

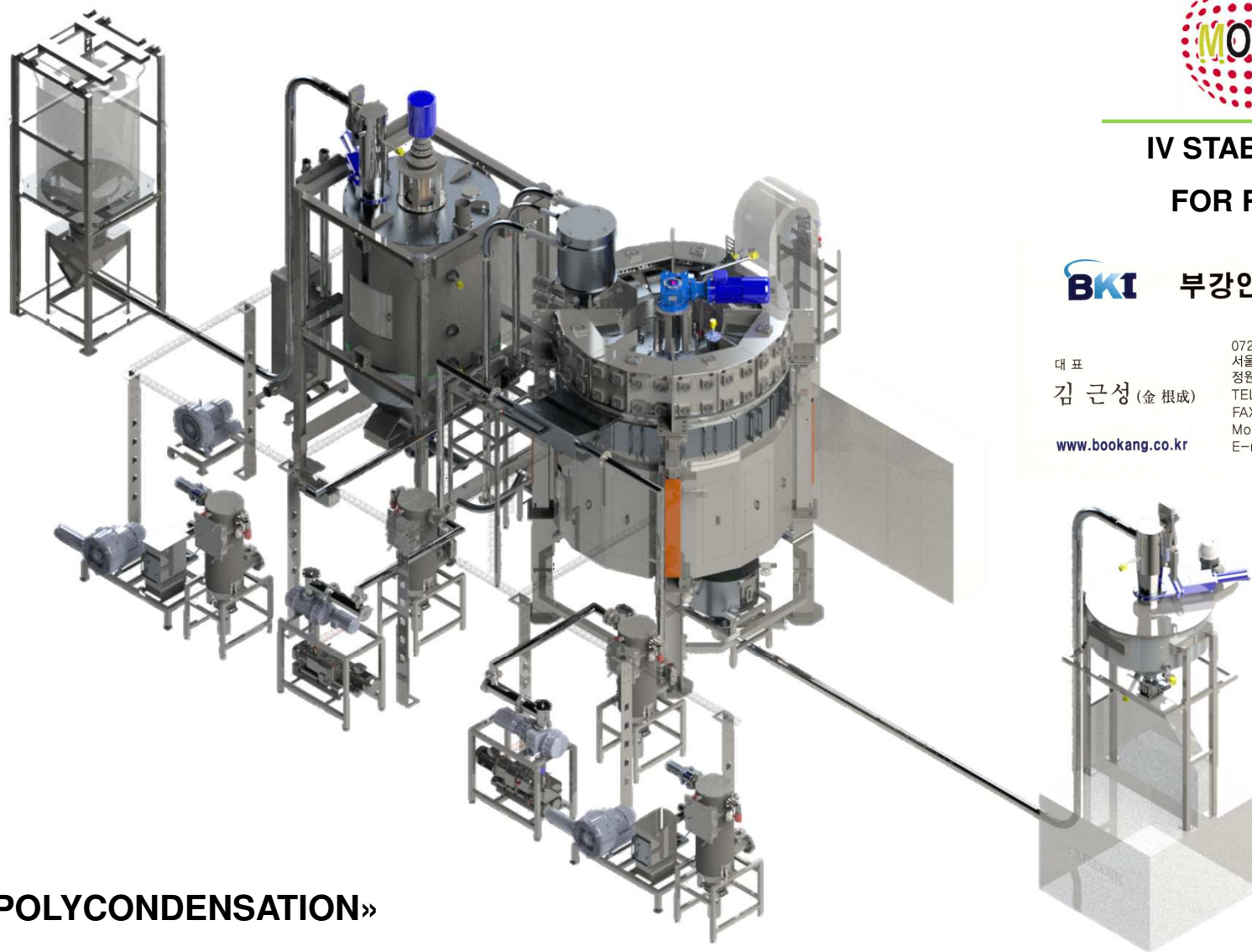


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MOBY :
«SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION»
AND «SUPER-CLEAN» FOR PET
USING INFRARED RADIATIONS + VACUUM

PATENTED TECHNOLOGY



SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

PET
POLYESTER

- INTRODUCTION TO MOBY SYSTEM
- ADVANTAGES OF USING INFRARED AND VACUUM
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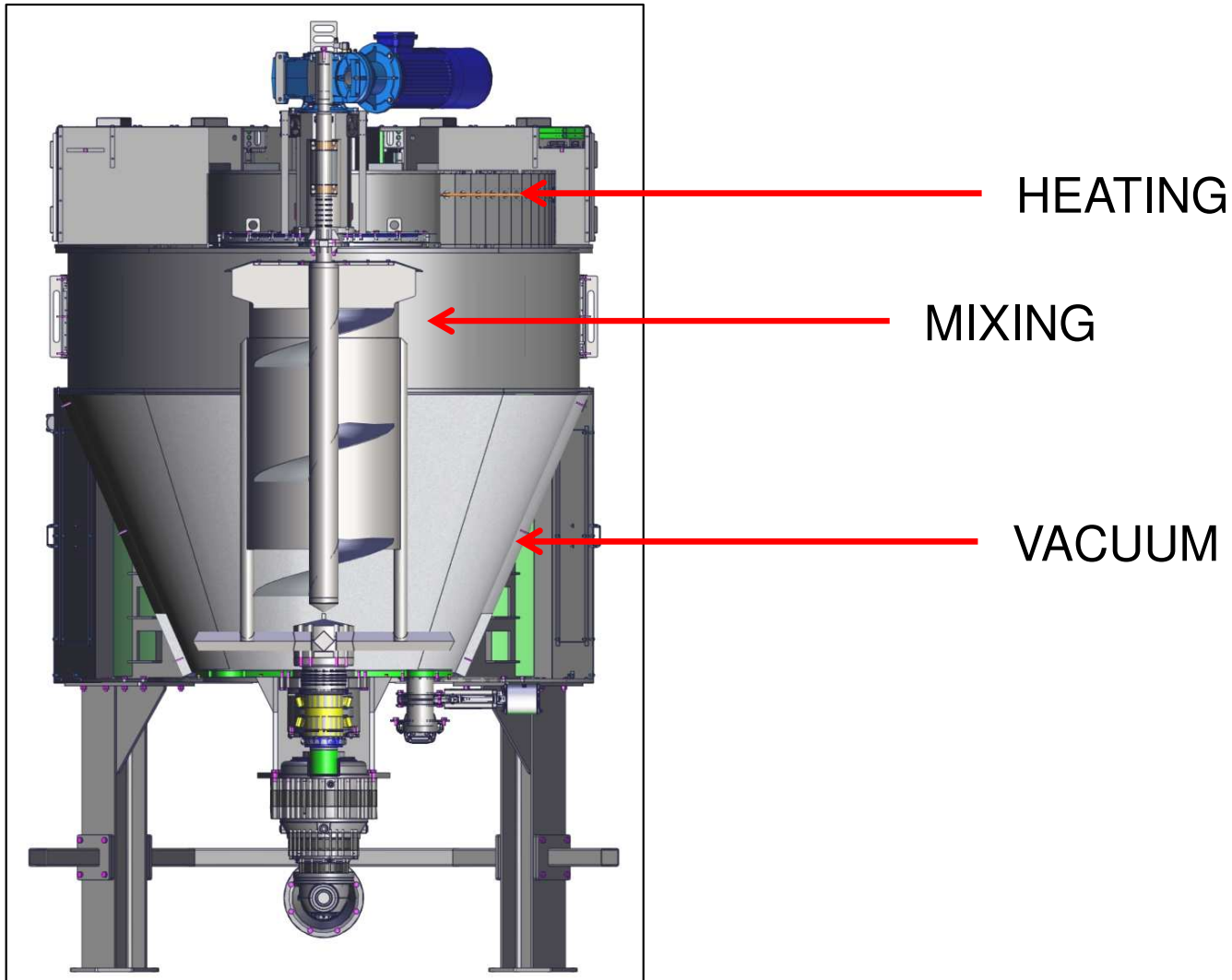


INTRODUCTION TO MOBY SYSTEM



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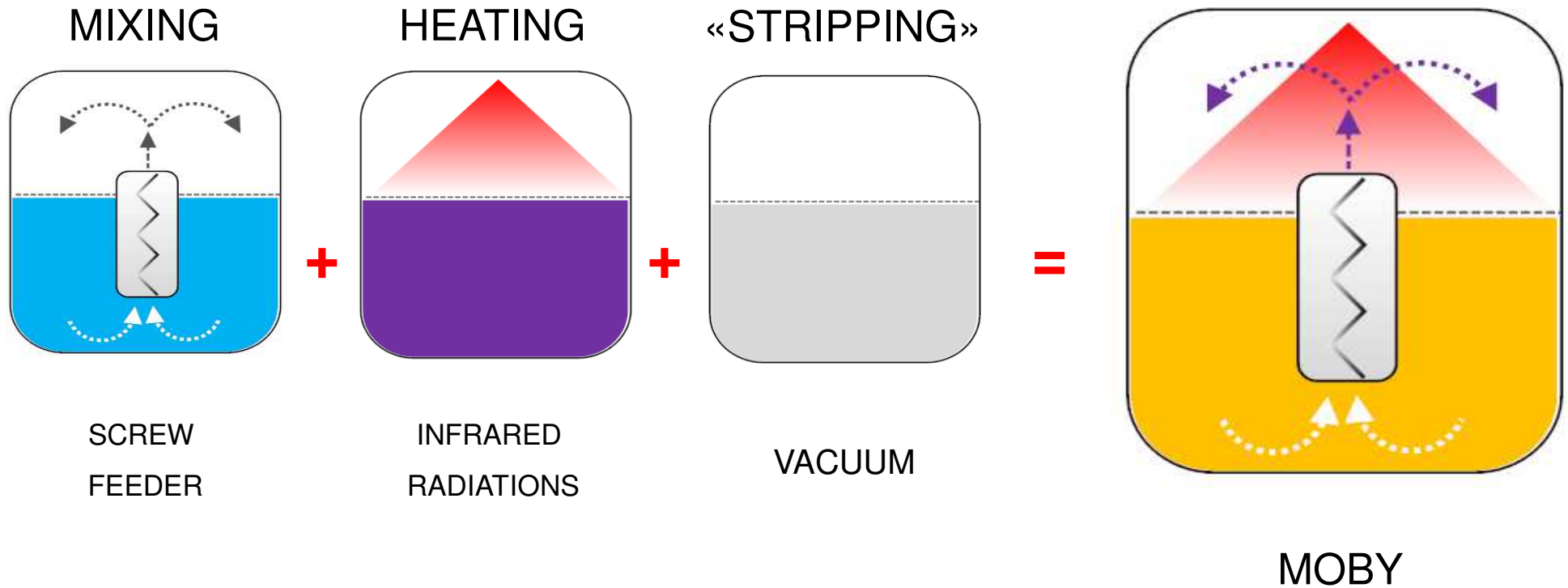
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SIMPLE CONCEPT → *MAXIMUM RESULT*



