

# **Marketplace Opportunities Integration of Biobased & Conventional Plastics Forum**

**Project Partners: MN Corn Growers  
Assoc., MN Soybean Growers Assoc.,  
Jim Lunt & Associates LLC**



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# About AURI

**The Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) helps develop new uses for agricultural products through science and technology, partnering with businesses and entrepreneurs to bring ideas to reality. We work in four core industry areas:**

- **Food**
- **Renewable energy**
- **Biobased products**
- **Coproduct utilization**



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# From Idea to Reality

**At AURI, we believe that implementing innovation takes:**

- **good ideas, generated through applied research with our partners,**
- **hands-on scientific technical assistance, and**
- **a strong resource network.**

**In the end, this all works together to generate economic impact.**



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# Why We're Here Today

So, today we have some idea-generating research that we want to share with you.



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# Why We're Here Today

## Purpose-Outcomes

- Present an accurate portrayal of the plastics industry and opportunities for additional development of biobased materials/plastics.
- The potential market for biobased materials offers opportunity for agricultural commodities and coproducts and to create economic impact for MN.



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# Introductions

- Over 40+ years in the plastic's industry.
- One of the founding members of NatureWorks LLC.
- A recipient of the Green Chemistry Award in 2002.
- Managing Director of Jim Lunt & Associates LLC., specializing in the emerging bioplastics industry.



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# Marketplace Opportunities for the Integration of Biobased and Conventional Plastics

## Sponsors:

- Agricultural Utilization Research Institute(AURI).
- Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council.
- Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council.



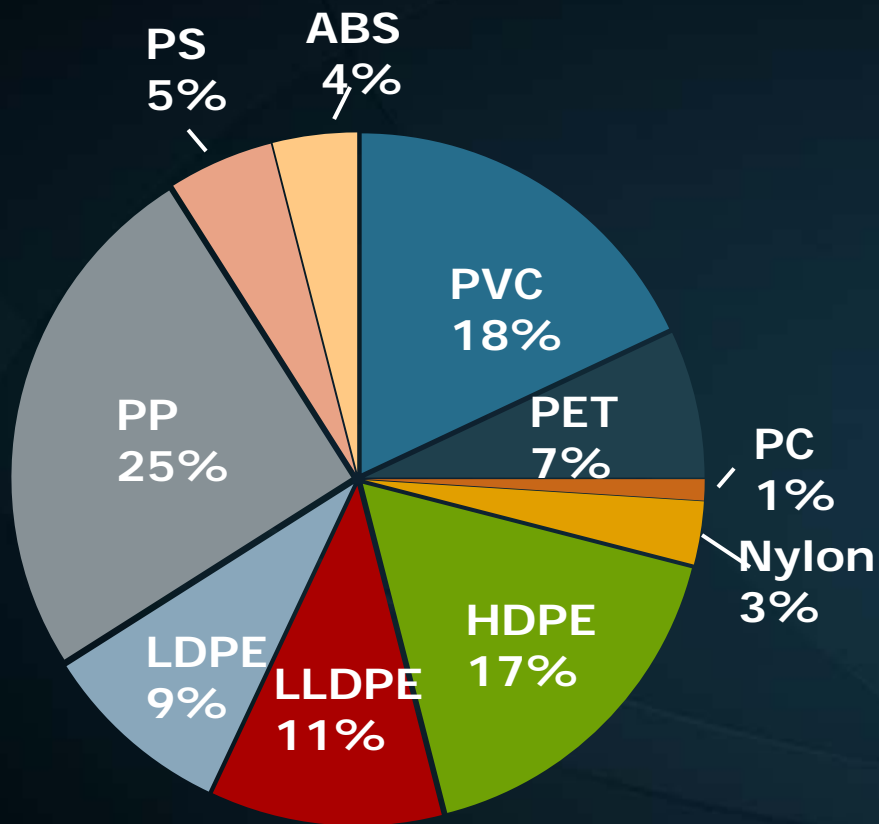


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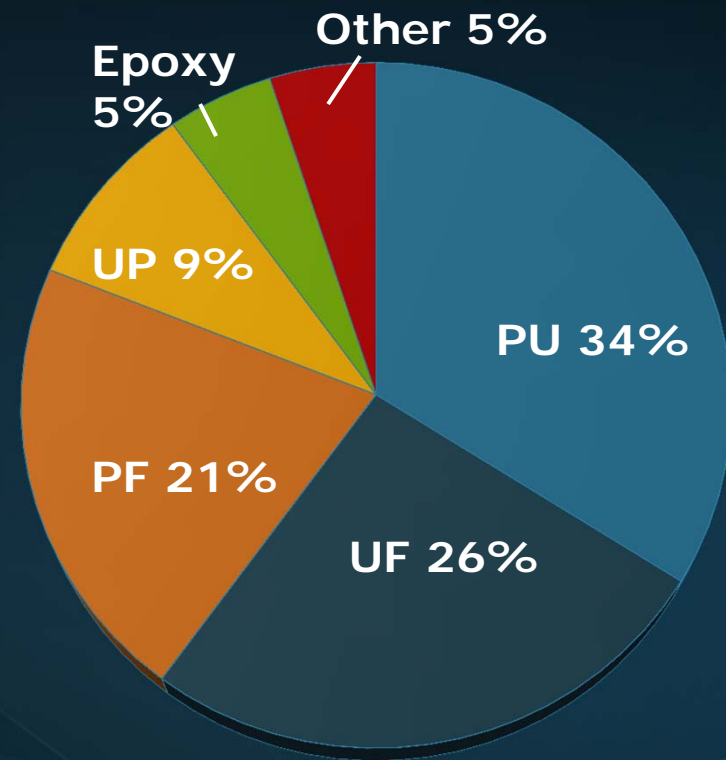
- ❖ The Oil Based Plastics Industry.
- ❖ Evolution and Drivers for Bioplastics.
- ❖ Bioplastics Definitions and Classification.
- ❖ First and Second Generation Bioplastics.
- ❖ Bioplastics Growth Projections and Market Trends.
- ❖ Developments in Feedstocks.
- ❖ Conclusions.



# Conventional Oil Based Plastics



**Thermoplastics**  
(270 million tonnes in 2014)



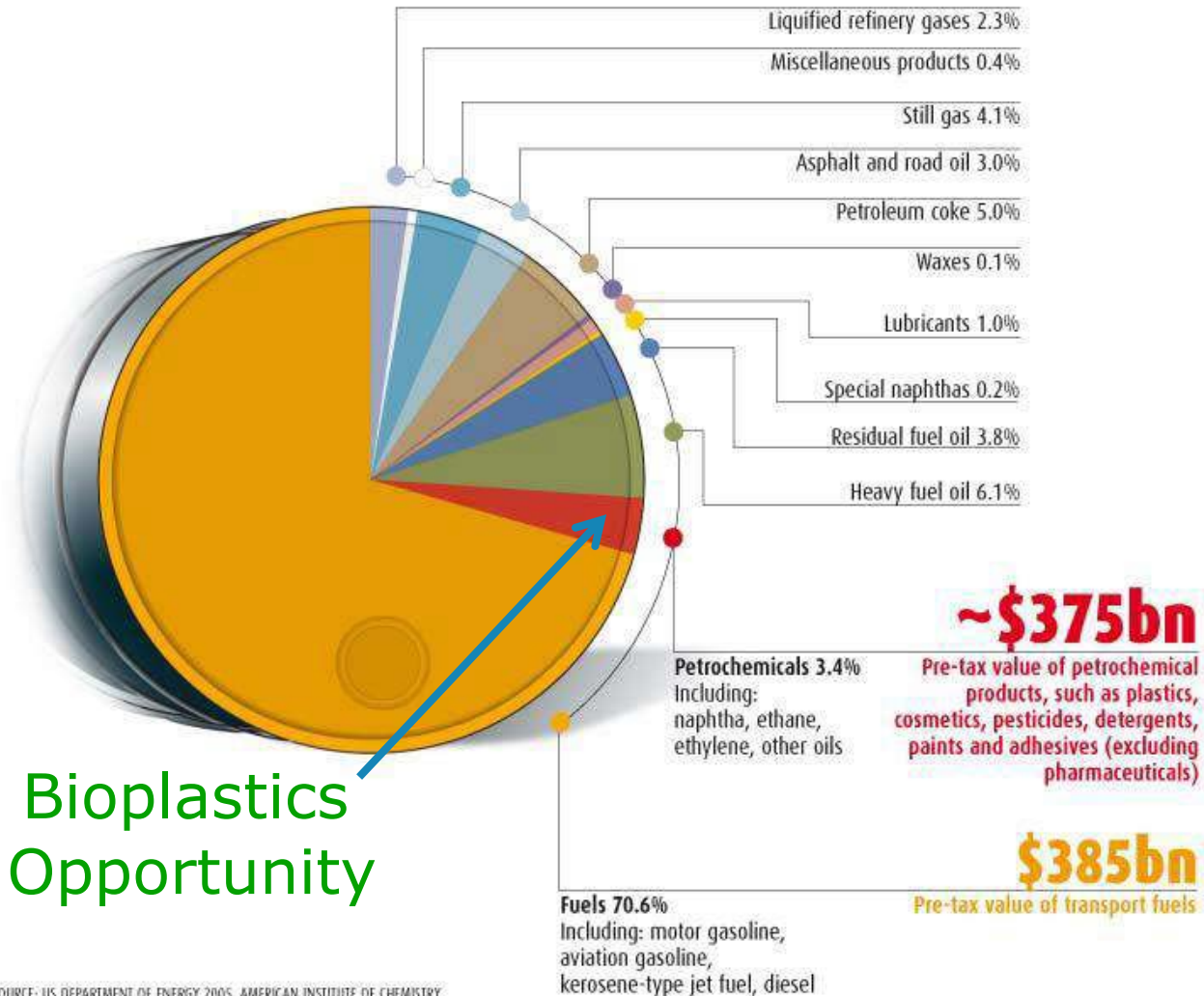
**Thermosets**  
(90 million tonnes in 2016)



