



# WORKSHOP

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BIOBASED MATERIALS RESEARCH:  
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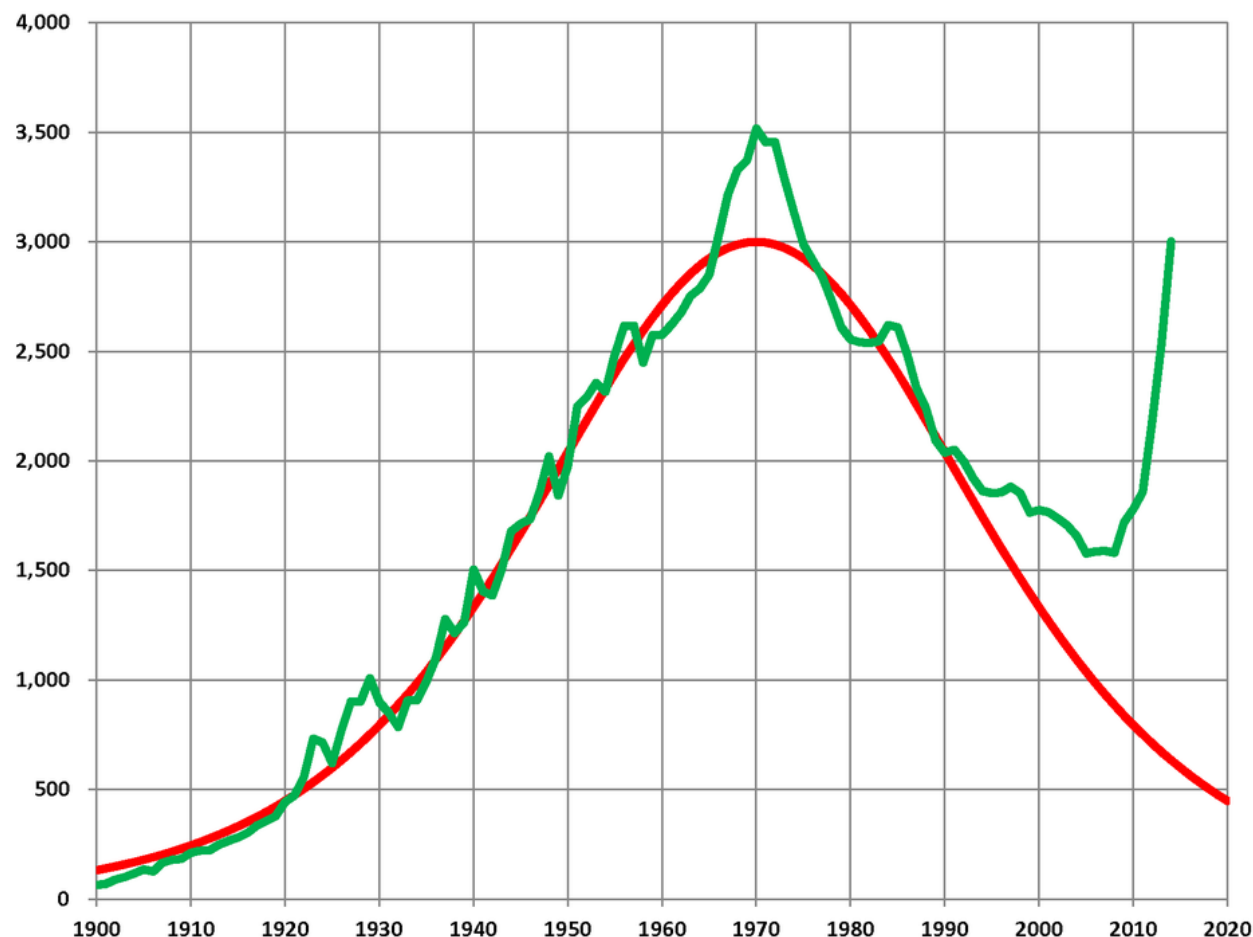
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# SUSTAINABILITY in ORGANIK KIMYA

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# Why Renewable?



**We are approaching the end of easily accessible oil and some experts claim that the era of the cheap oil may be ending.**

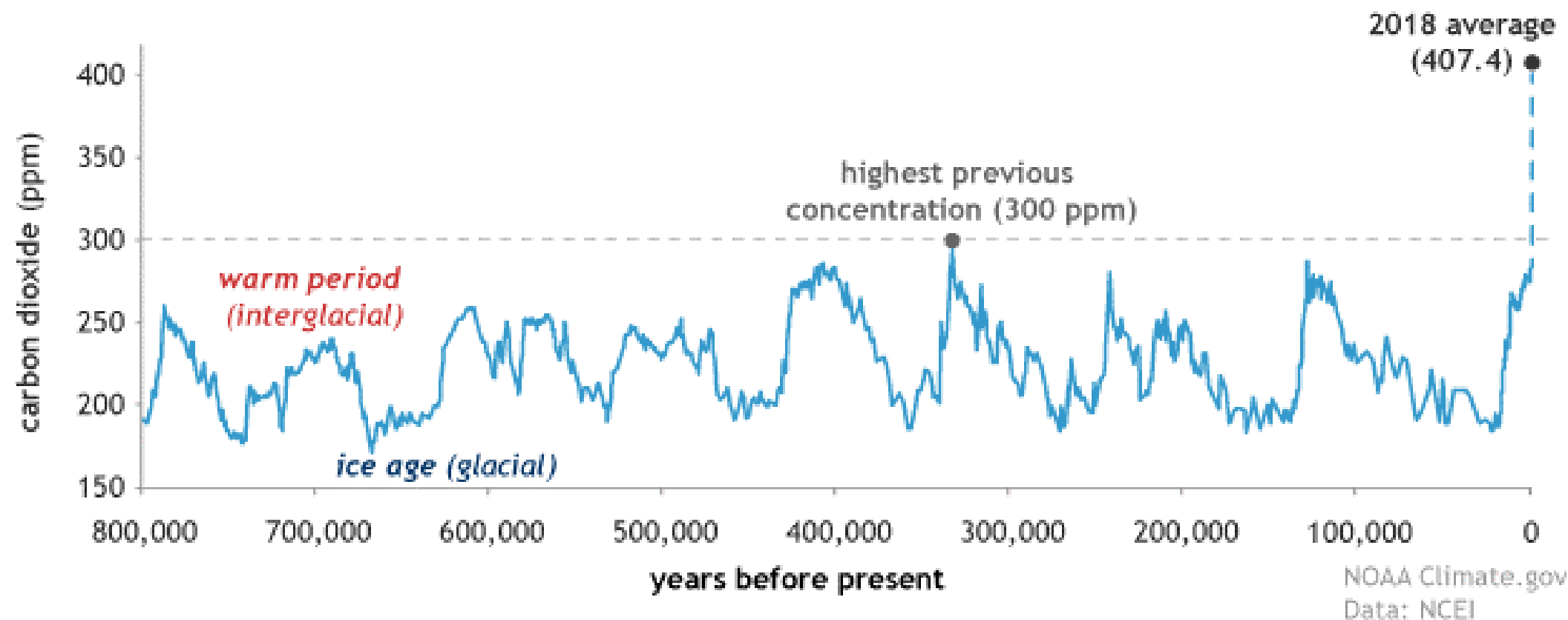
The so called unconventional oil are more carbon laden and higher in toxic impurities. They tend to be heavy, complex and locked up deep in the earth, tightly trapped between or bound to sand, tar and rock.