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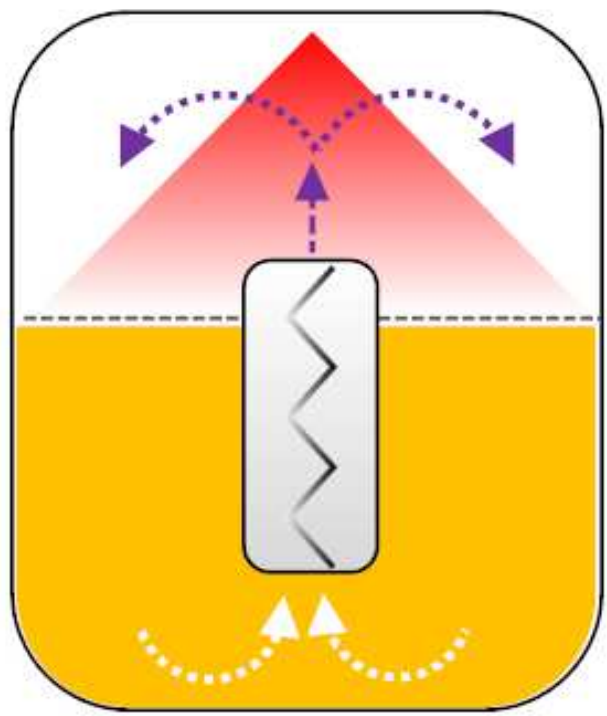


SIMPLE CONCEPT → *MAXIMUM RESULT*



INTRODUCTION TO MOBY SYSTEM

The material inside the reactor is recirculated by a screw feeder in a tube and exposed to the action of infrared radiations in an ambient under vacuum



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«FOUNTAIN» EFFECT

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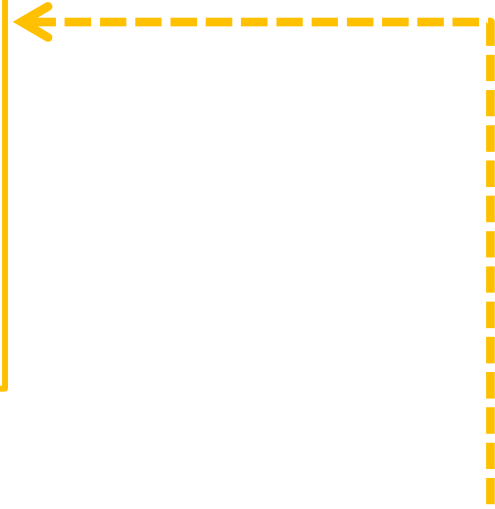
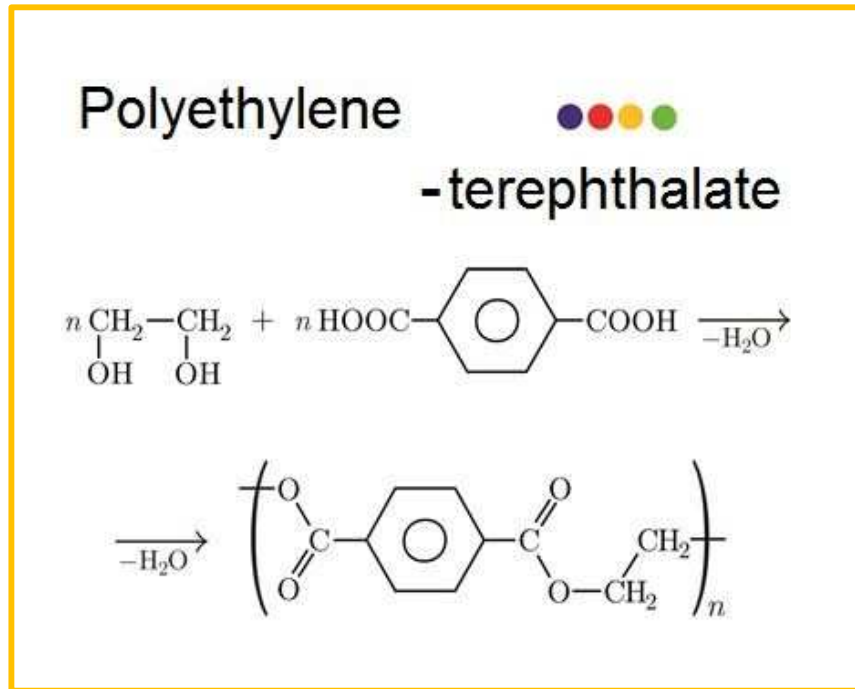
ACTION OF INFRARED RADIATIONS
ON THE MATERIAL

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RECIRCULATING SCREW FEEDER

AMBIENT UNDER VACUUM

MOBY is a heat treatment system usable on any kind of polymer

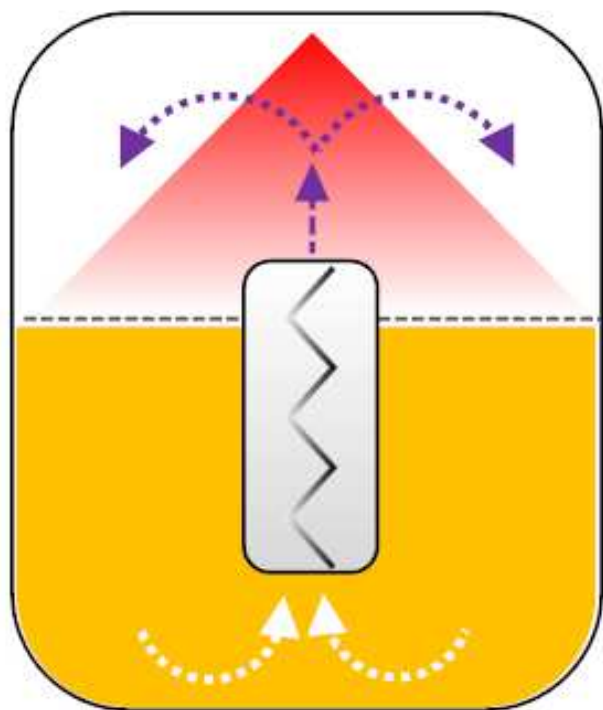


This presentation is focused on PET

INTRODUCTION TO MOBY SYSTEM



The temperature is controlled directly on the material and determines the various stages of PET processing



80°C

GLASS TRANSITION
START CRYSTALLIZATION

80-160°C

CRYSTALLIZATION
DEHUMIDIFICATION

200-210°C

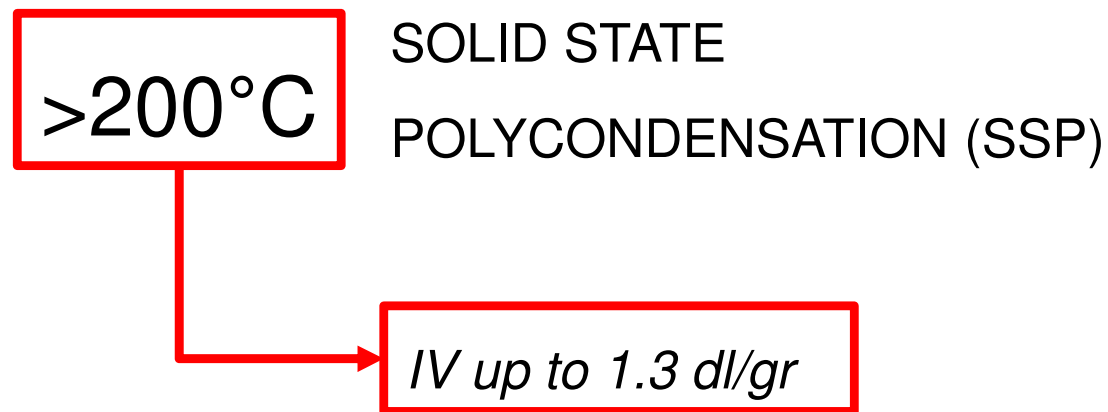
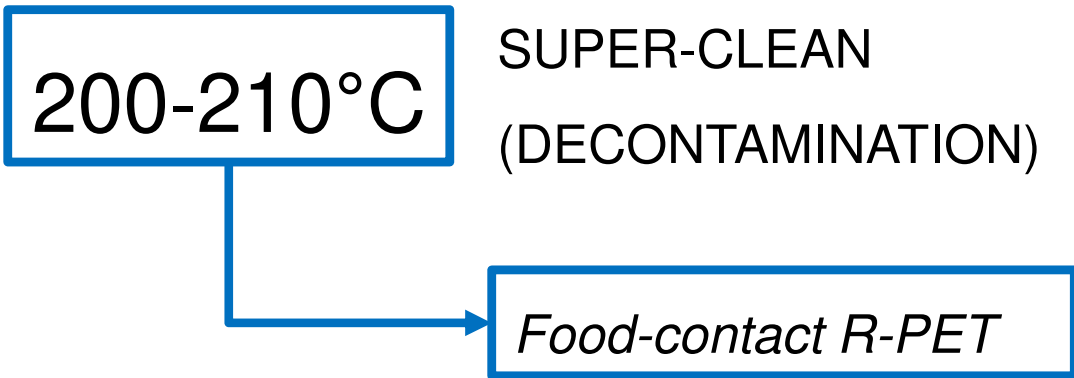
SUPER-CLEAN
(DECONTAMINATION)

>200°C

SOLID STATE
POLYCONDENSATION (SSP)



