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# *New developments and concepts for high performance organic pigments*



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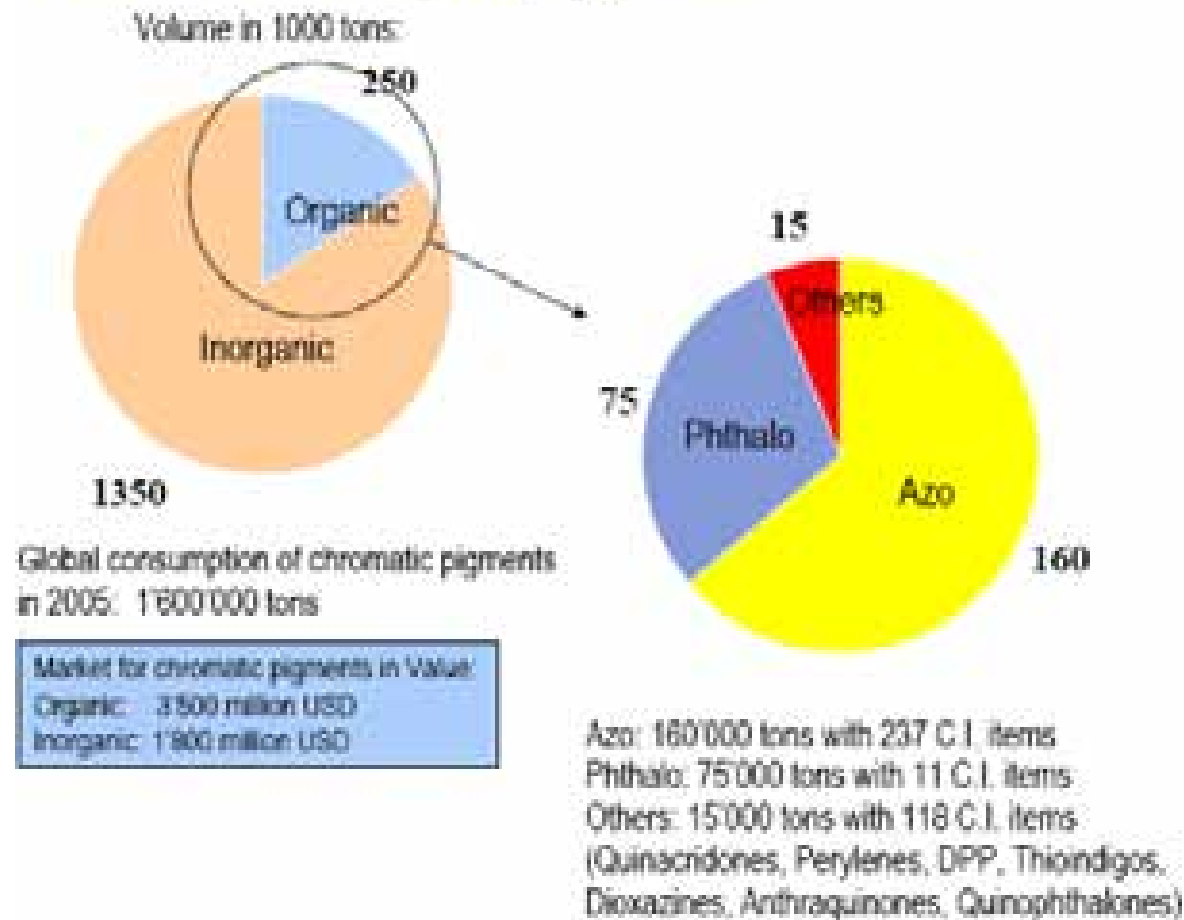
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- 3. Easily dispersible pigments for coating applications**
- 4. Ultra-fine pigments**
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# 1. General introduction

## *History – Synthetic organic pigments*

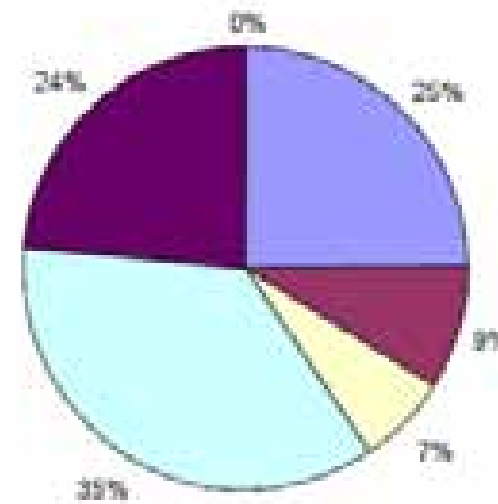
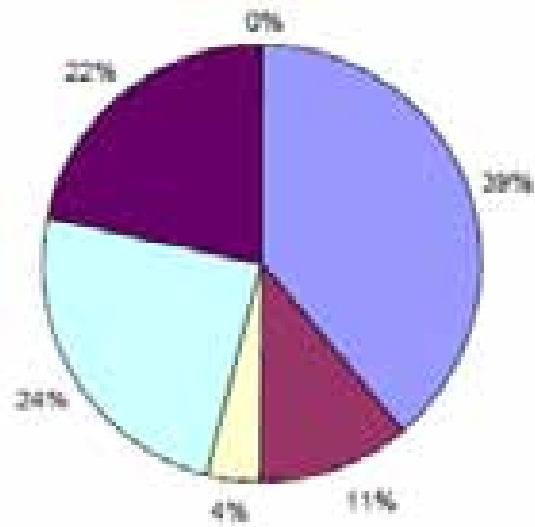
- 1885 beta-Naphtol Pigments
- 1909 Monoazo Pigments (HOECHST)
- 1912 Naphtol AS Pigments
- 1935 Diarylide Yellow Pigments
- 1935 **Phthalocyanine Blue (ICI)**
- 1939 **Phthalocyanine Green**
- 1952 Dioxazine Violet (HOECHST)
- 1954 Disazocondensation Pigments (CIBA)
- 1955 Quinacridone (DU PONT)
- 1960 Benzimidazolone Pigments (HOECHST)
- 1964 Isoindolinone Pigments (GEIGY)
- 1972 Isoindolinone (BASF; CIBA-GEIGY)
- 1986 Diketo Pyrrolo Pyrrole Pigments (CIBA-GEIGY)

## Global market for pigments



## Global market for *Phthalo* pigments

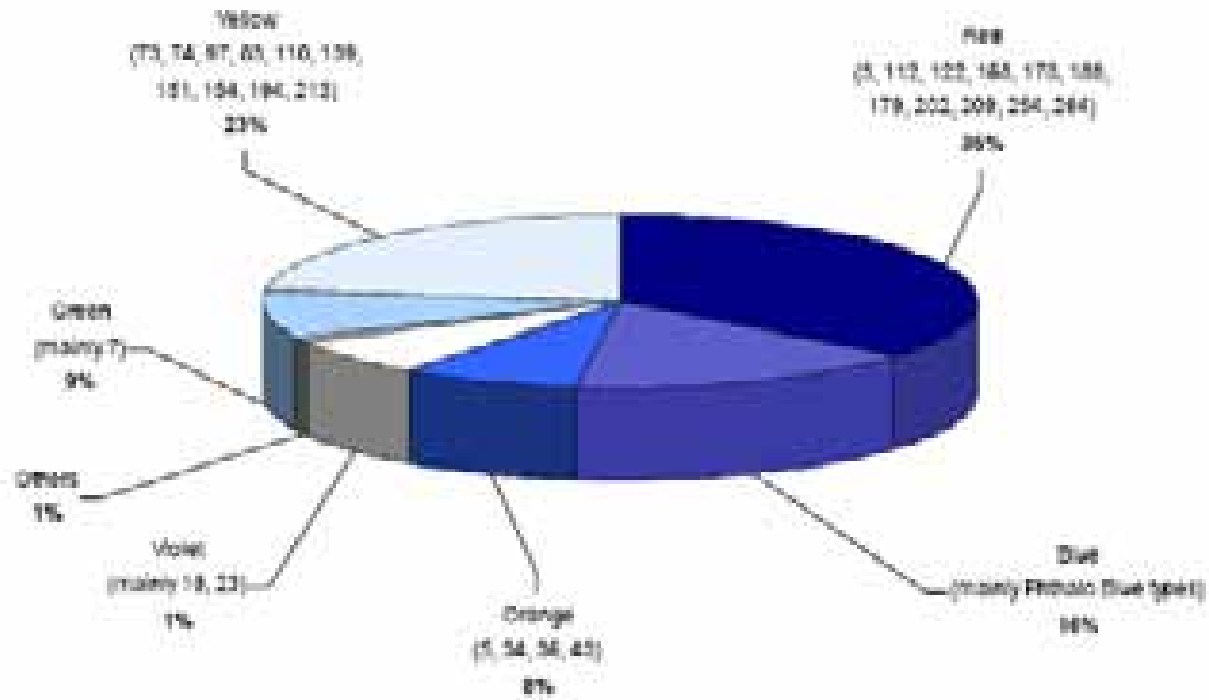
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Value: 650 Mill. USD