They can be processed into petroleum products but impure feedstock requires large energy input to upgrade.



# Because of Pollution

CO<sub>2</sub> during ice ages and warm periods for the past 800,000 years





## What we can do?

**OIL PRODUCTION: 93 MBbl/day → MORE THAN 170 t/second**

• Oil → ROAD	50.1%	→ 4% goes into Plastic
Petrochemicals	14.3%	
Residential	9.2%	
Aviation	7.8%	
Marine	3.4%	
Electricity Generation	2.3%	
Domestic	1.7%	
Other Uses	11.2%	



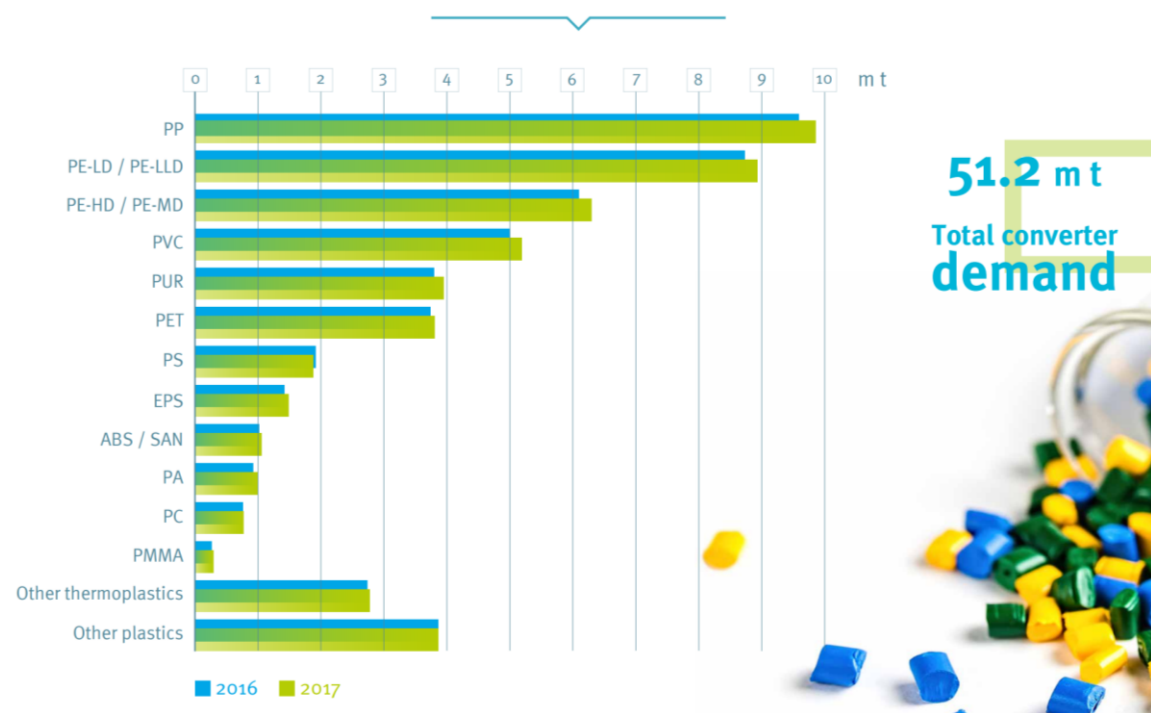
# Something about Plastic

## PLASTIC PRODUCTION: 348 Mt/year

### Plastic converter demand by resin type

Distribution of European (EU28+NO/CH) plastic converter demand by resin type in 2017.

Source: PlasticsEurope Market Research Group (PEMRG) and Conversio Market & Strategy GmbH



PP	68 Mt
LDPE	64 Mt
PP&A films	59 Mt
HDPE	52 Mt
PVC	38 Mt
PET	33 Mt
PUR	27 Mt
PS	25 Mt
Additives	25 Mt
Others	16 Mt



