

Best Places to Work in the advanced bioeconomy 2020

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Praj Industries

BiofuelsDigest
The world's most widely read biofuels daily

Renewable Chemicals and Materials

Nature Reimagined

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Hot 50 hottest companies in the advanced bioeconomy 2019

Outline



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Bio-Mobilty™ Platform from Praj

Petrochemical Industry

Renewable Chemicals and Materials

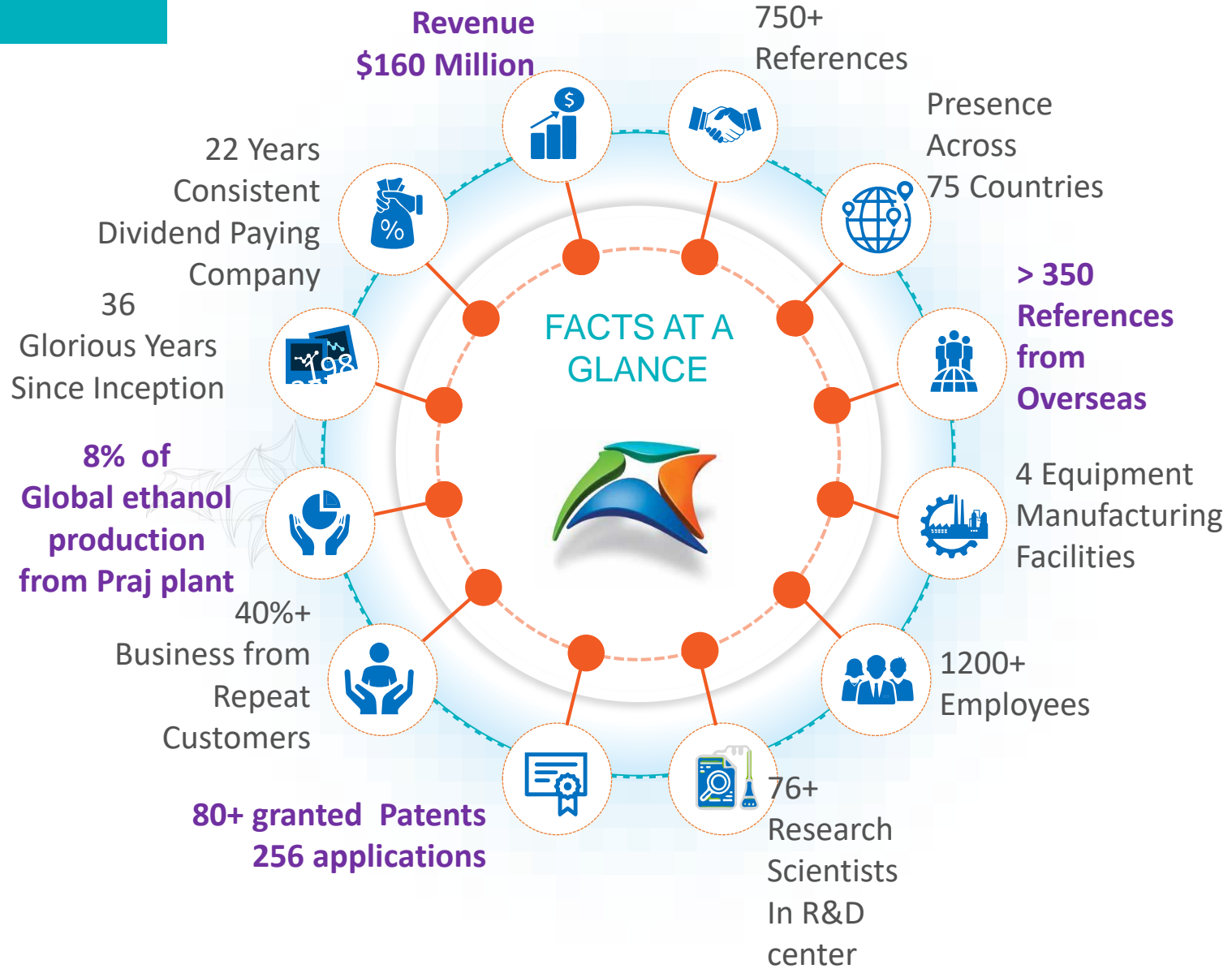
Examples : Sorona, PLA, BDO, PHA, PEF

Bio-Prism™: Choosing Wisely

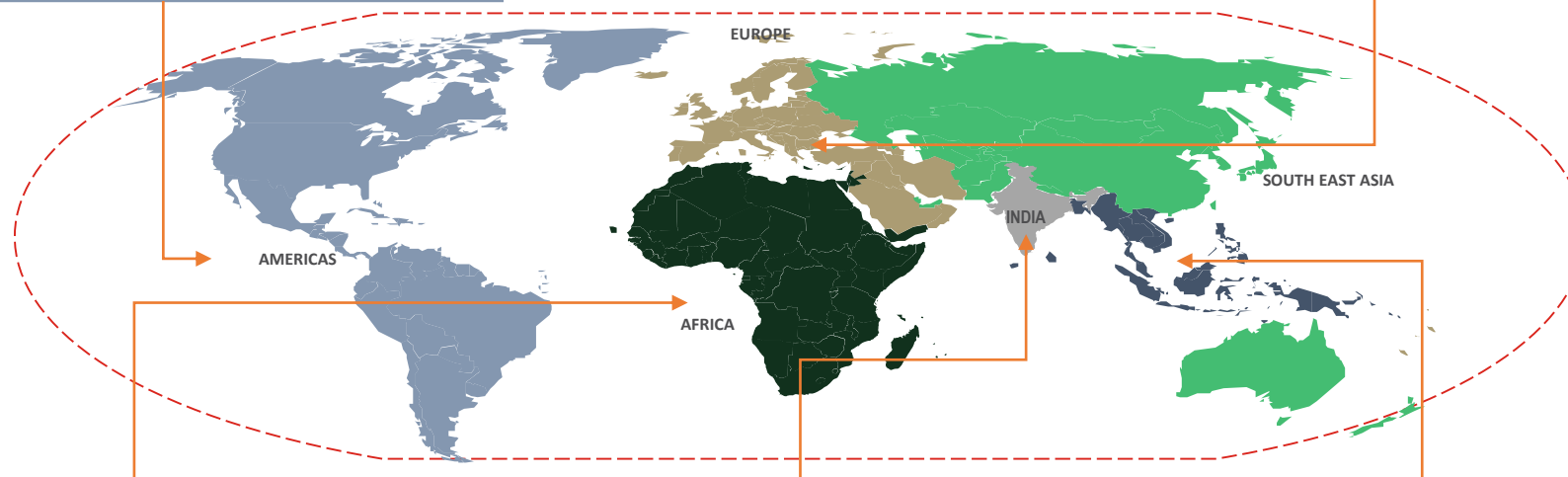
Future

Summary

Praj @ a glance



Global Footprint



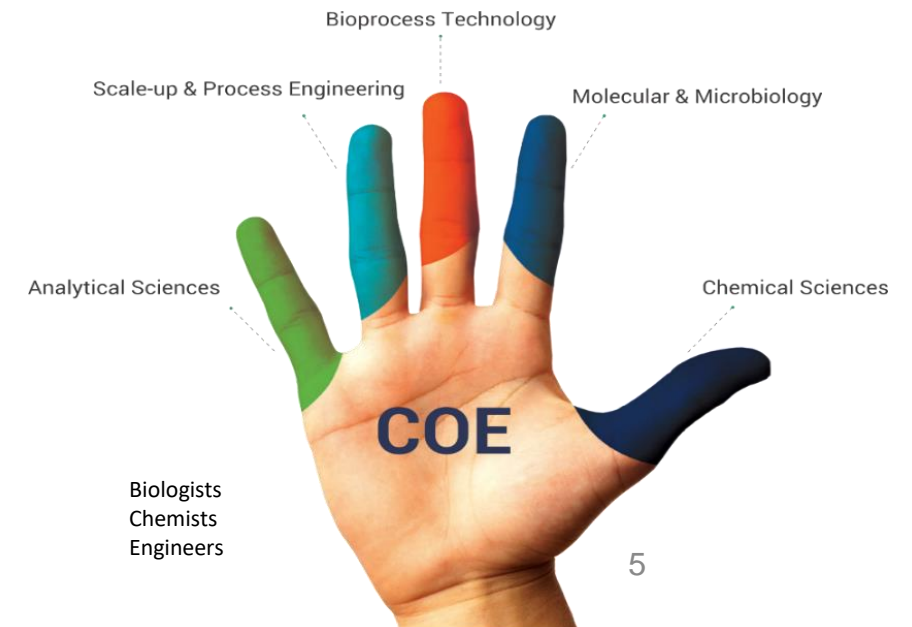
Global presence : 750 reference in more than 75 countries

Praj Matrix - The R&D Centre

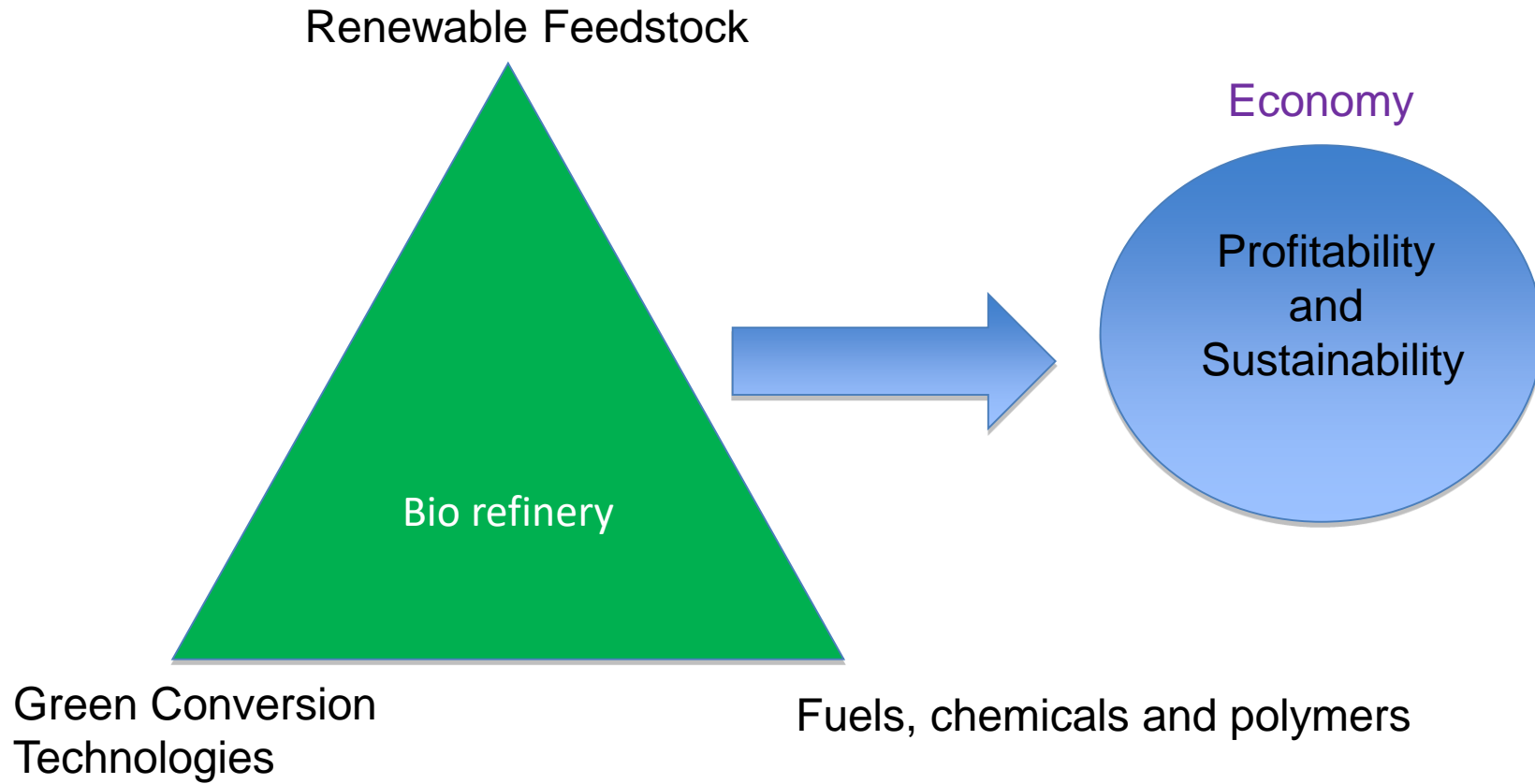
- First of its kind R&D with Bench and Pilot scale facilities which enable validation of scientific assumptions and rapid commercialization
- Focus on “Green technologies’ with emphasis on sustainability
- Continuous Design & Development (D&D) endeavor to improve water and energy footprint
- Devoted to developing bio-fuels and renewable chemicals using advanced biotechnology tools.

“Praj Matrix ranks up with almost any facility in the world. What is unique about Matrix is that the Labs, Pilot and the Scale-up facilities are all at one location” -

- Vinod Khosla, Bioeconomy Entrepreneur,
Former Co-Founder Sun MicroSystems



Ph.D.'s: 19
Masters: 55



Development of Bio refinery : integral part of new Bio economy

Leveraging Feed stock,
Technology and Product expertise

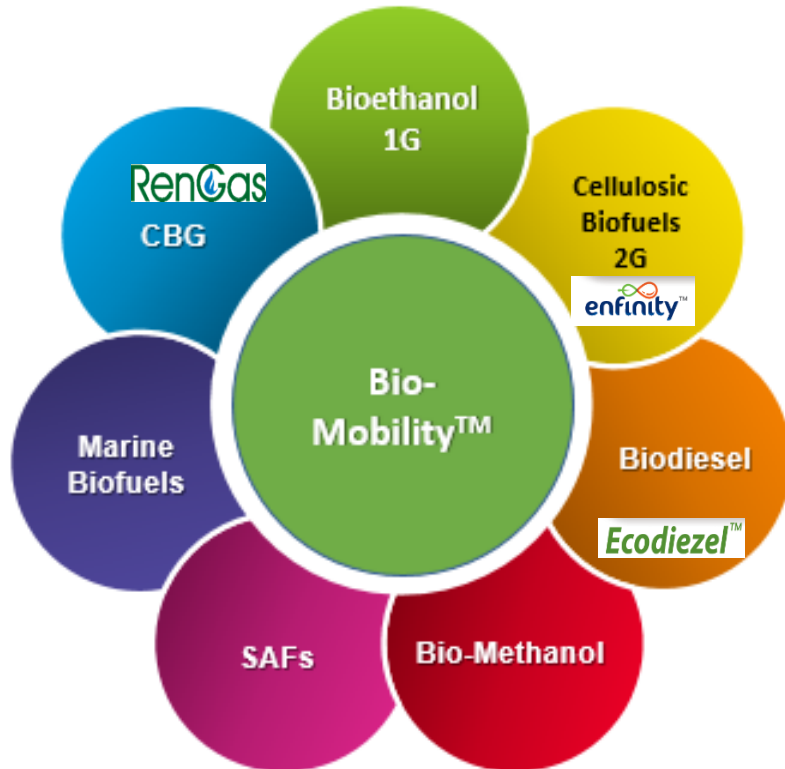
**Bio-
Mobility™**



**Renewable
Chemicals
Materials
(RCM)**



Bio-Mobility™ denotes carbon neutral renewable transportation fuel produced from Biological resources

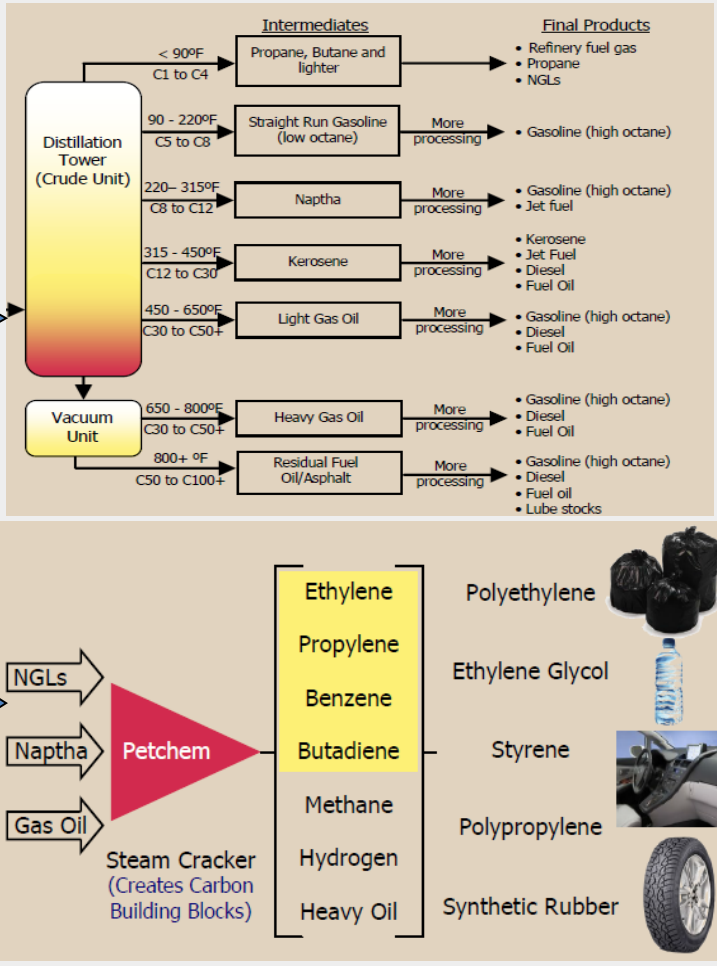
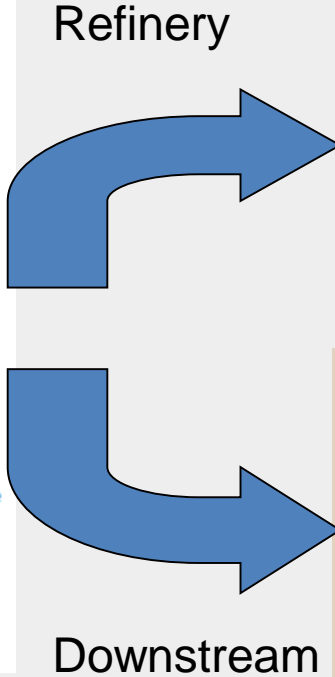
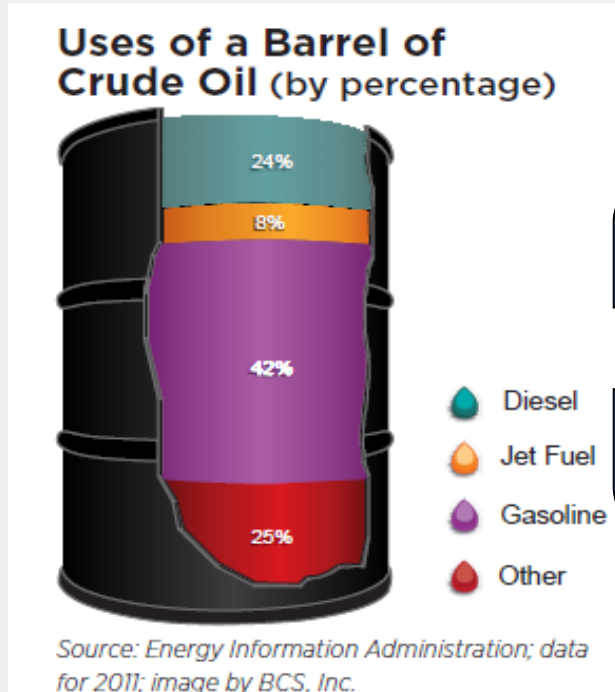


*SAFs- Sustainable Aviation Fuels

- **Demand** for transportation fuel is **ever rising**
- Transportation sector the **major contributor** to rising **GHG** emission
- Both, major cause for **environmental Pollution** and major **health hazard**
- **Bio-Mobility™** based transportation helps minimize **carbon footprint**

Facilitates sustainable decarbonization through circular bio-economy

Crude Oil : Carbon Utilization



Energy Fuels & Polymers Chemicals &

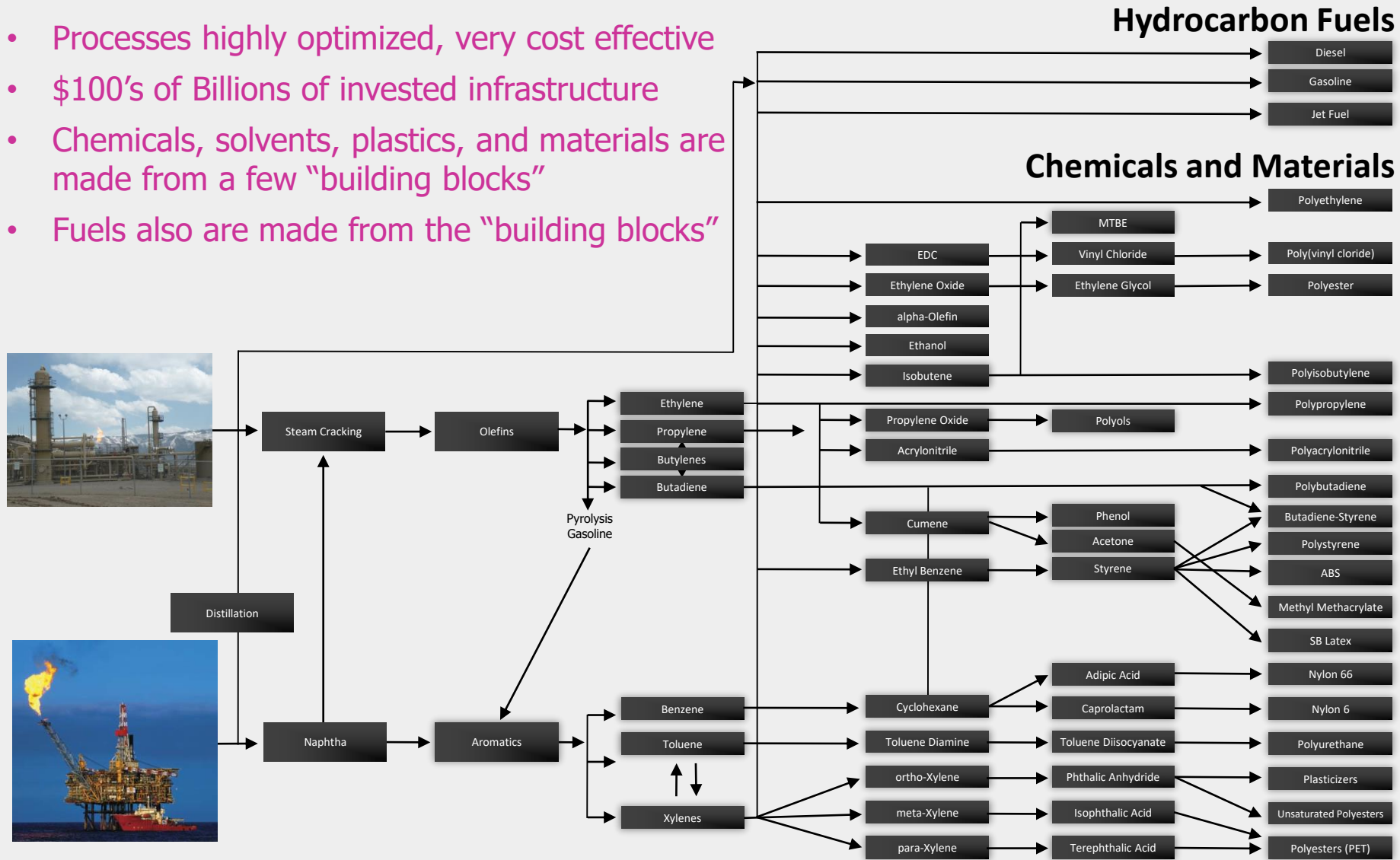
- ~70% of crude oil gets converted for energy
- < 5% for chemicals and polymers
- 100 % carbon utilization for value addition

