

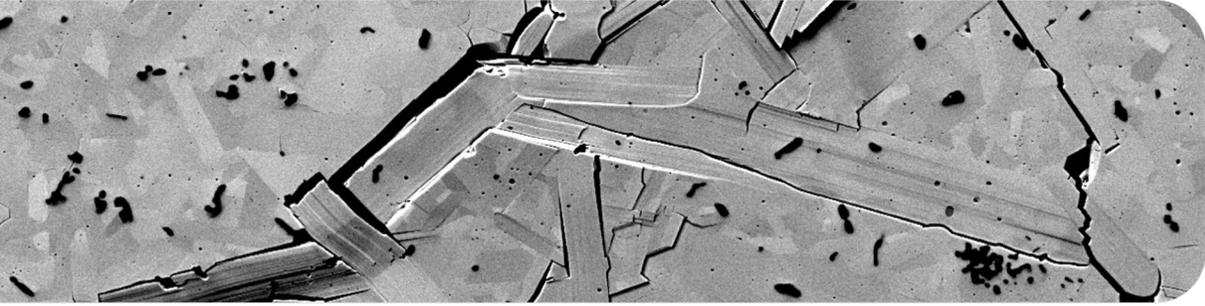


COE–3001: Mechanics of deformable bodies

Chapter 4: torsion

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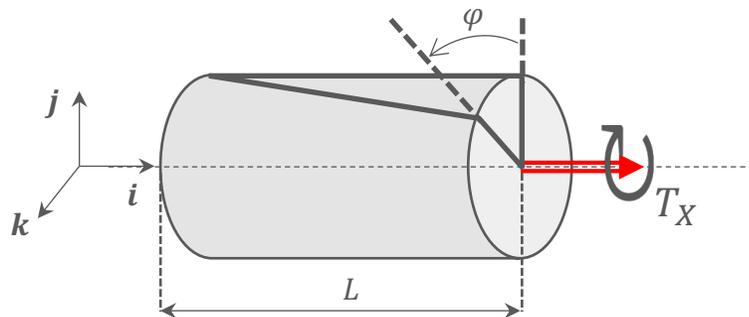
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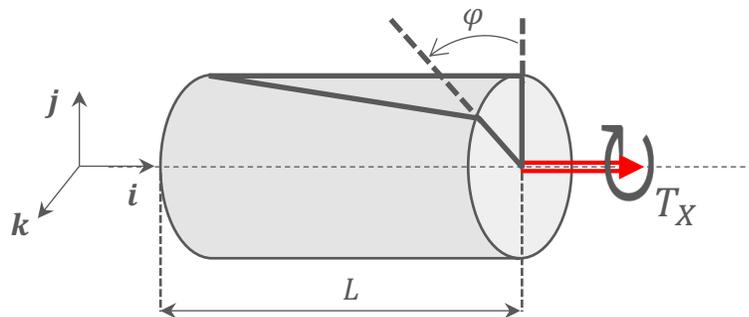
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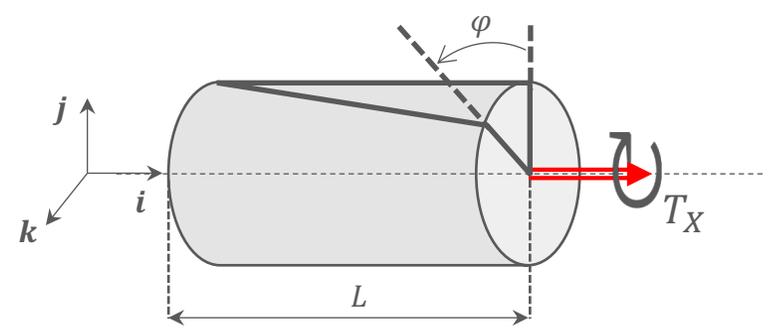
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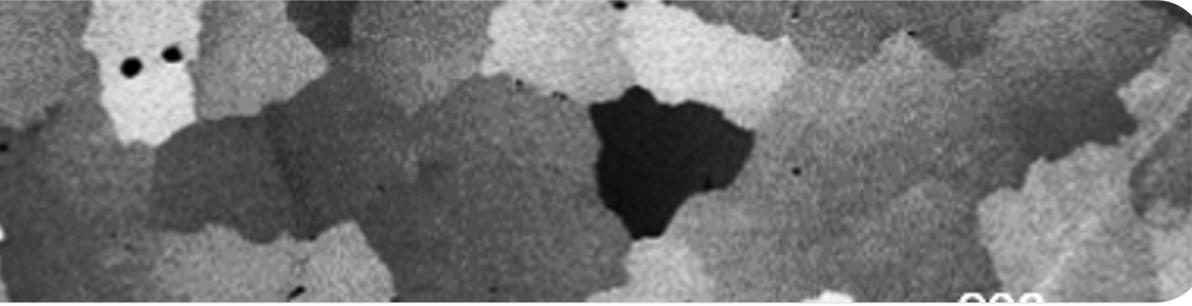
❖ **Twist rate**

