

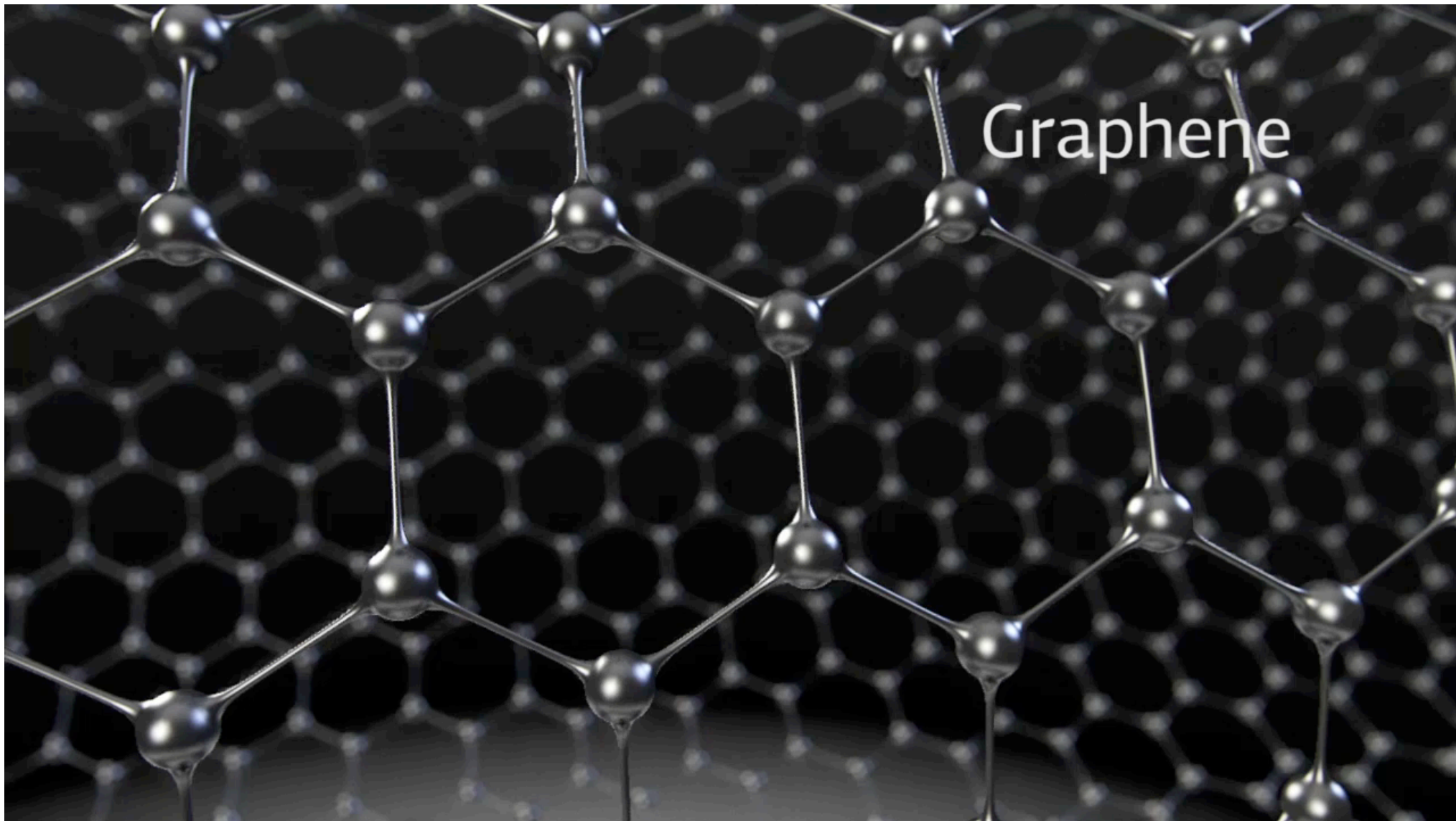
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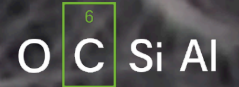
# REDEFINING MATERIALS REINVENTING TECHNOLOGIES



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# SWCNT EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTIES



Excellent  
Conductor

**5 Times  
Lighter than  
Copper**

Stronger  
than steel

**100  
times**

Thermal  
stability

up to  
**1000 °C**

The highest  
length to  
diameter ratio

up to  
**1 million  
times**

Surface  
area

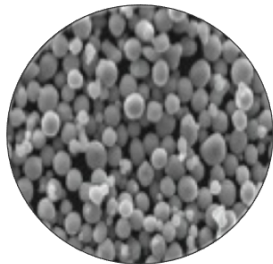
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# MATERIAL'S PROPERTIES

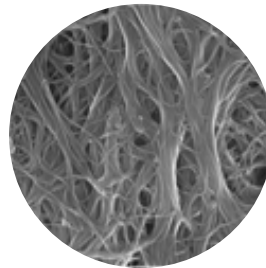
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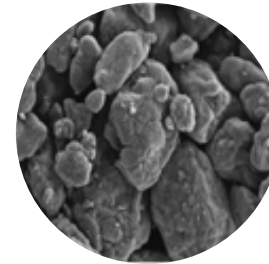
CARBON BLACK  
20 - 40%



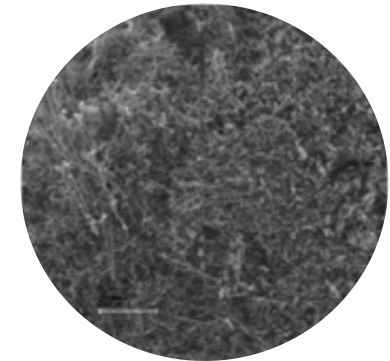
METAL FILLERS  
15 - 35%



CARBON FIBERS  
3 - 12%



MWCNT  
1 - 6%

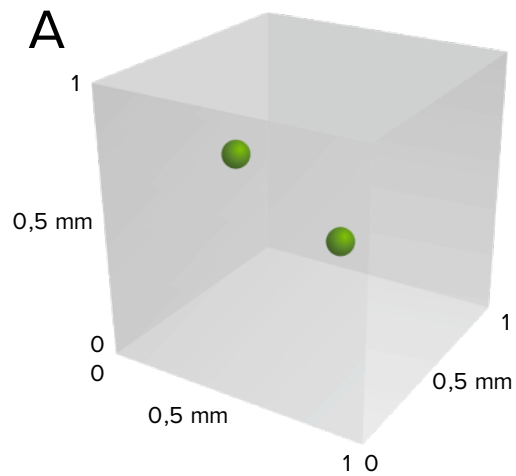


SWCNT  
0.001 – 0.03%

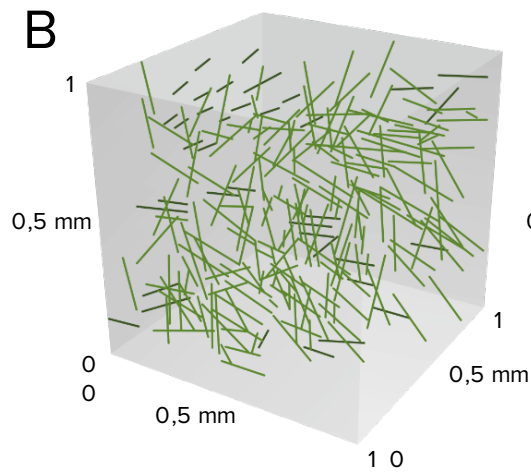
# DISPERSION IN MATRIX



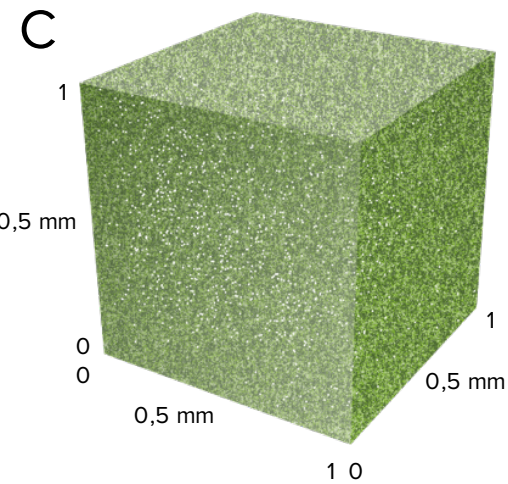
Concentration of particles  $\sim 0,1\%$



