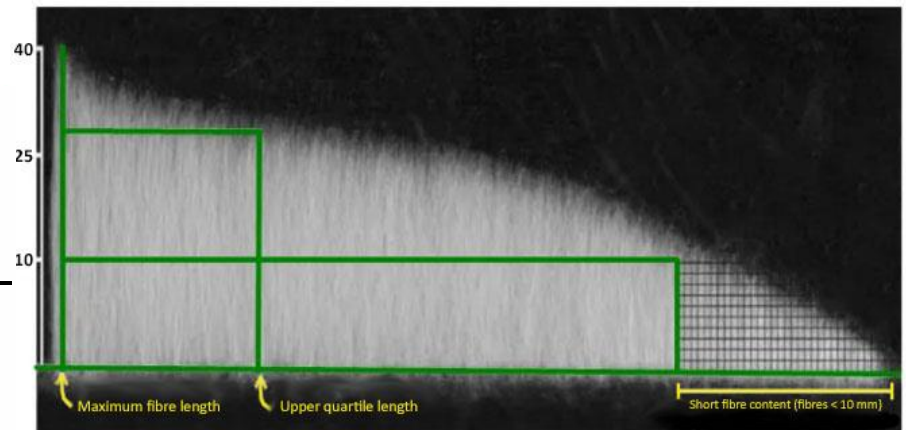
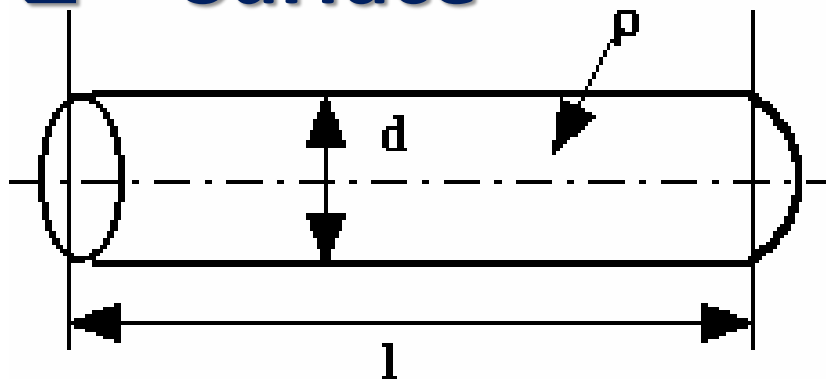
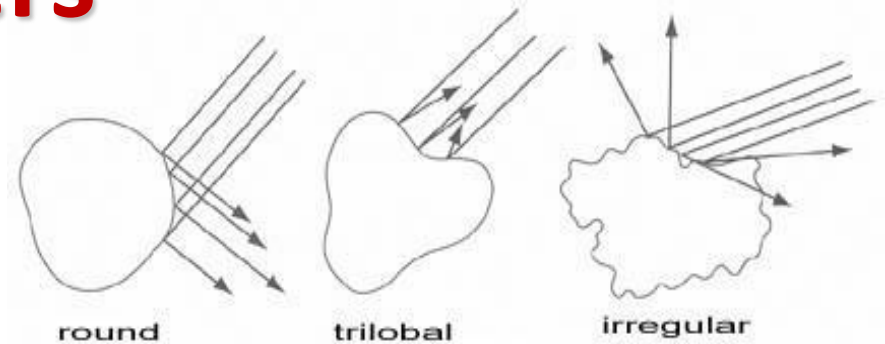


# Geometry of fibers

- ❑ Fiber length
- ❑ Fineness
- ❑ Cross-section
- ❑ Surface





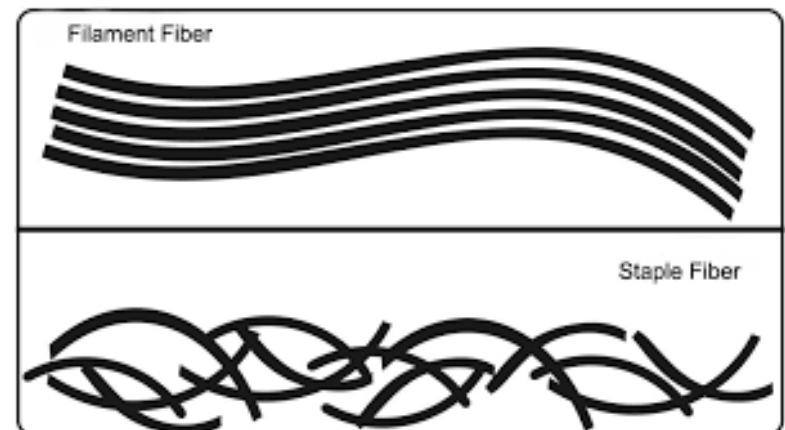
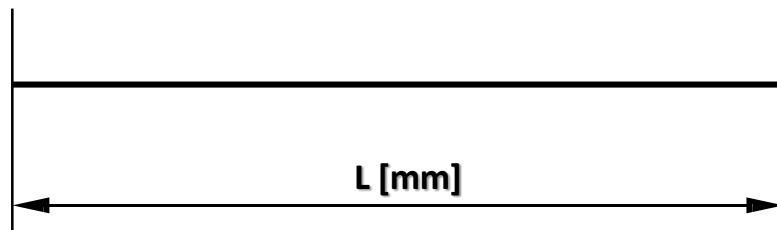
# Length of fibers

Range between the ends of straightened fibers  
without undulation and strain

## STAPLE FIBERS – high variability

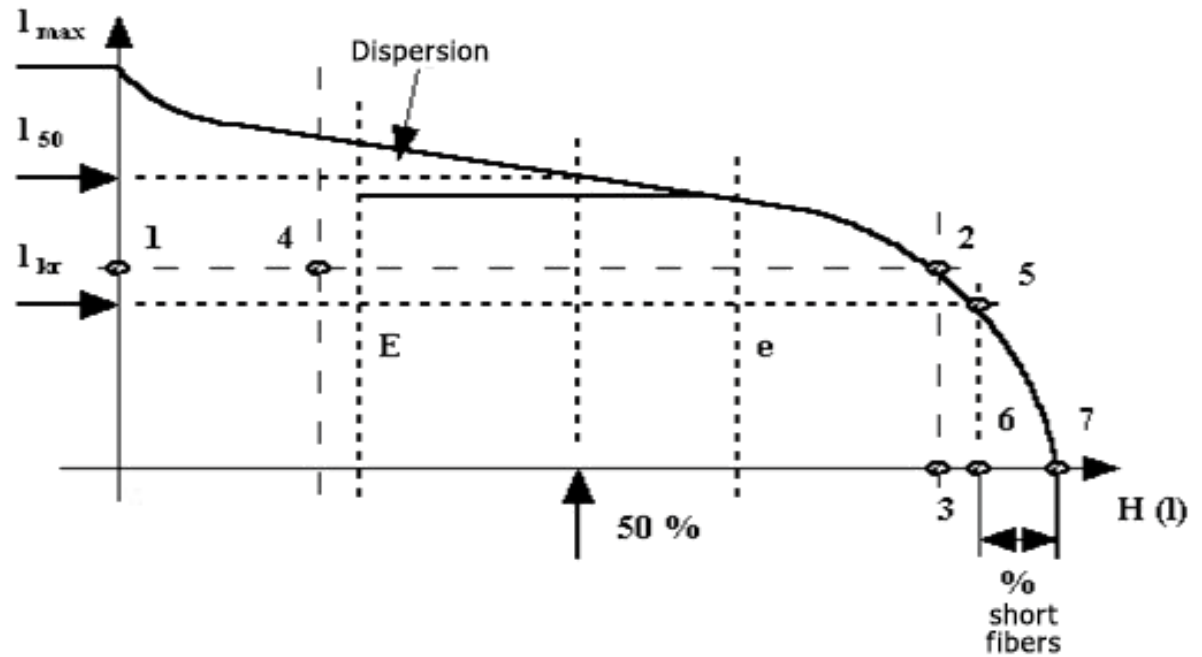
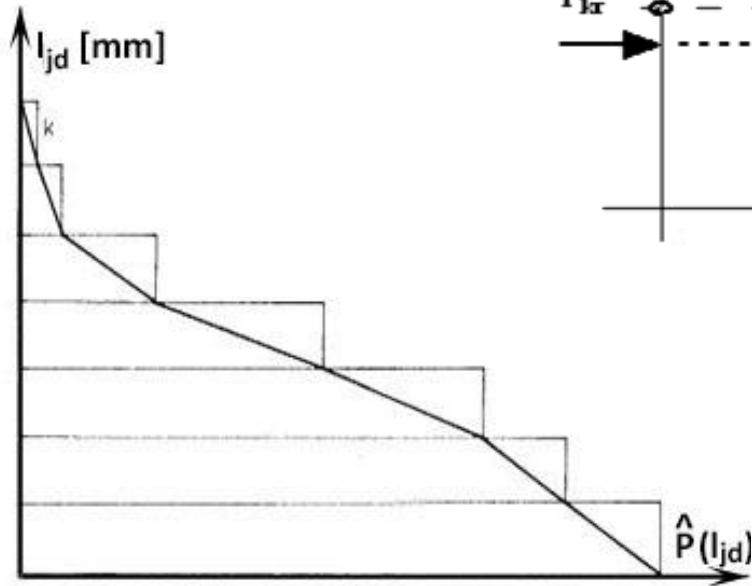
Typical for natural fibers