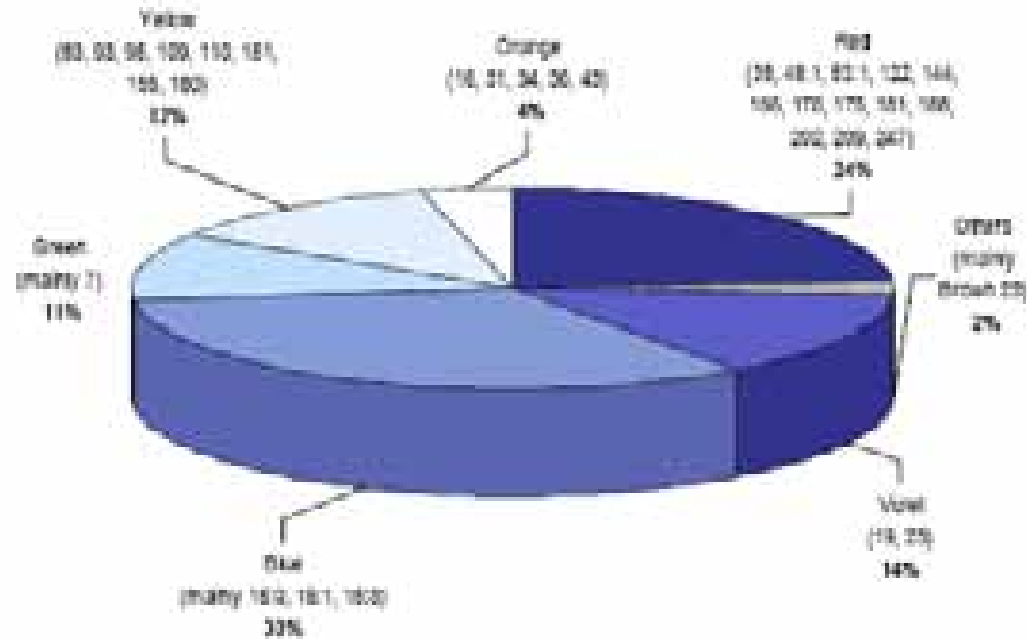
# Consumption

## Use of Organic Pigments in Coatings by Volume



# Consumption

## Use of Organic Pigments in Plastic and Rubber by Volume

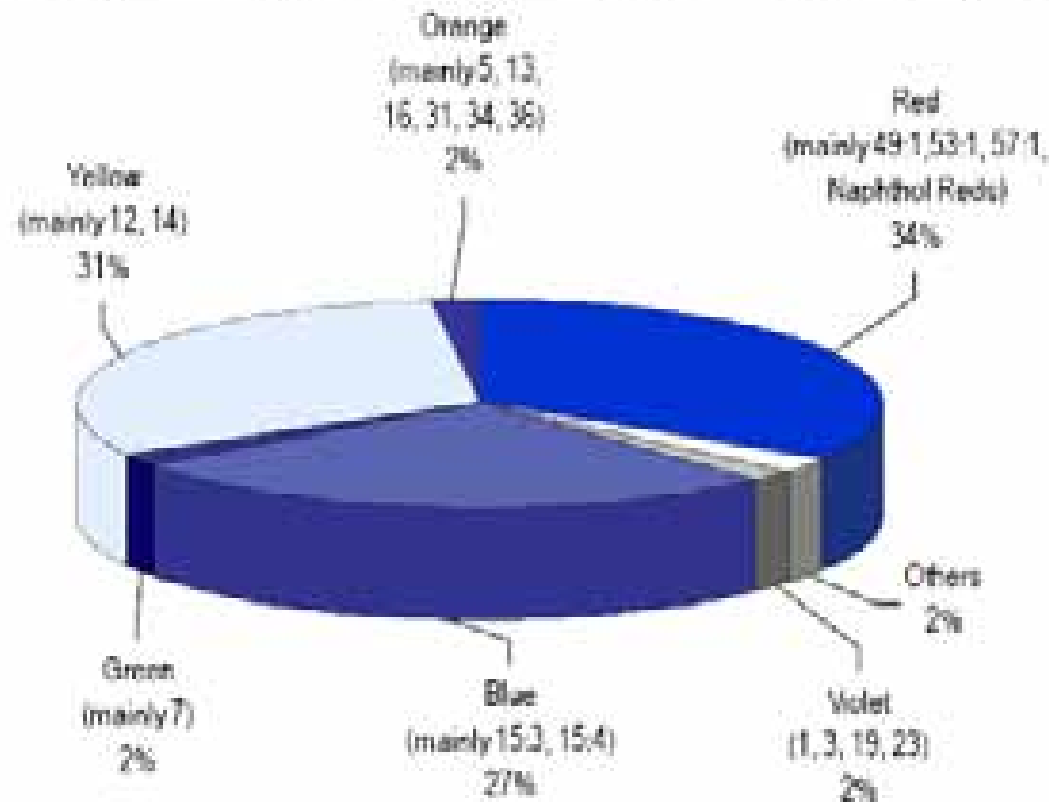




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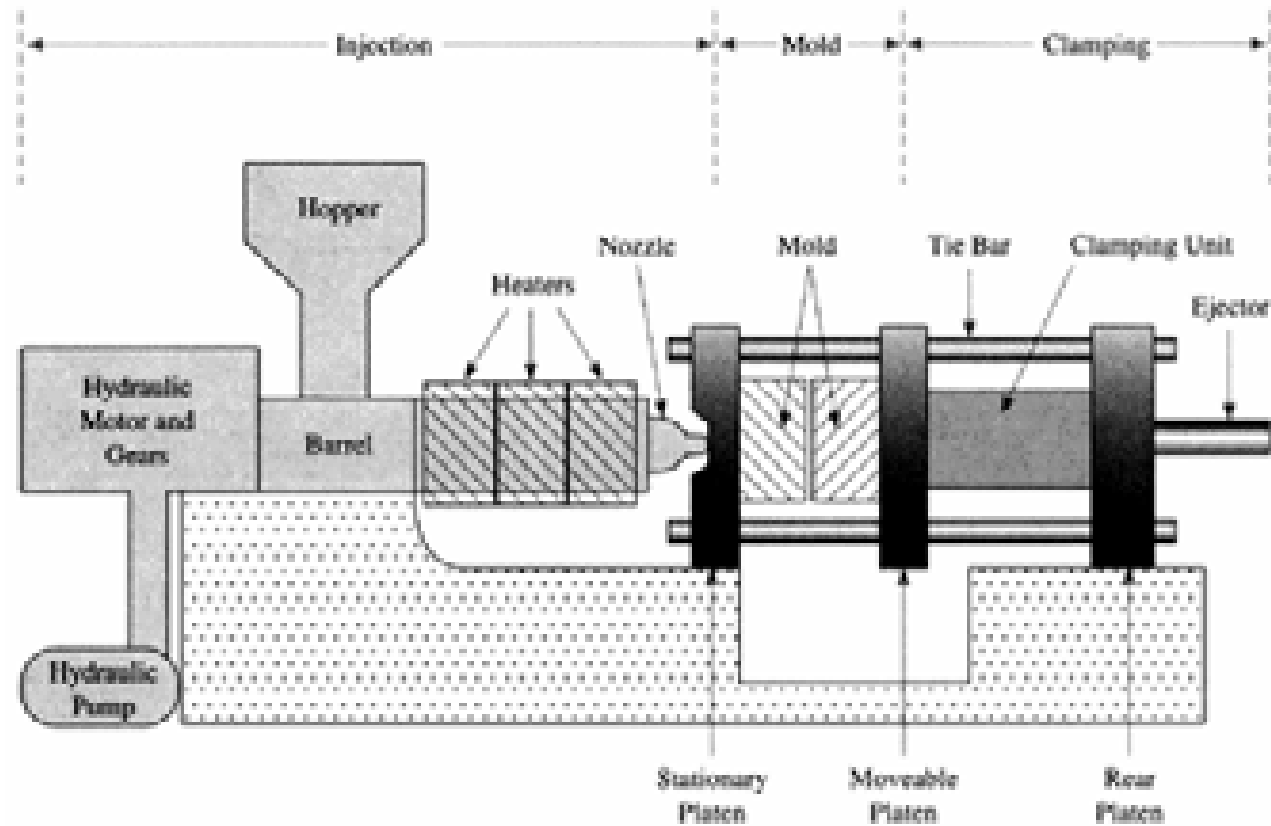


## Use of Organic Pigments in Printing Inks and Textiles by Volume

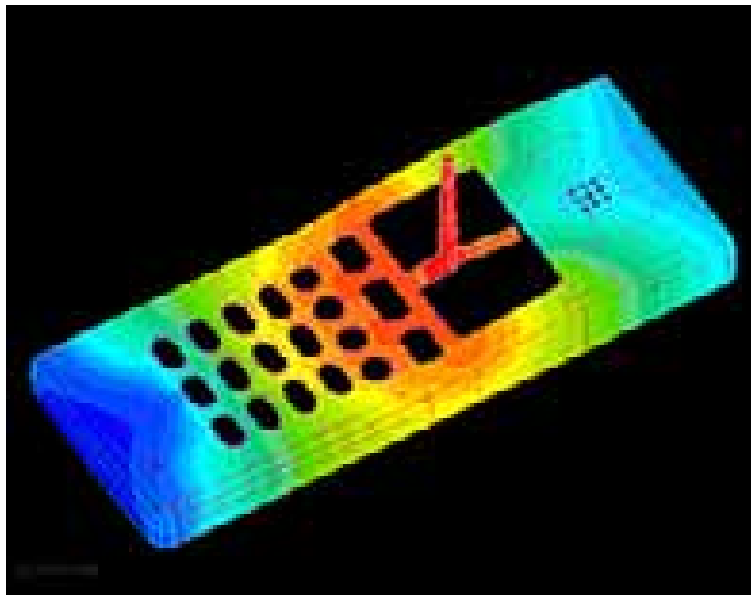


## **2. Warpage in polyolefin colorations**

# Injection molding



**Figure 1** Injection molding machine showing three major functional units (injection, mold, and clamping) along with major components of each unit.



