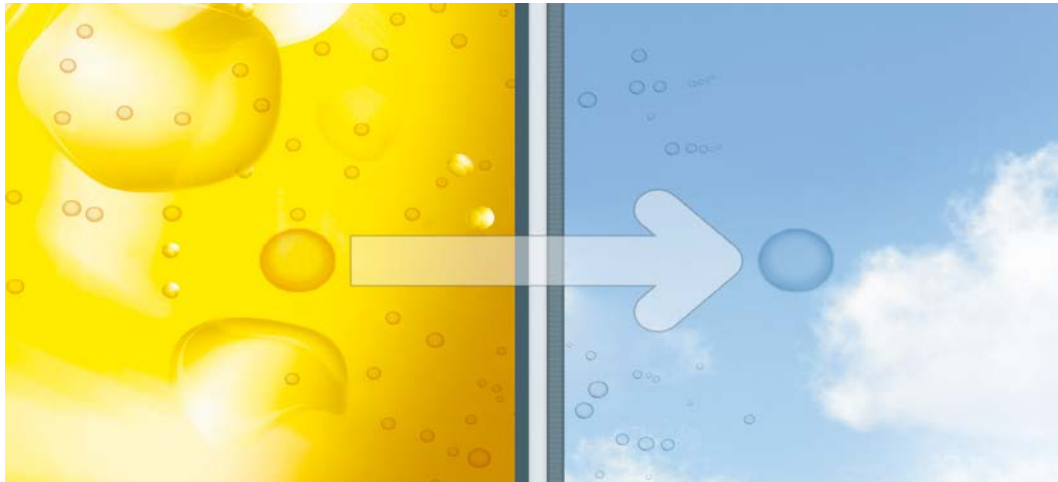


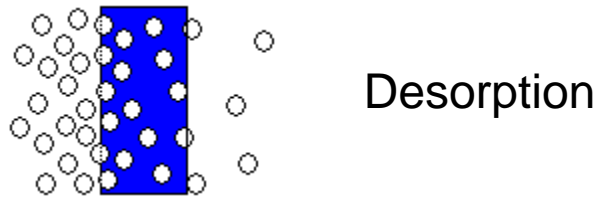
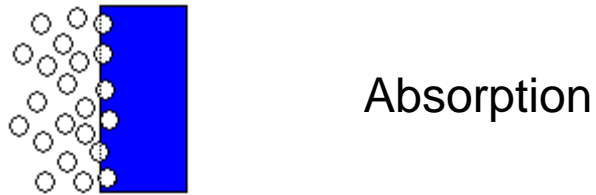
# Basics on permeation and EVOH

- What is permeation?
  - **Permeation is the movement from gases, vapours and liquids through a solid material**
- When does permeation occur?
  - **In case the partial pressure of the permeant between both sides is different**



# Basics on permeation and EVOH

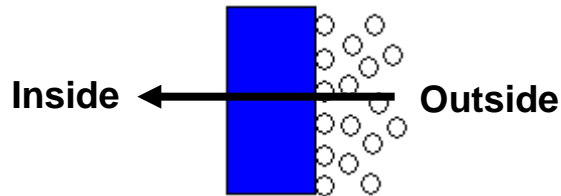
- Permeation proceeds mainly in three steps:



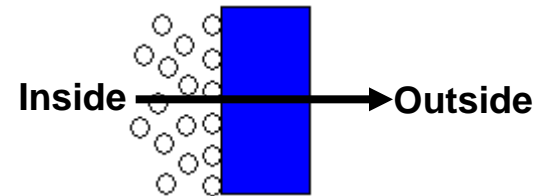
$$P_1 > P_2$$

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation consequences



- Permeation of water vapour
  - Chemical reaction
    - e.g.: Isocyanate
- Permeation of oxygen
  - Oxidation (e.g. edible oil)
  - Vitamin deterioration
  - Growth of micro organisms

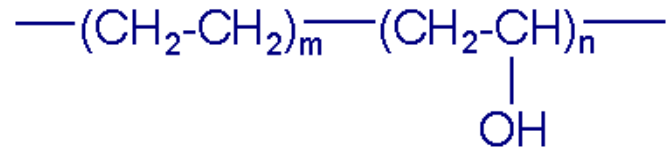


- Permeation of solvents
  - Changing composition / quality
  - Creating Ex-Zones
    - e.g.: Inks, Resins
- Permeation of nitrogen
- Permeation of aroma and fragrances