Generate same revenue

Processes Used TODAY to Make Petrochemicals



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- \$100's of Billions of invested infrastructure
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- Fuels also are made from the "building blocks"

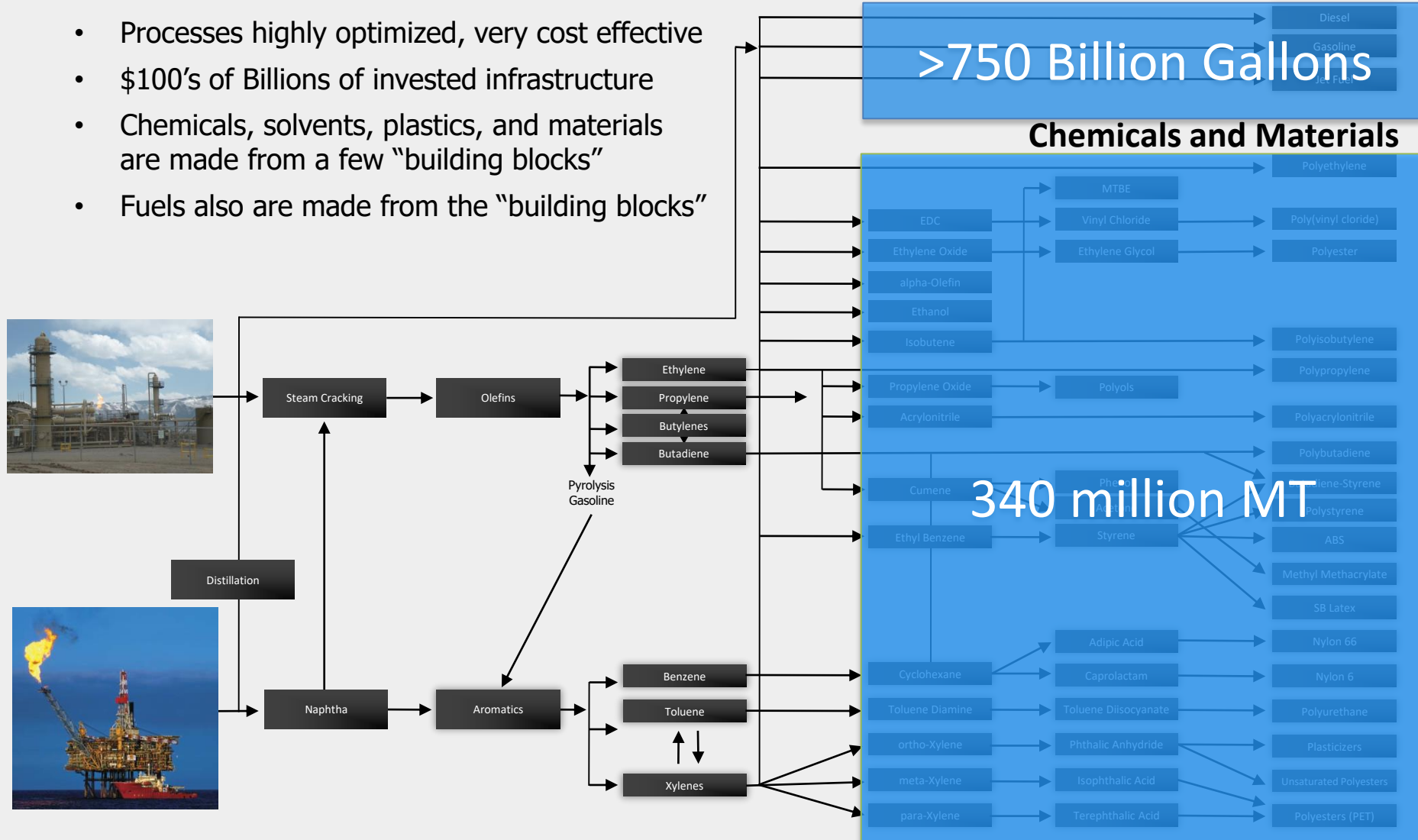


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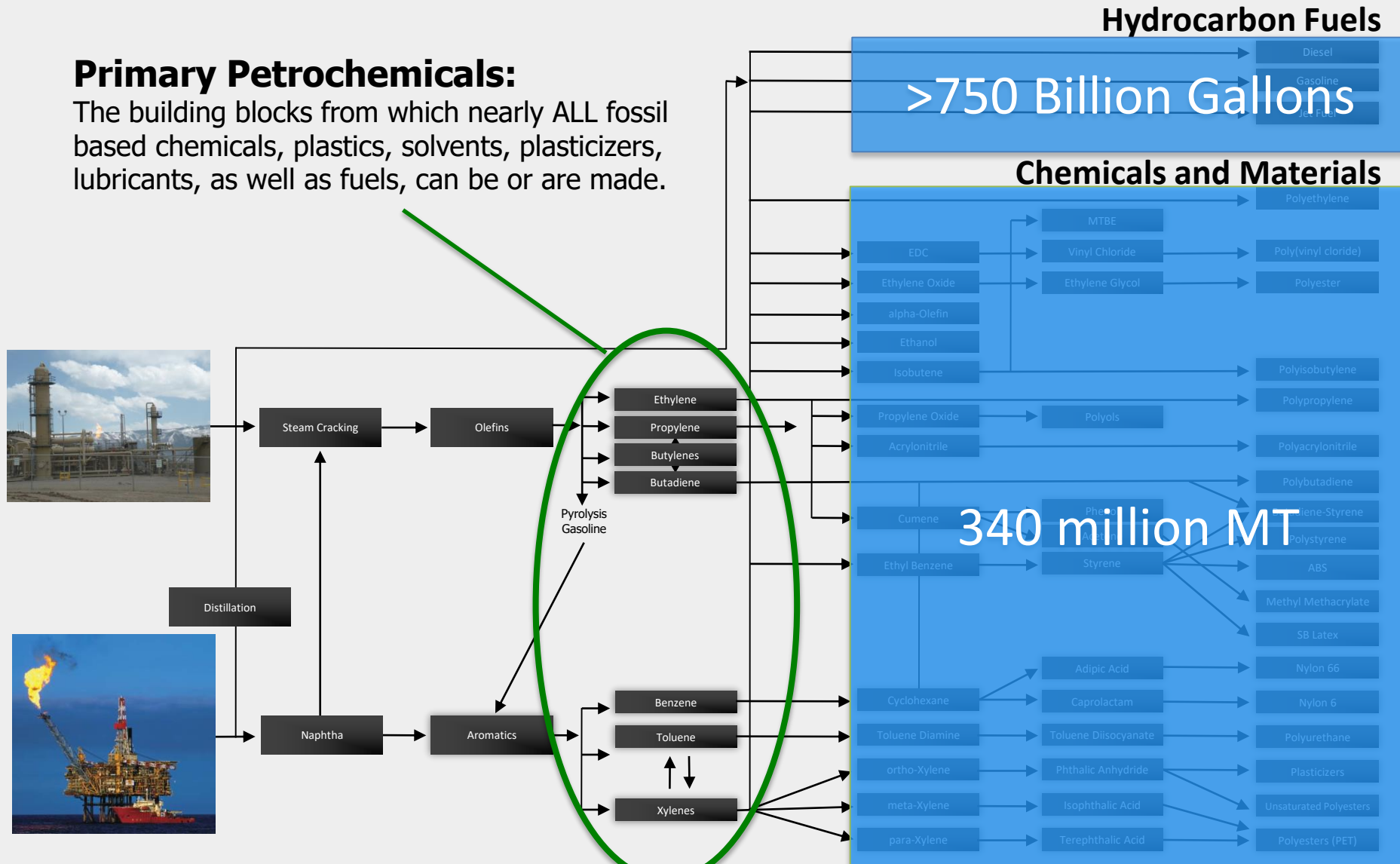


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The Most Important Petrochemicals



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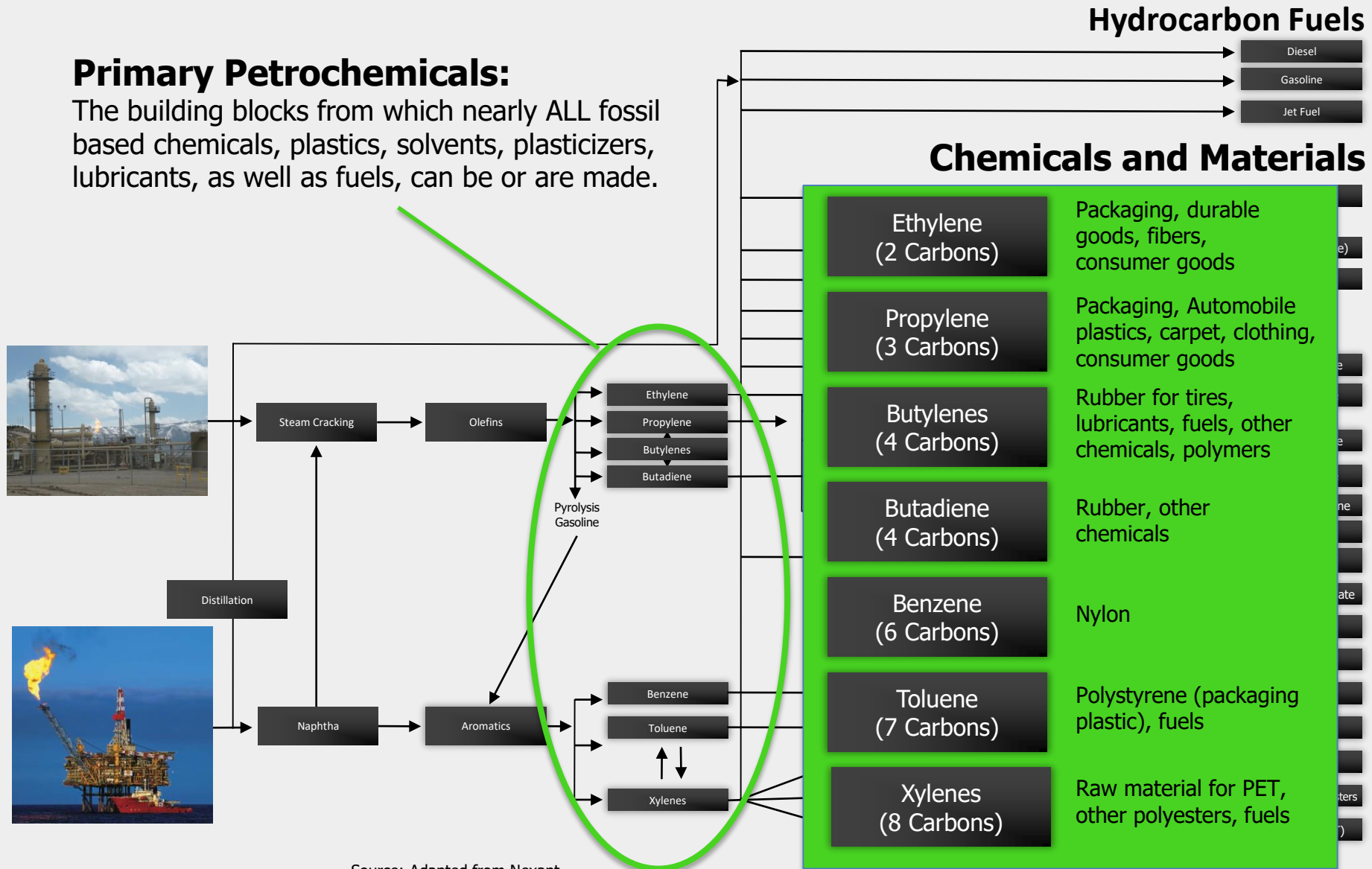
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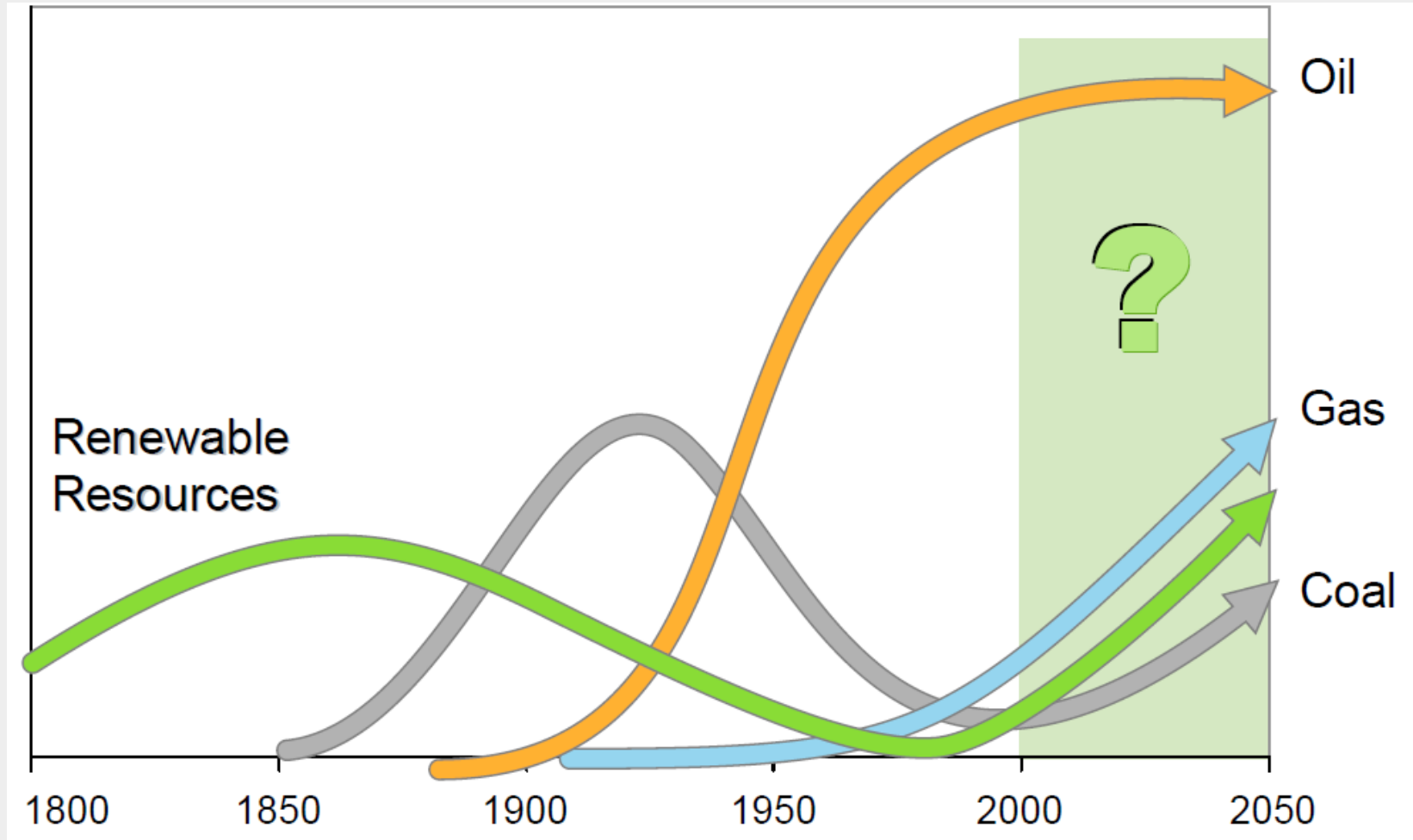


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Renewable Chemicals

Renewable chemicals : Is it new?



As recently as the late 1940s, the world depended on bio-based processes to produce many chemicals

A **renewable resource** is a [natural resource](#) with the ability to reproduce through biological or natural processes and replenished with the passage of time.

- Photosynthetic biomass
 - Starchy crops
 - Sugar crops
 - Oil seeds
 - Lignocellulosics
- Water
- Atmospheric gases (e.g. CO₂, methane)

Renewable does not mean it is biodegradable!

Rubber Tapper



Charles Goodyear

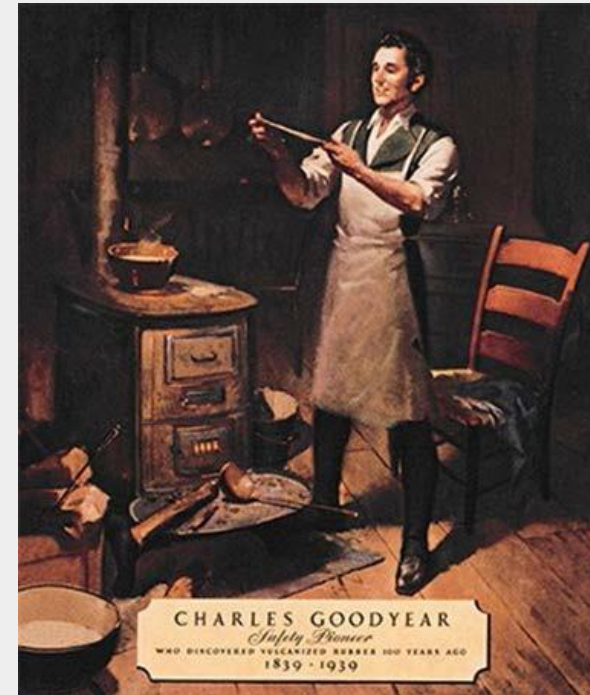
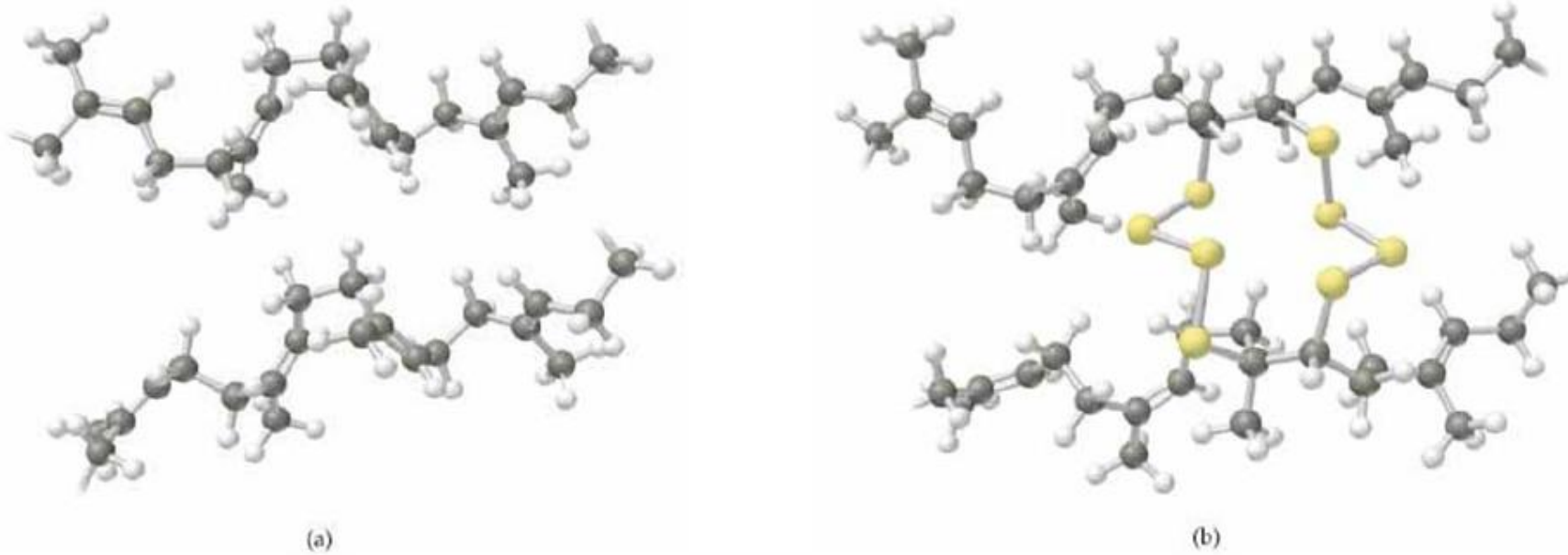
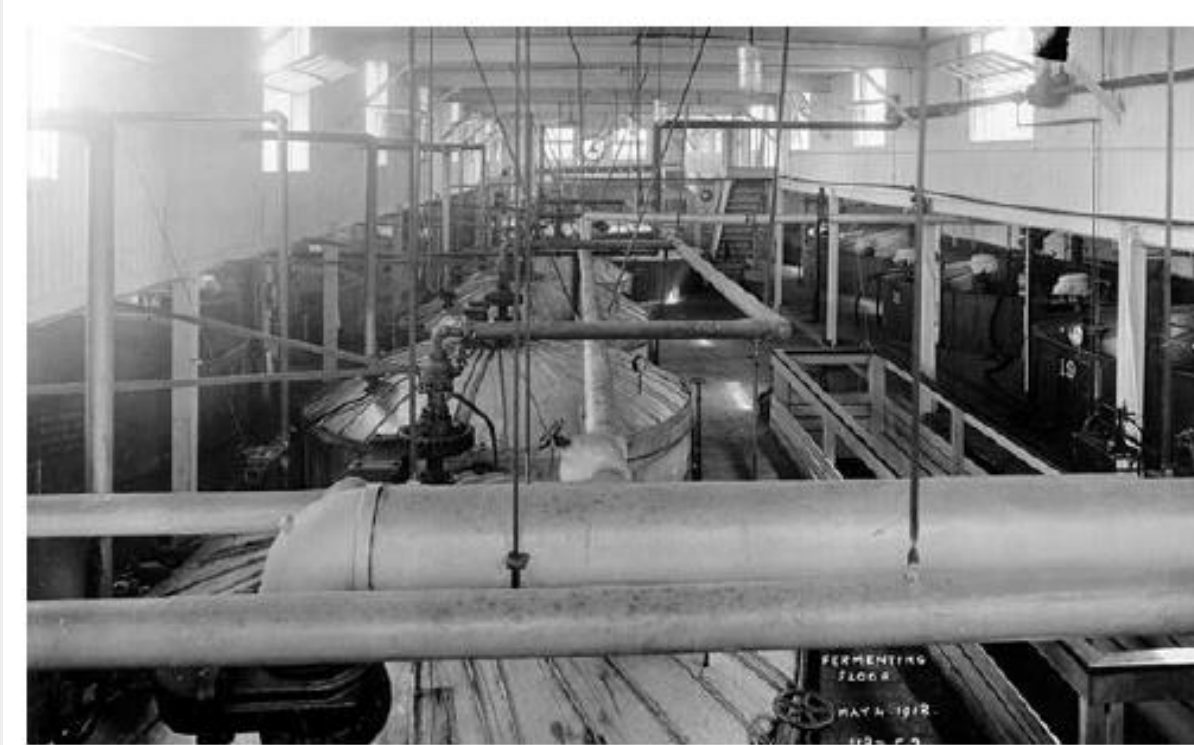


