



Building Materials

Lecture 2



Basic physical properties

= related to **mass** and **volume** of the material

- **matrix density**
- **bulk density**
- **porosity**
- **granulometry**
- **fineness**



Mass

Choice of suitable scales:

- capacity (max. range)
- readability





Scales

Mechanical , digital

- **analytical** (readability 10^{-4} g, capacity to 200g)
- **milligram** (0,01 g)
- **laboratory** (0,1 - 0,2 g, 200 – 1000 g)
- **commercial** (2 - 5 g, 5 - 25 kg)
- **industrial** (hundreds of kg)

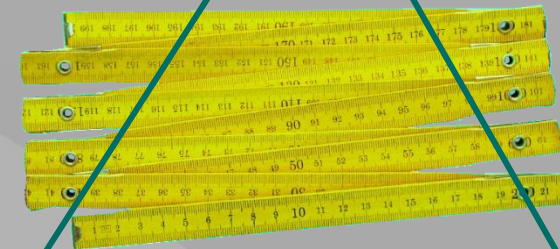
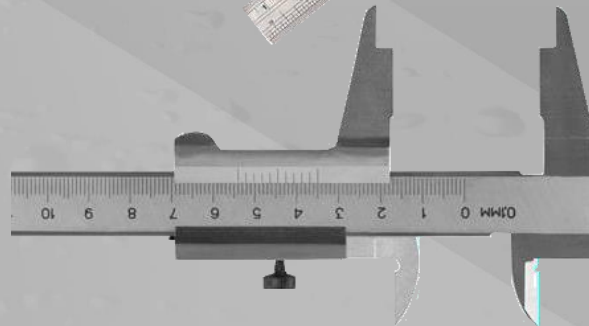
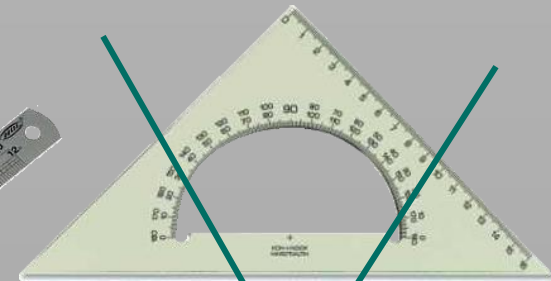




Size

Length measuring devices: calibrable

- Steel rule
- Steel measuring tape
- Calliper
- Micrometer
- Sieves





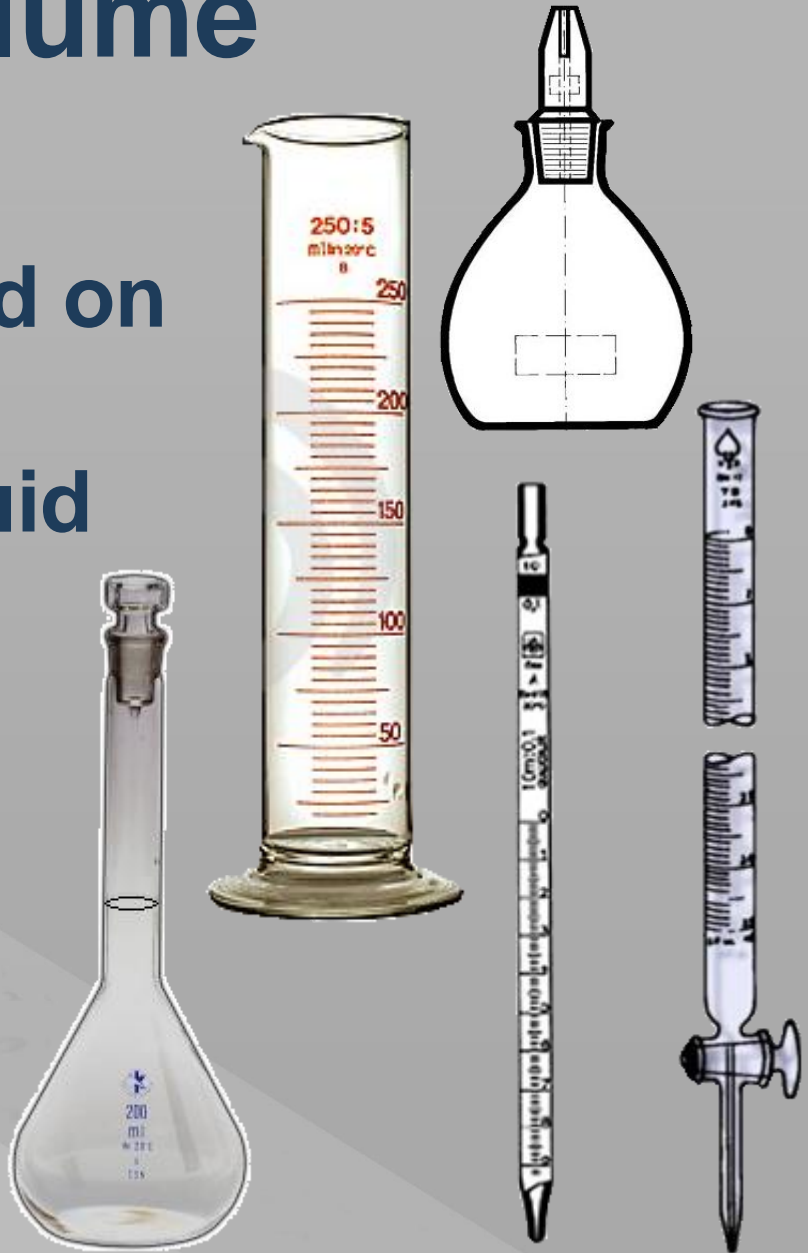
Volume

Solids:

- Calculation based on dimensions
- Immersion in liquid
 - graduated cylinder
 - pycnometre
 - hydrostatic scales

Liquids:

- volumetric flask
- pipette
- burette



Bulk density \times

Density
(matrix density)

$$\rho = \frac{m}{v}$$

$$[\text{kg.m}^{-3}]$$



Bulk density

$$\rho_v = \frac{m}{V_s + V_p}$$

m ... mass of material

V_s ... volume of solid material

V_p ... volume of voids in material

Density

(specific gravity)

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V_s}$$

m ... mass of material

V_s ... volume of solid material



Bulk density x **Density**

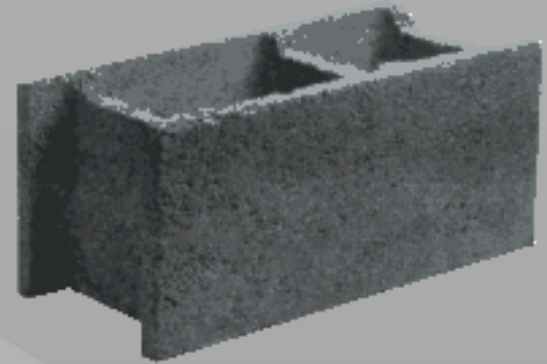
AAC

(aerated autoclaved concrete)

concrete

$$\rho = 2400 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$

$$\rho = 2500 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$



$$\rho_v = 500 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$

$$\rho_v = 2400 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$



Bulk density determination

$$\rho_v = \frac{m}{V_s + V_p}$$

- mass m by weighing
- volume ($V_s + V_p$)
 - counting from sizes (regular shape)
 - in graduated cylinder
 - by hydrostatical balance

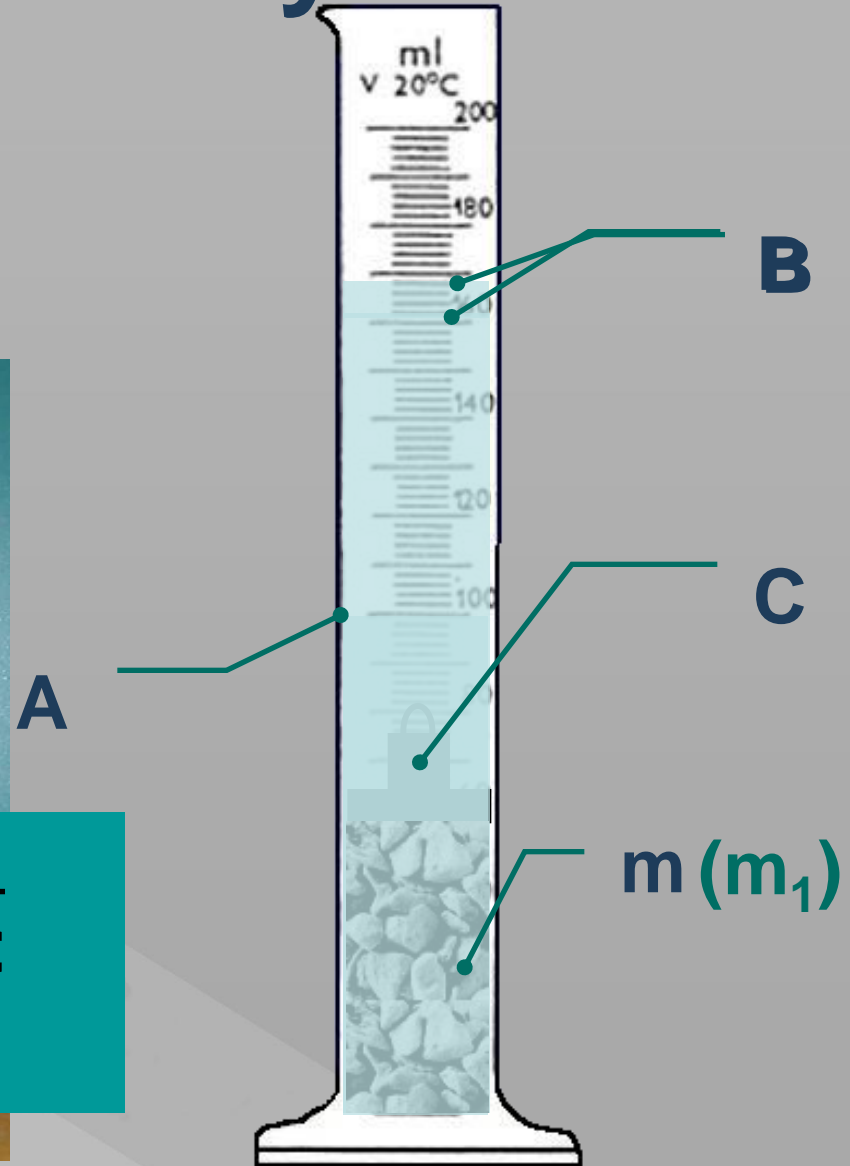


Bulk density determination: By graduated cylinder

$$\rho_v = \frac{m}{B - A}$$

$$\rho_v = \frac{m}{B - A + \frac{(m_1 - m)}{\rho_{\text{water}}}}$$

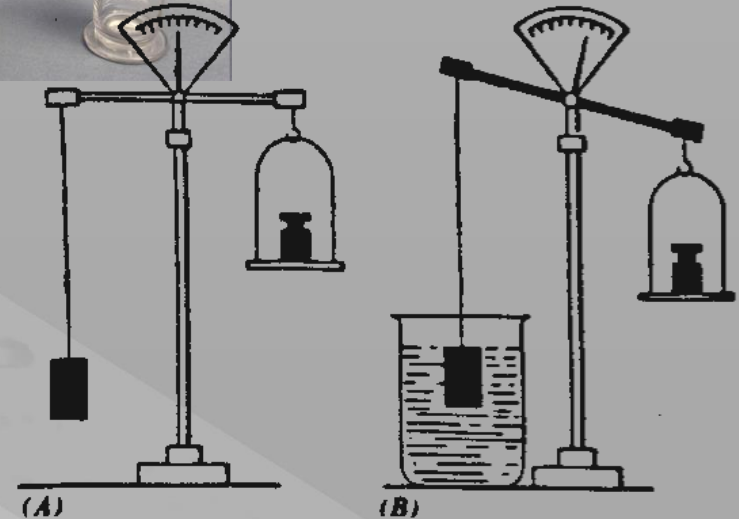
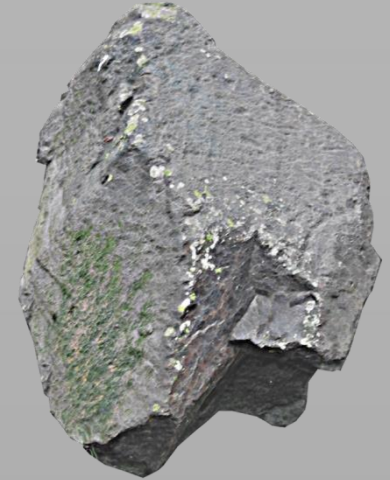
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Bulk density determination: By hydrostatical balance

- irregular shape \rightarrow volume?

