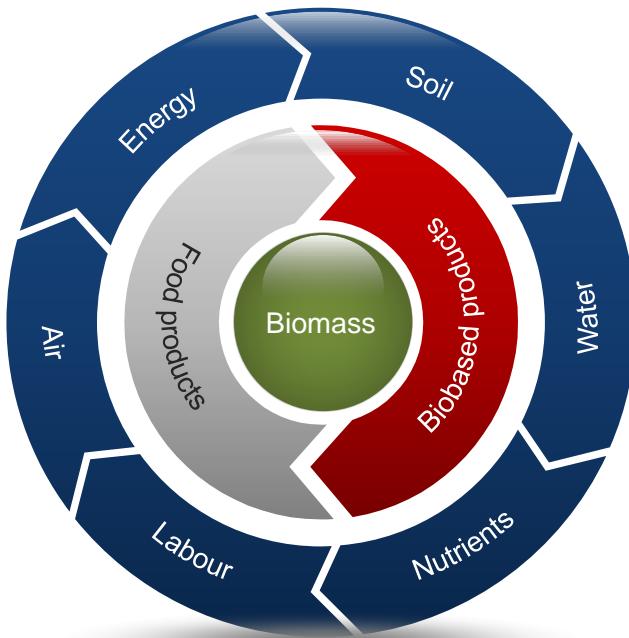


De circulaire kas : composteerbare hulpmiddelen en benutting vezels

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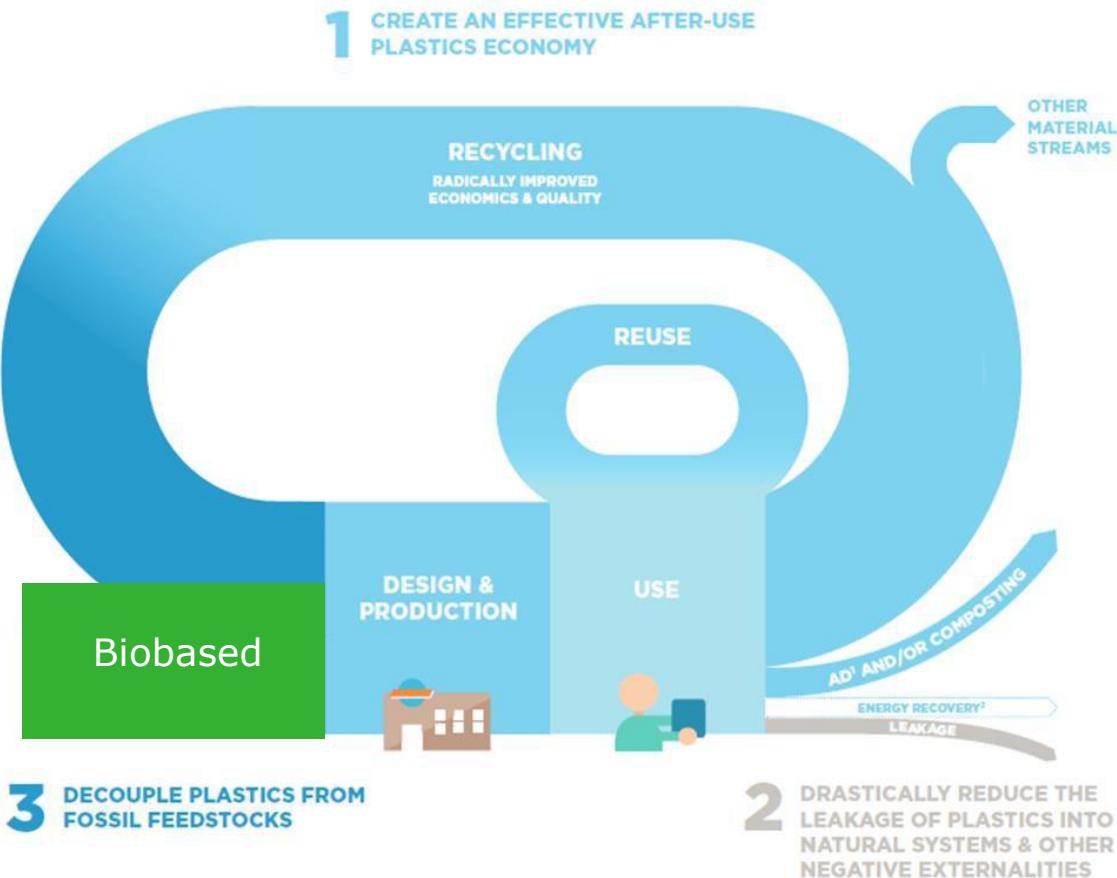