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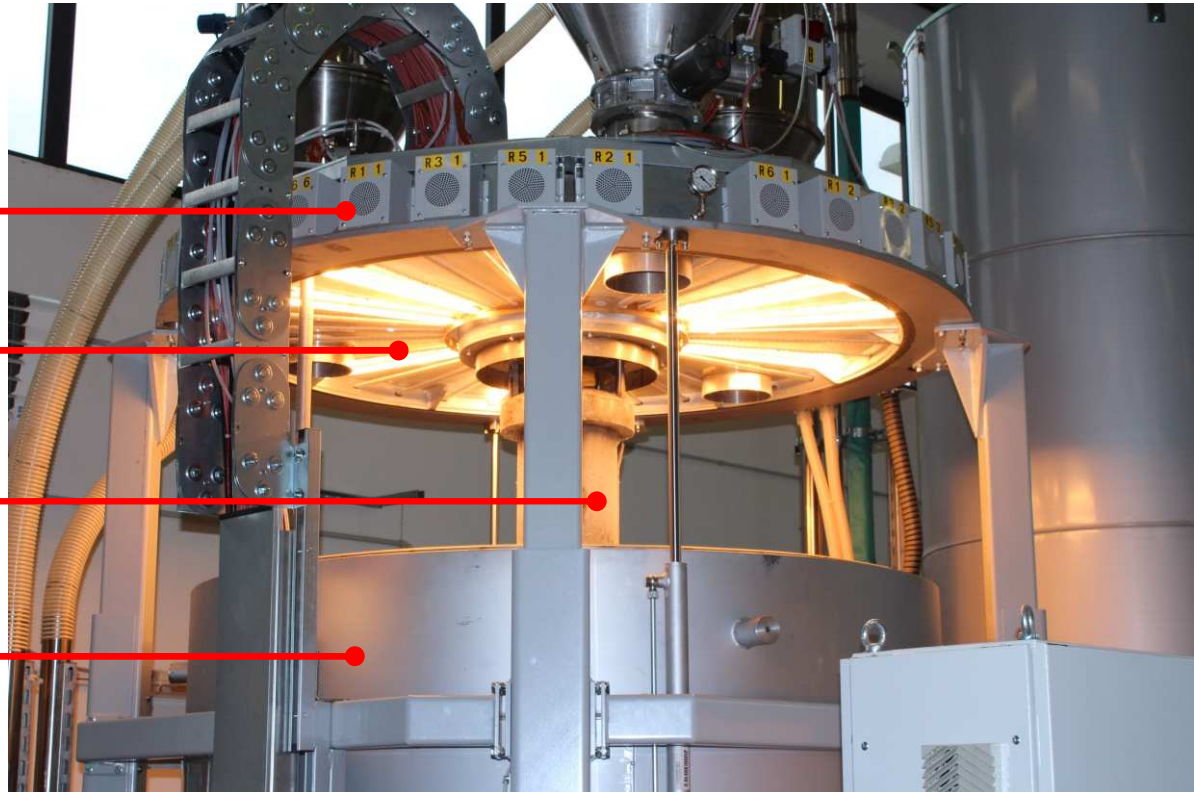


LID

IR GENERATORS

MIXING

REACTOR



Picture of a reactor with the lid open and the IR generators running



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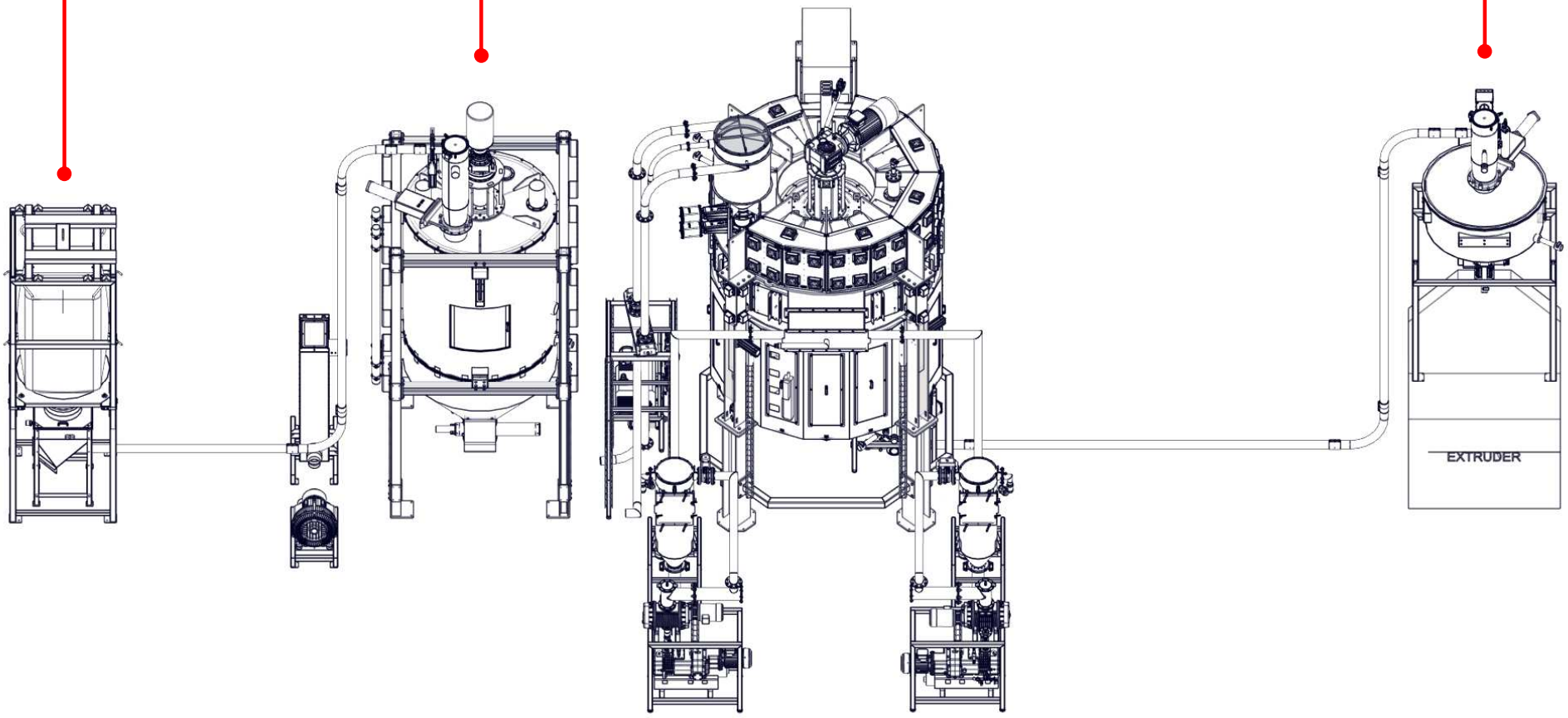
PET
POLYESTER

Storage

Pre-heating

Reactor MOBY (SSP)

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BAGGING



MOBY plant configuration for «Solid State Polycondensation»



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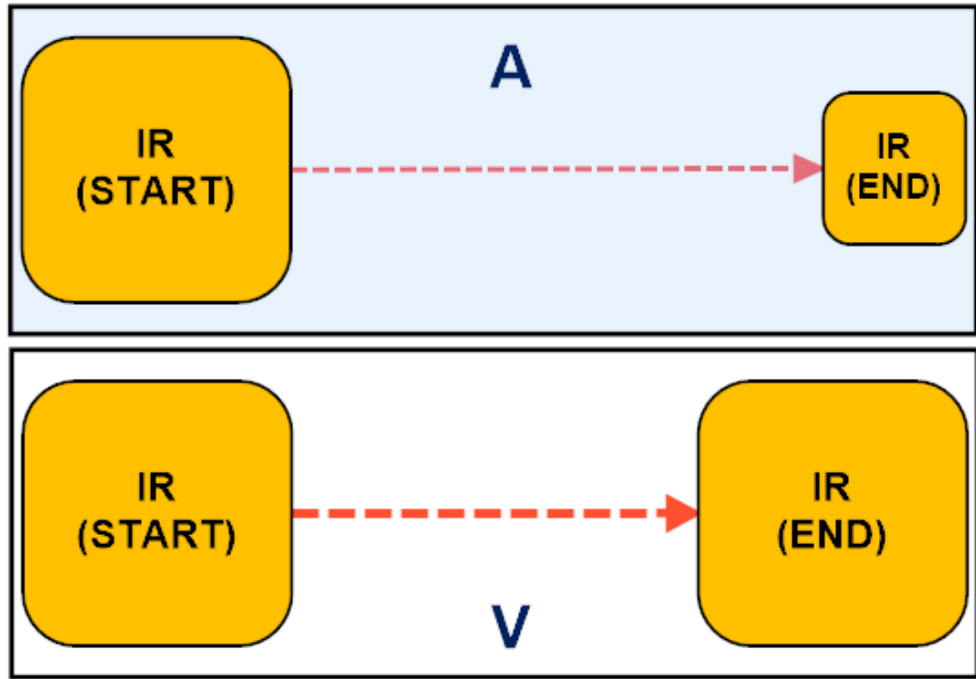
Why INFRARED RADIATIONS and VACUUM?

ADVANTAGES OF USING INFRARED AND VACUUM

BENEFIT NR 1



Compared to radiation in the air, the yield of the infrared radiation under vacuum increases up to 30%



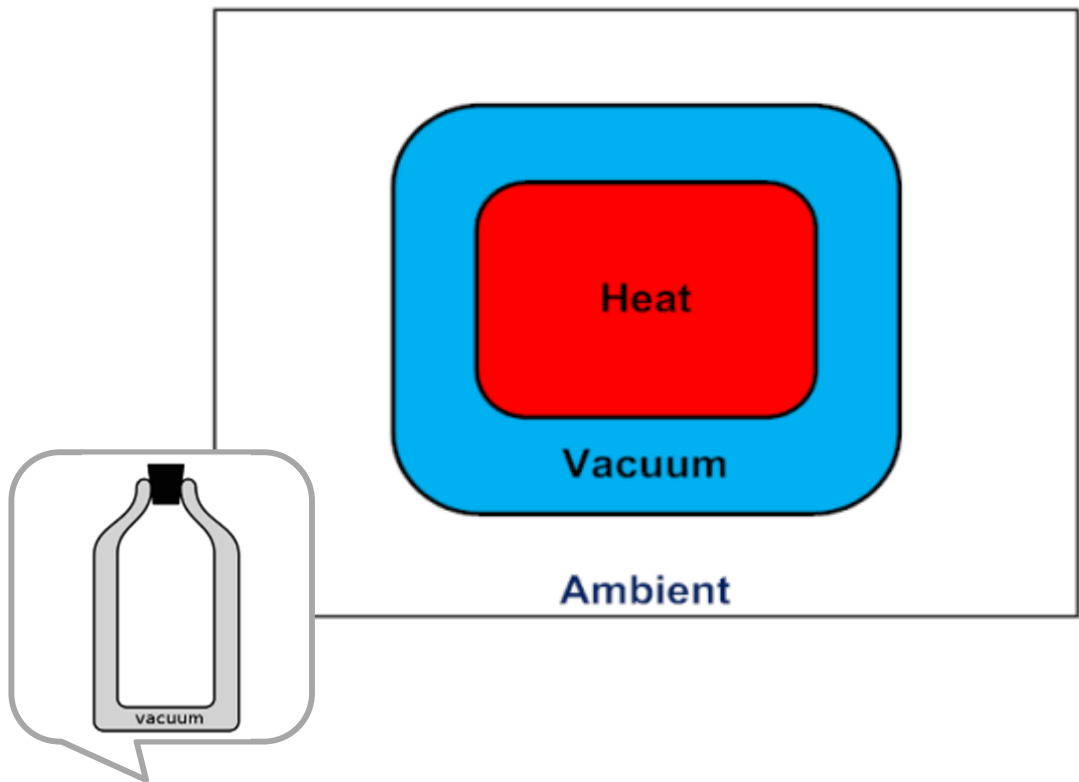
HEATING IN
AIR

HEATING UNDER
VACUUM

IR under vacuum are more efficient



Vacuum increases the efficiency of IR and it's also the best thermal insulation in nature



