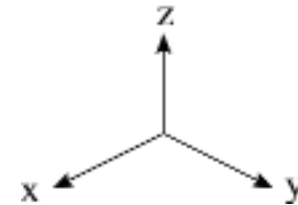
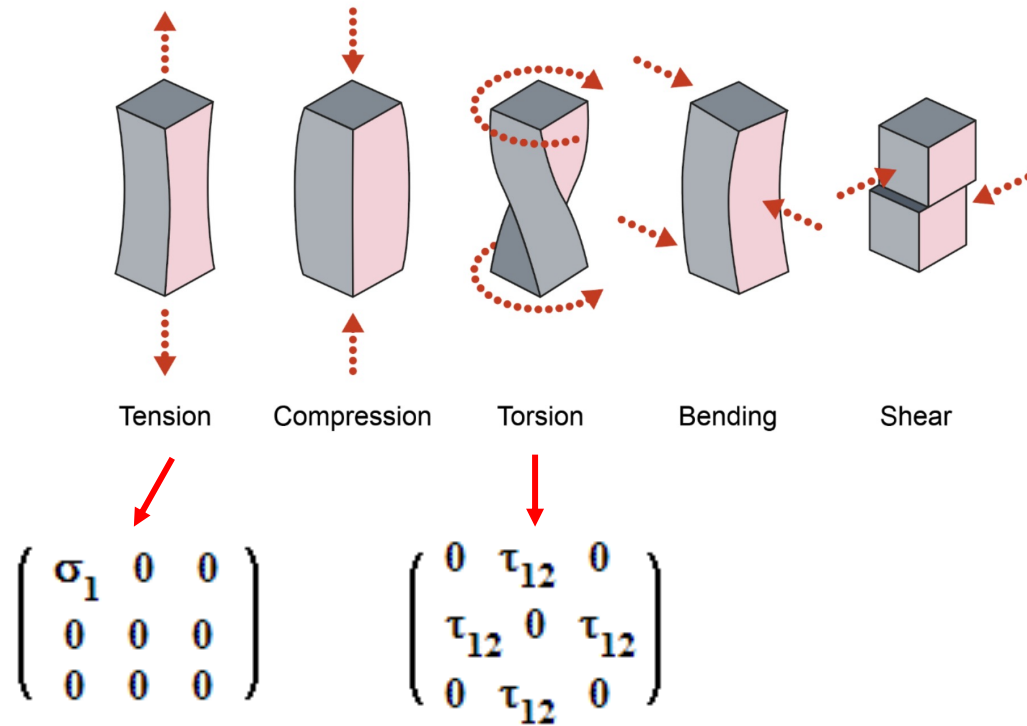
Pascal's barrel



Pressure
=
External force to per unit area on gas, liquid
Force is normal to plane
⇒ a scalar

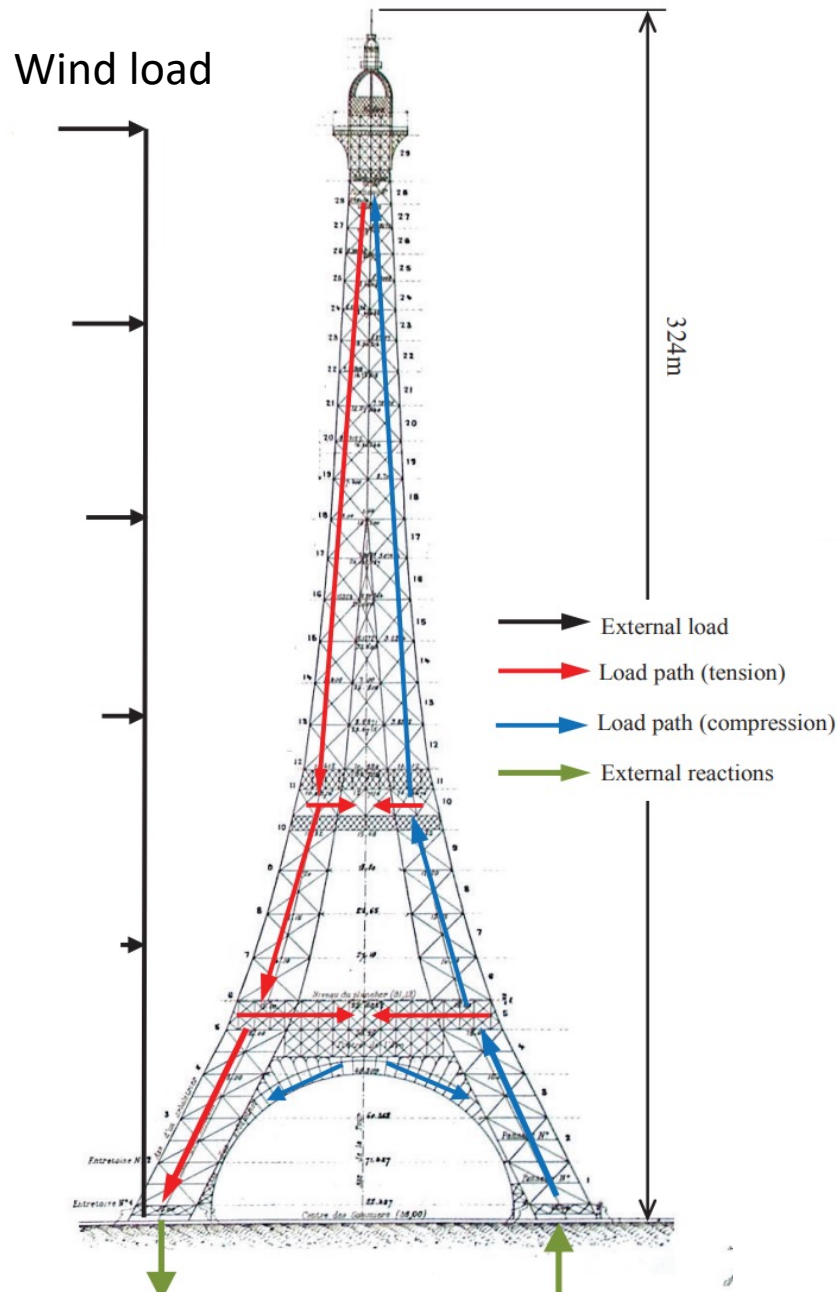
Stress
=
Internal resistive force to deformation per unit area in a solid
Angle between force and plane is important
⇒ a tensor