**Anisotropic cooling**



**Bottle crates as example  
for high volume products**



## Options to avoid warpage effects

- engineering of cooling process : ensuring of homogeneous cooling
- extended stay of the product in the mold
- use of warpage-free pigments

## *Theory of warpage – literature*

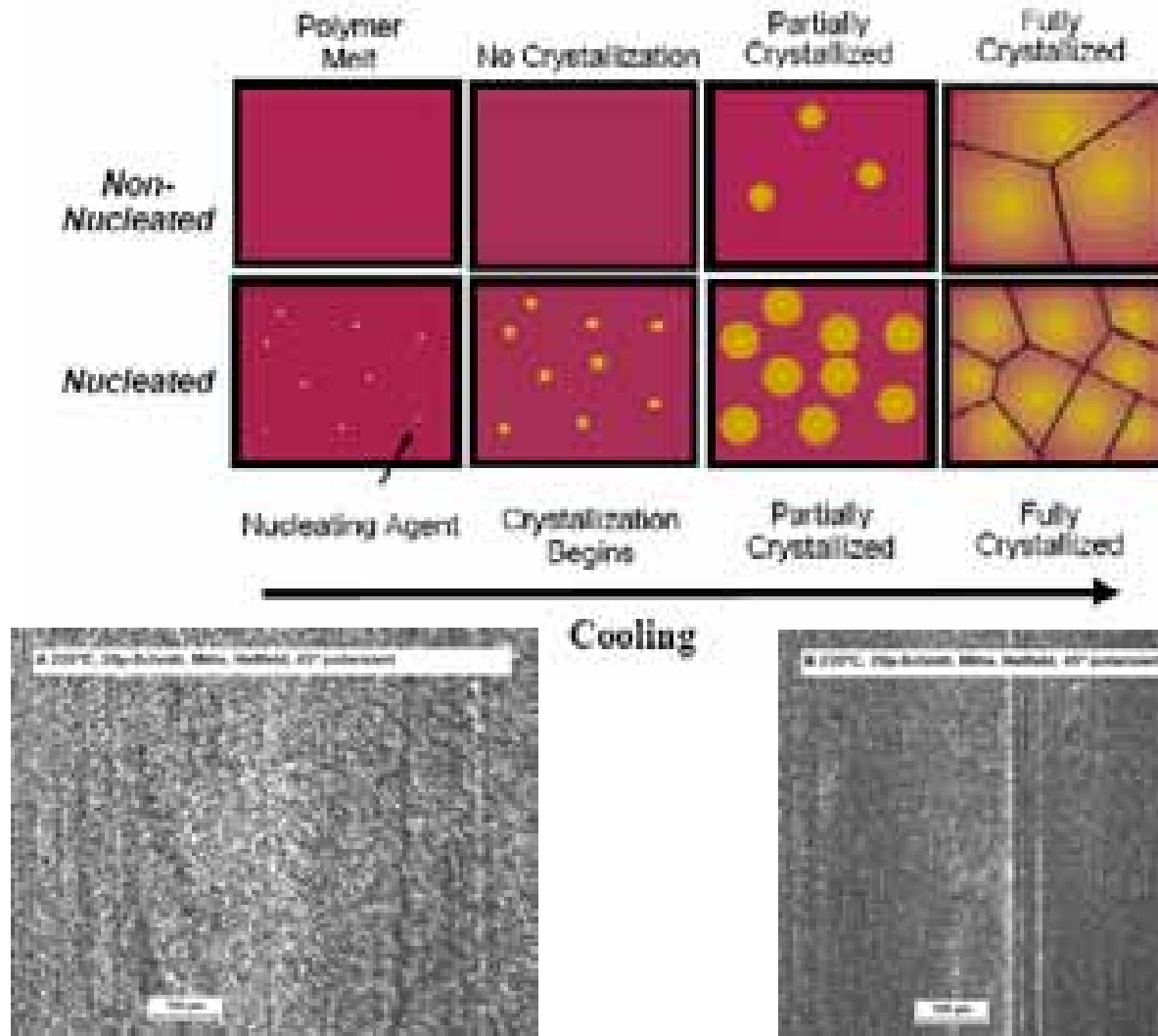


### *Differences of pure HDPE vs HDPE coloured with copper phthalocyanine*

- Absolute crystallinity falls by 5% from 69%
- Amount of crystals is increased
- Size of the crystals is decreased
- Speed of crystallization of HDPE in presence of CPC is increased
- Crystallization temperature in the presence of CPC is increased
- In the presence of CPC the formation of fiber-like structures during injection-moulding is observed

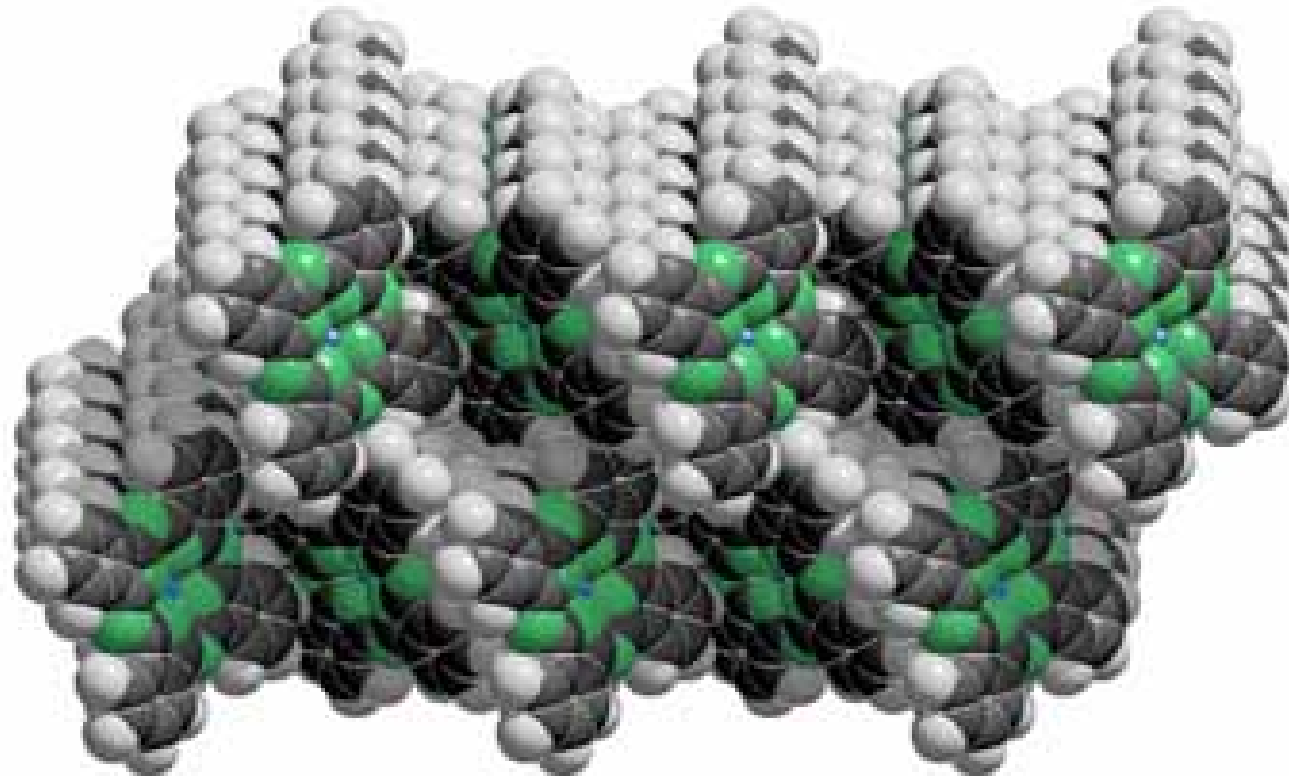
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# Theory of warpage



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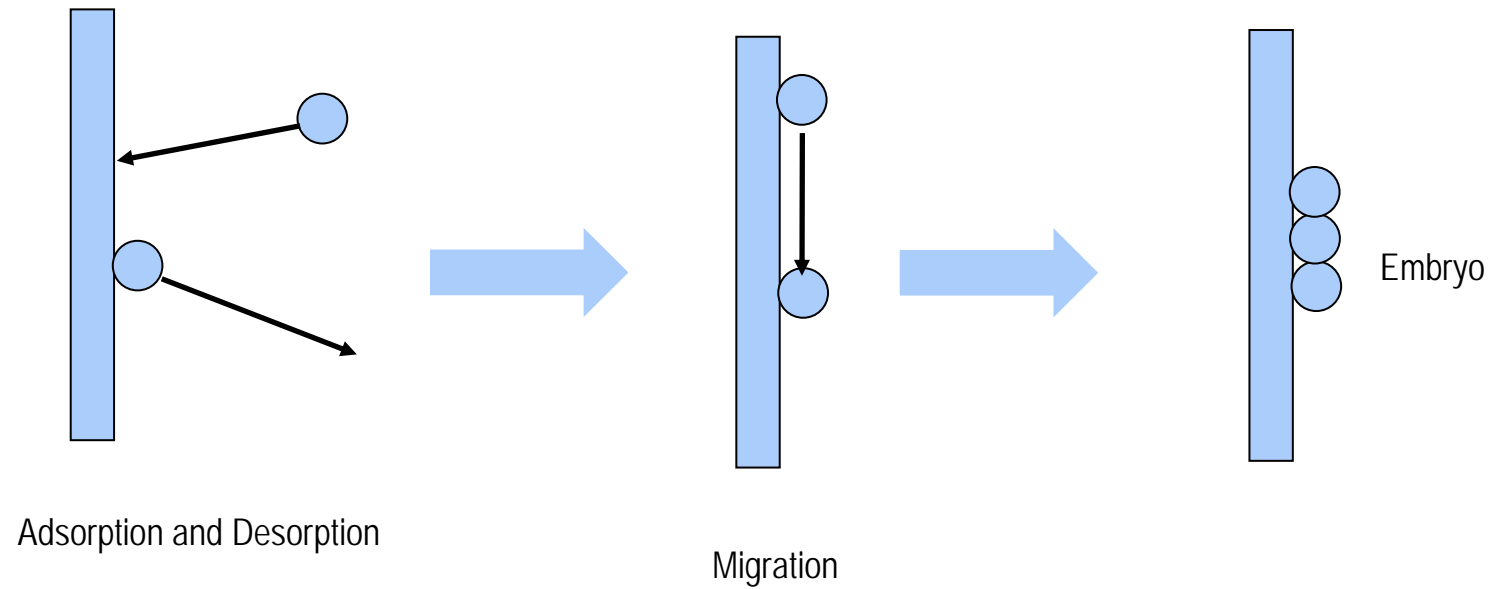
# *Structure of a copper phthalocyanine*