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Current societal drivers

➤ Climate / no fossil carbon ➤ Circular / plastic soup



1 Closed-loop recycling: Recycling of plastics into the same or similar-quality application

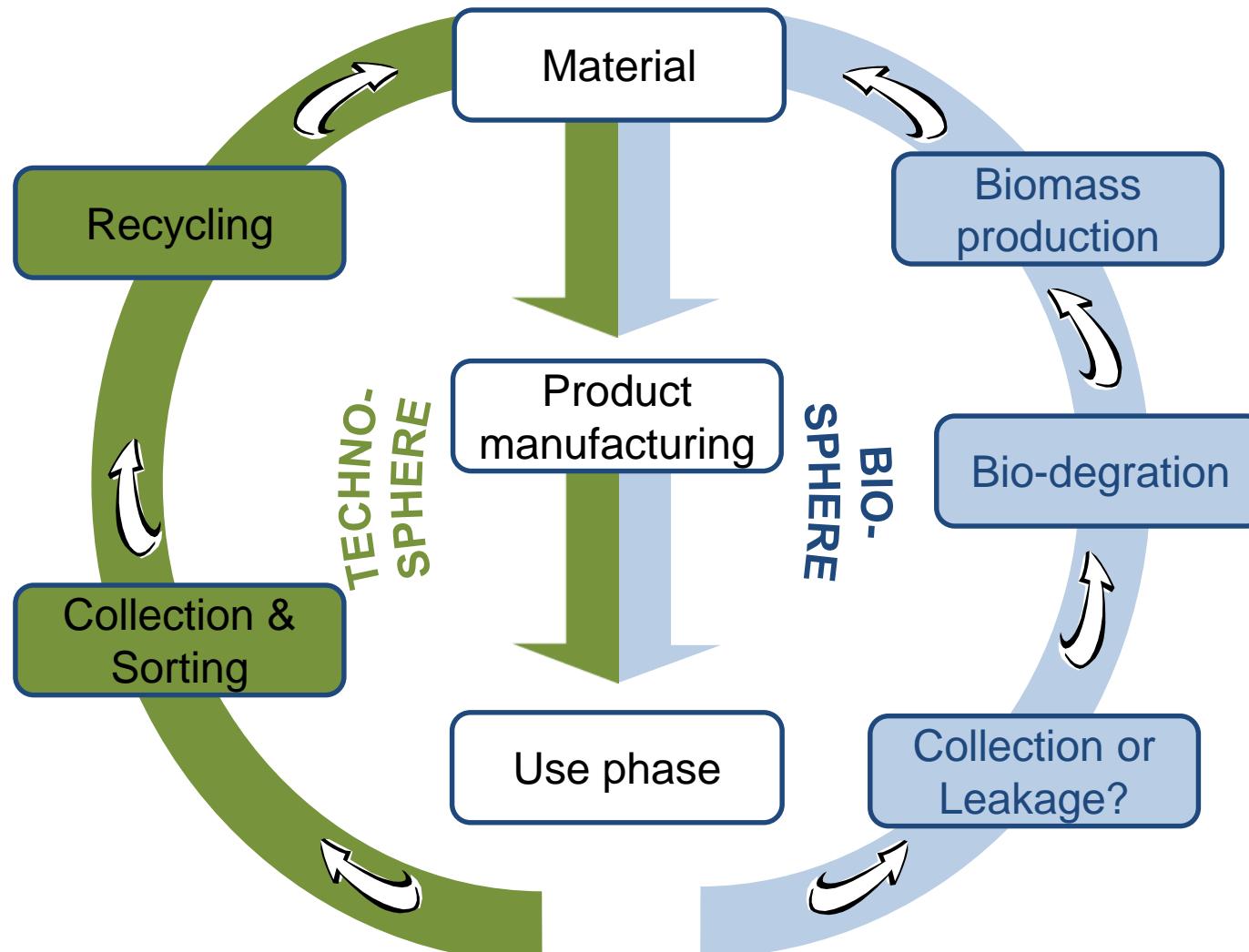
2 Cascaded recycling: Recycling of plastics into other, lower-value applications

Source: Project Mainstream analysis – for details please refer to the extended version of the report available on the website of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation:
www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org

Ambitions renewable materials :

- Recyclable, compostable and biodegradable on land and sea
- Out perform fossil counterpart on functionality and environmental impact
- Direct use of functionality provided by nature
- Maximize recycling (>95%) and virgin needed for growth and loss should be biobased
- Use and reuse of biobased fibres

Circular options for renewable materials



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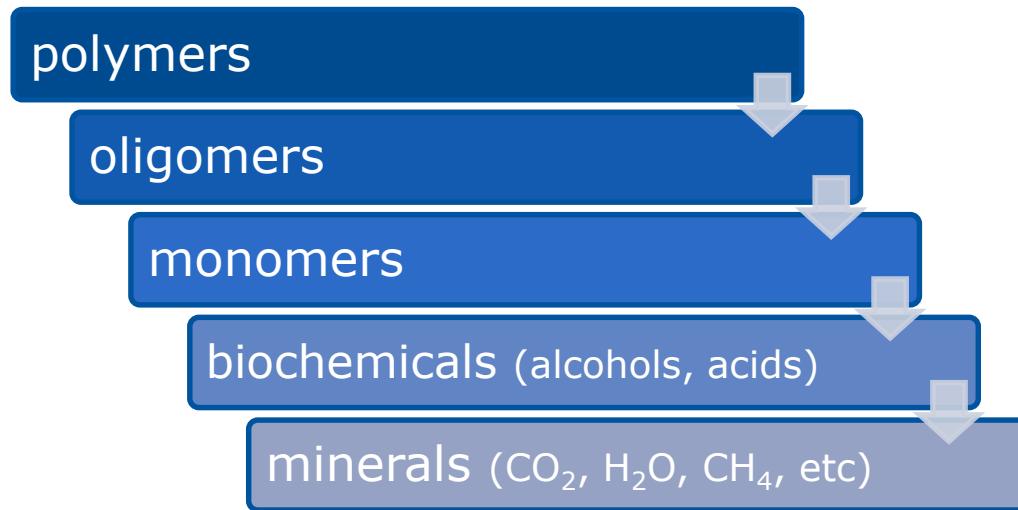
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Defining: “Biodegradable”

(= biodegradeerbaar = biologisch afbreekbaar)