# The Bioplastics Opportunity

## OIL BARREL BREAKDOWN

Despite consuming a small fraction of US oil compared with fuel, petrochemical products are worth more



Bioplastics  
Opportunity

SOURCE: US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 2005, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY

# Evolution of Bio plastics Drivers

- 1990. "New" biodegradable/compostable plastics.  
Alternative disposal option to landfills.  
Single use applications. Starch/sugar feedstocks.
- 2000. Compostable/renewable resource alternatives  
to oil based plastics.
- 2005. Sustainability, compostable, GHG, energy use,  
LCA, Legislation.
- 2010. Durable biobased equivalents to oil based plastics.
- 2014. Durable, biobased content, sustainability.  
Monomers from non food renewable resources.  
Alternative feedstocks.





# Today's Drivers for Bioplastics

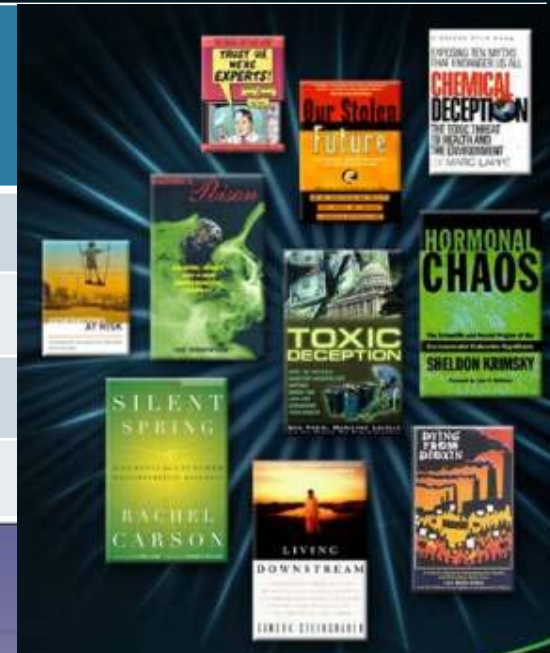
Renewable resource versus oil based.

Reduced environmental impact.

Concerns about human health.

End-of-Life disposal issues – Landfill.

Legislative initiatives.



# Definitions for Bio Plastics

## Biodegradable or Compostable Bioplastics

Meet all scientifically recognized standards for biodegradability and compostability of plastics and plastic products.

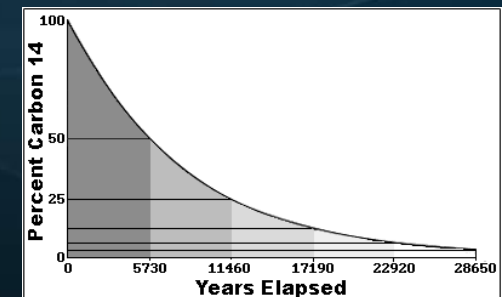


Independent of carbon origin-(i.e. Ecoflex, PBS, PLA ).  
Focus is on end-of-life or disposability.

## Biobased Products

Must be organic and contain some percentage of recently fixed (new) carbon found in biological resources or crops.

Focus on renewable resource based origin.  
Uses  $C^{14}$  content measurement.



# Classification of Bioplastics

Biobased

Are biobased

Are biodegradable and biobased

Bioplastics  
*e.g. biobased PE,  
PET,PA,PTT*

Bioplastics  
*e.g. PLA,PHA,  
PBS, starch  
blends*

Non Biodegradable

Biodegradable

Conventional plastics  
*Nearly all conventional  
plastics  
e.g. PE,PP,PET*

Bioplastics  
*e.g. PBAT,PCL*

Fossil based

Are biodegradable

Eu. Bioplastics



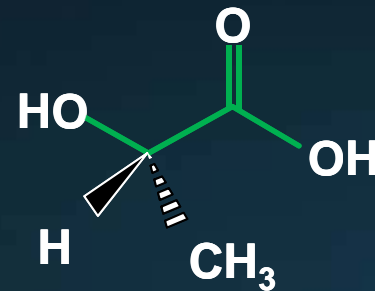
# First Generation Bioplastics

Starch/PLA/ECOFLEX

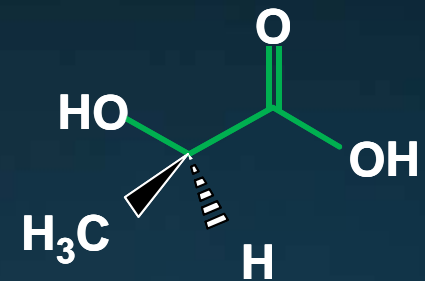


Compounded,  
Biobased  
& Compostable

Polylactic Acid (PLA)



L-Lactic Acid



D-Lactic Acid  
(0.5%)

