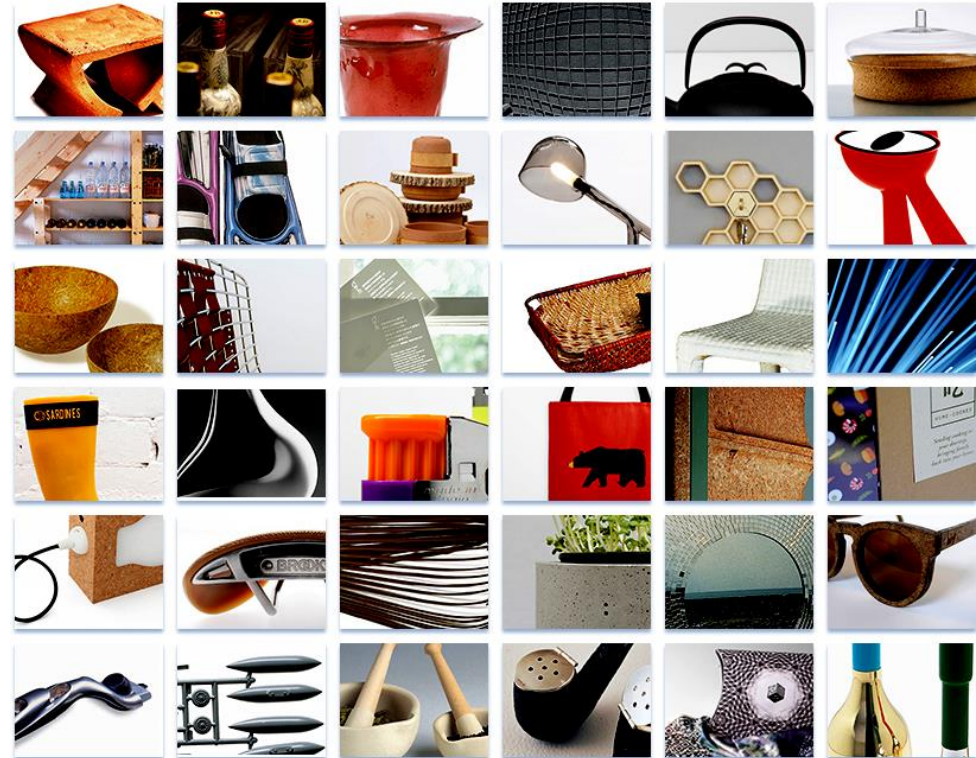




The Design database for products

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Learning objectives for this lecture unit

Ansys software mentioned

- Ansys Granta EduPack™, a teaching software for materials education

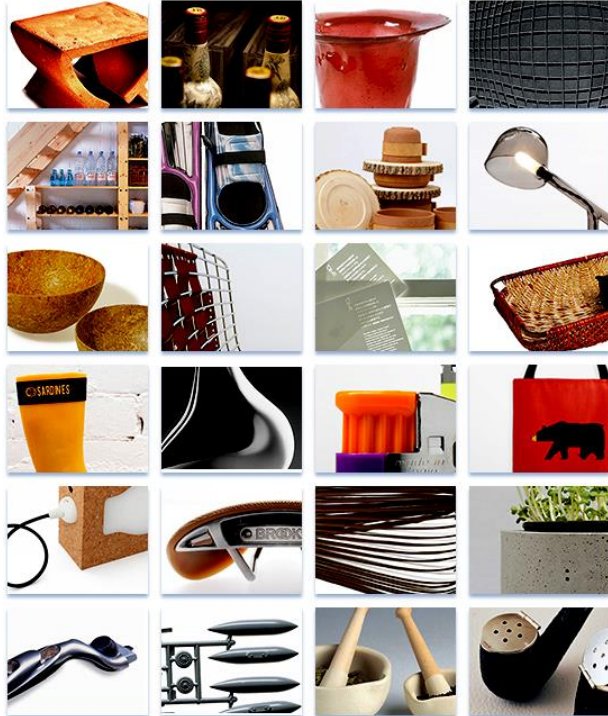
Intended Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding	Understanding of materials and processes properties through products
Skills and Abilities	Ability to find design and engineering data from products
Values and Attitudes	Appreciation of the relationships between Products, Materials and Processes.

Resources

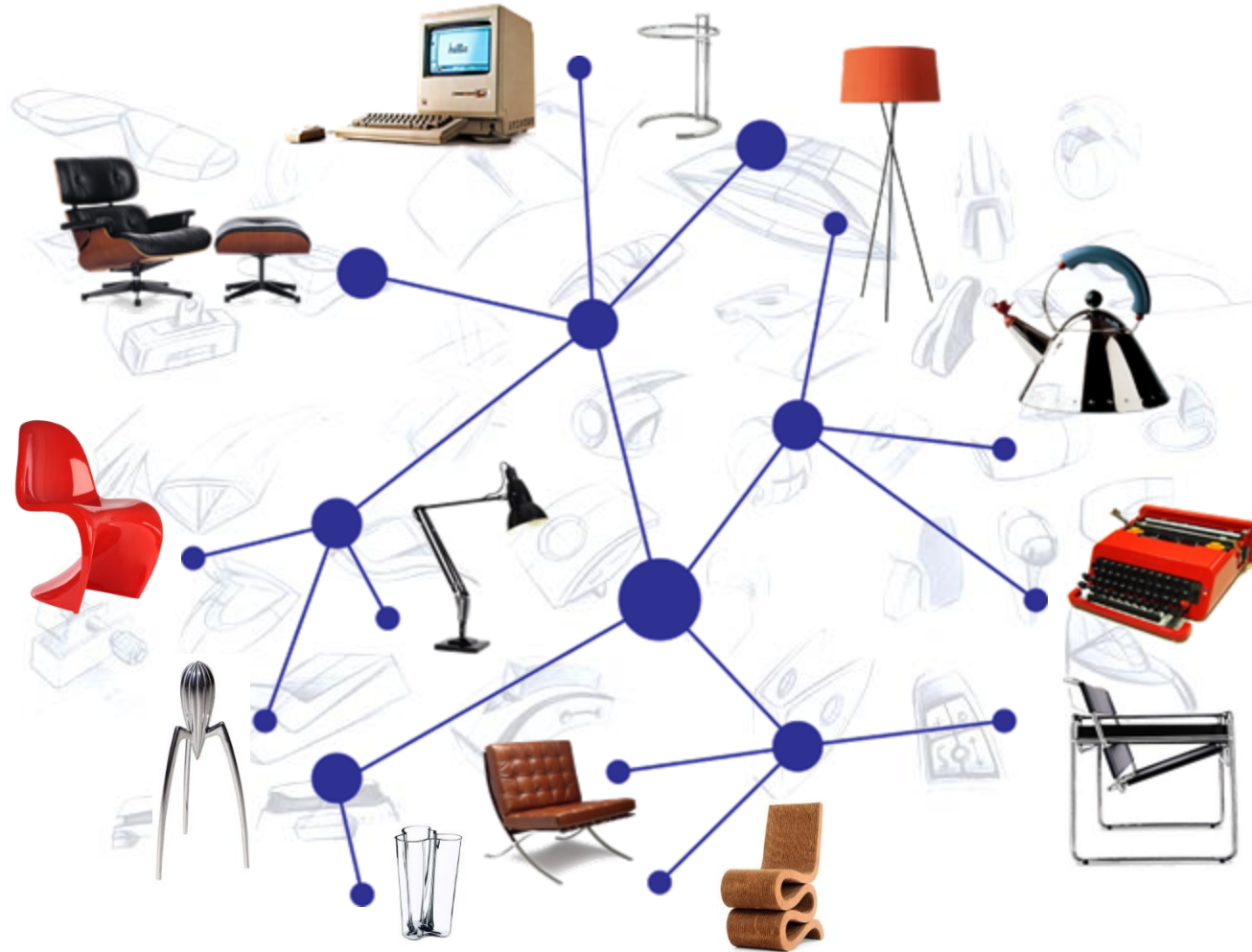
- **Text:** “Materials and Design: The Art and Science of Material Selection in Product Design”, 3rd edition by M. Ashby and K Johnson, Butterworth Heinemann, Oxford, 2014
- **Paper:** [The Design Database](#)

Outline




- **Why a *Product-Centered* database**
- **Products** at the center of attention
- **The Designer's and Engineer's view**
- The role of Materials in **Designs**
- **Aesthetic** properties

The design database: products, materials and processes

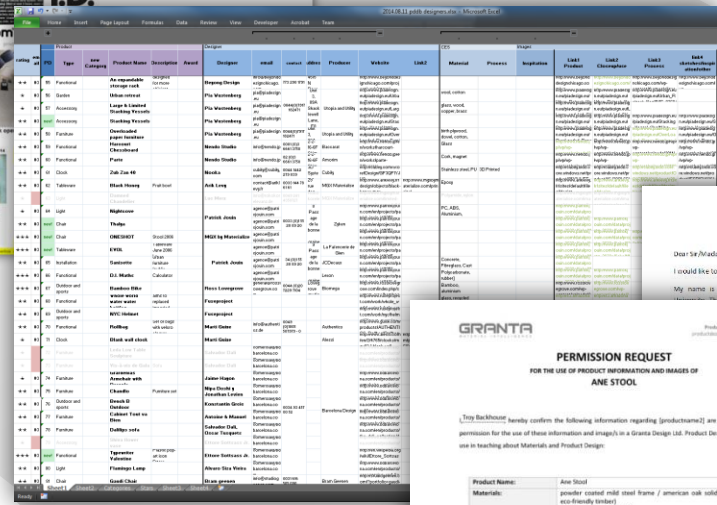


Products as
gateway to
innovation and
design with
materials and
processes

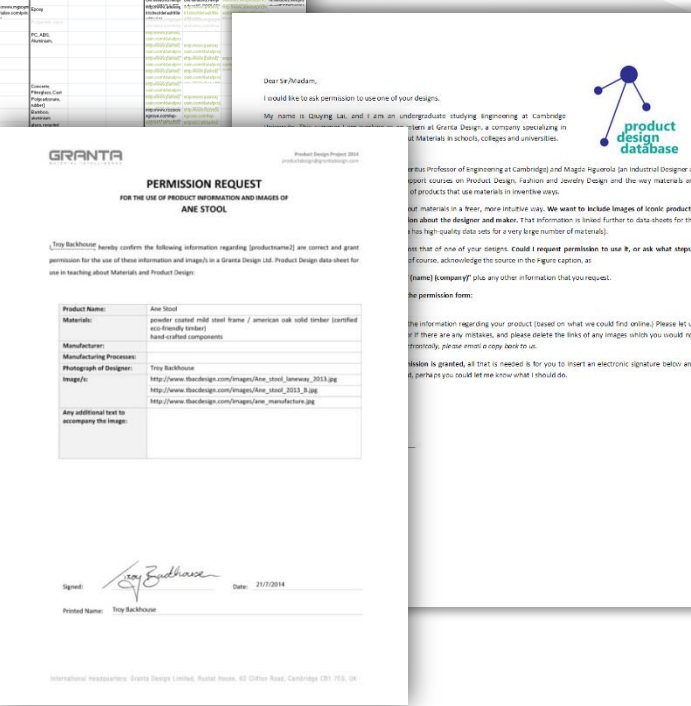
How did we choose the products for the database?