Figure: cis-polyisoprene structure of natural rubber



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Aectone-Butanol-Ethanol (ABE)



Fermenters in Toronto ABE Fermentation Plant
1918 (photo: Toronto City Archives)

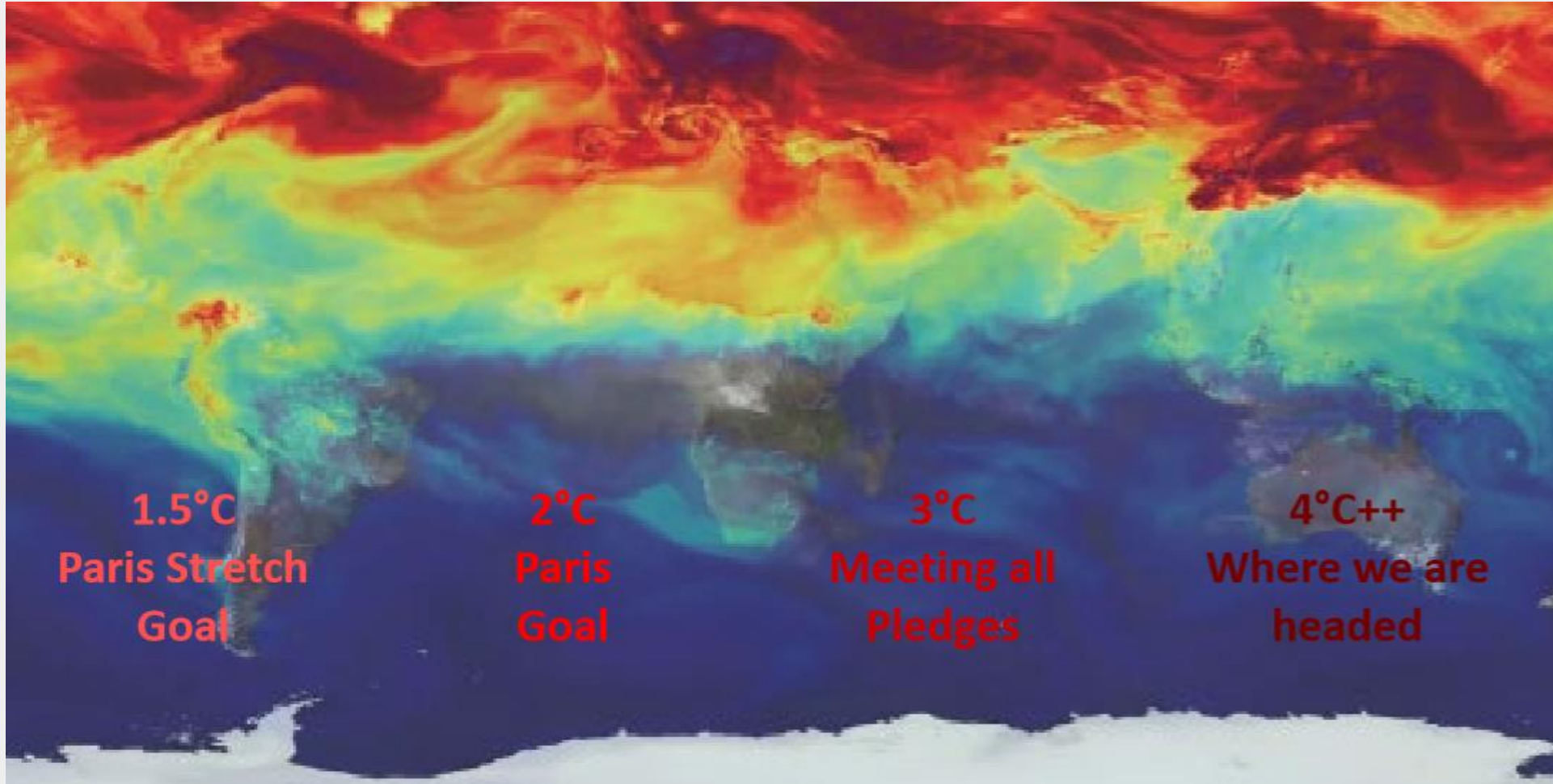


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Women workers weighing cordite in the Quick Firing Cartridge Factory, Woolwich, Arsenal, May 1918. (Imperial War Museum)

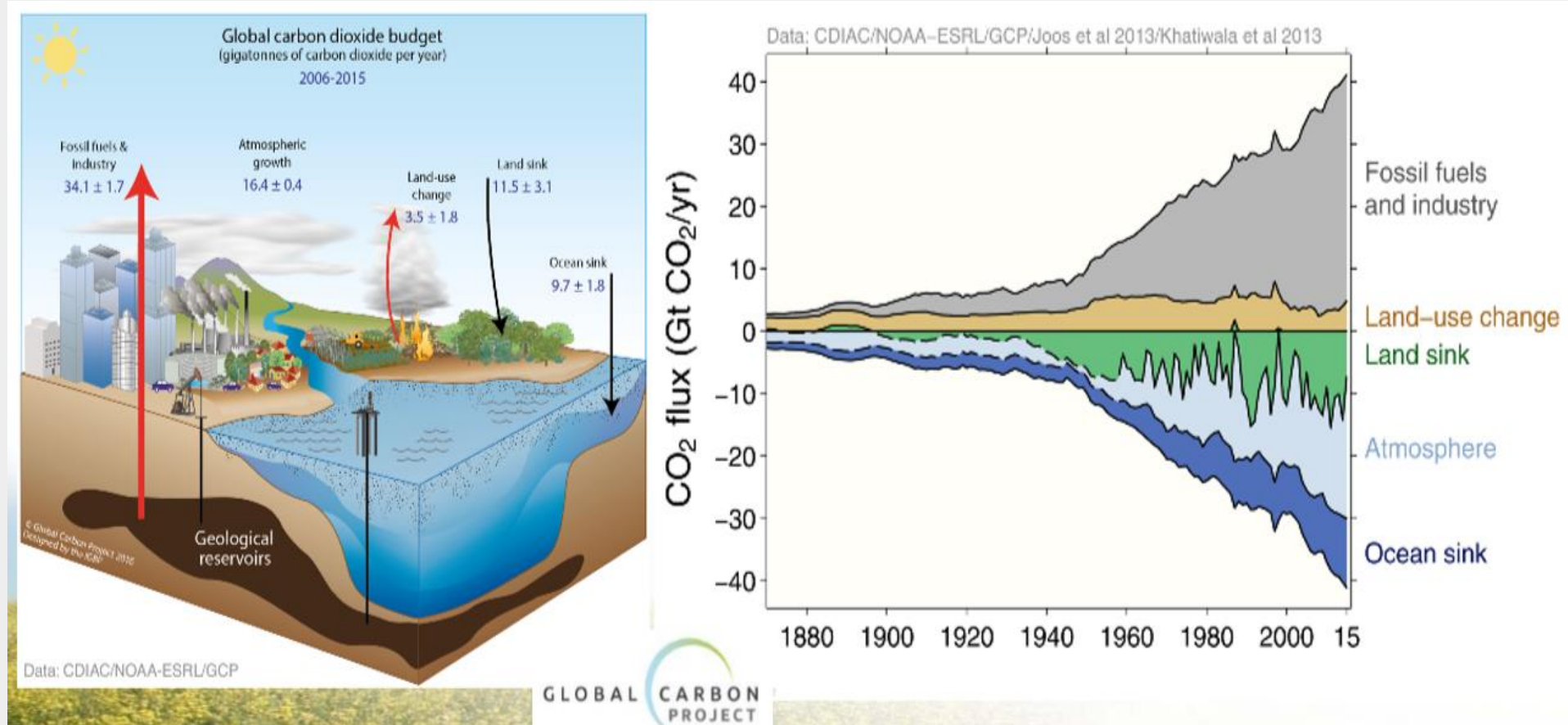
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Climate Change Challenge



To achieve 1.5 C Paris stretch goal will require halving emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050 and negative there after

Global CO₂ (2006-2015)



Renewable chemicals : Why it is important now?



- Driven by societal and technology megatrends, two main factors will reshape the Chemical Industry in the course of the next two decades (2020–2040)
 - 1) the global demand for better, lighter, more durable, healthier, and greener functional products by the industry's largest' customers and
 - 2) the uptake of decentralized production based on clean chemical technology

1 Evolving **consumer preferences**

- Sustainability
- Natural
- CO₂ footprint reduction

A side-profile photograph of a woman with blonde hair. A green recycling symbol is overlaid on her face, positioned over her eye area.

2 Climate **change**

A photograph of vibrant green tree branches with many leaves, set against a light background.

3 Performance and Innovation

Food & flavours

A close-up photograph of a red liquid being poured from a white container into a small white dish.

Personal Care

A close-up photograph of a woman's face, showing her eye and cheek, with her hand resting near her face.

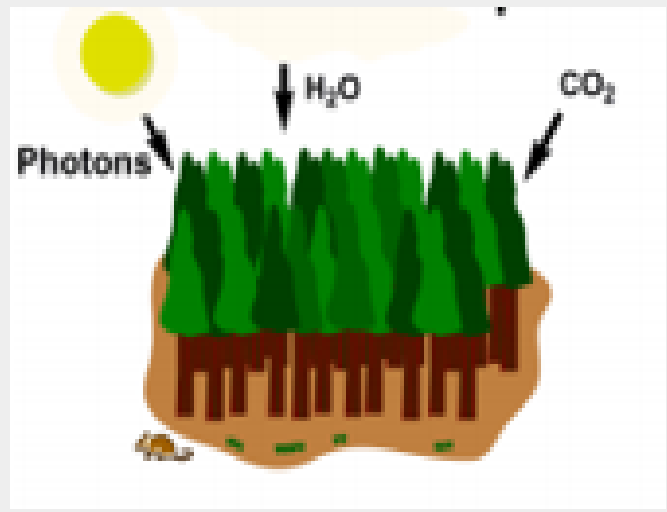
Paints & Coatings

A photograph of an open paint can with orange paint and a brush resting inside it.

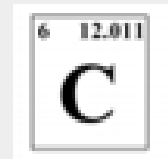
Polyurethanes

A photograph of a black and yellow sneaker, viewed from a side-top angle.

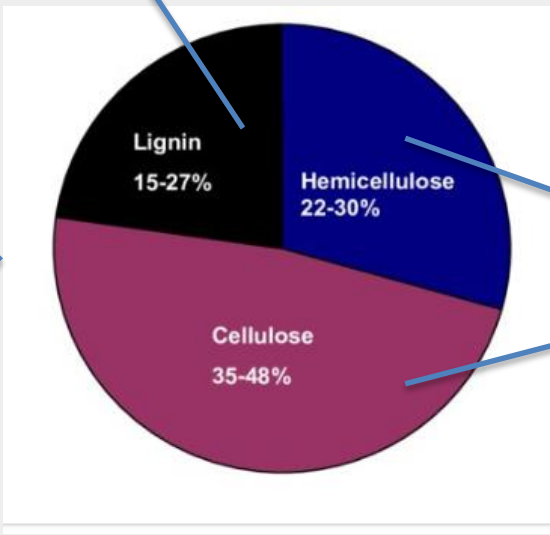
Biomass : Carbon Utilization



Biomass Residue



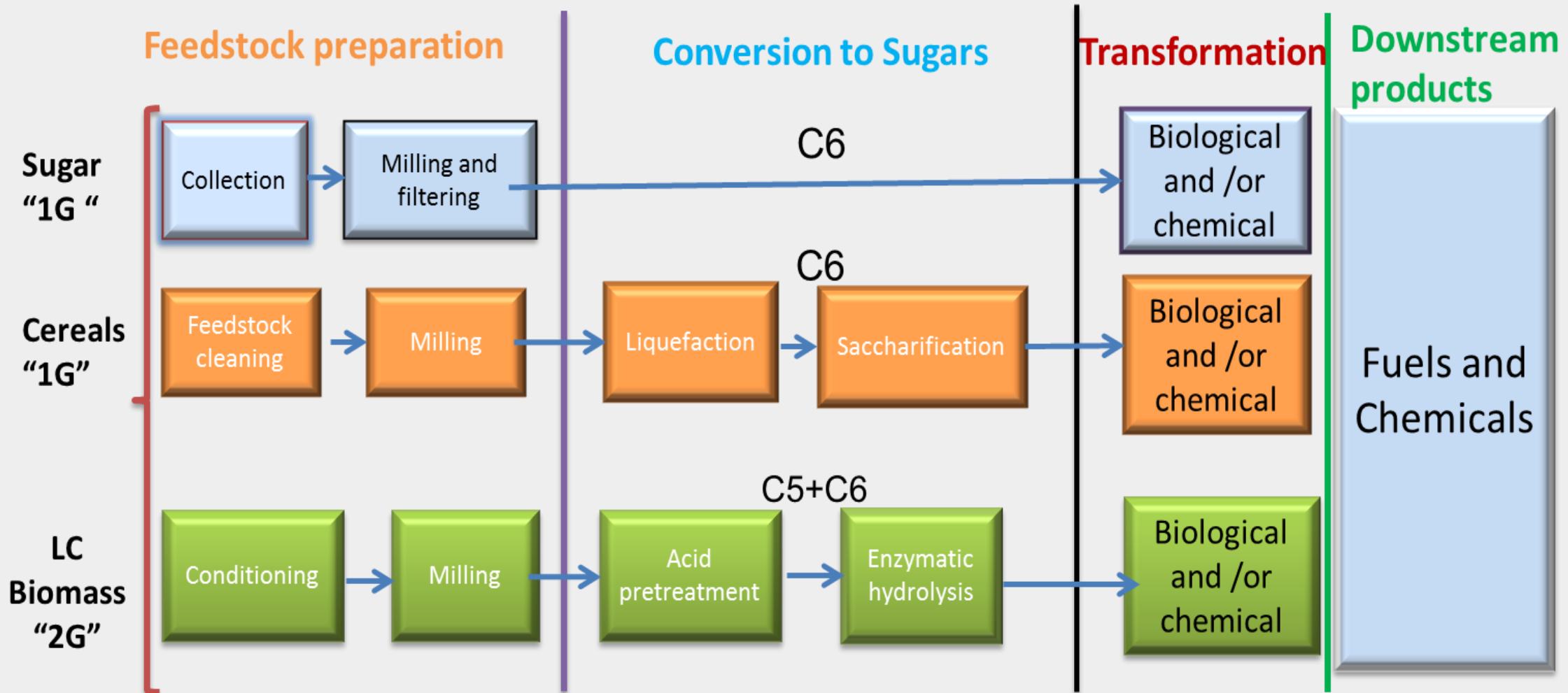
??? Bottom of the barrel



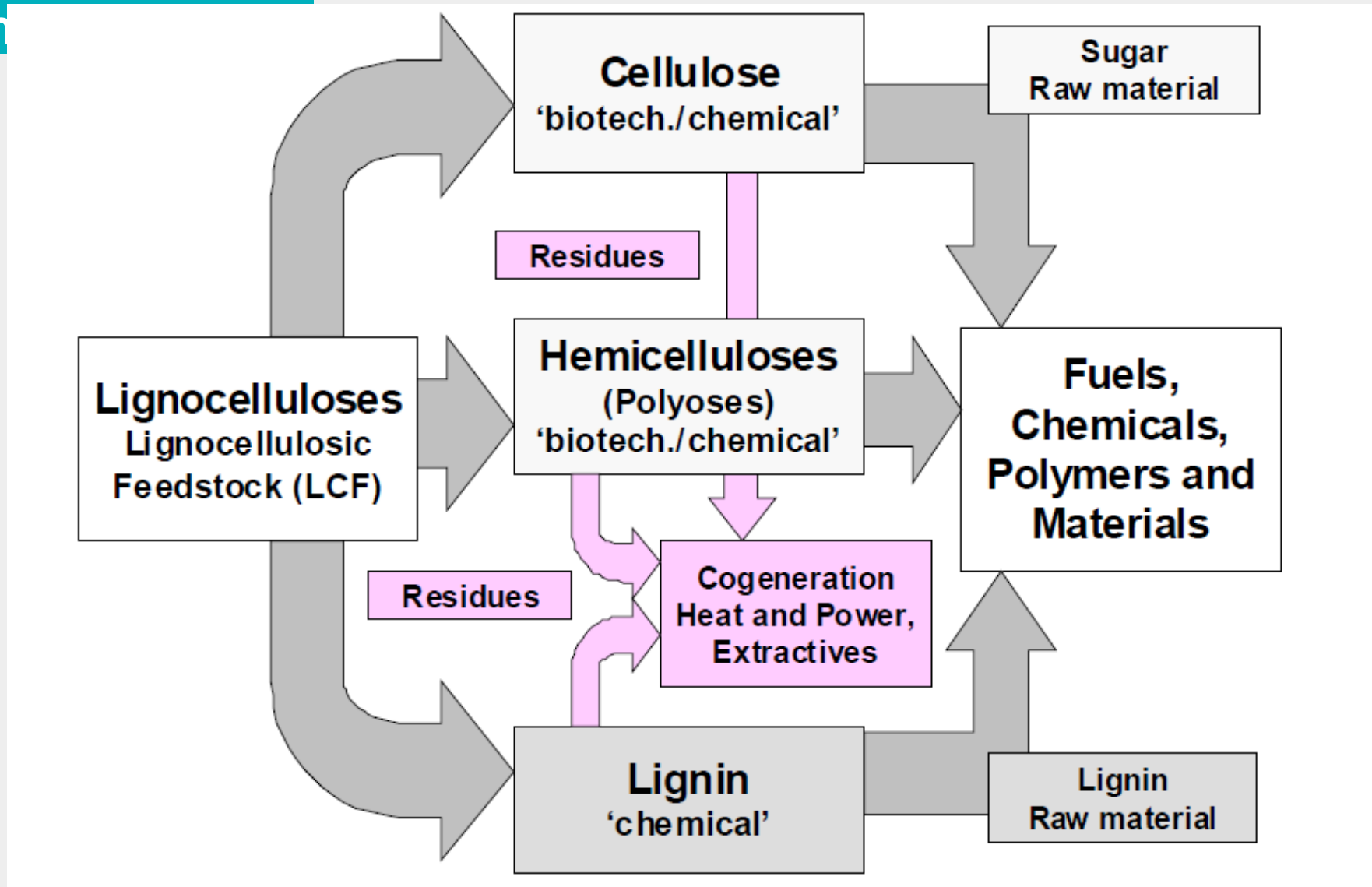
Fuels and Chemicals

To compete with Fossil based economy, Need to valorize all the carbon

Moving from "1G" to "2G"



LC : Most Sustainable but Challenging to master



Bio-refinery : Processing plant where biomass feedstocks are converted and extracted into a spectrum of valuable products

Circular Economy



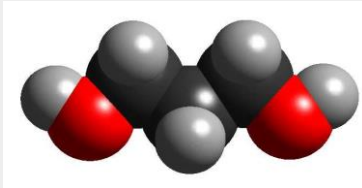
Bio-economy is essential part of Circular Economy

Sorona® (PolyTrimethyl Terephthalate, PTT)

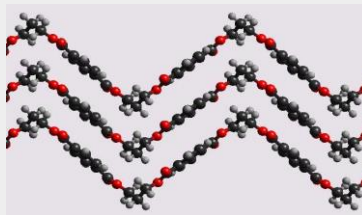
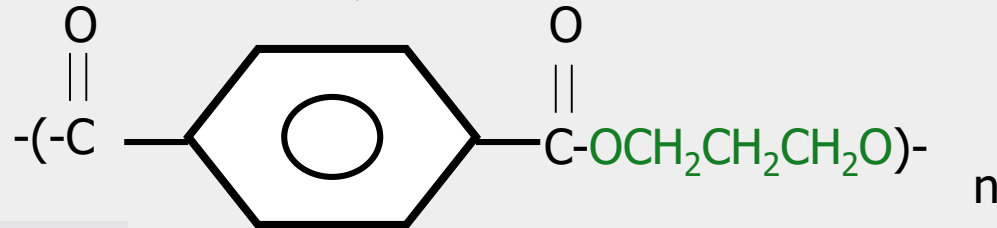
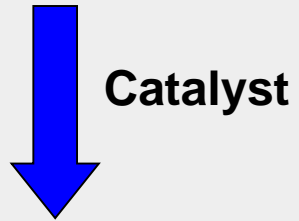
DuPont™ Sorona® Bio-Based PTT Polymer



Bio-PDO™



+ DMT / TPA



Sorona® polymer

- Unique polymer with versatile properties
- 37wt% renewable content



DuPont™ Sorona® - Carpet & Apparel Applications



Residential Carpet



- Stain Resistance “Engineered Into” the fibers
- Resiliency
- Bright color & Infinite Color Choices
- Superior Soft Touch
- Bio-PDO™ Strong Environmental Benefits

Automotive Carpet



Apparel



Commercial Carpet



Biotechnology

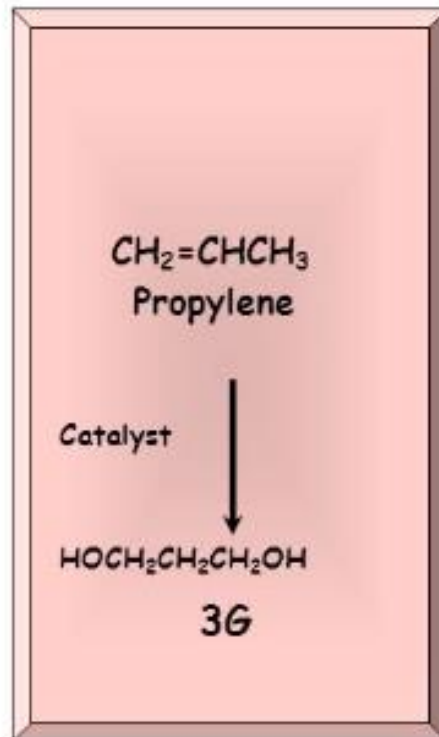
Bio-PDO™...