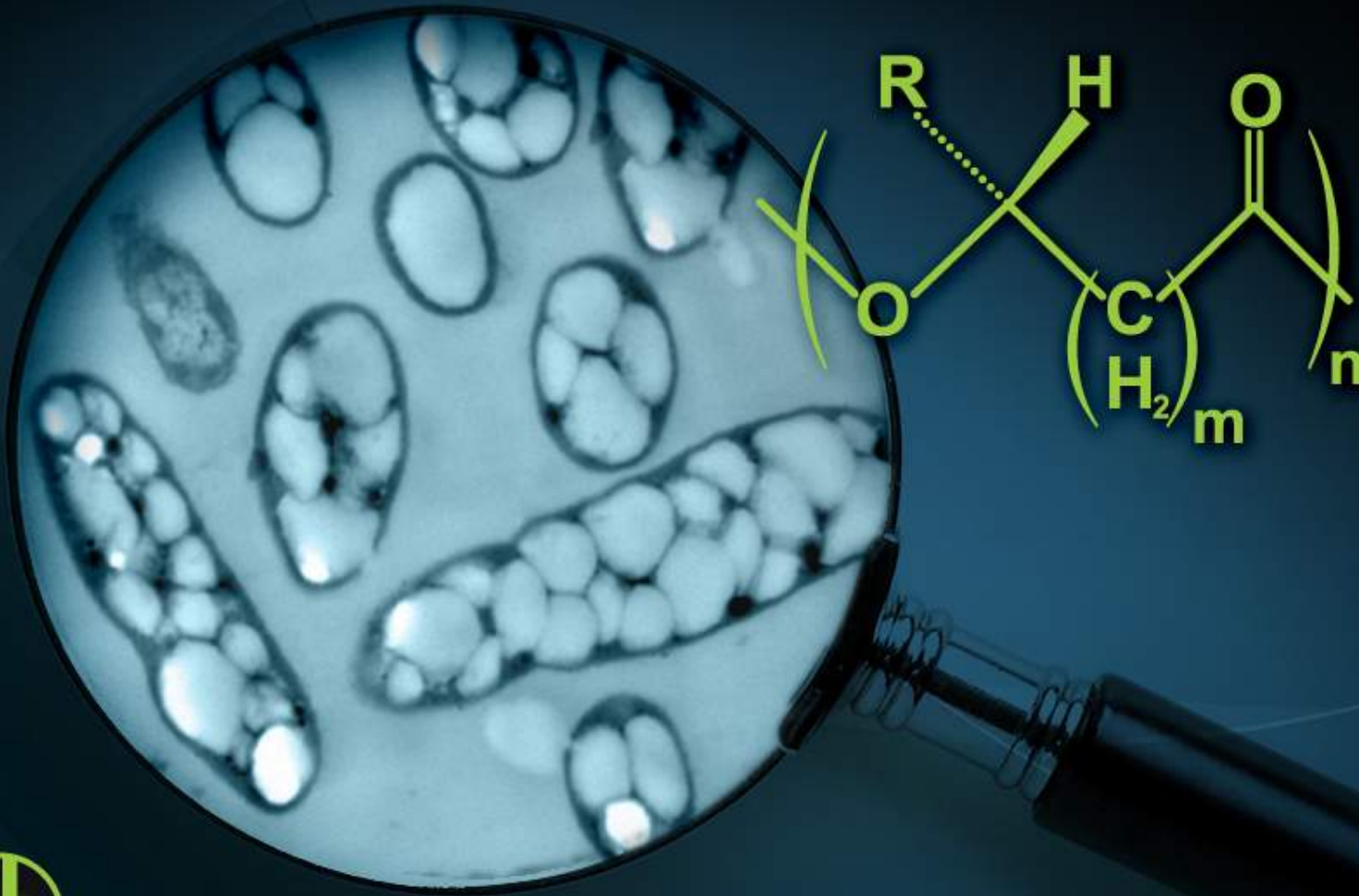
100% Renewable & Compostable





# First Generation PHA's

Compostable, biodegradable and renewable



PHA picture courtesy of Telles

# Target Plastics and Applications for First Generation Bioplastics

Polystyrene.

Single use food serviceware- Rigid trays, containers, cutlery, cups, packaging.

PVC.

Gift cards and cash cards.

PET.

Food trays, containers, film and fibers.

ABS.

3D printing (Emerging application PLA/starch blends)



# Polymer Properties

Property	Units	PLA	PS	PET	PVC*	PP
Tens. St.	MPa.	53.1	45.5	58.6	49	35.9
Elong. To Break	%	4.1	1.4	5.5	25-45	350
Tens. Mod	GPa.	3.45	3.03	3.45	2.83	1.31
Izod Impact	J/M	16	21.4	26.7	80	48.1
Glass Transition	°C	58	98	74	74	-20
Melting Point	°C	130-170	none	270	none	165
S.G.		1.25	1.05	1.34	1.4	0.9

\* General purpose PVC.



# Compostable Bioplastics Do Not Readily Meet The Needs for Durables

## Areas of Concern

### Starch Blends

Hydrolytic stability

Distortion Temp

Vapor Transmission

Shelf Life

### PLA

Hydrolytic Stability

Distortion Temp  
(amorphous)

Vapor Transmission

Shelf Life

Impact Resistance

Melt Strength

### PHA'S

Hydrolytic Stability

✓

✓

Shelf Life

Processability

Melt Strength

Economics



# PLA Property Modification Technologies

- Improved stiffness - fillers, fibers, nucleating agents.
- Improved impact or flexibility - impact modifiers, plasticizers, copolymers.
- Flammability - non halogenated flame retardants , blends.
- Temperature resistance -blends, nucleating agents, stereocomplex, copolymers.
- Extensional viscosity -peroxides, epoxy branching agents.
- Barrier properties –plasma, silicone dioxide, aluminum coatings.
- Lower color - blue tone.
- Reduced hydrolysis- carbodimide.



# Second Generation Bioplastics.



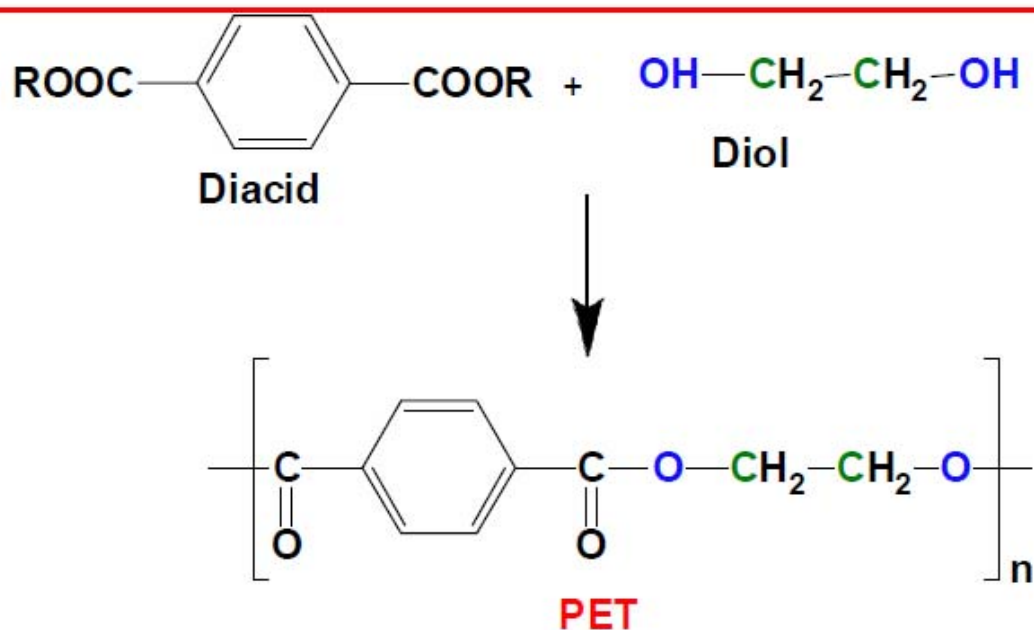


# Commercial Biobased Non Compostable Plastics

MAJOR SUPPLIER	BIOBASED PRODUCT.	% RENEWABLE CARBON.
Braskem	HDPE,LDPE.	89-100
FENC/ Teijin/ Indorama	Bio PET	20
DuPont	PTT, nylon 6.12	28
Arkema	Nylon 11, Pebax Rnew ®.	50-100
Dow, Cargill	Soy-based urethanes	22-70
Ashland, Reichhold	Bio unsat.Polyesters	8-35
Ecopoxy, Entropy	Bio epoxies.	17-25



# Biobased carbon in PET



Acid component = 8C; glycol component = 2C;  
Acid component = 68.75%; glycol component = 31.25% on mass basis  
Bio (carbon) content is 20% if two petro carbons substituted by bio carbons  
– by using the glycol (diol) component from bio(plant sources)

Contains 31% renewable resource (20%C) based on bio ethylene glycol.





# New Biobased Plastics

Company	Product	Bio component (s)	Status
Segetis	Polyketals	Levulinic acid	Early stage Commercialization
Avantium	Polyethylene furanoate	Furan dicarboxylic acid	Development
Novomer	Polypropylene carbonate	Carbon dioxide	Commercial
Newlight technologies	PHA	Carbon dioxide. Methane	Development
DSM, Arkema, BASF, DuPont, Evonik	Polyamides	Castor oil/ amino undecanoic acid	Commercial.

# Key Bio Monomers for Thermoplastics

Ethylene/ethylene glycol Braskem, India Glycols.

## TPA

Gevo, Anellotech, Amyris, Genomatica, UOP, Global Bioenergies, Sabic, Virent, Chemtex.

## Succinic acid

PTT, DSM, BASF, Bioamber, Roquette, Mitsubishi Chem., Myriant, Purac.

Adipic acid

Rennovia, Verdezyne, Genomatica.

Butane diol

Genomatica, Myriant, BioAmber.

## FDCA

Avantium.