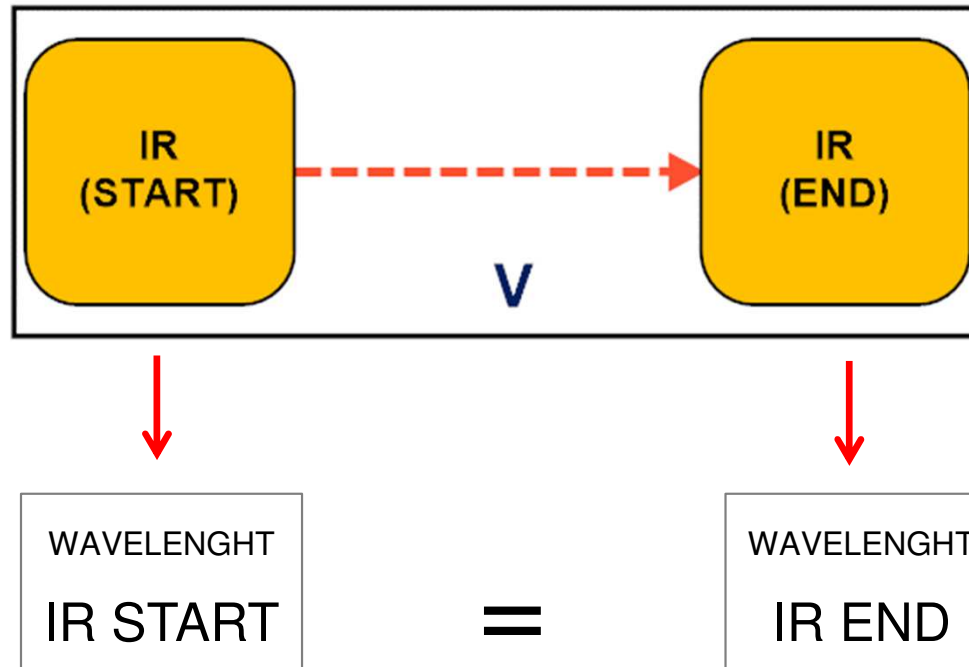
As a vase of Dewar, the reactor does not exchange any heat with the outside, from which it is not only isolated, but independent

BENEFIT NR 1

The combination of infrared with an ambient under vacuum

- Increases the energy efficiency of the heating
- Improved the energy conservation

The radiation emitted under vacuum retains not only its energy yield, but also its wavelength



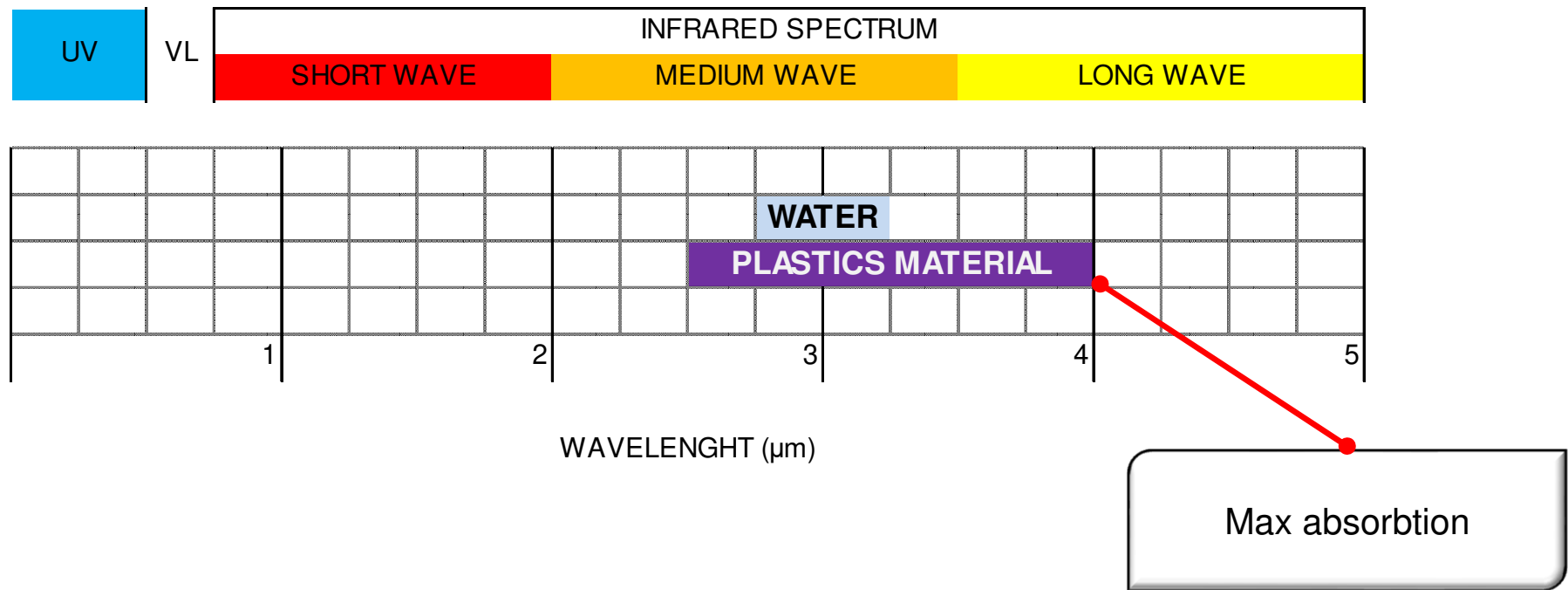
It's possible to know the type of radiation that acts on the material under treatment

ADVANTAGES OF USING INFRARED AND VACUUM

BENEFIT NR 2

PET
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All bodies absorb or reflect
a specific wavelength of infrared radiation

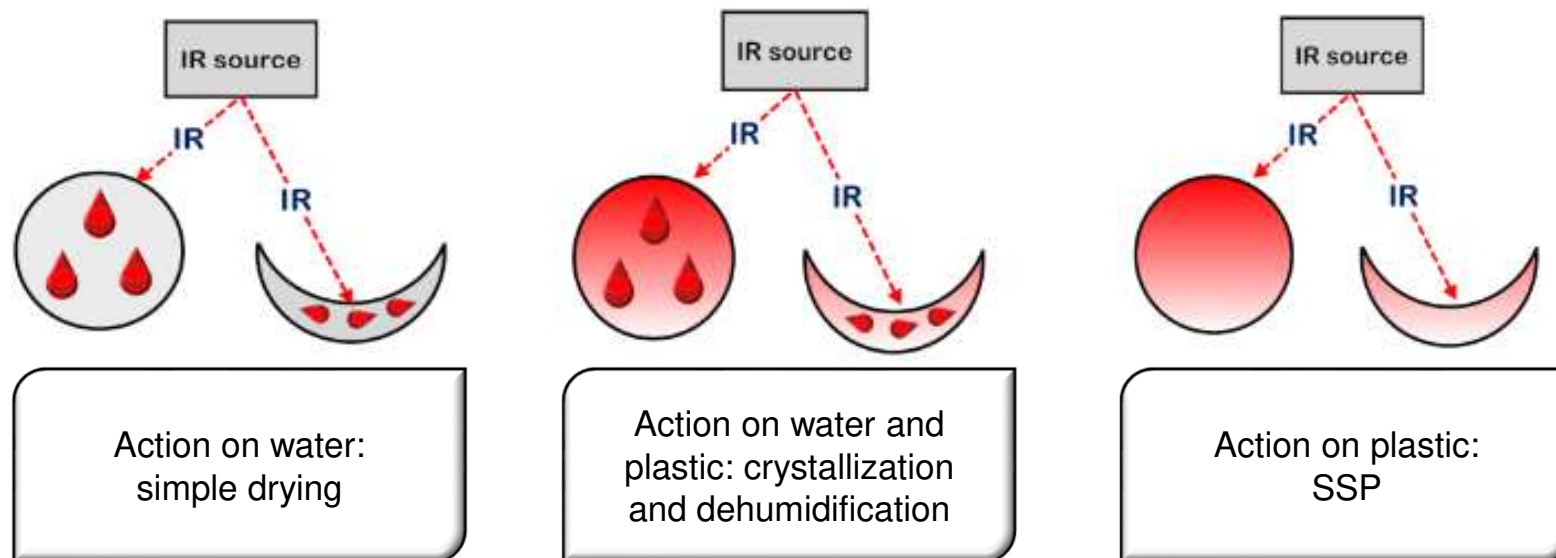


Exploiting the Law of Wien is possible to vary the wavelength of the emitted radiation and thus obtain a more selective and efficient heating

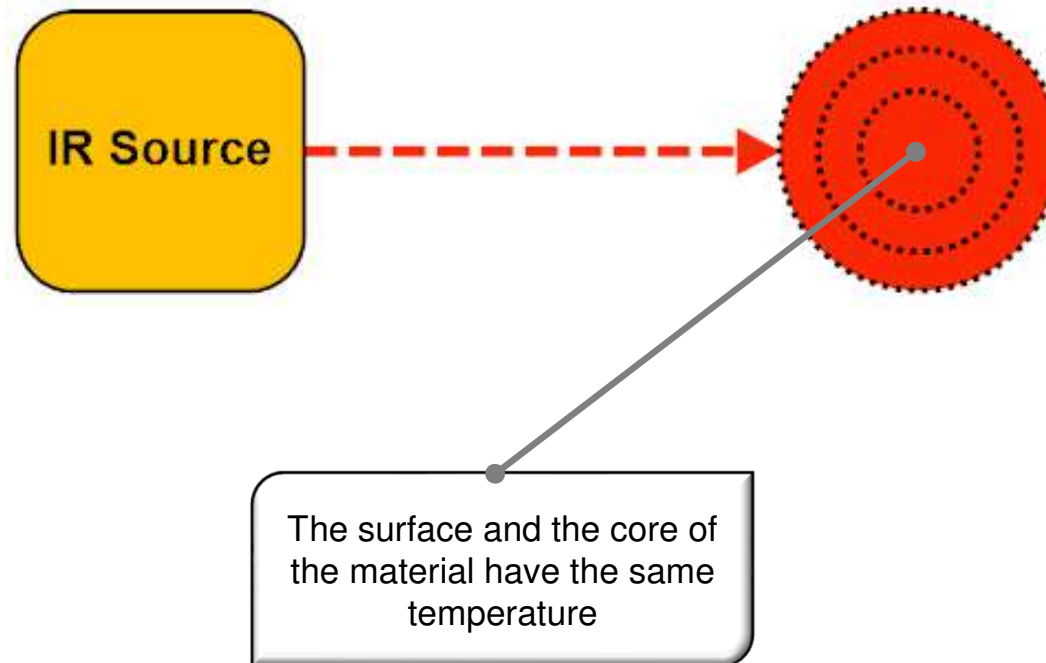
BENEFIT NR 2

The combination of infrared with an ambient under vacuum

- Allows a selective heating
- Improves the utilization of the energy supplied



The infrared radiation heats the material directly, inside and in a uniform manner