On the surface of pigment crystals the nonpolar groups form parallel ditches enabling accomodation of polyethylene chains, thus reducing the free energy of the formation of the critical nucleus.

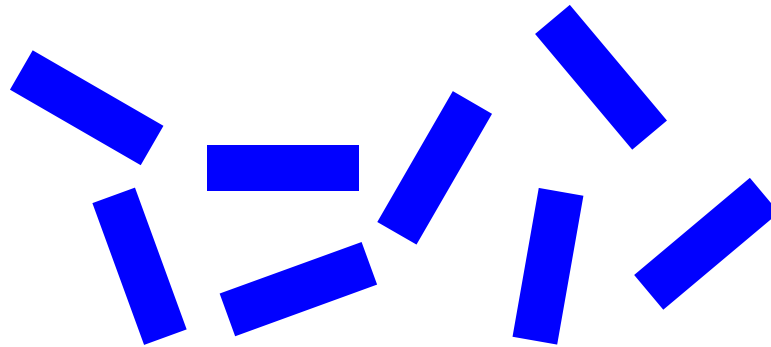
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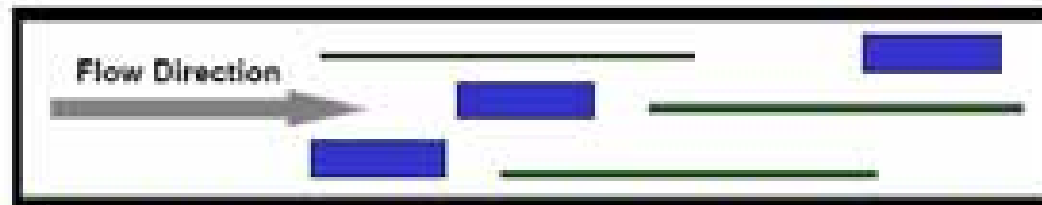


In the shallow ditches of the CPC crystal  
Polymer nuclei are preformed

# Theory of warpage



In the molten polymer the pigment is disordered

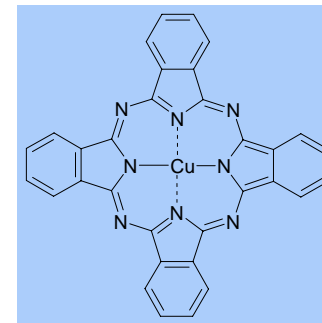


Orientation of the nucleating agent particles leads to anisotropic shrinkage

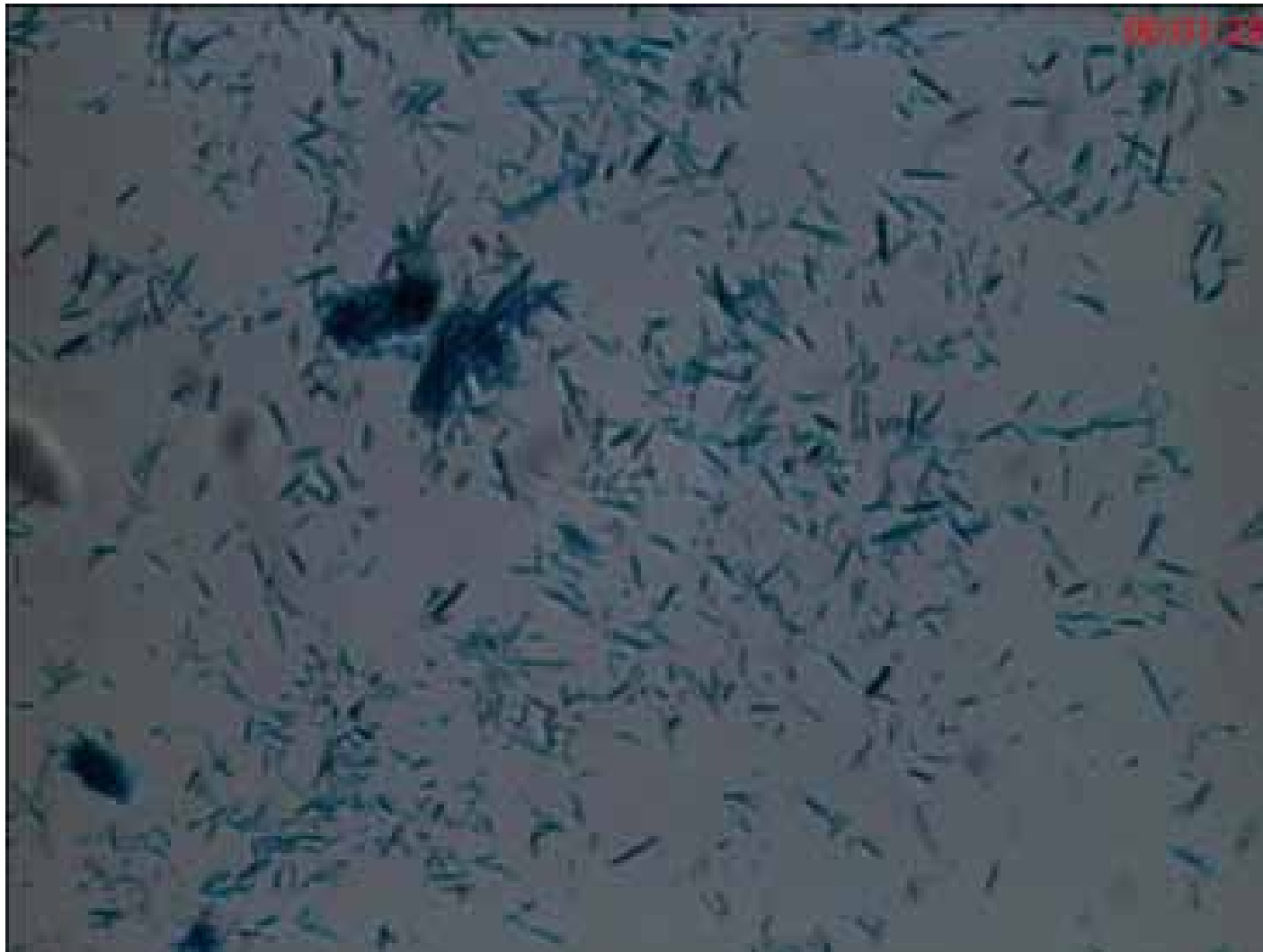
## Own investigations

- Visualisation of warpage by optical methods
- Preparation of CPC crystals of the size of 10 microns
- Studies of crystallization at 126° C / HDPE at  
„Deutsches Kunststoffinstitut Darmstadt“