MICROPARTICLES



CARBON NANOFIBERS

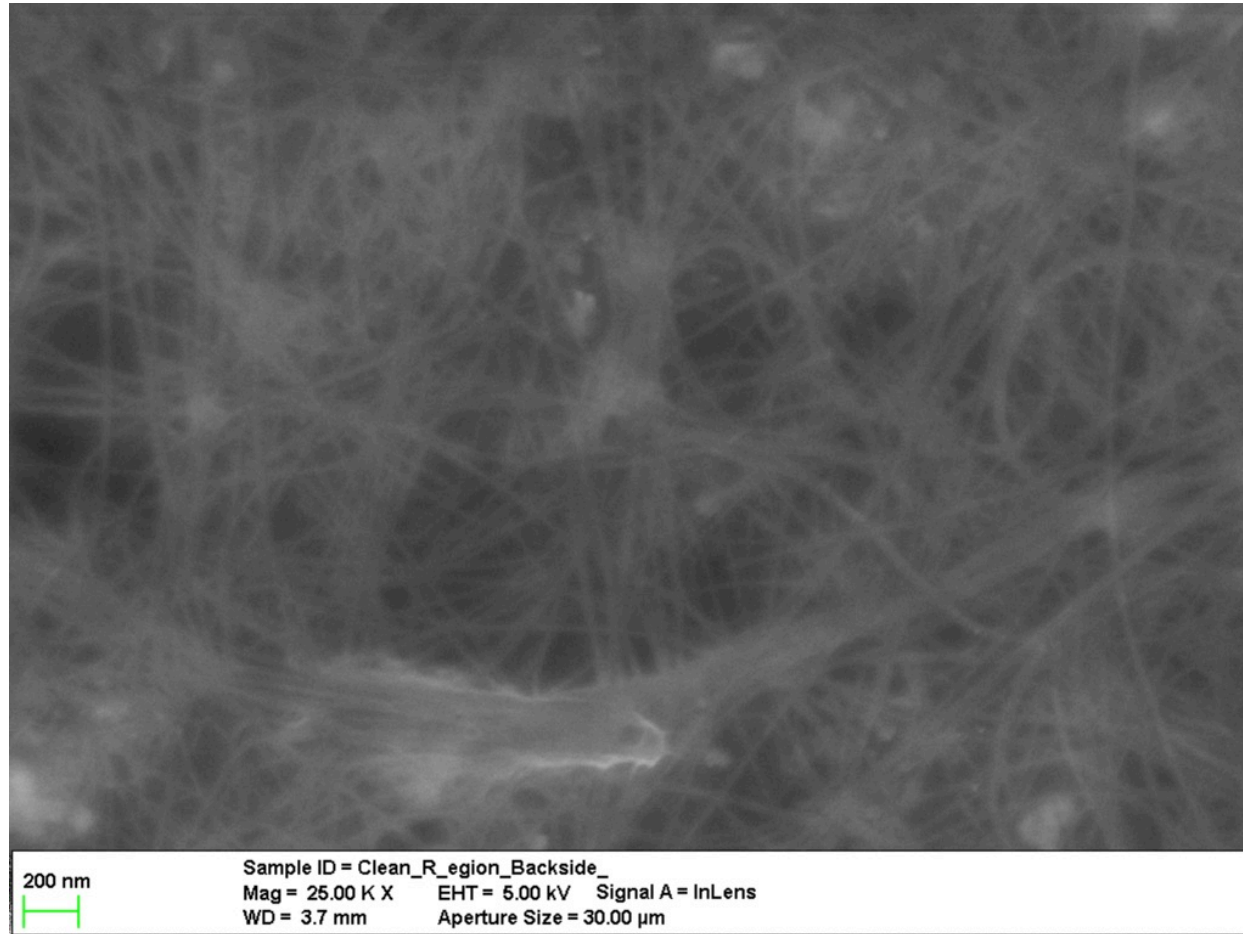


SWCNT

**SWCNT FORMS ITS OWN CONDUCTIVE 3D NETWORK  
AT ULTRA LOW CONCENTRATIONS**

# SEM IMAGES OF **DISPERSED** NANOTUBES

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# SWCNT: THE FIRST UNIVERSAL ADDITIVE

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C

					
Plastics	Paints	Concrete	Glass	Copper	Sensors Semiconductors
					
Rubber materials	Electrochemical Power sources	Composites	Aluminium	Ceramics	Adhesives

**TUBALL™**

**First Mass  
Produced  
SWCNT  
90% of  
Global  
Production**

**GRAPHETRON 1.0**

O <sup>6</sup>C Si Al







**GRAPHETRON 1.0**

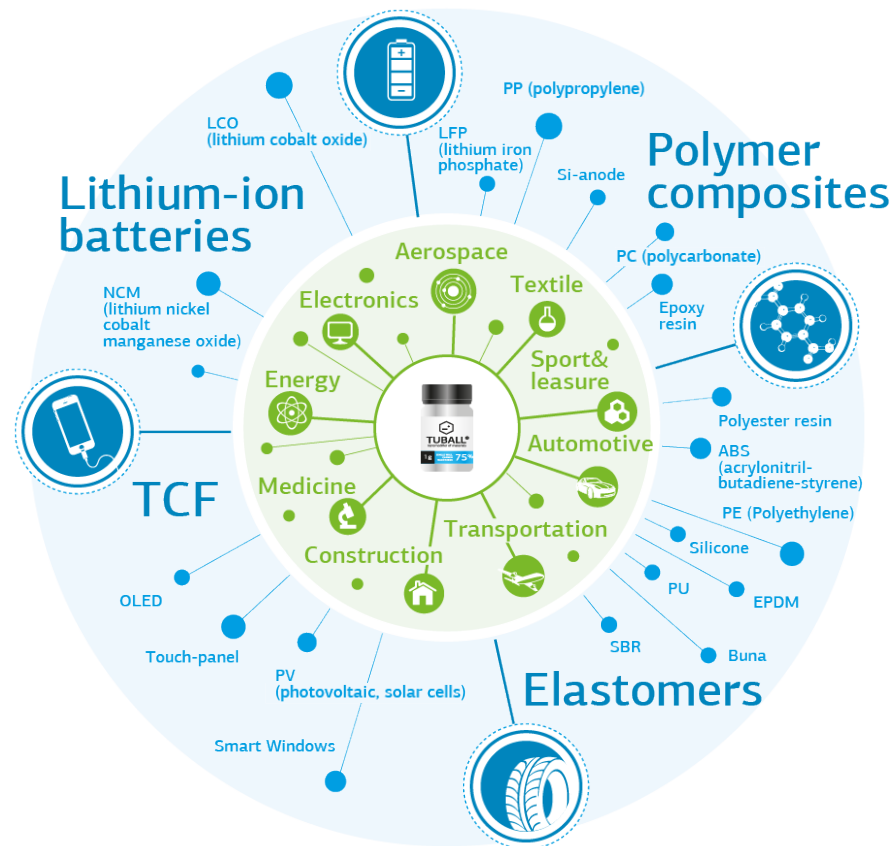
**CAPACITY  
10 TONS/YEAR**

**50 TONS/YEAR  
IN 2016**

**ENOUGH TO SUPPORT  
NUMEROUS GLOBAL  
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS**

O C Si Al

# TUBALL™ INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS



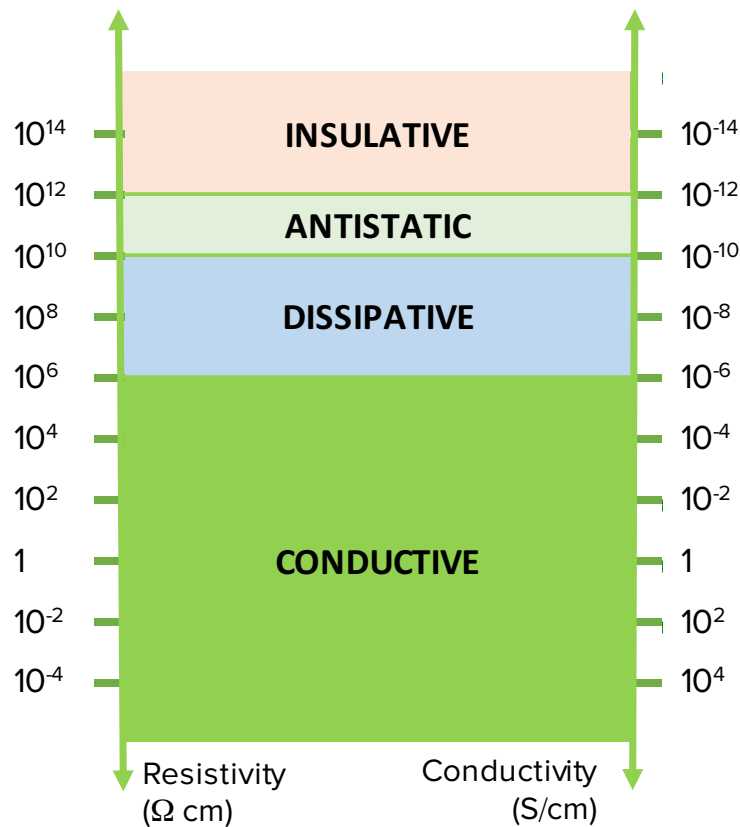
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# Electrical conductivity in **POLYMERS**



# WHY CNT FOR THERMOPLASTICS?

## TYPICAL CONDUCTIVITY RANGES



0.1 - 1% \*



\* Typical range, TUBALL™ dosage to be adjusted for polymer type, process conditions and application requirements

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# WHY CNT FOR THERMOPLASTICS?

