

The long way from invention to commercialization – development, drawbacks and introduction of the synergist TROVO[®] powder B

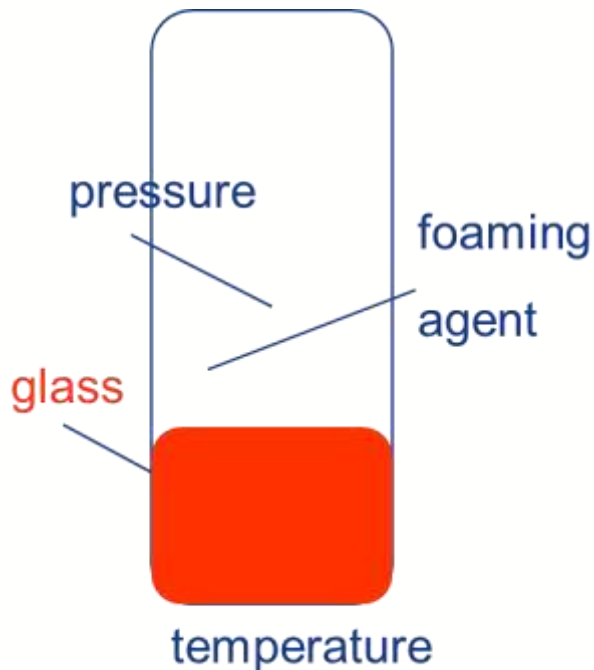


- The Invention
- Trovotech's Technology and Foaming Process
- Characteristics of the Glass Powder
- Synergistic Behavior of TROVOpowder B
- Results of TROVOpowder B in PA ,PBT and PET Applications
- Experience with Compounder and Trovopowder B Application Developments

A horizontal timeline arrow pointing to the right. It is dark blue with a lighter blue gradient. At the start (left) is an oval containing the year '1995'. At the end (right) is an oval containing the year '2017'.

1995

2017



glass foam is created
by sudden relaxation

If you make something new
something new will be coming out.

Free according to Joseph Schumpeter
(National Economist and Politician 1883 – 1950)

Patent application for
“the production of
foamed glass by a high
temperature extrusion
process”



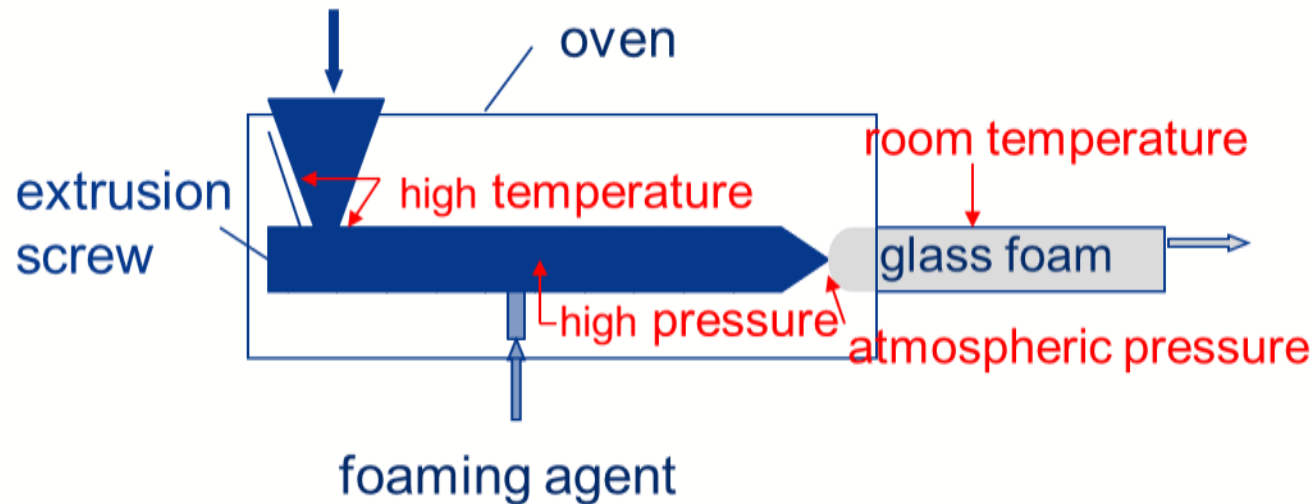
Grant of the German patent

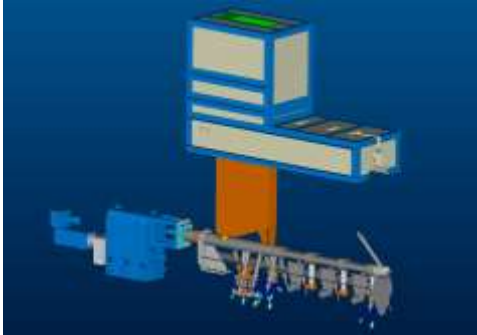
1995

09/1995

11/1997

To develop a world novel production technology – producing foam glass by a high temperature extrusion process to be used as insulation material.





Period of constructing the extruder

1/2000



12/2000



Completion of the extruder

2003



First Glass Foam

2003



Fracture of the Screw

2004



Continuous Production

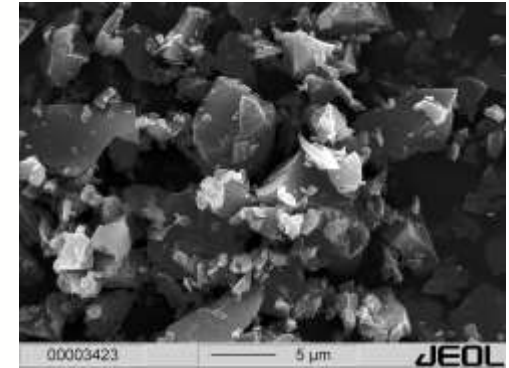
2006



High temperature
extrusion



Crushing



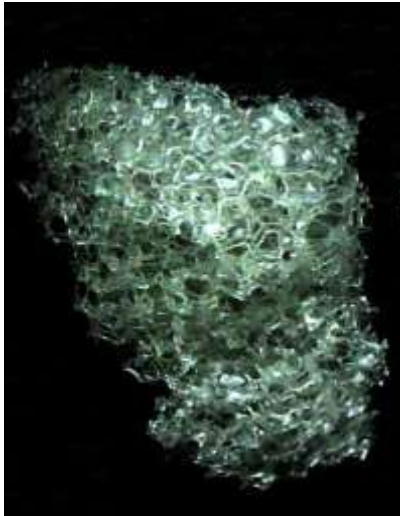
Modifying

2003

2005

2006

2017



- density: $> 0,3 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- coarse-pored
- inhomogeneous
- recycled glass



- density: $0,3 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- coarse-pored
- inhomogeneous
- glass pellets



- density: $0,2 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- fine-pored
- inhomogeneous
- soda lime glass



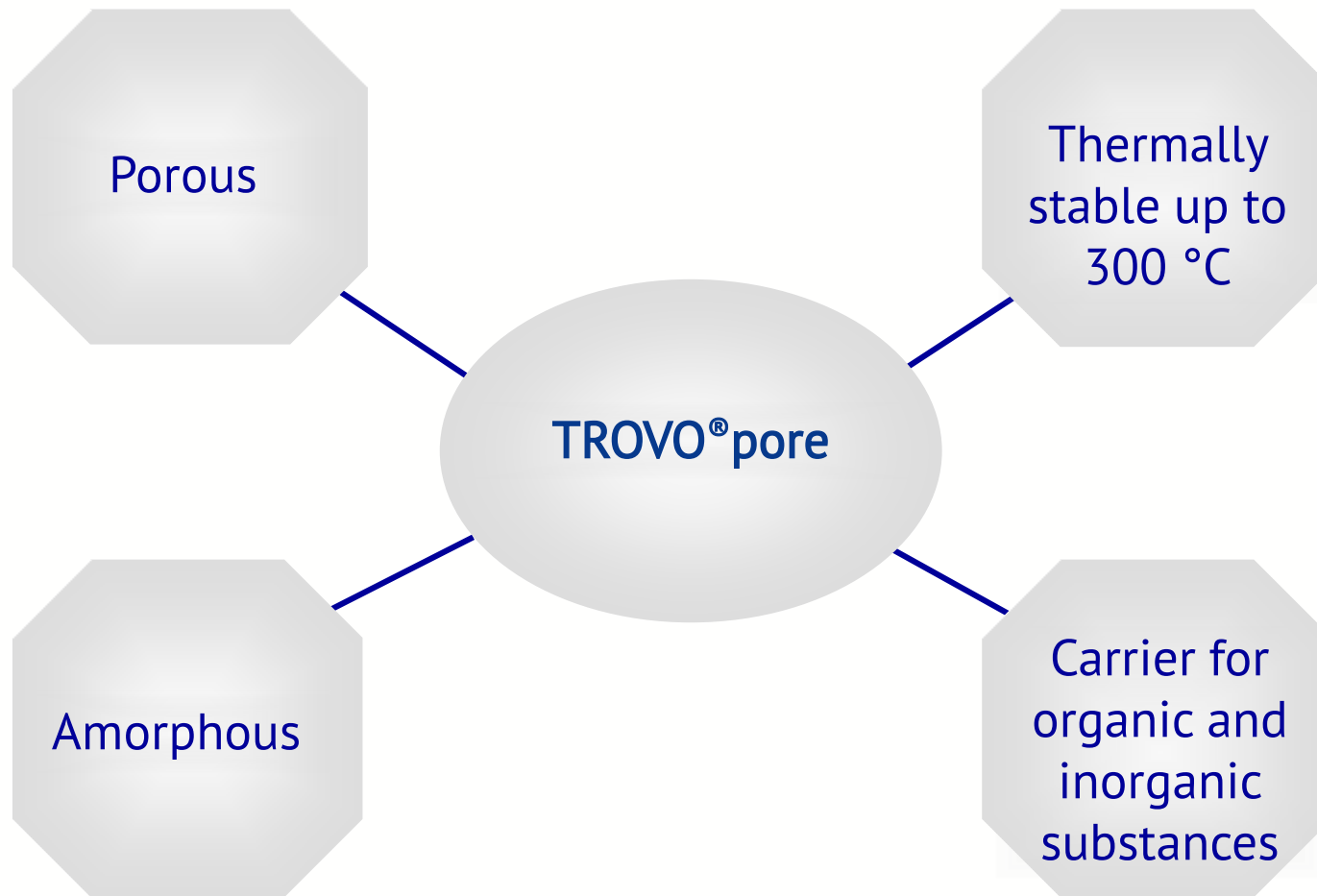
- density: $\leq 0,13 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- finest-pored
- homogeneous
- borosilicate glass

