Bio-PET

PET (Polyethyeleneterephthalate) is used in a variety of applications, especially in the making of durable bottles. There is a significant increase in interest of late in producing PET from renewable sources.

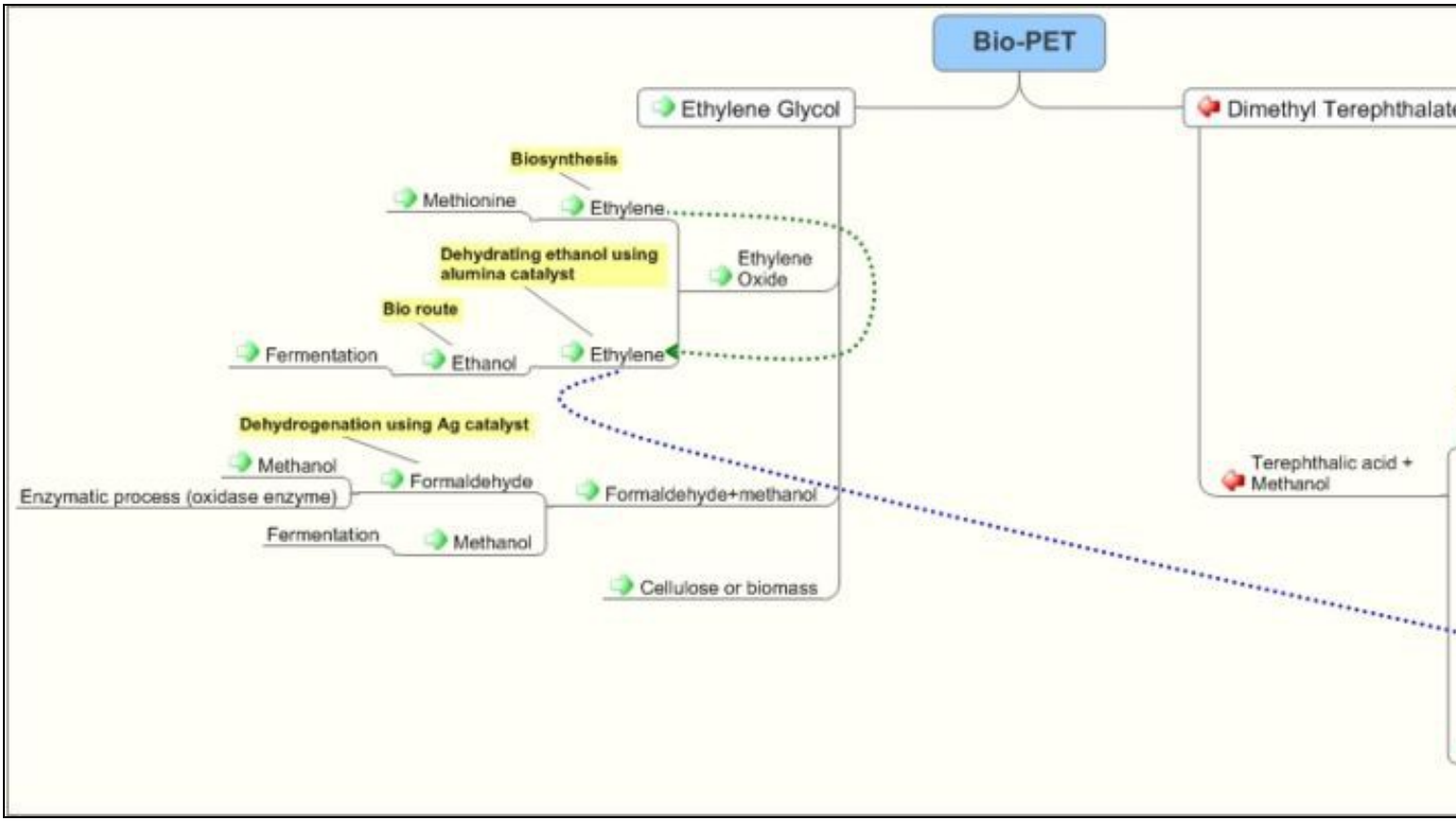
This report describes the various techniques being used in the production of PET from sources such as cellulose. The report covers:

1. Various pathways for production of PET from renewable sources
2. All the catalysts (e.g. Hydrogen, Sodium, etc.) and techniques (e.g. catalytic dehydration) used in production of each of the intermediate compounds (e.g. ethylene glycol)
3. Search strategies for patents for the various pathways and methods for production of ethylene glycol and dimethyl terephthalate, which are then used to produce PET
4. Classification and in-depth analysis of the patents
5. Presentation of results of the patent analysis on the Dolcera dashboard

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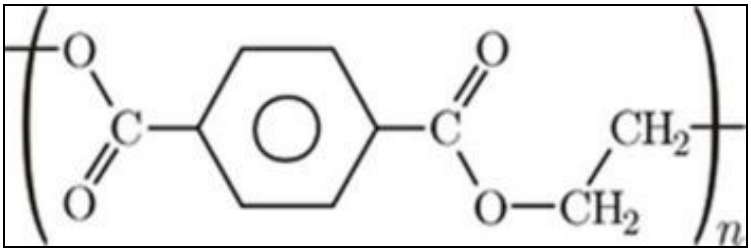
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Pathways for production of Polyethyeleneterephthalate



Pathways for preparation of PET

Polyethylene terephthalate



- Polyethylene terephthalate**($(C_{10}H_8O_4)_n$)** (sometimes written poly(ethylene terephthalate)), is also abbreviated as PET, PETE, or PETP or PET-P)
- Some of the trade names of PET products are Dacron, Diolen, Tergal, Terylene, and Trevira fibers, Cleartuf, Eastman PET and Polyclear bottle resins, Hostaphan, Melinex, and Mylar films, and Arnite, Ertalyte, Impet, Rynite and Valox injection molding resins.
- The materials that can be prepared using PET are bottles, tapes, films or pulled into fibers that are pressed into meshes or woven into fabrics.