## ANTI-STATIC ADDITIVES ARE USED IN:



Floors, mats, linoleum, textile carpets, floor finishes and coatings



Packaging: carrier trays, holders, tubes, boxes, bags



Shoes, grounders. Casters and wheels of moving articles



Fuel tanks and hoses



Clothing



Wire and Cable



Workstations and work surfaces

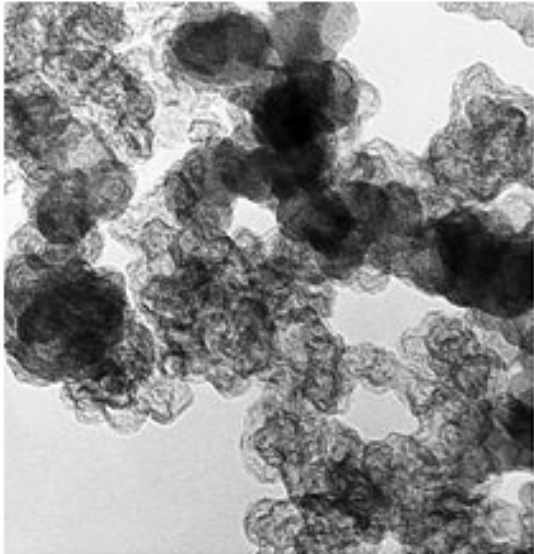


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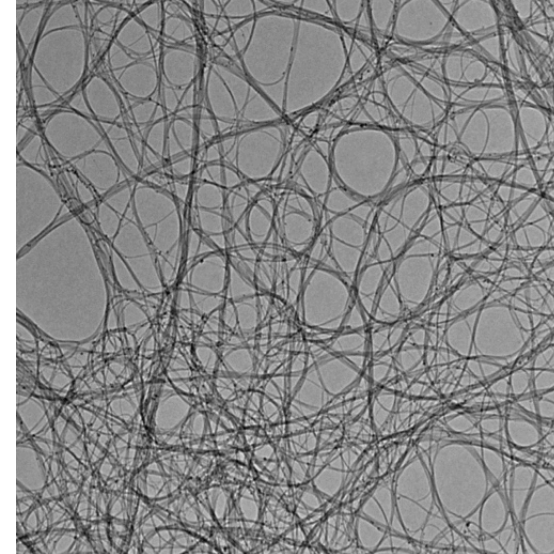
Gloves and finger cots

# WHY CNT FOR THERMOPLASTICS?



**CONDUCTIVE BLACK**

**vs**

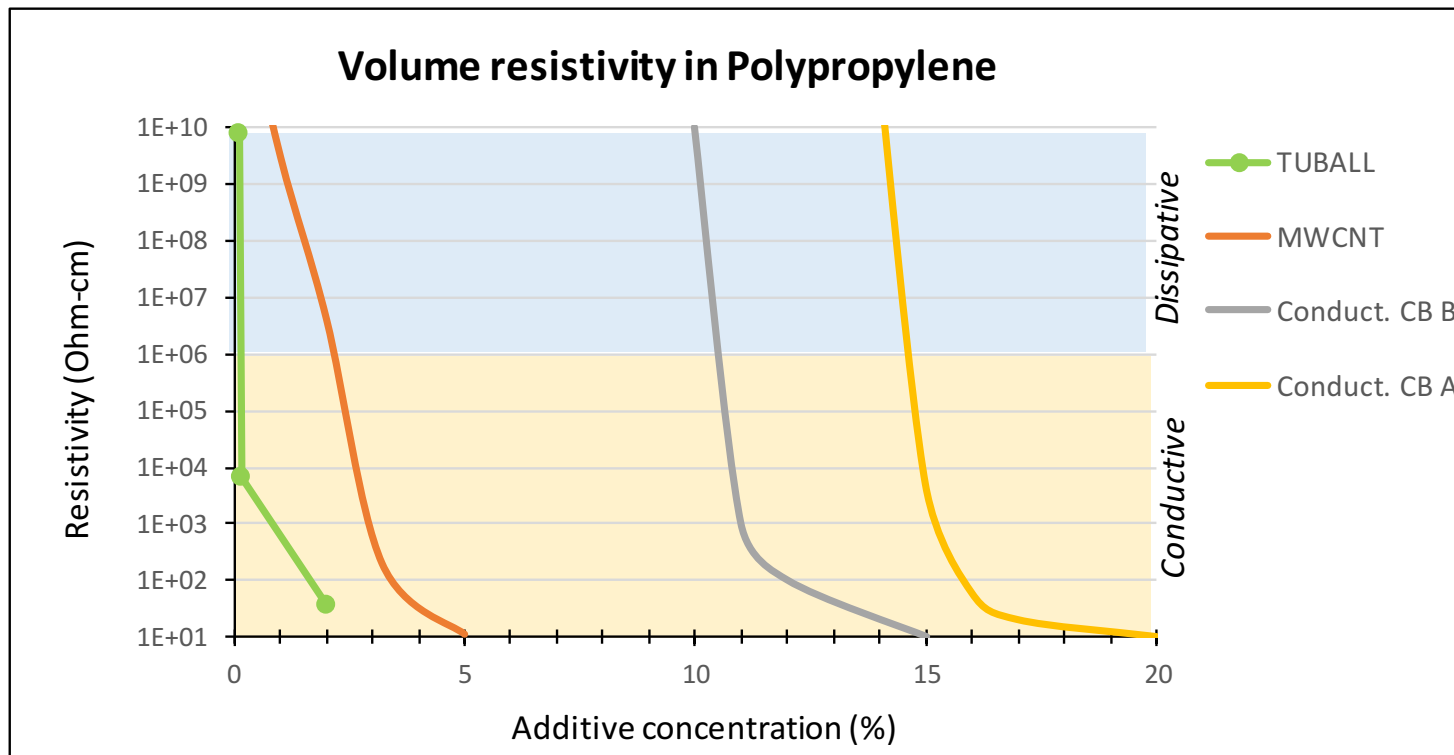


**TUBALL™**

SWCNT's additive can impart **electrical conductivity** in plastics. High aspect ratio results in electrical conductivity at **lower loadings than for conventional additives** like carbon black, carbon fiber or metallic fiber.

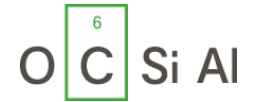
# PERFORMANCE IN POLYPROPYLENE

TUBALL™ unique characteristics enables conductive plastics production with ultralow percolation threshold



# PERFORMANCE IN POLYPROPYLENE

## THE NEW GENERATION OF CONDUCTIVITY

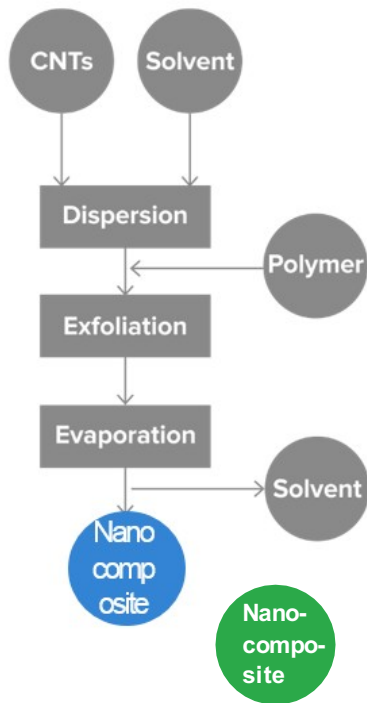


- **TUBALL** single wall carbon nanotubes enable **ultralow loading** starting with 0.1-0.2%;
- Allow for production of conductive parts that **retain colors**;
- Ensure **permanent and uniform electrical conductivity** without hot spots;
- Maintain or can improve **mechanical strength**;
- **Without** significant **increase of viscosity** of the host material.

