

Photonitex School 07/11/2019

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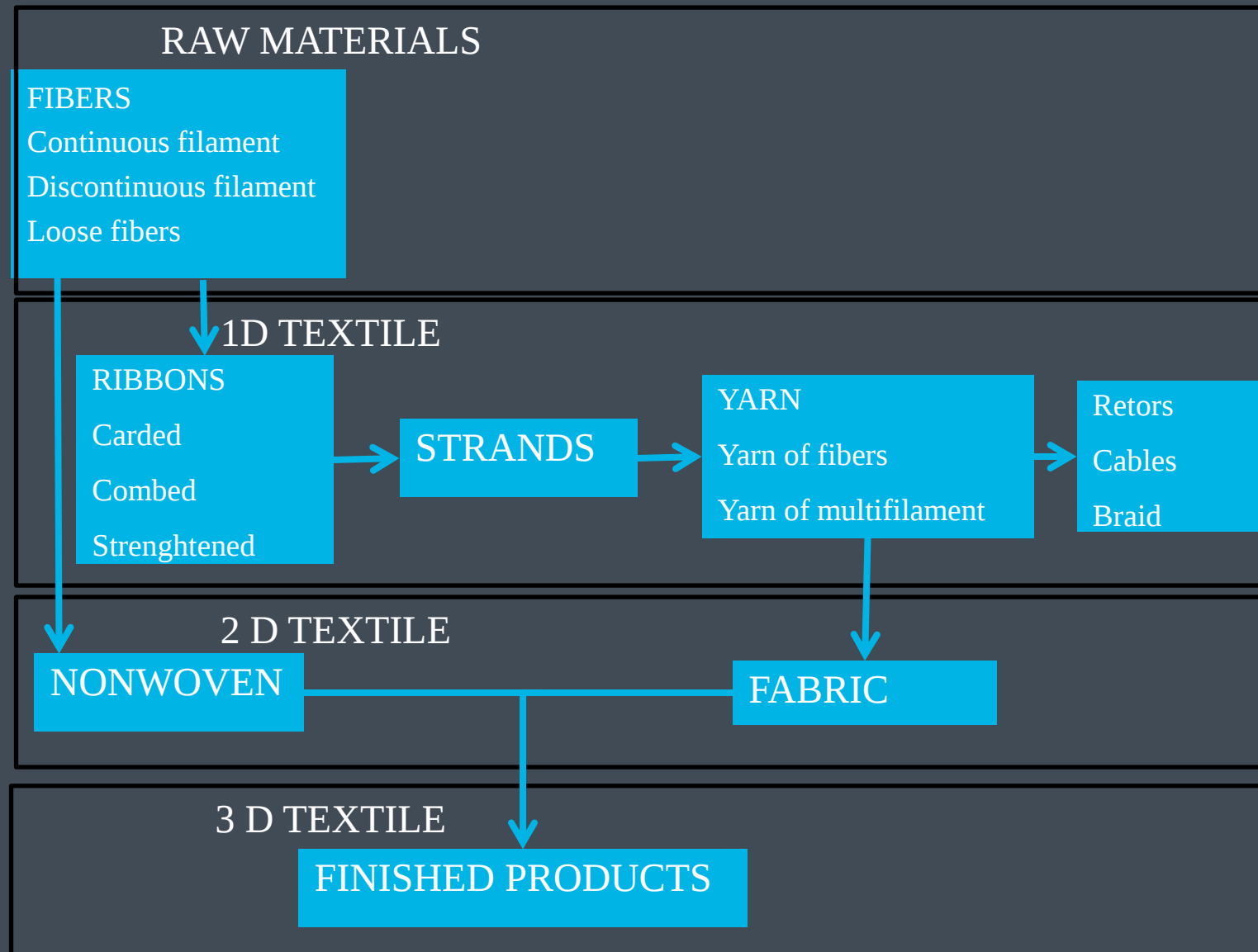
Objectives

- Basic Knowledge of textile
- What textile/polymer technologies are used in Photonitex ?
- What did Gemtex do in the past ?

I. Basic Knowledge

- Fiber characterization
- Yarn characterization
- Fabric characterization

I. Basic Knowledge of textile



Vocabulary

- ***Fibre discontinue (Fiber)*** : textile fibers generally of short length presented in flock
- ***Filament (Filament)*** :
 - Textile fiber of « infinite » length
- ***Câble (Câble pour fibres discontinues) (Tow)*** : composite of a great numbers of filaments without important torsion build to construct discontinuous fibers.