## Ketals

Segetis, XLTerra/Reluceo.

Caprolactam

Amyris.

Acrylic acid

Ceres, Dow/OPX.

Isosorbide

ADM, Roquette.

Propylene

Braskem.

Propane 1,3 diol

DuPont / Tate & Lyle.



# Key Bio Monomers for Thermosets.

## Polyurethanes.

Soy based polyols

Cargill, Dow

## Unsat. Polyesters.

Glycerol

Propylene glycol

Ashland, Cargill, ADM,  
Dow Chemicals, BASF

## Epoxies.

Epichlorohydrin

Solvay



# Projected Biomaterials Vol. Trends

Bioplastics are still less than  
1% of the approximate 270 million tonnes  
of plastics in use today.



Projected 19%AGR



# Biomaterials Market Studies

Study	Report Date	Projected Global Capacity End of Period (tonnes)	Projected Global Demand End of Period (tonnes)	Time Period Covered
Nova Institute	2013	12 million	12 million	2020
Eu. Bioplastics	2013	6.2 million	Not given	2017
Freedonia	2011		1.0 million	2015
World bioplastics	2009		0.9 million	2013
Freedonia	2008		0.816 million	2013
PRNewswire	2010		0.138 million*	2014
Eu Bioplastics	2007	1.36 million		2011
PROBIP	2009	2.94 million		2020
SRI	2010		0.281million*	2014
SPE	2010		0.75 million	2014
BCC Research	2010		3.231 million	2015
PIRA			0.884 million**	2015-2020

\*Biodegradable plastics only

\*\*Biodegradable packaging only



# 2013 Sales Estimate for Bioplastics

Product	2013 Bioplastics Manufacturing Capacity (million tonnes)	2013 Sales Estimates. (million tonnes)
"Green" Polyethylene	0.12	0.06
Bio PET	0.66*	0.66*
PLA	0.26	0.2
Starch Blends	0.2	0.15
PHA's	0.02	0.005
Others	0.05	0.02
Totals	1.31	1.095

\* Contains only 30% renewable resource (20%C) based on bio ethylene glycol.



Jim Lunt & Associates LLC. Estimates

# Projected Durables Growth

Increasing demand for biobased, durable products in electronics and automotive applications.



By **2015** durables are expected to account for almost **70%** of bioplastics capacity – compared with **7%** in 2009.





# Why The Change?

- “Compostables” performance v durables.
- Continuing lack of infrastructure for use and disposal of compostable plastics.
- Increasing demand for biobased, semi-durable and durable products for household goods, electronics and automotive applications.
- Increasing interest and developments in existing and new monomers from renewable resources.





# Key Bio Monomer Activities.



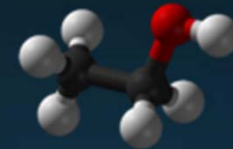
# Bio Ethylene Glycol (MEG)

India Glycols, GTC, FENC, JBF



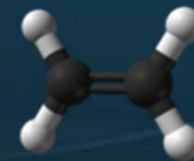
sugar cane molasses

fermentation



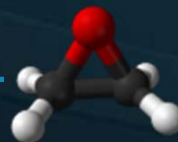
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-H<sub>2</sub>O



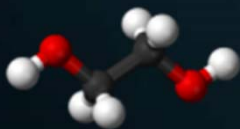
ethylene

oxidation



ethylene oxide

+H<sub>2</sub>O

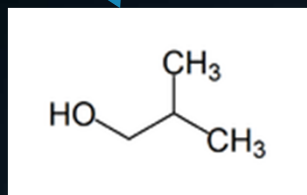


Ethylene glycol



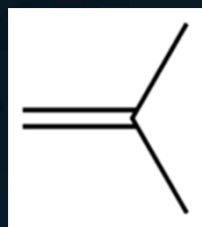
# Bio Terephthalic Acid (TPA)

Gevo

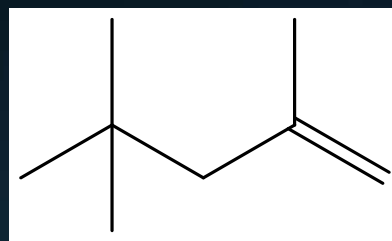


biobutanol

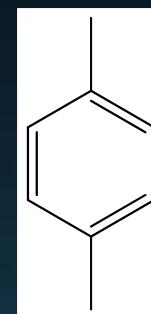
Global Bioenergies



isobutylene

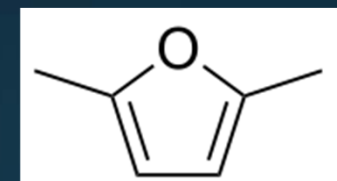


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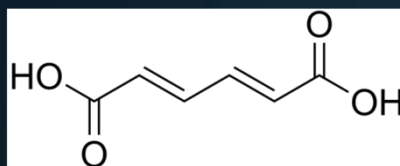
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Toray/UOP

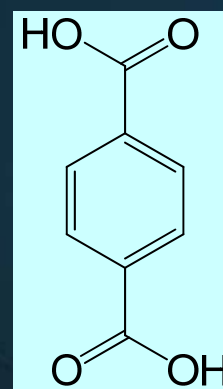


dimethyl furan

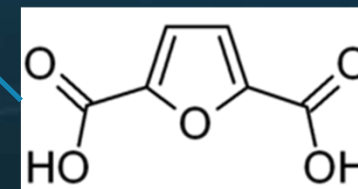
Amyris  
Genomatica



t,t muconic acid

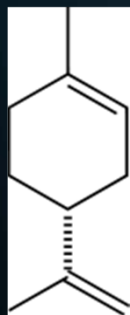


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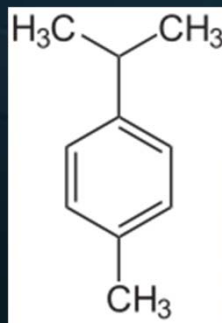