At the end of the process, the treated material is in the same condition of temperature and humidity

BENEFIT NR 3

The combination of infrared with an ambient under vacuum

- Increases the quality of the crystallization
- Improves the yield of SSP

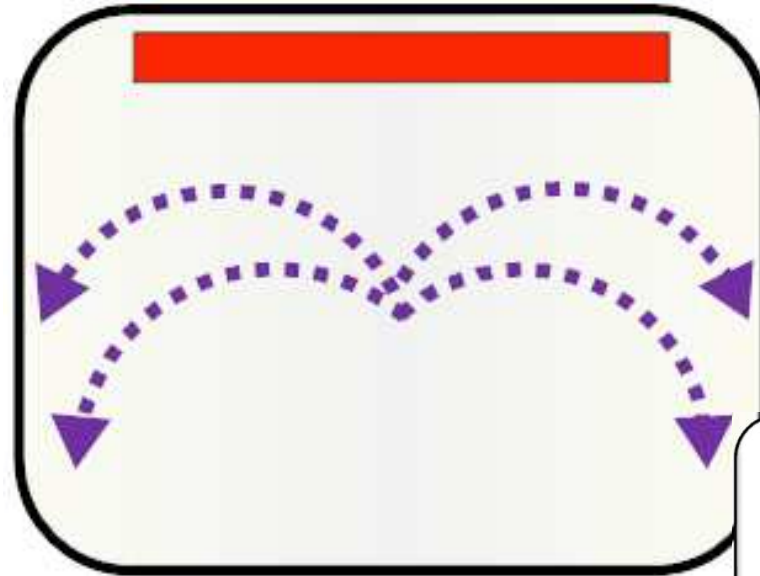
Vacuum decreases the boiling point of water



The migration of water is anticipated by the vacuum

Operating close to the absolute vacuum, MOBY system can start the dehumidification from 80-85°C

All the bodies under vacuum fall at the same speed



The lamps are protected from dust and pollution

By applying a known law of physics, the system MOBY is able to handle not only granules, but also regrinds having irregular shape, while keeping safe both the radiation and filtration means

BENEFIT NR 4

The combination of infrared with an ambient under vacuum

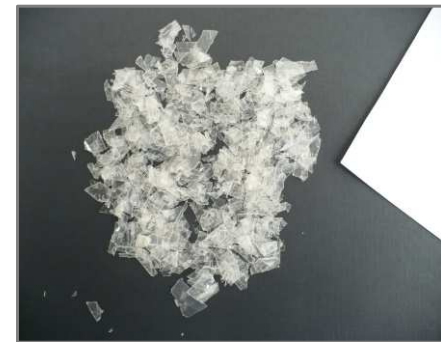
- Allows to work with materials having irregular shapes
- Allows to process contaminated materials



Regrind of strap and thermoforming sheet in PET



Regrind of monofilament for brooms in PET+PE/PP

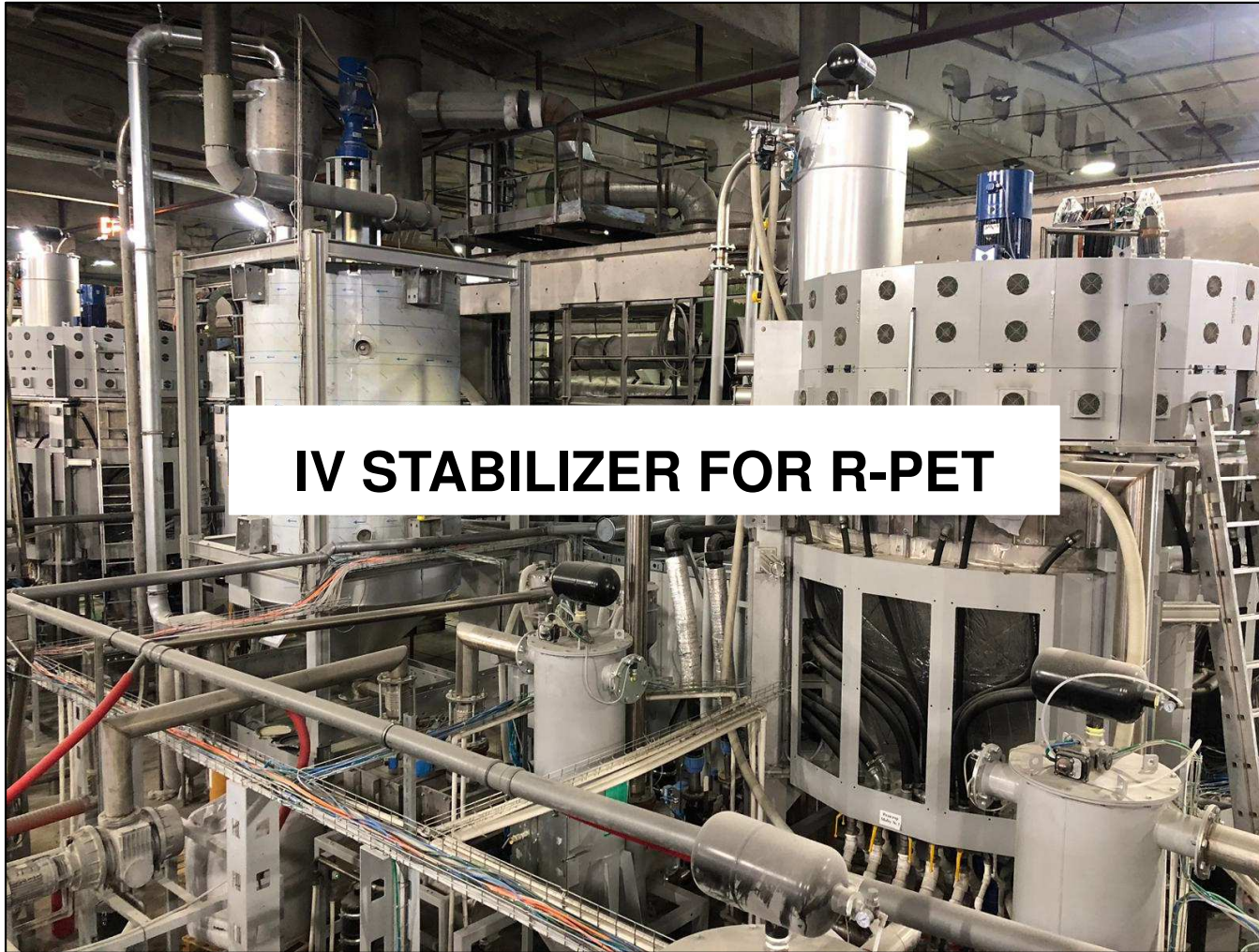


Regrind of sheet in PET+PE

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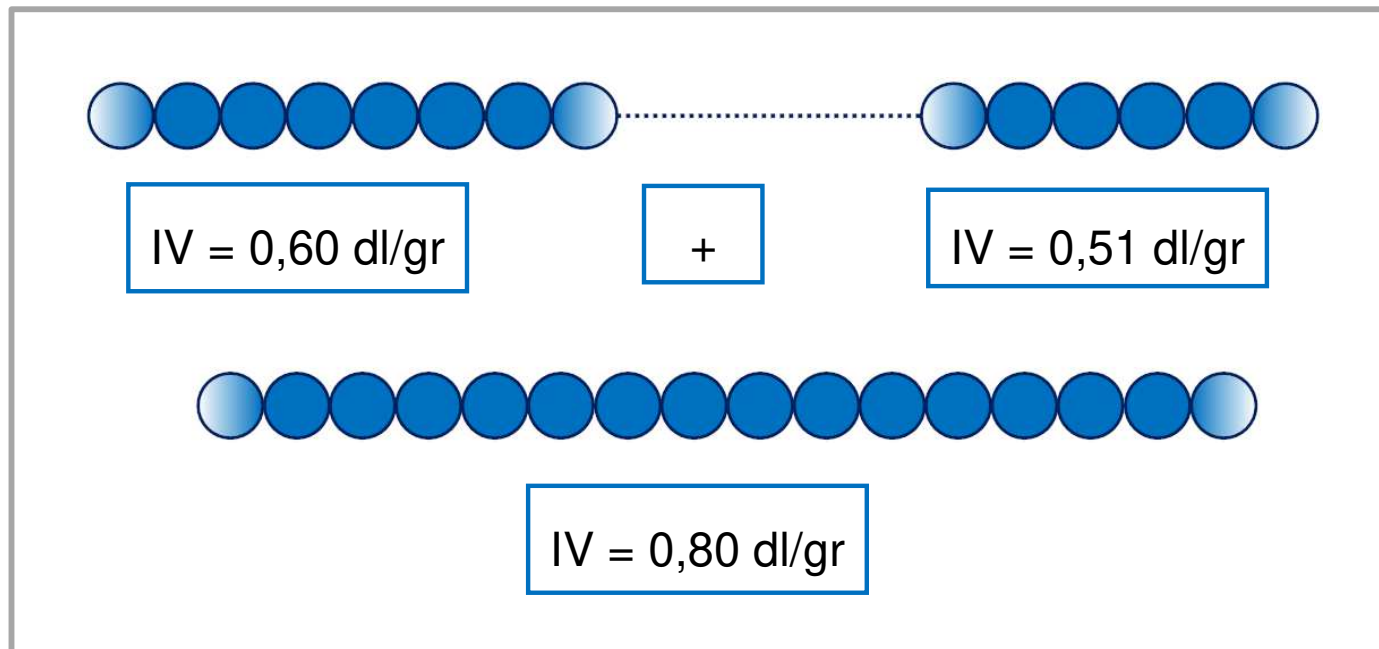
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PET - polyethylene terephthalate - is a polycondensation polymer which is obtained by reaction of terephthalic acid and ethylene glycol and water elimination



The SSP is a solid state polycondensation which improves the mechanical properties of PET



SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION (SSP) OF PET



The conditions to operate an SSP of PET are:

Temperature $>200^{\circ}\text{C}$

Absence of oxygen

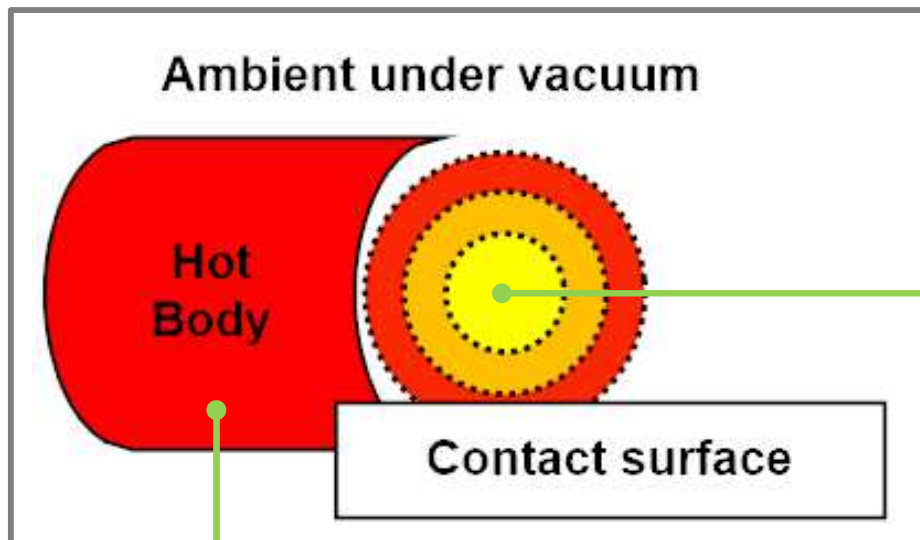


Why INFRARED RADIATIONS and VACUUM?