Biodegradation = mineralisation



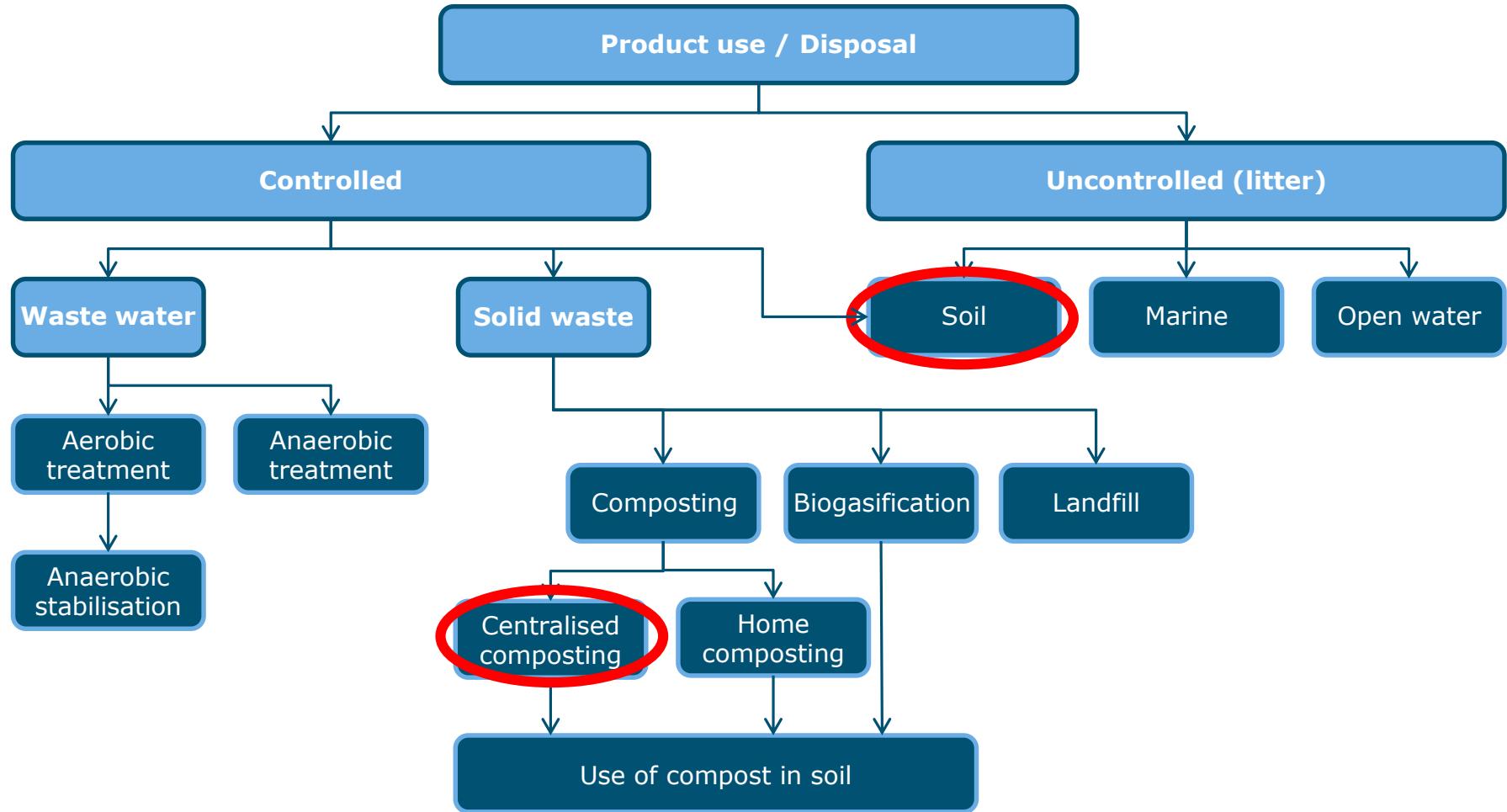
Aerobic: $\text{C}_{\text{POLYMER}} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{C}_{\text{RESIDUE}} + \text{C}_{\text{BIOMASS}}$

Anaerobic: $\text{C}_{\text{POLYMER}} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{C}_{\text{RESIDUE}} + \text{C}_{\text{BIOMASS}}$

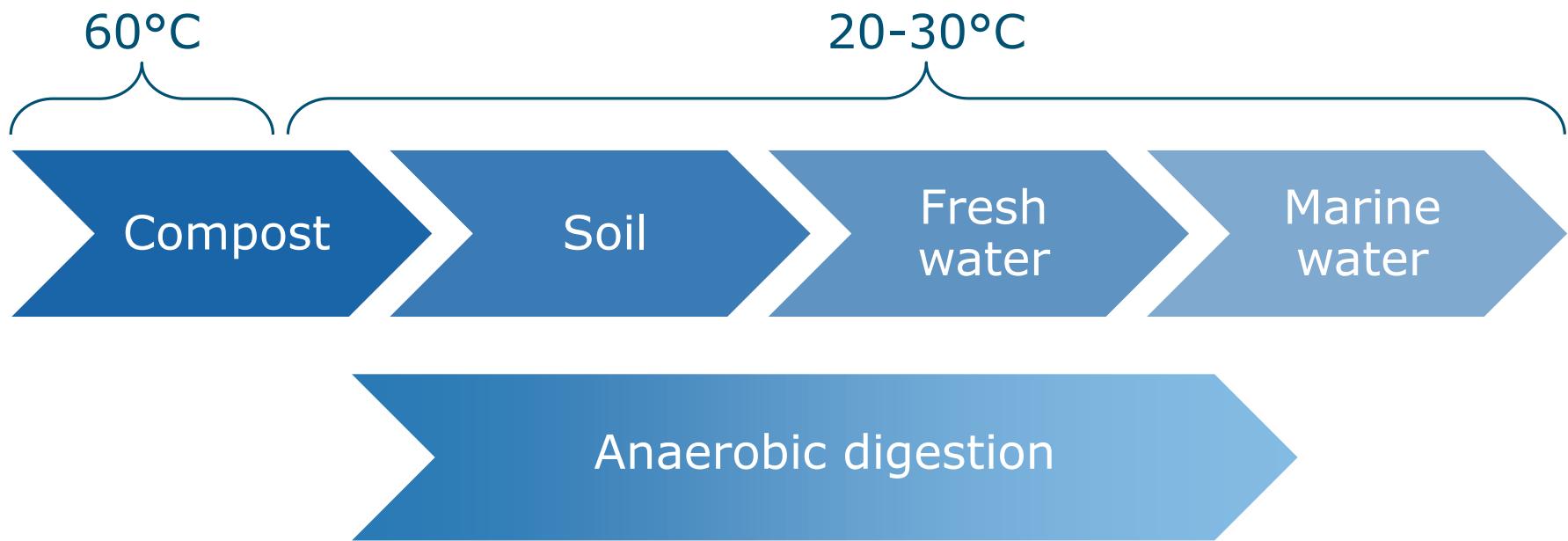
Biodegradation depends on:

- Chemistry of the polymer/product
- Activity of biological systems
 - the presence of micro-organisms
 - the availability of oxygen
 - the amount of available water
 - the temperature
 - the chemical environment (pH, electrolytes, etc.)

