

Re: Shrinking Earth

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In article <Xns97177C8C84CDzsp@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, azen@xxxxxxxx (Al Zenner) wrote:

> alan@xx (Alan) wrote in
> news:memo.20051123154500.496a@xx:
>
>>> I don't need to learn from you. I learned all about stress-testing at
>>> college and have done some myself too.
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>>>> Read about Young's modulus and actually understand it in order to
>>>> keep from making overly generalized inane comments.
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>>> Hey, I have forgotten more about Young's modulus than you obviously
>>> ever learnt.
>
>>> Don't try to teach me stuff that I learnt back when I was 17.
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>> Let's put it another way. One of the qualifications I do have is in
>> Metallurgy.
>
> A pity, really, since you seem to have about as much of a grasp of the
> subject as Donald Duck has about geology.
>
>> When you have put a metal rod into a tensile-stress tester and loaded it
>> up until the rod breaks then you can lecture me about tensile testing.
>
> Here I qualify. Since you're going for a dicksized contest let me help
> you. It doesn't count unless at least once you made the test specimen,
> out of raw materials, with your own hands, as I did. Minor surface
> defects easily become locations for catastrophic failure.

Oh I agree.

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>> When you have put a metal rod into a hydraulic press and pressed it
>> sideways until it shears, then you can come talk to me about
>> shear-stress testing.
>
> Your description leaves a lot to be desired but I am qualified to comment
> on this as well. Do take notice that your personal requirements

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> defining qualification leave me underwhelmed.

Well only somebody like you would try to condense a whole course of study into one newsgroup post.

>> When you have taken a metal rod and crushed it in an hydraulic press

>> then you can give me lectures regarding that too.

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> Oh give it up already, I am far more qualified than you dare to think

> you might be.

Yawn

> I am assuming you took readings during testing with calibrated

> instruments because the effort is worthless without them.

No, I got a pair of pliers each end and pulled and measured with a piece of string. That, in case you fail to recognise it, is sarcasm.

>> And while you try to teach me about Young's modulus, shall we also talk

>> about The Principle of Moments around a point, or did you think that was

>> just the name of a Robert Plant record?

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> Would you become completely self correcting. Now that you've mentioned

> "point" which is actually a region rather than a point for the purposes

> we're actually discussing, let's review one of your recent mistakes.

> Here's what you wrote:

A "region" is nothing more than numerous "points".

> "Its internal crystalline structure has irrevocably broken down. It is

> effectively a different material."

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> That, in scientific terms, is only correct for the region of failure. The

> entire structure hasn't necessarily failed, and in test samples, depending

> on the type of material in the sample. It is rare that the entire specimen

> fails. And of course that is also true of rock formations in nature.

Oh sorry, shall I spend all night explaining how a rock can consist of numerous different minerals, each with their own point of failure? The above statement is also true in design and construction terms. Any machine, or building will fail at its weakest point. If you have a six foot bar and it is broken in half, it no longer functions as a six foot bar and it has "failed". Of course, you could use it as two three foot bars instead, but if you really needed a six foot bar it is a total failure. And a rock will break at its weakest point. Ask any stonemason.

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> What was my complaint that you once again didn't think about before

> spewing?

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- > "Read about Young's modulus and actually understand it in order to
- > keep from making overly generalized inane comments."
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- > When the "weakest link" fails catastrophically (that's you) the pressure
- > is relieved. However, if you actually understood compression failure and
- > the mathematics involved I'd suggest you take a look at simple train
- > derailments and the usual arrangement of the railway cars when the whole
- > mess comes to rest.

Well are you now going to tell me about trains? Oh let me see now; who do you think trained me as an engineer. Shall I tell you a couple of safety points regarding train travel? Always sit in the middle of the train, with your back to the direction of motion and behind any internal glass partitions. And if there are overheads cables don't sit in the vehicle with the pantograph on. And those underground trains with a third rail system, they are usually running at around 600 Volts DC which is why they spark like that, and if you become attached to a DC circuit it is one hell of a bitch getting off again because there is no null point voltage. It burns like hell and hurts like you can't imagine.

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- > And the following was a particularly nice example of yet another
- > generalized inane comment.
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- >> And for example steel; I bet you think of steel as pure metal; its not;
- >> it is an alloy of iron and carbon, which actually makes steel a carbon
- >> compound with a distinct crystalline structure.
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- > Steel is not a "compound" but you are correct in calling it an alloy. If
- > you look carefully, depending on the particular alloy, you can actually
- > see the carbon as a discrete component, which cannot be independently
- > seen visually in a compound. See how you run off at the mouth/keyboard
- > and make inane generalizations!

Steel is an alloy if you are an engineer, and if you are a chemist it is a compound. As this is a geology newsgroup I took the point of view that I should use the scientific term. See how you run off at the mouth/keyboard and make inane generalizations!

- > Consider also that for many materials more than one crystalline sequence
- > is available.
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- >> Now do go away and stop being so irksome.
- >
- > You have a lot of people to kill before you can become king of usenet.
- > It isn't that any sensible person wants the post, but a lot of folks
- > wouldn't stand for that title being yours.

Hey, shall I go and get a few friends of mine from the newsgroup alt.usenet.kooks? I am sure we could fix you up with some kind of an award?

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- >> I am trying to think of ways to speed up the process of impeaching
- >> Tony Bliar, the Right Honourable Member of Parliament for Texas North".
- >> Please see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Blair
- >
- > It is obvious to all sane readers in this newsgroup that you're bound to
- > have much better success in political persuits than you can ever hope to
- > achieve in science or engineering. Politics embraces windbags, after all.

Hey, I just kinda got married into a political family, but I learned quick, and I'm the one who came through it still alive.

- >> Haven't you got some turkey to eat when your mother has cooked it, or
- >> something?
- >
- > My mother died at age 94 awhile back. I am doubtless old enough to be
- > your grandfather and I have the sort of knowledge gained through education
- > and life experience that a little snot such as yourself can never hope to
- > acquire because you're so busy bragging that you never take the time to
- > listen let alone contemplate.

Hey, guess what? My wife died a while ago too. You know what else? Once you have somebody resorting to name-calling, you know that you have won. I had a conversation on the phone with a New York lawyer one time and it only took about two minutes for him to start swearing. Hey, talk about laugh. He is the main reason I called one of my web-pages "This is America" yaknow? I do hope he likes it. LMAO

- > Better to eat a turkey I cook than to have one's goose cooked as you
- > seem to do regularly.

I had some rather juicy pork sausages myself.

- > Do you actually like being spanked like this?

Hey, as it says in my sig-line, I'm quite happy and having such fun. You kinda have to give people a little rope to play with and then wait a while to close the noose, and he who laughs last always laughs the loudest.

Alan

"Can't you see we're still here,
Can't you see we're still here,
Singing loud; Singing clear,
We shall not go under,
We're still here."

Nemesis Peace Centre

<http://www.veloceraotor.free-online.co.uk/protector.html>

Abuse of Women and Children

<http://theoriginalfirebird.blogspot.com/>

Nemesis News

<http://lordcerneabbas.blogspot.com/>

Absolute Anarchy

<http://lordcerneabbastoo.blogspot.com/>

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