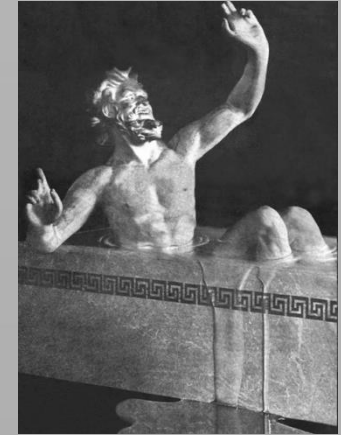




Bulk density determination: By hydrostatical balance

Archimedes principle:

„Any object, wholly or partially immersed in a fluid, is buoyed up by a force equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the object.“



- from that difference the volume of the displaced water can be count (its density is known)
- mass of material, weighted under water is lower than that weighted in the air

$$\rho_{H_2O} = \frac{m}{V}$$

volume of displaced water = volume of material



Bulk density determination: By hydrostatical balance

$$\rho_{H_2O} = \frac{m}{V} \rightarrow$$

$$V = V_{H_2O} = \frac{m}{\rho_{H_2O}}$$

$$V = \frac{m_{in\ air} - m_{in\ water}}{\rho_{H_2O}}$$

$$\rho_V = \frac{m_{in\ air}}{V} = \frac{m_{in\ air}}{m_{in\ air} - m_{in\ water}} \rho_{H_2O}$$



Bulk density determination: By hydrostatical balance

$$\rho_a = \rho_w \frac{M_4}{M_1 - (M_2 - M_3)}$$

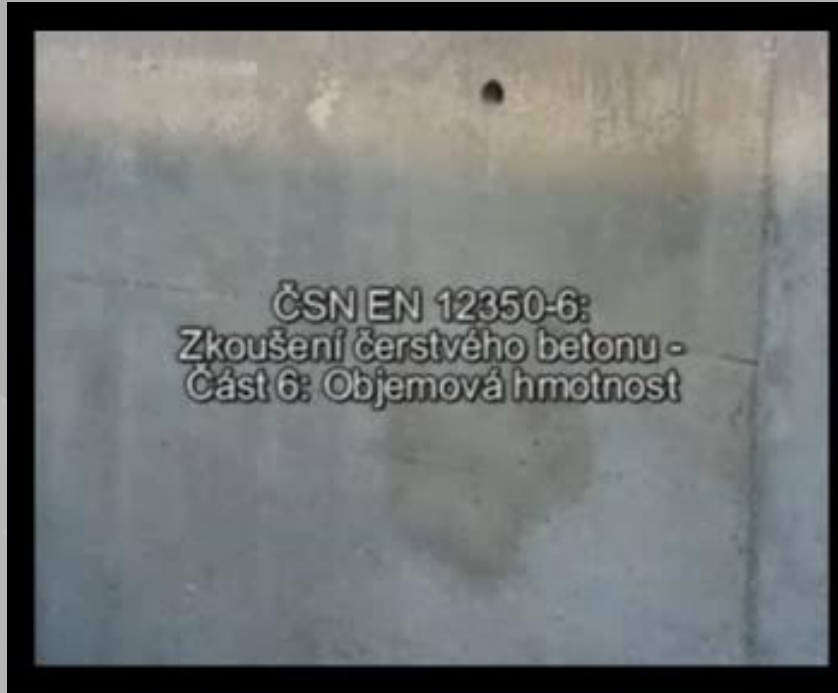
- M_1 mass of the sample in the air
 - *wet and dried on the surface (aggregates)*
 - *dry (concrete)*
- M_2 mass of the sample incl. the basket under water
- M_3 mass of the empty basket under water
- M_4 mass of dry sample
- ρ_w water density at testing temperature





Bulk density of fresh concrete

- EN 12350-6:2009 Testing fresh concrete. Density





Bulk density of building materials





Specific gravity (matrix density) determination

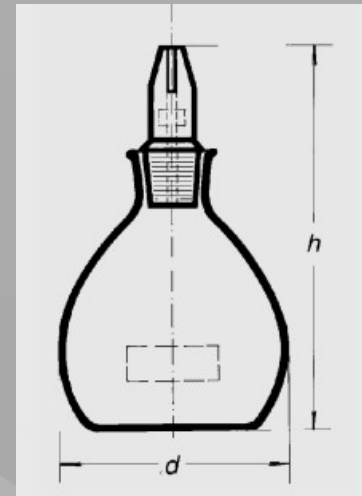
$$\rho = \frac{m}{V_s}$$

- **Mass m** by weighing
- **Volume V_s** by pycnometer
 - material have to be finely grounded to avoid pores !



Pycnometer

- (glass) bottle with a close-fitting stopper with a capillary tube through it allowing excess liquid to escape
- the volume of the liquid in the pycnometer is always the same
- allows repeated obtaining a given volume of liquid with a high accuracy





Determination of density by pycnometric method



m_1

m_2

m_3

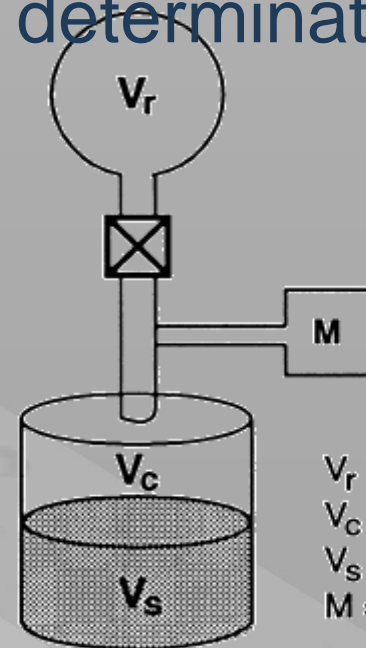
m_4

$$\rho = \frac{(m_2 - m_1) \times \rho_k}{(m_2 - m_1) + m_4 - m_3}$$



Helium pycnometer

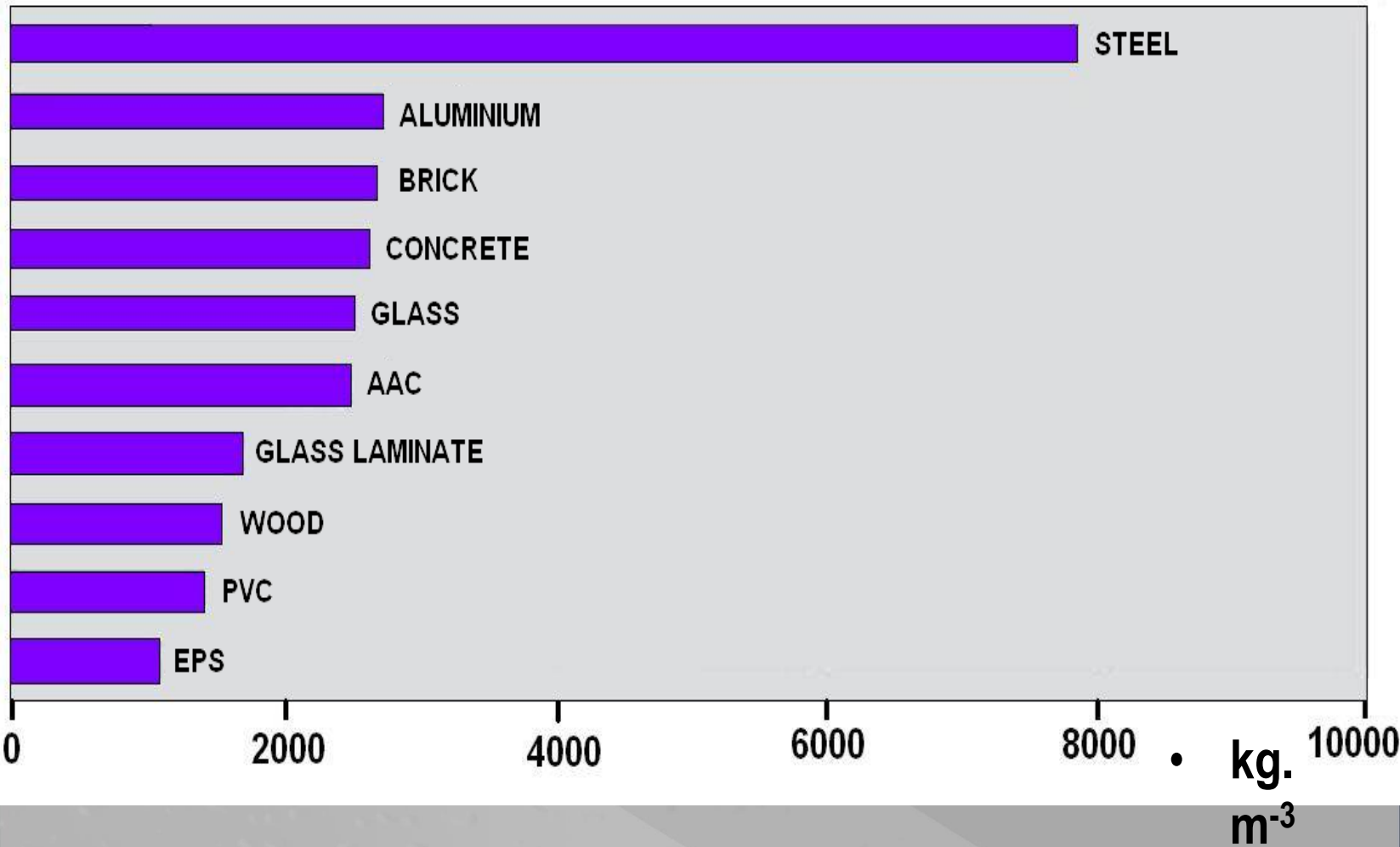
- the size of helium atoms is very small
- helium, under precisely-known pressure, is used to fill small voids within a specimen
- the volume change of helium in a constant volume chamber allows determination of solid volume



V_r = Reference volume
 V_c = Cell volume
 V_s = Sample volume
M = Manometer

Density of building materials

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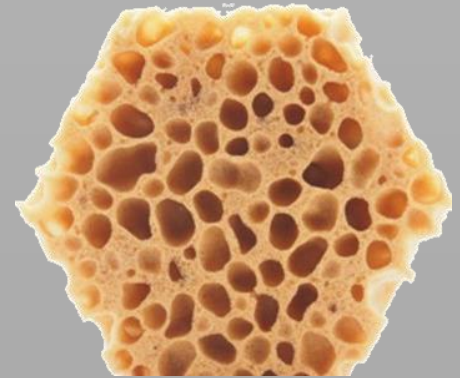




Porosity

- ratio of the volume of the pores to the total volume of the material

$$p = 1 - \frac{V_s}{V} = 1 - \frac{\rho_v}{\rho} \cdot (100)$$



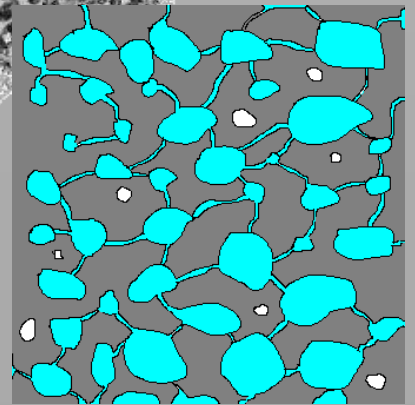
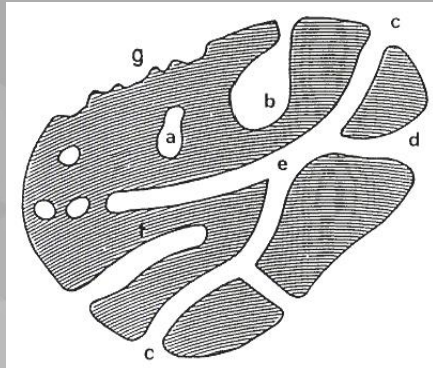
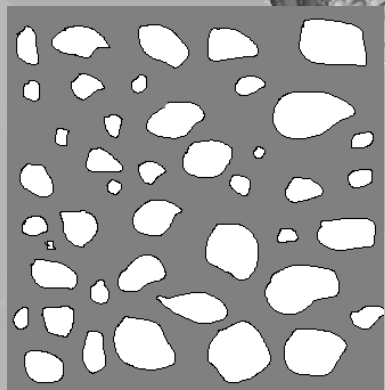
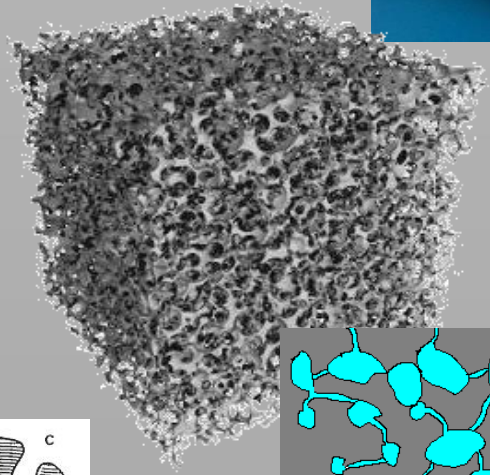
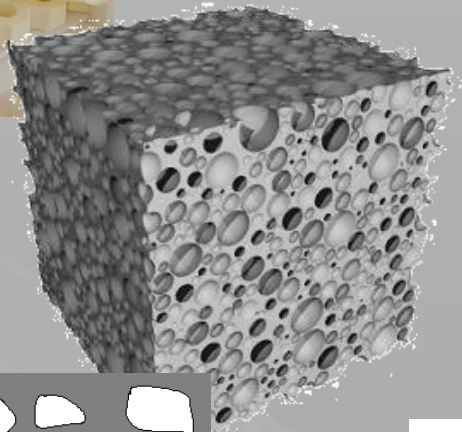
- usually expressed as a percentage



Types of pores



- closed
- open



$$\rho = \rho_{\text{closed}} + \rho_{\text{open}}$$



Properties related to porosity

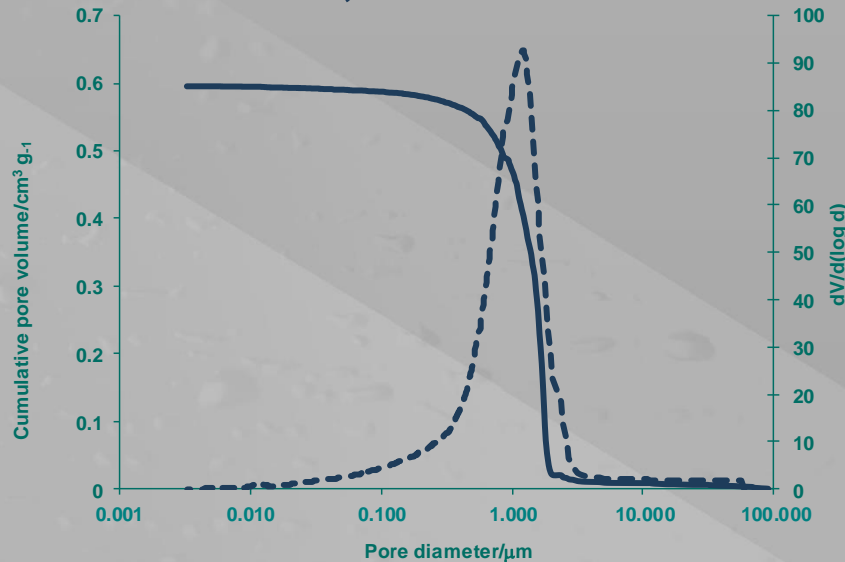
- Water absorption → frost resistance
- Gas and liquid transport
- Acoustic absorptivity
- Thermal conductivity
- Mechanical properties - strength



Pore size distribution

Mercury porosimetry

- the intrusion of a mercury at high pressure into a pores
- the pressure needed to fill the pores increases with decreasing pore diameters
- 400 MPa \rightarrow $\text{\O}1,5 \text{ nm}$



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Properties of loose materials

Loose material = solid material divided into many small particles

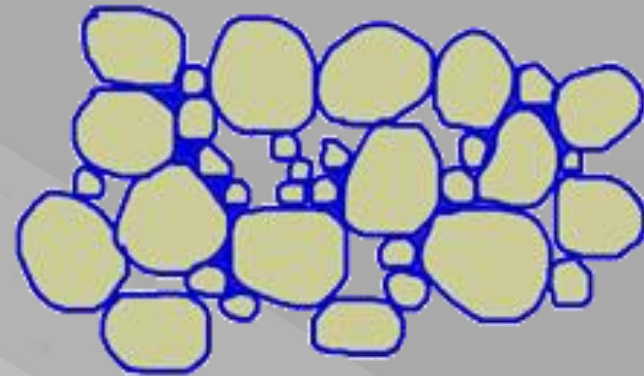
- an assembly of solid particles that is large enough for the statistical mean of any property to be independent of the number of particles