2003

2004

2005

2006

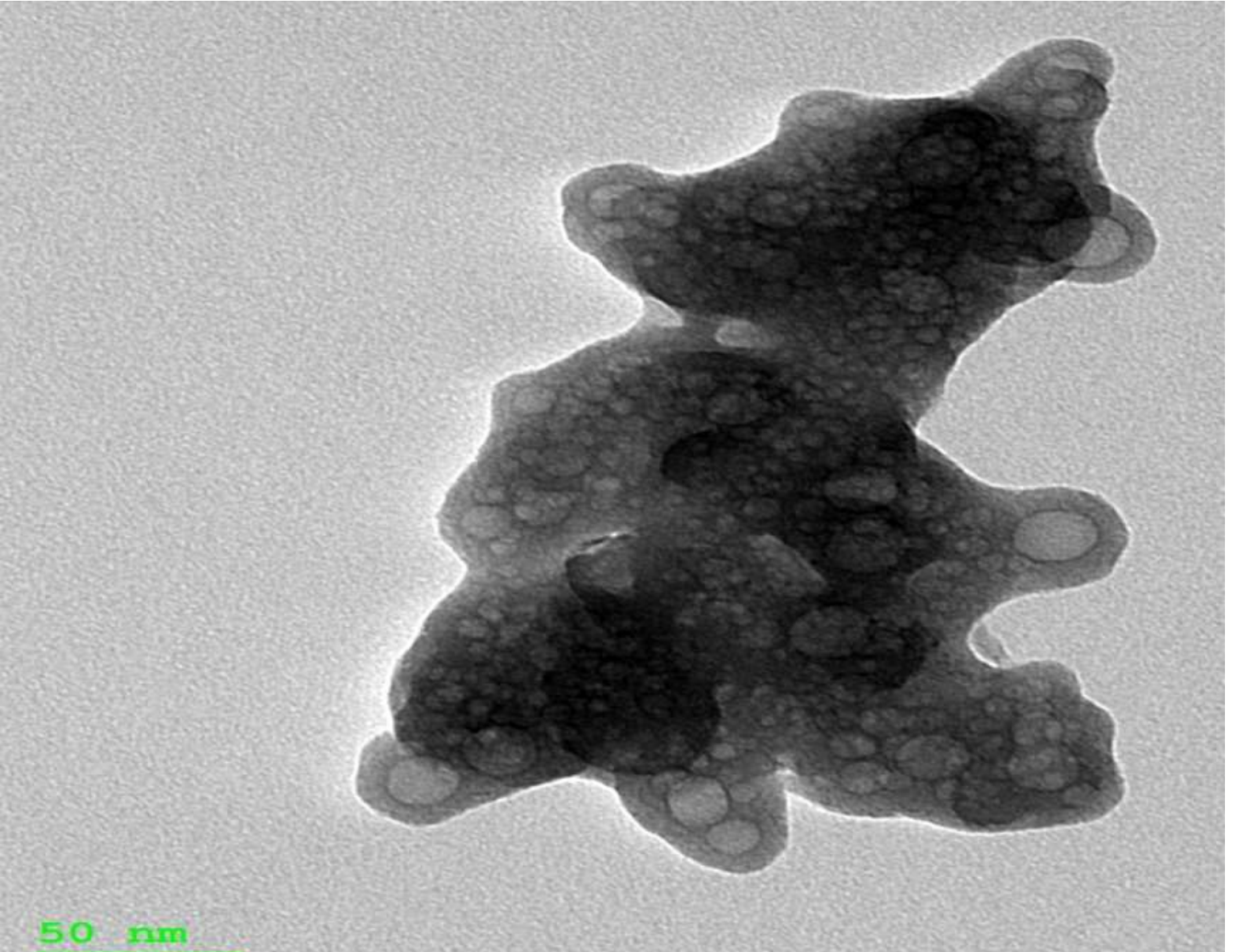




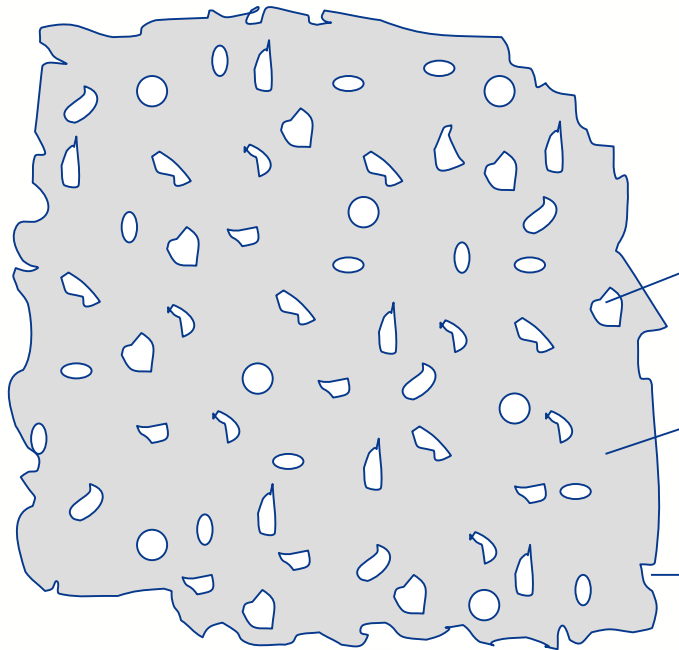
Milled

- left

- right



Physically modified glass particles
made out of foam glass



Closed micro pores
with small amount
of water

Expanded glass
matrix

Open pores from
grinding process



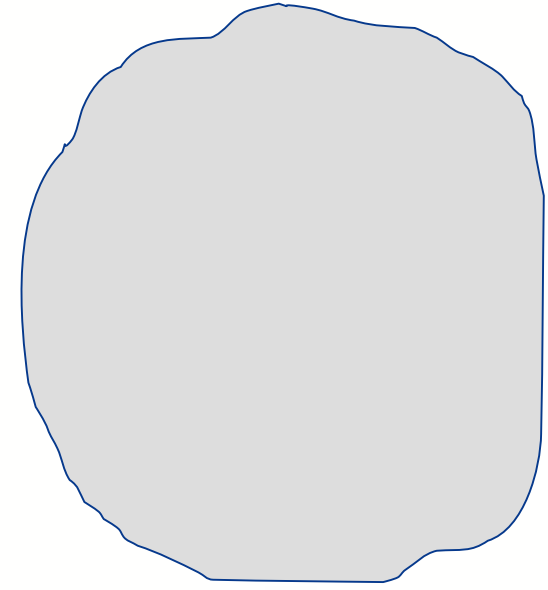
5 – 50 nm

1,3 g/cm³ (including closed micro
pores)

Pore diameter

Bulk density

Glass particles from
non-foamed glass

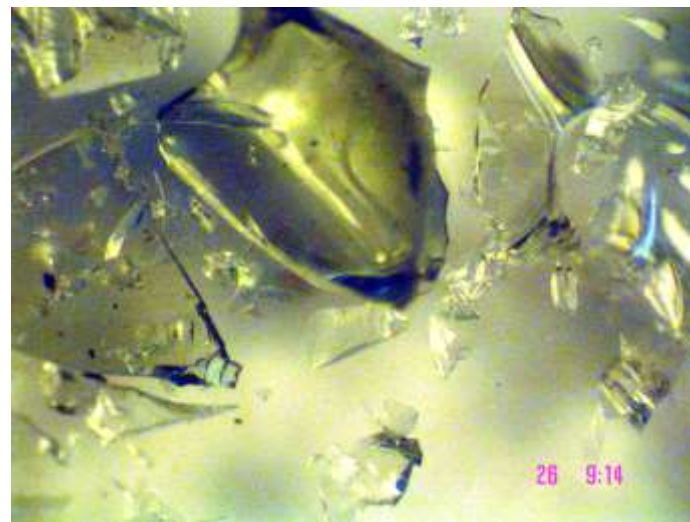


2,5 g/cm³

5 – 50 nm	Pore diameter	---
1,3 g/cm ³ (including closed micro pores)	Bulk density	2,5 g/cm ³

The Glass Alliance Europe (former CPIV) is the European Alliance of Glass Industries. It gives the following information on the nature of glass on their web site:

Glass is an inorganic material obtained from different inorganic raw materials which react at high temperature to form a new random network, where different elements are linked together, typically by oxygen bridges. Under the REACH Regulation glass is considered as a UVCB substance (substance of unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials).



Glass and Registration: CAS no.: 308066-74-2; EC / List no.: 920-837-3

Based on the nature of the substance glass and its specific generic inertness, the Commission added glass to the list of substances exempted from the "obligation to register" (REACH Regulation Annex V (11)).



Product grades

 d_{50} in μm d_{99} in μm TROVO[®] powder B-K2

2.0

< 10

TROVO[®] powder B-K3

3.0

< 12

TROVO[®] powder B-K6

6.0

< 20

TROVO[®] powder B-K8

8.0

< 32

TROVO®powder



Improving mechanical
properties



Grinding wheels

TROVO®guard

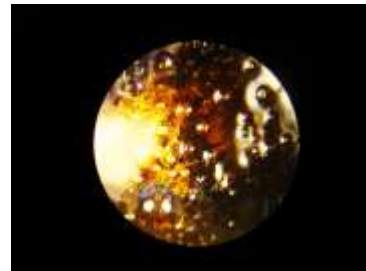


Protecting against
germs



Silicon sealants

TROVO®powder B



Reducing
flammability



First development
of flame retardant

2006

2009

2011

IQ-Innovation Competition Central Germany



Innovation Competition Bitterfeld



Saint-Gobain Innovation Competition



2005

2006

2011

- ❖ 1997 Patent „Extrusion process“
- ❖ 2010 Patent „TROVOguard“
- ❖ 2016 Patent „Flame retardant“
- ❖ 2016 US-Patent „Flame retardant“

US-Patent

No.: US 9,487,645 B2 - „Flame retardant“

Abstract: A flame retardant composition for thermoplastics molding materials, and also moldings, fibers or films that can be prepared from the flame retardant molding materials. The composition includes 30 to 70 % by weight of melamine cyanurate and of 30 to 70 % by weight of porous amorphous glass particles. The composition is prepared from foam glass produced continuously in a high-temperature extruder. The sum of the components is 100 % by weight.

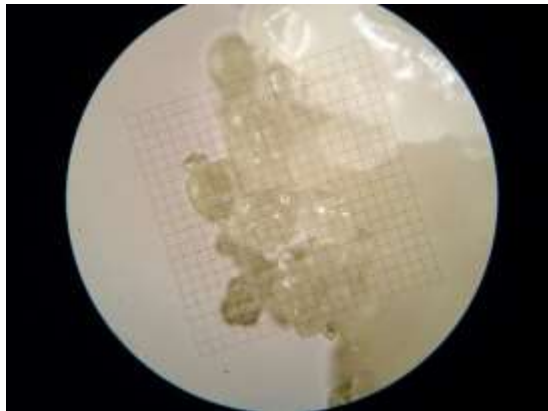


1997

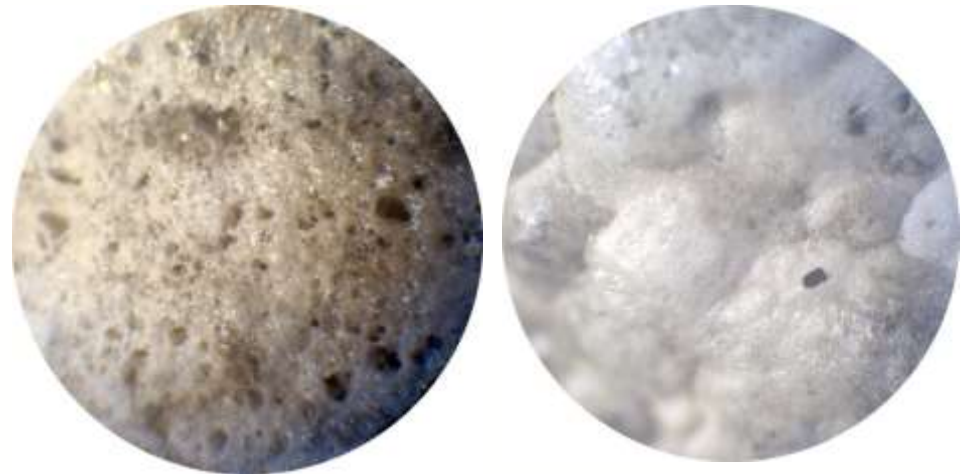
2010

2016

TROVO® powder B-K2
after exposure to
flames:
Foaming of glass
particles creates
intumescent surface