1. Collected Designs

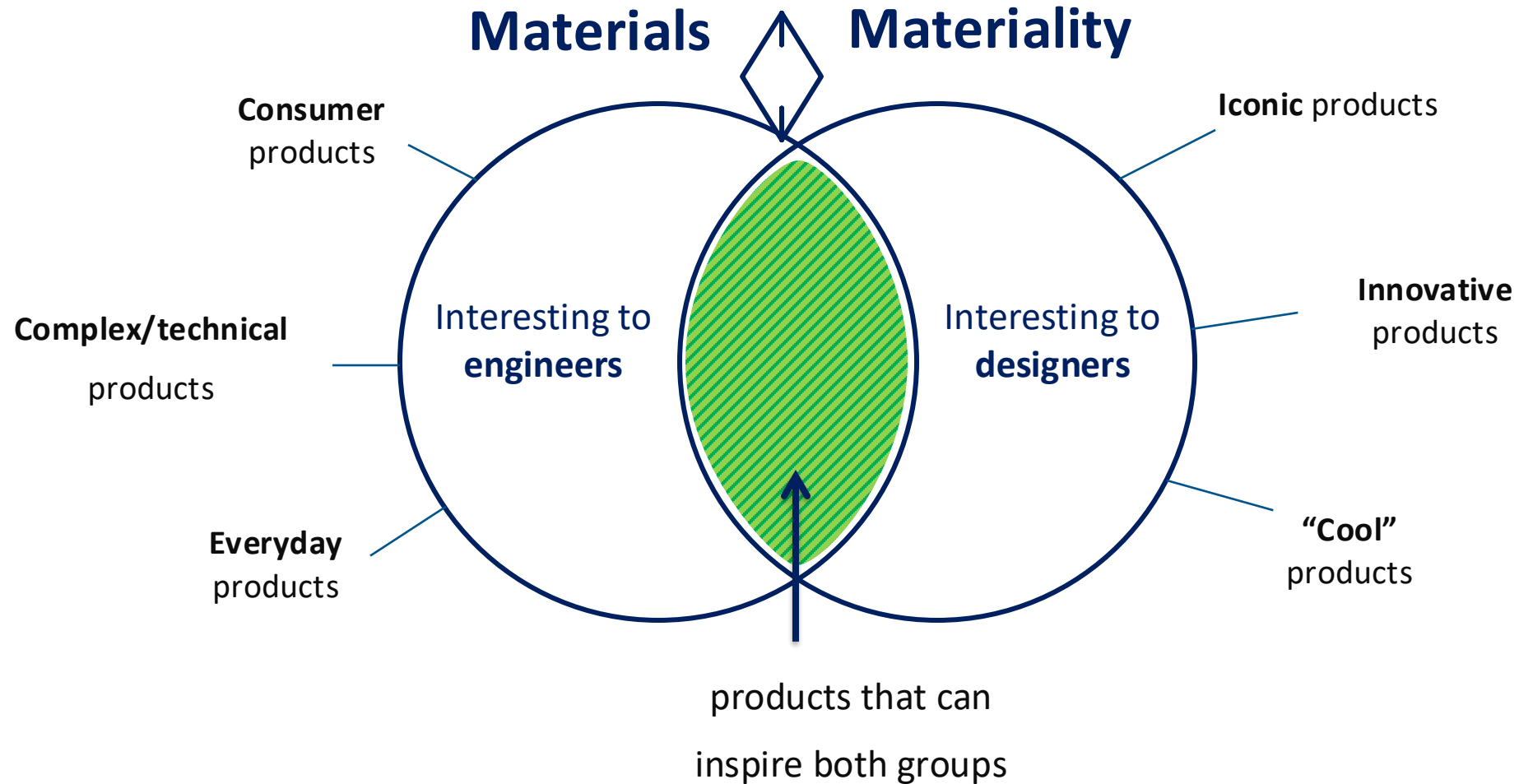


2. Selected best examples of Products



3. Obtained Permissions from Designers

Finding products to engage across disciplines

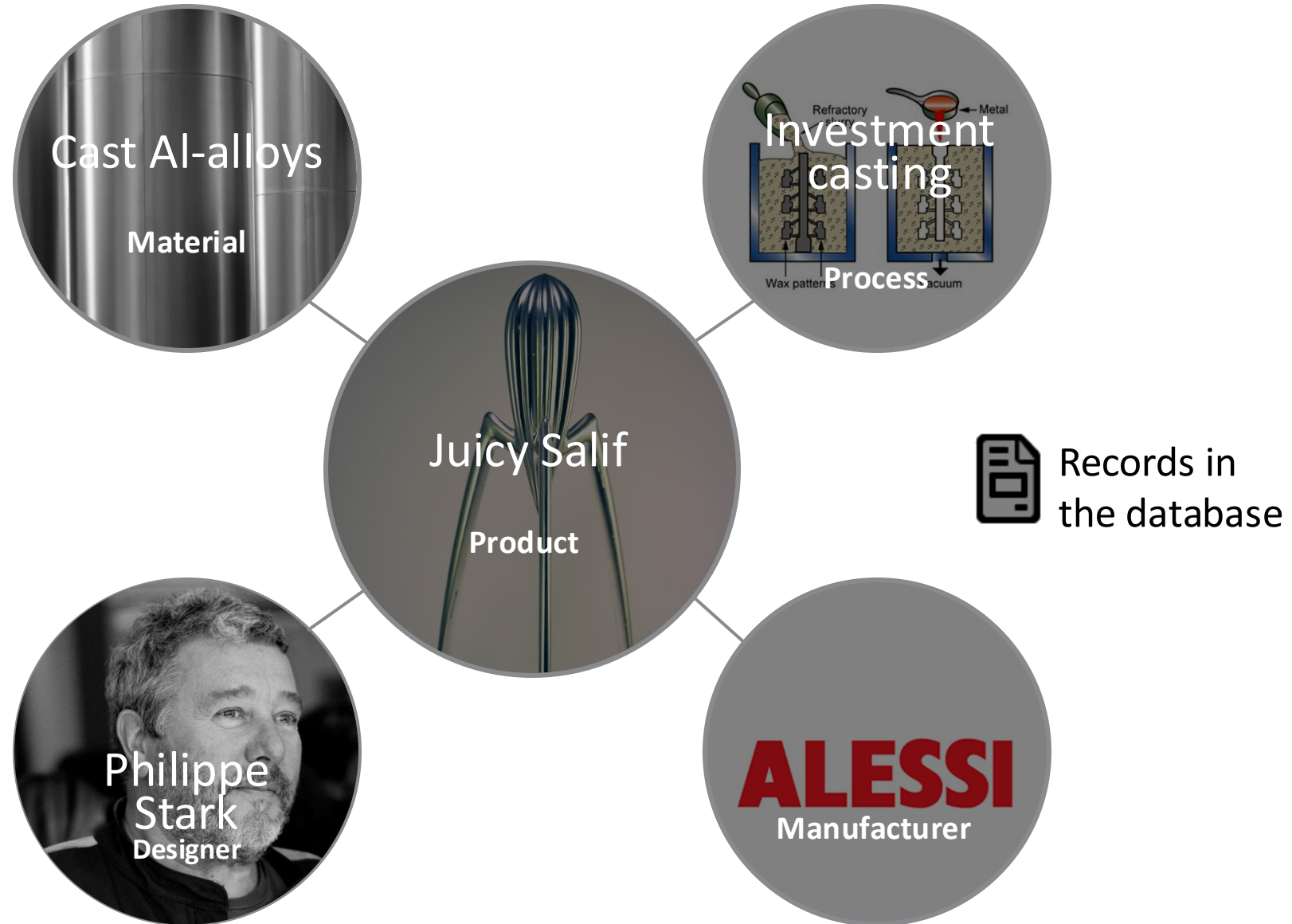


The Design Database

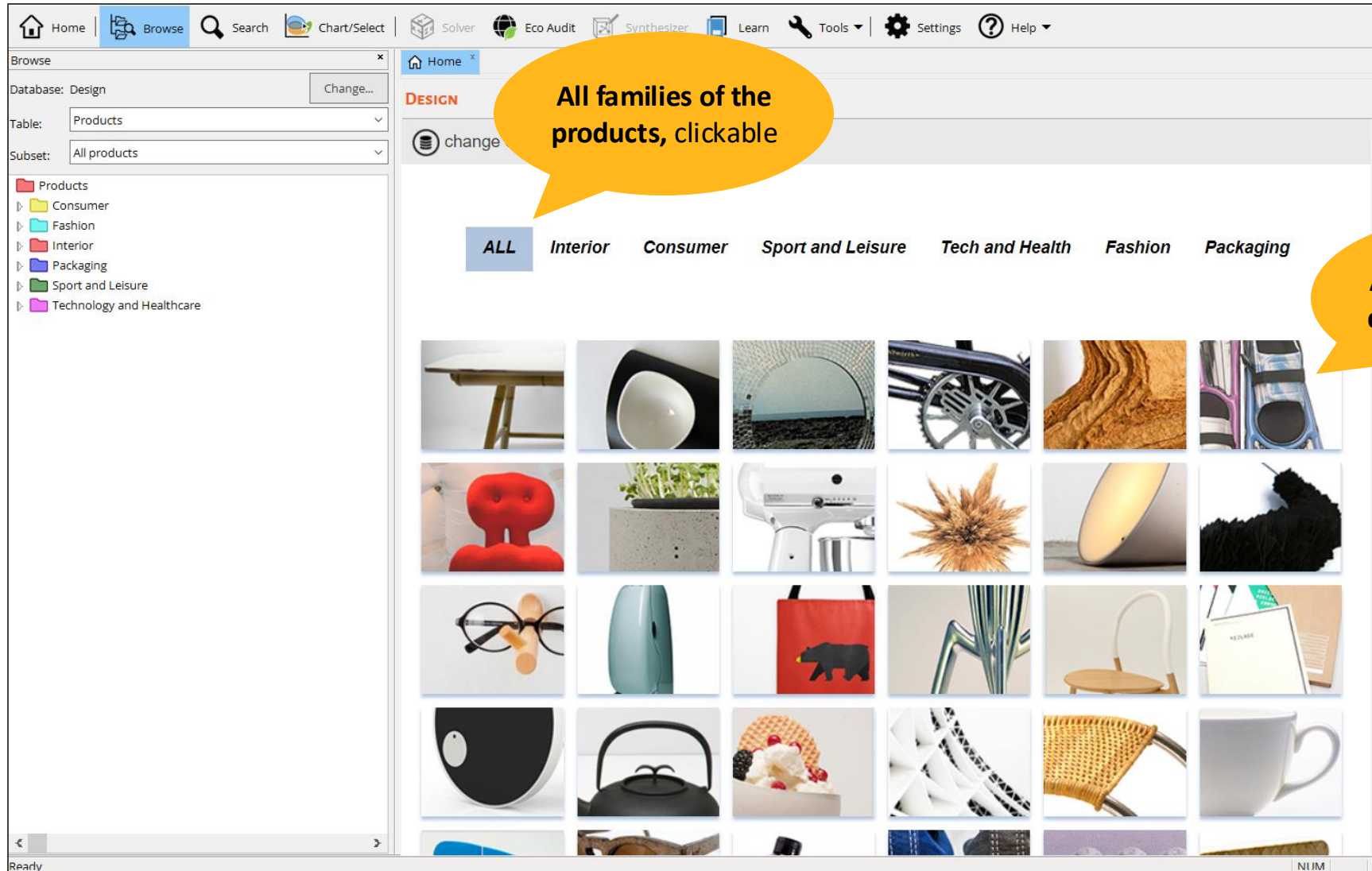
What can you do with it?