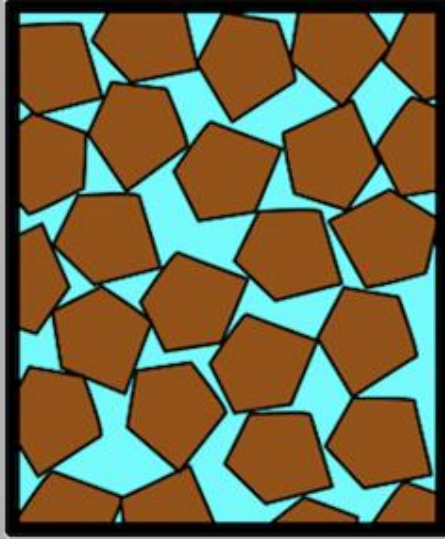
Void ratio

- volume of voids (between particles of a loose material) and the total volume
- the amount of void space depends on gradation, particle shape and texture, and compactness (rate of compaction)

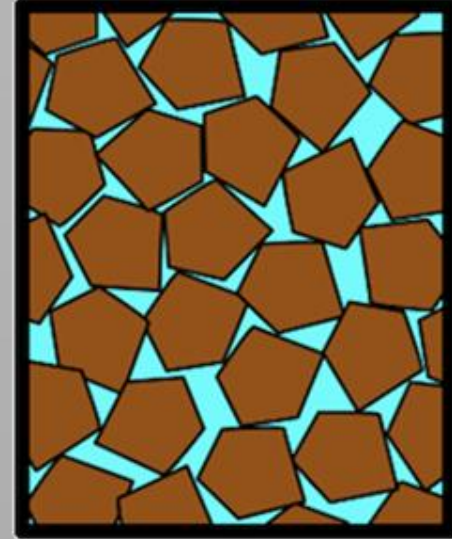




Compacting



Uncompacted material
- the volume of voids
in an uncompacted
(unconsolidated)
material



Compacted material -
the volume of voids in
a fully/partially
compacted (f/p
consolidated) material

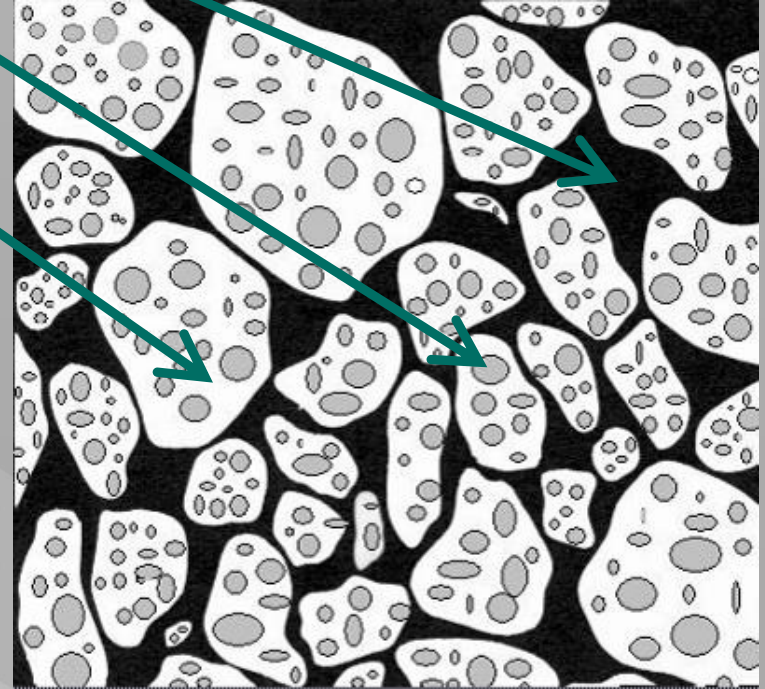




Loose (bulk) density

$$\rho_L = \frac{m}{V_S + V_P + V_V}$$

- in the unconsolidated state
- in the consolidated state (compacted)





Loose (bulk) density determination

- Standard container (volume according maximum particle size) + tamping rod

Procedure:

- **Loose weight:**
 - fill the container
 - struck off the surplus
- **Compact weight:**
 - fill the container in equal layers
 - each layer being subjected to strokes with the tamping rod
 - struck off the surplus





Aggregates

- granular material used in construction
- inorganic rocklike material
- various sizes and shapes
- particle size < 125 mm





Size, gradation

Gradation = the particle size distribution

- amount of various particle sizes present in an aggregate
 - determined by sieve analysis
 - expressed as the percentage by mass passing a specified set of sieves





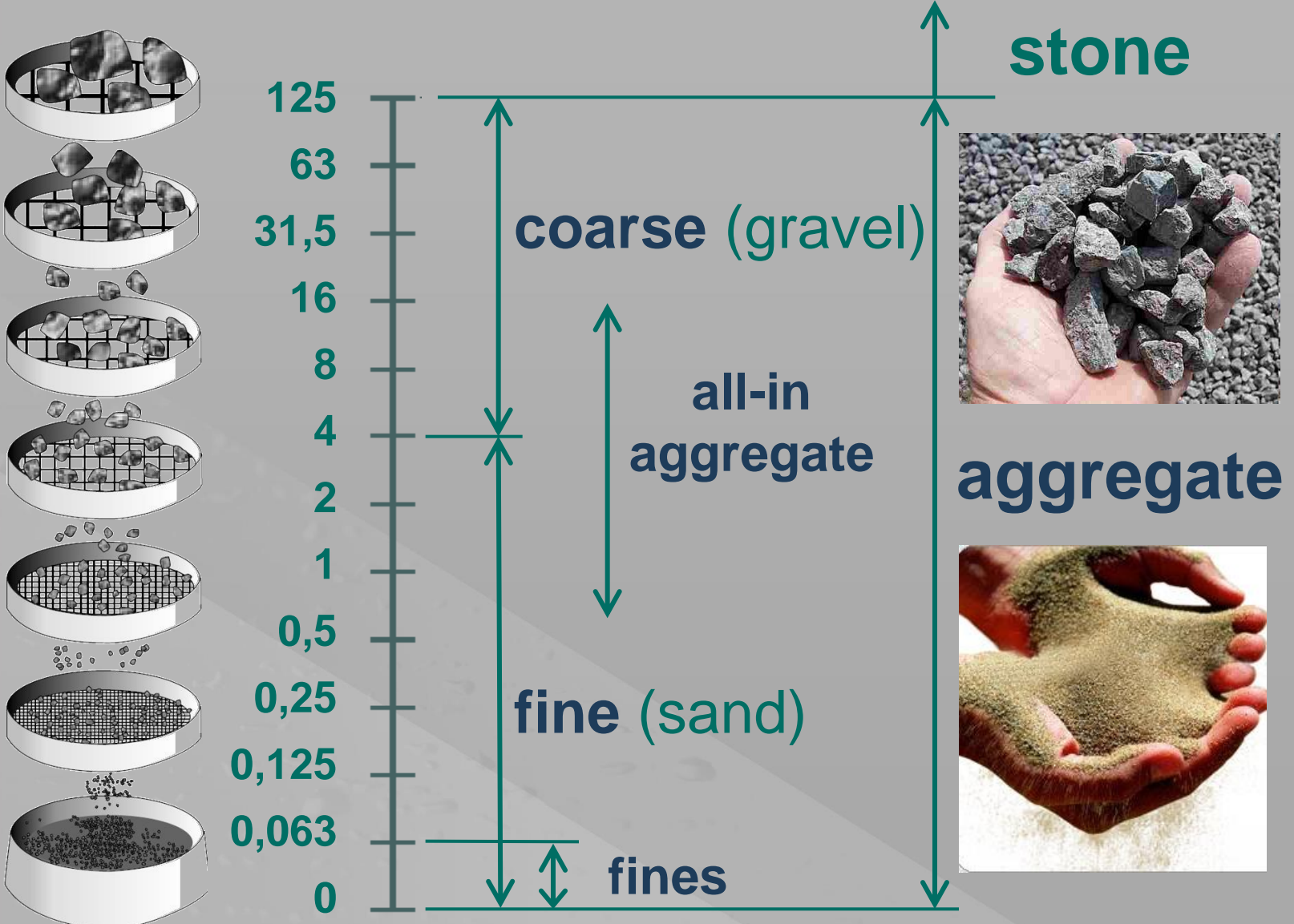
Standard sieves (EN 933-2)

- 125 mm
- 63 mm
- 31,5 mm
- 16 mm
- 8 mm
- 4 mm
- 2 mm
- 1mm
- 0,500 mm
- 0250 mm
- 0,125 mm
- 0,063 mm





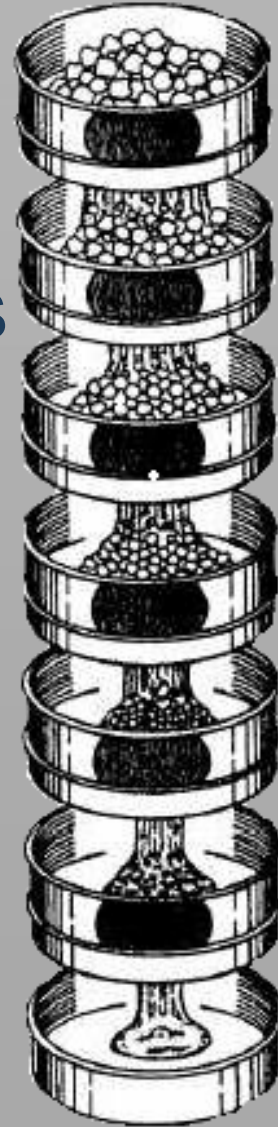
Type of aggregates according size





Sieve analysis

- dividing up a material into size fractions by passing it through sieves with decreasing apertures





Aggregate size (fraction) (EN 933-1)

- designation of aggregate in terms of **lower** (d) and **upper** (D) sieve sizes expressed as d/D^*
 - 16/64 aggregate will be that aggregate which passes the 64 mm sieve and is retained on the 16 mm sieve
- * this designation accepts the presence of some particles which are retained on the upper sieve (**oversize**) and some which pass the lower sieve (**undersize**)



Sieve analysis - definitions

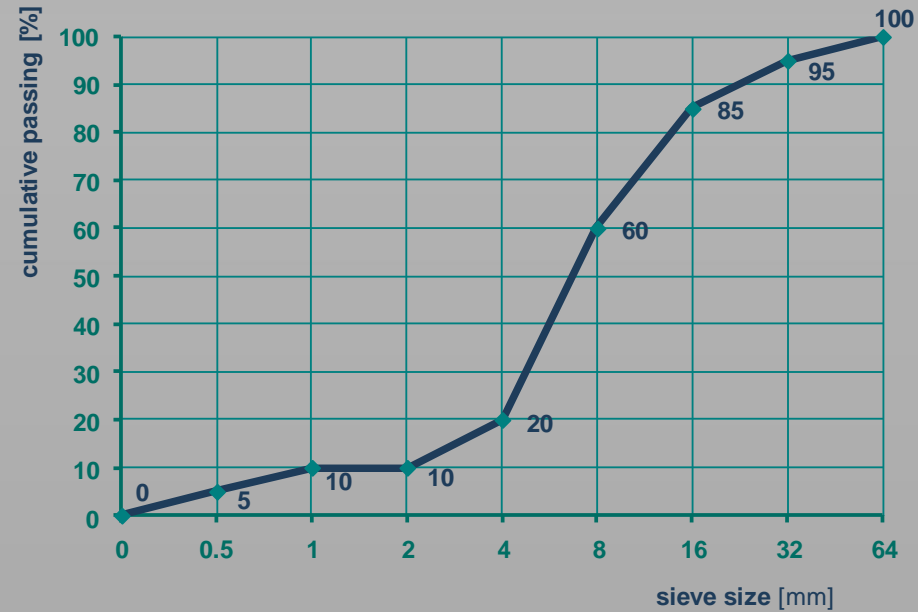
- **Individual retained** – the mass or percentage retained on one sieve after test
- **Cumulative retained** – sum of the mass or percentages retained on the sieve and on all coarser sieves
- **Cumulative passing** – sum of the mass or percentage passing the sieve (e.g. sum of the retained on all finer sieves and pan)





Particle size distribution curve

- graphical listing of the amount of particles according to particle size ranges
- continuous line
 - axe X – **sieve size** (particle size)
 - axe Y – **cumulative passing** (percent passing by weight)





Example:

Aggregate, fraction 2/16 - 1000 g

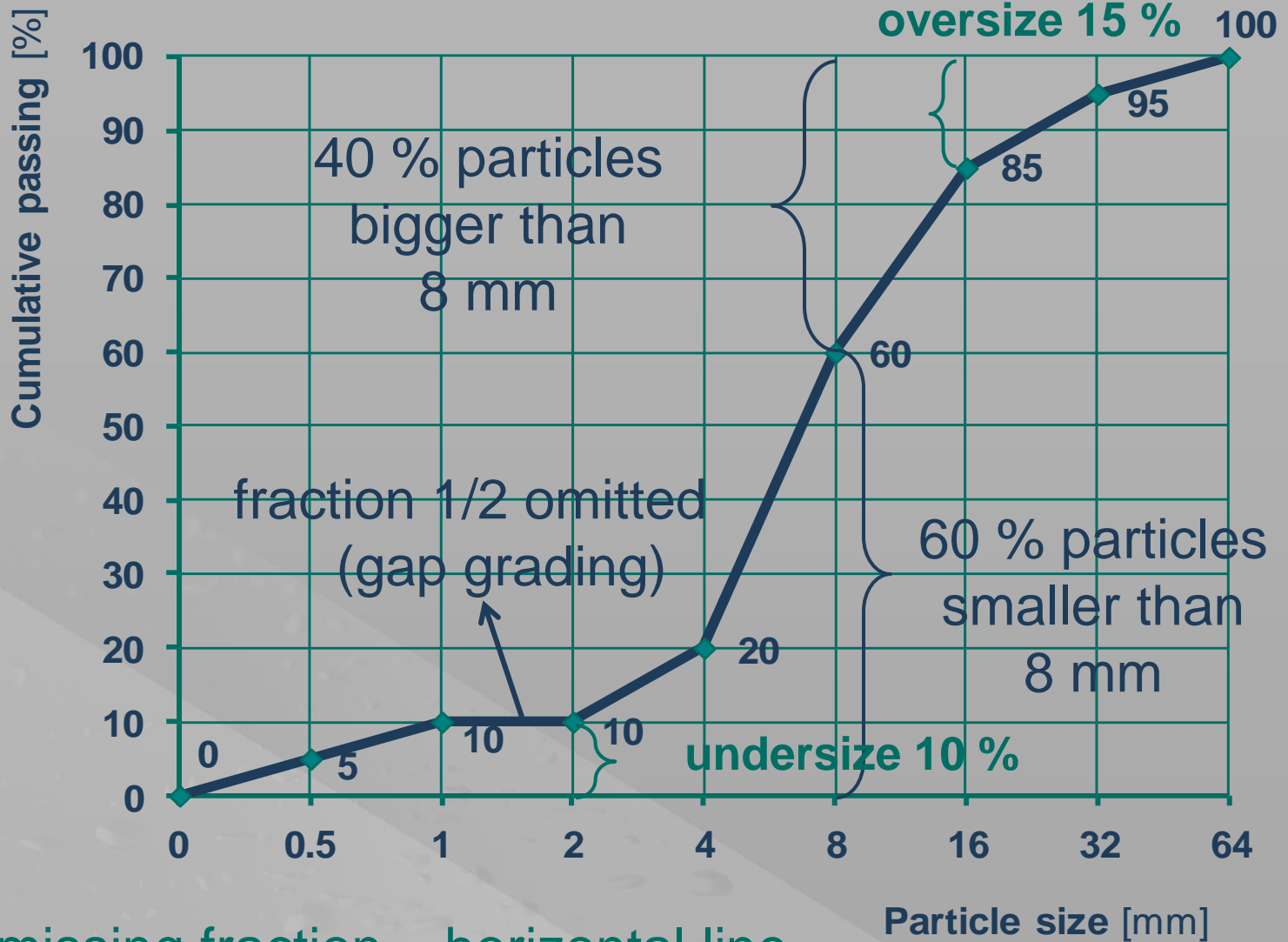
- After sieve analysis these retained were obtained:

Sieve aperture size	Individual retained	
	g	%
64	0	0
32	50	5
16	100	10
8	250	25
4	400	40
2	100	10
1	0	0
0,5	50	5
< 0,5 (pan)	50	5

Cumulative retained	Cumul. passing
%	%
0	100
5	95
15	85
40	60
80	20
90	10
90	10
95	5
100	0



Particle size distribution curve

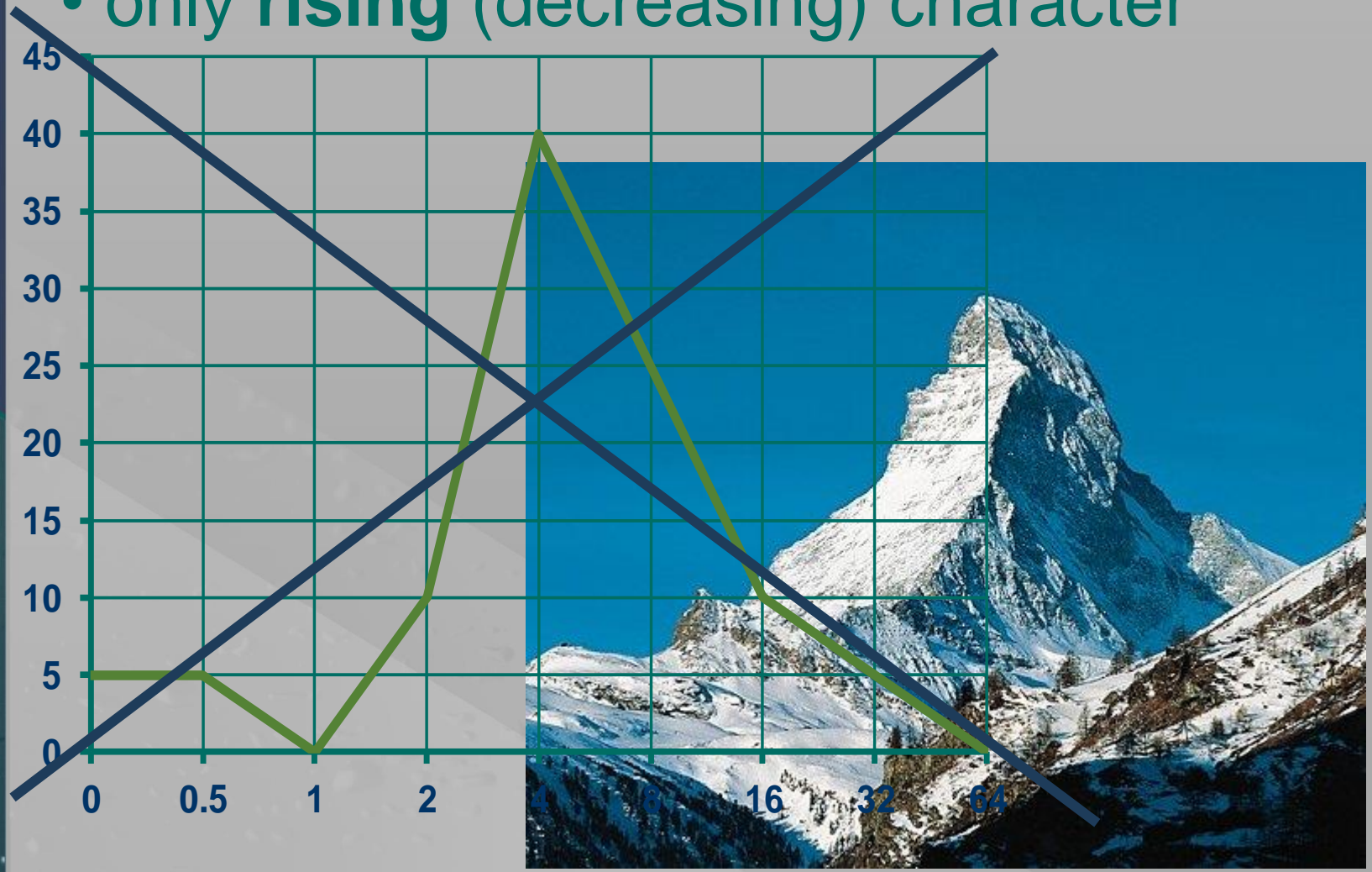


- missing fraction – horizontal line
- vertical line – never!



Particle size distribution curve

- only rising (decreasing) character





Fineness modulus

- to determining the degree of uniformity of the aggregate gradation
- **single number**
- obtained by adding the total percentages of material in a sample that are coarser than each of a specified series of sieves (cumulative percentages retained) and dividing the sum by 100.

$$FM = \frac{\sum \text{cumulative retained on specified sieves } [\%]}{100 \%}$$



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Z₁₆

Z₈

Z₄

Z₂

Z₁

Z_{0,5}

Z₀

Z₁₆

+

Z₁₆ + Z₈

+

Z₁₆ + Z₈ + Z₄

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Z₁₆ + Z₈ + Z₄ + Z₂

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+

Z₁₆ + Z₈ + Z₄ + Z₂ + Z₁ + Z_{0,5} + Z₀



Fineness modulus EN 12620

Specified sieves: 4 - 2 - 1 - 0,5 - 0,25 - 0,125

$$FM = \frac{\sum[(\%)4) + (\%)2) + (\%)1) + (\%)0,5) + (\%)0,25) + (\%)0,125)]}{100}$$

$$1 < FM < 6$$

- the bigger FM is, the coarser is aggregate



Fines

- = particle size fraction which passes the 0.063 mm sieve
- several **methods for determining** (washing, sand equivalent test, methylene blue test, air jet sieving)
- maximum value:
 - fine aggregate < **3 %**
 - coarse aggregate < **1.5 %**
- higher content of fines:
 - higher consumption of cement
 - lower strength



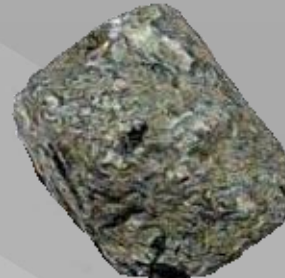
Shape and texture of particles

Particles:

- **shape** – rounded, angular, elongated, flat



- **surface** – smooth, rough (abraded)





Flakiness index (EN 933-3)

- particles are **flaky (flat)** when their thickness is less than 0.6 of their mean size
- special sieves with elongated apertures
- **the flakiness index** - the weight of the flakey aggregate as a percentage of the aggregate tested





Shape index (EN 933-4)

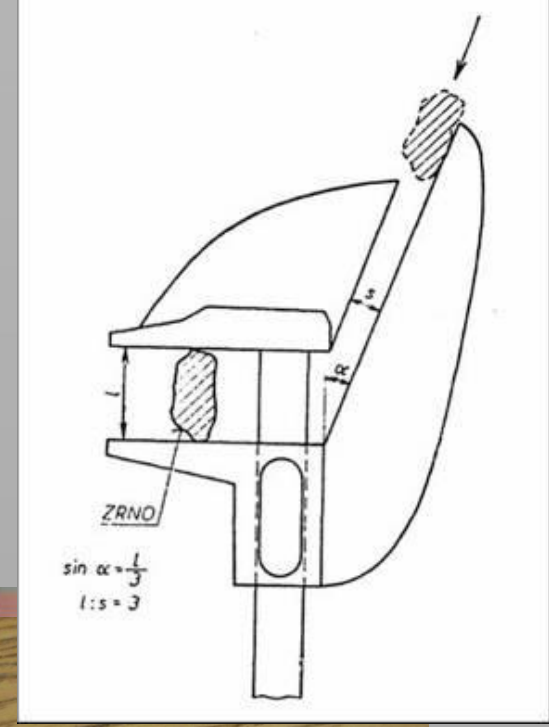
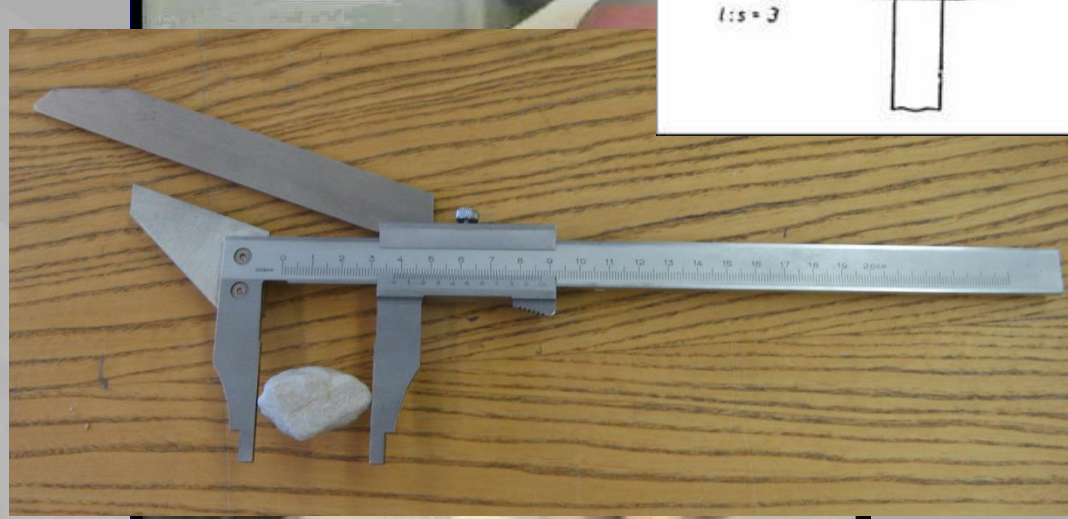
- a ratio between the weight of particles with $L/E > 3$ and weight of all measured particles in percents.
 - **shape ratio L/E** – the length L and the thickness E of each particle
 - **$L/E > 3$** – non-cubic particles

- elongation index





Shape ratio L/E



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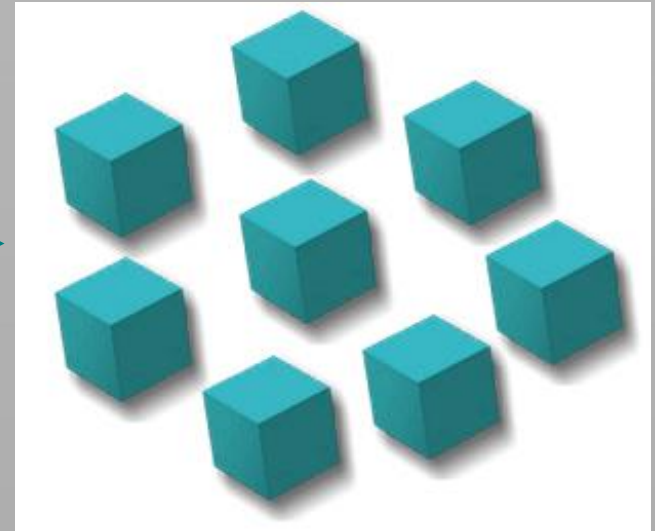
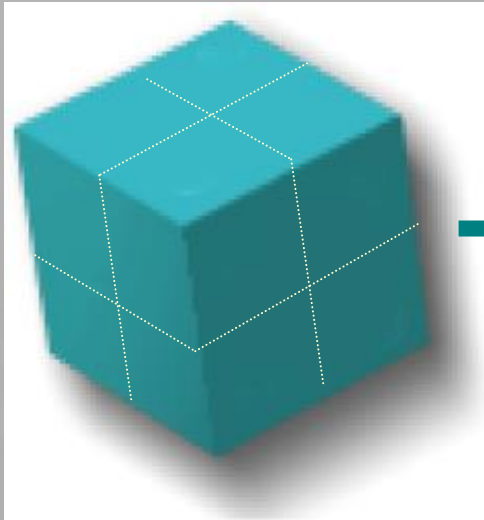
Specific surface



- describes fineness
- total surface area per unit of mass
- units: m^2/kg (cm^2/g)
- the higher the specific surface is, the finer material will be