Fibers length

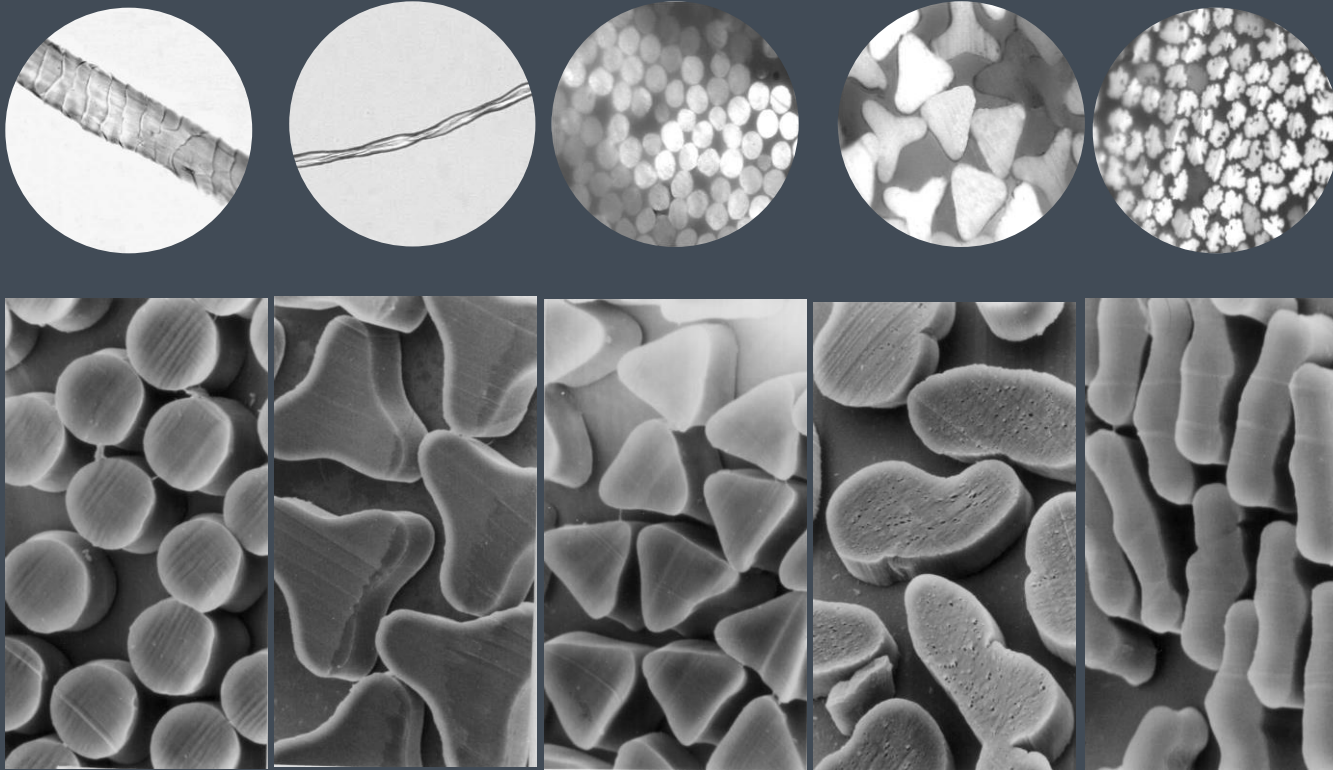
- Short fibers: cotton (20 mm)
- Long fibers wool (can go up to 200 mm)



- This is vital for the yarning process.

Fibers characterization

- Fiber identification
 - Microscope



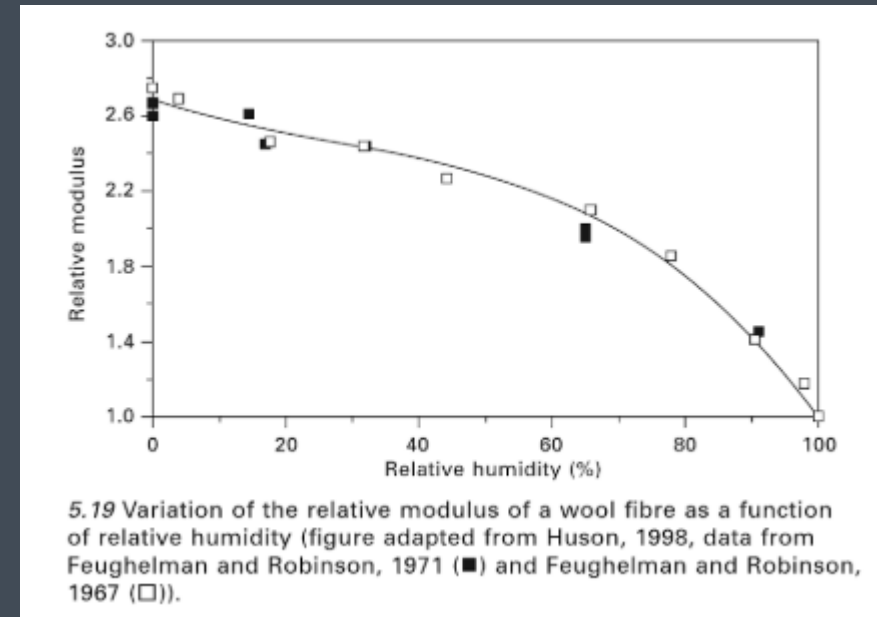
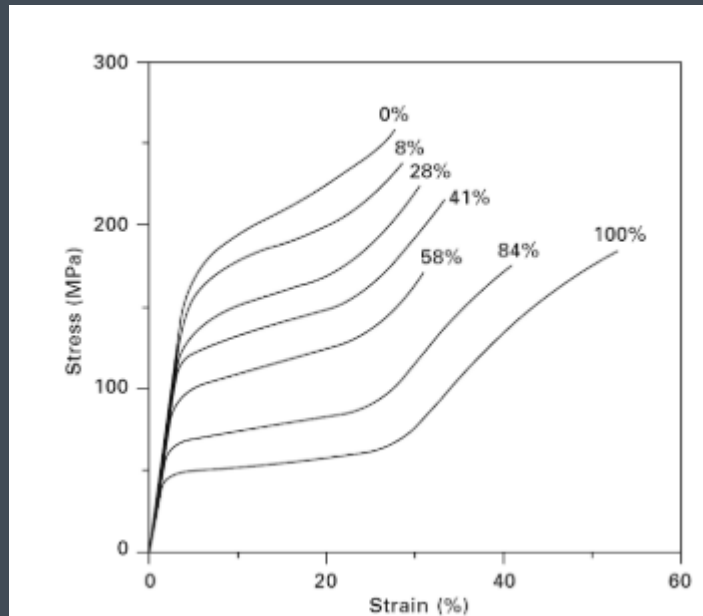
Fiber fineness/count

- $Count[Tex] = \frac{mass[g]}{length[km]}$ Yarn fineness

Standard unit example 25 Tex=a yarn of 25 g for 1 km (also 250 dtex)

	Number metric	Denier	Cotton count
Unit	Nm	Den	Ne.c
definition	$\frac{length [m]}{mass [g]}$	$\frac{mass[g]}{length [9 km]}$	$\frac{length [840 yards]}{mass [pound]} \sim \frac{[770m]}{[0,45 kg]}$
Value	1000/Tex	9 Tex	590.5/ Tex

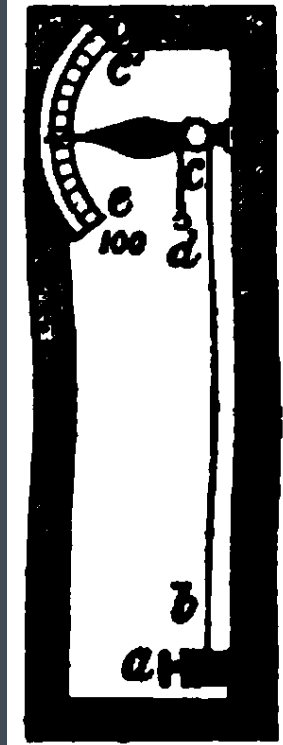
Influence of RH on wool



Handbook of tensile properties of textiles and technical fibers, p122

Different ways to measure RH

- Hair Hygrometer
 - «It consists of a human hair eight to ten inches long, b c, fastened at one extremity to a screw, a, and at the other passing over a pulley, c, being strained tight by a silk thread and weight, d.»
 - Natural fibers are so humidity dependent that it is used as a hygrometer



Draper, J.W., A Textbook on Chemistry 1861:
Harper & Brothers. P55/441.