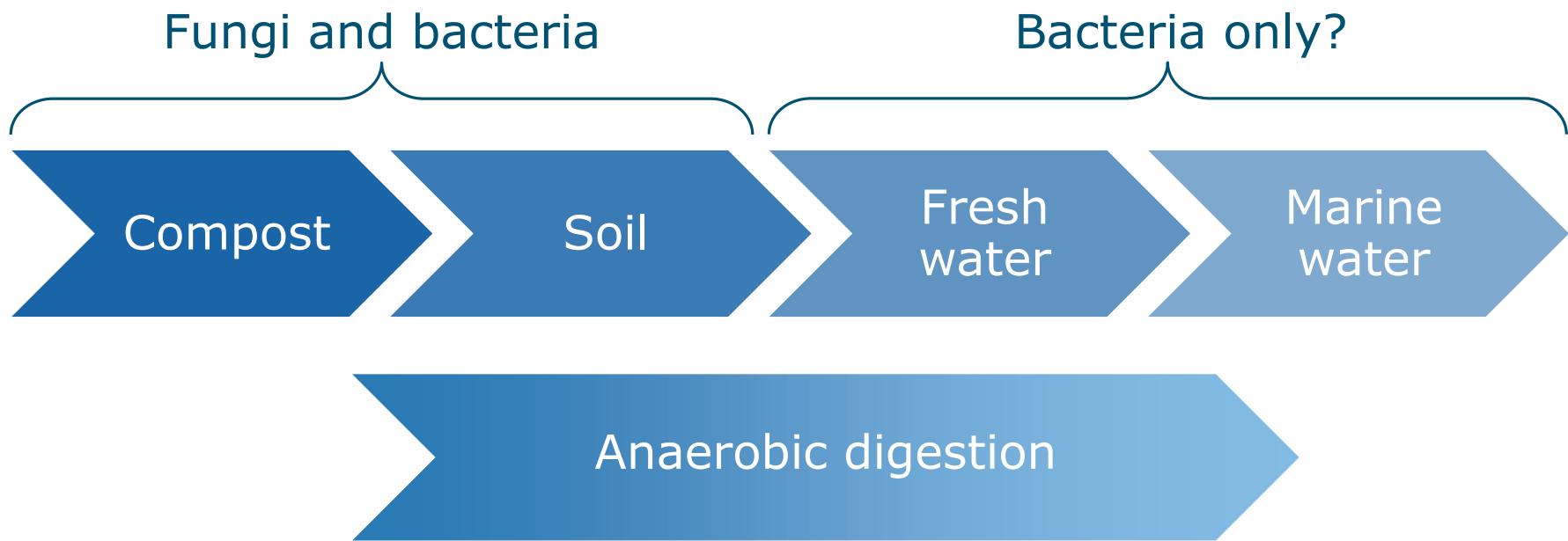
End of life: environmental niches



Aggressiveness of environment



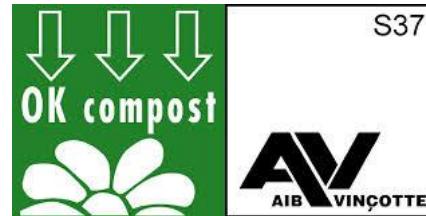
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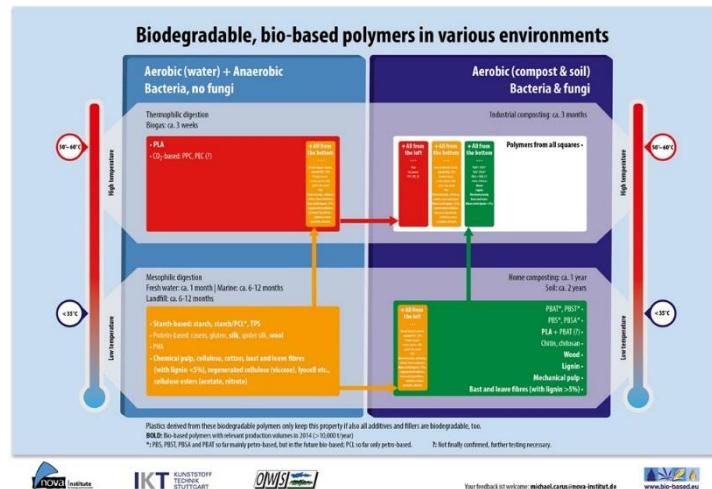
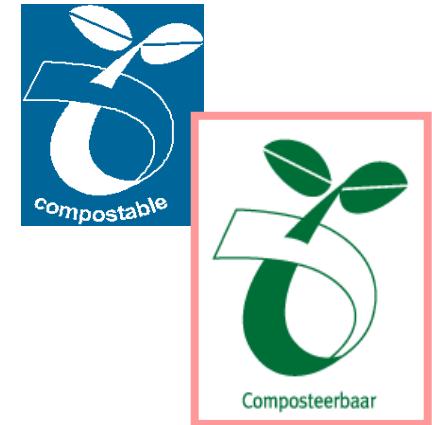
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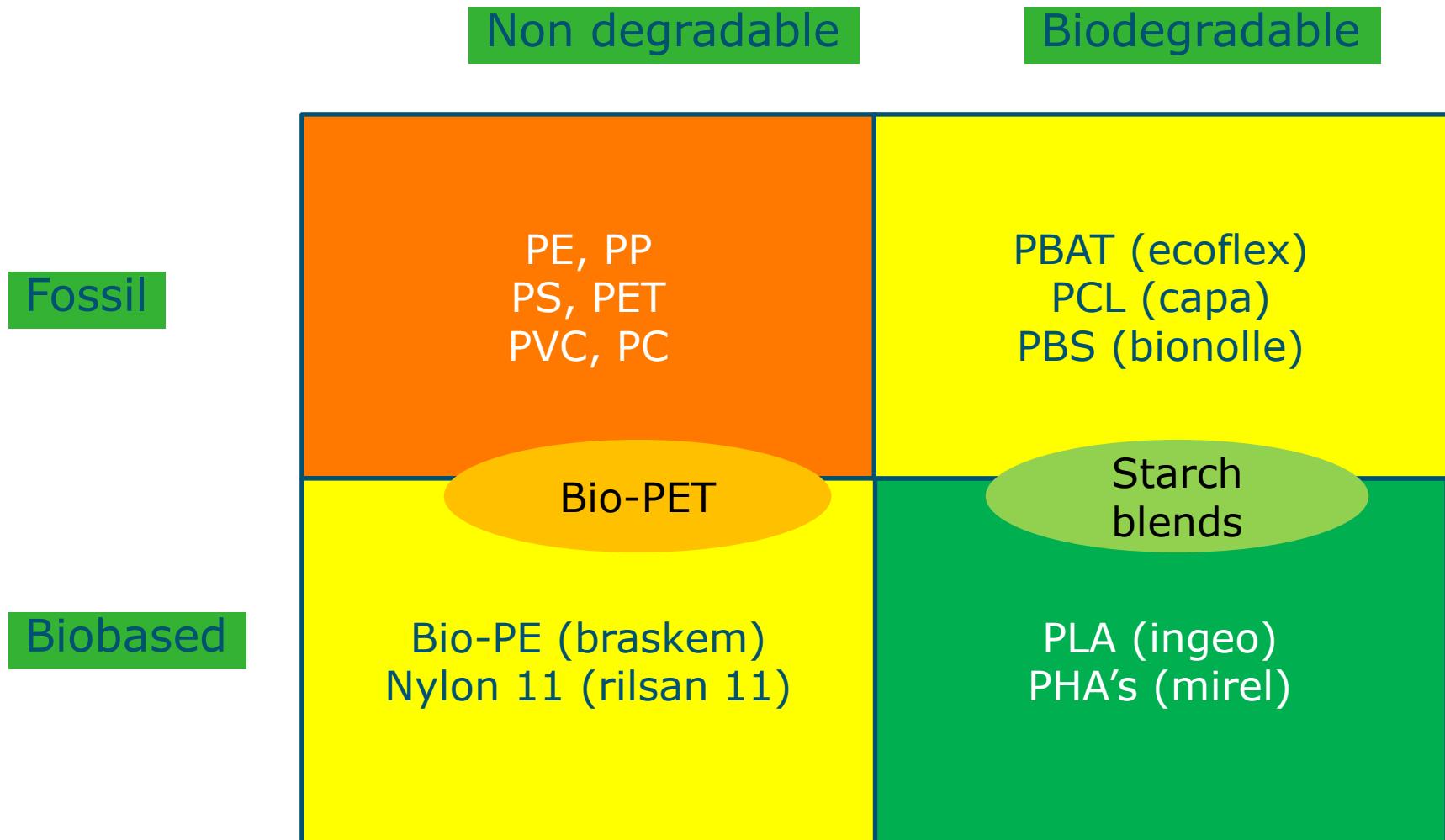
Biodegradable plastics



