

WMF 2022 Bio-Materials

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Summary

Bio-materials : why ?

Bio and sustainability: a demanding journey

Bio-materials: the paths forward

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An urgent need to address the environmental challenges

Global Temperature and CO₂ We need to: \rightarrow Reduce the GHG emissions of mankind to limit global warming and its consequences \rightarrow Address resources scarcity and availability Temperature vs. CO2, 1880-2013 (U.S. National Climate Assessment, via Climate Central) **PRODUCTS REUSE** Conversion Recovery Many paths are being explored \rightarrow Recycling energy efficiency ENERGY new energy production and storage BIOPLASTICS CO₂, H₂O, COMPOST lightweighting circular economy.... Input Chemistry A bio-based economy is a natural candidate \rightarrow RENEWABLE CELLULOSE, STARCH. Extraction RESOURCES SUGAR, OILS ARKEMA WMF 2022 Bio-Materials

Already a reality today

- Bio-based chemicals are already established, mostly for biofuels
 - Bio-ethanol (#100MT/y WW), bio-diesel (#35MT/y WW)

→ **Bio-plastics** are growing steadily

- Bio-plastics: already around 5MT/y WW
- With important newcomers (e.g. PLA)
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A growing global demand for bio-materials

There is a demand from economic actors at all levels:

- Consumer demand pushes the bio-based materials growth
- → In the B to B context, environmental commitments bring companies to seek for low CO₂ solutions

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Apple commits to be 100 percent carbon neutral for its supply chain and products by 2030



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Bio-based chemicals are not necessarily fully virtuous

 \rightarrow Let's compare the CO₂ emissions of Acrylic Acid from two routes

	RM contribution	Yield loss contribution	Energy contribution	Total CO ₂ (kg/kg)
PEN > ACO > AA	0,87%	42%	-29%	100%
Glucose > Lactic acid > AA	-29%	50%	121%	142%

analysis done for a specific location

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- \rightarrow Even if CO₂ emissions are lower, biodegradability may still be an issue
 - Not all bio-based polymers are spontaneously biodegradable
 - There are technologies using additives to promote bacteria activity



 \rightarrow Cost of goods, and resource availability, will add difficulties

Sustainability, along the entire life cycle





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The many resources of bio-based materials

Many challenges: performance, cost, availability, competition for resources

 \rightarrow Exploration of many sources, chemical paths and processes

Many sources: « wood or food »?

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- → Ligno-cellulosic compounds : less expensive, more difficult
 - Natural fibers of wood / starch / hemp are already used
 - Bio-refineries based on pyrolysis have been extensively studied but still elusive
- \rightarrow Sugar and vegetal oil chemistry: more expensive, easier to process





The many processes for Bio-based materials



Another segmentation of the landscape: according to process

\rightarrow Enzymatic processes

- Pros: Catalytic technology, with life science power
- Cons: Kinetics may be low

\rightarrow Fermentation processes

- Pros: Water based process, low temperature, high selectivity,
 « one pot synthesis »
- Cons: Low concentration of product, high separation costs, long developping times

\rightarrow And also... Chemical processes

- Pros: Operational efficiency, assets already existing
- Cons: Not always adapted to bio-based complicated products

The investment wall, and the Mass Balance approach

- Developing a new « industry » for fully segregated bio-based products would require significant industrial investments, in time and money
- → The mass balance approach, similar to the green electricity credit, allows to kick-start biomarkets at reasonable cost





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Movie: the virtuous PA11 loop

The virtuous loop of bio-based products



Partnerships are key to achieve such solutions, within existing value chains and beyond