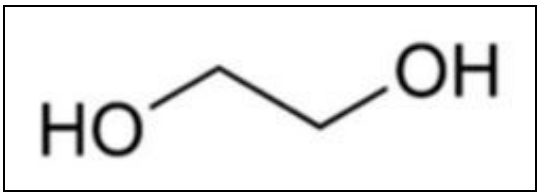
Preparation of Polyethyleneterephthalate

- Polyethyleneterephthalate is prepared by reacting Dimethylterephthalate with Ethylene glycol in the presence of a catalyst. Dimethylterephthalate is obtained by treating Terephthalic acid with methanol. The catalyst is a salt of a metal like calcium, barium, cadmium, cobalt, lead, manganese, tin, zinc and chromium and a material selected from the group consisting of hydroxybenzophenone carboxylic acids and hydroxyacetophenone carboxylic acids. Source

(Terephthalic acid) + $2CH_3OH$? (Dimethylterephthalate)

(Dimethylterephthalate) + $CH_2(OH)CH_2(OH)$ + Catalyst ? (Polyethyleneterephthalate)

Ethylene glycol



Ethylene glycol

- Ethylene glycol**($C_2H_4(OH)_2$)**, (monoethylene glycol (MEG), 1,2-ethanediol, IUPAC name: ethane-1,2- diol,)
- Ethylene glycol is an odorless, colorless, syrupy, sweet tasting, toxic liquid.
- It is used as a heat transfer chemical i.e., as a coolant. Due to its low freezing point it is used as a deicing fluid for windshields and aircraft.
- Ethylene glycol is widely used to inhibit the formation of natural gas clathrates in long multiphase pipelines. Then ethylene glycol can be recovered from the natural gas and reused as an inhibitor after purification treatment that removes water and inorganic salts.
- Ethylene glycol has become increasingly important in the plastics industry for the manufacture of polyester fibers and resins, including polyethylene terephthalate, which is used to make plastic bottles for soft drinks. The antifreeze capabilities of ethylene glycol have made it an important component of vitrification mixtures for low-temperature preservation of biological tissues and organs.
- Ethylene glycol may also be used as a protecting group for carbonyl groups in organic synthesis.
- Ethylene glycol's high boiling point and affinity for water makes it an ideal desiccant for natural gas production.

Source

Preparation of Ethylene Glycol

Ethylene glycol is prepared in the following ways:

1. From ethylene: Ethylene is oxidized to ethylene oxide. Ethylene oxide upon hydrolysis ethylene glycol is prepared.

7 $H_2C{=}CH_2$ + 6 O_2 ? 6 C_2H_4O + 2 CO_2 + 2 H_2O

C_2H_4O + H_2O ? $HOCH_2CH_2OH$

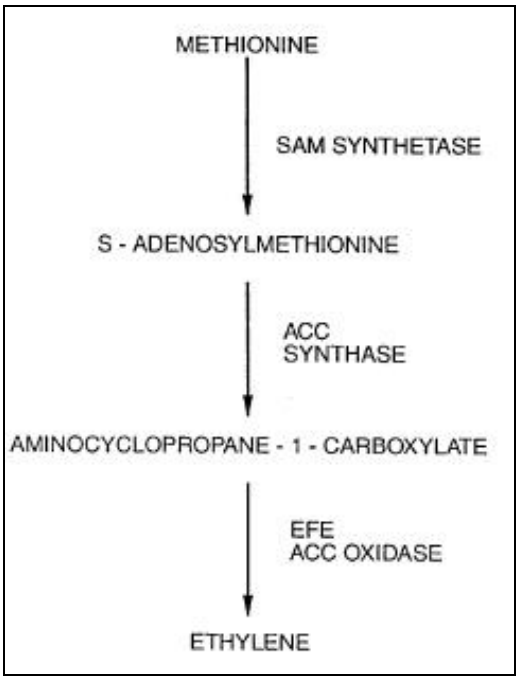
2. Ethylene glycol is prepared by reacting formaldehyde with methanol in the presence of organic peroxide(ditertiarybutylperoxide) Source

CH_3OH + HCHO + $(CH_3)_3OOC(CH_3)_3$? $CH_2(OH)CH_2(OH)$

Note: In the above two preparation methods for ethylene glycol we have used ethylene, methanol, formaldehyde. The following are their preparations:

Ethylene preparation:

1. Ethylene is prepared biologically from methionine by using enzymes.Source



Ethylene biosynthesis

2. Ethanol upon dehydrating in the presence of catalyst ethylene is prepared.Source

$C_2H_5OH + Al_2O_3$(Catalyst) ? $H_2C=CH_2 + H_2O$

Methanol preparation: Biological process

Methanol is prepared through fermentation process. Vegetable materials are fermented anerobically in the presence of *Zymomonas mobilis* bacteria. In this process ethanol and methanol are the products. Methanol is separated from ethanol by distillation. Source

Formaldehyde preparation:

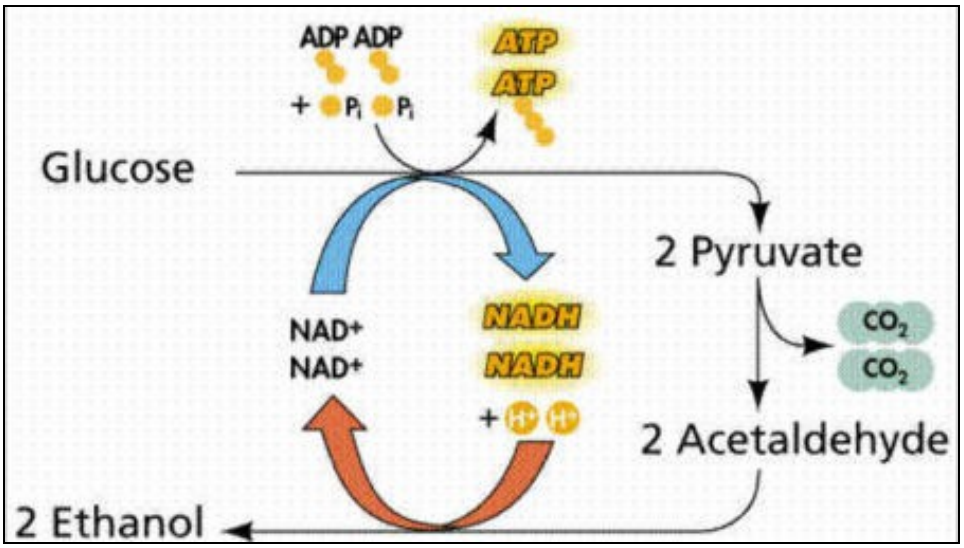
1. Formaldehyde is prepared enzymatically. In this process the lower alkyl alcohols are converted into lower aldehydes by using oxidase enzymes. Source

2. Formaldehyde is prepared by dehydrogenation of methanol using a catalyst. The catalyst is silver or silver/gold alloy on an inert hard, nonporous support. Source

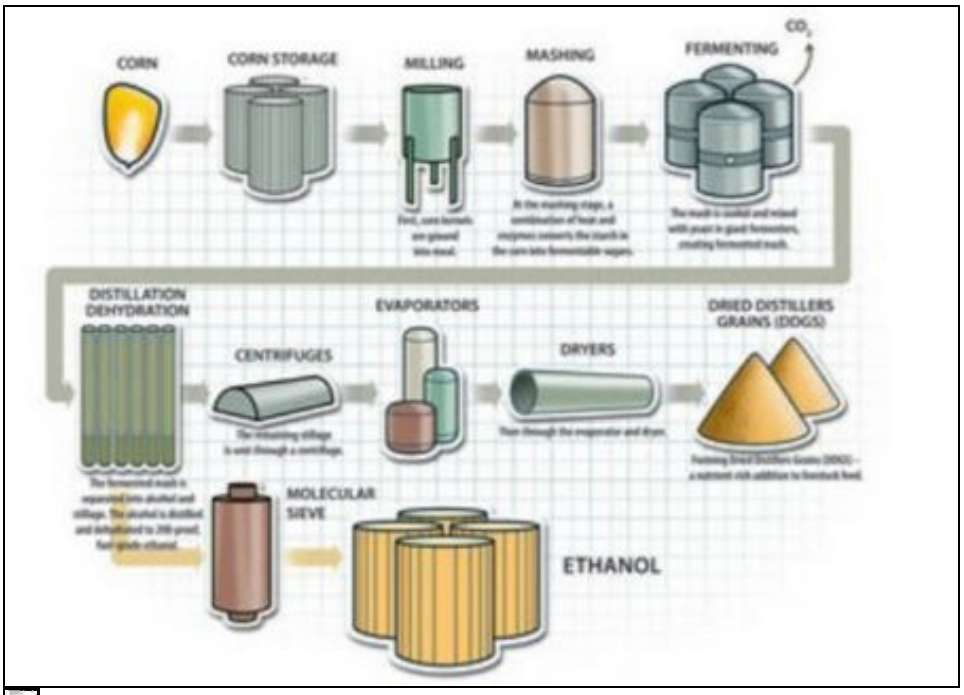
CH_3OH + Ag (or Ag/Au alloy)(Catalyst) ? HCHO + H_2

Ethanol preparation:

Ethanol is prepared by fermentation process.