# Something... more about plastic

**Acrylics-St-VAc max 45 %  
Latexes Market → 10 Mt**

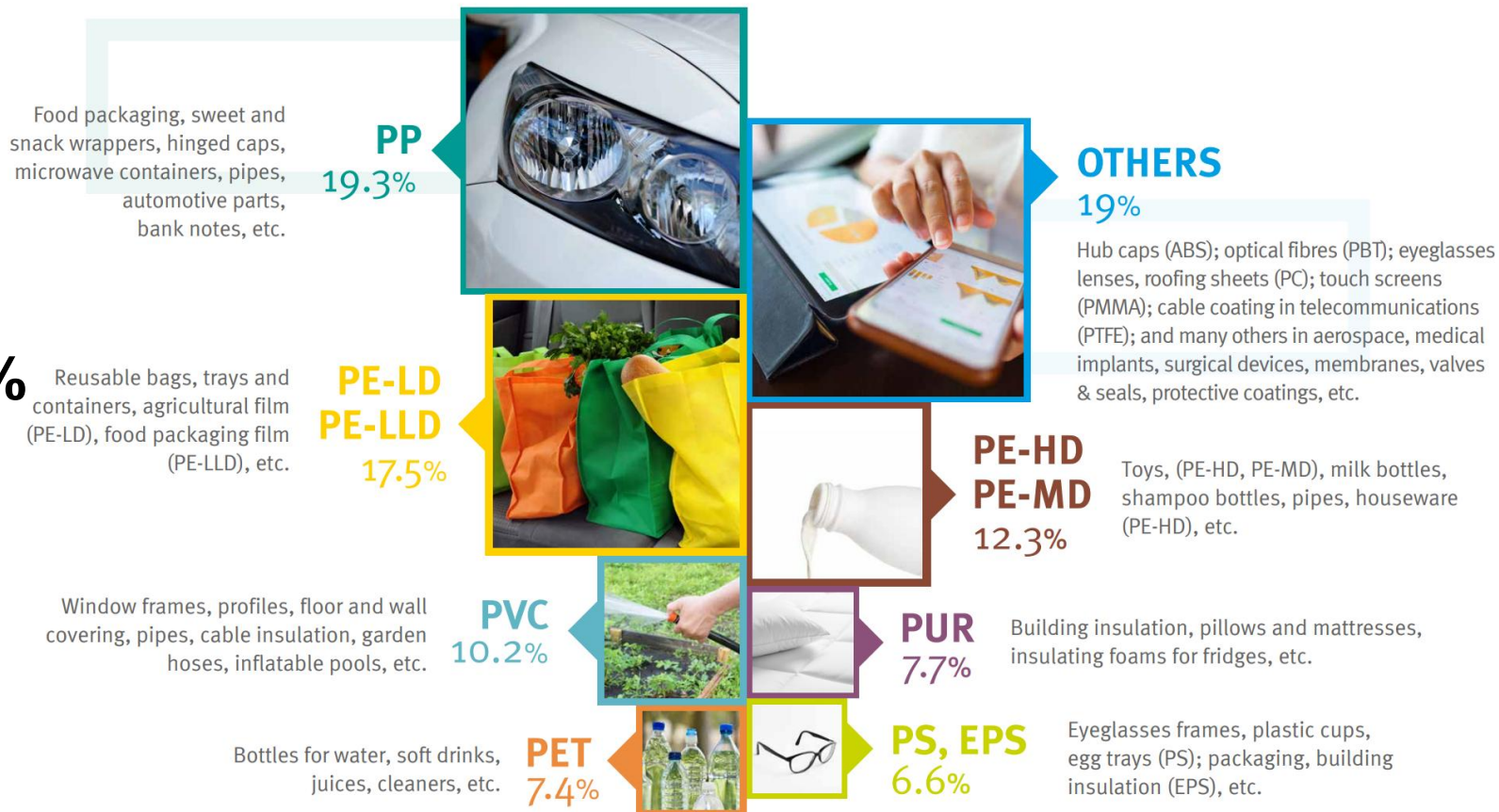
**Latex Acrylic-St-VAc → 3 %  
plastic**

**% of oil that goes in OK  
product market → 0.12%**

## European plastic converter demand by polymer types in 2017

Data for EU28+NO/CH.