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## EVOH permeation barrier

- EVOH is a co-polymer of ethylene and vinyl alcohol



### An **excellent barrier** against:

- Solvents
- Gasoline, oil
- Aroma
- Gases

### Where is EVOH **commonly used**?

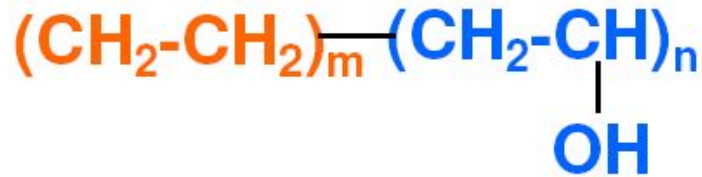
- Packaging of foodstuffs
- Packaging of cosmetics
- Plastic fuel tanks
- Bottles for crop protection products

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## EVOH material composition

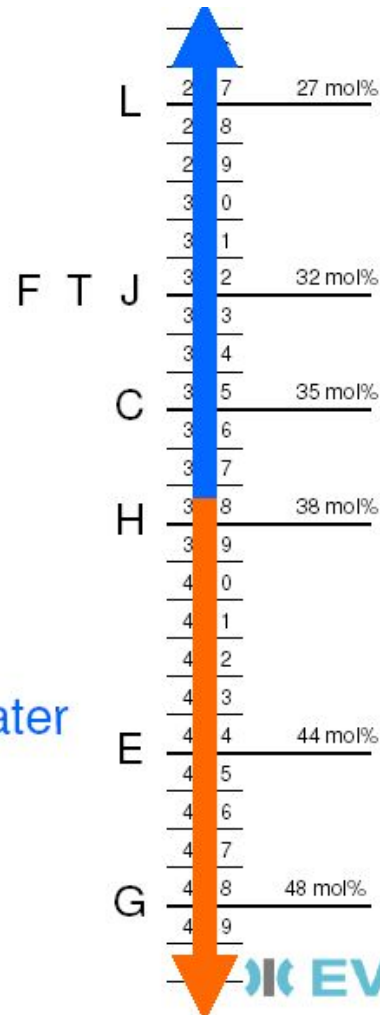
a copolymer of

**E**thylene and **V**inyl **AL**cohol



- thermoplastic
  - hydrophobic
  - flexible
- barrier
  - soluble in water

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# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## EVOH application market



Automotive  
**3000T**

Emission standards, ISO TS16494 qualified.



Pipe/Tube  
**4600T**

Copper replacement, sanitary and floor heating.



Coating  
**1600T**

Aluminium replacement, sterilisation.



Bottle  
**3400T**

Barrier PET, IBCs, juice, value-added milk



Form  
**3400T**

PVDC replacement, deep-draw, glass replacement



Flexible  
**15000T**

Shrink film, stand-up pouch, MAP, Al replacement  
Deep/Clear forming, Medical, Sterilisation

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# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation comparison: EVOH vs. HDPE

Material	Permeation of d-Limonene at 20 °C (g x mm/m <sup>2</sup> x day)
HDPE	24.39
EVOH	0.0008

