

A 3D rendering of a multi-roller extrusion system. The rollers are grey and arranged in a line, with a stream of material being extruded from the right. The stream is composed of many small, colorful particles (blue, pink, and purple) that form a curved, arching shape. The background is white.

EXTRUSION DAYS EFFICIENCY IN COMPOUNDING

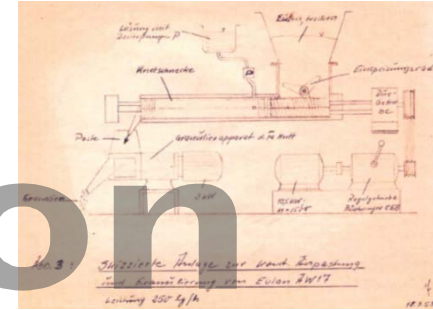
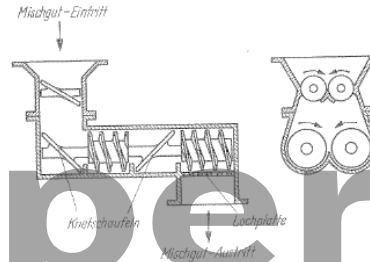
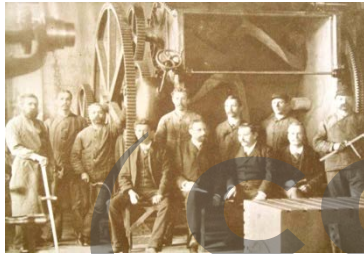
Over 60 Years of ZSK: Process related Modularity and Flexibility Meets High Quality and Efficiency

Frank Lechner
Process Technology, Compounding & Extrusion

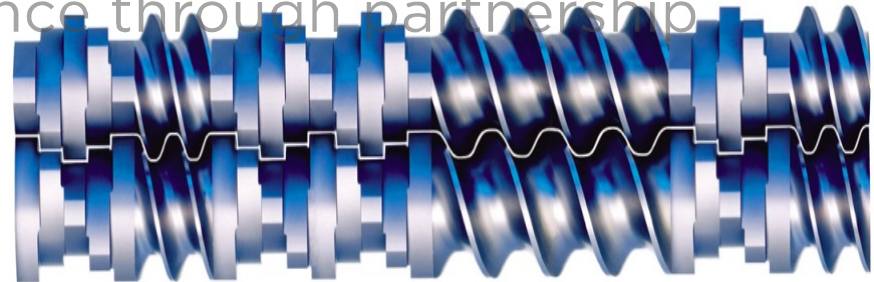


History of Kneading and Compounding

1879 Paul Pfeleiderer founded the company in Stuttgart and Hermann Werner started the production of **Universal Kneaders UK**.



1953 License from Bayer (Erdmenger) was taken for the continuous **Twin Screw Kneader ZSK**.



➔ **2010** Constant increase of volume and torque

Modular Design

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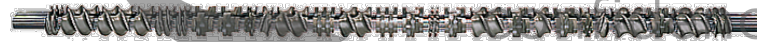
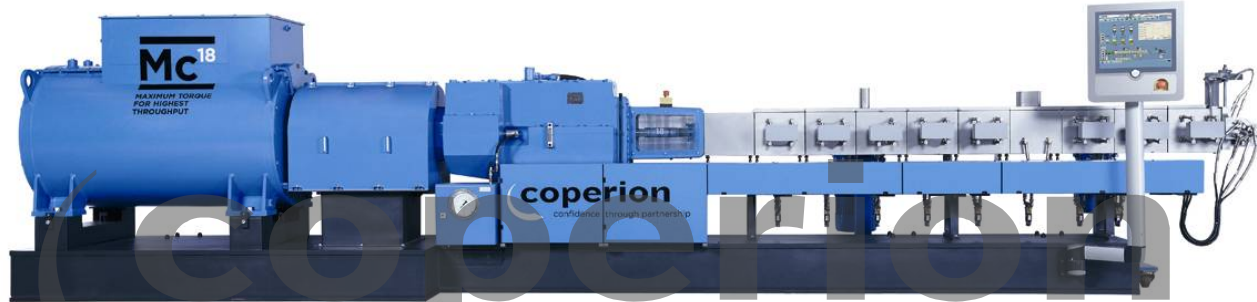
Motor

Coupling

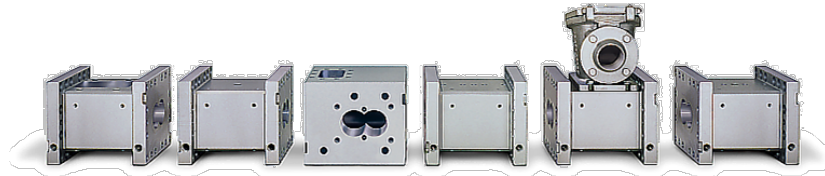
Gear box

Processing section

Discharge



confidence through partnership



Modular design for screw elements and barrels

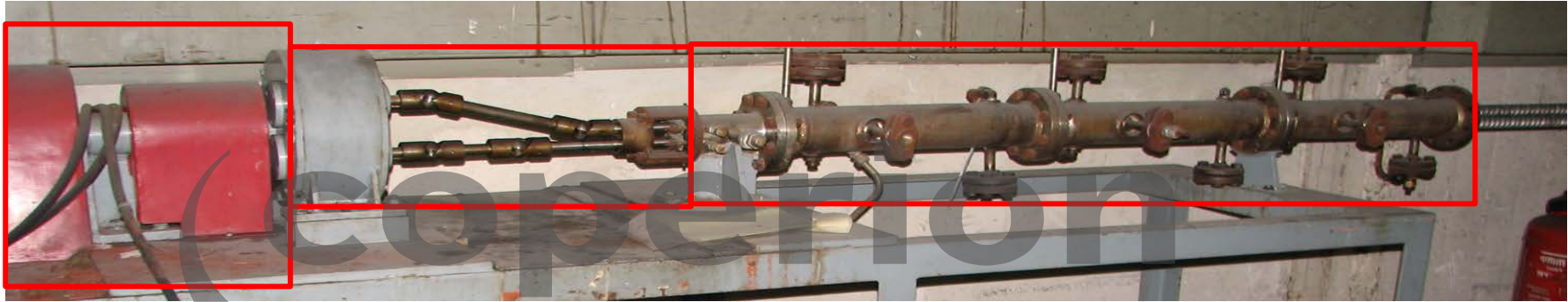
Modular Design: Early Twin Screw Lab Extruder



Motor

Gear Box

Modular Process Section



Lab Extruder 1940's, R. Erdmenger



Screw
Elements



Development of Torque, Volume and Screw Speed

ZSK Standard

$D_o / D_i = 1,22$
 $M_d / a^3 = 5,0 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 150 \text{ rpm}$

ZSK variable

$D_o / D_i = 1,44$
 $M_d / a^3 = 5,0 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 300 \text{ rpm}$

ZSK Supercompounder

$D_o / D_i = 1,55$
 $M_d / a^3 = 8,7 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 600 \text{ rpm}$

ZSK MEGAcampounder

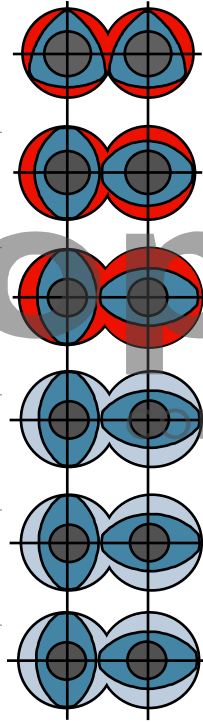
$D_o / D_i = 1,55$
 $M_d / a^3 = 11,3 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 1200 \text{ rpm}$