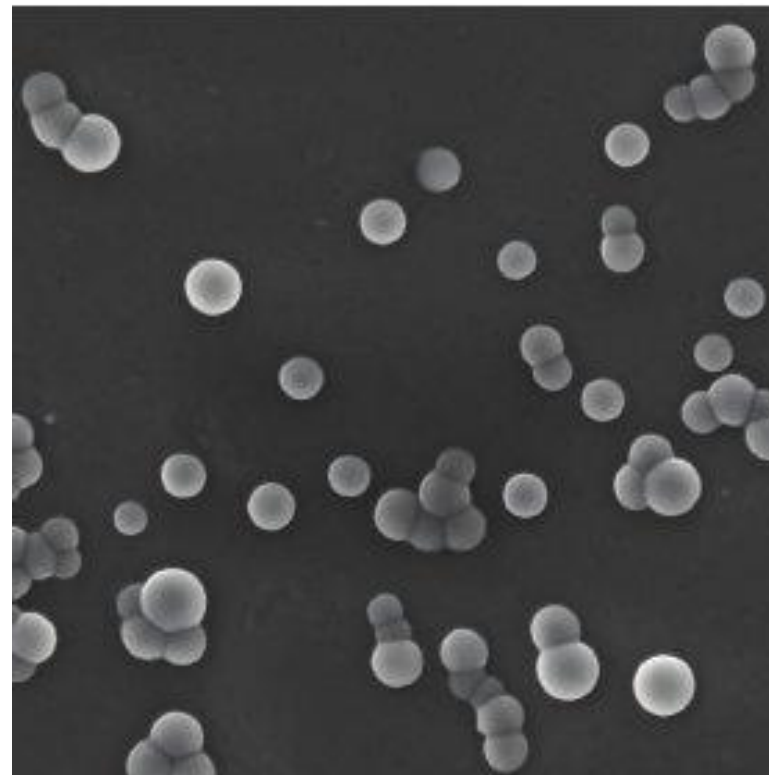
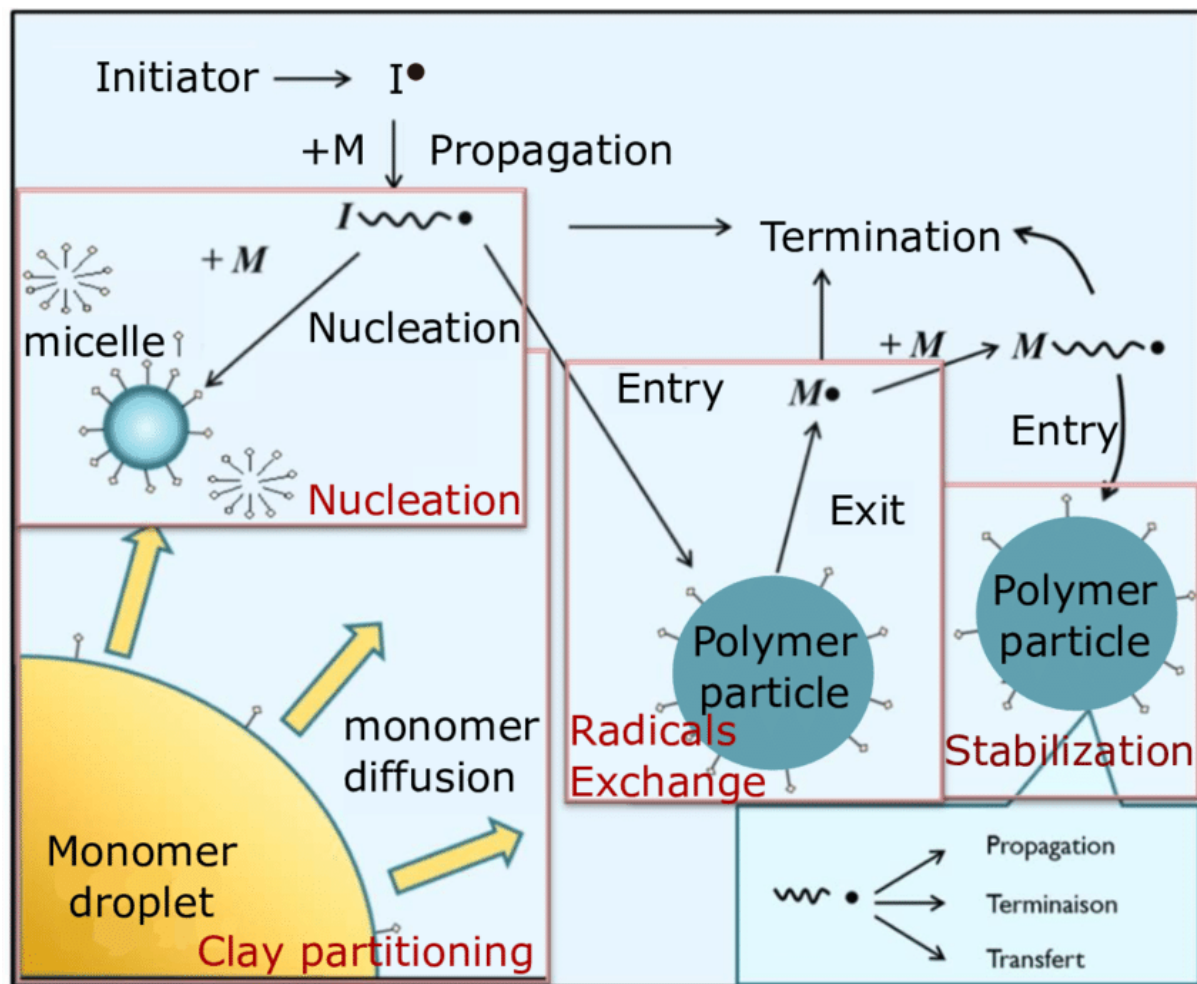
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# Emulsion Free Radical Polymerization







# Sustainability in Organik Kimya

**Bio-Based:** products are fully or partially made from biological resources, rather than fossil raw materials.

They are not necessarily compostable or biodegradable.

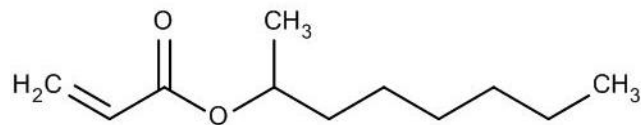
**Bio-Degradable:** refers to the ability to get decomposed in due time by the action of micro-organisms such as bacteria or fungi biological (with or without oxygen) while getting assimilated into the natural environment. Not all of them are Compostable.

**Bio-Compostable:** products are biodegradable, but with an added benefit. That is, when they break down, they release valuable nutrients into the soil, aiding the growth of trees and plants.

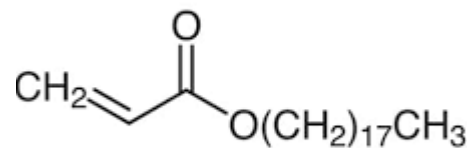
**Bio-Mass Balance:** production methods of this kind save valuable resources and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the same time and contributes to the use of renewable raw materials in integrated production system.