Staple diagram – **STAPL**



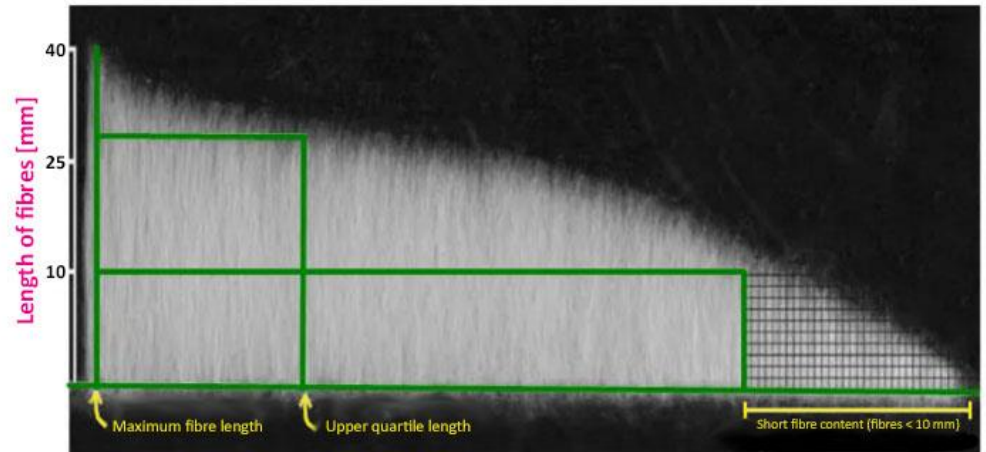


# Staple diagram



$$P(l) = - \int_{l_{max}}^l f(l) dl =$$

$$= 1 - \int_0^l f(l) dl = 1 - F(l)$$





# Methods of length measurement

## Direct methods

measurement of individual fibers

## Indirect methods

analysis through categorized fiber mass  
optical methods

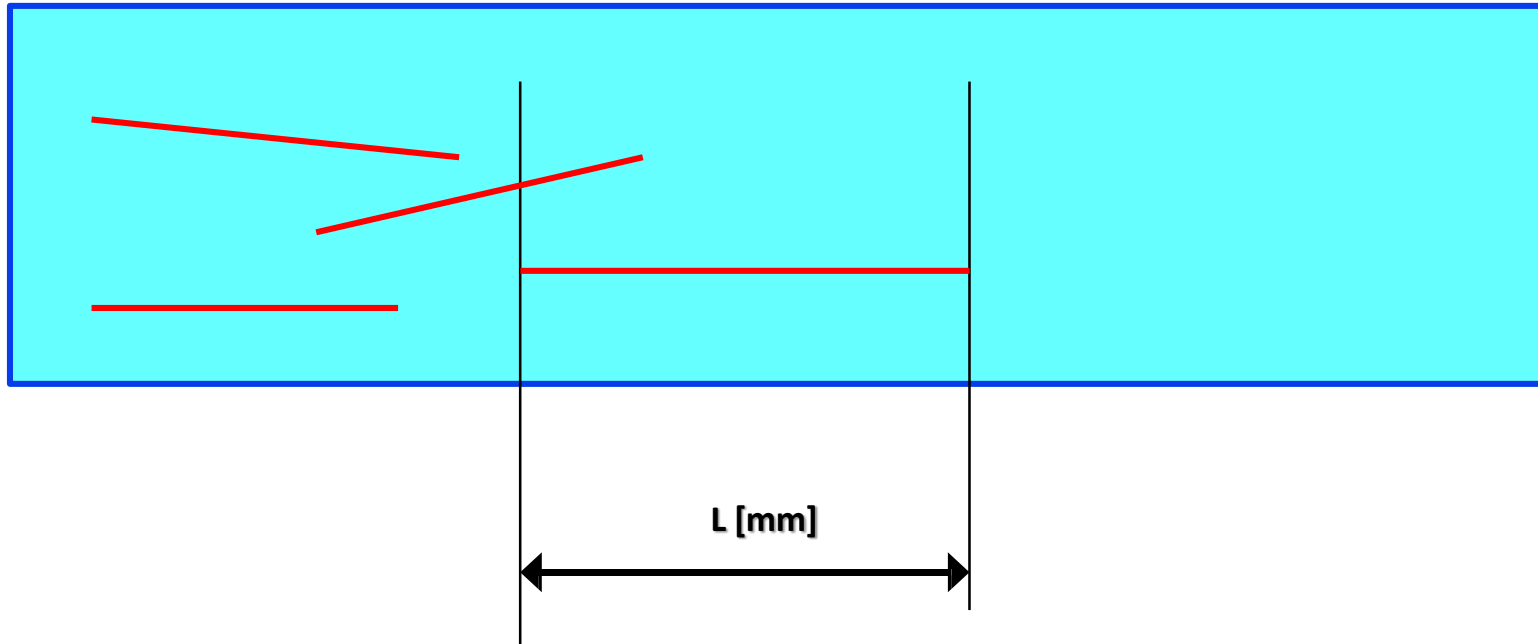
## Staple diagram - Fibrogram

light scattering trough tuft fibers