Specific surface



cube 2 x 2 x 2 cm
each face is 4 cm²

$$6 \text{ faces} \times 4 \text{ m}^2 = 24 \text{ cm}^2$$

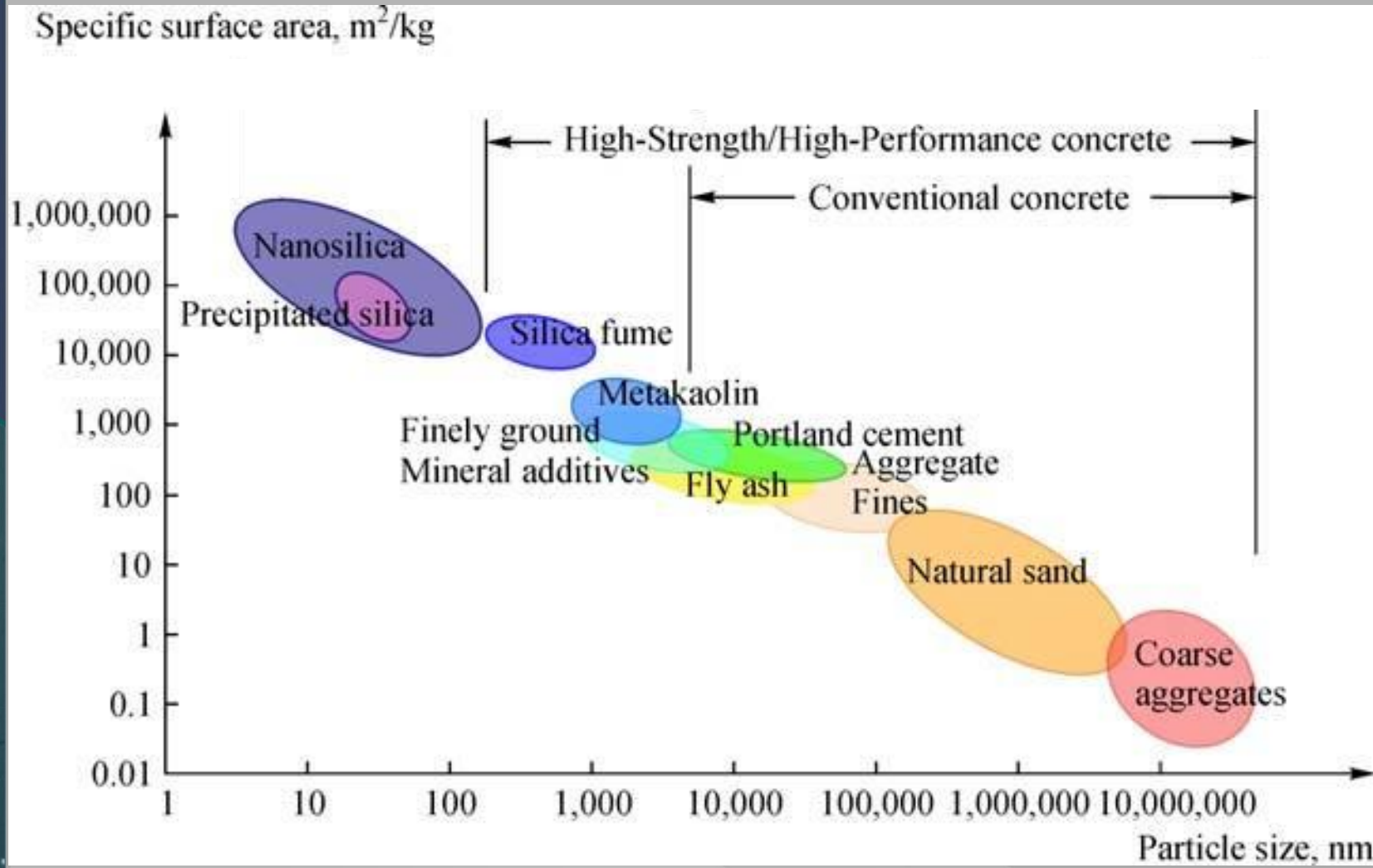
8 cubes 1 x 1 x 1 cm
each face is 1 cm²

$$6 \text{ faces} \times 1 \text{ m}^2 \times 8 \text{ cubes} = 48 \text{ cm}^2$$

- if each of the resulting cubes was divided similarly, the surface area would increase 16 times more



Specific surface of some materials





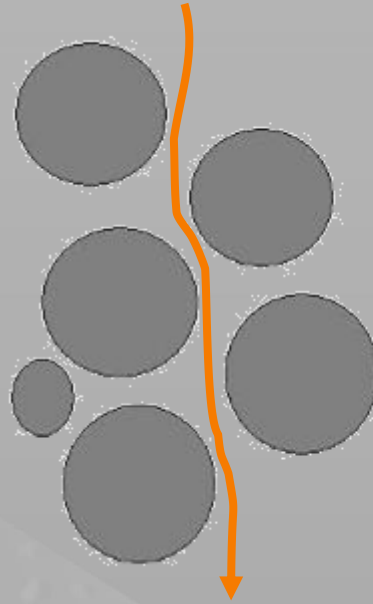
Specific surface determination

- (sieving)
- gas permeability
 - air permeability (Blaine method)
 - used for cement
- gas adsorption
 - „BET“ method
 - the physical adsorption of gas molecules on a solid surface

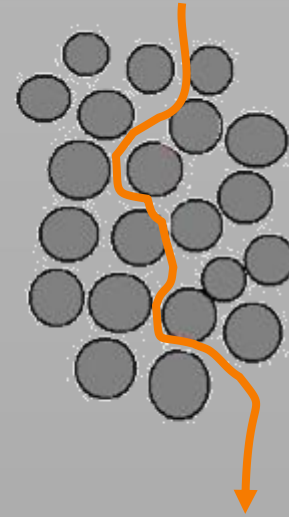




Air permeability method



Coarse material



Fine material

- the specific surface is derived from the resistance to flow of air through a porous bed of the powder



Blain apparatus





Blain apparatus

Ermittlung der spezifischen Oberfläche von Zement

Determining the specific surface area of cement

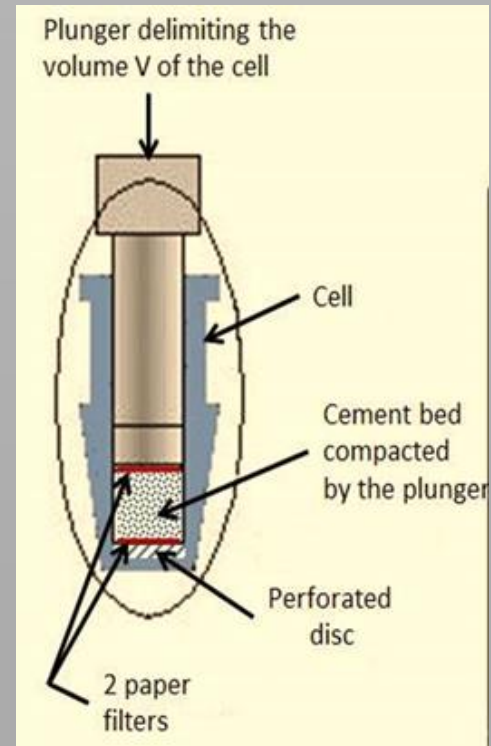




Specific surface calculation

$$S = \frac{K}{\rho} \times \frac{\sqrt{e^3}}{(1 - e)} \times \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{0,1\eta}}$$

- **K** apparatus constant
- **e** porosity of the bed (usually $e = 0,500$)
- **t** measured time [s]
- **ρ** cement density [g.cm^{-3}]
- **η** air viscosity at the test temperature [Pa.s]





Apparatus calibration

- apparatus must be calibrated, using a known standard material

$$K = S_0 \times \rho_0 \times \frac{(1 - e)}{\sqrt{e^3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{0,1\eta_0}}{\sqrt{t_0}}$$



- S_0 specific surface of the reference cement [$\text{cm}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$]
- ρ_0 density of the reference cement [$\text{g}.\text{cm}^{-3}$]
- t_0 measured time [s]
- η_0 air viscosity at the test temperature [Pa.s]



Fineness of grinding

- cements and similar materials
- described by the specific surface
- finer cement offers a greater surface area for hydration and hence faster the development of strength
- specific surface of common cements:

250 – 350 m²/ kg

(2500 - 3500 cm²/g)



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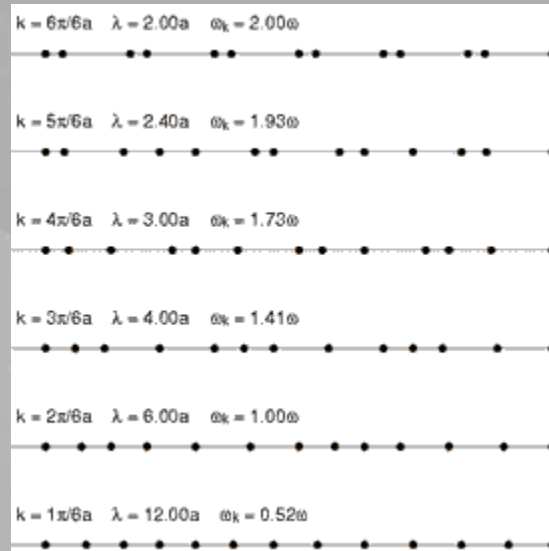


Mechanical properties



Solid materials

- structural rigidity
- resistance to changes of shape or volume
- atoms are tightly bound to each other



Atomic vibration in crystalline solid



Mechanical properties

- material's behavior when force is applied
- characteristics such as the strength and resistance to deformation





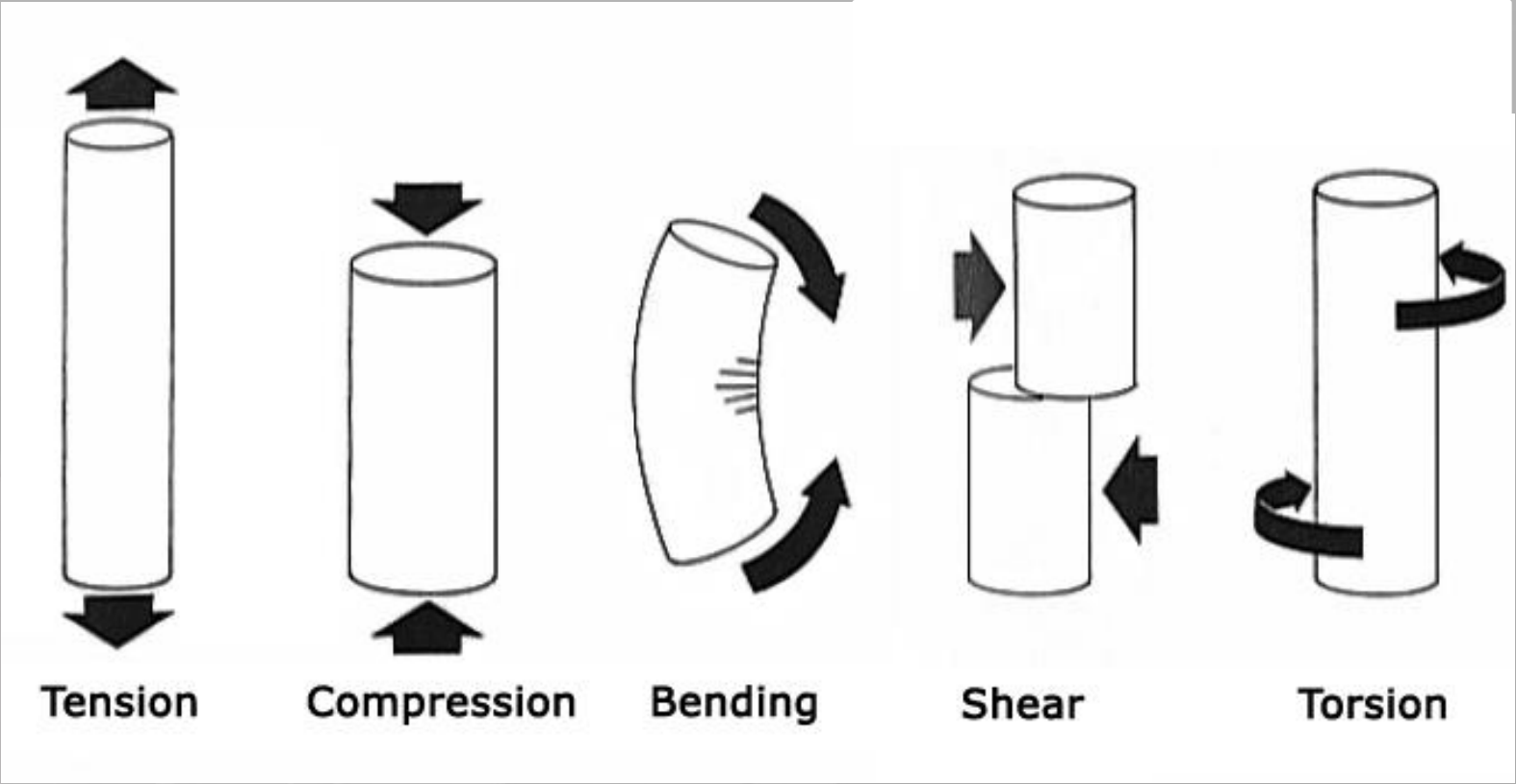
Mechanical properties

- **deformation properties** (before destruction)
- **strength properties** (at the moment of break)





Type of loading





Force x Stress

- **stress** is a measure of the **internal forces** which are a reaction to **external forces**

Force $F \neq$ stress σ

$[N] \neq [Pa]$



Isaac Newton

\neq



Blaise Pascal



Compressive stress

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{S}$$



$$S = 0,005 \times 0,005 \\ = 0,000025 \text{ m}^2$$



Units of stress

SI units: Pascal

$$\text{Pa} = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$\text{MPa} = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

Imperial units: pound-force per square inch

$$\text{psi} = \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2}$$

$$\text{ksi} = 1000 \cdot \text{psi}$$

$$1 \text{ psi} = 6\,894,76 \text{ Pa}$$



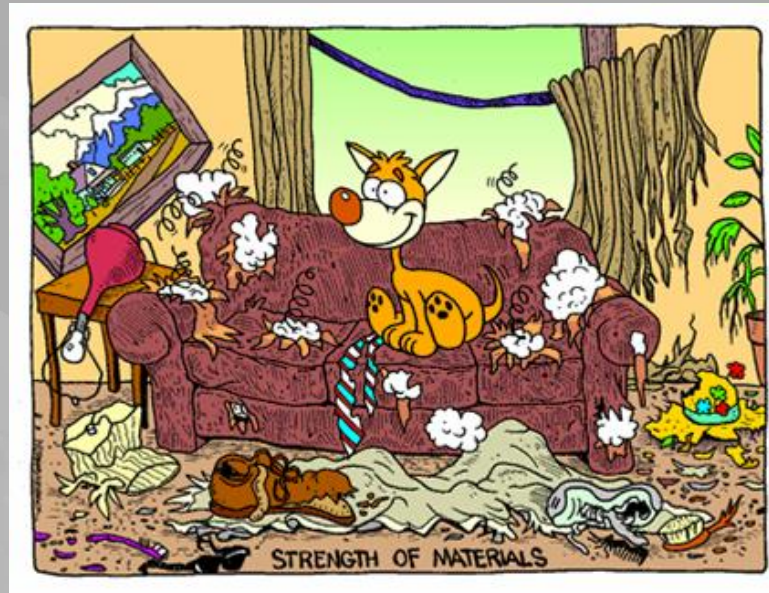
Strength properties





Strength

- ability to withstand an applied load without failure
- the **maximum stress** sustained by a material loaded to failure