...from corn

Bio PDO : Process

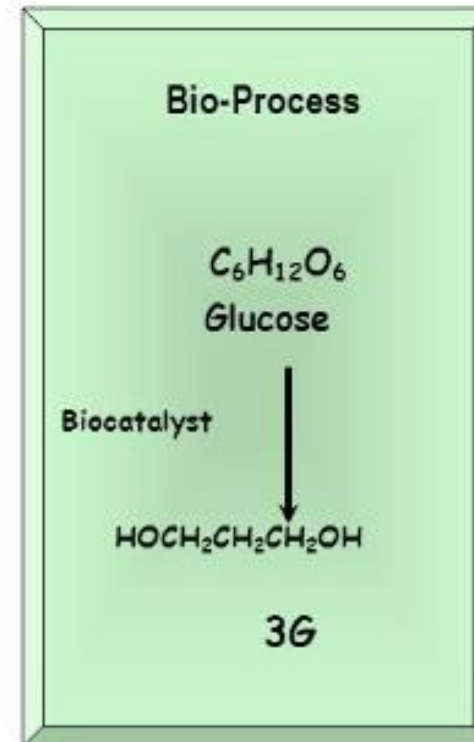
Fossil-Based Feedstock



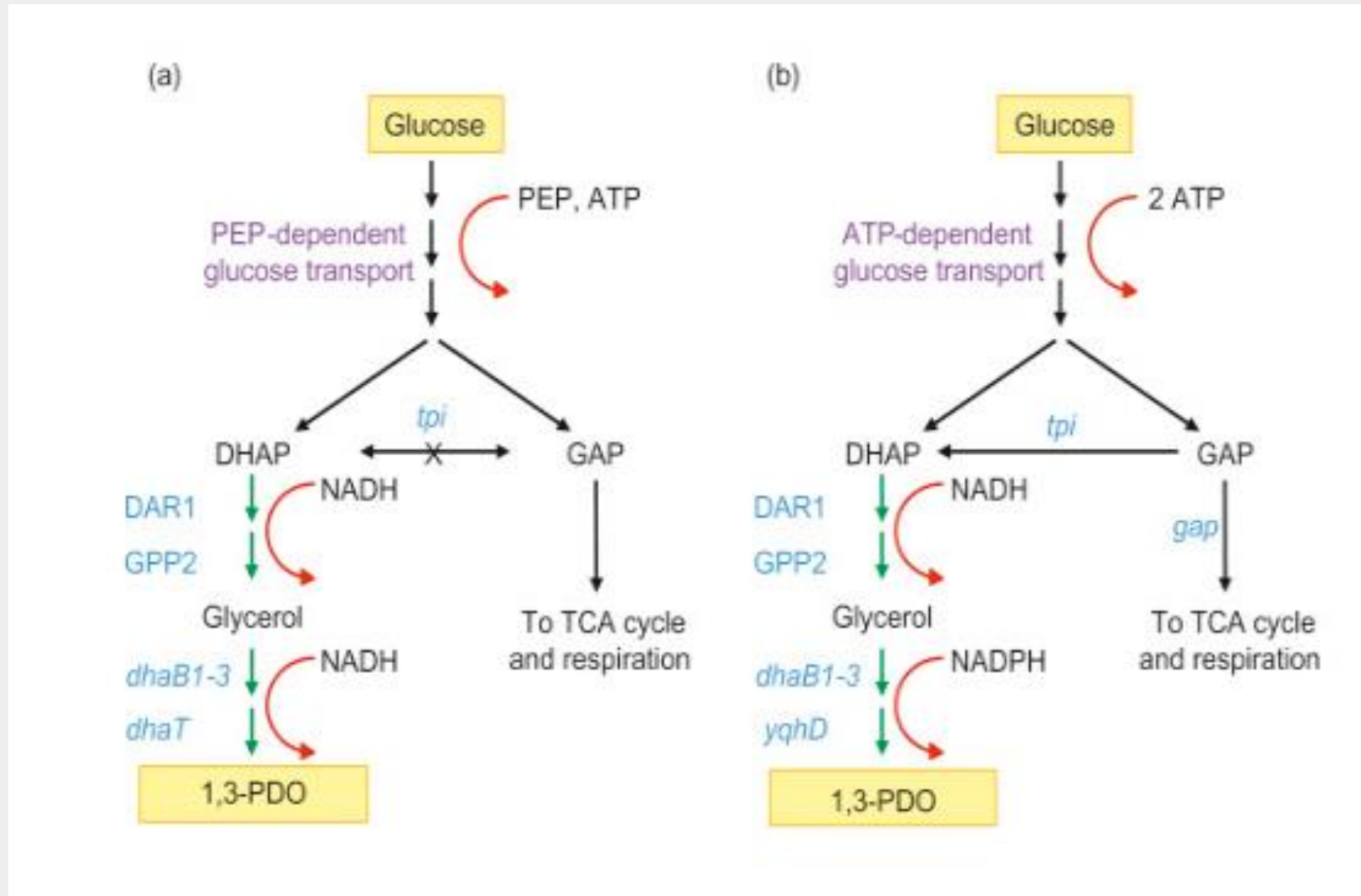
> Advantages:

- ✓ Use of Renewable Feedstock
- ✓ Smaller environmental footprint
- ✓ Lower manufacturing cost
- ✓ Lower capital

Renewable Feedstock



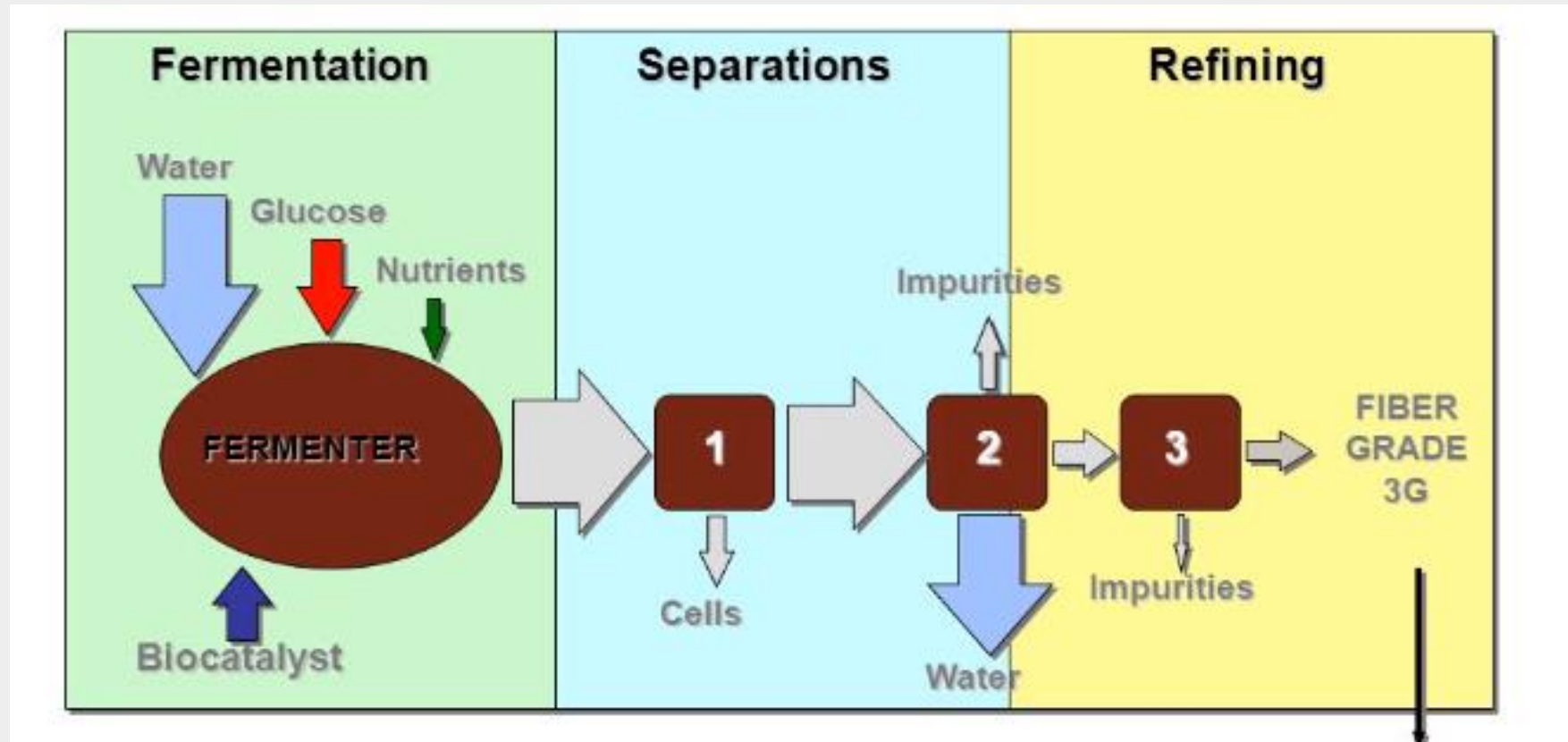
Bio PDO : Pathway



Early construct

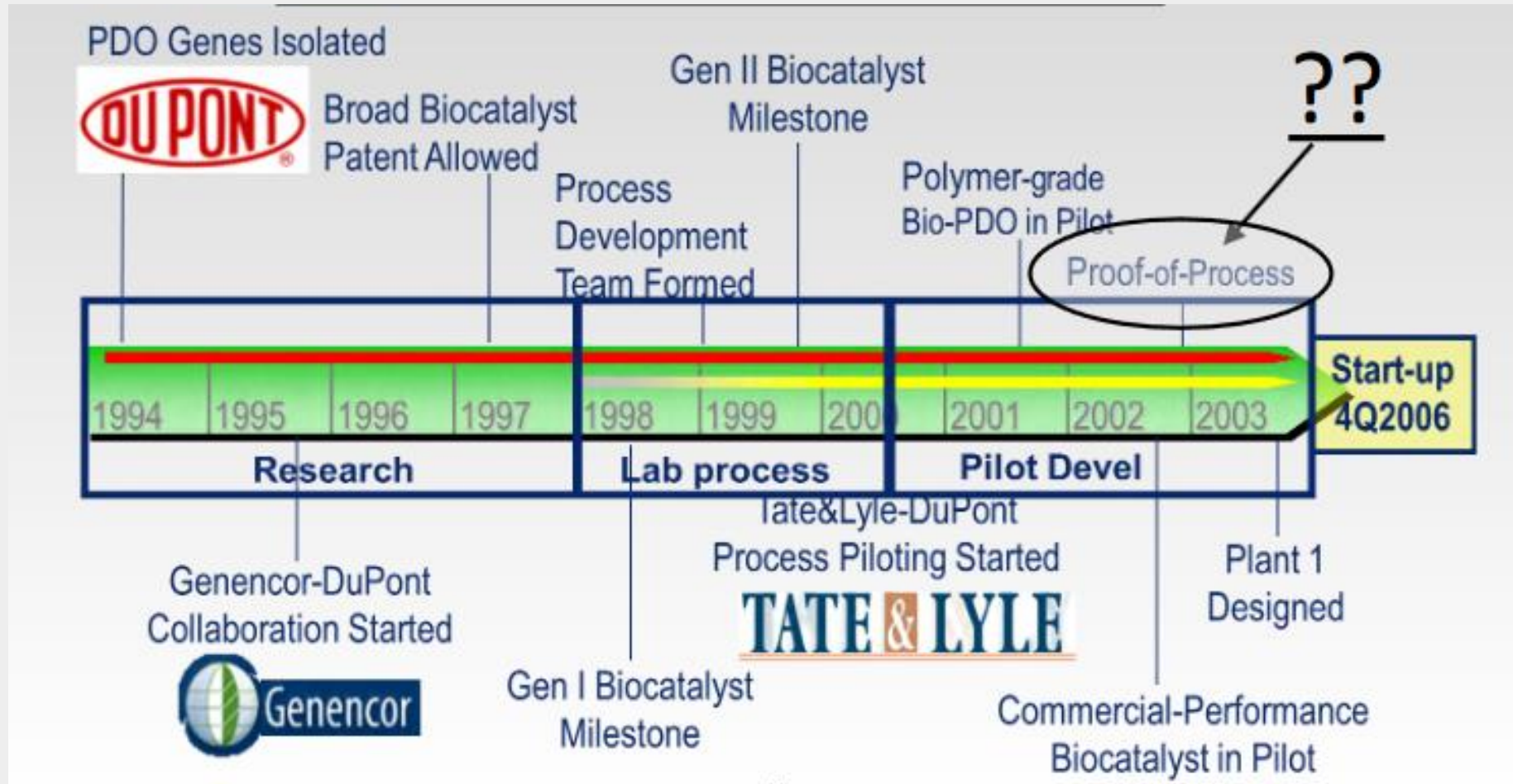
Improved construct

Putting it altogether



Fiber grade monomer

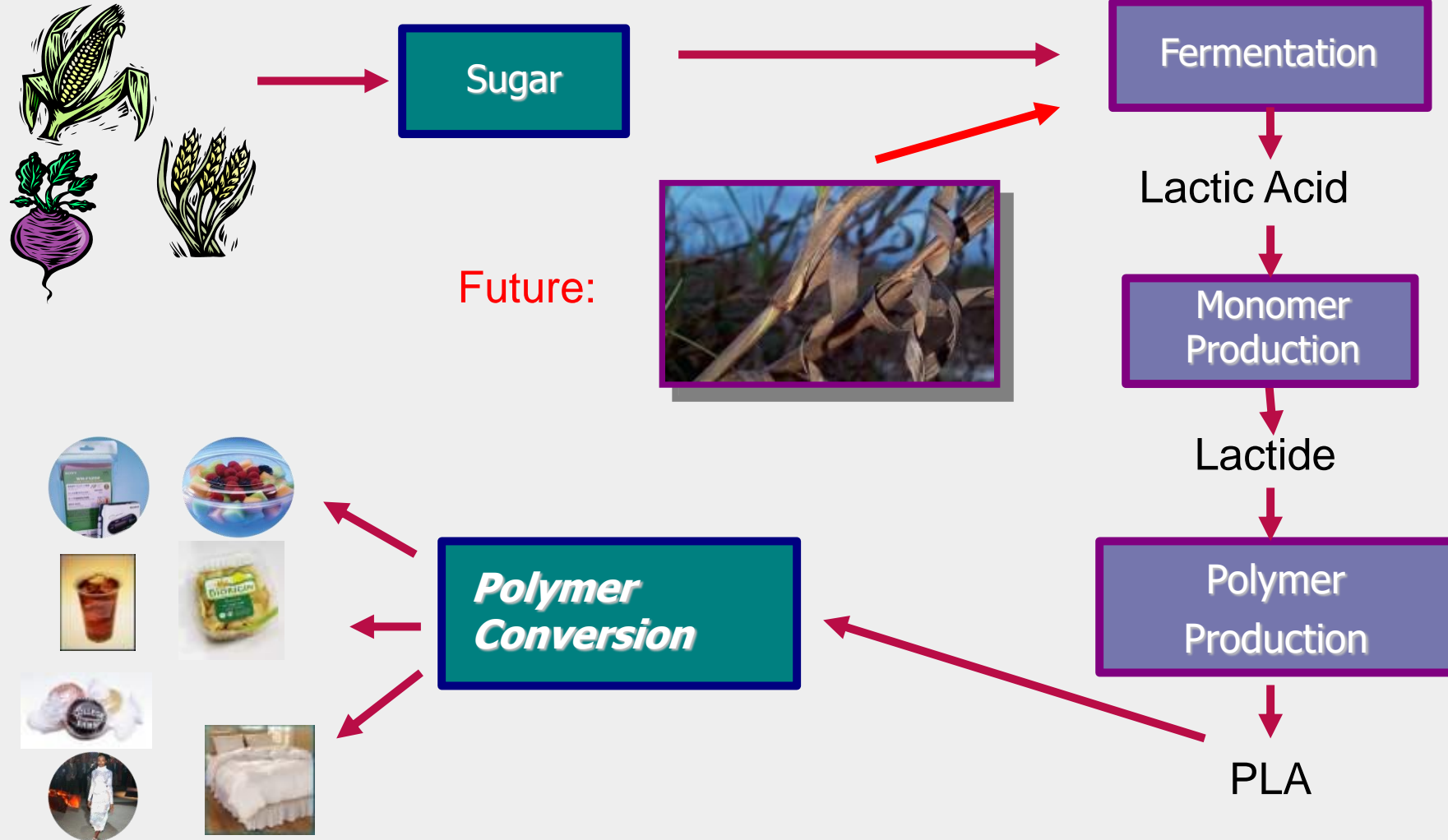
1.3 -Propanediol : Dupont



Long Timelines !