# Direct measurement I.

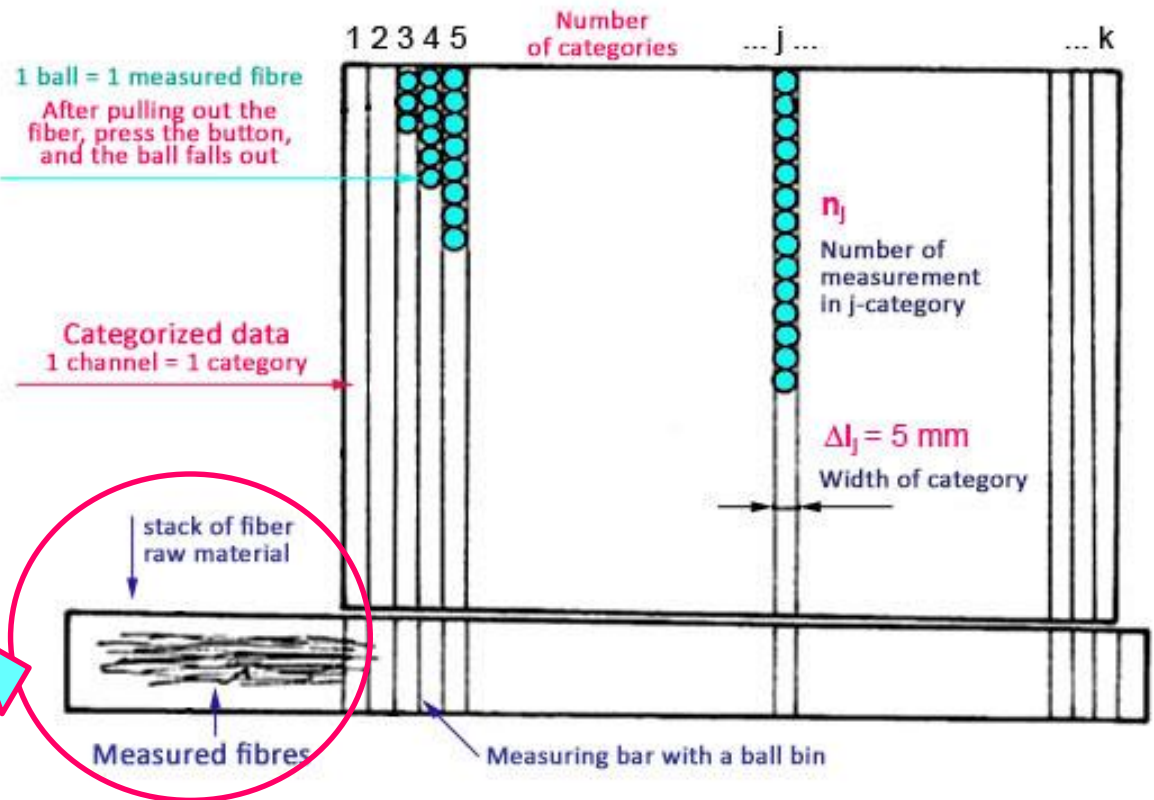
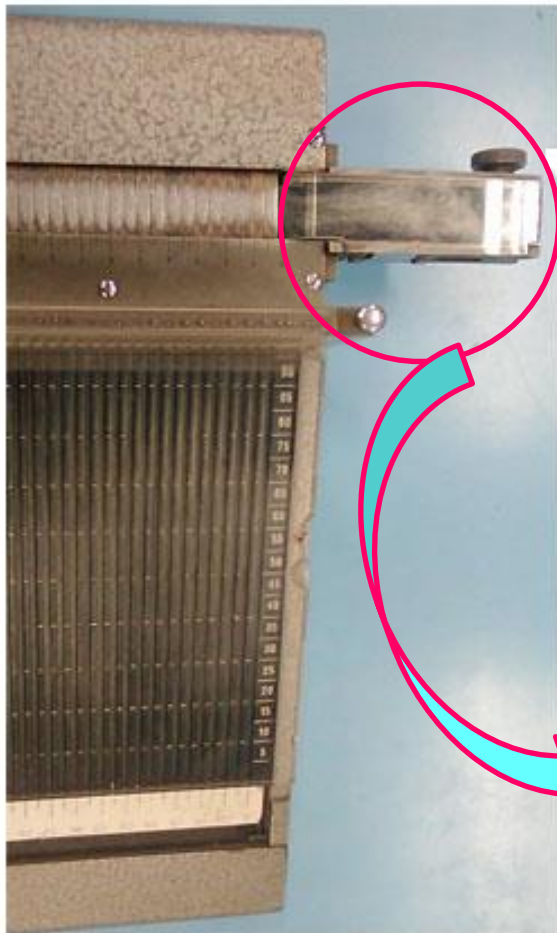
Use of glass plate





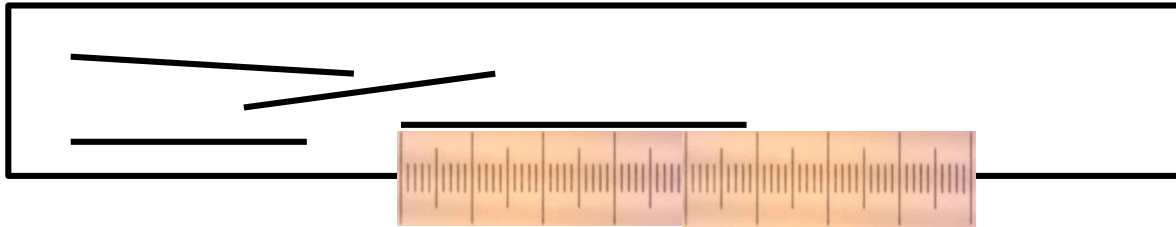
# Direct measurement II.

Use of ball sorter





# Direct measurement III.



Absolute frequency **n**  
 $n = \sum n_j$

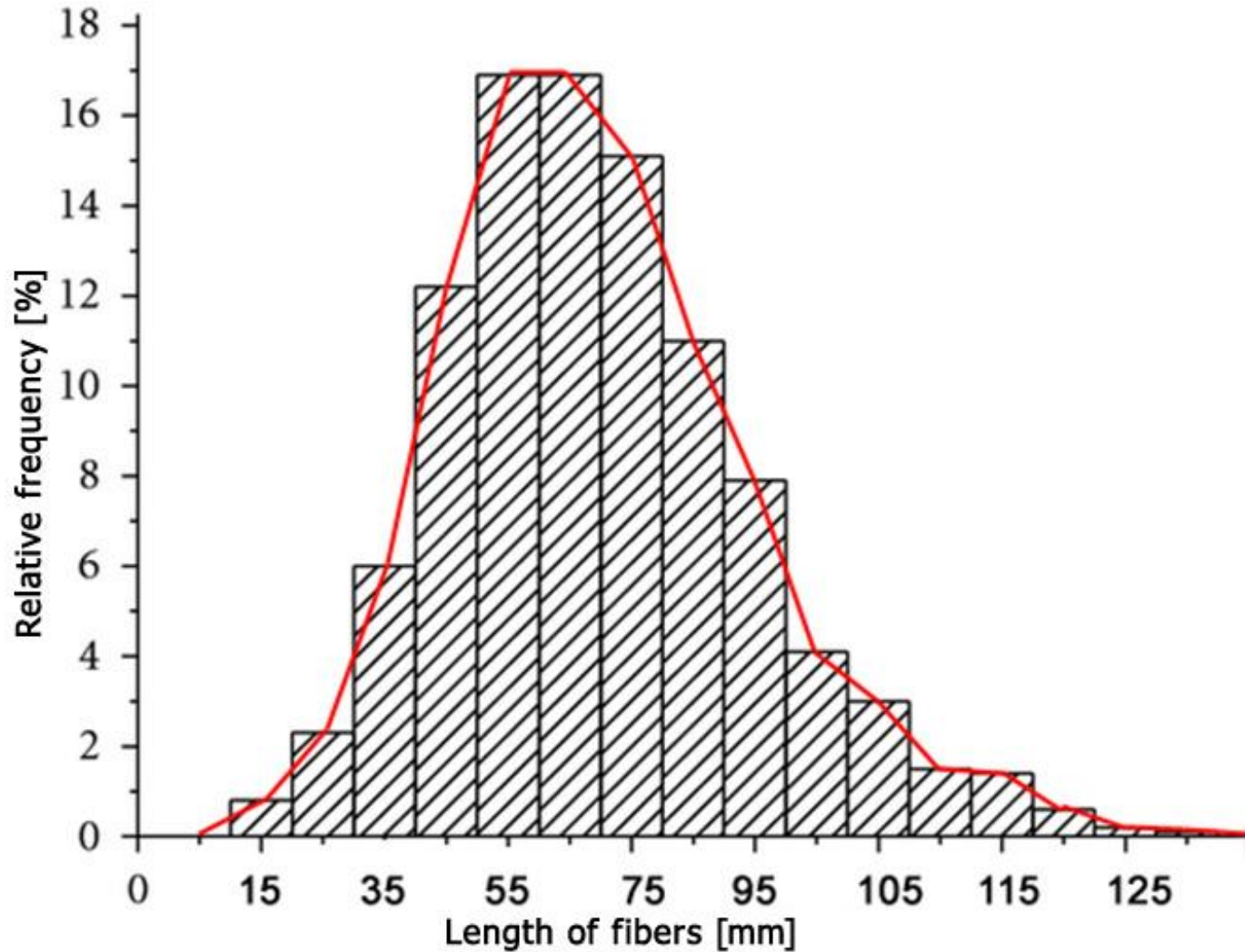
Relative frequency **f**  
 $f_j = (n_j / n) * 100$