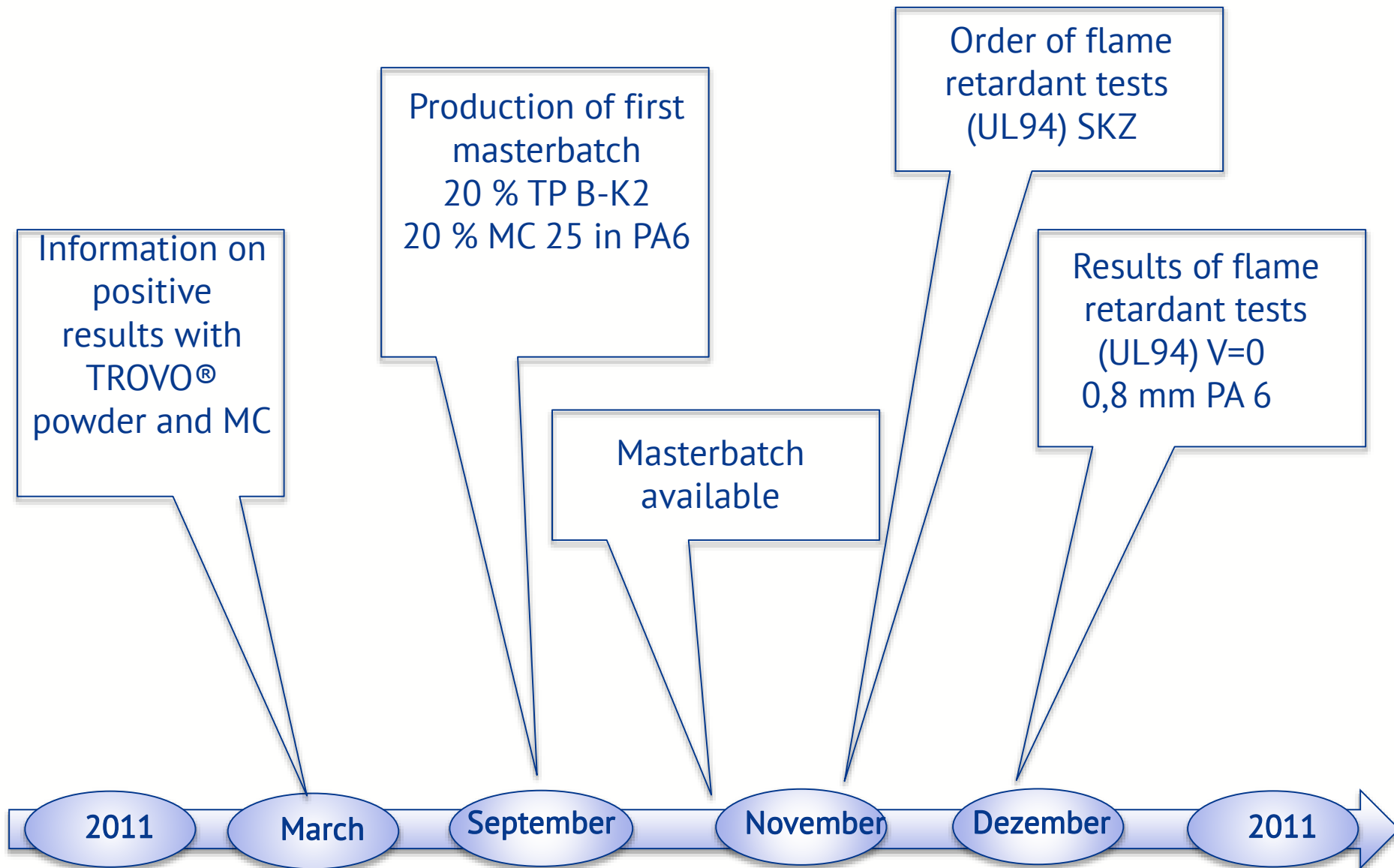


Surface of a piece of
wood protected with
water glass and
TROVO® powder B-K3
after 40 seconds of
direct exposure to
flames



2011

2011



Sample with 10 wt % flame-retardant masterbatch (2.0% MC, 2.0 % TP B-K2; results from 11/2011)

Spec. Nr.	Thickness [mm]	t_1 [s]	Burning cotton?	t_2 [s]	Burning cotton?	Classification
1	0.80	0.9	no	0.4	no	94 V-0
2	0.80	1.3	no	1.4	no	
3	0.80	0.6	no	0.5	no	
4	0.80	1.4	no	0.8	no	
5	0.80	0.4	no	0.6	no	



2011

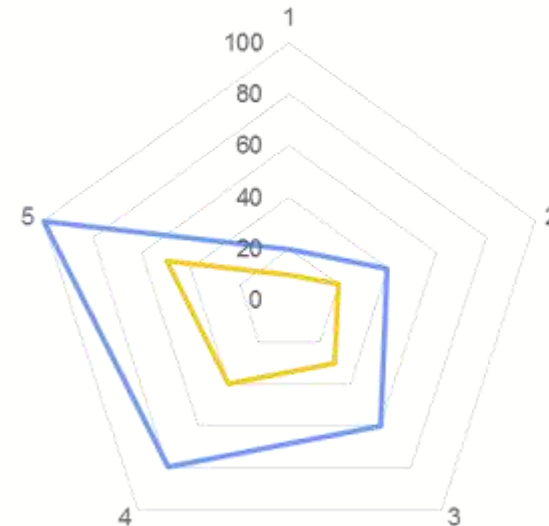
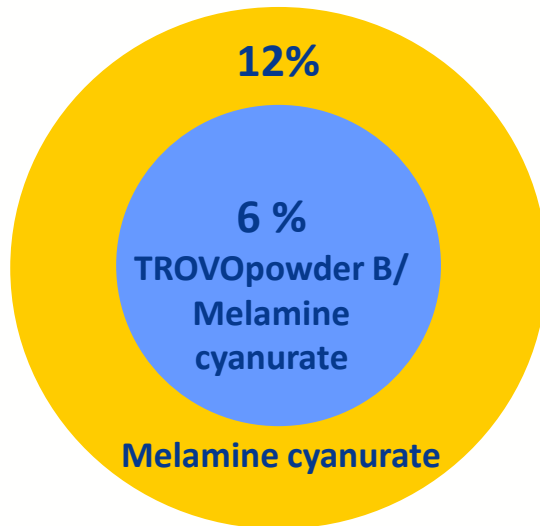
Advantage of TROVO® powder B



Less flame retardant additives leading to better polymer properties.

50 % saving in materials

Much better properties



2011

2013

2015

2017

Specimen thickness	TP B-K3-Si-1.5	EXOLIT 1312	Afterburning time, total	UL94 class	GWIT/GWFI
0.8 mm		20 %	39 s	V0	775/960
0.8 mm	5 %	15 %	41 s	V0	775/960

- mechanical properties didn't change significantly
- Results have been worked out by Dr. Sebastian Hörold, Clariant

Prüfergebnis / Test result

Das Material erfüllt den Anforderungssatz R22 und R23 für die Gefährdungsstufe:	The material complies with requirement set R22 and R23 for hazard level:
HL1 - HL2 - HL3	

- Similar formulation with TP-K3-Si-1.5
- HL 1 , HL 2, HL 3 for R22 and R23
- Results have been worked out by Mr. Schwendinger, PolyOne



2012

2015

2017

Results combination of TROVO powder B-K2 + FR halogen-free according to UL94 VTM.

Total active substance concentration: 4.5%



Jürgen Wolf

Product Development Additives RBL Europe

Clariant Plastics and Coatings (Deutschland) GmbH

Gesamtkonzentration aktive Substanz: 4,5%

Preparation date:	
Thickness:	150 MICRONS
Polymer:	PET
MB dosage:	15%

SAMPLE NAME: S1

N° TEST	FIRST IGNITION			SECOND IGNITION			
	t1 (seconds)	DRIPPING	BURN COTTON	t2 (seconds)	t3 (seconds)	DRIPPING	BURN COTTON
1	1	Y	N	1	0	N	N
2	1	Y	N	1	0	Y	N
3	1	Y	N	1	0	Y	N
4	1	Y	N	1	0	Y	N
5	1	Y	N	1	0	Y	N

UL 94 classification: **VTM-0**

Results:

-> More stable UL94 / VTM = 0

-> Lower drippings

-> Cost reduction compared to pure HFFR solution.

Preparation date:	
Thickness:	150 MICRONS
Polymer:	PET
MB dosage:	

SAMPLE NAME: S7

N° TEST	FIRST IGNITION			SECOND IGNITION			
	t1 (seconds)	DRIPPING	BURN COTTON	t2 (seconds)	t3 (seconds)	DRIPPING	BURN COTTON
1	1	Y	NO	1	0	Y	NO
2	1	Y	NO	1	0	Y	NO
3	1	Y	NO	1	0	Y	NO
4	1	Y	Y	1	0	Y	Y
5	1	Y	NO	1	0	Y	NO

UL 94 classification: **V-0** limit

2015

2016

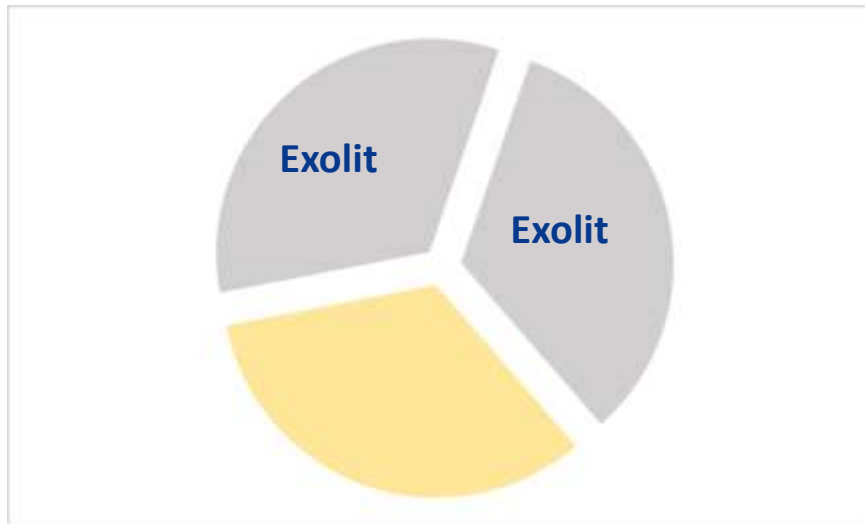
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Advantage of TROVO® powder B

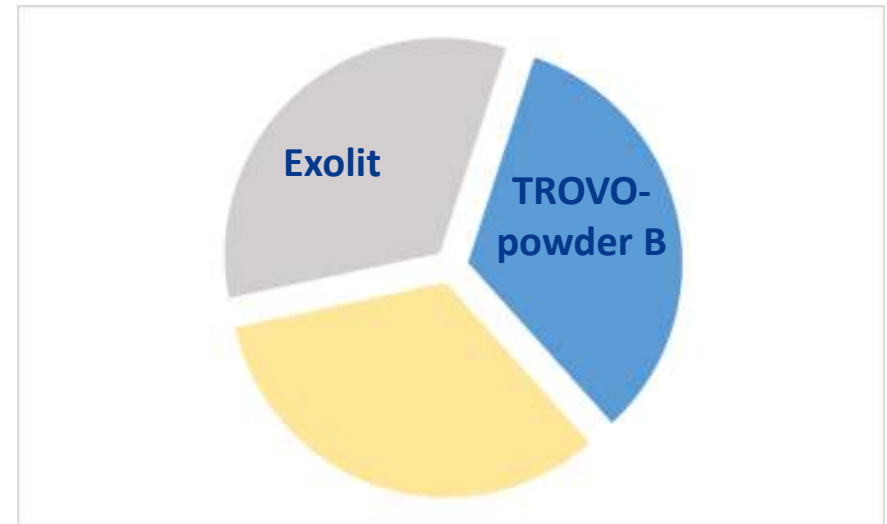


Substitution is reducing the costs of flame retardant equipment.