- It is defined as the angle of torsion per unit length of the shaft:

$$\theta(x) = \frac{d\varphi(x)}{dx}$$

- For uniform torsion ($\theta(x) = \theta$):

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{d\varphi}{dx} \Rightarrow \int_{\varphi_0=0}^{\varphi_L=\varphi} d\varphi = \int_0^L \theta dx \\ \Rightarrow \varphi - 0 &= \theta(L - 0) \Rightarrow \varphi = \theta L \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \frac{\varphi}{L} \end{aligned}$$



Stress

Relationship between ϕ and the internal forces

- ❖ Cohesion torsor in M :

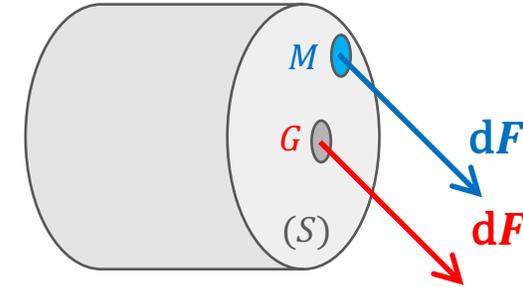
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- ❖ Let's transport this torsor into G near M :

$$\{\mathcal{T}_G^{coh}\} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{dR}_G = \mathbf{R}_M = \mathbf{dF} \\ \mathbf{dM}_G = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{GM} \times \mathbf{R}_M \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{dR}_G = \mathbf{dF} \\ \mathbf{dM}_G = \mathbf{GM} \times \mathbf{dF} \end{cases}$$

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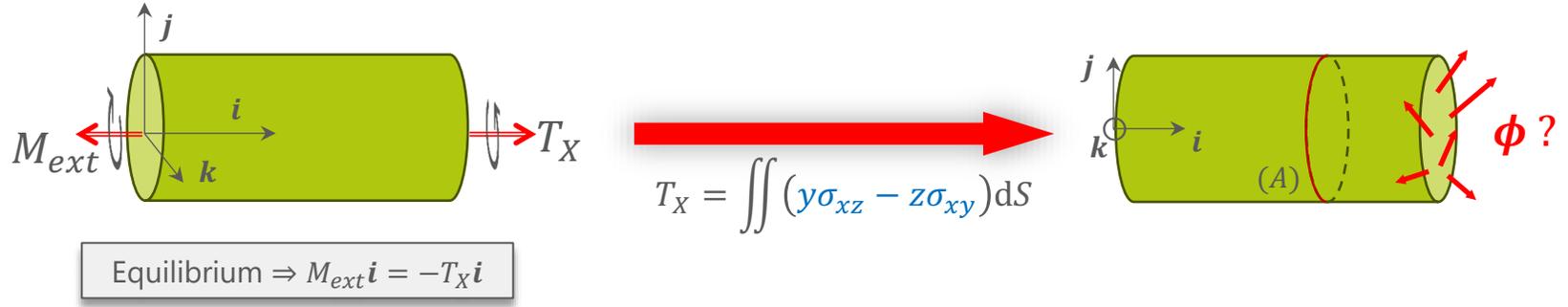