j	$l_{jd} - l_{jh}$ [mm]	$l_j$ [mm]	Number of measurement	$n_j$	$f_j$ [%]
1	10-20	15		10	10
2	20-30	25		13	13
3	30-40	35		20	20
4	40-50	45		27	27
5	50-60	55		30	30
			Σ	100	100





# Histogram of fiber lengths

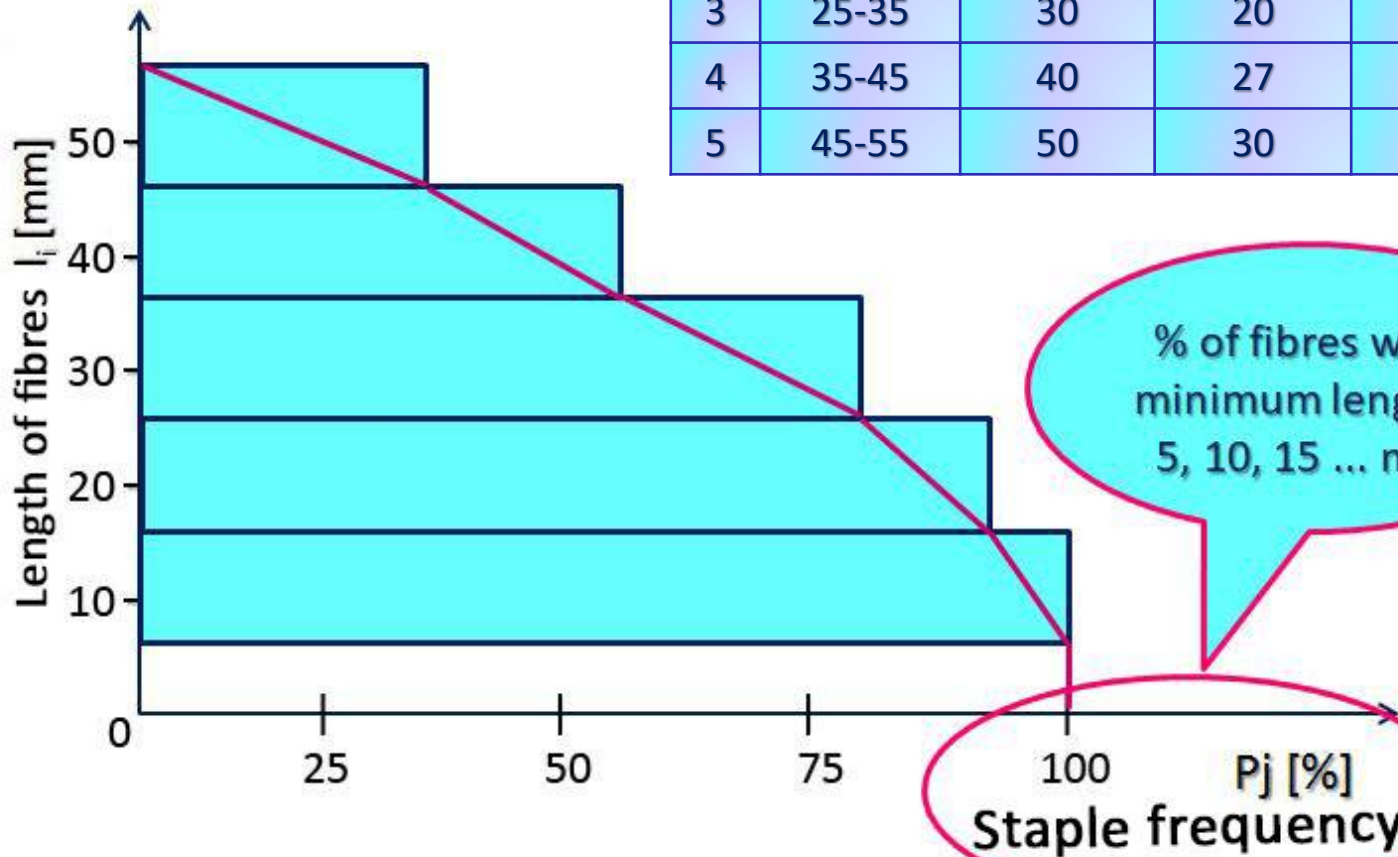






# Staple diagram

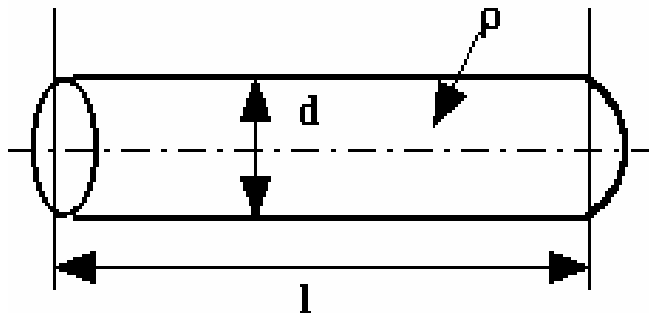
$j$	$l_{jd} - l_{jh}$ [mm]	$l_j$ [mm]	$n_j$	$f_j$	$P_j$
1	5-15	10	10	10	100
2	15-25	20	13	13	90
3	25-35	30	20	20	77
4	35-45	40	27	27	57
5	45-55	50	30	30	30





# Indirect methods

- ❑ Estimation from mass of fibers
- ❑ Presumption:
  - ❑ All fibers have same size of cross-section  $S$  [m<sup>2</sup>]
  - ❑ Volume density  $\rho$  [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] is constant
  - ❑ Mass of one fiber depends only on fiber length



$$m_v = S * \rho * l = k * l$$

$m_v$	⇒ fiber mass	[ kg ]
$S$	⇒ cross-section	[ m <sup>2</sup> ]
$\rho$	⇒ volume density	[ kg.m <sup>-3</sup> ]
$l$	⇒ fiber length	[ m ]