Only Exolit – Costs 100 %



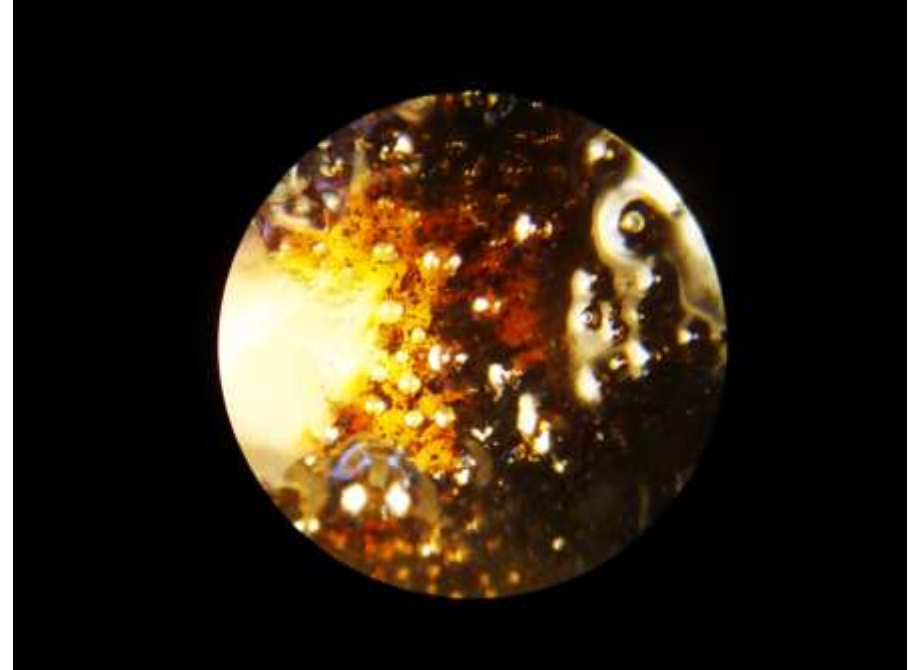
With TROVO powder B – Costs 85 %



2012

2013

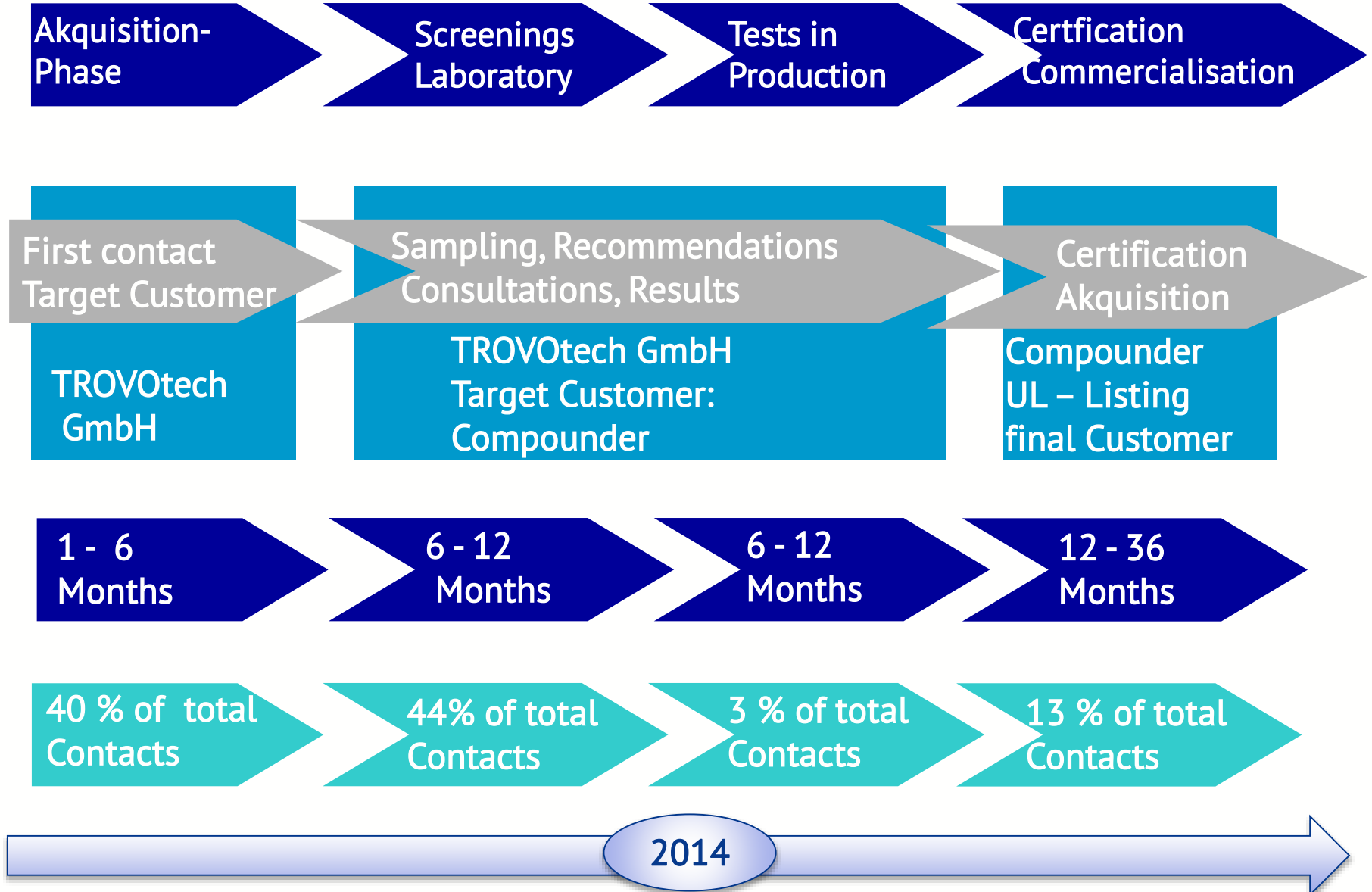
2017



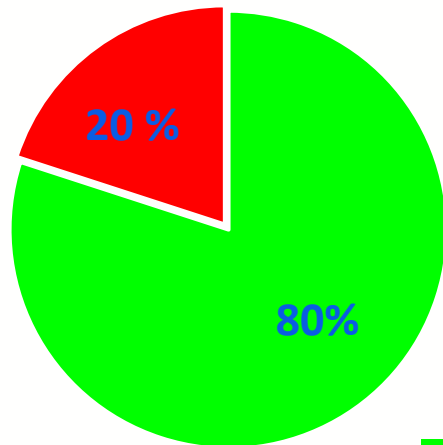
Microscope image of flame front of test specimen:

94 wt % PA6, 3.0 wt % TROVO[®] powder B-K2 and 3.0 wt % MC
confirmation of UL94 V0 results and good mechanical properties

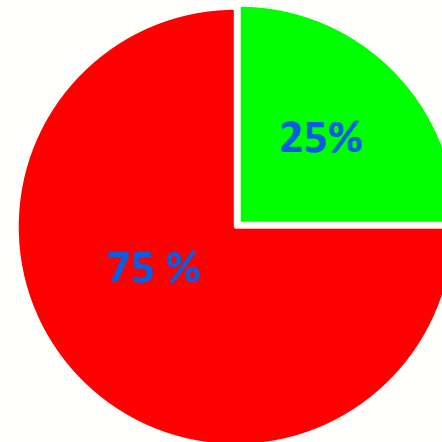
2013



Results of target customers
with 20 % TP, 20 % MC in PA
6 Masterbatch 10 %-15 %
weight percentages in
PA 6, PA 66:



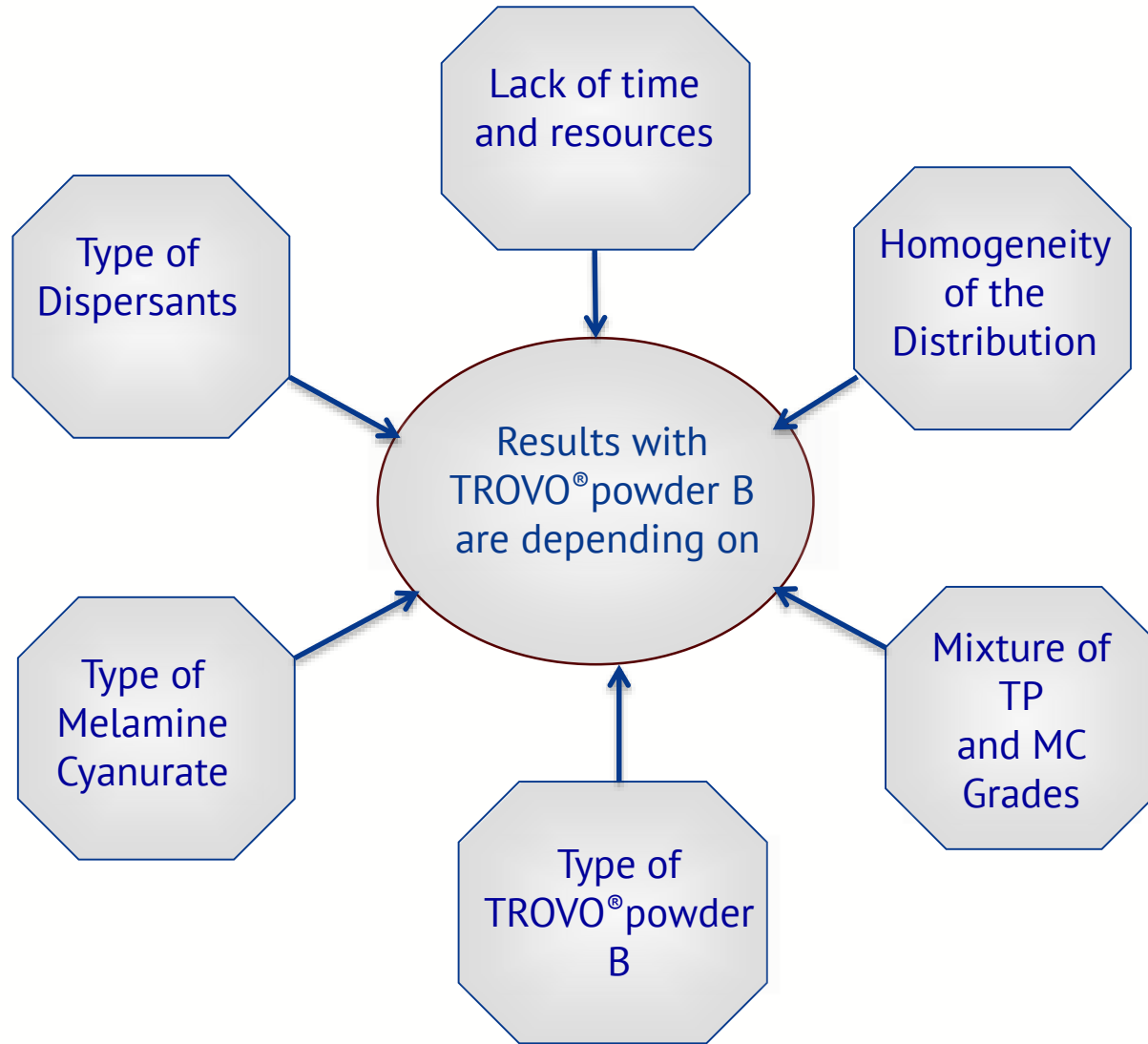
Results of target customers
with 3 % TP and 3 % in
PA 6, PA 66:



UL94 = V-0

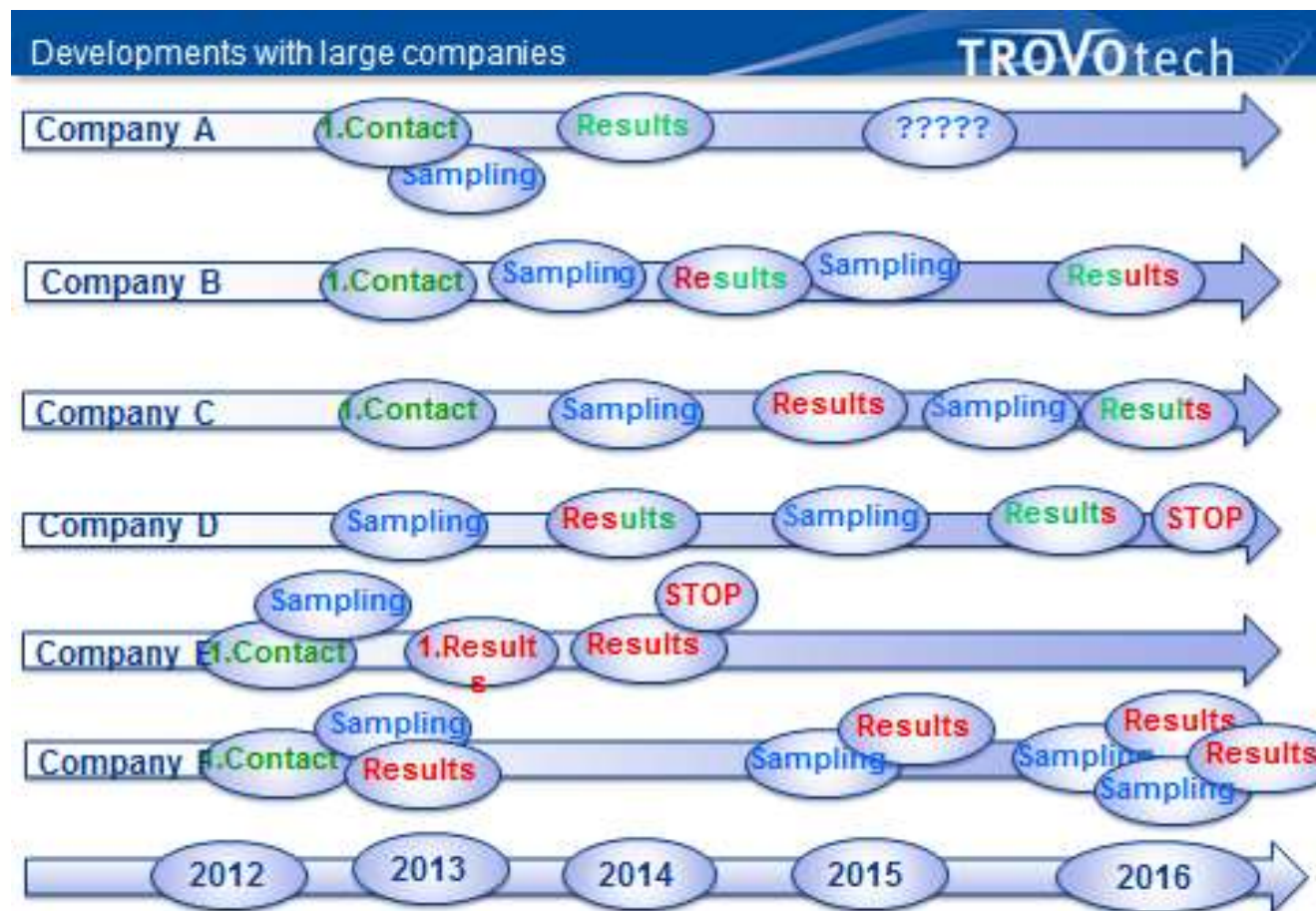
UL94 = V-2

2014



Lack of time and resources

From sampling to initial results, large companies often need one year.



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Lack of time
and resources

Developments of Kabelwerke Eupen AG

TROVOtech

04/2015 First provision of samples of TEGO XP silanised TROVO powder

Trials did not lead to improved behaviour in respect of water absorption

10/2014 First provision of samples of TROVO powder
Results: Improvement of crust formation in the cone, reducing/preventing formation of cracks but increase of water absorption

09/2015 Provision of samples of silanised TROVO powder

Water absorption could be reduced but in crust forming process again development of cracks