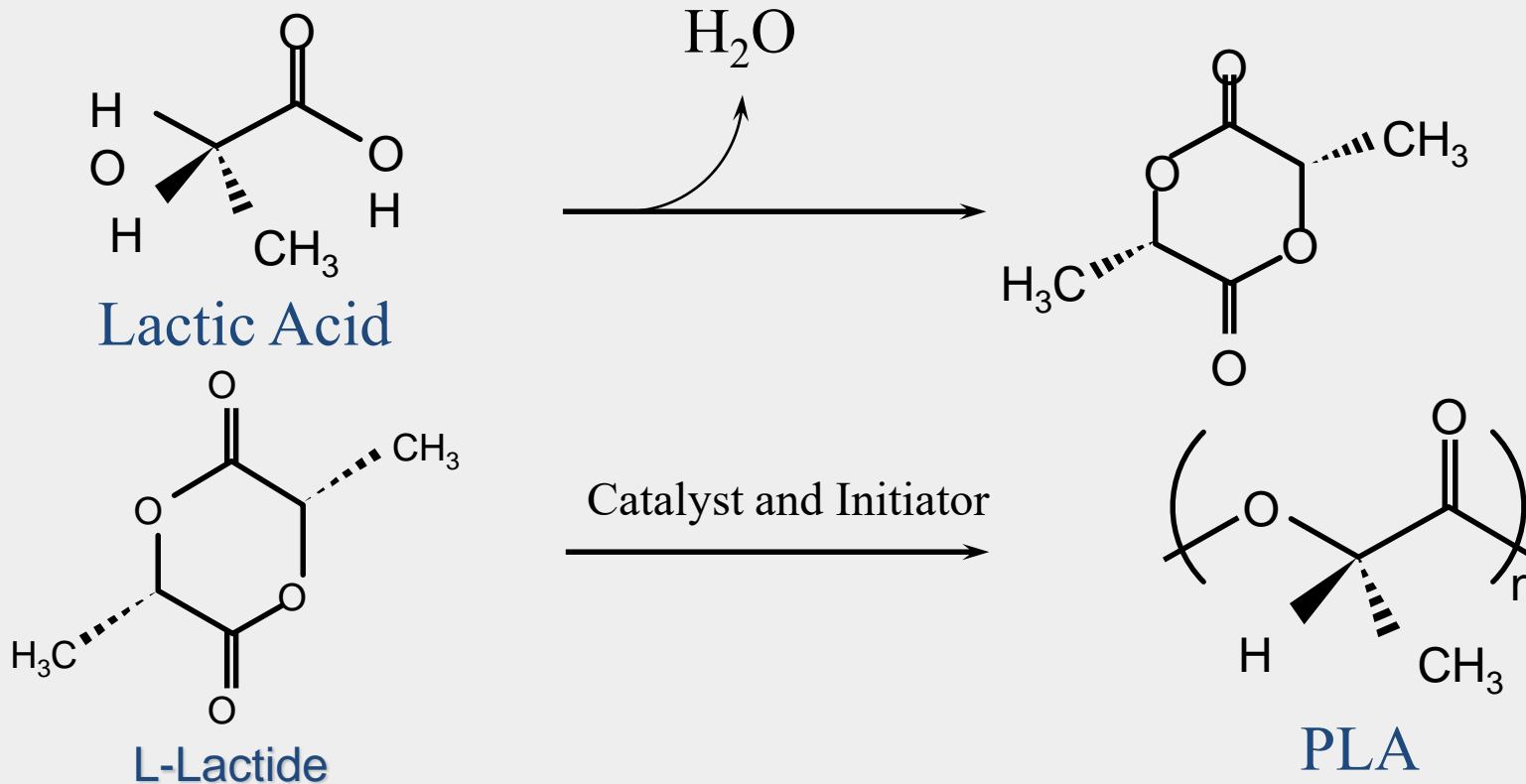
Polylactic Acid (PLA)

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Industrially Biodegradable plastic

Polymerization through Lactide Ring Opening



(S,S)-3,6-dimethyl-1,4-dioxan-2,5-dione

poly((S,S)-3,6-dimethyl-1,4-dioxan-2,5-dione)

- Molecular weight control by lactic acid concentration
- Control optical composition through composition of lactide feed

PLA : Properties



	PLA	GPPS	PET	PP
Tensile Strength, MPa	53.1	45.5	58.6	35.9
Elongation at Break, %	4.1	1.4	5.5	350
Tensile Modulus, GPa	3.45	3.03	3.45	1.31
Izod Impact, J/m	16.0	21.4	26.7	48.1
Tg, ° C	60	102	74	-20
Melting Point, ° C	170-220	none	270	165
Density, g/cc	1.25	1.05	1.35	0.9

PLA has similar properties to other thermoplastic materials

PLA : Products



Thermoformed products



Bottles

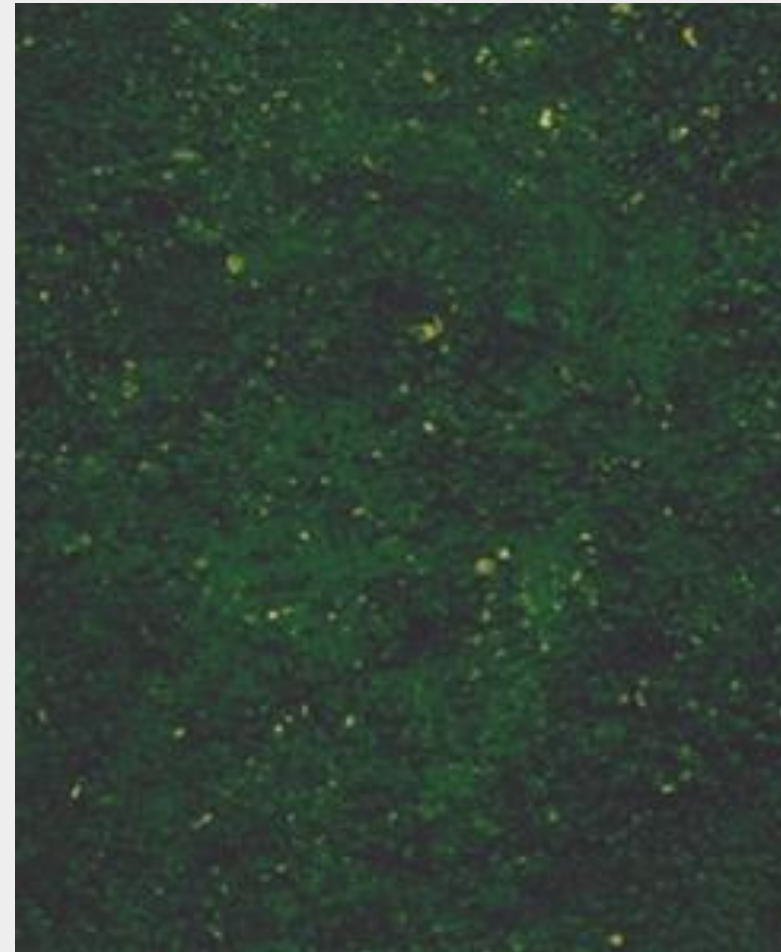


Films



Compostable

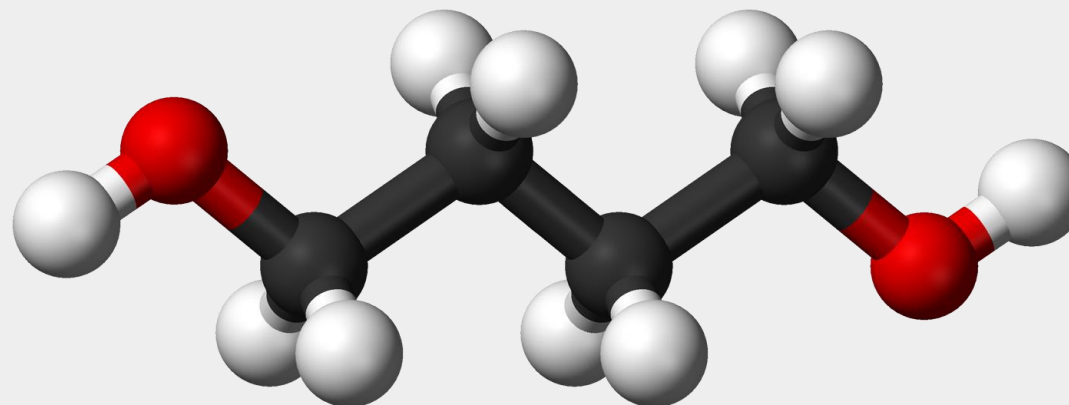
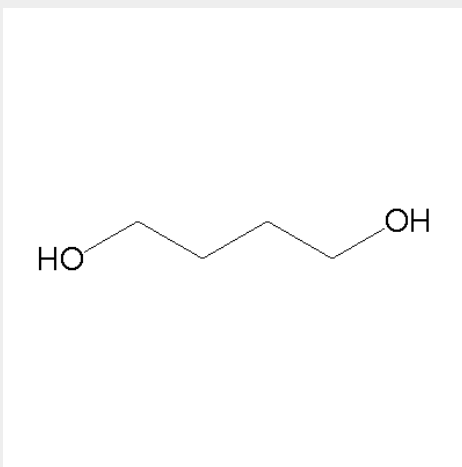
- Specific Conditions requirement allows for products to be designed for normal use
- Requires the specific conditions of high temperature and moisture found in municipal compost systems



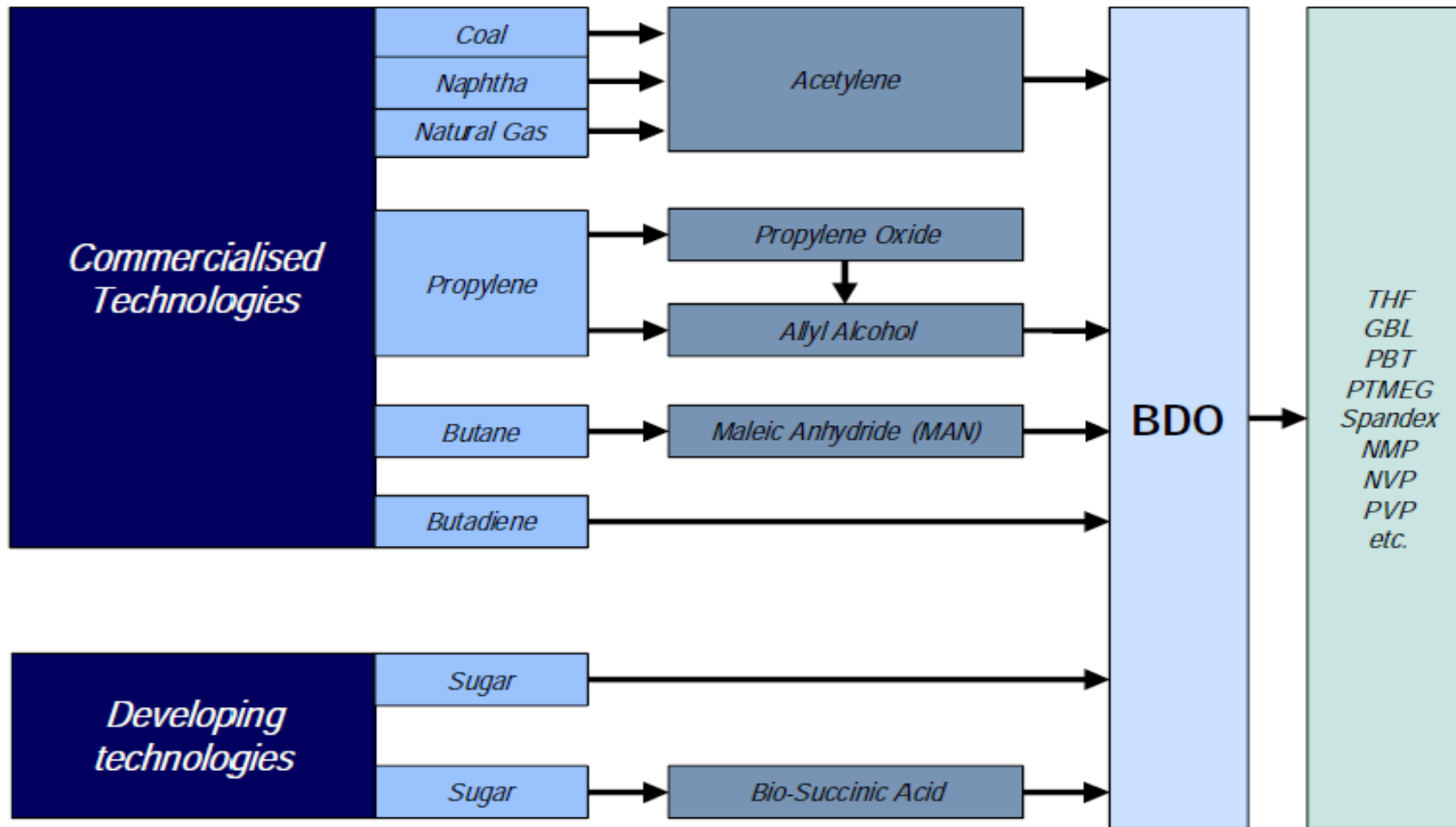
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Bio 1,4-Butanediol (BDO)

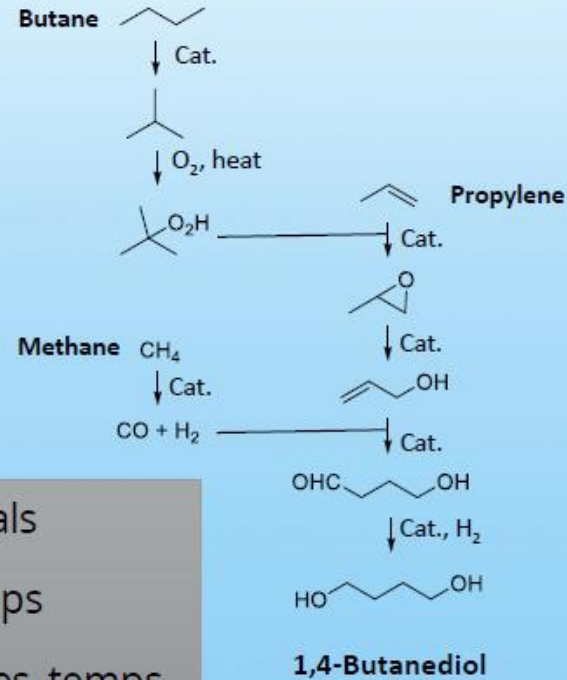


Production Technologies



- Market size : 2 MM MTA
- Price : \$ 2-3 /kg

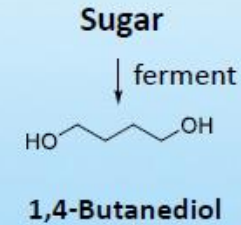
Conventional



- 3 raw materials
- 7 catalytic steps
- High pressures, temps
- Reactive intermediates



GENO BDO™ process



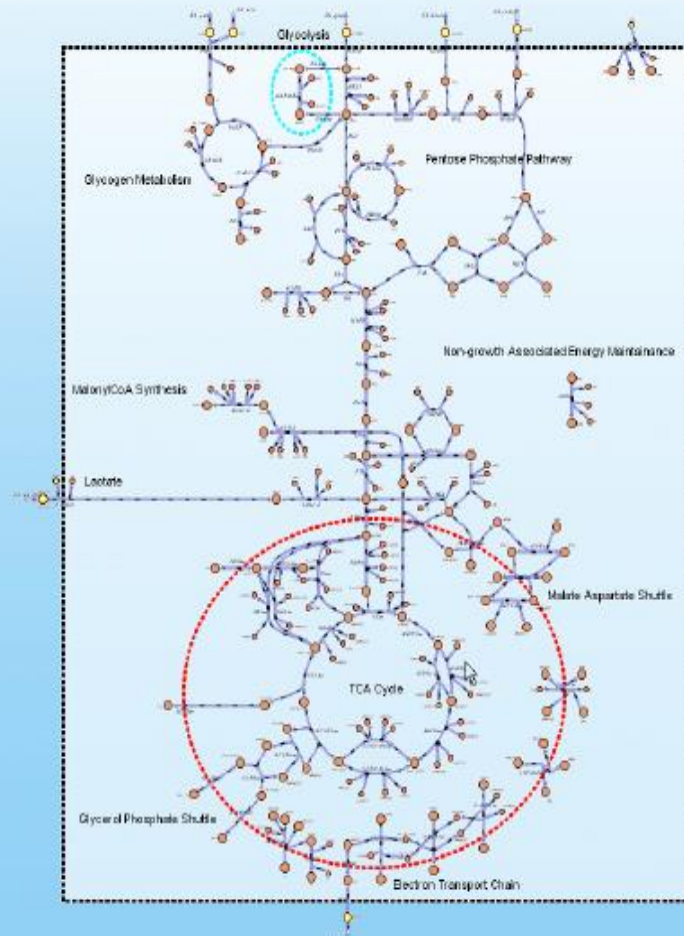
- Direct 1-step process
- Mild conditions
- Lower CAPEX
- Lower OPEX

Bio 1,4-BDO : Challenges



- Not produced in Nature
- Not synthesized by any organism
- No complete biosynthetic pathway to harness BDO production

Need a deNovo approach to make in bio-catalytically!!



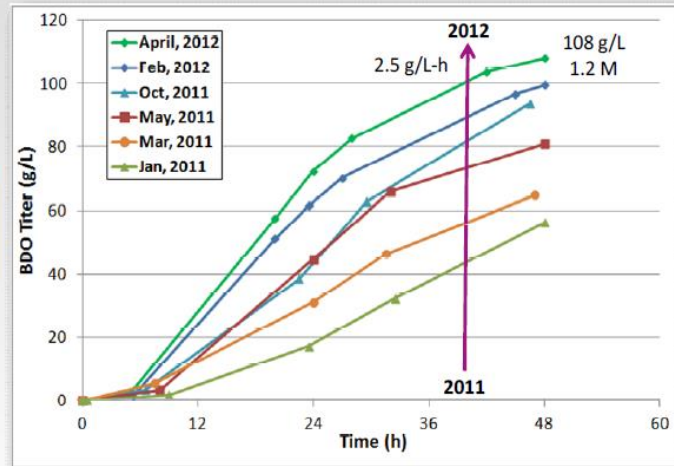
Organism engineering achievements

- Near-theoretical yields
- Multiple feedstocks
- 21 enzyme catalyst changes
- 6 heterologous genes
- >40 chromosomal edits

BDO biosynthetic pathways introduced into *E. coli*. Enzymes for each numbered step are as follows: (1) 2-oxoglutarate decarboxylase; (2) succinyl-CoA synthetase; (3) CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase; (4) 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase; (5) 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase; (6) 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase; (7) alcohol dehydrogenase. Steps 2 and 7 occur naturally in *E. coli*



Development and commercialization



Higher Titre, rate and yield
The power of strain engineering!!

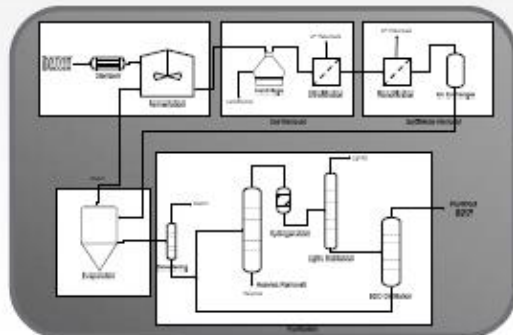
2008

first production of 1,4-BDO
from carbohydrates



2013

commercial scale
production (40M lbs/yr)



Poly-hydroxyalkanoates (PHAs)

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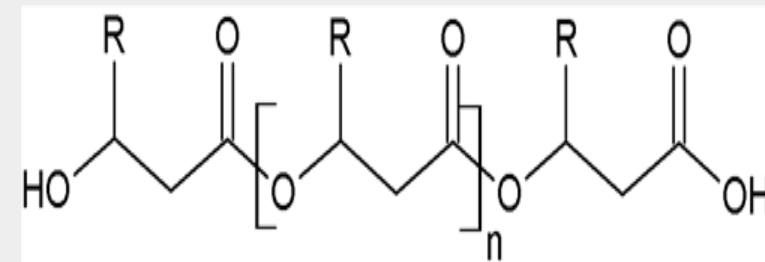
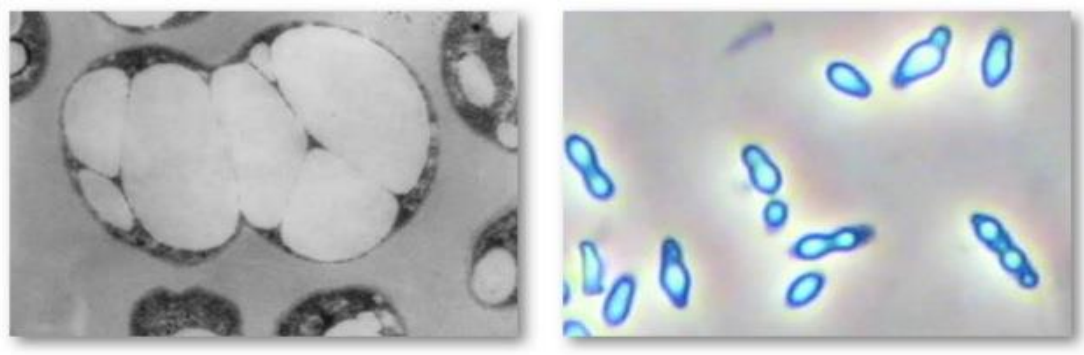
- PHA stands for "Polyhydroxyalkanoate", a class of biopolyesters synthesized by a variety of microorganisms.

- **Key Characteristics**

Sustainable

Biodegradable

Biocompatible



PHA Synthesizing Microorganisms*



Microorganisms	PHA synthesized	PHA chemical structure
<i>Ralstonia eutropha</i> Also known as <i>Cupriavidus</i> <i>Necator</i>	PHB [poly(3-hydroxybutyrate)]	
	PHBV [poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyvalerate)]	
	P3HB4HB [poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate)]	
<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	PHBHHx [poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyhexanoate)]	
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	PHOHHx [poly(3-hydroxyoctanoate-co-3-hydroxyhexanoate)]	