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BP

SABIC



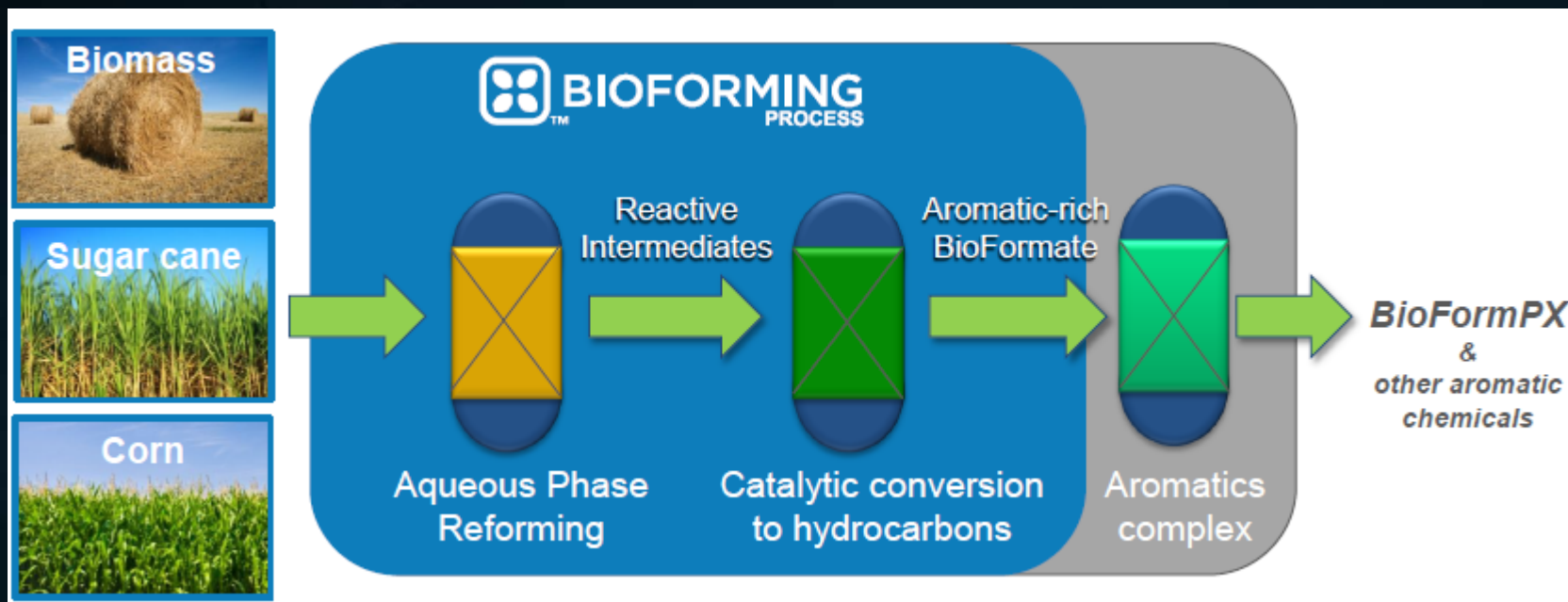
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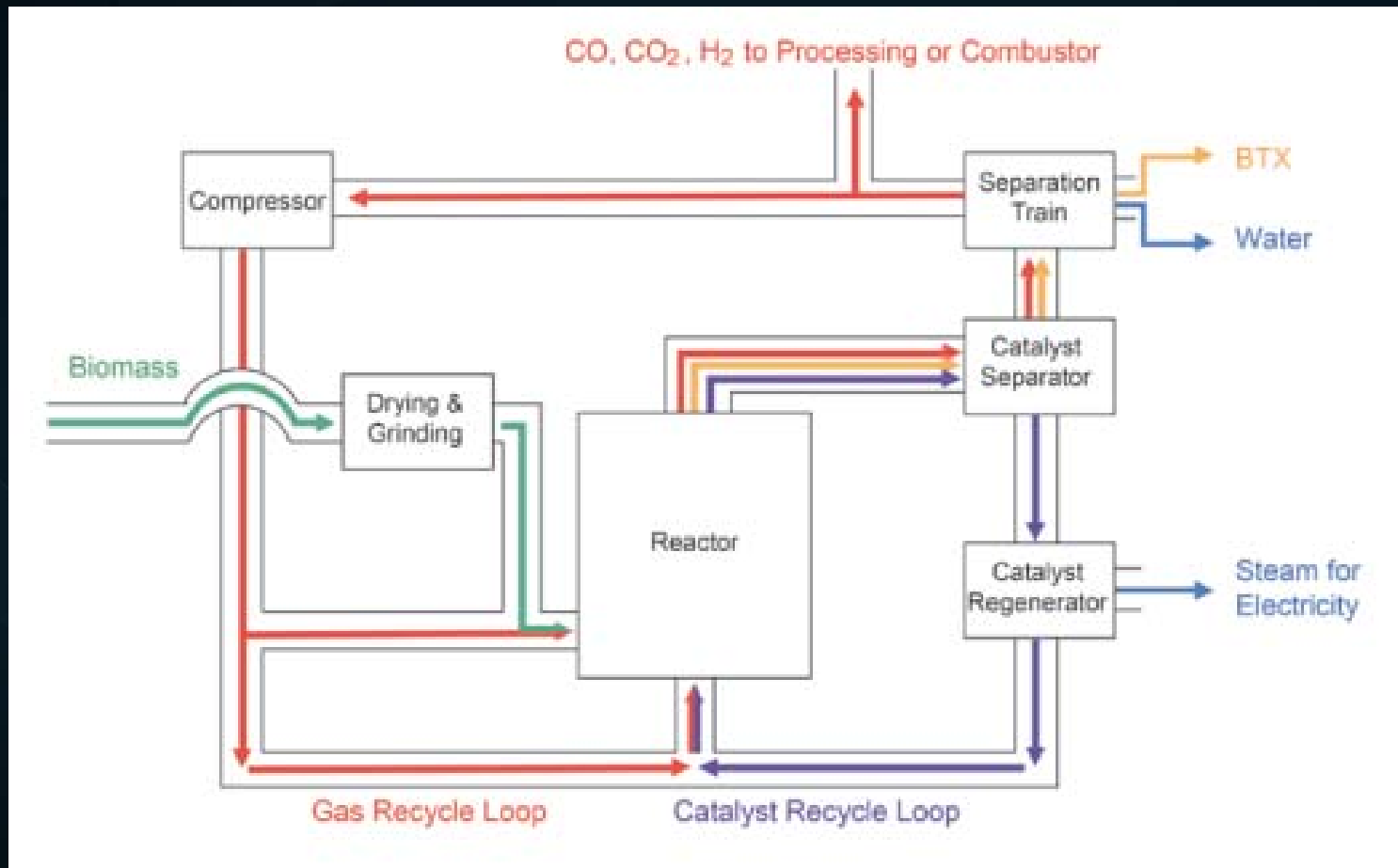
# Biobased p-Xylene (PX)



Virent Process.



# Anellotech Process- Bio BTX

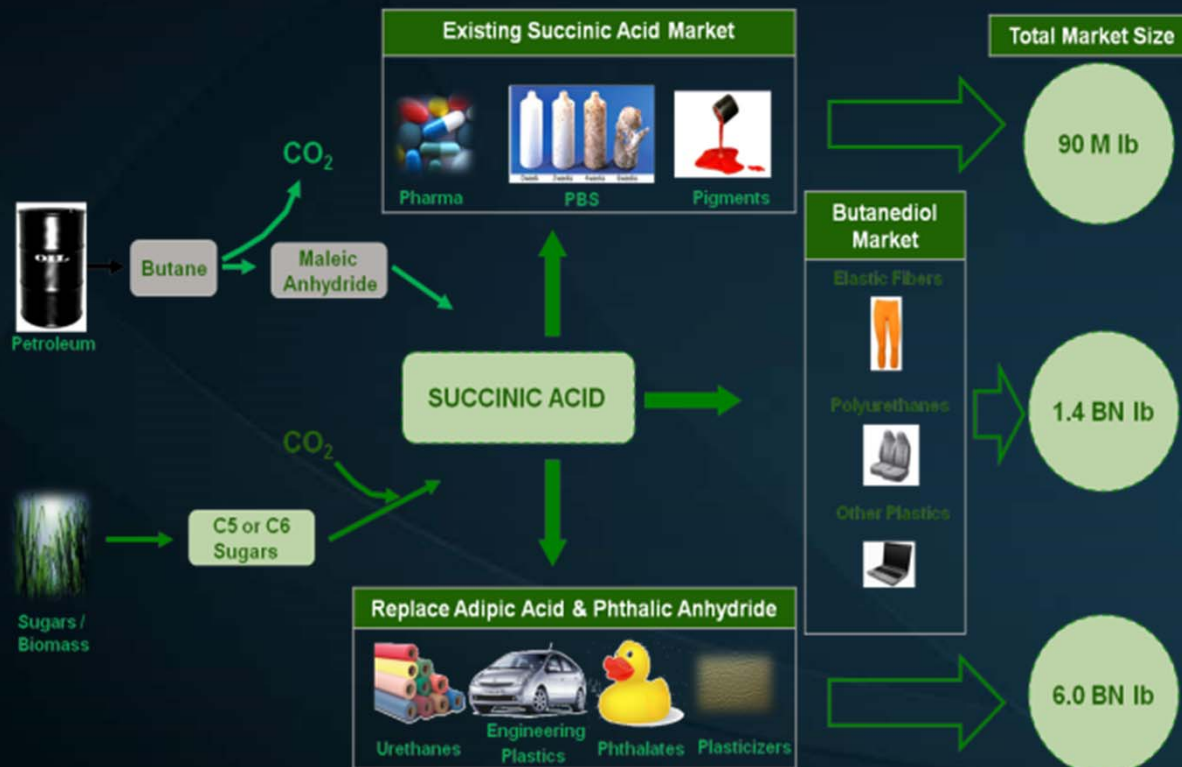


BTX=benzene, toluene, xylenes mixture.