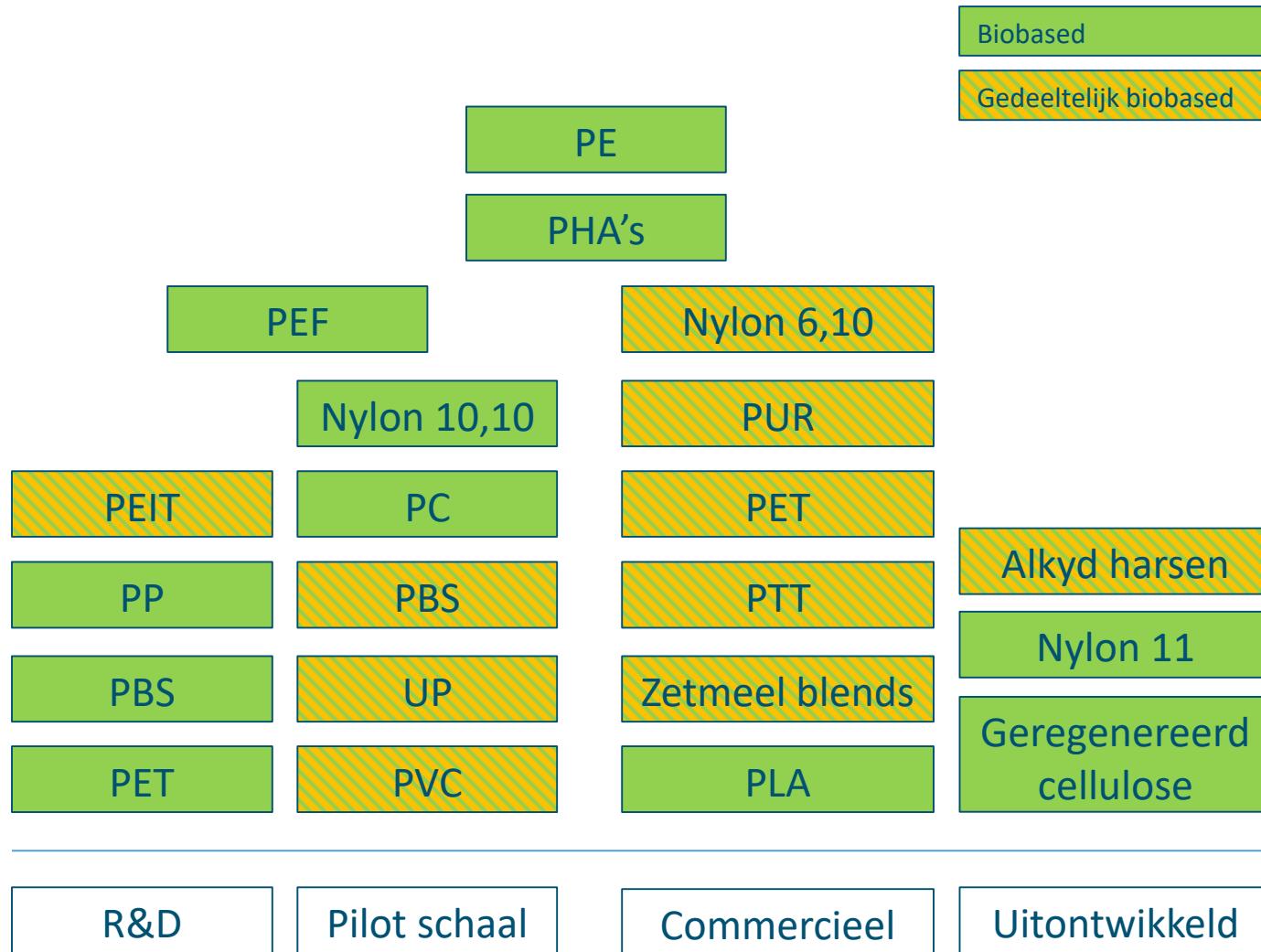
- Plastic that are degraded by micro-organisms
- Biodegradation largely depends on the environment
 - Soil
 - Water, marine
 - Anaerobic (digestion),
 - Composting (industrial or home)
- Standards and certificates important!