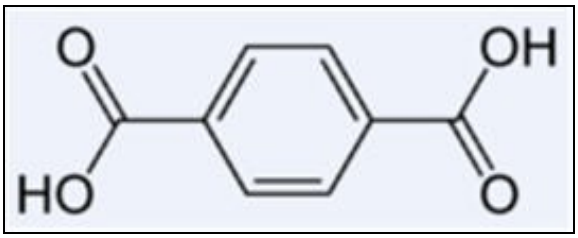


Ethanol - fermentation



Ethanol through Fermentation

Terephthalic acid

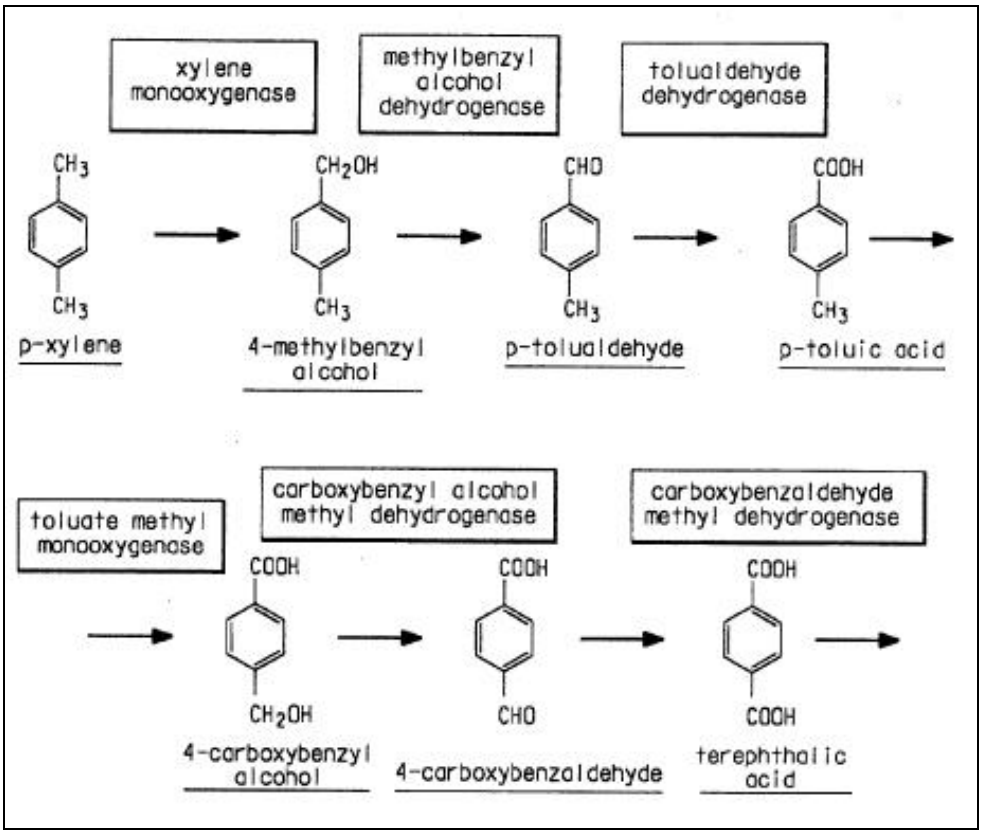


Terephthalic acid

- Terephthalic acid**($C_6H_4(CO_2H)_2$)** is a colourless solid, used principally as a precursor to the polyester PET, used to make clothing and plastic bottles. Several billion kilograms are produced annually. It is one of three isomeric phthalic acids.
- Virtually the entire world's supply of terephthalic acid and dimethyl terephthalate are consumed as precursors to polyethylene terephthalate (PET) Source

Preparation of Terephthalic acid

- Biological preparation of Terephthalic acid Source



Biological preparation of Terephthalic Acid

Preparation of *p*-Xylene:

p-Xylene is prepared from toluene in the presence of a catalyst. This is a methylation reaction. The methylating agents are methanol, methyl chloride, methyl bromide, dimethylether or dimethylsulfide. The catalyst used is ZSM-23 zeolite material. Here this catalyst is used for attacking the methyl group in the para position of the toluene. Source

Toluene + Methylating agent + ZSM-23 Zeolite(Catalyst)? P-xylene

Preparation of Toluene:
1. Toluene is an aromatic extract from the tropical colombian tree *Myroxylon Balsamum* Source
2. Toluene is prepared from wastes like old trees, cable wastes, polyethylene waster and polypropylene wastes. In this process the waste products are pulverised and heated to a temperature range of 150?C to 500?C at a pressure of 20 to 300 bar Source

Note-Today most of the ethylene manufacturers are producing ethylene through petroleum cracking.

Search Strategy

- Database - Micropat
- We conducted search on concepts that have a biological method of preparation only.
- We have not conducted search on production of ethanol (from which we prepare ethylene) since that is not the focus of this project.

- **NOTE**: Explanation of Query Concepts
- Query 1 - All Biological Process
- Query 2 - Ethanol Fermentation
- Final Query - Query 1 + Query 2

Issue/Publication Years: 1836 - Date (9th June 2009)

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		Full patent spec.	"1,4-dimethylbenzene" OR "p-methyltoluene" OR "1,4-xylene" OR *5dimethylbenzene OR *5xylene OR *3methyltoluene	507183 hits
4		Combined Query	1 AND 2 AND 3	25(**20 Unique hits)**
5	**Production of Ethylene from Ethanol**	Claims, Title or Abstract	Ethanol OR (ethyl ADJ1 alcohol) OR (grain ADJ1 alcohol)	134288 hits
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8		Claims, Title or Abstract	(dehydrat* OR (water ADJ1 removal) OR hypohydrat* OR cataly* OR zeolite* OR silica OR alumina OR (trifluoromethanesulfonic ADJ1 acid) OR evaporat* OR desiccation OR drying OR trifluoromethanesulfonicacid OR (water NEAR5 remov*))	1643133 hits
9		Any Classification	C07C OR B01D	1267051 hits
10		Combined Query	5 AND 6 AND 7 AND 8 AND 9	2606 **(1863 Unique hits)**
11	**Production of Ethylene through Biological process**	Claims, Title or Abstract	((bio OR biological) SAME (prepare OR preparation OR extract OR extraction OR synthesis OR syntheses OR sinthisis OR synthesize OR production OR produce OR making OR manufactur*3 OR transformation OR transform OR conversation OR cataly*3)) OR ferment* OR microorganism* OR microb* OR *bacteria*	360711 hits
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13		Full patent spec.	*methionine OR (acc ADJ1 synthase) OR "1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate synthase" OR ACCsynthase OR (*2aminocyclopropane*3carboxylate ADJ1 synthase)	60755 hits
14			C12N OR C12P	570454
15		Combined Query	11 AND 12 AND 13	237 (**131 Unique hits**)
19	**Ethylene oxide from ethylene**	Claims, Title or Abstract	(Ethylene OR ethene OR acetene OR (bicarburetted ADJ1 hydrogen) OR elayl OR Etileno OR ethylene* OR ((C2 OR "C.sub.2") NEAR5 olefins))	410332 hits
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27	**Preparation of benzeneamide from benzene nitrile**	Claims, Title or Abstract	(benzonitrile OR (benzene ADJ1 nitrile)OR cyanobenzene OR (cyno ADJ1 benzene) OR (Benzene ADJ1 cyanide) OR (phenyl ADJ1 cyanide)OR (Benzene ADJ1 carbo ADJ1 nitrile) OR (Benzoic ADJ1 acid ADJ1 nitrile))	41789 hits
28		Claims, Title or Abstract	(microorganism* OR microb* OR bacteria OR yeast OR fungi OR bacteri* OR bioproduction OR biosynthesi*)	339673 hits
29		Full patent spec.	(benzene ADJ1 amide) OR (phenyl ADJ1 amide)OR amide)	143811 hits
30		Combined query	27 AND 28 AND 29	305(**162 unique hits)**
15	**All Combined**		4 OR 10 OR 15 OR 23 OR 26 OR 30	5674 **(3644 unique records)**
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4		Combined query	1 AND 2 AND 3	3905(**2207 unique hits)**
Relevancy-50%				
Final Query				
Final Query		Combined query	**Query1 + Query 2**	9669(**5847 unique hits)**
Relevancy-30%				

Note:The above mentioned benzamide is converted to benzoic acid which is then converted to terephthalic acid.