# Bio Succinic Acid and Derivatives

## Biobased Succinic Acid



### Succinic acid/PBS

- BioAmber
- PTT
- MCC
- DSM/Roquette
- BASF/Purac

### Butane diol

- Genomatica

### Adipic acid

- Rennovia
- Verdezyne

Courtesy Myriant



# Bio Butane Diol



**Fermentation**

recycle streams (water)

**Cell  
Separation**

**Salt  
Separation**

**Water  
Evaporation**

**BDO  
Purification**



Same Chemical:

- pure product (99.7% BDO)
- no color
- no reformulation
- positive customer conversion testing
  - PBT, TPU, PTMEG, PVP

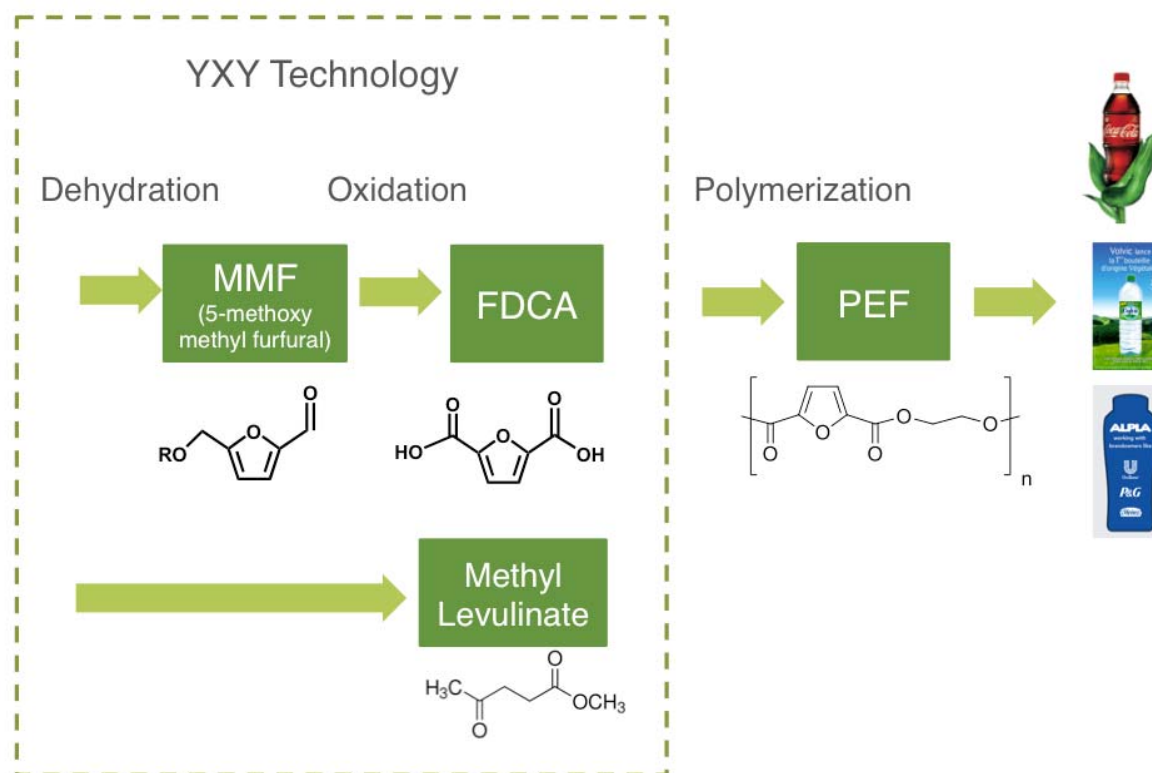




# Bio FDCA (furan 2,5 dicarboxylic acid) - Avantium



Plant based  
Feedstock





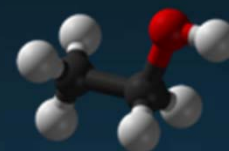
# Key Biobased Polymer Activities.



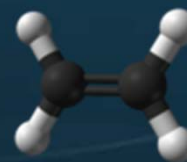
# Braskem "Green Polyethylene" from Sugar Cane



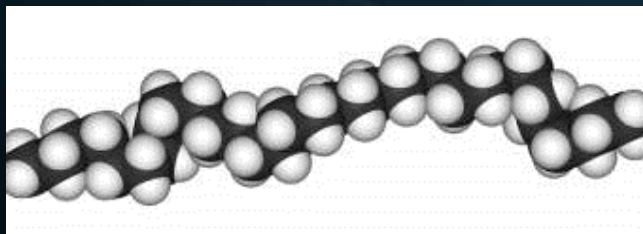
sugar cane molasses



ethanol



ethylene



HDPE polyethylene

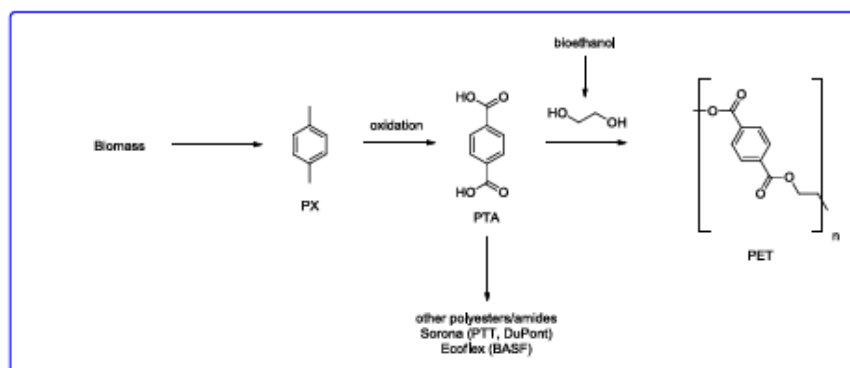
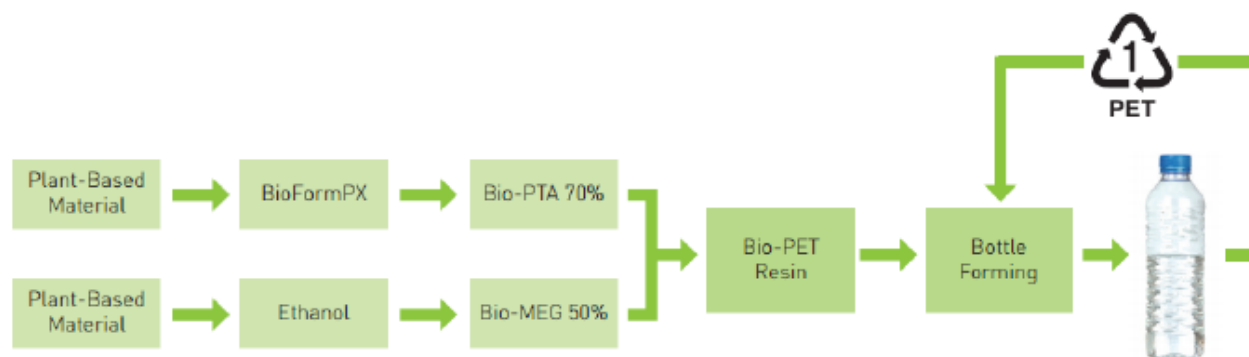


# Bio PET

## Plant-based polyethylene terephthalate (PET) Synthesis/Production

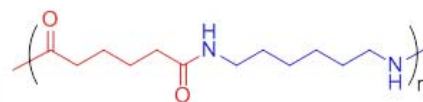
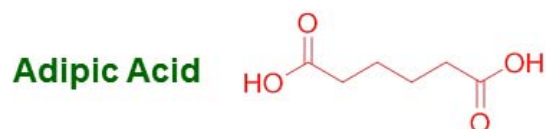
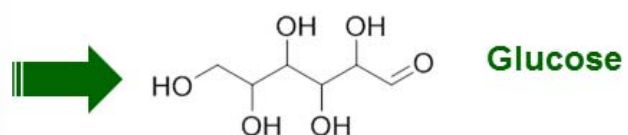