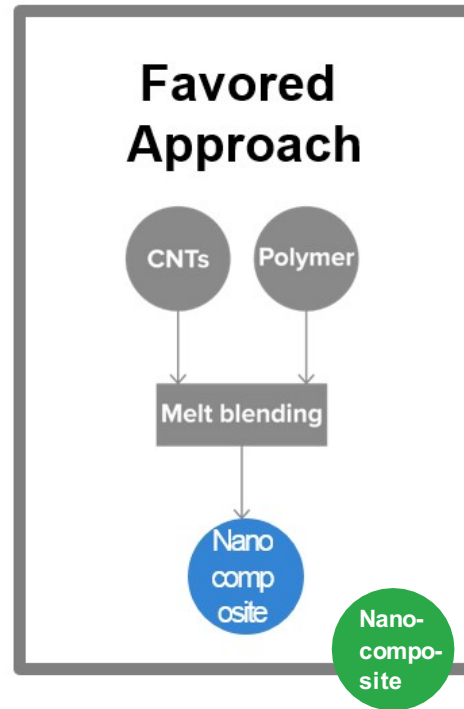


# TUBALL™ INCORPORATION METHODS

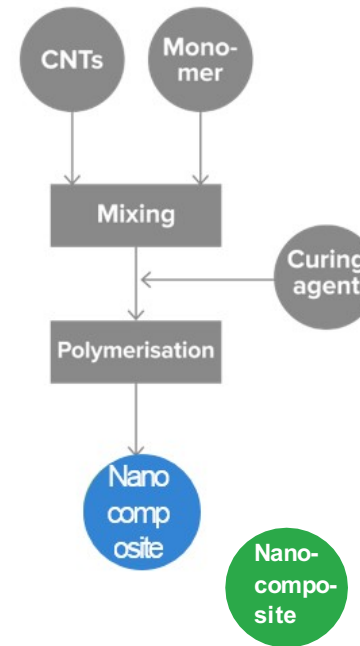
Ultralow percolation & tendency to the agglomeration



Solution Mixing



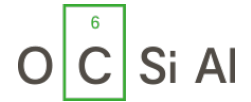
Melt Mixing



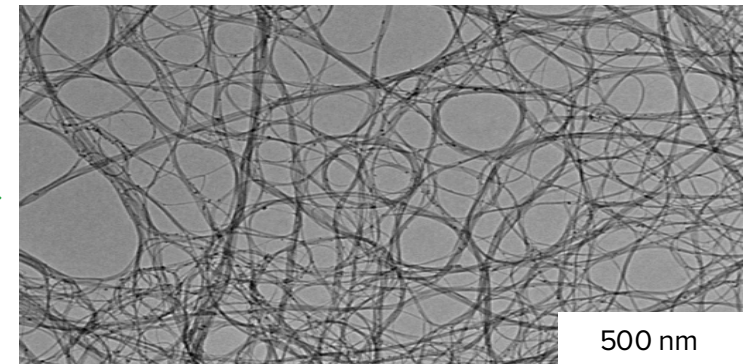
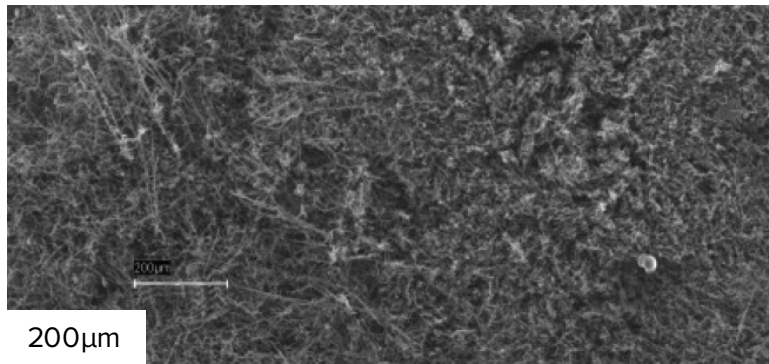
In Situ Polymerization

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# CNT COMPOUNDING IN THERMOPLASTICS



## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES IN MIXING?



Potential challenges to overcome:

- Good dispersion of the CNT's in polymeric matrices
- Homogenous distribution of the CNT's in the bulk of polymer
- Good interfacial interaction between CNT's and the polymer matrices

# TUBALL™ MELT MIXING APPROACH POLYOLEFINS AND ENGINEERING PLASTICS

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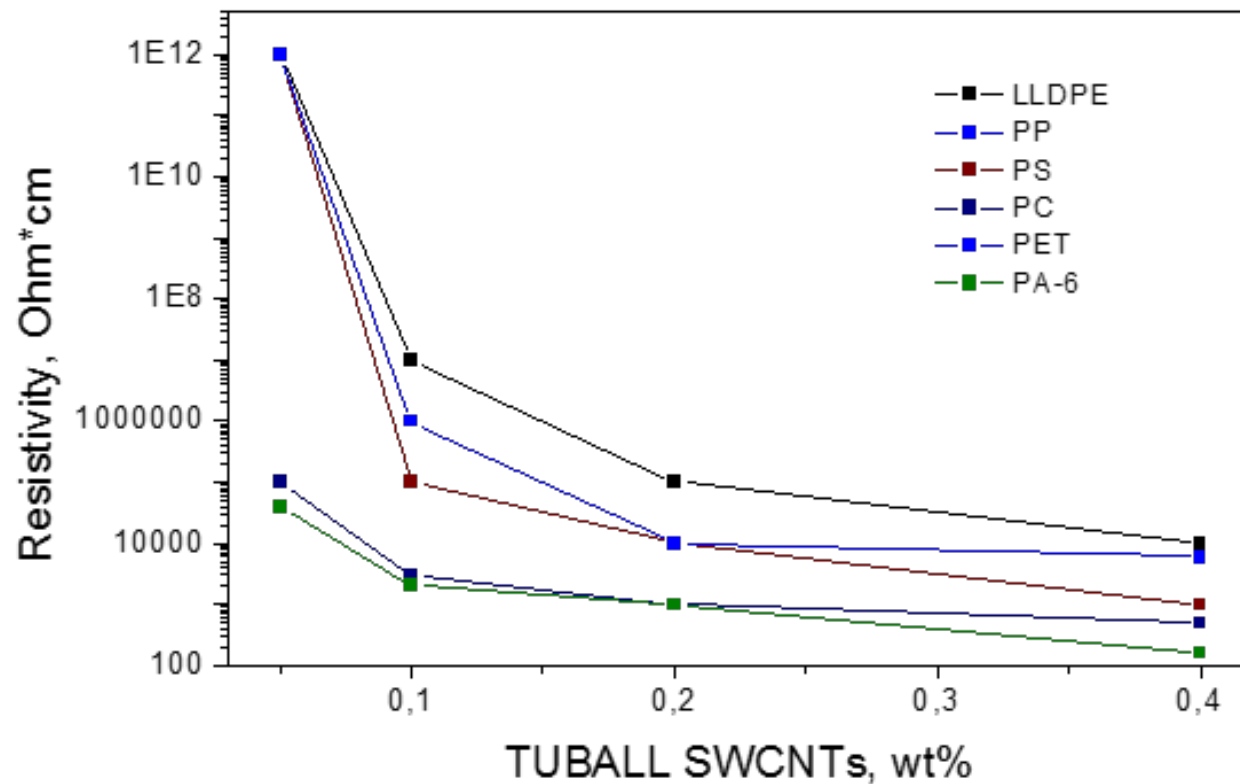


## DISPERSION THROUGH 2 STEPS PROCESS

1. Preparation of a MB at 2% TUBALL™
2. Masterbatch dilution on twin screw for compounds preparation

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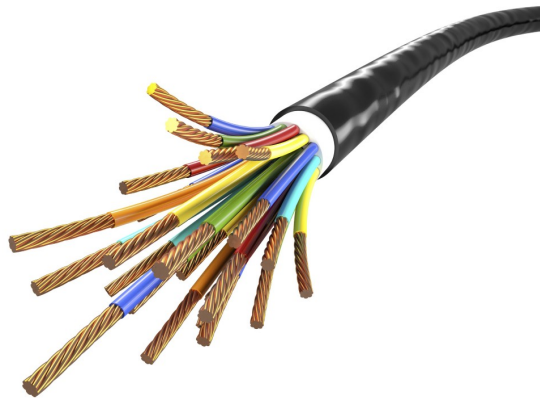
# ANTISTATIC & DISSIPATIVE VARIOUS THERMOPLASTICS