The Pascal (Pa) unit to quantify stress In material science and engineering. ... and reach GPa

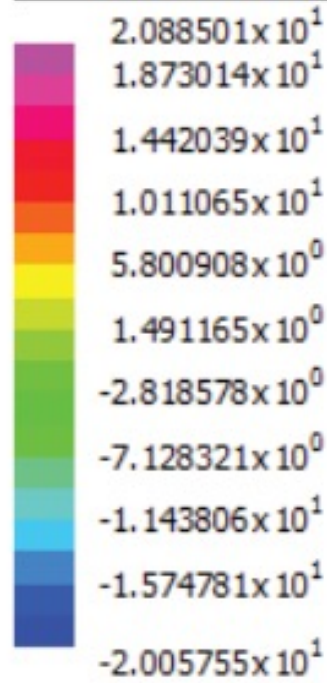


$$[\sigma] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{zx} & \sigma_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

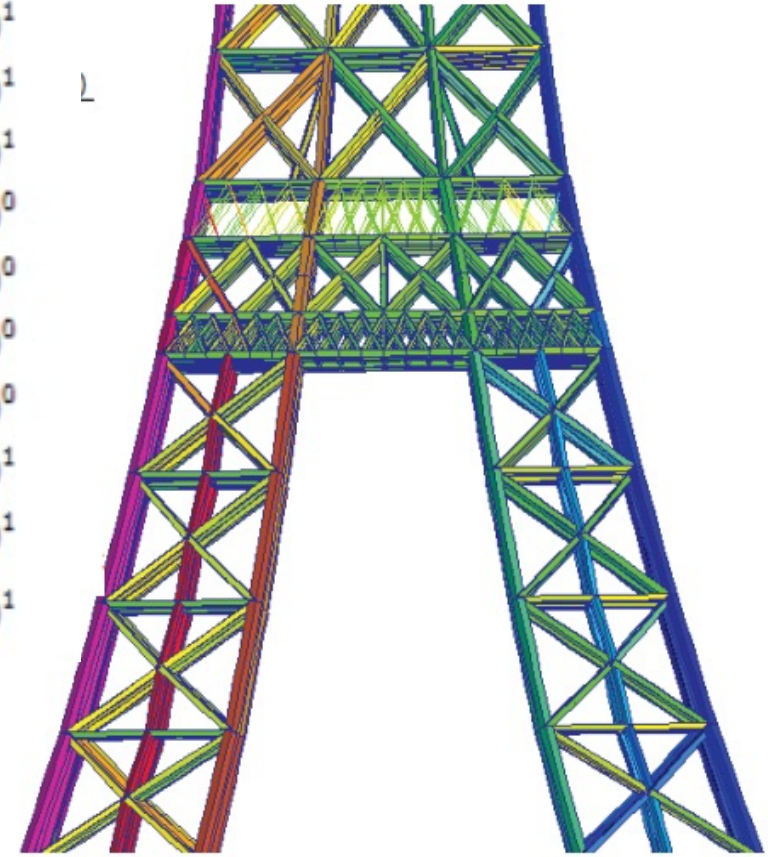
Material selection



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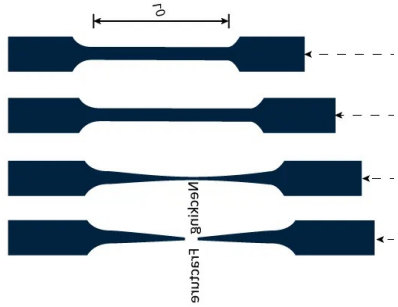
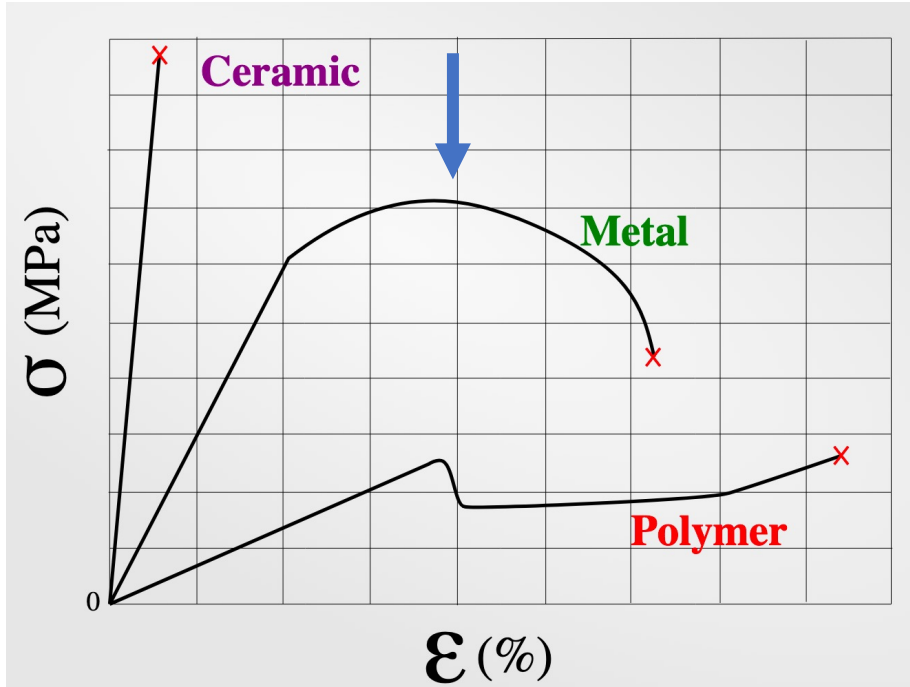