- Green PET production



# Nylon 6,6

## Rennovia Bio-Based Adipic Acid and HMD for Nylon-6,6



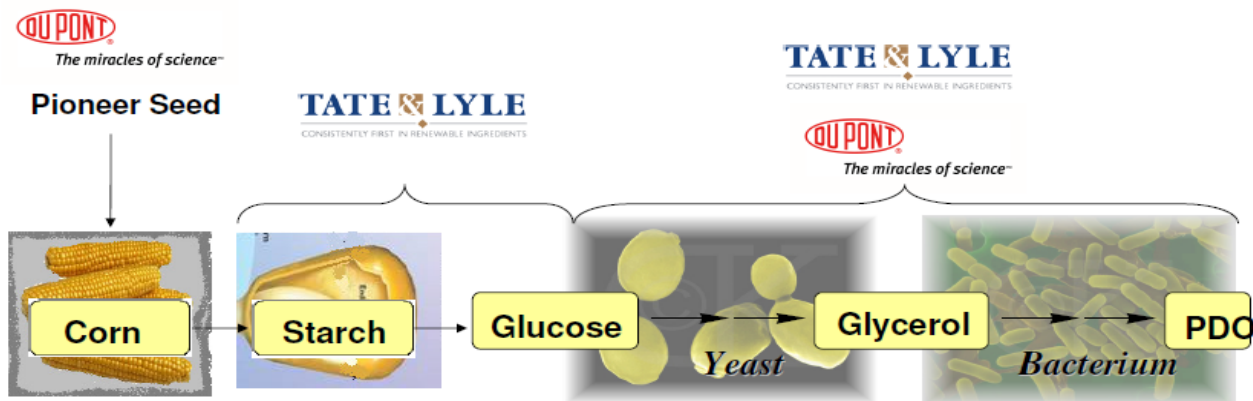
**100% Bio-Based  
Nylon-6,6**

**Rennovia**  *... a new path to sustainability*



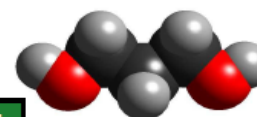
# Sorona™-PTT

## Bio-PDO™ Manufacturing



Combined in a Single Biocatalyst

*Bio-PDO™ process consumes 40% less energy than the chemical PDO process it replaces.*

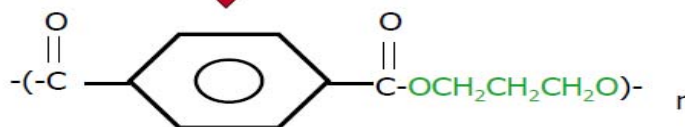


Bio-PDO™

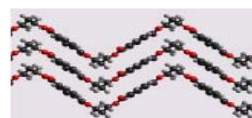
1,3-propanediol (PDO) + DMT / TPA



Catalyst



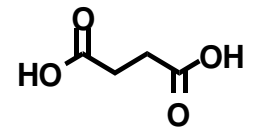
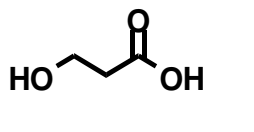
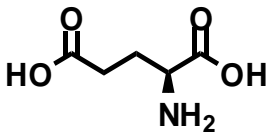
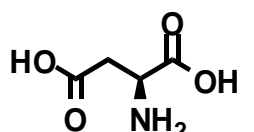
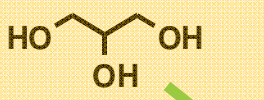
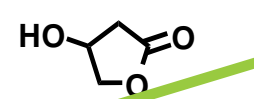
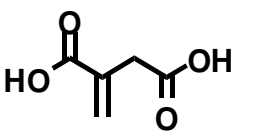
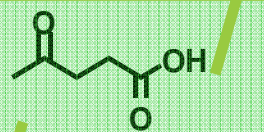
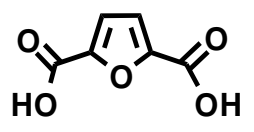
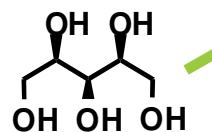
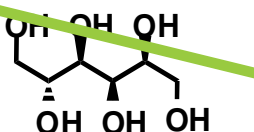
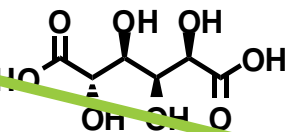
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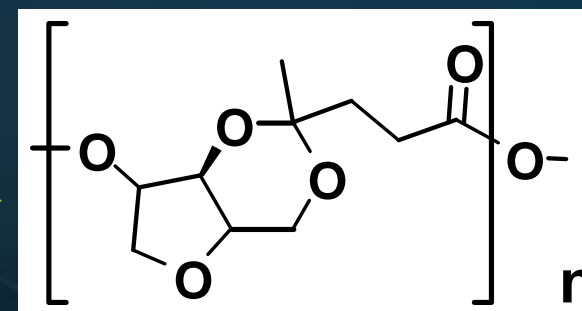
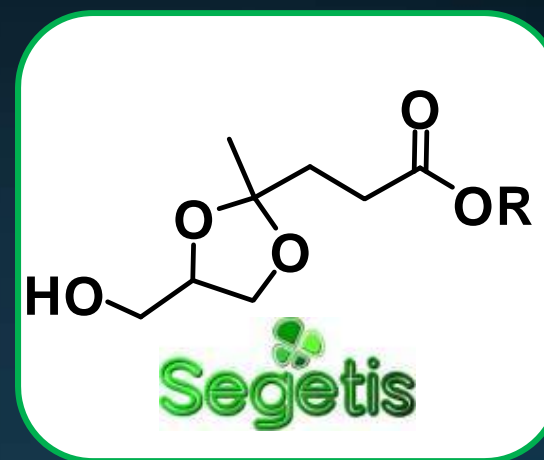
- Unique polymer with versatile properties
- 37% renewably sourced ingredients by weight



# Ketal Plasticizers/Poly XLK

 succinic acid	 3-hydroxypropionic acid	 glutamic acid
 aspartic acid	 glycerol	 4-hydroxybutyrolactone
 itaconic acid	 levulinic acid	 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid
 xylitol	 sorbitol	 glucaric acid

## L-Ketals



PXLK

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# Today's Bioplastic Feedstocks



All refined sugars - dextrose, glucose, sucrose.

# Concerns with Existing Feedstocks from Food Crops

## The Food versus Fuel debate:

- Food Crops Diversion to Fuels/Plastics
- Land Use
- Fertilizer Use
- Pesticide Use
- The “Ripple Effect”

Use of GMO's



# More “Sustainable” Biomass Feedstocks

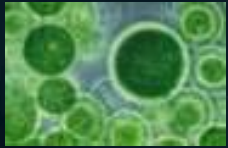


## Lignocellulose

(wood, corn stover, other agricultural residues)



**Oil seeds** (soy, rape/canola, palm, coconut, Jatropha)



**Microalgae**



**Macroalgae** (kelp)

## Waste:

- MSW, food processing (cellulosic)
- Used fats and oils
- Animal processing wastes (rendering, feathers, hair, manure)





# Leading Biomass Source – Lignocellulosics

Corn stover



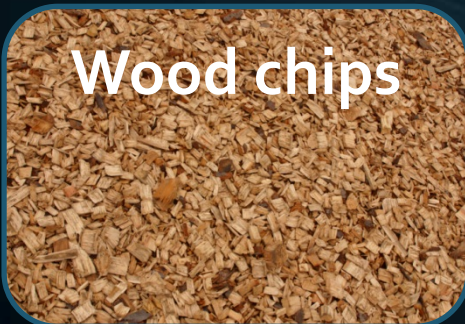
Rice straw



Sugar cane  
bagasse



Wood chips



Wheat straw



Tall grasses



Source: Virent – "The Future For Bioplastics Feedstocks"



# Extracting Sugars From Cellulosics

## Most Common Approaches

Dilute acid and enzyme hydrolysis

Concentrated acid extraction

Wet oxidation and enzyme hydrolysis

Catalytic biomass deconstruction



# Commercially Proven Technology

## Viridia (Stora Enso) Process (c1938)



Loblolly  
Pine

Preparation  
Sizing  
Tall Oil Removal

Tall Oil

Concentrated HCL  
Deconstruction

Lignin Deacidification

Lignin

HCL

HCL

Sugar Recovery  
HCL Recycle

Final  
Purification

Soluble  
C5/C6 Sugars





- Virdia
- Chemtex/M&G- Beta Renewables
- American Science and Technology (AST)

