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#### Vice President Research and Development Arkema, Paris, France

#### **Biography**

Phd in 1986 Polymer Sciences University Pierre et Marie Curie PARIS.

1987 Post Doc in Santa Barbara University.

Joins the ELF AQUITAINE Group in 1987.

Head of Research and Development of ARKEMA since end of 2004 (date of creation of the company).

Member of French Chemical Society.

Member of National Research Agency.



# "Arkema R&D in Support of Innovation and Growth"

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### Arkema, a World-Scale Chemicals Manufacturer

- Annual sales of 5.2 billion euros
- 120 locations around the world
- Present in 40 countries



**Breakdown of Sales** 



**Breakdown of Personnel** 

- 18,600 employees
- 90 plants
- 6 research centers

### **Three Balanced and Coherent Business Segments**

Vinyl	Industrial	Performance
Products	Chemicals	Products
Chlorochemicals & PVC Vinyl Compounds Pipes & Profiles (Alphacan)	Acrylics PMMA (Altuglas International) Thiochemicals Fluorochemicals Hydrogen Peroxide	Technical Polymers Specialty Chemicals (CECA) Organic Peroxides Additives Urea Formaldehyde Resins Agrochemicals (Cerexagri)

### **Development Areas**

Innovation

Europe and USA Selective Growth

### ARKEMA

### Asia New Facilities

Safety and Environment

Close to Customers Manufacturing Reliability Competitive ness

### **R&D**, The Spearhead of Innovation

- Over 3% of sales allocated to research
- 1,400 researchers, 150 patents registered every year
- 6 research centers: Cerdato in Serquigny / France, CRRA in Pierre-Bénite / France, CRDE in Carling / France, GRL in Lacq / France, King of Prussia in Philadelphia / USA, KTC in Kyoto / Japan



Nanotechnologies



**Marine Paints** 



**Acrylic Processes** 



**Fuel Cells** 

# **Geographical Split**



### Central R&D

- In charge of the corporate program (12% of global R&D budget)
- Answerable for the scientific and technological pertinency of the strategic BU's projects
- Intellectual property department
- Hierarchical authority over research centers
- Management of the worldwide academic relations and contracts

### **R&D Organization**





### **Temperature profiles in multitubular reactors**

## Acrylic Acid Processes (from Propylene or Propane)

#### Acrolein reactor fabrication



Number of tubes: > 27.000 Weight: 350 MT Acrylic acid reactor



Number of tubes > 27.000 Weight: 570 MT







Circulating Fluid Bed Process DuPont-Arkema 'Riser' Technology

### **TREATING OF NAPHTHA & DISTILLATE**











Available shapes for hydroprocessing catalysts



### Formaldehyde Reactor: Silver Process

### Tilted reactor





## **Block Copolymers are "Self-Assembling" Systems**



SELF-ASSEMBLY ---- NANOSTRUCTURES Spontaneous organization @ nanometer scale

## **Living Polymerization Technologies: Towards Nanostrength** ®



Nitroxide-mediated Radical **Controlled Polymerization PMMA PMMA** PBuA



PB PMMA

PS

### Silly Putty: "Supramolecular Chemistry"



## S.E.M. of CNT



Diameter:	1 to + 10 nanometers	
Length::	1 to + 10 <sup>2</sup> microns	
Morphology:	Graphitic sheet	
Density :	2,0 g / cm <sup>3</sup>	
Spc. surface:	100 - 250 m² / g	
Color:	Black	
Electronic:	Metallic or semi- conductive	
Modulus:	Young's modulus +1TPa	
Heat Transmission: Equivalent to diamond		

## **CNT Growing**



## **MEA Function**