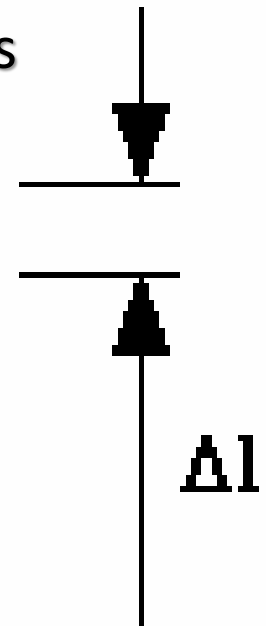
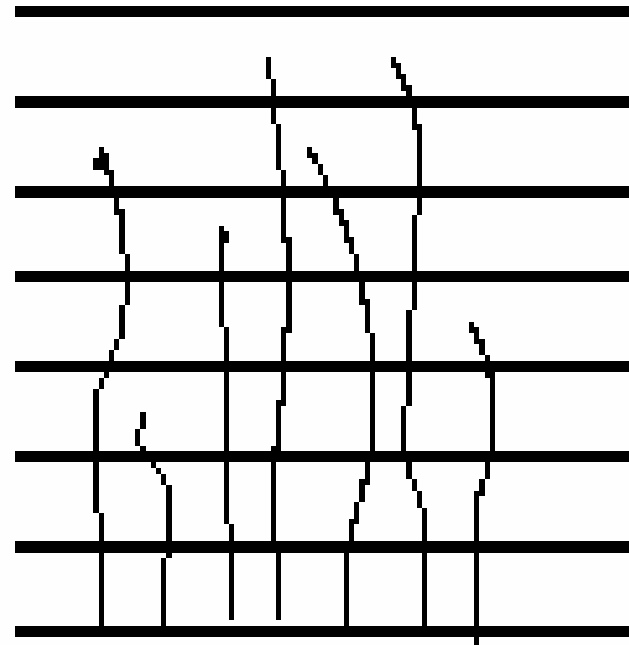
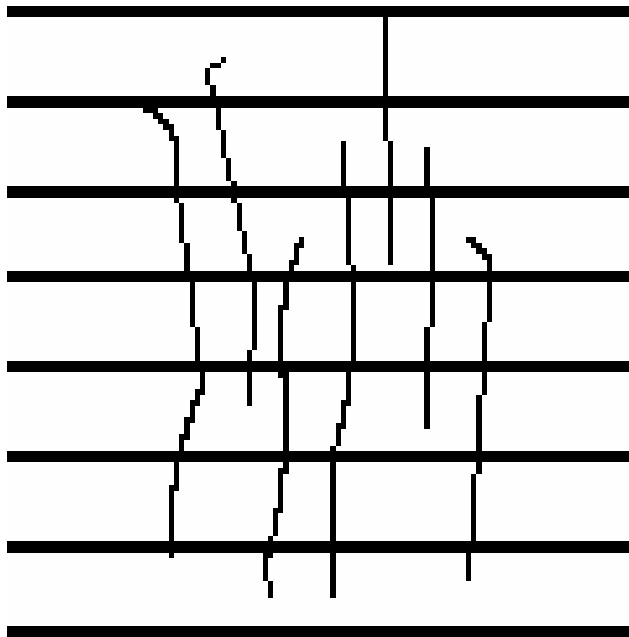




# Use of comb sorter

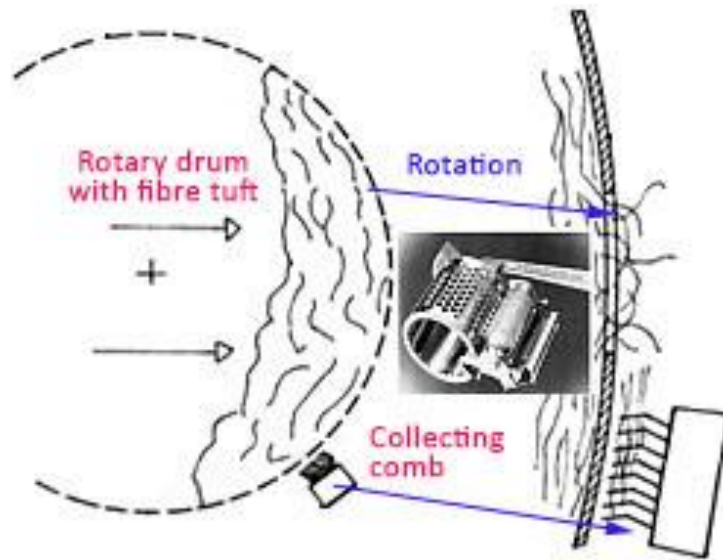
## □ Two comb sorters:

1. tuft of fibers are placed in first sorter
2. fibers are aligned on second from same basis

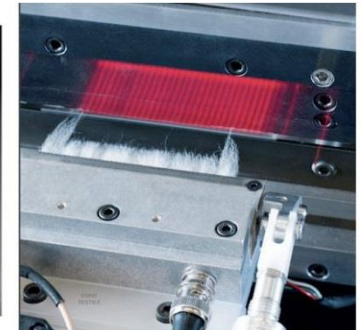
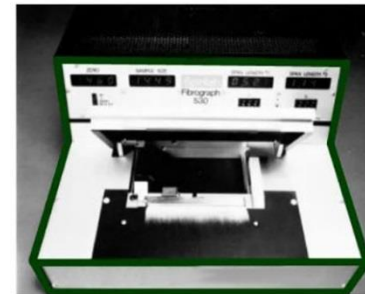
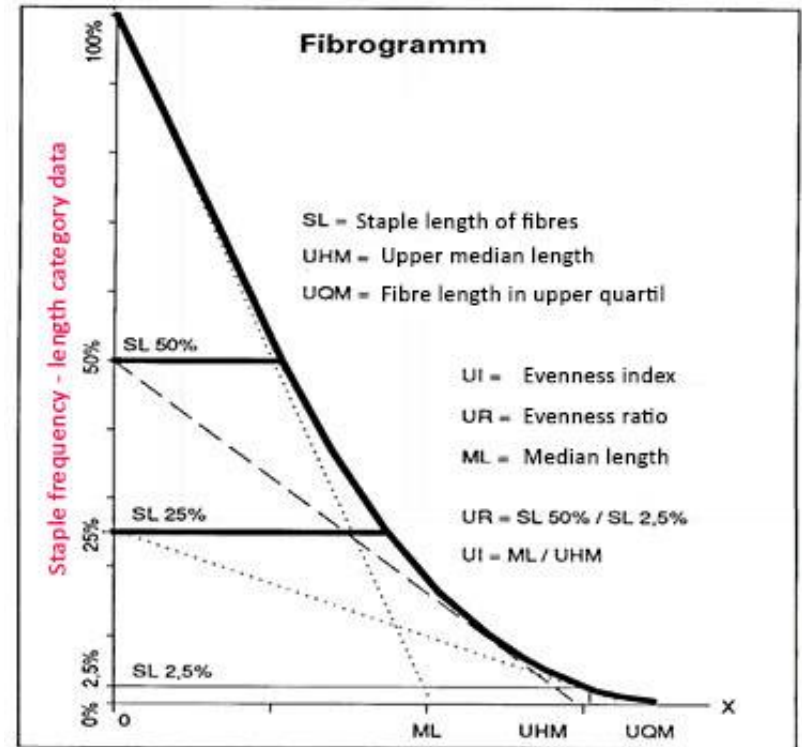
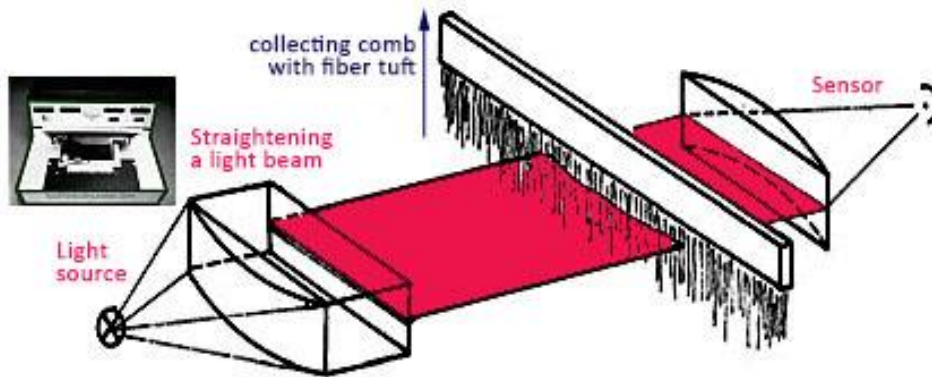