- **Benzoic acid to terepthalic acid** US2823230
- **Benzene amide to benzoic acid** US5932454A

New search stratergy

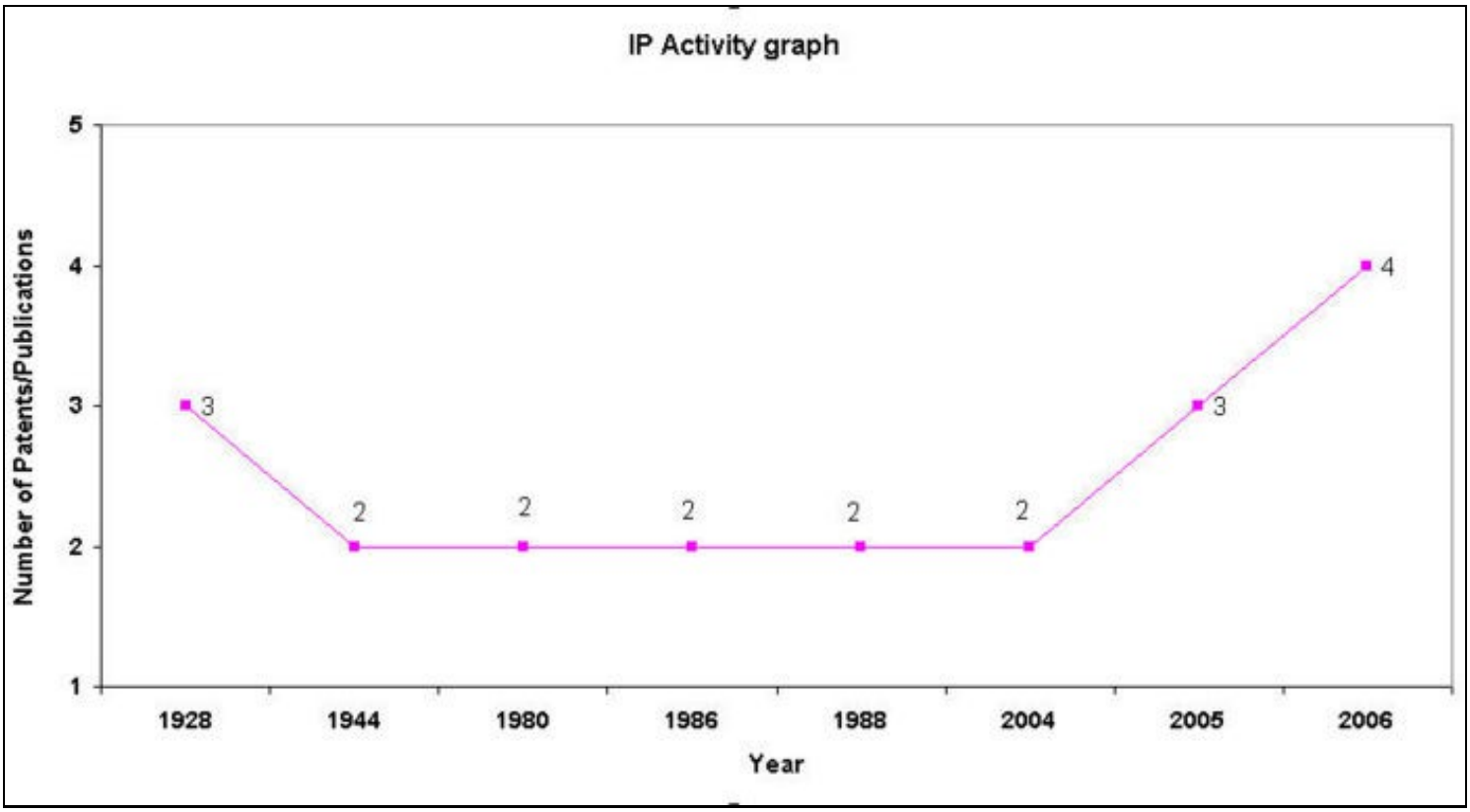