- Engage in the visual, material and manufacturing aspects of products and industrial design.
- Visualize how materials create product character, desirability.
- Show how new materials stimulate innovation: the evolution of materials in products.
- Excite interest in materials through products.
- Understand how products and their components are manufactured.

Product-centred structure of the database



Starting the Design database: the Home page



All families of the products, clickable

All products in the database, clickable

Product datasheet

iMac G3

by Jonathan Ive for Apple

Designer	Jonathan Ive
Manufacturer	Apple
Materials	Polycarbonate (PC)



Description

The iMac was dramatically different from any previous mainstream computer. It was made of translucent "Bondi Blue"-colored plastic and was egg-shaped around a 14-inch (35.5 cm) CRT display. The keyboard and mouse were redesigned for the iMac with translucent plastics and a Bondi Blue trim.

Tags

Consumer, household, home, kitchenware, food, washing up, clean, hygiene, designer, classic.

Designer's
description

Links


Materials	↗
Processes	↗
Designer	↗
Manufacturers	↗

Links to
further data-
tables

Insights directly from the designer



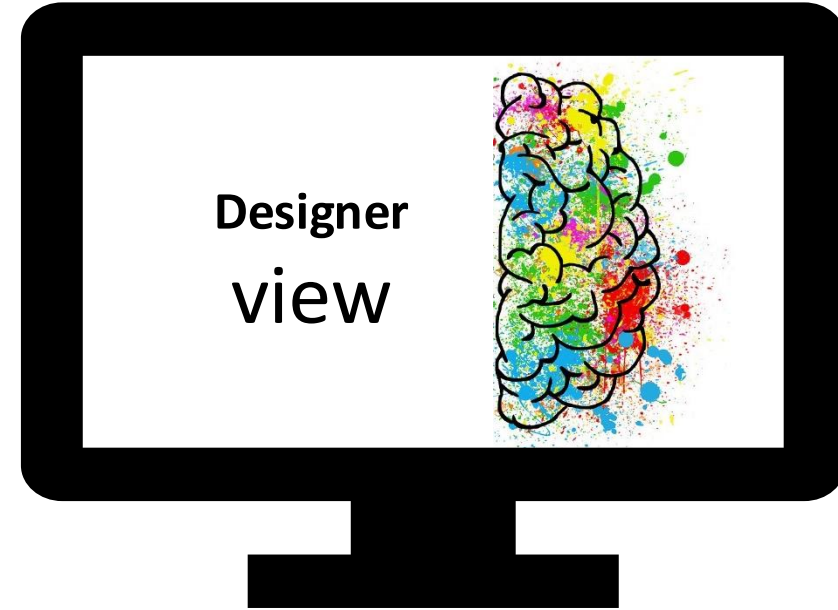
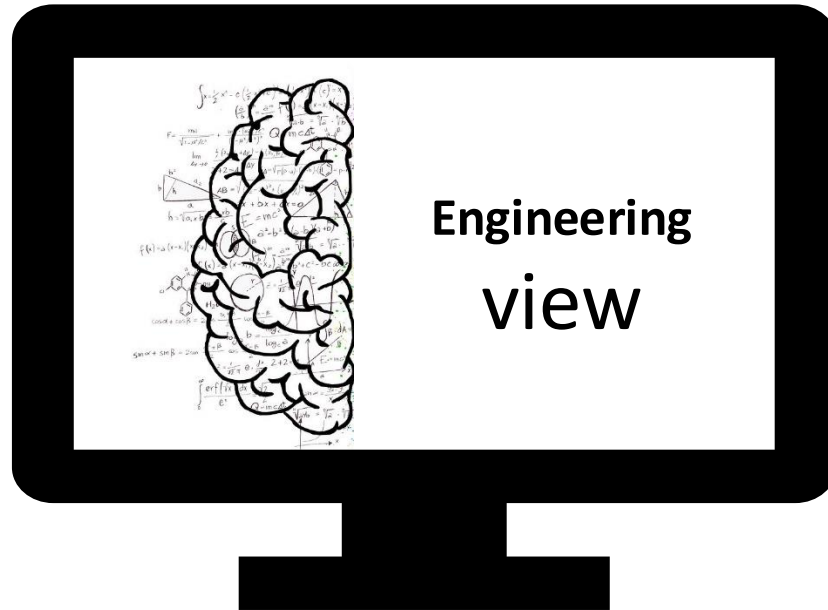
Courtesy of Apple Inc

Name	Jonathan Ive
Studio	Apple
Education	Industrial Design, Northumbria University
Description	
Sir Jonathan Ive is an English designer and was the Senior Vice President of Design at Apple Inc.	
Links	
Products	

**Inspiring background information
adds to the understanding**

The materials data-table: catering for dual needs

Alternative Materials views



Typical material record: designer's view

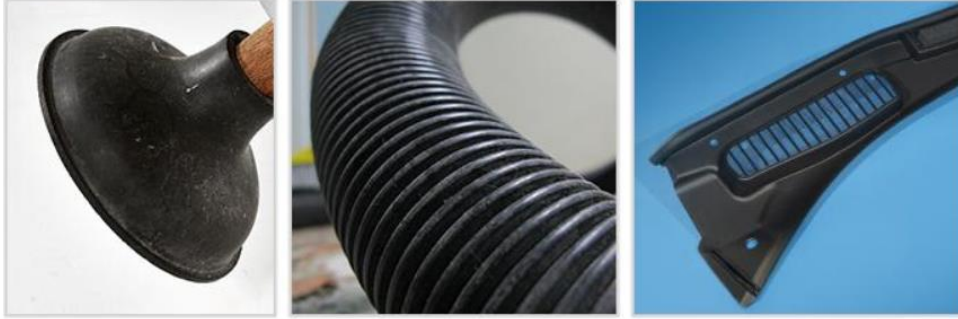
Thermoplastic Vulkanite (TPV)

Datasheet view: Designer's view | Show/Hide | Find Similar

Polymers and <All Alphabetical>
 Designer's view
 Engineer's view

General information

Image



Caption

(1) Plunger © Jes at flickr (CC BY 2.0) (2) Hose © John Loo at flickr (CC BY 2.0) (3) Direct extrusion of bulb seal on Automotive cowls, Santoprene® 121 50E500 TPV © Spe.Automotive at flickr (CC BY 2.0)

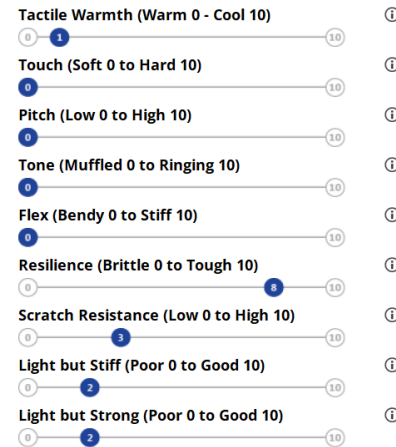
The material

Dynamic vulcanization (TPV, EDPM and TPOs) allows for new materials to be prepared from existing polymers, avoiding entirely different processes and feedstocks and excessive extra capital costs. The strengths include: improved tensile strength and fatigue resistance compared with TPOs. Lower permanent set, lower swelling in oils, higher melt strength, more reliable melt processing characteristics and improved utility at elevated temperatures (e.g. smaller decrease in modulus with temperature) compared with TPOs. Residual elasticity and strength at melting point of resin (e.g. PP component).

General properties

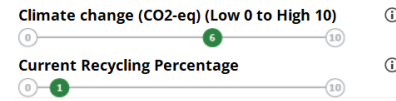
Density	①	939	-	981	kg/m ³
Price	①	* 3.48	-	3.49	GBP/kg
Date first used	①	1981			

Aesthetic attributes



Aesthetic data

Sustainability attributes



Sustainability data

Biodegrade	①	✗		
Embodied energy, primary production (virgin grade)	①	* 116	-	127 MJ/kg
Embodied energy, recycling	①	* 57.7	-	63.7 MJ/kg
Landfill	①	✓		

Processability

Typical uses

Automotive applications, hose, tubing, sheet, mechanical rubber goods, consumer goods, architectural, construction, electrical and electronic applications, medical and food contact applications, CVJ boots, power tool handles, camera and device coatings/grips, syringe seals.