Available materials



Ontwikkelingsstadia van biobased plastics



Binding material

General issues :

- UV/thermal stability
- tailor made degradability

Binding tapes :

- stiffness (400 - 600 MPa)

Binding tubes :

- stiffness (< 30 MPa), so plasticizers have to be used



Biologisch afbreekbare plantenpot

Spuitgieten vs. Thermovormen

Van Intratuin naar Desch Plantpak

Van prototype naar degrade
merknaam



Other examples of agricultural applications



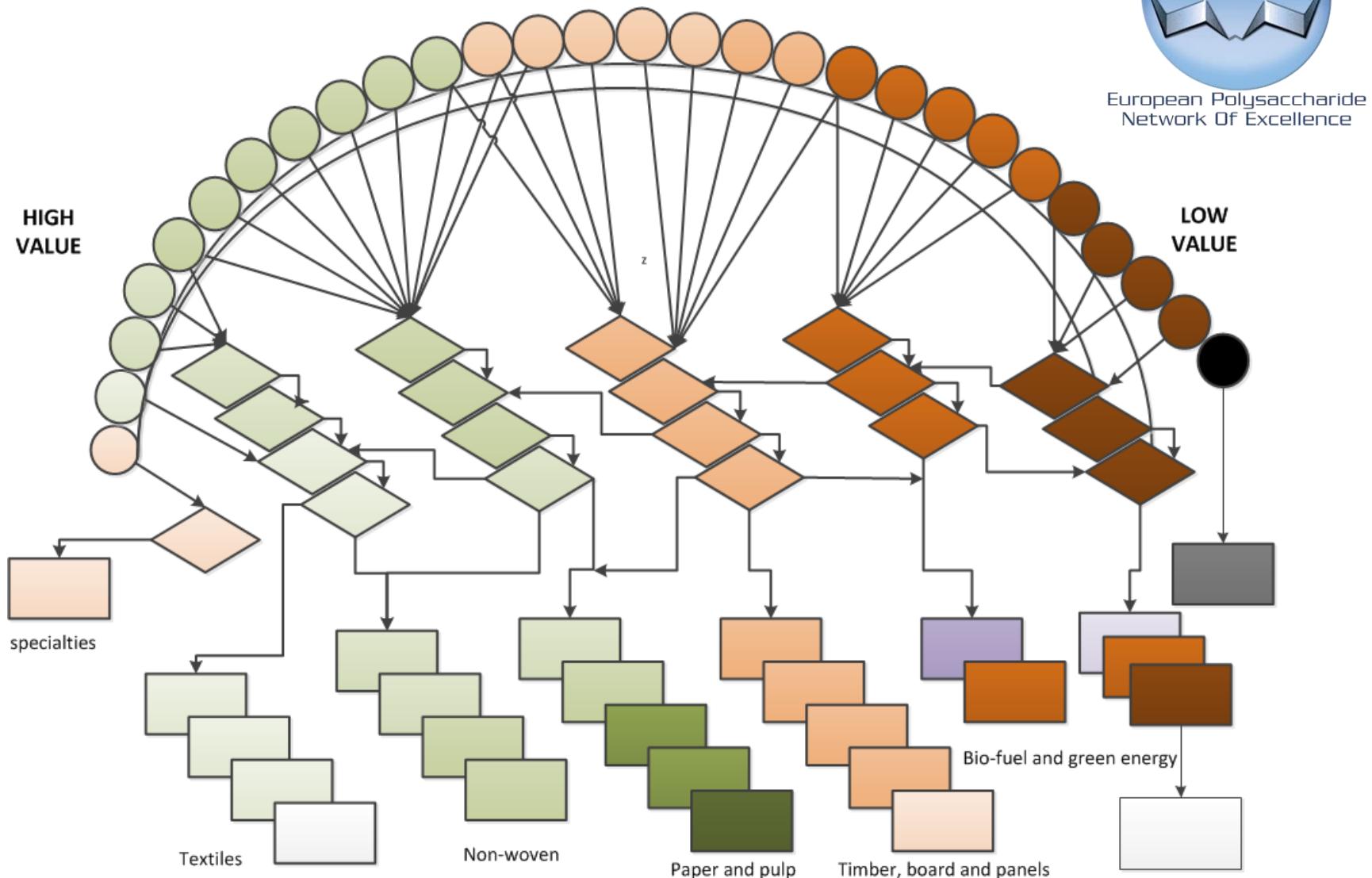
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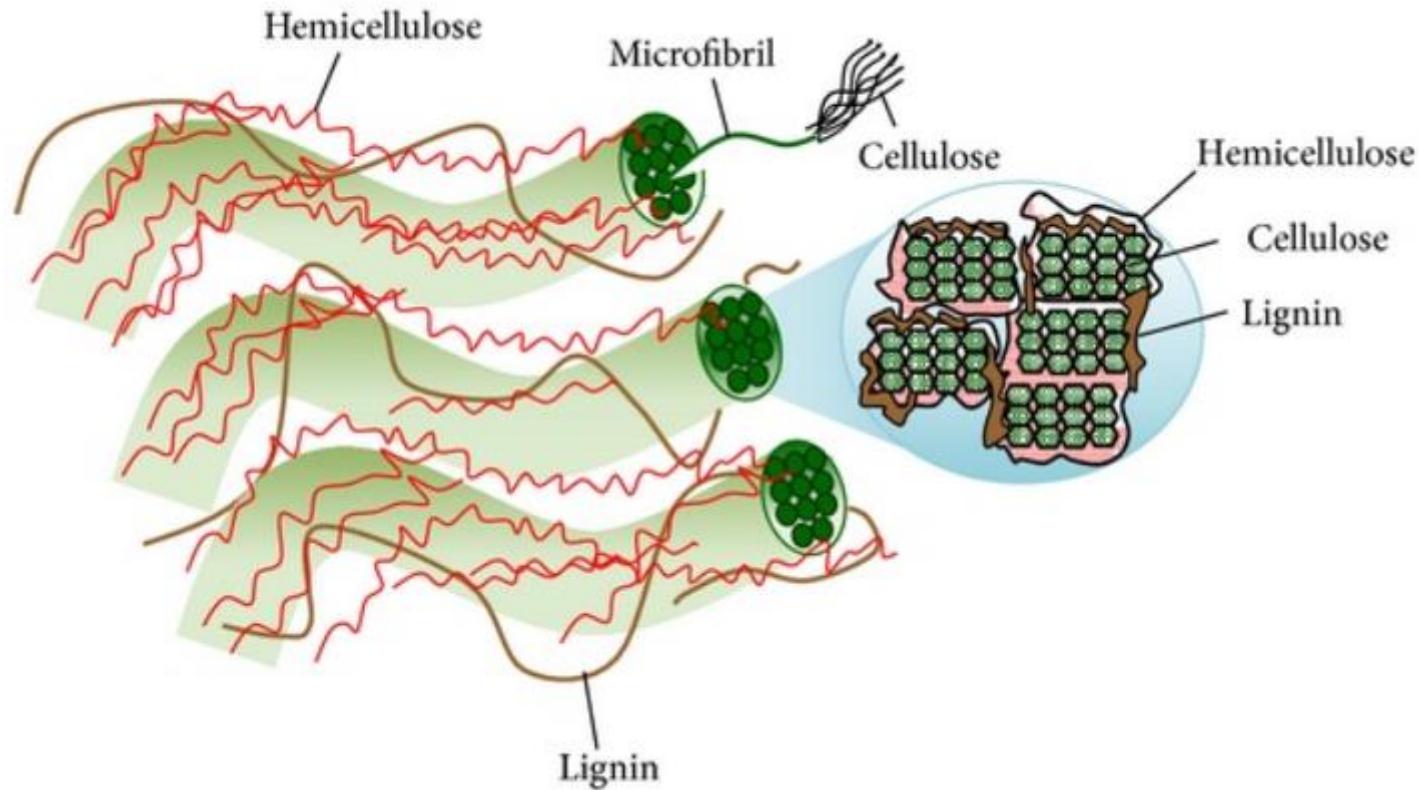
Tomato leaves and stems for pulp & paper