ZSK MEGAcampounder PLUS

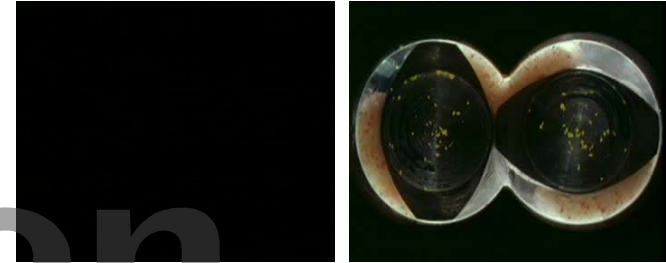
$D_o / D_i = 1,55$
 $M_d / a^3 = 13,5 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 1200 \text{ rpm}$

ZSK Mc¹⁸

$D_o / D_i = 1,55$
 $M_d / a^3 = 18 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 1200 \text{ rpm}$



Increase of
free volume (100%)
and of specific torque



Increase of free volume
(additional 40%)

ZSK MEGAvolume

$D_o / D_i = 1,80$
 $M_d / a^3 = 8,7 \text{ Nm/cm}^3$ / $n = 1800 \text{ rpm}$

Increase of torque

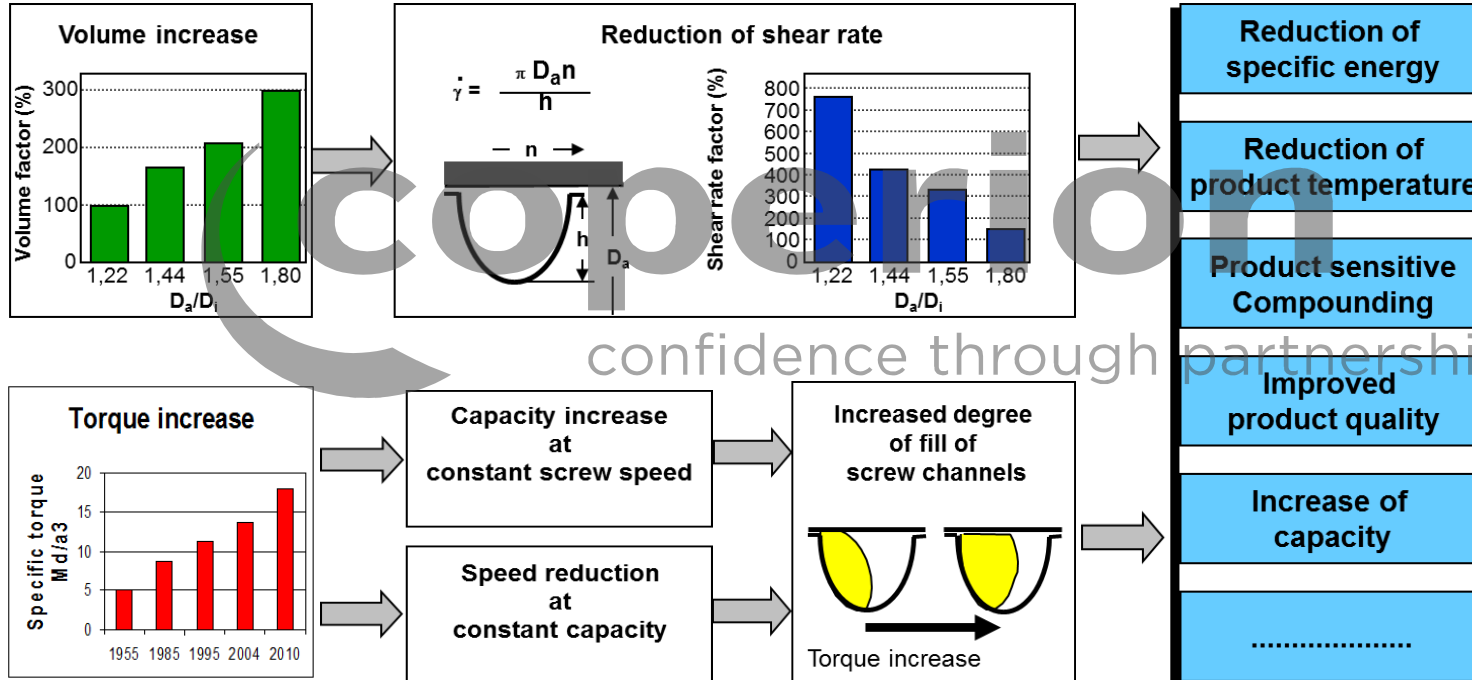
ZSK MEGAvolume PLUS

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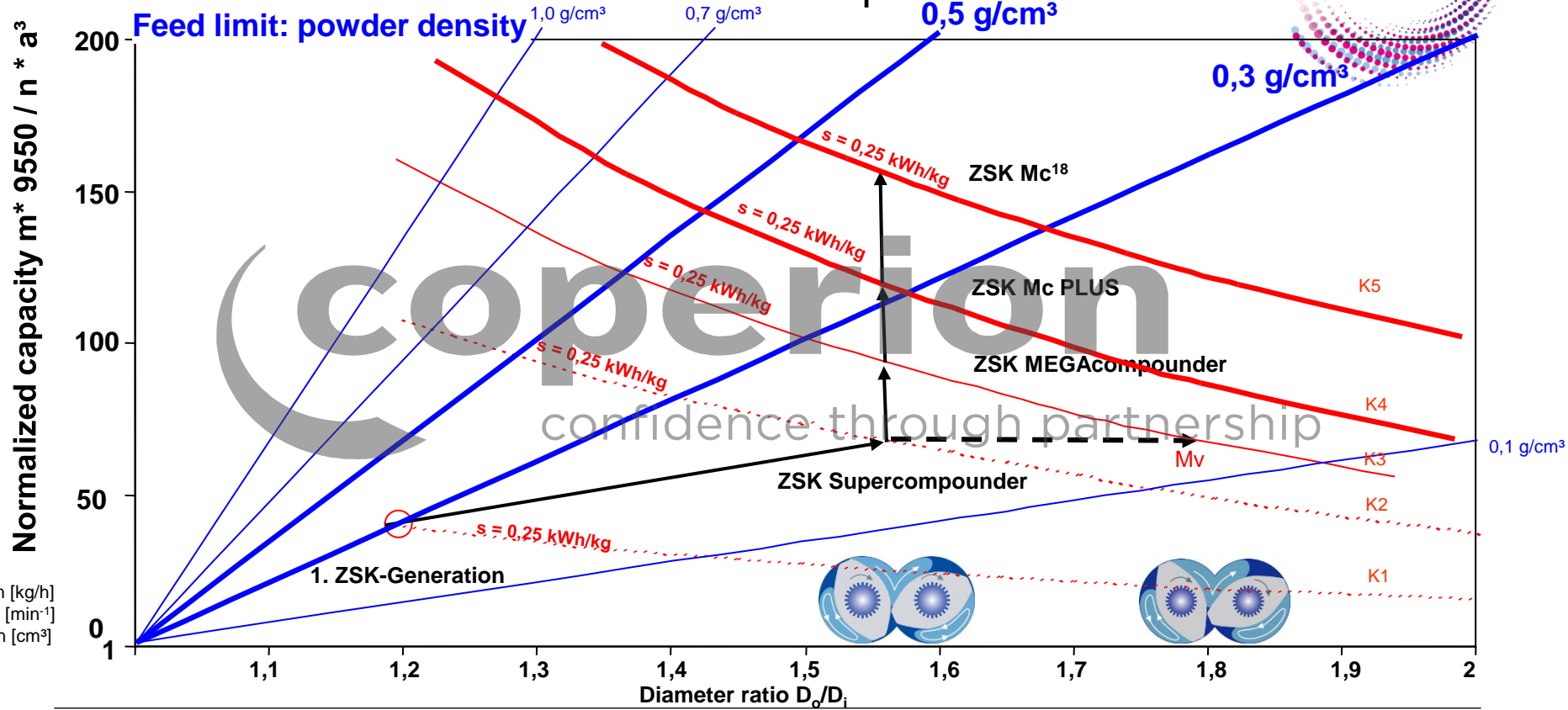
Increase of torque