Notes

Tradenames

Santoprene, TPV, EDPM and TPOs

General text + data

Links

ProcessUniverse	🔗
Products	🔗

Typical material record: engineer's view

Thermoplastic Vulkanite (TPV)

Datasheet view: Engineer's view | Show/Hide | Find Similar

Polymers and materials: Engineer's view

Description

Image



Caption

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Date first used	1981			
Electrical properties				
Electrical conductivity				
Electrical resistivity				
Aesthetic properties				
Tactile Warmth (Warm to Cool)	1.3	-	1.4	
Touch (Soft to Hard)	0.1			
Pitch (Low to High)	0.3			
Tone (Muffled to Ringing)	0.3			
Flex (Bendy to Stiff)	0.4			
Resilience (Brittle to Tough)				
Scratch Resistance (Low to High)				
Light but Stiff (Poor to Good)				
Light but Strong (Poor to Good)				
Mechanical properties				
Young's modulus	0.0158	-	0.0162	GPa
Shear modulus	* 0.00525	-	0.00551	GPa
Poisson's ratio	* 0.48	-	0.495	
Yield strength (elastic limit)	3.9	-	4.1	MPa
Tensile strength	6.31	-	8.95	MPa
Compressive strength	* 4.57	-	5.04	MPa
Elongation	428	-	550	% strain
Hardness - Vickers	1			HV
Fatigue strength at 10 ⁷ cycles	* 2.53	-	3.58	MPa
Fracture toughness	0.405	-	0.462	MPa.m ^{0.5}
Mechanical loss coefficient (tan delta)	0.08	-	0.1	
Thermal properties				
Maximum service temperature	130	-	140	°C
Minimum service temperature	-66.2	-	-56.2	°C
Thermal conductor or insulator?	Good insulator			
Thermal conductivity	* 0.118	-	0.128	W/m.°C

Full engineering property data

Durability: a	Acetaldehyde			
Optical prop	Acetone			
Critical mate	Ethyl alcohol (ethanol)			
Durability: w	Ethylene glycol			
Support	Formaldehyde (40%)			
Design guide	Glycerol			
Durability: h	Methyl alcohol (meth			
Durability: a	Water (fresh)			
Durability: b	Water (salt)			
Durability: f	Wine			
Primary mat	Chlorine gas (dry)			
Material pro	Fluorine (gas)			
Durability: a	Sulfur dioxide (gas)			
Durability: fuels, oils and solvents	Acetic acid (10%)			
Functional recycle	Acetic acid (glacial)			
Recycle	Citric acid (10%)			
Climate change (CO2)	UV radiation (sunlight)			
Embodied energy, re	Hydrochloric acid (10%)			
Recycle fraction in cul	Hydrochloric acid (36%)			
Automotive constructio	Hydrofluoric acid (40%)			
handles, ca	Nitric acid (10%)			
Biodegrade	Nitric acid (70%)			
Links	Phosphoric acid (85%)			
ProcessUniverse	Sulfuric acid (10%)			
Products	Sulfuric acid (70%)			
	Sodium hydroxide (10%)			
	Sodium hydroxide (60%)	Excellent		
	Amyl acetate	Limited use		
	Biodegrade	Unacceptable		
	Combus for energy recovery	✓		
	Landfill	✓		
	Biodegrade	✗		

Links to related data records

Manufacturing processes of products

Silk screen printing



Image Caption

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The process

Silk screen printing has its origins in Japanese stenciling. During the First World War in America screen printing took off as an industrial printing process. It was the invention of the photographic stencil in the 1930s that revolutionized the process. It is now a \$5 billion per year industry.

Physical and quality attributes

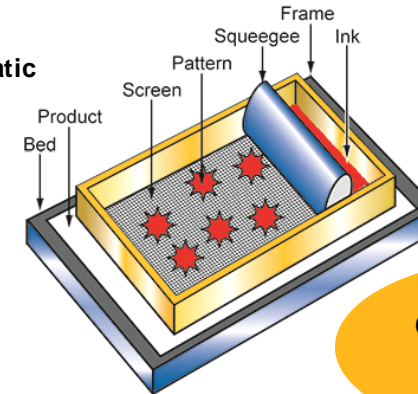
Processing temperature	①	26.9	-	46.9	°C
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Process characteristics

Discrete	①	✓
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General text + data

Process schematic



Guidelines and Typical uses

Design guidelines

The process can be applied to polymers, glass, metals, wood, textiles and of course paper and board. Flat and cylindrical objects can be printed. Multiple colors can be printed, but each requires a separate screen.

Typical uses

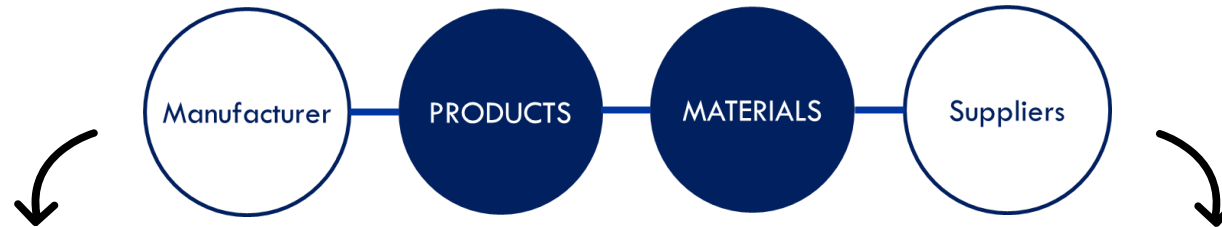
Posters, stickers, ticketing, shelf strips, banners, exhibition panels, ring binders, mouse-mats, site boards, signs, T-shirts, control panels and badges for computers.

Links

MaterialUniverse	🔗
Products	🔗
Reference	🔗

Manufacturers and suppliers

Important auxiliary information adds to the **realism in projects**



Normann Copenhagen	
Datashheet view: Manufacturers of products Show/Hide Find Similar	
M - P >	
Basic information	
Manufacturer Logo	
Manufacturer Name	Normann Copenhagen
Area of Specialisation	household accessories, tableware, kitchenware, furniture
Founded in	1999
Contact details	
Company HQ Location	Copenhagen, Denmark
Company Website	http://www.normann-copenhagen.com/
Further information	
Information Access Date	15/08/2014
Links	
Products	

Thermoplastic Rubber Systems, Inc.	
Datashheet view: Producers Show/Hide Find Similar	
Polymers >	
Organisation Details	
Company name	
Solvay Engineered Polymers, Inc.	
Website	http://polymers.lyondellbasell.com/portal/site/basell/
Materials and tradenames	
NexPrene(tm) : Fully Vulcanized EPDM/PP based TPV	
NexFlex(tm) : SEBS/PP based TPE	
NexLink(tm) : Fully Vulcanized EPDM/SEBS/PP based TPV	
NexTrile(tm) : Fully Vulcanized NBR/PP based TPV	
Other notes	
Solvay Engineered Polymers acquires Thermoplastic Rubber Systems Inc in 2004. LyondellBasell completes acquisition of Solvay Engineered Polymers, Inc in 2008	
Producer status	Active
Information confirmation date	23/03/2012
Links	
MaterialUniverse	

Product manufacturer \neq Material suppliers!

Using the database

The tool buttons



Browse



Search

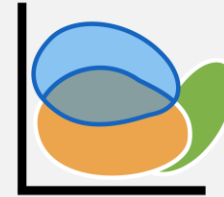


Chart / Select

Browse to explore products



Browse



Tree

Browse

Database: Design

Table: Products

Subset: All products

- Products
 - Consumer
 - Fashion
 - Interior
 - Packaging
 - Sport and Leisure
 - B2O Velo Bamboo Bicycle by Fritsch Durisotti
 - Bamboo Longboard by Good Design Collective
 - Bicycle seat by Selle Royal
 - Boneshaker Bicycle by Pierre and Ernest Michaux
 - Cambium Bicycle Saddle by IDEO for Brooks England
 - Cannondale ST500 bike by Cannondale
 - Fab Force diving fins by Bob Evans
 - Heart rate monitor Polar S810i by Polar
 - Itera Bicycle by Itera Development Center AB
 - Kirk Magnesium Bicycle by Frank Kirk
 - La Siesta Water Bottle
 - Leaf Swing by VMD
 - Lotus Sport 110 Bicycle by Mike Burrows
 - Rudge Whitworth Bicycle by Dan Rudge
 - Sintra Series by Rado
 - Smart City-Coupé from Daimler Chrysler
 - Thunderer whistle by ACME Whistles
 - Traffic cone by Swintex
 - Technology and Healthcare
 - Apple iPhone by Steve Jobs
 - Apple Macintosh by Hartmut Esslinger and Frog Design
 - Beolit 12 by Cecilie Manz for Banq&Olufsen

Browse

Database: Design

Table: Materials

Subset: All materials

- Materials
 - Ceramics and glasses
 - Hybrids: composites, foams, natural materials
 - Metals and alloys
 - Ferrous
 - Non-ferrous
 - Polymers and elastomers
 - Elastomers
 - Butyl rubber (IIR)
 - Ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA)
 - Natural rubber (NR)
 - Polychloroprene (Neoprene, CR)
 - Polyisoprene rubber (IIR)
 - Polyurethane (eIPU)
 - Silicone elastomers (SI, Q)
 - Styrene butadiene rubber (SBR)
 - Thermoplastic Vulkanite (TPV)
 - Polymers
 - Thermoplastics
 - Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)
 - Cellulose polymers (CA)
 - Ionomer (I)
 - Polyamides (Nylons, PA)
 - Polybutylene Terephthalate (PBT)
 - Polycarbonate (PC)
 - Polyetheretherketone (PEEK)
 - Polyethylene (PE)
 - Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

Search on keywords



Search



Database: Design

Search string

Furniture AND Wood



- ▷ Designers (2)
- ▷ Manufacturers (1)
- ▷ Materials (19)
- ▷ Processes (3)
- ▷ Products (12)

Records found

Full text search of entire database:
Not case-sensitive
but sensitive to spelling

Ane Stool by Troy Backhouse

Datasheet view: Datasheet form



Show/Hide



Find Similar

Overview

Product Image

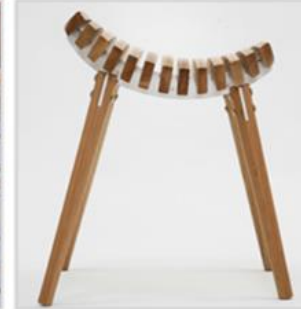


Image Credit

Image courtesy of Troy Backhouse

Materials Used	📘	steel, oak (American)
Designer	📘	Troy Backhouse
Manufacturer	📘	t-bac design