Cellulose resource matrix

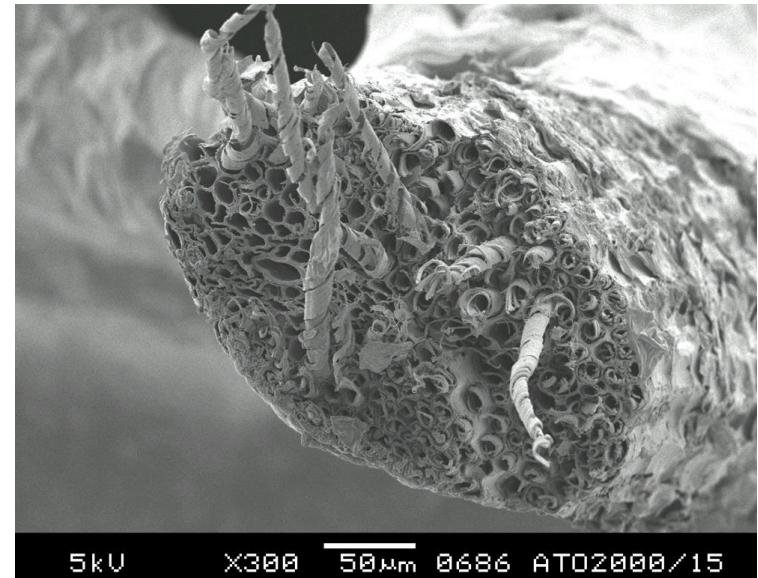


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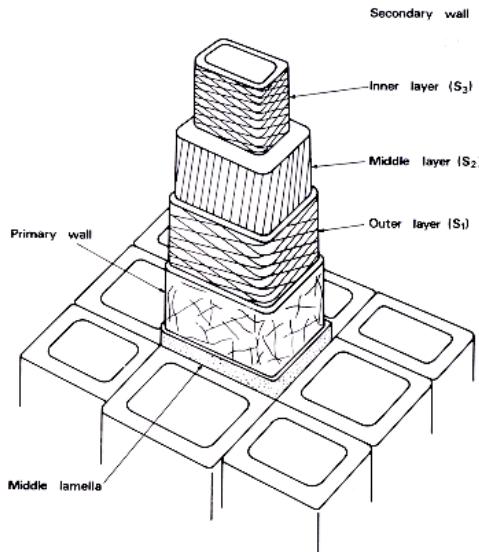


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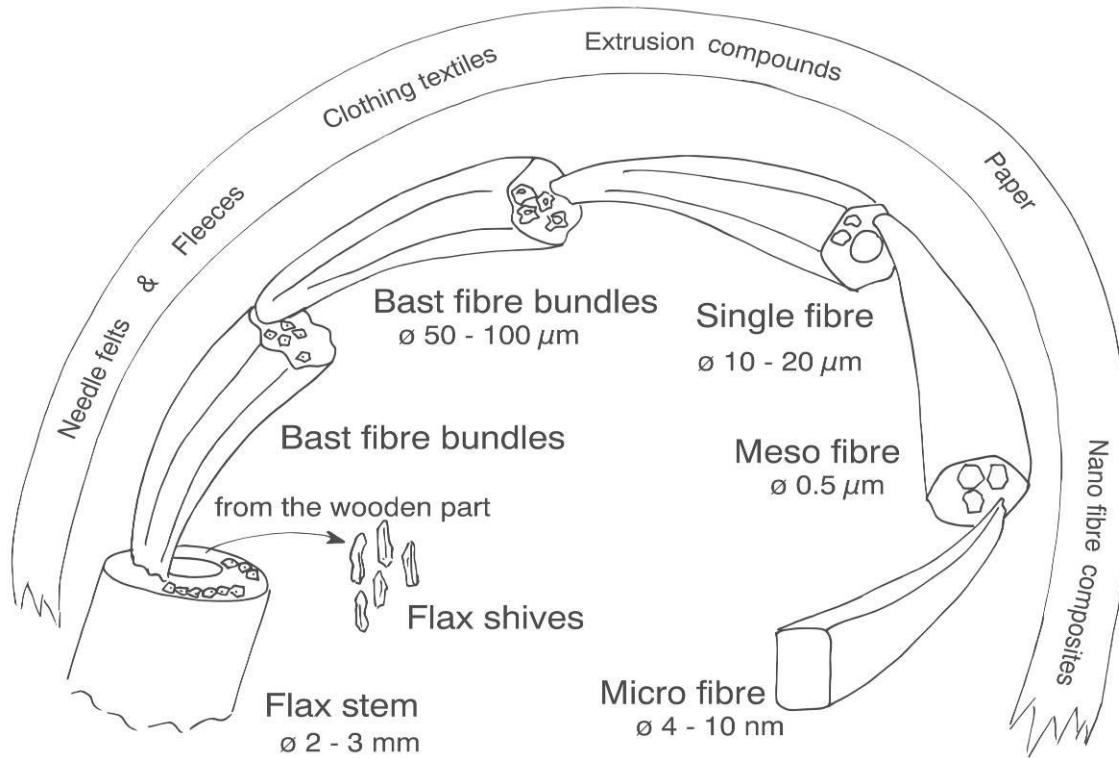
- Fibre dimensions
 - Fibre length
 - Diameter
 - Lumen
 - Cell wall thickness
- Cellulose properties
 - cellulose fibre strength properties
 - microfibril orientation
 - density
 - polymerisation degree / Molecular mass distribution
 - swelling
 - solubility in alkali / ionic liquids
- Cellulose quality parameters
 - purity
 - DP
 - crystallinity / amorphous phase



