

Formula development

Methodical formula development increases technological and economic advantages

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Formula and recipe design

A formula does not yield a good product absolutely.

But no good product without formula









- The process ability of a compound according to a formula under consideration of modern quality concepts.
- The end product must fulfill all requirements under operating conditions.
- The desired product and quality properties shall be got below the lowest costs.

The solution is the best relationship in the preparation from mixture components and qualities.

Formula development





Formula: Position in the process chain



Formula: Changes through processing







- Under the assumption that the processing methods run in the optimum, the formula, rsp. the articles produced, determines, the economic of the productional process, at least to the predominant part.
 - Mixing Plant: Material amount is between 80-90 %
 - Extrusion: Material amount is 75 -85 %
 - Injection molding: Material amount (without consideration inserts) may be between 50 and 70%
- The importance of the recipe development must be be carried out methodically and systematically.

Methods of recipe development



- The recipe developer is into of use some few methods selected by him subjectively for most cases the intensity seeming suitable in this one in one! It seems more sensible, in
- Dependence of the problem definition,
- The acting persons and
- The situation
- selecting consciously of the existing methods and adapting in addition one.

Methods of recipe development

- Which methods are there?
 - Trial and Error
 - Repetition
- Change of a known compound through:
 - Gradual change of a factor
 - Relative change two factors to each other
- Analysis with the help of correlation and regression
 - Pareto analysis
 - Cause effect diagrams
- Statistic Experimental Design
 - Latin Square test approaches
 - Fractional Factorial Design / Respons Surface Desing
- Variance analysis









Recipe database

- Useful, if the following information exists and can be analyszed.
- Historical knowledge around materials in the accompanying mixtures
- Database about conspicuous features of the mixture in production
- Database about the product and its complaints
- Design guide for the recipe construction



Historical knowledge around materials and mixtures

- The experienced compound developer can create mixture recipes from this accumulated experience with a good feeling in a more "artistic" process
- A processing method is then established based on this creation
- What fails to appear is the iterative optimization process like 6sigma ® or alternative like "Kaizen"









Reference compound and variation (1 Factor at a time)

- Ignores interactions
- Neglect statistical noise
- Causes high effort, because many iteration steps do not lead – possibly, but not for certain - to the goal envisioned, even over a great time period.



- Pareto Analysis, procedure acc. to Taguchi, Shainin
- Statistical Design of Experiment (DoE)
 - Allows to work out relations between cause and effect, but statistically sound
 - Effect can be turned on and of!
 - Knowledge keeps its validity!

Tools the recipe design



Statistical Experimental Design: Example

- Analysis of a filler-/ softener pair
- Exchange of fillers/softeners



Tools for recipe design Statistical Experimental Design: Example



- For the assessment of polymer a filler/softener with the help of a square test plan:
 - Polymeri categorical factor
 - Filler numeric factor
 - Plastiziser numeric Factor
- This investigation results the exact behaviour of the Polymer with the filler/platiziser interaction.
- It can as well be used for the choice of fillers (softeners). If qualities differ, the suitable correction can be read from the results of experiments.

Example:

Polymeric	phr	Categorical C1		C2	
Filler	phr	Numeric	20	80	
Plasticizer	phr	Numeric	10	50	

Tools for recipe design Statistical Experimental Design: Example

- Test Design for the choice of polymer
- the square test plan corresponds to ½ Fractional Factorial design with of 2 numeric factors and 1 categorical factor:

StC	ord Ru	n	
1	4	Block 1	10.00 20.00 C1
2	2	Block 1	50.00 20.00 C1
3	8	Block 1	10.00 80.00 C1
4	1	Block 1	50.00 80.00 C1
5	3	Block 1	10.00 20.00 C2
6	6	Block 1	50.00 20.00 C2
7	5	Block 1	10.00 80.00 C2
8	7	Block 1	50.00 80.00 C2



Tools for recipe design Statistic experimental Desing: Example



Result of a polymer comparison:

- To receive the same compound viscosity, hardness, tensile strength and elongation at break
- Does the correction of the carbon black amount become necessary.
- Retention of the carbon black amount and correction of the quantity of oil yields deviations at properties

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Statistical Experimental Design: Example Accelerator System

Accelerator systems can be examined for two ways:

- "Response Surface" test plan
 - Sulfur/accelerator relationship is not constant!
 - The influence of the sulfur bridge structure on the qualities is ignored!
- "Mixture" test plan
 - Sulfur/accelerator relationship remains constant
 - The interactions of the accelerators with each other are recognized.

Recommendation: Both types of the test plans behind each other carry out with the respective best result from the former one.



Statistical Experimental Design: Example Accelerator System



- In the example the relationships of the accelerators at different accelerator/sulfur levels were examined.
- It can be shown, that
 - Sulfur can be replaced by an adequate sulfur donor amount
 - The properties looked at being not changed.



Statistical Experimental Design: Example

Killer argument

- NO TIME FOR A SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION! WE NEED A FAST SOLUTION!
- □ IT IS SIMPLE AND FAST
- **TOO MANY EXPERIMENTS AND TOO HIGH COSTS**

Counter-arguments

- In the case of a complaint: Resources and money are spent, which was saved putatively.
- Developments remain valid and do not lose her meaning even if the conditions are subject to changes.



CAD - calculation of formulae



Tools for the recipe design CA

- Recipe manage Recipe Recipe Manager vo.83
 - Production of a formula by means of mixing iteratively, multistagely from a recipe database
 - Traceability to the exit formulae
 - Analysis of outlayers and their correction in the database is possible

 Function in the database

 Function in the database
 - Integration of results from statistical test plans.
 - Enquiry in databases of different origin, provided that an export of the data is possible about Office programs.

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Tools for the recipe design Summary

- These tools described here, if problemoriented used, permit:

 - statistically
 - Cost advantages are gained if these instruments are used for the improvement in the production and a better usage of materials.