Percolation is observed at ultralow SWCNTs concentration for poliolefins and engineering plastics

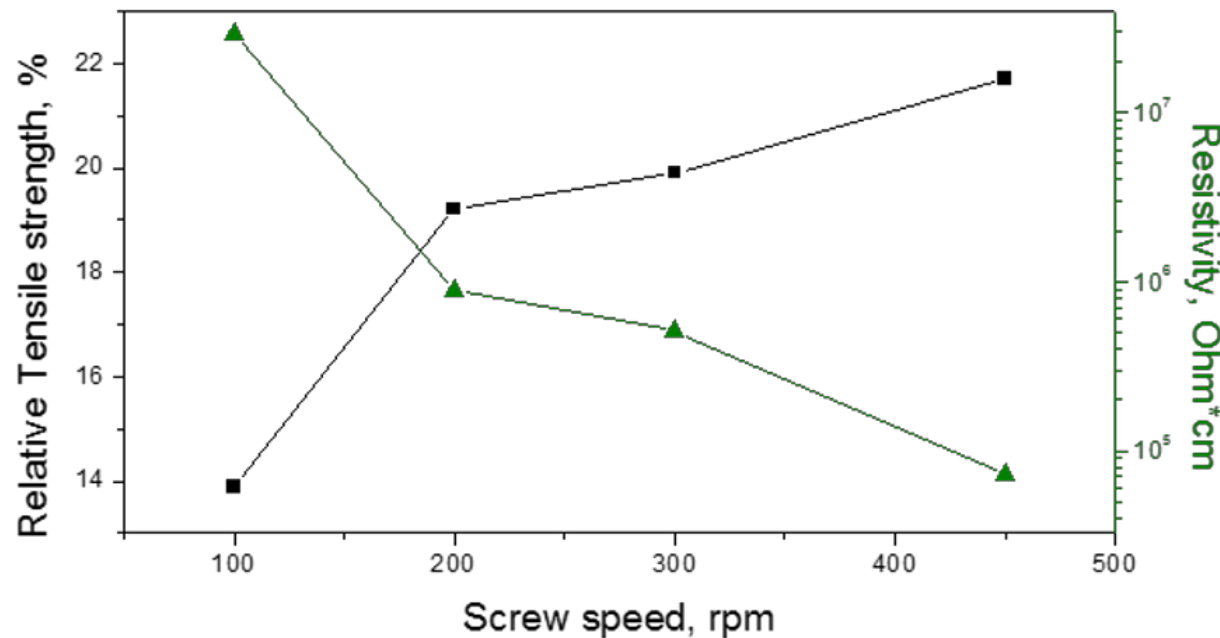
# ANTISTATIC & DISSIPATIVE POLYETHYLENE

1. Polyethylene – more than 1500 grades: LDPE, LLDPE HDPE etc.
2. Wide range of MFI between 0 and > 100 g/10min at 190 °C and 2.16 kg



# ANTISTATIC & DISSIPATIVE POLYETHYLENE

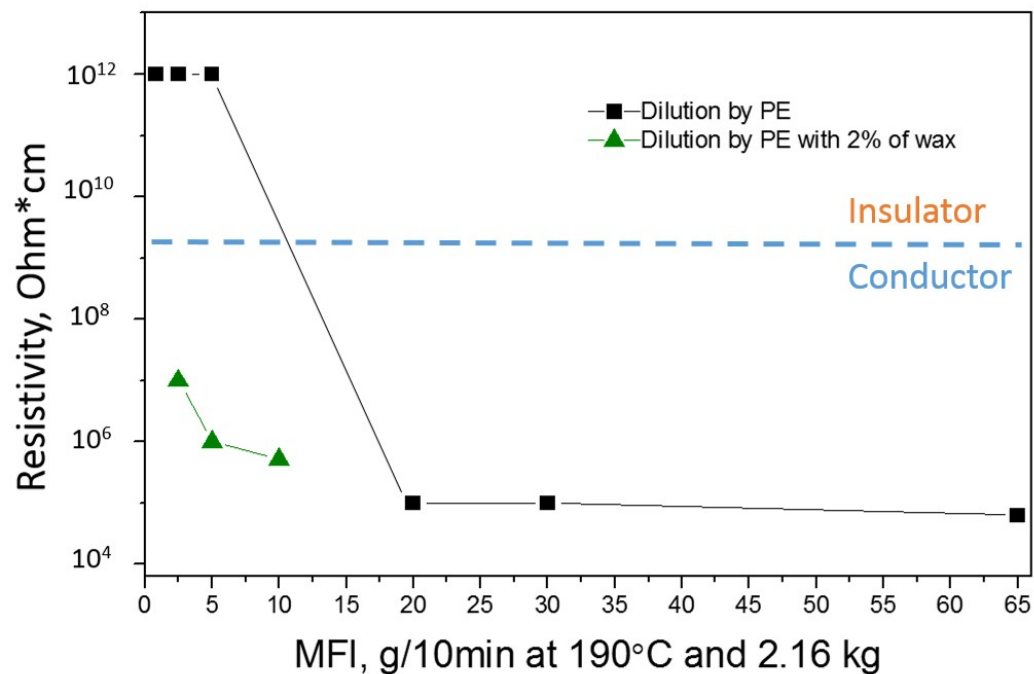
Extrusion parameters should be adopted for reaching good SWCNTs dispersion quality: high fluidity polyethylene



Application of higher rpm leads increasing SWCNTs dispersion quality

# ANTISTATIC & DISSIPATIVE POLYETHYLENE

Polymer fluidity can be increased thanks to the plasticizers:  
high vs. low fluidity polyethylene



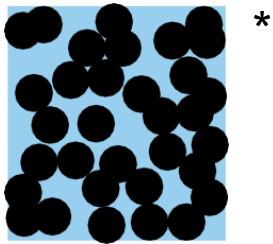
- Right extrusion parameters
- Ingredients which increase polymer fluidity



- High quality of SWCNTs dispersion i.e. conductive network

# CONDUCTIVE PROPERTIES CABLE APPLICATIONS

Hybrid system: Carbon black and SWCNTs



Carbon black  
conductive  
network in  
polymer

\*up to 40 wt% of carbon black

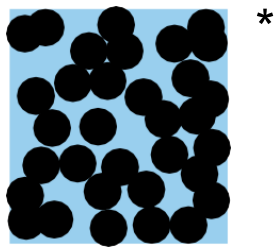


Protecting screen  
( $R_{vol} \leq 100 \text{ Ohm*cm}$ )



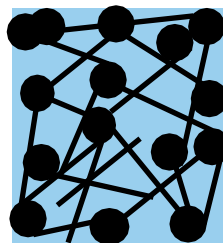
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+ SWCNTs



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Carbon black  
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hybrid system

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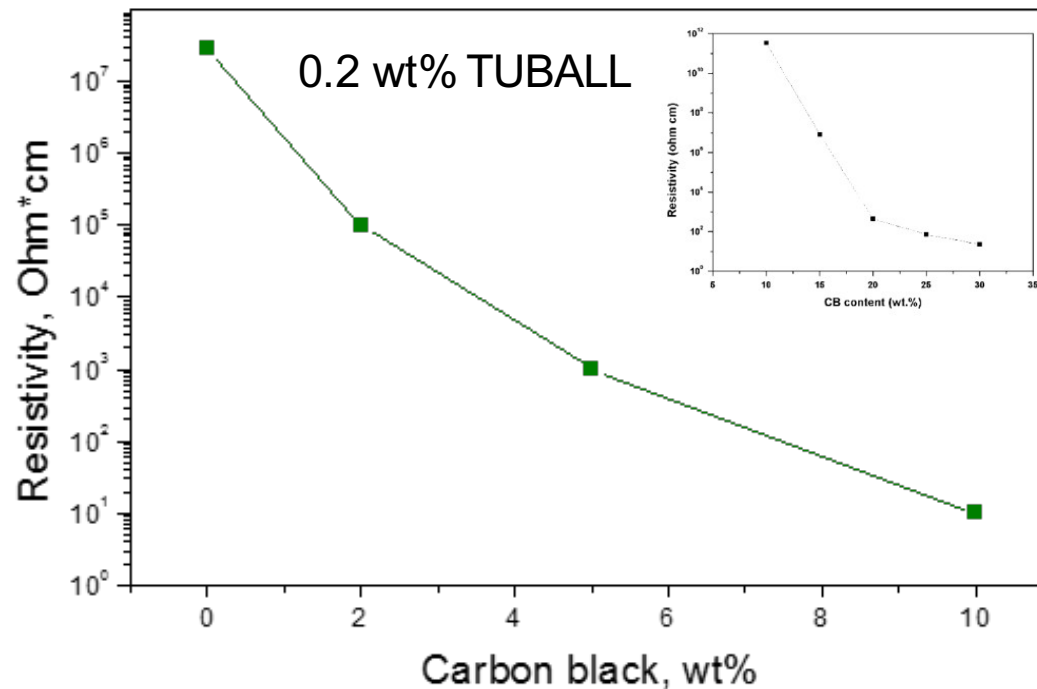


