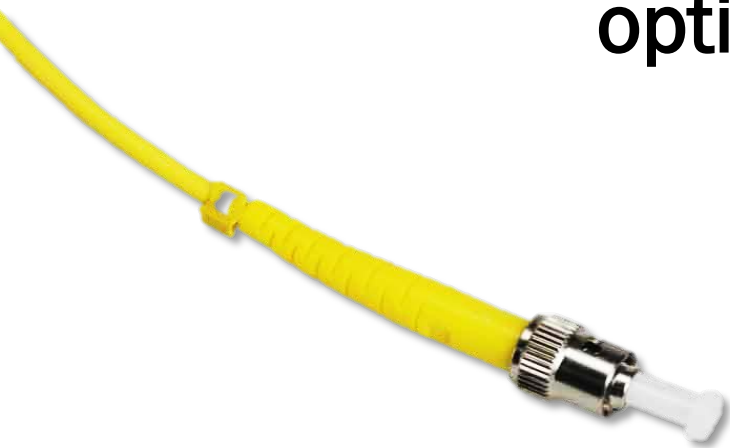


# Application of distributed optical fiber sensor technology for strain measurements in concrete structures



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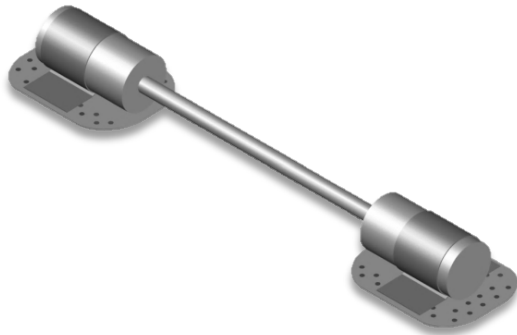
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# Structural Health Monitoring Systems

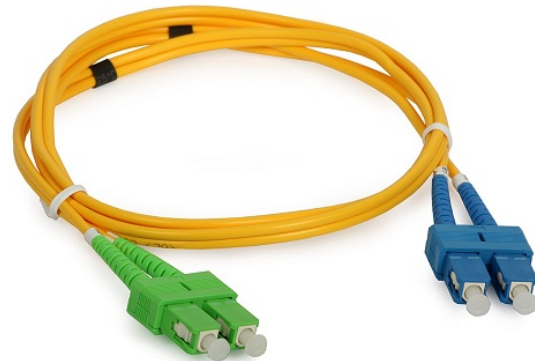
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measurements*