- ❖ After integration over (S) :

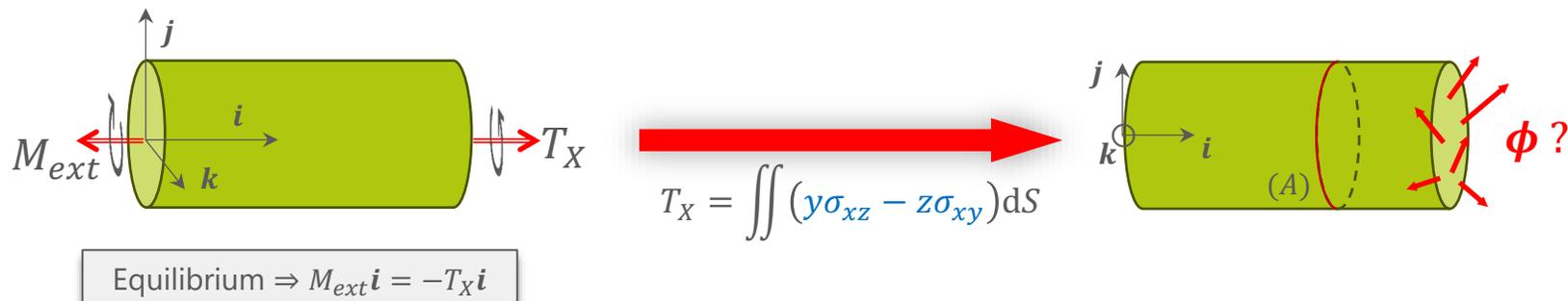
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↪ Very complex. Additional assumptions are needed about how stresses are distributed over (S) .

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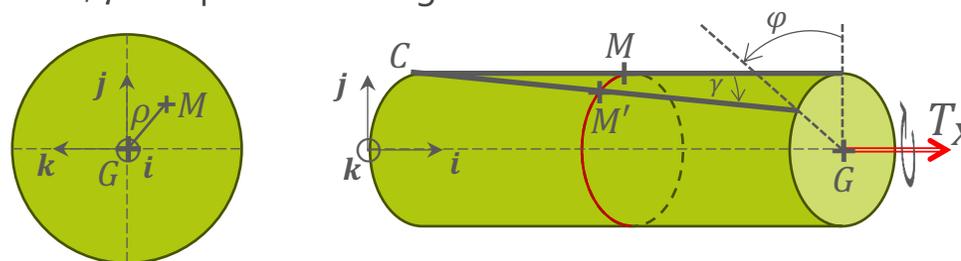


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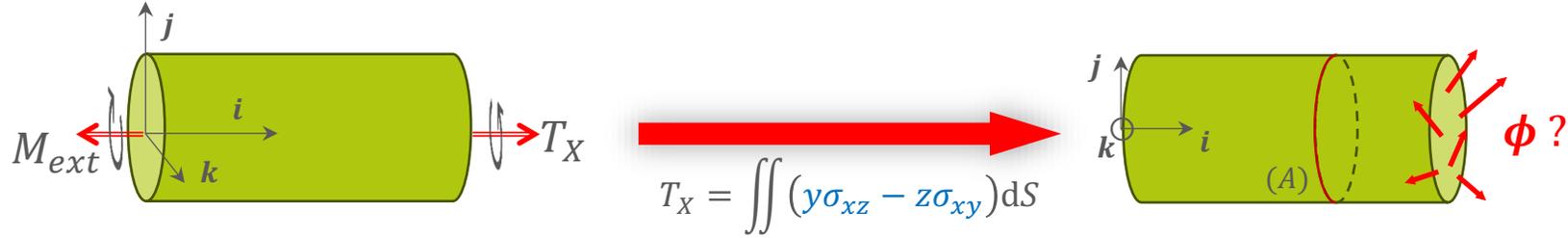