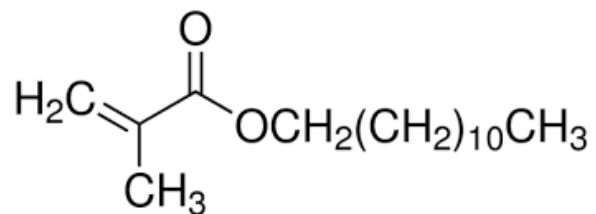
# Bio-Based



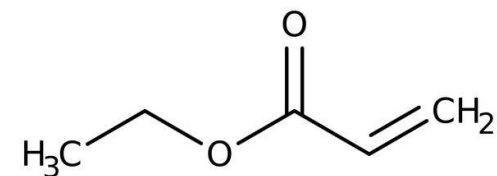
**2-Octyl Acrylate Bio**



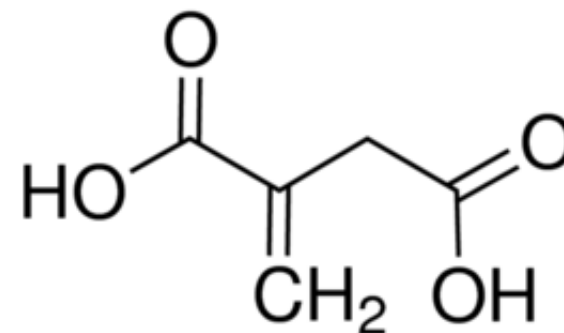
**Stearyl Acrylate**



**Lauryl Acrylate/Methacrylate**



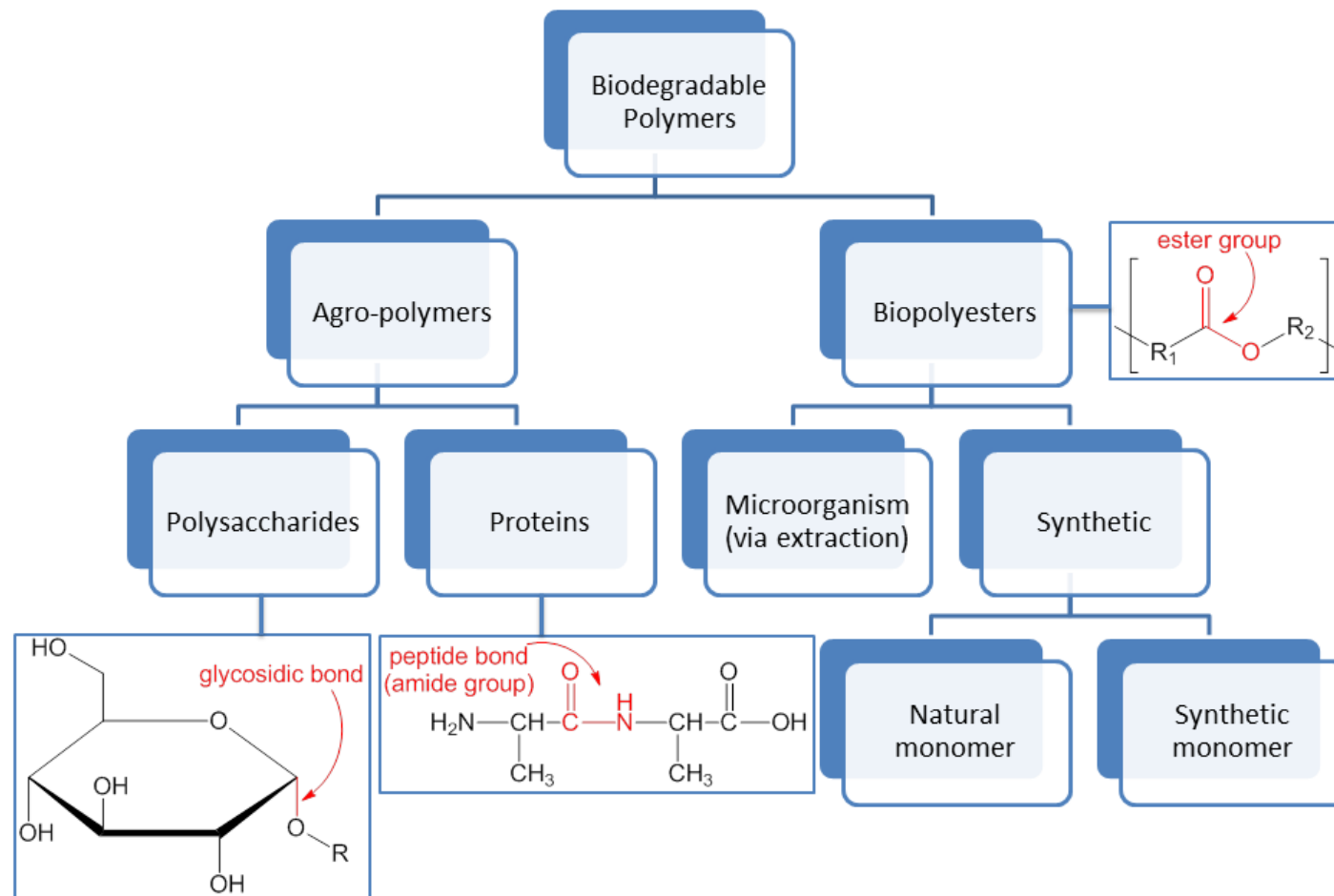
**Ethyl Acrylate Bio**



**Itaconic Acid**



# Biodegradable Polymers

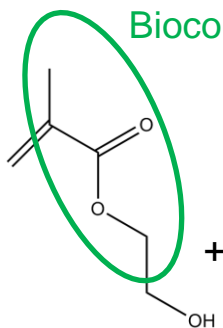




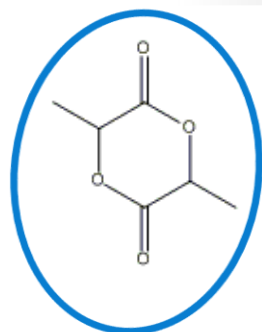
# Biodegradable Polymers

## 1. Ring Opening Polymerization

Biocompatible HEMA



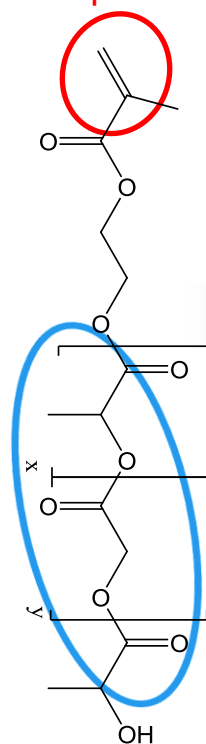
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Biodegradable.  
Bio-renewables monomers