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- Decrease Carbon black content adding SWCNTs as a linkers
- Keep conductive network decreasing carbon black content

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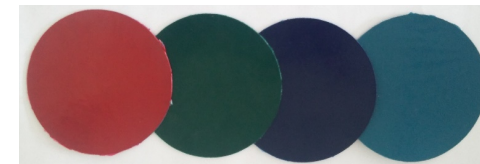
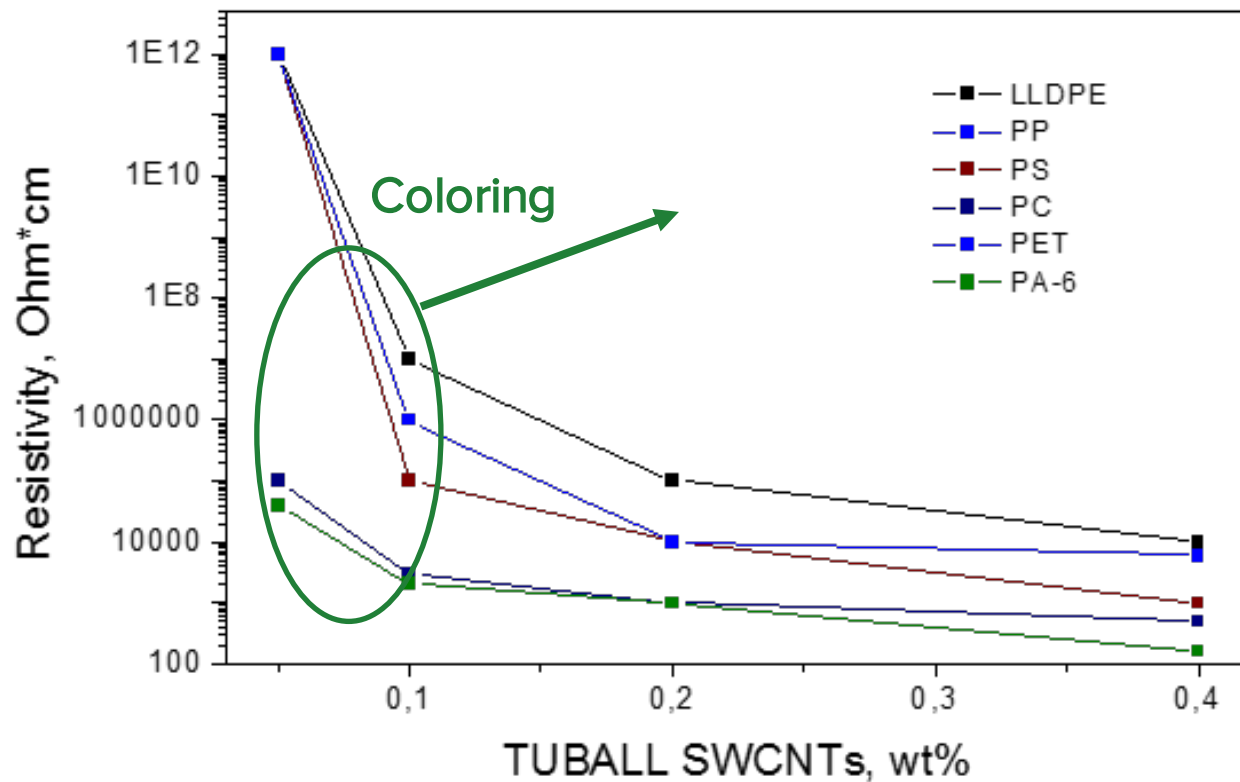
Hybrid system: Carbon black and SWCNTs



- Decrease Carbon black content
- Keep the same conductivity level
- Improve physico-mechanical properties
- High voltage cables: protecting screens  
**(vol.resistivity of compound should be  $\leq 100$  Ohm\*cm**

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# ANTISTATIC IN DIFFERENT POLYMERS

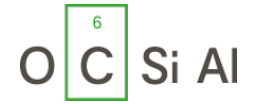


Resistivity as a function of TUBALL SWCNTs wt%

Polyolefins and engineering plastics

Compression molding

# MOLDING

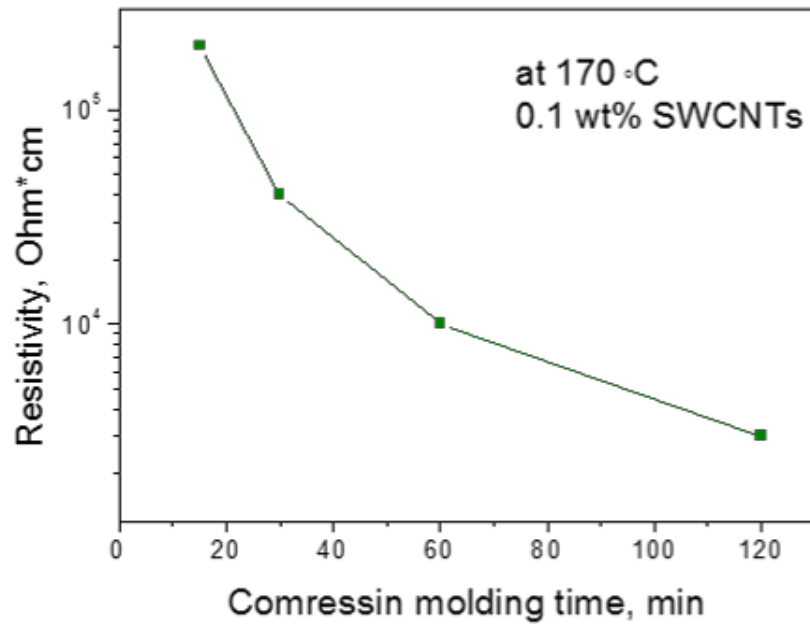


- **Compression molding**
- **Rotation molding**
- **Injection molding**
- **Extrusion**