Built in 1889



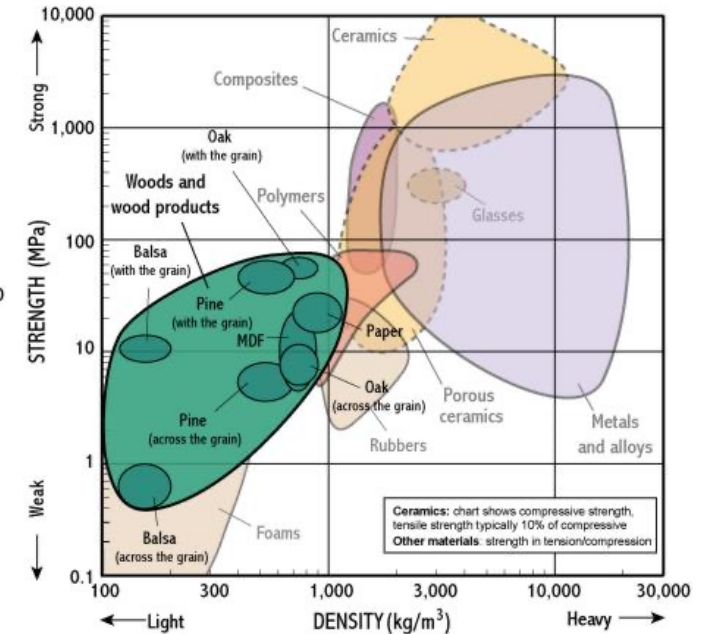
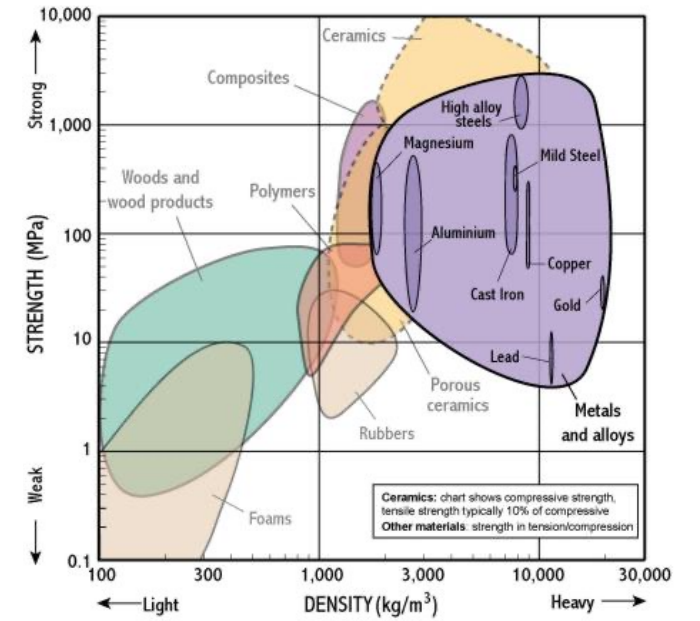
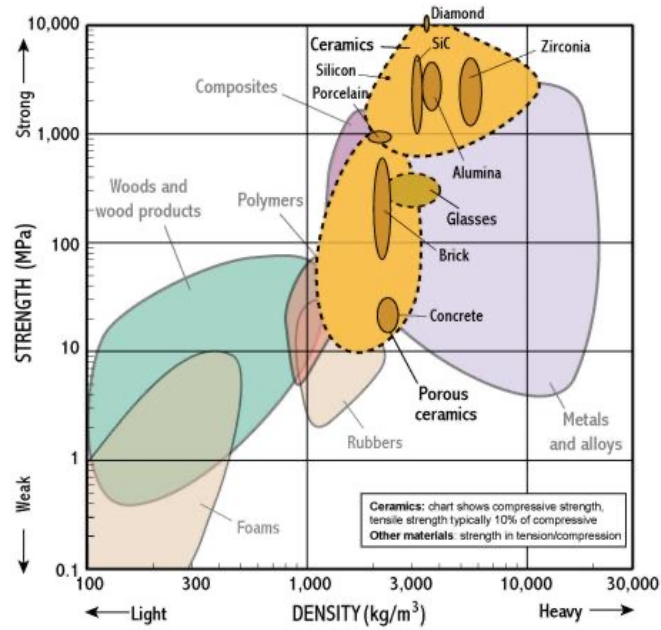
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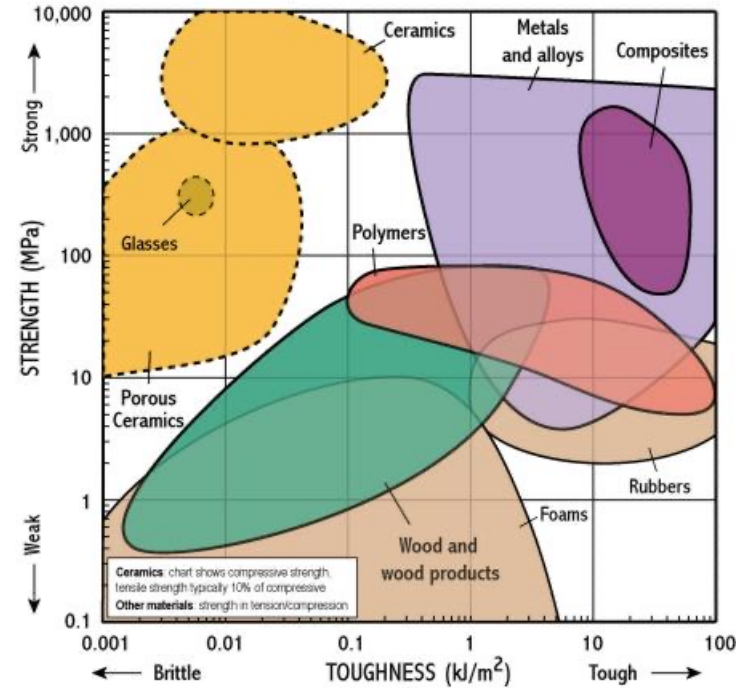
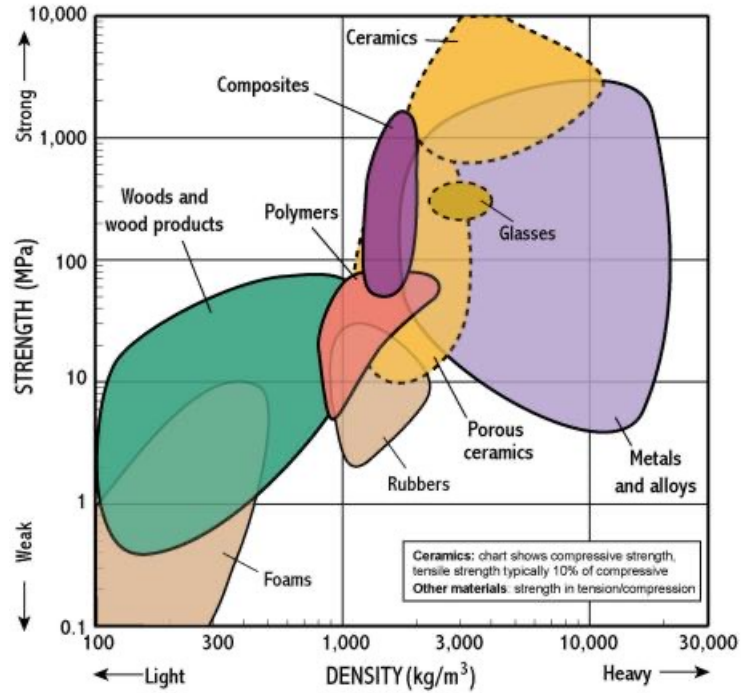