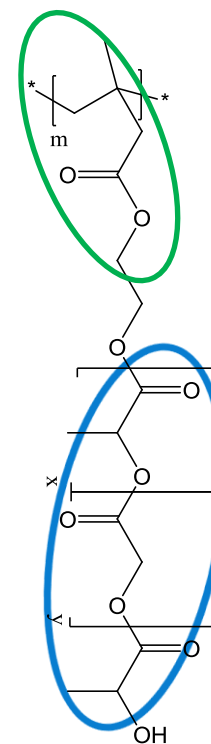


End Vinyl Group



## 2. Free Radical Polymerization

Lipophilic degradable  
chains





# Biocompostable Polymers

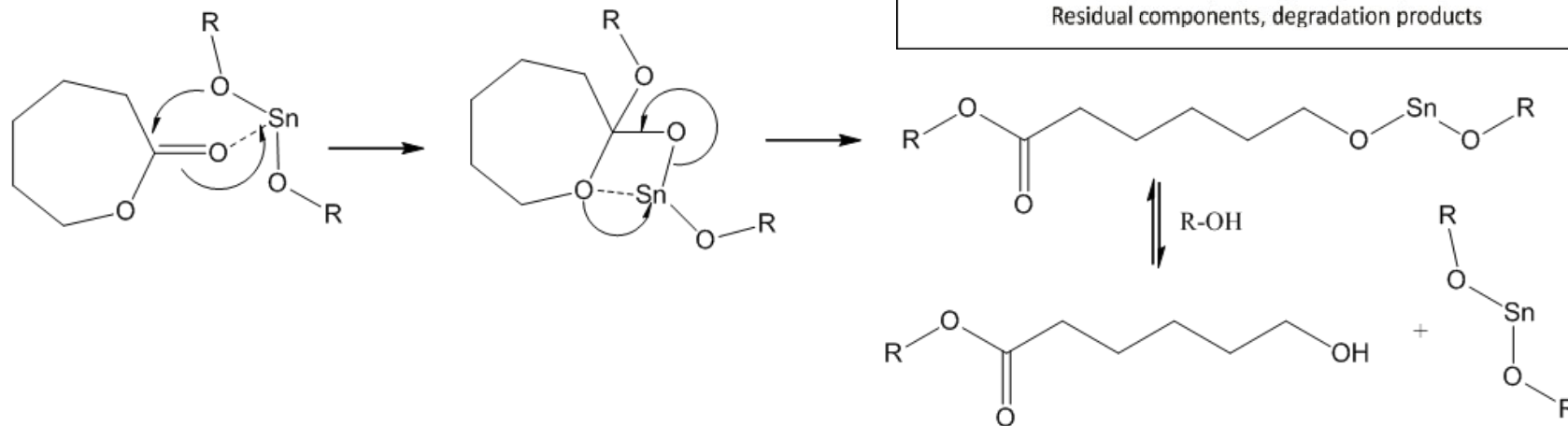
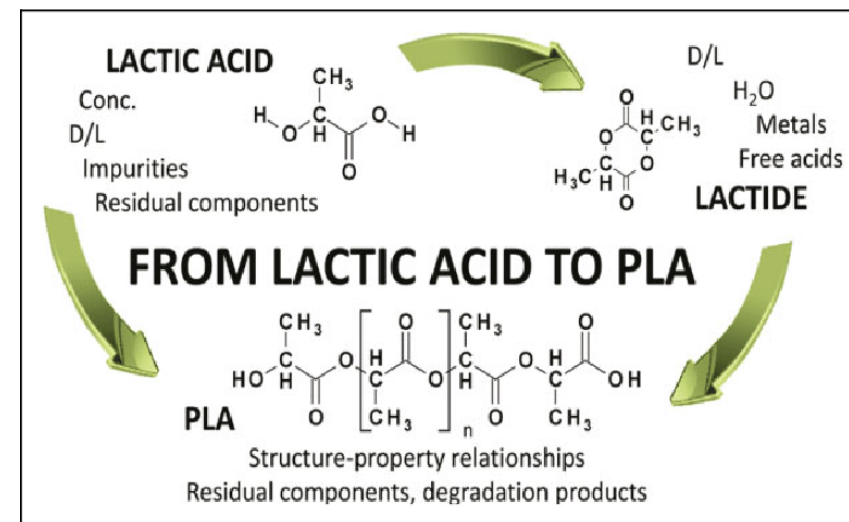
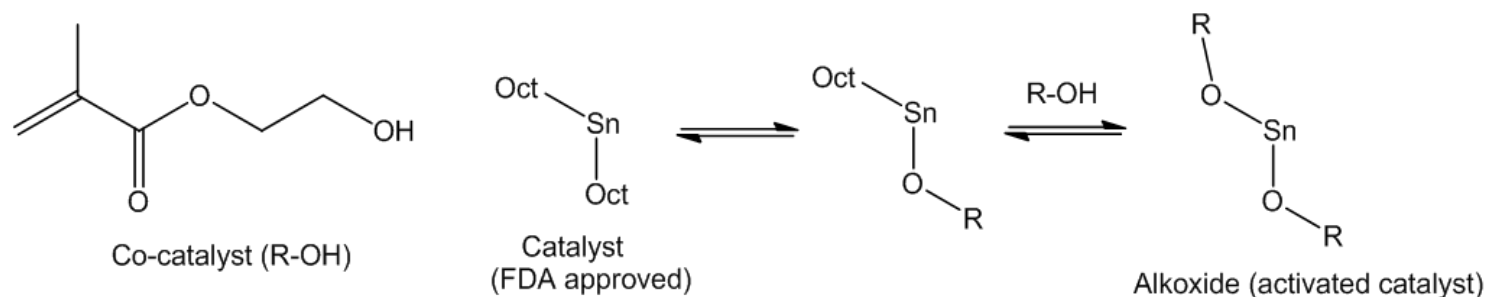
Composting is the process of breaking down organic waste by microbial digestion to create compost. Compost has many beneficial uses including improving and fertilizing soil. To go through a composting process, organic waste requires the right level of heat, water, and oxygen. In a pile of organic waste, there are millions of tiny microbes that consume the waste, transforming the organic materials into compost. In order to claim that a product is fully compostable, the product has to meet all the requirements in the European Norm EN 13432 and/or the US Standard ASTM D6400.

According to the European Standard EN 13432, a compostable material must have the following characteristics:

- Biodegradability, acceptance level is 90%, which must be reached in less than 6 months.
- Disintegrability, that is, the fragmentation and loss of visibility in the final compost (absence of visual contamination). This is measured with a composting test (EN 14045). The test material is degraded, together with organic waste, for 3 months. After this time, the compost is sieved with a 2 mm sieve. The residues of test material with dimensions higher than 2 mm are considered as not having disintegrated. This fraction must be less than 10% of the initial mass.
- Absence of negative effects on the composting process. This is checked with a composting test.
- Low levels of heavy metals (below the predefined maximum values)



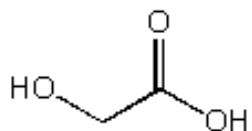
# Biocompostable Polymers: Ring Opening Polymerization



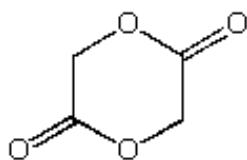




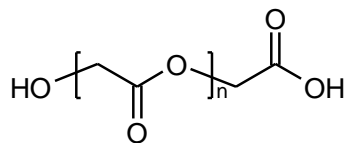
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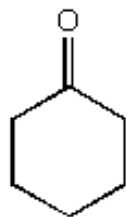
Glycolic Acid