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# Fiber fineness

$$T_v = \frac{m [g]}{l [km]} \quad [tex]$$

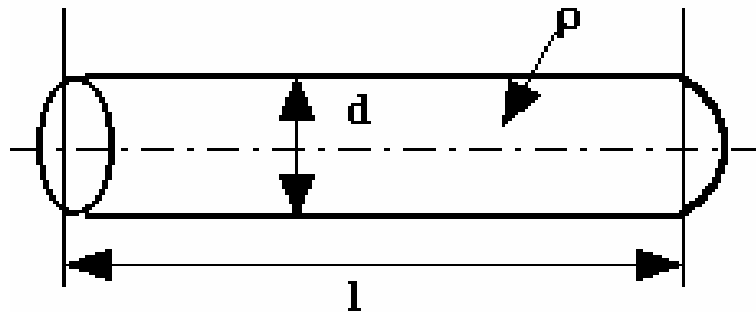
## Methods for fineness estimation:

- ❑ Optical microscope for measurement of circular fiber diameters or for analysis of fiber cross-section
- ❑ Gravimetric method **ISO 1973:1995**
- ❑ Vibration method Textile fibres — Determination of linear density — Gravimetric method and vibroscope method
- ❑ Airflow method





# Estimation from fiber diameter



$$\bar{T}_v = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (\bar{d})^2 \cdot \rho_{vk} \cdot K \text{ [tex]}$$

$d \Rightarrow$  diameter of fiber in [ $\mu\text{m}$ ] recalculated on [m]

$\rho_{vk} \Rightarrow$  volume density of fibers [ $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ ]

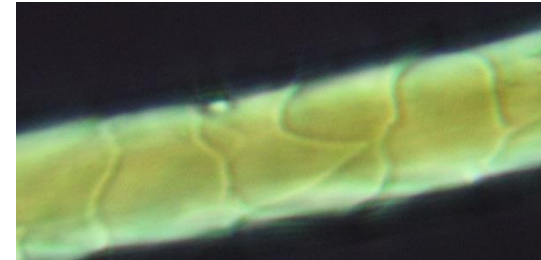
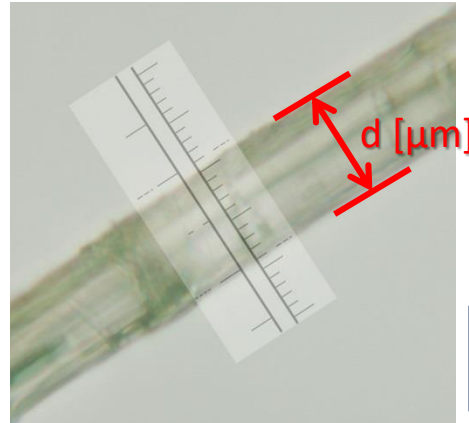
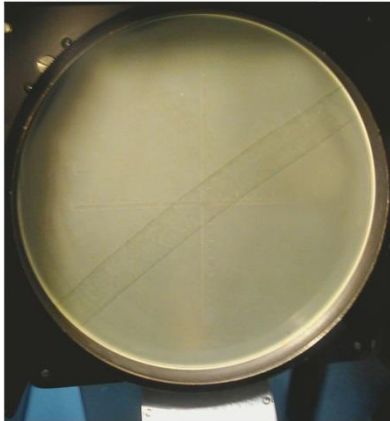
$l_v \Rightarrow$  fiber length[m]

$K \Rightarrow$  unit converter for [ $\text{tex} \approx \text{g}/\text{km}$ ] (here  $K = 10^6$ )

$T_v \Rightarrow$  range for fibers  $0,1 - 0,9 \text{ tex} = 1 - 9 \text{ dtex}!!!$



# Use of optical microscope



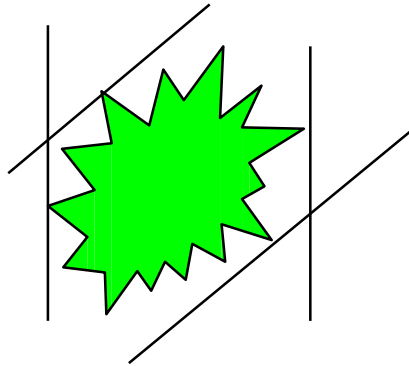
$n = \sum n_j = 100 \text{ measurement}$



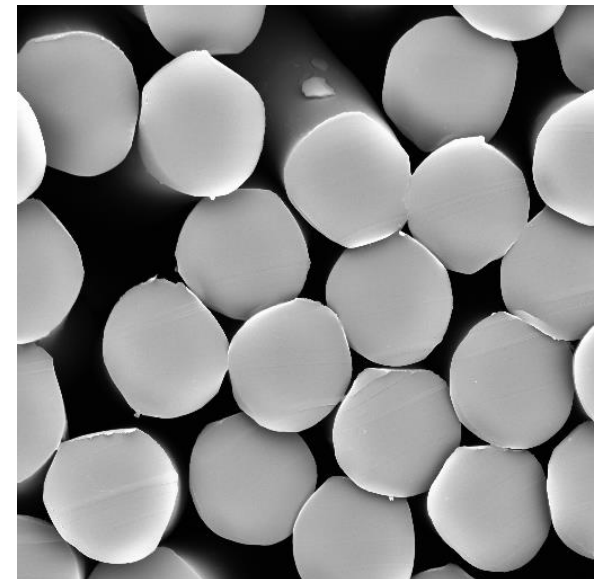
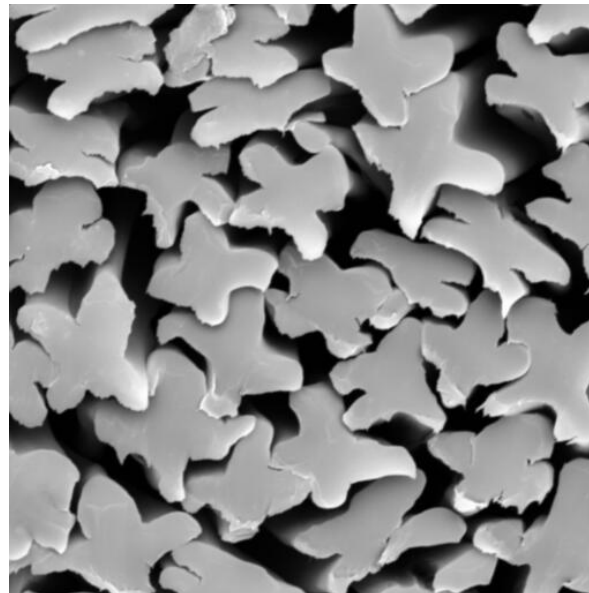
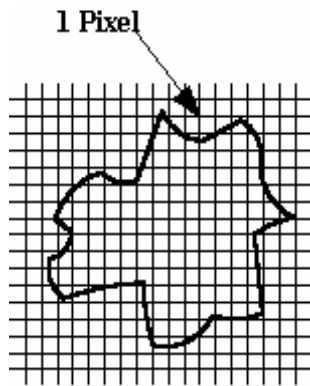
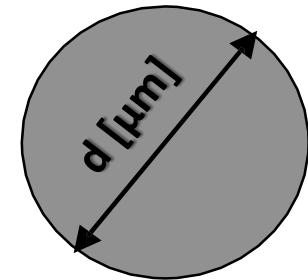
j	$d_{jd} - d_{jh}$ [μm]	$d_j$ [μm]	zápis	$n_j$	$f_j$ [%]	$F_j$ [%]
1	11-13	12		10	10	10
2	13-15	14		13	13	23
3	15-17	16	 	30	30	53
4	17-19	18	 	27	27	80
5	19-21	20		20	20	100