First contact at SKZ-Conference in Würzburg



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Solution with TROVO® powder

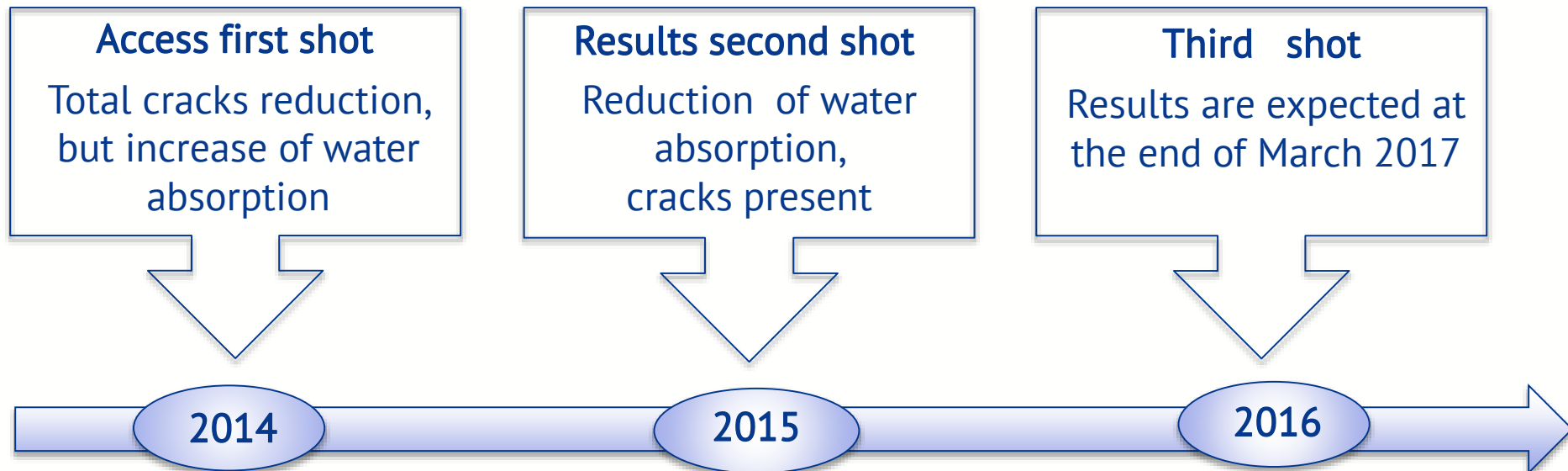


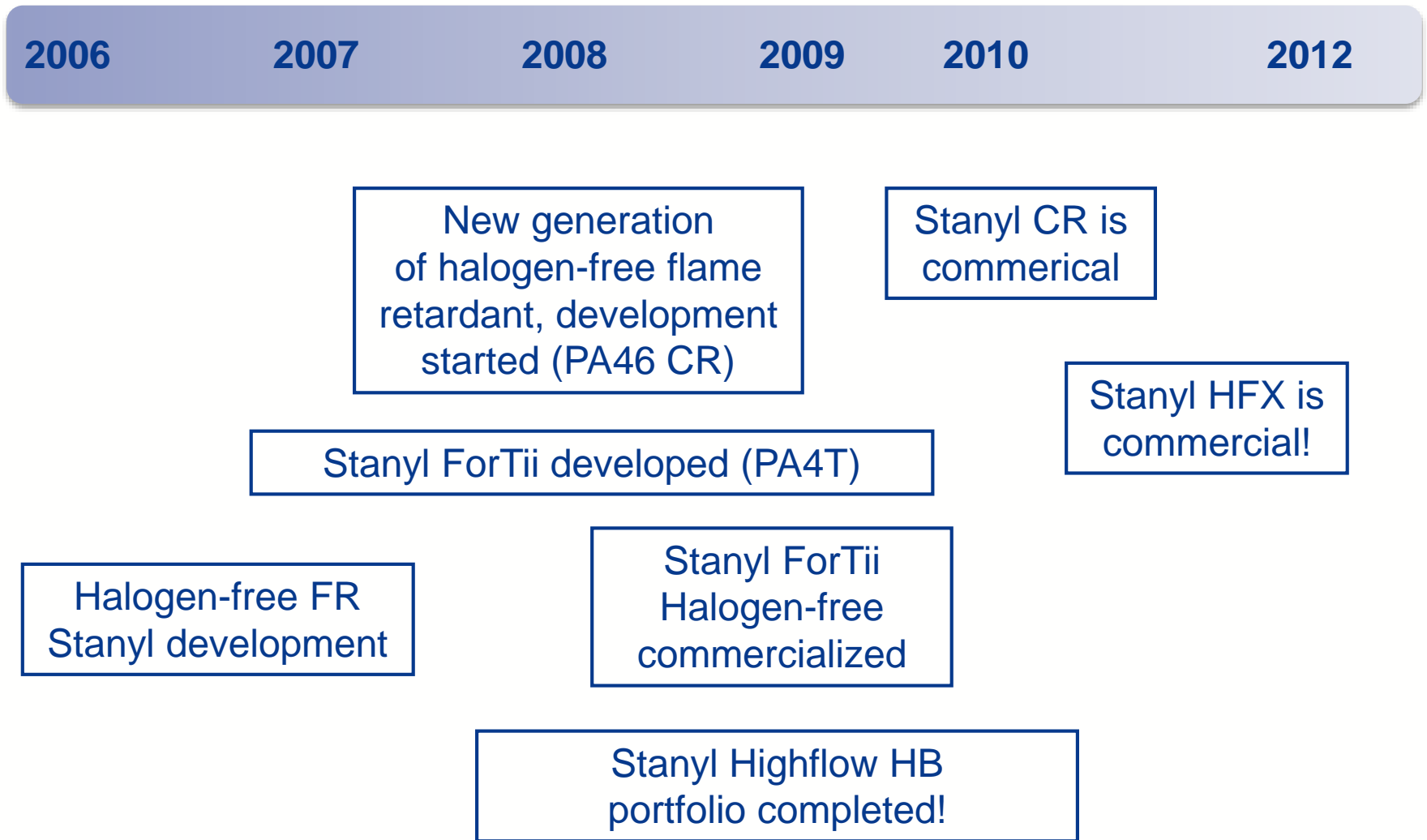
No Cracks in coating

Current problem of cable surfaces



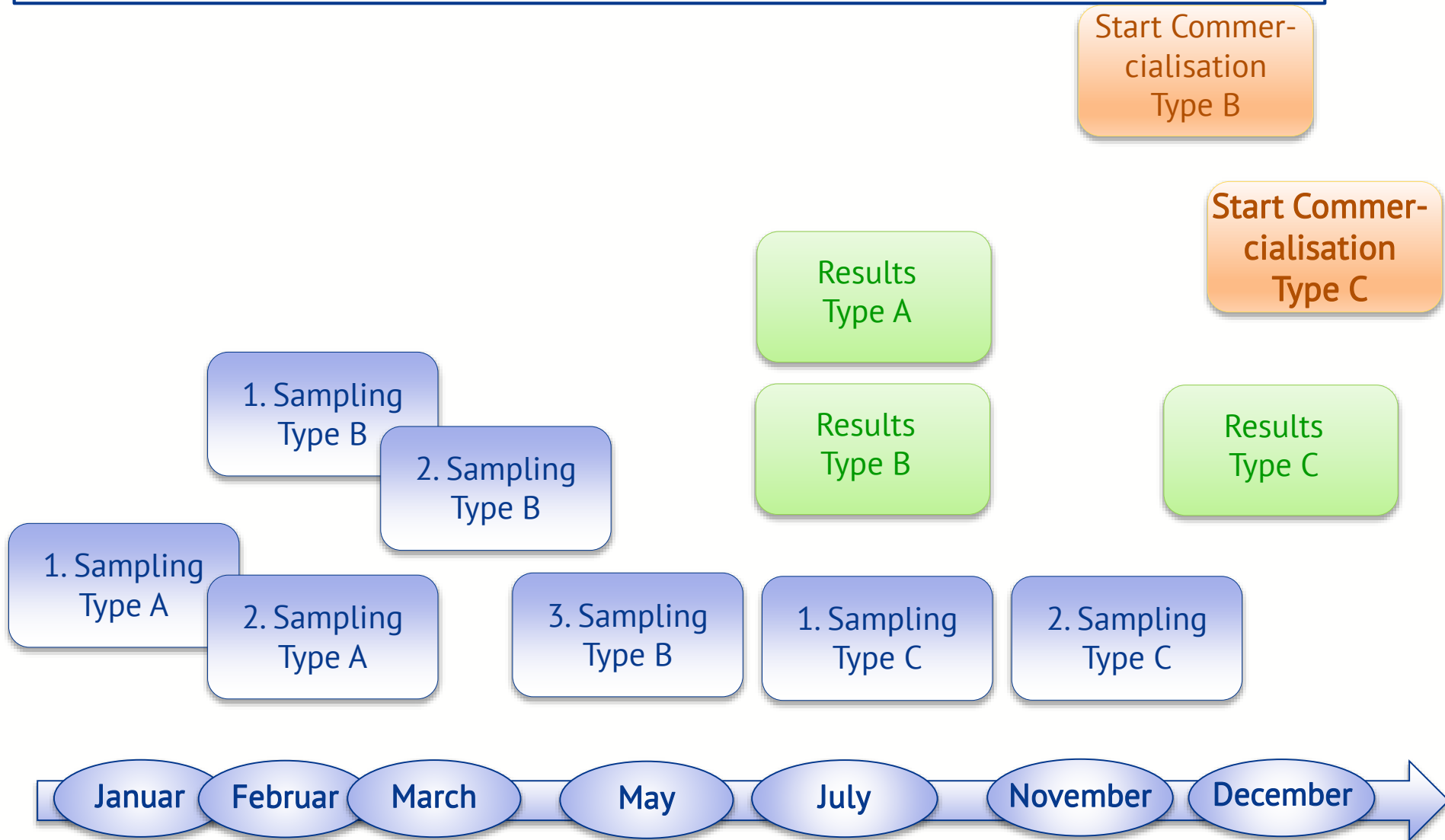
Cracks in coating





Source: Patrick Duis, content of slide 7 of the presentation: Challenges for flame retardants posed by high temperature polyamides used in the lead-free solderable connector market; AML conference: Fire Resistance in Plastic 2014,

Company F - Developments 2016 with 3 types of TROVO® powder B



4. SITZUNG DES ARBEITSKREISES "FLAMMSCHUTZ" UND

3. SITZUNG DES PROJEKTBEGLEITENDEN AUSSCHUSSES "DURCH DISPERGIERMITTEL OPTIMIERTE FLAMMSCHUTZFORMULIERUNGEN FÜR KUNSTSTOFFE"

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Type of
Dispersants

Different dispersants
lead to different results -
but in general it can be
said they reduce the
flame retardancy for
plastics.

Einfluss der Dispergiermittel auf die Flammeigenschaften nach UL94

PA6 mit 8% MC15

Probe	Dispergiermittel		UL94 (1.6mm)		UL94 (0.8mm)	
			Summe der Brennzeit	Klassifizierung	Summe der Brennzeit	Klassifizierung
PA6-3	-	-	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-4	0,40%	Caesit AV/PA	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-17	0,40%	BYK-P 4102	0	V-0	1,4	3*V-0, 2*V-2
PA6-18	0,40%	Ceramer 1608	48,6	V-2	-	-
PA6-19	0,40%	Ken-React KR 12	0	V-0	0	2*V-0, 3*V-2
PA6-20	0,40%	TEGOMER H-SI 6440 P	12,3	V-2	-	-
PA6-21	0,40%	Tegomer V-SI 4042	0	V-0	0	V-2
PA6-22	0,40%	Tegomer E-SI 2330	8,2	4*V-0, 1*V-2	2,1	1*V-0, 4*V-2
PA6-23	0,40%	Tegopren 6875	5,4	V-2	0	V-2
PA6-24	0,40%	Dynasylan 6598	8,3	1*V-0, 4*V-2	-	-
PA6-25	0,40%	Dynasylan 1146	24,7	V-2	-	-

Dispergiermittel führen zu einer Verringerung der
Flammschutzwirkung

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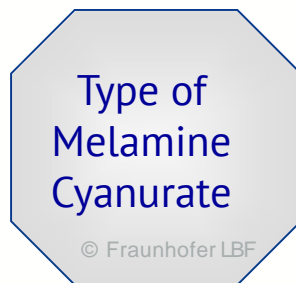
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MC with irregular form and wide particle size distribution shows a better flame retardant effect than platelet-/flake-shaped MC with a narrow particle size distribution.

Einfluss der Partikelgröße und -form auf die Flammeigenschaften nach UL94

PA6 mit 8% MC

Probe	MC-Typ	Dispergiermittel	UL94 (1.8mm)		UL94 (0.8mm)	
			Summe der Brennzeit	Klassifizierung	Summe der Brennzeit	Klassifizierung
PA6-1	MC50	-	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-2	MC50	0,40% CaesitAV/PA	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-3	MC15	-	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-4	MC15	0,40% CaesitAV/PA	0	V-0	0	V-0
PA6-5	MC20	-	0	V-0	0	3"V-0, 2"V-2
PA6-6	MC20	0,40% CaesitAV/PA	0	V-0	0	V-2
PA6-7	MC3	-	0	3"V-0, 2"V-2	0	3"V-0, 2"V-2
PA6-8	MC3	0,40% CaesitAV/PA	0	3"V-0, 2"V-2	0	2"V-0, 3"V-2

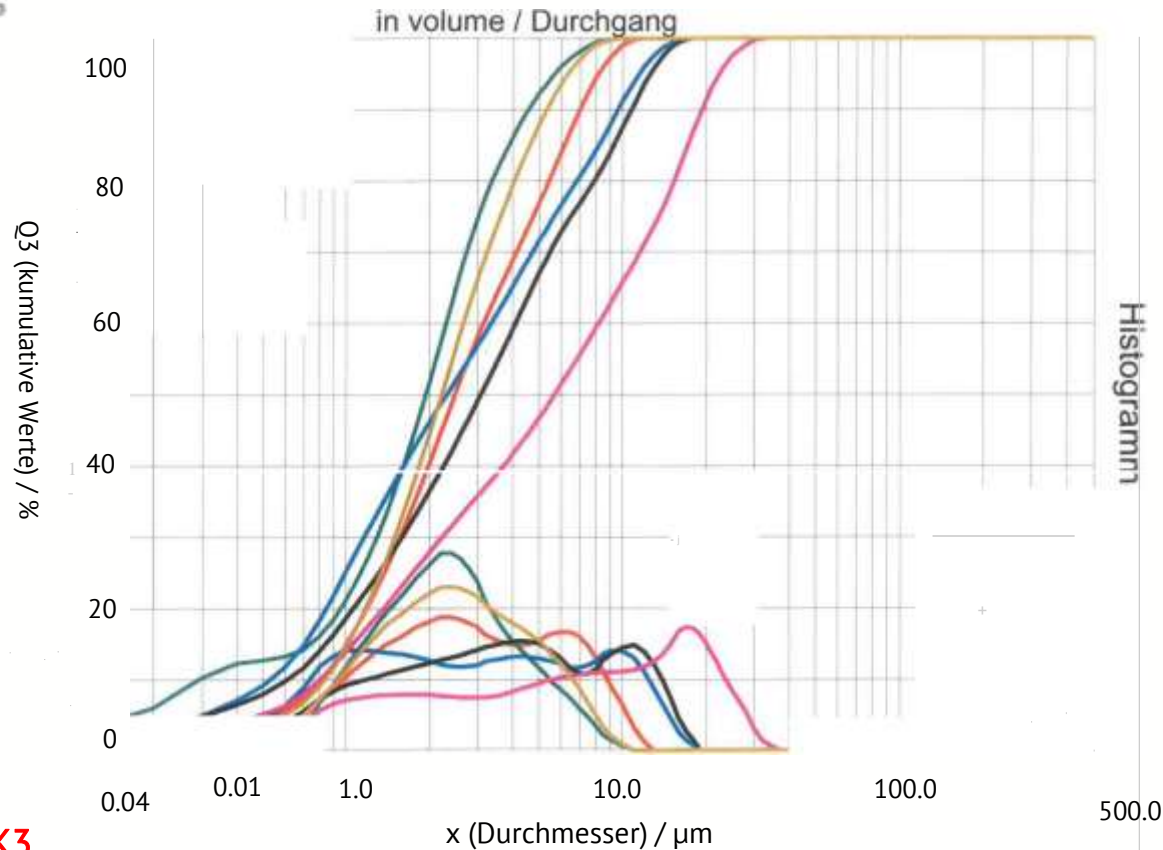
MC mit irreguläre Form und breiter Größverteilung zeigt eine bessere Flammschutzwirkung als plättchenförmiges MC mit enger Größverteilung