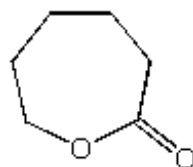
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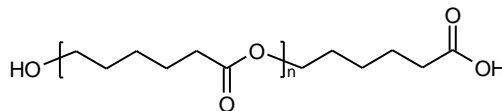
Poly Glycolic Acid (PGA)



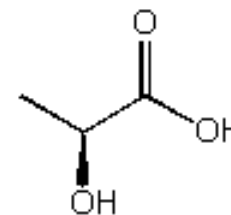
Cyclohexanone



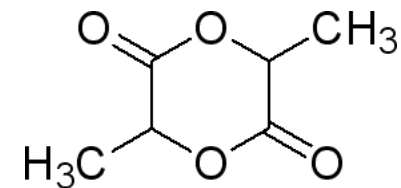
ε-Caprolactone



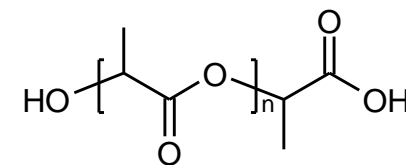
Poly Caprolactone (PCL)



Lactic Acid



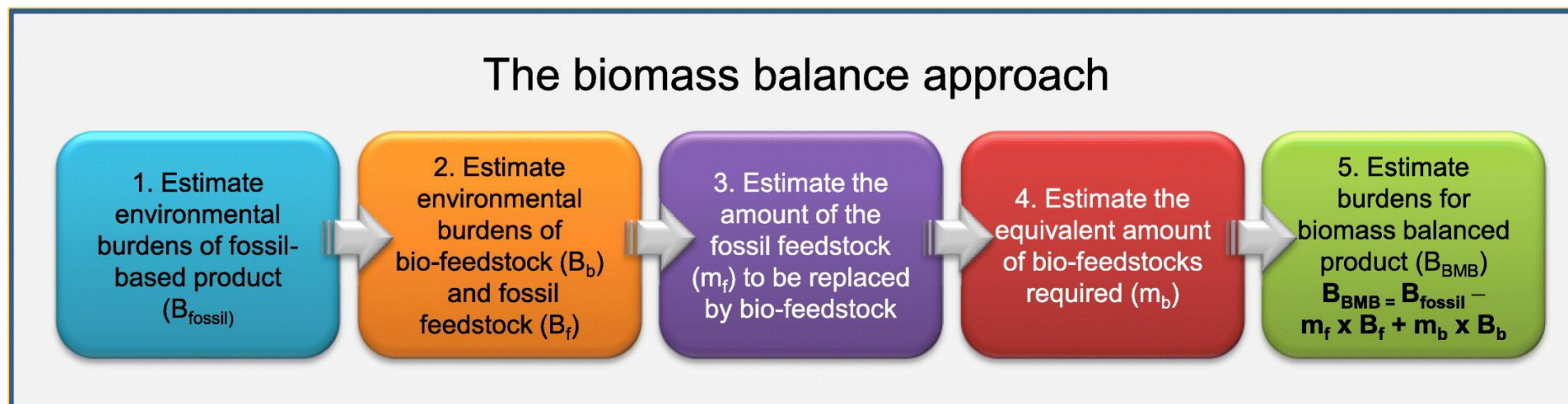
Lactide



Poly Lactic Acid (PLA)



# Bio-Mass Balance Approach (BMB)



BMB is driven by the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil resources

BMB products do not necessarily contain biomass material but can contribute to sustainable sourcing and production of bio-based products in the supply chain without any performance loss in comparison to the same products derived from fossil resources.



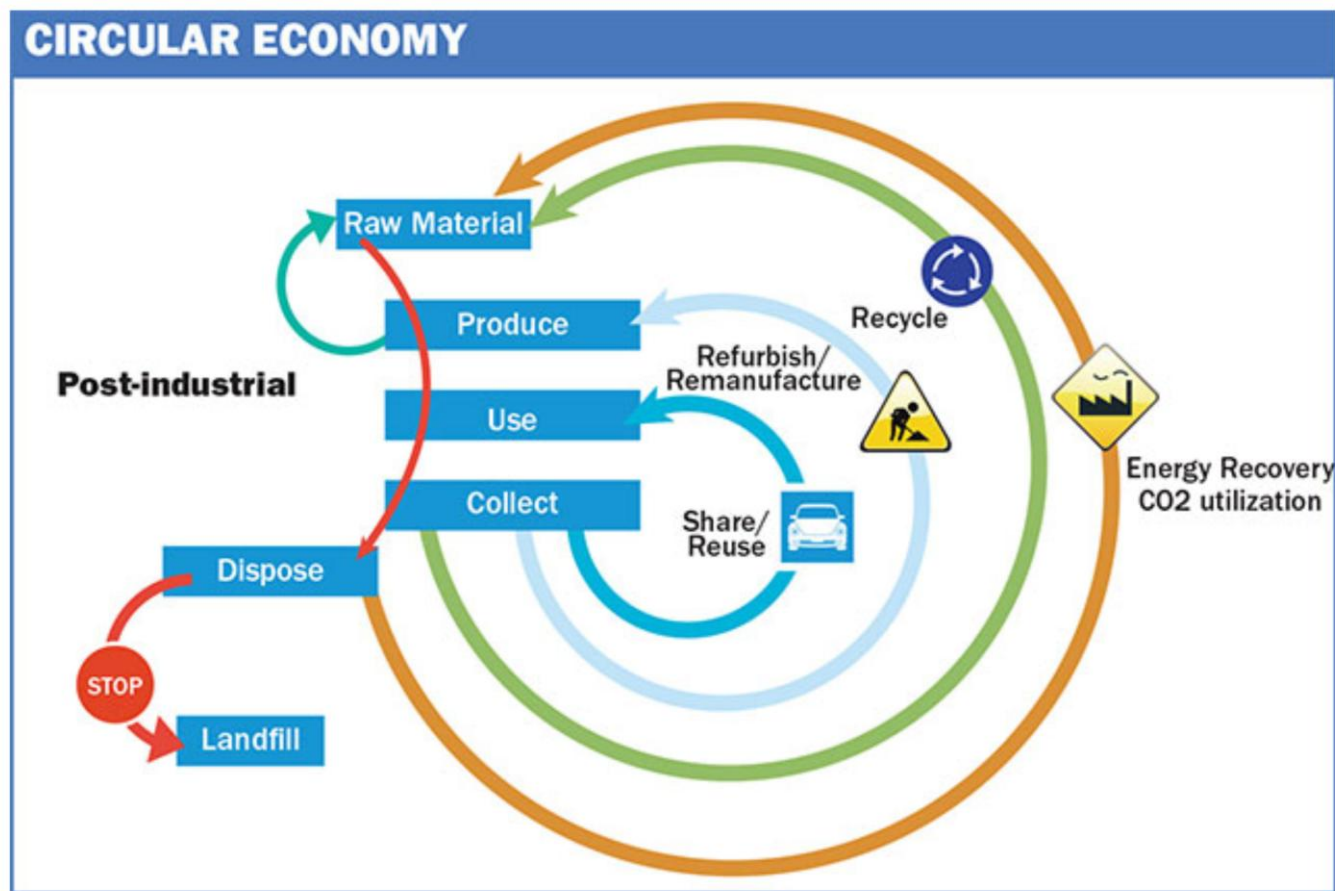
## Bio-Mass Balance Approach (BMB)