Strength

According the way of obtaining:

- **theoretical** (structural)
- **technical**
- **statistical**

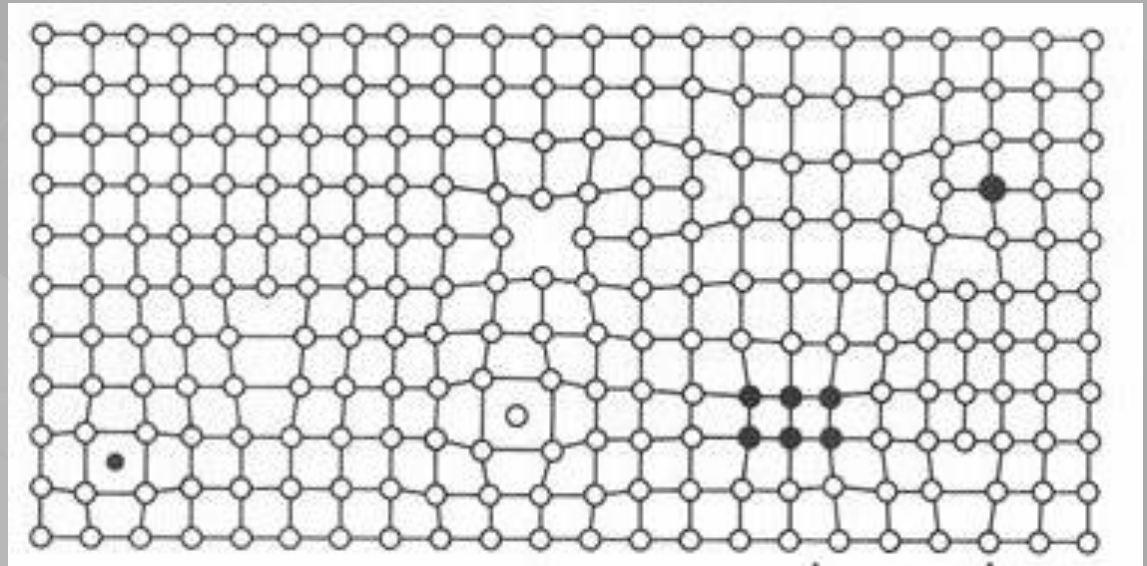


Theoretical strength

- Counted from the number and strength of the bonds between atoms

X

- defects in the crystal lattice – real strength is distinctively lower (ca 1000x)





Technical strength

- from the testing of the real material sample
 - material have to be homogenous
 - test samples in the appropriate shape (cylinder strength, cubic strength...)



Test samples

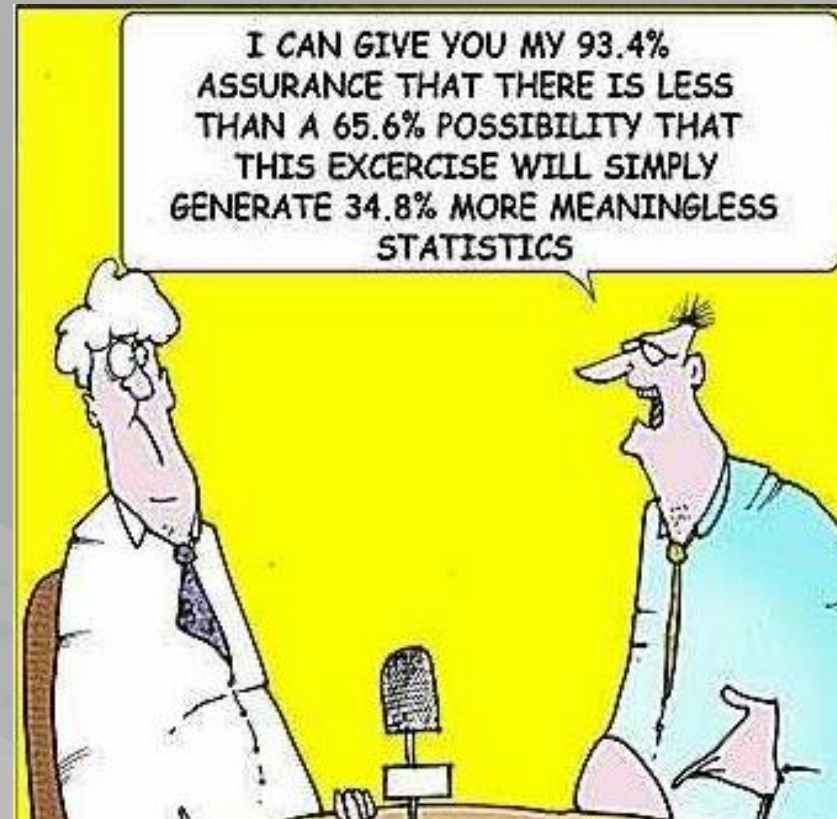
- shaping from the material
 - cutting, carving, drilling
- directly made in the required shape
 - cubes, cylinders..
- whole products
 - bricks, blocks





Statistical strength

- from the single samples properties the property of the whole population can be estimated by the **statistical methods**





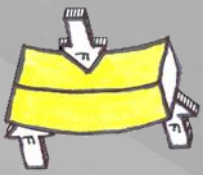
Strength testing according the loading



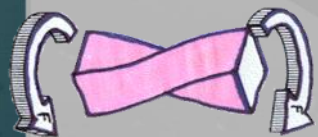
compression



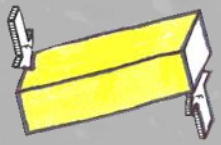
tension



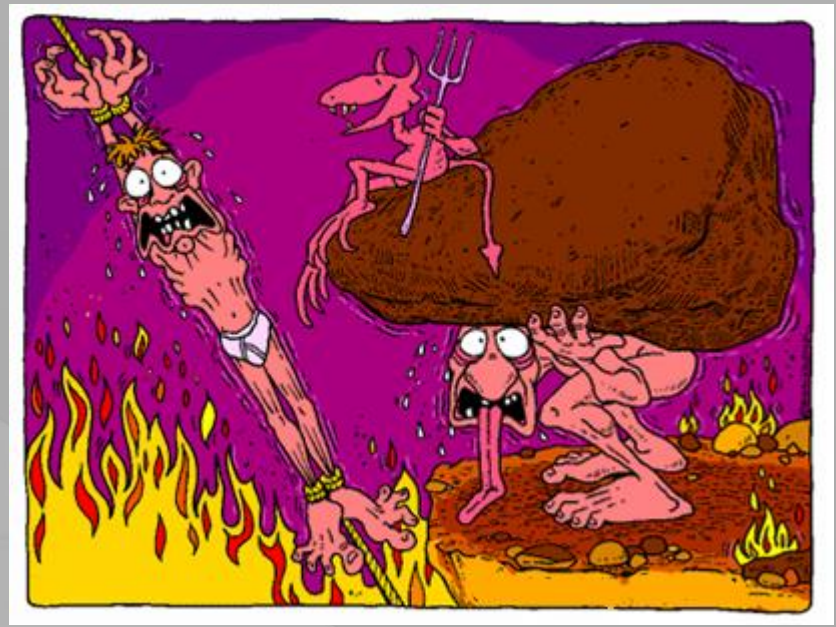
bending



torsion



shear

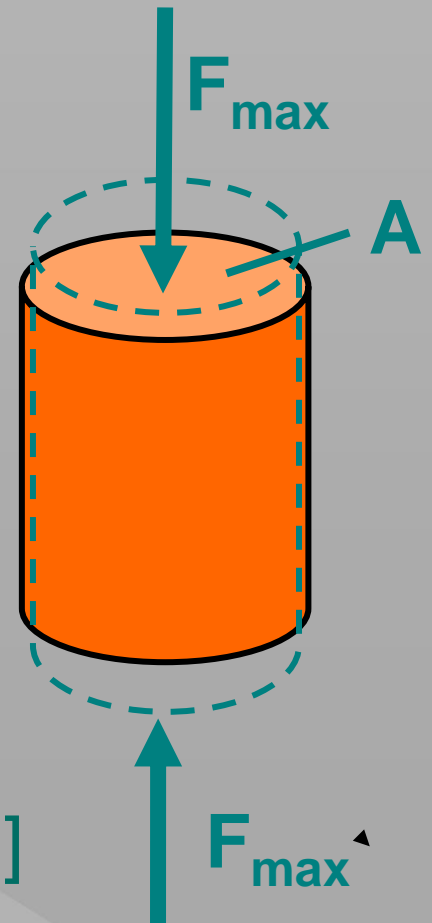




Compressive strength

- maximum resistance of a material to axial compressive loading

$$R_c = \frac{F_{\max}}{A} \quad [\text{MPa}]$$



F_{\max}

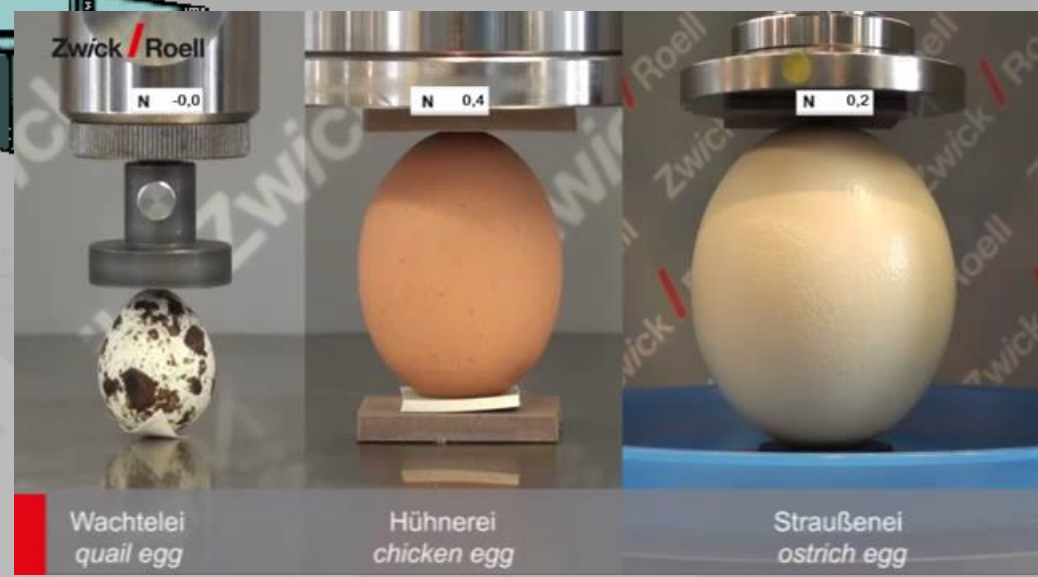
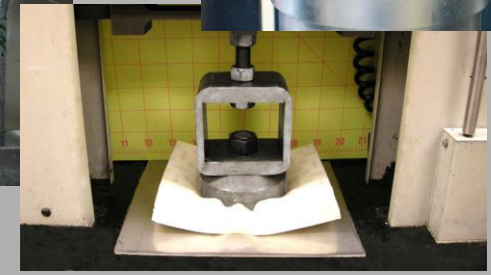
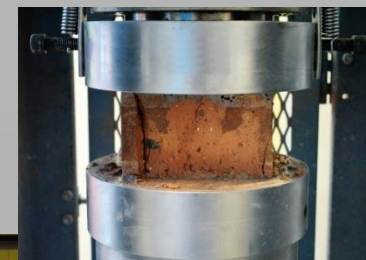
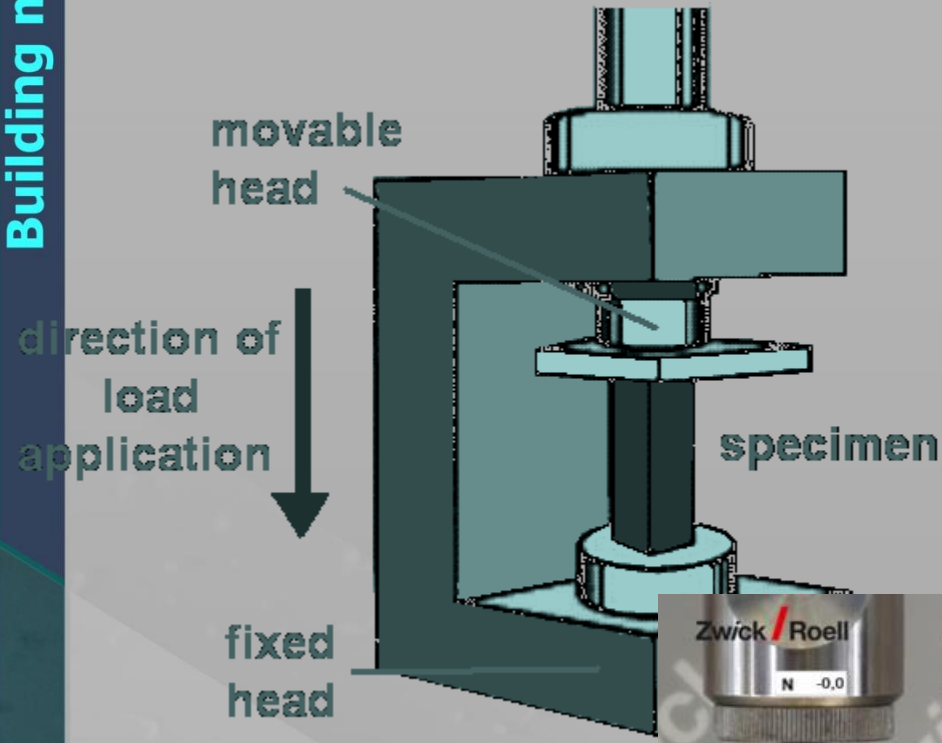
maximum force [N]

A

compressed area
(cross-sectional) [mm²]



Compressive strength - testing

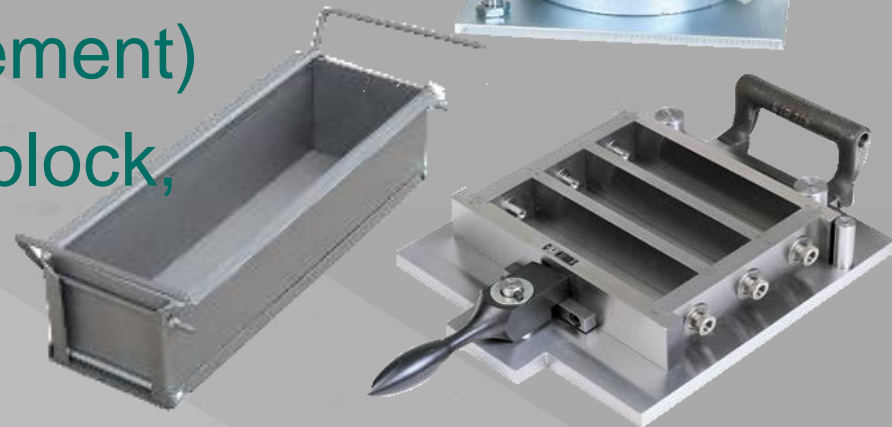




Test specimen for compressive test

Regular shape:

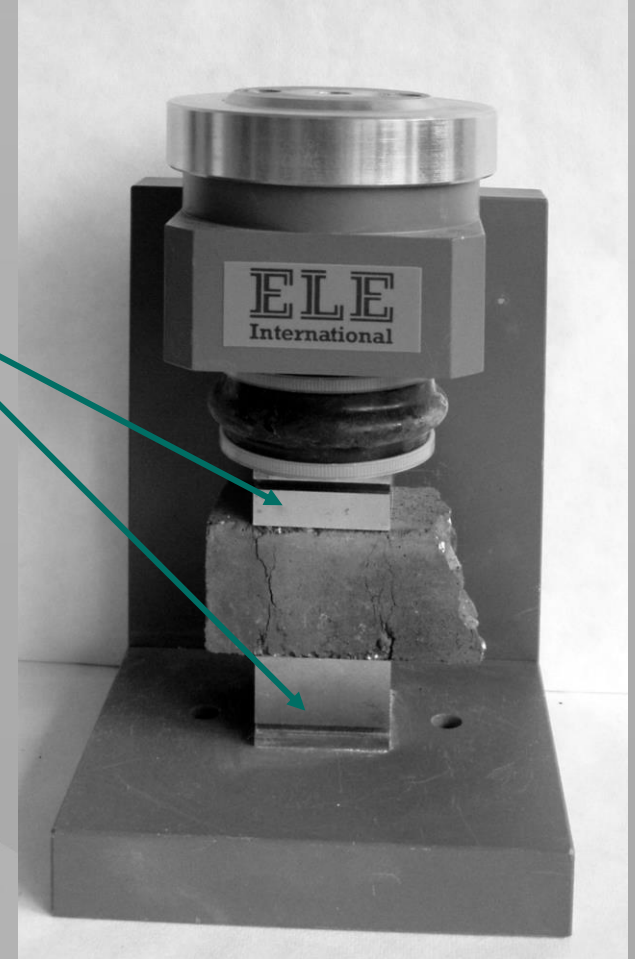
- **cubes** (concrete)
- **cylinders** (concrete, lightweight concretes)
- **beams** (lightweight concretes)
- **prism halves** (cement)
- **whole product** (block, brick)





Test specimen for compressive test

- irregular shape
 - **auxiliary plates**
- compressed area **A** given by the area of plates





Compressive strength

Concrete C 25/30

cylinder strength < cube strength

- the influence of friction between material surface and testing machine decreases with the height of the sample

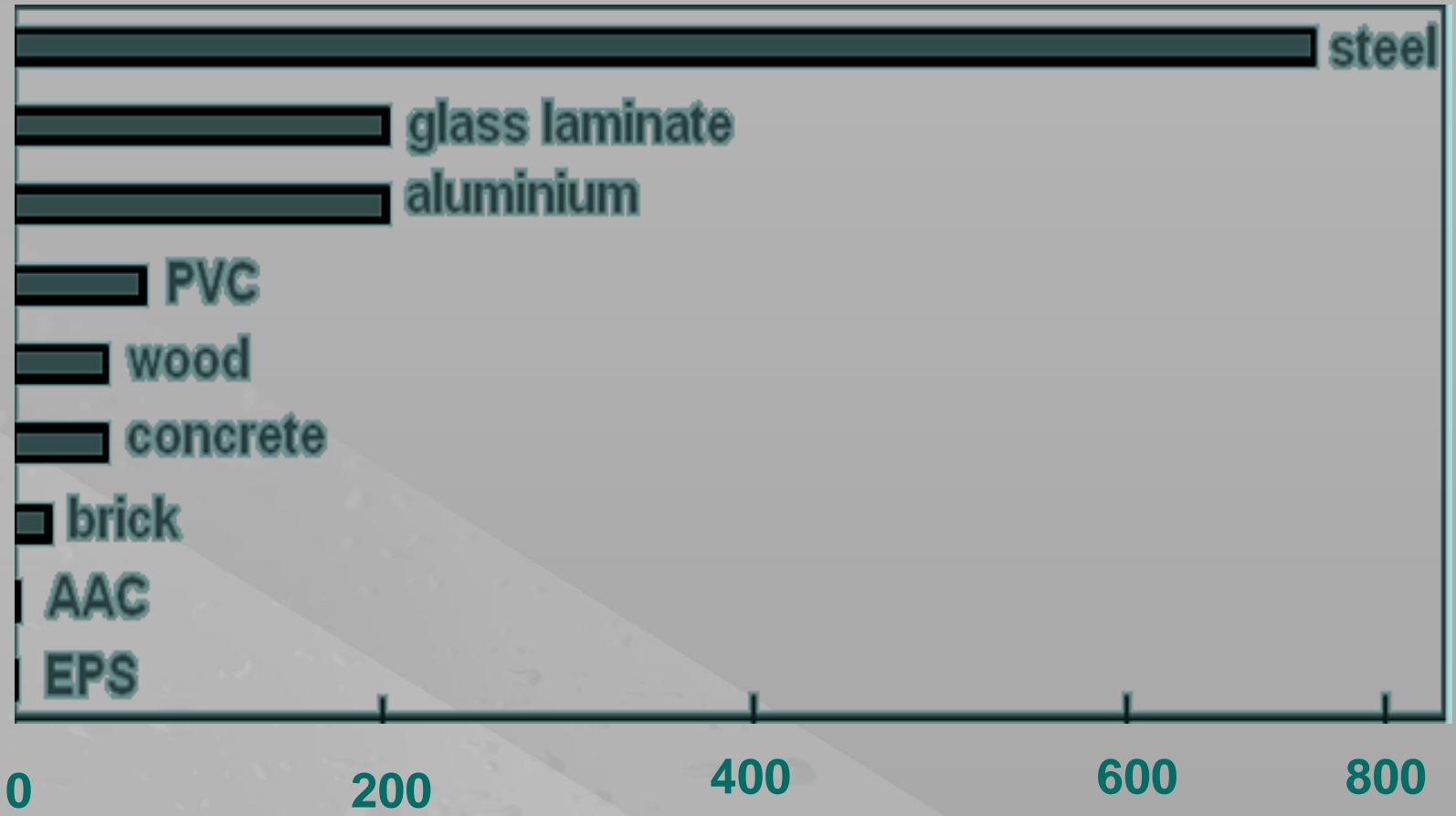


Cylinder Strength		Cube Strength	
MPa	Psi	MPa	Psi
12	1740	15	2175
16	2320	20	2900
20	2900	25	3625
25	3625	30	4350
30	4350	37	5365
35	5075	45	6525
50	7250	60	8700





Compressive strength of building materials

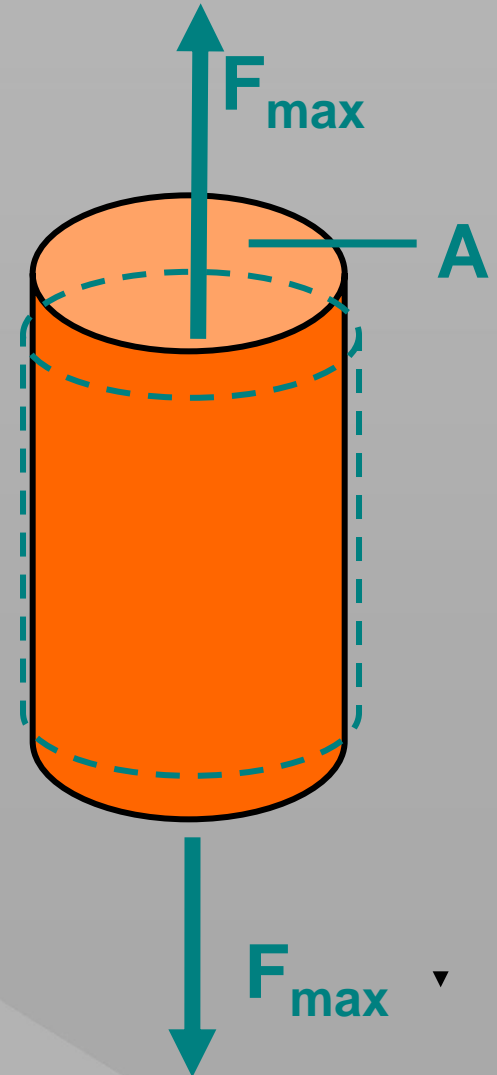




Tensile strength

$$\bullet R_t = \frac{F_{\max}}{A}$$

[MPa]

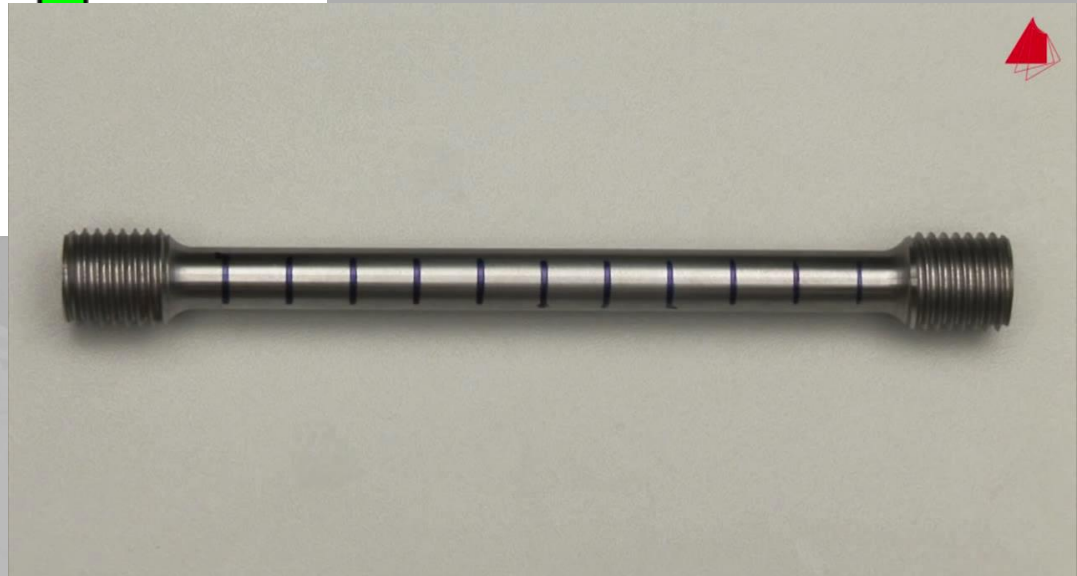
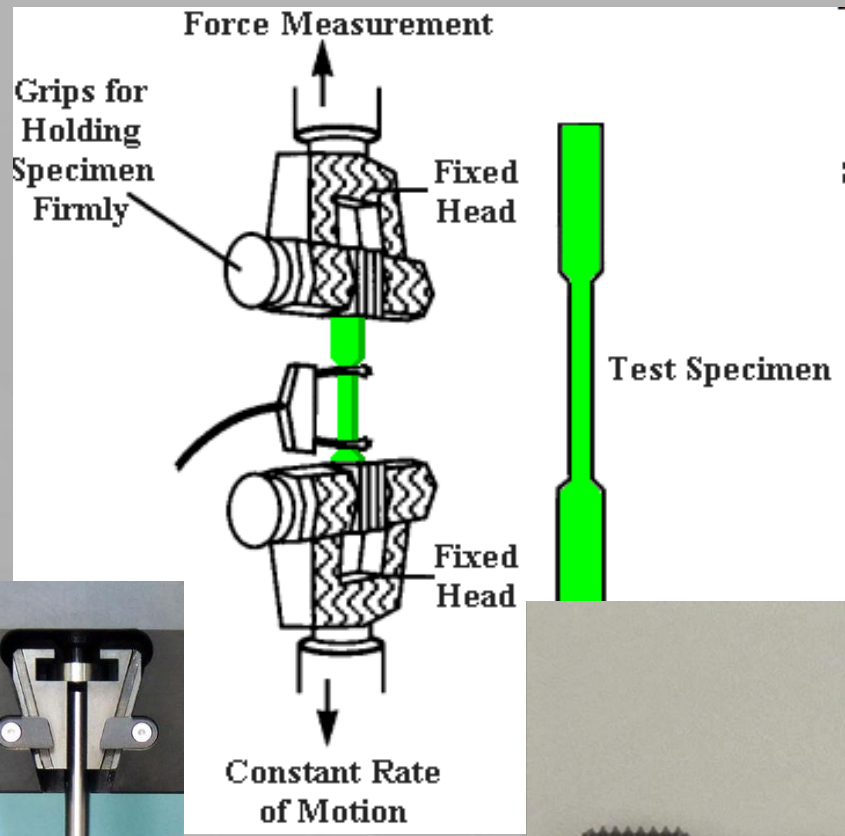


F_{\max} maximum force [N]

A area [mm]



Tensile strength - testing





Test specimen for tensile test

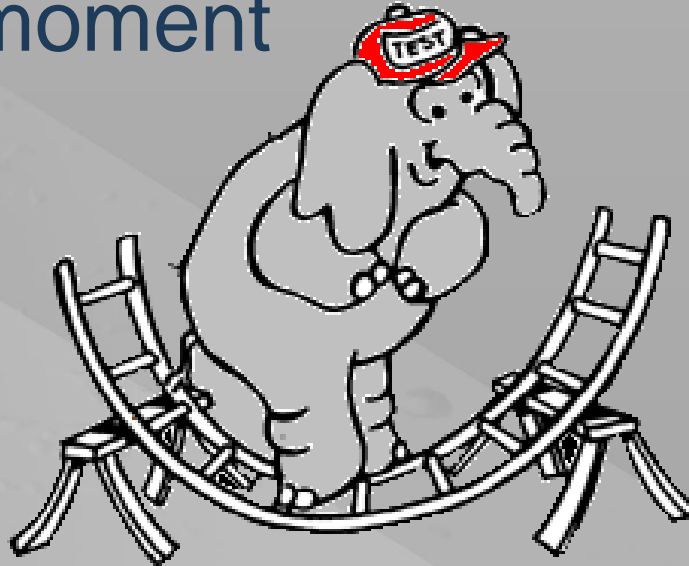
- round or flat, slim
- special shoulders for gripping in the machine