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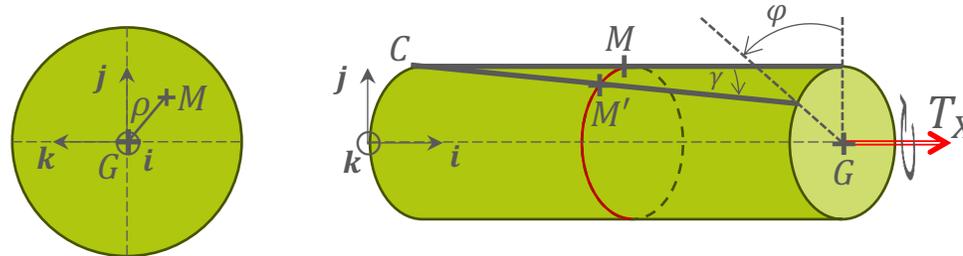
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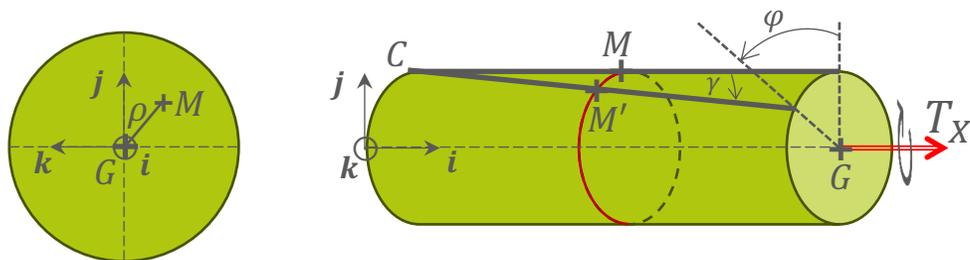
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- Since the length along \mathbf{i} remains unchanged, the axial strain is zero: $\epsilon_{xx} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \phi$ has no normal component. $\phi(M, \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{i}) = \tau t$.

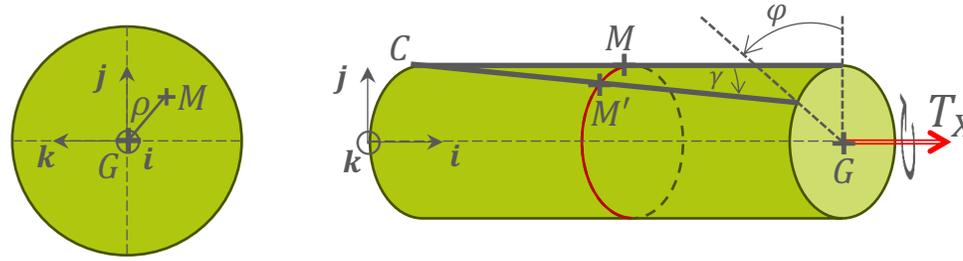
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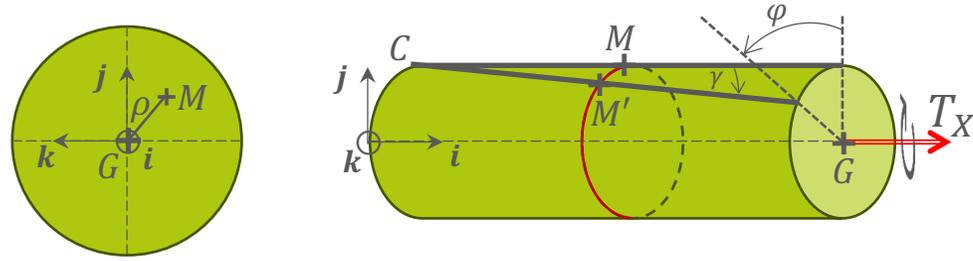