Cellulose resources



Wood



Flax

Thank you for your attention

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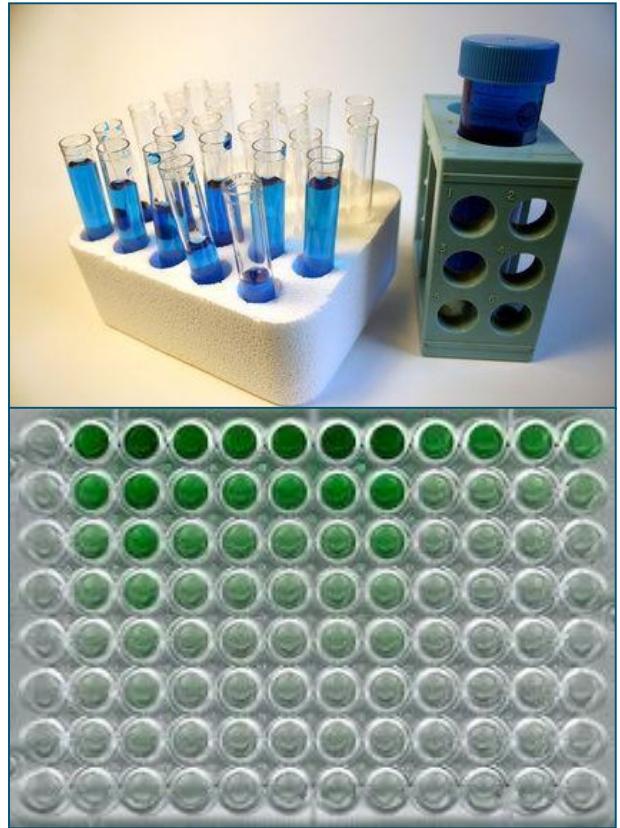
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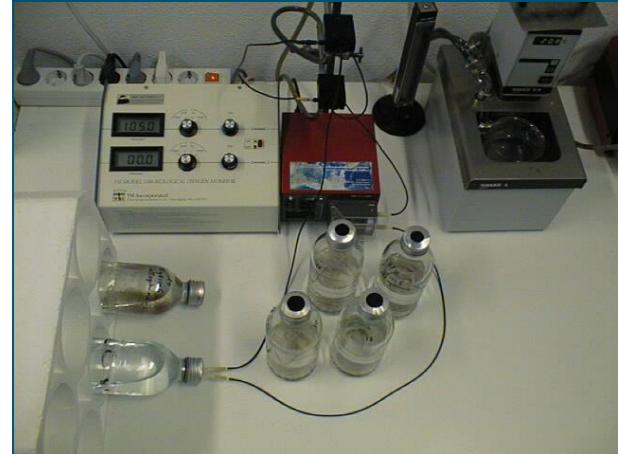
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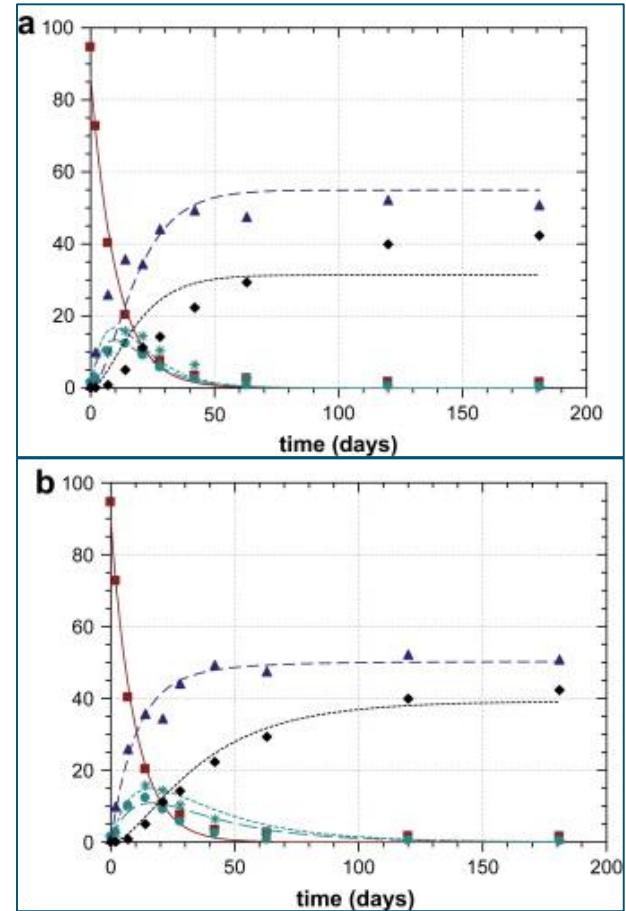
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Standard testing methods (ISO)

- ISO 7827:1996 Water quality - Evaluation in an aqueous medium of the "ultimate" aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds - Method by analysis of dissolved organic carbon (DOC)
- ISO 9408:1999 Water quality - Evaluation of ultimate aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds in aqueous medium by
- ISO 13975:2012 Plastics - Determination of the ultimate anaerobic biodegradation of plastic materials in controlled slurry digestion systems - Method by measurement of biogas production
- ISO 14592-1:2003 Water quality - Evaluation of the aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds at low concentrations - Part 1: Shake-flask batch test with surface water or

Standard testing methods (ASTM)

- ASTM D2020-92(2003) Standard Test Methods for Mildew (Fungus) Resistance of Paper and Paperboard
- ASTM D5209-92 Standard Test Method for Determining the Aerobic Biodegradation of Plastic Materials in the Presence of Municipal Sewage Sludge (withdrawn in 2004).
- ASTM D6139-00(2005) Standard Test Method for Determining the Aerobic Aquatic Biodegradation of Lubricants or Their Components Using the Gledhill Shake Flask
- ASTM D6340-98(2007) Standard Test Methods for Determining Aerobic Biodegradation of Radiolabeled Plastic Materials in an Aqueous or Compost Environment
- ASTM D6400-04 Standard



ASTM D5209-92(2007)
Standard Test Method for

Standard testing methods (EN, OECD)

- EN 12224:2000
Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - Determination of the resistance to weathering
- EN 12225:2000
Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - Method for determining the microbiological resistance by a soil burial test
- OECD 301 A: DOC Die-Away
- OECD 301 B: CO₂ Evolution (Modified Sturm Test)
- OECD 301 C: MITI (I) (Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan)
- OECD 301 D: Closed Bottle
- OECD 301 E: Modified OECD Screening
- OECD 301 F: M



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Rubber- or plastic- coated