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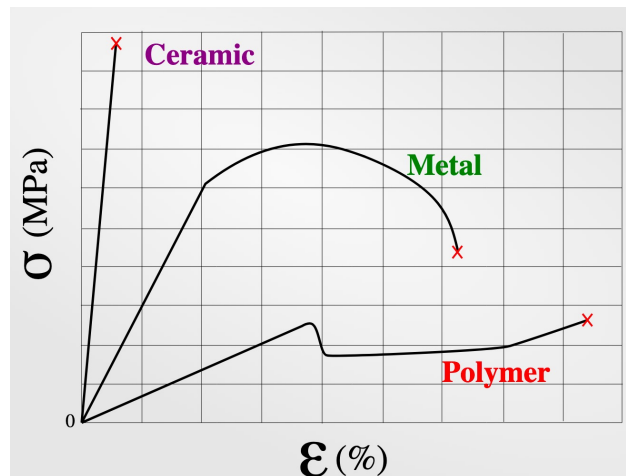
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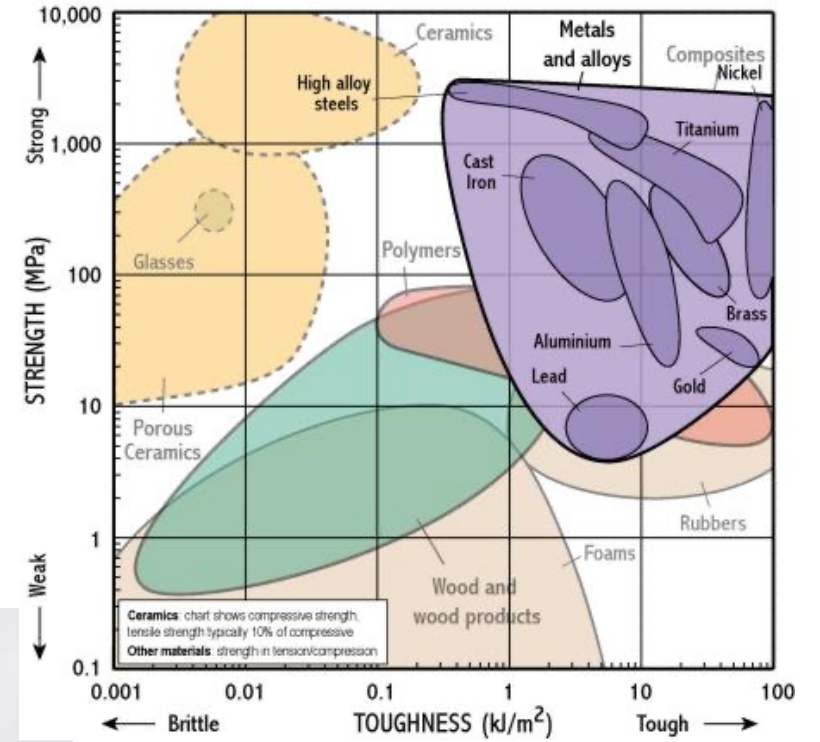
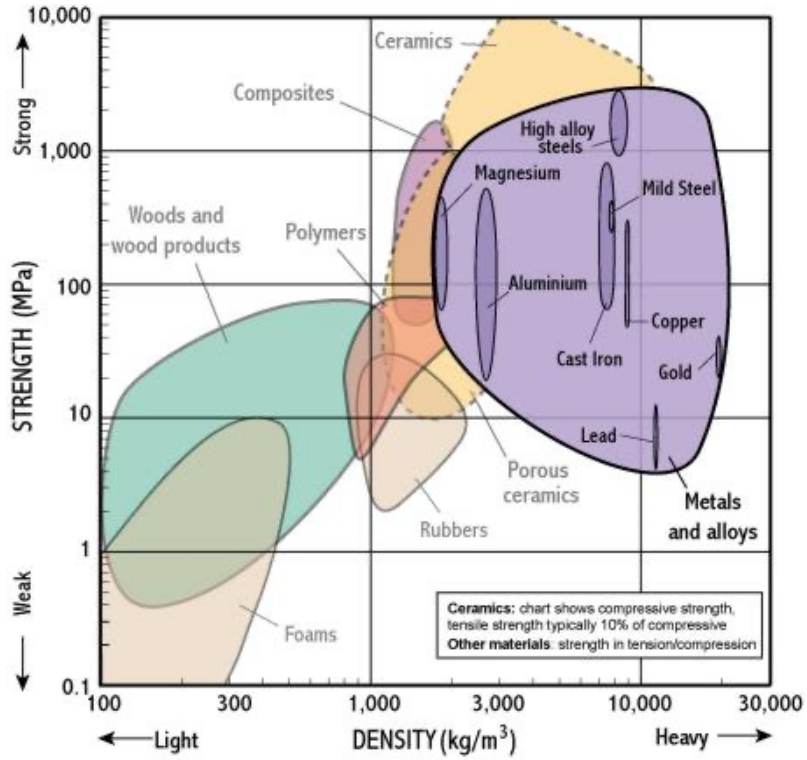
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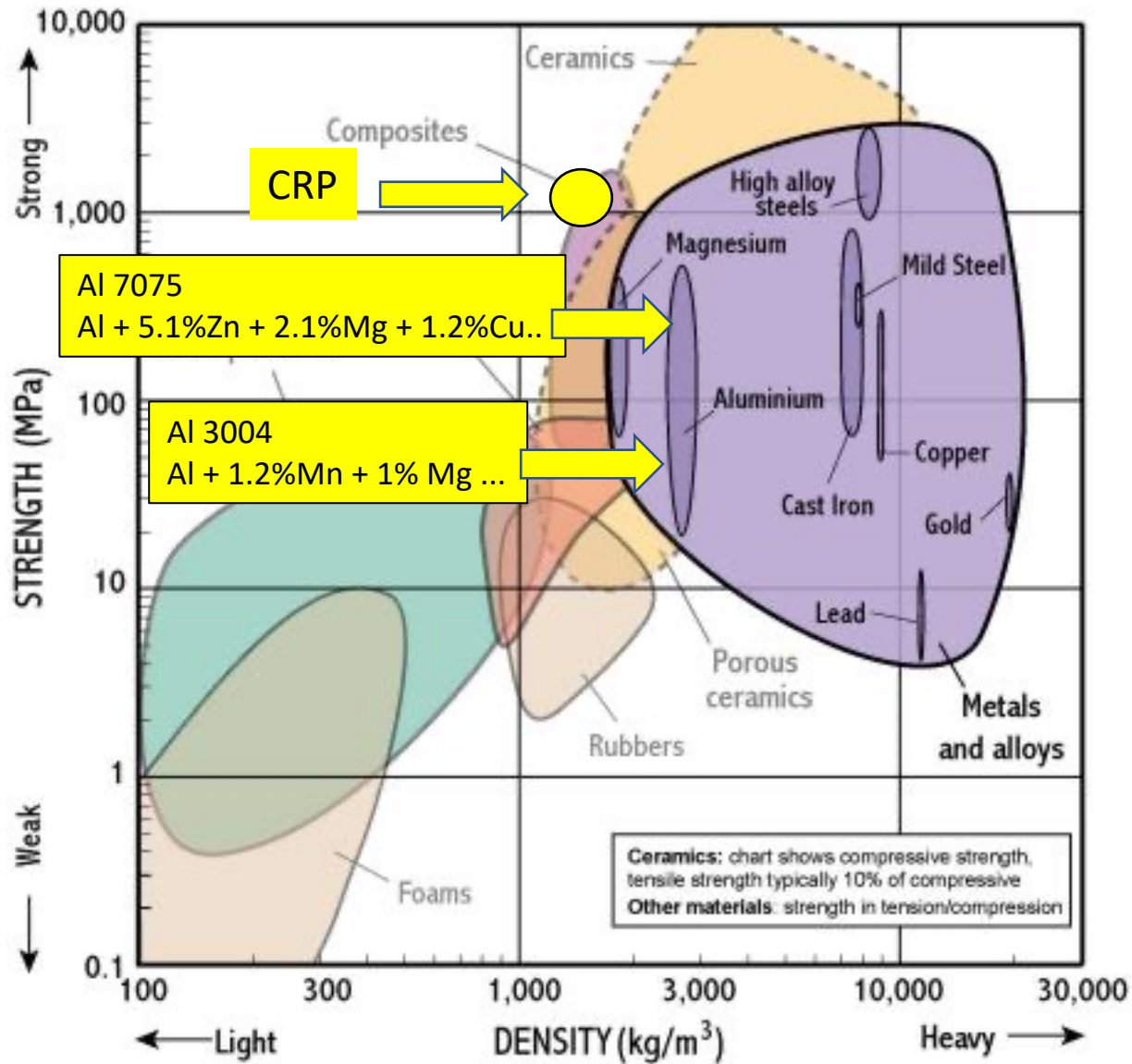