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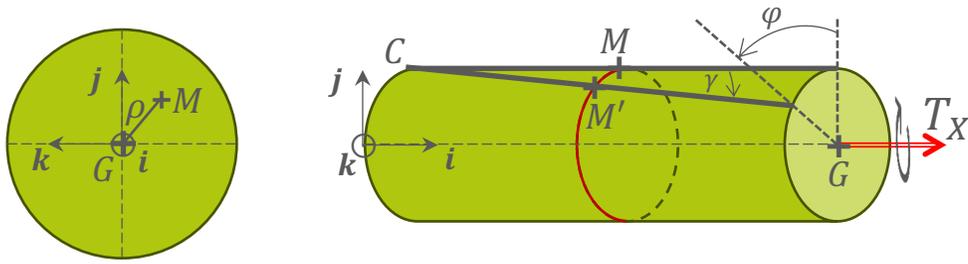
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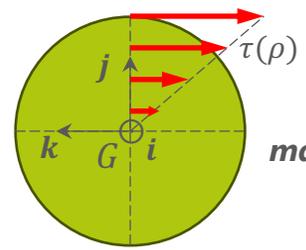
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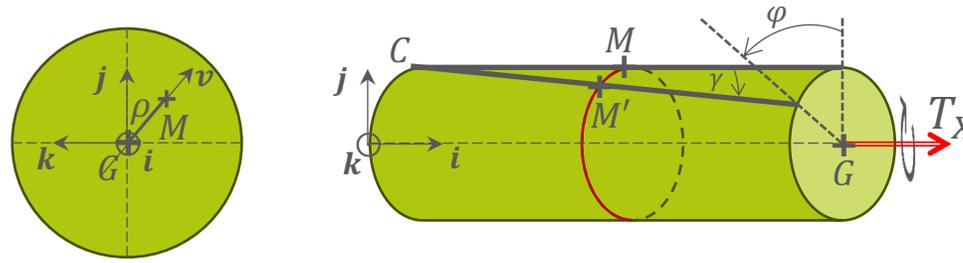
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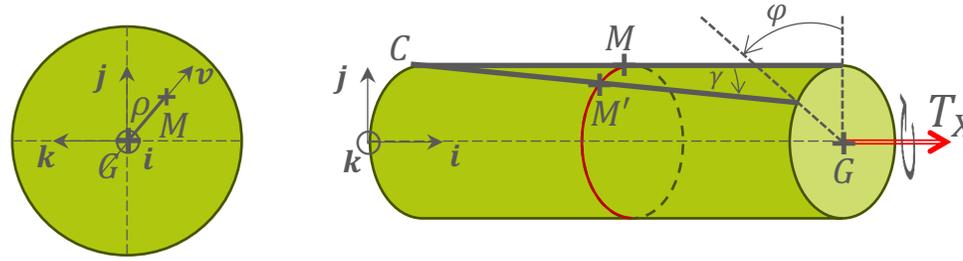