\* Source: Kuraray Company Ltd

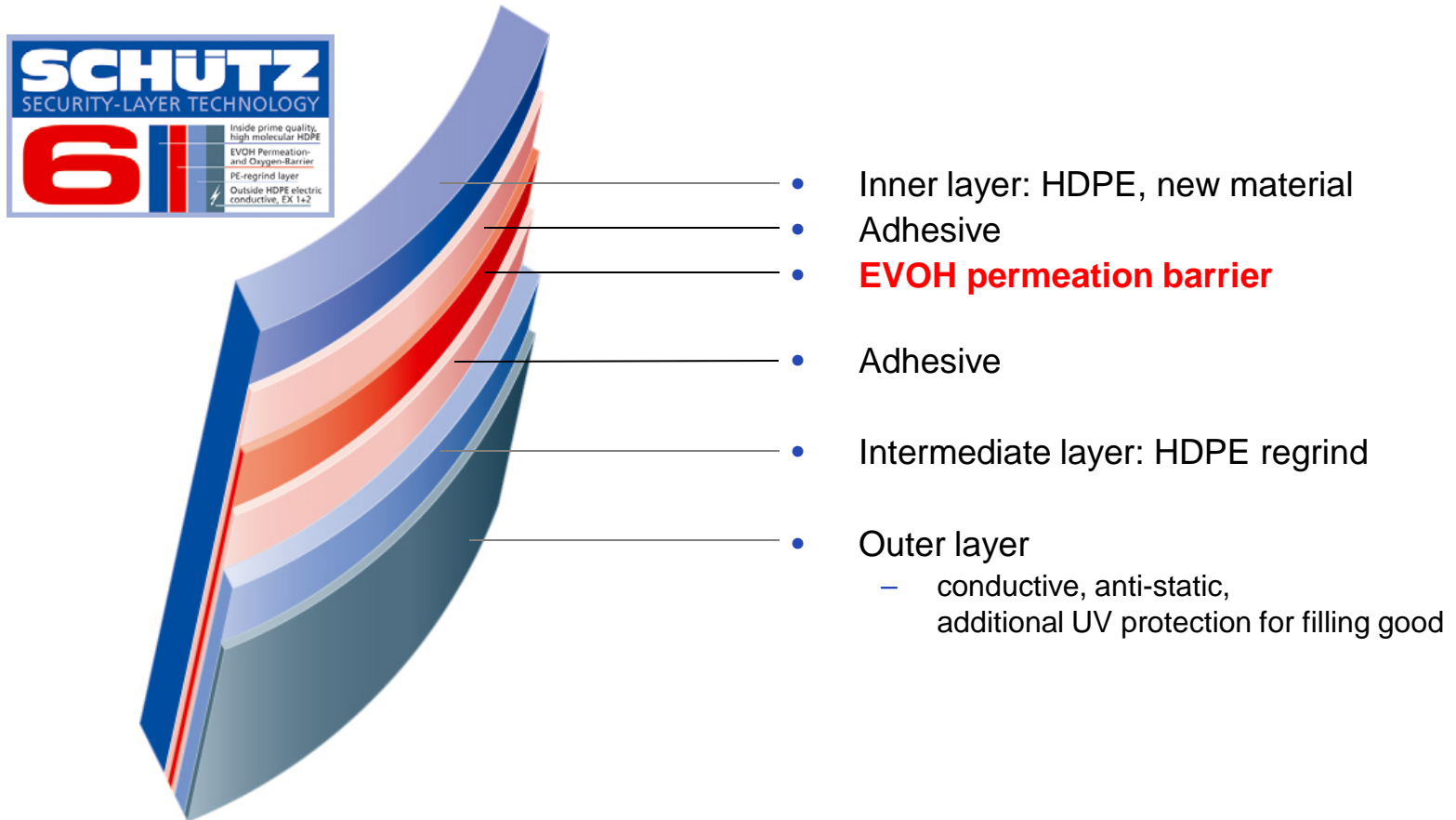
Wall thickness: 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (equivalent 10000  $\mu\text{m}$  = 10 mm)

### EVOH

d-Limonene barrier: **+ 30,000 times**

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## SCHÜTZ development: 6-layer technology





# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## SCHÜTZ development: IBCs with EVOH



### ECOBULK MX-EV

HDPE

Chemical resistance  
Mechanical properties  
Water vapour barrier

+

EVOH

Gas barrier  
Solvent barrier  
Flavour barrier

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## ECOBULK MX-EV 1000 – UN approval



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Standard fluid	Density (kg/liter)
Water	1.9
Hydrocarbon mixture (white spirit)	1.4
Detergent solution	1.6
n-Butyl Acetate with n-butyl acetate saturated detergent solution	1.4
Nitric acid 55%	1.6