The combination of infrared with an ambient under vacuum solves some limitations of the known systems operating SSP of PET

SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION (SSP) OF PET

Limitations of an SSP heating by conduction



- Low efficiency (vacuum is an insulator)
- Long duration
- High costs of plants
- Non-uniform heating of material
- Limitations in the temperature of material

$T_{\text{Surface}} > T_{\text{Inside}}$

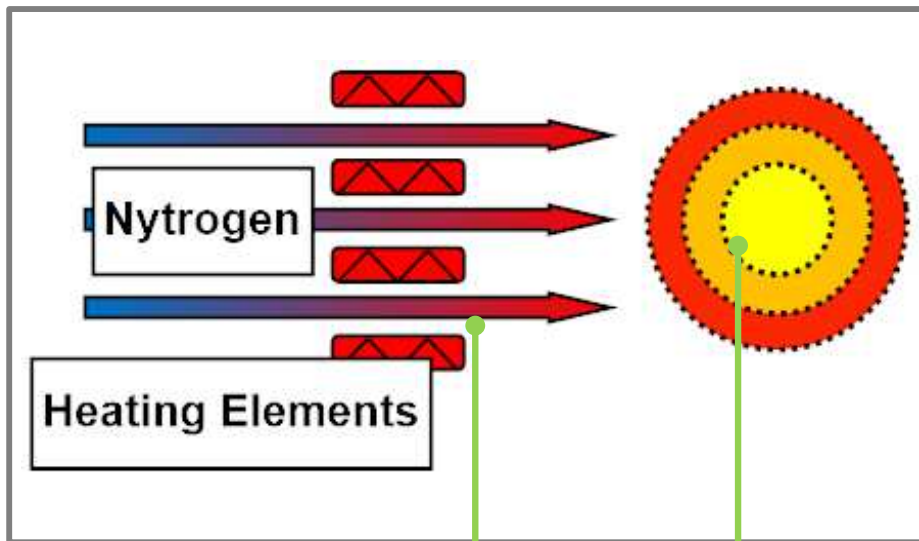
$T_{\text{Hot Body}} > T_{\text{Material}}$

$T_{\text{Max Hot Body}} = \sim 230\text{-}235^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\text{Max Material}} = \sim 200\text{-}210^{\circ}\text{C}$

SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION (SSP) OF PET

Limitations of an SSP heating by convection



- Operation costs (production, dehumidification and recovery of the nitrogen)
- High costs of start-up and shutdown
- Non-uniform heating of material
- Limitations in the temperature of material

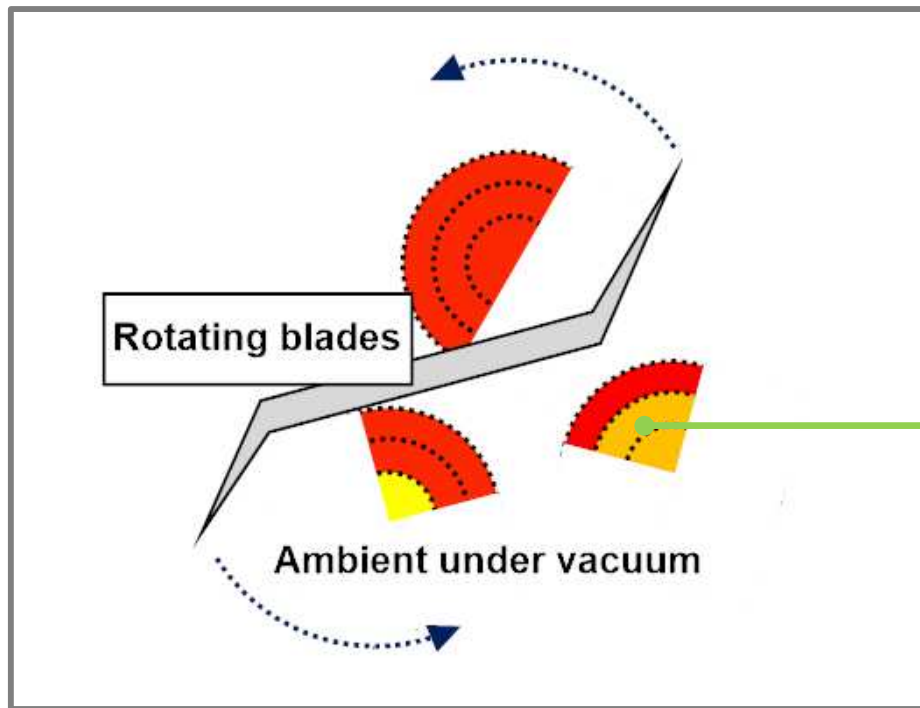
$T_{\text{Surface}} > T_{\text{Inside}}$

$T_{\text{Nitrogen}} > T_{\text{Material}}$

$T_{\text{Max Nitrogen}} = \sim 235\text{-}240^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\text{Max Material}} = \sim 210\text{-}220^{\circ}\text{C}$

Limitations of an SSP heating by friction



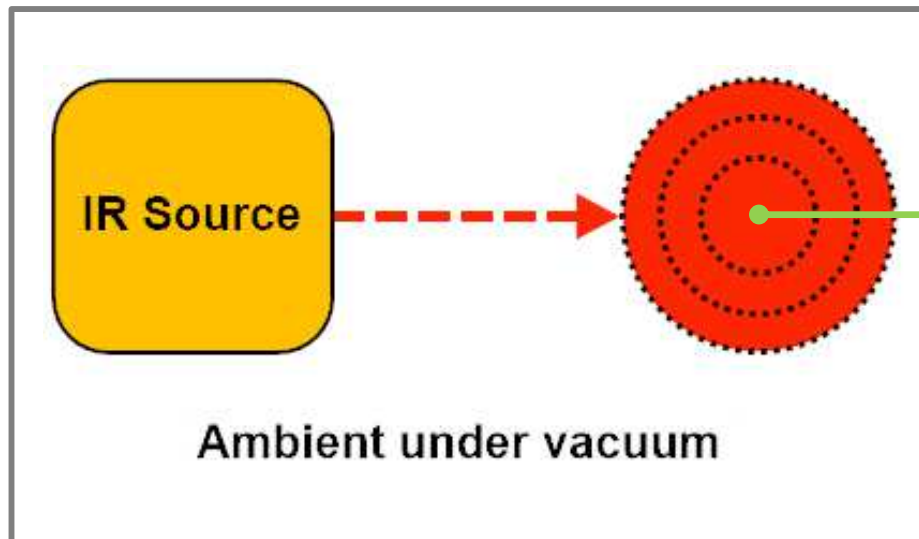
- Difficult control of temperature
- Non-uniform heating of material
- Creation of dust and crushing of the material