Yarn characterization

- Yarn breacking strength
- Yarn pilosity
- Yarn torsion

Vocabulary

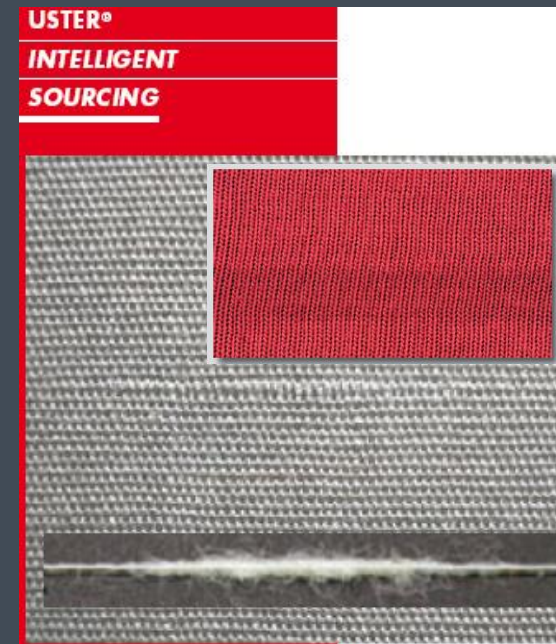
- **Fil (Yarn)** : It is an assembly of essential length and relatively small cross-section of fibers and or / filaments with or without twist
- **Fil monofilamentaire (Monofilament yarn)**: Yarn composed of a single filament
- **Fil multifilamentaire (Multifilament yarn)**: Yarn composed of several filament
- **Filé de fibres (Spun Yarn)**: Yarn composed of fibers

Yarn breacking strength

- Like with fibers the tenacity is defined

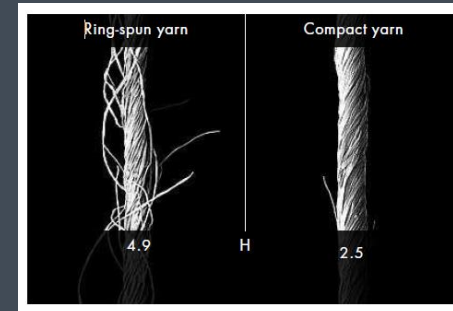
$$\tau[N/Tex] = \frac{\text{breacking load}}{\text{count}}$$

- Regularity
- Of the yarn regularity depends the default of the final fabric
- Regularity must be achieved in all steps of the fabrication: ribbons, strands, yarn



Yarn pilosity

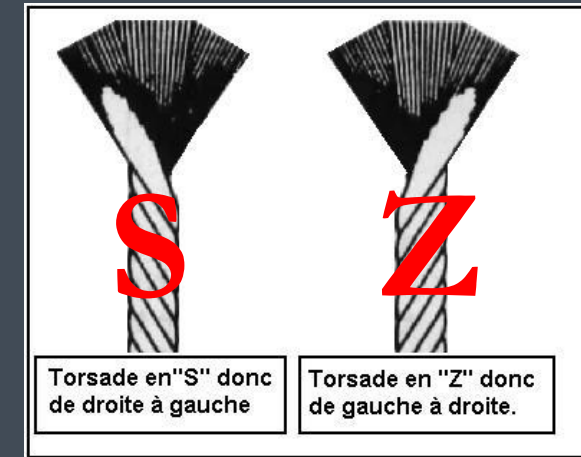
- The yarn pilosity is expressed with H. H is the number of fiber cm outside the Yarn for 1 cm of Yarn.
- A high pilosity is good for some knitting process where a soft touch is wanted and generally bad for weaving.
- A low pilosity is good for weaving and avoid entanglement



https://www.uster.com/fileadmin/customer/Instruments/Yarn_Testing/Uster_Tester_5_broschure.pdf

Yarn torsion

- The torsion of a yarn is defined by the number of turn per meter and by the orientation
- The torsion is a key parameter of a yarn mechanical resistance with the fiber nature and the yarn fineness.
- In order to have a loose coton tee shirt a low torsion is recommended whereas to obtain a harder yarn with the same cotton a high torsion is required



Fabric characterization

- Fabric mechanical test
- Fabric stitching resistance
- Fabric abrasion
- Air and water permeability

Fabric: mechanical tests

- Tensile test
 - In both weaving direction
 - In both knitting direction
- Tearing test
 - Measurement of the resistance of a fabric before tearing.



Fabric stitching resistance

- The objective is to measure the stitching resistance by pulling two independant fabric apart.
- It is then possible to choose between different sort of stitching
- Applications clothing, furniture, ...



Fabric: abrasion

- A circular sample is submitted to abrasion against an abrasive

fabric	Deterioration point
weaving	2 different Yarn breacking
knitting	Breacking of a yarn with apparition of a hole
velvet	Complete wear of the velvet
Nonwoven	First hole bigger than 0,5mm in diameter



- Applications clothing, furniture, ...

