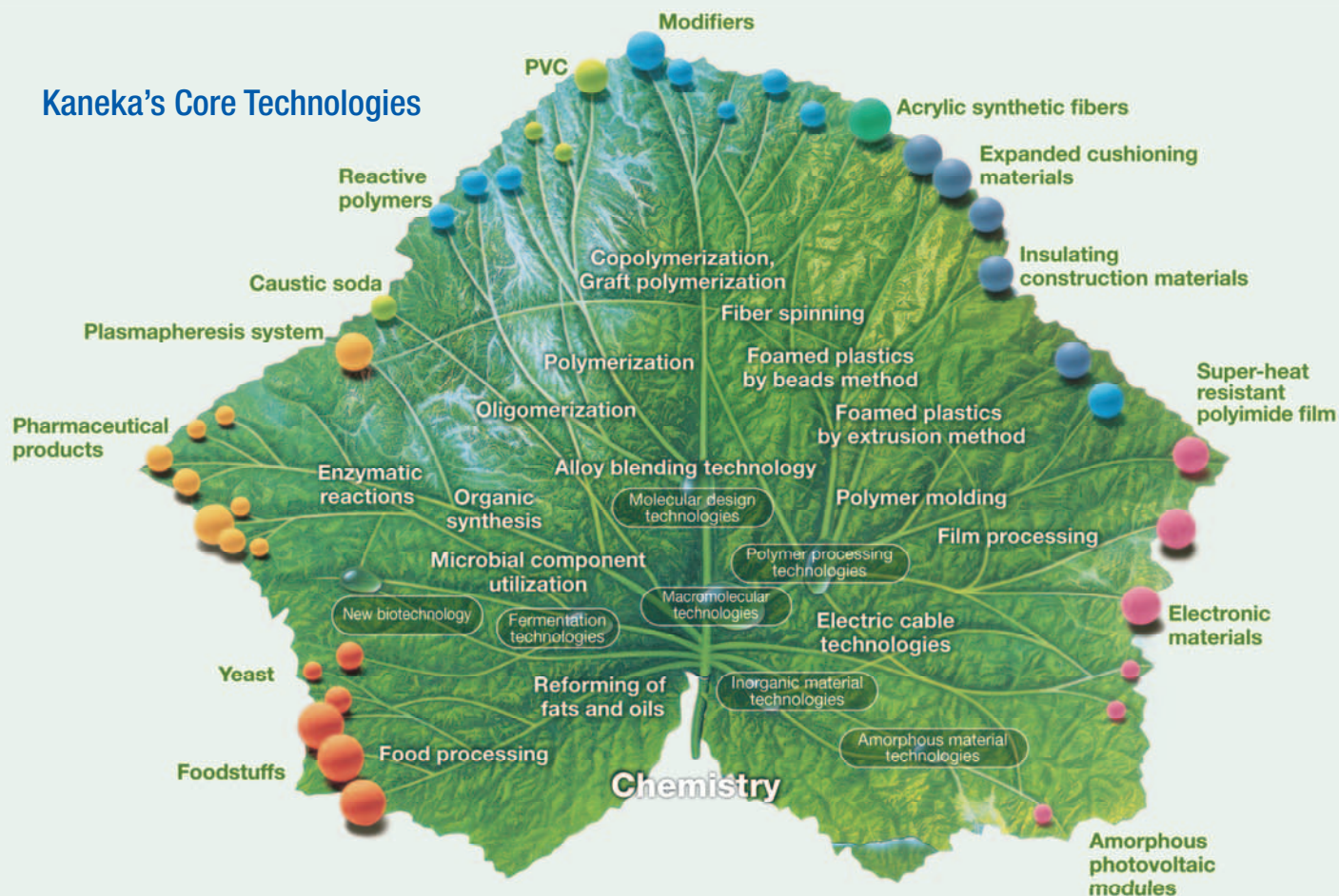


Profile

Kaneka Corporation was established in 1949 as a spin-off from the Kanegafuchi Spinning Co., Ltd. Initially, Kaneka's main products included caustic soda, soap, cosmetics, edible oils and electrical wires. Later the Company diversified into polymers, fermentation, biotechnology and electronics, as well as other fields. Business activities now span a broad spectrum of markets ranging from plastics, EPS resins, chemicals and foodstuffs to pharmaceuticals, medical devices, electrical and electronic materials and synthetic fibers. The Company has been a leader among Japanese chemical companies in establishing overseas operations, beginning in 1970 with a subsidiary in Belgium. Kaneka now has overseas subsidiaries in Belgium, the United States, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Australia and Vietnam.

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