Feed Rate and Quality Relating Parameters



Balanced Ratio of Free Volume and Torque



m in [kg/h]
n in [min⁻¹]
a³ in [cm³]

Kneading, Compounding and Efficiency Optimization

140 years of patents and innovation

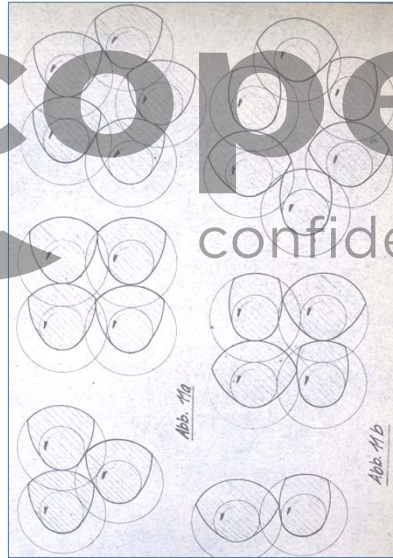
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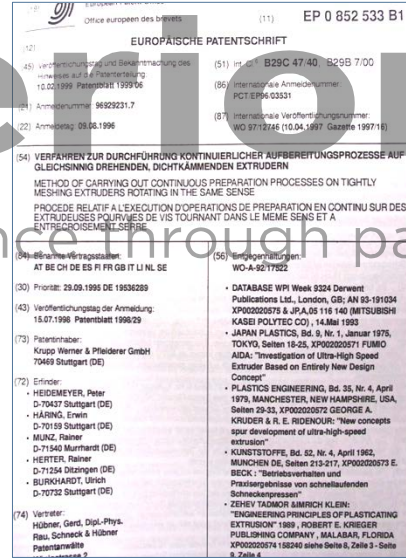
1877
The first
Batch kneader