The material must be converted

SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION (SSP) OF PET



SSP heating by radiations - MOBY



T Surface = T Inside
DIRECT HEATING
T Max Material = up to ~ 235°C



Infrared radiations + Vacuum = Heating

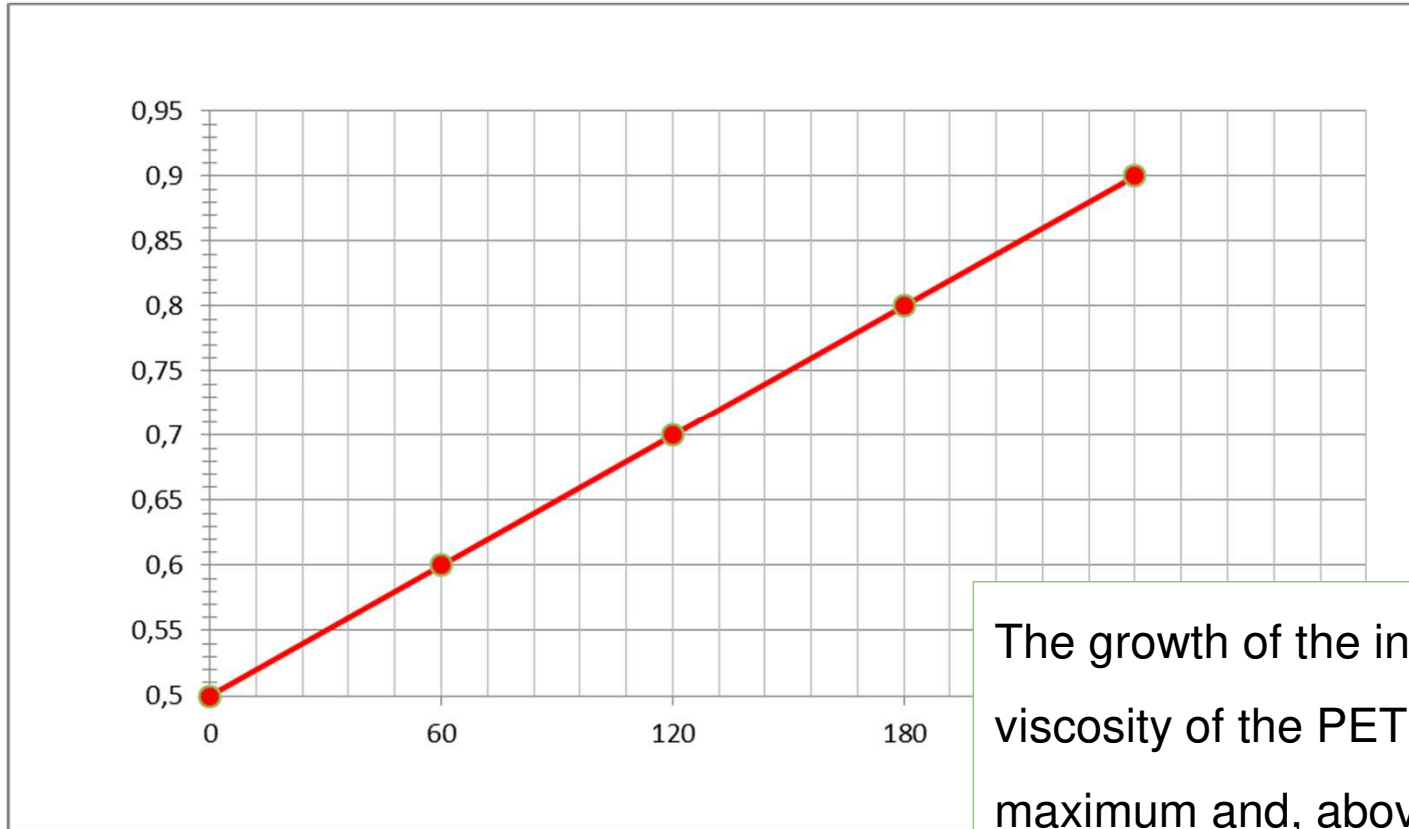
- Direct
- Uniform
- Selective
- Fast



SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION (SSP) OF PET



SSP heating by radiations - MOBY



The growth of the intrinsic viscosity of the PET under SSP is maximum and, above all, constant in time



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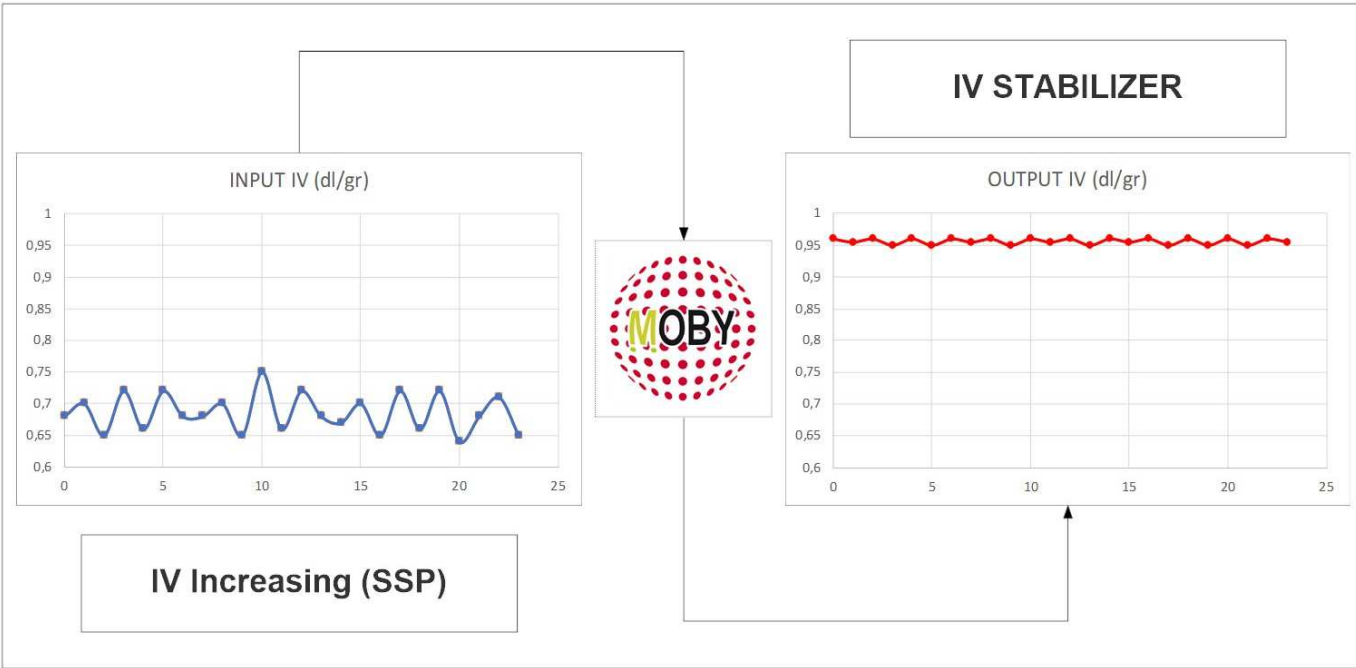
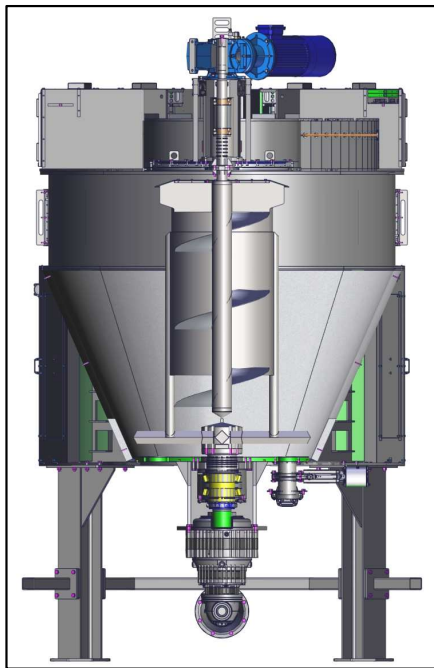
The use of MOBY technology in the treatment of PET is particularly advantageous in terms of speed and flexibility, i.e.:

	SPEED	FLEXIBILITY
Crystallization and Dehumidification	1 h and 1/2 to move the humidity from 1% (10.000ppm) to 0.0005% (50ppm)	Material shape Contaminants (PE, PP, etc...)
Solid State Polycondensation (SSP)	IV rise-up range: - from a minimum of 0.026 dl/gr/h - to a max of 0.11 dl/gr/h	Materiale shape Contaminants (PVC)

(a) less cost of investment, (b) less energy consumption and (c) best R.O.I.



R-PET - IV STABILIZER



The MOBY technology, thanks to the combination of infrared radiations, vacuum and prolonged mixing, works not only as an intrinsic viscosity enhancer (up to 1.3 dl/gr on bottle flakes), but also and above all as an IV STABILIZER.



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SUPER-CLEAN OF PET



The so called “Super-Clean” is a kind of SSP operated at 200-210°C in which the residual chemical contaminants are removed in order to reuse the material in food applications



R-PET
(~ IV 0,70 dl/gr)



Food-
packaging

* The RPET must have specific properties in terms of color and contents of PVC, glue, aluminum, HDPE, PP and other polymer foreign particles. The end user must refer to local regulations for approval

«CHALLENGE TEST» FOR FOOD-CONTACT RECYCLING

The official tests carried out by the Fraunhofer-Institut für Verfahrenstechnik und Verpackung have shown that the infrared + vacuum technology MOBY is able to decontaminate the recycled polyester (R-PET) to make it again suitable for contact with food



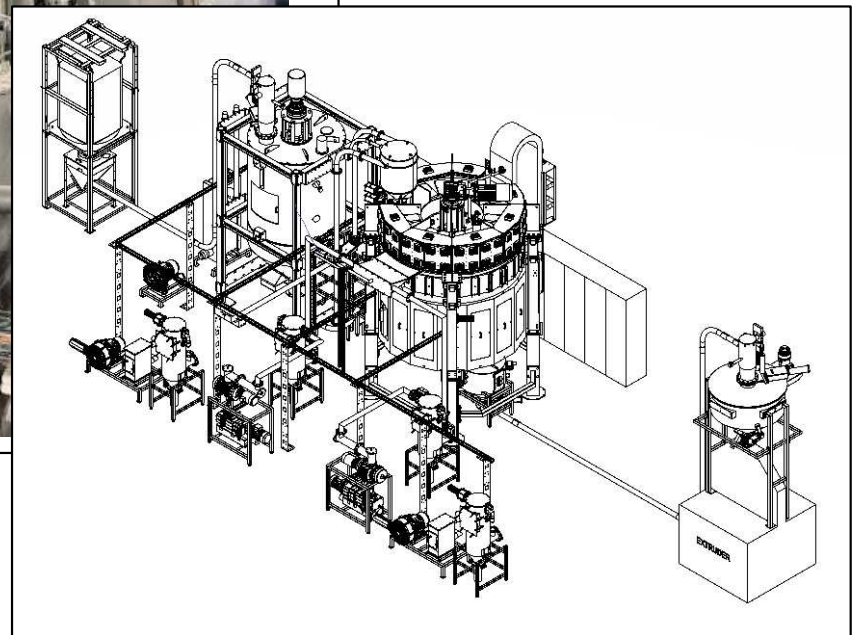
«Cleaning efficiency» > 99%
Both on R-PET in flakes
and R-PET in granules

FDA approved
With letters «PNC 1442 e 1443»

Categories of FDA «food-contact» : from «B» to «H»

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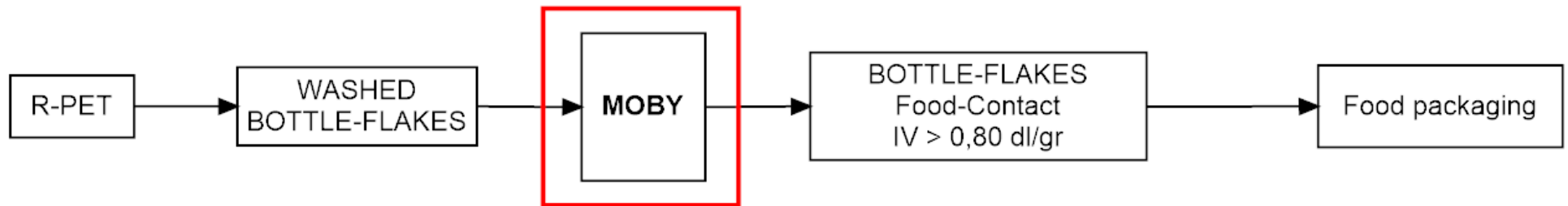