Fabric: permeability air and water

- Air permeability of a fabric is the possibility for this fabric to be crossed by air. It is given in $\text{l/m}^2/\text{h}$ for a given pressure.
 - Applications: wind stopper ...
- Water penetration of a fabric is the pression at which 3 drop of water will appear on the opposite surface.
 - Applications k-ways,



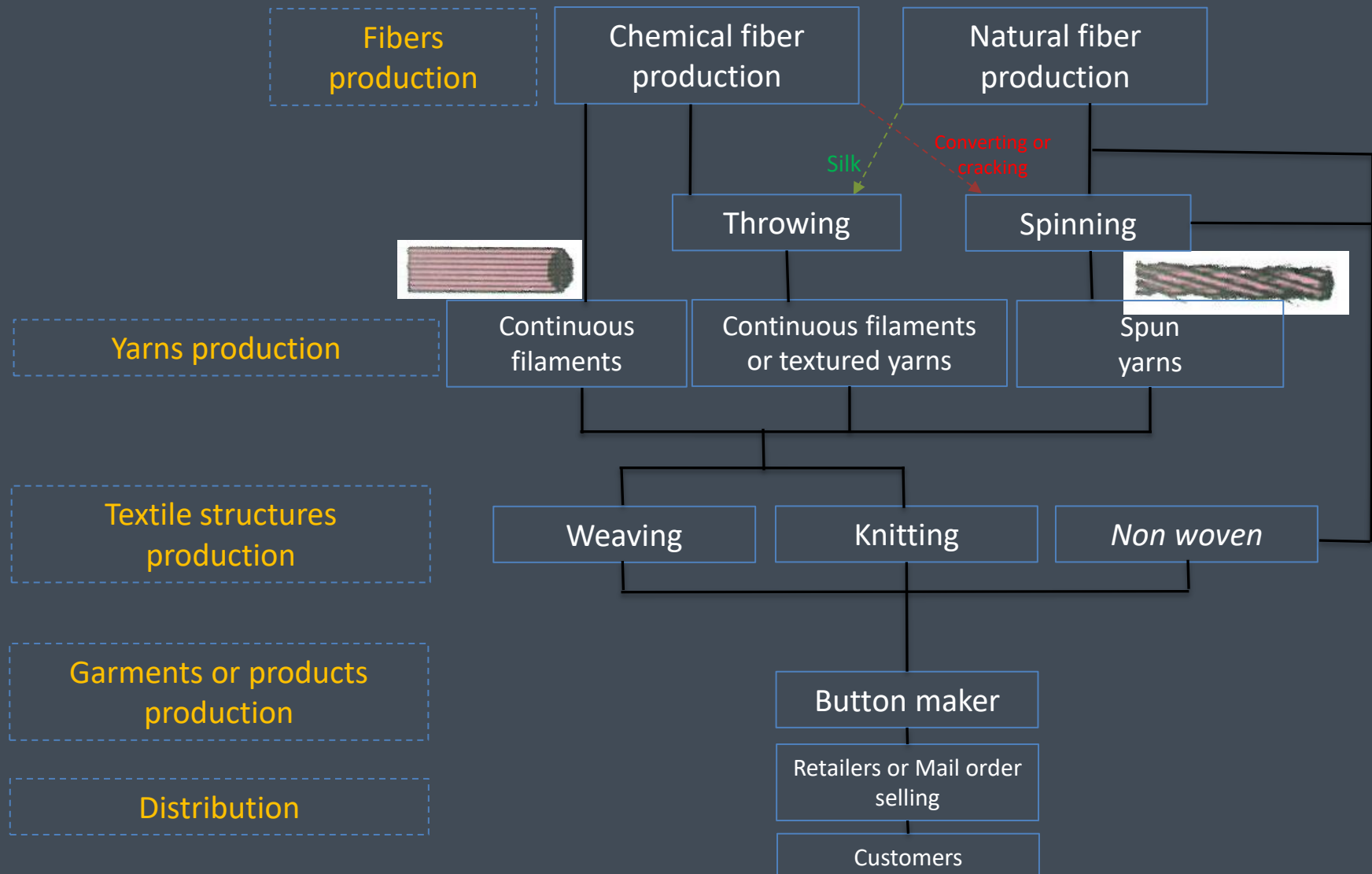
II. What textile/polymer technics are used in photonitex

- Textile chain
- 2 screws extrusion process
- Synthetic fiber spinning

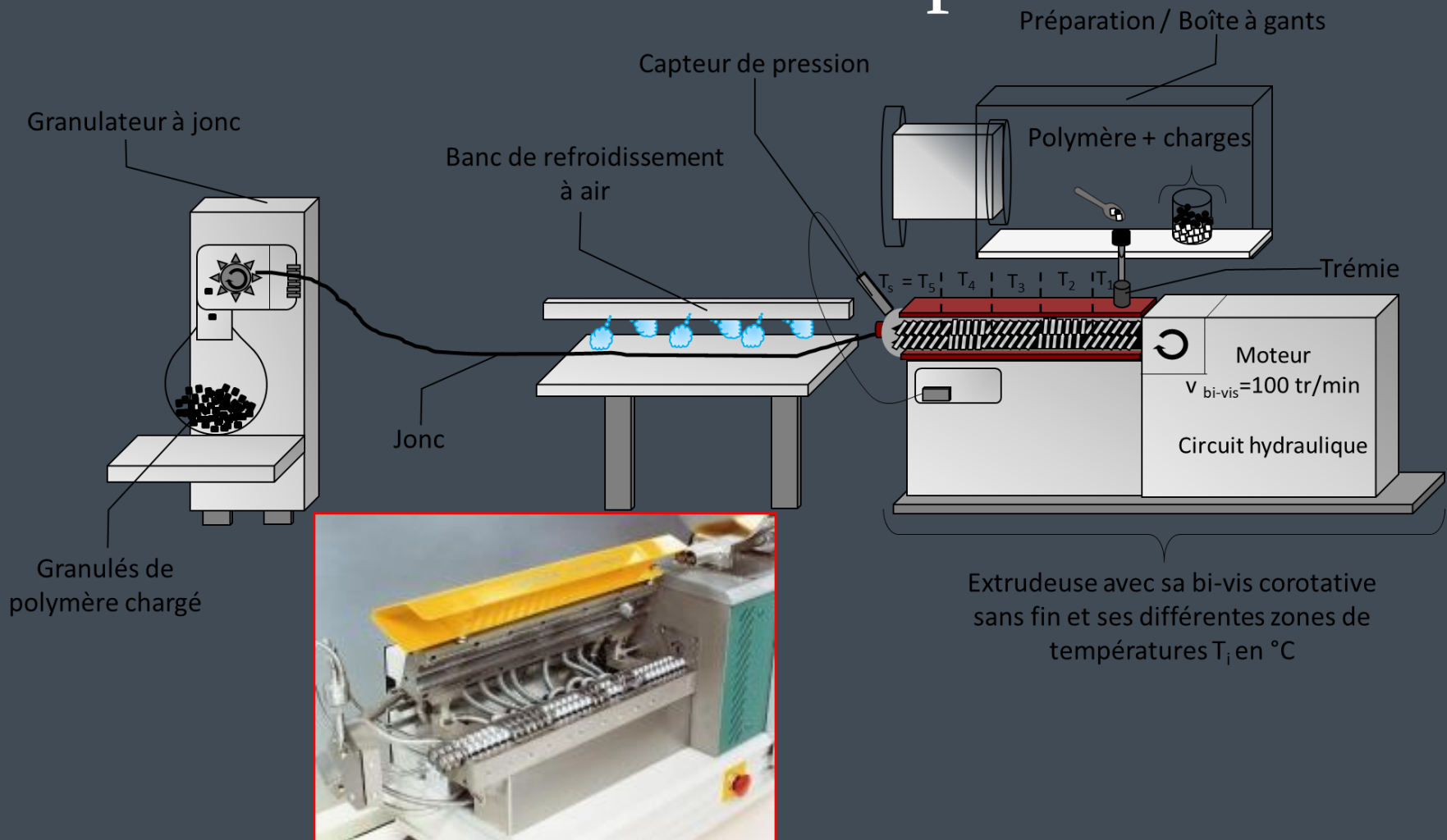
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Traditional textile