Pfl-Fr 2344 and Pfl-Fr 2323

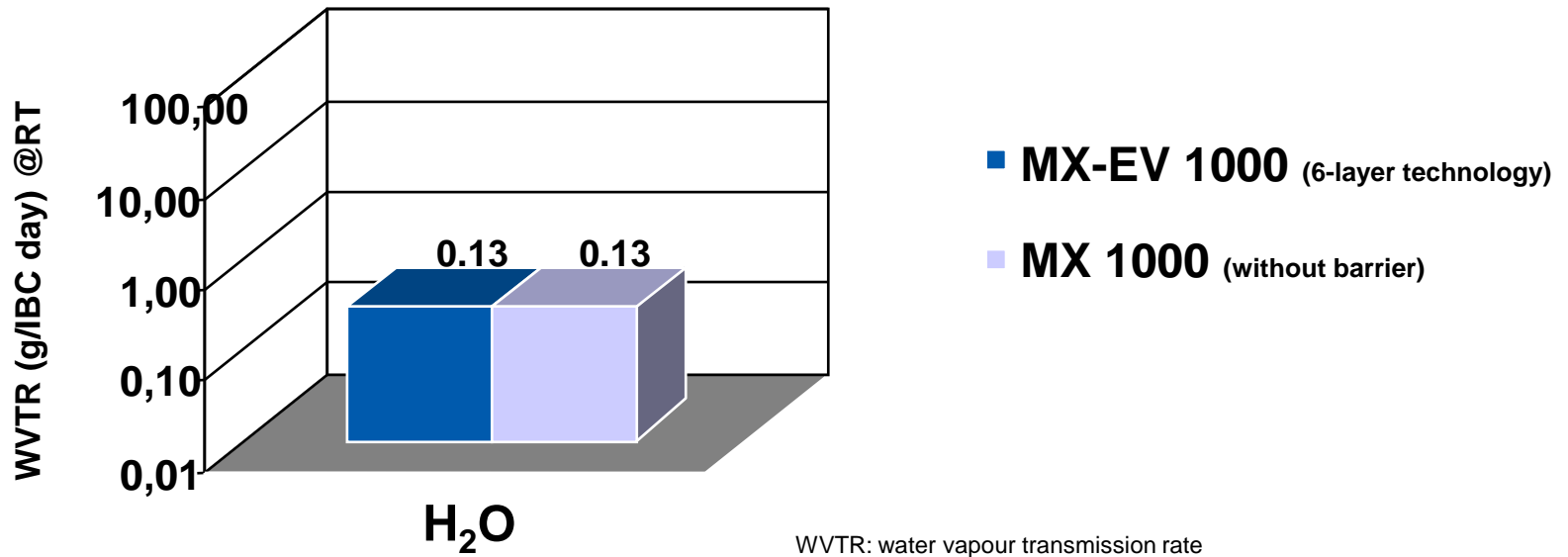
Model fluids for crop protection products

Tested using the same criteria

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation comparison: MX-EV 1000 vs. MX 1000