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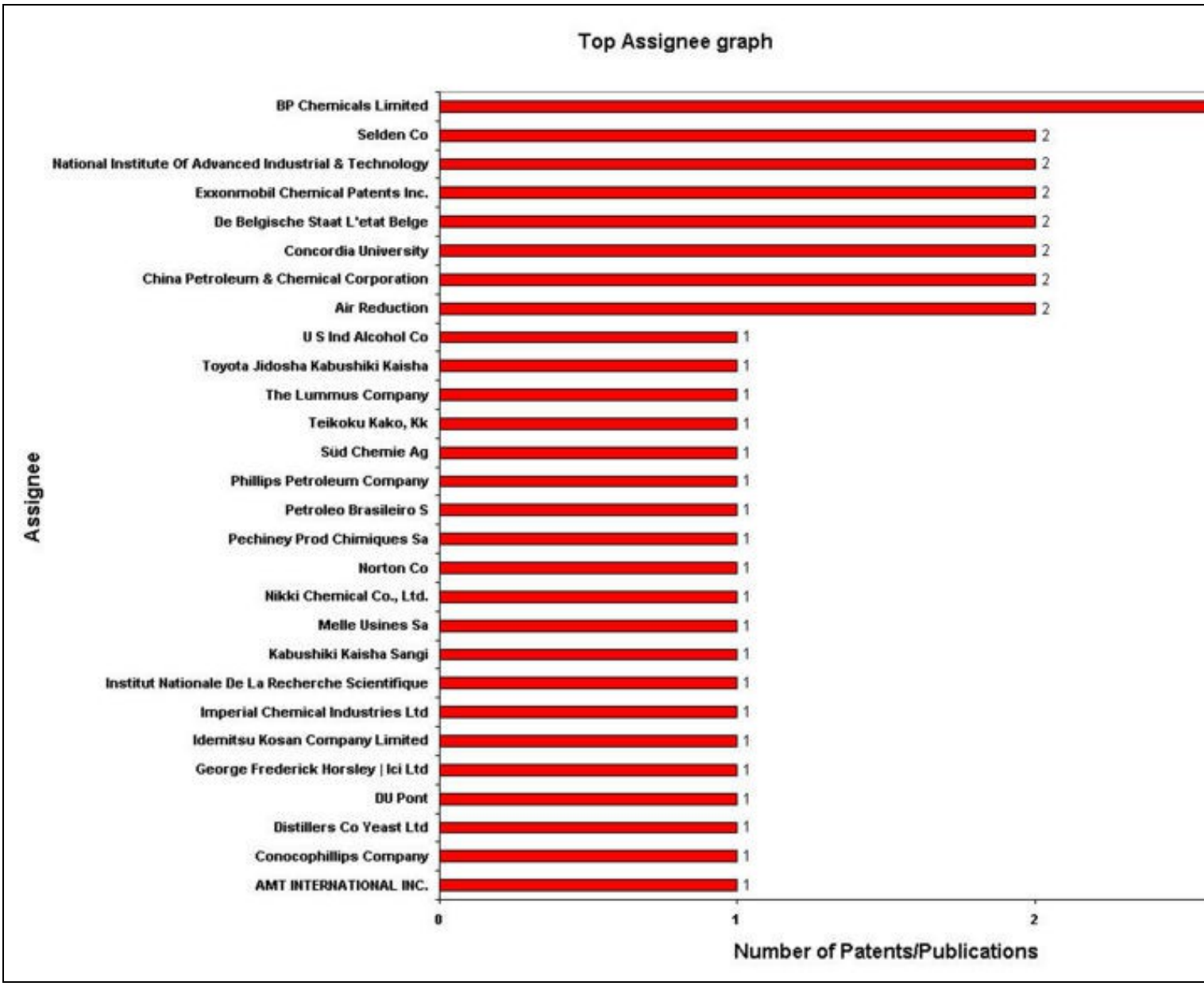
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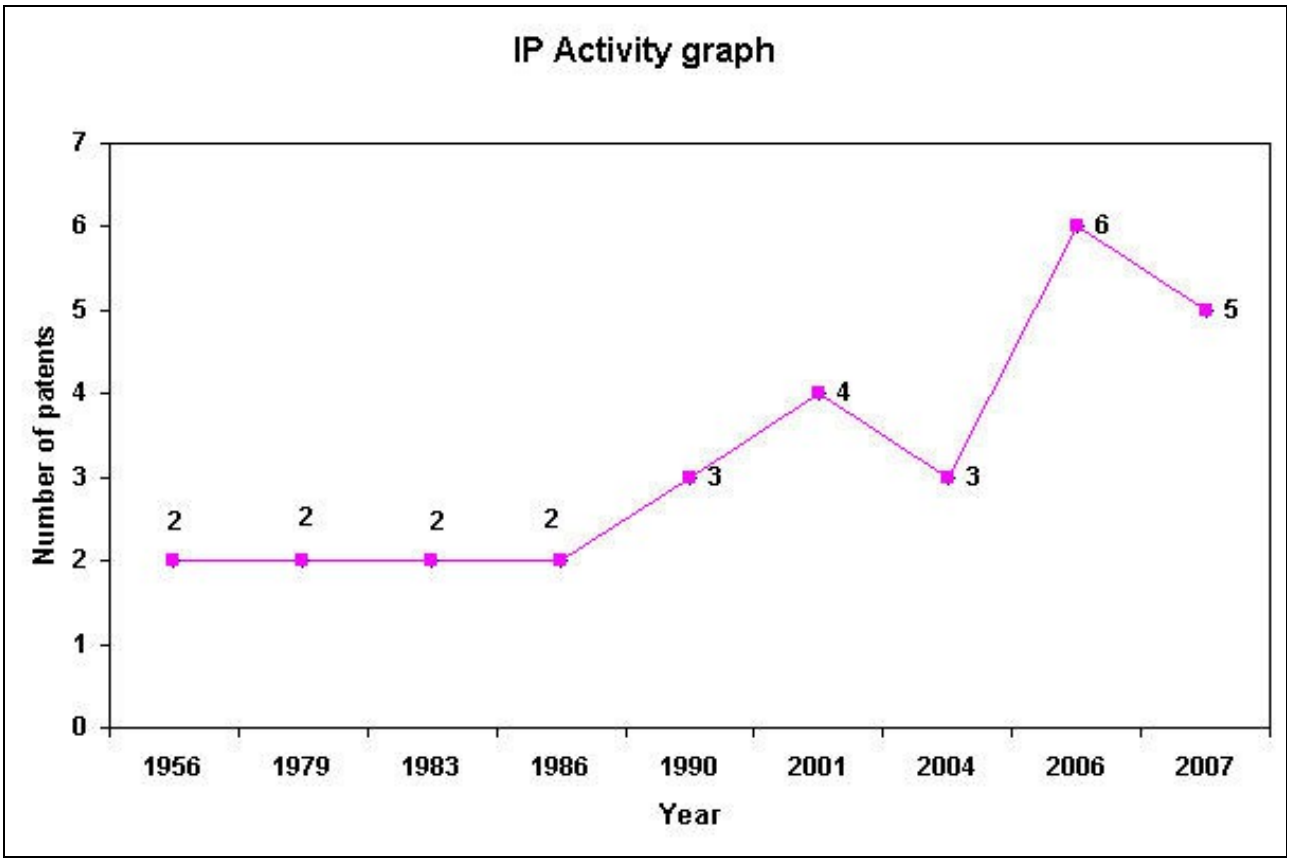