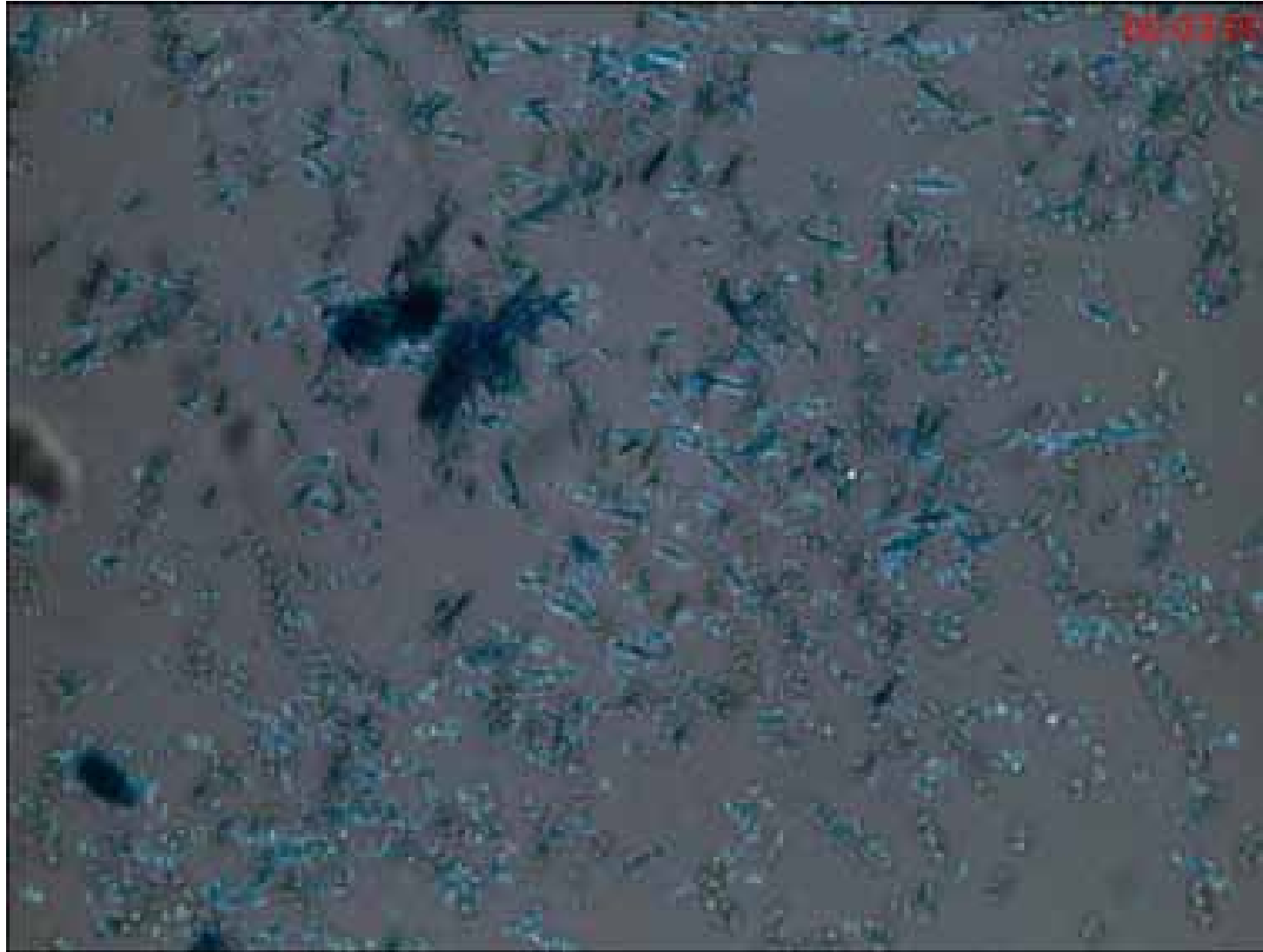
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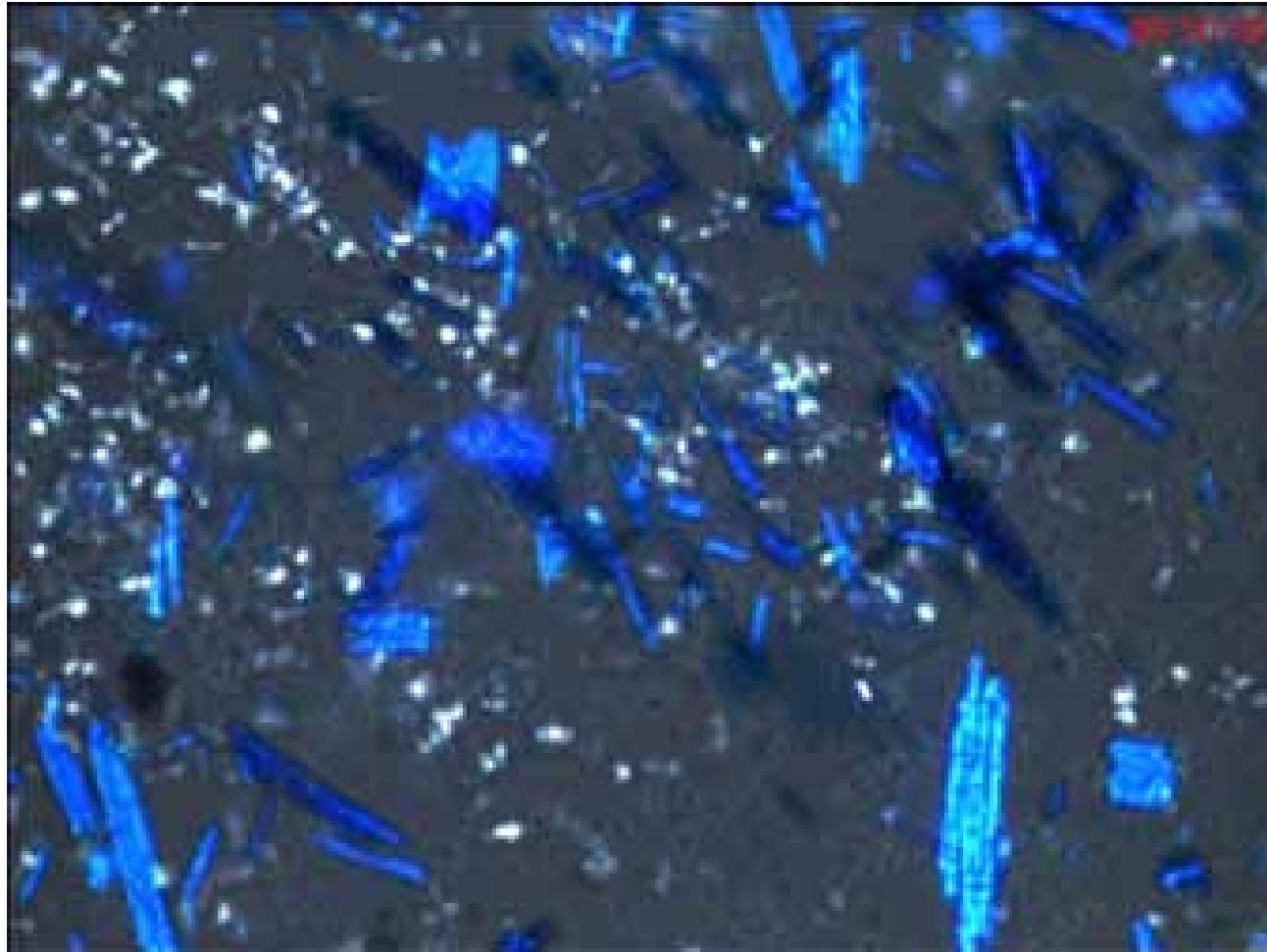
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## Summary

- Warpage is caused by nucleating of pigment crystals
- Unpolar crystal faces of pigments form nuclea

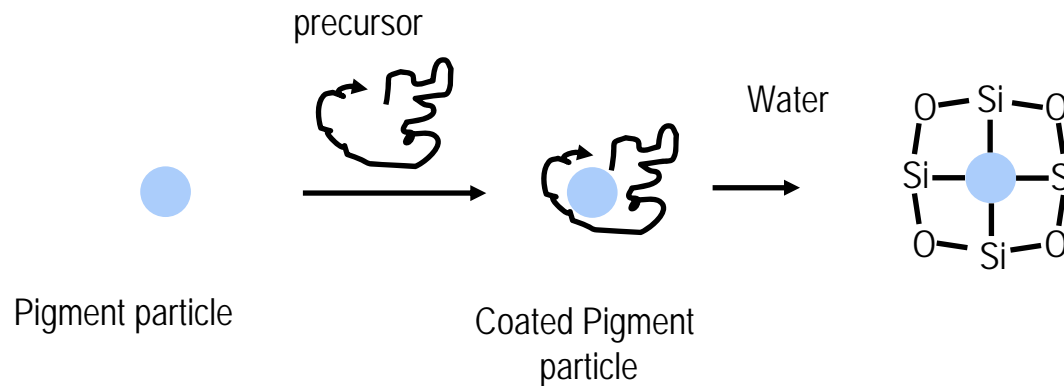
## Possible counteractions

- Encapsulation of pigments
- Additives that tightly stick to pigment surfaces and do not allow nucleation
- Development of new warpage-free pigments

# Encapsulation of organic pigments with silica



Principle:

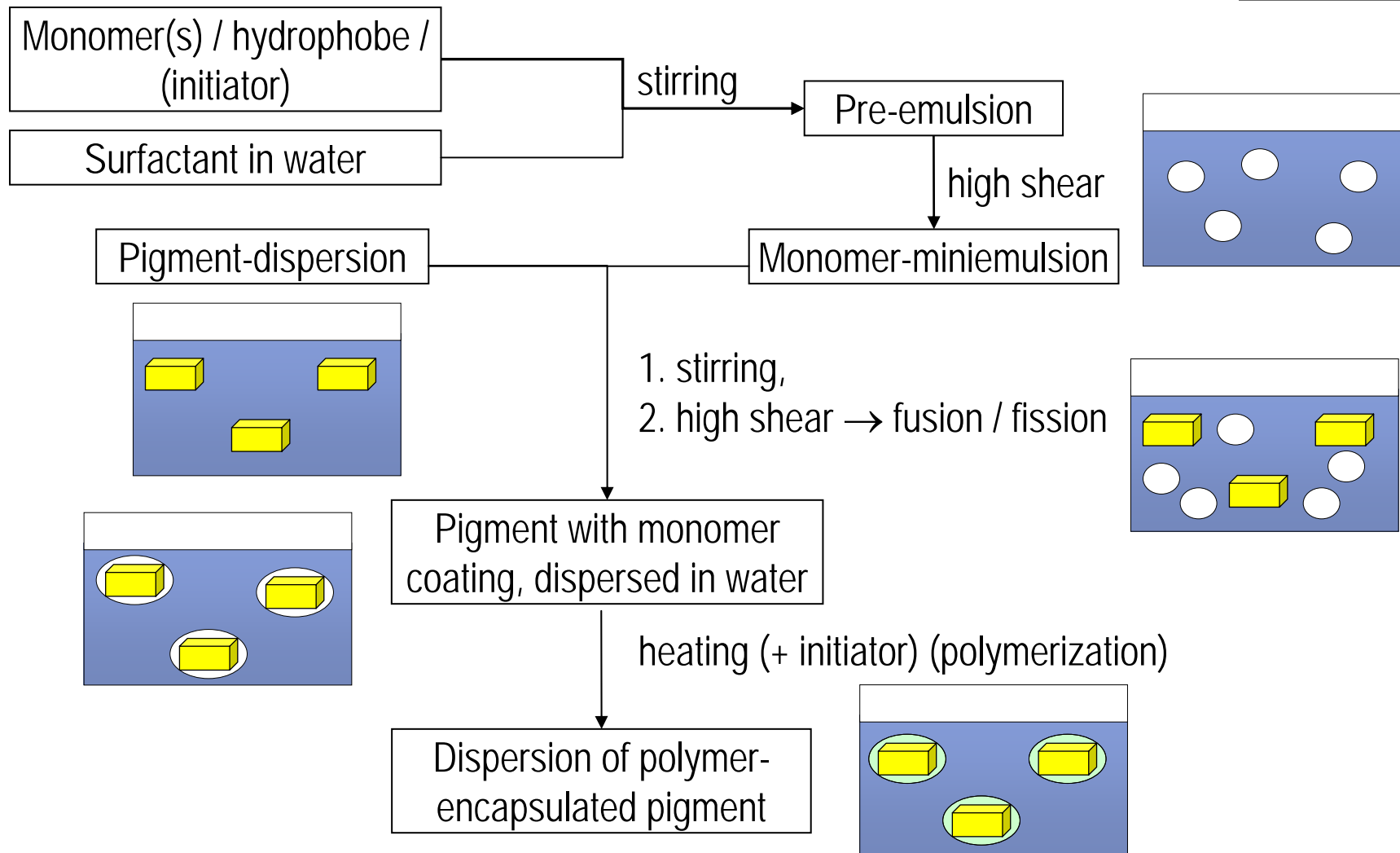


limited success on reducing warpage

reason: friction during shearing may destroy silica shell



# Concept of encapsulating pigments with organic polymers



# *Encapsulation of pigments*



## **Benefits**

- alteration of surface
- many variations possible
- tool for tailor-made solutions

## **Drawbacks**

- isolation of particles difficult
- high costs compared to powder pigments



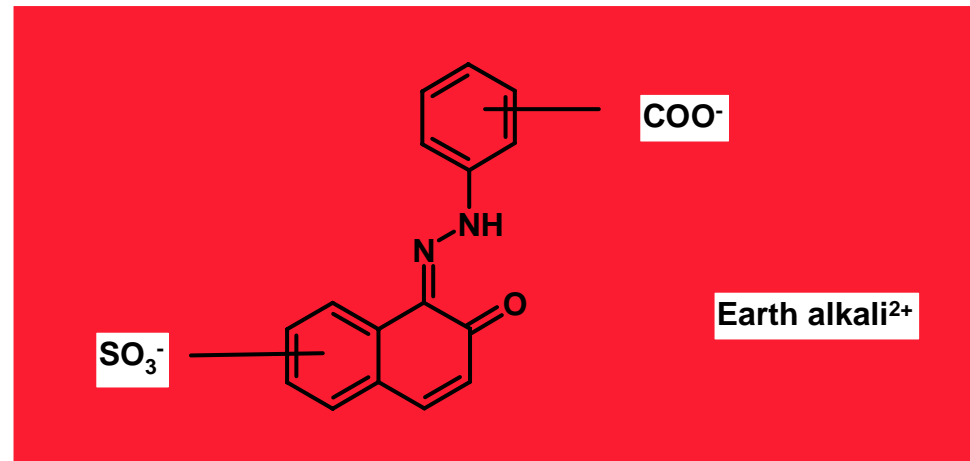
polystyrene

pigment /  
polystyrene

# *New warpage-free pigments*



Example : C.I. Pigment Red 285



Medium-red hue  
High temperature stability  
Warpage-free

# *Conclusion*



- Warpage is an important field for innovation
- Reason is well understood
- New pigments are released into the market
- Additives allow to modify existing pigments

## **2. Easily dispersible pigments for coating applications**

# *Pigment dispersions*



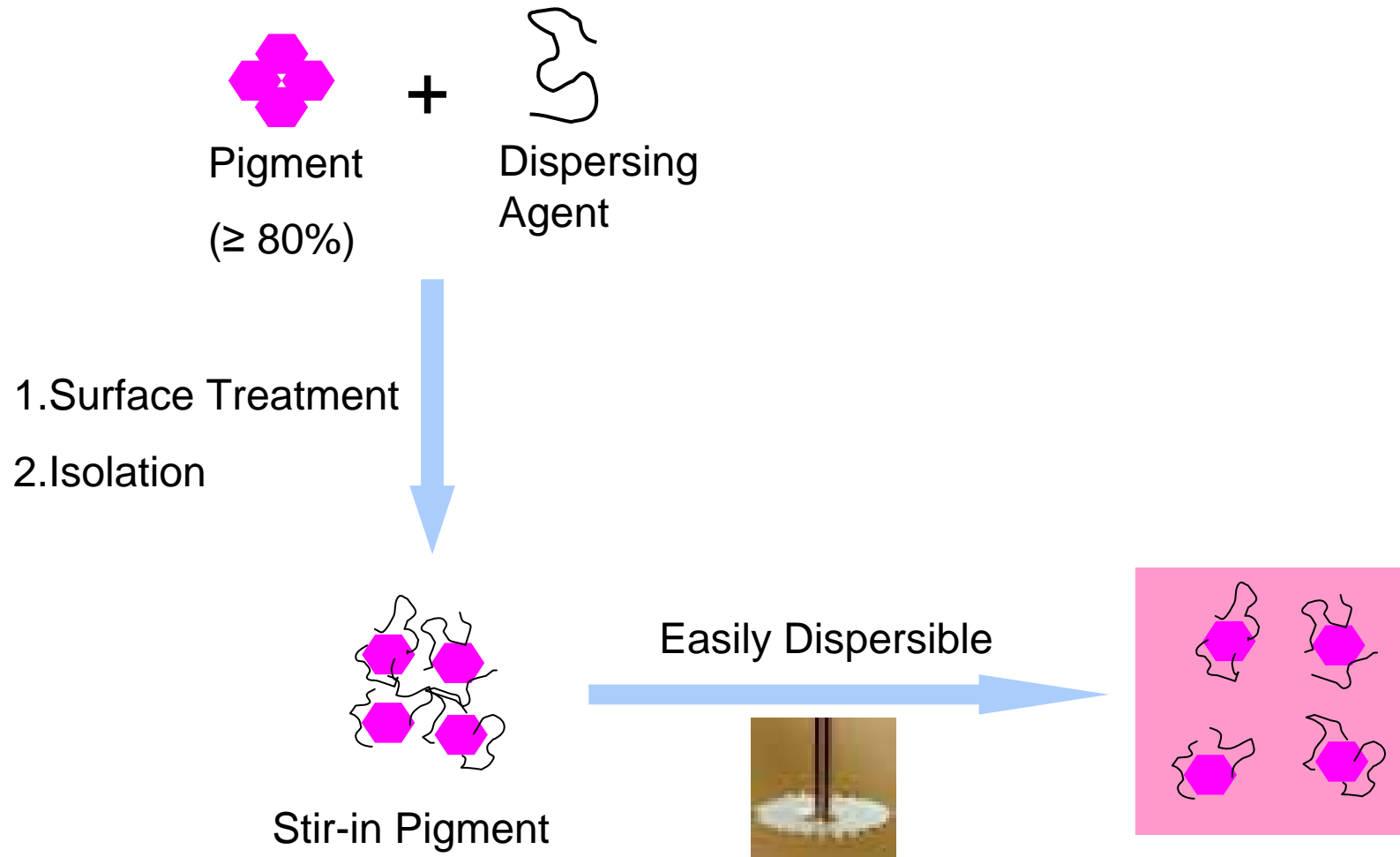
## **Liquid pigment dispersions**

- perfect dispersibility and compatibility with paint systems
- high transport costs of solvent/water
- cleaning costs