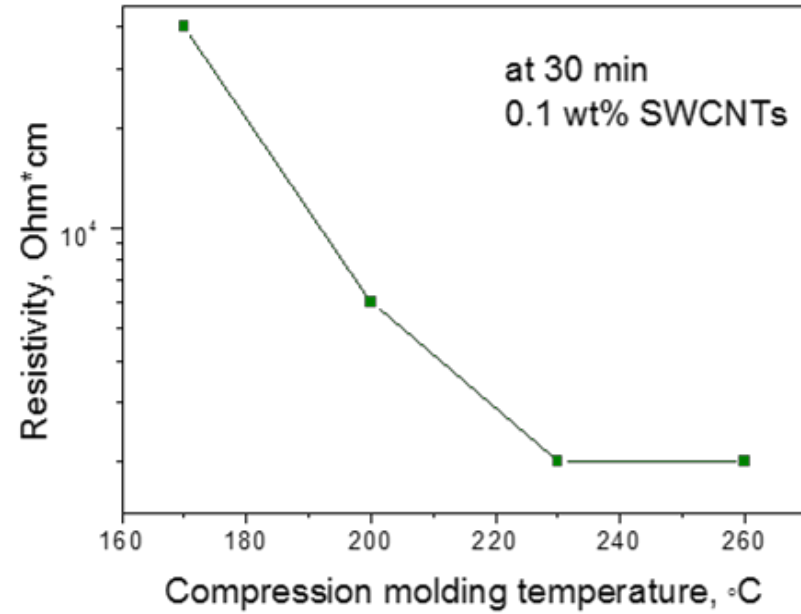


# COMPRESSION MOLDING

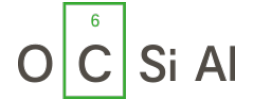
### vs. Compressing Time



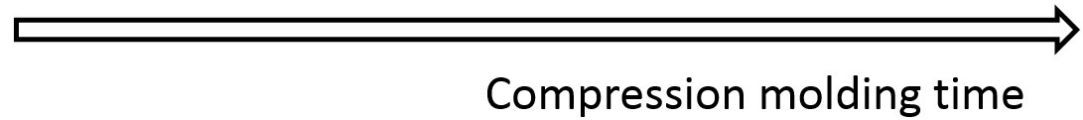
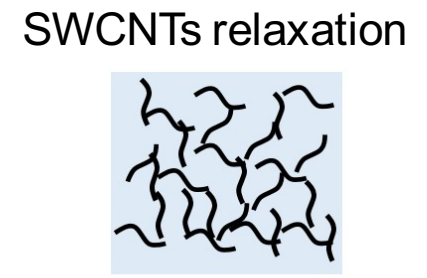
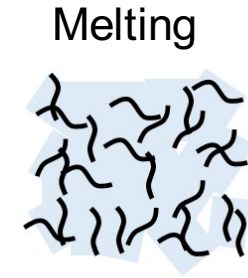
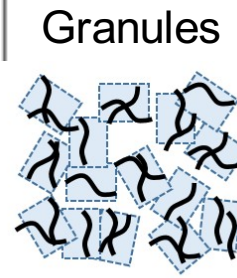
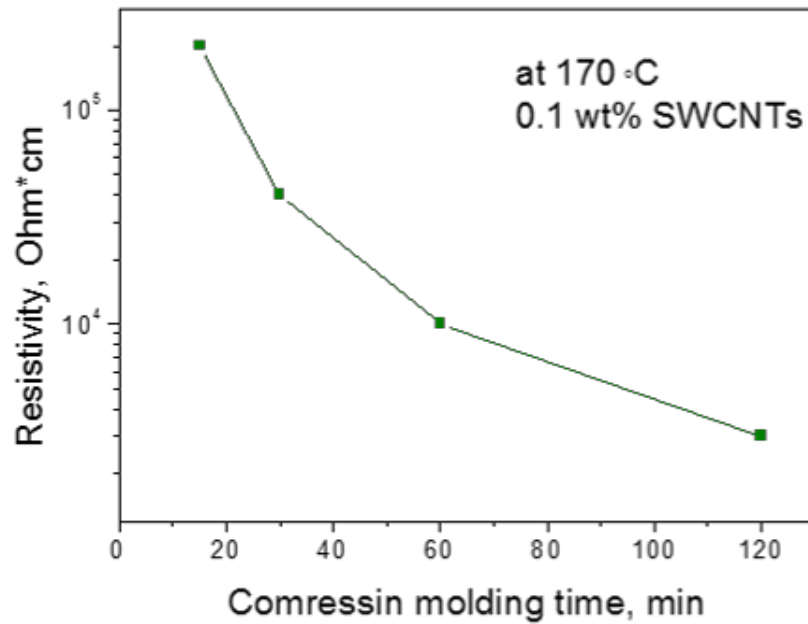
### vs. Compressing Temperature



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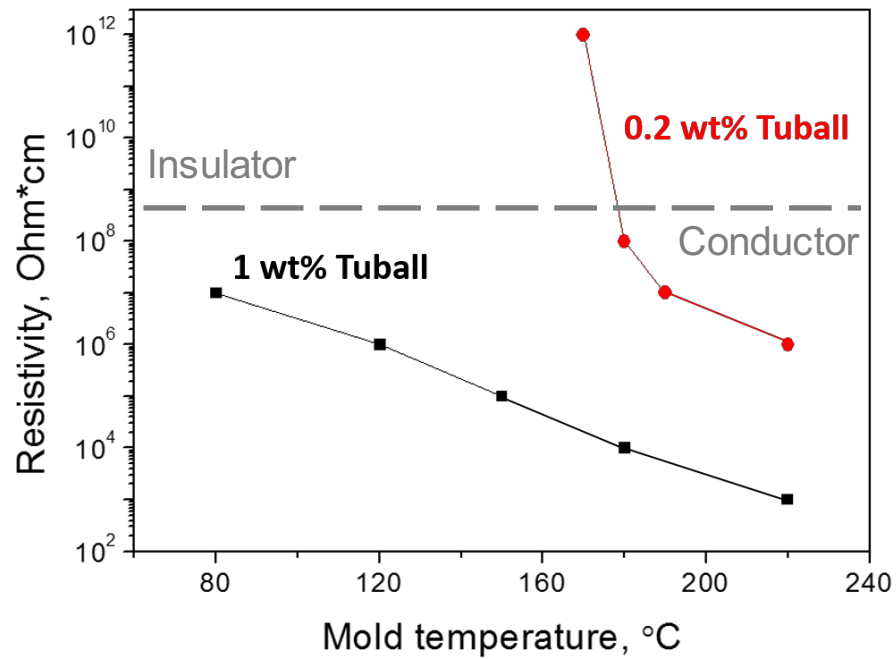
vs. Compressing Time



✓ Compression molding time and temperature can be increased for obtaining higher conductivity

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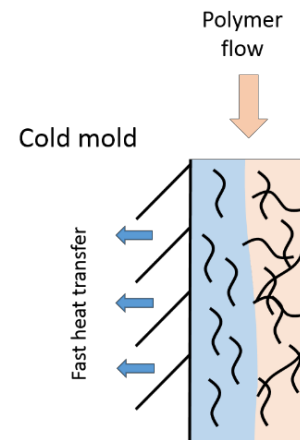
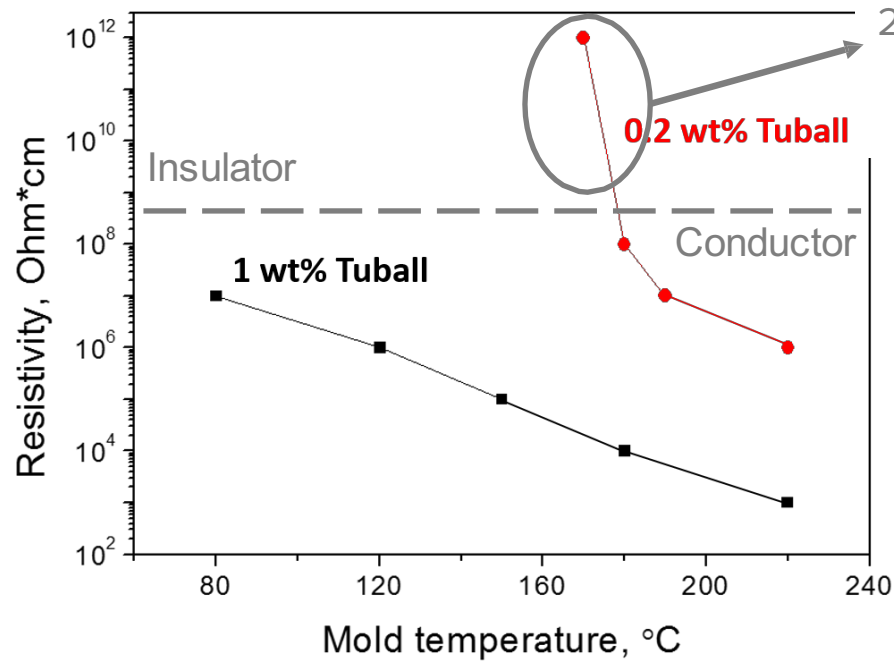
Common usable method in plastic industry