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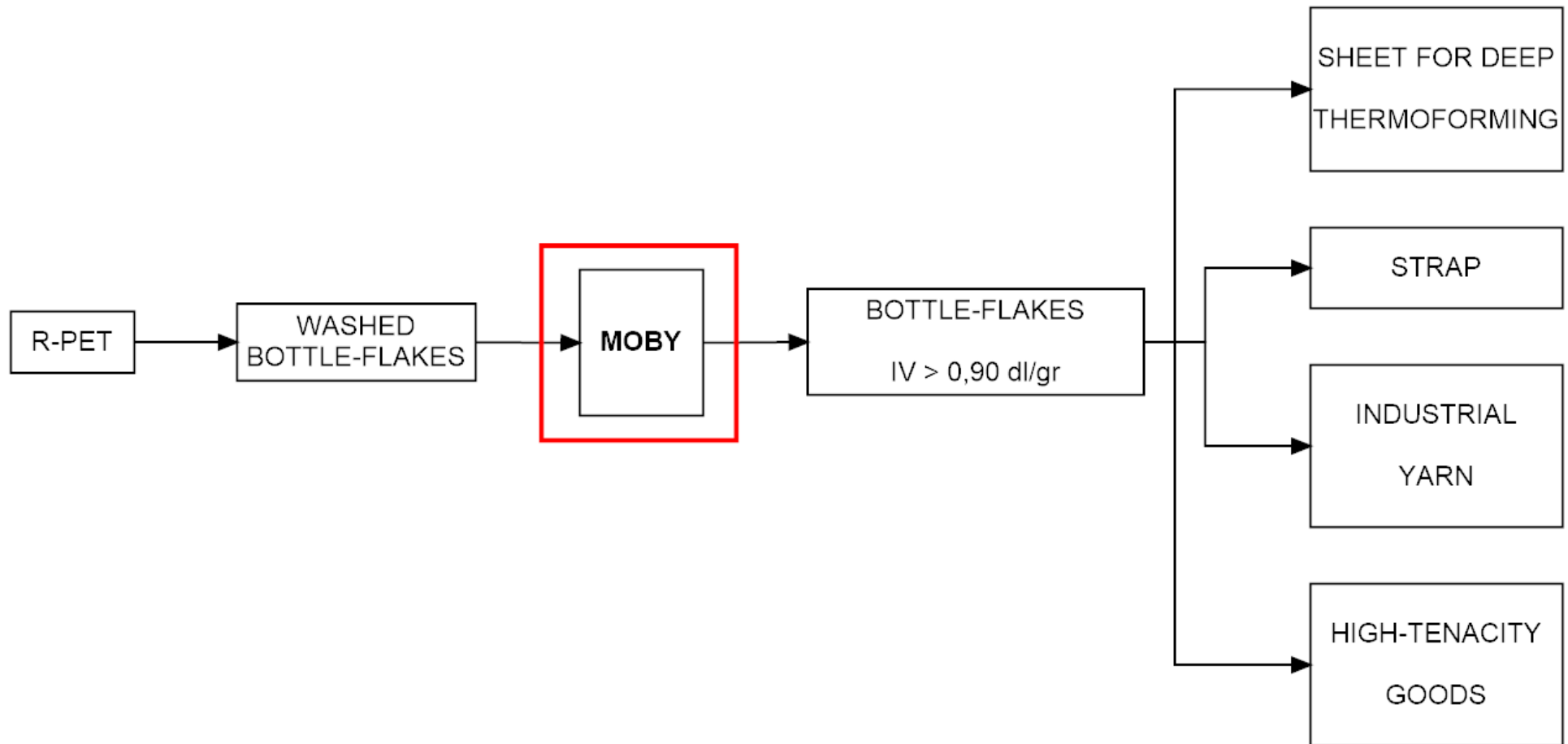
BOTTLE-TO-BOTTLE (B2B)



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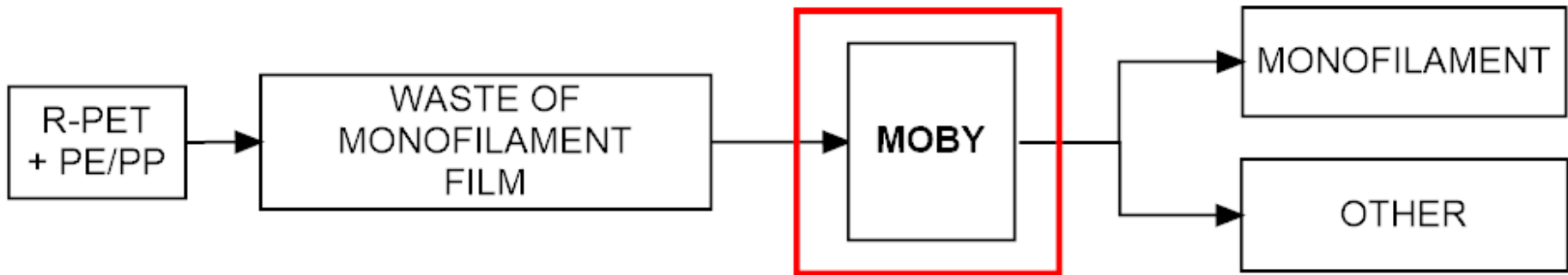
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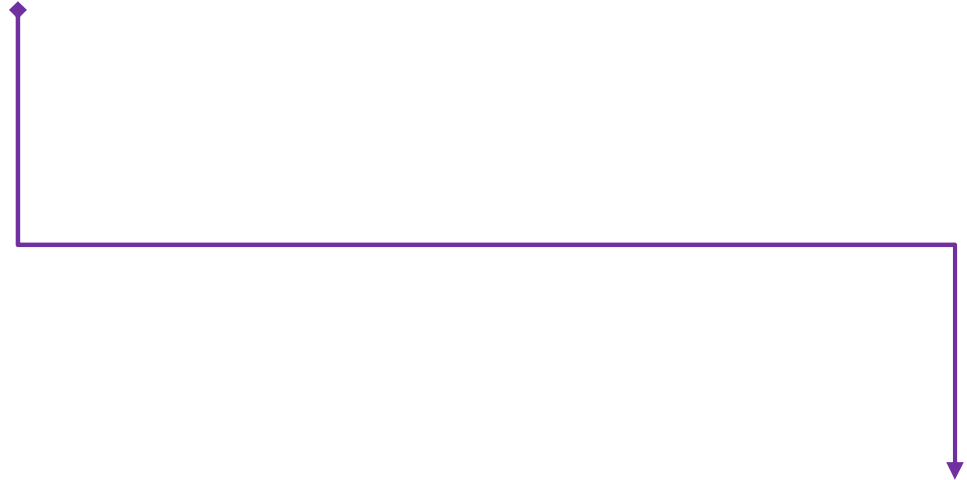
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PRODUCTION FROM 50 TO OVER 2.500 Kg/h



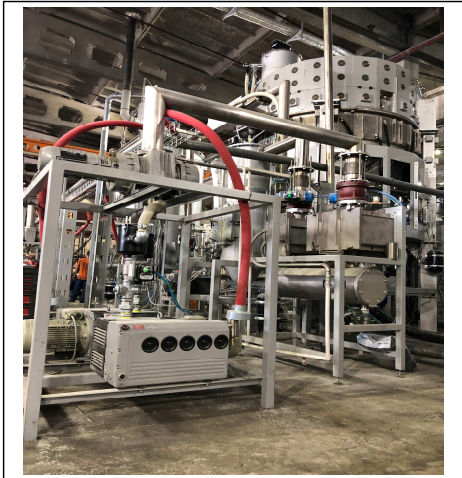
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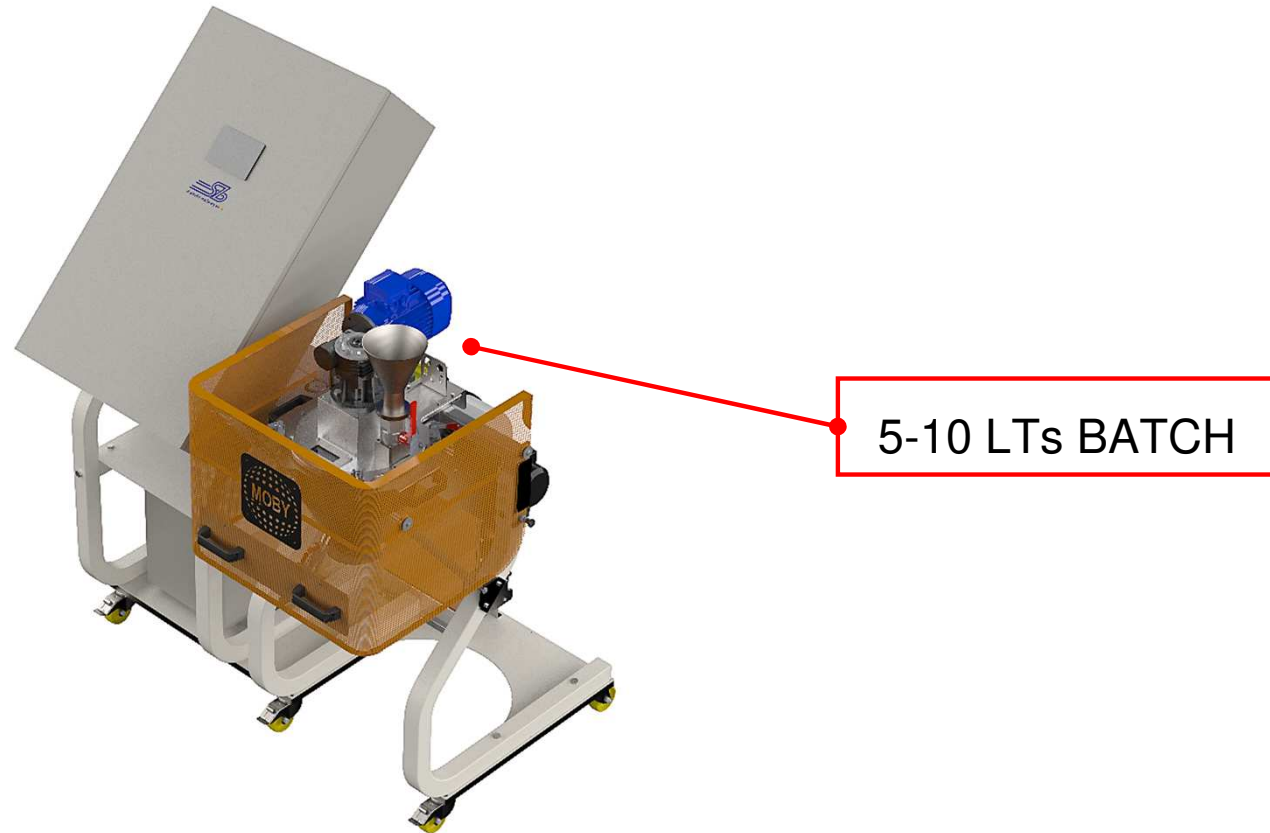
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MOBY LAB reproduces on a small scale the same process with infrared radiations and vacuum of an industrial plant

- ✓ TO START
- ✓ TO UNDERSTAND
- ✓ TO TRY



SOLID STATE POLYCONDENSATION FOR LABORATORY



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