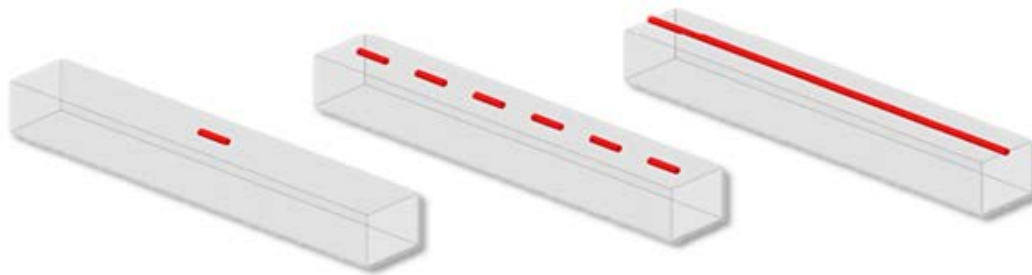
**Tomorrow**

*distributed  
measurements*



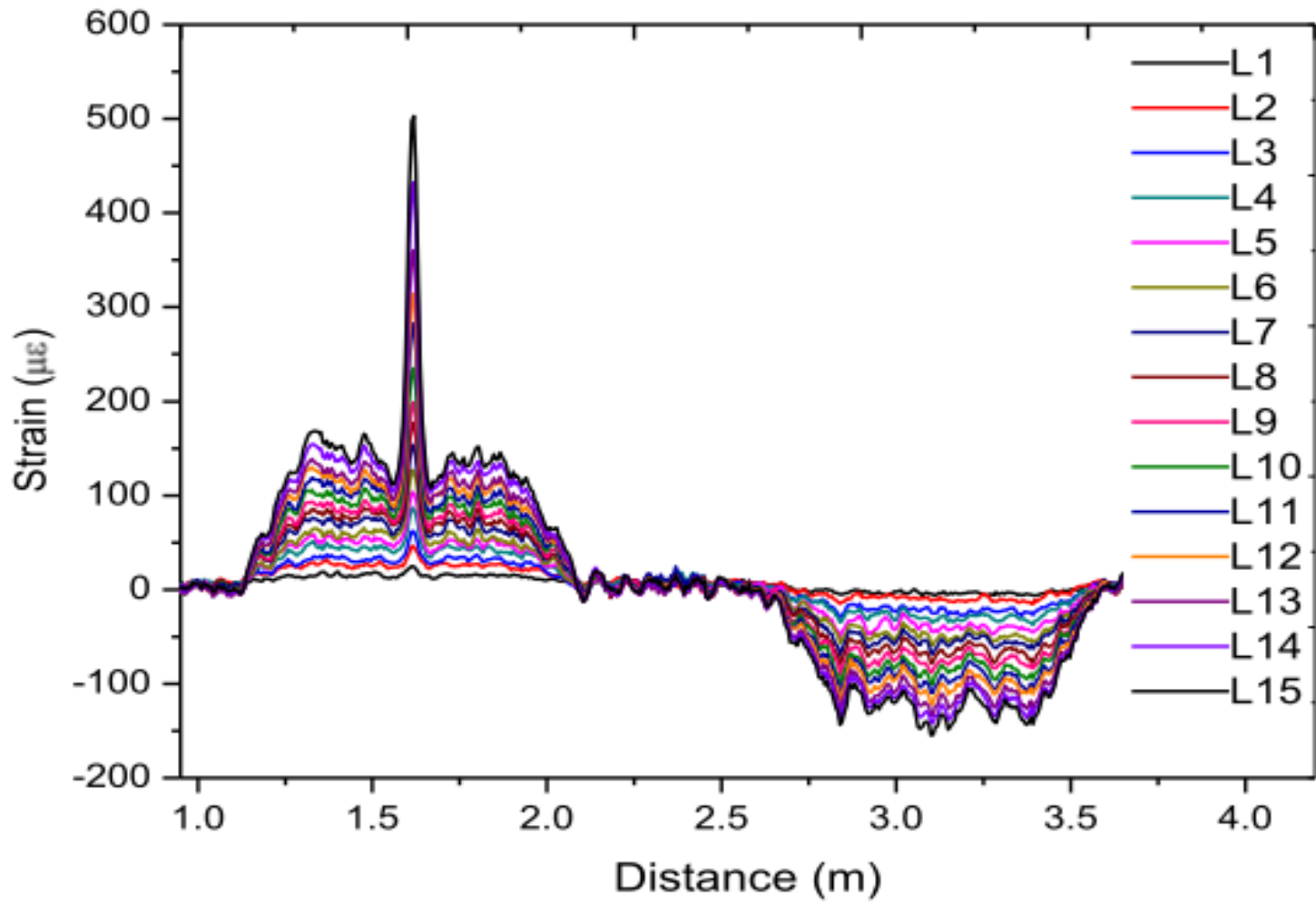
- Bragg gratings, Fabry – Perot interferometers
- Rayleigh, Raman or Brillouin scattering

**Measurement = f (t, L)**



## **Li W., Bao X., 2013**

- reinforced concrete beams
- four-point bending
- embedded strands and glued to surfaces
- trapezoidal strain distribution
- crack detection
- shape kept during load stages