# Estimation from fiber cross-section



$$\overline{T}_v = S_v \cdot \rho_{vk} \cdot 10^6 \text{ [tex]}$$





# Use of gravimetry

- ❑ exact estimation of fiber length
- ❑ weighing of fiber tuft
- ❑ used for multifilaments



$$T_v = \frac{m_{sv}}{l_{sv} \cdot n_v} [mg \cdot m^{-1}] = [tex]$$

$m_{sv}$  ⇒ mass of fiber tuft [mg]

$l_{sv}$  ⇒ length of fiber tuft [m]

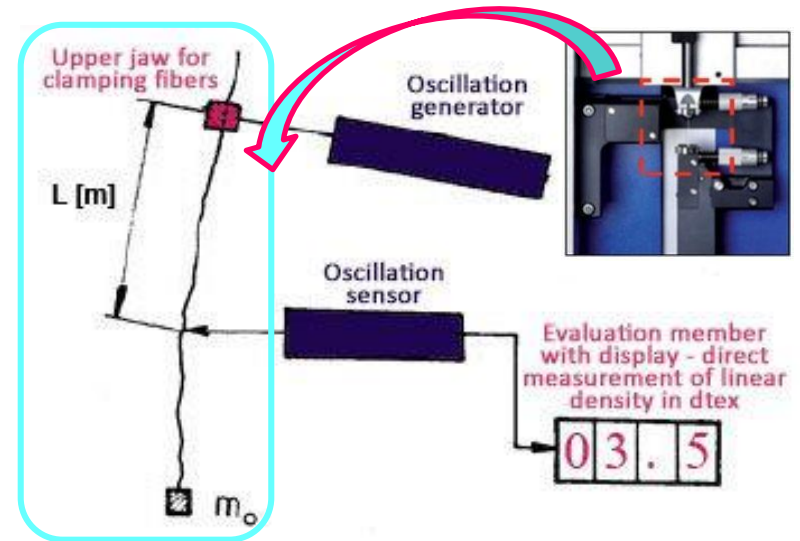
$n_v$  ⇒ number of fibers in the tuft



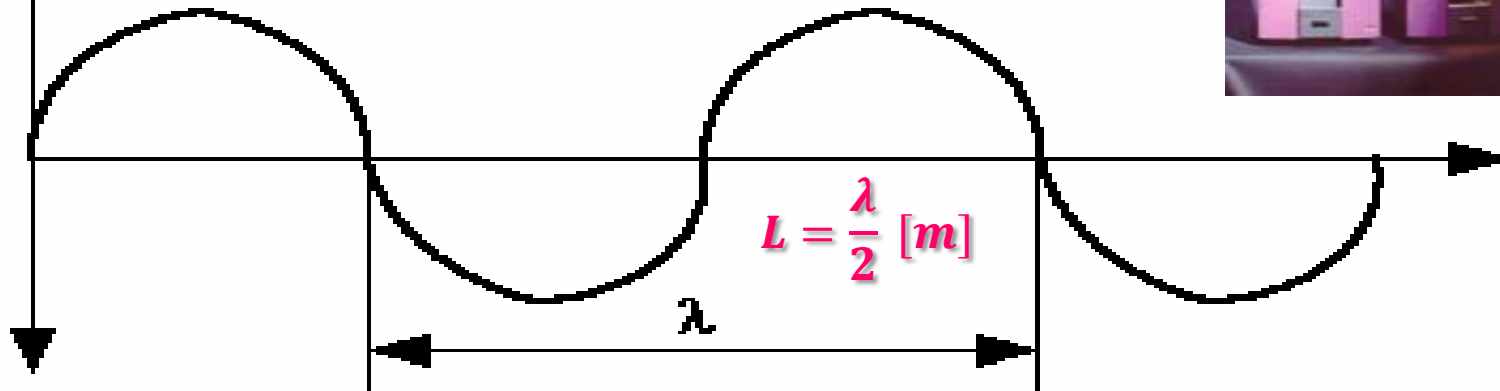


# Vibration method

- Based on frequency analysis of stabilized vibration of stretched fiber, e.g. Vibroscope



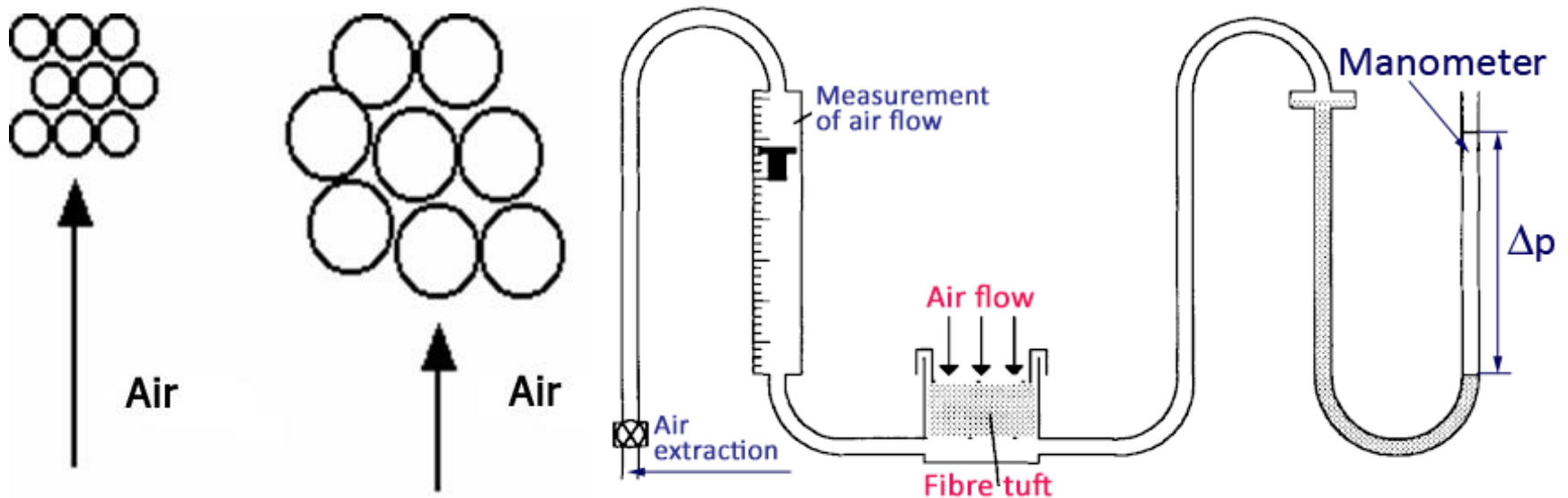
$$f = \frac{1}{2L} * \sqrt{\frac{F}{m * g}} * A \quad [Hz]$$





# Airflow method

- ❑ Estimation of fiber tuft resistance to airflow
- ❑ Measurement of volume amount of transferred air!!!







$$Q = \frac{A_c}{16 \cdot k \cdot \eta \cdot L_c} \cdot \Delta P \cdot \frac{\varepsilon^3}{(1 - \varepsilon)^2} \cdot d^2$$