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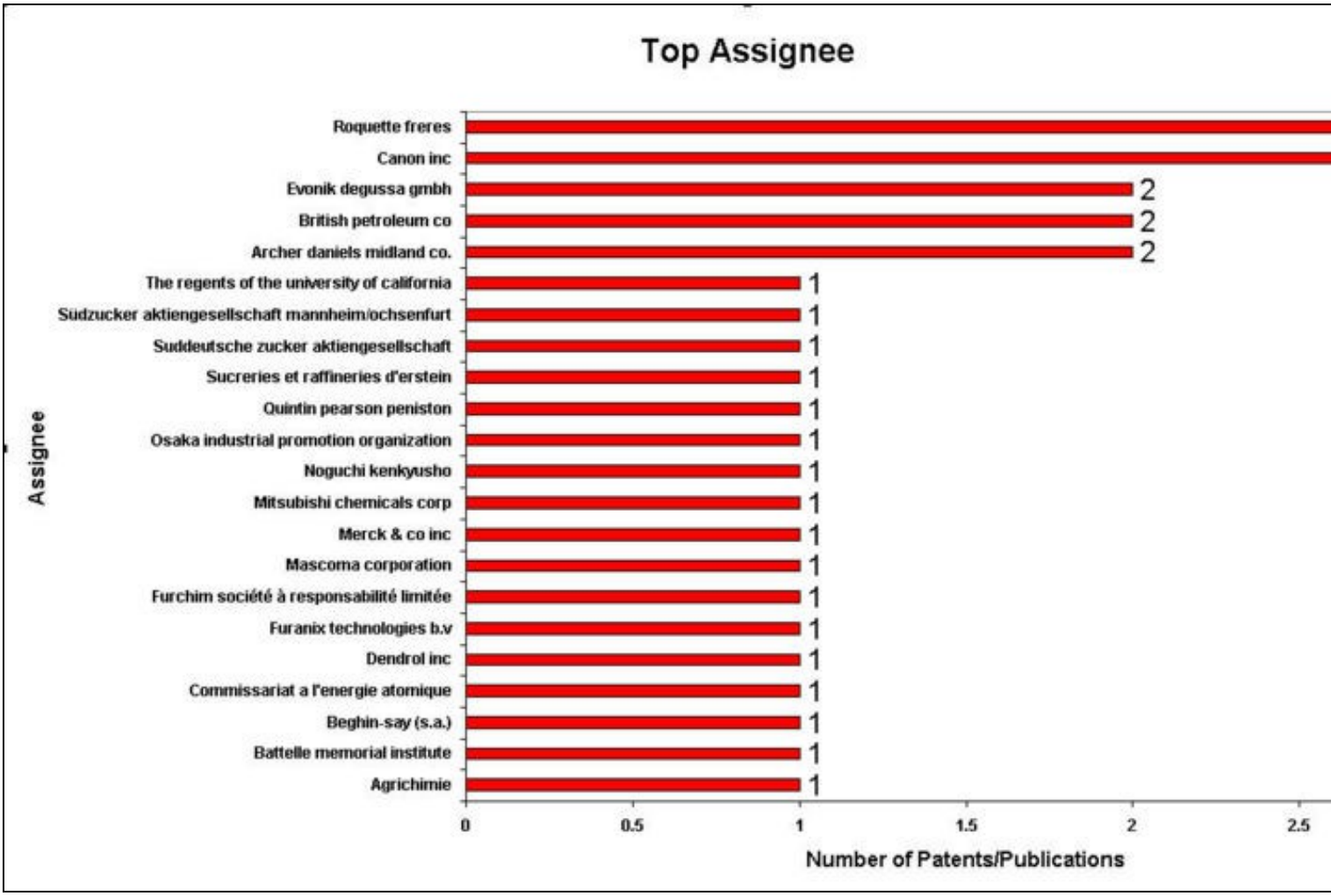
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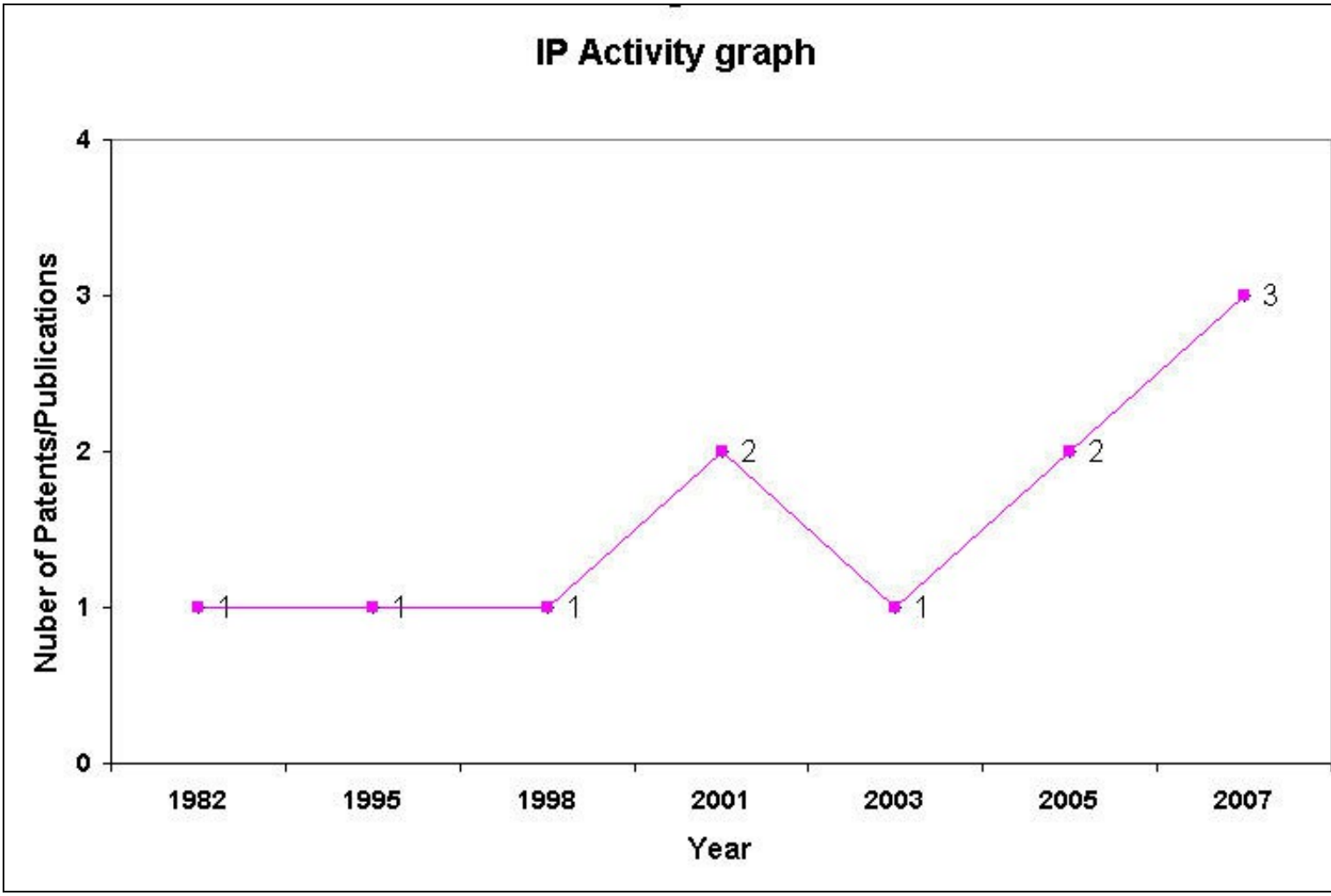