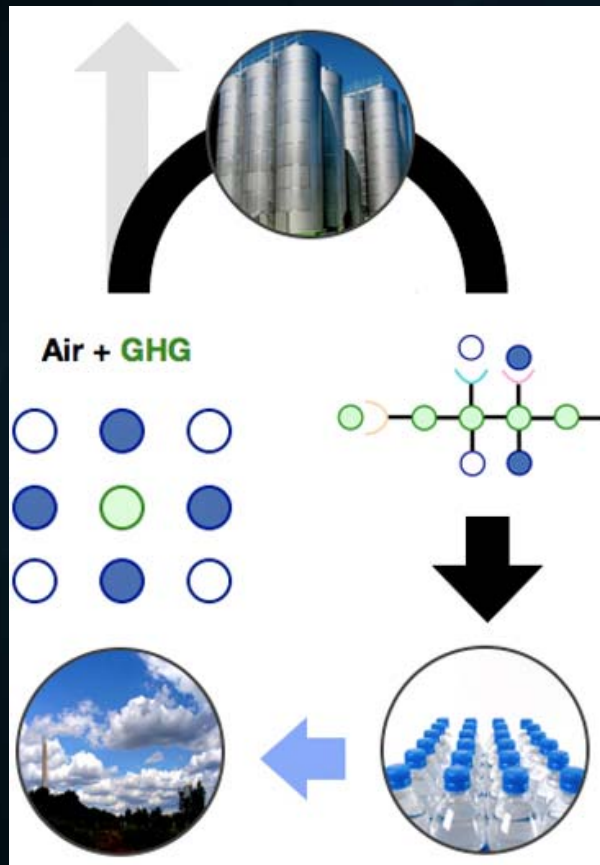
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## Pilot Scale

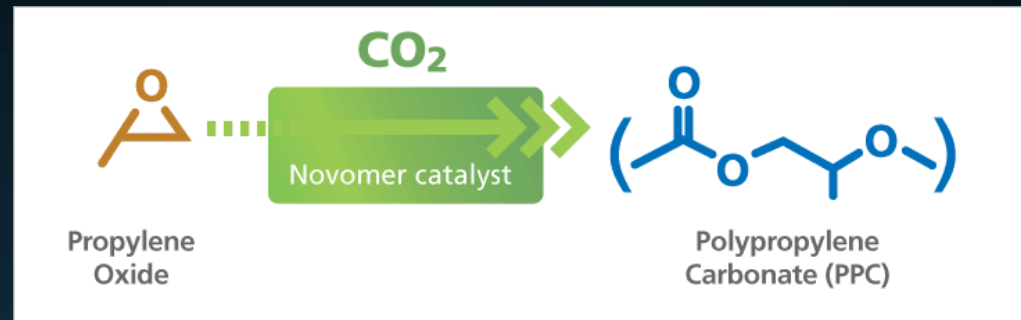
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# Green House Gases as Feedstocks



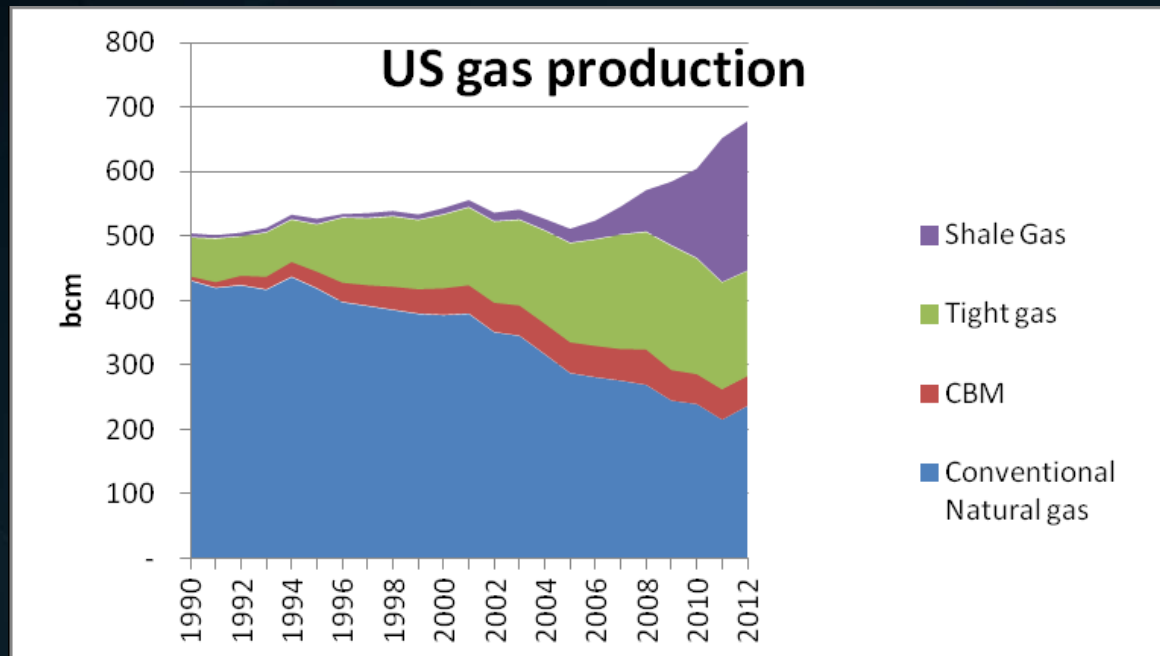
Newlight Technologies PHA's



Novomer PPC



# Shale Gas-Emerging Threat to Bioplastics?



- propylene, butadiene and aromatics yields cut by as much as 55%.
- Ethylene/polyethylene costs decreased.



# Challenges/Opportunities for Bio Materials

- Oil pricing continuing to increase.
- Improved performance/ reduced cost for compostables.
- Composting/recycling infrastructure developments.
- Expanding from single-use compostable to durable applications.
- Moving to non-food source feedstocks.
- Competition from carbon dioxide based plastics.
- Natural gas dynamics on polyolefin/ aromatics pricing.



# Thank You



# Bioplastic Products In The Marketplace

Extra Slides





# PLA

## Rigids



## Food Serviceware



## Films



## Nonwovens / Fibers



## Durables



## Lactides



## Bus. Dev.

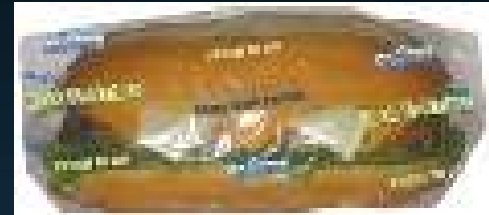


ingenious materials from plants not oil



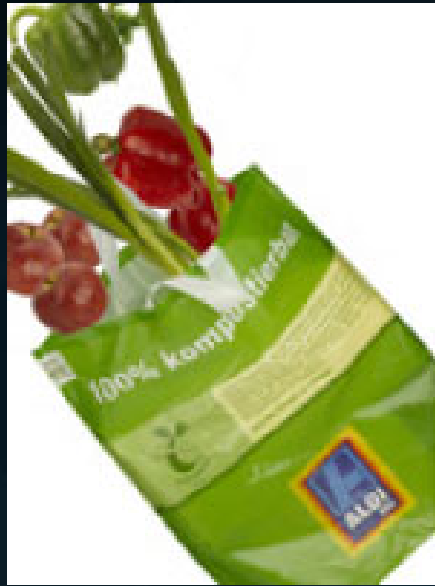
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# Cellulose Acetate





# Compounded PLA/Starch Blends



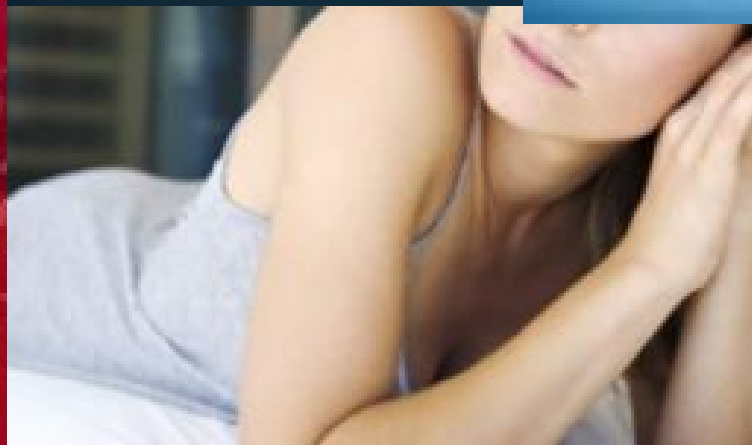
# Green Polyethylene



# Bio PET



# Sorona





# Avantium PEF

**T-shirts -100% recycled PEF bottles**



**Conventional  
polyester  
spinning  
technology**



**Made from  
100% Recycled  
PEF**



**Conventional  
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