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{Q}{K_g \cdot \Delta P} \cdot \frac{(1 - \varepsilon)^2}{\varepsilon^3}}$$

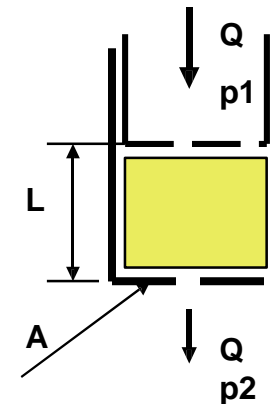
$$K_g = \frac{A_c}{16 \cdot k \cdot \eta \cdot L_c}$$

Q - airflow speed [m<sup>3</sup>/s]

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V_c - V_m}{V_c}$$

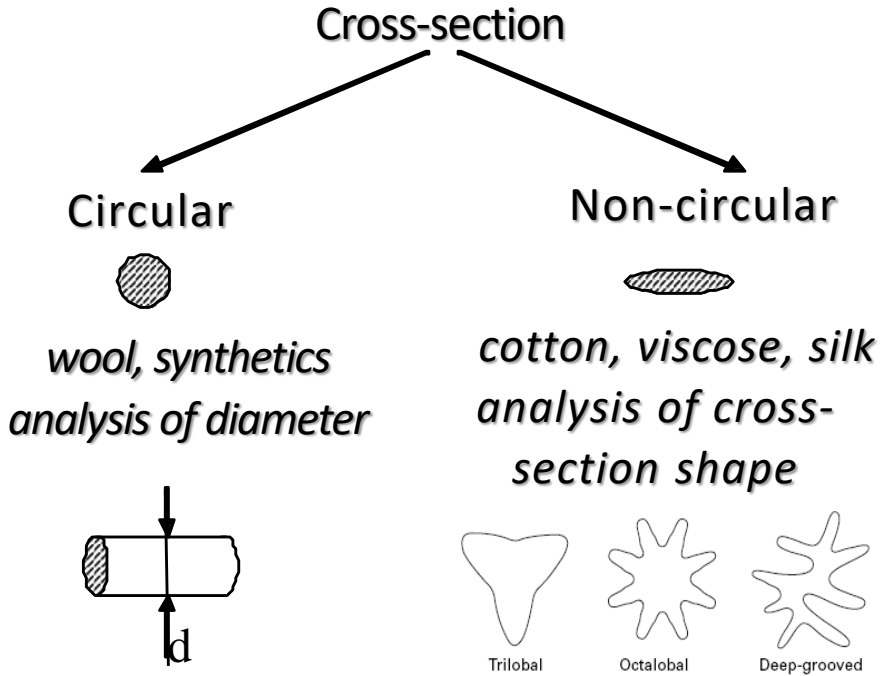
$\Delta p$  - pressure drop [Pa]

$$\bar{T}_v = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (\bar{d})^2 \cdot \rho_{vk} \cdot 10^6 \text{ [tex]}$$

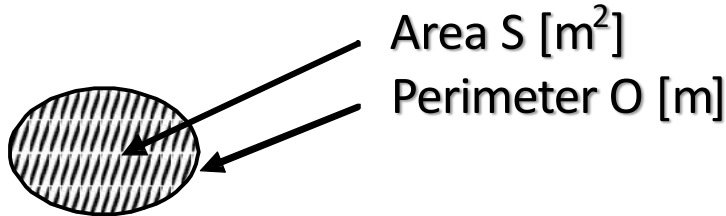




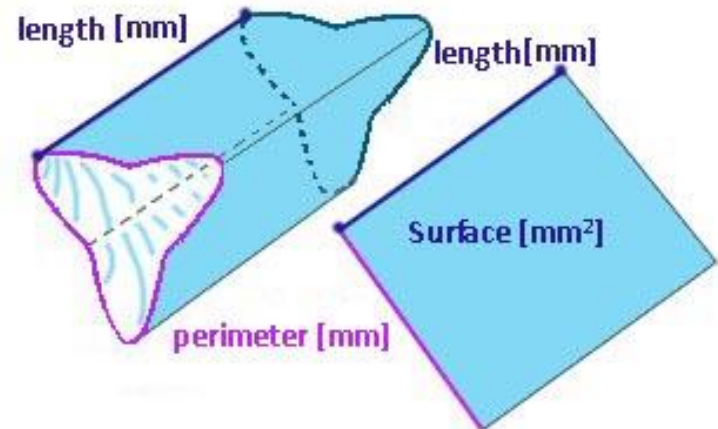
# Cross-section and fiber surface



Cross-section characteristics:

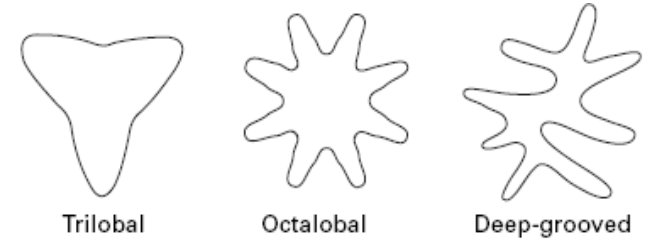


- ❑ Length  $l$  [m]
- ❑ Volume density  $\rho$  [kg.m<sup>-3</sup>]  
(900 - 1560)
- ❑ Fineness  $T$  [tex]
- ❑ Mass  $m$  [kg]
- ❑ Volume  $V$  [m<sup>3</sup>]
- ❑ Fiber surface  $P$  [m<sup>2</sup>]
- ❑ Specific surface  $S_p$  [m<sup>2</sup>.kg<sup>-1</sup>]

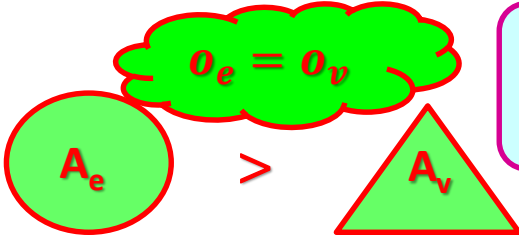




# Use of fiber cross-section parameters



## Circularity $c$



Equivalent diameter  $d_e$  [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]

$$O = \pi \cdot d_e \Rightarrow d_e = \frac{O}{\pi}$$

Equivalent area  $A_e$

$$A_e = \frac{\pi \cdot d_e^2}{4} = \frac{O^2}{4\pi}$$

$$c = \frac{A_v}{A_e} \leq 1$$

Unpacking of shape  $q$

$$q = \left( \frac{O}{\pi d_R} - 1 \right) = \left( \frac{\pi d_e}{\pi d_R} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} - 1$$

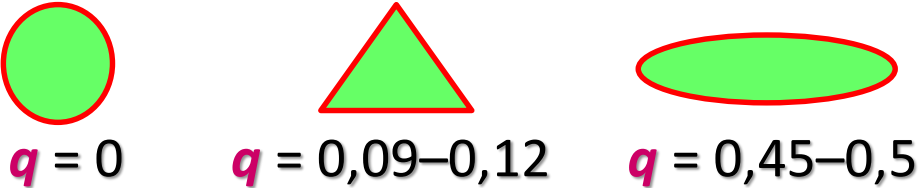
Circularity  $c$  by Pierce

$$c = \frac{A_v}{A_e} = \frac{A_v 4\pi}{O_v^2} = \frac{1}{(q + 1)^2}$$

## Ovality $c_k$

$$A_v = A_e$$

$$c_k = \frac{O_v}{O_e} = \frac{O_v}{2\sqrt{\pi A_v}}$$



$$c = \frac{1}{c_k^2}$$

$$O_N = O_e(q + 1)$$

$$A_N = A_e / (q + 1)^2$$

Advantage :  $(q + 1)$  correction factor