

# Elastic Constants [pln20]

Consider an ideal elastic material (Hookean solid).

Isotropic elastic materials are characterized by three elastic constants:

- shear modulus:  $G \doteq \frac{\sigma}{e}$ ,  $e \doteq \frac{\Delta x}{y}$ ,  $\sigma \doteq \frac{F}{A}$ .
  - ▷  $\sigma$ : shear stress,
  - ▷  $e$ : shear strain.
  
- bulk modulus:  $K \doteq -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} = \frac{1}{\kappa}$ .
  - ▷  $\kappa \doteq -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_{[ ]}$  : isothermal  $[T]$  or adiabatic  $[S]$  compressibility.
  
- Young modulus:  $Y \doteq \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$ ,  $\sigma \doteq \frac{F}{A_0}$ ,  $\epsilon \doteq \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$ .
  - ▷  $\sigma$ : tensile stress,
  - ▷  $\epsilon$ : tensile strain.

Relation between elastic constants from continuum mechanics:

$$Y = \frac{9KG}{3K + G} \xrightarrow{K \gg G} 3G \quad (K \gg G : \text{incompress. mat.})$$

Poisson ratio:  $\nu \doteq -\frac{\epsilon_{\perp}}{\epsilon} = \frac{3K - 2G}{2(3K + G)} \xrightarrow{K \gg G} \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\epsilon_{\perp} \doteq \frac{\Delta L_{\perp}}{L_{0\perp}}$ .