Material selection



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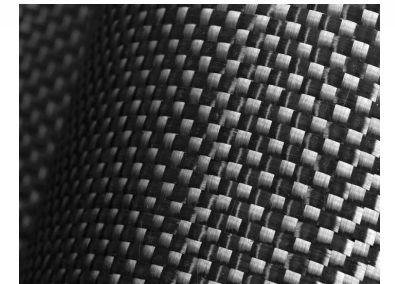
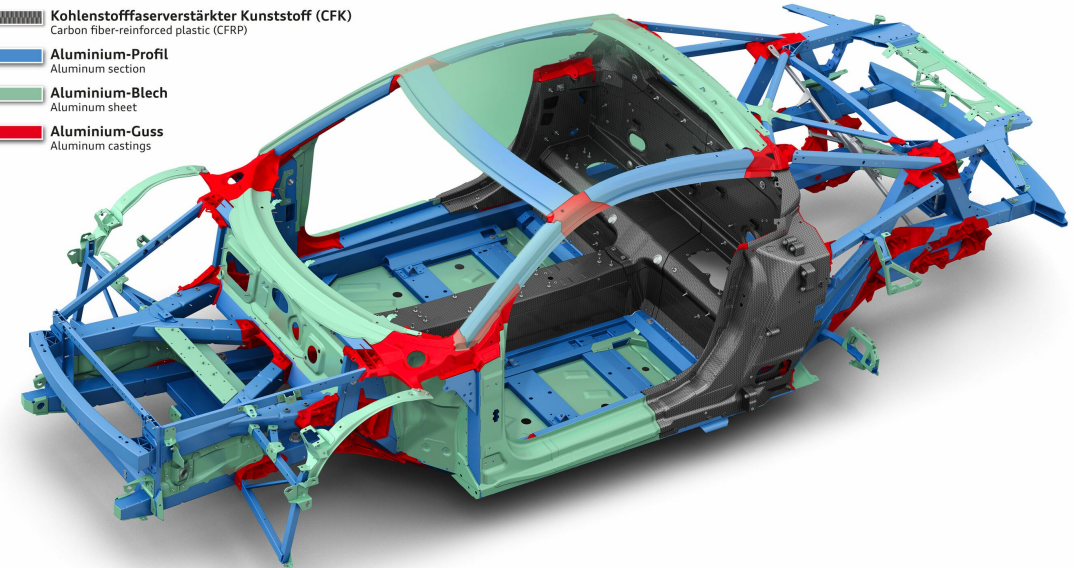
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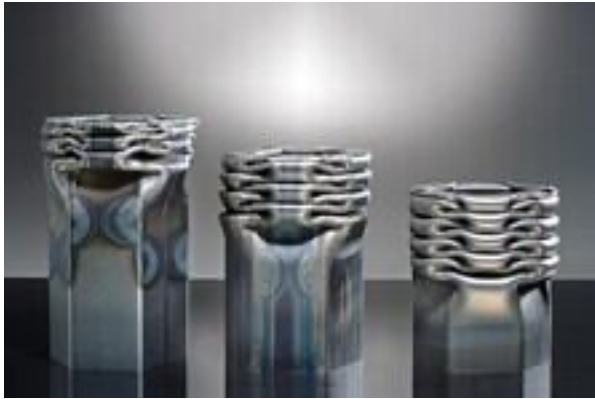
Audi Space Frame in Multimaterialbauweise
 Audi space frame in multimaterial construction
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-  Kohlenstofffaserverstärkter Kunststoff (CFK)
Carbon fiber-reinforced plastic (CFRP)
-  Aluminium-Profil
Aluminum section
-  Aluminium-Blech
Aluminum sheet
-  Aluminium-Guss
Aluminum castings