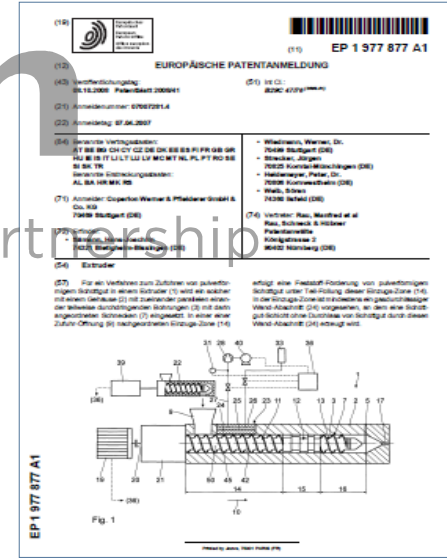
1953
The first
Continuous Kneader



1995
The first
MEGAcompounder



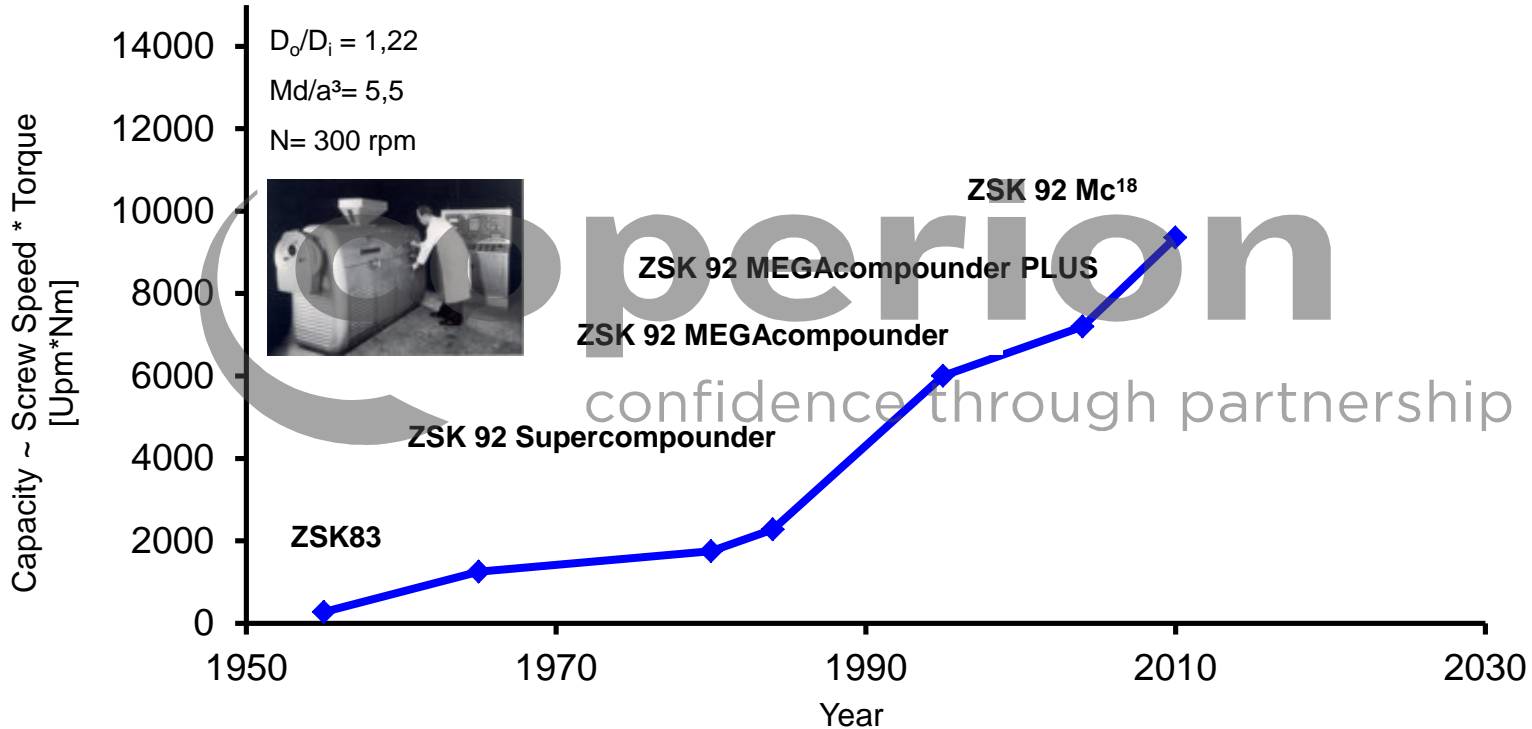
2008
Feed Enhancement
Technology





Throughput Increase 7% per Year

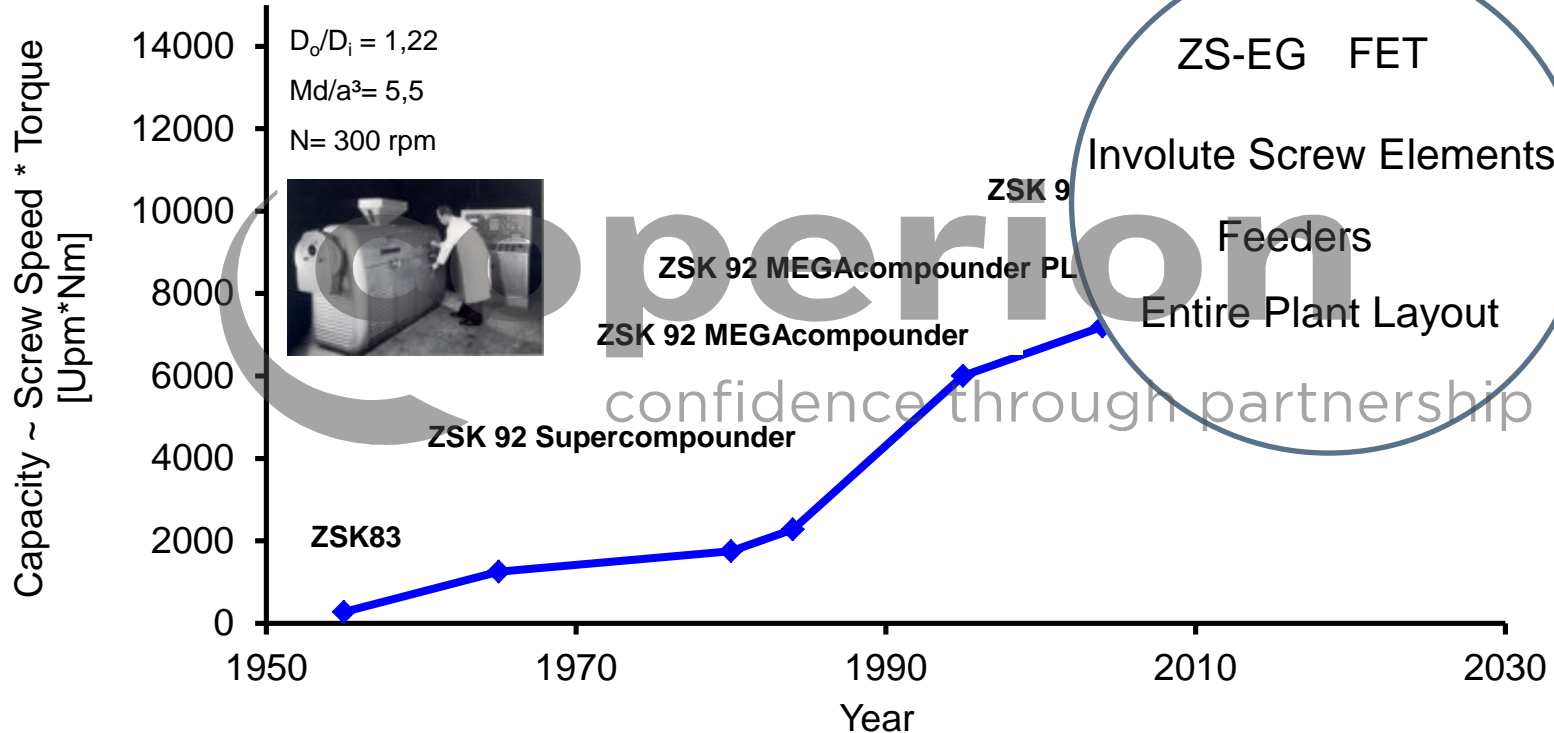
Factor 35 since 1957 (centerline distance = 76 mm)



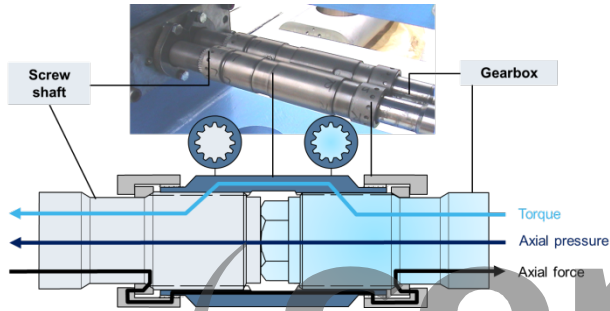


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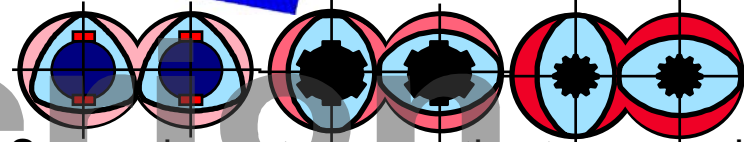
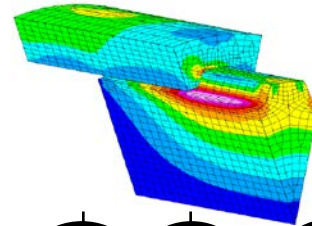
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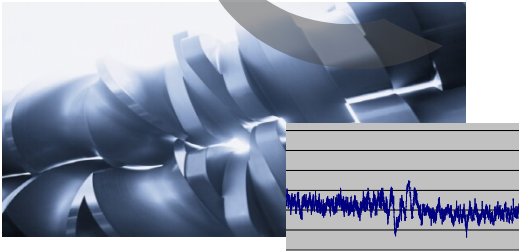
Development of Torque and Screw Speed



Screw shaft coupling

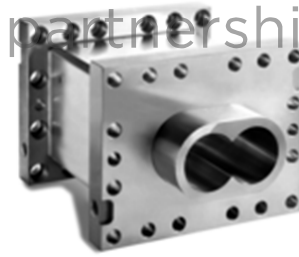
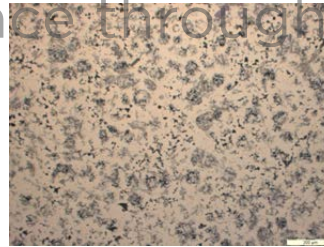


Screw elements connection to screw shaft



Low wear and pulsation
optimized screw design

confidence through partnership

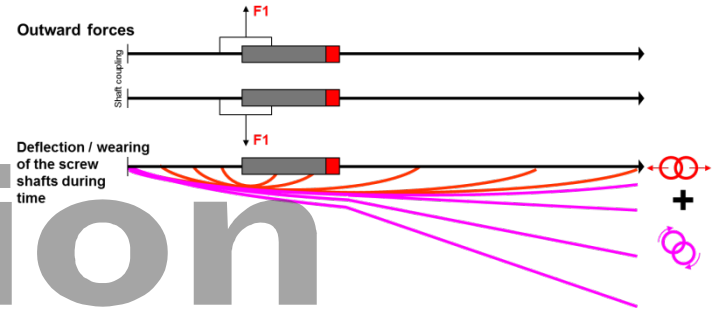
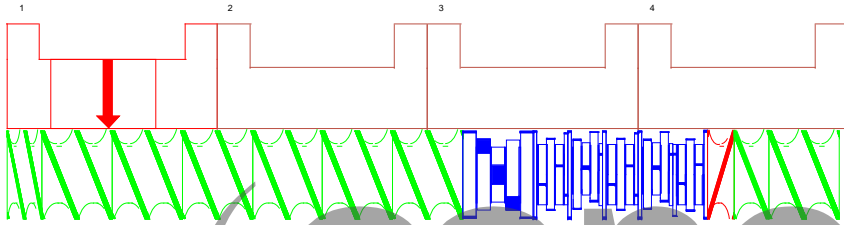