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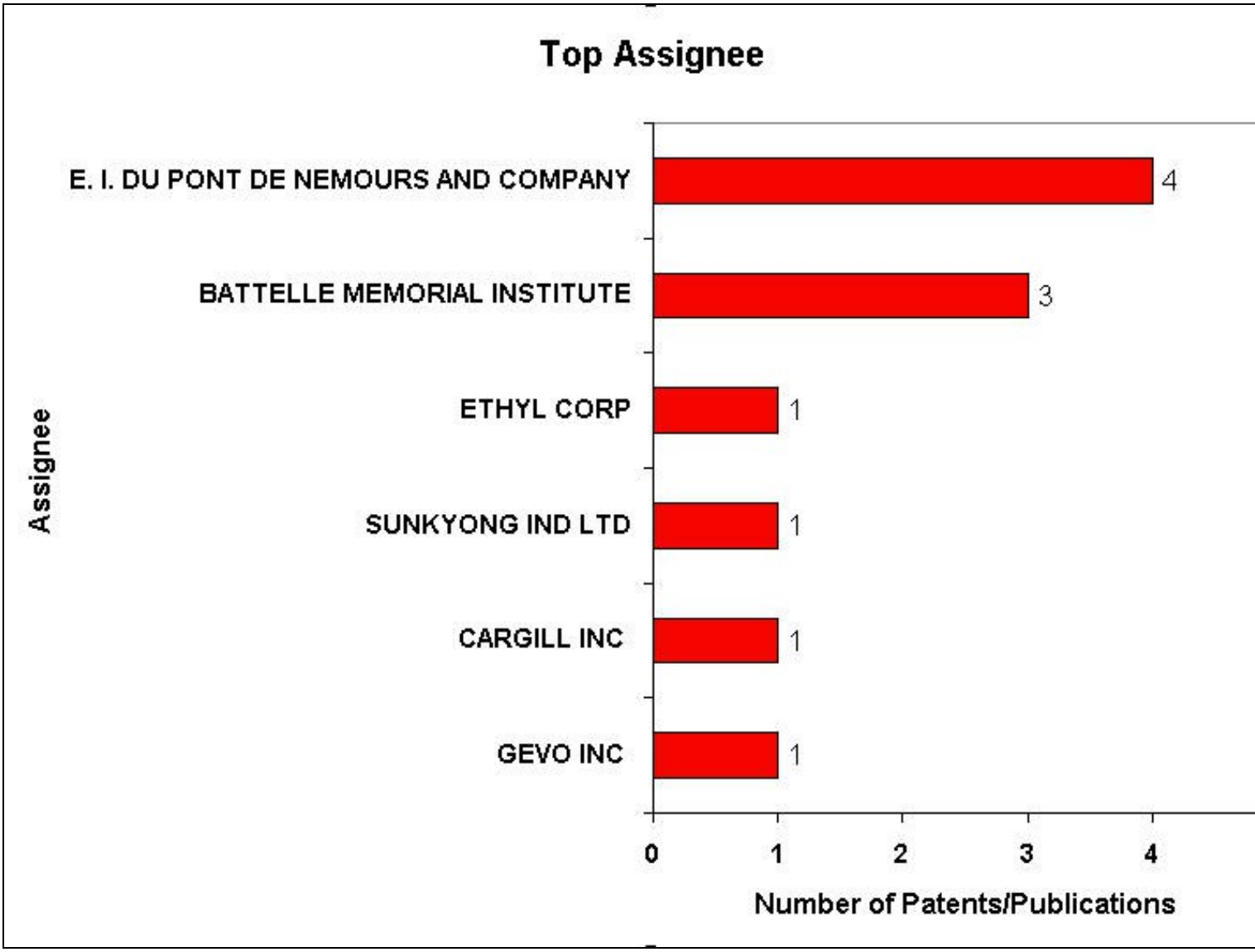
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