General information

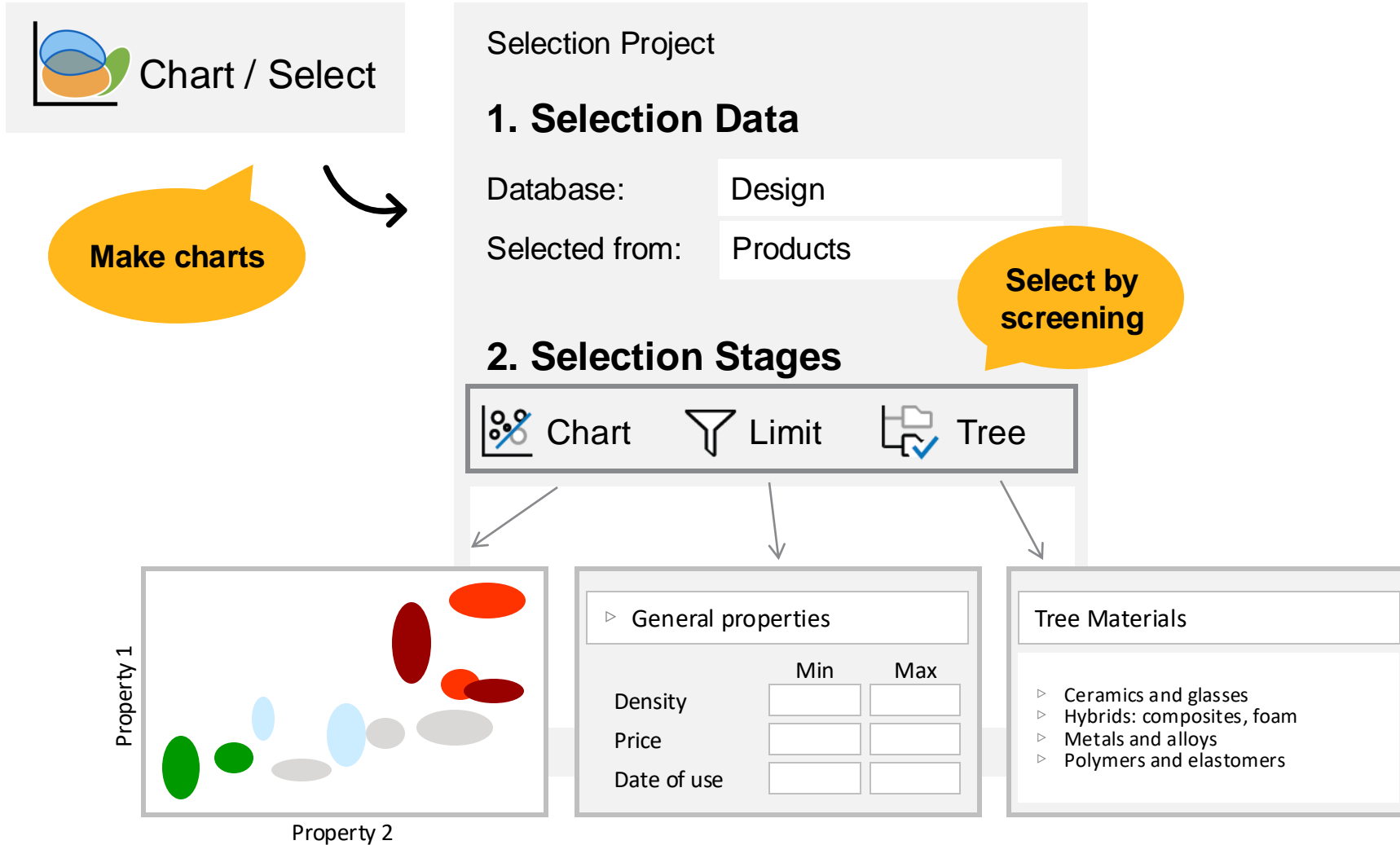
Year of First Production	📘	2013
Style, Influence	📘	1860 - 1910 Arts and Crafts, 1908 - 1935 Art Deco and Bauhaus
Type of Design	📘	Mature
Material Types	📘	Metals, Natural materials

Full Description

Ane is a Scottish word - used of a single unit or thing.

Ane Stool is a solid timber stool with a powder coated steel frame. The seat is formed through the unique use of multiple pieces of one shape of wood positioned and cut in a dynamic way. The simple placement of three geometric circles allows the Ane timber stool to be cut in a way to give the appearance of a complex furniture piece. Handcrafted and manufactured in Australia.

Chart / Select to plot and screen data

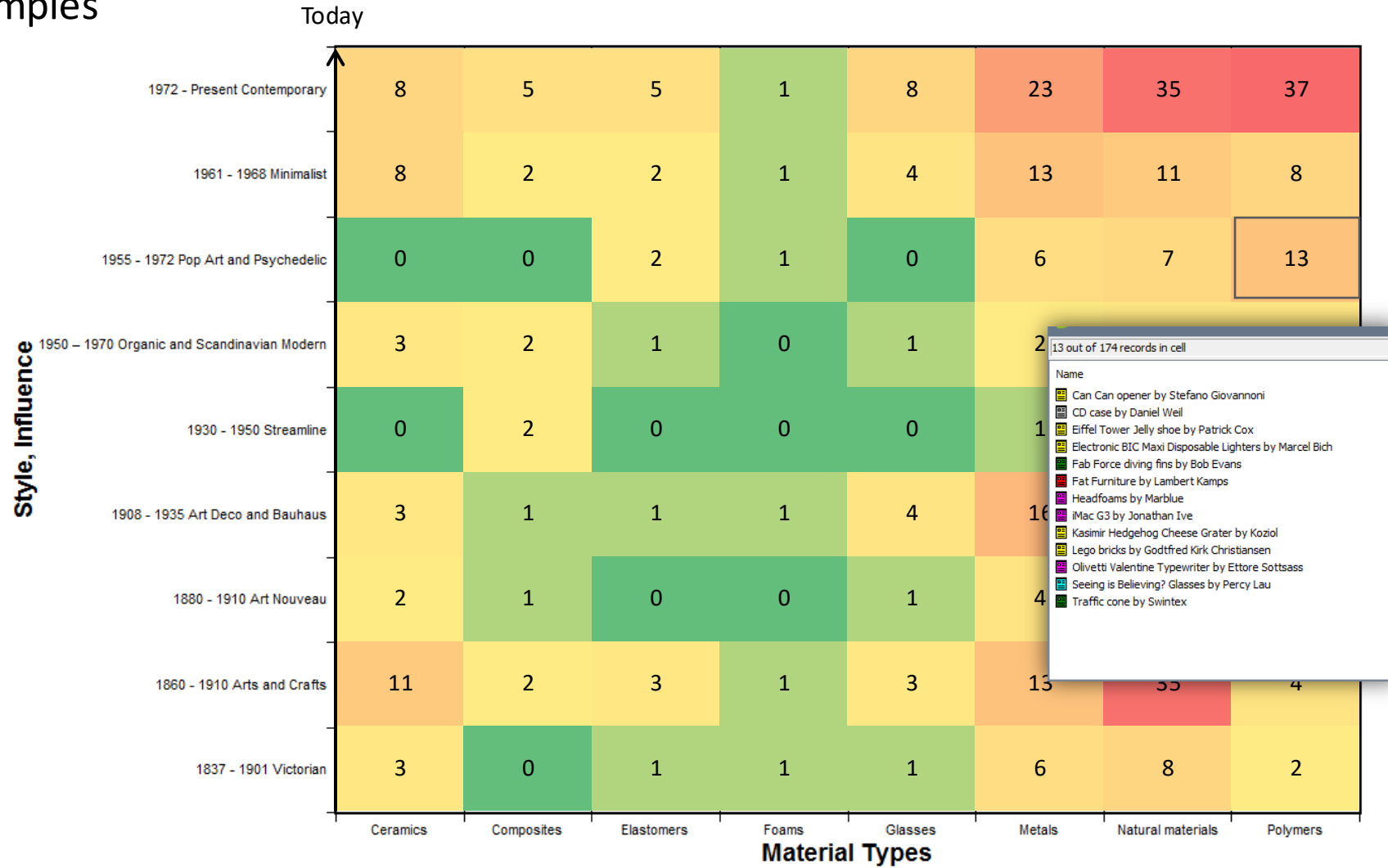


Making advanced product chart – combining stages

The image shows a screenshot of the Ansys software interface, specifically the 'Chart Stage' and 'Set Axis' dialog boxes. The main window displays a project selection screen with a list of materials and a 'Chart/Index' button highlighted in orange. An orange arrow points from this button to the 'Chart Stage' dialog box. Inside the 'Chart Stage' dialog, the 'X-Axis' tab is active, and the 'Advanced...' button next to the 'Category' dropdown is highlighted in orange. Another orange arrow points from this button to the 'Set Axis' dialog box. The 'Set Axis' dialog shows a tree view of the 'MaterialUniverse' with categories like 'Ceramics and glasses', 'Hybrids: composites, foams, natural materials', 'Metals and alloys', and 'Polymers and elastomers'. The 'MaterialUniverse' category is expanded, and the 'Insert' button is visible. The 'Set Axis' dialog also includes a 'Preview' window and a 'Choose and insert records from the MaterialUniverse tree. The chosen records will pass the selection.' instruction.