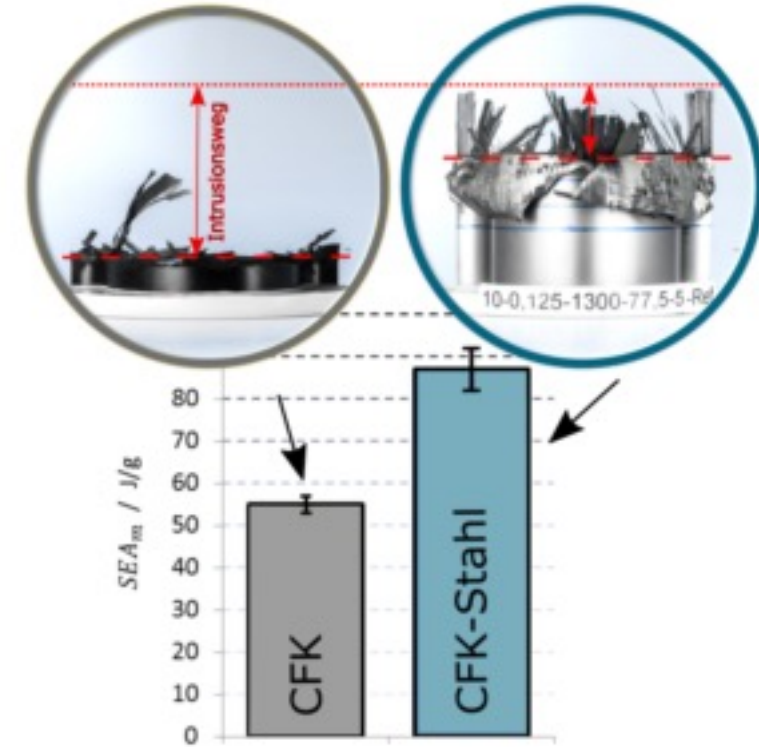


Strength 3-7GPa
 Young's mod. 200-500GPa

Material selection: toughness and strength at impact!



<https://www.ibf.rwth-aachen.de/cms/IBF/>



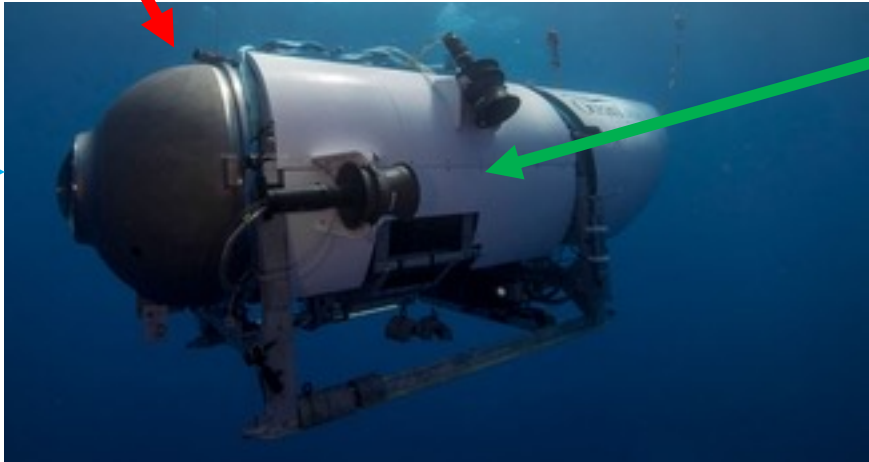
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Material selection: Pascal law, design!

Titan submersible at 3500m under sea level experience a pressure of **35-40 MPa**

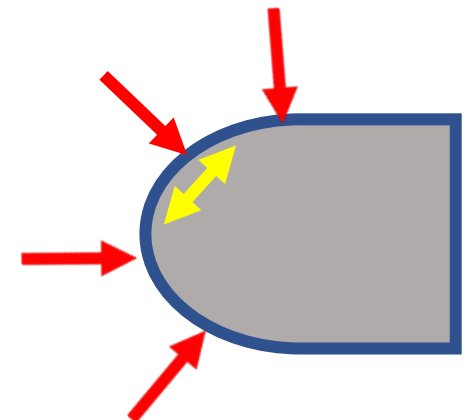
Titanium (250-1250 MPa)

**Acryl
window**



**CFC 1500-3500 MPa
Carbon Fibre Composite**

Pascal: pressure force is always perpendicular to surface
→ Creates shear, compressive and buckling stresses in the material



Combination of different materials + CFC is very sensitive for failure under buckling ⇒ design!

Conclusion



Blaise Pascal's research on liquids at rest had an enormous footprint in engineering