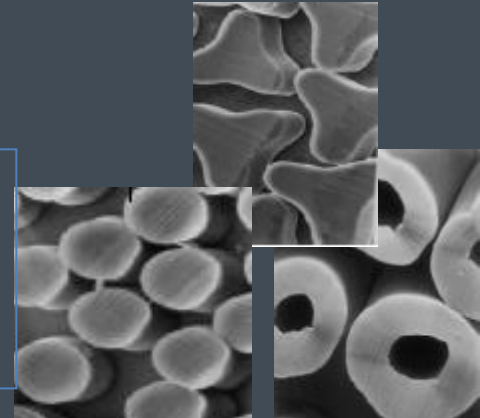
Textile Chain



2 screws extrusion process



Chemical fibers spinning

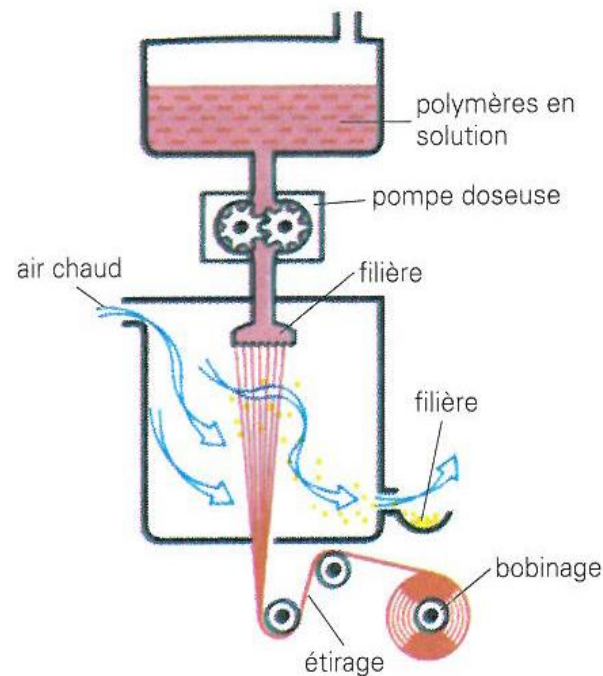
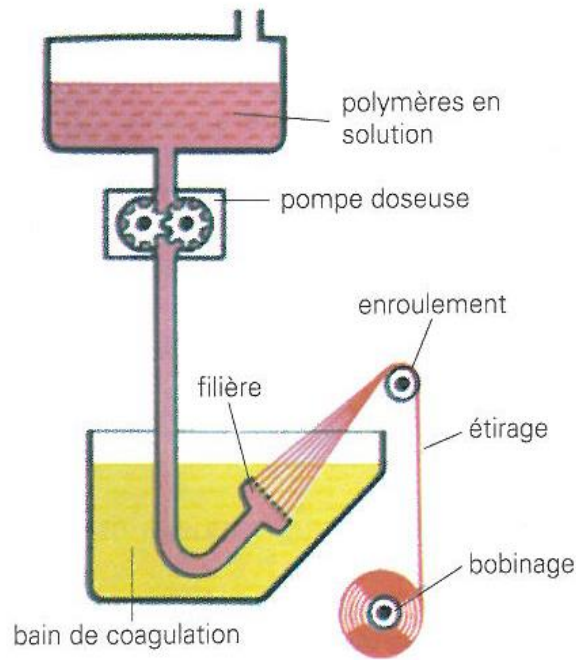


-Voie solvant (Solvent):

- Humide (Wet) : Viscose, Acrylic,...

- Sec (Dry) : Acetate, Triacetate, Chlorofibre, Acrylic, Elastofibre,...

- Voie fondue (Melt) : Polyethylene, Polypropylene, Polyamide, Polyester,...