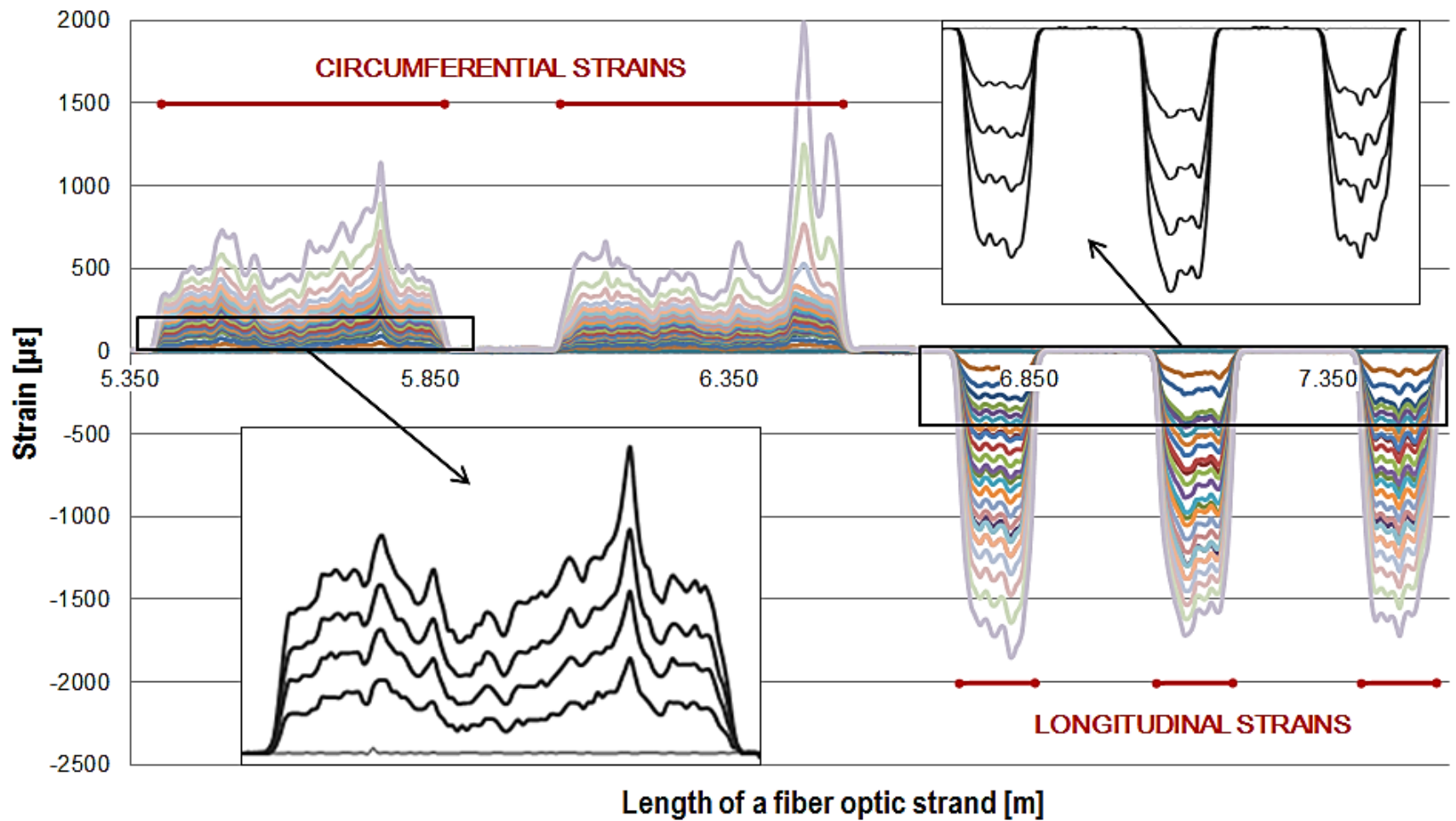
## COMPRESSED SAMPLE

- sample 300 x 150 mm
- 5 measurement sections
  - 3 longitudinal (130 mm)
  - 2 circumferential (470 mm)
- sensor base: 5 mm
- external extensometers
- two stages
  - (to 40 MPa and until destruction )
- zero reading