*Representative list only

Feed stocks and Processes for PHA Production



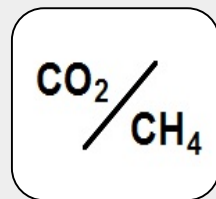
Sugars 1G & 2G



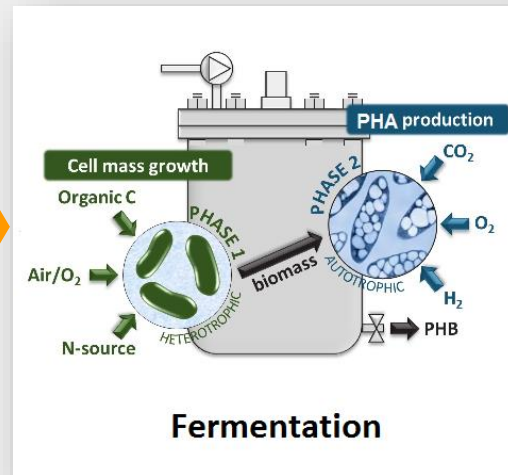
Veg Oil



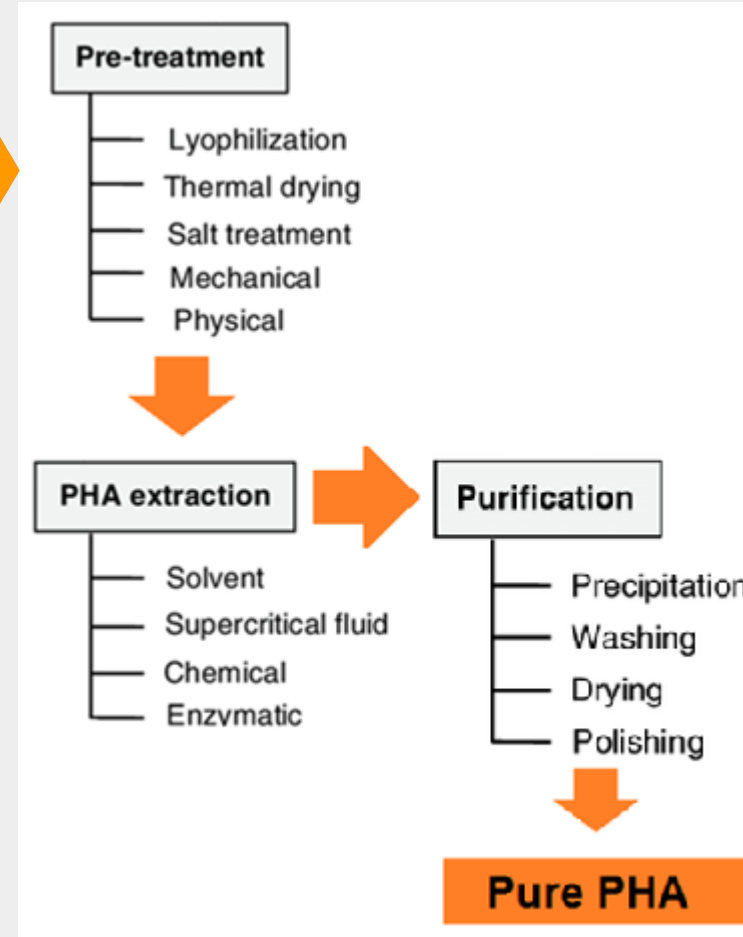
Wastewater Sludge



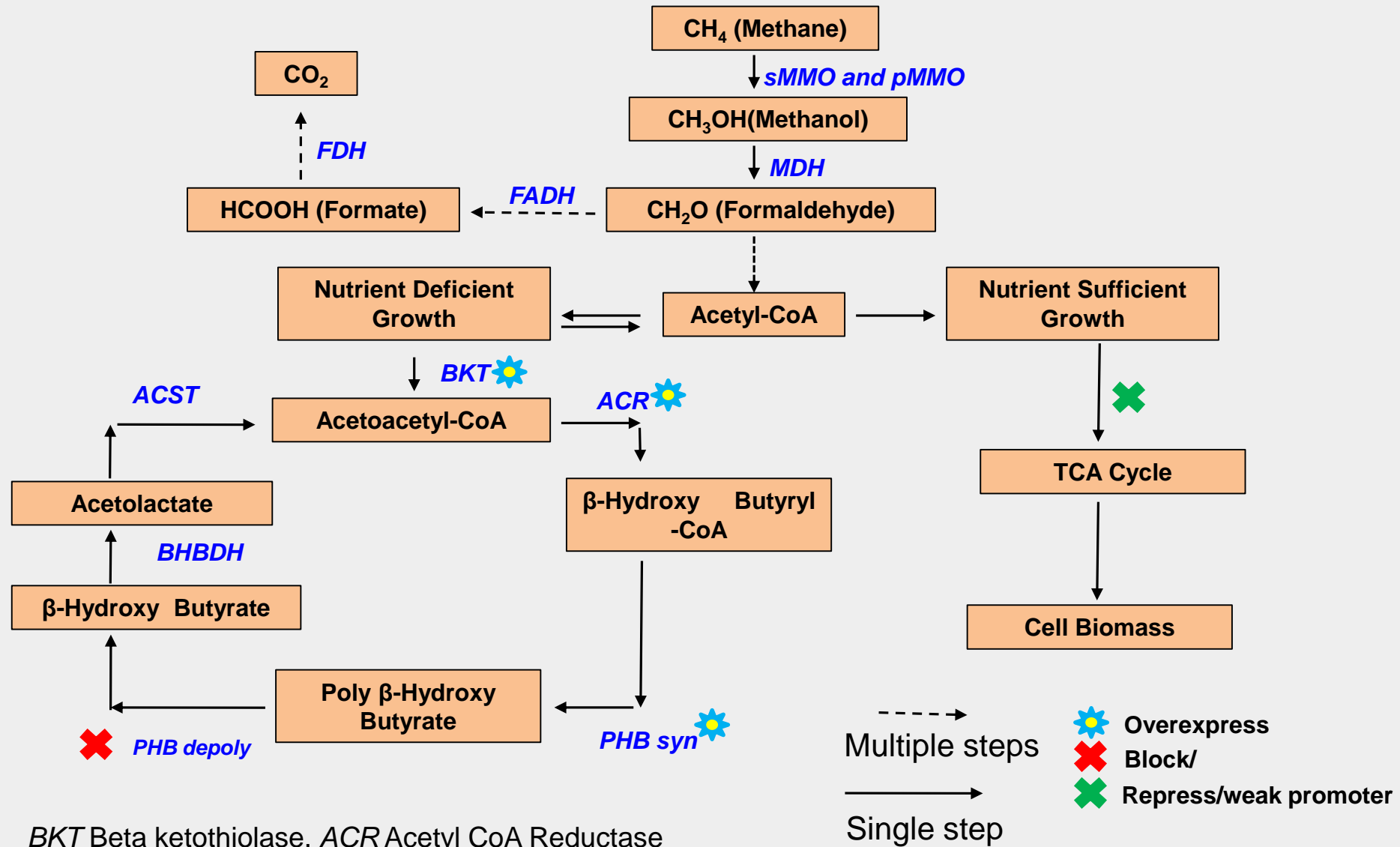
Waste Gases



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Methane to PHB Pathway



BKT Beta ketothiolase, *ACR* Acetyl CoA Reductase
PHB Syn PHB Synthase, *PHB depoly*: PHB Depolymerase
3HBDH 3 Hydroxy butyrate dehydrogenase,

PHA- General Properties

- Optically active linear polyesters with each repeating unit in the stereochemical R-configuration
- Physical and mechanical properties are largely determined by the chemical structure and relative amount of the monomers, as well as the molecular weight

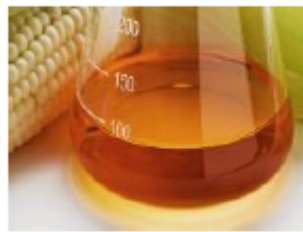
	PHB	PHBV	PHBHHx	MCL-PHA
T _m (°C)	170 to 180	130 to 170	95 to 150	40 to 60
T _g (°C)	-5 to 5	-10 to 0	-3 to -1	-60 to -30
M _w x 10 ³ (g mol ⁻¹)	Up to 1500	Up to 1200	/	50 to 300
Density (g cm ⁻³)	1.24	1.20	/	1.02
Crystallinity (%)	60 to 80	30 to 80	10 to 50	Up to 30
Tensile strength (MPa)	40	30 to 40	/	Up to 10
Young's modulus (MPa)	3.5 to 4 x 10 ³	0.7 to 3 x 10 ³	500 (10%HHx)	Up to 15
Elongation to break (%)	3 to 8	Up to 100	Up to 400	Up to 450

Applications of PHAs



Applications	Examples
Packaging	Food utensils, films, daily consumables, electronic appliances, etc;
Medical	Sutures, surgical meshes, heart valves, vascular grafts, scaffolds for cartilage engineering, controlled drug release, etc;
Others	Coating by PHA latex, paints; Heat sensitive adhesives; Fibers for textile industry; Chiral R-form PHA monomers for fine chemical industry;

HMF/FDCA

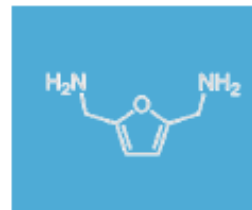


Sugar
(Fructose)

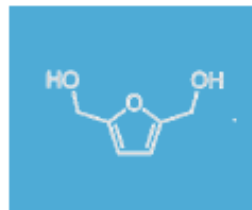


5-Hydroxymethyl-
furfural
(HMF)

Furan dicarboxylic
acid
(FDCA)



Bisamino-
methylfuran
(BAMF)



Bishydroxy-
methylfuran
(BHMF)

→ Polyesters

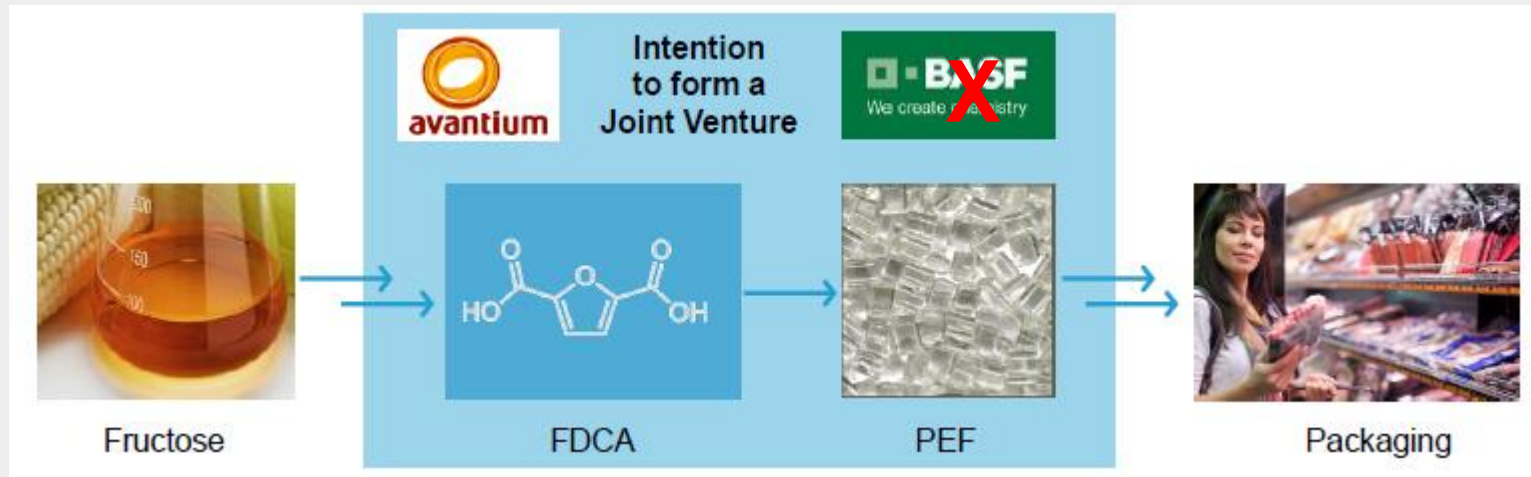
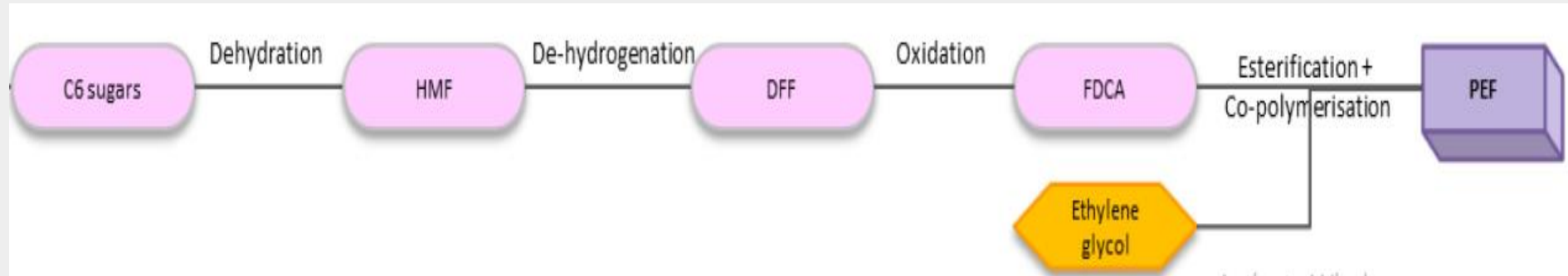
→ Polyamides

→ Polyurethanes

Aventium, Corbion-Purac, Dupont-ADM

Ac
Go

PEF : Avenitum



- Better oxygen barrier properties than PET
- Monomer purity is very important

Bio-Prism™ : Choosing wisely

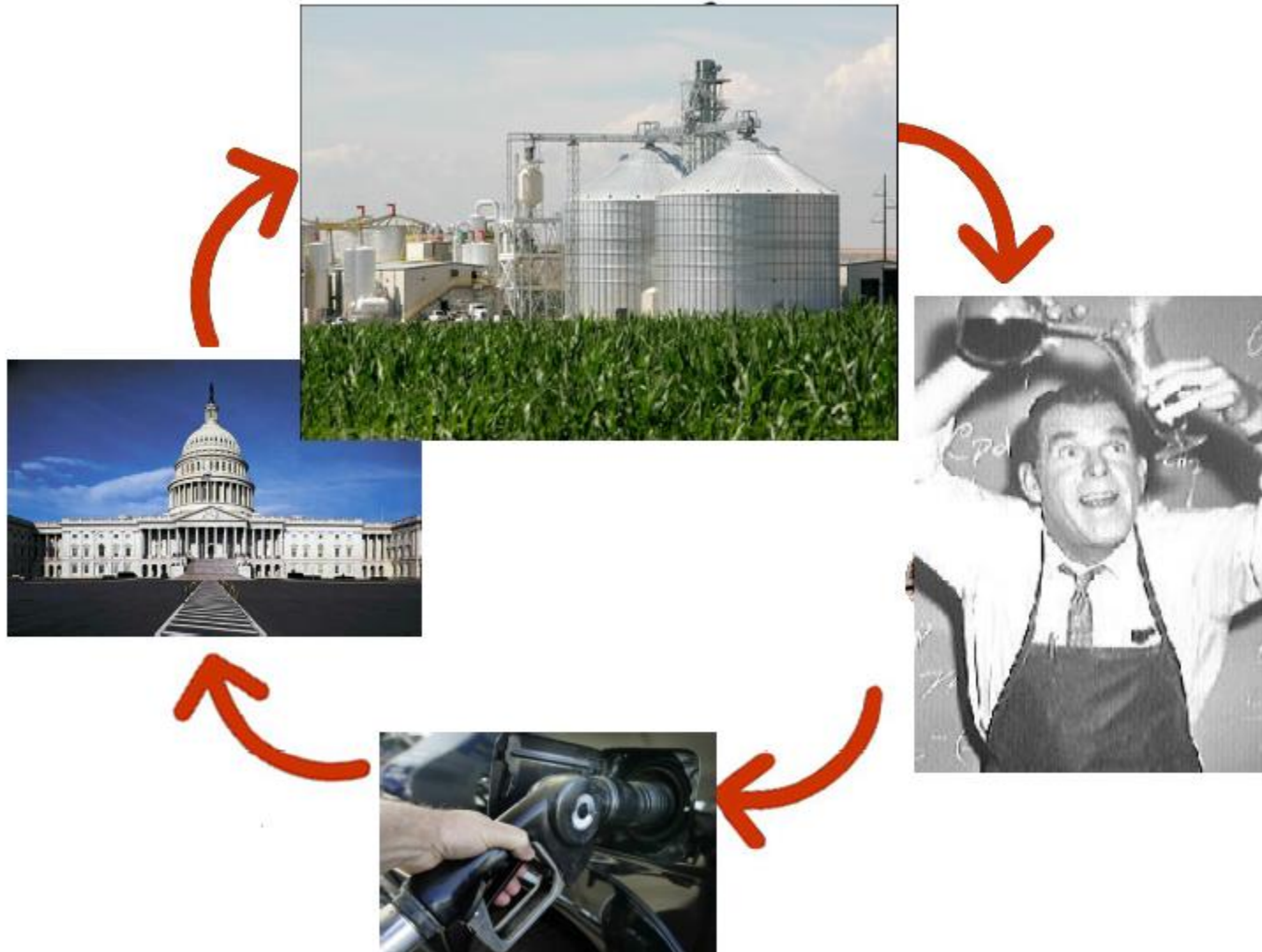
The Next Frontier : RCM Platform



Bio-Prism™ portfolio offers new possibilities in RCM industry

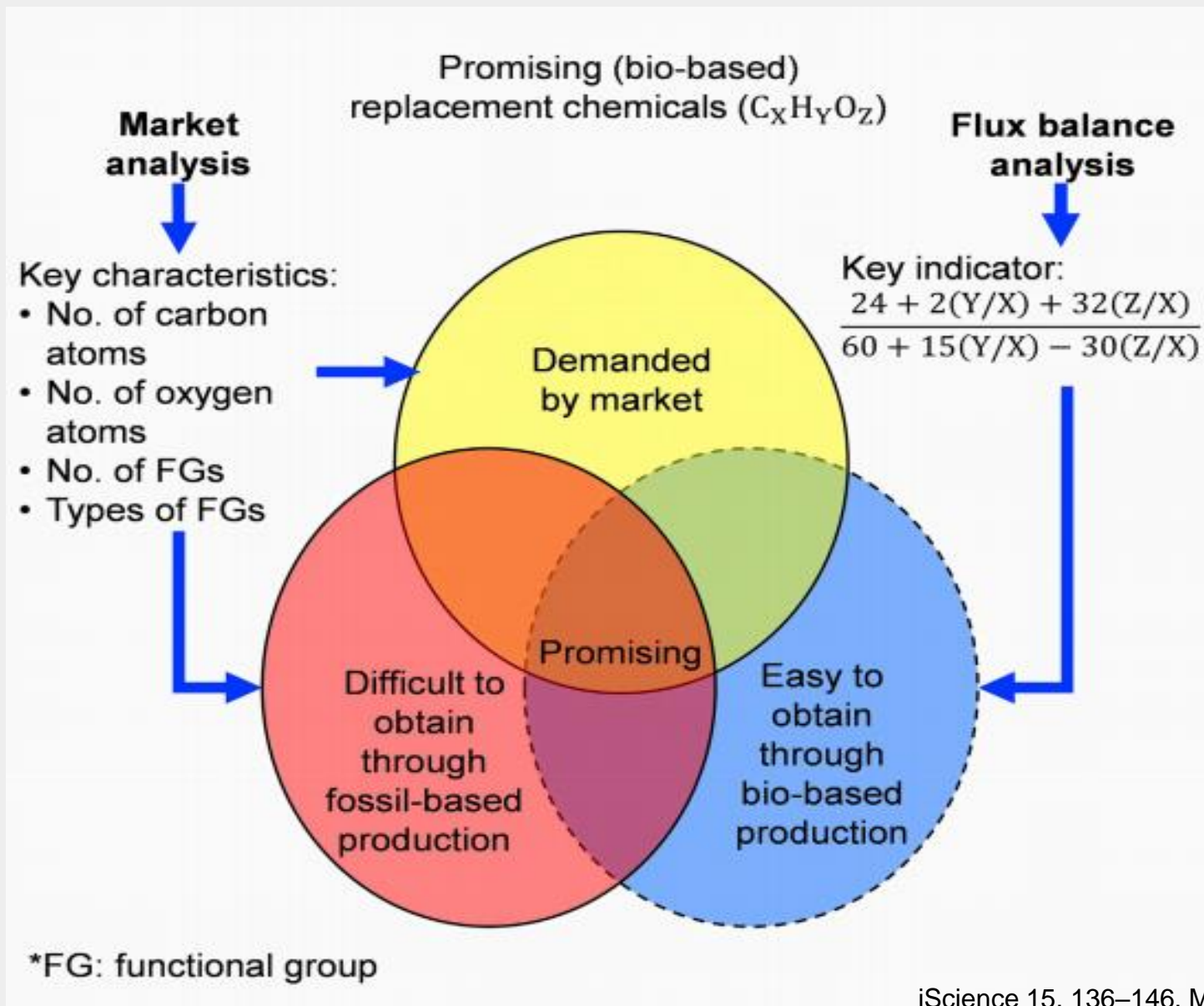


Choosing wisely (1/5)

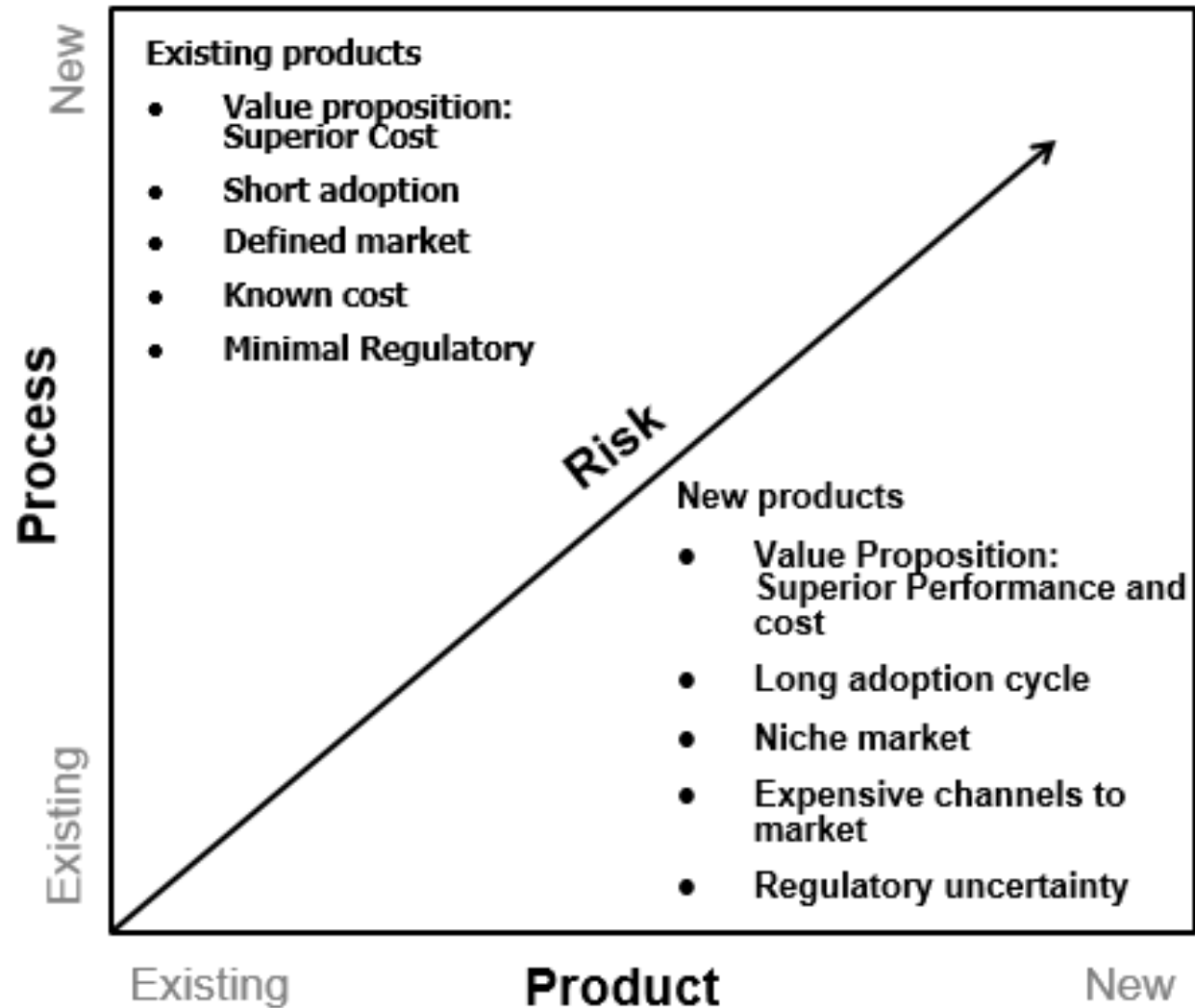


Which first? The molecule or the market?