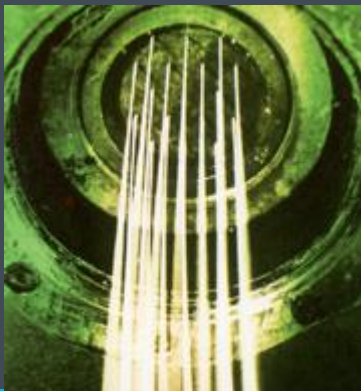


Filage par voie fondue/melt spinning

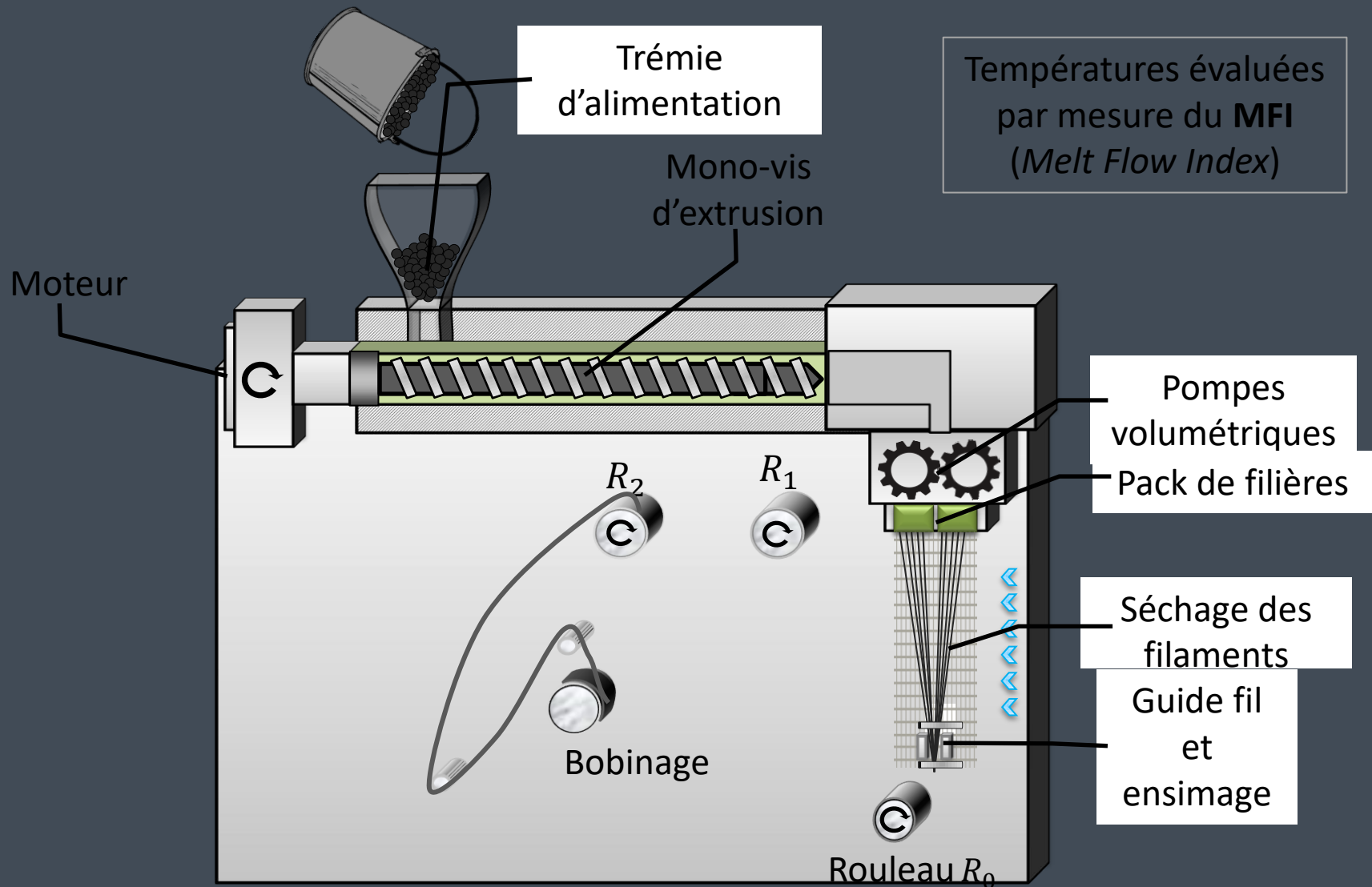
Principle of spinning of chemical fibers from melted polymers or diluted polymer

Polymer → filaments going through nozzles

Filaments → extended thanks to rollers changing physical and mechanical properties



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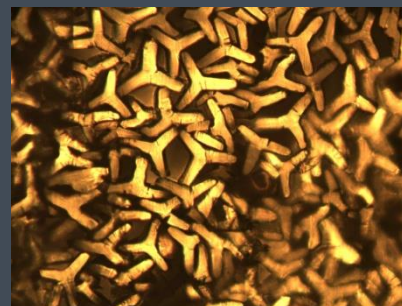
Melt spinning in video



Melt spinning nozzle:



Nozzle shapes



- $\varnothing=30-70\mu\text{m}$



A round fibre lets most light pass straight through



A trilobal fibre allows only a small proportion of light to pass through



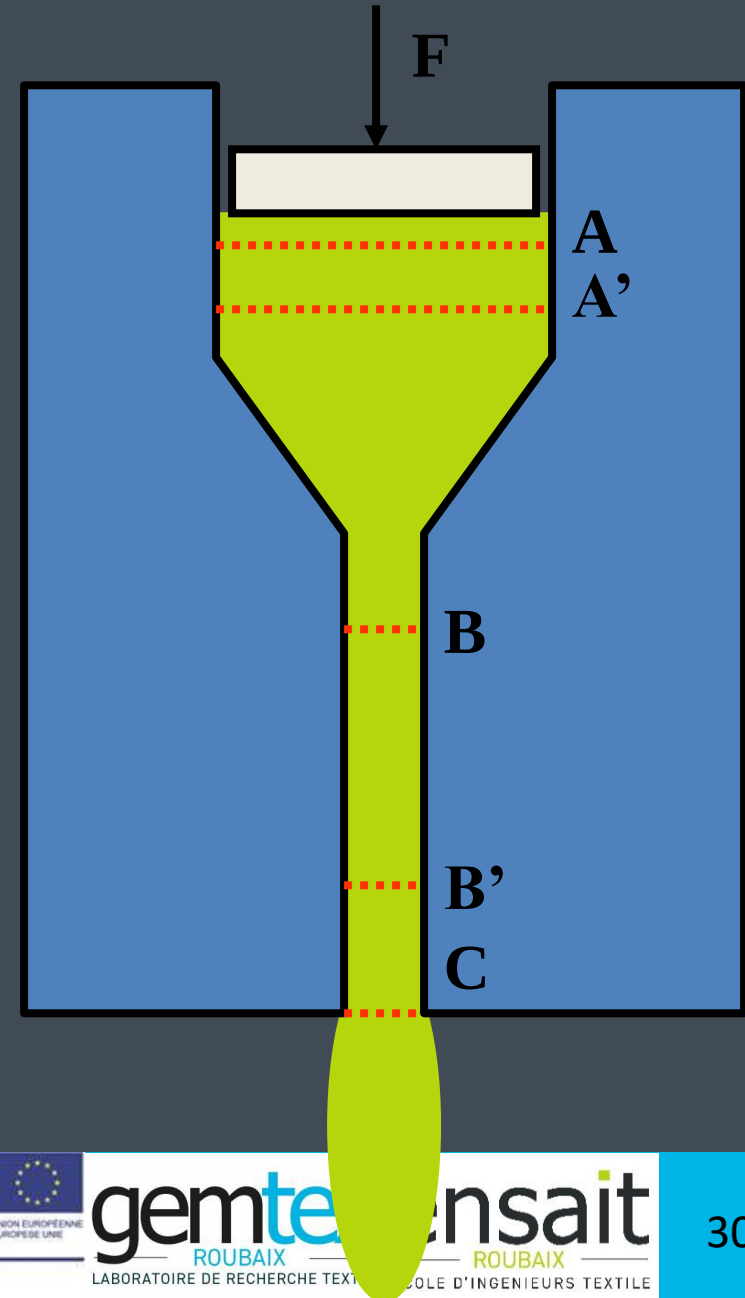
The hollow fibre cross section provides optimum light scatter for maximum soil hiding



Antron® Brilliance® combines the soil hiding properties of the hollow fibre with fibre engineering that brings rich colours and different lustres and dyeabilities to create truly stunning carpet designs.

<http://www.antron.eu/fr/literature.html>

- $A \rightarrow B$: lateral compression elongationnal stress
- C : macromolecule have a tendancy to relax and expand
- Barus effect



Melt spinning interest

- Conversion from an isotropic polymer to a strongly anisotropic polymer
- Polymer orientation parallel to the filament direction



Count approximation

- Depending on yarning process parameter

$$\text{Titre (dtex)} \cong \frac{V_p \times d \times T_p}{V_{r_2}} \times 10\,000$$

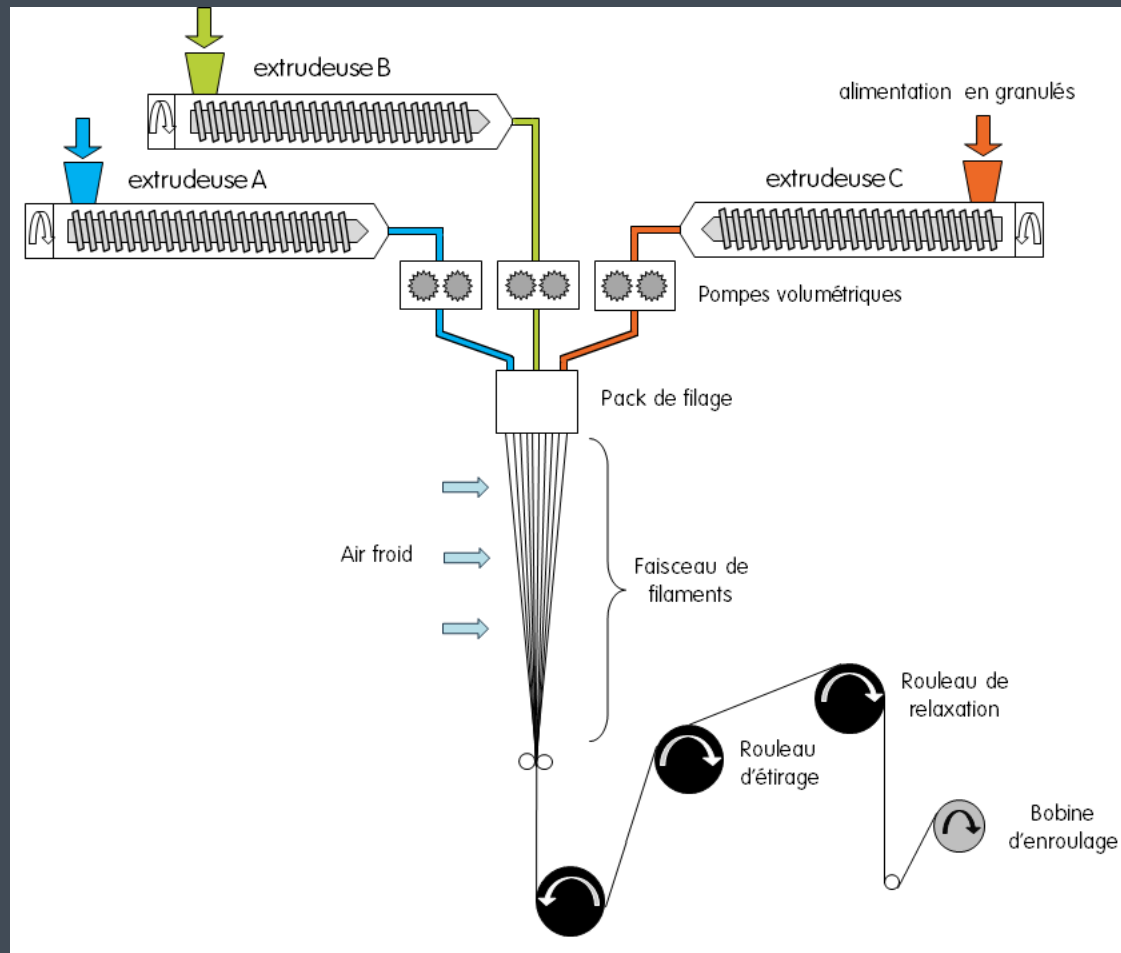
V_p = volumetric pump

d = relativ density of melted polymer

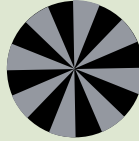
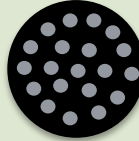
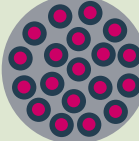
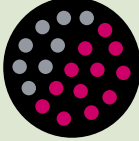
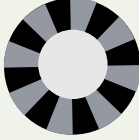
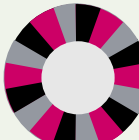
T_p = Number of turns of the volumetric pump