Materials of construction (...adhesive wear)



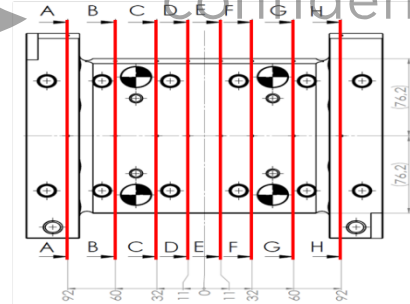
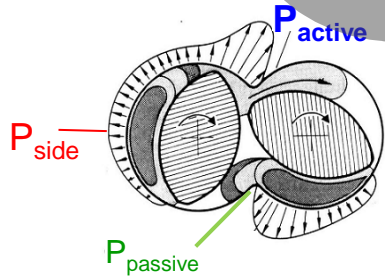
Development of Torque and Screw Speed

Outward forces along plastification



Pressures: Cross Section

Pressures: Axial Direction
Messebenen in axialer Richtung



Measurement of mechanical deflection
in vertical and horizontal direction



Development of Torque and Screw Speed

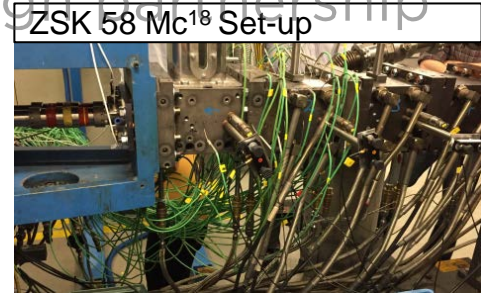
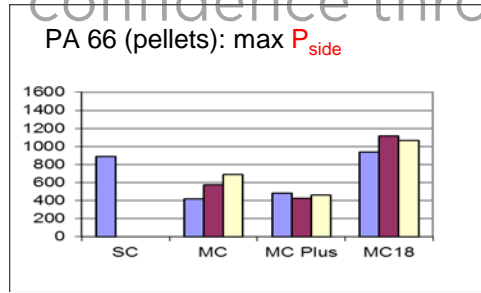
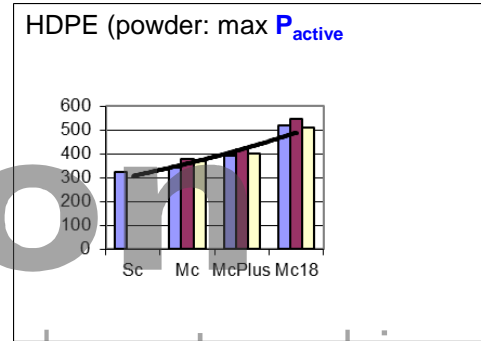
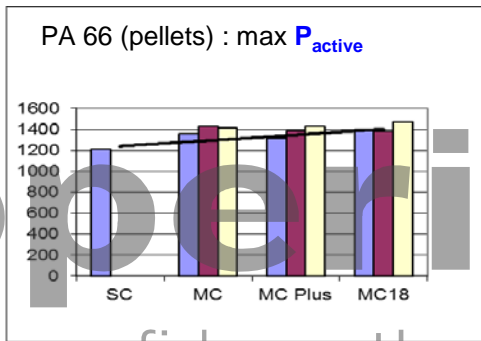
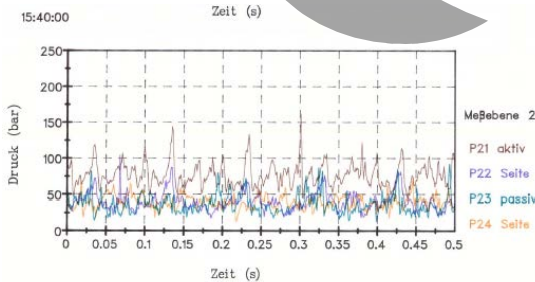
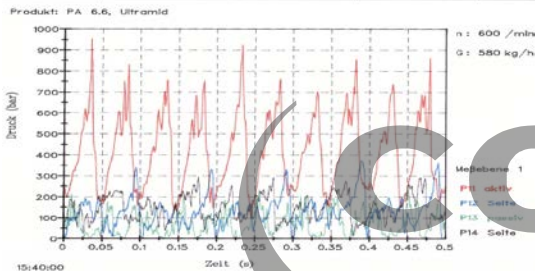
Fundamental development of machine series



< 2000

> 2000

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600 Upm 900 Upm 1100 Upm Expon. (600 Upm)