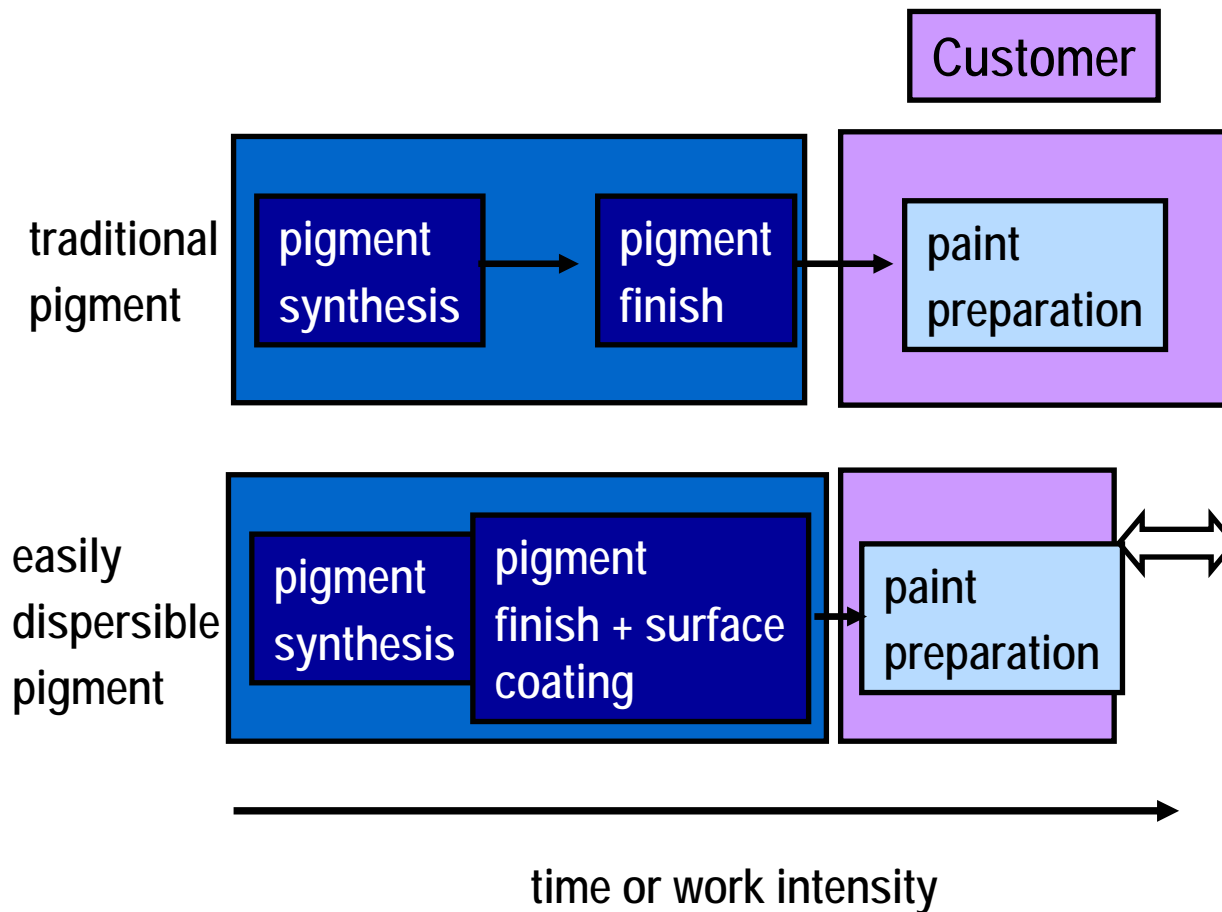
## **Solid pigments dispersions**

- good dispersibility in most paint systems (water or solvent)
- high manufacturing costs
- requirement for new equipment when replacing liquid systems

# Concept of easily dispersible pigments



# Concept of Stir-in Pigments



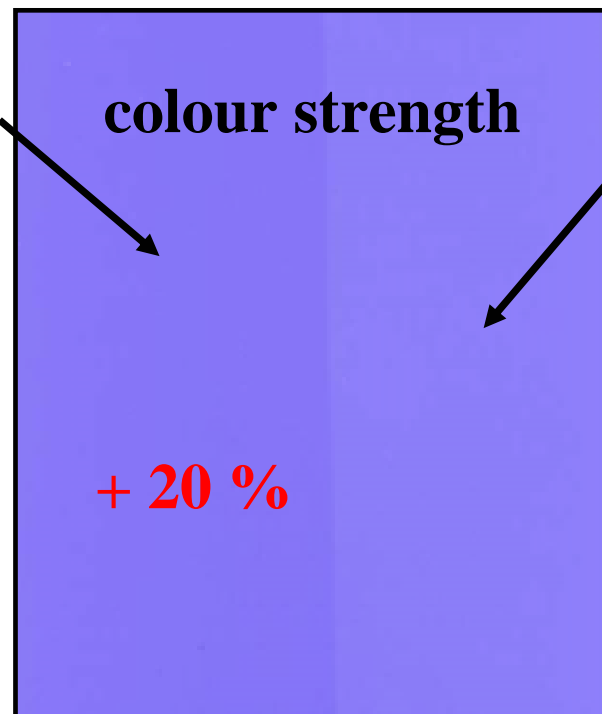


# *Gain of colour strength of easily dispersible pigments*



**coated pigment**

paint prepared  
by use of a  
dissolver



**P.V. 23 –  
commercial grade**

Paint prepared  
by use of a  
Pearl mill

Stoving enamel alkyd melamin paint

# Conclusion



- The use of polymers in the pigment process enhances dispersibility
- Easily dispersible pigments avoid additional preparation steps
- Easily dispersible pigments are limited for solvent paints up to now
- A good compatibility with most paint systems is achieved
- Pearl milling is not any more required on use of these new powder pigments

## 4. Ultrafine Pigments



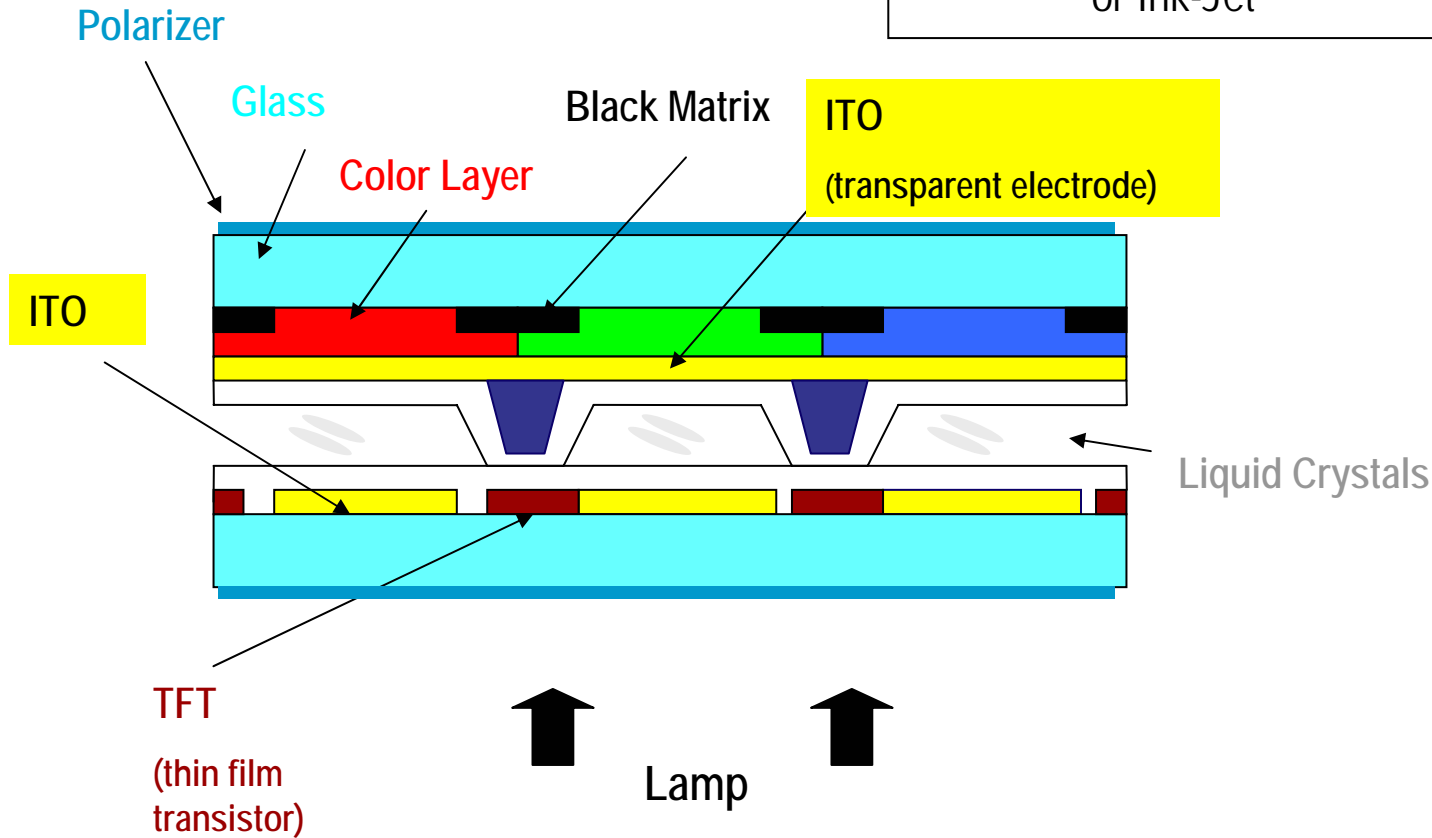
## **Requirement for ultrafine pigments for**

- Ink application if high transparency is required
- Color filter applications
- ???