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PA6 = Durethan B30S

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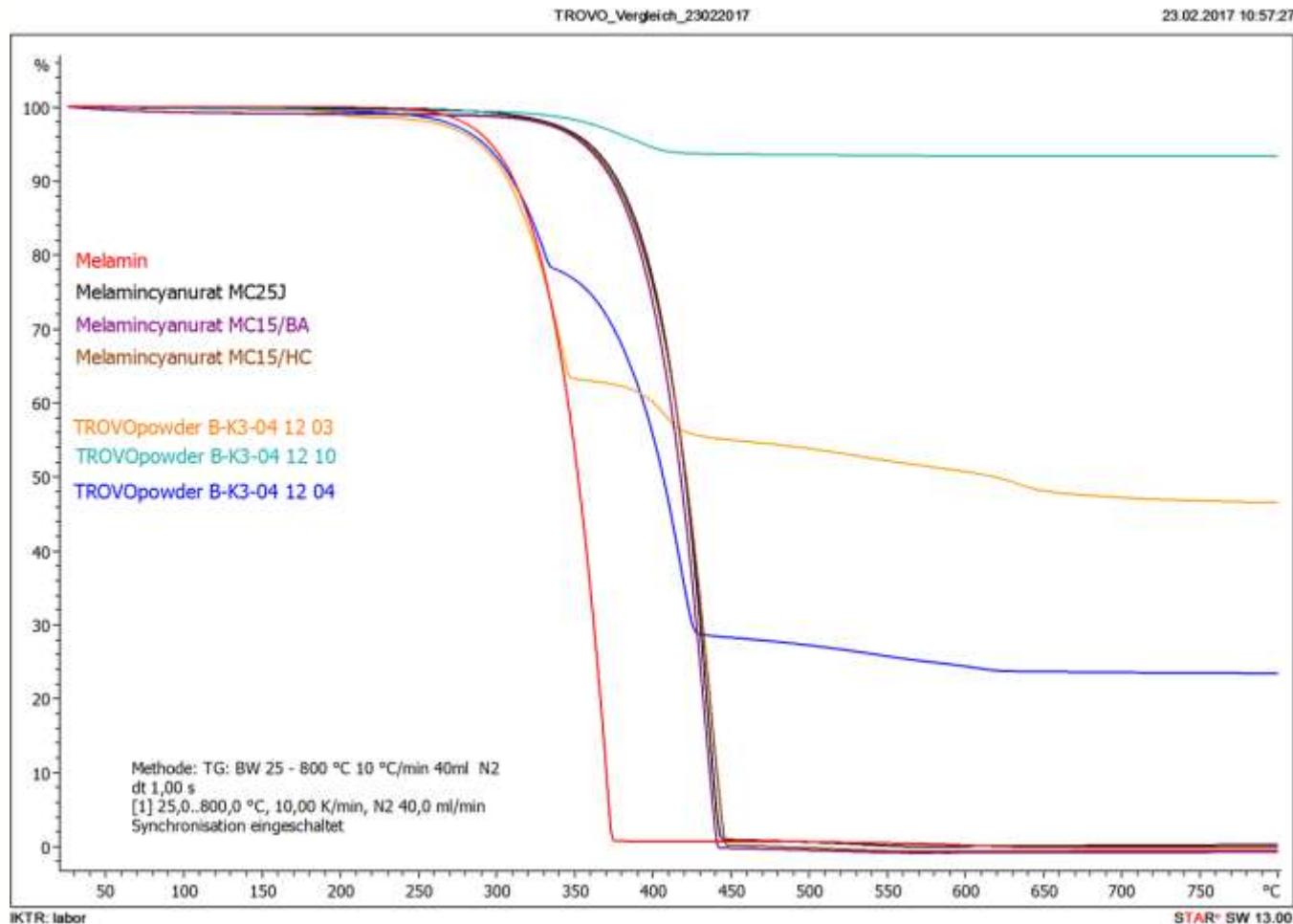


TROVO®powder B-K3
Melamin MC15/HC
Melamin MC15/BA
Melamin NORD-MIN MC-25J
Melamin NORD-MIN MC-50J
TROVO®powder B-K2

The same grain sizes of MC and TROVO®powder B leads to better flame retardancy results.

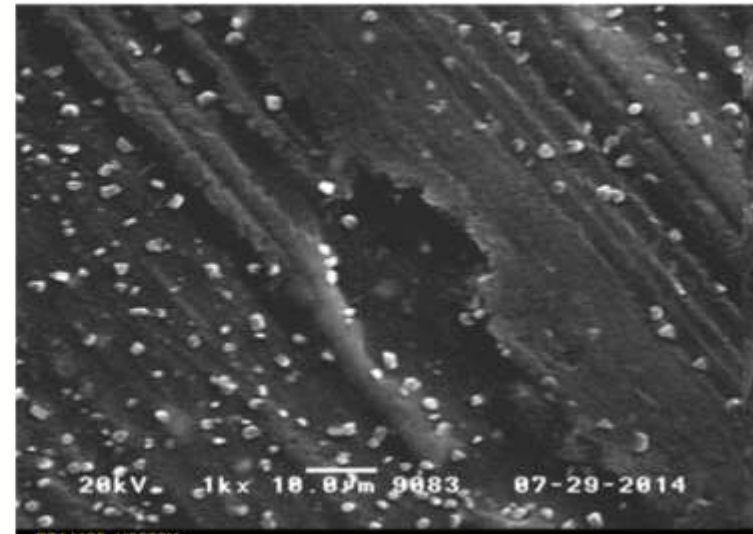
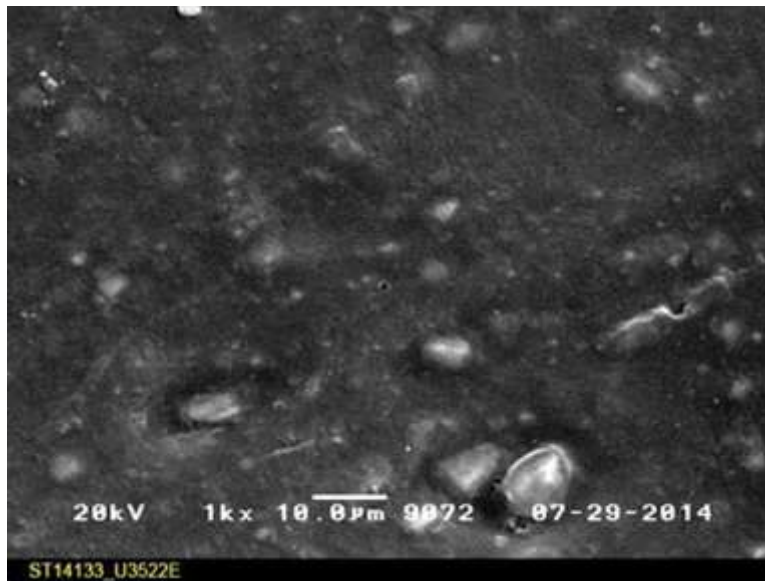
2016

Thermogravimetric Analysis

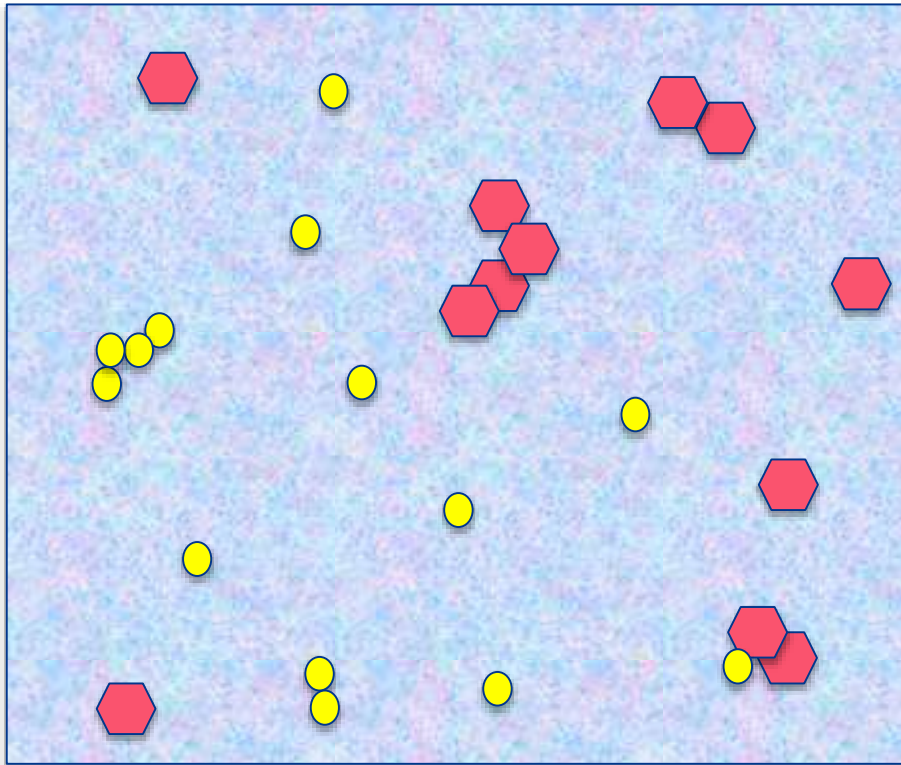





2016

Homogeneity
of the
Distribution



Inhomogeneities and agglomerates
lead to poor flame retardancy.

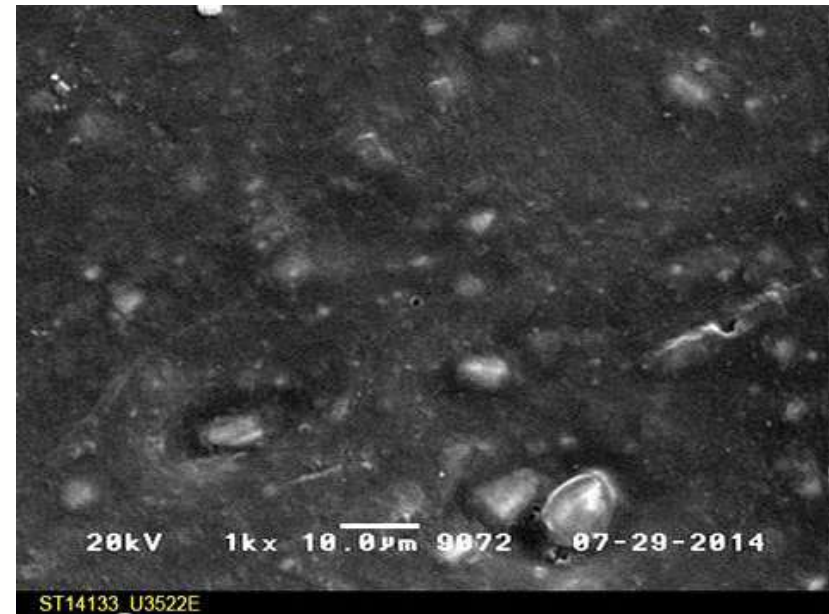


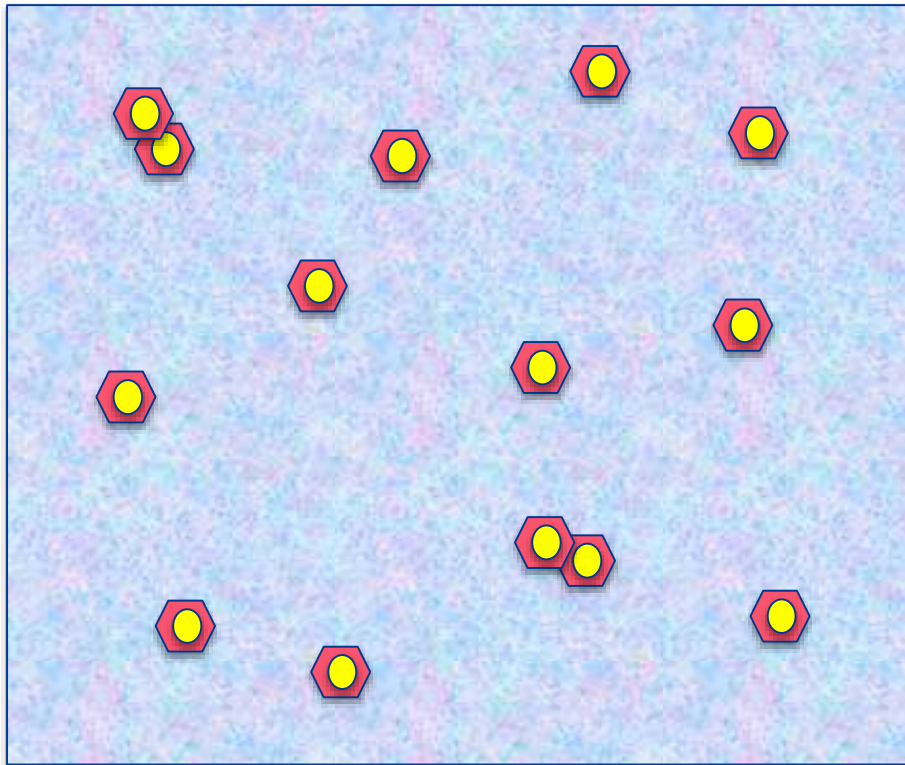
-  Polymers like PA or PBT
-  TROVO®powder B
-  Flame Retardants like EXOLIT or Melamine or Melamine Cyanurate