Main Factors Limiting the Capacity



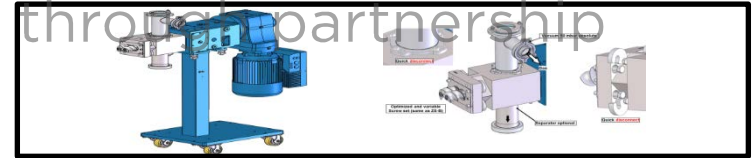
Limit:
Motor power



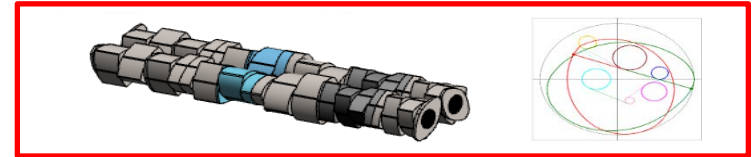
Limit:
Feed intake



Limit:
Degassing

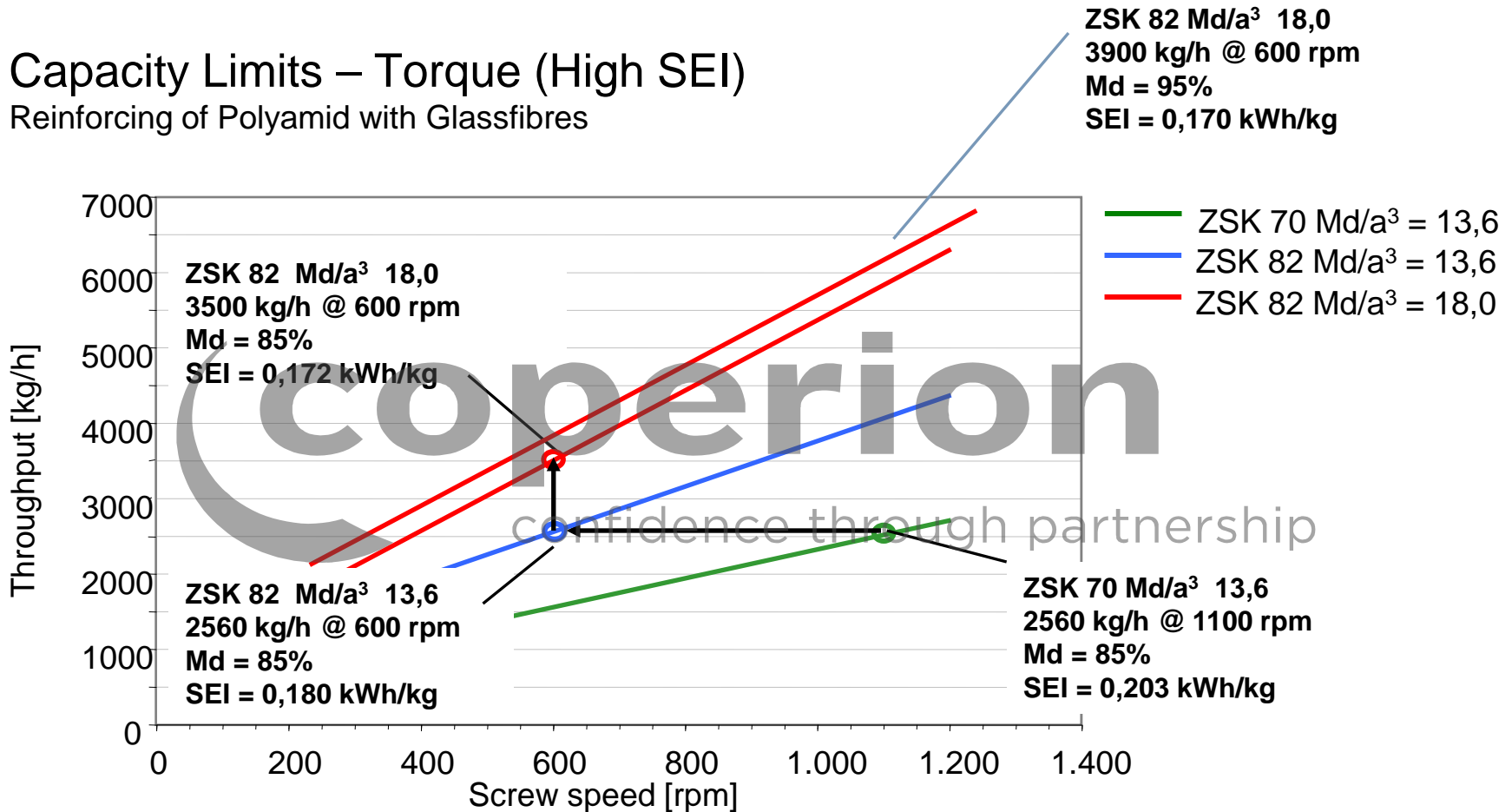


Limit:
Mixing/Quality

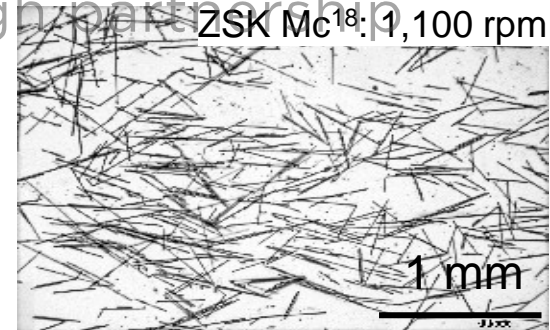
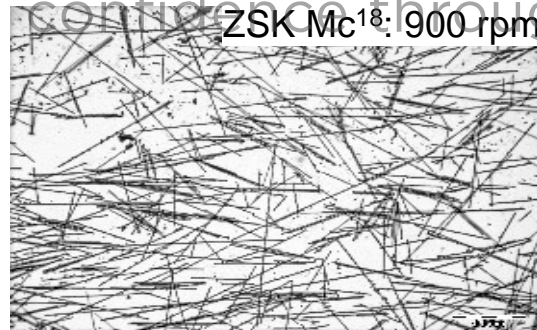
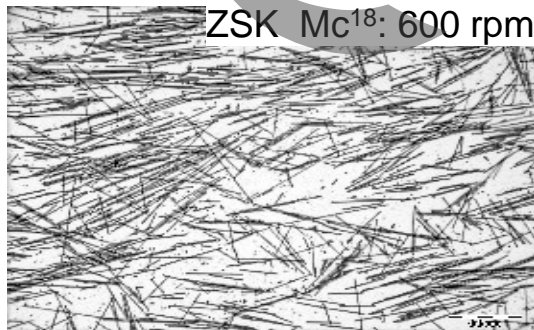
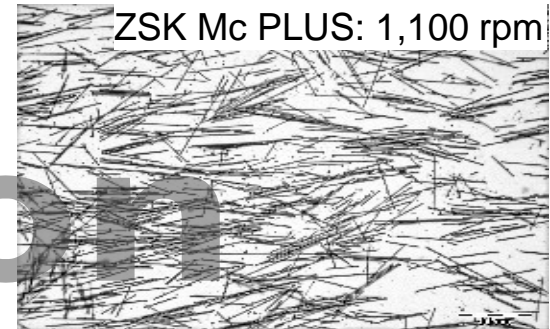
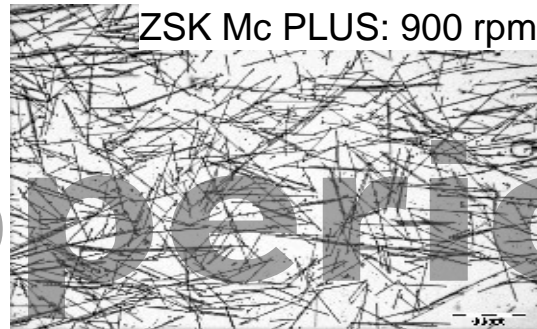
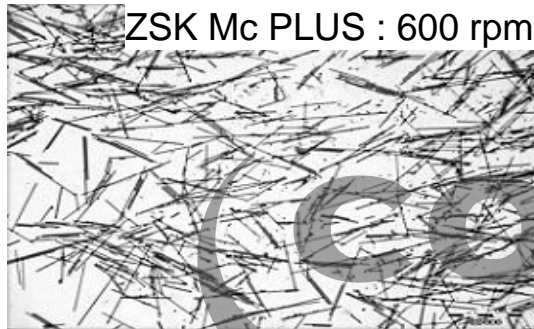


Capacity Limits – Torque (High SEI)