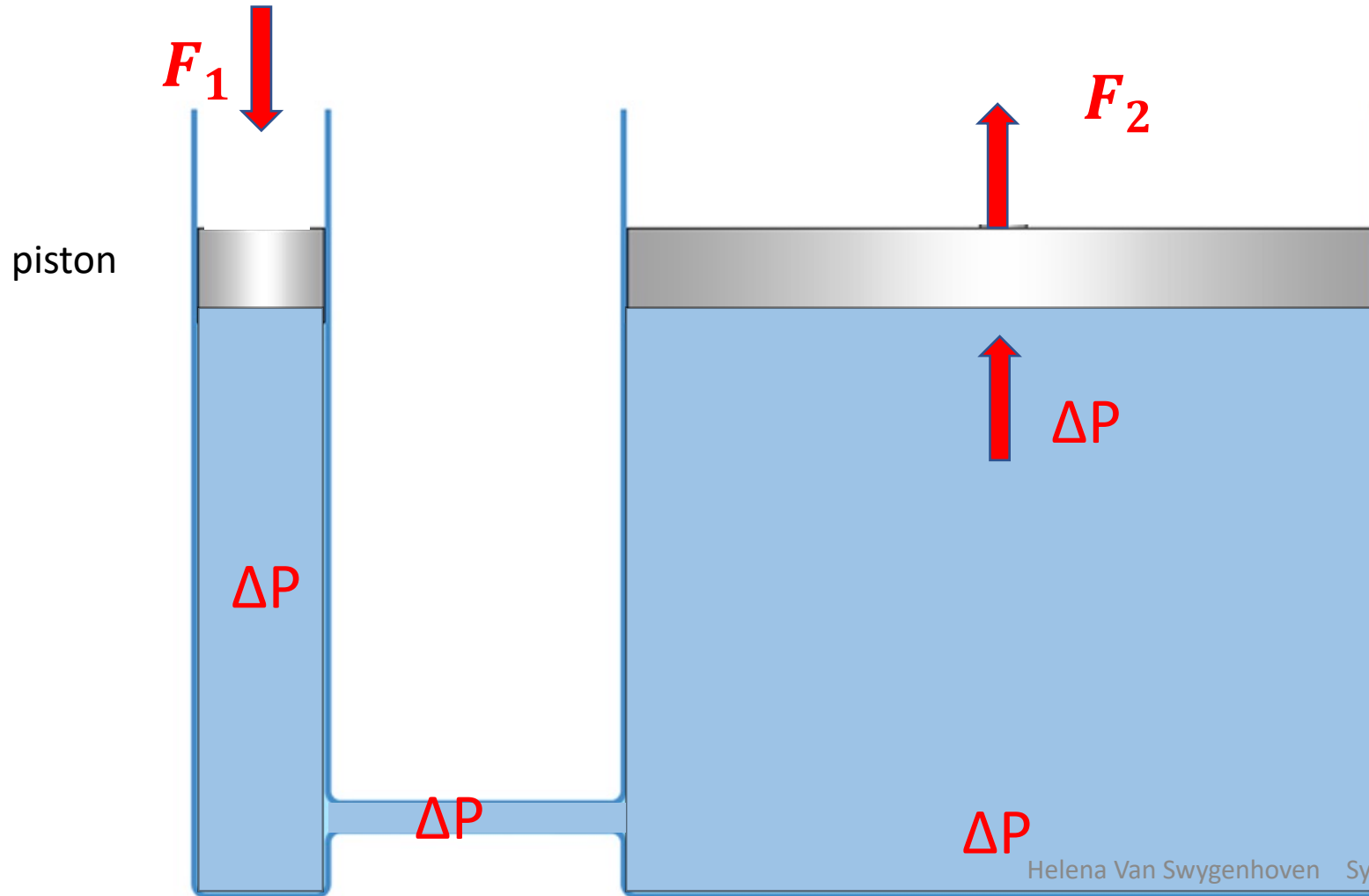
The unit Pascal named to honour his work is used on a daily basis in material science and engineering

Thank you Blaise Pascal !

Applications of Pascal's law in engineering:

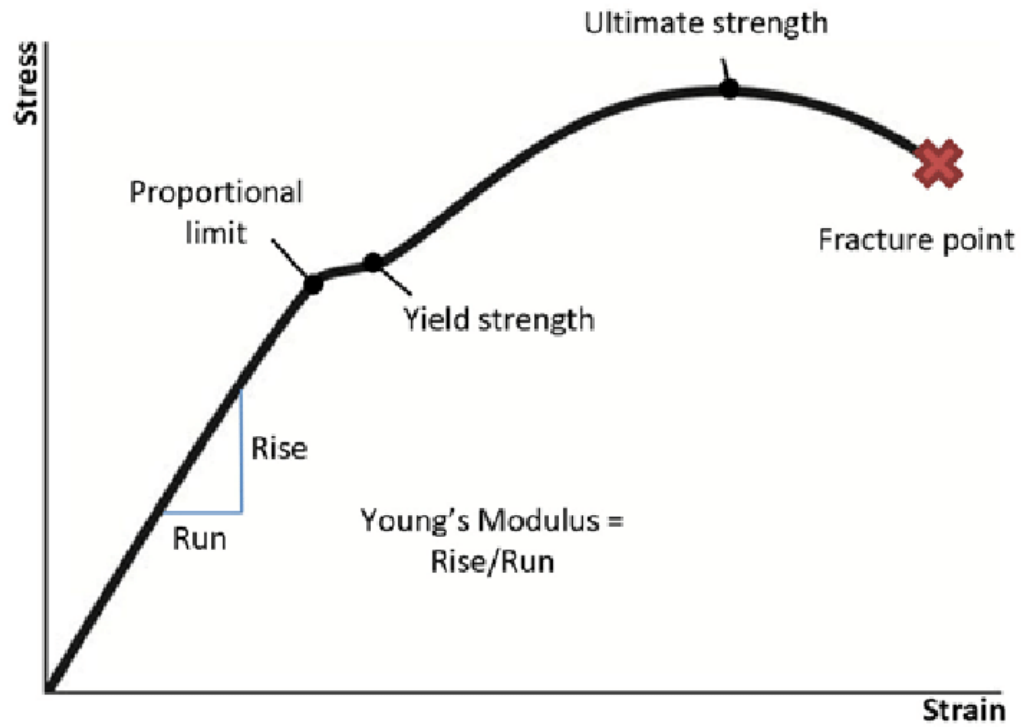
$$\Delta P = \frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$$

$$F_2 > F_1$$



Pascal's law

Stress is a very important concept in materials science and eng



So not force but stress in Pa!!

$$E_c = V_m E_m + V_f E_f$$

Very good slides material selection

CFRP

[http://www.metaux.ulg.ac.be/Fichierpourtelech/Selection/Cas e%20Study%201.pdf](http://www.metaux.ulg.ac.be/Fichierpourtelech/Selection/Cas%20e%20Study%201.pdf)

The binding [polymer](#) is often a [thermoset](#) resin such as [epoxy](#), but other thermoset or [thermoplastic](#) polymers, such as [polyester](#), [vinyl ester](#), or nylon, are sometimes used

Commercial carbon fibers possess high tensile strength (ranging from 3 to 7 GPa) and high Young's modulus (ranging from 200 to 500 GPa).

<https://www.grantadesign.com/education/students/charts/>