- Inhomogeneous Distribution
- Agglomerations



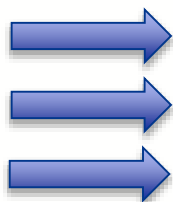
worse or not constant UL94-results



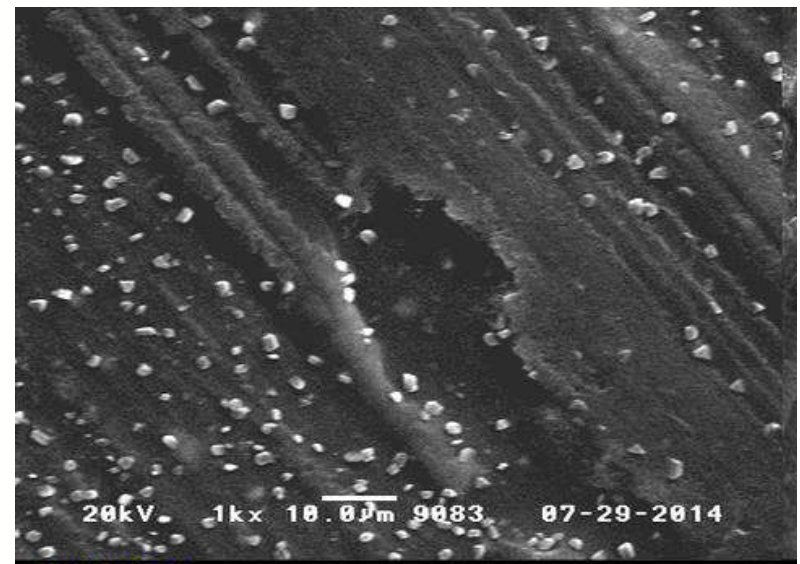


-  Polymers like PA or PBT
-  Doped TROVO® powder B
With Flame Retardants like
Melamine
Melamine Cyanurate or
Antidripping-Agents

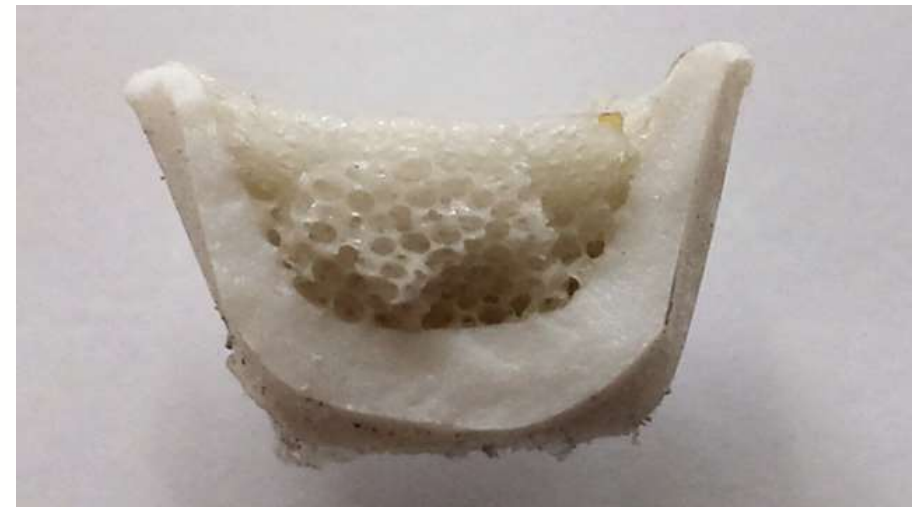
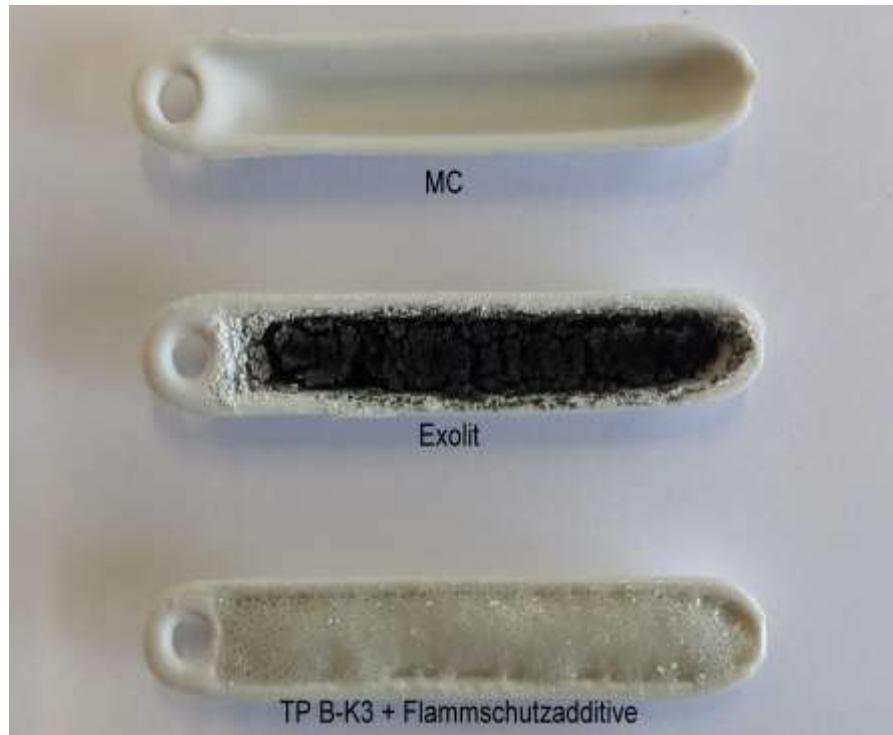
- Homogeneous Distribution
- Reduction of Agglomerations
- Easier Distribution in the Polymer



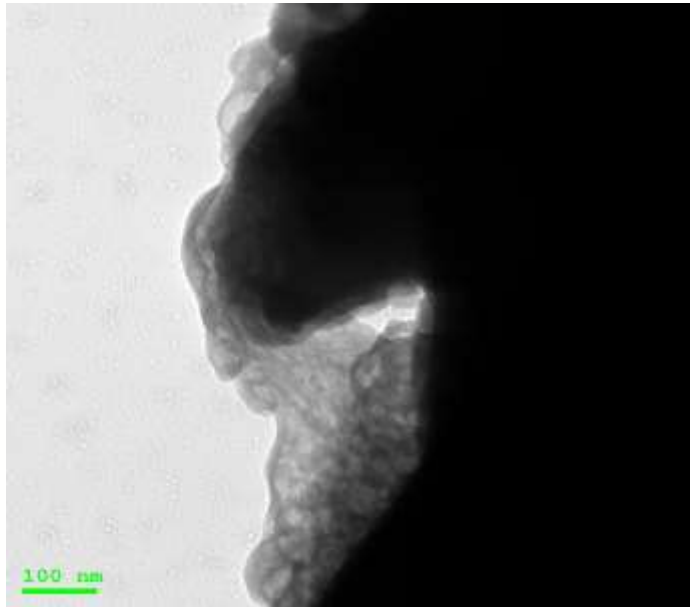
constant UL94-results
less quantity of FR necessary
better properties of the polymer



Doped TROVO® powder B with Flame Retardants like Melamine, Melamine Cyanurate or Phosphorus leads to different foam and char properties



cross-section of the ceramic mold with
TP B K3 + HFFR tempered at 800 ° C



Sample with PA6 and 6% TROVO® powder B-K3-M-WI; results from 09/2015)

168 h, 70 °C, 50 % humidity

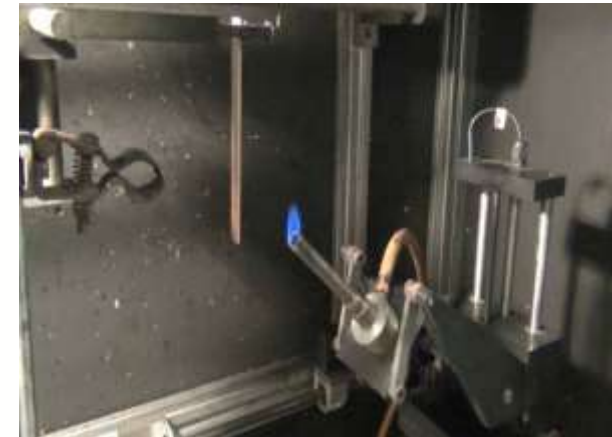
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1	1.6	2	no	0	no	94 V-0
2	1.6	1	no	0	no	
3	1.6	2	no	0	no	
4	1.6	3	no	0	no	
5	1.6	0	no	1	no	

Sample with PA6 and 6% TROVO® powder B-K3-M-WI; results from 09/2015)

48 h, 23 °C, 50 % humidity

Spec. No.	Thickness [mm]	t ₁ [s]	Burning cotton?	t ₂ [s]	Burning cotton?	Classification
1	0.8	0	no	0	no	94 V-0
2	0.8	1	no	0	no	
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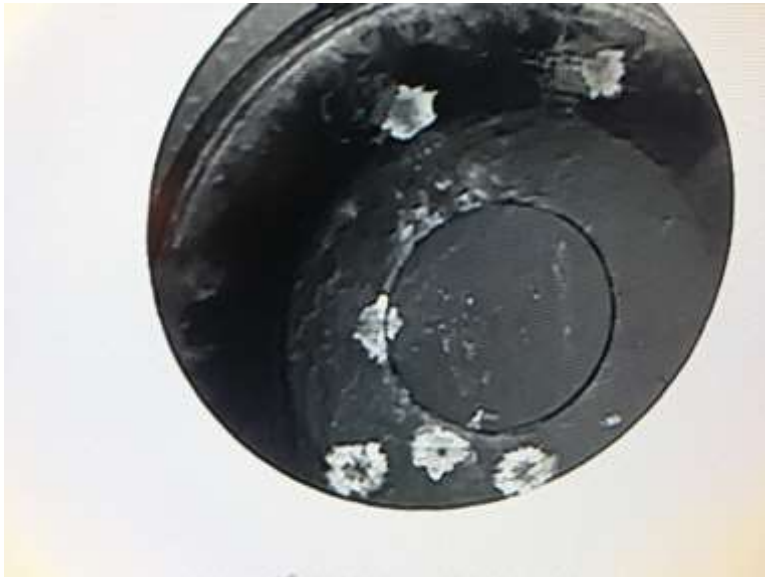
PBT – GF25 (0,3% PTFE)



On the basis of the mechanical values achieved, further optimization is required

PBT – GF25 6% TP B-K3-M-WI + 14 % EXOLIT OP 1240 + 0,3 % PTFE	
Elongation at break (ETP)	1,7 %
Charpy impact strength	4,06 kJ/m²
Notched Charpy impact strength	28,93 kJ/m²
Modulus (ETP)	9419 MPa

Being successful as Laura Dahlmeier means: a few shots are not enough.



Thank you very much for your attention!

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