Reinforcing of Polyamid with Glassfibres



Microscopy of Glass Fibres for PA6 + 30% GF

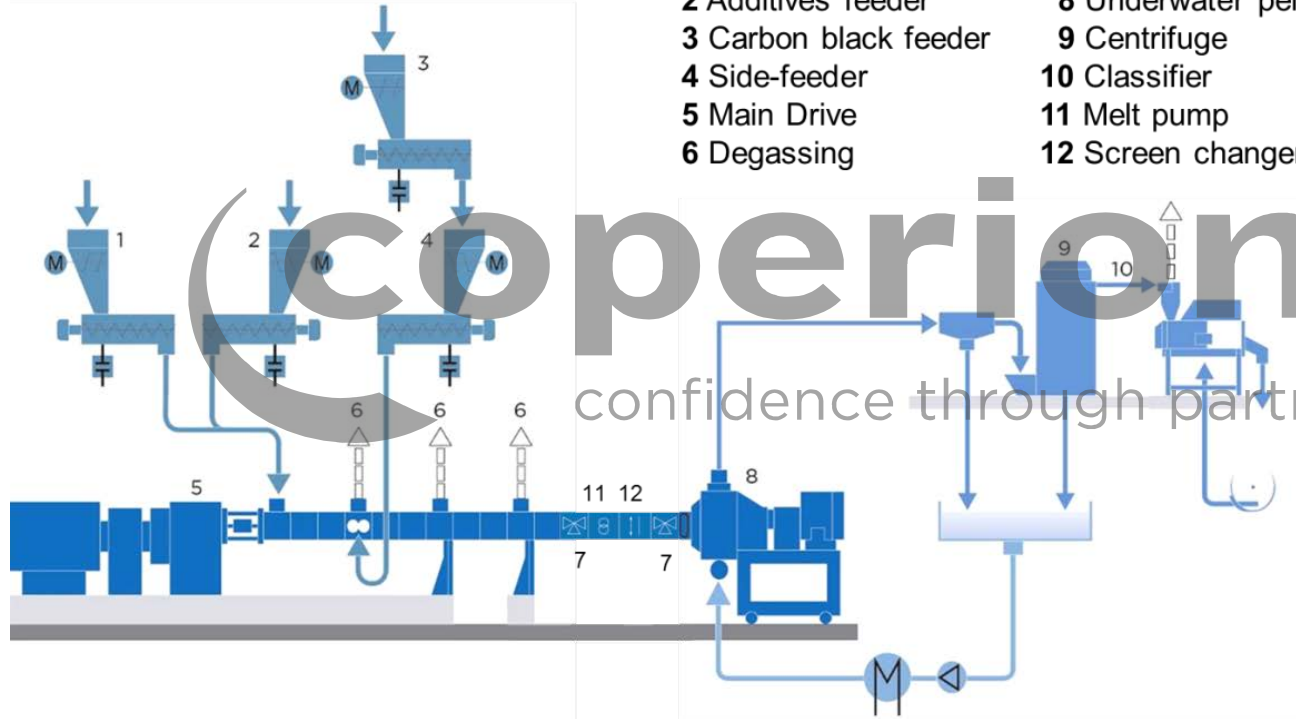




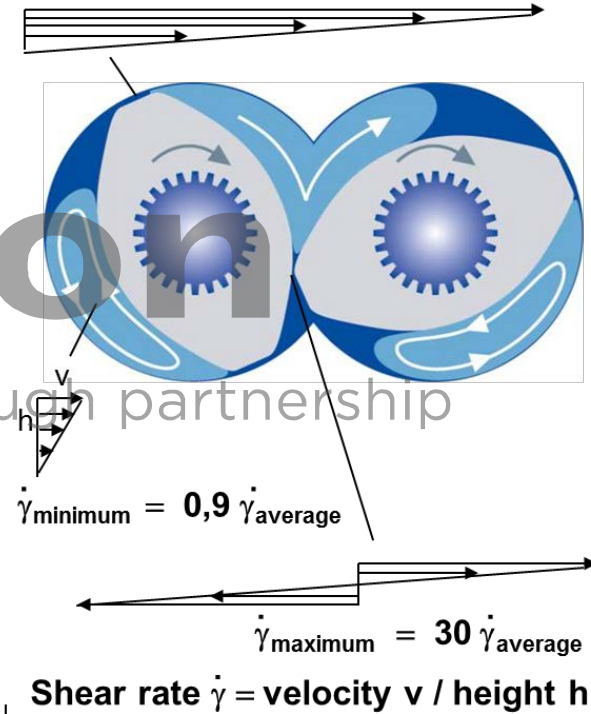
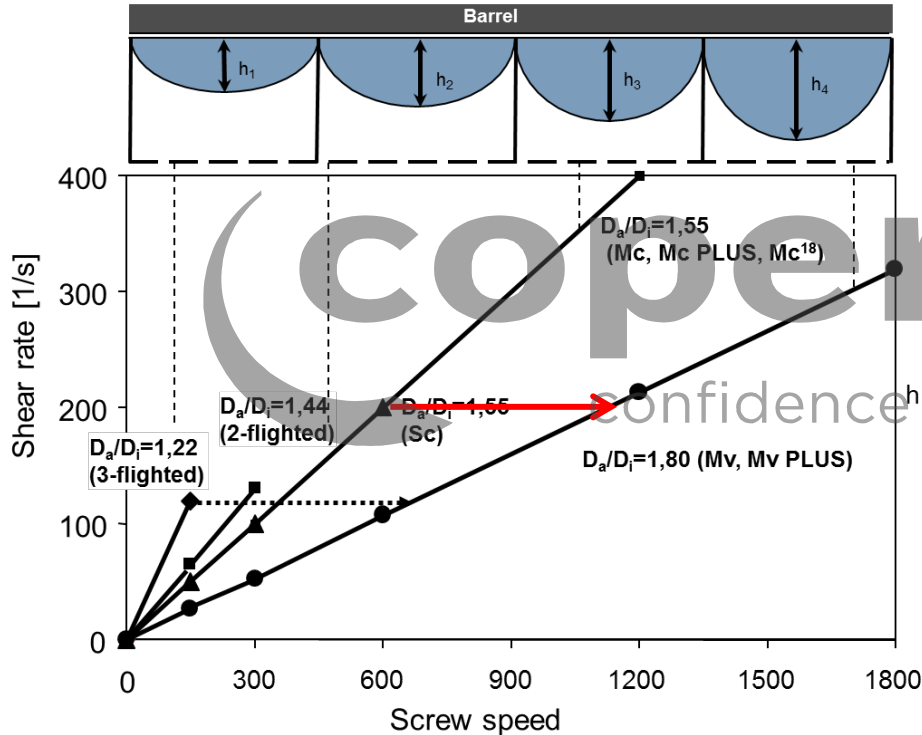
Capacity Limits – Torque and Volume

Carbon Black Masterbatch

- 1 Polymer feeder
- 2 Additives feeder
- 3 Carbon black feeder
- 4 Side-feeder
- 5 Main Drive
- 6 Degassing
- 7 Diverter valve
- 8 Underwater pelletizer
- 9 Centrifuge
- 10 Classifier
- 11 Melt pump
- 12 Screen changer



Capacity Limits – Torque and Volume Carbon Black Masterbatch



Capacity Limits – Torque and Volume

Carbon Black Masterbatch

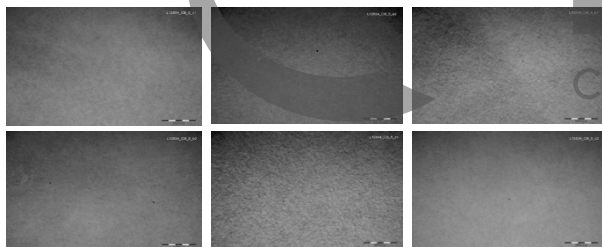
ZSK 76 Mv PLUS

LLDPE + 40% carbon black pearls

1.500 kg/h @ 900 rpm

Evaluation according to ISO 18553*

sample	ISO-Grade						Mean value
	a1	b1	c1	a2	b2	c2	
5	0,0	1,0	0,5	1,0	1,0	0,5	0,67



ZSK 76 Mv PLUS

HDPE + 40% carbon black pearls (P-type):

1.800 kg/h @ 900 rpm

sample	ISO-Grade						Mean value
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16	0,5	0,5	1,0	1,0	1,5	0,5	0,83