# TFT LCD (Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Display) Schematic



Manufacturing Method:  
For example: Photolithography  
or Ink-Jet





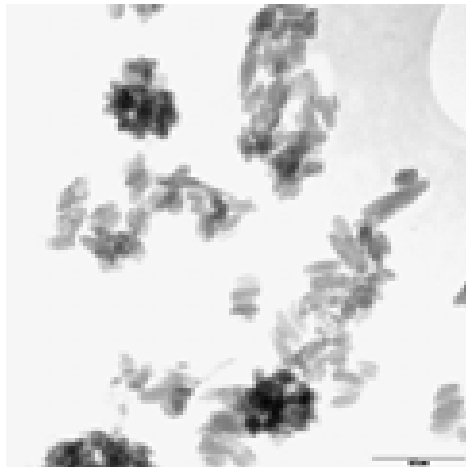
## *Pigments applied in Colorfilters*

	Main component	Shading components for TV	Shading components for Cell Phones
		[Note PC]	
Red	P.R. 254	P.R. 177	P.Y. 139
Green	P.G. 36	P.Y. 150	P.Y. 138
Blue	P.B. 15:6	P.V. 23	
		High contrast Thin film strong color	High Y value Low power consumption high brightness

# Pigments for Colorfilters - requirements

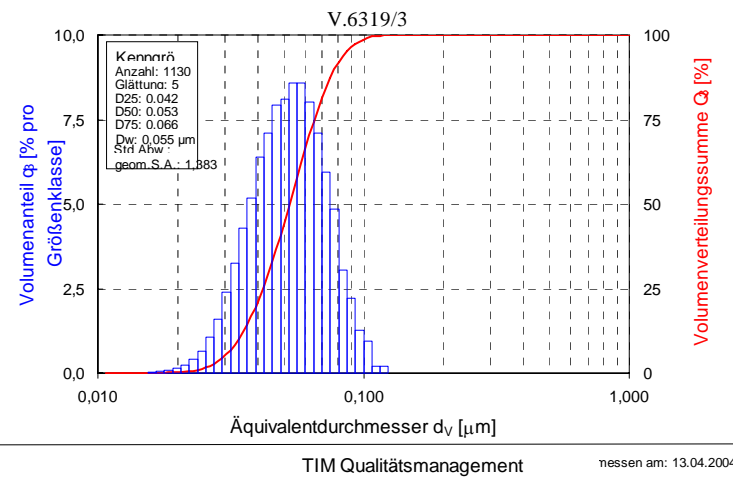


1. Particle size below 100 nm, narrow distribution
2. Excellent dispersibility



200 nm

TEM-KGV-11504



## Process of Saltkneading

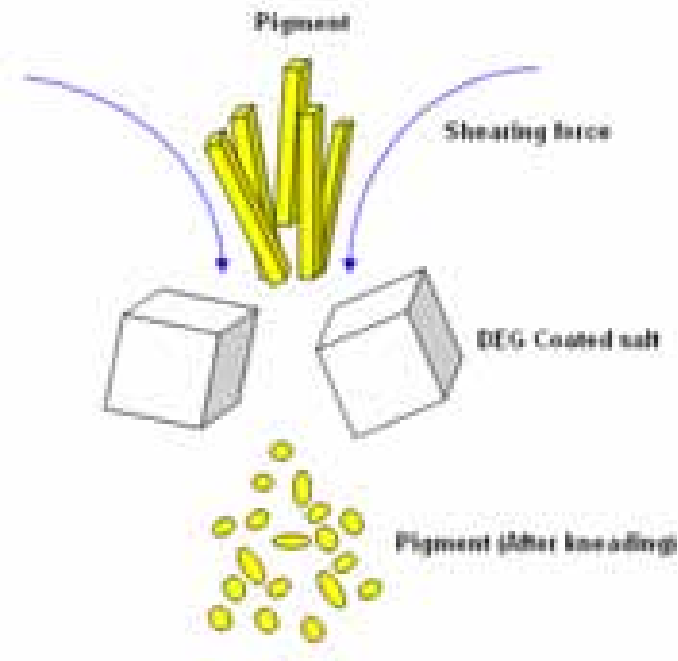


Grinding of pigment with salt  
In presence of a solvent:

- Extreme shear-forces
- Provides ultra-fine particles

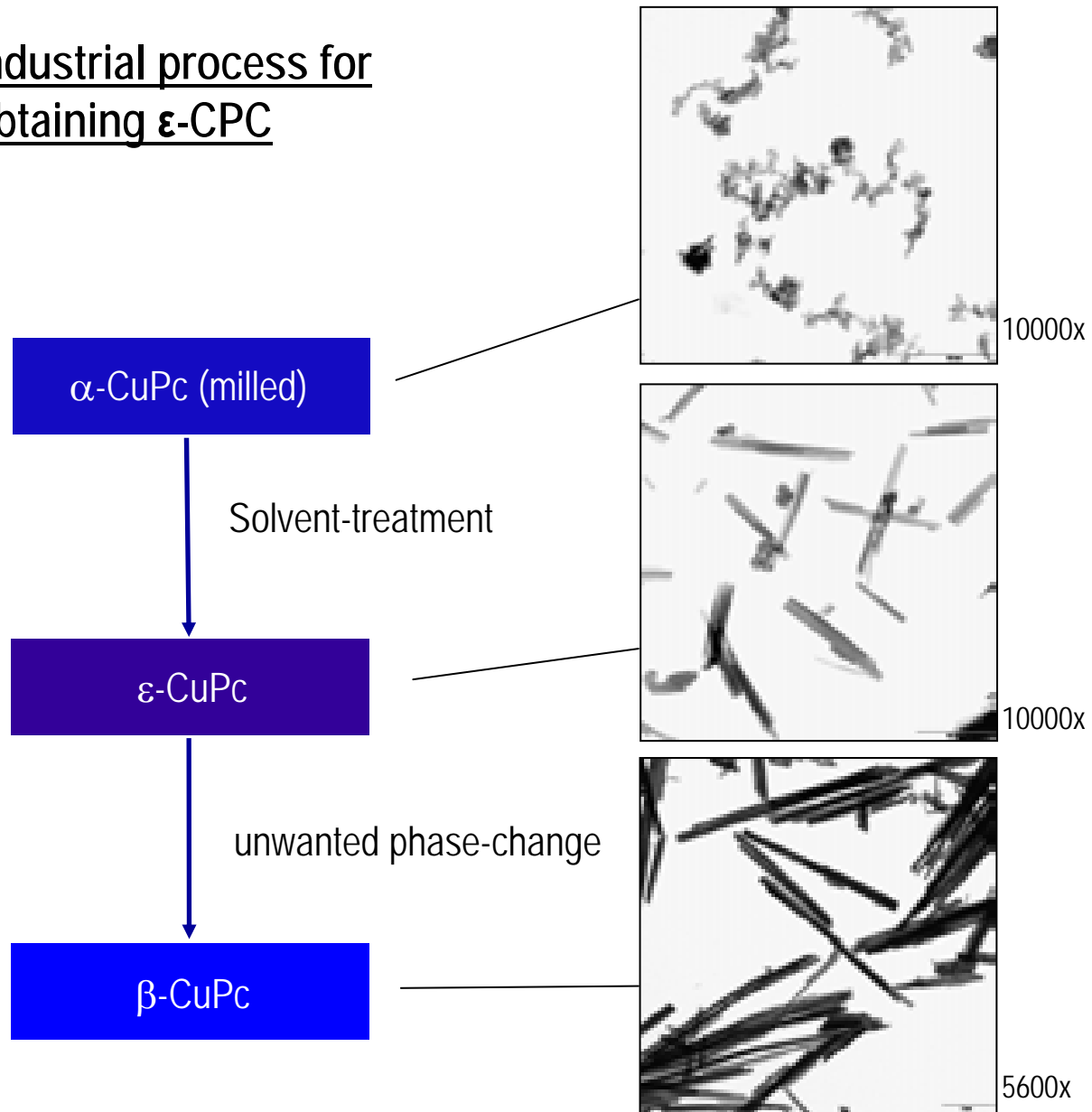
Disadvantages:

- Waste
- High energy demand
- Low productivity

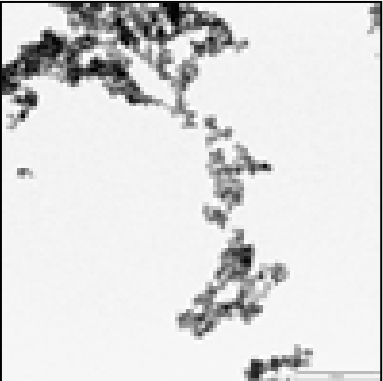




# Industrial process for obtaining $\epsilon$ -CPC

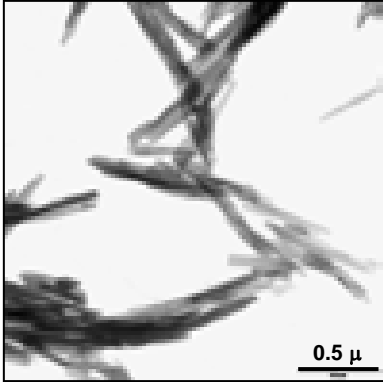


Goal: Obtaining microcrystalline  $\epsilon$ -CuPc without milling



Milled pigment  
( $\alpha/\epsilon$ -mix)

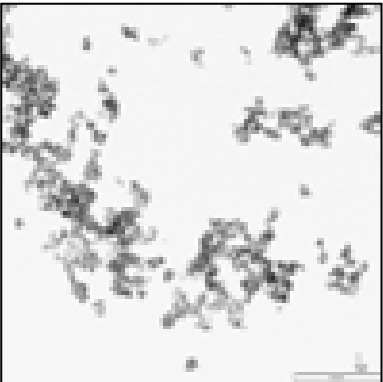
Phase-stabilizer only



Saltkneading

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Phase-stabilizer  
and  
Growth inhibitor



Ultrafine grade



## **Challenges in the development of ultra-fine particles**

- Obtaining pigments in narrow particle size distribution
- Ensuring good dispersibility in spite of huge surfaces
- Avoiding milling / grinding operations if possible
- Ensuring large quantity production

## **5. Conclusion**



## Conclusion

High Performance Pigments have a lot of innovative potential

New application require new forms of pigmnets

Observation of cost is always important



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