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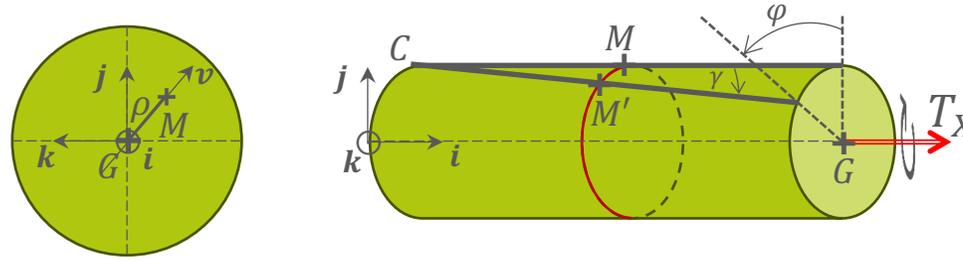
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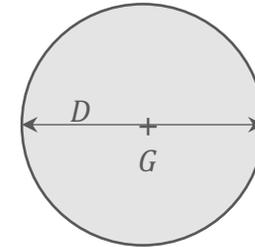
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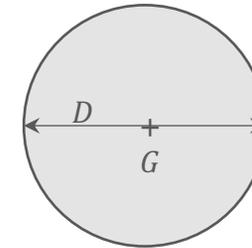
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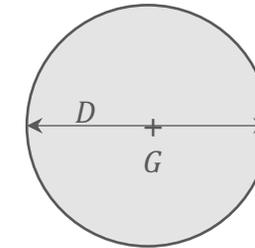
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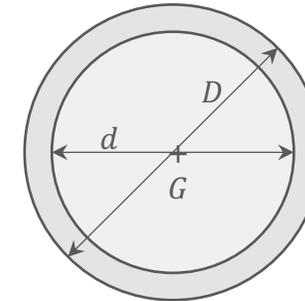
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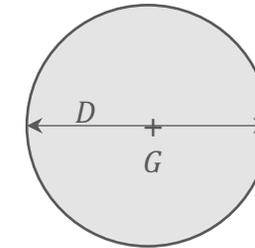
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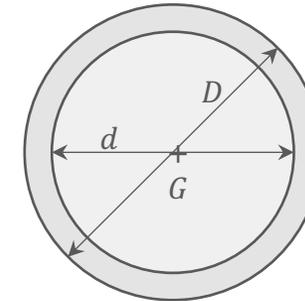
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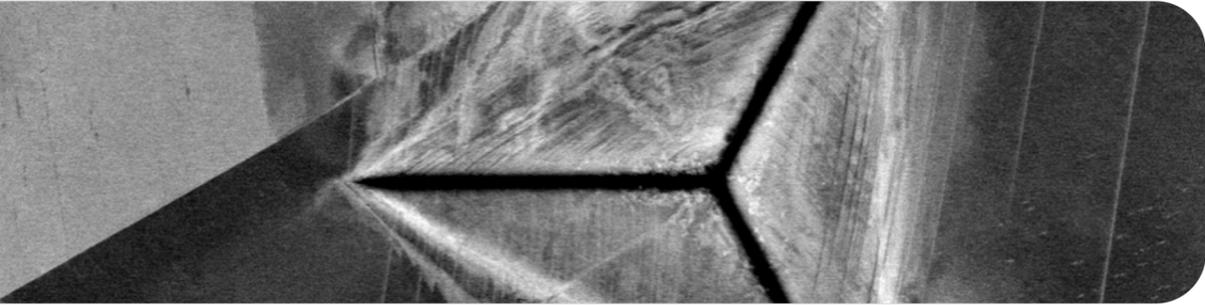
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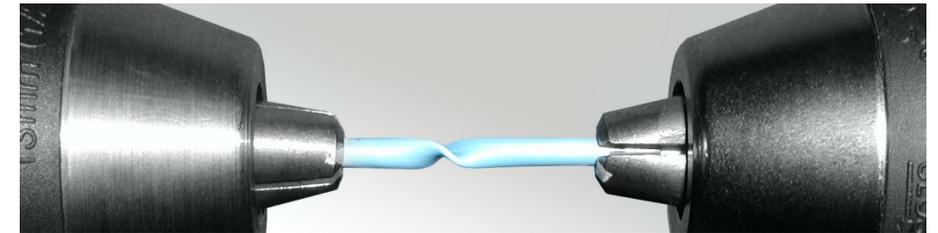
Principle of torsion test