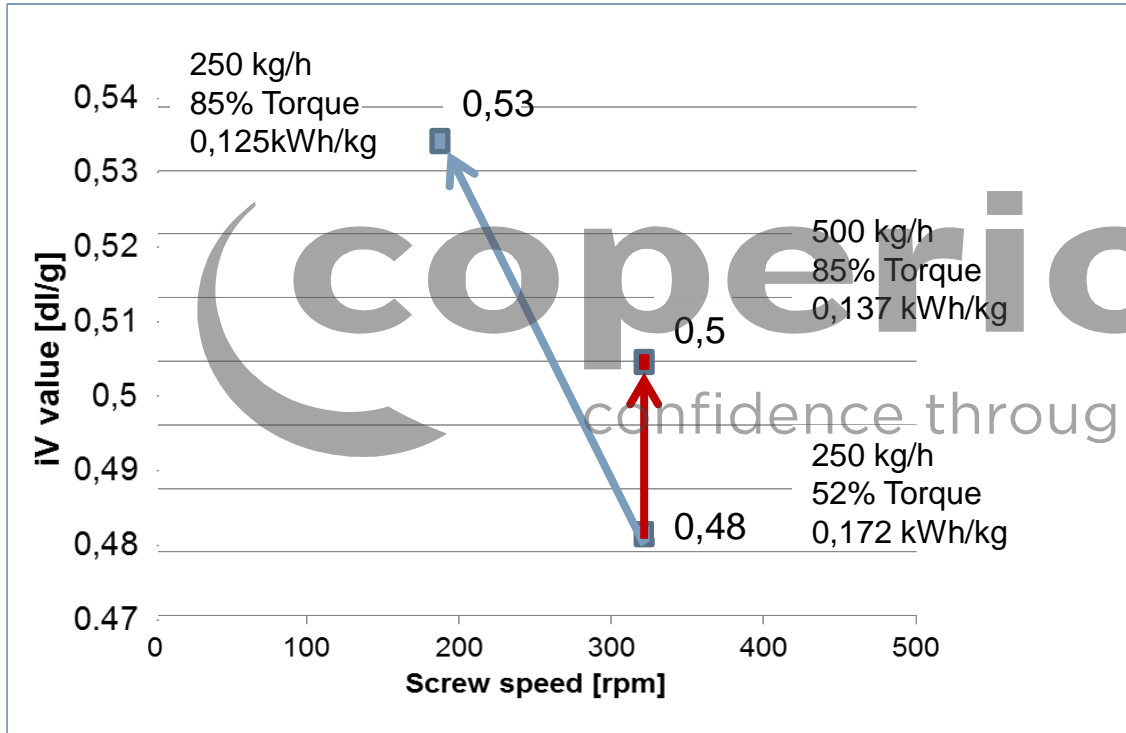


- >> Improved dispersion with large operation window at low and high screw speeds
- >> Development of one universal screw design for different loadings, polymers and semi-conductive CB.



Capacity Limits – Torque and Volume

PET + 60 TiO₂



Improve iV by
reduction of speed at
Same throughput

confidence through partnership

Improve iV by
increase of throughput
at same screw speed

Capacity Limits - Quality

Influence on dispersion quality



Not optimized screw configuration



Optimized screw configuration –
standard elements



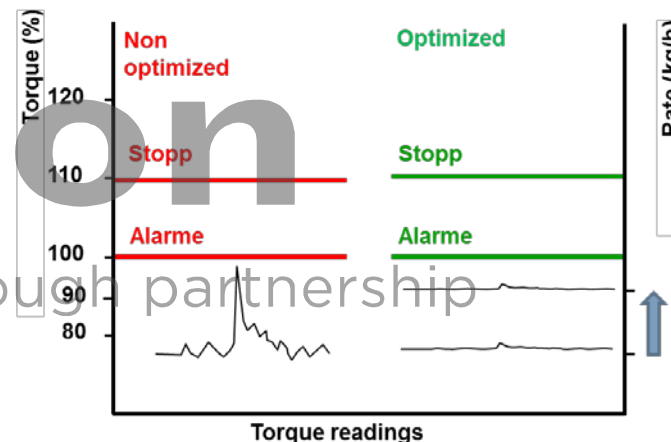
Optimized screw configuration –
new involute elements



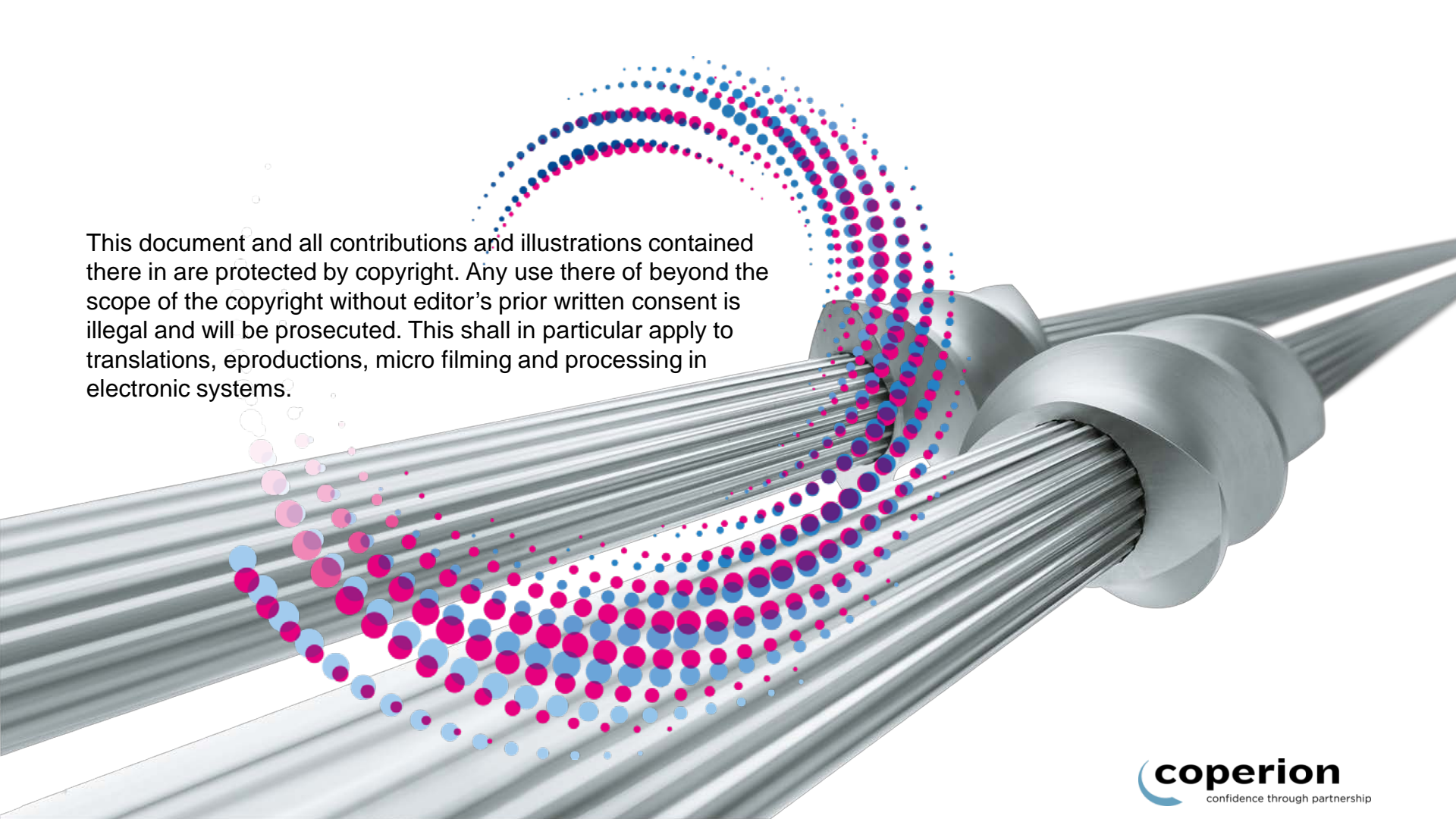


Over 60 Years of ZSK: Process-related Modularity and Flexibility Meets High Quality and Efficiency

- »» Torque and volume as well as the screw speed have been developed over the last 69 years.
- »» Technical features such as side-feeding, feed enhancement technology, twin screw side degassing, materials of constructions have ensured to use the available torque and volume.
- »» Upstream and downstream equipment have been optimized to ensure the high efficiency of the ZSK (feeders, die head and pelletizing systems).



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