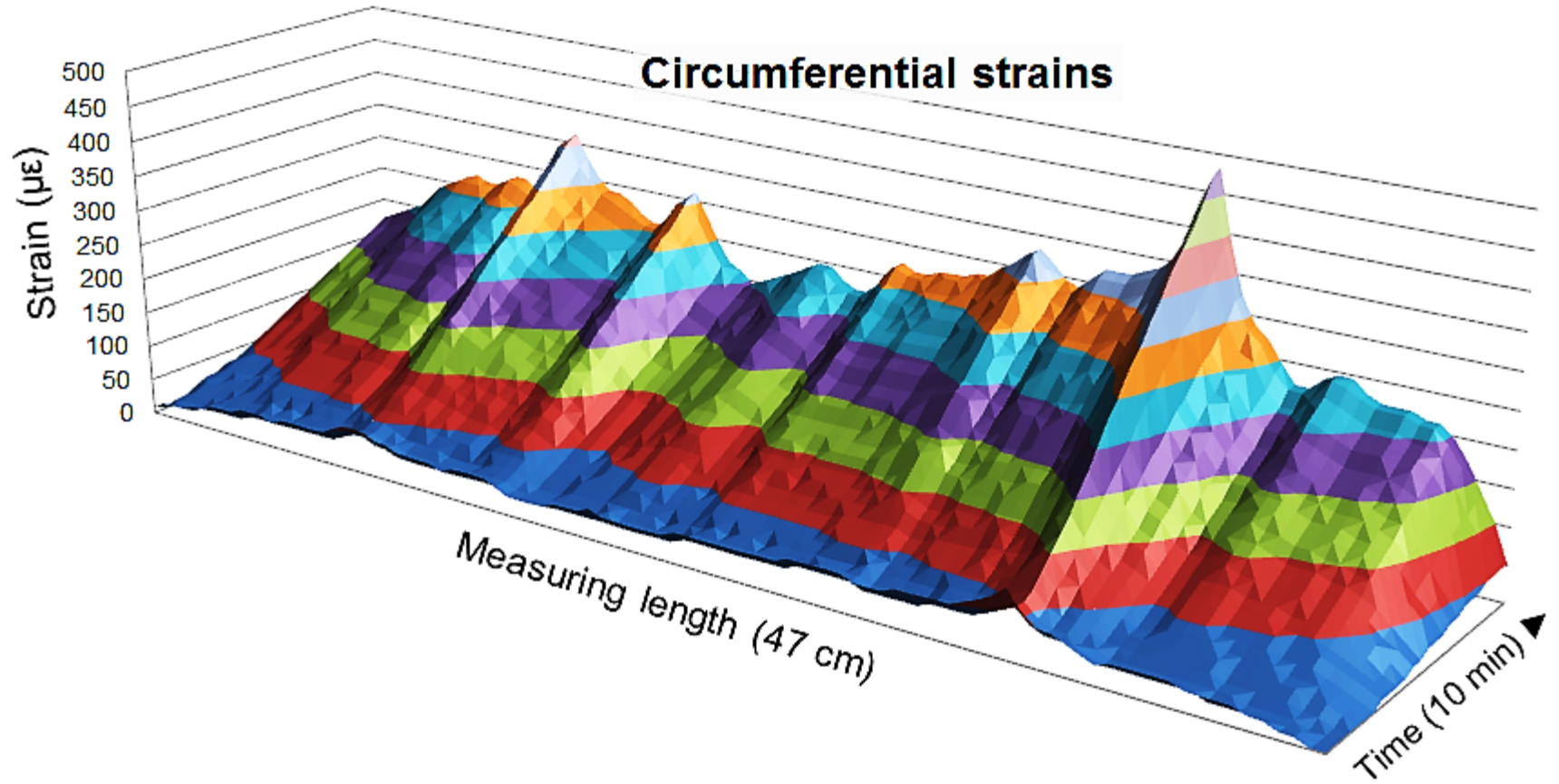


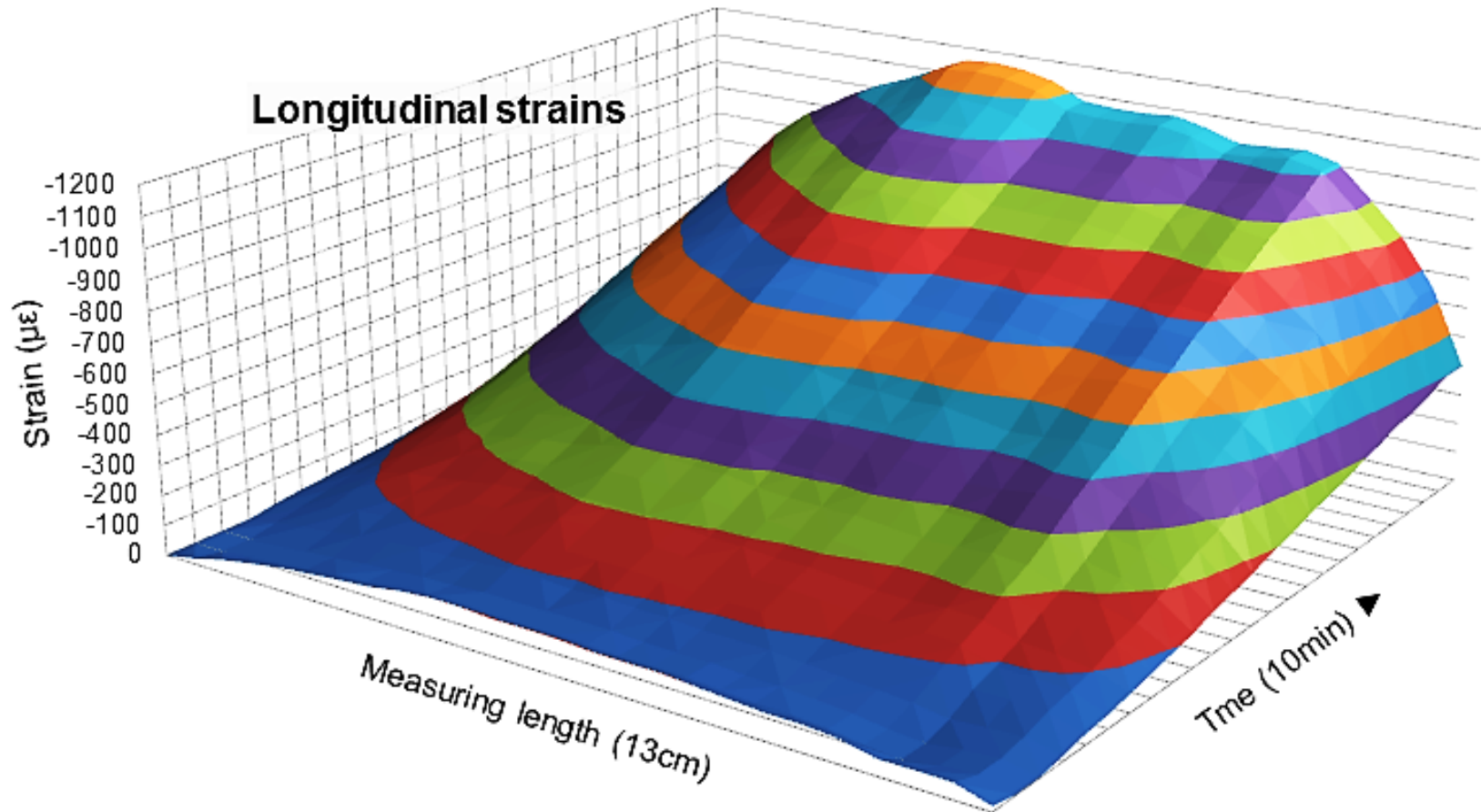






### Circumferential strains





## Variation coefficient of strain distribution:

$$V = \frac{s_{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon_{sr}} = \frac{n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{sr})^2}{n-1}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i}$$

Longitudinal: **36%**

Circumferential: **45%**

*where:*

$s_{\varepsilon}$  – standard deviation of the strain distribution ,

$\varepsilon_{sr}$  – averaged strains along the section,

$\varepsilon_i$  – subsequent strain values along the section,

$n$  – number of measurements along the section.

# Challenges

- computational algorithms → crack width
- accuracy and range
- strand mounting modes → material