Choosing wisely (2/5)











Choosing wisely (3/5)

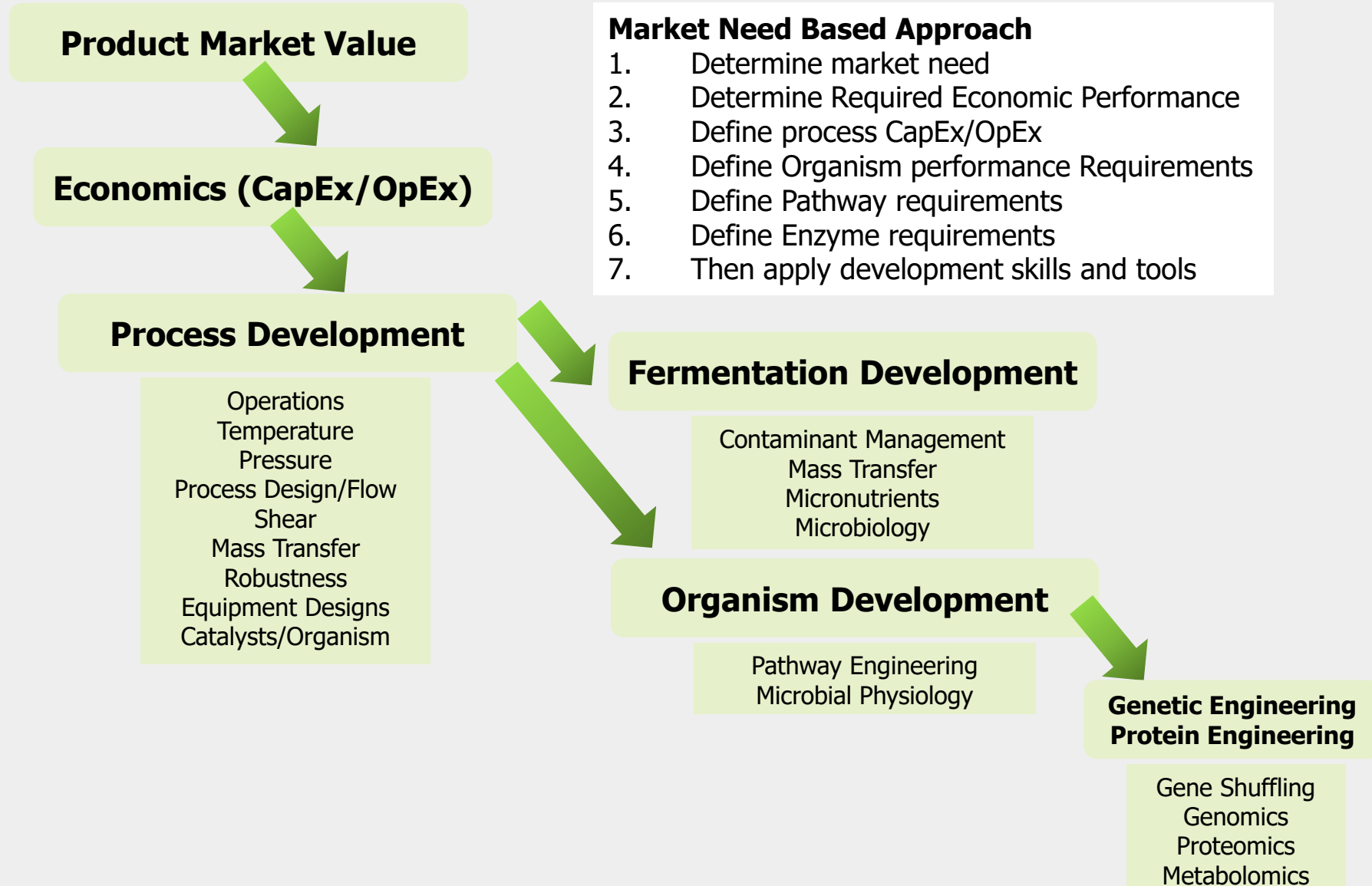


Choosing wisely (4/5) : Risk Analysis



RISK FACTOR		RISK MITIGATION
New Molecule (Unclear Value Proposition)		True drop-in molecule (already used, clear value)
Addressable Market		Platform molecule with large multiple accessible markets
Market Adoption Rate		Incentivize value chain / target markets, eliminate product uncertainties (regulatory, performance, value)
Economic Performance		Technology enables low cost manufacturing position
Capital Intensity		Retrofit existing assets
Scale Up and Operability		Choose technologies that avoid risks (Fermentation type, organism type, pathway type, equipment type)
Feedstock		Design technology to use any fermentable feedstock
Intellectual Property		File many patents

Choosing wisely : Approach to Development (5/5/)

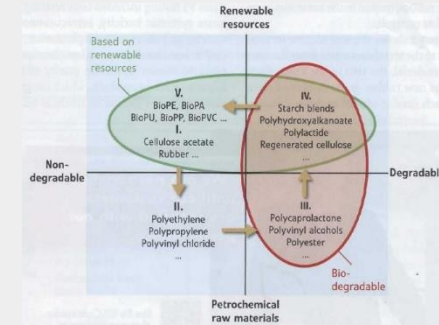


RCM : Praj approach (1/2)

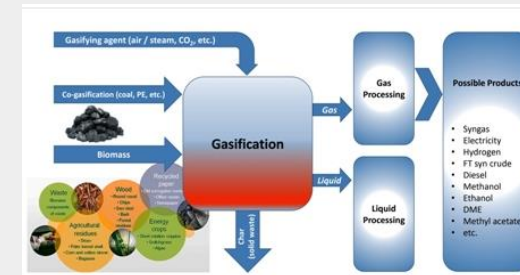
- Chemicals and materials form renewable feedstock

- Bio-degradable

➤ Fermentation and chemo-catalytic

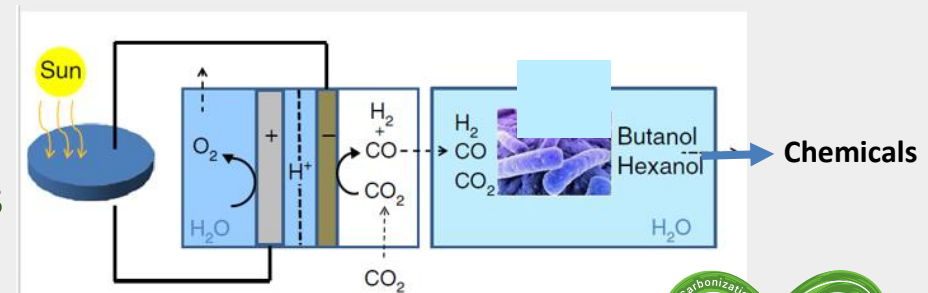


- Biomass Gasification and downstream fuels and chemicals

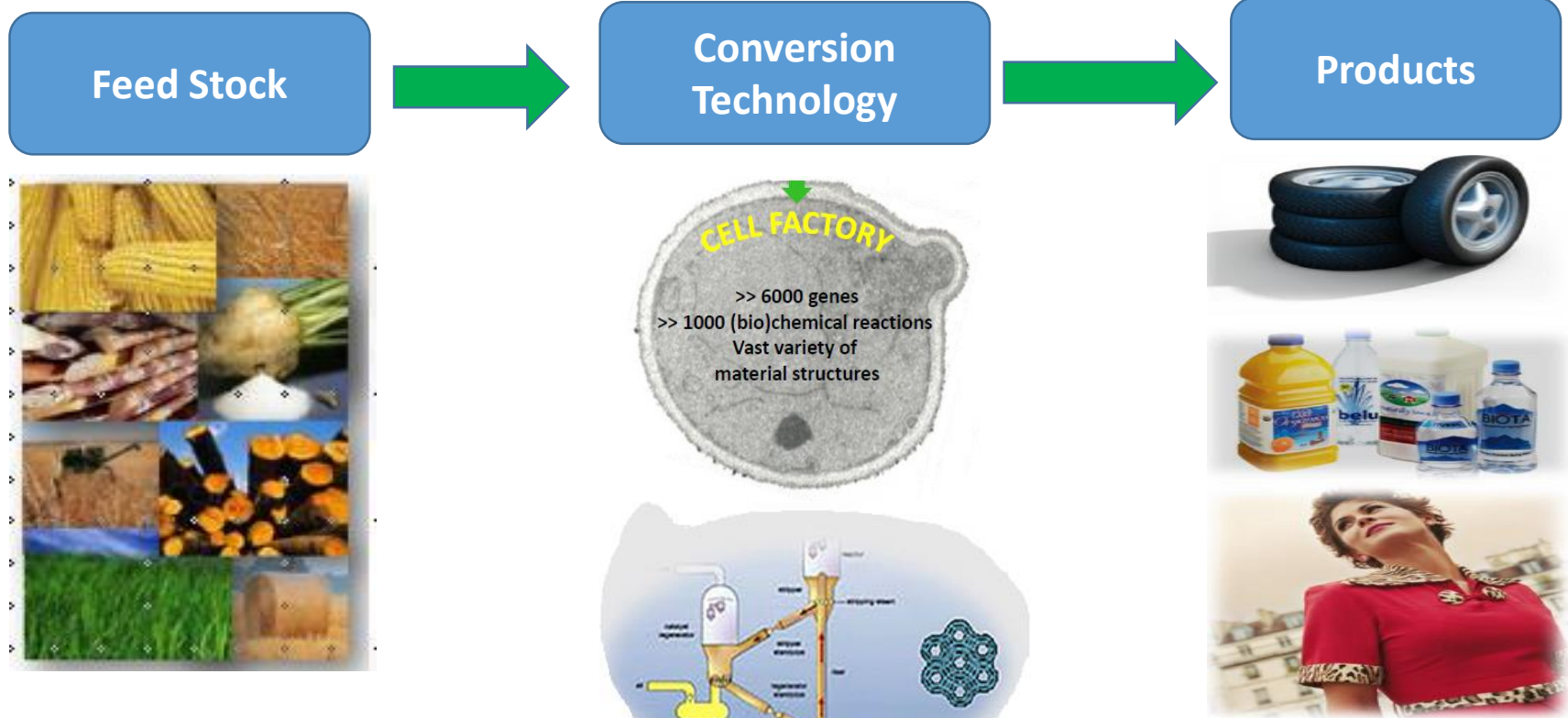


- Futuristic

- CO2 Utilization to Fuels and Chemicals



RCM : Three degrees of Complexities

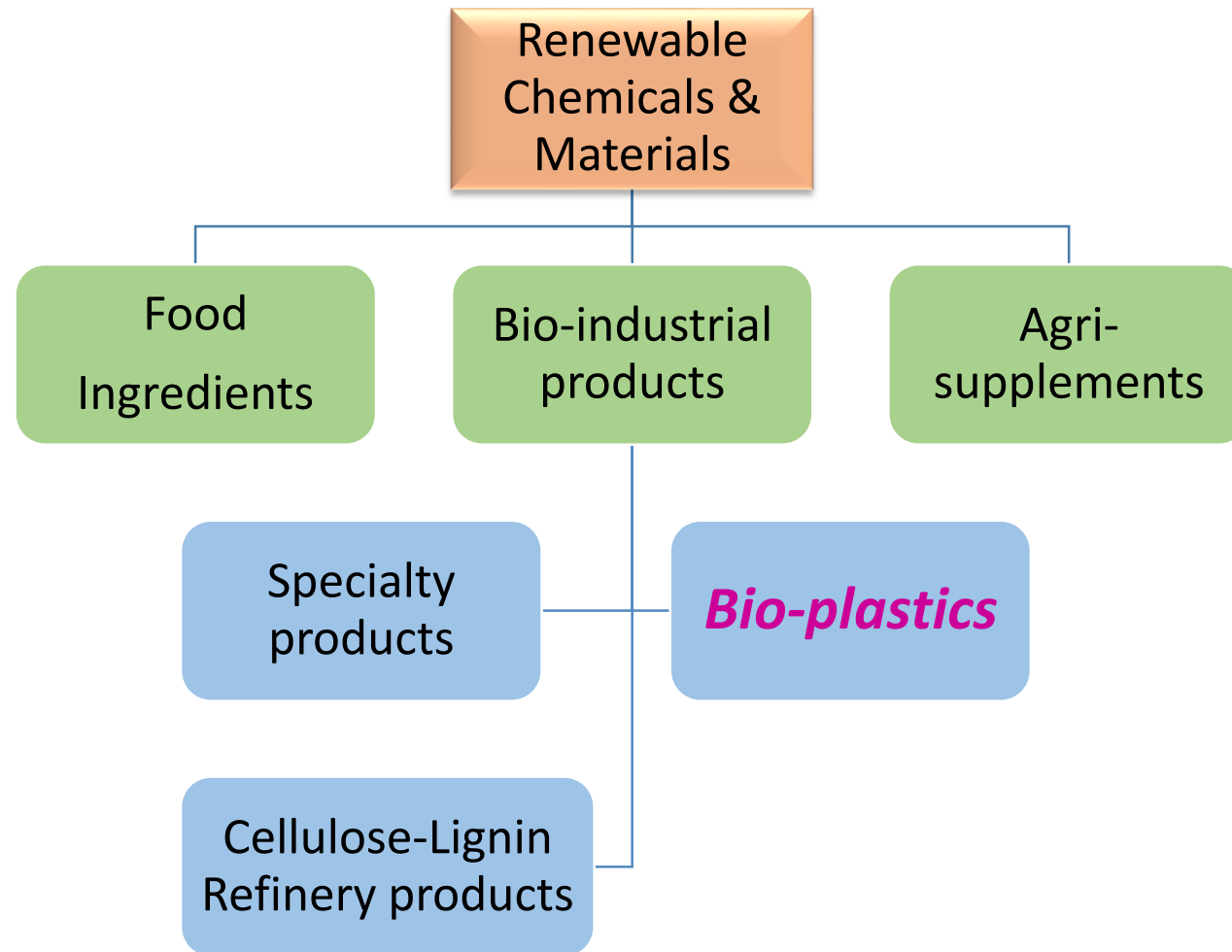


- **1st Generation**
 - Sugar cane
 - Corn
 - Cassava
- **2nd Generation**
 - Straws
 - Forestry

- Bio-catalytic
- Chemo-catalytic
- Thermochemical

- Drop in replacement
- Existing molecules with different economics
- Molecules with new functionality

RCM : Our approach (2/2)



Plastics



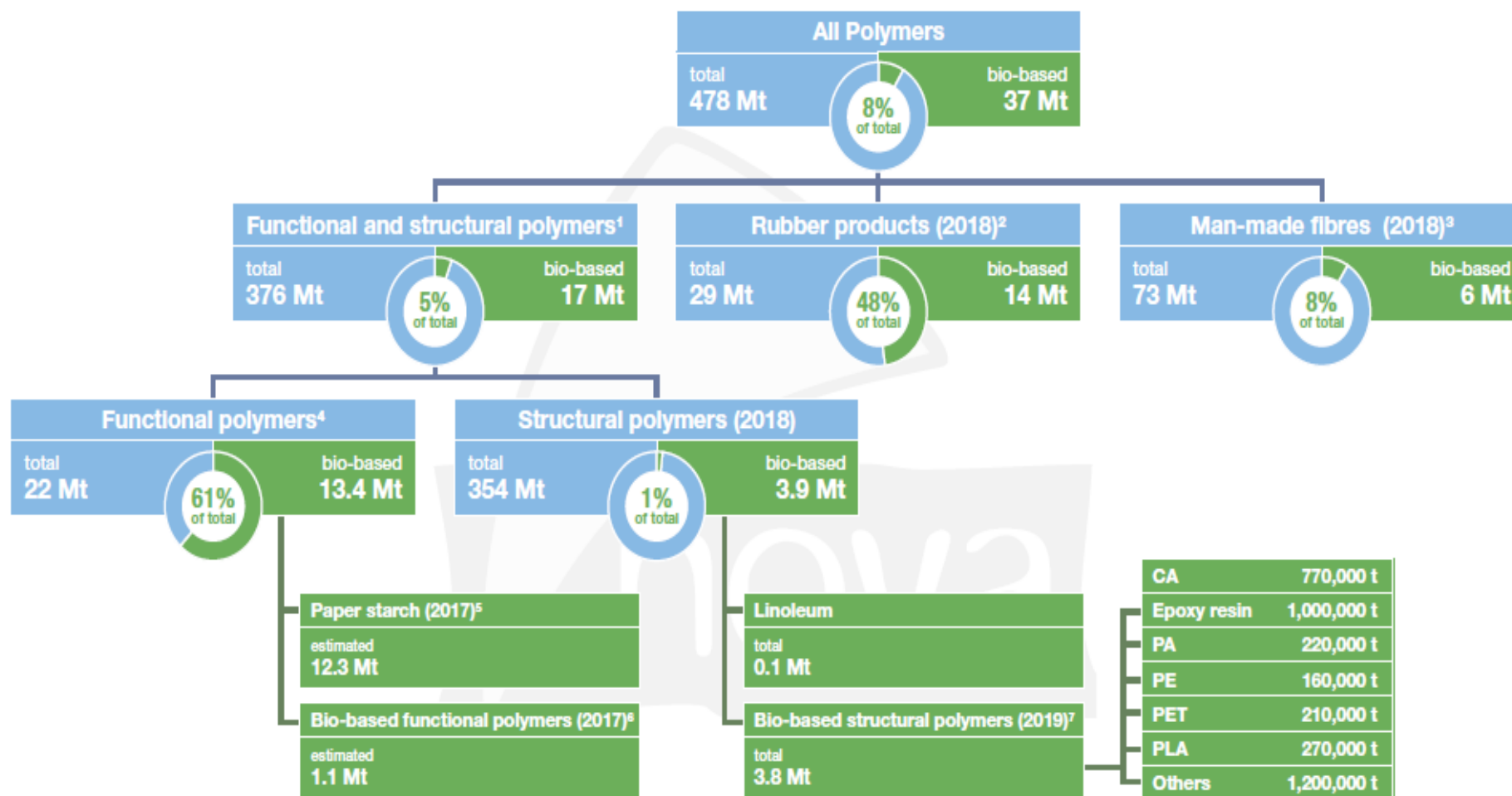
The Graduate (1967) : Remember one word "Plastics". It has great future

Plastics : The Inconvenient Truth

“Durability, one of plastic’s greatest assets is now its curse—its robustness means that plastics stay in our environment for hundreds of years.”

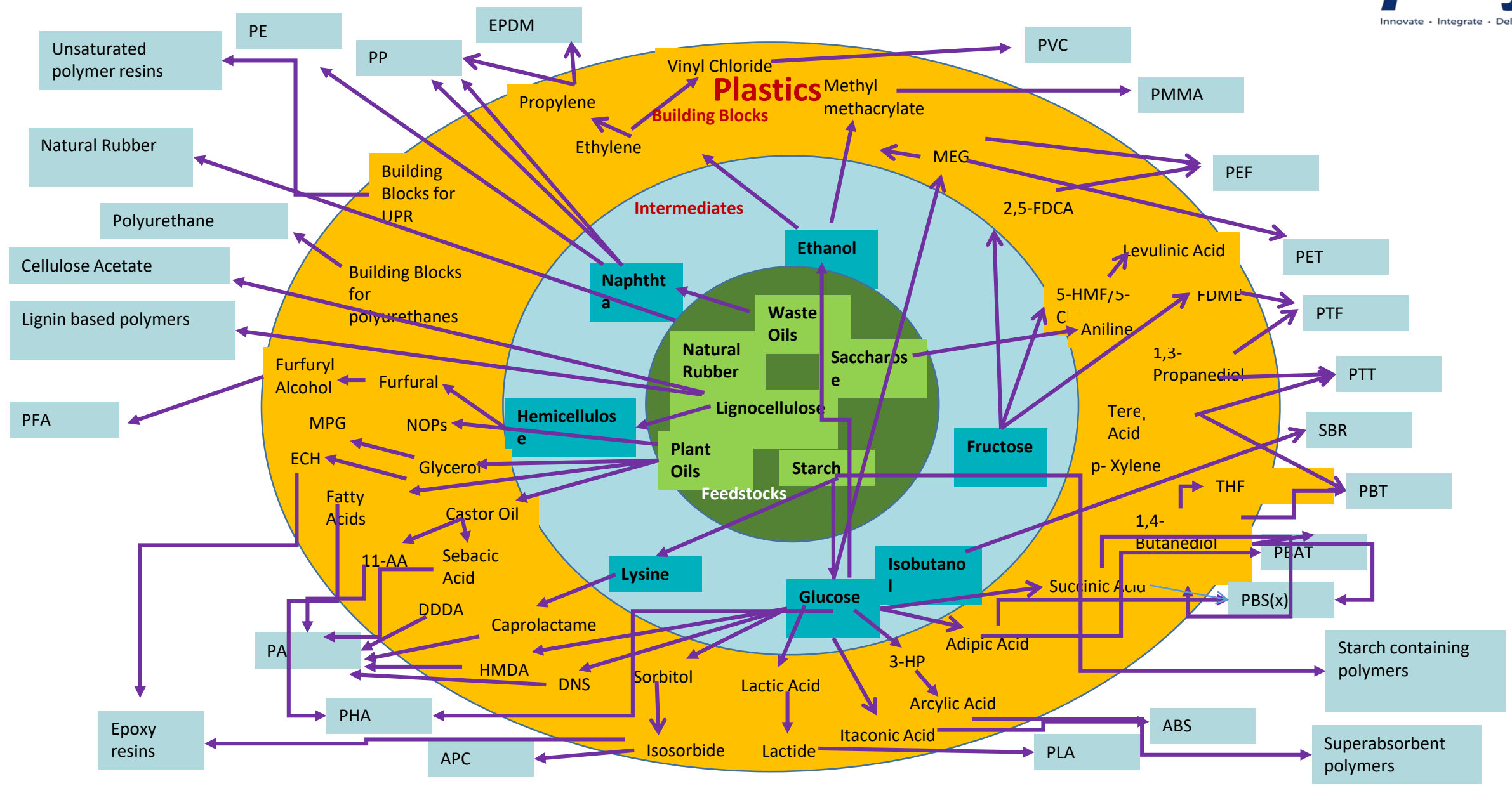


Polymers worldwide : Bio-based share



Sources: ¹ Plastics Europe; ² International Rubber Study Group (IRSG); ³ The Fiber Year 2018; ⁴ Calculations by nova-Institute based on different company and industry reports; ⁵ Calculations by nova-Institute based on CEPI, FAOSTAT, Starch Europe; ⁶ Calculations by nova-Institute based on different industry reports; ⁷ nova-Institute: Bio-based Building Blocks and Polymers – Global Capacities, Production and Trends 2019–2024, www.bio-based.eu/reports