- Water vapour



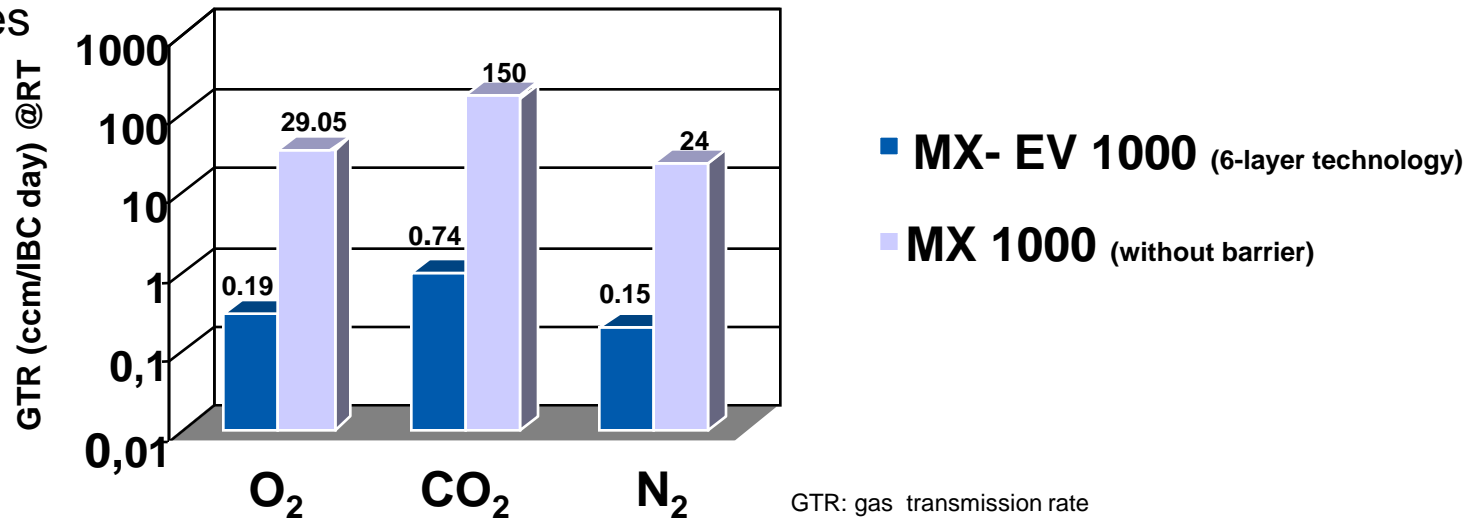
### MX-EV 1000

Water barrier: **comparable to the barrier of MX 1000**

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation comparison: MX-EV 1000 vs. MX 1000

- Gases



### MX-EV 1000

Oxygen barrier: **+ 150 times**

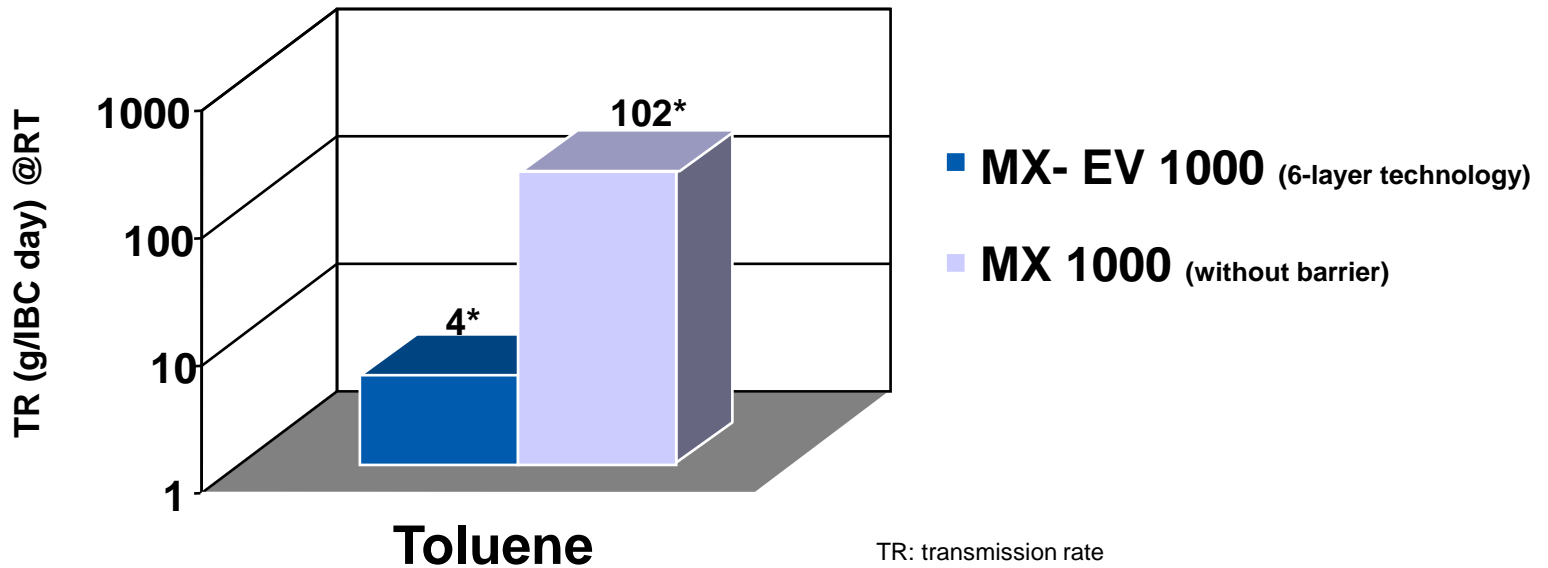
CO<sub>2</sub> barrier: **+ 200 times**

Nitrogen barrier: **+ 160 times**

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation comparison: MX-EV 1000 vs. MX 1000

- Solvent



### MX-EV 1000

Toluene barrier: **+ 25 times**

\* Computed values for a IBC including a screw cap DN150 and outlet valve DN50

# Basics on permeation and EVOH

## Permeation comparison

- Permeation of **benzene**, **toluene**, and **xylene** starting from a mixture of these solvents\*

\*Test performed with 1l bottles