Examples of Product Charts

Examples



Other charts – products over time

Examples



New materials and processes enable new designs

Ash, Iron,
Sawn, forged
1862



Mild steel
Rolled, brazed
1900



Aluminum,
Heat treated
1983



Plastic,
Molded
1983

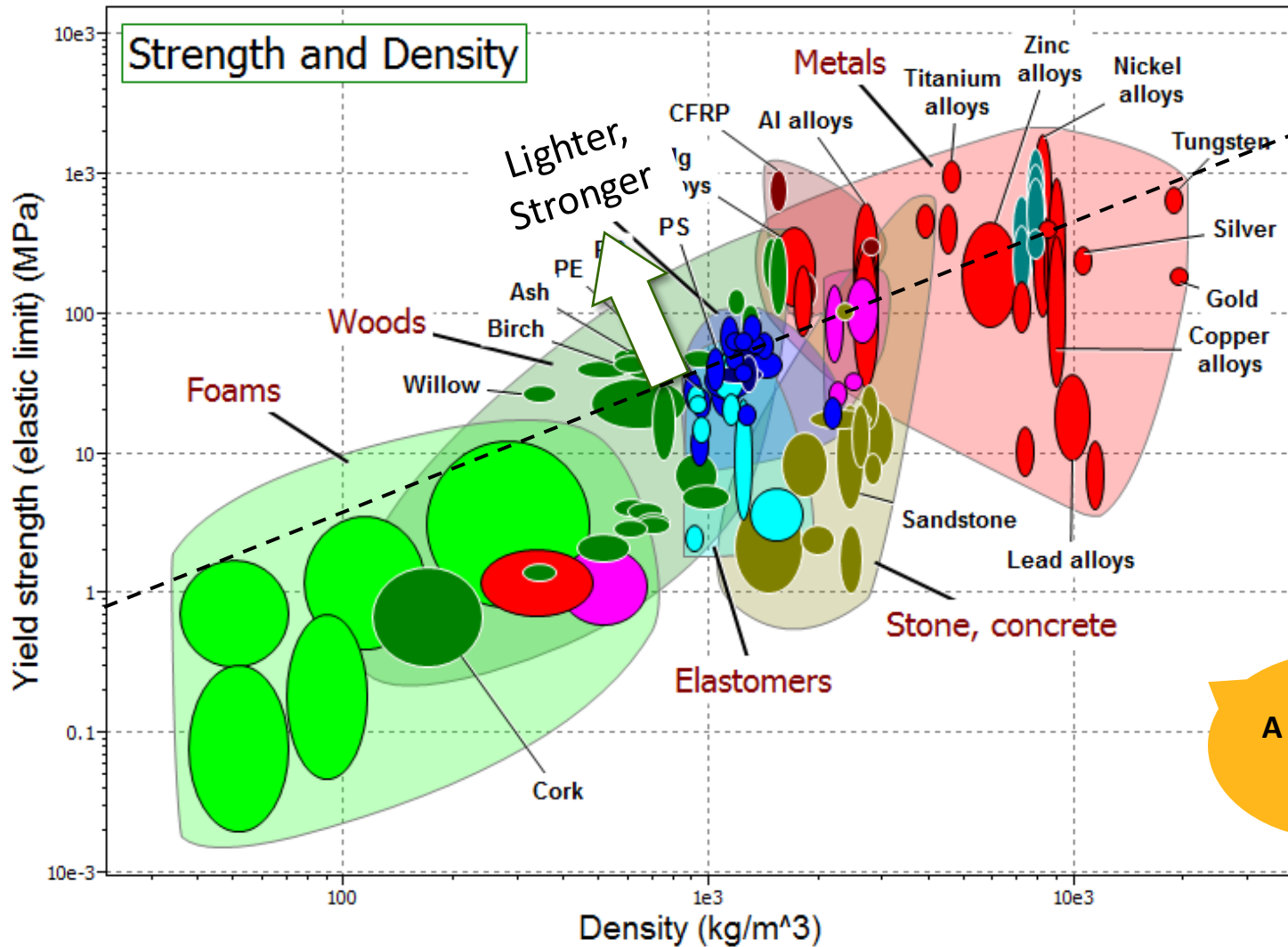


Magnesium,
Die cast
1986



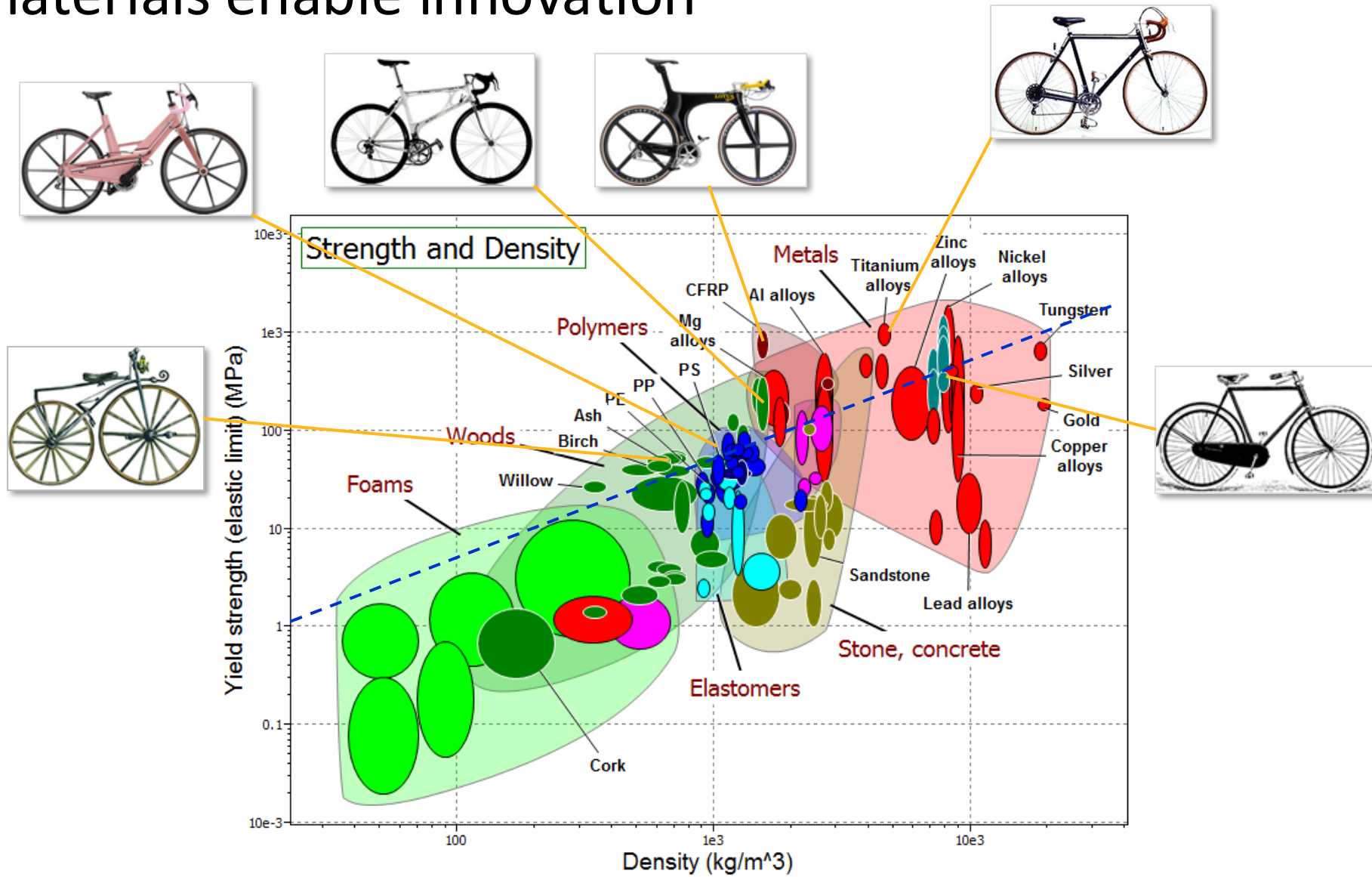
Carbon,
Lay-up
1992

Chart / Select on material properties



A materials chart

New materials enable innovation



Materials influence both style and shape

Chair

- ▷ Designers (8)
- ▷ Manufacturers (2)
- ▷ Materials (7)
- ▷ Processes (2)
- ▷ Products (21)

- Tom-Vac chair stacking chair by Ron Arad
- Chair Electron by Konstantin Achkov
- Owl Chair by Satoshi Itasaka
- Pack chair by Françoise Azambourg
- Layer Chair by Jorrit Taekema
- Loop Chair by Willy Guhl
- Voido chair by Ron Arad
- Sling Chair by Joe Doucet
- Gaudi Chair by Bram Geenen
- Chair n° 14 by Michael Thonet
- Well Tempered Chair by Ron Arad
- Miss Blanche chair by Shiro Kurumata
- Customized Harry Bertoia Wire Chair by Darlene Molnar
- Kartell Louis Ghost Chair by Philippe Starck
- Barcelona chair by Mies van der Rohe
- Nasa Chair by Kaleb J Cardenas Z
- Fantastic Plastic Elastic chair by Ron Arad
- Power Play Chair and Ottoman by Frank Gehry

One product,
different materials

Beech
craftsmanship,
quality



Polyethylene
exuberant,
pop-art



Cardboard
gentle



Carbon fiber
space-age

Materials and product character

Lamp

- ▷ Designers (2)
- ▷ Manufacturers (1)
- ▷ Materials (9)
- ▷ Processes (2)
- ▷ Products (10)

- Labo Lamp by Something.
- Iris Lamp by Lighttexture
- Amonita Lamp by Hugo Ribeiro
- Task Lamp by Owen Read
- Artichoke Lamp by Louis Poulsen
- (De)Light Lamp by Cristina Ferraz
- Cork Lamp by Goncalo Lozano for Casal Vadio
- Cell Desk Lamp by Cameron Fry & Pete Jones for Liqui Design
- Bullet Lamp by I. Bar-On & O. Webman
- Lampalumina by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec

Another product search, different materials

Ceramic
cold, technical



Glass clinical

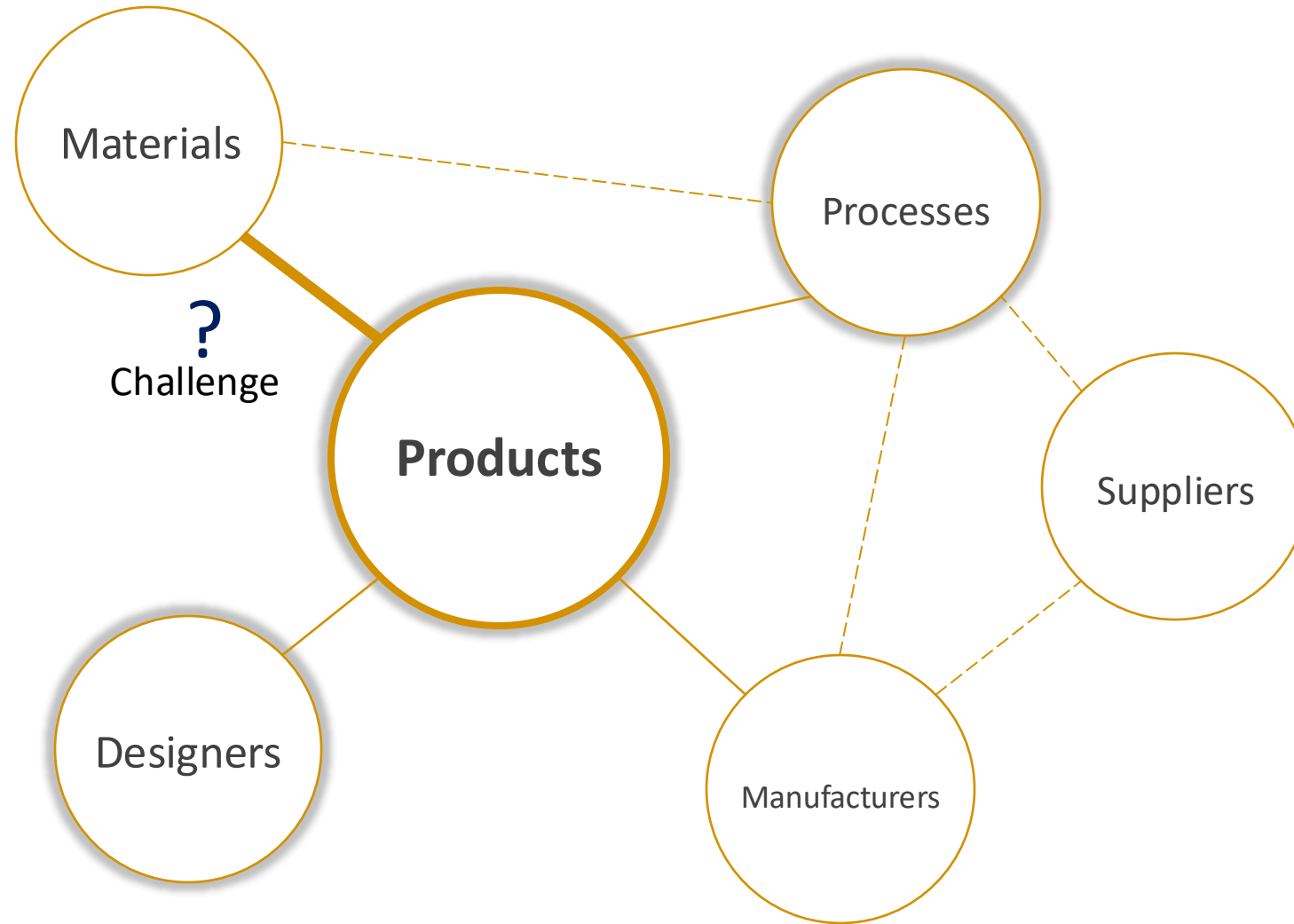


Wood
stylish, crafted

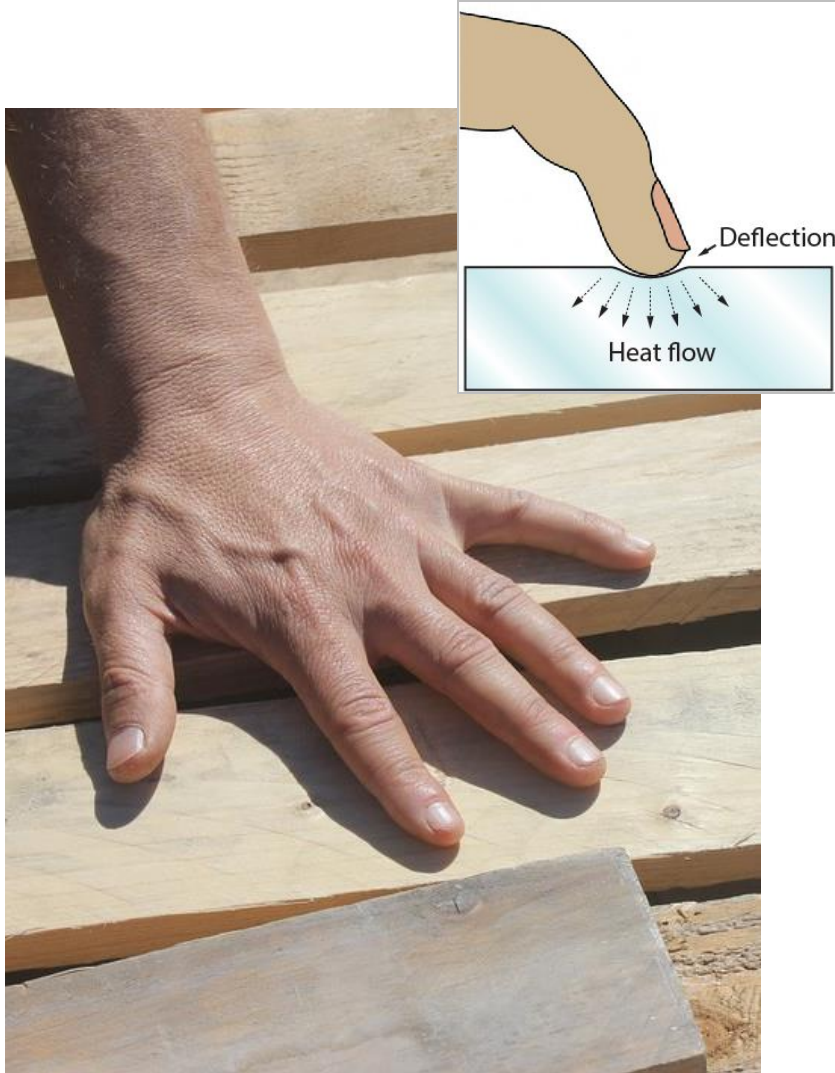


Steel
engineered

The Structure

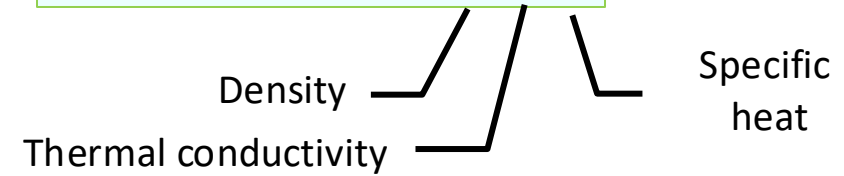


Aesthetic properties



Warm / Cold

$$\text{Heat drain } Q = \sqrt{\rho \lambda C_p}$$

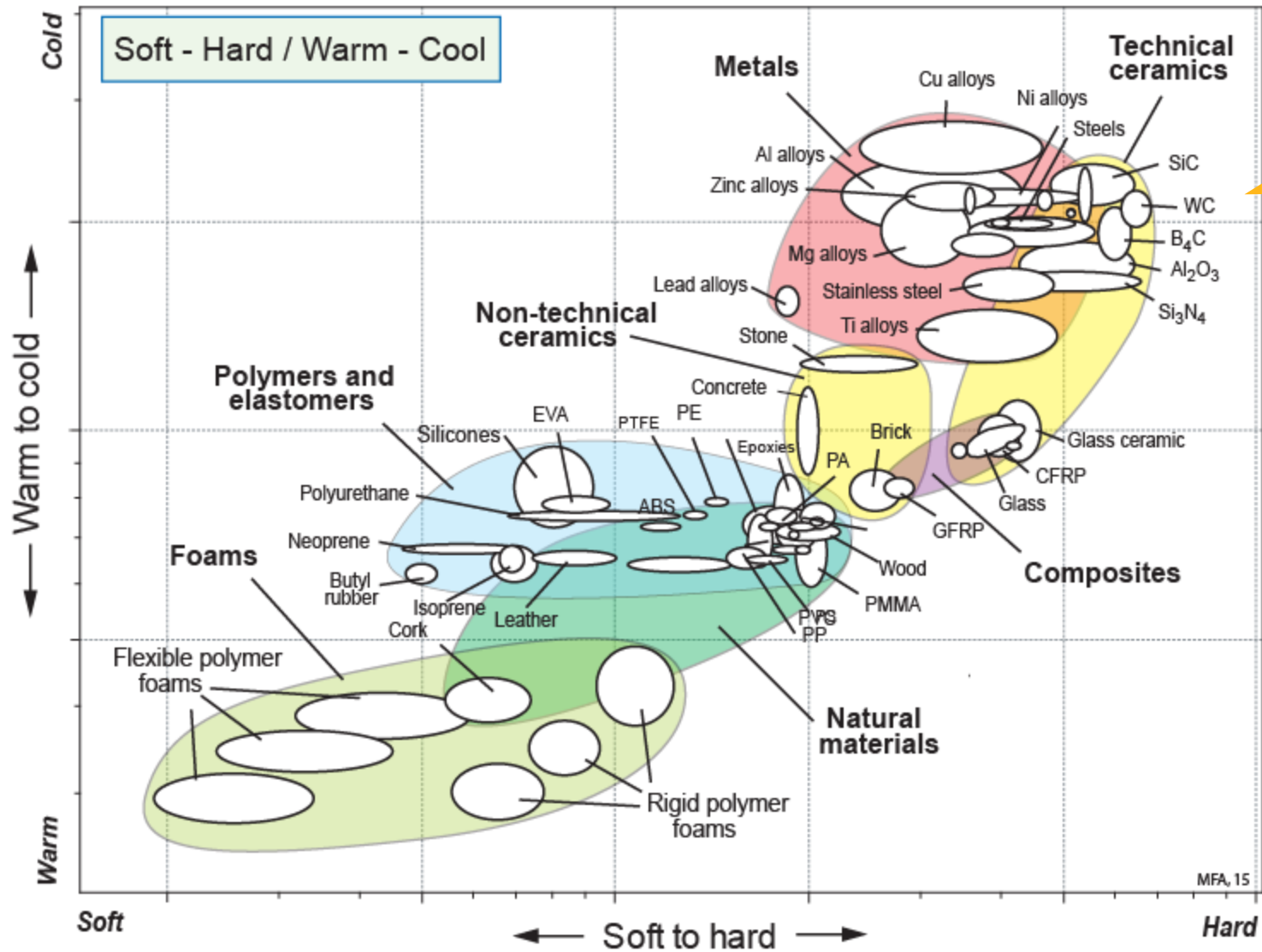


Soft / Hard

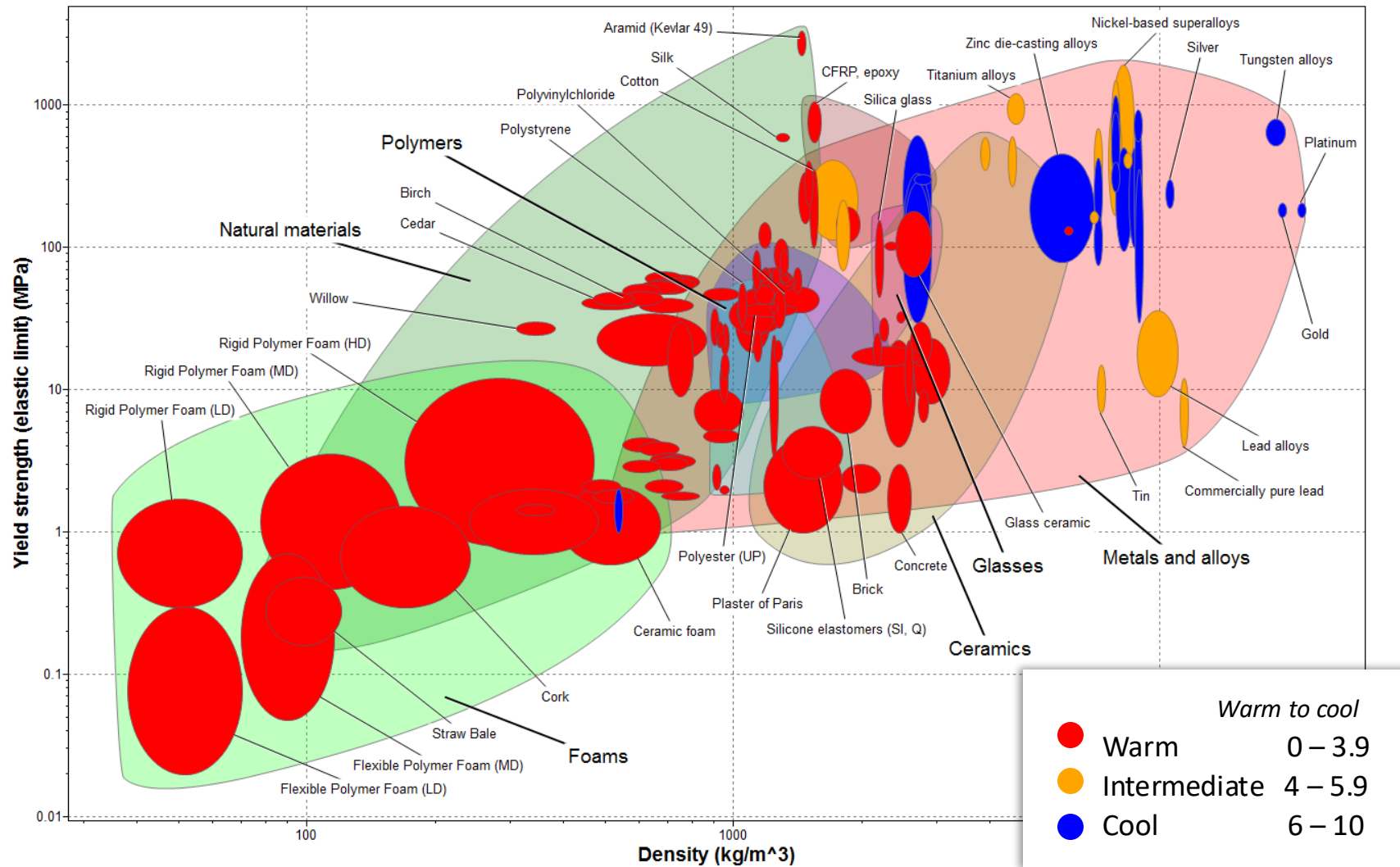
$$\text{Soft/Hard } S = \sqrt{E H}$$



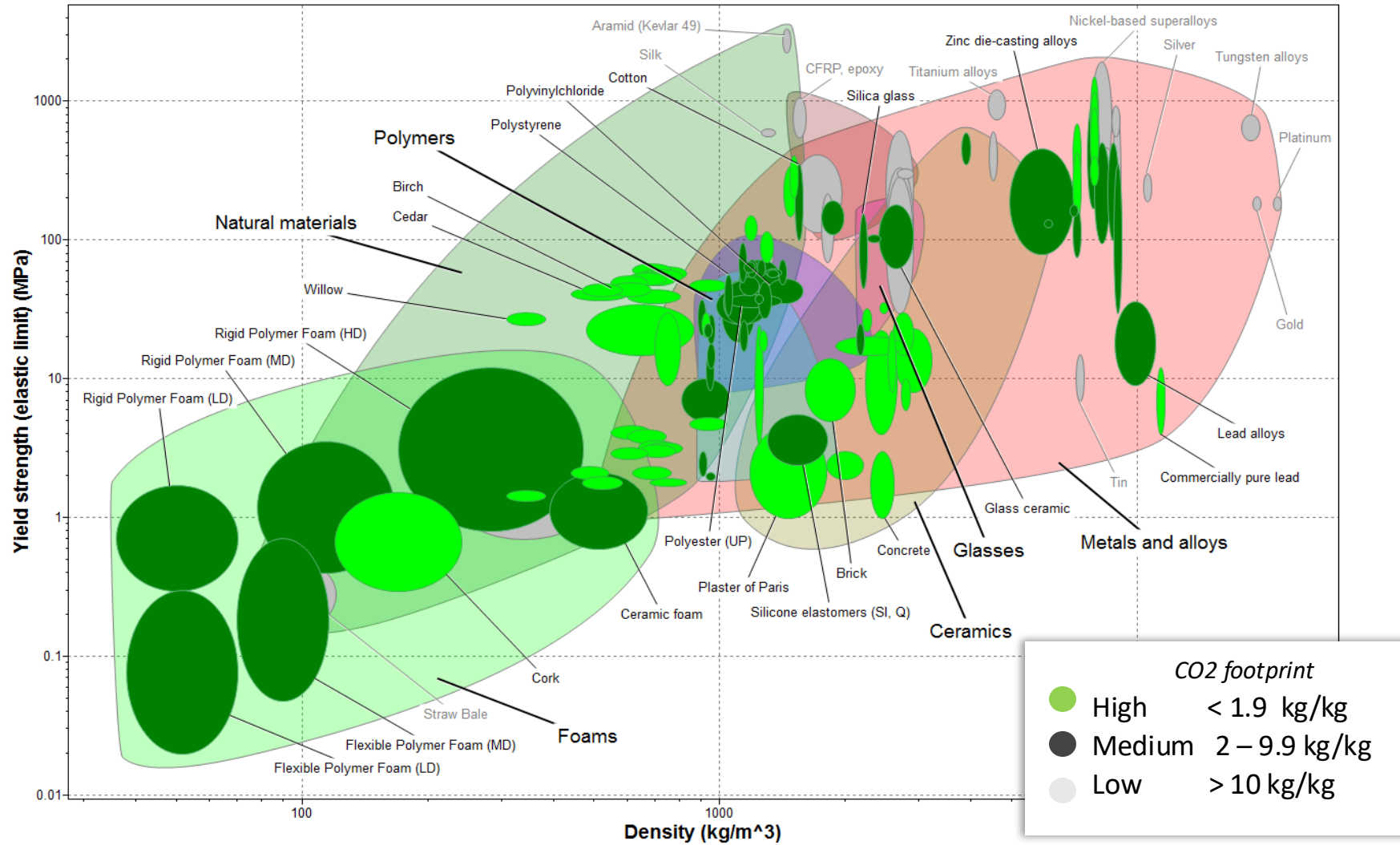
Aesthetic properties



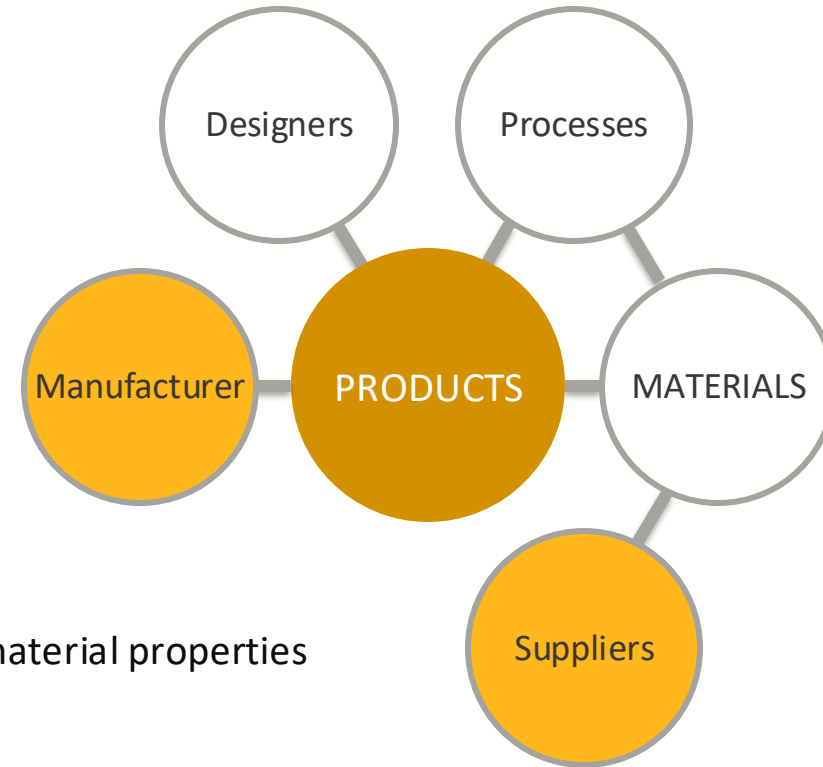
Aesthetic properties - Example Warm / Cool



Example eco materials