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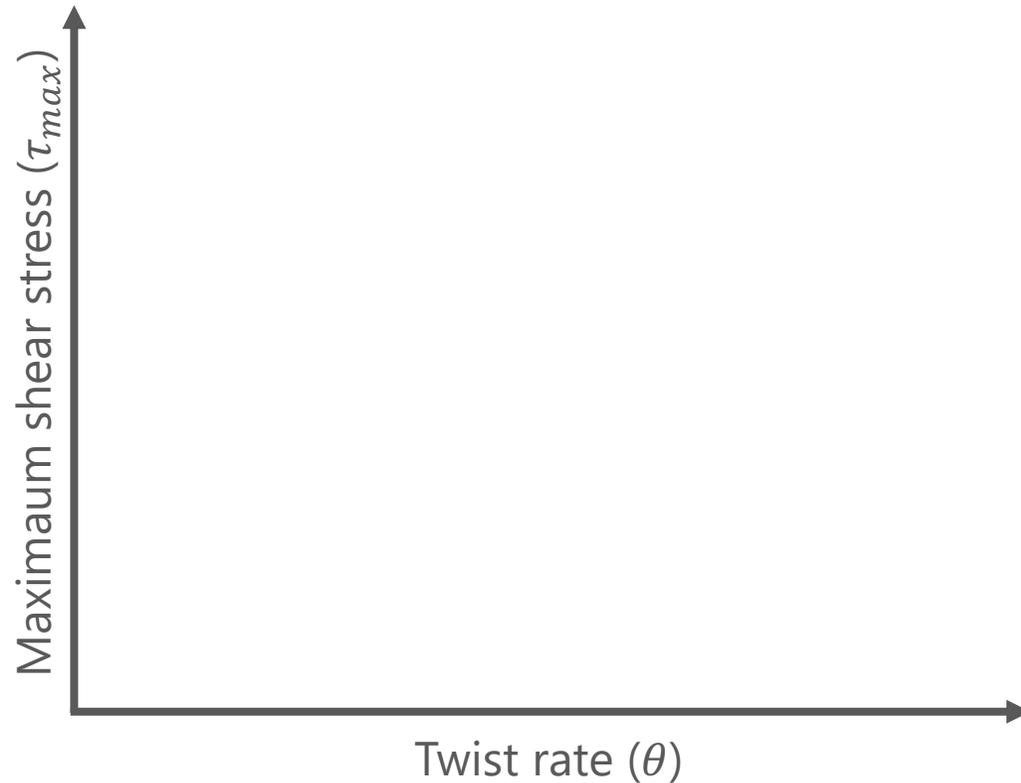
- Characterize the material response under torsional loading
- Determine the shear stress distribution and the maximum shear stress
- Determine the torsional strength and failure torque

❖ Principle:

- Application of a torque (twisting moment) about the longitudinal axis of the specimen
- Relative rotation of cross-sections along the shaft
- Induces shear stresses that vary with the radial position
- Ideally produces pure torsional deformation (pure shear state)