From Feedstock to Range of Bio-Plastics



Plastics : Per Capita Global consumption

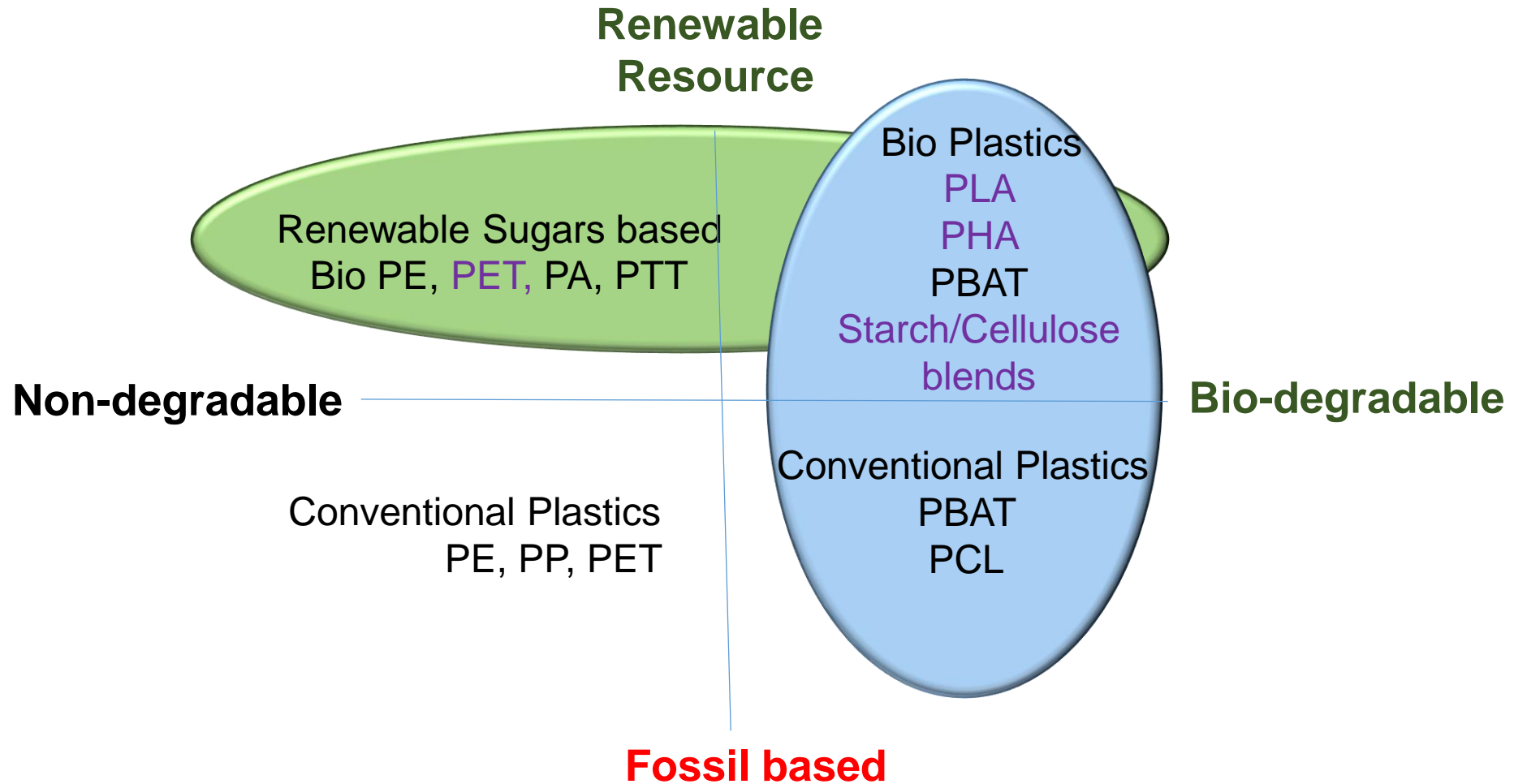


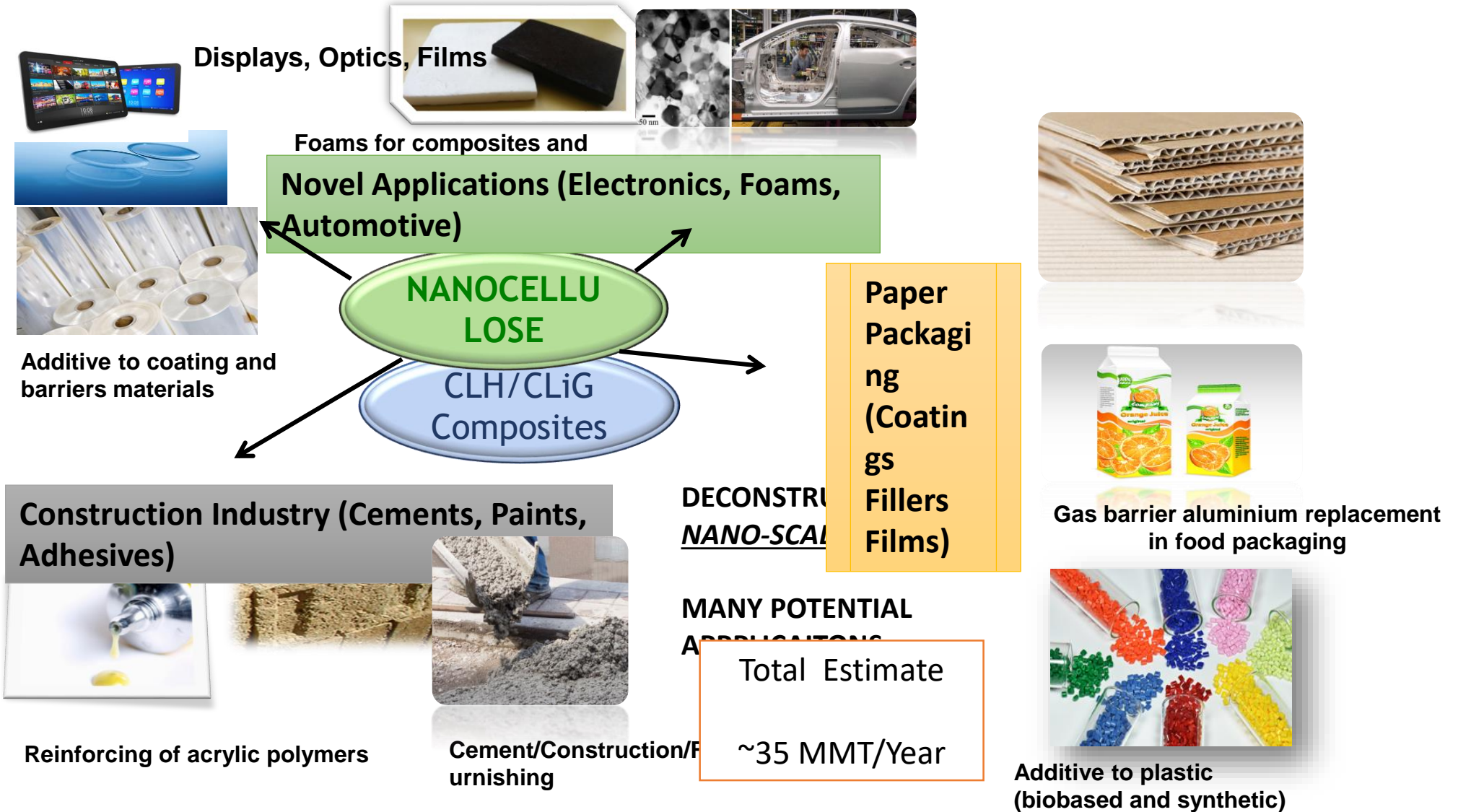
INDIA'S PLASTIC CONSUMPTION IS A TENTH OF US'S



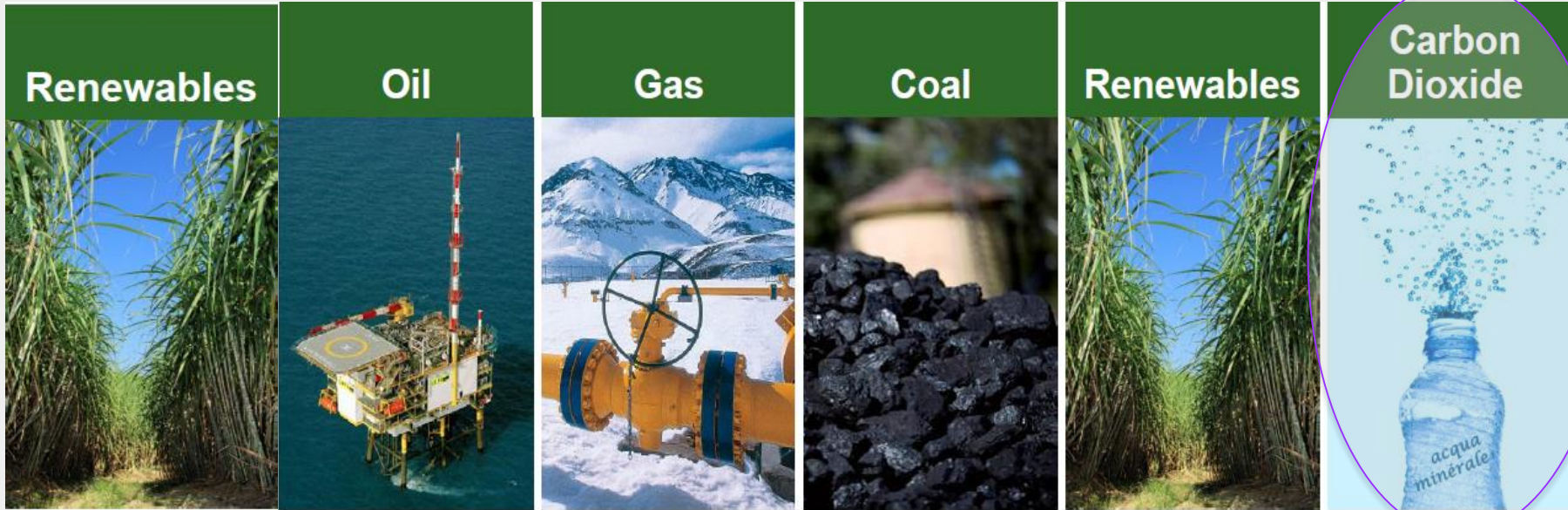
Global Average: 28

Bio-Plastics : Focus

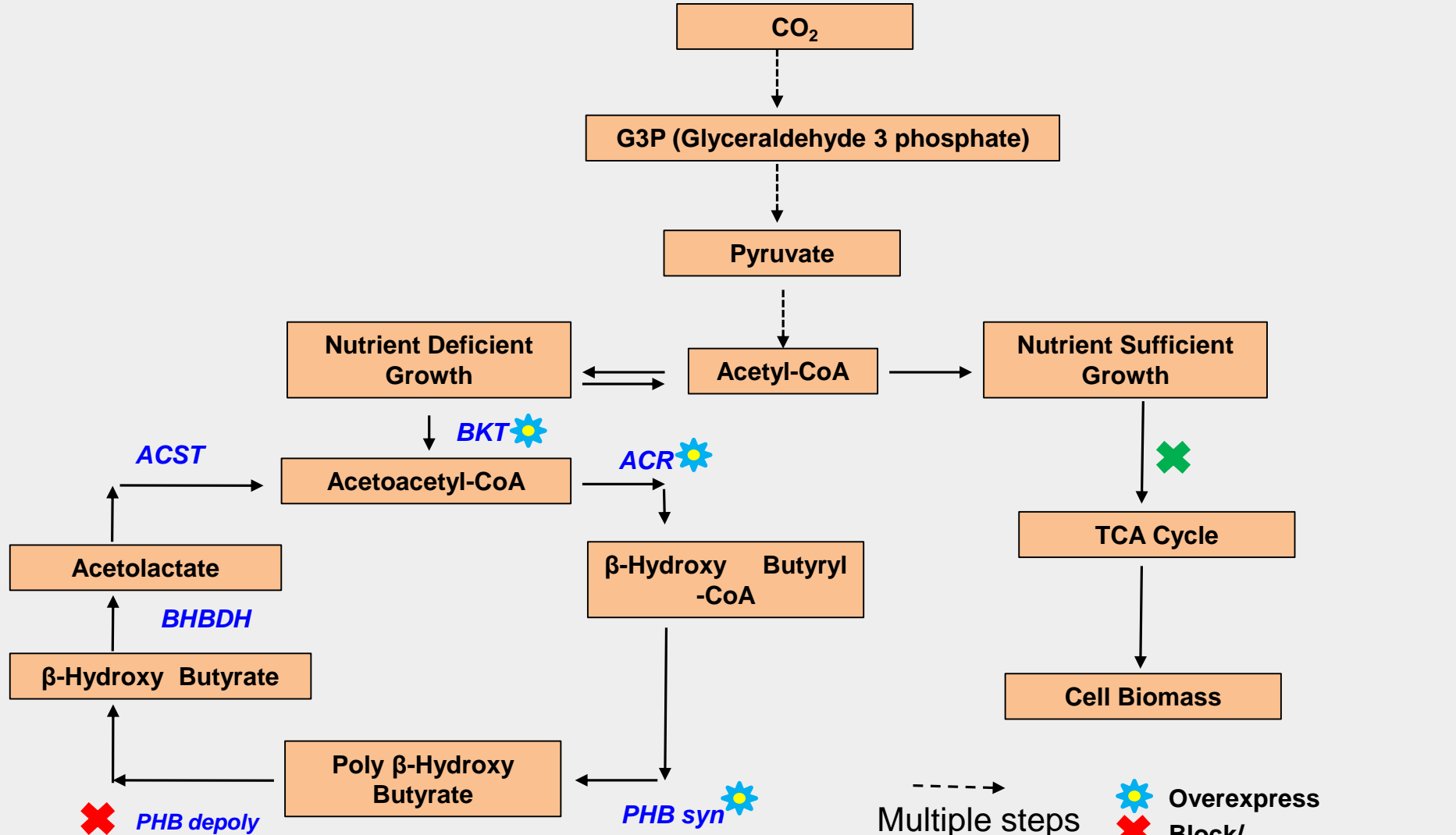




Future : Carbon Negative Technologies



Carbon dioxide to PHB Pathway

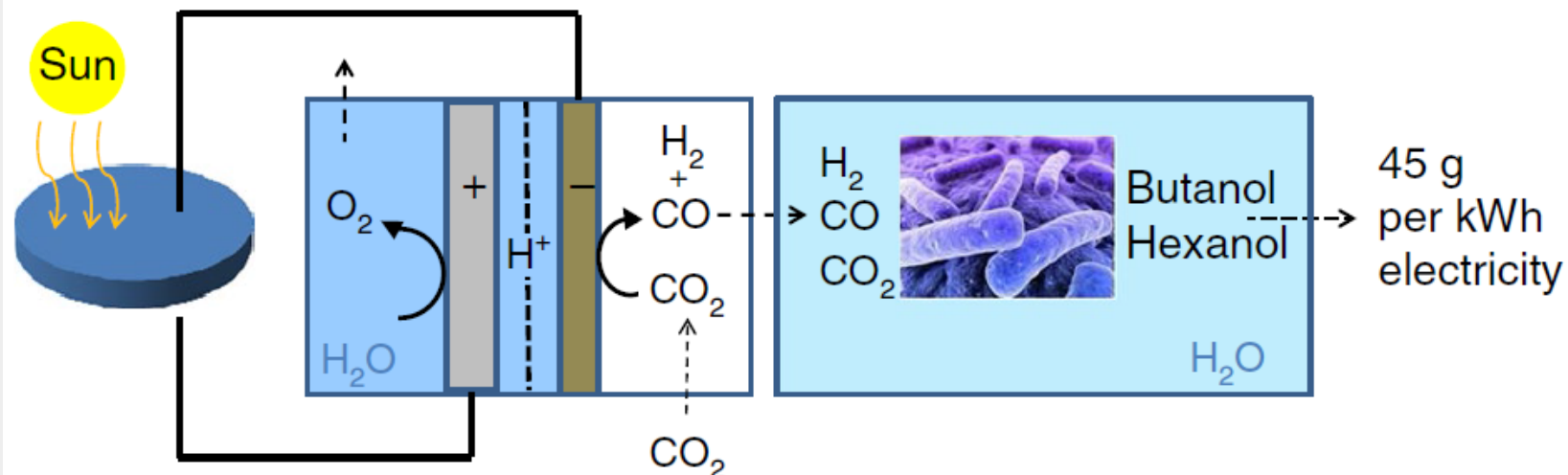


BKT Beta ketothiolase, *ACR* Acetyl CoA Reductase
PHB Syn PHB Synthase, *PHB depoly*: PHB Depolymerase
3HBDH 3 Hydroxy butyrate dehydrogenase,

Multiple steps (dashed arrow)
 Single step (solid arrow)

Overexpress
 Block/
 Repress/weak promoter

Future : Carbon Negative Feedstocks



PV cells

**CO₂ and H₂O
electrolyser**

Fermenters

Clostridium autoethanogenum +
Clostridium kluyveri

EE up to 20%

EE-CO up to 47%

EE near 80%

EE-H₂ up to 70%

FE-CO + FE-H₂ near 100%

FE near 100%

Price of 1 kWh PV electricity
= 2.5 cents

Price per 45 g alcohol
= 5.4 cents

Technical photosynthesis involving CO₂ electrolysis and fermentation
Thomas Haas¹, Ralf Krause², Rainer Weber³, Martin Demler¹ and Guenter Schmid^{2*}

Future : Synthetic biology

Computational recipes for the robot to carry out Build and Test phases



Full automation of strain construction and cultivation

Design

Production strains and their parts are designed using computational tools

Analysis and decisions

Machine learning algorithms can help the researcher to analyse and understand measured data.

DESIGN

BUILD

LEARN

TEST

Hundreds of engineered strains can be tested in a week

Construction of production strains

Synthetic DNA is delivered to the cells using genome editing tools such as CRISPR.

Cultivation and measurement

Robots are cultivating the strains and carry out measurements. The results are automatically stored in databases.

- Great Potential with Challenges
- Some still may be asking is Bio better Or worse: they assume/believe bio has nothing them to offer
- Some of the “bio-based hype has subsided-But there is still plenty of Buzz and opportunities for growth !!



We, as Praj, are and will make investments thinking about strategic opportunities to be met by bio enabled materials and processes

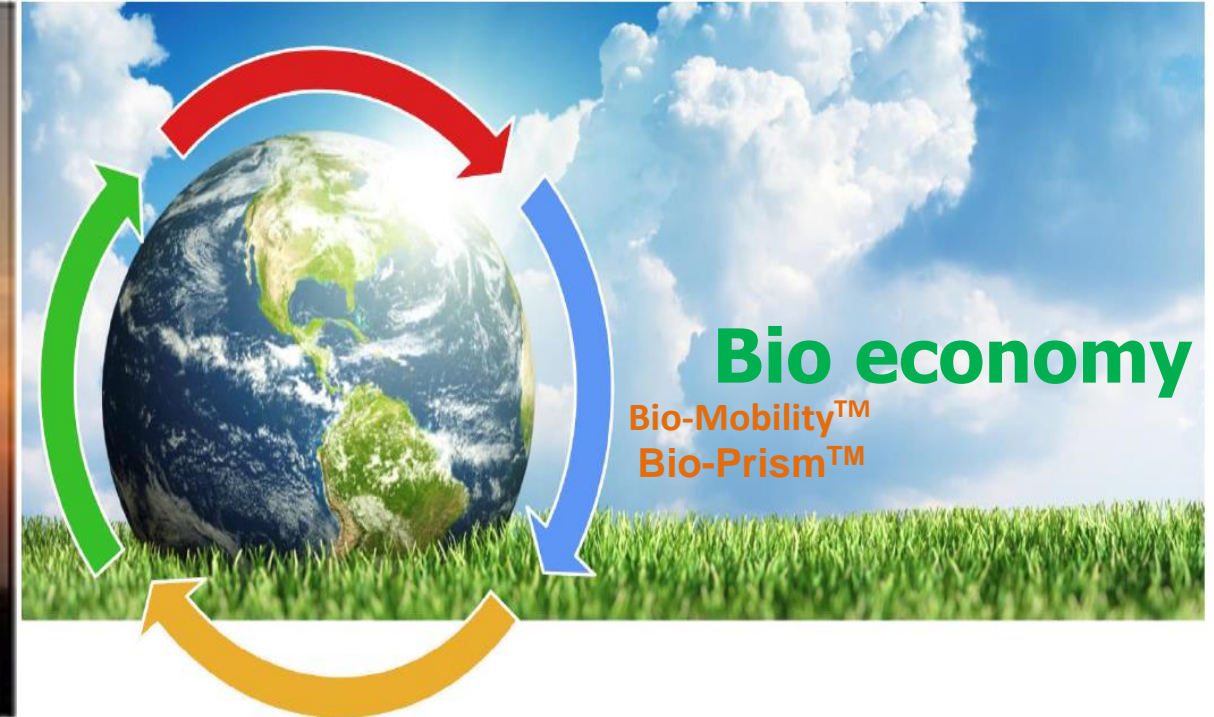


- Know where are you going
- Begin with the end in mind

There is nothing that biotech can't do.....
Today, there is a renewable alternative for almost every
conventional material and corresponding application !!



PAST



FUTURE