# INJECTION MOLDING

Common usable method in plastic industry

1. CNTs orientation by the polymer flow
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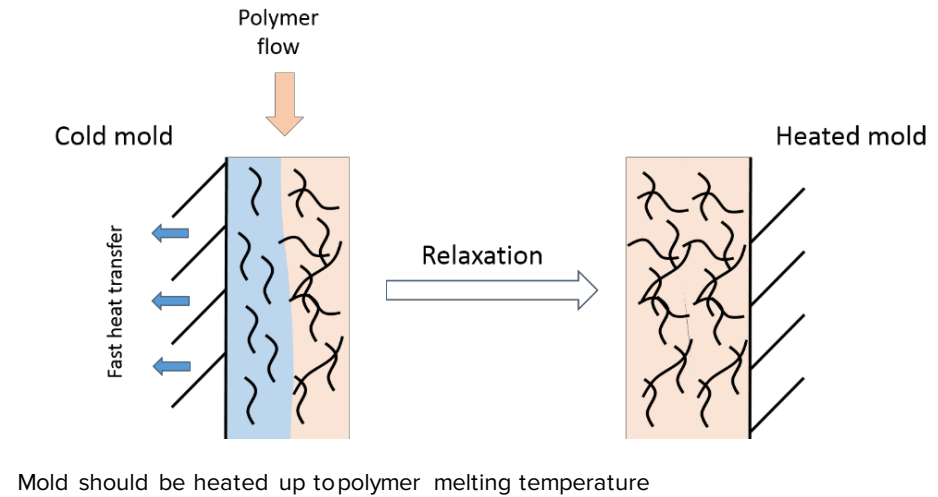
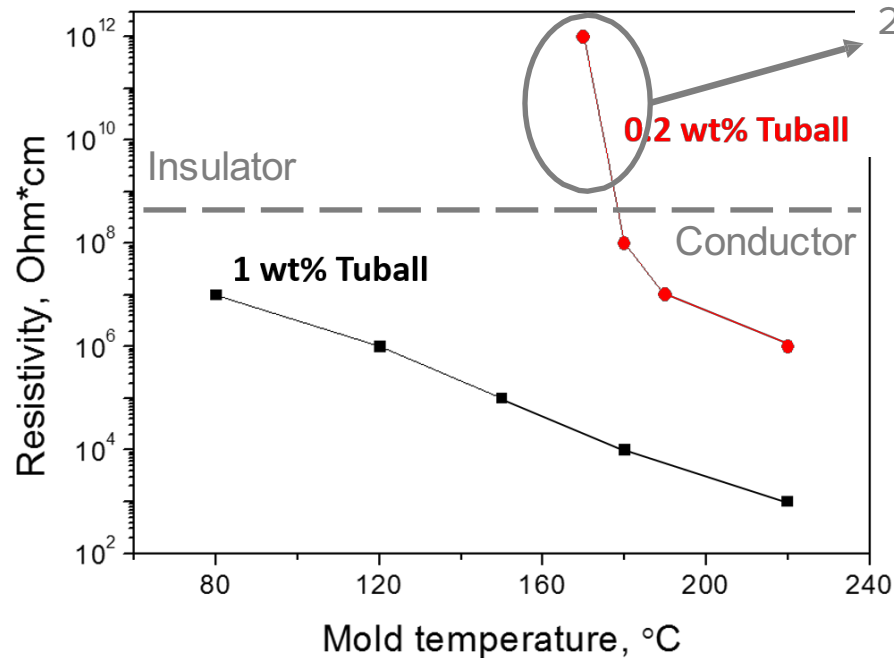


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# INJECTION MOLDING

Antistatic reservoirs etc. based on ABS-plastic



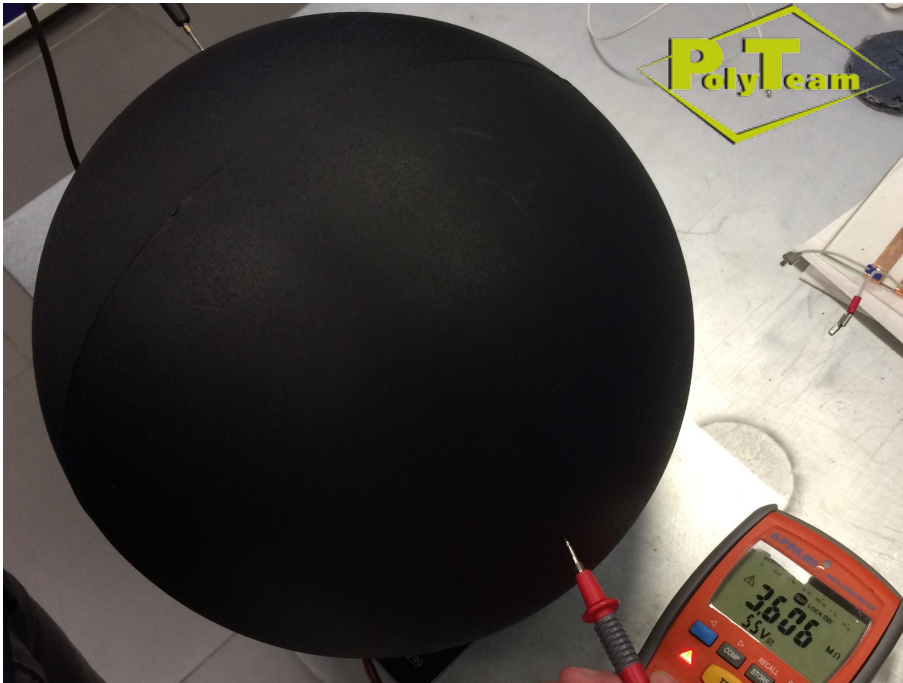
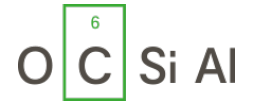
RESISTIVITY:  
 $10^6 \Omega \times \text{cm}$

0.3 wt% TUBALL™



# ROTATION MOLDING

Antistatic reservoirs etc. based on polyethylene



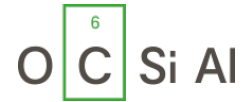
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0.2 wt% TUBALL™



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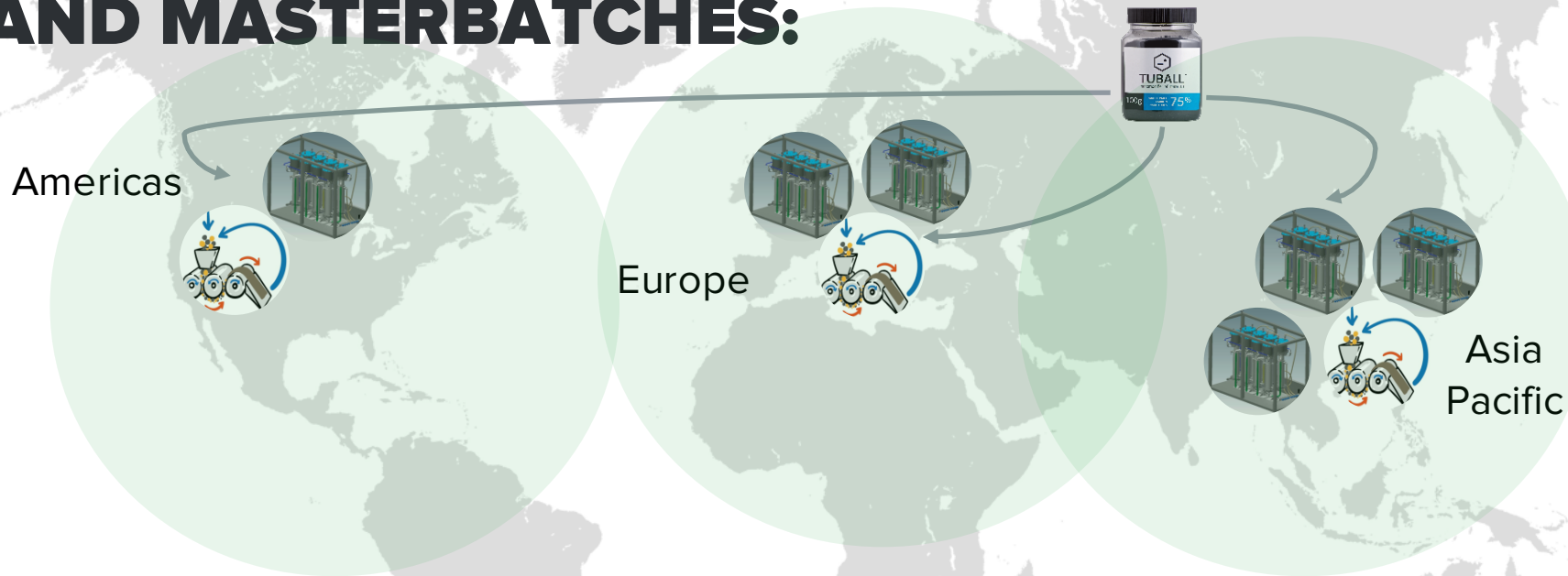
# CONCLUSION



1. TUBALL can be incorporated into thermoplastics through the melt mixing approach.
2. Conductive networks can be created in a various polymer matrices at **ultralow** TUBALL dosage without compromising properties.
3. Thermoplastic polymers can be colored keeping antistatic properties
4. Hybrid TUBALL – Carbon black system can be applied for achieving conductive compounds
5. Molding parameters play a critical role for final properties of the part



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