Flexural strength

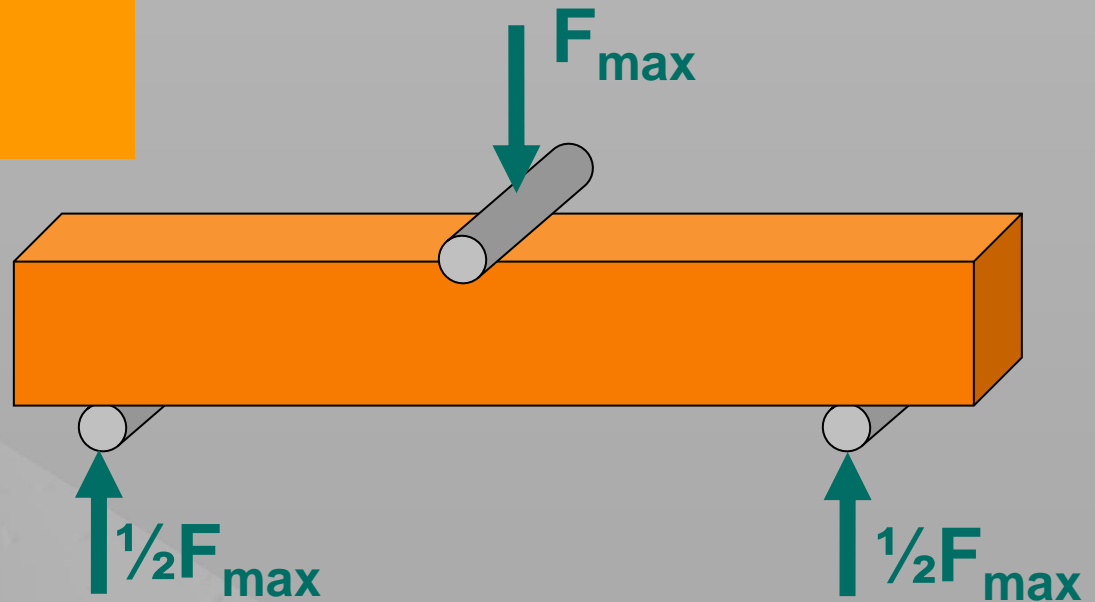
- tensile strength of materials with distinctively higher compressive strength than tensile strength
- fracture in the place of the maximum bending moment





Flexural strength

$$\bullet R_y = \frac{M_{\max}}{W}$$



M_{\max} ... maximum bending moment [N.mm]

W ... section modulus [mm³]

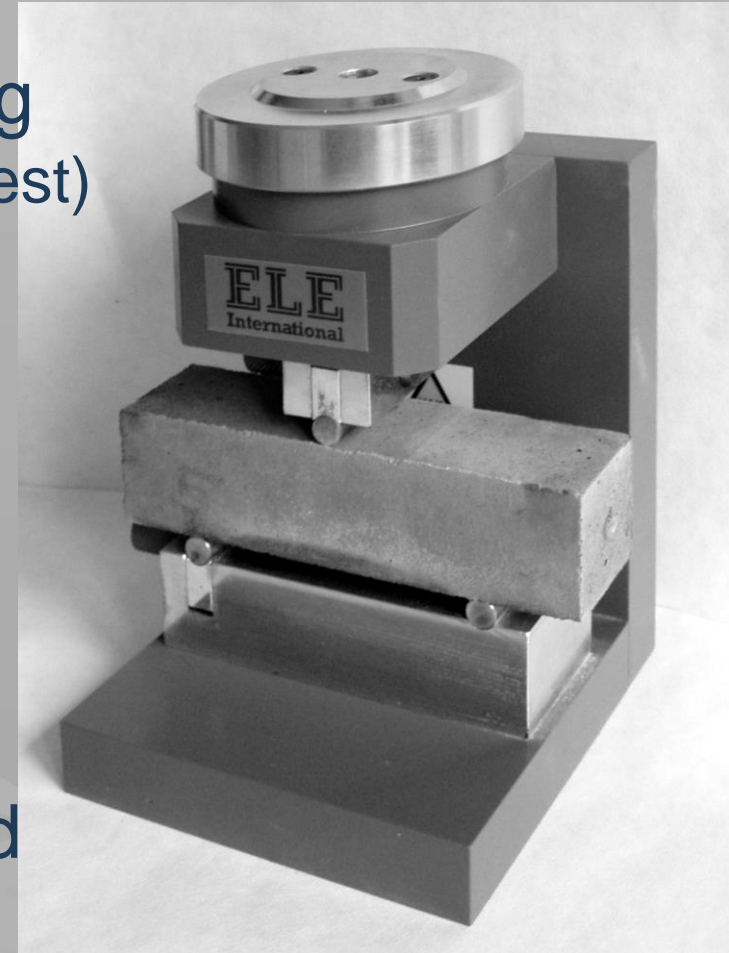


Flexural strength

- **Bending moment M**
according type of loading
(three point test, four point test)

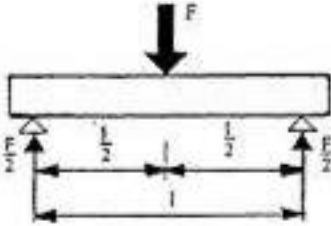
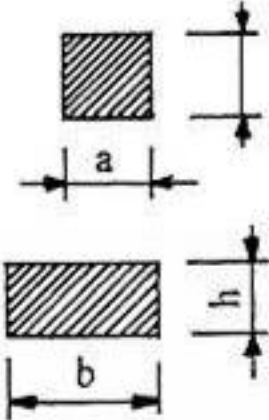
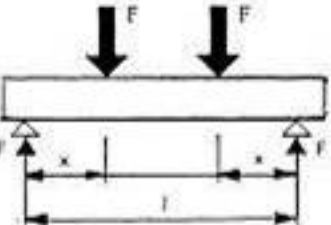
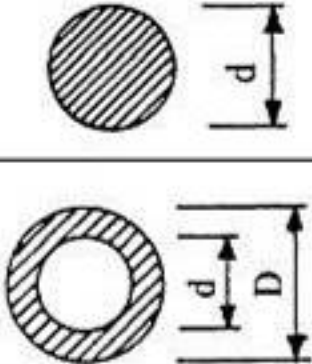


- **Section modulus W**
according the shape and
size of cross section





Calculation of M and W

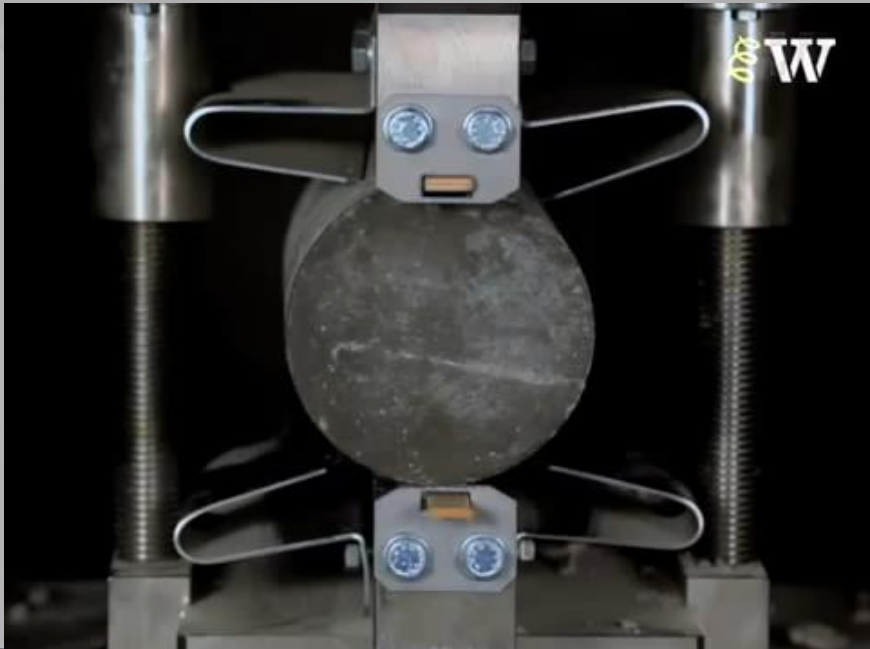
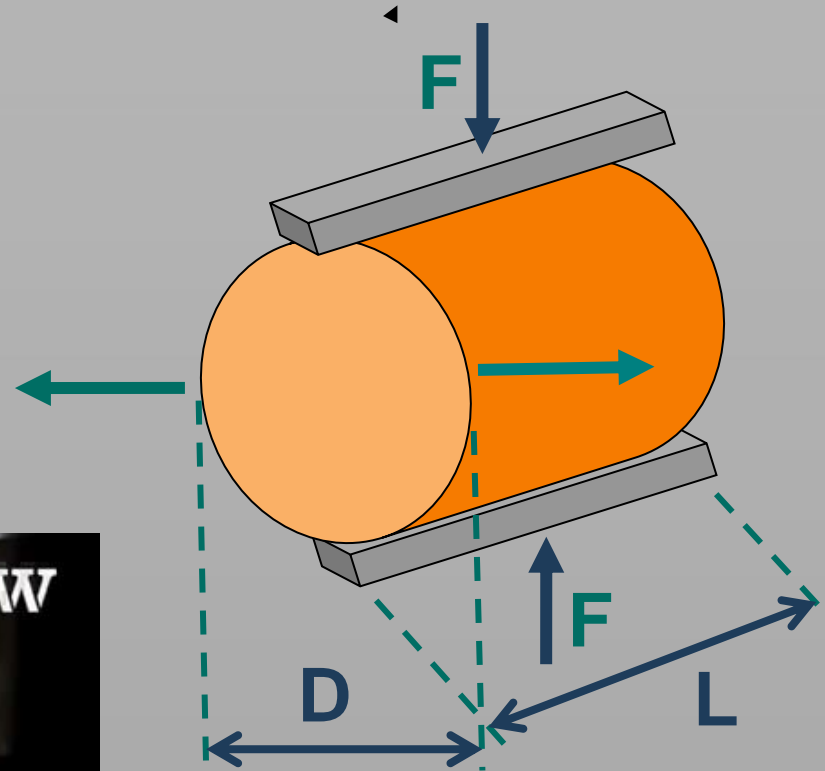
Loading diagram	Bending moment	Shape of cross-section	Section modulus
	$M = \frac{1}{4} F \times l$		$W = \frac{1}{6} a^3$ $W = \frac{1}{6} bh^2$
	$M = F \times l$		$W = \frac{\pi}{32} d^3 = 0,1d^3$ $W = \frac{\pi(D^4 - d^4)}{32D}$



Splitting tensile strength

- fragile materials

$$R_t = \frac{2F_{max}}{\pi \cdot D \cdot l}$$





Brazilian test

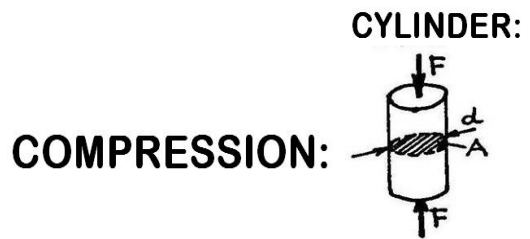
- stones



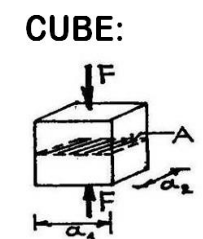
Rock	Compressive strength	Tensile strength
basalt	250 - 350	8
granite	80 - 280	3 - 8
limestone	40 - 200	1 - 6
sandstone	40 - 180	1.5 - 3
schist	60 - 200	2.5
marble	80 - 150	3 - 9
quartzite	300 - 500	3 - 5



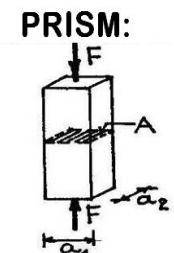
STRENGTH DETERMINATION



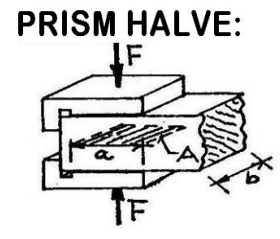
$$R_c = \frac{F_{max}}{A} \quad A = \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4}$$



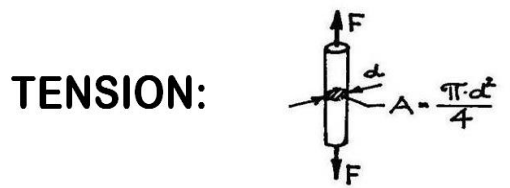
$$A = a_1 \cdot a_2$$



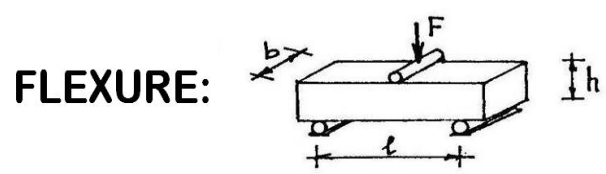
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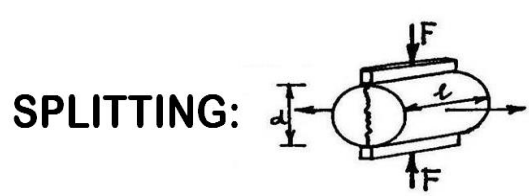
$$A = a \cdot b$$



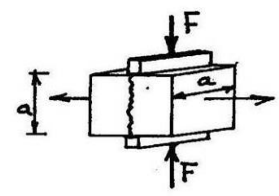
$$R_t = \frac{F_{max}}{A}$$



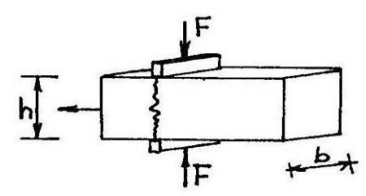
$$R_f = \frac{3 \cdot F_{max} \cdot l}{2 \cdot b \cdot h^2}$$



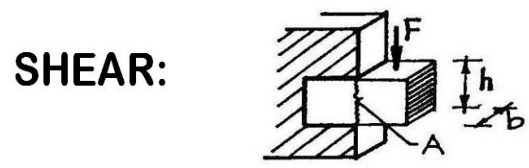
$$R_t = \frac{2 \cdot F_{max}}{\pi \cdot d \cdot l}$$



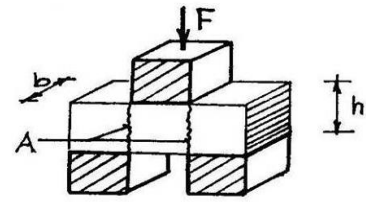
$$R_t = \frac{2 \cdot F_{max}}{\pi \cdot a^2}$$



$$R_t = \frac{2 \cdot F_{max}}{\pi \cdot b \cdot h}$$



$$R_s = \frac{F_{max}}{A}$$



$$A = b \cdot h$$

$$R_s = \frac{F_{max}}{2A}$$