Fossil resource and greenhouse gas savings can be claimed when certified biomass is co-fed with fossil raw materials into a highly efficient interlinked production network. BASF and partners have developed a novel biomass balance certification standard for chemical synthesis. It offers a reliable response to customers and end consumers who are increasingly interested in solutions that are based on renewable feedstock without compromising resource efficiency and performance. The new standard describes how renewable feedstock is attributed to a given sales product. Existing products can thus be derived from biomass and provided with third-party certification.

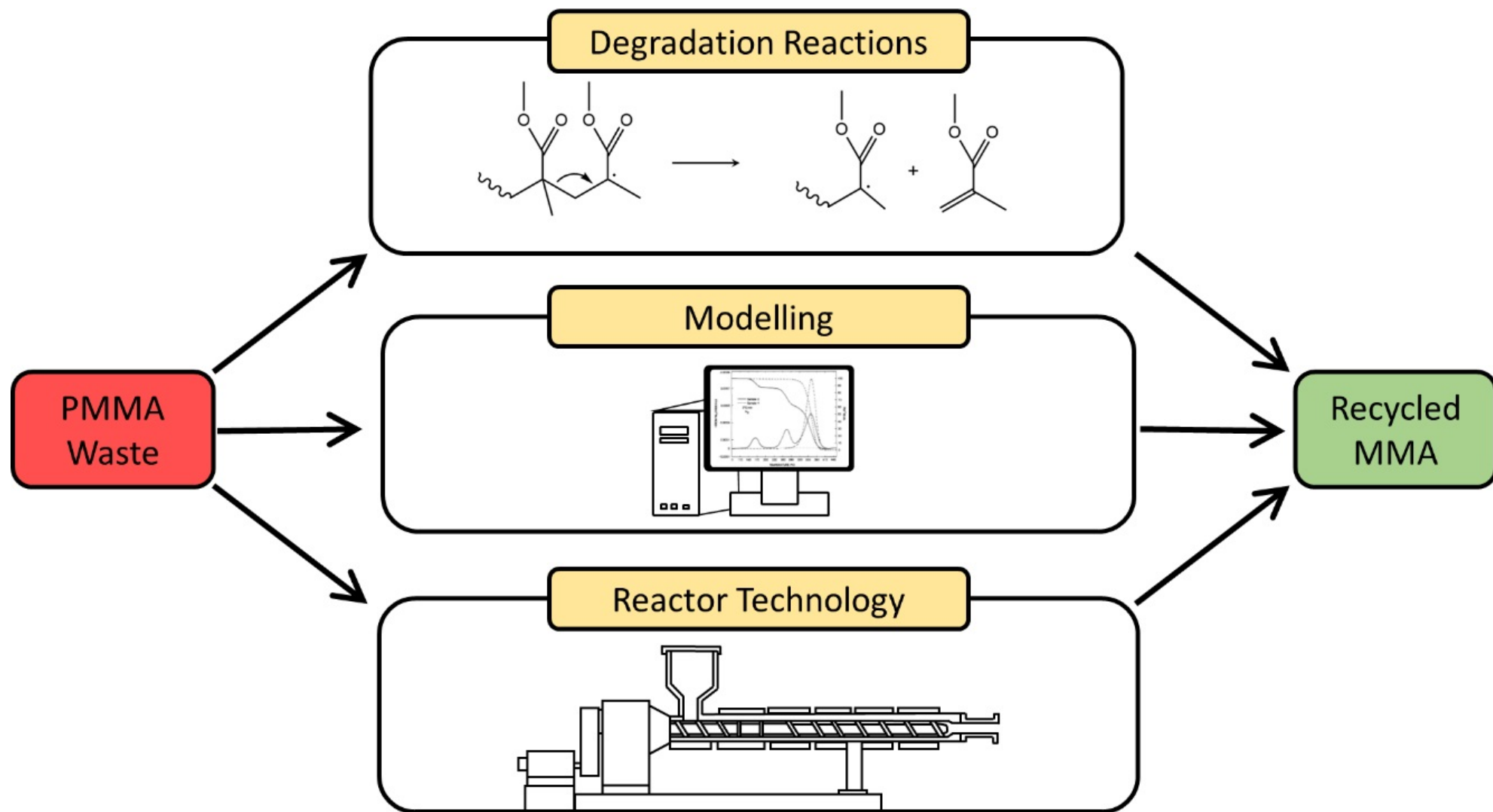
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# Recycled Monomer: MMA



- World production around 4 mln mt/year
- Approx 50% for the synthesis of bulk PMMA
- Second largest application: paints-coating-adhesives
- Approx. 10% of PMMA is collected for recycling





Thank you!