- “transmission” length
- compensation for thermal influences
- remote and automatic execution of measurements
- simultaneous read out of several fiber optic strands
- correlation between the longitudinal and transverse strains

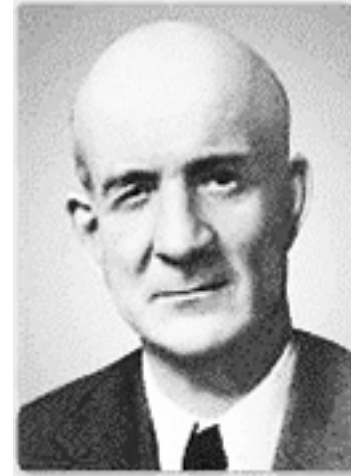
## Possible advantages

- early warning about abnormalities
- damage detection
- crack monitoring in RCS (durability)
- monitoring of engineering structures, pipelines, dams etc.
- distributed strain and temperature measurements
- reducing costs in SHM Systems
- development of science



The only true model of  
body's elasticity,  
is this body...

*prof. Zbigniew Wasiutyński*



# Theory + Practice

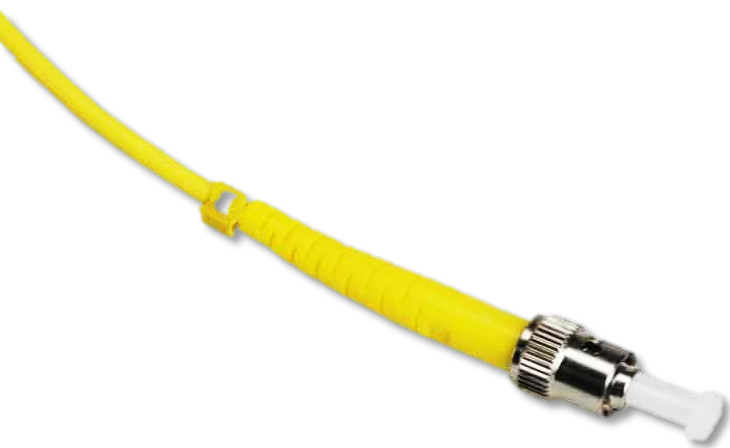
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