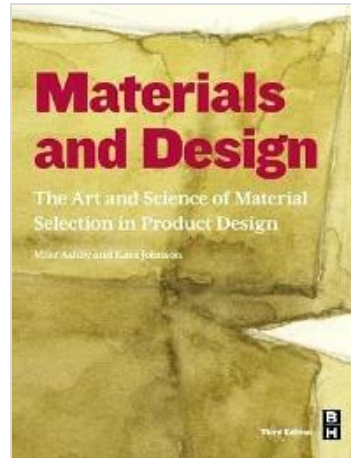


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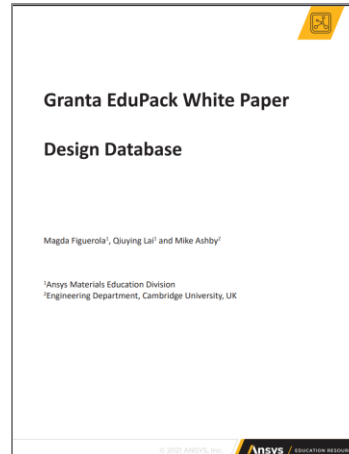


- The Design resources open a window on the role of material properties and manufacturing processes in product design.
- Highlights the interaction between products, materials and processes and their role in creating style, product character, performance etc.
- Suggests how a deeper understanding of products can enable innovation and inspire greater design.

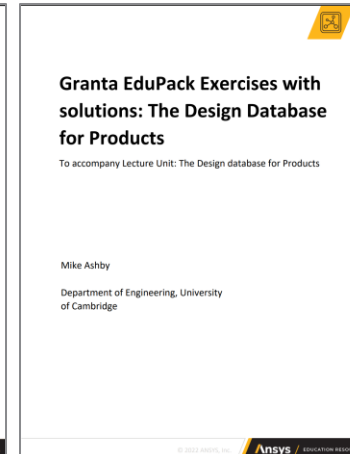
Further resources



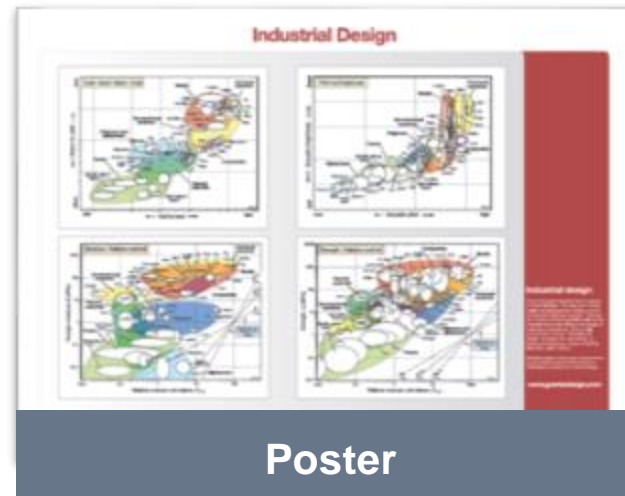
Textbook



White Paper



Exercises



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