

# 3.032 Mechanical Behavior of Materials

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## Hardness testing: Estimates of yield strength

$$\text{Hardness} = H = \text{Load}/\text{Area} = P / A_{c, \text{projected}}$$

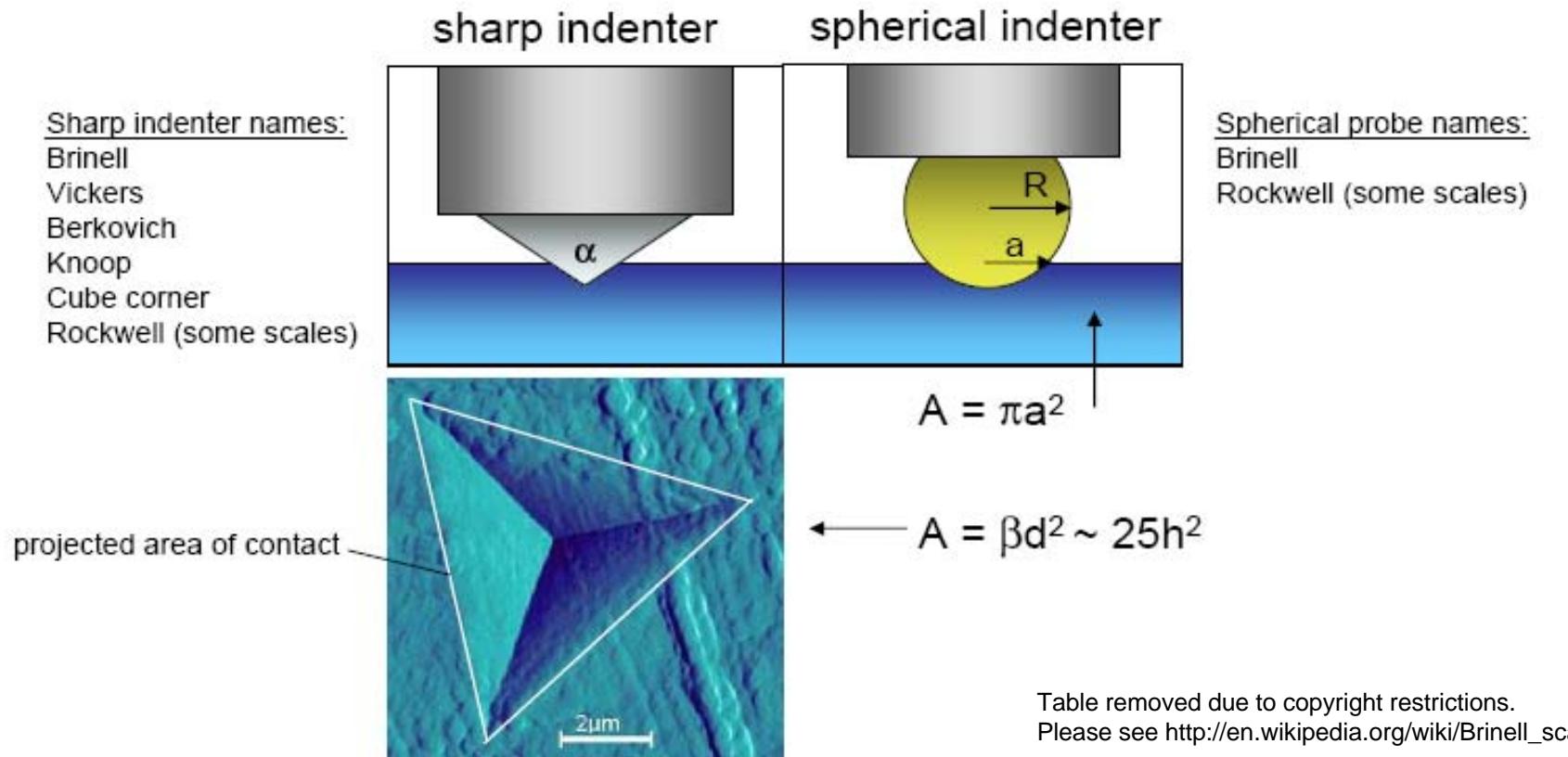


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## Instrumented Indentation: Estimates of elastic modulus and yield strength

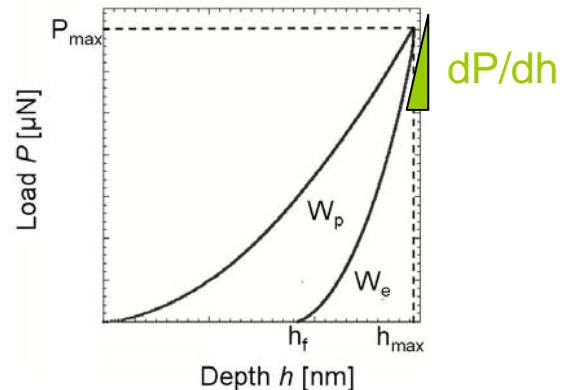
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### Analysis



$$E_r = \beta \frac{dP/dh|_{P_{\max}}}{(A_{\max})^{1/2}} = \left[ \frac{1 - \nu_i^2}{E_i} + \frac{1 - \nu_s^2}{E_s} \right]^{-1}$$