V_{r_2} = speed of the last roll

Multicomponents spinning



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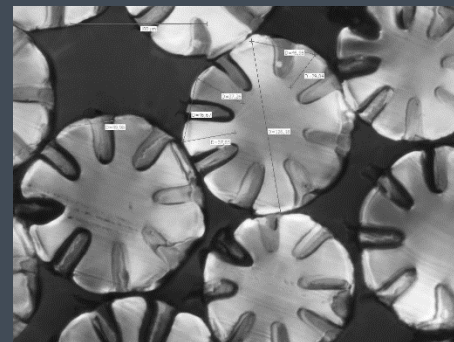
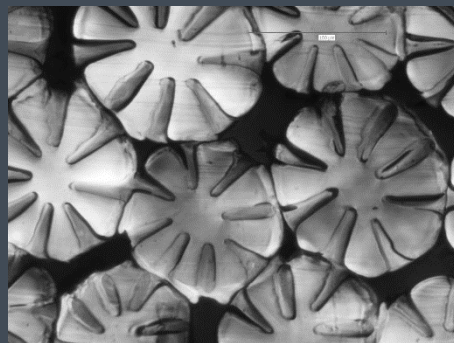
	BICO	TRICO
Round	    	   
Hollow	  	
Trilobal	  	



Multicomponents melt spinning



deformation
n



« flower
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⇒ 2 materials one filled the other
not ...



⇒ Irregular repartition in one of the
polymers



⇒ 2 materials with totally different
mechanical behavior



2 interesting project the GEMTEX worked on

- Project IMS&CPS
- Projet Filairco

III. What did GEMTEX do in the past



Projet IMS&CPS (2010-2013)

Innovative **M**aterial **S**ynergies &
Composite **P**rocessing **S**trategies



Projet Européen, 7^{ème} PCRD
Thèse : *Jonas Bouchard*

16 partenaires :

(7 laboratoires universitaires,
2 centres de recherche
et 7 industriels)

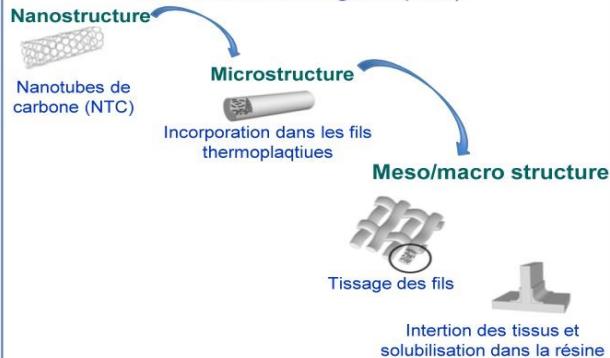
Coordinateur:
Coexpair (BE)



Objectif du projet

Renforcement des **propriétés mécaniques des composites** (propriétés d'impact et interlaminaires)

Dissipation des charges électriques
(protection contre la foudre et les interférences magnétiques).



Tâches GEMTEX

Elaboration par filage en **voie fondue** et **voie solvant** de filaments conducteurs **thermostables** chargés en NTC.

Orientation et alignement des NTC dans le sens de la fibre, optimisation des propriétés mécaniques et électriques du fil.

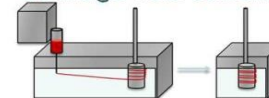
Formulation de
nanocomposites
polymères
conducteurs
thermostables

POLYETHERSULFONE,
Nanotubes de carbone
Plastifiants

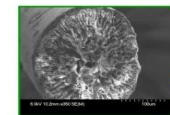
Adaptation du procédé
filage voie fondu



Mise en place d'un
dispositif laboratoire
de filage voie solvant



Amélioration des
propriétés
électriques et du
comportement au
feu



**Personnels
impliqués**



*3 publications avec comités de lecture
7 communications orales et affiches*

III. What did GEMTEX do in the past

FILage multiCOmposant pour le développement
de matériaux fibreux innovants et fonctionnels -
Applications à la filtration de l'**AIR**



14^{ème} FUI

Thèse CIFRE : *Esma Ayad*



11 partenaires :

(2 laboratoires universitaires, 1 centre de recherche et 8 industriels)

Coordinateur: **Honeywell**



Objectif du projet

Mettre au point de **nouvelles fibres multicomposantes** pour l'obtention de matériaux fibreux innovants et fonctionnels pour la filtration de l'air

Valider la mise en œuvre des nouvelles fibres par des **procédés nontissés** et tissés

Filtres
Automobiles



Masques
Respiratoires



Filtres
Industriels



Amélioration des propriétés de filtration :
Augmentation efficacité
Diminution perte de charge

Tâches GEMTEX

Obtention des fibres **ultrafines** par filage **multicomposant** en voie fondue



AVANT séparation des
composants $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$

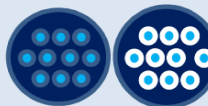


APRES séparation des
composants $< 2 \mu\text{m}$

Forme et qualité de l'interface : Identification des propriétés intrinsèques des polymères



Influence du **rapport de viscosités** à prendre en compte sur une **large fenêtre du taux de cisaillement**

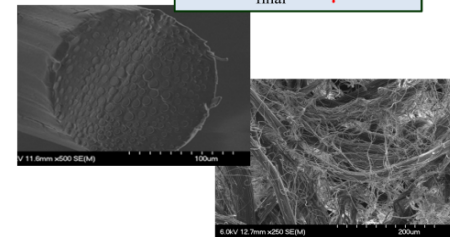


Influence du **placement des matériaux** dans la morphologie en fonction de la **température de cristallisation**

Obtention de voiles **nontissés** (voie sèche) à forte surface spécifique

300 îles-en-mer

$\varnothing_{\text{final}} \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$



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