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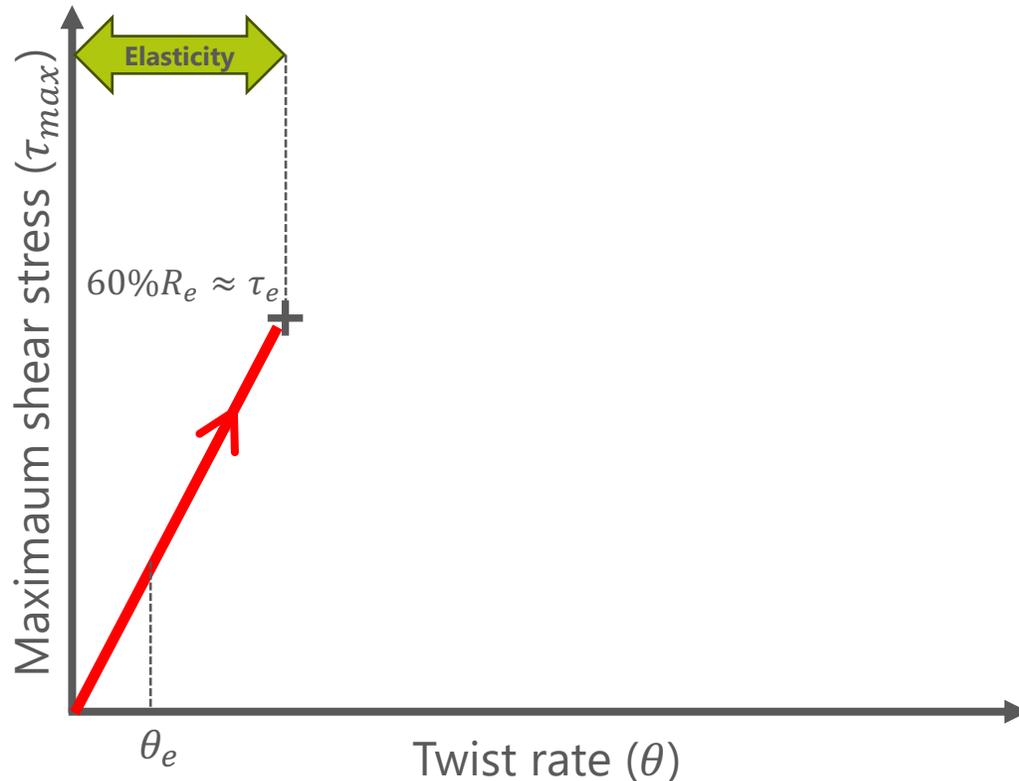
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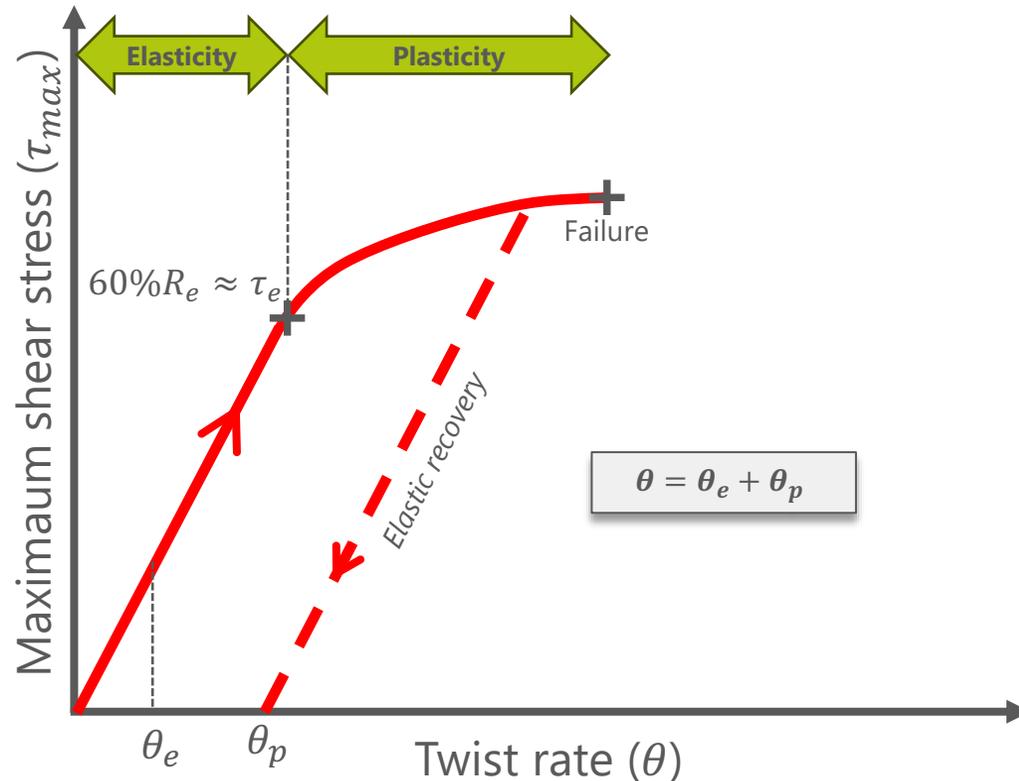
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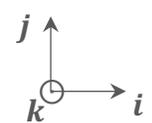
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- Plasticity initiates at the outer surface of the shaft.
- The plastic zone progressively propagates towards the center.
- Unloading from this region follows a linear elastic path.
- After unloading, a permanent plastic twist (θ_p) remains.
- Torsion allows significant plastic deformation before failure.

Summary

Loadings	Deformation	Stress	Governing equations	Coefficients	Elasticity limit
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Compression	$\varepsilon_{xx} < 0$	$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{N}{A_x} < 0$	$\sigma = E\varepsilon_{xx}$ $\varepsilon_{zz} = \varepsilon_{yy} = -\nu\varepsilon_{xx}$	E, ν	R_e
Shear	γ_{xy}	$\tau_{xy} = \frac{S_y}{A_x}$	$\tau_{xy} = G\gamma_{xy}$ $G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$	G	τ_e
Torsion	θ	$\tau, \sigma = 0$	$\tau = \frac{T}{I_G}\rho$ $\tau = G\theta\rho$	G, I_G	τ_e





Thanks for your listening!

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